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Yes vote of 4-3 kills the Grand Plan

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

The best-laid plans of Novi planners went astray as the city council failed to approve their Grand Plan,

which took over a year to develop. The council voted 4-3 in favor of the project's I-2 (industrial) zoning, but a petition drive by Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP) mandated a 5-2 approval vote. Members

Tim Pope, Nancy Covert and Martha Hoyer were the dissenters. When NAPP organizer Linda Townsend was asked if she was proud of her group's instrumental role, she said, "I am just happy that

we stopped the rezoning and I'm grateful to Tim Pope, Martha Hoyer and Nancy Covert for voting against the plan." Hemlock to the plan was the use of unapproved tax abatements to

entice heavy industrial operations to move from the town center to the proposed industrial park on Wixom and Grand River. "We are being asked to make a decision on the rezoning when

there is no guarantee that these businesses are going to move," Pope told city planners. "These businesses aren't going to

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Novi Run

The 10th annual Novi/Providence Run attracted hundreds of participants to the Taft Road area on Sunday. Winners of the main event, a 10K run, were Jim Emmett (33:06) and Joanne Ewald (44:49). In the 5K run, overall winners were Brett Milley (17:02) and Julie Huston (20:37). A total of 291 runners crossed the finish line in the 10K and 5K races. A one-mile fun run was won by Artie Bashoe. Above, Pat Carroll pushes son Patrick in the 5K race. At right, the fun run gets underway.



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Paragon sues the city for \$1.7 million

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Paragon Properties hopes to collect \$1.7 million in damages from the City of Novi for allegedly being denied use of its 75-acre Twelve Mile Road site.

Paragon has been trying to develop a mobile-home park on the site, at the southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Napier roads.

According to Paragon attorney Norm Lippitt, Novi's Grand Plan project — which incorporated his client's property — added fuel to the case because it is an "outright admittance" that R-A is not a proper zoning.

"The city tried to zone the property I-2, which means that it should be zoned for light industrial — which is about as far as you can get from R-A," he commented. "And the fact the city turned down the zoning ... could help our chances of getting our mobile-home park.

"I think the city realizes that it is caught between a rock and a hard place and I am really looking forward to bringing this to trial," Lippitt commented. "The city has not only retained the services of regular attorney David Fried, but it has also called in its liability carrier's attorney."

However, Fried denied that the Grand Plan will impact the case and said that liability attorneys are called in whenever damages are involved.

He would not comment on the strength of the case but said, "I think the case has a legitimate right to be litigated — it's a legitimate issue as to whether the zoning is reasonable."

Throughout the five-year legal battle, Paragon has maintained that the 75-acre site is unusable under current large-lot residential (R-A and R-1) zoning because of poor soil conditions which rule out the possibility of septic tanks.

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Schools plan to maintain tax rate

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Novi Schools will not be asking for a millage rate increase this year, but many residents will still pay more in district taxes.

School administrators announced April 26 that they hope to keep last year's millage rate of 26.69 mills in order to finance their proposed \$22.811-million budget.

But as school board member Stephen Hitchcock pointed out, the average assessment in the district rose, so maintaining the same millage rate will still mean higher taxes. He calculated an average assessment hike of 5.6 percent, which would translate to a 5.6-percent increase in school taxes paid for the average homeowner.

"This is not the rosier of pictures like it has been in previous years," commented board member Robert Schram. "The ideal is to get close to the Truth-in-Taxation limit and I would like to get closer."

Individual taxes are computed by multiplying the approved millage rate by the property's assessed value and dividing by 1,000. Taxes rise when either the millage rate or the assessed value increases.

"I would like to see some more figures on improvements to see if they are too rich for our blood," Schram added, attempting to identify areas that could be cut.

But to get down to the Truth-in-Taxation limit — which means the same amount of tax revenue is col-

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Wetlands drain may be violation

By STEVE KELLMAN
and SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writers

Two men were found digging possible illegal drainage trenches between wetlands in Novi and Wixom near the Beck/West road intersection last Thursday for what one said were agricultural purposes.

However, one Wixom official speculated that the work may be in preparation for an industrial park planned for the two sites.

"The guy doing the drainage told us that he was contracted to get the property ready for agricultural use and that he was just setting up natural drainage ditches," Wixom City Manager William Barlow said.

"But I get the sense that this activity was done with the knowledge of Northern Equities Group — the new property owner," he added. "The industrial park planned for the site could have had something to do with the drainage being done."

He said he spoke with company representatives about the planned industrial park a few weeks ago, but no site plans have been submitted.

The potential wetlands violations occurred on April 26 and April 27, and since that time all digging has halted pending a Department of Natural Resources investigation.

Responding to a Wixom resident's complaint, Wixom Police found Alex Renner of Farmington Hills digging a four-foot-wide,

300-foot-long trench on the Wixom site, draining the wetland.

"What used to be 10 to 15 acres of swamp is now down to one," said Nick Kennedy, who reported the incident.

According to Wixom police, Renner was employed by Keith Swan of Novi, who was plowing the 116-acre Novi site north of West Road at the time.

Swan insisted to police that he didn't need a DNR permit to dig the trench because he was draining the land for agricultural purposes, according to the Wixom report.

Swan also told the police he was employed by the owners of the property, Northern Equities, and that the drainage operations were being

conducted with their knowledge and approval.

However, Northern Equities' Dave Stewart denied that his company had any knowledge of the wetland encroachments, despite the fact the company was issued the citation for the incident three days prior to his phone conversation with a Novi News reporter.

Furthermore, he would not confirm that his company had or was about to purchase the land, or planned to build an I-1 park as stated by Wixom officials.

Both cities and DNR officials are still trying to figure out the extent of the wetlands damage, and whether

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Same tax rate may still mean higher taxes

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lected as last year, with an allowance for new growth — the board would have to shave 1.59 mills off the administratively endorsed 26.69 mills. That would result in a \$1.29-million revenue reduction, given the estimated SEV of \$611,691,000.

Superintendent Robert Pivko said that even a .8-mill cut, which was advocated by Hitchcock, would force a \$650,000 budget cut.

The district's SEV increased from last year's \$727 million figure, with community growth accounting for a \$61.5-million addition to the SEV. However, that new growth is primarily residential, which means additional students.

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Robert Schram
Novi School Board Member

Pivko said that 11.5 new teachers are needed to keep up with community growth, which amounts to \$500,000 in additional salary expenses.

Teacher salaries will cost the district over \$10 million in 1990-1991, while administrative and principal salaries take smaller budget slices at \$249,198 and \$749,553 respectively.

The debt-retirement millage is mandated by law. However, the operational millage of 26.69 mills is subject to board approval.

The board is authorized to levy up to 33.04 mills, but anything over

budget will go over the 25.10-mill Truth-in-Taxation limit, the administration indicated they will go ahead and schedule a required hearing to inform taxpayers of the dollar increase. However, that date was not available by press time.

In addition to the 26.69 operational mills proposed by the administration, the district will levy 3.1 mills for debt retirement. This rate is down from last year's debt millage of 3.55 mills.

27.66 mills would require a Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment override because the increase in revenue garnered would be greater than the rate of inflation.

However, the district has already ruled out the possibility of asking for

School administrators announced April 26 that they hope to keep last year's millage rate of 26.69 mills in order to finance their proposed \$22.811-million budget.

The board will be holding work sessions through June 21, when it is expected to formally adopt the budget. Public comment sessions are scheduled for tonight (May 3) and May 17.

the override.

Paragon Properties sues city for \$1.7 million

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Since 1984, the company has repeatedly attempted to rezone the land for a mobile-home park which would make the necessary \$1 million sewage-disposal facility economically feasible.

"Our estimates show that after development costs are subtracted, our client has lost out on \$1.7 million in

revenue since 1984 when mobile-home park zoning was first proposed," Lippitt said. "That's just past damages and it doesn't take into consideration any future damages which the court might award."

Under the present zoning, Paragon could only build 11 houses on the 75-acre site, which the company says makes it financially unusable.

Novi planning consultant Brant Rogers, however, denies the land is unbuildable under current zoning despite claims that he once said otherwise.

"I never said that it couldn't be used," he told the Novi News. "I just said that it could not be used for septic tanks or wells."

But he added, "I will admit that there is some difficulty in developing the lot."

A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for May 2 in Oakland County Circuit Court in front of Judge John O'Brien. A trial date is expected to be scheduled for sometime in June.

According to Lippitt, the judge can rule to award damages only, to force the requested zoning, or both.

However, the judge could still elect to do nothing and leave the R-A and R-1 zoning intact.

"I think the case has a legitimate right to be litigated — it's a legitimate issue as to whether the zoning is reasonable."

David Fried
Novi City Attorney

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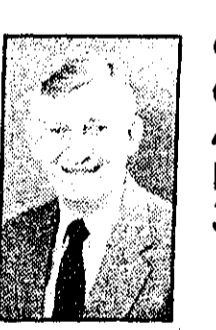
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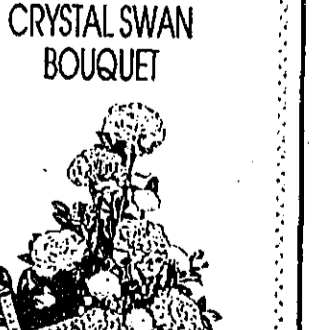
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Wetland drained

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The property owners will face any charges.

The DNR was notified by Wixom officials about the encroachment in the city last Thursday, but Lt. Cliff Johnson of the Pontiac enforcement division said his department was unaware of the drainage on the Novi property until they received a follow-up call from the Novi News May 1.

Novi officials were notified of the "digging at the Novi site Friday, April 27," by a Novi News reporter. Novi Building Inspector Earl Bailey said a soil erosion expert inspected the area at that time and found another canal dug on the 116-acre property to the northeast of the Wixom site.

He said the bulldozer operator told Novi officials that he was irrigating the area for a corn crop.

"We will issue them a ticket because you can't farm in an I-1 district and you can't build ditches between wetlands without a DNR permit," Bailey said.

However, Novi City Attorney Dennis Watson said that a ticket might not be issued because he is unsure if drainage for agricultural purposes constitutes a wetlands violation. He refused to comment further.

Wixom Building Inspector Sid Worn, who inspected the Wixom site Friday, said, "We're waiting for the DNR to respond to get their input, and then we'll act based on that."

He agreed that the Wixom drainage was a violation of that city's ordinance, but is waiting to find out the DNR's stance before ordering any remedial action.

"Complaints have already been issued to Swan, Renner, and Neil Sozin of Northern Equities Group for violations of Wixom's wetlands ordinance, which requires that use permits be obtained before "creating, enlarging or diminishing any natural or artificially constructed canal, channel, ditch, lagoon, pond, lake or other waterway."

A court hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.



The drainage ditch was full of water Friday

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Ownership of land is unclear

By STEVE KELLMAN
AND SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writers

Controversy is growing over who is responsible for digging drainage trenches without Department of Natural Resources permits on two parcels near the intersection of Beck and West roads.

Novi and Wixom officials as well as city records are at odds over the ownership of the properties involved.

Wixom City Manager William Barlow said the Wixom property was owned by Northern Equities Group of Farmington Hills. Barlow also told a reporter that he discussed an industrial park plan for the site with the company two weeks prior to the Wixom wetlands draining.

However, Northern Equities representative Dave Stewart would neither confirm nor deny that his company owned or was in the process of purchasing the land. Nor would he comment on the rumored industrial park.

Stewart also denied any knowledge of the wetlands encroachment — despite the fact that at least one citation was issued to the company for the violation.

The Novi News was also told by sources at Thompson Brown Realty that Northern Equities Group is the developer of three proposed industrial parks in the area, including the light industrial park in question and the Grand Plan development in Novi.

However, it is still uncertain whether the company actually owns

"To the best of my knowledge, (George) Kovacs is still the owner."

Sid Worn
Wixom Building Inspector

the Beck/West sites or plans to purchase the sites where the wetlands encroachments occurred.

According to Novi records, the 116-acre site north of West Road in Novi is owned by Monkey Wrench Associates, which has a Grosse Pointe Farms address. That address belongs to the accounting firm of Donovan Associates Inc.

When questioned about the Monkey Wrench property, Donovan President Lou Vlahantonos said the property, which is for sale, had not changed hands but may soon. When asked about the drainage trenches dug on the site, he said, "I have no idea on that whatsoever."

According to Wixom records, the 34-acre site south of West Road is still owned by George Kovacs of Albany.

"To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Kovacs is still the owner," said Wixom Building Inspector Sid Worn. But one of the complaints he signed regarding the violation was addressed to Neil Sozin of Northern Equities. Sozin is president of the Farmington Hills firm F.G. 40 Corp., developer of the former Grand Plan site.

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Districts to eye curriculum plan

By TIM RICHARD
SCC News Service

Local school districts will soon be commenting on the State Board of Education's core curriculum proposal.

The proposal would be part of a 26 step process aimed at preparing high school graduates for the workplace in a 21st Century world economy and a multi-racial society.

"The core curriculum will also help verify that all students have attained necessary educational outcomes in the essential skill areas," said the board statement, approved in a bipartisan 8-0 vote recently.

"Local boards of education will determine the manner in which the core curriculum is delivered," the elected state board said.

Working under a new school quality law, Superintendent of Public Instruction Donald Bemis indicated a sharp change in direction — away from specifying hours of study toward testing graduates for work and citizenship skills.

Once the bureaucratic review process is completed, the state board is scheduled in September to approve the model core curriculum and distribute it to every public and non-public school in the state.

In full, state Department of Education staffers will conduct workshops with county intermediate school improvement specialists and local district curriculum people.

The 26th step, in July of 1991, is for all districts to receive the new core curriculum.

A key goal, the state board said, will be to teach "problem solving," "active rather than passive learning" and building skills for a lifetime of learning.

