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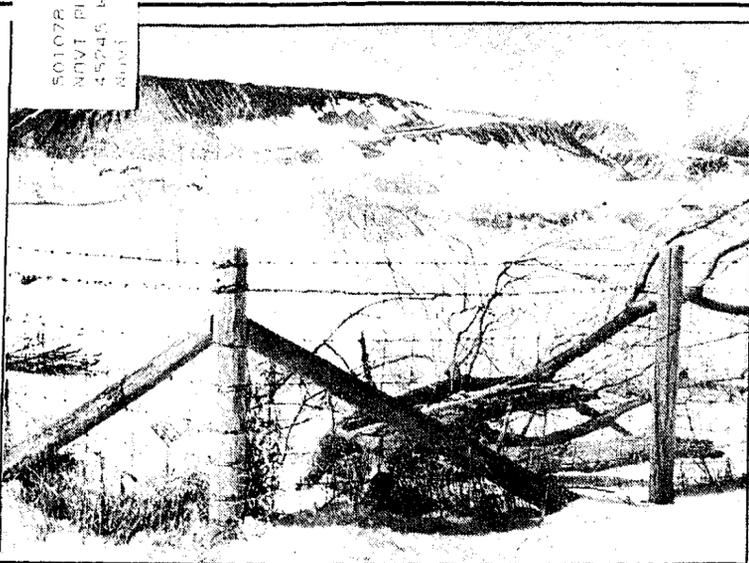
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The Holloway Sand and Gravel site on Eight Mile Road

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Council opposes landfill proposal

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

The Novi City Council took a stand of stern opposition Monday to the Holloway Construction Co.'s proposal to open a 187-acre construction-waste landfill in southwest Novi.

The council members unanimously voted to send a representative to express their aversion to the proposal at tonight's public hearing called by Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy on the county's plan on solid-waste management required under Michigan Public Act 641.

Council Member Edward Lein-

inger has the council's mandate to object to the landfill on the grounds of its impact on traffic, residents and the environment, as well as Holloway's past track record in operating landfills.

"I will carry the strong message that has been made here at the council table in this meeting," Leininger said.

The hearing, held by the county's solid-waste planning committee, will be held tonight (March 1) at 7:30 p.m. at the county board of

Novi planners consider landfill-regulation ordinance/5A

commissioners auditorium.

The city council has been inundated with letters from Northville, South Lyon and Novi residents vehemently in opposition to the landfill, which would fill the company's current sand and gravel mine near the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads. The location is across from Maybury State Park. Neighboring residents of the three communities charge that the landfill would lead to increased truck traffic, devaluation of residential property and possible contamination of well water.

City Manager Edward Kriewall

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Crime rates rise and fall

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 staff writer

Crime in Novi rose 7.94 percent in 1989, according to figures released by the police department this week. That is the bad news. The good news is that major crimes like murder and robbery were down by 14.25 percent.

However, the level of narcotics-related crimes rose 57.78 percent during the last year, jumping from 45 incidents in 1988 to 71 in 1989.

"The number of narcotic crimes are steadily increasing," commented police Captain Richard Faulkner.

He said Novi only had 25 narcotic related crimes in 1986 and 35 incidents in 1987.

But when asked if Novi had a drug problem, the captain said that he couldn't answer.

After the question was posed again, he said that "on Feb. 21 of 1989 we assigned an officer to NET (Narcotics Enforcement Team) to determine whether we had a problem." NET is a county-operated program targeted at uncovering drug operations.

The Novi Police Department made 43 drug-related arrests in 1989, which includes both possession and trafficking offenses. About 40 percent of the incidents were turned over to NET, according to Faulkner.

The captain said the increase in the crime level is partially related to the increased number of officers out on the road uncovering violations.

"We have more people out there writing complaints," he said. "We have added about 20 officers over the last three years — so there are more officers looking out for crime."

He said this additional staffing has resulted in a tremendous rise in the number of alcohol-related citations.

The number of people found driving under the influence increased by 57.58 percent over the last year, rising from 198 violators in 1988 to 312 in 1989.

"A couple things account for this rise," Faulkner said. "First, there are more people driving under the influence and there are more officers out there to catch them."

In addition, the police also uncovered 139 incidents of liquor-law violations, which is up from 109 complaints the year before. This category includes minors under the influence and those actually supplying the minors with alcohol.

He said alcohol-related offenses are an ongoing problem, and so far in 1990 the police have already made 50 arrests.

Crime in Novi, however, is not up across the board.

Major inroads have been made in the level of motor vehicle thefts and sex offenses — both of which are down over 20 percent.

The number of stolen vehicles in the city dropped from 170 to 129 over the past two years.

The number of sexual offenses in the city dropped from 40 to 24 incidents over the same time period.

Furthermore, there was only a single homicide last year and not one case of prostitution.

Larceny and burglary are also down 14.89 and 12.11 percent respectively. The number of larceny complaints dropped from 1,70 to 1,166 over the past two years. Burglary incidents were down from 256 to 225 over the same period.

Vandalism, on the other hand, jumped over 30 percent, rising from 534 occurrences in 1988 to 696 in 1989.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

'Fat Tuesday' breakfast

Novi seniors got together for a big breakfast at the Novi Senior Center on Tuesday morning. Here, Vince and Victor Gillette flip

pancakes. When asked who was who, one of the brothers answered, "It doesn't matter."

Council bumps board member

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

The city council's decision Monday not to reappoint a long-term member of the board of review drew charges of political maneuvering.

Real estate broker Carol Mason, owner of Red Carpet Keim — Carol Mason Inc., was the lone incumbent on four city-council-appointed boards

not to be returned to her seat. She had served on the board of review for nine years.

Only Council Members Tim Pope and Nancy Covert voted for Mason. Council members were asked to vote for two of four candidates, and the top three vote-getters won the \$50 per day job.

"I'm literally shocked that this has happened. We have left off the most qualified person in my opinion. I can only think it is a political move.

Every other incumbent was retained," Pope said. "Carol Mason is publicly outspoken and has run for office. I can only believe it was either personal or political. I think we've done a disservice to the community by this decision."

The board of review meets Tuesday, March 6 and the week of March 12-16. Veterans remaining on the three-member board are William

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Officials' views differ on open meetings

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 staff writer

Discussing work in a social setting is a perfectly acceptable pastime.

Unless, of course, the conversationalists are public officials. Then there is some question about what is acceptable discussion material.

The Michigan Open Meetings Act dictates that public policy must be deliberated in an open forum.

But in reality, is policy actually hammered out during these public meetings or is the real deliberation done during the breaks, over the phone or at the local pub?

Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn said that limited deliberation and discussion is necessary prior to council meetings — they make them run smoother.

"I think that it is important that we discuss things separately, and it happens all the time," he said. "It is healthy and it gives a council

member a chance to discuss things one-on-one or two-on-one.

"We do, however, make it a habit not to discuss anything that requires a decision when the majority of the board is present because that would clearly be a violation of the Open Meetings Act," Quinn added.

"I can't say that members of this board have never discussed school business outside of meetings," School Board President Raymond Byers said recently. "If two of us are out in the hall before a meeting or during the break we might discuss school business, or if five of us (which constitutes a quorum) meet during a school sporting event school-related topics might come up."

The crux of the matter is whether discussion of public policy outside of an announced meeting is a breach of the open meetings act. Some local officials don't think so.

Byers said that as long as no ac-

tual votes are taken, he feels that it is within board members' rights to discuss public policy at an impromptu social setting or in the halls before a meeting when less than a quorum is present.

Novi City Attorney Dennis Watson agreed. "If public officials were at a party shooting the breeze about certain policies, that would be okay," he said recently.

The Open Meetings Act states that "all deliberations of a public body constituting a quorum of its members shall take place at a meeting open to the public." However, it also states that "this act does not apply to a meeting which is a social or chance gathering not designed to avoid this act."

Watson said that he interprets this clause to mean that conversing about public policy is allowed, as long as the "chance meeting" or "social gathering" was not conceived to avoid complying with the law. However, state Attorney General

Frank Kelley has a slightly different opinion.

"Certainly, a public body may not deliberate or render a decision on a matter of public policy at these types of gatherings, since that would be in direct conflict with sections two and three of the act," he wrote in a 1979 attorney general's opinion.

In another 1979 attorney general's opinion on chance gatherings, Kelley wrote, "Though there is a chance gathering, a quorum being present, matters of public policy may not be discussed by members with each other at that meeting without compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act."

He went on to explain that "members of a public body who may meet at a social affair or by chance or at a conference, though they may constitute a quorum, need not comply with the requirements of the Act as long as they refrain from deliberating or deciding mat-

ters of public policy."

It has been a longtime practice of some Novi planning commissioners and council members to occasionally go to a local tavern after their respective meetings.

Although Planning Chairperson Charles Kureth admitted that planning issues or agenda items from that night might crop up in conversation, he said that pending or future policy is not discussed.

"If something like that did come up, one of the members would point it out and we'd stop discussing it," he said. "But we honestly don't have a problem with it — we avoid those issues like the plague."

"If someone said something about an upcoming agenda item, that would be a real no-no," he added.

None of Novi's public bodies currently have a code of ethics governing the discussion of policies outside of an open meeting forum.

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Council choice questioned by colleagues

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Gladden, a commercial and residential Realtor, and Fred Atiyeh, a financial planner. However, Atiyeh will be unable to serve this year due to a skiing accident. The alternate, Paul Goburie, a commercial Realtor, recently resigned.

Herbert Abugow, a retired electrician with experience in construction and planning, was appointed in Mason's place for the three-year term. Dennis Jenkins, a free-lancer specializing in radio commercial voice-overs, was appointed first alternate, and Deborah Goldberg, a Realtor with Mason's firm, was appointed second alternate.

Pope said that as a real estate broker, Mason was "uniquely qualified" to serve on the board, adding that the other candidates did not have an equivalent background in real estate. Jenkins had said in a can-

didate's interview prior to the council meeting that she didn't feel she had the technical expertise for the board of review, which was on the bottom of a list of four council-appointed posts for which she had applied.

"I think Denise Jenkins is a very qualified person, but by her admission, she felt she didn't have the experience. We're going to have two other brand-new members. I think a person of long standing is being eliminated. I'm very saddened that Carol Mason, who has been involved so long, is being dropped," Covert said.

Mason said Tuesday that she felt that the choice was motivated by politics, adding that when she was interviewed by the council on Feb. 12, she was asked if it was a conflict of interest for a Realtor to serve on the board.

"Sitting on the board of review is a good way not to get listings. It's a thankless job, basically. You make more enemies than you do friends," Mason said.

Mason said that typically board of review members have technical expertise in areas such as real estate, development, building or accounting.

"I do \$6 million worth of real estate every year, 80 percent of it in this community. You just have the knowledge at your finger tips when you're doing it 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Mason said. "I didn't work for any of the (1989) campaigns of those who voted no, but I did work for those people who voted yes."

Council Member Martha Hoyer Tuesday she did not vote for Mason because there has been very little turnover in the board of review, and people returning with appeals need to see new faces.

"The board of reviews is in my opinion probably the one board that

should see turnover. We don't have the interest for the board of reviews. We had a person apply who had taken the time to go to the assessor's office," Hoyer said.

She added that she was impressed with how Abugow had "done his homework."

"A lot of people go there and it's the same old faces and they think, 'I'm about to get the same old story,'" she explained. "Carol Mason did an excellent job on that board. We had two Realtors on the board of review. This gives a different outlook."

Tuesday, Mayor Matthew Quinn denied there was any political motivation in the voting process. He said he was not in favor of stacking the board with Realtors, but preferred to have taxpayers feel that they were presenting their appeals to their next-door neighbors.

"The connection is how are we appearing to taxpayers? It's to give the people more of a sense of, 'I'm really appearing in front of another citizen like myself,'" Quinn said. "Instead of having the real-estate market on the other side of the table trying to tell them they can sell their house for more than it's assessed for."

City Assessor James Klausmeyer said he will be meeting with the three appointees individually to show them the ropes.

State law mandates a three-member board of review. The board is a quasi-judicial body ultimately answering to the state, rather than the city. The board determines if a property has been correctly assessed, but can also offer tax relief in cases of financial hardship.

"They're the only body in the state that can give hardship provisions," Klausmeyer said. "By and large they will be the peers of the people who are going to be at the board and what we really need is good, sound judgment."

The position of second alternate was created by a new emergency ordinance approved Monday night by the council in a 5 to 2 vote. The ordinance, effective immediately, was requested by Klausmeyer, based on the difficulty of maintaining a full board at the annual hearings, Council Member Hugh Crawford and Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger did not support the ordinance.

"I find it rather unusual that all of a sudden, just before board of review time, we're trying to do this. . . . Somehow it seems to me that just because somebody breaks a leg we change the rules. I hate to keep adding alternates to plug the holes," Leininger said.

Quinn said the ordinance was to ensure that three people were always present at the review board.

School bells will ring this fall at new elementary

Construction crews building Walled Lake's newest elementary school have crossed the halfway mark, school officials said recently.

The school, scheduled to open in the fall, is 55 percent complete and construction work is "right on schedule," said Charles Kissaw, director of operations for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

Kissaw presented a progress report on the school to the Walled Lake Board of Education. The school, named Pleasant Lake Elementary, is on Halsted Road south of

Pontiac Trail.

The outer structure of the building is virtually complete and work crews have moved inside, where portions of the project such as the electrical, concrete floors and utility lines have been finished. Crews are now focusing on such items as plumbing.

The school is being funded as part of a \$47.8-million bond issue that school district voters approved last March for a massive school building program. Another elementary school and a new school to replace Walled

Lake Junior High also are in the works.

The new elementary will result in a redistricting plan that will cause some Walled Lake students to be moved among schools, though officials still are gathering information for that plan, school district spokesman Lois Lange said.

The redistricting plan is expected to be unveiled during a series of meetings throughout the district in March, Lange said.

The district's other five elementary schools also are targeted to receive new media centers, though those will be added through internal renovations, Kissaw said.

Meanwhile, Kissaw also told school board members

Health classes offered

Two Providence Hospital programs in March will address special health-care needs. The first assists cancer patients in living with their illness. The second offers hope to parents of children with cleft lips and palates.

"I Can Cope," a free eight-week class for cancer patients and their families, runs March 1 through April 19 and will meet every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The program, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, follows a small-group-session format in which health-care professionals including doctors, social workers, dietitians and pharmacists address topics such as current cancer treatment, relief of

symptoms, dealing with side effects, nutrition, communication, emotional management, sexuality and identifying helpful resources within the community.

Providence is one of only two hospitals in Oakland County which offer this program. For further information and to register for classes, call Diane Krome in the Social Work Department at 424-3113. The program will be held in the Proxev Building, adjacent to the hospital complex at 16001 West Nine Mile Road, Southfield.

A free public lecture, "Cleft Lip and Palate . . . The Future is Looking Better Than Ever," will be presented Wednesday, March 7, from

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fisher Center Auditorium at Providence Hospital. Ian T. Jackson, M.D., medical director of the Providence Institute for Craniofacial and Reconstructive Surgery and John Spolyar, D.D.S., an orthodontist, will discuss recent advances in reconstructive and plastic surgery.

Jackson, formerly with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., is a world-renowned pioneer in craniofacial and reconstructive surgery who joined the staff of Providence Hospital in April 1989.

Seating for the lecture is limited and pre-registration is required. To register or for information, call 424-3088.

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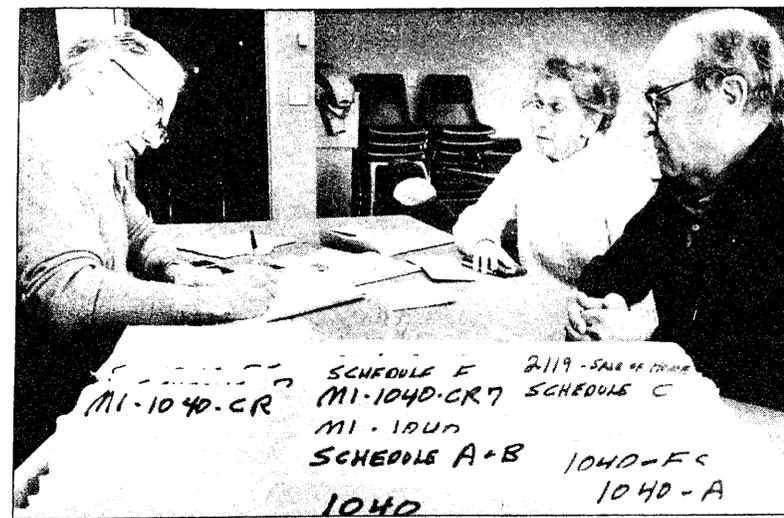
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Volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons are offering free income-tax preparation assistance to area seniors. Here, AARP volunteer Robert Peitz, left, gives advice to Shirley and Sam

Makes at the first assistance session Monday. Upcoming assistance days are March 15, March 29 and April 9. Call 347-0414 for appointments.

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In search of humanitarians

Applications for the 18th annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA) are still being accepted by the Novi Jaycees.

The DSA, the most prestigious award in the city, is given annually by the Jaycees to the individual whose dedication to serving humanity during the previous calendar year will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community.

Citizens can be nominated by groups or individuals. Nominating forms are available by calling the Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI.

In addition to announcing the 1989 DSA winner, the Jaycees will honor Novi's outstanding youth, outstan-

ding fire fighter and outstanding police officer at the breakfast.

The Jaycees currently are sponsoring their annual essay contest for Novi Middle School students. The subject of the essay is "What Freedom Means to Me." The winners will be announced at the breakfast.

Special guest of the Novi Jaycees and keynote speaker for the breakfast will be Robby Dawkins, 70th President of the United States Jaycees.

Previous DSA winners represent a "Who's Who" in the history of Novi. Fred Buck was the winner of the initial DSA award back in 1972 for his work with Novi's Youth baseball program.

Grandslam baseball gym scores big

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

Many local sports fans feel that the planning commission used its bating average by granting a local business owner special permission to open an indoor athletic-training facility.

The Grand Slam franchise, which will house a baseball field and mini-basketball courts, is sited for the north side of Ten Mile Road just east of Novi Road in the midst of an industrial area.

Barry Freund, a local business person, wishes to open up his indoor sports facility in an unoccupied industrial building on a 2.47-acre site. That will require a special-use permit as well as three zoning Board of Appeals variances.

Novi Basketball Coach Bob Shoemaker put in a plug for the facility at the planning commission meeting Wednesday, Feb. 21. "I'm in favor of the project," he said. "I see a problem with the lack of facilities in this area."

"I find it real hard to get gym time in the off season," he added.

Shoemaker said that the Grand Slam facility will help area athletes upgrade and maintain their skills in the off season.

"Anyone that can fill in the gaps in our community and provide us with more facilities should be commended," Commissioner Kathleen McLallen commented.

However, she identified several problems with the proposed location. "We have a potential problem of kids coming to the facility because when you get in you'll be a hot item," she said. "The question is how will the kids approach the business, because there are no sidewalks along

Ten Mile."

She pointed out that the business will also house a pro shop which will draw people in.

Other commissioners shared McLallen's concerns.

"I agree that it's a good use but not at this location," said Commissioner Gary Phillips. "I am concerned about the lack of sidewalks and that it will be sharing a driveway with an industrial use."

But Commissioner Thomas O'Branovic said that the sidewalk speciation is moot point.

"We could discuss the issue of kids going anywhere in the city and not having proper sidewalks," he said. "I don't understand the point of the issue; we could discuss the lack of sidewalks in the city every time we discuss a site plan."

Parking was also an issue.

Freund said that he plans to have summer camps with professional basketball or baseball athletes.

Freund could sign a parking agreement with the neighboring industrial building to use its extra space for special events.

The commission voted unanimously to grant the project its needed special-use permit contingent on ZBA approval.

The project needs ZBA approval for the proposed pro shop, proposed concession stand, and the fact that it would not conform to the industrial zoning.

However, the commission voted to limit the size of the pro shop to 5,000 square feet or 10 percent of the floor area.

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Thief goes treasure hunting

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Police Beat

and was missing when they returned at 8:30 a.m. the morning of Feb. 20. **SOMEONE TRIED** to break into the Consortium Substance Abuse Clinic on Ten Mile Road the night of Feb. 18. An employee of the clinic reported that the steel plate that covers the door lock was bent away from the door, but nothing was found missing and the lock was still intact when employees returned at 8:45 a.m. the morning of Feb. 19. **A RADAR DETECTOR** and briefcase were stolen from a 1988 Dodge parked on Fountain Park West the night of Feb. 23. Police said there were no signs of forced entry. The owner told police the vehicle

Employees of Marty Feldman told police that numerous people had access to the vehicle. The speakers are valued at \$300. There are no suspects in the crime, according to police. **A RADAR DETECTOR** of unknown value was taken from a 1989 blue four-door Ford parked in the south lot of the Vic Tanny in the Novi Town Center. Someone smashed the driver's side window sometime between 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. **SOMEONE TRIED TO STEAL** a JVC radio from a 1988 Chevrolet four-door parked on Woodlawn Glens the night of Feb. 23. Police found the front and side windows smashed and evidence that the preparators attempted to remove the stereo system sometime between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$150.

Novi Briefs

Mailbox burning: A magazine in the mailbox of the Northwest On-You Clinic at 3101 Novi Road was set on fire around 1 p.m. the afternoon of Feb. 23, according to the police and fire departments. Both police and firefighters were dispersed to the scene, but the fire burned itself out, according to the fire report. Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said that arson is suspected. There was no damage to the mailbox. This is the same office picketed by anti-abortion demonstrators on Feb. 2.

Lyon joins consortium: Lyon Township is the newest member of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority, a southwest Oakland County trash management consortium which also includes Novi. The Lyon Township Board voted to join the authority at its Feb. 12 meeting. Township Trustee Robert Secombe urged other board members to join, saying it is "essential that Lyon Township become a member." Other members are Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington, Farmington Hills, and South Lyon.

Area auto thieves stall out

Novi Camaro and Mustang owners can sleep easier, because auto theft in the area is on the decline. The number of vehicles stolen in Novi has decreased by 17 percent in 1988 and an additional 24 percent in 1989 — the two years a countywide anti-theft program has been in existence. The group of five undercover detectives which make up the Southwest Oakland County Auto Theft Team has recaptured \$2.37 million worth of stolen automobiles since the unit's inception. This group has also taken some of the bite out of area chop shops, closing down three in Novi, one in Wixom and another in Farmington. "The Novi area has benefited the most from the program," said Novi representative, Det. Ronald Roy. "We have already put three chop shops out of business in Novi."

