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## Board to drop millage

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

Novi School Board members instructed administrators to make some capital improvement cuts by tonight's budget session in order to lower the proposed millage rate of 26.69 mills.

But don't get too carried away, one board member warned.

"What I hear the board saying is that we should reduce the 26.69 mills but not so much that we go too far and sacrifice educational programs," board President Raymond Ebers instructed Superintendent Robert Pitwko.

But even with a millage rate reduction, the average homeowner will be paying more in school taxes because of increased property assessments.

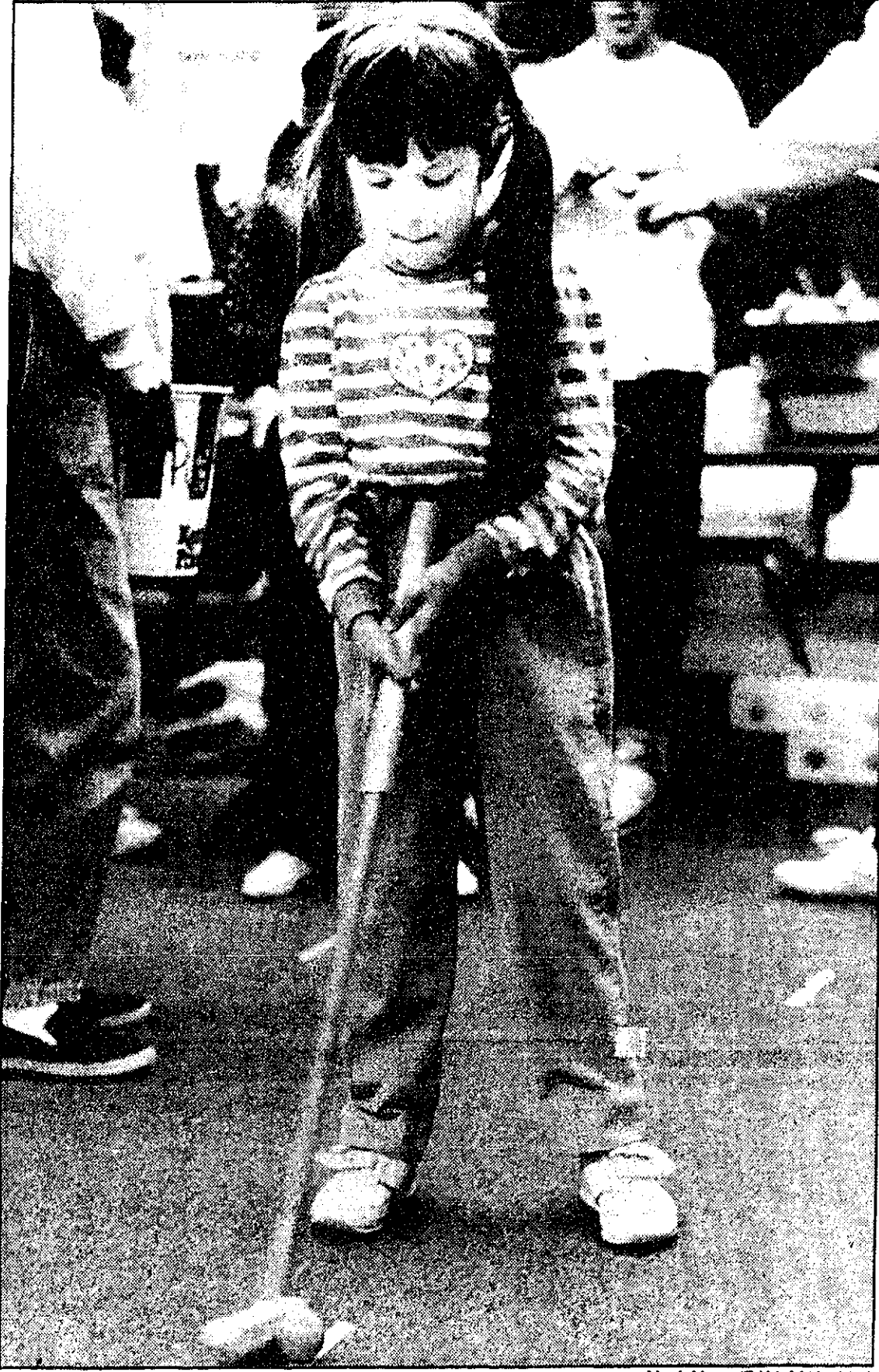
For each mill of tax rate, homeowners pay \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. Taxes rise if either the millage rate or assessed value increases.

It remains unlikely that the board will adopt a millage rate below the Truth-in-Taxation limit of 25.10 mills — which is the rate where the same amount of tax is collected as last year, with an allowance for new growth.

Cuts are expected to be around .25 mills, a figure the board is battling around.

Meanwhile, parent Kathleen McAllen — who serves on the Novi Planning Commission — instructed administrators to improve their ar-

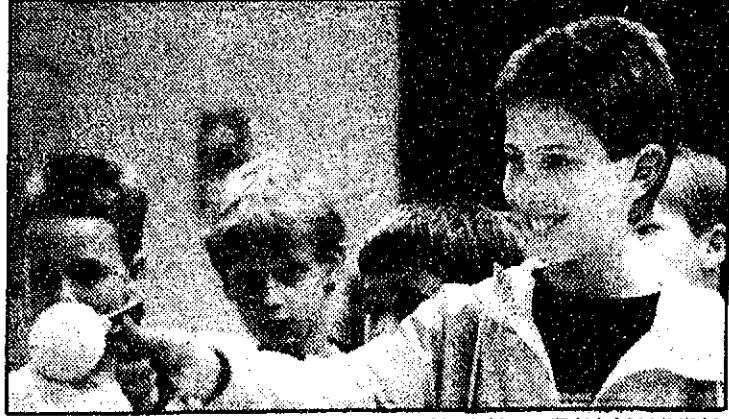
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### Fling

Novi Woods Elementary School held its annual "Spring Fling" Friday evening, so the season must really be here. The event featured a variety of activities for students and parents. Above, Meredith Keller practices her putting form. At right, Joe Cameron plays "Shoot the Duck."



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## Novi to get MRF

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The failure of the Grand Plan's industrial park to gain city council approval means that 31 acres on Haggerty Road north of Grand River Avenue will probably be home to an eight-community, \$27-million materials recovery facility (MRF) and waste transfer station.

The MRF, owned and operated by the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC), would be built on land zoned light industrial on the west side of Haggerty Road next to American Self-Storage, just across the border from Farmington Hills. Lenora Jadun, the former Novi Director of Public Works who was recently appointed general manager of the authority, said Monday that arrangements are being finalized to locate the MRF on the site, which would enable truck traffic to and from the facility to use the proposed Haggerty Road Connector/1-696 Interchange.

The connector is targeted for completion in 1992. "With much optimism," the authority hopes to open the MRF in early 1992, Jadun added. At that time, mandatory curbside sorting of trash could be required. Recyclables such as paper, newspaper, glass, plastics and metals would be sorted at the MRF and sold to recycling companies.

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## Wetland tickets issued

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

Northern Equities Group of Farmington Hills is collecting violations for drainage trenches which it says were dug for agricultural purposes near Beck and West roads.

The Department of Natural Resources has issued the developer one violation, and Novi ordinance enforcement officer Steven Babinchak assured the Novi News that the city will issue similar violations sometime this week.

"As far as I'm concerned this is a gross violation of the wetlands ordinance," he said. "The wetlands disturbed were on the city's map and are protected."

However, the assistant city attorney and the building inspector both said the issuance of a Novi violation is in doubt. The company has already received a ticket for similar violations on neighboring property in Wixom.

Northern Equities Group, which is buying land in the Beck/West road area to build 291 acres of industrial park development, has maintained that area drainage activity is solely for agricultural purposes.

Nevertheless, it is illegal to farm in an industrial district without a variance, which the company never received, according to Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson.

He added the company is still

free to petition for the variance. Babinchak said Northern Equities Group should be denied that variance but says he has little input into the decision.

"They can go to the zoning board of appeals for a variance, and Neil Sosin (the company president) has indicated that he plans to do so, but I don't think that it is legal use of the exemption," he said.

He explained the variance clause was added to the zoning ordinance to protect nonconforming farmers — not to allow developers to drain wetlands for agricultural purposes.

"This property hasn't been used for farming in over 10 years and it is

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## City Council arm wrestles over budget

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A sharp division in the city council over how the city's \$11,220,000 in revenues for fiscal year 1990-1991 will be spent raised the question Monday if Novi will be "in business" on July 1.

According to the city charter, a balanced budget must be adopted no later than the third Monday of the month, May 21. A 5-2 council vote is necessary, but at present council members Joseph Toth, Tim Pope and Nancy Covert say they will not support the budget which has been thrashed out in an extended series of special sessions over the past weeks, presenting the possibility of a deadlocked vote.

Covert and Pope say they back Toth, who calls for the "brakes" to be put on the budget, elements of which he terms "obscene," "anti-community" and directed towards development at the expense of community services. He specifically objected to \$648,575 in expenditures, including monies allocated to the community development department; staff club memberships, seminars and magazine subscriptions; and special studies for the planning commission.

"At this point, there is a possibility of a four to three vote," Covert said, calling for an additional budget study session.

The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 31 of the following year.

"What happens according to charter, come the next fiscal year and you will not be operating. You can't make appropriations by city ordinance and state law. You might be out of business," said City Attorney David Fried, advising the council to "stay next Monday late" to work on the budget.

Pope objected to what he called a lack of "give and take in the budget" process and said he supported Toth's initiative.

"I'm uncertain with the bottom line and what it's going to cost the taxpayer . . . I can't support a \$5,000 study to look at a river walk . . . I can't support the budget the way it's written," he said. "With growth, the budget can be controlled in respect to keeping taxes at an appropriate level."

Pope said he would like to see the millage lowered more than currently proposed and hopes to have a target figure by next week.

The budget presented in a public hearing Monday calls for the city's millage to be pushed back from last year's 11.1761 to 10.8879. The state equalized valuation of property in the city is up an average of six percent.

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## Memorial Day honors officers

Police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty will be honored Monday, May 14 at the 10th Annual Novi Police Memorial Day.

Two Detroit police officers killed while on duty, Vikki Hubbard and Sherdard Brison, will be this year's special honorees.

The ceremony, which will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Novi Police Department, 45125 West Ten Mile Road, is a cooperative effort by many police agencies statewide and expresses gratitude to the men and women who dedicate themselves to law enforcement.

The public is invited, and the department expects several hundred people to be in attendance.

U.S. Representative Bill Schuette, R-Sanford, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, will be this year's keynote speaker.

"He was picked because he is a

friend to law enforcement and a strong advocate of law and order," said Novi Police Officer Robert Gatt, who spearheaded the Memorial Day Ceremony.

"It is important to point out that although Schuette is a politician, he was picked because of his contribution to law enforcement," Gatt said in light of recent comment that the event had become too political. "This is not a political event and the emphasis is on honoring officers who have given their lives."

Schuette has represented the 10th congressional district of Michigan since 1984, a mid-state region consisting of all or part of 20 counties. He is a member of the House Budget Committee, serves as the only Michigan member on the House Agricultural Committee and is also on the House Select Committee on Aging.

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## New Monday issue hits the stands

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clude a special cable guide. The Suburban Cable Weekly is more than a TV guide, it provides complete television listings which are matched to Novi residents' cable dial. The guide will also feature local access programming.

