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Petition requires 5-2 vote for Grand Plan

By JAN JEFFRES
 writer

By law, five of the seven city council members will now have to say "yes" if the rezoning for an industrial park in Section 18 is to pass. Previously, a simple majority was required.

City Assessor James Klausmeyer said Tuesday that a petition to alter the city council vote had the signatures of more than 20 percent of the owners of land 100 feet from the border of the 300-acre parcel targeted for rezoning.

Under Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921 on land zoning, the 20-percent margin must be reached to change nor-

mal city council voting procedures.

The petition was presented to the city on March 14 by Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP), a citizens' group opposed to the Grand Plan — the relocation of 19 "non-conforming" businesses such as a paint plant from Novi's downtown to the proposed industrial park at Wixom, Napier and Twelve Mile Roads.

Such a voting requirement could make it more difficult for the council to reach a consensus, Council Member Marsha Hoyer predicted.

"A lot of the council might go around counting their votes. It does really (make it more difficult) unless it's something clear-cut," said Hoyer, a 14-year veteran.

"With the Grand Plan being, as far as I can see, so un-

clear-cut on many issues, it could affect our decision making. There are so many questions at this point that are not being answered.

"A developer asked me, 'Why don't you people stay out of the marketplace?' He seemed to think this should be done privately. I thought that was interesting, coming from a developer."

While the Birmingham-based Unipro Inc., owners of the Old Dutch Farms mobile-home community, and Novi resident Richard Helfer, owner of a portion of the Leisure Co-op Apartments in Wixom, signed the petition, Klausmeyer said that he didn't need to take this into consideration. On the recommendation of Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, a letter from Paragon Properties

opposing the rezoning was counted as a signature.

As Paragon owns 75 acres, this alone pushed the petition over the 20-percent mark, Klausmeyer said.

"It was triggered. That requirement was met by Paragon Properties," he explained, "Once it was triggered, we didn't proceed with that."

However, City Clerk Gerry Stipp said that the other property owners would be included in a future evaluation of the petition, in case "Paragon changes its mind." Stipp said that a petition of this nature happens "quite often."

NAPP members say the city's Grand Plan will bring a heavy burden of traffic, environmental hazards and a decrease of property values to their neighborhood.

Ethnic bash slated

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

Hart Plaza's loss could be the Novi Town Center's gain.

Novi Rotary Club member Dr. Mav Sanghvi has at least one day booked solid for the first Novi International Festival, an ethnic event he is hoping to pull together with the assistance of the city's service clubs. For the past 15 years his sister-in-law, Livonia resident Jaydevi Sanghvi, has been the director of the Festival of India, formerly part of the the Detroit Riverfront Festivals.

But Sanghvi says the Indian committee has bowed out of Detroit this year due to what she describes as the high costs and low profits for holding an event at Hart Plaza. She'll be bringing the whole Festival of India — including 30 performing groups, food booths, a fashion show and an arts exhibit — to Novi on Saturday, August 25.

It'll be one day of three scheduled for the Novi International Festival set for August 24-26 at the Novi Town Center. At present, Friday will be reserved for European ethnic groups, Saturday for India, and Sunday for "the rest of the world."

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Barbara Wagner signs in at Novi's 10th Precinct on Tuesday while son Scott watches.

City votes against park plan

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

Not even a Monday night telephone campaign to rally support for the parks and recreation millage was enough to save the proposal from a 209-vote loss Tuesday.

With a 6-percent voter turnout from Novi's 21,254 registered voters, 720 people gave the thumbs down to a one-half mill tax increase, while 511 were prepared to spend additional money if dedicated to the purchase of new park land and the development and maintenance of this and existing parks.

Voter turnout was lowest in precinct eight, where 28 voters made it to the polls.

"We're very disappointed with the results of the election, and we feel we might have missed an opportunity to preserve areas of Novi from developers' bulldozers," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

"Most of the area between Taft and Beck and Eight Mile and Grand River is already under design and development. There are really not many opportunities left to purchase park land in this community. We will not bring back the proposal for another three to five years."

The increase from one-half to one full mill for the parks and recreation department would have brought in approximately \$500,000 per year. The goal was to buy at least 500 acres by the year 2010, including land for soccer and softball fields as well as "passive" sites with nature trails. On the shopping list was the 170-acre Novi Tree Garden.

Kriewall said the tree farm, near Lakeshore Park, would most likely be filled by a Nov. 6 election. If needed, primaries will be held sometime this summer.

When asked if he knew of anyone wishing to fill his shoes, Calandro replied, "No, I have no idea, but I will be an interested spectator waiting to see who will be the next County Commissioner of the 24th District."

This district, which serves Novi, Novi Township, part of the City of Northville, Lyon Township, and the City of South Lyon, is historically

Dan Davis predicted that the department will go through some "very major and drastic changes in our ability to adequately meet the growing participation in our activities." At present, the city's field capacity for adult and youth softball and youth soccer programs is overtaxed, he said.

The department will be going through budget hearings later this month. "Decisions will be made as to what areas of service will be decreased or eliminated or changed based upon this election," Davis said. Areas to be considered will include fees charged for activities, entrance fees at city parks and the revamping of children's programs.

"I'm very disappointed. It looks like we're going to have to re-evaluate what our fall programs are going to be for the facilities. Maybe set some limits. We know we can't handle what we're anticipating for participation," said Gerald Shulman, parks and recreation commission chair.

This was the second time in less than six months that Novi residents refused a tax increase. When 31 percent of the voters turned out for the November 7 general election, 57 percent pulled the "no" lever in a 3,226 to 2,422 vote. That time, the ballot language did not dedicate the one-half mill to land acquisition and development.

Speculating that the open-ended millage and two state sales tax increase proposals on the ballot had knocked-out the local issue, the city council on Jan. 9 opted to put the question to the voters again.

Planning commissioner Ernest Aruffo spent Tuesday as an elections worker.

"They (the voters) felt there hadn't been enough publicity for the election; whether that would have changed their minds or not is conjecture," Aruffo said.

Board lowers SEVs

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

Novi homeowners got the largest share of tax relief at the board of review this March.

City Assessor James Klausmeyer said overall residential property tax assessments went from \$486,229,050 before the board of review to \$483,005,400 after some homeowners won their appeals — a decrease of \$3,223,650.

Post-board alterations in assessed value of agricultural land went down from \$22,490,100 to \$22,359,550, a \$130,550 decrease; commercial property went from \$305,089,650 to \$304,851,300, a decline of \$238,350; and industrial property went from \$112,823,350 to \$111,493,350, a plummet of \$1,330,000.

The city's total tax base was lowered by \$4,922,550 from \$926,632,150 to \$921,709,600.

"We didn't give much away," Klausmeyer said.

A total of 1,100 appeals were presented to the board of review this year, up ten percent from last year.

"But we've got more parcels, we're up about 100 petitions," he explained.

While the Farmington Hills board of review received about 15 tea ags from property-tax protesters in-

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Calandro won't run again

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 staff writer

Oakland County Commissioner John Calandro, R-Novi, is a lame duck.

The nine-year commission veteran announced that he will not seek re-election this fall.

He dropped this self-proclaimed bombshell Monday night at Northville City Council and Lyon Township Board meetings.

"I am not running because of commitments to my family and to my employer," Calandro said. "I just realized that something had to give."

"This is something I have been thinking about for a long time, but I only made the decision a few days ago," he said. "I have only told a few people, so I think this will come as a big surprise to a lot of people."

The commissioner explained that his job as director of human resources for Nissan Research and Development Inc. has been taking

up an increasing amount of his time.

He quashed any rumors that he is stepping down for political reasons.

"What I have determined is that the time needed to meet all of my daily responsibilities add up to more hours than are in the day," he said. "I am sure you can appreciate that my family and the responsibilities to my employer must come first."