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A chop shop typically takes stolen vehicles and strips them down and sells them for parts — which are virtually untraceable. Roy said that two out of the three suspects arrested in Novi's chop-shop busts are currently serving prison sentences, and he hopes this will deter area chop shop operations. Novi used to be an attractive hideout for auto thieves because there were no specialized programs targeted at the crime, according to Roy. "Chop shops are hard to detect

with regular patrols," he explained. "But this conversion to specialized forces is really paying off — we have made large inroads into the problem." But Roy added that he believes a number of chop shops are still operating in the area. "We find that they are really all backyard operations," the detective said. "Many times they are out of one- and two-car garages. They can be in anyone's neighborhood," he added. He said that a large influx or

outflux of auto parts is typical in residential neighborhoods and usually indicates a chop-shop operation. The three chop shops found in Novi were all in residential areas in the city's northern tip. Roy said that the auto-theft unit relies heavily on citizen tips to identify these covert operations. Anyone having information on area auto-theft or chop-shop operations can anonymously contact him at 347-6823 any time. Awards of up to \$10,000 are available for leads resulting in arrests. The team serves Novi, Lyon Township, Southfield, Farmington and Farmington Hills and is comprised of a detective from each one of the municipalities. The unit stakes out potential chop shops, conducts sting operations and goes undercover in auto-theft operations, according to Roy. So far the unit has made 137 arrests on 348 counts related to auto theft and recovered 216 vehicles.

OA group moves: Overeaters Anonymous has a new meeting place at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, 2905 S. Commerce Road between Glenway and Oakley Park. For more information call 541-1133 or 363-8631.

A gift of history: The Novi Historical Commission is accepting donations of artifacts for the city museum planned for the old Novi Township Hall. The commission is seeking belongings of pre-1900 Novi residents, including photographs, farming and household implements, diaries and letters, as well as items documenting pre-1900 village, township and city governments and local events. This would include memorabilia of the Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino and anything related to the REO Speedwagon fire truck, including service manuals and equipment. In addition, the commission is also interested in talking to people who lived in Novi prior to 1950, to collect local oral histories. Contact Kathy Mutch at 349-6774.

Board of Review: Residents who wish to challenge their property assessments may submit a written protest to the city assessor's office on or before 5 p.m. Friday, March 16. A formal petition available from the assessor's office must be attached, as well as supporting material. Or a resident may choose to appear before the Board of Review. An appointment accompanied by a written petition must be made on or before 5 p.m. Friday, March 9. The Board of Review meets Tuesday, March 6 and the week of March 12 through March 16 at the city assessor's office at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile. For information, call 347-0485.

Under construction: Novi's new landfill law

By SHEILA PHILLIPS staff writer

Novi Environmental Committee members are putting the finishing touches on a citywide landfill ordinance in the wake of the Holloway landfill proposal. "We are getting real close to having a landfill ordinance," said committee member and Planning Commission Chairperson Charles Kureth. "We are refining the ordinance and should finalize it at our March 1 committee meeting." "The idea behind the ordinance is that we want to have some control over where landfills can be sited in our community," he said. Kureth could not say if the ordinance would prohibit the Holloway Construction Company from building its proposed construction-waste landfill near Eight Mile and Napier roads. "We purposely did not look at the Holloway site," he said. "We would be on shaky legal ground if we did." He explained that the siting criteria in the ordinance may prohibit the construction of a landfill on the site, but it was not designed to do so. However, he said that the ordinance will prohibit landfills from being sited near residential development, on top of a shallow aquifer, or near sensitive facilities like nursing homes or day-care facilities. "We can limit where a landfill can go, but we cannot say that someone can't build a landfill in Novi," Kureth said. He added that county Landfill Siting Advisory Committee guidelines were used as the model for the ordinance's siting criteria. Kureth is a member of that committee. The planning chair also said the ordinance will impose certain structural constraints on any landfill built in Novi and that these constraints would exceed the requirements of the state Department of Natural Resource requirements. These structural regulations would include a certain number of liners and containment devices. However, ex-

act number and types of allowable containment systems still need to be hammered out, according to Kureth. The environmental committee has been working on a landfill ordinance for over a year, according to Mayor Matthew Quinn. He said the ordinance was actually prompted by the county's landfill siting process and not the Holloway proposal. According to Quinn, a public hearing will probably be set sometime this month during a planning commission meeting. If the ordinance gains commission approval it will go to the city council for ratification. That is expected to happen sometime in April.

Holloway landfill plans 'trashed' by city council

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Holloway had submitted no permit or rezoning requests to Novi. The site is currently zoned residential but the company has a mining permit from the city. Landfills are not permitted within the residential zoning category. Holloway's proposal is for a type II landfill, the category for construction debris such as concrete and tree stumps. But residents have expressed fears that it could be converted to a type II, or trash and garbage, landfill. Several council members, contending that they had not been kept informed on the landfill project, took Novi Public Service Director Lenora Jadun to task for her statement at a Nov. 30 solid-waste planning committee meeting that the city was not opposed to the Holloway plan. Leininger is the city's Oakland County solid-waste planning committee representative, but Jadun as the alternate attends the daytime meetings. The committee voted Nov. 30 to add the Holloway site to the current draft of its Public Act 64 plan. "I'm getting a little ticked off, because on this council I didn't vote to oppose or support this landfill and yet somebody is going on and saying the City of Novi blesses this," said Council Member Joseph Toth. "At this point I think we should oppose it pure and simple until we get more information." Planning commission chair Chuck Kureth denied that Jadun had indicated Novi approved the landfill plan. "The city saying it is not opposed does not constitute support. There's a misunderstanding of what has been said," he said. "It's been mentioned to the council itself that the 64 plan is flawed, is fatally flawed. It would behoove the council to oppose the plan totally." Kureth, who leads the city's environmental committee, also sits on the county's landfill-siting advisory committee. The environmental committee is at present working on a landfill ordinance for the city. Kureth said that he, Jadun and Susan Keast of the city's consulting firm, JCK and Associates, met with a Holloway representative and discussed the proposal. He explained that as long as Holloway owns the site, the company has agreed not to convert it to a Type II landfill. Council Member Martha Hoyer agreed with Toth that the council had not been kept informed. "I haven't seen a 641 plan to know even what you're talking about. No information has been forthcoming to this council. Apparently we have people who are out there speaking on behalf of the seven elected officials without the permission of the seven elected officials," Hoyer said. Jadun said that Kureth and Kriewald had asked her to refer the project to the city's environmental committee and to represent Novi at the Nov. 30 meeting. "I'm completely fed up with the in-king that I have been insubordinate. I followed the instructions that I received. It's come up several times before that I've been insubordinate and I haven't," she said. "Whether we raised any concerns whatsoever, it would have got into the plan."

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Silos get green light

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff writer

Thirty foot high silos could become part of the landscape off Novi Road near I-75-Mar Drive, creating what many area residents call an "eyesore."

The proposed silos, which gained planning commission endorsement last week, are the latest addition to Johnson Controls' reclamation center.

Originally the company planned to build seven 40 foot silos on its Gen-Mar site, but reduced the number to three and cut the height by ten feet in order to make the project more palatable.

But the bottom line is the silos will still be visible.

"You will see the silos from Novi Road," said planning consultant Brandon Rogers. "They are about 10 feet higher than the existing elevation."

He added if a structure is built on the vacant lot to the south, the silos would be even more visible.

However, Rogers complimented Johnson Controls on the steps it had taken to minimize visibility.

"I commend the applicant for a major attempt to lower the height of the silos and reduce the number of silos so as to lessen the impact of these facilities on adjacent properties," said Rogers.

Johnson Controls plans to manufacture and recycle plastic water bottles on the site. The company will use the silos to store the recyclable non-toxic plastics.

The planning commission originally denied site-plan approval for the three silos at its Feb. 21 meeting by a 4-4 vote.

But one commissioner subscribed to the old saying: "If you don't succeed, try, try again."

Gary Phillips reintroduced the motion to recommend site-plan approval to the city council a second time, and it passed 5-3.

Commissioner Thomas O'Branovic was the pivotal vote.

He said the site plan did not have adequate screening but the issue is not important enough to hold up the entire project.

The building phase of the project gained site-plan approval last fall, but final consideration of the controversial silos was tabled until last week.

But a number of planning commissioners still felt that Johnson Controls could bend a little more and screen the silos entirely.

A representative for the company, however, said this type of screening is not practical.

"Screening them would limit access and collect rain water and turn it into a maintenance nightmare," he said.

O'Branovic said reducing the number and size of the silos was a nice gesture but it skirts the screening issue.

"I could get along with seven silos as long as they are screened," he said. "The number of silos isn't the issue."

He said Johnson Controls engineers should be able to devise some type of screening device that is left open at the bottom to allow access and eliminate the cited drainage problems.

"I think what they proposed is a major improvement, but I am still concerned about the view from the south," he added.

O'Branovic, however, eventually voted in favor of recommending site-plan approval to the city council.

"I didn't feel that screening was an important enough issue to hold up the entire project," he said.

"The company will eventually add more silos and they will have to come in with a site plan; we can always require additional screening at that time," he explained.

Commissioner Judy Johnson, who supported site-plan approval, pointed out that silos are allowed in I-2 zoning and that no screening is required under the ordinance.

"This is an industrial district. If we thought that silos were so ugly to look at we should have prohibited them in the ordinance," she said.

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 - 10:30 a.m.: (cont.)
 - 11:00 a.m.: Crisis in the Modern Family - drug intervention programs
 - 12:00 p.m.: Michigan Journal
 - 12:30 p.m.: Travels with Kay
 - 1:00 p.m.: Smart Talk
 - 1:30 p.m.: Twins - Seeing/Being Double
 - 2:00 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 2:30 p.m.: 1990 - The Year of the Woman
 - 3:00 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 3:30 p.m.: Know your Ordinance Officer
 - 6:00 p.m.: Jewish Television Magazine
 - 6:30 p.m.: Tai Chi
 - 7:00 p.m.: Junior Japanese
 - 7:30 p.m.: Shores of Your Mind - Indian medicine man
 - 8:00 p.m.: Vladislav Kovalsky - His Music and His Friends
 - 8:30 p.m.: Lansing Connection
 - 9:00 p.m.: Detroit Live
 - 9:30 p.m.: (cont.)

- TUESDAY, MARCH 6
- 10:00 a.m.: Senior Adult Exercise
 - 10:30 a.m.: Talkin' Sports
 - 11:00 a.m.: Women on the Move - child care
 - 11:30 a.m.: Women on the Move - Gwen Frostic
 - 12:00 p.m.: Valley of Decision - Lutherans for Life program
 - 12:30 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 1:00 p.m.: Seniors on the Move - ballroom dancing
 - 1:30 p.m.: 1990 Novi "State of the City" address
 - 2:00 p.m.: Healthy Living - Creative Health Institute
 - 2:30 p.m.: Home Computer Network - purchasing a computer
 - 3:00 p.m.: Senior Messenger
 - 3:30 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 6:00 p.m.: Senior Messenger
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 - 7:00 p.m.: Seniors on the Move - ballroom dancing
 - 7:30 p.m.: Blues Beat - The Howling Diablos
 - 8:00 p.m.: Horizons
 - 8:30 p.m.: Women on the Move - child care
 - 9:00 p.m.: Women on the Move - Gwen Frostic
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- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
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 - 12:30 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 1:00 p.m.: Capitol Report
 - 1:30 p.m.: Community Upbeat - an end to silence
 - 2:00 p.m.: Farmington Focus
 - 2:30 p.m.: Seniors on the Move - ballroom dancing
 - 3:00 p.m.: Crisis in the Modern Family - drug intervention program
 - 3:30 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 6:00 p.m.: Tri-City Update - historical commission
 - 6:30 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 7:00 p.m.: Home Computer Network - purchasing a computer
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 - 8:00 p.m.: 1990 - The Year of the Woman
 - 8:30 p.m.: (cont.)
 - 9:00 p.m.: Know Your Ordinance Officer
 - 9:30 p.m.: Lifestyles of the Poor and Homeless

City is undivided on multiples

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff writer

Despite a fervent plea from the developer's team, the city council Monday turned down a rezoning request which would have allowed The Solomon Group to build 490 apartment units in the Twelve Mile Road/Novi Road area.

While traffic concerns were cited by council members as a concern, the rezoning was unanimously denied on the grounds that the preliminary site plan did not meet specifications and should not have been at the council table at this point.

City Attorney David Fried advised that a new preliminary site plan should be submitted with a second public hearing before the planning commission.

The rezoning of 33 acres west of Novi Road between Twelve Mile and Twelve-and-a-half-Mile Roads from residential agricultural to low-density multiple-family residential was recommended by the planning commission in a 4 to 3 vote on Feb. 7.

The developers also sought a planned development-I option on the land, which would allow for higher buildings and greater density. The zoning complies with the city's master plan for the area.

The apartments proposed were 14, five-story buildings with access to Twelve Mile Road and a possible secondary access to Novi Road and Twelve-and-a-half-Mile. The project is part of a proposed 51-acre develop-

ment calling for 19 buildings with 665 apartments.

Council Member Joseph Toth said the submitted preliminary site plan was not complete.

"The entire document I've gone through is like Swiss cheese, there's so many holes in it. I don't think this should have hit council to start with," he said.

"The PD option should be an option only when it's a benefit to the city. Everything here is a detriment to the city. I think it's extremely bad planning."

A fiscal impact report from Novi staff planner John Schlagheck calculated that if the property was built out at the present zoning, 27 single-family houses on the land - providing homes to 88 residents - would generate \$38,000 annually in revenue for the city. The city would

pay out \$31,000 in services to the residents.

If the property were rezoned, the 490 units would house 982 residents and raise \$187,000 in revenue per year. City services to these individuals would cost Novi \$343,000 annually.

City traffic consultant Rolf Kilian told the council the Novi Road area had 25,000 to 26,000 vehicles per day on a two-lane road which should be widened to five lanes. Plans are already underway for the widening of Twelve Mile Road.

"A lot of things have to be in place before we realize eventual build-out on these developments that are being proposed," Kilian said.

Council Member Nancy Covert agreed about traffic density.

"I think this is in my humble opinion a health, safety and general welfare concern in this city. . . . We cannot continue to support development in the city that is not supported by the proper road infrastructure."

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Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger contended that roads in the Twelve Oaks Mall area are already overburdened.

"You haven't told me that you are going to widen Twelve Mile and widen Novi Road and put in a new interchange at I-75. We need a couple more lanes at Novi Road before we would consider increasing the density of that corner. How would you even get your potential future residents past the malls just to get there?" Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger said.

Enrico Sasson, president of The Solomon Group, told the council he had \$4 million tied up in the property and had spent a year and a half trying to work out the planning with the city.

The Solomon Group was encouraged at the onset by the city to acquire more property to build a larger development, according to Jim Williams, a representative of the developer. He asked the council to allow the project to go forward.

"When my father punished me, he was very definite on the reason. We have completed what we were told to do," Williams said.

Responding to Covert's question, he said: "They're not spanking you, and anyway, if they spanked anyone it would be the planning commission."

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New caterer found for senior lunch bunch

A change in caterers is on the menu for the senior lunch bunch program offered at the Novi Civic Center. The Southfield-based Area Agency on Aging 1-B, which provides nutrition services to 185 seniors including Novi, has offered a contract for March 1 through Sept. 30 to the Mercy Center of Farmington Hills. Prices of the lunches will go up from a suggested donation of \$1 per meal to \$1.25 per meal.

Previously the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLSHA) provided the lunches, but they turned down the contract offered by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B in Southfield when the agency attached stipulations on management effectiveness and food quality.

"It's just going to be a very smooth transition. There's not going to be any reduction or discontinuation of service. Nothing is going to be noticeable," said Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator. "If they don't do a good job, we'll change."

The Novi Senior Center's hot-lunch program, specializing in low-fat and low-sodium meals, serves about 30 to 50 people each weekday.

"I don't think there's anybody out there who can't afford it. I doubt very much if a quarter is going to make very much difference," Crawford said. "Our people tend not to get all excited about these things. They have kind of a wait-and-see attitude. They know that they have recourse in case the quality is poor. They know they have a voice to bring about change."

"If they don't like the meals, believe me, we'll hear about it."

The center also offers a homebound meals program which serves about 45 seniors.

Pro athletes tackle drugs

Professional athletes will be taking their anti-drug message to Novi High School on March 7. This superstar event is part of Pro Challenge, which is a group of professional athletes from various sports who actively campaign against drugs and alcohol in school assemblies.

The 45-minute presentation blends sports contests with pointed comments about the effects of drug abuse.

In addition to sharing their own experiences with drugs or alcohol or providing role models, the athletes will compete against 20 Novi High School students in various sporting events, including volleyball, tag of war, sit-ups, basketball and a relay race.

Athletes who may take part in the Pro Challenge include: Frank Tanana of the Detroit Tigers; Brad Havens of the Cleveland Indians; Ernie Harwell, the Tiger announcer; Jimmy Williams of the Lions; Jeff Chadwick of the Lions; Mel Gray of the Lions; George Jamison of the Lions; Bruce McVortan of the Lions; Larry Curtis of the Lions; Paul Butcher of the Philadelphia Eagles; Carl Bland of the Green Bay Packers; Scotty Williams of the Lions; and Dave Wilson of the Lions.

Constitutional rights celebrated

The Novi Optimist Club is hosting a special meeting regarding the upcoming bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution next week.

The Novi Optimists invite community leaders to attend a special meeting at the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7. The meeting will focus on ways that the community and its organizations might celebrate 200 years of freedom under the Constitution. Sept. 17-23 has been designated Constitution Week.

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Health Notes

Alcoholism conference: Catherine McAuley Health Center will present a conference on the generational patterns of alcoholism co-dependency on Friday, March 2, in the Education Center Auditorium at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Guest speaker Ann W. Smith has been involved professionally in the treatment of adult children of alcoholics for 16 years. Smith is Corporate Director of Family Services for the Caron Foundation, Warrenton, Pennsylvania.

Invited are social workers, family therapists, nurses, physicians, and other mental-health/health-care professionals who work with individuals and families.

Smith will discuss co-dependency from a cross-generational perspective. Other topics include identifying abuses in dysfunctional families and recognizing steps in the treatment process for co-dependents.

Smith is the author of Grandchildren of Alcoholics: Another Generation of Co-Dependency. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the conference.

Fees for the conference are \$35 for students and CMHC employees, and \$65 for professionals and all others. Lunch is included.

For more information call 572-3521.

Immunization clinic: The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Walled Lake and surrounding areas at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Walled Lake, on Tuesday, March 6, 1990, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB) will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the first Tuesday of every month. The next scheduled immunization clinic will be on April 3, 1990.

For further information, call 858-1305.

CPR classes: "Heartsaver" CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes are offered at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia from 6 to 9 p.m. on two consecutive Wednesdays, March 14 and 21.

Fee for the two-day class is \$10 per person. Please register by March 7, 1990, by calling 644-4800, ext. 2257. St. Mary Hospital is located at 36475 W. Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Allergy lecture: On Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Michael Heper, allergist, will lecture on "Allergy Testing and Stinging Insect Sensitivity." This free lecture will take place at Bentley High School Auditorium, located at Five Mile and Hubbard in Livonia.

To register please contact Livonia Community Education at 523-9277.

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Chronic lung disease: The Breathers' Club, a support group for people with chronic lung disease, holds its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8 at Huron Valley Hospital. Sponsored by the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan, this free community health program begins at 2 p.m. in the hospital's Private Dining Room. The program is designed to help people with chronic lung disease increase their knowledge of lung ailments, learn new self-care techniques and openly discuss concerns associated with their illness. For more information, call the office of Community Health at (313) 369-3314.



Last winter storm? The final few days of February saw some tough winter weather in town. Here, eight-year Novi resident Bernice Alspach shovels out her driveway on Sycamore.

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Season for potholes comes early to city

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

Just when residents thought it was safe to go back on the roads, potholes big enough to swallow a Yugo have been appearing in Novi.

The bumper crop of craterers is a result of last week's winter storms. The ice melted, froze and melted again, causing the pesky obstacles.

"It is the freezing and thawing that causes potholes," said Lenora Jadun, Novi's director of public services.

"Water gets under the road, freezes, and thaws, causing the soil under the roadway to expand."

"Usually you don't see pothole problems until the spring," she said. "But we have had a lot of freezes and thaws this year — over half a dozen."

Both the city and county road crews have been out all week trying to repair the worst-hit areas.

"We have tried to address the problem as much as we can by applying what is called cold patch," Jadun said.

John Joy, a spokesperson for the Oakland County Road Commission, said road crews have had a rough time addressing the pothole problem because of the continual snowfall.

"This weather has not been conducive to solving the problem," he said. "There has been a lot of snow and we are finding it difficult to keep

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pace with the problem."

He explained that crews are busy clearing the roads during snowstorms. Furthermore, they clean surfaces to conduct repairs.

Joy said the road commission has crews monitoring pothole problems on county roads, but they still rely on public complaints.

"The real problem is that potholes could be there tomorrow and not today — you can't tell when or where they are going to be," he said.

Joy explained the public often alerts road crews of problem areas missed in regular inspections, thus speeding up the repair process.

Just because someone complains, however, doesn't guarantee that a particular pothole will be filled in.

"We typically only fix holes that are dangerous," Joy explained. "If someone might bust a tire or damage a car because of a hole, then we fix it."

He added that more extensive repairs take place in the spring.

"Spring time is pothole fix time," he said. "Right now they just crop up more quickly than we can fix them."

He said Novi is more pothole-prone than other parts of the county because most of the roads are old.

Joy explained that older roads have more cracks and therefore more water seeps under the surface to cause potholes.

Joy said that Eight Mile Road is a real problem area. However, the road is scheduled to be widened and resurfaced within the next year.

Both the city and county respond to calls regarding pothole problems.

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Faxon opposes Blanchard school funding

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

Taking from the rich and giving to the poor — it seems to be a popular idea in state government lately.

Governor James Blanchard is proposing to collect \$2.6 million from affluent school districts' social-security and retirement funds and pour this money among the state's poorer districts through in-formula state aid and low-income categorical funds as part of his budget proposal.

Blanchard's "Robin Hood" approach to school financing has Senator Jack Faxon — D-Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi — up in arms.

"I will vigorously oppose any effort on the part of those who would seek to play Robin Hood with our school districts," he said.

Faxon launched two amendments to the Senate's version of Blanchard's proposal to eliminate this reallocation of funds recently — both of which gained Senate subcommittee approval.

"The proposed 1990-1991 executive school plan would be disastrous for most Oakland County districts," Faxon said. "I am extremely pleased that the subcommittee chose to alleviate inequities in the executive plan by approving my proposal."

The school districts Faxon represents — which include Novi, Farmington and Plymouth — would have lost money under the executive budget proposal, he said.

This proposal would add social security and retirement funds to the list of funded items subject to recapture by the state in affluent districts. Basically the state would continue

to pay for educators' social security and retirement costs under the governor's proposal, but would require the wealthier school districts to reimburse it for those expenses.

"This would give the state an extra \$2.6 million, \$17 million of which would be added to the in-formula earmarked for low-income categorical aid, according to state budget analyst Dick Berends.

But Faxon called this "woody book-keeping."

"Most Oakland County and other better-financed school districts would be doubly penalized," the senator said. "Not only are they denied state funds for their education programs; they are being asked to pay for state programs in other districts out of their own local tax base."

Faxon's proposal would not allow social-security money to be recaptured by the state, which would save wealthier school districts about \$1 million a year.

Social-security expenses in the Novi Community School District totaled \$880,000 in 1989 — a sizable tab which it would pick up under Blanchard's proposal.

However, Faxon's amendment — if approved — would force the state to foot the bill.