The Monday edition has been under develop-

ment for several months. It will be published along with a Monday edition of The Northville Record, its sister newspaper. Both the News and the Record are part of Sliger/Livingston Publications, a chain of six weekly newspapers and shoppers which is owned by Suburban Communications Corp.



# Illegal wetland drainage cited

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Before Babnitchak said two tickets were already typed, Watson said Northern Equities might not be issued a violation. He said no ticket would be issued if the company cooperated with the city.

"I don't know if a ticket will be issued. It depends on the property owner — if he ceases activity on the site or if he gets the proper permits from the zoning board of appeals, then probably not," he said.

According to Novi Building Inspector Earl Bailey, the city issued two warning notices to Monkey Wrench Associates and George Kovacs, the two parties city records show as owners of the land where the draining occurred. However, he also indicated that no tickets would be issued if all site activity ceased.

On a related note, the Beck/West area, which is zoned I-1 and I-2, was considered for the city's Grand Plan but ruled out because of the number of wetlands.

It is possible for a developer to drain property for agricultural purposes under zoning clauses and then



A backhoe digs a drainage trench April 27

Novi News/STEPHEN KELLMAN

later develop the land without the hindrance of wetlands, according to several sources.

"In general, property used for agricultural purposes is later developed for either residential, commercial or industrial uses, all within the statutes prescribed for wetlands," Northville Township attorney Ernest

Essad said. However, he couldn't comment on the Northern Equities case because he is not familiar with the circumstances.

# School board slashes \$22.8 million budget

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making adjustments throughout the process.

The \$90,000 is "missing" in the budget's Addendum 1, which is a summary of expenditures. In the actual line item budget, however, the expenditures do tally the \$22.811 million budgeted.

Nevertheless, board members plan to scrutinize each item before adopting the budget on June 21.

Some members advocate removing the \$140,000 budgeted for capital improvements, suggesting financing those outlays through fund

improvements, the fund would be almost completely depleted.

"I would not like to spend the whole \$150,000," said Board Member Robert Schram. "I'd like to be more prudent."

"Right now we are living off new growth, and someday that growth will slow and we will have to bite the bullet," he said.

Novi is experiencing a lot of residential development without comparable growth in commercial and industrial uses.

"We can't continue to fund the dis-

trict out of homeowner construction," Byers warned. "This community needs a broad tax base so that it will not become a bedroom community or we will have to start raising the millage rate."

The district's total state equalized valuation (SEV) rose from \$727 million to \$811.691 million. Community growth accounted for a \$61.5-million chunk of the increase, but it was primarily residential development which translates into additional students and additional district costs.

Residential growth is expected to

overload the middle school and Novi Meadows, prompting a full bond issue proposal to finance new construction.

Anticipated growth will also spur the district to add 10.5 new teachers and one special education paraprofessional, which will cost the taxpayers an additional \$500,000 in 1990-91, according to budget projections.

In addition to the debated operating millage, the district will levy 3.1 mills for debt retirement. This rate is down from last year's 3.55 mills.

Novi residents will pay the following voter-approved city debt service debt funds from 1988 last year: library completion debt funds from .0314 to .0275; police building debt funds from .2237 to .1912; fire capital debt fund from .8031 to .6881; civic center debt fund from .5520 to .4708; and drain debt fund from 2.3630 to 1.8701.

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# City budget's impact on taxpayer reviewed

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi already has a proposed city budget for fiscal year 1990-1991, but the figures could change if three dissenting city council members successfully exercise their powers of persuasion over their four colleagues next week.

Meanwhile, the budget in place as of a public hearing on Monday calls for a decrease in the overall millage levied from 11.1761 to 10.8879. The total operating millage will rise from 8.8131 to 9.0178. The millage levied for bonds, which is lowered annually as the debts are paid off and unlike the general fund millage is not subject to the Headlee rollback or "Truth in Taxation" requirements, will be reduced from 2.3630 to 1.8701.

One mill is a one dollar tax per each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV) of a property. SEV can by law be no higher than 50 percent of the market value of a property. In Novi, tax assessments are up an average of six percent this year.

The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 can, if this budget is approved, anticipate an annual tax increase in the \$18 to \$64 range, based on an assessment increase of six percent to 20 percent.

The city's overall SEV has increased 12 percent this year, triggering both rollback mechanisms. The budget as proposed would reach the maximum allowable under the Headlee rollback requirements and surpass those of

"Truth in Taxation" for the municipal streets, police and fire, parks and recreation, drains and the library funds. In response to escalating property values, "Truth in Taxation" is a state law requiring local governments to either maintain consistent property tax revenues from year to year or vote to specifically approve an increase after a public hearing.

The general fund millage (4.5495) would be reduced 4.583 percent, bringing it below the Truth in Taxation level and 16 percent under the maximum allowed by Headlee.

The reduction offsets the increase in property values the community has received," City Manager Edward Kriewall said. "The tremendous growth in the community has really translated across the board to help keep taxes down. . . Most cities in the state of Michigan are allowed to levy up to 20 mills under state law."

The city council has already whittled down the millage from the figure originally proposed by the city administration in March. However, council members Tim Pope and Nancy Covert say they would like to see further reductions in the millage levied. Under the city charter, the council must adopt a budget no later than the third Monday in May.

Data on how these figures translate into the utility of a tax increase for the average homeowner was presented Monday by Kriewall. The owner of a \$100,000 home who has a 6-percent increase in property tax as-

essments this year would pay city taxes of \$577, \$18.25 over last year. That same home with a 10 percent increase in assessment would pay \$596.83, a \$40 tax hike over 1989-90. With a 20 percent increase in the assessment on the \$100,000 house, the taxes would rise to \$653.27, a \$94.46 jump over the previous year.

By category the millage levied would change as follows: general fund from 4.8358 last year to 4.5495 (the city charter permits as much as 6.5 mills to be levied for the general fund); municipal street fund from .7840 last year to .8352 this year (maximum allowable is one mill); and Novi Public Library, .8107 last year to .8352 this year (maximum permitted is one mill). In addition, the voter-approved police and fire millage would rise from 1.2168 to 1.5451 this year; the parks and recreation fund from .8107 to .8352; and the drain revenue from .8107 to .8352 in 1990-1991.

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Taxpayers who are not even here today will help us pay for the indebtedness in years to come," Kriewall said. The city anticipates a total \$11,220,326 in revenues for next year. Of that, \$4,725,021 would come from tax

levies (42 percent) and another \$1,538,082 (14 percent) would be brought in by the voter-approved police and fire millage. Additional funding, including \$2 million from state revenue sharing (18 percent), \$939,500 from non-business permits (eight percent), \$603,355 from miscellaneous sources (five percent), and \$343,500 from other services and charges (three percent).

The biggest slice of the general fund pie — \$4,262,527 (37 percent) — goes to the police department; followed in funding levels by the fire department — \$1,367,560 (12 percent); general city administration — \$894,515 (nine percent); the department of public works — \$694,970 (six percent); building and grounds — \$490,750 (four percent); finance department — \$436,585 (four percent); assessing department — \$427,370 (four percent); community development — \$275,530 (three percent); contingencies — \$263,362 (two percent); city clerk's office — \$241,295 (two percent); city manager's office — \$211,027 (two percent); ordinance and zoning — \$195,240 (two percent); planning commission — \$180,000 (two percent); city attorney — \$164,000 (two percent); transfers to other funds — \$150,000 (one percent); and public information — \$94,000 (one percent).

The police department garners the largest support of the tax dollar in this community, which is typical of most cities," Kriewall said.

# Rift in city council jeopardizes adoption of budget

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Covert's reservations about the proposed budget include the number of new personnel being added to the city's staff roster (13); the creation of a part-time, auxiliary firefighter force "without full and adequate documentation;" and "cost increases in all departments way above what we have expected."

"I'm concerned. We are at Headlee maximum for all of our funds and then we request an override in Truth in Taxation" at a time when the taxpayers are assessed to the limit," she said. "Most people will have a tax increase."

Council Member Martha Hoyer asked the three to present a proposal for an amended budget.

It's a reasonable budget, Council Member Hugh Crawford said. "We've given things a lot of time and effort. We've all expressed our views," he said.

Mayor Matthew Quinn agreed: "It's a good budget. It's really tight."

But Toth has other ideas. In a memo he prepared for the council and read Monday, he said: "The major thrust of this Council's actions are, being downgraded, ignored or placed on the back burner" be-

cause the funding and staffing is almost non-existent in this proposed budget."

Toth said he objected to funding \$12,000 for a new car for the assistant city manager; \$115,350 for conferences and workshops for staff; a 61-percent increase over last year; \$36,285 for club and society memberships for employees (a 3.4-percent increase); \$12,950 for staff ma-

gazine subscriptions (a 25-percent increase); \$72,460 for office equipment maintenance (a 37-percent increase); \$273,520 for the community development department (a 29-percent increase over 1988-89, a 16-percent increase over this year's budget); an additional \$14,000 for office supplies for the community development department (150 percent over the 1988-89 budget).

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PAST FUTURE

New Year's Day has its origin in Roman Times, when sacrifices were offered to Janus, the two-faced Roman deity who looked back on the past and forward to the future.



# Loading docks are unloaded

Numerous merchandise was taken from loading docks at Roadway Express on Grand River at Beck the night of May 5.

Several thieves are suspected of snatching goods off four loading bays and removing seven cartons of apparel valued at \$62.41 per carton, one carton of paper valued at \$60.33, eight cartons of shoes valued at \$108 per carton, one carton of F&M merchandise and 12 cases of JC Penney merchandise.

Several sets of partial fingerprints indicating tennis shoes were found near the loading docks. Roadway Express workers do not wear tennis shoes.

There are no known witnesses to the crime. This is the second loading dock theft in the last few months.

**THE DEPOT PARTY STORE** in the Roma Plaza center on Novi Road and Grand River was broken into May 4 at 9 p.m.

Police responded to a burglar alarm after a hammer was used to smash the front window.

Nothing of value was taken in the attempted robbery. Two cash registers and trinkets were removed. However, no cash was actually in the register.

Police found a hammer on the ground near a tipped over cigar rack. A small television set, which previously sat on top of the rack, was also found smashed at the scene.

## Police News

Police were able to remove fingerprints from the rack. But there are no known suspects at this time.

**JEWELRY VALUED** at \$2,300 was reported missing from a Novi Vic Tanny locker on April 28.

A Walled Lake woman reported leaving her gold wedding band and a second gold ring in one of the club's lockers in the side compartment of her gym bag. When she returned, however, both items were missing. The incident occurred between 8:00 and 9:30 p.m.

**FISHING EQUIPMENT** valued at \$1,050 was stolen from a boat stored in a locked unit on Samuel Linden Court off Twelve Mile.

The items were last seen Oct. 15 and were reported missing April 29. Taken were a fish finder valued at \$450, a St-Tex equipment valued at \$1,500 and a \$100 CB radio.

**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT** was taken from the second floor of the Woodland Medical Center on Twelve Mile Road sometime April 30.

The office was unlocked throughout the day and several people had

access to the building. Taken were a Honeywell terminal and an Epson personal computer.

**JEWELRY** valued at \$850 was taken from the Papa Romano's on Grand River sometime between 10:30 p.m. May 5 and 5 p.m. May 6.