Calandro has been on the board since 1981 and recently served as chairperson of the county's Personnel Committee.

The commissioner said that he has represented his constituents wholeheartedly during this nine-year stint on the county board. However, he has found it increasingly difficult to meet the time constraints of the position.

"I can truly say that I enjoyed the last nine years and my board responsibilities have ranked high in my priorities," he said. "But much has also happened in my personal and professional life during his

period of time — the demands of family and my employer have also continued to grow."

However, Calandro gave assurances that he will continue to serve his constituency until his term expires this December.

"I may be a lame duck, but I'm not a dead duck — you'll be hearing a lot out of me in the next six months," he said.

His term, which ends Dec. 31, will be filled by a Nov. 6 election. If needed, primaries will be held sometime this summer.

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Offered by Novi Community Education in Novi High School room 106, for two weeks, Thursday, 6-10 p.m., April 26 and May 3. Fee is \$14 (senior citizen \$12). For more information call 348-1200.

Health-o-Rama: The American Family Care Center has been appointed as one of the Project Health-O-Rama health screening sites for April 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. American Family Care is located at 1890 Haggerty Road, Suite 104 in Livonia, just south of Eight Mile Road.

In addition to the many tests offered at all the sites, AFC will offer oral dental, podiatry, hearing, skin care mammography (\$50) and body composition \$2.

Volunteers are needed to assist with patient registration and other tasks. Project Health-O-Rama is co-sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, WXVZ-TV, Channel 7, and the United Health Organization. Tests are given to anyone over 18 years of age.

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Stress management program: "Learning To Live With Stress" helps you assess your quota, identify your stressors, think positively and improve your interpersonal communication skills.

Practice mind and body relaxation techniques. The class will meet at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township on five consecutive Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.; it began April 3. The program fee is \$45. Preregistration is necessary. For more information or to register, call 360-3452.

Diabetes classes: A series of six diabetes classes will be held on Thursday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Oakland County Health Division's South office, 2775 Greenfield Road, Southfield. These classes are scheduled to begin today, Thursday, April 5.

These classes are for adult diabetics and their family members. They are taught by a public health nurse and a registered dietitian. Topics that will be discussed include the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems.

There is a \$10 fee for these classes. Class will be cancelled if less than eight people have registered.

To register, please call 424-7042.

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Novi may go international

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"I pulled out because they were a horror and we could never get our expenses," she said. "Most of them are pulling out, but I don't know how many." Dr. Sanghvi has gotten yet... The plaza is changing so much that we can't afford it."

She said that a number of Indian dance groups which are well-known on the ethnic festival circuit will be performing in Novi, including the

Results in from board of review

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spurred by the Boston Tea Party, Novi didn't get any.

"We didn't have a lot of hostility. I don't think they're (taxpayers) mad at me or the staff. They're mad at the system. The legislators have to take care of that," Klausmeyer said.

As a result of appeals granted at the review board, the overall average assessment increases for residential property went from 5.9

percent to 5.64 percent, for commercial property from 8.4 percent to 8.2 percent, and for industrial from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent. The average assessment on agricultural property remained unchanged.

Person appeals before the board ran the week of March 12 through 16 and on March 19 and 20. Following those dates, the board examined written petitions.

Earlier in March, the assessor's office discovered mistakes in some assessments and rolled back or left unchanged 1,293 assessments in residential property.

Following the board of review, the Oakland County Equalization Division must place its stamp of approval on the Novi proceedings. The state then reviews the county.

"The whole hootenanny ends up sometime in late May," Klausmeyer said.

Property owners may appeal the board of review decisions to the state Tax Tribunal in Lansing, but Klausmeyer said that only a small percentage actually do so.

"The only thing the Tax Tribunal looks at is what houses are selling for. The burden is on the taxpayer to prove," he said.

The city holds a July board of review, a series of closed meetings to correct "mutual mistakes of fact."

Calandro to 'duck' out of office

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Republican-dominated — as is the county board.

Presently, none of Novi's prominent politicians who could be contacted by the Novi News deadlines announced intentions of running.

Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn stated

firmly that he will not seek the position. "I have a full-time job and the position demands a lot of time during the day," he said.

Council Member Tim Pope, who is rumored to have political aspirations within the Republican Party, said he will not run.

"My commitment to the residents of Novi was that I would try to change the direction of city government, and that is where my priorities lie," he said.

However, he quickly added that he hopes to see a strong candidate seek the county seat.

"There is a lot to be done in terms of correcting solid-waste and traffic problems at the county level," he said.

When City Council Member Martha Hoyer was asked if she had any intentions of running, she answered, "Not!"

Nancy Covert, the number-one Novi vote-getter in the last city election, said that she is happy where she is, serving the citizens of Novi.



Fifties fun

Dave "Hot Rod" Komundy plays guitar for Moose and Da Sharks a warmup for this summer's Michigan '50s Festival in Novi. The bash during the '50s party at the Sheraton Oaks on Friday. The party was included dancing, refreshments and a lip-synch contest.

Gains, losses for firefighters

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

The biggest recruitment drive for paid-on-call firefighters in the history of the Novi Fire Department ultimately led to the recent graduation of 10 new recruits.

But offsetting this enhancement of the force is the recent resignation of nine firefighters, with a 10th now considering leaving the staff. The paid-on-call reserves serve evening and weekend hours when the city's full-time fire protection officers are not on duty.

In September, the fire department set a goal of adding 12 new paid-on-call firefighters to their 42-member ranks. Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan studied recruitment techniques in other states, including Maryland, and the department made a video and other promotional materials. Women were encouraged to sign up as part of the attempt to enlarge the force. The requirement that recruits have a high school diploma and pass a written test was waived.

"This was probably the most intensive recruitment drive," Lenaghan said.

In 1989, a number of slow response times during hours when the paid-on-call or "volunteer" staff was on duty led to the plan to increase the force.

The 10 new firefighters, including one woman, spent three months in training. They participated in a new department program of allowing a new recruit to work one-on-one with a veteran firefighter. And then they formally graduated in a recent ceremony before the city council.

Now, the department is prepared to start all over again to fill the new vacancies.

"It (a recruitment drive) could probably start anytime. It's a big commitment to do a paid-on-call fire department job. It's not really a social function anymore. This is strictly business," Lenaghan said.

The current attrition in the force is due to causes such as firefighters moving out of state or taking new jobs which do not permit the time commitment to the department, he explained. In February alone, five firefighters left.

"That's not too encouraging," Lenaghan said.

But he's ready to start up the next round of recruits. "We would accept applications. Come down and fill out an application."

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Witness links Novi man to cocaine deal

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

A 34-year-old Novi man facing drug charges and a possible mandatory life sentence is still in Wayne County Jail awaiting the second half of his preliminary exam.

After taking testimony from an inside informant at a March 28 hearing, 20th District Court Judge Edward Flawcok postponed the remainder of Douglas A. Siebert's preliminary hearing until his alleged partner and co-defendant Raymond Oakman obtains counsel.

Siebert, who lives in the Nine Mile and Garfield area, faces charges of delivery and conspiracy to deliver narcotics for his alleged involvement in a recent cocaine deal. If convicted, he will face a mandatory life sentence with no chance of parole.

Oakman, who is also known as Butch, faces identical charges. He is

a Dearborn Heights resident. Preliminary hearings for both men are scheduled for April 11 in 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights.

However, a key witness for the prosecution testified against Siebert at the March 28 hearing, claiming that the Novi man acted as a front man for some one known simply as "Butch."

The witness, Wayne Kelly, was arrested by the Livonia Narcotics Unit on Feb. 19 on five drug charges stemming from a single, undisclosed incident. One of those charges involved the transportation of cocaine, according to his own testimony.