"The state has continuously paid the social security of school employees to all districts equally," Faxon added. "That should remain. No one should be tampering with something that works."

He also proposed setting a cap on the amount of recapturable aid at the present level.

He explained that increases in the level of state recaptured aid is "going in the wrong direction."

"We should be eliminating recapture, not increasing it," he said. "If the state requires a program, the state is obligated to pay for it."

Another facet of Blanchard's budget proposal is the limiting of property-tax assessment increases to the rate of inflation and reimbursing districts for the loss through additional state funding.

Approximately \$38.5 million will be given back to districts whose assessments are rising faster than the rate of inflation, according to the budget department's Berends.

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At a session of said Court held in the Antrim County Court-house, Bellaire, Michigan, on the 12th day of February, 1990, PRESENT: HONORABLE CHARLES M. FORSTER, Circuit Court Judge

On the 17th day of January, 1990 Petitions were filed requesting Orders of Filiation under the Paternity Act and child support. Upon hearing and consideration of the verified Motion of the Petitioner, attesting to the fact that MICHAEL CRAIG GARDNER is not at his last known address and that therefore service of the Summons and a copy of the Complaints in these actions cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that MICHAEL CRAIG GARDNER can best be informed of these actions by the publication of this Order in the newspapers;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that MICHAEL CRAIG GARDNER shall on or before April 20, 1990 serve his answers on Mark R. Fett, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Antrim County, whose address is P.O. Box 552, Bellaire, Michigan 49615, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against MICHAEL CRAIG GARDNER which would Order that he is the father of the minor children and responsible for their support until they reach the age of eighteen.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Novi News, 104 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, a newspaper of general circulation most likely to give notice to MICHAEL CRAIG GARDNER. Publication shall occur within the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be mailed to MICHAEL CRAIG GARDNER at his last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication.

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March delivery date set for new ZIP Codes

By JAN JEFFRES

Hold off on printing those new address labels. Changes in personalized stationery ZIP Code changes in the weeks for Novi and the rest of Oakland County, as well as Macomb and Livingston counties.

mailing address, but the city will get four new ZIP Codes of its own effective July 1.

While the U.S. Postal Service plans to make an official announcement on March 12, letters seeking support during the transition to new ZIP Codes went out to local officials and state and U.S. elected representatives in early February.

The letter reads in part: "While we

anticipate that most of our customers will be receptive to this change, we recognize that a small percentage of customers will voice serious concerns. We would like to assure you, as an elected representative of this constituency, that it is our goal to provide a smooth transition for all our customers."

In addition, the letter states that during this transition period,

customers will receive written notification of their ZIP Code change, a special 1-800 telephone line will be set up to handle questions, large maps showing the new ZIP Code boundaries will be placed in affected post offices, 10 postage-paid change-of-address envelopes will be available to customers, and local businesses with an inventory of pre-printed stationery will have one year

from the date of the change to exhaust existing supplies.

Susan Gillespie, manager of communications for the Detroit Division of the U.S. Postal Service, said individual post office customers will also be able to use their old ZIP Codes on printed material for one year before making the final changeover.

Fifty-two new five-digit ZIP Codes

will be issued for 22 post offices covering 300,000 addresses. New four-digit additions to the five-digit codes will also be assigned. A small percentage of addresses will have a city destination change as well. The U.S. Postal Service has initiated the change because "the rapid growth of population in Southeastern Michigan has overburdened the existing deployment of ZIP Codes."

Candidate filing deadlines three weeks earlier

Filing deadlines for political candidates are three weeks earlier this year, the secretary of state's office announced.

Michigan changed its laws because the U.S. government said it was overpaying on and submarines had too little time to obtain and return their absentee ballots.

Novi's primary election for partisan offices such as governor, U.S. senator and representative, state

legislators and township officers, as well as for non-partisan district, circuit and probate judges. It is also election time for precinct delegates to county political party conventions.

Here are major new dates:

- April 9 by 5 p.m.: Incumbent judges (other than Supreme Court Justices) to file affidavits of candidacy.
- May 8 by 4 p.m.: Candidates for county convention

delegate ("precinct delegate") to file petitions with county clerk.

- May 11 by 4 p.m.: Withdrawal deadline for candidates for precinct delegate.
- May 15: Deadline to place local questions on the primary ballot to be filed with county or local clerks.
- May 15 by 1 p.m.: Candidates for partisan and non-partisan offices to file nomination petitions (or fees) for

the primary election.

- May 18 by 4 p.m.: Withdrawal deadline for the primary.
- June 23: County committees of major political parties to call county conventions.
- July 3: Last date to register for primary election.
- July 27: Preprimary campaign statements to be filed

Judges to judge judges

Would the judges will get closer scrutiny from their brethren under a new election process.

The Public Safety Committee on judicial candidates has been established to evaluate and rate judicial candidates, said William VanderKloot, one of two Birmingham lawyers who are co-chairmen of the panel. The other is Harold Larson.

The committee is expected to have its first meeting, according to the Election Bureau of the Michigan Department of State.

Oakland voters this fall will cast ballots in three races for the Michigan Court of Appeals, seven circuit judges and as many as 15 district judges.

In one court of appeals race, two circuit court candidates and at least two district court races, there will be no incumbents, according to the elections bureau.

The absence of an incumbent usually attracts more candidates and generally assures more hotly contested races.

"Experience tells us it is difficult if not impossible to knock off an incumbent judge," said Gurwin.

In Oakland's circuit judge races, for example, at least four lawyers have announced they are running for the two open judgeships. Others are rumored to be evaluating their chances.

Announcing so far are State Sen.

Study Nichols, Troy District Judge Dennis Drury, Rochester Hills District Judge James Sheehy and Thomas Brennan, a Troy resident who is a member of a Shelby Township law firm.

In contrast, no candidates have announced for the five judgeships in which incumbents are expected to seek re-election.

Circuit judges up for re-election are Robert I. Tomplin, Steven N. Andrews, Gene Schmetz, Fred M. Mester and Barry L. Howard.

Only Tomplin has filed for re-election.

Other incumbents have until April 9 to file for re-election. Challengers currently have until June 5 to file nominating petitions, although the state Legislature is talking about moving that deadline up to May 15.

Oakland is part of the Second Circuit of the Michigan Court of Appeals, which also includes Ogemaw, Gladwin, Arenac, Bay, Midland, Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Ingham and Macomb counties.

Within that circuit, incumbents Kathy Jansen and John H. Shepherd are expected to seek re-election.

The seat of incumbent Walter P. Cynar, who is not seeking reelection, is expected to attract the most attention.

District courts in Hazel Park, Royal Oak, Berkley, Oak Park, Southfield, Farmington, Birmingham, Pontiac, Drayton Plains,

Walled Lake, Clarkston, Rochester and Troy have judgeships up for election.

"Our committee will be very active in these elections," said VanderKloot, who said it will evaluate only candidates running in contested elections.

"We will send out questionnaires, conduct interviews and generally evaluate each candidate in contested races," he said.

In previous elections, the Oakland bar polled its more than 3,300 members for their preference.

The committee will have six possible recommendations:

- 1. Outstanding.
- 2. Well qualified.
- 3. Qualified, but not recommended.
- 4. Not qualified.
- 5. Well qualified.
- 6. Qualified, but not recommended.

The committee has 50 members, including five non-lawyers. "They were selected to assure a wider range of input," VanderKloot explained. "We wanted our committee to be something besides the 'old-boy network.'"

Nonlawyers on the committee are: Mel Farr, auto dealer; Gordon Hartman, president of ABC Warehouse Inc.; Christine Meyers, a partner in Lane Meyers Publisher Representatives Inc.; Rosalind Griffin, psychiatrist; and Alan Frank, vice president and general manager of WDIV-TV.

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The City reserves the right to accept any or all proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality, or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interests of the Owner.

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Pre-Bid conference will be held March 13, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. at Novi Police Headquarters 45125 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48050

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Although residents of Old Dutch Farms oppose the Grand Plan, neighboring Novi Meadows sees some benefits.

Neutral stand taken on city plan

By JAN JEFFRES

While many residents in Novi's west end continue to vigorously campaign against the Grand Plan—a city initiative to build an industrial park in Section 18, off Twelve Mile and Napier—the management of one mobile-home community in the neighborhood foresees possible benefits from the development.

Brian Fannon, general manager of Farmington Hills-based Lautrec LTD, owners of the Novi Meadows development, wrote the city recently requesting the opportunity to tap into the municipal water and sewer system that the proposed industrial park and a Meijer store could bring to the area. Novi Meadows, which has 400 sites for manufactured housing off Napier, is immediately south of the Old Dutch Farms mobile home community, which in turn is due south of the 320-acre Grand Plan site.

Fannon says his company is maintaining a neutral stance on the Grand

Plan. Birmingham-based Unipro Inc., owners of Old Dutch Farms, has shown support to that community's residents who are battling the project.

The majority of the land in question, located at Twelve Mile, Wixom and Napier Roads, is under consideration for rezoning from single-family residential to heavy industrial.

While the planning commission on Jan. 17 unanimously recommended the rezoning, the city council has not yet voted on the proposal. The council and the planning commission will be holding a joint informational meeting on the project on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

City Clerk Geraldine Stipp said that plans originally called for the city council to reach a decision on the rezoning on March 14, but now the vote may not occur until sometime in April. The city's planning department is still ironing out the details, she explained.

Dawn Degler, secretary-treasurer

of Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP), a group fighting the Grand Plan, is a resident of Old Dutch Farms. Degler said that Unipro has allowed NAPP to use the company's copy machine for flyers, has signed a petition against the industrial-park project, and has written a letter to that effect to Novi. A representative from Unipro was not available for comment.

However, Fannon said Lautrec LTD has taken a neutral stand on the industrial-park rezoning because Novi Meadows is not contiguous to the property.

"I know some residents have expressed concern as individuals. We haven't been notified by any residents one way or another. Until I know how they feel, we are really not going to make a statement one way or another. There might be some traffic concerns, but I'm assuming the city officials will make the right decisions," he added.

Fannon said Monday that Lautrec wants the city to know in advance that if the industrial park becomes a

reality, the management would like to explore the option of tapping into the sewer and water lines.

"We would like to sit down with the city and see how much it would cost," Fannon said. "The biggest consideration would be the effect it would have on the monthly costs of Novi Meadows. We would have to analyze if the residents can or cannot afford it."

Novi Meadows residents own their own mobile homes but pay monthly rental fees to the company.

Degler and other NAPP representatives agree that they have not been joined in their crusade by Novi Meadows residents, but counter that several Old Dutch Farms residents were thrown off Novi Meadows property in December by the police when they tried to circulate petitions opposed to the industrial park.

Debler, who was present but not involved in the action, said when the petitioners moved their operations across Napier Road, Novi Meadows management again called the police.

"They weren't on their property, so the police did nothing," Degler said.

Wixom views Meijer plans

By JAN JEFFRES

When it comes to the Grand Plan, Novi wants to have its cake and eat it, too, according to Wixom City Manager William Barlow.

On Monday, the Wixom planning commission is expected to reach a decision on the rezoning of 11 acres of land that would be used as a parking lot for a Meijer store to be located in Novi on the west side of Wixom Road south of Grand River Avenue. Novi would reap the tax benefits from the development, but share the traffic with Wixom.

While Novi has presented a traffic study on the project, Wixom has commissioned its own study. The results will be presented on Monday.

"So far, the preliminary indications are that the report for Novi underestimated the road improvement that would be required to the Meijer and the I-21 industrial zoning and the contemplated development in the City of Wixom. There will need to be much more extensive road improvements before they approve it," Barlow said.

"Our planning commission has had the position that they're very interested about traffic conditions."

On Jan. 8, the Wixom planning commission tabled the zoning request because the required public hearing had not been called. The store is a pivotal element to Novi's Grand Plan, a redevelopment program which seeks to move industries from the city's downtown to the west side of Grand River Avenue.

Much of the land in the industrial park, as well as the Meijer site, belongs to former Novi resident Milton Campbell, owner of the Campbell Machine Co. in North Carolina. City officials have said that Campbell needs the profit from the Meijer project to reduce land prices for businesses scheduled for relocation in the industrial park.

But even if Wixom ultimately squashes the rezoning request on its platter, a Meijer corporate spokesman said in January that the project can be reduced to fit into the Novi parcel alone. And Wixom roads—the I-96 interchange, Wixom Road and Grand River Ave. are all located in that city—will still have to accommodate the shoppers.

Plans are already underway in Wixom for three fast food restaurants to be located across the street from the proposed Meijer site.

"As far as we know, Novi and Meijer could say too bad, it's going in anyway and we suffer the consequence because of the extreme impact of traffic on our roads," Barlow said.

"There's a lot of injustice when you consider all the tax benefits that are going to the City of Novi and not to Wixom. We're trying to approach Novi and sit down and work things out. So far we haven't got too far with them."

Barlow said that even if Wixom denies the rezoning, the Meijer driveway can still run through the 11 acres.

"I think we're going to be hard-pressed to stop that, not that we wouldn't try. Under state law if the property is next to a road, they're entitled access to the road," he explained.

While Barlow says he thinks certain elements of the Grand Plan are "a stroke of genius," he also finds aspects of the project "insensitive."

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"It's saying to these people that we're going to put you in an economic hardship. Potential buyers are going to say, 'What's that in your back yard? It's a cement plant.' We think that's very unfair here."

Barlow said he would like the two cities and the Michigan Department of Transportation to hash out a definite road plan with a five-year time frame, including financing packages. He suggested that tax monies from the Grand Plan could be earmarked for road improvements.

Wixom has already requested that Novi restrict the park to light- rather than heavy-industrial use.

"The (Novi) staff and planning commission has not been receptive to some of the ideas we've come up with to address our concerns. There are still opportunities to work together," Barlow said.

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Planners eye history

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

A man's house is his castle, but in Novi it may soon become a tourist attraction.

City officials are drafting a historical preservation ordinance to protect Novi's noted homes and establish local historical districts. If adopted, the ordinance could put architectural restrictions on some area homes.

"We need to identify the city's significant sites, focus on those sites and protect them," said Planning Commissioner Kathleen McLallen, one of the driving forces behind the historical preservation movement.

"It has been like a gold rush in Novi for the last few years with all the development coming in," she explained. "If we don't protect our historical sites soon, we will lose them."

She added that state and national historical preservation guidelines are not strong enough. She explained that the Yerkes house on Eight Mile was a national historic site, yet the city still had a difficult time persuading the developer to maintain the original architecture of the building.

Novi lost its only national historic site last fall when the Yerkes house burned under suspicious circumstances.

McLallen and Commissioner Judy Johnson submitted a sample historical preservation ordinance at the joint city council and planning commission meeting Feb. 14.

The commissioners also urged the council to establish a historic district commission composed of one planning commissioner, one council member, and several community members to spearhead the preservation movement.

However, some officials were apprehensive about jumping on the historical bandwagon.

"Let's study and modify the ordinance first and then we'll proceed with the committee," Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

He suggested turning the proposed ordinance over to the city attorneys for input as well as researching other cities' historical ordinances.

But some city officials felt that the time for action is now.

"If we study this to death then we can kiss our historical sites goodbye," McLallen countered.

Council Member Martha Hoyer was cautious about ratifying a historical preservation ordinance.

"Some of our homeowners won't want to be forced to maintain their houses," she said.

Hoyer went on to explain that a poorly worded historical preservation ordinance could be opening the door to legal battles because it would restrict property owners' rights to make architectural changes to their homes.

McLallen said the city could not have a piece of property declared a historical site without the owners' consent. However, she did admit that once the site is on the city's historic list, subsequent owners would have to agree to maintain the building's original architectural integrity as part of the sales agreement.

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said many cities only regulate the exterior of historical sites and do not encroach on interior decorating freedoms.

McLallen agreed that this is the best route.

She admitted some residents may be against the ordinance. She explained that maintaining a historical site is costly and that the primary financial burden would fall on the property owner.

However, she said the city should explore possible tax incentives to offset the cost.

Johnson said that grant money is available to help subsidize the maintenance of historical sites.

Many people don't think that Novi has a lot of historical structures because most of the buildings in the community are less than 50 years old, according to Johnson.

The buildings don't have to be a 100 years old to be part of a historical

district," she said. "A lot of buildings 30 years old have historical significance."

McLallen added that even objects that have community significance, like the Novi Special racing car, could be declared a historic site.

She said Novi's Historical Society has already identified a number of possible sites.

The list includes:
• The Novi Town Hall, on Ten Mile just west of the library. The town hall was built in 1914.

• The Methodist Church, on Grand River just west of Novi Road, which dates back to 1875.

• The Wool House on Grand River near the railroad tracks.

• The Flint House, on Twelve Mile west of Novi Road, which dates back to 1829.

• Simmons Orchards homestead, on Ten Mile between Taft and Beck, which was built in 1866.

• Lincoln Place on Nine Mile, which was built in 1838.

• Sam White's house on Nine Mile, dating back to 1839.

• The Thornton House, on Nine Mile to the left and rear of Home Sweet Home. The frame of the house was built in 1830.

• The Rogers mansion on Nine Mile, which is now Home Sweet Home. The house was built in 1931.

• Tollgate Farm, on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile, which dates back to the 1830s.

• The Hunt Home, on Eleven Mile Road, which was built in 1870.

• The depot of Grand River, built in 1870.

• The stone schoolhouse on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Napier roads. It dates back to 1874 and was one of the first schools in Novi.

• The BeGole house in the 4000 block of Grand River, which was built in 1898.

• The Johnson home, on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile, which was built in 1832.

• The Aubrey home, on West Road, which dates back to 1839.



The Yerkes House on Eight Mile, now burned down, was the city's only registered historic site.

Historic plaques sought

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

It may become easier for the uninformed to find and appreciate the Novi of days gone by.

The city's historical commission is seeking about \$3,000 from this year's city budget to erect bronze markers at key local historic sites. Kathy Mutch, secretary of the city council-appointed commission and president of the Novi Historical Society, said four sites are now under consideration but only three will probably be chosen for markers this year.

The commission will apply to the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of History for a state designation of each location.

First on the list is the Novi Town Hall, originally constructed on the west side of Novi Road south of Grand River Avenue, but moved in 1866 — following a historical society

fundraising campaign — to Ten Mile Road west of the city library. Now undergoing renovations, the old township headquarters will become a historical museum.

Second is the Novi Cemetery on Novi Road south of Grand River. Novi librarian and local historian Barbara Louie said people buried in the graveyard include the grand-daughter of 10th U.S. President John Taylor of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" fame, Julia Bennett Bloss, who died in 1927 at age 87. Others interred in the cemetery are two Revolutionary War soldiers who came here from New England, Hooper Bishop, who died in 1861 at age 99, and Caleb Carr, who died in 1839 at age 77; several War of 1812 veterans; and nine Civil War veterans.

Another site under discussion is Novi Town Center, where a plaque could be placed at the shopping mall to commemorate "the four corners," the former heart of the city.

"The sign itself would be like a Gettysburg or any park area. As you stand on this spot, 50 feet from here was 'the four corners,'" Mutch said.

The last site is at Providence Hospital Novi Center at Ten Mile and Haggerty roads, which is believed to be the location of the original homestead of Novi's first European-American settler, Erastus Ingersoll.

Mutch said the commission first discussed pinpointing the sites a year ago and a decision was made to apply for state historical designation at the same time.

"If we don't qualify for the state, the research will already be done to qualify locally," Mutch said.

"I would say that this spring they'll be documented and ready to submit to the state."

The state historical markers are large, heavy, bronze plaques individually made in relief.

Mr. B's Farm gets first OK for patio, court

Owners of Mr. B's Farm on Novi Road hope to build an outdoor patio and paved volleyball court this summer.

The planning commission voted 6-2 to grant preliminary site-plan approval for the project at its Feb. 21 meeting.

The patio is proposed for the southwest corner of the existing

restaurant and will raise seating capacity to 310 people.

However, some commissioners were concerned about existing parking problems that would be exacerbated by the expanded capacity.

"I am not convinced that the parking works as it is," said Commissioner Judy Johnson. "People often park on the lawn."

She explained that the existing baseball field in back of the tavern coupled with the restaurant business leads to parking problems during peak periods.

Johnson added that the volleyball court and additional seating will compound existing parking problems.

However, the site plan meets city

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planning requirements, according to consultant Brandon Rogers.

He said the owners will add 38 additional parking spaces, expanding from 161 spaces. Only 155 spaces are required.

Johnson said the additional 38 spaces are already being used because people are currently parking on the lawn.

She explained that paving the spaces will not alleviate the overcrowding problems.

The site plan still needs final planning commission and city council approval.

State House and Senate head for wage collision

By TIM RICHARD
staff writer

LANSING — Senate Democrats and House Republicans are on a collision course over rival bills to raise the minimum wage.

If the parties fail to compromise, Michigan's minimum wage would remain at \$3.35 an hour, where it has been for

nine years.

Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said his bill "should be viewed as beneficial to employers and employees alike."

The Senate last week passed Geake's bill 20-17 on almost a party-line vote and sent it to the House. SB 727 will raise the minimum wage to the federal level — \$3.80 this April 1 and \$4.25 on April 1, 1991.

Geake's bill was supported by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Small Business Association of Michigan, the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Lodging Association.

Supporting Geake were Republicans Fred Dillingham of Powerville and Richard Fessler of Commerce, whose district includes Walled Lake.

Opposed was Democrat Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi and Wixom.

Democrats are holding out for two higher raises — to \$4.65 on April 1, 1992, and \$5 on April 1, 1993.

Backed by organized labor, the Democrat-controlled House approved its rival measure, HB 4294, Feb. 14 on a 64-43 vote and sent it to the Senate.

Hospital reroutes increase

For many hospitals in Oakland County, emergency room closings and ambulance reroutings have increased in the last year.

With the shortage of nurses and monitored beds, hospitals are now screening their ambulance calls and rerouting some patients to other hospitals.

"To patients, this system may be an inconvenience, but to health care professionals, it is a way to maintain the quality of medical care."

"It's a fact of life," said Dr. Andrew Wilson, medical director for Oakland County Emergency Medical Services.

Wilson said the emergency rooms do not actually close, and that walk-in patients are still being admitted.

The word "closing" says we do something we never do," Wilson said.

Severe injuries and trauma cases are also not rerouted, but lesser injuries are taken to hospitals that can provide medical attention.

"The idea behind rerouting is to put patients where the available services are," Wilson said.

Though the procedure is much used, the amount of time the emergency rooms are closed varies among hospitals.

In 1989 among area hospitals, Farmington Hills Botsford led the way in rerouting patients from its emergency room, doing so 224 times. William Beaumont in Royal Oak was next with 204 reroutings, followed by Southfield's Providence with 197.

William Beaumont in Troy rerouted patients 96 times and Crittenton in Rochester rerouted 46 times.

The combined total of 11 community hospitals was 1,320 reroutings, according to the Oakland County Community Network.

However, when considering the number of hours the hospital emergency rooms close, the ranking among those cited above changes.

William Beaumont Royal Oak led the group with its emergency room closing for a total of 2,329.5 hours. Providence was next with 2,259 hours closed, and William Beaumont Troy with 1,496 hours. They were followed by Botsford with 1,239 hours closed and Crittenton with 1,222.5 hours closed.