An employee left a \$450 gold bracelet and a \$400 gold ring near the sink while washing dishes. After going home and realizing that she forgot the items, she called the manager and had them placed in the office. However, when she came in the next day to pick them up, the items were gone.

**TWO MICROCASSETTE RECORDERS** valued at \$750 were taken from a desk in the Disability Service Inc. office in Orchard Hills Place during the last month.

The first dictaphone microcassette recorder was taken around April 16 and the other sometime May 1 or May 2.

The office was locked during both times and there was no forced signs of entry.

**A GAS GRILL** valued at \$269 was

taken from a patio in the Olde Orchard Condos between April 8 and April 29.

There are no known suspects in the crime.

**A 1988 FORD MUSTANG** was the target of an attempted auto theft while parked near the Movies at Twelve Oaks the night of April 27.

Someone slashed the convertible roof and apparently used a slim-jim device to gain entry. However, the car was otherwise unharmed.

**A WALLET** and \$230 cash were stolen from a man's locker at the Novi Vic Tanny April 27 between 3 and 6 p.m.

**FLAGS** were taken from a pole at the Iron Workers office on Trans-X Drive between April 28 and April 30.

An American and State of Michigan flag were removed sometime between 11 a.m. April 28 and 5:20 p.m. the evening of April 30.

**A BOX OF CASSETTE** tapes were removed from a 1982 Ford Van parked at Novi Bowl the night of May 4.

Someone got into the van by breaking the side sliding glass window.

A box containing 25 tapes valued at \$200 was the only thing found missing from the van.

## Novi Briefs

**Correction:** On page 66 of the Novi Directory published with the April 19 Novi News, there was an incorrect phone number for the Providence Nov-Orthodontic Center. The number should be 471-1581.

**ABWA meeting:** The Novi Oaks charter chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a dinner meeting on Monday, May 14. For information or reservations call Betty Booher at 348-3297.

**LWV meeting:** The League of Women Voters of Northville/Plymouth/Canton/Novi will hold its annual meeting Saturday, May 12 at the Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton.

A business meeting at 11 a.m. will be followed by 12:30 lunch catered by Edwards of Northville. Then will come an update on league activities. Anyone interested in attending should call Pat Wright at 349-1276.

**For Motorsports fans:** Reservations are being taken until May 18 for individual seats and tables at the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America's Second Annual Induction Ceremony and Banquet on Wednesday, June 13. The dinner, which will be held during the Valvoline Detroit Grand Prix Week in the Renaissance Ballroom, Detroit will honor nine distinguished inductees, including Mario Andretti, Shirley Muldowney and Gar Wood.

Tickets are \$60 per person, \$600 for a table of ten. A cocktail party at 7 p.m. is followed by dinner at 8 p.m. For further information, contact Executive Director Ron Watson at 349-7223.

**Garage Sale:** Novi Choir Boosters is having a garage sale May 17-19 to raise funds. The sale will be held at 41981 Quince. Donations are welcome. For further information call Carol Whittenburg in the evening at 478-1243 or Paula Joyner at the High School.

**Spring Festival:** Novi Schools Spring Festival of the Arts will be held May 24 at Furst Auditorium at the High School. Artwork will be on display from 8 to 9 p.m. and an award ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. Followed by a concert featuring Novi Schools' various vocal ensembles.

**A gift of history:** The Novi Historical Commission is accepting donations for the city museum planned for the old Novi Township Hall. The commission is seeking belongings of pre-1900 Novi residents, including photographs, farming and household implements, diaries and letters, as well as items documenting pre-1950 village, township and city governments and local events. This would include memorabilia of the Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino and anything related to the REO Speedwagon fire truck, including service manuals and equipment.

In addition, the commission is also interested in talking to people who lived in Novi prior to 1950, to collect local oral histories.

# Siebert faces life sentence

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

A Novi man and his alleged accomplice were bound over to Wayne County Recorder's Court May 2 on charges of delivery and conspiracy to deliver narcotics.

Douglas Siebert, 34, will face a mandatory life sentence if convicted, but his lawyer maintains that evidence supporting any conspiracy is only circumstantial.

"I don't feel the prosecution has offered anything but circumstantial evidence to indicate a conspiracy," said attorney James Lawson before his client was bound over.

However, 20th District Court Judge Ed Plawcki said that circumstantial evidence can be used to support a conspiracy and circumstances are terminating enough to bring the case to trial.

But Lawson argued that the prosecution's primary witness, Wayne Kelly, was working with the Livonia Police Department when the kilo of cocaine confiscated by police was delivered, which should negate his testimony on the conspiracy charge.

"What we have here is the police department working as a co-conspirator, and they can't do that," Lawson told the judge.

Plawcki replied, "A person can be convicted of conspiracy even though everyone else involved is given immunity."

Kelly, who was freed of all charges, testified during the preliminary examination that he met Siebert at the Key West Bar in Detroit to arrange a one-kilo cocaine deal.

According to testimony, Kelly later picked that kilo up from the Dearborn Heights residence of Siebert's alleged partner, Raymond Oatman, in the presence of an undercover narcotics officer.

Oatman faces identical delivery and conspiracy charges for his alleged role in the drug operation.

Testimony given by two other al-

leged conspirators, Paul McCormick of Westland and John Oliver, indicated that the kilo confiscated was part of a seven-kilo cocaine transaction which took place in mid-January.

McCormick testified that he and Siebert went to Miami, Fla. to secure the seven kilos. The Westland resident said he aided the deal in order to pay off \$60,000 to \$100,000 of gambling debts to Siebert.

McCormick testified that Oatman later picked up one of those kilos from him at the Knights Inn on Ford Road in Dearborn.

In return for his testimony, McCormick was allowed to plead guilty to reduced conspiracy charges which carry a 10- to 20-year sentence.

Oliver, who admitted being part of the Florida drug operation, testified that, based on Siebert's instruction, he picked up the seven kilos from a house in the Miami area. He told the judge that he transported that cocaine from Florida to Michigan in the modified gas tank of a 1984 Ford Thunderbird.

Oliver will not be charged in this case. In return, however, he has agreed to plead guilty to other drug-related charges carrying a 10- to 20-year sentence which are pending in the 18th District Court in Westland.

Both Siebert and Oatman are expected to be arraigned May 14 in Recorder's Court on charges of delivery and conspiracy to deliver over 650 grams of narcotics. A trial date will probably be set for sometime in September.

Meanwhile, Siebert is out on a \$500,000 cash bond, which was reduced from the original \$1 million bond set at his district court arraignment. Oatman, however, was unable to raise his \$500,000 bond and his lawyer is expected to petition for a further reduction.



Choralaires Tonight

Or actually Saturday night, when the Novi Choralaires present their annual spring concert in Novi High School's Furst Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The 45-voice community choir has prepared an evening of varied musical entertainment divided into segments of familiar songs. Tickets are priced at \$4 for adults,

\$3 for seniors, and \$12 for a family ticket and are available from individual members, at the Novi Department of Parks and Recreation, Giltzieder of Northville, or at the door on concert night. For an article on the group and its 15 years of singing, see page 3-D.

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# Ex-basketball coach appeals 'dismissal'

By SHEILA PHILLIPS Staff Writer

A Novi High School coaching veteran, whose varsity basketball contract was not renewed for the 1989-90 season, made an appeal to the school board May 3 claiming that he was "fired" without reason.

John Cicchelli, who served as head varsity basketball coach for five years, has filed two separate grievances against the district asking for reinstatement. The first grievance alleges denial of due process, and the second charges that the replacement candidate was less qualified.

The board heard evidence regarding the due-process grievance last week but will not take action until tonight (May 10).

"The association feels that Mr. Cicchelli was relieved of his responsibility as varsity basketball coach without due process," Jean Rose of the Michigan Education Association, told the board. "Since he was never given any reasons for his dismissal, we can only assume that there were no reasons."

Athletic Director John Fundukian and Novi High School Principal Robert Youngberg, however, said that team discipline problems and negative parental commentary prompted the move.

But Rose said that Cicchelli, who teaches at Novi Middle School, was entitled to have those reasons enumerated as outlined in the union master agreement.

Both Fundukian and Youngberg, however, said that they had discussed discipline problems with Cicchelli on several occasions.

"Early on in the season, I com-

mented on players' conduct on the floor and some comments I'd received from parents," Fundukian told the board.

Youngberg said that he warned Cicchelli about team problems on at least two occasions.

"I told him I'd like to see improvements, and if not I'd be likely to seek

another person for the position," he told the board.

Cicchelli, however, said that Youngberg never told him how to improve during the meetings.

"I asked him how to improve and he said just keep doing what you have been doing," the coach said. "Youngberg did say to present a bet-

ter P.R. (public relations) profile but when I asked him how to do that, he said he didn't know."

According to Fundukian, he and Youngberg decided to post the varsity basketball position at the end of the season because those disciplinary problems were not resolved.

But the MEA's Rose said the dismissal came without written warning or without a probationary period to rectify the problem.

"The administration served as judge, jury and the administrator in the dismissal, and if that isn't bias, I don't know what is," she said.

High School union building representative Jim Tunley, who was present when Cicchelli was asked not to reapply for the head coaching job, said that a year's probation was requested but the principal denied that request because he had already made up his mind in favor of

dismissal.

"It seems to me that policy had not been followed," Tunley said.

Novi Schools special attorney Robert Nyovich denied that Cicchelli was ever dismissed, explaining that his contract just wasn't renewed.

"There is no dismissal involved," he said. "He was just not responsible for the ensuing year as basketball coach."

"Every coach must reapply for the following year; this is nothing new," he added. "Every post is considered vacant after the season is over."

Nablah said that this is not the first time a coach's contract has not been renewed or that a coach was asked not to reapply.

If the board decides tonight that due process was followed in the dismissal, another hearing will be requested to discuss the second grievance.