After two days in jail, Kelly agreed to aid the narcotics unit in its investigation of a larger drug operation if all charges against him were dropped, according to his testimony. Amnesty for his "group" was also arranged in the alleged deal.

Kelly's testimony tied Siebert, who

he knew as Sunny, to a larger drug operation.

The informant said that he spoke with Siebert at the Key West bar in Detroit about purchasing a kilo of cocaine through Oakman two weeks prior to his Feb. 19 arrest.

"He didn't give me any details but said that I would just get it (the kilo)," Kelly said.

He indicated that Butch was to handle the details of the deal. However, allegedly Siebert was to receive a \$1,800 finder's fee for his role in the deal.

According to testimony, Kelly was to receive the kilo of cocaine, cut it and return a portion of it back to Butch.

"I was to take the product, make some bigger product and give it back," Kelly said.

After arranging the details of the deal while in police custody, Kelly and an undercover narcotics officer

proceeded to a Dearborn Heights residence and picked up the kilo of cocaine, according to Kelly.

However, no arrests were made at that time.

Previously, Livonia police only revealed that Siebert and Oakman were arrested on March 14 for their involvement in a one-kilo cocaine deal involving an undercover officer which took at an undisclosed location.

However, the prosecution stated that both men were arrested while attempting to buy 200 pounds of marijuana from undercover officers during Siebert's preliminary exam.

According to prior statements by the Livonia Police Department, Siebert was arrested at the Novi Hill and Oakman at the Livonia Holiday Inn.

The prosecution verified police statements that Siebert was in

possession of over \$200,000 in cash at the time of arrest.

Both defendants did not enter a plea in the cases against them, standing mute at their March 16 arraignments.

Siebert's lawyer, James Lawson, refused to comment on the strength of the prosecution's case.

When asked if he felt Kelly's testimony was damaging, he replied, "No comment."

Lawson said he doesn't know if he will call any witnesses in his client's defense during the remainder of preliminary exam.

One of the undercover officers involved in the drug transactions is expected to testify against both Siebert and Oakman at the April 11 hearing. He was allegedly with Kelly when the kilo of cocaine was delivered.

If the judge feels there is

enough evidence against the defendants, the two cases will be bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court or Wayne County Recorder's Court. Bail stands at \$1 million cash in both cases.

Lawson was unsuccessful in his attempt to get the bond reduced.

He said that bond was originally set at \$1 million cash because of Siebert's alleged ties to Las Vegas.

The defendant's name is on a safety deposit box in a Las Vegas bank. However, a witness testified that the box belonged to her and it only contained her will.

Siebert is the executor of that will and that is why his name is on the box, according to the witness.

Livonia police now have the key to that box.

Siebert's house, two cars and bank account have been seized as possible drug assets, according to the police.

College night

An opportunity for high school seniors and their parents to talk directly with Oakland Community College counselors and staff is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, on the Highland Lakes Campus of the College.

The College Information Night for Seniors program is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center on the campus. OCC counselors and staff will be in attendance to give the students and their parents a chance to find out about financial aid, tuition programs of study, transfer programs, admission and registration, counseling, students services, and more.

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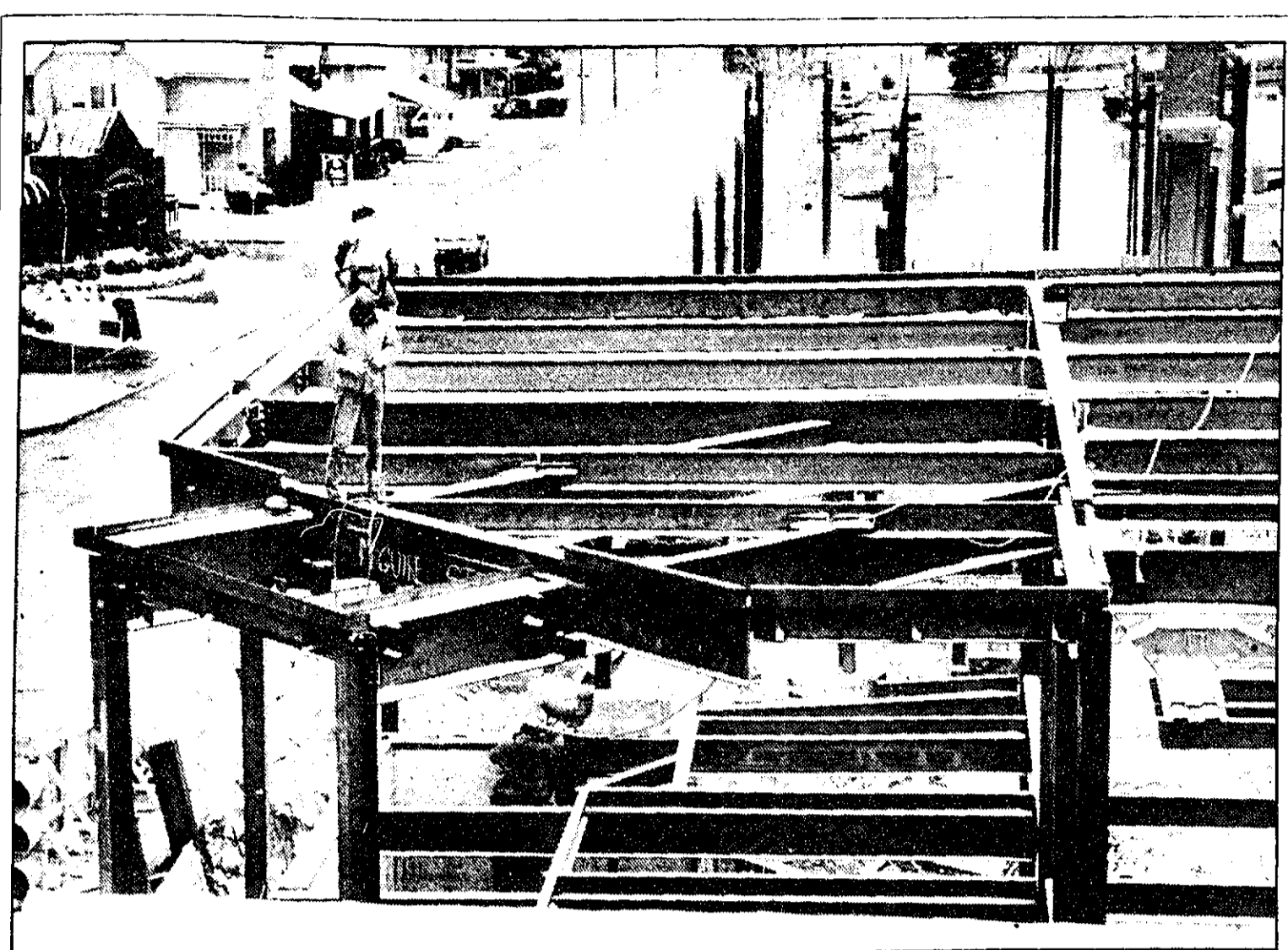
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Piwko earns high marks

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

Superintendent Robert Piwko received high marks from the Novi School Board at his annual performance evaluation.

The superintendent's review was held in a closed session on March 28. However, the board released a statement which said that the superintendent has fully met all of his job requirements during the past year.

"The Board of Education collectively has indicated that Dr. Piwko continues to perform at a very high level and has provided exemplary leadership for the School District and Community," wrote board President Raymond Byers.

"Student performance, the impact of Piwko's superintendency, continues to be at exceptional levels," Byers continued.

As evidence of Piwko's accomplishments, Byers pointed out that the district has been cited in the Wall Street Journal as one of the top 20 districts in the nation and has

received the highest ranking possible from the Private Sector Consultants Group, which rated the state's suburban school districts.