The 11 hospitals in the study were closed for a total of 16,925 hours.

"We're rerouting this year more than the year before," Wilson said.

"The rerouting system is a problem which we are trying to minimize," said William Scheuber, an administrator who is responsible for the emergency department at Botsford.

Scheuber considers the rerouting system a good process, but does feel it is an inconvenience to patients.

"We don't want our patients to have to go to another hospital," the administrator said. "In that sense, it is a problem."

Wilson said there is a lack of nurses, intensive care beds and access to special machines, such as CAT (computerized axial tomography) scanners.

"There are a certain number of beds for people in a certain region. When those beds are filled, rerouting comes into play, Wilson said.

"When we reroute, we're losing patients, which is the reason we're open, and the good will of the community," he said.

"We've heard a lot of complaints by people," said Steve Simmons, vice president of public relations for Southeast Michigan Hospital Council.

"It is important that people know there are procedures to be followed," the vice president said.

"You're not really putting into question the safety of the patient. I don't think that public safety is at threat," Simmons said.

"There is no compromise in patient care," Scheuber said.

"We are very fortunate in this county to have a well-functioning system," said Dr. John Karazim, director of emergency services at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester.

OCC sets seminars

Oakland Community College's Transitions seminars, scheduled for March, are six-week programs specifically designed to offer support, direction, education guidance, and career planning for those coping with a serious lifestyle adjustment.

Participants can examine their personal, academic and career goals and identify the methods to achieve their goals in one of the following seminars offered at four campuses of the college. Those interested should phone the campus of their choice.

▣ Auburn Hills Campus: Joyce Sachs, counselor/facilitator, 2940 Featherstone Rd. Register by phoning 853-4269. First session: Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m. to noon.

▣ Highland Lakes Campus: Nancy Beno, counselor/facilitator, 7350 Cooley Lake Rd., Union Lake. Register by phoning 360-3041. First session: Monday, March 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

▣ Orchard Ridge Campus: Nancy Beno, counselor/facilitator, 2753 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. Register by phoning 471-7602. First session: Monday, March 12, 10 a.m. to noon.

▣ Southfield Campus: Joyce Sachs, counselor/facilitator, 2232 Rutland Dr. Register by phoning 553-2634. First session: Tuesday, March 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

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Rhymestones

The popular poetry-reading group the Rhymestones of the Novi Care Center celebrated its first anniversary last Wednesday. Above, Bernice Fredericks, who heads the group, reads some Ogden Nash to an attentive audience. At left, Florence Adair enjoys the poetry. The group has seen a large growth in popularity since it began.



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(3-1-90 NR, NN)

NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING VOTER REGISTRATIONS TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOVI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1990

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, who is not already registered may register for the Special City Election to be held on the 3rd day of April, 1990, in said City.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — CALCIUM CHLORIDE (for Gravel Roads)

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the following work: 36% CALCIUM CHLORIDE (for Gravel Roads). Proposal blanks and specifications may be obtained at the City Administrative Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, 48050.

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(3-1-90 NR, NN)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — SUMMER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Summer Landscape Maintenance Contract for the Police Department, City Administrative Offices and Library in accordance with the specifications of the City of Novi.

CITY OF NOVI ATTN: CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review will be held at the City Assessor's Office located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, (New City Hall/Civic Center) on the following days:

Tuesday, March 6, 1990-9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday, March 12, 1990-8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 13, 1990-12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 14, 1990-8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 15, 1990-8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, March 16, 1990-8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Obituaries

WILLIAM J. WEBER
William J. (Bill) Weber of Novi died Feb. 17 of a lengthy cancer. He was 56. Mr. Weber was born in Minden City. He worked as a builder, contractor and carpenter for 34 years, for William J. Weber Inc. and for DMW Co. He was a member of the Novi Lions Club, St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus, and the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

JAMES DEWITT MAHONEY
James DeWitt Mahoney, of Holmes Beach, Fla., died Feb. 21 in Florida. Mr. Mahoney, a former resident of Northville, was 71 at the time of his death.

RICHARD DONALD NOBLE
Former Novi Police Officer Richard Donald Noble died Aug. 31, 1989 in Gollandfield, Inverness, Scotland. He was 89.

TIM RICHARD
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ORDINANCE 90-132-01
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 90-132-01, an Ordinance to add Division 3 to Article V of Chapter 2 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, and to repeal Ordinance No. 88-132, to provide for the appointment of two Alternate Members to the City of Novi Board of Review.

NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOVI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1990

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS — FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES
Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Novi, Michigan, as owner, until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time on Tuesday, March 27, 1990, at the City of Novi Administrative Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48050.

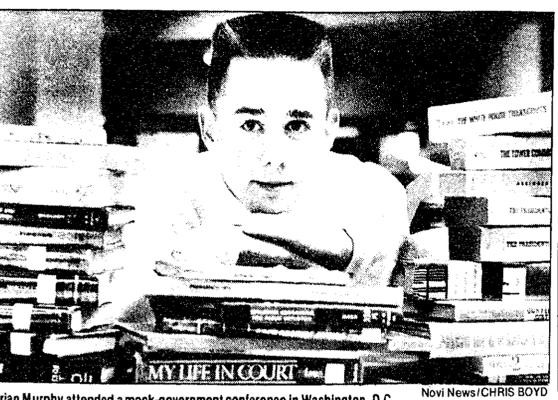
Student sees DC

Novi High School junior Brian Murphy was this year's delegate to the National Young Leaders Conference held in Washington, D.C. last month.

Approximately 400 outstanding students from across the country attended the six-day conference, which centered on the law-making process.

The conference was sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. However, it costs hundreds of dollars to attend.

Novi High School is looking for local groups to help sponsor more students next year.



Brian Murphy attended a mock-government conference in Washington, D.C. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Good attendance

Oakland County Commissioners were conscientious in 1989, at least when it came to attending scheduled meetings.

Attendance was almost as good at committee meetings — which are far more numerous and demanding.

Twenty-two commissioners attended at least 90 percent of their committee meetings and one commissioner, G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, attended every session.

John P. Calandro, R-Novi, missed five of 23 committee meetings and six of 21 board meetings.

Parental consent bill is vetoed

LANSING — Gov. James Blanchard vetoed a legislative bill requiring girls under 18 to obtain parental consent for an abortion last Friday.

The House last week passed the measure 65-42, seven votes short of the two-thirds it will need to override the governor's veto.

The Senate on Feb. 14 approved the bill 29-8.

Here is how area lawmakers voted:

HOUSE
-Yes: Willis Bullard, R-Highland, whose district includes Novi; David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, whose district includes Novi and Walled Lake; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Francis Spantola, D-Corunna.

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As We See It

ZIP code changes deserve openness

There will be four ZIP codes in Novi beginning July 1. If that news caught you by surprise last week, you weren't the only one. This newspaper has been keeping track of potential changes in the Novi ZIP code for over three years at least.

At the time the bureaucracy in the postal service was less than thrilled with the idea. It basically ignored the suggestion and the council turned it over to the administration to keep the fire burning on the idea.

And during that time the U.S. Postal Service has never let the fact that it was considering major changes within the Novi ZIP code be known. In fact, just last November we checked with the postal service because we had heard repeated rumors about a potential switch for Novi residents. No changes, they said adamantly.

Then, in November of 1988, there was some movement on the ZIP code front. The residents of Novi Township were told that their 48167 ZIP code was changing to Novi's 48050. The residents of Brookland Farms subdivision, which comprises Novi Township, were not pleased. A spokesperson for the subdivision said they felt they had lost \$20,000 on the price of their individual homes just because they could no longer say they had a Northville mailing address.

But apparently the postal service was already aware, and, in fact, right in the midst of making major changes to the ZIP codes in Novi. So why the secrecy? Why couldn't the people of Novi know what the postal service knew? Why did the postal service send out "preliminary releases" to local officials but stonewall the local press? Just so we could get the information in a carefully orchestrated press conference?

At the time we thought that seemed a little extravagant. In fact, we said, somewhat facetiously, if a ZIP code could bring more money for houses, perhaps Novi Township should have shopped around for a really expensive ZIP — or perhaps they should get one all their own.

That may be happening. When Novi gets four ZIP codes a lot of little things will occur. For those that switch to a new ZIP code their address will change. Not a big deal, but definitely a bother. There's the address labels to change, the checks to reorder, the far-off friends to let know about the change. It's like moving in that sense.

Not that we're against the press conference. The Postal Service will be able to hand out information packets and maps that will clearly define the new ZIP code areas. That's important information and we're anxious to get it. It would be nice, however, if the people whose mail will be affected by the change were notified at the same time public officials got the word. It doesn't do much for your faith in government to be told that "no changes" are planned one minute — and then hear about major changes the next.

The change is a realignment by the U.S. Postal Service of ZIP codes in Oakland, Livingston and Macomb counties to expedite postal service in rapidly growing areas. It does not have anything to do with the council's original wish to have all of Novi with strictly a Novi ZIP code.

It would be easy to say that ZIP codes are not a big deal. But that isn't really true. The City of Novi has been discussing changes in ZIP codes for some time now, and residents have shown in the past that changes to their ZIP codes affect them personally and, some claim, economically.

In fact, there is a bill in the U.S. Congress, House Bill 2380, sponsored by U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, which calls for ZIP codes to be aligned with municipal boundaries. That bill is still in the Postal and Civil Service Committee.

In 1987 the Novi City Council discussed the merits of having all of Novi under its 48050 ZIP code. That meant the northern portions of Novi in the Walled Lake 48088 ZIP code area, and the southern portion in the Northville 48167 ZIP, would have moved into the 48050 ZIP. This was basically just a wish of the city council — that everyone who actually lived in Novi have the same Novi ZIP code.

City Manager Edward Kriewall has said it is his understanding that the four new ZIP codes will be for the City of Novi only and will not cross city lines. If that is true, Novi officials may finally get that sense of community they felt was missing from having three ZIP codes.

They'll get it by having four ZIP codes all their own.

Preservation efforts deserve support

The casual visitor to Novi, seeing the 20th-anniversary banners flying at the civic center, might conclude that the city has had a relatively short history.

On the surface Novi seems like a very new community. New subdivisions, new roads, new trees, new schools, new civic center. It's easy to forget the past.

As a city, yes. But not as a community. When the Yerkes House on Eight Mile burned down, Novi lost its only official historic site. "Official" is the key word, however. Novi has a lot of history left, and some recent efforts to preserve that history deserve support.

It takes someone like Barbara Louie, who weekly reminds us of the city's history on the page opposite this one, to bring out the community's rich past. Or someone like Loretta Buffa, who put together the society's map of historical sites.

Without these efforts, it would be very easy to forget that there is a house on Twelve Mile which dates back to 1829. It would be easy to forget that names like Ingersol are more than just names — there are people behind them. People and actions and events which shape the community of today.

Novi has to keep in close touch with its past if its future is going to be everything it can. Efforts like the preservation ordinance and the plaques are helping Novi keep its perspective on itself.

Time and how we use it

I pulled into the parking lot at Vic Tanny the other day and was stuck behind three cars. The two cars ahead of me were waiting behind a woman in a big blue car who was waiting for someone to pull out of a space near the front of the lot. Finally the car pulled out, the blue car pulled in and the woman grabbed her Nike shoulder bag and strode purposefully toward the gym. That's when I started thinking about time and how we use it.



Ann Willis

I can't figure it out. We're so busy we can't exercise. But we have to exercise so we invent machines to give us a complete workout in 15 minutes. Then we wait in line for an hour to use it. Time, and how we use it, is a puzzle to me.

I live close to a grocery store. By close I mean the store is within a few blocks. But I never walk to the store. I just never think about it. When I lived in Chicago I always walked to the grocery store. I have outrageously long arms and I owe it all to trying to carry three bags full of canned soup home from the store. Now I get grumpy if I have to park more than a block from the office.

This woman was obviously in a hurry. She needed that close-in space so she could quickly rush out of her car and get inside to exercise. The thought of walking from the rear of the lot into the fitness center probably didn't appeal to her. Explaining to her that the walk would have been considered "exercise" of a sort would not have been the polite thing to do, I figured.

Last month I did something for old times' sake. I needed some milk and bread so I walked to the store. It wasn't a bad walk. In fact, it was kind of pleasant. But I started to get a little jumpy in the checkout line. This was all taking so long, and I still had to walk home. By the time I got home I was downright angry. I had wasted all that time. If I had driven to the store the whole errand would have taken 10 minutes, tops. The walk had cost me probably an hour. I couldn't believe what I had done.

I thought about this again when I read Leslie Pereira's article on StairMaster exercise machines. It's on page 10D. Leslie talked to people at Vic Tanny who are crazy for these new machines. I don't know much about them because the line is always so long in front of them that I've never tried them. Anything that is that popular I tend to be wary of. I search for the cast-off machines that were "in" last month.

After I had put away the groceries I sat down. And it came to me. Yeah, I would have saved all that time — I time I could have put to such good use. Like waiting in line to exercise.

Leslie interviewed people who said they have waited up to an hour to use these machines. The people who sell these marvelous pieces of equipment say they are so great because they offer a complete workout in

Maybe slowing down isn't such a bad idea. It might just gain me some time.

Ann Willis is the managing editor of the Novi News and The Northville Record.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



This time with feeling Beaten by winter weather

They say everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it. If you ask me, it's time for some action. The elements have been having fun at my expense for the last several months, and I'm pretty darn tired of it.



Bob Needham

I've lived in the Detroit area all my life. I know about winters here. In fact, I've never even been on a winter vacation. Every time there has been a winter storm, I've been here to experience the fun.

harder: even Dad was stumped. We tried everything. You don't know embarrassing until you've spent some time blow-drying your car engine in front of the neighbors.

But of course my car was parked on dirt. Of course by morning the wheels were sunk in three inches of mud. And of course I had to be at the printing plant in Howell, like, now.

But it hasn't always been cold. Oh, no. Parts of this winter have also been among the warmest ever seen. One evening, while I peacefully slept, the rains came. Not only did they come, they sat down, put their feet up on the table and decided to stay awhile.

The details are too ugly to recount in a family newspaper. Let me just say that with the invaluable aid of my fiancee, Dawn, the car finally got moving in an explosion of mud, the vast bulk of which landed squarely on me.

There's more. For example, I could tell you how Dawn and I have wanted to go cross-country skiing all winter, but have not been able to — foiled by the elements at every turn. Or about how much fun I've had driving on ice.

My car, however, is a native of Korea. (Silly me! When I bought a Pontiac, I thought I was buying American.) My car was not ready for the second-coldest December in recorded history. And one brisk Friday morning, I turned the key and my car just said, "Sorry. Not today. I'm hibernating."

But you get the idea. I've had it; the white fluff is up. Winter has beaten me. I know the worst is probably over. But if we get one more storm, I'm not leaving my apartment until May.

It eventually started again, three days later, with the magic touch of my dad. But then there was a repeat performance in early February. This time starting was

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Bob Needham is editor of the Novi News and Northville Record.

Landfill ignores community

To the Editor:

This letter is to protest the proposed landfill by Holloway Construction Company at Napier and Eight Mile.

We are longtime residents (57 years) of Napier Road. Most certainly we don't want another landfill (dump) in our area.

We have all seen what happened at the "Six Mile dump" (formerly owned by Holloway). Know of the desecration of the land, people and wells in the area surrounding that landfill.

The Holloway Construction Co. spokesperson wants us to believe only tree stumps and cement will be dumped in the proposed landfill.

Why don't we believe this? Once they gain approval, they'll dump whatever, and policing would be very difficult.

The Holloway spokesperson stated, "If people living around the site aren't aware of the sand and gravel operation, they won't even know that the landfill is there."

We are speaking of a landfill of trucks. And we took that statement as an insult!

We have a horrendous amount of truck traffic thundering down Napier Road at high speeds literally shaking our homes, creating clouds of dust and leaving the road in constant need of repair.

We find it hard to believe the City of Novi would want another "Six Mile dump site" in the city with all the headaches and heartaches it could bring.

Landfills are home-makers and the Holloway Construction Co. knows how to do that!

Why does Mr. Holloway continue to take from the community and ruin our beautiful countryside?

Norwood and Arlene Balco

Dump issues

To the Editor:

When I first read the proposal for a landfill at the northeast corner of Napier and Eight Mile Roads, my reaction was perhaps the same as many living in my particular area. I.e., it's far enough away not to bother me. However, during the days following the announcement, several factors have become evident which have changed my mind.

1. During a particularly warm day with strong winds out of the southwest, nauseating smells of decaying matter from the landfill at

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Napier and Six Mile Road permeated, via my closed garage, into my home.

Of course, the waste matter must go somewhere — that is understood — and unfortunately there does not seem to be a solution to this problem, unless it is attacked at the doorsteps of those creating the waste. We get tree trunks because bulldozers tear up the ground in total disregard for the aesthetic and environmental aspects of the area. We get building waste because no effort is made to recycle the bricks, concrete and steel. We get too much paper which is not recyclable because of over-packaging (plastic packets within a paper packet, within a cardboard box, within a plastic/paper carrier bag).

I feel more concerned for the folks living in close proximity to the proposed landfill than for myself, but still feel that Northville and Novi (particularly on the "right" side of the tracks) should be now left alone to enjoy what little peace they have left.

Isn't it ironic that wetlands are protected to give animals and birds the right to live in a safe environment, but the human species is being steadily threatened by its own kind?

Please listen to the raised voices and read every letter and stop this rape of the countryside before it goes any further.

Kil Henderson
Northville Township

Neighbors

To the Editor:

We Christians are commended to "Love thy neighbor." I would like the Novi City Council and the planning commission members to think about whether they have shown love of neighbor.

Does the "Grand Plan" show love when they plan to move their "undesirable" businesses to the borders of their north and west neighbors of Wixom and Lyon Township?

Do they show love if they plan to locate a landfill across the street from their southern neighbor Northville Township?

Please consider these plans

Poll fallout

To the Editor:

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Richard Schwaller

Good scouts

To the Editor:

I would like to commend the efforts of Matt Hoffman and other scouts from Boy Scout Troop 54, girl scouts from Troop 3711, local veterans, cemetery descendent Peter Miller, and other volunteers in the cleanup, repair and overall visual improvement of the Knapp Cemetery located near the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Novi Road. This accomplishment is a fine example of our community's interest in preserving our area history and is greatly admired and appreciated by the Novi Historical Commission.

John A. Thomson
Novi Historical Commission

M & M sale

To the Editor:

The Debate/Forensics Parent Booster Club met on Feb. 12 in the library at the Novi High School. After spring break the students in forensics will sell M & M's as a fund-raiser for their trip to Mackinac Island in May and to help in the funding of summer debate camps at varied universities throughout the United States. Both of these endeavors can be as much as \$50 per student. Any and all support for these young adults' efforts is greatly appreciated.

Sally Marchak
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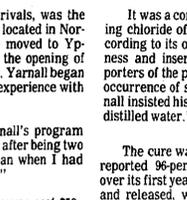
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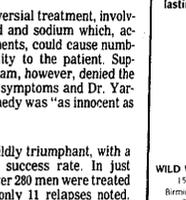
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Local bakery blooms from dessert cart

By PATRICK KEATING

The Country Epicure restaurant at 42050 Grand River in Novi has a pleasant secret hidden within its walls — a bake shop.

Until a recent television profile, the Country Epicure's bake shop was apparently a little known secret. In fact, the shop has been around for some time.

Pastry chef Michele Peppo explains how the bake shop came to be. "We were doing pastries for the restaurant, and people liked them. We made a cake order sheet that people could select from."

According to Peppo, since they were making their own desserts, "When we remodeled, we just put in a bake shop."

According to Peppo, the remodeling occurred in 1985, soon after the restaurant opened. Once sitting some

150 people, it now sits about 350.

Peppo, who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1984, once studied with former White House pastry chef Cumin at the International Pastry Art Center in Bedford Hills, N.Y. There, she took classes in chocolate and dough. Her first job was assistant pastry chef at the Van Dyke Place in Detroit.

Her assistant, Sue Stefanko, worked at the Appetizer for a little over two years before coming to the Country Epicure about two years ago.

Unlike Peppo, Stefanko didn't have any formal education in the art of pastry making. "She basically taught me everything I know," Stefanko said of Peppo. "I didn't go to school for any of this."

The bake shop is not a separate shop in the sense that there is a



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Michele Peppo, left, and Sue Stefanko of Country Epicure's bakery, show off some cakes in their downstairs workroom.

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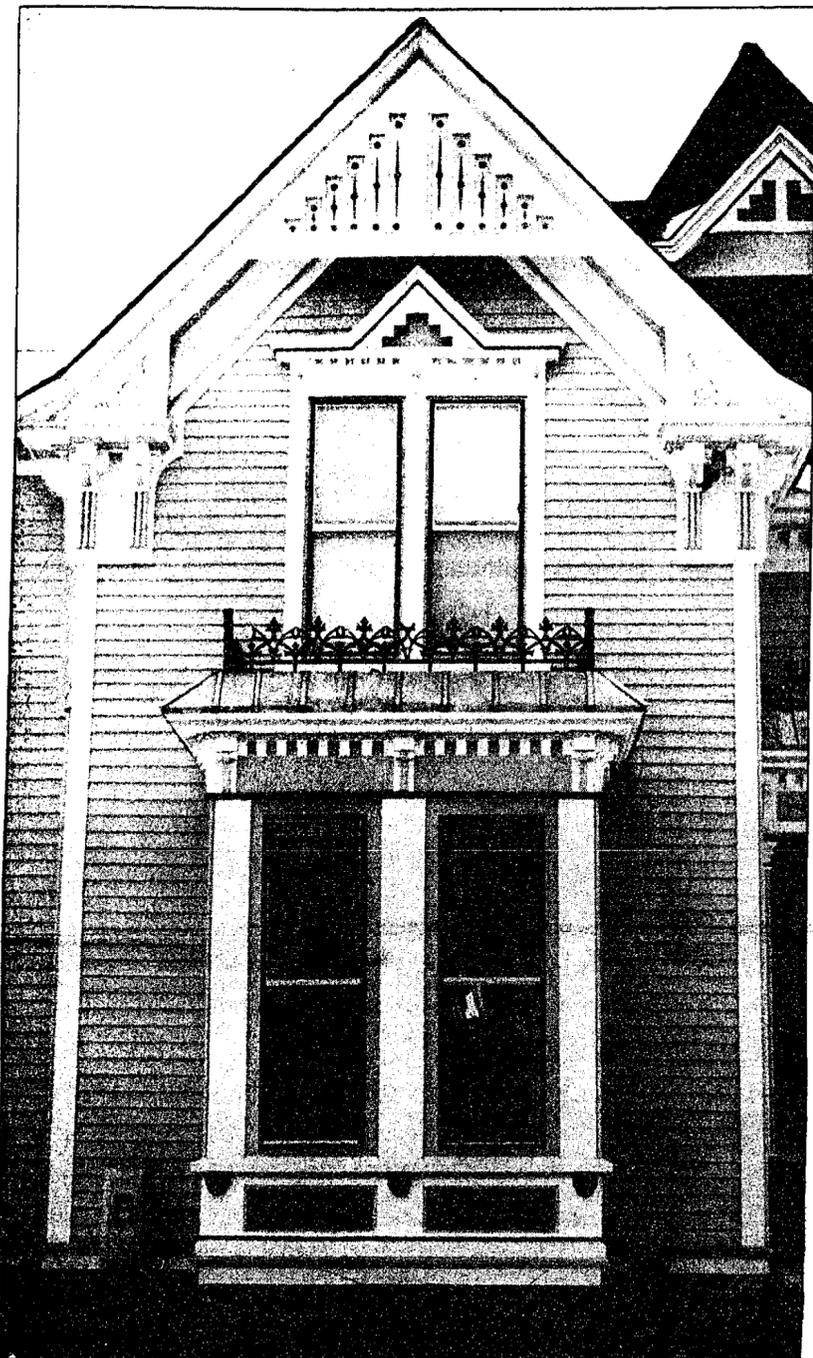
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Learning home-building terms can help find 'perfect' house



Are you looking for a new "old home" or a brand new house and don't really understand what the realtor is talking about when he or she mentions things like cornices, balustrades, bearing walls, braces, bridging, cavity walls, chamfered edges and collar beams?