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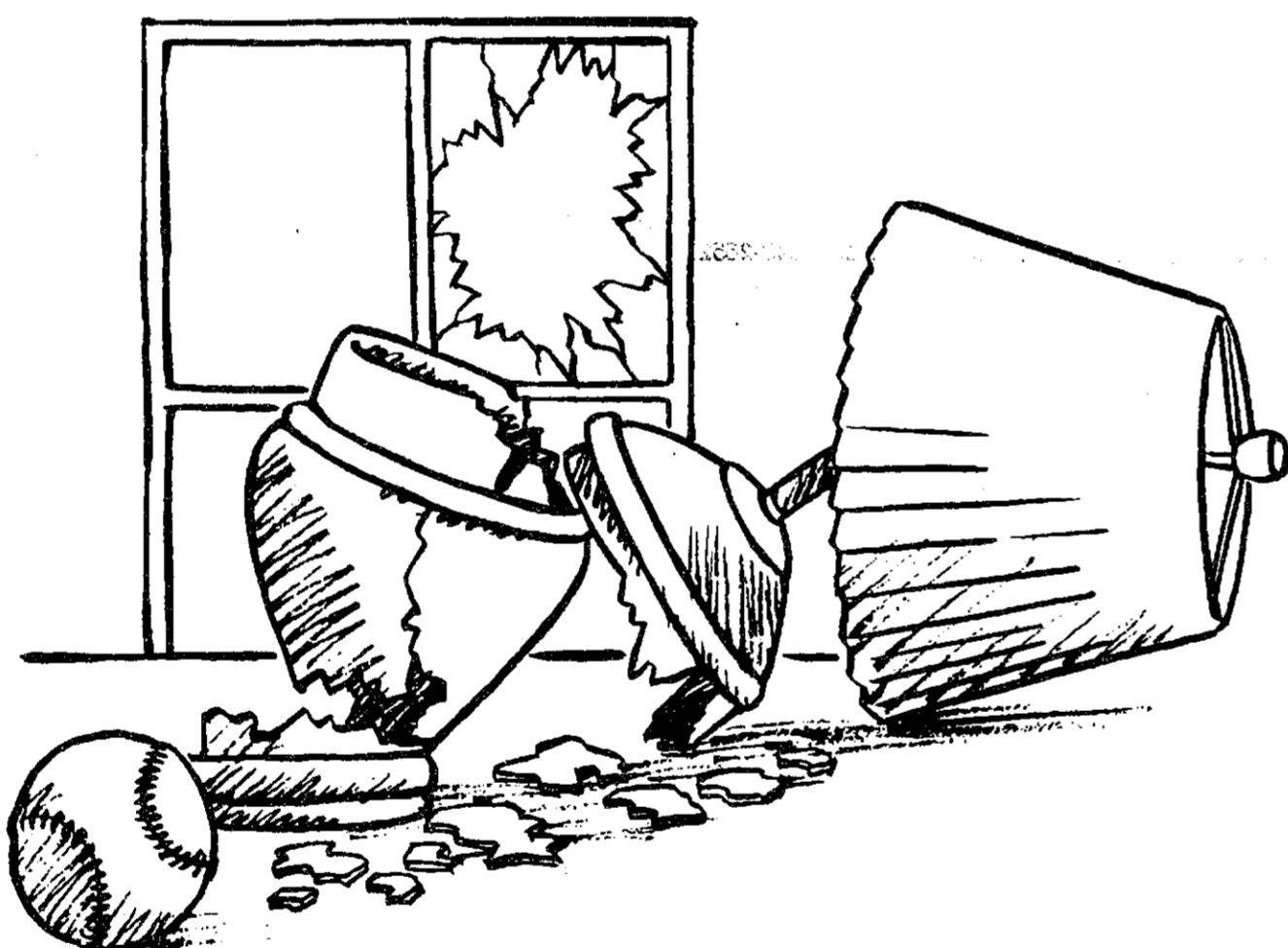
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# Man nabbed with auto

By SHEILA PHILLIPS Staff Writer

A Livonia man possibly faces a pair of five-year sentences for allegedly purchasing two stolen autos.

The 18-year-old was arrested by Novi Police April 9 after being stopped while driving a stolen 1987 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck with a suspended

license.

Upon questioning, the suspect allegedly told police he purchased the vehicle from someone named John in Ann Arbor for \$1,200.

Police impounded the vehicle but were unable to get a warrant for the suspect's arrest.

A week later, however, the suspect was picked up by the Livonia police

while driving a stolen 1988 Ford Mustang.

The suspect also told police he purchased this vehicle along with a 1987 pickup for \$1,200 from someone named John at a pitball arcade in Ann Arbor, according to the report.

A warrant has been issued for the Novi charge. However, no date was set for the Novi arraignment.

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# State surveillance team captures Novi thief

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

A state police surveillance team, with the aid of Novi and Detroit police, apprehended a 29-year-old Walled Lake man in connection with the March 12 robbery of a Novi condominium off Haggerty Road near Nine Mile.

The suspect, who allegedly stole over \$1,000 in jewelry, is expected to be arraigned today in the first division of the 52nd District Court for breaking and entering an occupied dwelling.

In addition, he faces similar breaking and entry charges in Westland and Canton Township.

The suspect was seen leaving the Novi condo by the owner, who returned home at 10 a.m. the morning of March 12 to find the six-foot-tall suspect push past her and speed away in a gray Ford Van.

She was able to get the license plate number, which police traced to the suspect.

But the victim picked a different suspect out of a photo lineup, so the prosecutor would not issue a warrant, which sparked a 17-day investigation.

State police spotted the suspect's van the morning of March 29 at his girlfriend's house in Walled Lake. They followed the van to Livonia, Canton and Westland, where the suspect made several stops and tried various apartment doors.

They followed him to Detroit, where he was finally arrested after he returned to a Westland apartment empty-handed and came out with a bag full of miscellaneous merchandise.

Upon further investigation, items were reported missing from one of the Canton apartments he was spotted entering.

The suspect was arraigned on the Westland charge and bond has been set at \$50,000 cash. He faces a possible 15-year sentence on this charge. It was unknown at press time whether he has been arraigned on the Canton charge.

Upon questioning by the Novi police, the suspect allegedly admitted to being in the Novi condo on March 12 without permission, but denied taking the missing jewelry.

One police source said that the suspect told him that he found a key in the Novi mailbox which allowed him easy entry.

The suspect will be tried as a repeat offender in Oakland County, according to police.

He has served a two-year prison sentence for a 1987 robbery and has been on parole since last October. He was also convicted of a 1980 Novi robbery and sentenced under the Home Youthful Training Act. And he was also sentenced to two years for failing to report back to a Detroit halfway house, according to police records.

# Theft unit nabs alleged Corvette theft ring leader

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

A man suspected to be the head of a classic Corvette theft ring was apprehended April 26 by the Southwest Oakland County Auto Theft Unit based in Novi.

Robert Michael Kelly, 29, was arraigned in 52nd District Court on

auto-theft-related charges stemming from two Milford incidents and is suspected of nine other classic Corvette thefts in southwest Oakland County.

"We think Kelly is at the top of the theft ring, and he may have ties with large organized groups," said Novi auto theft Detective Ron Roy. At the time of arrest, Kelly was al-

ready under investigation by state police, the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit and the FBI.

The Southwest Oakland County unit arrested Kelly at his Detroit residence after his fingerprints were found at the scene of an April 2

classic Corvette theft on Sleeth Road. Kelly allegedly broke into the garage and removed a 1966 show car valued at \$45,000, which the unit is currently trying to locate.

The Detroit man was arraigned April 27 in front of Judge Brian Mackenzie on charges of breaking and entry and auto theft. Kelly waived his right to a preliminary exam, and bond was set at \$500,000 cash.

The auto theft unit later linked Kelly to a Jan. 17 attempted Corvette

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He was arraigned on a second set of charges, breaking and entering and attempted auto theft, on May 3 in front of Judge Harold Bulgarelli.

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**NYA Bowlathon**

Novi Youth Assistance is holding its Eighth Annual Bowlathon Saturday, May 12 from noon until 3 p.m. at the Novi Bowl. It is a nine-pin no-tap with money donated on a per-pin basis. This year's goal is \$15,000. This is NYA's major source of funding. The monies raised allow the group to finance the summer teen center, camp, recreational and educational scholarships, drug awareness programs, PLUS matches, family education workshops and free counseling. For more information about Novi Youth Assistance, to participate in the Bowlathon or volunteer your time, call 347-0410.

# Vandalism case continues

By MIKE TYREE  
Staff Writer

After weeks of self-promotion, the so-called Smooth Criminals may be slipping from the heat created by their alleged acts of vandalism.

Northville Township Police Sgt. John Sherman said Monday the group of youths suspected of spray painting and vandalizing sites in Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth Township may have cut back on their activities in the past week.

"There are still crimes taking place," he said, "but we cannot directly relate them to the Smooth Criminals."

"It may be a case of them just not signing their work," he said.

The Smooth Criminals, characterized by police as local youths ranging in age from 17-20, are known primarily for spray painting buildings and signs in the area and signing their targets with "SC" or "Smooth Criminals."

The group reportedly spray painted several signs and buildings along Six Mile Road in the township, as well as a pair of township police cars April 26.

The youths also allegedly issued threats to a township police officer and ridiculed a city officer via spray-painted messages.

Sherman said last week that members of the group are also suspects in a rash of fendercases from automobiles in the city and township.

# Moves okayed

The Walled Lake Board of Education voted unanimously recently to approve new school district attendance boundaries that will force some 560 students to change elementary schools this fall.

The action capped months of work by a 35-member redistricting committee that drew some criticism from parents who don't want their children moved.

The plan, unveiled to parents during a series of public meetings, will affect more than 10 percent of the district's 5,550 elementary pupils.

The redistricting proposal emerged as school officials planned for the fall opening of the new Pleasant Lake Elementary School on Halsted Road south of Pontiac Trail. It will become the district's 12th elementary.

Plans for yet another elementary school have been launched as school officials seek to keep pace with burgeoning enrollment.

The redistricting plan was approved with only minor alterations, said Lois Lange, school district spokesperson.

In one change, the school board decided to honor a promise made by previous board members that families whose children were moved from the old Union Lake Elementary to Keth Elementary in 1981 would not be affected by later redistricting plans.

The parents wanted to ensure that all their children—even those not in school in 1981—would attend Keth.

"There were a few students to whom that still applied," Lange said. However, in those cases, parents will be responsible for transporting their children to school because new bus routes have been drawn, she said.

Under the redistricting plan, Pleasant Lake will draw 274 students from the overcrowded Maple Elementary and 128 from Twin Beach.

Sixty-seven pupils will be moved from Dublin—37 to Commerce and 30 to Keth. About 50 students will be transferred from Keth to Twin Beach, and 38 will be moved from Maple to Decker.

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# Does city ad tell or 'sell'?

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Is "City Hall Commentary" — government advertising space purchased in the Novi News — paid political propaganda or the legitimate expression of a municipality trying to get its viewpoint across to its citizens?

Controversy on the topic surfaced at two separate city council budget study sessions on the proposed 1990-1991 funding of \$3,600 for the approximately one-eighth page ads, which usually run in the A section of the Novi News on a bi-weekly basis.

"City Hall Commentary" debuted on Jan. 19, 1989 with an introductory statement by Mayor Matthew Quinn. Unlike most cases when new revenue enters the publication's coffers, the \$5,000 the city budgeted in

1988-89 for the advertisements was greeted with a Novi News editorial against the project. The gist of the editorial was that city officials could call the newspaper with story ideas and concerns about city events, as well as write letters to the editor.

Recent "City Hall Commentaries" have included profiles of paid-on-call firefighters, Public Information Director Cindy Stewart on the basketball hoop ordinance, City Clerk Gerry Supp on the U.S. Census, and Community Development Director James Wahl on the Grand Plan.

A motion by Council Member Tim Pope to delete the item from the budget failed four-to-three, with council members Nancy Covert and Martha Hoyer supporting Pope.

"It's a useless column in my opinion, especially with the Novi News go-

ing to twice weekly... I don't feel that in the Eastern European tradition we need to give a City Hall Commentary in a lock-step kind of thing — here is the Grand Plan," Pope said. "At what point does it become advocacy and at what point does it become public information?"

Hoyer contended the commentary is used to promote issues which have not yet been discussed by the city council.

"Nine times out of 10 when the 'City Hall Commentary' is in the paper the same item is discussed on the front page of the paper," Hoyer said. "I talk to many people in this city who don't know what it is. They call this a paid ad and they don't read it."

Council Member Nancy Covert agreed: "They're antiquated and out-of-date and, quite frankly, by many people considered a joke."

But Council Member Hugh Crawford defended the advertisement as a means of getting information to the community, rather than "relying on it to be reported accurately."

"I think it's an insignificant amount that serves a purpose," he said.

City Manager Edward Kriewall pointed to the coverage given the Novi Public Library's April 22 open house as an example of when a "City Hall Commentary" could fill a gap.

"Here's a case where the newspaper failed to bring out people to a municipal event," Kriewall said.