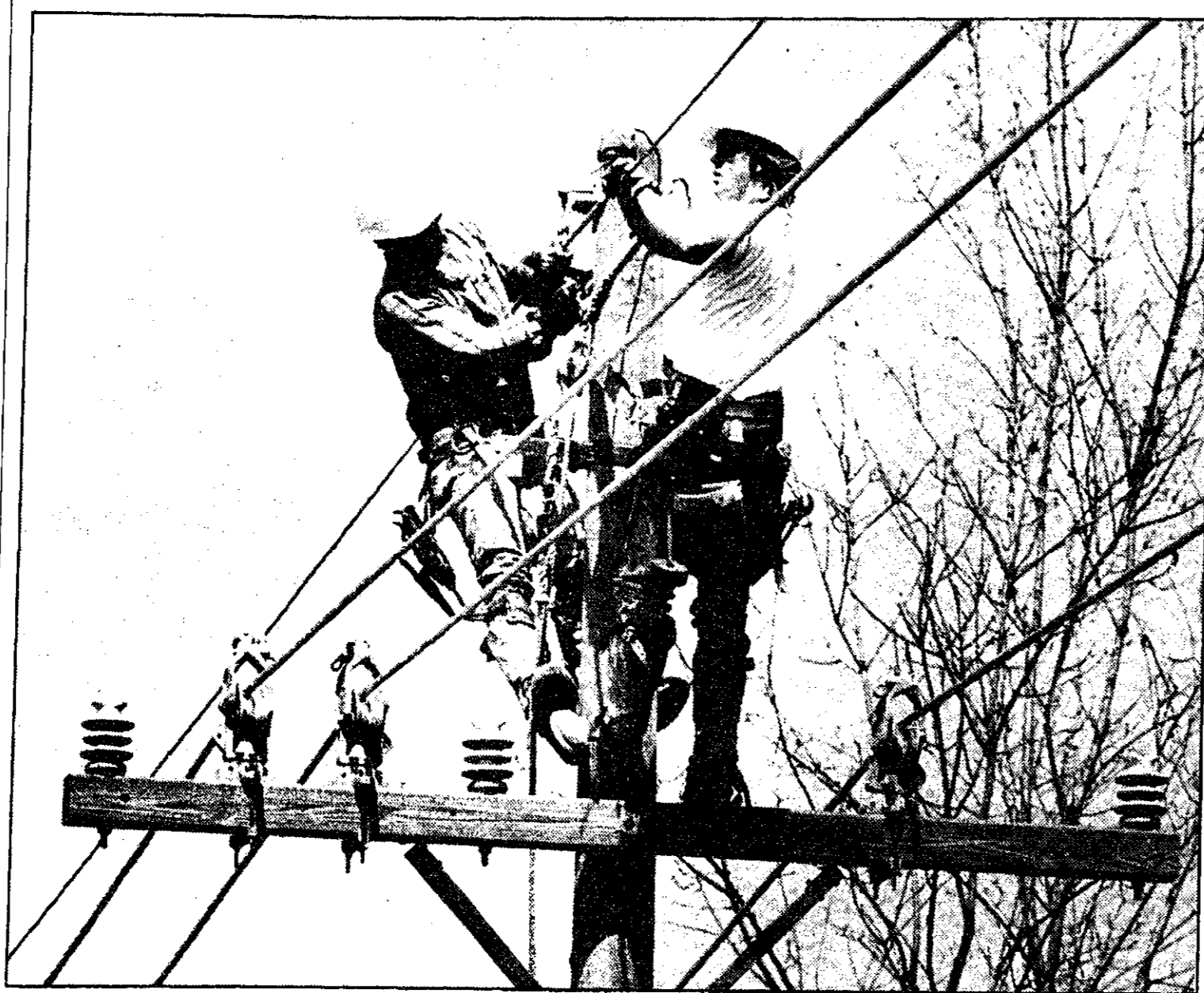
The board picked up language suggested by the Governor's Task Force on Employability Skills — the so-called Iacocca-Fraser Commission: "A Michigan student will be a competent and productive participant in society capable of applying

knowledge in diverse situations in written and spoken language capable of learning over a lifetime."

Core curriculum areas, as defined by the state board, are:

- Arts education—"music, visual arts, drama and dance," with emphasis on appreciation.
- Health and physical education—"a healthy lifestyle physically, mentally and emotionally."
- Language arts education—"reading, writing, speaking, listening and literature, with emphasis on using language arts as part of the whole curriculum."
- Mathematics and science education—"quantitative and analytic reasoning and problem solving, scientific literacy and technology."
- World studies—"history, civics, economics, geography and the study of a foreign language, as well as the promotion of values such as personal and social responsibility, the dignity of work, sensitivity to our multicultural society, and the responsibilities of democracy."
- Five "interdisciplinary areas" are to teach the management of oneself and the application of the above essential skills. They are:
 - Life management — including ethical personal decision-making, consumer behavior, family roles, parenthood and nurturing.
 - Vocational preparation — employment, leadership, social skills, group problem-solving, reasoning and entrepreneurship.
 - Employability — academic, personal management and teamwork skills.
 - Aesthetic appreciation — use of leisure time, use of community resources, verbal and non-verbal communication.
 - Technological — use of technology and "technological literacy."

The State Board of Education was working on the model curriculum even before the state legislature mandated it in Public Act 25 of 1990, signed last month by Gov. James J. Blanchard.



Pole climbing
But not for fun. Apprentice line workers Earl Shook, left, and Jim Kitze of Harlan Electric work on upgrading electrical service along Beck Road between Nine Mile and Ten Mile.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

A new facet to the Sandstone plan

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Hailed as an innovative use of land, Sandstone, the first site plan approved under Nov's planned urban development (PUD) ordinance, was expected to be underway in the first months of 1988.

Now, a representative of the new developers of the land told the city council and planning commission Monday in a joint study session that he's starting from "ground zero" on the project, which could be another three to four years down the road.

The council was also presented with a proposal to contribute \$874,000 in city funding toward a \$2.9-million extension of Decker Road. Seventy percent of the road's costs would be borne by the current Sandstone developer, the Birmingham-based Hughes Properties Inc., and the Solomon Group, which has plans to build 560 apartment units on the west side of Nov Road at Twelve and a Half Mile Road. In February, the Solomon Group was denied a rezoning for the apartments by the city council, when concerns were raised about the traffic level in the Nov/Twelve Mile roads area.

But if Monday night's remarks from some council and planning commission members are any indication, the quest for a public contribution to the road financing could reach a dead end.

"If the project is dramatically different from what we've seen three years ago. Now what we've got, if we forgo all the past experience, is somebody saying, 'I'll take R-A property and increase it with four (or) five residences (per acre); how about I dump traffic on Nov Road; we're not going to have any amenities, and by the way, why don't you kick in \$900,000?' I can't support that," Council Member Hugh Crawford said.

In September 1987, the city council approved the 394-acre Real Estate Interest, Inc. Sandstone development, which would have covered one square mile with six distinct "villages" in between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads and Nov and Meadowbrook roads, adding 3,400 people to the city's population. The design called for the extension of Decker Road as a four-lane paved connector from Twelve Mile to Thirteen Mile roads, as well as the paving of Twelve and a Half Mile Road, thereby easing congestion on an already overburdened Nov Road.

According to David Lanciant, an attorney representing Hughes, Real Estate Interest had financial difficulties in bringing the project to fruition. In September 1988, the city council gave a 12-month site plan approval extension to the new owners.

New designs for Sandstone eliminate a nine-hole golf course, reduce the number of housing units on the

property from 1,500 to 1,400 and do away with 240,000 square feet of office and commercial development, replacing them with 80,000 square feet of commercial space, including a grocery store and drug store. As in the first design, the new plan calls for two-story "stacked flats" or condos, but 500 single-family houses under \$209,000 versus 160 detached condos will be built.

The new plan will have to be submitted to the planning commission and then gain city council approval.

Other projects on line in the area include another PUD, The Maples of Novi, with 800 residences and 60,000 square feet of commercial, 20,000 office and 100-unit congregational care at the southeast corner of Fourteen Mile and Decker Roads; the 294-unit Wexford Town Houses at Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook roads; and the 82-home Woods of Nov at the corner of Thirteen Mile and Decker roads.

All of these will increase the traffic burden in the northeast corner of the city.

The preferred of three alternatives for the five-lane Decker extension would run south of Thirteen Mile Road through the Sandstone property and turn west into Nov Road north of Twelve and a Half Mile Road. Nov Road would be realigned to curve to the northeast at Twelve and a Half Mile to meet the extension. This is the \$2.9-million package. In the future, it is possible that a road from the Sandstone site would egress into Meadowbrook Road — currently an unpaved road designated scenic — which would be paved as two lanes.

This plan has the advantage of an available right of way, financing in place and would take care of immediate problems while permitting future expansion, traffic consultant Rolf Kilian explained. The work could begin this year.

The extension would reduce traffic congestion on Thirteen Mile Road between Decker and Nov Roads, on Nov Road north of Twelve Mile Road and on East Lake Drive, he said.

"I think it would do a lot not only to accommodate the developments that have been approved and under construction but also the developments that will in the future come before the city," Kilian said.

"We've got close to 27,000 cars in this one area, way too much for a two-lane road to handle that traffic. . . . We have approved projects in this area. We have a traffic problem in this area, we have a council that has denied a rezoning in this area because of traffic; this is a solution that will solve a temporary problem in this area, temporary until the connector is built," Kilian said.

"There are a lot of developers and a lot of people who have been benefited in your city and they've never paid. It's very difficult to work with a new set of rules. We're trying to be flex-

ible," Williams said.

But drawing from public-sector funds to finance the project didn't seem the way to go to several city council members.

"I would personally be very disturbed to see the taxpayer required to subsidize this by bonding. I'm not saying this area doesn't need a solution but I also see there's a tremendous amount of traffic being created by this proposal. . . . We're asking the taxpayers to subsidize a developer-driven project," said Council Member Tim Pope.

Council Members Nancy Covert and Joseph Toth agreed. Covert contended that the extension should be paid for by the developers.

But Planning Commission Chair Charles Kureth questioned how the city would finance the road extension without this plan.

"The original Sandstone approved failed in its ability to raise the original \$3.6 million for the road. If this proposal does not go in, you need to ask how much the city will need to spend to handle the existing situation," Kureth said.

Planning Commissioner Judith Johnson agreed.

"I think if you don't do this one and as these projects north of Thirteen Mile keep coming on line, I think the problem just keeps getting worse. I think you've got to look for a solution before the Haggerty Road Connector," she said.

Chamber plans its annual community awards banquet

On Wednesday, May 9, the Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Community Awards Banquet. The chamber will honor notable nominees from any service group in the City of Novi.

The Building Design Award winners will also be honored that evening. This award is granted to any business within the City of Novi that is either new construction or a new project, including renovation or landscaping. There is no age limit for the building.

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Town Center boat show set

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Eight participating boat dealers will be offering special values on powerboats and an Aquamare Paddle Boat Cheaway. A special feature of the show will be a "Bat Boat" display.

Novi Town Center merchants are sponsoring the Boat Show and will provide modeling on the boats and offer special sales during the show. Shoppers can register to win the paddle boat, boating accessories and other valuable prizes at the Boat Show and in participating stores.

Boat dealers participating in the show include Anderson Marine, Class One Marine, Greg's Inland Marine, King Marine, National Boatland, Wilson Marine, Wonderland Marine and Wonderland Marine West. Over 100 boats will be represented in the show including models from Arriva, Bayliner, Blue Fin, Celebrity, Chaparral, Chris Craft, Cobalt, Four Winns, Kayak, Manitowish, Mariah, Maxum, Sea Sprite, Starcraft, Sting Ray, Sundbird and Thompson.

The Boat Show and Sale will be held in the parking lot at Novi Town Center, which is located south of I-96 on Novi Road at Grand River in Novi. For further information about the Spring Boat Show and Sale at Novi Town Center, contact Linda Anderson, marketing consultant, at 347-3830.

Wixom does spring cleaning

The Wixom City Council adopted a resolution declaring April 12 through May 19 as Cleanup Month in the City of Wixom.

Wixom Mayor Wayne Glessner noted that the declaration was in keeping with efforts that are being promoted throughout the State of Michigan.

"Governor James Blanchard has designated April 21 - May 19 as a time for all residents of Michigan to take the time to clean up our communities. The City of Wixom has always participated in the cleanup activities. It will give us an opportunity to beautify our city and address the ravages of the past winter," Glessner said in a press release.

Glessner noted that the Wixom Beautification Committee would be undertaking efforts to beautify and clean the central business district of the City of Wixom in the coming weeks.

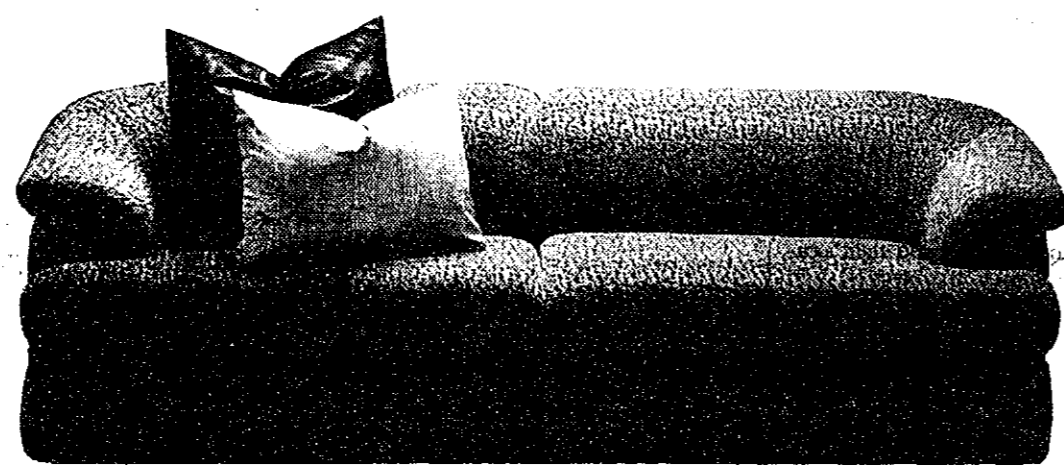


Campaign visit

Bill Schuette, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate this fall, visited Novi on Sunday and spoke to an open gathering organized by the Republican Women of West Oakland County. Here he chats with Kay and Bob Schmid, who hosted the event.