You are certainly not alone in your puzzlement. As spring draws nearer and soft breezes beckon, more and more couples will be searching the advertisements for the "perfect" home for them and their families. However, when it comes to being knowledgeable about home construction terms they may feel less than adequately informed.

Anyone who would like to be enlightened in this area may send to the General Services Administration, Consumer Information Center (XC), Washington, DC 20405 for a copy of the "Homeowner's Glossary of Building Terms." Enclose \$1 for your copy.

The 13-page booklet briefly defines basic construction, repair and maintenance terms used by builders and realtors. The alphabetized listing provides a quick reference for homeowners who are unfamiliar with building terminology.

Under the term "cornice," the reader will find a simplified definition which states "horizontal projection at the top of a wall or under the overhanging part of the roof."

Anyone who has ever enjoyed viewing a street of older homes will tell you most cornices are a lot fancier and more attractive than this makes them sound. Cornices not only add beauty to many older homes, they sometimes provide clues as to when the houses were built and what the prevailing style of architecture was at that time.

Cornices are constructed of layers of different styles of molding which ornamented everything from the tops of windows to the porches and roof peaks.

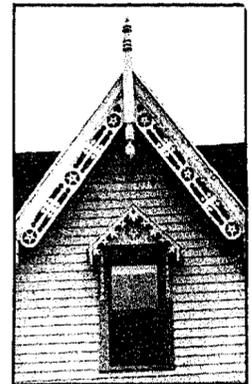
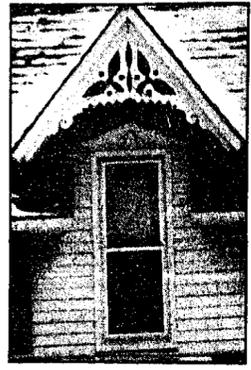
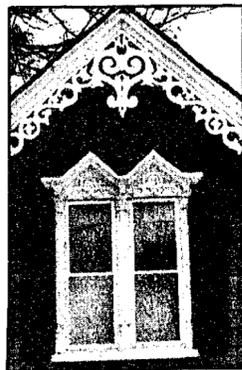
The more curls they have, the more attractive they are and the tougher they are to keep in good repair, especially at painting time.

Unfortunately, due to difficulties with maintenance, many cornices are disappearing from buildings and less complicated forms of decoration are taking their place.

But cornices are not the only things described in the "Homeowner's Glossary of Building Terms." Whether you are contemplating buying a new home or purchasing an historic one, a knowledge of building terms comes in handy.

Test yourself on these, many of which have double meanings:

- Apron — the paved area, such as the juncture of a driveway with the street or with a garage entrance.
- Balusters — Upright supports of a balustrade rail.



- Balustrade — A row of ballusters topped by a rail, edging a balcony or a staircase.
- Batten — small thin strips covering joints between wider boards on exterior building surfaces.
- Bearing wall — a wall that supports a floor or roof of a building.
- Bib or bibcock — a water faucet to which a hose may be attached, also called a hose bib or sill cock.
- Bleeding — seeping of resin or gum from lumber. This term is also used in referring to the process of drawing air from water pipes.
- Brace — a piece of wood or other material used to form a triangle and stiffen some part of a structure.
- Bridging — small wood or metal pieces placed diagonally between floor joists.
- Butt joint — Joining point of two pieces of wood or molding.
- Cantilever — a projecting beam or joist, not supported at one end, used to support an extension of a structure.
- Carriage — the member which supports the steps or treads of a stair.
- Cavity wall — a hollow wall formed by firmly linked masonry walls, providing an insulating air space between.
- Chair rail — wooden molding on a wall around a room at the level of a chair back.
- Chamfered edge — molding with pared-off corners.
- Chase — a groove in a masonry wall or through a floor to accommodate pipes or ducts.
- Chimney breast — the horizontal projection of a chimney from the wall in which it is built.
- Cistern — a tank to catch and store rain water.
- Collar beam — a horizontal beam

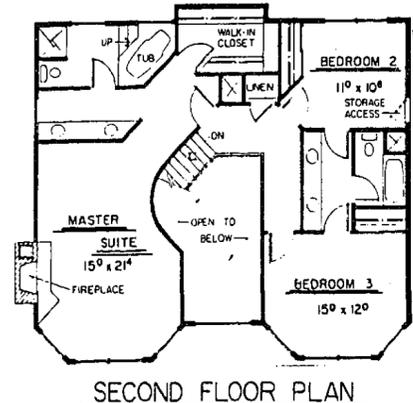
- fastened above the lower ends of rafters to add rigidity.
- Cripples — cut-off framing members above and below windows.
- Door buck — the rough frame of a door.
- Efflorescence — white powder that forms on the surface of brick.
- Fascia — a flat horizontal member of a cornice placed in a vertical position.
- Furring — thin wood, or metal applied to a wall to level the surface for lathing, boarding, or plastering, to create an insulating air space, and to dampproof the wall.
- Gambrel roof — a roof with two pitches, designed to provide more space on upper floors. The roof is steeper on its lower slope and flatter toward the ridge.
- Gusset — a brace or bracket used to strengthen a structure.
- Heel — the end of a rafter that rests on the wall plate.
- Jalousies — windows with movable, horizontal glass slats angled to admit ventilation and keep out rain. This term is also used for outside shutters of wood constructed in the same manner.
- Jamb — an upright surface that lines an opening for a door or window.
- King-post — the middle post of a truss.
- Lally column — a steel tube sometimes filled with concrete, used to support girders or other floor beams.
- Weep hole — a small hole in a wall which permits water to drain off.

Older homes offer interesting and picturesque cornices like those displayed here

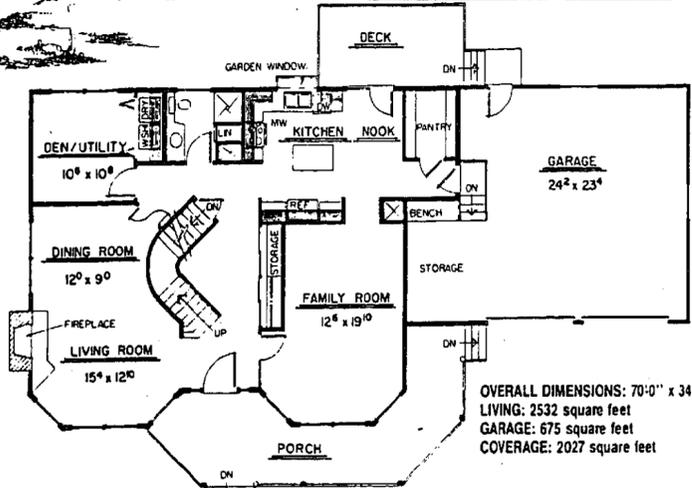
Around the House: Designs for Living



WASHINGTON 2



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



MAIN FLOOR PLAN

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 70'-0" x 34'-0"
LIVING: 2532 square feet
GARAGE: 675 square feet
COVERAGE: 2027 square feet

19th century feel in design

By James McAlexander

A large wraparound covered front porch gives a feeling of 19th century comfort to the Washington 2.

The main floor is designed to be a busy place, with a living room to one side of the entry and large family room to the other.

At the back is a country kitchen with central island and attached pantry. In good weather, meals can be served on the rear deck accessible directly from the kitchen.

The dining area is indicated at the back of the living room mainly for the aesthetics of having the table by the

fireplace and adjacent windows. However, some cooks may prefer to serve in the family room, which is closer to the kitchen.

A den/utility area in the back of the house provides a quiet work space or optional guest room. A bath tucked between the den and kitchen means that guests don't have to trek all the way upstairs to find the bathrooms on the second floor.

Extra space has been provided for in the two-car garage for shop area or storage. Do-it-yourselfers and home carners will find plenty of room for work bench, freezer, tools and supplies. This storage is in addition to

the pantry, linen shelves and large hall closet.

The upstairs is entirely devoted to sleeping quarters. The master suite includes private bath with raised tub and walk-in closet. The two smaller bedrooms share a bath and vanity between them. The master suite and front bedroom both enjoy bay windows similar to the ones that brighten the living and family rooms.

For a study plan of the Washington 2 (228-02), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to include plan name and number when ordering.)

Around the House Repairs

Clean and wax to enhance wood

By Gene Gary

Q: We recently moved into a house with wood parquet flooring in the family room. I believe it is hardwood, perhaps oak. Unfortunately, it looks dull and dingy. I need to know how to revive this flooring to bring out the natural wood. Do you have any suggestions on cleaners and polishes that would be suitable?—V.

A: Frequent cleaning and a regular program of waxing are essential to maintaining and enhancing wood surfaces. There are three basic types of wax for wooden floors, each of which has certain advantages and drawbacks. Buffable paste waxes, for example, produce a deep, durable luster. With occasional buffing, the shine will last three or four months, sometimes longer, depending on the location of the floor and the traffic it receives. The drawback, of course, is that these waxes require buffing. This means owning or renting an electric floor polisher or getting down on your hands and knees to buff the floor. Buffable liquid waxes, the second type, perform much like paste wax. They produce a pleasant gleam and can be touched up between waxings by buffing. They are easier to apply but not quite as durable as paste wax.

The most important thing to remember about cleaning wooden floors is to avoid using water or water-based products. All wooden-floor waxes contain cleaning agents. The waxes are solvent-based, and solvents loosen the dirt and old wax layers. Thus, as you apply the new coating, dirt and old wax are picked up by the applicator.

For maximum cleaning power, wooden-floor wax should be applied with a soft cloth or with a wax applicator covered with a soft cloth. It is necessary to turn the cloth frequently, since dirt and old wax accumulate on the cloth. A wax applicator without a cloth will clog up quickly, minimizing the cleaning ability of the solvent-based wax.

•The third type of wax is a self-polishing cleaner-wax. Like buffable waxes, one-step products clean as they wax. The advantage is that they do not require hand or electric buffing. The same ingredients that make these waxes self-polishing also make them incompatible with buffable waxes. Before using self-polishing liquid wax (for the first time), it is necessary to remove old layers of buffable wax.

This is not too difficult. First, clean the floor of dirt and dust. Then apply the self-polishing wax (for the first time), it is necessary to remove old layers of buffable wax. This is not too difficult. First, clean the floor of dirt and dust. Then apply the self-polishing wax liberally to small areas at a time (the solvents in the wax dissolve the old layers). Before the wax has a chance to dry, wipe the floor clean. The old wax comes up in the cloth, and the floor is ready for a new coat.

When using a self-polishing wax, be sure to spread it evenly with a clean cloth or a wax applicator covered with cloth. Do not use a plastic sponge, mop or applicator. Work small areas at a time, approximately four feet by four feet. Finish the job with straight, even strokes in one direction. Allow wax film to dry about 30 minutes before using the room. All of these waxes are usually available at hardware stores or janitorial supply firms.

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How to turn room into an efficiency

By Rose Bennett Gilbert

Q: Our 19-year-old son will be living with us during a protracted break in his college career—he is coming home to work while he decides what he really wants to do. I would like to do over his room so it becomes a self-contained apartment, and any ideas will be appreciated.—L.S.M.

A: Treat his room as if it were an efficiency apartment, minus the kitchen. Instead of a bed, I would use a sleep sofa with a cocktail table in front; lamps tailored for a living room; a desk, if the space; and a couple of comfortable chairs for guests.

Your almost-grown son, accustomed as he is to living on his own, will appreciate a place to entertain his friends. The less bedroom the decor, therefore, the better.

The photo we show here offers another idea worth appropriating: the wall-long storage unit that houses records and A/V equipment in a minimum of floor space.

The unit is easily home-built from inexpensive pine boards and plywood because it's wrapped in remnants from the carpeting that covers the floor, wall to wall (it's made of Anso V Worlyfree nylon, which is anti-static as well as nylon and stain-repellent.)

Both you and your son will appreciate the acoustical benefits of so much carpeting, as well, especially when he cranks up the compact disc player.

Q: We are arguing over what color to paint the side porch on our late 19th century Victorian. The gingerbread railings will be white like the rest of the house, and we have agreed to make the floor a bright green.

My husband insists that the porch ceiling must be blue—he says they're always blue, but he doesn't know why. Do you?—S.H.

A: Because the clue cuts down the glare and adds to the cooling qualities made porches so important during pre-air-conditioning days. Any dark color would perform the same service, as long as you stay on the cool side of the color wheel—purple, violet, blue-greens and the like.

Q: I have wonderful old glass-paned kitchen cabinets, which we worked very hard to strip to the original oak and refinish.

I don't have the nerve to tell my husband, but I hate looking at all the canned goods and stuff. The dishes aren't so bad, but still, I want to blur the view. How?—P.D.

A: Remember, many Victorian kitchens were built for the help, not the mistress of the household. It was businesslike and convenient for the cook and her assistants to be able to see the contents of the cabinets; hence, the popularity of glass fronts. While your cabinets are vintage and charming, there are ways to cover the glass without actually removing it. Some ideas:

•Short curtains stretched on rods, either outside or in.
 •Sponge-painting the glass (on the inside).

•Spray-painting through a dolly for a lacy effect.
 •Spray-painting stripes on the glass—mask the panes on the diagonal with wide tape, spray, and peel off the tape.

Use water-base paint that can be more easily removed if you ever change your mind.

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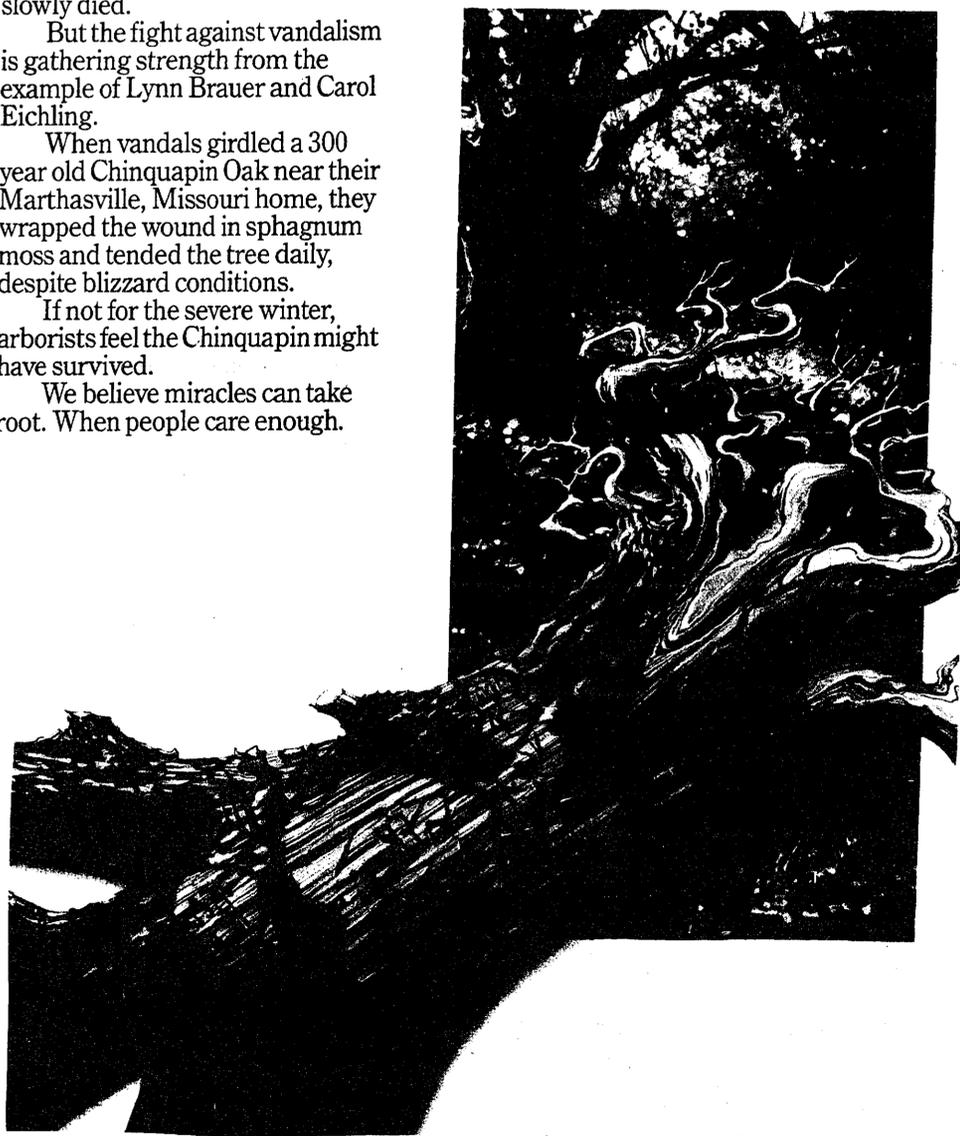
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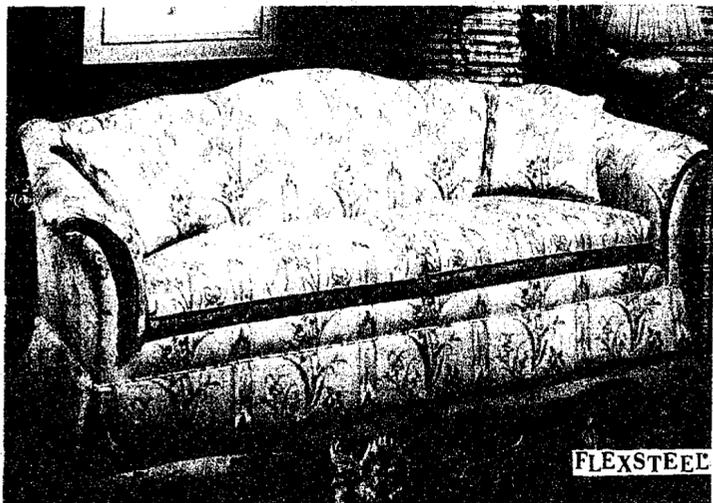
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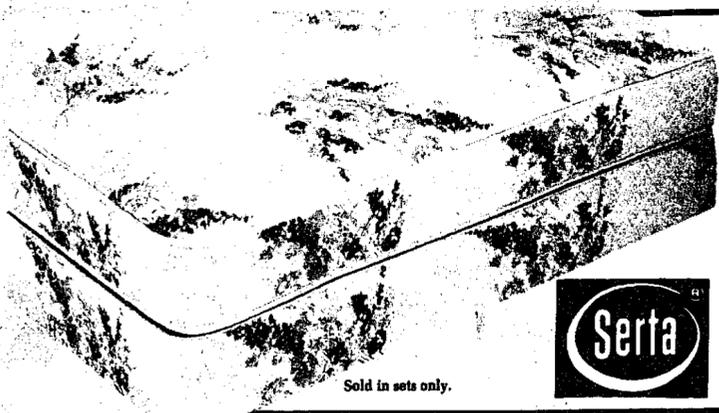


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Futons make any living room cozy, as John Heinlen and Mary Kay Ausum show; all the seating furniture in this room are futons



FUTONS

Story by Bob Needham
Photos by Chris Boyd

In the up position, the "A" frame futon is a chair
In the down position, the "A" frame futon is a bed

OTHERS ARE:

East meets west in the living room

"You sleep on a what?"
That may be a common reaction when someone mentions their futon. But as more people buy the things, more people become aware of them — and of the advantages they have over conventional beds.

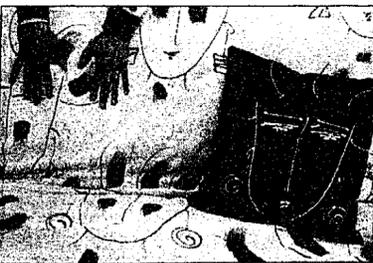
To get the basics out of the way right up front: According to area futon store owners — yes, there are such things as futon stores — a futon is a sort of mattress which has been used in Japan and elsewhere for the last 4,000 years or so. The last 20 of those years have seen their popularity spread to the United States and, particularly in the last three or four years, to Michigan.

John Heinlen, co-owner of East/West Futons in Novi, said futons have been popular in the Chicago area for quite a while. "Michigan, being more suburbs, it's taken a little longer to catch on," he said.

The futon craze is now officially under way in southeast Michigan, however. Sandy Cadotte, owner of Dragon's Lair Futons in Ann Arbor, said her store has seen big changes since its 1984 opening.

"We took a big gamble. We thought we'd either sell a million or none," she said. Nowadays the store sells "a ton."

It's boom time for futons.



The futon has no springs of any kind. Cotton is the basic ingredient, but some contain wool, foam or down. The layers of fiber are bound up in white canvas to create a thick, foldable mat. Covers are available to go on top of this, fitting the futon in with any imaginable decorating scheme.

A futon can go right on the floor, but most often in this country people put them on wood frames. And here arises one of the biggest advantages of futons: most frames are adaptable to a couple of different uses. The usual arrangement is for the frame to be upright during the day, with the futon folded on it, serving as a couch. At night the frame folds out into a bed.

Of course, you may use a futon exclusively as a couch or bed; the futon can go on any type of slatted or platform-style bed frame. But the store owners said the flexibility is one of the most popular features of futons.

It is by no means the only advantage, however.

□ Back support, which probably runs a close second to flexibility.

"I like the firm support," said Mary Kay Ausum, the other co-owner of East/West Futons. "It's supposed to be good for the back."

Cadotte goes further than that: she said she has actually seen people come into the store with prescriptions for futons. "They're starting to be recognized more by chiropractors and doctors for their benefits," she said.

□ Price. You can take home a futon package — futon, cover and frame — for about \$200 or \$250. Most packages sell in the \$300 to \$600 range.

If you're determined to do so, however, you can pay upwards of \$1,000 for a package. And if you start adding accessory items — lamps, end tables, and the like, which are sold at some futon stores — the sky's the limit.

The bottom line, however, is that you can probably buy a decent futon setup for less than the cheapest decent bed setup.

□ Weight and portability. A full-size futon weighs less than a full-size bed and a lot less than a typical foldaway bed.