"I am very pleased with the review and the entire process," Piwko said.

The performance appraisal reviewed the superintendent in seven separate areas: board relations, community relations, staff and personnel relationships, educational leadership, business and finance, maintenance and personal qualities.

However, the board did not reveal individual rankings.

The rating scale was as follows: not applicable; does not meet; partially meets; fully meets; and exceeds the requirements of the position.

The board did not reveal any areas cited for needed improvement. However, Byers said that both the board and the superintendent will be reviewing the district's goals.

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MONDAY, APRIL 9
7 a.m. Walking Clinic: Help conserve energy and improve your health through walking. Handy Step, owner of Running Fit in the Novi Town Center, will discuss the benefits of walking, shoe selection and getting started. This clinic will prepare walkers to enter the two-mile walk on Earth Day.

The clinic is free and will be offered at 7 p.m. at Northville Community Recreation located at 303 W. Main Street in downtown Northville. All guests are eligible to enter a drawing for a pair of Freebok walking shoes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
10 a.m. Arbor Day Seedling Distribution to Northville Township Residents: Seedlings are courtesy of the township; distribution by the Beautification Commission at the Township Hall located at 41600 Six Mile Road. Identification must be presented; 2,200 seedlings will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
MAYBURY STATE PARK
10 a.m. 10K Fun Run: This 10K run goes through beautiful Maybury State Park. All participants will receive a canvas tote bag, refreshments by Edwards Caterer, and be eligible for awards in each age group and a drawing for prizes. \$7 registration fee until April 13; late registration \$10. Call 349-0203 for an application.

12:15 a.m. Two-Mile Walk: All participants will receive a canvas tote bag, refreshments by Edwards Caterer, and be eligible for a drawing for prizes. \$5 registration fee until April 13; late registration \$6. Call 349-0203 for an application. Run and walk shop carefully for earth-friendly items through lively song and dance.

Consumer Education Display: By Schoolcraft College Geography Department. Information on recycling, using environmentally safe products, and household hazardous waste.

BFI Display: Special information to be announced.

Seedling distribution: 300 seedlings will be provided by Down River Running Club.

Noon, Puppet Show: The Mamas and the Pappas present "Rafferty Recycles the Rubbish." Join Rafferty as he is transformed from a trash-loving rat to a recycling crusader. Rafferty and the forest animals teach us to recycle and to shop carefully for earth-friendly items through lively song and dance.

6:15 p.m. "Recycling to Save Our Planet": Lecture at Borders Bookstore in the Novi Town Center by Diane O'Connell. Space is limited; preregistration is required by calling 347-0780.

8:30 p.m. Western Wayne County Conservation Association Display: At their clubhouse located at 6700 Napier Road, south of Five Mile Road. Nature walks, tours of center, displays by Friends of the Rouge, Ducks Unlimited, DNR. Free white pine seedlings to attendees.

For more information call: Peg Campbell, Director of Community & Public Relations, University of Michigan M-Care Health Center, 650 Griswold, Northville, 936-9338.

M-Care Health Center and others.
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"They came in and set up a big barrel to collect all the cans," said Laraine Craig, manager of Novi Bowl.

This is the first year that the Novi Bowl has taken part in this type of canned-food drive, said Craig, but they are usually very active with other causes, such as muscular dystrophy.

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City eyes bed-and-breakfast ordinance

Bed-and-breakfasts conjure up images of tea and scones by a roaring fire on an extended tour of Europe. Or leisurely strolls along the New England coast with a wind-chiseled lobster boat captain and his matronly bride of 40 years.

Bed-and-breakfasts, however, may not often be associated with suburban areas like Novi — but that could change.

The planning commission is refining an ordinance that would allow Novi homeowners to be used as country inns — which is an emerging trend among communities in Michigan's southeastern tip.

"There are bed-and-breakfasts all over the state — Novi is more urban than many of the areas, but there is still room to accommodate them as long as they are properly regulated," said Novi planning consultant Brandon Rogers. Rogers drafted the proposed ordinance.

He recently wrote a similar ordinance for Milford which was deemed state-of-the-art only a year ago. The City of Northville has also paved the way for B&Bs with a successful inn, the Atchison House, operating within walking distance of the center of town.

Some people believe that B&Bs are only successful in tourist communities, not suburban areas like Novi. However, Rogers firmly believes there is a need for these cozy inns within the city.

"They are used by business people as well as tourists," he said. "They

Rogers: "There is some concern that it is allowing commercially operated inns in the middle of residential neighborhoods, but it wouldn't be like putting up a neon sign and operating a hotel."

offer an alternative to the conventional hotel for people who don't want to pay hotel rates or don't like the typical hotel atmosphere."

B&Bs also increase the options available to older homeowners, according to Rogers.

"The ability to open a bed-and-breakfast allows older people to keep their homes," he said. "After all the kids leave, a lot of people are left with large homes they want to keep, but they can't afford to pay the taxes."

However, some people still feel that B&Bs don't belong in suburban communities.

"There is some concern that it is allowing commercially operated inns in the middle of residential neighborhoods, but it wouldn't be like putting up a neon sign and operating a hotel," Rogers commented.

He explained that the proposed ordinance would prohibit B&Bs in subdivisions and is designed primarily for older homeowners.

"The ordinance would regulate their (B&Bs) use so that they would not overcrowd neighborhoods," Rogers commented.

The proposed ordinance would allow B&Bs in non-platted residential districts.

In addition, the number of rooms available for rent would be limited to four. Only two of these rooms could be rented concurrently unless each room has access to two separate entrances.

In an effort to further regulate B&Bs, the length of stay would be limited to seven days.

The planning commission is not expected to vote on the proposed ordinance before May. If approved by the commission, it will also need the okay of the city council.

If the ordinance passes, anyone wishing to open a B&B would have to get a license from the city building department and possibly the State of Michigan, depending on the size of the house.



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 - 10:30 a.m.: Oakland County Parks — camping
 - 11:00 a.m.: Crisis in the Modern Family — planned parenthood
 - 11:30 a.m.: (cont'l)
 - 12:00 p.m.: Smart Talk — transportation
 - 12:30 p.m.: Travels with Kay — Bhutan
 - 1:00 p.m.: Legislative Forum
 - 1:30 p.m.: The Shores of Your Mind
 - 2:00 p.m.: Jazz at Alvin's, part I
 - 2:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
 - 3:00 p.m.: Jazz at Alvin's, part II
 - 3:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
- 6:00 p.m.: Friendship Club**
- 6:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
 - 7:00 p.m.: Junior Japanese — lesson 3
 - 7:30 p.m.: Tai chi — lesson 3
 - 8:00 p.m.: Vladislav Kovalsky — His Music and His Friends
 - 8:30 p.m.: Detroit Live
 - 9:00 p.m.: Positively — Gary Miller
 - 9:30 p.m.: (cont'l)

- TUESDAY, APRIL 10**
- 10:00 a.m.: Senior Adult Exercise
 - 10:30 a.m.: Crisis Montage
 - 11:00 a.m.: Women on the Move — culinary arts
 - 11:30 a.m.: Women on the Move — professional women
 - 12:00 p.m.: Valley of Decision
 - 12:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
 - 1:00 p.m.: Novi Seniors — talkin' about the '20s
 - 1:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
 - 2:00 p.m.: Detroit Live
 - 2:30 p.m.: Home Computer Network — batch file programming
 - 3:00 p.m.: Senior Messenger
 - 3:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
- 6:00 p.m.: Senior Messenger**
- 6:30 p.m.: (cont'l)
 - 7:00 p.m.: Seniors on the Move — poet
 - 7:30 p.m.: Blues Beat — Chicago Pete
 - 8:00 p.m.: Horizons — City of Farmington Hills
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Haggerty funding withdrawn

By SHEILA PHILLIPS staff writer

Michigan Department of Transportation officials withdrew a \$14-million grant request for the Haggerty Connector project last week.