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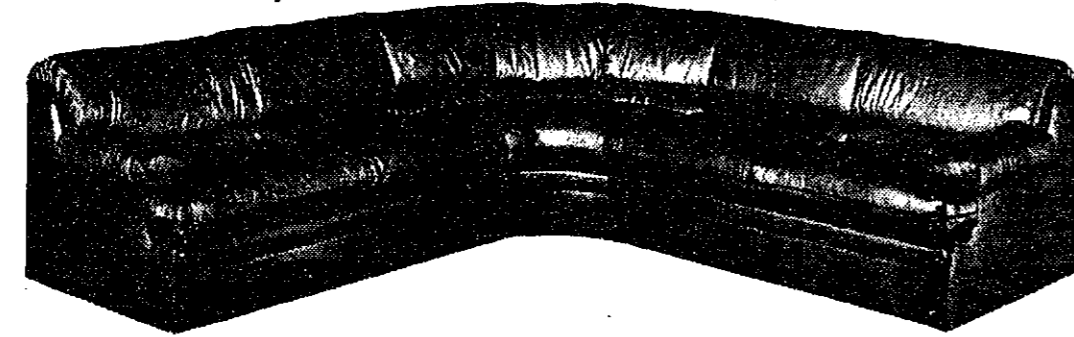


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Local hospital has a birthday

As the Daughters of the Charity of St. Vincent de Paul was considering moving from Detroit to the growing suburb of Southfield to build Providence Hospital at the beginning of the 1960s, President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy lost a newborn son to a disease of prematurity.

Today, because of advances in technology, the disease is not considered life-threatening. "Then, a two- or three-pound baby had little chance of survival," said Brian Connolly, president and chief executive officer of Providence. "Today, infants as tiny as 1.1 pounds have a fighting chance."

Connolly and others associated with the hospital are taking a special look backward as Providence marks its 25th anniversary this year. Patients and staff moved in on March 31, 1965.

Anniversary banners went up throughout the Southfield complex recently and the staff quietly marked the birthday with programs and a punch. "We're also working on a history wall for the main lobby," said Carol Johnson, manager of community relations for the hospital.

Expansion to meet the needs of a growing population and continuing advances in technology are keys to Providence's past, present and future, according to Connolly.

The hospital today "can help people to hear who 25 years ago would have been condemned to a life of silence," he continued. "We can restore faces ravaged by disease, trauma or birth defects."

"Advances in technology have been monumental. We don't know what technology this decade will bring."

The hospital has brought 75,000 babies into the world since 1965 and treated more than 200,000 people in its emergency department.

The first of several major additions to the Southfield campus was completed in 1978. That same year Providence began to address the north-west movement and opened its first satellite unit for family care in South Lyon.

Today it operates three sites on campus in Southfield and eight locations northwest of the hospital—in Southfield, Novi, Milford, Farmington Hills, Livonia and South Lyon.

The hospital's plan for future expansion—to build a fullscale satellite hospital in Novi and move 188 beds there from Providence in Southfield—have met with strong objections from Southfield officials, other hospitals and also the Michigan Department of Public Health. The health department rejected Providence's certificate of need request earlier this year.

"At this point we have no intention of abandoning these plans," Connolly said recently. The hospital has filed an appeal with the health department, but a decision isn't expected for a year or two.

Providence has acquired a 150-acre site, currently the Westbrook Golf Course at 12 Mile and Beck, for the facility. "It's already been rezoned to allow the building of a hospital," Connolly said although Novi officials are considering rescinding that zoning in the wake of the certificate-of-need denial.

Those objecting to Providence moving its beds from Southfield to Novi maintained at a public hearing that the move would increase medical costs and hamper services to the poor and elderly.

"We have a strong commitment to serve the Southfield community," Connolly said. "We have no intention of abandoning the Southfield campus; it's only 25 years old and much of it is new."

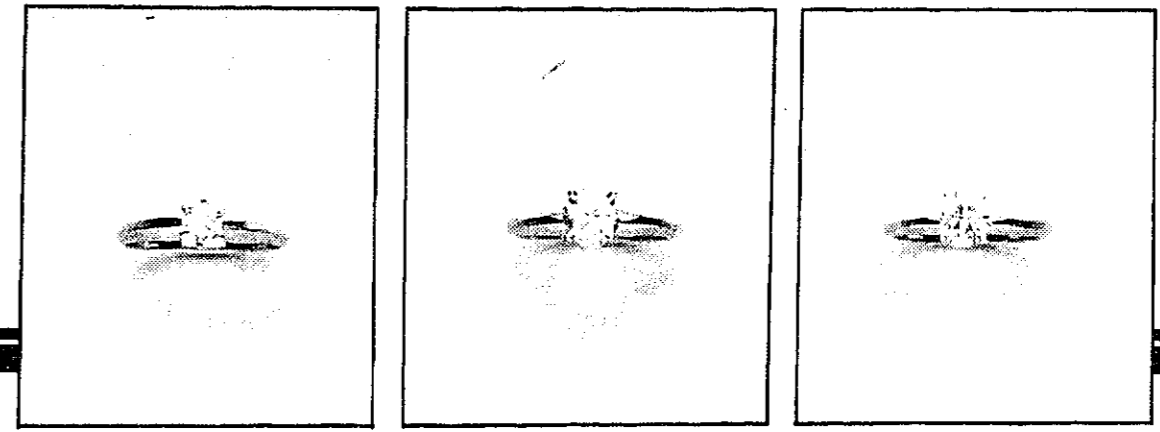
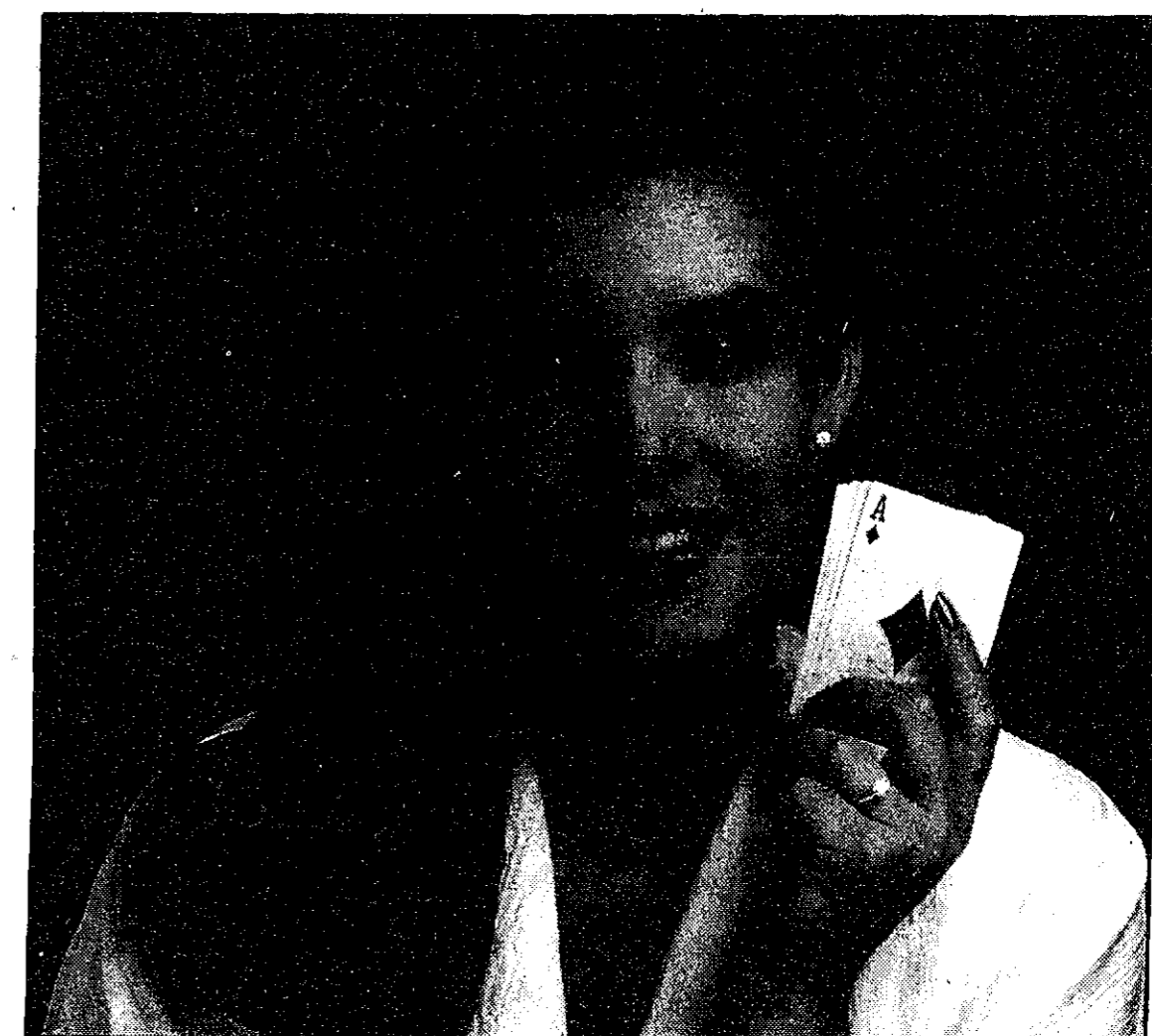
He said Providence plans to spend \$20 million in the next 10 years at its Southfield hospital adding a new surgical intensive care unit and renovating the main bed tower. Other expansions in Southfield are in the discussion stages, he added.

The hospital had its beginning in 1869 when it was founded by the Daughters of Charity as the House of Providence on Adams Street in Detroit. A series of moves and expansions led it to Providence Hospital on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit.

In 1954, the search began for an entirely new location because the West Grand Boulevard site had no room for expansion and could not be economically updated for modern medical practice. At the time, the mid-town area had about 1,000 more beds than needed.

Since the suburban areas had a demand for more beds and offered space, the Daughters bought a 22-acre tract in Southfield on the south side of Nine Mile west of Greenfield from the J.L. Hudson Co. which had recently opened the nearby Northland Shopping Center. Ground was broken in 1962.

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Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 11, 1990. THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1990, IS MONDAY, MAY 14, 1990. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 1990, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

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10:30 a.m.: The First Step to Fitness
11:00 a.m.: Crisis in the Modern Family — single parenting
11:30 a.m.: (cont)
12:00 p.m.: Smart Talk: transportation
12:30 p.m.: Travels with Kay — Venezuela
1:00 p.m.: Legislative Forum
1:30 p.m.: The Shores of Your Mind — Joyce Tagelhorn
2:00 p.m.: Patterson/Anderson On Taxes
2:30 p.m.: (cont)
3:00 p.m.: Jazz at the Center
3:30 p.m.: (cont)
6:00 p.m.: The First Step to Fitness
6:30 p.m.: Muck Rock Video 1989
7:00 p.m.: Junior Japanese — lesson 4
7:30 p.m.: Tai Chi — lesson 4
8:00 p.m.: Vladimir Kovalsky — His Music and His Friends
8:30 p.m.: Detroit Live
9:00 p.m.: Positively — Dale Carnegie
9:30 p.m.: (cont)

- TUESDAY, MAY 8
10:00 a.m.: Senior Adult Exercise
10:45 a.m.: M/F/O — Medicare and You
11:00 a.m.: Women on the Move — Linda Zalla
11:30 a.m.: (cont)
12:00 p.m.: Valley of Decision
12:30 p.m.: (cont)
1:00 p.m.: Victims' Rights and Victims' Assistance
1:30 p.m.: (cont)
2:00 p.m.: Detroit Live
2:30 p.m.: Home Computer Network — Inside windows
3:00 p.m.: Senior Messenger
3:30 p.m.: (cont)
6:00 p.m.: Senior Messenger
6:30 p.m.: (cont)
7:00 p.m.: Seniors on the Move — glamorous grandmas
7:30 p.m.: Blues Beat — Pete and the Detroiters
8:00 p.m.: Horizons — City of Farmington Hills
8:30 p.m.: Women on the Move — Linda Zalla
9:00 p.m.: (cont)
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Council speaks out on plan

The following is a brief synopsis of how each of the seven Novi City Council members voted on the city's Grand Plan project.
The final vote was 4-3 in favor of the plan. However, under a special provision in state zoning law, citizens submitted a petition which required a 5-2 vote for passage.

JOE TOH: voted yes. "People came here tonight basically against development, but this project would have brought city water to areas that wouldn't have hooked up for years," he said.

He added that it would also correct drainage problems in the area. "Development is going to take place — we can't stop it," Toh said.

TIM POPE: voted no. "Novi is at a crossroads — an important crossroads," he said. "The plan has merits and the planners should be applauded for their efforts."

MARTHA HOYER: voted no. "The stance of the council has been to reduce the amount of I-2 in the city because there is enough I-2 already to meet the city's needs," she said.

"I am afraid that Novi is going to be residentially taxed to the max." Matthew Quinn, Novi Mayor

NANCY COVERT: voted no. "The plan was designed to vitalize the town center and the city administration is to be commended," she said.

ED LEININGER: voted yes. "If you let the market develop, then there won't be a town center," he said.

He said the Wbom/Grand River intersection was an appropriate place to relocate businesses from the town center because of its proximity to the expressway.

He added that she could not initiate further needs for road improvements, which is what the Grand Plan would do. She explained that the southeast sector of the city needs road improvements and felt future improvements sparked by the Grand Plan would compete for needed funding.

City may pursue smaller-scale Grand Plan

By SHEILA PHILLIPS Staff Writer
Novi City Council members killed the Grand Plan with their April 25 vote, but some speculate that it will rise again.

According to several council members, a "Son-of-Grand-Plan" proposal is already in the works and is expected to surface within the next few weeks.

There are a lot of factors that would have to be considered, namely the economic feasibility," he added. According to Wahl, the original Wbom and Grand River location was optimal because the owner was willing to sell the land at a below-market price to make relocation from the Town Center more attractive.

to do that," Wahl said. Although Mayor Matthew Quinn said that he would like to see a downscaled version of the Grand Plan, he was uncertain if one will materialize.

Paragon Properties is suing the city for \$1.7 million in damages for alleged property-use denial since 1984. It is also asking the court to force a mobile-home zoning on 75 acres of the original Grand Plan site.

A trial date is expected to be set for sometime in June. "Assuming the mobile-home park is allowed to be built, there is another one proposed to the east and the Paragon case could set a precedent," Quinn said.

"Last Wednesday was the first time the council really got to comment on the Grand Plan," Covert said. "A lot was said and a lot of concerns were voiced. I just hope the planners and consultants will address some of those concerns when they sit back down at the drawing table."

Covert added that she hopes the city will take its time before proposing the alternate plan so that all the unanswered questions can be addressed. Until all relevant questions are answered, the council member said she will not vote in favor of the project.

Wbom City Manager William Barlow said that his city is open to a downscaled plan. "I am glad that the Novi City Council voted down the original plan because there are still unanswered questions," he said.