Futons, when they're assembled, are easier to carry than beds. But the frames usually come apart — in only about a half-dozen pieces, so don't worry — making them even easier to transport. Cadotte said students especially appreciate this: "They'll fit in about any situation."

• Comfort. All three store owners said futons can be more comfortable than conventional beds. In addition, Ausum said, "The natural fibers keep you warm in the winter and cool in summer."

• Durability. With proper care — keeping it clean and dry, and occasionally fluffing and turning — there is no telling how long a futon can last.

"There's nothing, really, to wear out. I've had futons come back that were 75 years old" — needing only a new cover, Cadotte said.

• Flexibility in decor. Most futon covers cost less than \$100, and they can be replaced by simply unzipping the old one. "To decorate, that's very cheap. A cheap way to change your look," Ausum said. "They have tremendous versatility."

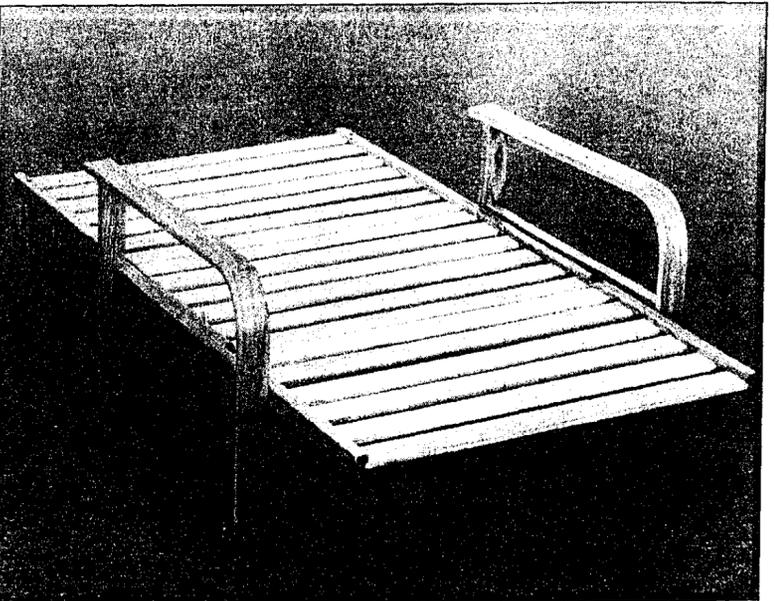
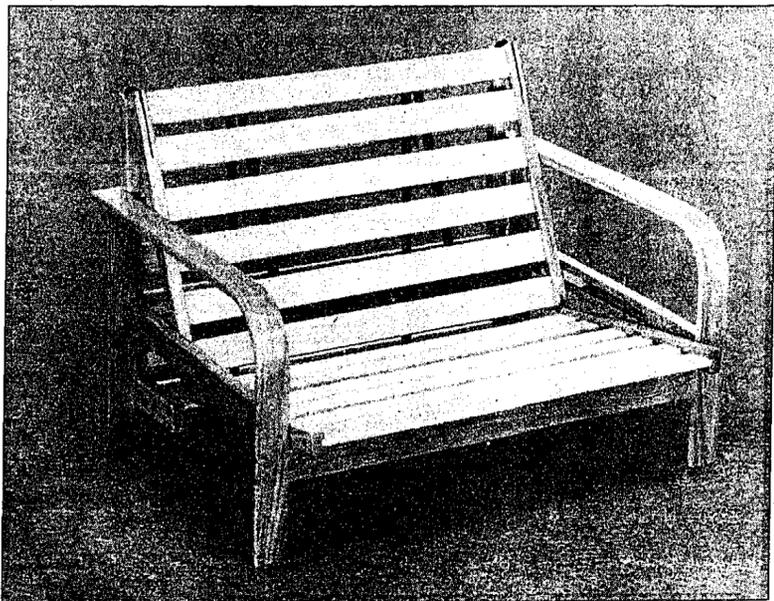
In spite of the growing futon market, many people still do not know about them. Heinlen said: "We have a lot of people who walk in who have no idea what a futon is." The Novi store's customers are suburbanites, many of them upscale.

Cadotte said her typical futon buyers are "usually naturally earthy-type people . . . a graduated hippie." She also said they seem to be more honest than the average consumer; she has received only six bad checks in six years of business.

Both stores, however, report drawing customers from all over, from Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Highland, Brighton, Howell, and Pinckney — and even out of state.

It seems futons can attract anyone. Heinlen and Ausum spoke of a man from Sri Lanka who came into their store.

"In my country, the poorer people sleep on futons," the man told them. "Myself, I prefer it."



Travel

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Visitors to the jungles of Belize in South America are advised never to wander away from the trails.

Tracking jaguars through the Belizean jungle

By JOHN CASTLE special writer

Monkeys chattered high in the treetops. On the muddy jungle floor lay the tracks of a large jaguar. It didn't seem possible I had left that morning for my flight from Detroit Metro. Within eight hours I was watching jungle animals in the heart of a Central American rain forest.

My trip was inspired by the "Programme for Belize," a group fighting to preserve the Belizean wilderness. Their folder painted a picture of a land rich in wildlife. The lure proved irresistible.

A month later I flew over Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula into the tiny Caribbean country formerly called British Honduras.

Belize is the size of Massachusetts, with the population of Warren, Mich. Most of its 165,000 inhabitants live in Belize City and half a dozen other towns, leaving the rest of the country virtually uninhabited.

From Belize City, Javier's Air Service shuttled me 50 miles west to the jungle outpost of Galton Jug. Then I was driven deep into the rain forest to Chan Chich Lodge.

The lodge overlooks the ruins of an ancient Mayan city. Tropical growth crowds its thatched-roof cabanas. Trails fan out into the jungle. One of them yielded the tracks I saw on my first day there.

Studying jaguars was my main goal. These cats, the world's third largest feline, have intrigued me for years. Here was a chance to learn about them firsthand.

Wild cats abound in Belize. Scarcely a week goes by without someone at the lodge seeing a jaguar, ocelot or margay. The jaguars, called tigers by native Belizeans, are protected, so they've lost much of their fear of man. A maid recently watched in

awe as one of the big cats emerged from the jungle and walked around the lodge in broad daylight.

Guide Gilbert "Jack" Vasquez had a closer brush. He was grooming a trail when a jaguar slunk out of a palm thicket and padded toward him.

"He was a big tiger... head like this," Jack said, making a circle with his arms. "I shout and he sees me. Lucky thing he goes away."

Clearing trails is Jack's daily job. Belize's poisonous snakes, the dreaded fer-de-lance (nicknamed "tommygoff") and the coral snake, hide under dead palm leaves. Removing them makes the trails safer for hikers.

Boa constrictors also infest Belize. They're so ubiquitous they even lurk inside the cities. One day the lodge's generator-driven clothes dryer stopped spinning. A boa had wrapped itself tightly around the rotor.

I probed the jungle trails daily without encountering a snake. Unfortunately, that also held true for cats. I didn't see a single jaguar, but saw many signs of them.

One morning, hiking along a path toward the Guatemala border, I came upon what looked like a wildcat convention. Ocelot prints peppered the mud. A few yards farther on were the saucer-sized tracks of a male and a female jaguar. Handmade plaster casts of the prints let me preserve them for future study.

Cats were my main target, but not my only interest. I didn't balk when a bird offered to take me under his wing.

Birders are birdwatchers who travel the world trying to see and identify as many bird species as possible. Ellis Knudson, of McLean, Va., was on a birding binge. He had already glassed 167 species at Chan Chich when I joined him for a day-long hunt.

Between tropical downpours, we

saw comical "banana-billed" toucans, laughing falcons that actually go "ha ha" at you, and rare ocellated turkeys. After dinner we drove his rented four-by-four along a narrow road to look for night birds. Almost immediately our headlights picked up eyespines.

"My gosh," Ellis said. "a tapir."

Not 70 yards away was Belize's national animal browsing nonchalantly on roadside bushes. The cowlike beast was shoveling food into its mouth with a flexible upper lip that resembled a small elephant trunk.

We watched helplessly. Neither of us had armed our cameras with flashguns.

Later on we saw a pair of eyes dancing across a field. The animal was a blur in our binoculars. We thought it was an ocelot, but later saw it was a gray fox.

Before leaving Chan Chich and the hospitality of hosts Tom and Josie Harding, I saw white-tailed deer, monkeys, parrots, leaf-cutter ants and other jungle creatures. Crocodiles, coatis and kinkajous remained hidden.

Many animals were foreign to me. I kept hearing people talk about gibnuts. It came as a surprise to learn they don't grow on trees, but are jackrabbit-sized rodents called pacas.

Roast gibnut is a delicacy to chicheros, those jungle hardened men who roam the tropics, tapping sapodilla trees for the gumlike chicle used in chewing gum.

I saw machete wounds on trees and thatched shelters made by chicheros, but never met any of them on the trails. It's just as well. Who knows how these jungle men would greet a lone gringo invading their frontier?

Sometimes bootprints of soldiers appeared in the mud. Great Britain maintains a garrison at Belize.

Troopers use the Chan Chich wilderness to train for jungle warfare.

While back a soldier wandered away from his squad. The jungle swallowed him. Helicopter pilots and 600 men searched in vain. He stumbled out of the jungle four days later, cut and bruised, his fatigues torn to shreds.

No wonder the lodge cautions visitors to stay on trails. It's hard to think of danger when you're taking hot showers and eating candlelight dinners at a luxury lodge like Chan Chich. But the staff constantly reminds you "it's a jungle out there."

And it's prudent to pay attention. One man who went on a hike with me ignored the warning. He left the path to explore a pile of rocks that looked like a Mayan ruin. Two barbed thorns buried themselves in his forearm, inflicting a nasty wound.

I hated to leave Chan Chich, but decided to go to the Mayan Mountains in east-central Belize to visit the world's only jaguar preserve.

Returning to Belize City, I checked into Hotel Mopan. Proprietors Tom and Jean Shaw came to my aid, arranging for me to rent a four-wheeled station wagon for my day-long trip.

On the way down, an alert gas station attendant averted a possible crisis.

"Fire low," he said, pointing to the right front. "Do you want to me fix it?"

I quickly agreed. He found a small nail and patched the hole. If he hadn't noticed the slow leak, I would have suffered a flat tire in the bowels of the jungle.

My trip had other complications. A tropical disturbance churning in the Caribbean threatened to wash out the dogs. Luckily, the storm veered off. The road into the refuge was muddy anyhow. Two streams and several

dogs nearly defeated me, but I finally conquered the five tough miles.

Near the preserve's building, a bearded man loomed into sight. He turned out to be Robert Bristol, an environmentalist from the Black Hills of South Dakota. He had packed in the night before. And what a hike he had.

"At sunset, I saw fresh jaguar tracks in the mud," he said. "Night fell. I was in the middle of nowhere and not sure where I was going. Walking in the dark with that cat on your mind. That's spooky."

No one was at camp headquarters. Luckily, the bunkhouse was unlocked, so the two of us spent the night there.

Before bedding down, I explored several jungle paths. A river trail yielded the tracks of a tapir and a large jaguar. The cat's tracks were smoking hot. I knew how my friend felt the night before.

Robert drove out with me the next morning to buy food at the nearby village of Mayan Center. On the way we met Ignacio Pop, the refuge's head warden.

He indicated the jaguars there are thriving and multiplying and said about 25 were in the area.

Despite their large numbers, seeing a wild jaguar seemed to compare favorably with winning the national lottery. That doesn't mean it never happens. A couple picnicking in the preserve saw a flash of orange. A jaguar had slunk down to a nearby creek. It lapped up water, glanced around, then melted back into the jungle as silently as it had come.

Time was running out. I had to hurry back to Belize City for my flight home. On the way I took time to pay a brief visit to the Community Baboon Sanctuary at Bermudian Landing. The principal animals there are black howler monkeys often called baboons by the locals.

The villagers protect the monkeys and their habitat. The apes, in turn, bring in tourist dollars.

"Want to see monkeys quick?" asked Sanctuary Manager Fallet Young. "It could be a small troop on the other side of the road."

After crossing over, we entered a stand of scrub jungle. Twenty minutes later we heard the distant grunts of a dominant male. As we got closer, the grunts turned into lion-like roars. The leader of the troop saw us below and was doing his best to chase us off. He won. The jungle still raged with his bellows as we made our way back.

During our brief search, Fallet seemed oblivious to the dangers of the jungle. He slugged along the muddy footpaths in low-cut leather shoes.

"Probably no poisonous snakes here," I volunteered timidly.

"Oh yes," he replied cheerfully. "Tommygoff, coral snake, Central American rattlesnake. Big, too. They come to us at night."

He must have been right. We didn't see a single snake.

During my stay in Belize, I explored the tropical rain forests daily. My aching feet tramped 50 to 60 miles of tropical turf. Yet during that time I was never menaced by man or animal.

This ought not to have surprised me. On my way to the jungle adventure, I glanced at my daily horoscope in a well-thumbed newspaper. It said, "a short pleasure trip provides a welcome break in the workweek."

And that's exactly what happened.

John Castle, a Birmingham resident, refers to himself as a cryptozoologist, a person who investigates unusual animal phenomena. He also is a co-owner of C&R Communications.



The author stands outside the Cockscomb Forest Reserve

Diversions

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Riding can be fun in winter

Are you champing at the bit to get out on the range?

Let Ron Gordon, the riding stables proprietor at Maybury State Park, saddle up a horse for you. The park has twelve miles of trails and about two dozen horses at the stables for those with an equestrian bent.

And if you've never held a pair of reins before, the staff at Maybury will show you how. According to Gordon, many of the people who stop by the stables have never ridden a horse before. He estimated that 75 percent of the park's visitors are "beginners to fair riders."

"An escort rides along with each rider," he added. "We send people out according to their capability."

"The horses are always used by trail guides before they're allowed to take inexperienced riders, he added. Would-be wranglers should also be aware that many myths about mounts are little more than myths. For example, before you ask for the oldest nag in the stable, know that age is not always associated with spirit.

"The oldest horse is not necessarily the slowest horse," Gordon said. "As a matter of fact, they usually know all the tricks."

Gordon also puts little stock in the theory that horses sense fear in a rider and react accordingly. "What they do know is whether or not you're going to make them do what you want them to do or whether you're going to let them get away with murder," he said.

A horse's name is not always a good indicator of his or her personality, either. "Where I used to work, we had a horse named Fury, and he was the best kid's horse," Gordon said.

In fact, several of the horses at Maybury have been named by former customers.

Riders must be under 250 pounds in weight, and only one rider is allowed on a horse at a time. There is also a 4-foot height limit for trail riders, though the staff will tutor smaller children in the stable's corral.

Maybury also holds special programs for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, with the Girl Scouts taking much more advantage of the fact. "Girls like horses," Gordon said.

"The majority of our business is for horse riding. Horseback riding in general is becoming more popular, according to Gordon. "There are a lot of people riding horses," he said. Over the course of a year, he estimated that 400 to 10,000 people come to the stables to take a ride through the park.

As with many forms of recreation, the summer months are the busiest at the stables. "We're busy from April to October, but I guess the real busy season is from Memorial Day to Labor Day," Gordon said.

"On a busy Saturday in the summer, you'll have a hundred riders," he added.

But even the winter months are not without riders. Gordon estimated that the stables get 10 to 12 customers a week if the weather's good. The stables shut down to the public when the trails are too icy or the air too cold.

The horses seem frisky in the winter - snorting in the cold air and cantering up the trail, their hooves kicking up clouds of snow.

But according to Gordon, their moods are more closely related to their personalities than the weather. Gordon has also worked at the



Bill Ward, Kelli Quigley and Shelly Caldwell ride in Maybury

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Atrium features new exhibit

"Dimensional Paper Art" by Kathi Geroux-Jones will be displayed in the Novi Civic Center atrium March 2-25.

The public is invited to the opening, from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3. The civic center is on Ten Mile east of Taft.

"Aladdin": "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" opens at Northville's Historic Marquis Theater March 10.

Performances of this show for the entire family are set for 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 10, 17, 24 and 31 and April 7; and 2 p.m. March 11, 18, and 25 and April 1 and 8.

Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the theater, 135 E. Main in Northville, or by phone at 349-8110.

In Town

"Crimes": "Crimes of the Heart," a play by Beth Henley, will be performed this weekend by the Novi Players.

Performances are at 8 p.m. March 2 and 3. The play will be at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile, just east of Taft.

Tickets are \$5. For more information call 347-0400 or 478-2059.

Film discussion: Film director Orson Welles will be featured in a discussion at Borders

Bonstelle offers 'The Tempest' Nearby

"The Tempest," one of Shakespeare's late romances, opens at the Bonstelle Theater at 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, for a two-weekend run. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through March 11.

Believed to be Shakespeare's last play, "The Tempest," centers on mighty Prospero, who, with the help of his spirit-like assistant Ariel and deformed slave Caliban, masters the native magic of island. He abjures his magic in a scene which is often said to be Shakespeare's farewell to his art.

Call 577-2960.

"Mockingbird": Ann Arbor Civic Theater presents Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, 911 N. University St., March 7, 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, March 10.

Tickets at \$9 to \$12 may be bought by phone at 763-TRKS.

"Sebastians": "The Great

The 10-piece costumed group plays Russian, Yiddish and Gypsy melodies. Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors, \$8 general. For information call 288-3553 or 647-4632.

Sebastians," the 1956 Howard Lindsay/Russell Crouse comedy, will open a four-week run at Meadow Brook Theater at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1.

Tickets may be arranged by calling 377-3300 or 370-3316 for a group. Tickets are \$14 to \$23.

Barbershop: The Barbershop Singing Society presents a barbershop harmony extravaganza at 8 p.m. March 2 and 3 at Mercy High School, Eleven Mile and Middlebelt.

For tickets or more information call 429-0978.

Book Shop in Novi.

Welles will be the subject of a discussion by James Morrison at 6:15 Sunday, March 4. The discussion is free, but those interested in attending are asked to register in advance by calling 347-0780.

Film series: Novi Arts and Culture Committee continues its family film series saluting the dog.

The series features films shown on the second Friday of every month through May 11. All films will be shown in the 136-seat council chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

Following is a schedule of films: "Pluto" cartoons on March 3; "Where the Red Fern Grows" on April 13; and "The Incredible Journey" on May 11. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

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Getting ready for a jungle adventure

Make your trip to Belize a do-it-yourself jungle adventure. Tailoring it to your needs is as easy as falling off a coconut tree. Some tips for a safe exciting trip:

When to go: The most comfortable time is January to May, the dry season. If you must go during the summer, August is your best bet. It is less rainy. The annual mean temperature is 79 degrees, colder in the mountains.

Preparing to go: A passport is needed. No vaccinations are required, but you might consider malaria pills and shots for typhoid, hepatitis, tetanus and flu. Consult your physician or the county health department.

How to go: Continental Airlines has a flight from Detroit to Belize City, with a change-over in Houston, Texas. A round trip costs less than \$500. It could be less with special promotions.

Where to go: Try Chan Chich Lodge in western Belize. Luxury accommodations (screened cabanas, hot showers, candlelight dinners) in the heart of the rain forest. Call 1-800-343-8008 for reservations and transportation to lodge from

Belize City. Daily single rate (room, meals) is but \$75.

Also consider Hotel Mopan in Belize City. It's not posh, but is comfortable, colorful and inexpensive. A single room is approximately \$25. It is a haven for writers, naturalists, archaeologists and

explorers. Proprietor Jean Shaw will help with travel plans and rental vehicles. Emory King's road guide is a must for this trip.

The jaguar preserve in east-central Belize is a rustic jungle camp. Prepare to cook your own meals, sleep in a bunk house and use outdoor toilets. Take bottled water and canned food. Ask Jean Shaw (Belize phone: 2338, 77951) about travel conditions to preserve in Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Community Baboon Sanctuary at Bermudian Landing is a 90-minute drive from Belize City. Jungle trails yield close-up views of black howler monkeys. No tour costs, but donations cheerfully accepted.

drive from Belize City. It has birds, crocodiles, iguanas. Other animals also abound in the swamps, in-land lagoons and waterways.

What to take: Take your drivers' license and traveler checks. The exchange rate is \$2 Belizean for \$1 U.S. The prices are higher than Mexico because Belize imports everything. Also take a bottle of 100 percent deet mosquito lotion, a full water canteen, flashlight, Swiss army-type pocket knife, binoculars and camera.

What to wear: Hat or cap, cotton slacks, long-sleeved shirts or blouses. Take medium-weight jacket and rain gear. Wear sneakers in town, boots or hiking shoes in the jungle. Casual clothing is in.

What not to do: Don't drink or brush your teeth with unpurified water. Also don't take firearms, go off jungle trails or pick up insects or reptiles. Most importantly don't disturb the Mayan artifacts. Also watch the "sleeping policeman" speed bumps on the roads. You can break your axles on them.

Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary is a two-hour

RUSTIC CABINS

By Michael Malott

So who needs to drop big bucks on a time share in Traverse City when there are so many other vacation spots available in northern Michigan which are more affordable, further off the beaten track, closer to nature and, frankly, have more character.

Cabins dot the state's north country, many of which are available for rent. They range from privately owned cabins, put up for rent by their owners when not in use by the family only to help pay for upkeep, to resort complexes of as many as 30 cabins, each with pool and restaurant. Others are little more than roadside motels, with each room in a different building. Still others can be rented through the state or federal government, some large enough to contain entire boy scout or girl scout troops.

The problem, of course, is finding them early enough to make reservations for the coming summer season. There is no comprehensive, up-to-date listing of rentals available, and many are fully reserved as much as a year in advance. According to one cabin owner, the prime locations for week-long rentals for the coming summer vacation season will be filled by the end of March.

The state Department of Commerce's travel bureau does offer a booklet, titled "The Michigan Guide to Cabins and Cottages," which may be one of the best lists. But even director Al Sandner admitted the list is not complete and is slightly out of date, not having been revised in the past several years. Many vacation prospects can still be found in the booklet, however, which contains nearly a thousand listings, mostly small commercial complexes and government rentals.

Sandner said more up-to-date listings can be obtained through local chambers of commerce in the areas where the rental would like to be located. It is a common practice of chambers in northern Michigan resort communities to keep such

lists, and they can often be obtained free of charge with a mere phone call.

Still other cabins may be available for rent, but not included in these lists. Individually-owned cabins up for rent often are not listed. Occasionally, such vacation spots can only be found in the classified advertising sections of local newspapers, posted on bulletin boards, or through word-of-mouth.

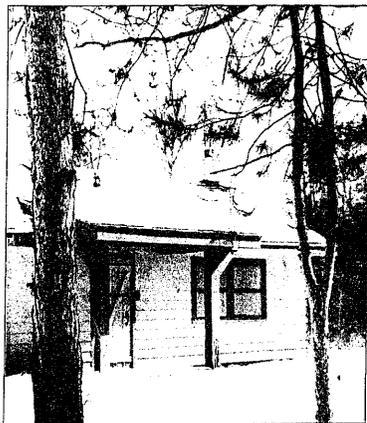
According to Mary Lou Wolf, president of Edgewater Resort Country Log Cabins on the Menominee River near Iron Mountain in the U.P., reservations for the prime vacation spots have to be made early. Her cabins are typically reserved a year in advance for summer vacation weeks and the resort gives special preference to regulars.