The \$14 million of state economic development money was earmarked for right-of-way acquisition up to Pontiac Trail.

"MDOT withdrew its request primarily because of the wetland controversy with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)," said Fred Sanborn, assistant director of the state's Economic Development Department. "The wetland issue has basically stalled the project."

MDOT officials admitted that they withdrew the funding request because of project delays.

However, they still maintain that the boulevard project will proceed on schedule despite the EPA's ultimatum that all communities impacted by the project have to adopt wetlands ordinances or it will not sign off on the project.

Sanborn said that MDOT also withdrew its funding request because it still hasn't spent last year's grant money.

"Another reason MDOT withdrew the request is that it still hasn't used the \$11.5 million it received last year," Sanborn explained. "If they wait too long, it is going to cost them a lot more to purchase the land."

MDOT received \$11.5 million in economic development funds last year to purchase sections of land around Twelve Mile Road. However, the department refuses to spend the money until the Federal Highway Administration signs off on the project, which is expected to happen in mid-July, according to MDOT planner Hank Lototsinski.

FHA officials have indicated that they will sign off on the project even if the wetlands issue is not resolved, and therefore some officials argue that the delay is unwarranted.

This money is earmarked for interchange construction to connect I-275, I-696 and I-96 to the Haggerty Connector, which is expected to begin this fall.

However, other aspects of the boulevard project seem to be going off without a hitch.

Economic Development Fund officials announced last Wednesday that the City of Farmington Hills will receive \$3.6 million in economic development money this summer to widen Twelve Mile Road east from Haggerty into a four-lane highway — paving the way for the boulevard project.

Novi also hopes to widen its portion of Twelve Mile Road into a six-lane highway. However, the city has not received project funding at this time.

According to MDOT, the widening of Twelve Mile Road must precede or run concurrently with boulevard construction. The Haggerty Connector, if built as planned, will be a new boulevard running from Twelve Mile to Pontiac Trail about a half-mile west of Haggerty Road.

If the Environmental Protection Agency wetlands issue pushes the project start date into next spring, \$2.5 million in federal funds will be in jeopardy.

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Throughout Tornado Safety Week, information on tornado facts, proper procedures and cautions about weather conditions will be made available

to the public.

Gail A. Novak, Manager of Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management, said she hopes residents will take time to read and listen to information about tornado safety as well as be ready for the tornado season at this time.

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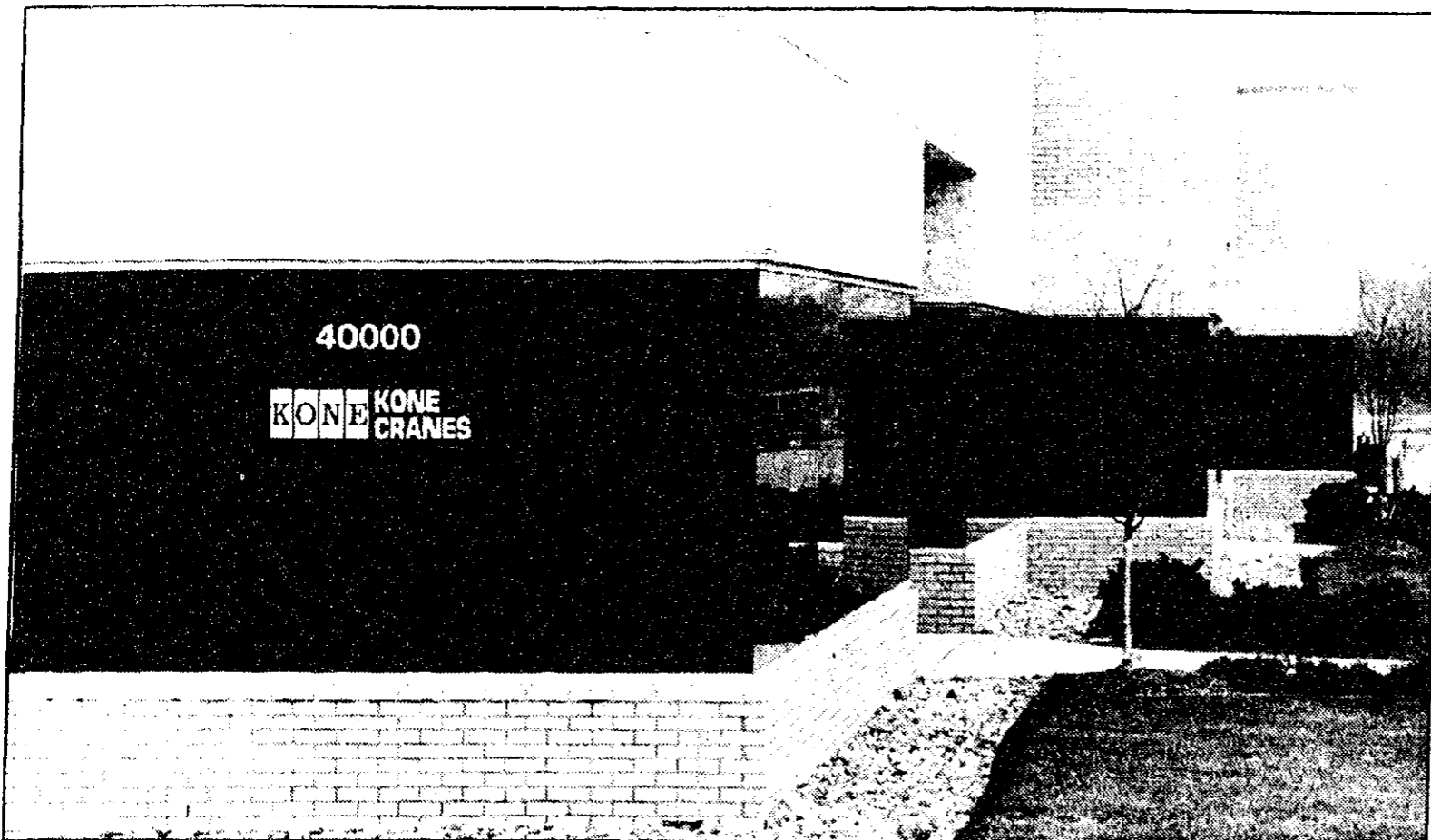
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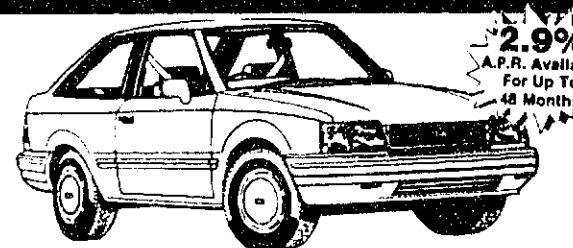
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Sweet music

Door harps, wind chimes spring up

By Barrie Barber

Like the welcoming melody of spring, wind chimes and door harps herald the presence of a visitor or the symphonic harmony of the wind.

Door harps, unlike wind chimes, are finely tuned and emit sound when a ball strikes a string.

Wind chimes, as they are popularly recognized, are tubes that loosely hang from an upper base.

Perhaps best of all, door harps and wind chimes don't require batteries to operate.

Area retailers sell a variety of chimes that may take the form of a heart, a cow or a sailboat.

At Sharon's Corner Shoppe in Howell handmade wooden door harps are fashioned into piano, guitar and heart shapes. In the past, it has also sold door harps small enough to fit on a refrigerator door.