An 11-inch article on the library event ran in the newspaper's standard "Diversions" feature, which runs on the back page of the D section in both the Novi News and the Northville Record.

## Obituaries

VIOLA B. BOOK

Viola B. Book of Novi died May 5 at home. She was 86.

Mrs. Book was born Oct. 11, 1903 in Sola, New York. She was married to the late R. Murray Book.

She is survived by her children, Audrey Becker of Novi, Robert M. Book of Grand Cayman Island, and Barbara Gault of Livonia; her sisters, Lenora Perry of Pinconning and Clara Jane Gallant of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A homemaker, she came to the community in 1969. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville and of Victoria Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star #290, past matron.

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THOMAS CROUCH JR.

Thomas Crouch Jr. died of cancer April 24. He was 67.

Mr. Crouch was born Dec. 23, 1922 in Knoxville, Iowa to Thomas and Laura (Baugman) Crouch. A veteran of World War II, he worked as a truck driver Trucking Co. Steel for 38 years. He retired in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; his children, Dale (Frances); Joyce Ann (Frank) Murphy; and Thomas R. Crouch.

A funeral was held April 27 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Rev. George Spencer officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

# South Lyon mayor ponders commission run

By THOMAS M. VARCIE  
Staff Writer

South Lyon Mayor Jeffrey Potter is considering running for the 24th District county commission seat that will soon be vacated by John Calandro, R-Nowi.

If he decides to run and wins the spot, Potter, who was elected as mayor last November, could leave his mayoral post in January — 10 months before his current two-year term expires.

Potter last week mailed out nearly 70 letters to South Lyon City Council members, local officials, supporters and homeowners seeking their input on whether he should run for the open office.

"The responses back from the people (who received the letters) have been highly favorable and they are encouraging me to run for the position," Potter said. "I'm not going to

run headfirst into a buzz saw. I want to make sure I'd be supported and have a chance to win if I do run."

So far only Kay Schmidt, of Novi, has filed for candidacy for the position. All candidates must file for candidacy on or before Tuesday, May 15. Schmidt is a Republican; Potter would run as a Democrat.

The 24th District includes the City of Novi, Novi Township, part of the City of Northville, South Lyon, and Lyon Township.

Calandro has served as 24th District county commissioner since 1981 and has opted not to seek reelection for the spot. His two-year term expires Dec. 31.

In a prepared statement sent to each community in his district, Calandro said he is leaving his position because of family, personal and job-related reasons.

Potter said he was urged by several unnamed constituents to run for the

county position. Plus, he saw that there was an opportunity to win in the election.

"So far Kay Schmidt is the only person who is an actual candidate. She'll run unopposed if no one else runs for the office," Potter said. "It's not often that a county seat is uncontested in an election."

"Here's a situation where I can run and have a chance of winning. But the question I have to ask myself is: Can I run now and stand a chance of winning, or should I wait and stand little chance of winning?" Potter continued.

In the letter sent out, Potter explained: "If I do not run, it is likely to be won by a Novi area resident, who would be difficult to challenge in subsequent elections."

During the upcoming election, slated for Nov. 6, Potter believes he would have a good chance of winning.

The person who I'd be running against (Schmidt) apparently doesn't have much experience. Her only connection with politics is through Republican committees," he said.

Schmidt, a Republican, has served as chairperson of the Michigan Week Festivities Committee for the City of Novi, and as treasurer of the Novi Civic Center Planning Committee.

She started as a Republican precinct delegate from 1977-78 and is a founding member and vice president of the Republican Women of West Oakland.

In January 1989, Schmidt was elected as one of four people in the state to sit on the Michigan Republican State Committee. She also has been elected to and served as Novi city director, and southwest area director.

Potter believes his experience outweighs Schmidt's, despite being the city's mayor for only six months and a

council member for two years.

Besides being mayor, Potter is a Michigan Municipal League delegate, the South Lyon representative for Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments and the local representative for Community Economic Development Advisory Council, a division of SEMCOG.

Potter said his fellow council members are in support of him running for the post. He does not believe, however, that he would become a lame-duck mayor if he chooses to run for the office.

"Not at all would I become a lame-duck mayor. I have a highly supportive council and I would continue to be a highly effective mayor if I choose to run for the office," Potter explained.

Potter, in his letter, cited his job responsibility at Ford Motor Co. as one reason he'd like to become a county commissioner.

"I am happy to serve as your mayor and believe we are making real progress toward the goals outlined in my campaign. My effectiveness is somewhat limited by the fact that the pay for this position — about \$500 per year — limits the amount of time I can take off my job for public service," he wrote in the letter.

"The position of county commissioner would pay about half of my present salary (currently, a commissioner's yearly salary is \$19,199, enabling me to go to part-time status on my job and devote two to three days a week to working on problems in our area. It would increase my effectiveness in growth and planning areas, regional transportation, grant availability, landfill siting and waste issues and other areas. It would also help to build a bridge of common interest to the township and provide much better access to the overall political system," he concluded.

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# Clients' trash earns cash for Novi teen

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

While Novi's recycling center is gaining in popularity, the truth of it is that for many people doing the environmentally "correct" thing is one more task to add to an already long list of chores.

If you recycle but don't make that weekly trip to the Novi Civic Center parking lot with the plastic and glass containers, metal cans and newspapers, your basement or garage begins to look a strange resemblance to a landfill. If you don't recycle you may eventually find yourself suffering from a case of ecological guilt syndrome.

That's where Michelle Gray comes in. The 13-year-old Novi Middle School student, after brainstorming with her mother about ways to earn extra pocket money, decided to offer a special service to her neighbors in Meadowbrook Lake subdivision. The young entrepreneur went into business in September.

Each Saturday, Michelle picks up the recyclables of ten clients and carts them off to the recycling center with the assistance of her mother, who drives the family van. Michelle charges 50 cents per pickup, with the understanding that the trash will be

"My mom and I, we just thought about how people don't want to take the time to do it, so I decided to do it for them."

Michelle Gray  
Recycling entrepreneur

pre-sorted and the containers rinsed out before they are left at the curbside.

"My mom and I, we just thought about how people don't want to take the time to do it, so I decided to do it for them," she said.

Michelle hopes to expand her client list.

"More people are calling me about it and asking me about it," she said. Neighbor Sylvia DeBrule, who puts her recyclables out for Michelle in brown paper bags, was so impressed with the concept that she called the Novi News.

"I think it's a terrific service," DeBrule said. "It accumulated here until I got time to pack it up. Now I just put it out in paper bags for her."



Michelle Gray sits with one day's haul

# Center endorsed

After nearly two months of sometimes stormy debate, Oakland's new Open Housing Center has been endorsed by the County Board of Commissioners.

By a vote of 19 to 2, commissioners recently adopted a resolution supporting the "concept of the Oakland County Center for Open Housing to build community understanding and support fair and open housing," and urged other communities to adopt similar resolutions.

Commissioner Lillian Jaffe Oaks, D-Southfield, who co-sponsored the initial resolution on behalf of the center, said she is "very pleased," even if getting the approval took more than two months.

"I think some of the opponents were concerned that passing the resolution would interfere with free enterprise," she said. But once they understood the center's goals—and realized it wouldn't duplicate the work of other agencies—they approved.

The center, funded with grants from the City of Southfield and the Southfield School District, opened in Farmington Hills as an agency to promote integrated housing.

The center sought endorsement from commissioners in February as a vote of confidence.

Although the endorsement was largely symbolic, some commissioners balked.

In the end, however, Oaks and colleagues convinced their colleagues that the center merely advocates what existing law requires.

Commissioner David Moffit, R-Bloomfield Township, concurred. "I was initially concerned," he said, "I wondered about the criteria we use before endorsing any agency. But now I'm satisfied with the endorse-

# Recall stops mayor swap

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

What if they gave a Mayor's Exchange Day and no one came? That's what Novi is facing this year. Mayor Matthew Quinn was scheduled to trade places on May 21 with Sault Sainte Marie Mayor William Lynn, but the threat of a recall election has made that official's seat possibly too hot for a visitor to handle.

A representative of the upper peninsula city called Novi on May 3 to cancel the event. A recall petition was recently filed which seeks to oust Lynn and five members of Sault Sainte Marie's six-member city commission, due to a local problem with solid waste disposal.

City Clerk Audrey LeJeune said that two landfills in the Sault Sainte Marie area were recently closed down by the state, forcing the city to negoti-

ate an increased garbage hauling contract to take the refuse to a landfill near Gaylord. Residents' quarterly disposal fees leaped from \$24 to \$60, spurring the petition drive.

"I think with all this hanging over their (the commission's) heads they did not want to bring a group up here and have all this going on at the same time," LeJeune said. "This may all blow over. It's a problem for the whole area at the moment."

Now, like a high school senior without a prom date, Novi is searching for a partner. But by now, most cities are matched up, Quinn said.

He admits to some disappointment about the cancellation. Quinn said the northern city was chosen for the trade because he hit it off with Lynn at a recent convention for city officials. The key common interest was city center development.

Sault Ste. Marie is working on the rejuvenation of their older downtown, while Novi hopes to build one from scratch.

"We were kind of looking forward to it. We kind of pick cities where we think we might be able to learn something," Quinn said.

The Mayors Exchange Day is a program sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League. Quinn, City Manager Edward Kriewall and council members Joseph Toth and Hugh Crawford were scheduled to take the long drive north, while their counterparts would have been given the red carpet treatment in Novi, including a tour of the city and a local business and dinner and lunch at the civic center.

Last year, Quinn and other Novi officials exchanged their jobs with their counterparts in Petokey. But the mayor isn't altogether giving up on this year's event. Phone calls have been going out to neighboring communities, looking for a match.

"We still might be able to pull something off. We might be able to pull something out of a hat," he said.

# GOP trio to joust for Faxon's job

New Southfield Council Member Denise Alexander has turned her "maybe" into "yes."

She will go after the Republican nomination for the State Senate seat in the 15th District—the one Farmington Hills Democrat Jack Faxon intends to fight to keep.

The 15th District includes Novi and Wixom.

With the May 15 candidate filing deadline for the Aug. 7 primary election just eight days off, it looks like a three-way race on the GOP side of the ticket.

So far Faxon is unopposed for the Democratic nomination in his bid for a sixth state-Senate term. He was first elected to the Senate in 1970, after six years in the House.

On the GOP side, all three candidates are members of city councils—Ben Marks and Terry Sever in Farmington Hills and Alexander in Southfield. Marks and Sever announced their candidacies in early April.

"I feel I have to run," Alexander said. "There are just too many issues important to this city and to me this year. I'll be in a better position to address them" in the state Senate, she said.

Both Marks, a builder-developer, and Sever, a printer, have served terms as mayor while on the Farmington Hills City Council. Marks, a six-year councilman, is a former planning commissioner. Sever has been a councilman for five years.

# Health Notes

**Fitness evaluations:** Providence Hospital and Novi Community Education are offering a computerized body composition and fitness analysis on an appointment basis next Tuesday, May 15, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. A hand-held instrument calculates the percentage of the body that is fat, water, and lean muscle by passing a light beam into the bicep.

Call Novi Community Education and 348-1200 to set an appointment time. The evaluations are set in the Novi Middle School library.

**Visualization:** Meditation and more, this one-session class offered by Novi Community Education is designed to help students understand their compatibility, personality, intuition, capacity, likes and dislikes, and more. The class is offered in Novi High School room 229 from 7 to 10 p.m. next Wednesday, May 16. The fee is \$17; \$13 for senior citizens. Call 348-1200.