Grand Plan dies on 4-3 vote in favor of the rezoning

move unless we give them tax abatements and it is my fear this might be the hole in the project," he added. This comment came despite assurances from Thompson Brown Realty representatives and planning officials that relocation candidates were never promised tax abatements.

"We keep hearing the same old rhetoric as if you say it over again enough, it will become fact," Pope said. Mayor Matthew Quinn agreed that the plan went beyond its intended scope. But he quickly added that without the project, town center development could be placed in the deep freeze.

least \$200,000 annually. But Hoyer said the increased tax base was bought with excessive heavy-industrial development. "This plan has grown too large," she said. "We are not just talking about relocating industrial developments but also encouraging new industrial uses to locate here."

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Walled Lake prepares for budget cuts

Walled Lake school officials will cut 13 teachers from the workforce and freeze spending for such basic classroom supplies as paper, pencils and crayons if voters deny a proposed Headlee Amendment override.

Budget cuts of \$3.5 million will be required next school year unless district voters approve the Headlee override and let their taxes increase faster than inflation, school officials said recently.

The first detailed list of reductions emerged one month after the school board unanimously decided to seek a Headlee override in the June 11 election. Superintendent James Gelsler has said the proposed cuts are not idle threats.

Despite enrollment increases and the scheduled opening of a new elementary school, the district would slash its work force by 18 employees, including 13 teachers, two secretaries, one administrator, one custodian and one reading consultant.

School officials would drop ninth-grade athletics, field trips, junior high alternative education, the gifted and talented REACH program and the overnight camp at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.

Moreover, officials would eliminate the employee wellness program, the K-12 economic education program known as DEEP, fine arts coordinators and department chairpersons at the two junior highs and two high schools.

Areas targeted for reductions — but not elimination — include seventh- and eighth-grade athletics, staff and program development, media center materials and capital outlays funds used to replace computers, desks, chairs and other instructional equipment.

The district also would reduce its transportation services by consolidating some bus routes.

The budget cuts would affect virtually every student next school year, said Lois Lange, school district spokesperson. Much deeper cuts would have to be made in the following two years, officials have said.

The district has a current budget of \$48.7 million.

Next year's cuts would come at a time when officials are preparing to keep up with looming enrollment by opening the district's 12th elementary school, Pleasant Lake.

"We must staff the new Pleasant Lake Elementary School. So, while 13 teachers will be reduced, we will be operating 20 new classrooms. Therefore, class sizes will rise significantly," school officials noted in the prepared statement on budget cuts.

The Headlee override was proposed by a nine-member citizens panel that issued a three-year finance plan to the school board on March 1, at the end of a monthlong study. District voters rejected an override by large margins in 1987 and 1988.

Since the citizens panel gave the recommendation, another committee has been formed to push for passage of the Headlee override, which would allow the school district to continue on its path of educational excellence," said Patrick Dohany, a committee co-chair and Commerce Township treasurer.

"The Walled Lake School District over the years has progressed tremendously," Dohany said. "We want that to continue."



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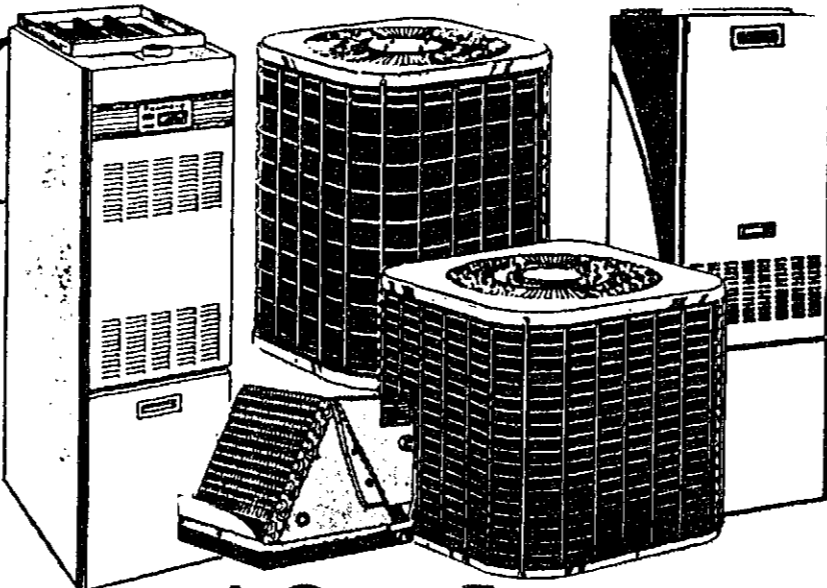
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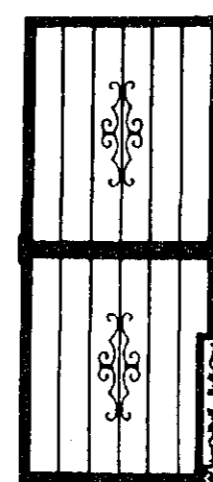
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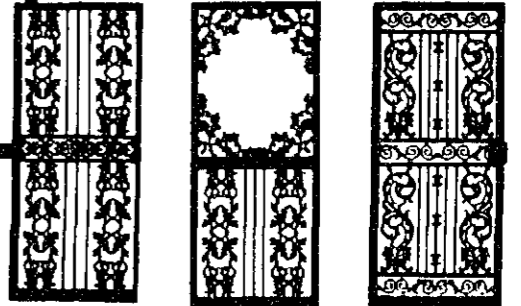


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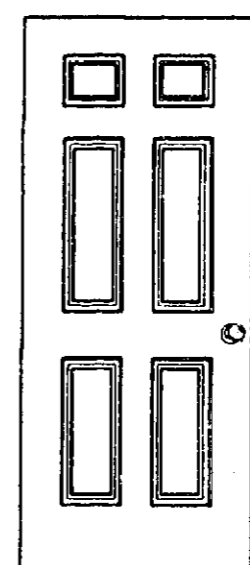
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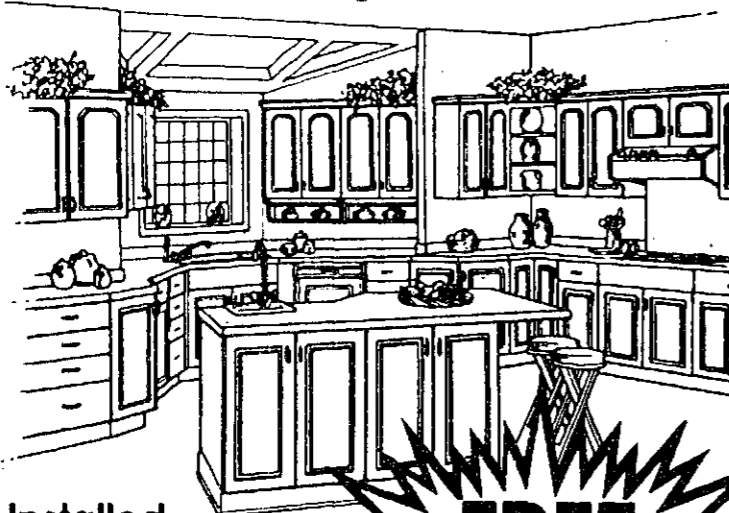
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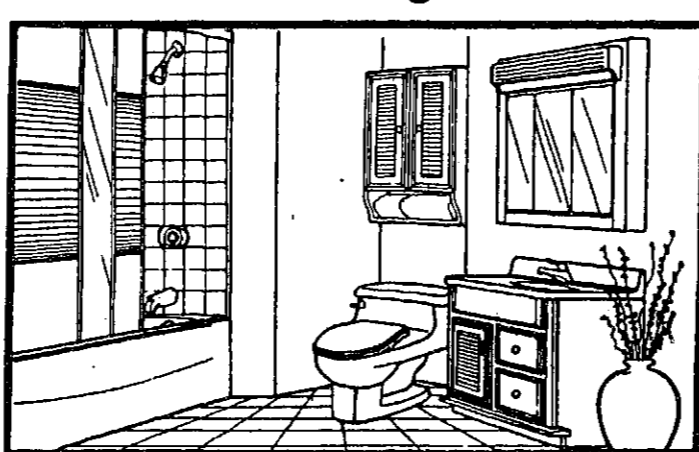
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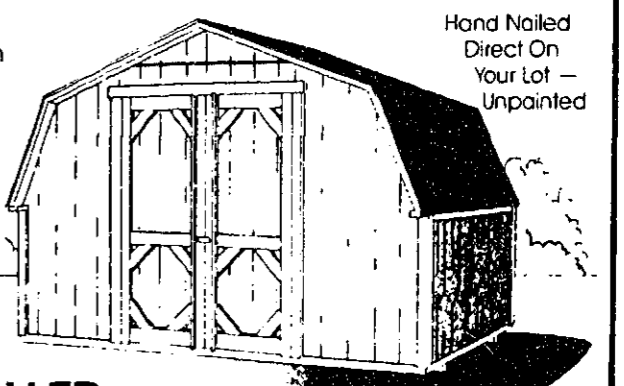
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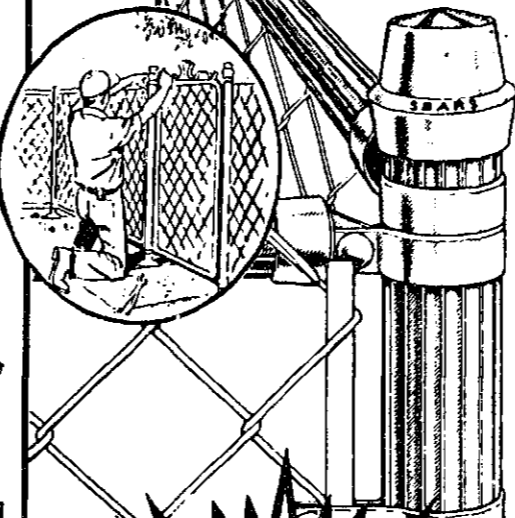
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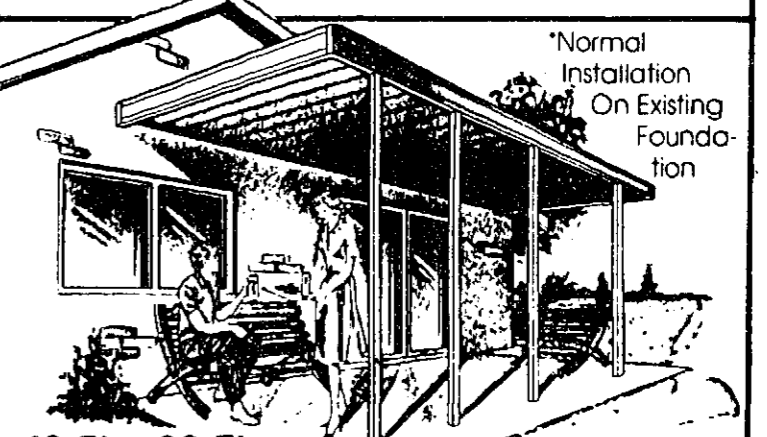
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CREATING A BUDGET

An effective budget is the surest way to gain control of your financial life and build savings. Start by listing all monthly expenses, including such fixed and semi-fixed costs as rent, insurance premiums, automobile and educational loans, utility bills and commuter expenses. Your fixed expenses should also include a savings factor. CPAs strongly recommend that you set aside at least 10 percent of your take-home pay into some type of savings account or investment.

To be accurate, your list of expenses must also include estimates of variable expenses, such as those for auto repairs and, of course, entertainment and travel. Remember, if your budget is too rigid, you probably

won't stick to it. Another expense that people sometimes forget to consider when developing budgets is tax liability. The key to avoiding this problem is determining the proper amount of withholding. Remember, the amount of money withheld from your paycheck for taxes is determined by the W-4 form you file with your employer. To ensure that you're setting aside a sufficient amount of money for taxes, double-check your withholding calculation.

After you've listed your monthly expenses, calculate your monthly income, including salaries and any dividends or interest payments that you receive on a regular basis. Now compare your income total to your expense total. If you are spending more than you're making, you will have to start from scratch and adjust your budget accordingly.

SELECTING A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

A little knowledge can go a long way in helping you choose the right savings account. To make an informed decision, you must understand how interest is compounded,

evaluate the annual yields offered by various accounts, and investigate the type of fees the institution can charge.

The term compounding means that your interest is periodically added to your savings, so that your interest earns more interest. Interest can be compounded in any number of ways: daily, monthly, semi-annually or annually. In general, the shorter the compounding period, the more total interest you earn on the account.

Another factor to consider is the effective annual yield which provides a more accurate gauge for those shopping for the best savings account. This figure reflects the impact that compounding has on the annual interest rate. By comparing effective annual yields between two or more accounts, you can get a good idea of how hard your money will be working for you in the account.

Money Management

Before making a final decision, make sure you find out whether the institution imposes restrictions on or charges fees for establishing, maintaining or terminating your account. Other items that may take a bite out of your savings include penalties for low balances or early withdrawals and automatic teller transaction fees.

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If you plan to rent an apartment or house, be sure you understand your rights and obligations as a tenant before you sign a lease. Remember, your lease is a binding contract. To find out about laws or regulations that may affect you, call a local government office for referral to the proper agency.

You should also read the fine print of the actual lease with great care. Make sure you note the length of the lease, restrictions against pets or children, and any other limitations. Other issues you may want to discuss with your potential landlord include the amount of your security deposit and whether this money will earn interest, the estimated rent increase if the lease is renewed and whether the rent includes utilities.

For more information on how to get started in the world of personal financial planning, you can request a copy of the brochure, "Getting Started Financially," from the Michigan Association of CPAs by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to: MACPA, P.O. Box 9054, Farmington Hills 48333.