Door harps can be placed anywhere from the front door to the rear door of the home. Some people even buy them for bathroom doors.

Harps can be tuned to play a note, but according to the manufacturer, "it's very difficult."

The harps have proven to be quite popular. "I've sold over 200 over the past two years," said Sharon Garrison, owner of Sharon's. "We're down to eight right now."

"They have been in existence for over 100 years," she said, and probably were first made in the southern United States. There was a period when harp production ceased, but it began again in 1982," according to Garrison.

The harps the shop sells come from Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Each harp, made from pine, receives two coats of paint and three coats of varnish. Those with a natural finish receive five coats.

Many people are attracted to door harps as a gift because they're unusual.

"(Customers) buy them for people it's difficult to buy for," Garrison said.

They may also answer that age-old question of "What do you buy your mother-in-law who has everything?"

says Garrison, "because it's such an unusual thing."

"It's very charming.

"They go from one age to the next and I'll tell you they fascinate the children. There's not a child that comes in here that doesn't play with one."

Door harps can sell for about \$25 to \$33. Kits cost about the same, Garrison said.

Wind chimes are commonly made out of brass and wood, Linda Morgan, manager of the Bon Ton Shoppe in Brighton, said. Some are made out of seashells, but have not been as durable, she said.

Wind chimes tend to be hollow to capture the most vibrant sounds.

They seem to appeal to the 30-and-up crowd most, according to Morgan. Especially those who live or spend summers near a lake and enjoy the breeze.

More than any other reason, people are attracted to wind chimes because of their acoustics.

"They like the sound and I think out this way (with hundreds of lakes) . . . it's something that you're going to be able to hear a lot," Morgan commented.

Although wind chimes are sometimes difficult to find except at art fairs, Heslop's Gifts at Twelve Oaks, Novi has just received a large shipment of Seville chimes.

Pandora Gift Shop in Milford has had quite a run on wind chimes recently and is down to just three at this time. "We have a ceramic one with a Unicorn and a rainbow and we have some from the Southwest which have chimes made of stone," said JoAnn Ceresa of Pandora's.

Larger wind chimes can sound like echoing church bells, while smaller ones could be described as sounding like an imaginary crystal waterfall.

Larger also means the sound lasts longer, Morgan said.

"I think a lot of people like the ones that have a deep sound," she added.

While chimes are prized for their musical attributes, they can also be found at art fairs and in souvenir shops across the country.

Chimes are perhaps easiest to find during the spring and summer, when many stores receive shipments.

Another good shopping place for chimes and harps are the summer arts and craft shows which are always plentiful during the warmer weather.

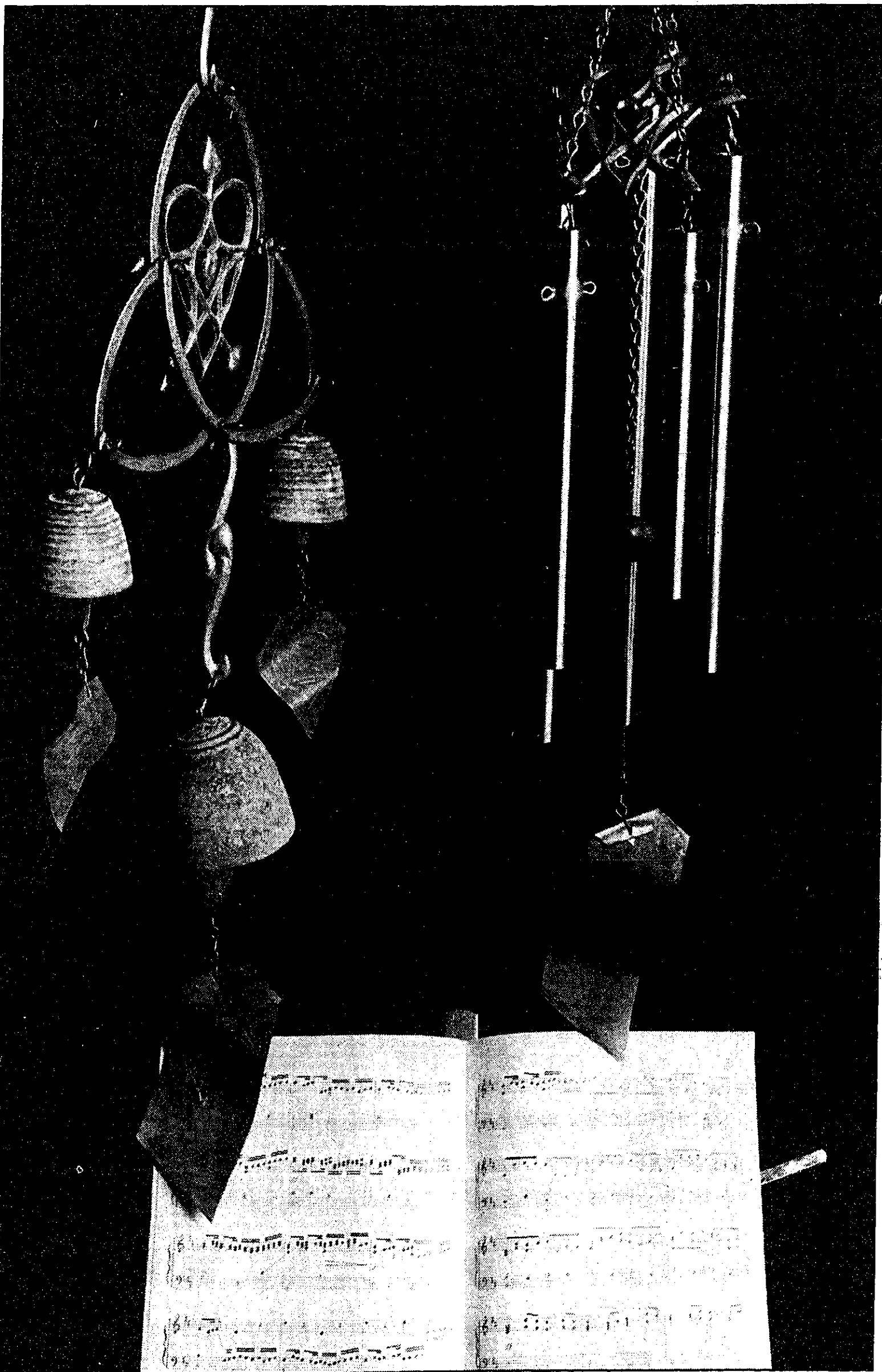


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Whether they are made of pottery, metal or even stone, wind chimes add a lively musical note

Around the House: Designs for Living

Angled walls provide focus

By James McAlexander

The dramatic center-points for your entry to the Uranus 2 are the angled walls facing the front deck. Just inside you'll find a convenient entry closet and a most intriguing living room.

The living room is open, yet intimate. A single step marks its boundaries from the adjoining hallway. At one center an expansive bank of windows brings the view indoors and opposite, a sweeping room-length hearth fronts the fireplace.

Across the hallway is the family room. Being the center of activity, it takes its job seriously by being located somewhat apart from the rest of the home. Adjoining windows at the corner of the room add visual in-

terest along with plenty of light, while sliding glass doors ease access to the backyard deck.

In the country kitchen, a large pantry with fold-out storage door is one clue that this is a working kitchen. With the central island containing a range top, two cooks can easily enjoy the area without collision. Corner windows again find a use here bringing light and view to the sink areas and cozy dining nook.

Down a short hall and seven steps up from the main living area are the bedrooms and both bathrooms. Here you will find a master suite worthy of the name.