**Life support classes:** St. Mary Hospital of Livonia is offering two classes in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) throughout the month of May. The Provider Course and a Recertification Course are designed for physicians, nurses, EMTs, and respiratory therapists to teach or refresh advanced cardiac life support techniques. Successful participants will achieve American Heart Association two year certification in ACLS.

The Provider's Course will be held May 15, 16, 18 and 19, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. (except on the Saturday, May 19 testing day, when it will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The Recertification Course will be held May 16 and 19, at the same times.

The fee is \$175 for the Provider Course, and \$90 for the Recertification Course.

Pre-registration is required, and the deadline is May 1. For more information or to register, please call 464-4800, ext. 2313.

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Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

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The two-day workshop will be held at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 North Fort, on May 17 and 18, between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. The workshop is hosted by Walled Lake Community Education and Walled Lake Senior Citizens.

The workshop is presented by the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County under a federal grant received through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The workshop features "55 Alive/Mature Driving," the first comprehensive driver refresher course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. Developed by the American Association of Retired Persons, the course covers the effects of aging and medication on driving, strategies for compensating, updated traffic rules, defensive driving, coping with today's traffic volumes, energy saving and accident prevention measures.

Participants can measure their brake reaction time, visual acuity, peripheral vision, depth perception, ability to recover from glare for night driving, and other elements important to safe driving.

They may also take part in a driving exercise which allows them to drive their own vehicles with an instructor present. The instructor will point out possible problem areas in driving behavior and suggest strategies for improvement.

No records of scores are maintained, and results have no bearing on a driver's license. The goal of the workshop is simply to help older drivers continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible.

Over 700 Oakland County seniors have already participated in the workshop, which is regarded as a national pilot program. It is the only driver retraining program for seniors in the United States which includes psycho-physical testing and actual behind-the-wheel assessment.

Persons 50 years of age or older are eligible to participate. The workshop fee is \$7.

To register, send a check or money order made payable to AARP, along with your name, address and telephone number, to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, 2510 South Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills 48013. For information, call TIA at 334-4971.

## Cable Listings

Here are next week's listings for cable channel 12, MetroVision's public-access channel for the Novi area:

### MONDAY, MAY 14

- 10:00 a.m.: Novi Talkin' History — Earl Holmes
- 10:30 a.m.: (con't)
- 11:00 a.m.: Crisis in the Modern Family — single parenting
- 11:30 a.m.: (con't)
- 12:00 p.m.: Michigan Journal
- 12:30 p.m.: Travels with Kay — Nepal, India
- 1:00 p.m.: Capitol Report
- 1:30 p.m.: Jewish Television Magazine
- 2:00 p.m.: Jazz at the Center
- 2:30 p.m.: (con't)
- 3:00 p.m.: Patterson/Anderson: property tax cuts
- 3:30 p.m.: (con't)
- 6:00 p.m.: Bachelor of Living
- 6:30 p.m.: Michigan: Baby Your Baby
- 7:00 p.m.: Junior Japanese — lesson 4
- 7:30 p.m.: Tai Chi — lesson 4
- 8:00 p.m.: Vladislav Kovalsky — His Music and His Friends
- 9:30 p.m.: Detroit Live
- 9:00 p.m.: Positively — Dale Carnegie
- 9:30 p.m.: (con't)

### TUESDAY, MAY 15

- 10:00 a.m.: Senior Adult Exercise

## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council is accepting applications to fill upcoming vacancies on the Planning Commission. A booklet containing an application and information about the various Boards and Commissions is available from the office of the City Clerk. The deadline for receiving applications is May 24, 1990. However, the Council will accept applications up to the date of the interview session. Please contact the City Clerk if you are unable to meet the May 24th deadline.

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# Drain pollution source found

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

Officials at the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) believe they have found the culprit in a recent contamination of Randolph Drain in Northville that left the creek reeking of chlorine and littered with dead and dying fish.

But because the contamination was done accidentally, no charges are expected to be filed in the case.

According to Margaret Fields, a field inspector for the state DNR, the culprit in this case is the Northville Swim Club at 646 Baseline Road. Fields examined the site and found environmental evidence that indicates that the discharge came from a stormwater pipe to which the swim club pool is connected.

"The contractor they use is in the

habit of discharging into the storm sewers, which is no problem as long as the water does not contain chlorine or other additives or detergents," she said. But the water in this case did apparently contain chlorine. Fields said she had talked with swim club officials, who were unaware the drainage had caused any damage. "They were unaware of the impact they were having, so enforcement action is planned on being taken at this time," Fields said.

"I view this as an accidental discharge."

Swim club officials could not be reached for comment by press time.

The field inspector described the contamination and fish kill as relatively minor in one way. "It's not minor in terms of the environmental impact," she explained. "It's minor in the sense that it's not an ongoing problem. It's one that was not done

with the intent of harming the environment, and one that we can correct."

Fields said her department would notify both the swim club and Northville High School to advise them of the proper way to empty such pool water. The high school was not involved in last week's contamination.

Fields said that creeks and waterways are often contaminated by homeowners in the fall, when they drain their pools. Pools should not be emptied into storm drains or surface waters unless the water in the pool no longer tests positive for chlorine, she said.

The contamination was first noticed late Saturday, April 28 by six-year-old Emily Ott of Randolph Street. Her father, city firefighter Stephen Ott, reported the damage to city police that evening. The police department reviewed the case with the DNR Tuesday, May 2.

Petres observed a chlorine odor coming from the creek but were unable to locate the source at that time. "The odor seemed to dissipate the further upstream we got," Ott had said.

Petres had found a pool at the club drained and drainage hoses leading from the pool when he inspected the area Tuesday, May 2. The pool is not connected to the sanitary sewer system, Petres said, but instead dumps directly into a storm drain which runs into Randolph Creek. "Under certain conditions it's allowed," he said of the drainage system. But the water that is typically drained into the creek is free from chemicals.

"At this point, it looks like we found it," Petres said last week while the investigation was still underway. "Hopefully it won't happen any more."

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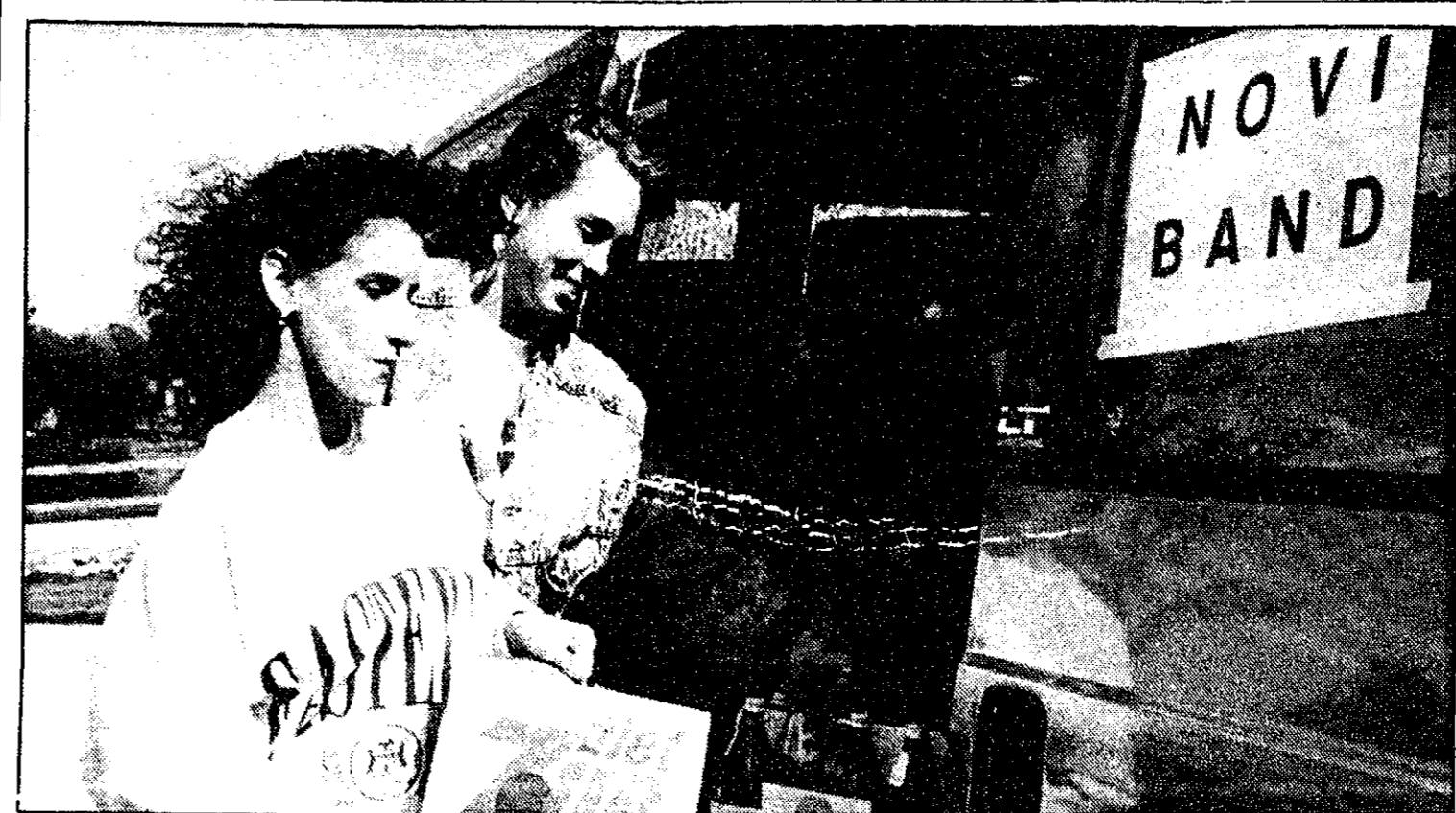
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## Bottle drive

The Novi High School Band Boosters will be sponsoring a bottle drive on Saturday, May 12, as part of their semi-annual fundraiser. Members of the Novi High School Marching Band plan to visit residents in the community to collect empty beverage cans and bottles between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on this

date. Printed stickers mailed to various residents should be attached to a bag or box filled with empties and left beside the curb. Those containers will then be picked up during the bottle drive. For more information about the fundraiser, call 348-0153.

# DARE hopes for expansion

By SHEILA PHILLIPS Staff Writer

Novi's Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program is seeking additional funds to finance possible expansions to the Novi Meadows School.

For the first time, the city plans to earmark \$3,450 in funds for operational expenses. However, that money will only subsidize a "bare-bones" program, according to DARE instructor Robert Gatt of the Novi Police Department.

"We still need money to buy shirts and hats as well as generally enhancing the existing program," he said. According to Gatt, the program cost approximately \$4,000 to run this year and he needs at least matching funds to retain program quality.

DARE, which is a 17-session program targeted at teaching sixth-graders how to say no, recently received its first donation for the 1990-91 school year from Simkins and Simkins, a Northville legal firm, for \$500. The lawyers represent a foundation whose sole purpose is to support substance abuse programs in area schools.

"We really appreciate the contribution," Gatt commented. "It will help us, but we still need additional funds."

He added that several fund-raising events are being brainstormed to help raise additional money. One such event is a softball game between the Detroit Red Wings and the "Stars of Novi." However, the Red Wings have not yet committed.