Home sales up in 1989, according to report

At the end of the third quarter, Metro MLS, the state's largest multiple listing service, reports local sales of existing homes continue to outpace 1988 by 4.3 percent. "Sale of 1,508 single-family homes and condominiums in September brought the third quarter total to 5,096 — a 5.4 percent improvement

over last year," said Eric J. Hunt, Metro MLS president. "After a very strong August which saw 1,930 units change hands, the market softened somewhat in September, but still is continuing on a near-record track." He said there was good news for buyers with median prices easing off

to \$76,000 in September from the \$80,500 posted in August. The year-to-date median price, \$77,000, remained 6.9 percent above the \$72,000 at this time a year ago. "While listings throughout our

area are still 7 percent above last year, they took a decided drop in September and were down 20 percent from a month earlier," he said. "The combination of lower prices and fewer homes available should be en-

couraging signs for the market during the remainder of the year." Hunt said the rise in prices during the past year may be scaring off potential buyers of starter homes. "Even outside Detroit, the median

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Kids' bedroom furnishings are fun, versatile

By AILEEN WINGBLAD
Special Writer

Sending Junior to his room for misbehaving just might not be as tough on the youngster as it used to be — thanks to the exciting look and style of today's children's bedrooms. Local merchants throughout the area say parents are now taking a greater interest in decorating and furnishing their kids' rooms, keeping an eye toward durability and function while focusing on fun and versatility.

"A child's room today is like a dream come true for most of us adults. If we had had rooms like kids have today, a lot of us would think we had died and gone to heaven," says Anita Baydoun, owner of the Decorating Den franchise in Northville. "Children really enjoy their rooms today, and they're spending a lot more time (in their bedrooms) — it's like the cocooning of adults you hear so much of these days. So it's more important now for kids to have all the comforts, a place to call their own... somewhere they can relax," Baydoun adds.

Of course, "a general interest overall in home decor and surroundings" is a continually growing trend that

Baydoun and others are reporting as, they say, their businesses flourish. People have more money for furnishings these days and are willing to spend it, says Baydoun. And more and more folks are seeking professional advice when it comes to setting up their children's bedrooms so that they avoid costly mistakes and instead make purchases that will grow with the child.

That's why modular furniture is quite popular, says Baydoun. "It has the potential to stay with the kids because there are so many pieces to mix and match, stack and add to. And it's clean and sleek and so much of it is the formica-type that it is very easy to maintain," she adds.

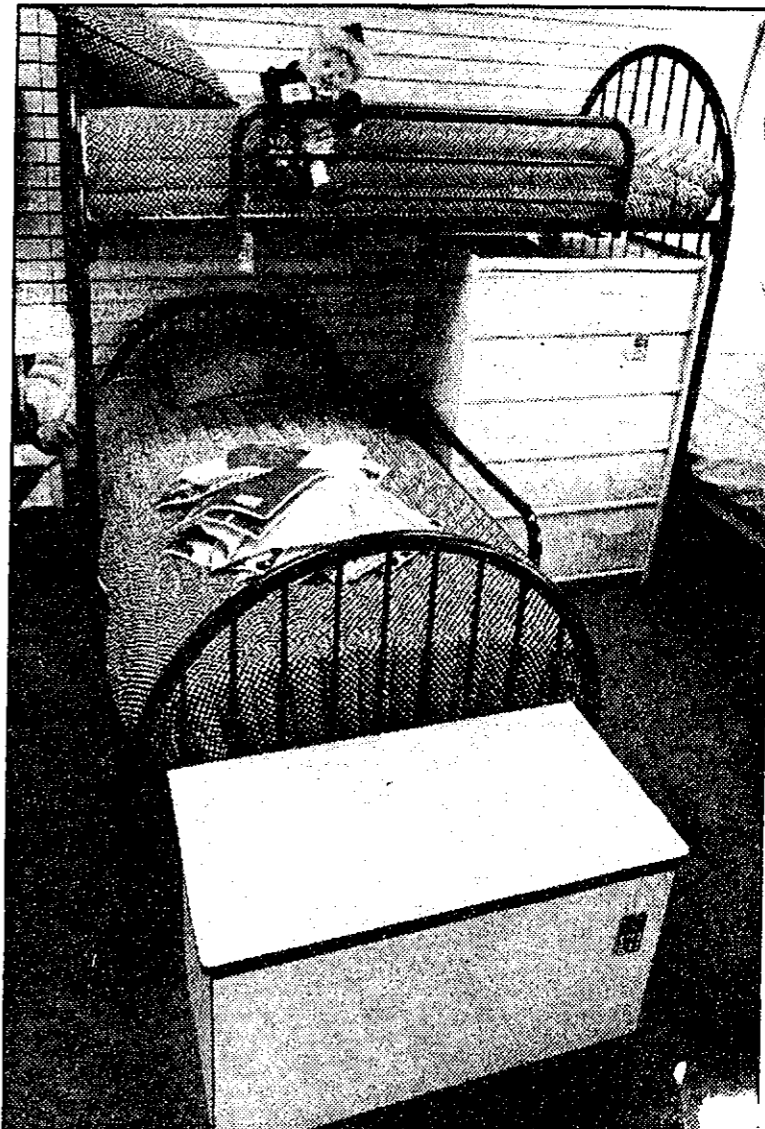
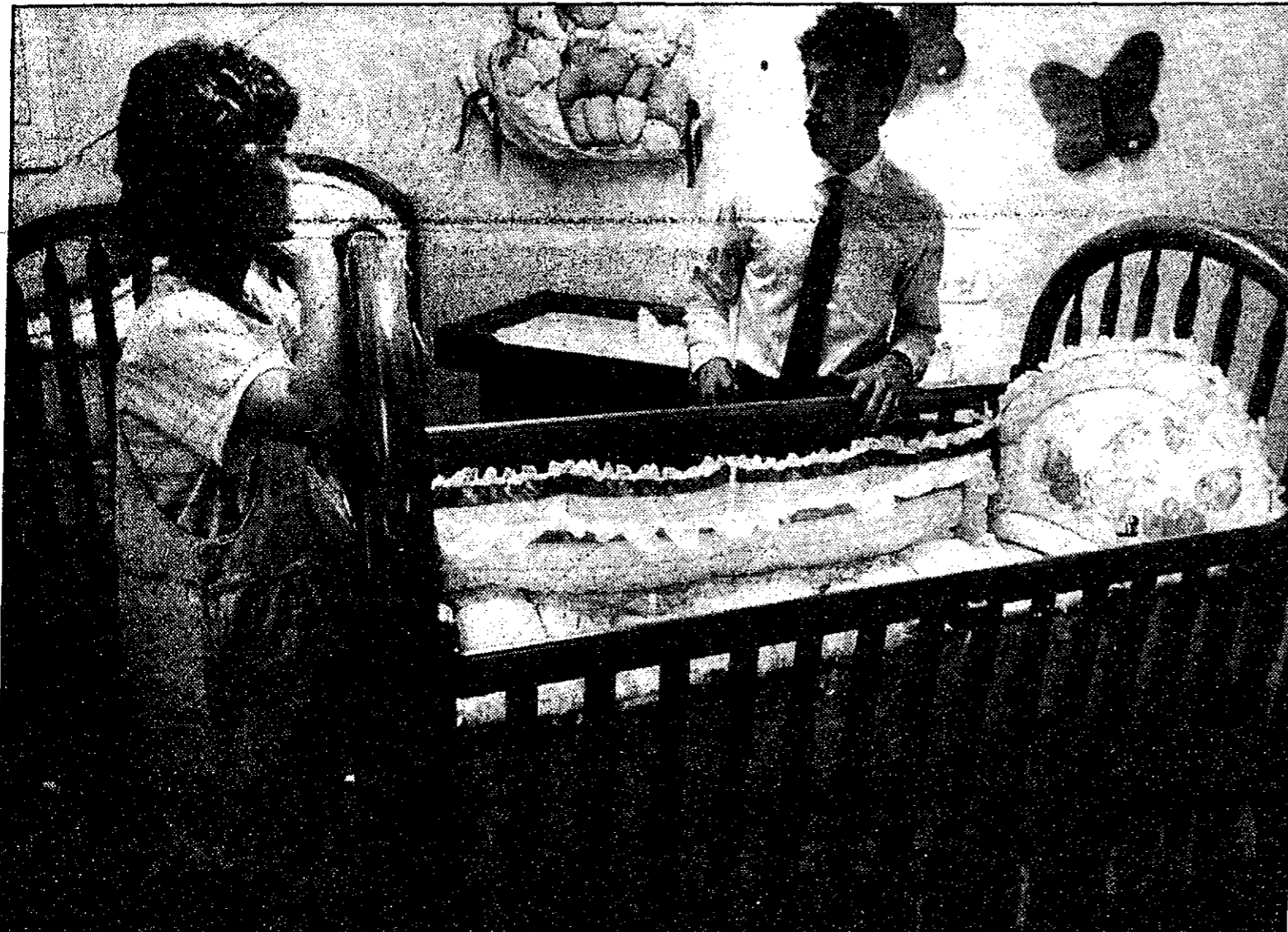
Over at Baby 'N' Kids Bedrooms in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, owner Ed Wormsbacher agrees that longevity and expandability are what parents really need to keep in mind when outfitting a child's room.

"We try to solve three problems — sleep, study and storage. That's what the bedrooms are used for. We really try to help the customer understand and think in terms of adding to, creating storage areas, purchasing a trundle bed (for extra sleeping space), a wall unit — those kinds of things,"



Photos by Chris Boyd

Continued on 2 The 'turbo' bed may be what it takes to drive your child to sleep



Sue Henry of Farmington Hills looks at cribs with store manager Ken Alcini of Baby 'N' Kids Bedrooms in Novi

L-shaped bunk beds may fit your decorating needs

Around the House: Designs for Living



Modest space packs punch

By James McAlexander

The Corsica, with eye-catching angles inside and out, also manages to pack a surprising amount of living area into a modest space. This modern home is designed for a couple or family comfortable with informal living.

The angles of the stepped garage on the left, facing the street, are balanced by the living room jutting off to the right. Inside, the multi-paned windows flank the brick fireplace at the far end of the room, while multi-paned windows, on both sides of the room, let in still more light.

A difference in carpeting is all that

separates the living room and dining room. The U-shaped kitchen not only has its own cozy eating nook, but is also conveniently close to sliding glass doors that open onto a deck—great for leisurely brunches in good weather.

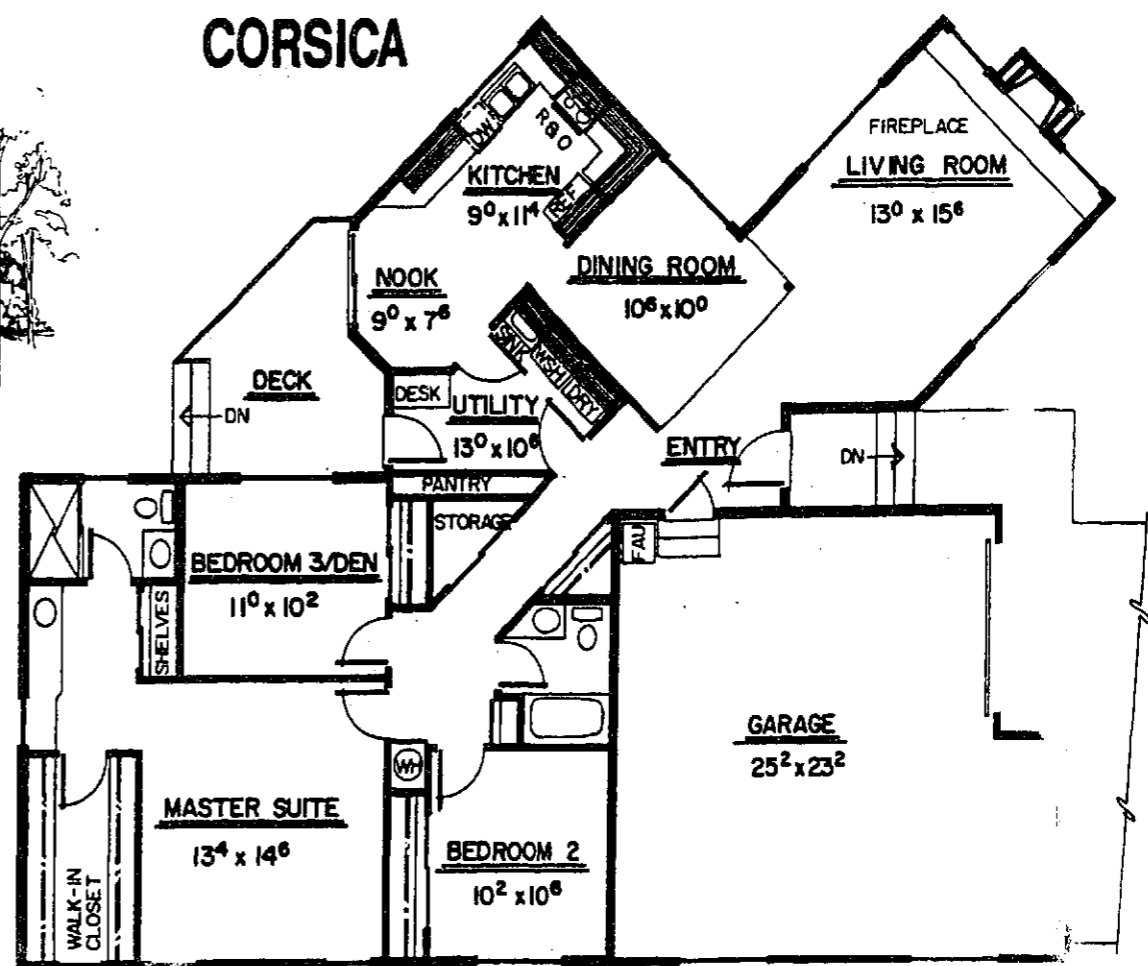
Accessible from the kitchen, deck or entryway, a combined utility room/pantry area has a built-in desk for keeping track of household accounts. Two triangular-shaped storage areas flank the hallway to the bedrooms, turning the odd angles into useful space.

The master suite boasts an extraordinarily large walk-in closet, with over 21 feet of hanging and shelf

space. A long counter with one sink extends the length of the wall. An extra-large shower and a second sink are located inside the bath. A full bath serves the other two bedrooms, one or both of which could easily be converted to a den, home office, sewing and crafts room or library.

Exterior brickwork and horizontal siding give modern appeal to this single-level home designed to go on a 60-foot-wide lot.