The usual layout begins quite simply with a moderately sized bedroom. Adjoining windows at one corner, so characteristic of this home,

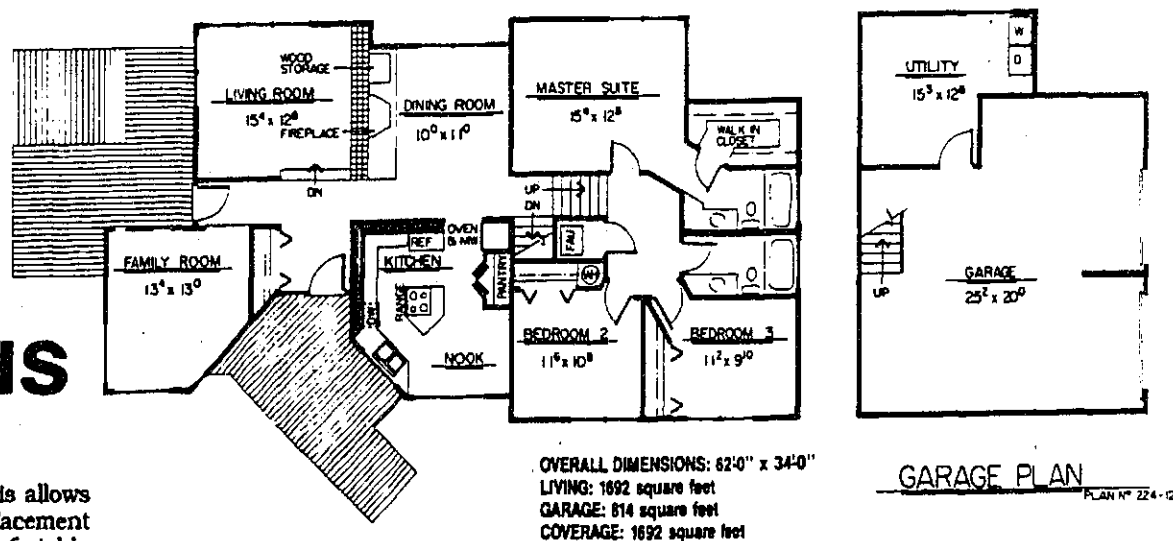
are found here, as well. This allows for versatility of furniture placement and a cozy location for a comfortable chair to read in.

A separate dressing area lies beyond one corner of the room, where a spacious walk-in closet is just a few convenient steps from the master bathroom.

Adjacent to the master suite are a pair of smaller bedrooms, each with a ready access to the second full bathroom and its tub/shower combination.

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Hair affairs

Choosing a style perfect for prom

By LESLIE PEREIRA
writer

A beautiful new dress, heels higher than you've ever worn, those precious pearls you only pull out for special occasions — you feel like a princess. Until your hair betrays you with an unruly kink or a misplaced curl.

"A hairstyle can really make or break a dress," said Gina Agosta, part-owner of Gerald's Hair Salon in Northville.

And the gaggle of girls flocking to her salon every year at prom time understand the importance of a clean-cut coiffure. Gerald's has already booked 19 appointments for May 5, the day of both the Northville and Novi High School proms, and a heavier-than-normal load for the preceding two weeks.

"At prom time it really bustles around here," said Antonette Mikolon, coordinator and receptionist for Gerald's.

So what are the girls having done this year? Intricate braids based on complex geometric configurations? Three-story bouffants requiring six hands and a step-ladder to erect?

No, according to Agosta the hottest new style this year is hair worn high on the crown of the head. Recently returned from a weekend-long hair fashion show, complete with world renowned stylists, Agosta said many of the new dos are reminiscent of the 1960s.

The style most heralded on the models of the mane masters was a closely cropped head of hair, fitted on the sides and in back, yet longer and pouffed up at the crown.

And for girls demanding the latest style, yet unwilling to cut their long tresses, a similar high-on-the-top illusion can be created with long hair, Agosta said.

Other prom hair looks, popular last year and still popping up, are french braids, longish curls resting against the cheeks, and rolling the hair back on each side and connecting the rolls behind with an ornament.



CHRIS BOYD

Model Kelly Roberts sports the classic "Gibson Girl" updo, compliments of Studio 424 in Northville

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Modern meets traditional at this year's prom

Anything goes as prom dresses appear in all shapes and shades

By LESLIE PEREIRA
writer

Short, shimmery, strapless and sexy — or long, lacy, high-necked and romantic. Black velvet, teal chiffon or an iridescent orange synthetic — the choices are endless.

Things have come a long way from the time when selecting a prom dress meant merely deciding whether you would wear a long white dress or a long pink one.

A peek into the dance halls of this year's prom will be like eating at a cafeteria-style smorgasbord, with a small sampling of everything.

"I think this year anything goes," said Tracy Varjabedian, manager of Susie's at Twelve Oaks Mall. "The girls are watching the Miss U.S.A. pageant and then coming in for their dresses."

Varjabedian should know. A major portion of her store is devoted to special-occasion dresses and she has been selling close to a dozen a day for the past month.

"Girls have been putting the dresses on layaway since January," Varjabedian said.

She said girls are lucky this year because there is no one particular style dominating the fashion scene but rather a diversity of styles which allows each girl to show off her individuality.

Marilyn Connor, a representative for Hudson's, agreed that this year's prom season is not defined by a particular style. "It really runs the gamut from sophisticated to romantic," said Connor, as she mentioned the resurrection of long dresses, but qualified it by saying the short ones were also selling well.

Despite the wide variety of styles, both Varjabedian and Connor have noticed distinct patterns of popularity from both purchases and inquiries.

Although stores have been showing a large number of dresses cut above the knee, Varjabedian said most younger girls are staying away from this short style.

"We are selling a lot of the longer gowns, which I think is probably mother's choice," Varjabedian laughed.

And sales at Twelve Oaks' Gantos have demonstrated the same thing.

"Nobody is going really short," said Gantos Sales Associate Debbie Isaac.

Agreed, said Connor, who thinks this year's trend is toward dresses which are three-quarters length, meaning somewhere close to mid-calf.

And the prom-going girls seemed to support what the dress experts were saying.

"I want a tea-length dress, not a long one," said Ann Gallinger, a junior at Plymouth-Canton High School.

Gallinger's shopping partner, Denyse Koontz, said she would be purchasing a tea length dress also. The pair have been shopping incessantly for the last month but have yet to settle on a particular gown, although they both have very definite ideas about what it is they want.

Gallinger said she will most likely buy a teal dress while Koontz prefers black or navy blue, which they agree are three of this year's "in" colors. Also cited by them as cool colors were red and hot pink.

This year's stylish shades include a new color concept in prom designs. Many of the stores have been showing dresses made with a very bright iridescent fabric. The fabric appears two-toned depending on how it is struck by the light. This is the fabric of choice for the more outrageous colors such as purple, orange and green.

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CHRIS BOYD

The romantic look from Gantos is worn by model Kathleen Kozma



CHRIS BOYD

Model Kristin Krol shows off a contemporary asymmetrical dress from Gantos

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Almost 20,000 players nationwide suffered golf-related injuries in 1988

Preparing to drive that first ball of 1990 down the fairway, golfers should shape up through exercise and observe some simple tips to ensure a healthy season, AAA Michigan reports.

Almost 20,000 players nationwide suffered golf-related injuries in 1988. Auto Club Life Insurance Company General Manager Michael Daubemier estimates that 1,100 Michigan golfers were among them.

"Golf may not seem so vigorous as other sports, but can be hazardous if players are not in shape or unaware of safety rules," he said.

Players should engage in regular year-round physical exercise such as walking, stretching and swimming to get ready for Michigan's golf season - traditionally from April to November.