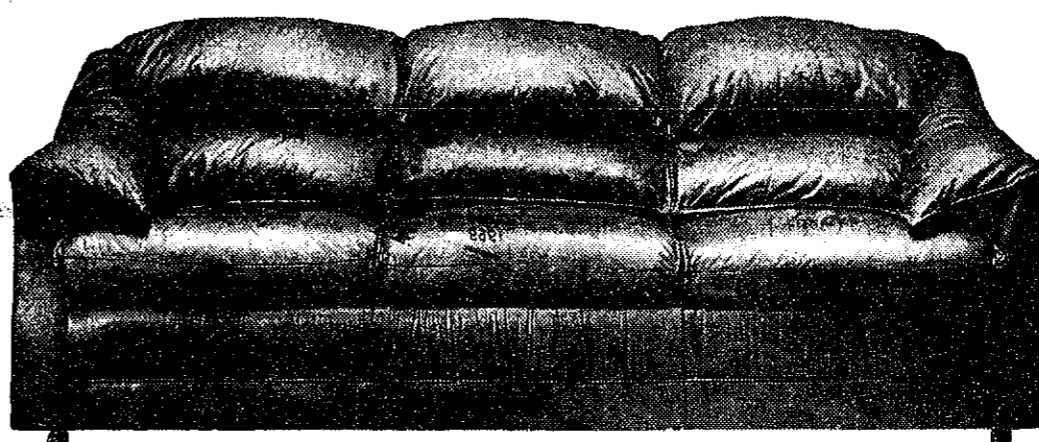
"Maybe if everyone in Novi called the Red Wings office and urged them to participate, they would," Gatt quipped.

The DARE instructor said he hopes to expand the program next year by planning several group outings contingent on funding and school approval.

Gatt said that he also hopes to bring a modified DARE program to the Middle School by winter 1991 or fall 1991. In fact, he will attend a DARE conference this summer in Phoenix, Ariz. to discuss the implementation of the expansion.

"DARE is the most positive and proactive program that has come along in my career, and I think it can be made even more effective," he commented.

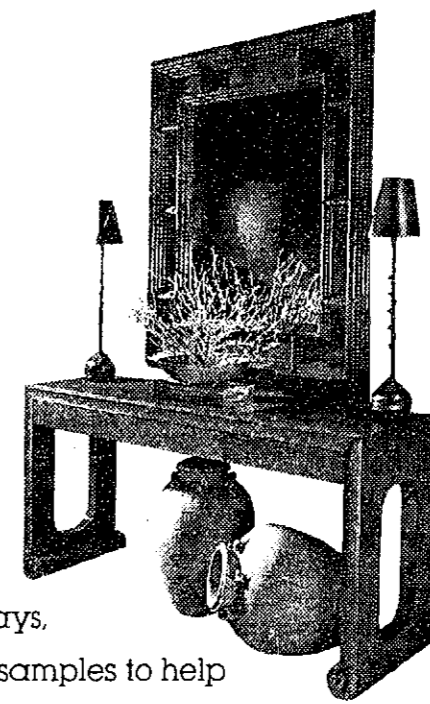
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# County officials plan to pursue bond proposal

Oakland County commissioners seem ready to face the wrath of tax collector Richard Headlee — if necessary — to go ahead with bonding for the proposed solid waste program.

"We're hoping to meet with Headlee to see if we can reach a compromise," county board chairperson Roy Rowland said recently. "But even if that doesn't work, I think we should be ready to go ahead."

Rowland said the board's legal counsel, William Hampton, hopes to meet with Headlee this week to discuss the threatened suit.

Rowland, a Rochester Republican, and other commissioners were encouraged to "exercise some leadership" and proceed with the \$470-million solid waste program in an empaneled 20-minute

speech. County Executive Daniel T. Murphy reminded commissioners they have been informed on the solid waste program and its components — an incinerator, recycling facilities and private landfills — for several years.

Commissioners know the planning and research that went into the waste plan and they had three separate opinions from lawyers affirming they could fund the program by selling bonds that would be paid off with tipping fees.

"You can't back off just because somebody threatens a lawsuit," Murphy said. He was referring to a threat from tax collector Headlee, who says he will sue if county officials proceed with plans to sell almost \$600 million in bonds without first getting a vote of

the people.

Officials were scheduled to begin selling bonds this summer to finance the waste program, an \$80-million extension to the courthouse, and a \$10-million computer center.

Plans were put on hold — and officials got "all shook up," as one Commissioner G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, put it — when Headlee, chair of the watchdog group called Taxpayers United, threatened his suit.

The best example of how the threatened suit disrupted county deliberations occurred April 12 when the board's finance committee refused to act on a contract for the materials recovery facility scheduled in Auburn Hills.

Solid waste planners were sur-

prised by the move because they expected prompt approval of the MRF — which was to be operational late next year or shortly after.

One of those voting to table the contract, commissioner Marilyn E. Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills, said the solid waste plan was moving too fast and she wanted additional information in view of the possible law suit from Headlee.

"That was a very favorable contract," Murphy said in his speech. It came in at nearly half the anticipated price and "did everything we wanted it to do."

Yet commissioners took no action, Murphy said.

The \$30-million MRF is the least controversial component of the solid waste program because people want

more recycling, Murphy noted.

"We've got to move ahead," Murphy's address drew a standing ovation from some commissioners. "I thought it was excellent," said commissioner Nancy McConnell, R-Bloomfield Hills.

But it drew sharp criticism from Headlee colleague William McMasters, as well as about 30 opponents of the solid waste program.

"I'm mad as hell," McMasters said. "Selling bonds without a vote of the people is clearly a violation of the state constitution as amended in 1978 by the Headlee Amendment."

That amendment said government could not raise taxes without a vote of the people, he said, and bonding is a way around getting voter approval. It's time commissioners obeyed

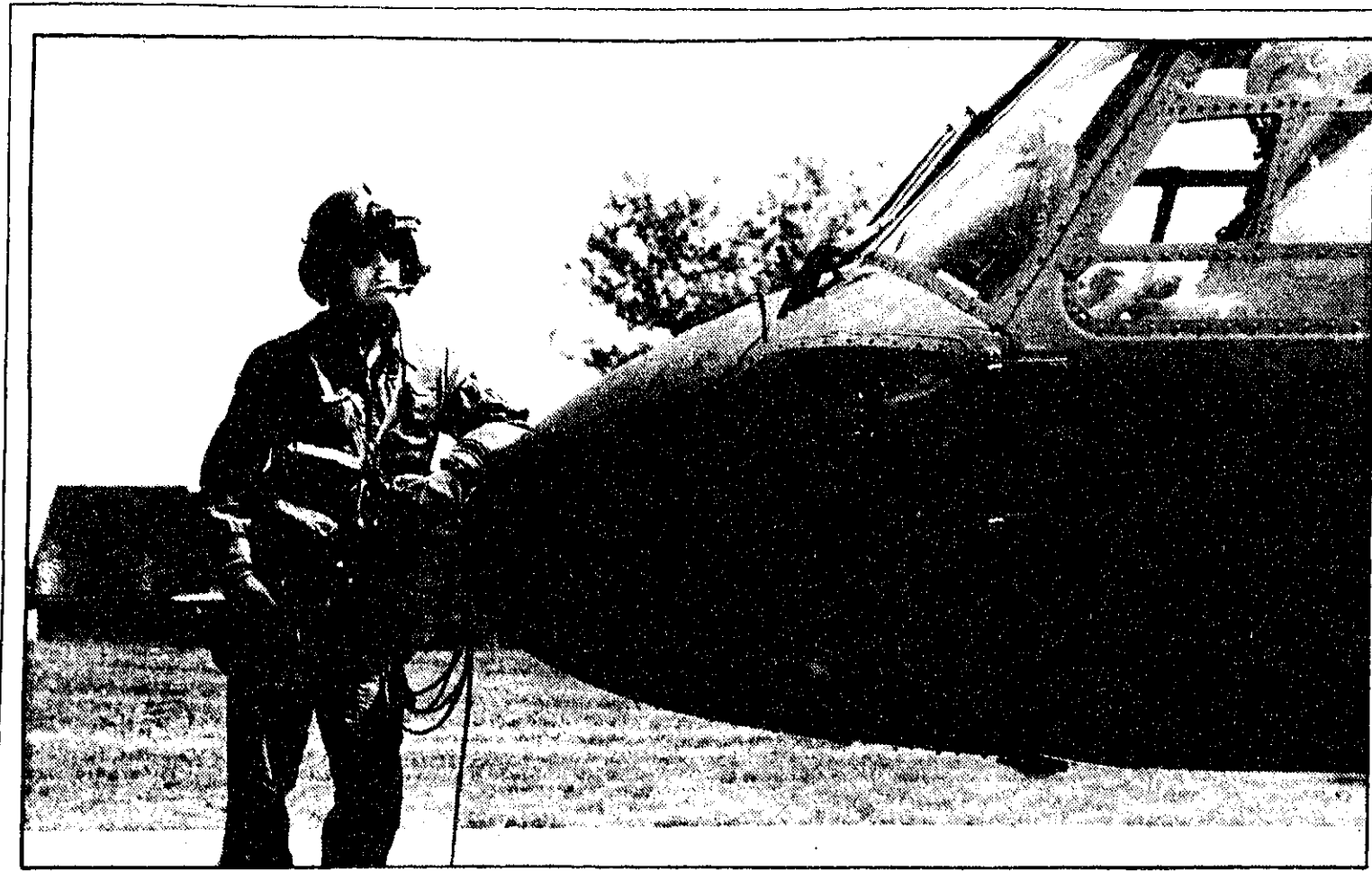
the law they swore to uphold, McMasters said.

Among those who spoke against the solid waste plan was Maggie Tyson of Bloomfield Township, who urged commissioners to "take a long, hard look" at the solid waste program, especially the proposed incinerator scheduled to be built in Auburn Hills.

"It shouldn't be shoved down our throats by any politician," Tyson said, "including Mr. Murphy."

Debra McConnell, a member of RAIL (Residents Against Incinerators and Landfills) read a poem critical of the solid waste program and the officials who approved it.

The final line advised officials who support the plan to expect to feel voter wrath.



**Dropping in**  
The U.S. Army stopped in at the Novi Police Department last Wednesday, but there wasn't any problem. The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flew out from Southfield as part of a recruitment drive of Novi High School students.

# Planners okay day-care plan

Novi's first day care facility allowed under the city's recently amended office service ordinance gained preliminary approval May 2.

The planning commission voted unanimously to allow the 5,900-square-foot facility in an office service district.

The Rainbow Falcas Learning Center, which will exceed city ordinance guidelines, is sited for the northeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Orchard Hill Place Drive.

Many commissioners were concerned about traffic dangers associated with the site, however, all vehicles will access the facility off Orchard Hill Place Drive to cut down on traffic problems off Eight Mile.

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# Officials don't call tour a 'waste' of their time

By JAN JEFFREES  
Staff Writer

Novi city officials got trashed on a recent tour to the Pacific Coast.

On April 26, a team of seven city officials — escorted by Lenora Jadun, general manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) — jetted to the San Francisco Bay area and Seattle to tour three "state of the art" materials recovery facilities (MRFs) and watch how the other side of the country takes out their garbage. In June, they'll take a day trip to a Providence, Rhode Island plant which is the model for a proposed local operation.