For a study plan of the Corsica (208-32), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)

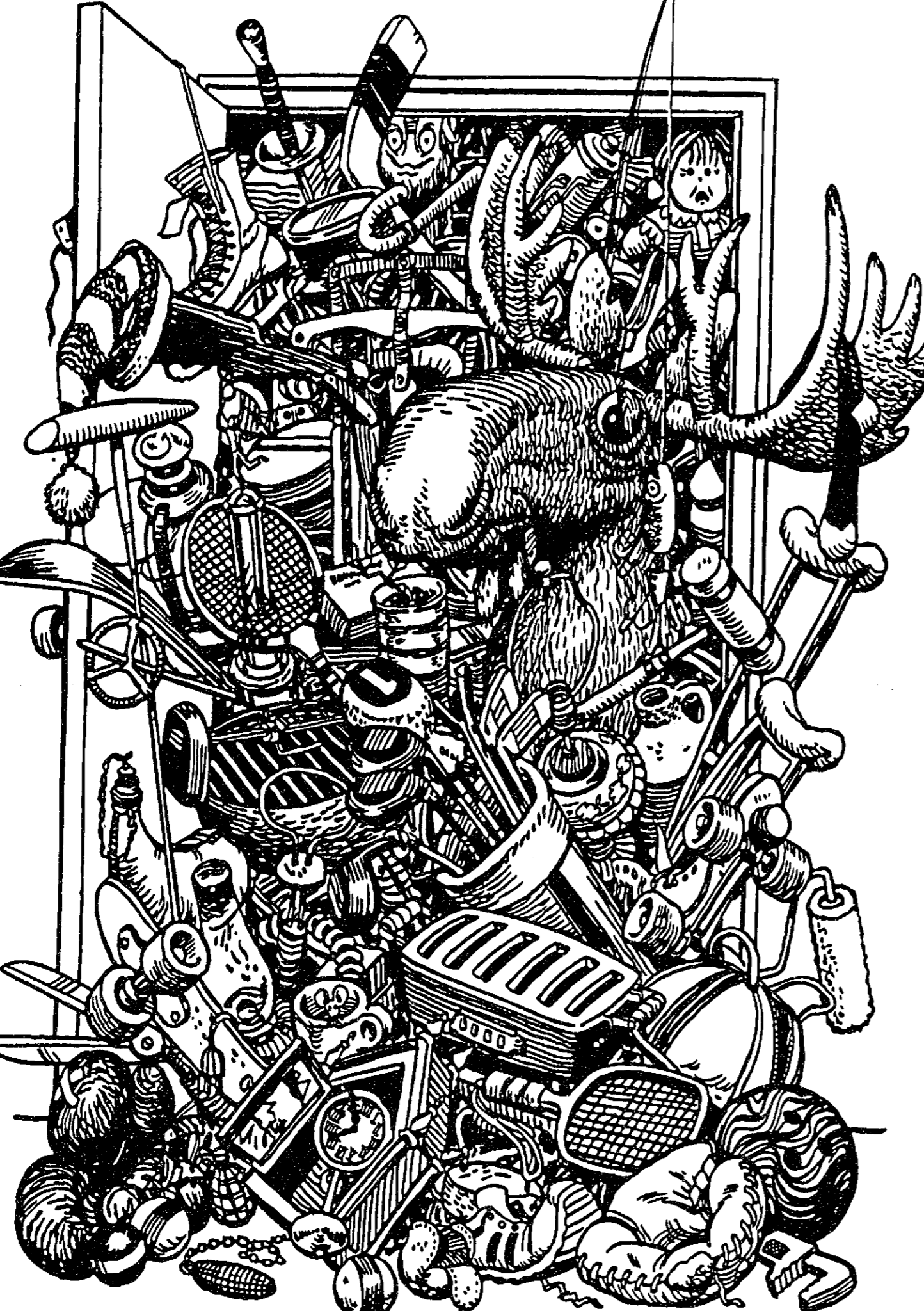


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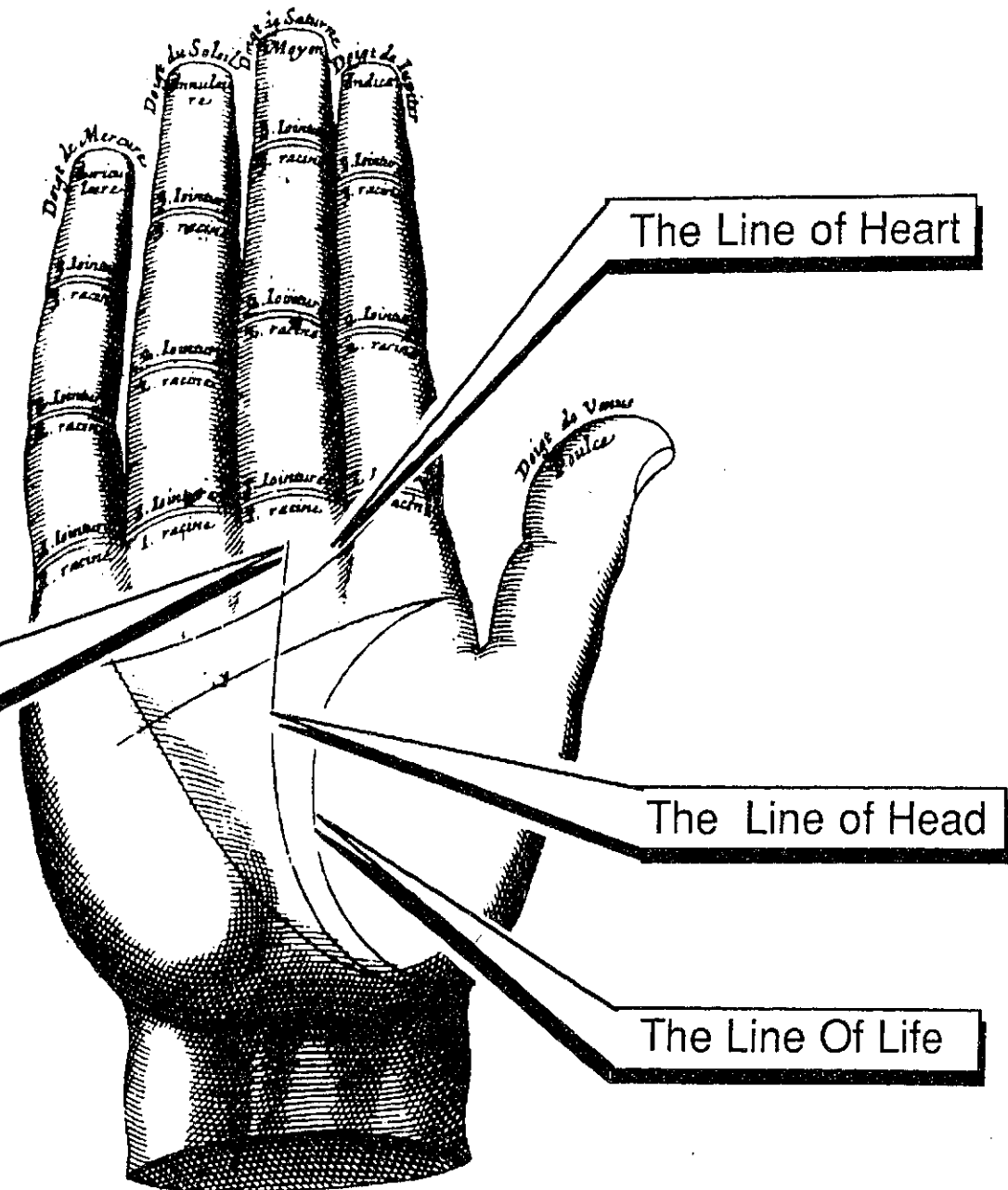
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HANDS *of* FATE



STORY BY ALICIA GARRISON

Are the lines, irregularities and folds of your hands related to future events in your life?

Palmist and psychic consultant Carole Verroen believes they are, to an extent. "Can you tell the future by the hand? I am inclined to say yes, to some degree," said Verroen, owner of the Institute of Clinical Hypnosis and Mental Science at 136 E. Grand River Ave. in Brighton. "But I still believe that we have free will and choices about things in relation to the future. There's never anything there that you cannot change."

Palmistry—the study of the hand in its entirety—has been practiced for thousands of years. In China, it has existed since 3,000 years before Christ. And today, it is practiced in India, Syria, Egypt and the Western world as well.

Most palmists will tell you that your left hand represents what you bring into this life, and your right hand tells what you are making out of it.

When reading a palm, palmists don't just study the lines of the hand. They also look at the shape, texture, mounts, crosses, ridges and triangles of the hand.

There are four major lines which are used to divide the hand into various sections: the Line of Life, the Line of Head, the Line of Heart, and the Line of Fate.



Palmist and psychic consultant Carole Verroen looks over a guest's hand.

Photo by SCOTT PIPER

The Line of Life is one of the more deeper, pronounced lines of the hand. Most people believe the longer this line is, the longer they will live, but Verroen says that isn't the case.

"It's the condition of the line which is more of an indication of how long you will live, rather than the length of the line," she said. "If it's all broken up and sort of scattered, it may mean that you have had health."

According to Verroen, the length of the life line can be read to determine approximately when you may have health problems. A radial scale is used to divide the hand into different age categories, roughly pinpointing when events will occur in your life.

Verroen has a complete break in her life line which she said was representative of her death. When Verroen was 20, she suffered from kidney failure and was physically dead for a short period of time before being resuscitated.

If there is a fork at the end of your life line, it generally means that you will end your life in a different place from where you began.

The Line of Heart is supposed to be representative of your feelings—how you relate to your spouse, family, and friends. The more chained this line is, the more likely you are to fracture your emotions. You may have a really hard time becoming deeply involved. You are afraid to open up

and may even be a little distant with your own children.

Tiny lines crisscross through the line of heart. If more lines extend down from the line of heart than up, the more worrisome love will be for you. If more lines point up, the more distractions you will have in different kinds of love.

The Line of Head is an indication of your level-headedness—the way you think; the way you reason out problems. This line is symbolic of stability, logic and intuition.

"The head line, to me, sometimes tells more about the person than the life line because this influences most everything you do," Verroen said.

If this line runs straight across your palm, it means that you're very logical and creative work may come hard for you. You prefer to do things in sequence.

If this line curves, it means that you are more emotional and imaginative.

The Line of Fate is the broken line that runs up the center of your palm. The more defined the line, the more fate will influence your life.

According to Verroen, if this line runs across your life line, than fate will definitely influence your life. If it crosses the head line, it may mean that fate, to some degree, controls the way you think.

If this line extends all the way across

the heart line, than fate will, almost without fail, play a part in the lasting relationship of your life. "Because it does, at times, influence the way you think," Verroen said.

The Line of Marriage is located around the base of the pinky. The little lines that appear on the side of your hand (between the line of the heart and the bottom of your pinky) when you double up your fist are supposed to represent the number of children you will have.

The shape of the hand tells a lot about a person's character.

A person who has long, tapered hands has a tendency to be creative. People with artistic hands are impulsive and like the finer things in life. They are clever and quick, but have little patience.

A square-shaped hand is the sign of a useful hand. These people are orderly, punctual and precise. They love to work with their hands and are true to their word. If they say they're going to do something, they do it.

A hand with crooked fingers (not arthritis) is the sign of an active person. These people are full of energy, purpose and enthusiasm, but can become irritable if they have to sit still for a long period of time. They like to put their energy into physical things.

A hand that is knotty is symbolic of the philosophic hand. People with philosophic hands are students of mankind. They tend to be a little older and love mystery.

Most often, people will have a mixed hand. While your palm may indicate that you are spiritual, your fingers may portray that you are more realistic. People with mixed hands are versatile. They are great in work requiring diplomacy and tact. A jack of all trades.

The Finger of Jupiter (pointer finger) has to do with your attitude toward external life.

A person who's pointer finger is squared-off at the tip, feels that they have to work hard to do things.

If this finger turns in when the hand is in a relaxed state, it may mean that you have a bad attitude right now.

A person who's pointer finger is very short in proportion to the others may have an inferiority complex. This is the sign of a very insecure person.

If the pointer finger is extremely long in relation to the other fingers, Verroen said it means the person has too much self-esteem, and may have a little bit of an ego problem.

The Finger of Saturn (middle finger) is the dividing finger between the physical and the spiritual world. If this finger is in balance with the other fingers, it means that you make transitions back and forth easily.

If it's much longer or shorter, it means that you've got a block between the real world and your spiritual direction, Verroen said.

The middle finger is also associated with a person's sexuality. If this finger curls up when the hand is in a relaxed state, it means the person is closed up right now and doesn't feel very sensual.

The Finger of the Sun (ring finger) is representative of a person's emotions and artistic abilities.

"If it's very short in relation to your other fingers, then you have emotional difficulties," Verroen said. "You're too preoccupied with what's going on inside of yourself."

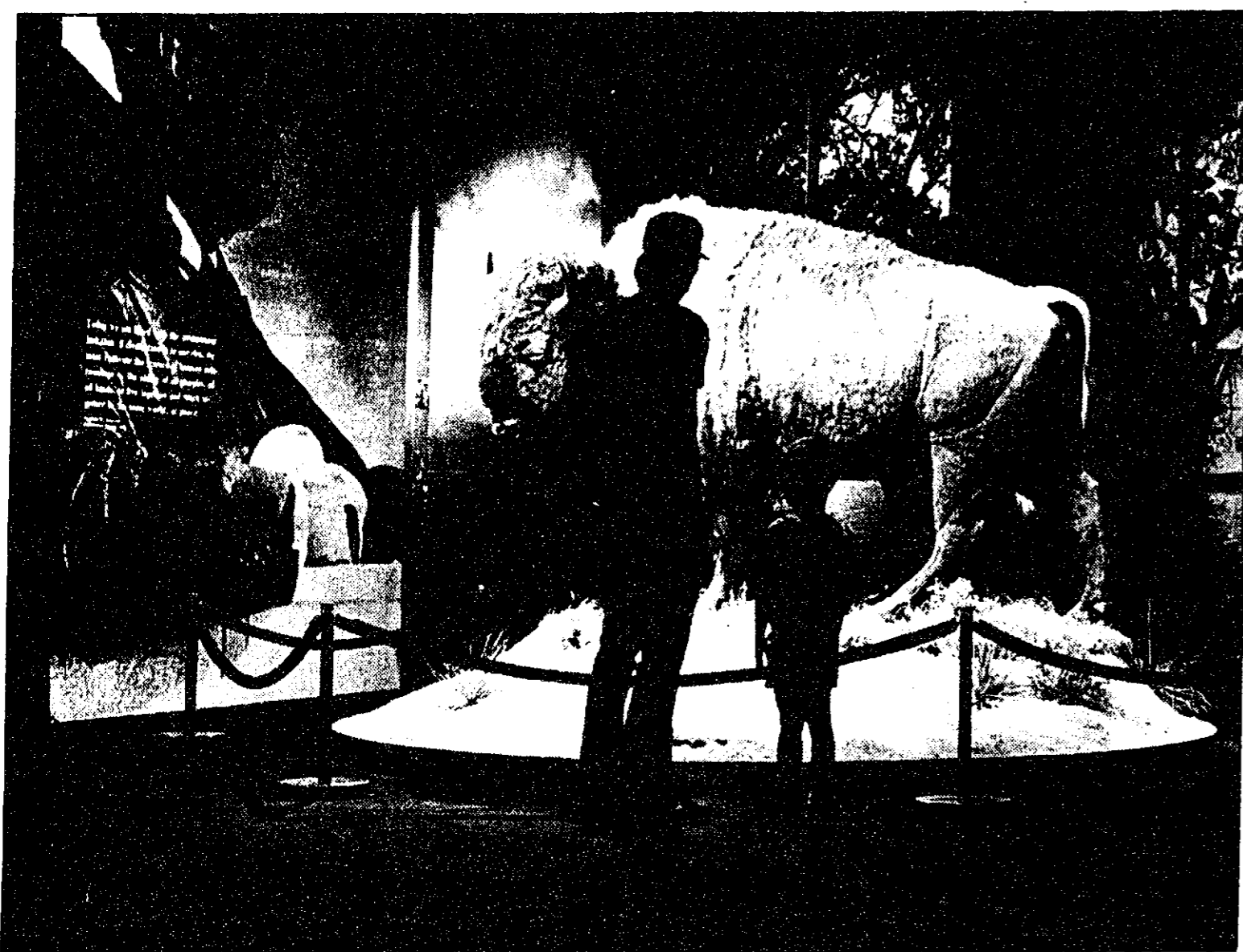
At the opposite extreme, if your ring finger is much longer in relation to your other fingers, then you're always digging at yourself, questioning how you really feel about things.