Jim Grant, golf professional at Northville's Salem Hills Golf Course, offers this advice: "I think a good way to prepare for the coming season is to do stretching exercises: grab a club and start swinging. Serious golfers have a place in their garage or their basement where they can do this. It help your legs, hips and shoulders to get exposure to that kind of movement before you actually start hitting a ball. It loosens up those areas and it can help you develop the proper swing." Golfers are advised to do 10

minutes of stretching exercises before each round to keep muscles limber and prevent stress to the back, neck and shoulders.

To protect themselves and others once on the course, golfers should remember:

- Never walk ahead of a player lining up a shot. Stand far enough behind to avoid being struck by the club as the player swings.
- Wait until the group ahead leaves the putting green before hitting a ball in that direction.
- Always shout "fore" as a warning if your ball goes toward other people.
- Never throw a golf club.
- Drive golf carts at safe speeds, especially on steep hills.
- Never golf in a storm. If stranded, stand in a low-lying area. Never take shelter under a tree or hold onto golf clubs.
- Drink plenty of water in warm weather. Dress in pastel colors to deflect heat. Wear a hat and apply a strong sunscreen.
- Players with serious medical conditions should have a physical examination and doctor's clearance.

Golfers should note they can be legally liable if their negligent behavior on the golf course results in injury to another person.

Earth Day activities include 10K run

A 10K run and a two-mile walk will be among the activities taking place at Maybury State Park on Earth Day, April 22.

The run begins at 10 a.m. and the walk at 10:15 a.m. All participants will receive a finisher's ribbon, a canvas tote bag, continental breakfast and will be eligible for a drawing for other prizes. Awards will be presented to first, second and third place winners in the men's and women's categories in the 10K run.

Entry fees for the run are \$7 for the 10K and \$5 for the two mile walk until April 13. After that, late fees are \$10 and \$6. Call 349-0203 for an application.

Fitness for the '90s: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is offering an eight-week "Fitness for the '90s" class. Aerobic conditioning is combined with progressive resistance exercises using weight machines to reduce body fat and achieve good muscle tone.

Information pertaining to nutrition, diet and stress reduction is provided to complete the total fitness program. Students must be at least age 17 to participate.

The program starts on April 23 at the Novi High School Wrestling Room. The Monday/Wednesday sessions cost \$25; the Tuesday/Thursday sessions cost \$27. For more information, call 347-0400.

Open swim: The Novi High School Pool will be open for swimming from now until June 14. Open swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be from 7-8:30 p.m. and lap swimming follows until 9:30 p.m.

Fee is \$5.00 and senior citizens are free. Children age 10 and under must be with an adult. The pool will be closed on April 17-19.

Half marathon: The annual West Bloomfield Half Marathon has been scheduled for 12:30 p.m. April 22. This will be the 14th running of this Athletics Congress-certified race which is sponsored by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

The race begins in the front of West Bloomfield High School, Orchard Lake Road at Green Road, and winds through the scenic residential streets of West Bloomfield Township.

Annually the race attracts runners from many midwest states and Ontario, Canada. A new course record was set in 1989 by Doug Kurtis, 37, of Northville, with a time of 1:07:32. Cheri Sly, 24, of Dexter set the women's course record at 1:15:57.4, also in 1989.

The 1990 race looks to continued excitement in long-distance racing and high quality in race organization. Categories this year will include walkers and wheelers in addition to the many runner divisions.

For an entry form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 3325 Middlebelt Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48093. Entrants in the 1989 race will automatically receive an entry form. Registrations are taken up until one-half hour before race

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Entry fee for the event is \$11 through April 13. This early registration guarantees the runner a T-shirt. After April 13 and through race day the fee is \$14. There are no guarantees on a T-shirt with a late registration.

For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 334-5660. The West Bloomfield Half Marathon is directed by Sally Slater Pierce.

Walk Michigan Program: The Novi area is participating in the 1990 Walk Michigan Program, and Twelve Oaks Mall is the site for the next two events. On April 19 and May 15, walkers will be meeting at the Lord and Taylor mall entrance at 8 a.m. There will also be three other events this summer.

Each time a person participates in one of the scheduled walks, their name will be entered into a grand prize drawing: a trip for two to Macinac Island to participate in the annual bridge walk on Labor Day.

For more information, call 347-0400.

Exercise program: A one-hour exercise program is held Monday and Wednesday mornings at Twelve Oaks Mall. It takes place 9-10 a.m. in the Lord & Taylor corridor near the east entrance.

The program, conducted by the University of Michigan Division of Physical Education, is particularly aimed at older people and others who would benefit from an invigorating but non-strenuous exercise program.

"The format consists of carefully guided warm-up and stretching exercise followed by light aerobics and a cool-down period, all synchronized to music," according to Phyllis E. Weikart, director of U-M's Adult Lifestyle Program. "Our objective is to improve the participants' strength, flexibility and energy level through activities which are safe and enjoyable."

Weikart and her staff have been leading the popular Fitness Over 50 classes for 12 years on the U-M campus and for the past two years at Ann Arbor's Briarwood Mall, where it regularly attracts some 125 participants.

By expanding the program to Twelve Oaks Mall, they have made it more accessible to residents throughout Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties.

"Twelve Oaks is open an hour before the stores open (at 10 a.m. daily and noon Sunday) to accommodate people who want to use the mall for walking," Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Elaine Kah said. "This exercise program adds a new dimension to this activity. We are pleased to be a part of the program."

Fitness Tips

Sensible eating, exercise key weight loss

By LINDA WARREN
special writer

Being overweight is a common American health problem. Millions of Americans are dieting and exercising in an attempt to achieve their "ideal" weight. But for those who are able to lose the unwanted pounds, many will not be successful in keeping those pounds off.

There are no diets, drinks, or pills that give a 100-percent cure, although product advertisers would like us to think so. A basic principle in losing weight is to remember that the body

needs a certain amount of calories, or energy, to maintain its current weight. If the current weight is higher than the "ideal" weight, the body needs a less calories, an increase in energy expenditure or a combination of both.

There are many books about dieting in bookstores. Many claim a new secret or a new discovery about successful weight loss. Some contain diets that are variation of a balanced, but limited calorie, diet. If all four food groups are contained in the diet, it may be safe for long-term use. If food groups are eliminated or if a

food group is strongly emphasized, the diet may not be safe and could be dangerous to the body's health.

Sensible eating habits using a variety of foods in smaller than normal amounts, combined with more exercise is considered to be an effective and safe way to lose weight successfully. The exercise can be mall-walking, aerobic workouts, swimming, or any physical activity that is repetitive or rhythmic, and uses the large body muscles. Begin with easy exercises and progress to more demanding exercise. For many people, exercise has the advantage of

decreasing the appetite as well as providing a pleasant emotional feeling of health and wellness.

Losing weight is possible by sensible eating and good exercise habits. Lasting weight loss is not an endeavor for a week or for a month. It takes a lifetime.

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

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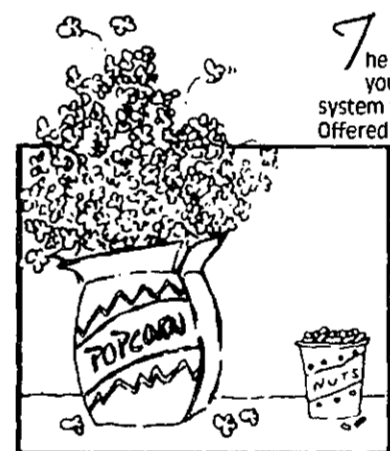
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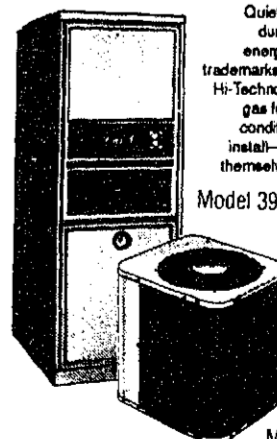
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