Edgewater has 9 log cabins, each with all the modern conveniences. The cabins have kitchen areas, cable television is available in each cabin. The resort has a laundry and a convenience area. There is a community campfire area. And each cabin rents for the use of a boat, which is typical of cabin rentals. The price of a week's rental ranges from \$185 to \$305, Wolf said.

Judy Dentson, co-owner of Parker House on Long Lake near Alpena, said she started taking vacation reservations for her 3 cottages in January and she expected the cabins would be fully reserved by the end of March.

Dentson, who runs the cottage-motel-restaurant complex with her husband, said the customers are not only families but sportsmen, because of the resort's proximity to the hot fishing area of Rockport.

She said she believed cabin rentals are becoming more popular, especially for weekend travelers, which could mean cabins will be even harder to find in the future. Her cabins go for \$296 per week. Open all year round, the cabins are typically rented by the month in the winter.



Not all cabins are far from home. Rustic cabins (i.e. all plumbing is outside), like the one shown above in the Island Lake Recreation Area near Brighton, are available for rental in a number of state parks. A brochure listing state-owned cabins is available from any state park.

Cabins which cater to sportsmen may be a bit easier to find. The owner of the five-unit River Cabins, on the Thunder Bay River near Alanta, said renters need to call only about a month in advance. The cabins cater mainly to fishermen and sportsmen, but hosts families vacations, too. The cabins have propane stoves and furnaces and running water, but only cold water. The owner said he typically opens for the season in May and closes up shop after the deer hunting season. River Cabins charges \$25 a night per couple, and takes on \$5 for each additional person.

The state has a large number of cabins of the "rustic" variety, in recreation areas throughout the

state. Other nearby parks with cabins available are the Howell and Holly recreation areas. Some of these state-owned cabins would be ideal for family outings, built for as few as four people, Darlene said.

One of the state's largest cabin complexes is in the Waterloo recreation area, near Chelsea. With 20 cabins, which sleep from four to 20 people each, the park usually has some available year round, park secretary Linda Vandecar said. Although organizations take up most of the cabin space in the summer, several cottages usually remain open. And in the winter, the cabins are fairly easy to reserve, she said. The smaller ones go for as little as \$25 a night.

MARCH

What's Going ON

THEATER: "Crimes of the Heart," a play by Beth Henley, will be performed this weekend by the Novi Players. Performances are at 8 p.m. March 2 and 3. The play will be at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile, just east of Tall. Tickets are \$5. For more information call 347-0400 or 476-2099. The Theater Company of the University of Detroit presents "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" March 9-25. Runs in the Earl D. A. Smith Theater on the U of D campus. McNichols and Livernois. Tickets are \$8, \$6 for students and seniors. Call 927-1130. The Birmingham Theater presents the musical "Romance, Romance," winner of four Outer Critics Circle Awards and a Tony Award nomination. It stars Peter Noone. The musical will run through March 18. Prices range from \$16 to \$28. Tickets are available at the Birmingham Theater box office, 644-5533, and at all Ticketmaster outlets.

MUSIC

FILM: Madonna College will present "The Day they Robbed the Bank of England" Friday, March 23 in Kresge Hall. This is a tale of Irish patriots in 1901 plotting to overthrow the British government, starring Peter O'Toole. Admission is free. Madonna is at 1-96 and Levan in Livonia. Call 591-5065. Film director Orson Welles will be featured in a discussion at Borders Book Shop in Novi. Welles will be the subject of a discussion by James Morrison at 615 Sunday, March 4. The discussion is free, but those interested in attending are asked to register in advance by calling 347-0780. Novi Arts and Culture Committee continues its family film series saluting the dog. The series features films shown on the second Friday of every month through May 11. All films will be shown in the 136-seat council chambers at the Novi Civic Center. Follow is a schedule of films: "Pluto" cartoons on March 9; "Where the Red Fern Grows" on April 13; and "The Incredible Journey" on May 11. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$1.50 at the door for adults, 75 cents for children.

MUSIC: The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra teams up with cellist James Wilson and guest conductor David Hoese for the first sounds of spring at 4 p.m. March 8 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 and \$10; there is a \$2 discount for students and seniors and a \$4 discount for children. The theater is on Liberty near State. Call 668-6897.

ART: Madonna College will display "Start with Art" March 18-29 in the Exhibit Gallery of the Library Wing. Children will display their drawings in this unique collection. Free. Call 591-5091. Northville Arts Commission presents a lecture series, "Your Favorite Artists," featuring artist Michael Farrell. He will share insights on various famous artists, accompanied by slide shows. All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall. A presentation on John Singer Sargent is set for March 8 and one on Andrew Wyeth is planned for April 12. Farrell is professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and instructor at the Art House of Detroit. Individual tickets are \$6 each and several tickets usually remain open. And in the winter, the cabins are fairly easy to reserve, she said. The smaller ones go for as little as \$25 a night.

AND MORE: Walled Lake's comedy club, the Looney Bin, features several comedians this month. Upcoming shows are Mike Orenstein with Steve Billnitzer and Andy Jensen on March 1, 2 and 3; Bill Thomas with Mike Green and Don Borza on March 8, 9 and 10; Tim Butterfield with Dan Logan and Gilda Hauser on March 15, 16 and 17; Michael Blackman with Bill Hildebrandt and Bill Ruff on March 22, 23 and 24; and Rick and Lisa Coch on March 29, 30 and 31. The club is at 1655 Cleary in Walled Lake. Call 668-9374 for show times, reservations and more information. Daylily Promotions presents an arts and crafts fair March 9-10 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Filmy of the Midwest's best artists and craftspeople will exhibit fine arts and crafts in this juried show. Country wood and crafts, silk and dried flowers, photography, paintings, baskets, soft sculpture dolls and teddy bears are just a few of the works included in the fair. Show hours are Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will be held in the Exhibition Hall. Admission is \$1. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Domino's Farms is the headquarters for Domino's Pizza Inc. Take U.S. 23, exit 41 (Plymouth Road), east to Earhart Road, then north to Exhibition Hall. Schoolcraft College presents the American Harvest restaurant, featuring food prepared by the college's culinary arts students. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A buffet is offered on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 462-4488 for reservations. Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Suzanne Hommerson was hired in May 1989 as a children's librarian at the Novi Public Library, a month after she graduated with a master's in information and library studies from the University of Michigan. A resident of Ann Arbor, she's single but has a boyfriend. While Hommerson has a long list of favorite things, heading it is "my personal relationship with Jesus Christ, that's really the top. I want him to direct my life."

TRAVEL: Hommerson loves to travel, especially on Caribbean cruises. California, especially San Diego, is also a favorite destination.

FOOD: Toppings on her list are her mother's homemade meat loaf and mini chocolate chip ice cream. Hommerson also loves Czechian cuisine.

BOOKS: As a librarian who loves reading out loud to kids, she preloves humorous literature for story hours. Among Hommerson's favorite books are "Tiki Tiki Tembo" by Aileen Mosel, "Tacky the Penguin" by Helen Lester and anything by Tomie de Paola.

ACTIVITIES: Hommerson, who has a flair for the dramatic, loves singing in the choir at her church, Cornerstone Christian Church in Ann Arbor, as well as performing drama and mime for her congregation. Other favorite ways to spend her free time include aerobics and shopping.



My Favorite Things

SPIKE SKID:
Novi volleyballers
extend losing streak to 13/8D

MILESTONE:
Wildcat tankers get
first win at Brighton Invite/9D

THURSDAY
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Novi cagers drop three straight at home

Coach defends action

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Novi basketball coach Bob Shoemaker is having a hard time understanding the publicity surrounding the confrontation he had with Brighton Coach Dan Christner prior to a Kensington Valley Conference clash between the Wildcats and the Bulldogs back on Feb. 13 (see related column).

But now that the incident is out in the open, and criticism has been lodged, Shoemaker has some strong comments that may fuel the fire in this controversy.

It all started when Christner sent his players over to the Novi end of the court for what has become a pre-game ritual of handshakes and wishes of good luck by the Brighton players just prior to the game. The Wildcats, on the other hand, were completing their pre-game shoot-around, and Shoemaker took offense to this unorthodox disruption.

He confronted Christner and a shouting match ensued.

"I thought it was outrageous for (Christner) to send his players over to upset my warm-up," Shoemaker said. "I've been coaching for a long time and I've never seen it before — it's totally uncalculated."

"I don't know why they do it — maybe they are trying to psych you out — but it's wrong. The MHSAA has a rule that you can't run around your opponents as you come out of the locker room. If you do it, it's a technical. So if you can't do that, you certainly can't bring your team over and disrupt their pre-game warm-up. There's a time and place for the pre-game handshakes, and that's when both teams are at center court awaiting the tip-off."

According to Shoemaker, the same incident may have happened when the two teams met for the first time back on Jan. 9, but if it did, he didn't see it. That's why he was so surprised and upset when it happened.

"In my mind, it's an insult," he said. "If anything, it's a lack of sportsmanship on their part. At the very least, he should have asked me if he could interrupt my preparation. He didn't even have the courtesy to do that — not that I would have allowed it."

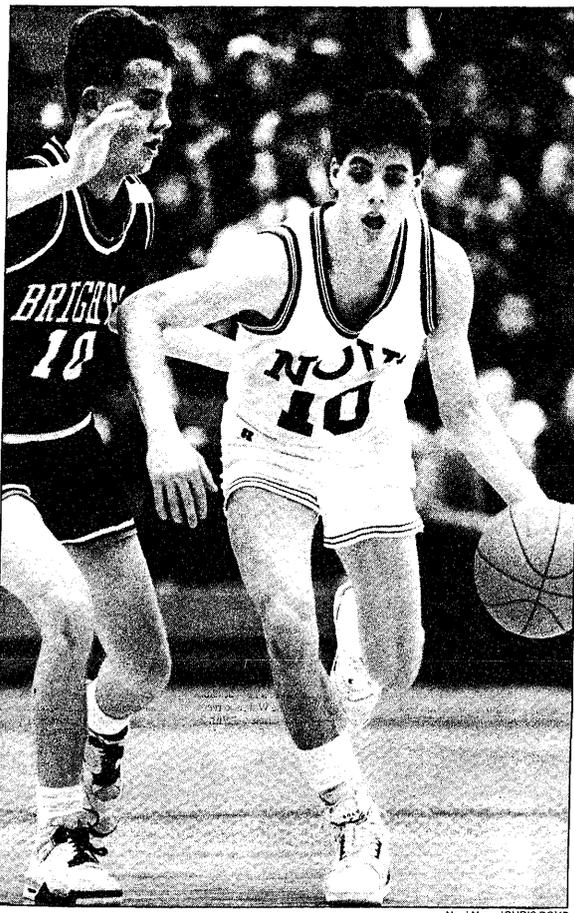
"A lot of coaches and officials I've talked to say that they can't believe he is doing it. I mean, we were warming up just like every team does before a game, and they come over and stopped us — that's unsportsmanlike. Something that bizarre just doesn't make sense."

Shoemaker brought up another factor in this whole scenario, and it concerns former Novi Basketball Coach John Cicchelli, who was controversially fired last spring. Cicchelli is now an assistant coach for the Bulldogs.

"Some of the Brighton kids wore tape on their jerseys in honor of the former coach here at Novi," he said. "I saw it, the tape had a 'C' on it."

Shoemaker said he learned this from Novi history teacher Harvey Demery, whose son, Chad, plays for the Bulldogs.

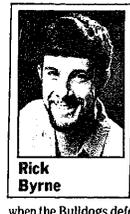
"This guy (Christner) is a friend of (Cicchelli)," Shoemaker said.



Novi guard Bryan Jacobs (10) maneuvers around a Brighton defender

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Lack of sportsmanship in Novi teams?



Rick Byrne

when the Bulldogs defeated Novi, 61-59.

Prior to the contest, the Bulldogs players went through their usual pre-game ritual of wishing the opposing team good luck. This involves the entire team, en masse, going to

Good sports are winners. So says the Michigan High School Athletic Association in its current advertising campaign.

Brighton High's basketball team went to great lengths to prove that point on Feb. 13

the opposing players and shaking their hands.

"It's an unorthodox practice, to be sure, but it's a habit the Bulldogs have made prior to every game for the last four seasons."

"Our seniors decide each year whether or not we'll do it," Brighton Coach Dan Christner said. "We try not to do it when the other team is in a shooting drill, but when there's a free-shooting period, we go over and wish them good luck when we can be sincere about it. During the game, it tends not to be sincere."

Apparently, Novi Coach Bob Shoemaker took offense at the Bulldogs' display of sportsmanship. Thinking it was a psych job on the part of the Brighton players, he loudly objected, using some off-color language, ac-

ording to Christner.

"(Shoemaker) felt we were trying to disrupt their concentration," Christner said. "He used an expletive I won't repeat. I couldn't stand for that, so I said, 'Look, we view it as a display of sportsmanship.'"

"We just talked about the philosophy behind us doing it. I wouldn't call it a shouting match, but there was a discussion."

Shoemaker was unavailable for comment immediately after the situation (see related story).

The discussion between Christner and Shoemaker lasted less than 30 seconds, but it spoke volumes about the lack of sportsmanship I've seen in Novi teams in the past.

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Once it's over, it's over," Shoemaker said. "At the point when I knew we weren't going to catch them, I went to the bench. I wanted to give some of our younger kids some quality playing time."

"An 18-point win says it was a pure blowout, but it really wasn't that bad. I thought we outplayed them in the first half, and they outplayed us in the second half."

Senior Forward Mark Fisher paced the Cats with 10 points, which is nearly eight below his season average. Milford standout Scott Armstrong poured in a game-high 26, and received some high marks from Shoemaker.

"Armstrong's a fine player," he said. "He's very consistent and he does a lot of other things besides scoring. He does it all from beginning to end."

The loss was Novi's second of the season to the Redskins, who have already clinched their second straight KVC title. The Cats kept within striking distance through three quarters, but serious shooting woes prevented the home team from ever making a run. For the game, Novi connected on just 25 percent from the floor and 42 percent from the free-throw line.

"Milford is by far the best team in our conference," Shoemaker said. "They are well-coached, they play unselfish ball and they combine that with good play. We haven't had off to coach Dan Palmer — he does a great job."

"We will be doing the same things they're doing down the line, but we're not there yet."

The Wildcats fell behind 13-7 after the first quarter, and the problem was a familiar one.

"We had the shots, but we didn't put them down," Shoemaker said. "It's the story of our season."

By halftime, Milford had built a 27-19 lead, but it could have been much closer if Novi had converted more than just 5-of-12 from the free throw line.

"It all boils down to shooting," Shoemaker explained. "We play good defense, like Milford does, but they shoot the ball much better."

The Redskins managed to increase the lead to nine (38-29) heading into the fourth quarter. When it became obvious his team wasn't going to be able to cut into the lead, Shoemaker emptied his bench with about four minutes remaining. Milford went on to win the

Novi (11-8 overall) ends the regular season tomorrow (March 2) at South Lyon.

DISTRICT PAIRINGS: The pairings for the MHSAA District 22 tournament in Northville have been announced. The host Mustangs will take on state-ranked Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. on March 5 in a pre-district game. The winner of that game will tackle Plymouth Canton at 8 p.m. on March 7, with Novi and Livonia Stevenson meeting that same evening at 6:30. The finals will be held on March 9 at 7 p.m. The district winner will advance to the Ypsilanti Regional.

Novi guard Bryan Jacobs (10) maneuvers around a Brighton defender

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Wildcat heavyweight Bob Ahrens had an unimpressive 1-2 record at the state meet

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Sheila's Country Kitchen: Homey food & comfortable atmosphere

dining out

By Buddy Moorehouse

It would have been a big mistake if Sheila Kavens had named her restaurant Sheila's Kitchen or just plain Sheila's. The only name that fits is the name she gave it—Sheila's Country Kitchen.

Because the emphasis at this Hamburg restaurant really is on "Country," down-home cooking, plenty of belly-warming menu selections, family photos on the wall. You almost feel inclined to stretch out and take a nap afterwards.

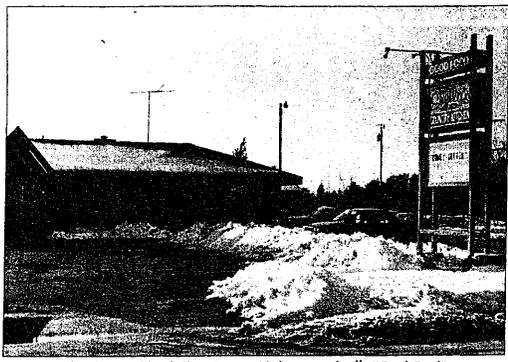
Kavens, a hometown Hamburg girl, opened Sheila's Country Kitchen in July of 1988. The restaurant is located at 7580 M-36, near downtown Hamburg, and formerly houses Fast Eddie's.

Don't expect a lot of fancy trappings at Sheila's (after all, how many restaurants have family snapshots hanging around?). You should, however, expect a fine country-dining experience.

Sheila's is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. For breakfast, Sheila's features all the usual suspects—omelets, pancakes, French toast.

The omelettes include the farmer's (\$4.25), Western (\$3.95), Mexican (\$4.25), and ham and cheese (\$3.75). The more unique include a corned beef and Swiss cheese omelette (\$4.25) and a country omelette (\$4.25, includes tomato, onion, green pepper, bacon and Swiss cheese).

The Sheila's Special for breakfast includes two eggs, two sausages, two strips of bacon, one piece of ham and American fries, toast or biscuit—all for \$4.25.



The sign outside Sheila's Country Kitchen says it all: "Good Food"

two different dinner specials every day.

The menu selections are fine, but you'd be well-advised to try some of the specials; they're especially memorable.

The lunch specials at Sheila's are in the \$3.95-\$4.50 range, while the dinner specials usually run from \$5.25-\$6.95 (the prime rib, of course, is an exception, selling for \$9.95 per person, or \$18.95 for two).

Among the lunch specials, the beef stew (\$4.50) comes highly recommended. Chunks of beef and potatoes, plenty of vegetables, a broth to die for.

"Our baked short ribs are also very popular," Kavens said. "People seem to like those a lot."

As for the menu selections at lunch, you'll find a variety of sandwiches and salads.

The sandwiches are in the \$2.50-\$3.75 range, and for \$1 more, you can get your choice of potatoes, a dill pickle and coleslaw.

Among the sandwiches: cold turkey (\$2.75), ruben (\$3.25), corned beef (\$3.25), grilled ham and cheese (\$2.75), turkey and bacon triple-decker (\$3.95), tuna salad (\$2.75) and chicken salad (\$2.75).

For dinner, you can choose from steak, seafood and chicken. The New York strip (\$8.25) and the prime rib (when it's offered as a special) are popular, as is the breaded veal cutlet (\$4.95).

Other selections include fried chicken (\$4.95), fish and chips (\$4.50), clam strips (\$5.50), shrimp (\$5.25) and jumbo shrimp (\$7.25).

Again, though, be sure to give the daily specials a good look at dinnertime. On Friday, Kavens usually offers prime rib and a seafood dish or two, including walleye and Cajun-style fish.

On the whole, the folks at Sheila's say business has been pretty good since the restaurant opened last year.

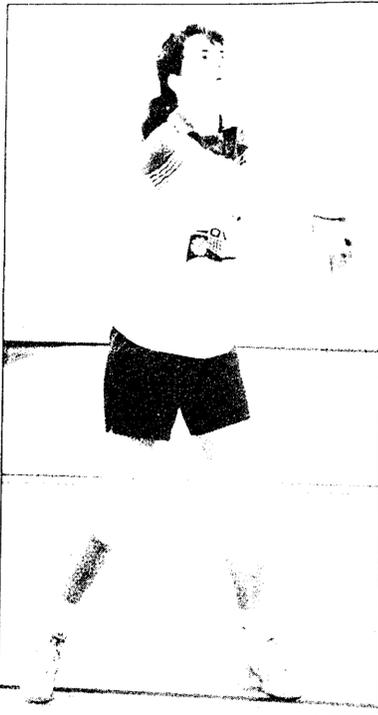
"And it's getting better, now that it looks like winter is coming to an end," said Sue Costello of Sheila's. "Most of the people we get in here are from the area, too—Brighton, Whitmore Lake, Pinckney."

They come, no doubt, for the homey food and comfortable country atmosphere.

One piece of advice, though: No matter how much cozy you feel at Sheila's, wait until you get home to take that nap.

Sheila's Country Kitchen, 7580 M-36, Hamburg, Open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. No liquor served. No credit cards accepted. Call 231-4720.

Novi spikers drop three more



By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

A 13-match losing streak is enough to get anybody down, but Novi Volleyball Coach Amy Rademacher isn't giving up on the season just yet.

Her squad added three more defeats to the streak in the busy four-day period last week, including a pair of Kensington Valley Conference losses against South Lyon and Milford.

"Overall, for the week, I thought the kids played pretty well," she said. "But our record isn't exactly what we want it to be."

In a 15-13, 15-6 loss to the Lions, the Wildcats were very competitive in the early going, lost the momentum after a tough first-game loss, and ended up falling in straight games.

"South Lyon is much improved," Rademacher said. "They are very tall and I think more than anything else, they intimidated us."

"We really should have had that first game, and if we would have won, the second game would have been much closer."

As a team, Novi served at a 93-percent rate in this non-conference clash on Feb. 20.

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high six points and teamed with Dede Kotrych to set at an 80 percent rate. Fornwald led the hitters with a success rate of 87 percent.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 15-15, NOV 13-8: The Wildcats fell to the Trojans in this non-conference clash on Feb. 20.

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Eagles win final home game, 75-62

The Novi Christian eagles were not to be denied with four seniors playing in their last home game last week against Rochester Hills Christian.

The Eagles built a 19-point lead after three quarters and cruised from there to a 75-62 victory. The win wraps up a 20-5 regular season for Novi Christian.

In the game, the Eagles shot 63 percent from inside the paint. Senior forward Mark Row led the way with 21 points, sharing scoring honors with teammate Dennis Leech. Mike Caswell added 13 points and hauled down 10 rebounds.

"Mike only knows one way to play and that's all-out," Novi Coach Dick Burgess said.

Mark Pickering led the visitors with 20 points, including three three-pointers.

The Eagles will travel to Adrian College on March 1 for a grueling one-day tournament to determine which teams will represent Michigan at Northern Arizona University for the International ACE Convention tournament in June. Novi Christian is the only basketball program in the country to qualify for the competition in each of the last nine years. There are over 6,000 ACE schools in the U.S. and Canada.

Novi teams lacking sportsmanship?

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You may have read in this space last October about the display put on by the Novi girls' basketball team in a loss to Howell. The Wildcats

cheered each other as they fouled out of the game one by one, leaving just four players on the floor for the final two minutes of play.

If you want to understand why good

sportsmanship breaks down and players cheer each other for fouling out of basketball games, you need only look to a coach who reportedly spouts blue language when an opponent makes a noble attempt to be

sporting.

Rick Byrne is the sports writer for the Brighton Argus. This column appeared in the Feb. 21 edition of the Argus.