If this finger curls in toward your palm when your hand lays flat, you're inhibited about using your intuition. You don't trust your gut feeling.

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The Museum of Western Expansion is located in the base of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. Photo by MICKEY JONES



A statue of St. Louis is located in the city's Forest Park. Photo by MICKEY JONES

'The Gateway to the West'

'Meet me in St. Louis' a grand idea for midwest travelers

By Carolyn DeMarco

Welcome to St. Louis, Mo.—a big, small town or maybe it's a small, big town, pressed up tight against the Mississippi River, halfway between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico and proudly referred to as the "gateway to the west."

It's also the location of the world's largest brewery, site of the 1904 World's Fair, birthplace of sliced bread, home of the National Bowling Hall of Fame and the eastern border for all radio stations that start with K.

We took our trip during the mid-winter season which offers cheap travel rates and a break from the hustle and bustle of tourist season. However, most river boats and outdoor tourist sites are closed for the winter.

Most Mississippi sidewheeler excursion boats run between May and October as well as the Six Flags Over Mid-America amusement park. If you go this summer check them out and don't forget St. Louis Cardinals baseball—the heart of St. Louis tourism.

Hotels are plentiful in St. Louis. The Hotel Majestic, a historic pearl of a hotel, is \$180 a night for two persons, according to the AAA Tour-book, \$100 a night per a long-distance inquiry, and only \$65 per night when you actually confront the desk clerk. Other hotels have similar discounts for the quiet times.

A trip to St. Louis is not a trip to St. Louis without a visit to the famous Gateway Arch, this country's tallest monument and one of its most visited sites since its erection in 1965. It's all part of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, a national park commemorating St. Louis as the Gateway to the West.

For \$2.50 (50 cents for kids) you can travel to the top of the arch. Allow one hour for the wait and the ride. While you're waiting you can tour the free Westward Expansion Museum on the site and learn more about the trend that Lewis and Clark started and nouveau Californians continue.

Walk down by the river side you can stroll the cobblestone levee (per Webster, an embankment to prevent river from flooding bordering land). Many excursion boats double as re-

staurants — including a floating McDonald's!

In 1764 a French fur trapper, Pierre Laclède, established a trading post on this western bank of the Mississippi. Today it's a tourist attraction—restaurants and shops. Among them are Gibbo's Novelties and Costumes, a fun shop with adult novelties, stage makeup and magic tricks; Missouri Peddlers, a showcase for Missouri crafters with quilts, toys and folk art; and Swiss Village Book Store Antique Annex, a browser's dream of old and rare books and artifacts.

After dark the parking lots fill with fun-seekers there for the good music and fun times and the streets fill with strollers and horse-drawn carriages.

Young locals consider Muddy Waters the most popular nightclub. Hannegan's Pub features jazz. The Blarney Stone houses a dinner theatre.

Just across town at Market and 18th is a spectacular tourist attraction and prominent landmark, Union Station. In its heyday the mammoth station was the largest and busiest in the world with more than 100,000

passengers through each day. Shops in the station include all the upscale regulars you've come to know and love—Eddie Bauer, Crabtree and Evelyn, Banana Republic, and some interesting independents as well.

They include the Great Train Store, which sells O.N. and H gauge to kids who never grow up as well as whistles, cassettes, books and mags for train lovers. Near it is America's National Parks, a store devoted to books about U.S. national parks, history and ecological topics; Joy of Ireland, all the obvious Hillerman imports like woolens, Irish oatmeal and heraldic keychains and posters; a computer genealogy kiosk, and Top It Off, a small hat store.

Go to the home of the world's largest brewery and not visit? No chance. The tour takes you outside through blocks and blocks of Anheuser-Busch property including the famous Clydesdales' stable, packaging plant and the ever-popular hospitality center. A large gift shop caters to logo-lovers of Budweiser and Michelob brews.

Beer lovers are often baseball fans as well. If you fit into the category,

not far from the brewery is Busch Stadium, home to the (St. Louis) Sports Hall of Fame. Stan is still The Man here, 40 years later. Musial is immortalized with a statue outside, and a near-shrine inside. You can also follow the careers of baseball greats Lou Brock, Ken Boyer, Dizzy Dean and Red Schoendienst. All other sports take a back seat.

Just across the street is the National Bowling Hall of Fame, depicting the history and heroes of the game, an old-fashioned bowling alley and other exhibits. Ho hum.

Institutions on the grounds of the top 10 in the United States. St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis Science Center and the Jefferson Memorial, which chronicles St. Louis history. The art museum is the successor to the oldest art museum west of the Mississippi and ranks as one of the top 10 in the United States. Admission is free.

There is an admission charge to the strikingly modern science center—the combined McDonnell Planetarium, Museum of Science

and Natural History and the Medical Museum. The Discovery Room allows children the opportunity to see, feel and touch. Monsanto Science Center provides 24 larger-than-life exhibits in an outdoor setting.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest botanical garden in the United States, conceived in the 1850s by Henry Shaw, and still referred to by St. Louisans as Shaw's Garden. The 79-acre garden is built around Shaw's country home, Tower Grove House, which can be toured.

It's a pleasant walk through the rose garden, Japanese garden or English woodland. A bonus is the sculptures which grace the fountains (turned off during the winter) and grounds—including works by Alexander Calder, Henry Moore and Carl Milles.

We were lucky to travel during the off-season because even Tony's, one of only nine Mobil Guide five-star North American restaurants had room for us on a Friday night with only an hour's notice. If you go now, be sure to make reservations.

Speakers for next series



The Northville Town Hall Series has secured some exciting speakers for their 30th season lectures. They are:

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Since his retirement from the army in 1981, he has become an award-winning author, consultant to international companies doing business in the middle east, and one of today's most sought-after public speakers.

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KAYE LANI RAE RAFKO

Miss America of 1988, Rafko received her nursing degree from Lourde College specializing in cardiopulmonary resuscitation with continuing education in critical care of bone-marrow transplant recipients and infection control in hospitals. She plans to obtain a masters degree in oncology and to use her experiences as Miss America to focus national attention on AIDS, cancer and pulmonary diseases. Her long-term goal is to open and manage a hospice program to expand work with the terminally ill.

Rafko has danced for 12 years, three as a professional focusing on Hawaiian-Tahitian dance, which she performed as a Miss America contestant.

She lives in Monroe.

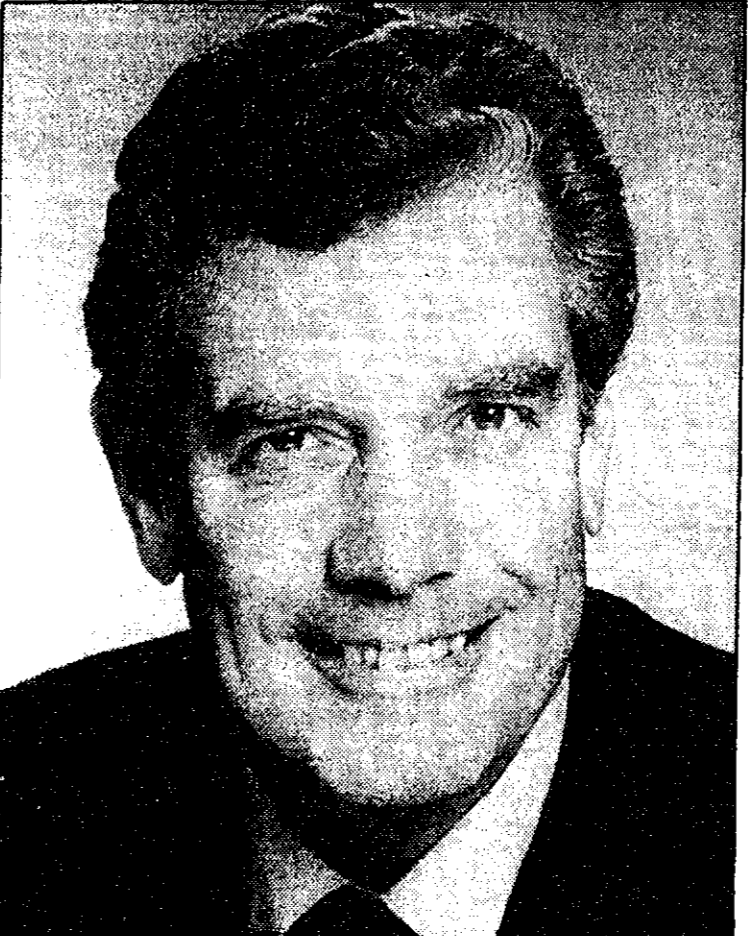


JACK REYNOLDS

It's virtually impossible to encapsulate this man's background. He has in-depth firsthand knowledge of South America, China, Japan and the Philippines.

Jack Reynolds spent 31 years with NBC, 17 of them overseas producing, managing bureaus and satellite operations, reporting, writing and directing.

Some of his programs lately have been: a special on the First Amendment "As Japan Ages," "Women, Work and Babies: Can America Cope?," "Second Thoughts On Being Single" and "Managing the Defense Budget in the 1990s," a nationwide interactive satellite press conference produced by Ted Koppel Communications.



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Golf Notes

PUBLIC QUALIFIER: Female public links players take note: sectional qualifying tournaments for the 14th United States Women's Amateur Public Links Championships are set.

The qualifiers will be at three sites within the state on three different dates: May 29 at Stonehenge Golf Course in Augusta; June 1 at Indian River Country Club in Indian River; and June 4 at Rattle Run Golf Course in St. Clair.

Sectional qualifying will consist of 18 holes of stroke play. The number of qualifying berths available at each site will be determined by the USGA after entries close May 9.

Entry forms and additional information may be obtained by writing Sara Wild at 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, or by calling 668-9371.

BOY SCOUT GOLF OUTING: The Sixth Annual Community Golf Outing for Scouting will take place July 30 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. The proceeds will benefit the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

For information, writer Brad Mertz, 1990 Golf Outing for Scouting, 1100 Country Center Drive West, Pontiac, MI 48053.

KENSINGTON TOURNAMENTS: There are more tournaments in store for area golfers this summer at the Kensington Golf Course.

Last year, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority sponsored a series of golf tournaments at Kensington Metropolitan in Milford. The series included six different tournaments including both team and individual competitive formats.

The objective in sponsoring these tournaments, according to tournament director Doug Curry, is to offer the golfing public well-run tournaments using USGA rules and handicaps at a low cost. The tournaments are designed to challenge tournament veterans and first-time tournament players alike. The format allows players with a wide range of skill levels to have a successful tournament experience.

Entry fees are kept low (\$3-\$4 per player) and prizes are modest (usually trophies and free greens-fee certificates). That places more emphasis on participation and enjoyment.

USGA handicaps are required, thus allowing players at all skill levels an opportunity to be successful. Curry also said that establishing and using a USGA handicap makes the game more enjoyable.

Last year, the tournaments generated a great deal of interest. Over 850 entries were accepted for the six tournaments. This was highlighted by 240 entries in the Individual Championship held in September. At least 75 percent of the golfers entered had never played in a USGA-style tournament before.

This year, the program has been expanded. There will be a playoff among at least four of the HCMA courses for both a Senior and Individual Championship.

Course Senior Championships will be held on July 30, with the HCMA tournament featuring the top eight from each course to follow on Aug. 10.

The Individual Championship will feature qualifying rounds on September 8 or 9, with Course Championships on Sept. 23. The HCMA finals will be on Oct. 7.

In addition, there will be the regular lineup of a Women's Championship, Junior Championship, Two-Person Best Ball and Four-Person Scramble tournaments.

For more information on Kensington or HCMA tournaments, call Doug Curry at (313) 849-2025 by day, or at (313) 437-1835 in the evenings.

Plymouth draws area's top skaters



Christine Collings practices on the ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

Without an indoor ice skating facility in the immediate area, the people of Novi and Northville have been forced to travel to places like Plymouth and Livonia to get ice time. You'd think such an inconvenience would turn off many potential skaters, but this area has its share of talent, including Northville's Christine Collings and Jenny Bethan. They are just two of many area skaters who are excelling at the Plymouth Cultural Center as members of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club.

"There's quite a few that skate here at the rink from the Novi/Northville area," said instructor Sue Moffatt. "We have kids from Livonia, Plymouth, and from as far away as Brighton."

Collings and Bethan are among the more promising skaters in the area. They were fourth in the compulsory and first in interpretive.

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Ladycat tracksters beat Howell

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The final score may look strange, but there was nothing awkward about Nov's 98% 29% girls track victory over Howell on April 24.