Rec Briefs

Wheeler-dealer: Novi High School sophomore Tim Wheeler has been chosen to skate with the Detroit Red Wings tonight (March 1) at Eddie Edgar Ice rink in Livonia.

Wheeler, who plays for the Livonia Bantam Bruins, was one of three players chosen from his team for the honor of sharing the ice with the local NHL team.

Springsteen honored: The all-time American Motorcyclist Association Champion, Jay Springsteen, has been appointed to the Honorary Board of Directors of the Novi-based Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

A resident of Lapeer, Michigan, Springsteen's 40 career national event wins are the most by any AMA rider in history. Springsteen was Grand National Dirt Track Champion in 1976, 1977 and 1978. He also claimed Camel Pro Series titles in each of those years.

"The Hall of Fame is a great idea," he said. "I'm glad it's in my home state and I'm glad that bikes are included."

Assessing the appointment, Hall of Fame Executive Director Ron Watson stated: "It's about time motorcycle racing, which has been a major Hall of Fame category, is represented on the board. No one could fill the spot better than an all-time champion like Jay Springsteen."

Baseball registration: Registration for all four levels (age 8-16) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held on March 3 from noon to 3 p.m. and on March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Registration fees will range from \$40-\$50 per player, with a \$100 maximum for those families registering three or more players. Birth certificates are required for all new players, and late fees will be charged.

Red Wing tickets: The Novi Yacht Club is sponsoring an outing to see the Detroit Red Wings take on the St. Louis Blues on March 8 at Joe Louis Arena.

The cost is \$16 per person and includes transportation and a ticket. The bus will leave the Novi Civic Center at 5:45 p.m. There is room for 45 people.

For more information, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Office at 347-0400.

Metropark permits: The 1990 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle-entry and annual boating permits are now on sale at Kensington Metropark near Milford as well as the other 12 Metroparks in the five-county area.

The costs will be the same as in 1989: regular vehicle entry permit — \$10 (\$5 for senior citizens); regular boating permit — \$13 (\$6 for senior citizens). Daily permits will go on sale Jan. 1, 1990 and are \$2 for vehicles and \$3 for boats.

No permits will be sold by mail. For more information, contact the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at 1-800-24-PARKS.

Motorcars on displays: Historic racing vehicles and exhibits honoring the Motorsports Hall of Fame inductees are on display daily at the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Admission is free.

Currently featured are Barney Oldfield's first and last cars — the "999" and the "Golden Submarine" — as well as the 1965 "Novi Special" Indy Car driven by Bobby Unser.

Bronze plaques and other displays honoring the first eight Hall of Fame inductees are also on display. The charter class includes Cannon Ball Baker, Jimmy Doolittle, A.J. Foyt, Don Garlits, Phil Hill, Bill Muncy, Barney Oldfield and Richard Petty.

For more information call 349-RACE.

Trackin' the 'Cats

Boys basketball: Novi at South Lyon, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Novi at MHSAA District Tournament, TBA, Monday.

Wrestling: Season is completed.

Boys swimming: Novi at Chelsea Invitational, TBA, Friday and Saturday.

Volleyball: Novi at MHSAA District Tournament, TBA, Saturday.

Scoreboard

Lions stun Highlanders

The frustration of the South Lyon basketball team was nearing an all-time high last Tuesday night.

Despite turning in their best effort of the season, the Lions — as a result of turnovers and missed free throws — had all but blown an opportunity to knock off Howell for the first time in four years.

Howell star Tim Bass, all 6-foot-10 of him, stood at the free throw line and eyed the rim. The scoreboard indicated a 58-57 lead for South Lyon, but only two seconds remained on the clock.

Basically, it came down to Bass. He could win the game by making the two free throws, tie it by splitting the pair, or lose it by missing both.

The odds, to say the least, were in Howell's favor. Bass had scored 30 of the Highlanders' 57 points on 14-of-19 field shooting and 2-of-3 free throw accuracy. Also, if the game were to end in a tie, Howell definitely had momentum entering the overtime.

"It didn't look good," South Lyon Coach Dave Soderquist admitted. "All I could do was call a timeout and hope to freeze him. But, hey, how many times does that work?"

Soderquist may never ask that question again. Following the timeout, Bass stepped up and missed both freebies, handing the Lions only their third win in 17 outings this season.

"It was a good win," the coach added. "Beating Howell, especially at Howell, is always nice. Heck, this was the first time I've ever beaten them, and it also was the first time any of our juniors and seniors had beaten them."

Basketball

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| Armstrong (Milford)..... | 23 |
| Seymore (Milford)..... | 23 |
| Three-Point Field Goals | |
| Hartland (Lakeland)..... | 63 |
| Butler (Lakeland)..... | 59 |
| Hardy (Howell)..... | 52 |
| Moyer (South Lyon)..... | 50 |
| Petra (Milford)..... | 49 |
| Armstrong (Milford)..... | 48 |
| Shander (Lakeland)..... | 47 |
| Demery (Brighton)..... | 46 |
| Warford (South Lyon)..... | 45 |
| South Lyon..... | 24 |
| Hartland..... | 22 |

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| KVC STANDINGS | |
| Milford..... | 10-0 |
| Brighton..... | 7-5 |
| Lakeland..... | 7-5 |
| Novi..... | 6-5 |
| Howell..... | 4-7 |
| South Lyon..... | 2-8 |
| Hartland..... | 2-9 |

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| KVC LEADERS | |
| Scoring | |
| Armstrong (Milford)..... | 23.8 |
| Hutchins (Lakeland)..... | 22.3 |
| R. Hartman (Brighton)..... | 20.8 |
| Bass (Howell)..... | 17.3 |
| Fisher (Novi)..... | 17.3 |
| Bolling (Lakeland)..... | 16.7 |
| Osborn (South Lyon)..... | 16.0 |
| Kromm (Brighton)..... | 15.0 |
| Tracy (Howell)..... | 14.7 |
| Butler (Lakeland)..... | 14.1 |
| Baker (South Lyon)..... | 13.1 |
| Moyer (South Lyon)..... | 12.8 |
| Petra (Milford)..... | 12.8 |
| Kotahi (Milford)..... | 11.8 |
| Seymore (Milford)..... | 11.8 |

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| Rebounding | |
| Bolling (Lakeland)..... | 13.7 |
| Hartman (Brighton)..... | 13.6 |
| Tracy (Howell)..... | 13.4 |
| Bass (Howell)..... | 12.7 |
| Baker (South Lyon)..... | 12.6 |
| Bentler (South Lyon)..... | 12.2 |
| Spangler (Hartland)..... | 12.0 |
| Osborn (South Lyon)..... | 11.7 |
| Fisher (Novi)..... | 11.7 |
| Hollis (Brighton)..... | 11.6 |

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| Assists | |
| Mayberry (Brighton)..... | 6.8 |
| Petra (Milford)..... | 6.5 |
| Jacobs (Novi)..... | 6.0 |
| Cutter (Brighton)..... | 5.9 |
| Hutchins (Lakeland)..... | 4.5 |
| McCarty (Milford)..... | 4.1 |
| Popko (Howell)..... | 3.8 |
| Moyer (South Lyon)..... | 2.7 |

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| Field-Goal Percentage | |
| (8 attempts minimum) | |
| Phillips (Milford)..... | 57.7 |
| Bentler (South Lyon)..... | 56.0 |
| Petra (Milford)..... | 53.0 |
| Hartman (Brighton)..... | 52.8 |
| Bolling (Lakeland)..... | 52.3 |
| Osborn (South Lyon)..... | 52.0 |
| Kromm (Brighton)..... | 50.0 |
| Fisher (Novi)..... | 49.1 |
| Hollis (Brighton)..... | 49.1 |

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| Free-Throw Percentage | |
| (8 attempts minimum) | |
| Walker (Novi)..... | 84.6 |
| Popko (Howell)..... | 82.7 |
| Baker (South Lyon)..... | 82.1 |
| Armstrong (Milford)..... | 80.6 |
| Spangler (Hartland)..... | 79.0 |
| Hartman (Brighton)..... | 71.8 |
| Tracy (Howell)..... | 71.4 |
| Bolling (Lakeland)..... | 69.4 |
| Bentler (South Lyon)..... | 68.0 |
| Mayberry (Brighton)..... | 68.0 |
| Osborn (South Lyon)..... | 68.1 |

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| Team Offense | |
| Brighton..... | 65.9 |
| Novi..... | 65.6 |
| Lakeland..... | 64.5 |
| Novi..... | 64.5 |
| Howell..... | 64.1 |
| South Lyon..... | 63.0 |

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| Team Defense | |
| Milford..... | 45.3 |
| Novi..... | 45.0 |

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| Howell..... | 55.2 |
| Brighton..... | 62.7 |
| Lakeland..... | 63.1 |
| Hartland..... | 66.0 |
| South Lyon..... | 66.0 |

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| Three-Point Field Goals | |
| Hutchins (Lakeland)..... | 63 |
| Butler (Lakeland)..... | 59 |
| Hardy (Howell)..... | 52 |
| Moyer (South Lyon)..... | 50 |
| Petra (Milford)..... | 49 |
| Armstrong (Milford)..... | 48 |
| Shander (Lakeland)..... | 47 |
| Demery (Brighton)..... | 46 |
| Warford (South Lyon)..... | 45 |
| South Lyon..... | 24 |
| Hartland..... | 22 |

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| TUESDAY'S GAMES | |
| South Lyon vs. Howell 87 | |
| South Lyon: Osborn 6-4-16, Moyer 3-6-15, Baker 4-0-13, Warford 2-0-4, Reeder 1-2-4, Duncan 2-0-4. | |
| Totals 29-15-58. | |
| Howell: Bass 14-23-30, Hardy 3-0-4, 2-1-3, Campbell 1-0-2, Feliciano 0-1-2, Totals 18-17-37. | |
| South Lyon..... | 111720-19-58 |
| Howell..... | 141173-57-37 |
| Total Fouls: South Lyon 10, Howell 17. | |

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| THURSDAY'S GAME | |
| Brighton vs. Howell 85 | |
| Howell: Bass 15-24-15, Kizer 3-0-6, Tracy 0-2-2, Hardy 4-2-4, Pienho 4-0-9, Campbell 1-2-4, Pospysalski 0-1-1, Totals 31-15-52. | |
| Brighton: Mayberry 3-0-6, Cutter 1-0-2, Hollis 7-14-15, Kromm 1-2-2, Demery 1-2-4, Roberts 1-2-5, Hartman 15-17-25, Totals 31-17-60. | |
| Howell..... | 199113-52 |
| Brighton..... | 201310-17-60 |
| Total Fouls: Brighton 15, Howell 20. | |
| Filed Out: None. | |
| Three-Point Field Goals: Hardy 4, Pienho. | |
| JV Score: Howell 78, Brighton 58. | |
| Records: Brighton 9, Howell 8. | |

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| FRIDAY'S GAMES | |
| Woodhaven vs. Novi 49 | |
| Novi: Jacobs 2-4-4, Soper 1-3-4-5, Woodson 2-0-2, Walker 0-0-2, Fisher 4-0-0, Long 1-0-2, Schram 2-0-2, Potezny 1-0-4, Bates 2-0-4, Totals 17-13-43. | |

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| Woodhaven: Nemeth 3-2-10, Snell 1-4-7, McKnight 1-1-3, Pormenita 4-0-4, Hartman 4-7-7, Crump 4-13-9, Casali 0-0-0, Totals 15-12-46. | |
| Novi..... | 63141-47 |
| Woodhaven..... | 107141-49 |
| Total Fouls: Novi 19, Woodhaven 15. | |
| Filed Out: None. | |
| Three-Point Field Goals: Weldon, Snell, Nemeth 2. | |
| Records: Novi 11-6, Woodhaven 17-13. | |

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| Milford vs. Lakeland 45 | |
| Lakeland: Hutchins 4-4-14, Butler 1-0-2, Birn 2-2-2, Smith 1-2-4, Shander 2-2-5, Wilkins 0-0-0, Oerison 1-2-3, Bolling 4-4-11, Grace 0-0-1, Totals 15-12-35. | |
| Milford: Peters 4-4-17, McCurdy 1-2-4, Armstrong 1-0-2, Dymarski 0-2-2, Martiniello 1-1-1, Kotahi 1-1-1, Malton 1-0-3, Soper 1-0-3, Phillips 6-1-2, Stevens 1-0-0-3, Seymore 1-2-2, Totals 19-18-62. | |
| Lakeland..... | 151316-45 |
| Milford..... | 151224-62 |
| Total Fouls: Lakeland 14, Milford 16. | |
| Filed Out: None. | |
| Three-Point Field Goals: Hutchins 2, Petra 2, Armstrong, Malton, Oerison, Stevens. | |
| JV Score: Milford 62, Lakeland 52. | |
| Records: Lakeland 11-9, Milford 18-9. | |

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| 160 Pounds | |
| Stachura (South Lyon)..... | 49-5 |
| Kalli (Lakeland)..... | 21-7 |
| Pisano (Howell)..... | 17-7 |

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| 150 Pounds | |
| Card (Howell)..... | 18-3 |
| South Lyon..... | 6-3 |
| Lakeland..... | 6-5 |
| Hartland..... | 5-4 |
| Novi..... | 1-0 |

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| 140 Pounds | |
| Finley (Howell)..... | 20-7 |
| Chen (Brighton)..... | 15-2 |
| Lakeland..... | 16-7 |
| Gates (Lakeland)..... | 16-7 |
| Milford..... | 15-12 |
| Scapapates (Novi)..... | 17-15 |

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| 130 Pounds | |
| Novi..... | 11-0 |

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| 120 Pounds | |
| Paquette (Novi)..... | 40-4 |
| Perkins (Milford)..... | 40-1 |
| Brighton..... | 29-9 |
| Herbert (South Lyon)..... | 25-9 |
| McMillan (South Lyon)..... | 25-12 |
| Honnell (Milford)..... | 23-16 |

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| 110 Pounds | |
| Allen (Howell)..... | 30-8 |
| Stegeman (Lakeland)..... | 28-5 |

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| 190 Pounds | |
| Zakowski (Brighton)..... | 23-8 |
| Hein (Lakeland)..... | 23-8 |
| Ruzzanti (Howell)..... | 19-10 |

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| Heavyweight | |
| R. Steinacker (Howell)..... | 43-21 |
| Altrus (Novi)..... | 31-6 |
| Mozure (South Lyon)..... | 26-4 |
| Haworth (Lakeland)..... | 24-15 |
| Muller (South Lyon)..... | 22-17 |

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| 150 Pounds | |
| Gowans (Novi)..... | 40-4 |
| Meador (South Lyon)..... | 39-0 |
| Prince (Howell)..... | 22-13 |
| Rowley (Brighton)..... | 15-9 |
| Gross (Hartland)..... | 28-19 |

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| 135 Pounds | |
| Cheney (Hartland)..... | 28-4 |
| Daneworth (South Lyon)..... | 28-2 |
| Christopher (Lakeland)..... | 25-12 |
| Kibba (Howell)..... | 26-11-2 |

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| 140 Pounds | |
| Finley (Howell)..... | 20-7 |
| Chen (Brighton)..... | 15-2 |
| Lakeland..... | 16-7 |
| Gates (Lakeland)..... | 16-7 |
| Milford..... | 15-12 |
| Scapapates (Novi)..... | 17-15 |

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StairMaster: new fitness rage



Guy Murray of Fitness Source demonstrates the StairMaster

By **LESLIE PEREIRA**
staff writer

Fast-food restaurants, microwave ovens, quick-tanning booths and automatic teller machines. The trend toward quick and convenient has penetrated nearly every aspect of American life.

Including fitness. Americans are saying goodbye to the hour-long walk and the 30-minute aerobic exercise class. Even the 20-minute jog has begun to seem too long.

The newest fitness rage, the StairMaster, mirrors the mindset of those people who are time-conscious but yet not willing to give up their physical fitness.

The ubiquitous 15-minute stair climbing machine promises, in the words of one loyalist, "the best workout in the shortest amount of time."

A basic model resembles an oversized walker with a screen attached to the front and two pedals jutting up from the bottom.

Once mounted, the pedals turn into moveable stairs and the walker becomes the handrails.

The digital screen lights up like a switchboard, charting the level of energy exerted by the exerciser.

The machine is programmed to run for 15 consecutive minutes with no rest for the weary. The screen's printed warning is unmistakable — "the machine shuts off automatically if idle for two minutes," i.e., Big Brother is watching, so don't even think about resting.

At the end of the workout the machine impassively spits out statistics determining calories burned, flights climbed and miles covered.

"This is the best cardiovascular workout you can get in 15 minutes," Ann Bingamen, manager of Vic Tanny in Novi, said.

Fifteen minutes, not including waiting time.

"Our machines are used non-stop," said Bingamen. "We have a lot of complaints about the wait."

Even at 2 p.m. in the afternoon, the pinnacle of most people's work day, a line of calisthenic-performing people snakes out from behind the machines.

Novi resident Robert Wollack, who admitted waiting up to 45 minutes at times to mount the mini-escalator, has strategically positioned himself behind two machines to increase his odds of getting on the first open machine.

"The main reason I come is to use the stairs," Wollack said. "For a 15-minute workout it is probably the best you can get."

Vic Tanny started out with four machines when it opened in 1987, added three more when they proved extremely popular, and have more on order because they have been unable to keep up with demand.

"The members really like them," Bingamen said. "It is by far our most popular machine."

Local fitness supply stores which sell the machines have been similarly beseeched by stair-climbing enthusiasts disgruntled by their club's queues.

"There is a six- to eight-week wait for a StairMaster from our store," said Corey Disler, a sales representative for Fitness Source in Novi. "We have sold several hundred of them."

Disler was referring to the StairMaster, the original no-frills model, but newer machines come with increasingly more knobs and buttons.

Now in the machine's heyday, Fitness Source sells five versions of the stair-climbing machine with prices ranging from \$349 to \$3,195.

For \$349 a would-be climber can purchase the basic model — or spend \$3,195 for a model resembling a miniature escalator with a screen full of information harder to interpret than an IRS tax form.

"Mainly we sell to people that have used them in the fitness centers and got fed up with waiting in line," Disler said. "On a busy day people wait up to two hours to get on for 15 minutes."

What Disler explained from rumor, a Vic Tanny member confirmed from experience.

"People used to put their names on a list and they would call off your name when your turn was up," said member Bill Anderson of Wixom. "Now they make you line up behind the machine. If it is not open then I won't use it."

Many people are starting to ask the reason for the surging popularity of these machines.

"The machines are so popular because of the results," Bingamen said. "If you want to lose weight, this is the machine to use."

Bingamen holds herself up as testament to those assertions. She claims to have lost 30 pounds and the equivalent of about 1½ inches off of her hip and buttock areas after three months of stair climbing with no similar commitment to dieting.

"There has to be consistency and commitment," Bingamen said. "I recommend a minimum of three times a week."

Well, if a mere 45 minutes per week can mean consistency and commitment to fitness, then StairMaster has just won its place alongside the likes of microwave ovens and ATMs.

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Hospital offers 'Trim Shop' program

Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township is offering "The Trim Shop," an eight-week weight-reduction program to help you lose weight, improve eating habits, set realistic goals, gear up to exercise and feel better about yourself.

The class will meet at Huron Valley Hospital on eight consecutive Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning March 8. The program fee is \$70 and preregistration is necessary.

For more information or to register, call 360-3452.

St. Pat's Fun Run: The St. Pat's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast will be held on March

Fitness Notes

17 and is sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA. Registration will be the day of the race, from 7:45-9:45 a.m. at Frost Junior High School on 14041 Stark Road in Livonia. The race distances will be one, three and five miles.

Cost is \$11 and includes a T-shirt and an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with sausage, juice and coffee. Non-runners can eat breakfast for \$3 adults and \$1.50 children.

For more information, call 261-2161, or write Livonia Family Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Swim sessions: The Mercy Center on Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills is again offering swimming sessions this year.

Open swimming is available Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The Saturday session includes a lap swim, swim classes, private lessons and adapted aquatics for adults. Call 473-1815 for more information.

Fitness Tips

Moderation is the key for caffeine intake

By **SYLVA DVORAK**
special writer

Caffeine is a plant product found in coffee beans, cola beans and tea leaves. It is a mildly addictive stimulant which gives us a "quick perk" when we need it. Most of us drink caffeine beverages to counteract fatigue and drowsiness, to keep us alert and to prevent "highway hypnosis" while on the road.

SOME EFFECTS OF CAFFEINE

It takes approximately 30 to 60 minutes to feel the effects of caffeine intake.

One may become psychologically and physiologically dependent upon the effects of caffeine.

Like many other drugs, the more we become accustomed to caffeine the more we need to consume to produce the desired effects.

If you are especially sensitive to caffeine or ingest more than 250 mg. at one time, you may experience insomnia, restlessness, irritability, nervousness, tremors, stomach aches, sweating, extra heartbeats and headaches.

More serious side effects include: excessive nervousness, disruption of normal sleeping patterns and depression.

Sensitivity to caffeine varies among people.

Drinking coffee will not counteract the effects of alcohol or make one sober.

CAFFEINE CONTENT VARIES AMONG ITS SOURCES

Coffee usually has more caffeine than tea or cola beverages. Concentration depends on how the coffee was made: automatic drip, percolated or instant. Also, the amount of caffeine varies with the type or brand of tea leaf or coffee bean. There are many other sources of caffeine you may not be aware of; for example, many prescription and non-prescription drugs contain caffeine, as does chocolate. The list below will give you some idea of the caffeine content of various products.

| SOURCE | CAFFEINE (mg) |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Coffee (5-oz. cup) | 100-150 |
| Drip method | |
| Percolated | 80 |

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| Instant | 30 |
| Iced (12-oz. glass) | 70 |
| Decaffeinated | 3 |

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| Tea (5-oz. cup) | |
| Brewed | 30-60 |
| Instant | 30 |
| Iced (12-oz. glass) | 70 |
| Herb teas | 0 |

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| Chocolate | |
| Chocolate milk (8-oz. glass) | 5 |
| Dark Chocolate (1 oz.) | 20 |
| Hot cocoa (5-oz. cup) | 40-50 |

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| Soft Drinks (12 oz.) | 30-72 |
| Colas | |
| Root Beer | 0 |
| Ginger Ale | 0 |
| Tonic water/Club soda | 0 |
| 7-Up | 0 |

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| Non-prescription Drugs | |
| Anacin | 32 |
| Aspirin | 0 |
| Dextrin | 200 |
| No Doz | 100 |

Pregnant women and those with stomach ulcers or heart problems should try to limit their caffeine in-

take. Further, decaffeinated coffee is not necessarily more healthful. Removing caffeine is often accomplished with dangerous chemicals. Those that are labeled "Swiss water method" are processed without chemicals and are often sold in specialty or natural food stores.

As with everything else, moderation is the key. Try to limit your caffeine intake to no more than 300 mg. per day. If you keep long hours or are on the road driving most of the day and take in caffeine to keep you awake, try some of these non-caffeinated alternatives:

- Juices-fruit or vegetable
- Cereal coffees
- Herbal coffees
- Water — spring, sparkling or with a slice of lemon
- A short walk or stretch

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