A four-way tie for third place in the high jump accounted for the unusual score, but the Ladycats were more concerned about winning 12 of the 16 events (including 1-2-3 sweeps in the 400-meter dash and the two-mile run).

"I was excited because our overall performance was so good, we were able to shuffle our line-up and use more girls than we normally do," Novi Coach Connie Ahrens said.

Angel Konarske was the only two-time winner in the meet. She was victorious in the 100 (13.63), 150 (17.04) hurdles. The other victories came from Elisa Munro in the 400 (2:46.9), Jennie Galland in the 800 (2:46.9), Jennie Galland in the 1600 (6:13.00), and three of the four relay teams. The 400 relay team (with Pat Corbin, Konarske, Helen Cottam and Humphrey) won in 55.4, the 800 relay team (featuring Corbin, Powers, Becky Waach and Humphrey) finished in a time of 1:56.7, and the two mile relay team (with

Frank, Galland, Cherie Stewart and Heath) took the honors in 11:04.8.

NOVI RELAYS: The 'Cats continued to perform well at their own tournament on April 28. The locals took second-place honors in the eight-team event with 53 points—30 behind first-place Dexter.

"I was surprised and pleased," Ahrens said. "We have a lot more depth than last year. It was so nice to see the girls—especially the seniors—over all runner-up trophy. We were fifth last year and we've never finished as high as second."

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Kickers blanked by powerful Northville

The annual Novi-Northville clash in girls soccer had a predictable outcome—an 8-0 win for the second-ranked Mustangs—but the underdog Wildcats were competitive in this non-conference match on April 27.

Northville didn't get on track offensively until midway through the first half, but once the floodgates were opened, the goals started to pour in. By halftime, the 'Cats trailed 6-0.

For the game, the Mustangs dominated the play and outshot their neighbors to the north 37-5. But Northville Coach Bob Paul had some kind words for the Wildcats.

"Novi came out strong, and it wasn't until we put in our stronger players on the field that we were able to start scoring some goals," he said. "It was a nice game, and it gave us a chance to get a lot of people in the game."

Novi Coach Wick Valenti was unavailable for comment.

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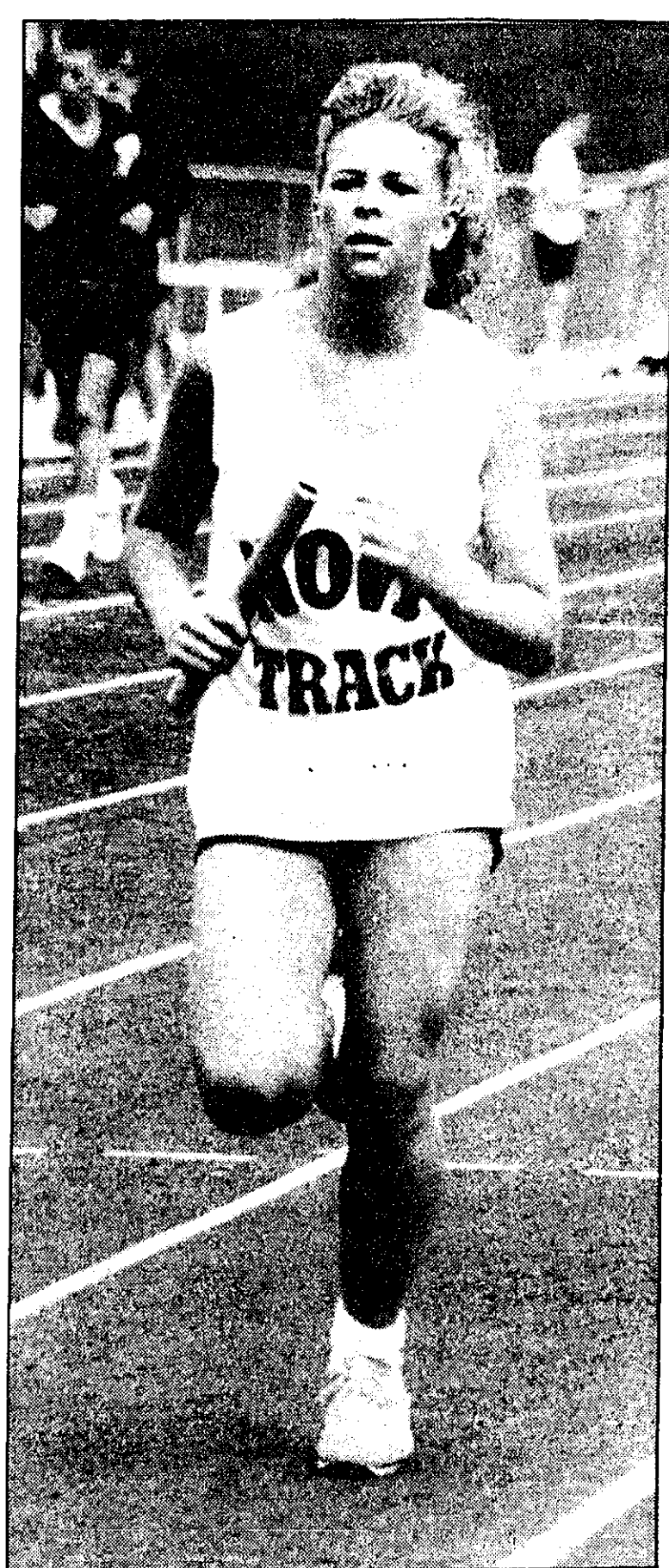
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Novi's Kristen Patee in action at the Novi Relays.

Rec Briefs

Select soccer tryouts: The Northville Soccer Association will be sponsoring a new team in the WSSL Select Division for boys born in 1978 beginning with the fall season 1990.

Tryouts will be held on May 18 and May 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the Training Center number three field in Northville. Tryouts are open to non-Northville residents.

For more information, contact Larry Schlanser at 420-0285.

ASA umpire school: The American Softball Association will be holding its National Umpire School at the Novi Recreation Center on May 5-6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. both days. Cost for the two day seminar is \$50 and registration will be taken at the door.

Basic motorboating: The American Red Cross is offering a class on basic motorboating on May 19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and on May 20 from 2-5 p.m. at the Howell Rec Center.

Learn the fundamentals of motorboat handling, care, maintenance, aids to navigation, rules of the water and Marine Laws of Michigan along with trailing and launching.

Registration is required. Call 546-0326 for more information.

Wolves soccer tryouts: The Livonia V Premier Soccer Club will hold tryouts for boys and girls on May 6 and May 20 at Joyce Park in Livonia.

For girls born in 1979-80, tryouts will be at noon. For boys born in 1978-79, tryouts will be at 5 p.m. For boys born in 1980-81, tryouts will be at 2 p.m.

For more information, please call 427-3336.

Coach sought: Northville High School is currently accepting applications for the head coach position for boys varsity soccer.

Anyone interested should contact Northville Athletic Director Dennis Colligan at 344-8403.

Youth baseball tryouts: Tryouts for all four divisions of Novi Youth Baseball will be held on May 5 at Becca Field.

The Seniors (age 14-16) and the Travel Team (15-16) will try out at 11 a.m.; the Majors (12-13) at noon; the Ponies (10-11) at 1:30 p.m.; and the Minors (7-9) at 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in late registration for 10-16 year olds should phone 344-1638.

Girls travel softball: Any girls 16-18 years of age interested in playing on a slow-pitch softball team this summer, should call Larry Bowerman at 453-6610 or 458-0377.

Lifeguards needed: Novi Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for lifeguards to work at Lakeshore Park from May 20 through Sept. 3.

You must have an advanced lifesaving certificate. Pay rate is \$5-\$6 per hour. Please call Novi Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 347-0400.

U.S. Diving Club: The U.S. Diving Club of Novi has been formed for those interested in competitive diving.

Students must be eight years old or more and able to swim the pool width. To join, call Coach Mark Helten at 478-0775.

Adult softball: Novi Parks and Recreation spring/summer softball registration is under way. A few openings remain in the Men's Resident and Women's Friday leagues.

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Junior catcher Chris Lowery crammed an entire season of offensive production for a pretty good prep player into a six-day span last week. When you hear what he did at the plate for the Novit baseballers, you'll understand why he is a 'Wildcat of the Week.' In seven games, Lowery went 7-for-19 (.369 average), clubbed five home runs (including two grand slams), and batted in 17 RBIs. Against Brighton in the second game of a double-header on April 25, Lowery single-handedly beat the Bulldogs with a grand slam and a three-run homer.

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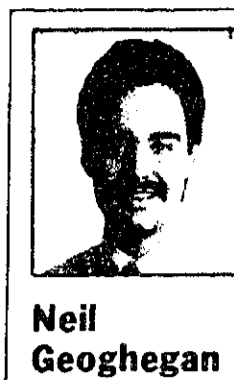
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Novi teams try to overcome losses



Neil Geoghegan

In high school and college athletics, you are going to have a high turnover. With graduation losses taking players away and newcomers looking in, it's only natural. But for whatever reason (coincidence, bad luck or both), many of the Novi and Northville varsity teams this spring are facing some serious rebuilding problems.

school records and lost just one dual meet, but almost all of the standouts from a year ago have moved on. To make matters worse, one of the few returning stars—hurdler Matt Koneda—is hobbled by a knee problem and has been relegated to action in the field events. Others like Jeff Schram didn't even come out for the team.

But it appears the team has survived the transition. Just last weekend, Smith's squad placed first at the eight-team Novi Relays—a feat the '89 team didn't come close to accomplishing. Honorable mention for graduation losses goes to the Northville softball squad (the defending WAAA champs with seniors Fremund and Baird), the Novi and Northville tennis squads (both lost seven of their top 10 players), and the Wildcat baseballers (one returning regular).

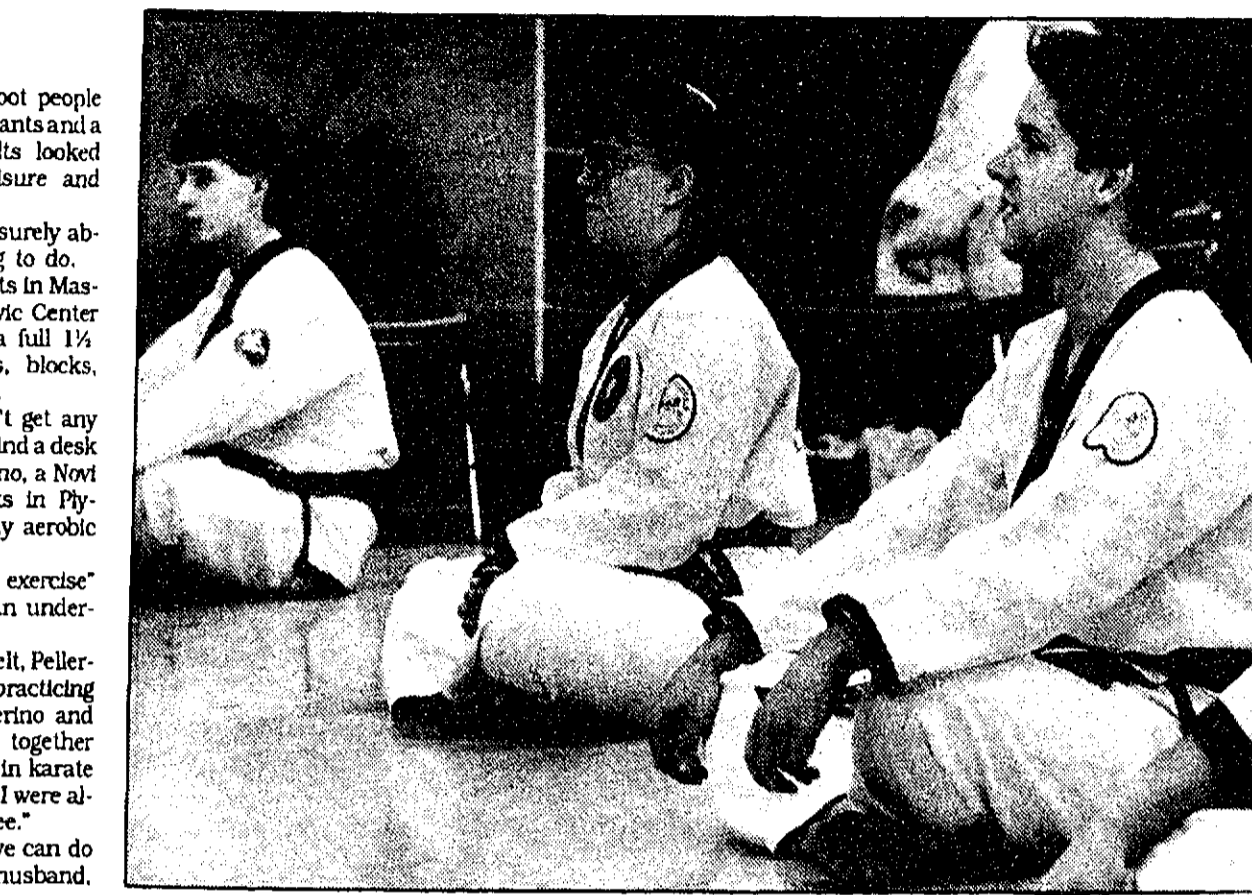
On the other side of the coin is the Northville soccer program. Always a state powerhouse, the Mustangs enter the 30 campaign with arguably the most returning talent of any prior soccer team in the area. Add to that a pair of top-notch transfer students and you have unlimited potential.

In 1985, the Northville girls won the state Class A soccer championship. No other team since from Novi or Northville has been able to duplicate the feat. The Mustangs, under coach Bob Paul, did make it to the title game last

In Shape

Karate: an aerobic exercise?

By LESLIE PEREIRA Staff Writer



The room full of barefoot people clad in white robes, loose pants and a multitude of colorful belts looked ready for a night of leisure and relaxation. But there is nothing leisurely about what they were going to do. The martial arts students in Master Bob Gordon's Novi Civic Center karate class were in for a full 1 1/2 hours of kicks, punches, blocks, jumps and duck walking.

Carey (right) and Kathy Pellerino like karate because it is something they can do together. The style of karate Gordon teaches is Tang Soo Do, which relies heavily on kicking rather than punching or blocking. Gordon continuously interacts with his students, snaking easily in and out of the rows of white robes, mumbling bits of advice—'you can get higher than that,' 'look forward, my friend' or 'see it in your mind.'

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Fitness Notes

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