It appears more than likely that a MRF serving the authority's eight member communities will be located in Novi, although technically sites in Wixom and Southfield are still under consideration. However, only Novi officials were invited to take the three-day RRRASOC-financed tour, which came in under its \$13,000 budget, Jadun said.

Those on the trip were City Council members Joseph Toth, Hugh Crawford, Edward Leininger, Tim Pope and Nancy Covert; City Manager Edward Kretzwall; and planning consultant Brandon Rogers.

"It was very instructive," Covert said. "It made me a lot more sensitive and I started separating garbage."

"We were looking at it and looking at it very carefully because we want to preserve the lifestyle of Novi. I really believe recycling is the way of the future."

With existing landfill space growing scarce and homeowners throughout the country growing increasingly resistant to allowing new landfills to be sited in their "back yards," the pressure is on local, county and state governments throughout the country to find new solutions to trash-disposal problems. Recycling is the

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buzzword of the 1990s and MRF is one of the trendiest new acronyms.

A MRF is where trash is sorted into marketable recyclables like plastics, glass, paper and scrap metals; materials suitable for composting, like yard wastes; and unredeemable waste which will ultimately be land-filled or incinerated. Manufacturers use the material to make anything from carpet fibers and park benches from plastic to animal bedding and housing insulation from shredded newspapers.

RRRASOC's goal is to divert 50 percent of its member communities' refuse sent from landfills or burners by recycling 35 percent and composting or reusing 15 percent.

Council members trailed a garbage pickup operation, viewed curbside trash separation in residential neighborhoods and watched paper being baled in a Seattle MRF. Toth said, "In Martin County, California, they recycle more. If somebody says you can only put out 15 gallons of garbage, it makes you want to recycle," Leininger said.

The next operation on the tour was the Marin County Resource Recovery Center in San Rafael, California, where both residents and commercial vehicles have the opportunity to dump their refuse off at the local MRF. Magnetic belt sorters are used there to separate out tin and aluminum from the waste stream and wood debris is converted to sawdust for use as a fuel at nearby paper mills.

"We all had our cameras in hand; Brandon had a video camera. We looked like Japanese tourists," said Leininger. "We looked at everybody's garbage. These sites are some of the finest sites in the country. They said our problem is we don't charge enough for garbage."

In Seattle, the group investigated the Recycle America operation, Jadun said. Residents there distribute their trash into three boxes color-coded for glass, plastic and newspapers, and use cans for yard waste and mixed refuse. Three different trucks run pick up the material. The Seattle MRF, located in an industrial district, processes newspapers, glass, aluminum, paper, tin cans and plastics. The sorting operation is low-technology and labor intensive and the transfer station is cleaned and washed down daily, Jadun said.

To our surprise, odors were not as prevalent as imagined, basically because waste is transported before it is allowed to decay," she added in a news release.

The city employs several rate collection structures to encourage waste reduction — the more trash you produce, the more you pay.

"If you make them pay more, they'll recycle more. If somebody says you can only put out 15 gallons of garbage, it makes you want to recycle," Leininger said.



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# Novi site found for waste recycling facility

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RRRASOC, which currently has offices in Novi's Civic Center, has an option to purchase the \$2.2-million property under multiple ownership, but also has one for a location within the Grand Plan industrial park as well. The Haggerty land is owned by William Brown, president of Thompson-Brown, the Realty company which worked on locating potential sites within the communities.

A proposal on the MRF location will be sent to the governments of all eight participating communities, which will be receiving updates on the project in June, Jadun said.

The authority was founded in 1987 to form a 20-year waste-reduction plan in response to Michigan Public Act 641, the Solid Waste Handling Act. Technically, local approval is not needed for the placement of a facility of this nature. But Jadun said that the authority intends to comply with the city's site plan review procedure.

At present, the Haggerty Road property is undergoing woodlands and wetlands reviews, as well as soil borings to get "a clean bill of health," Jadun said. Answers are anticipated within the next five to six months.

The question of whether light industrial is the proper zoning for a waste transfer station will also have

to be answered, she explained. The facility will have no outside storage and will resemble a warehouse or the Delwal Corporation building.

"For the most part, a materials recovery and transfer facility is an aesthetically pleasing manufacturing building. With proper architectural treatment, the passerby would not realize the extent of operations that would be underway inside the building," Jadun said.

"The Novi City Council hasn't been formally approached yet, she added. "They've got a good idea that we'd make it due to their decision on the

other (Grand Plan) site," Jadun explained. "It's the most practical one at this point. We're really basically endorsing the site."

In April, the authority sent a contingent of Novi city officials to the west coast to tour MRFs and transfer stations in two communities. But that could work the other way, according to Jadun.

"It is the primary goal of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County to be a good, desirable neighbor. With Novi's stringent zoning and landscaping requirements, the

facility will be a model nationally. Other cities' representatives will be visiting Novi to see our state-of-the-art facility," she said.

Twenty-nine potential MRF locations were reviewed by a committee made of each community's directors of public works. Three sites were selected, two of them in Novi, based on criteria such as accessibility to major roads, truck hauling times, purchase and site improvement prices and environmental considerations. But last fall, following a meeting of city managers, the Haggerty Road/Grand River site was pulled

from the list for what was termed "political reasons" and replaced by a Wixom property.

On Dec. 5, the Novi City Council okayed three proposed sites, in no order of priority, for the MRF. One was in the Grand Plan industrial park, another was the Southfield Mobile Home Park on Telegraph Road north of Eight Mile Road, and the last was in Wixom on Wixom Road north of West Road.

The Wixom site was eliminated due to accessibility problems for the other communities, Jadun said. Along with Novi, the authority is com-

posed of Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom and Lyon Township.

Due to the need to relocate the residents of a mobile home community, the Southfield location would have been cost prohibitive, Jadun said.

The MRF, as part of the proposed Grand Plan industrial park, met with protests from neighbors of Old Dutch Farms, a mobile home community to the south of the parcel. The selected site is adjacent to another mobile home community, Highland Hills Estates.

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## Kidnap case studied

By MIKE TYREE  
Staff Writer

Township police findings on an alleged kidnapping case involving a 1-year-old child have been sent to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for review, according to a police official.

Acting Police Chief Philip Presnell said Tuesday that the prosecutor has requested a meeting between township Det. Fred Yankee and Christopher Roberts, 22, who has alleged that two gunmen abducted his daughter Britlany from him outside the Northville Township condominium of his aunt April 15.

"The prosecutor wants to set up a meeting between the detective and the complainant" to help determine if there is a case, Presnell said.

The meeting should take place in a "week or so, when they get everybody together," he added.

Roberts told police that two gunmen kidnapped his daughter the evening of April 15. Roberts, a Macomb County resident, was separated from his wife at the time, and had forcibly taken the child from her mother during an altercation at a Sterling Heights shopping mall March 29.

Roberts said he and the child stayed with friends and relatives until the alleged April 15 kidnapping. Roberts also alleged that his wife's father, Doug Allor of Utica, accompanied the gunmen at the time of the incident.

Allor later denied Roberts' charges and said Roberts willingly gave the child over to two men who were serving him show cause papers which originated from a custody battle between the parents of the child.

Britlany Roberts was located with her mother by township police the day after the alleged abduction. The two reportedly were in hiding at an undisclosed Shelby Township location.

Presnell said Roberts has not dropped charges against the men. If the prosecutor determines that the charges are legitimate, those involved with the abduction may face kidnapping, assault and commission of a felony with a handgun charges, he said.

Yankee said last week that the two men who allegedly accompanied Allor to pick up Britlany had not been identified.

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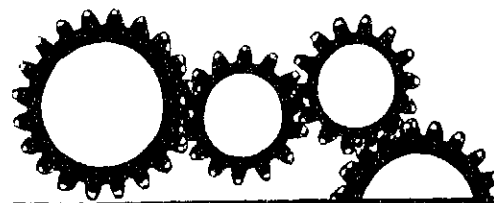
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## As We See It

### City should pursue smaller Grand Plan

The Grand Plan is dead. Long live the Grand Plan.

Before the dust had even settled on the 4-3 denial of the plan to move central Novi industry to a new park on the city's west side, people were already thinking about possibilities for a different version of the same idea. That's a positive sign, and the city ought to pursue that course.



#### Development

The specific problems with the original Grand Plan were large and numerous. Unknown when the plan was first proposed, many serious objections surfaced during discussion. Neighbors of the proposed relocation site — from three different communities — mounted a organized campaign against the rezoning necessary to the entire project. Involving a little-used provision in state zoning law, Neighbors Against Poor Planning submitted a petition which required a 5-2 vote of the council to approve the rezoning. That move proved to be the death of the plan, as the council voted in favor of it 4-3 — in favor, but not by the needed margin.

Another big problem was location. The proposed industrial park would have ruined woods, wetlands, and the neighborhood for a sizable number of people. The land has been planned all along for residential use, and with good reason. It just wasn't the right site for a large industrial park.

But notice that none of the problems related to the idea of moving the industrial businesses from the center of town in the first place. That was, and is, a good concept. The continuing development of a downtown center for Novi will certainly move quicker if some of these businesses move, and some of the owners seemed agreeable. Tax abatements made the idea of moving more attractive.

Although the free market will most likely take care of moving industry out of the town center in the long run, encouraging such moves in the short run can only help the city. Novi planners now should look to develop a smaller, more thought-out, and simply more palatable version of the Grand Plan to develop as an alternate.

Even as late as Monday — 10 or 11 days after the wetlands in the area were eliminated with a drainage ditch — the various people responsible for guarding against such things happening were not sure exactly what the results would be.

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Complicating everything was some conflicting information on who owned the land, who hopes to own it, and why it was being drained.

In Novi, action was slower. Nothing happened for several days, although the building inspector, Earl Bailey, said tickets were forthcoming. What the city actually did was issue a notice, which is one step shy of a violation.

As of press time this week, Novi officials were still not unanimous on what was happening. Bailey was doubting whether Novi would issue a violation, as was Assistant City Attorney Dennis

## Officials ought to organize enforcement

Watson. But Ordinance Enforcement Officer Steven Babinechak said tickets were already typed up, and he added he'd go to court to pursue the matter.

Meanwhile, everyone was waiting to see what the DNR would do about the situation. Although a Wixom official notified the DNR of the situation immediately after that city found out, when a reporter called several days later a DNR officer said they knew nothing about it. The DNR did issue a violation and an official said it will require at least partial reconstruction of the site.

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The situation is an extremely tangled web. In spite of three different enforcement agencies working on it, two weeks after the drainage we still know very little.

This is clearly not the way to protect the rapidly disappearing wetlands of Novi, Wixom and the rest of the state. Effective environmental enforcement requires the capacity for quick action and a system to identify parties responsible for violations. Apparently in Novi we have neither, and this case makes a person wonder if Novi's highly touted wetlands protection ordinance is doing any good at all.

## Take a good sniff of summer



Ann Willis

When's the last time you took a good sniff?

Not your everyday question, is it? But think about it for a minute. I don't mean wrinkling up your nose because something smells bad — I mean enjoying the smell of the things around us that lend flavor and smell to our lives.

What brought this sudden bout of sniffing on for me was a walk around my neighborhood last week. It's been wonderful weather for walking recently and even late in the evening when I normally would be slumped in a chair glued to the television, I find myself wanting to get outdoors.

The first thing you do when you're out walking is look around. The trees have all blossomed and gardens are getting a workout. People are everywhere, walking, running and just hanging around.

While I was enjoying the sights something came over me. I started to smell the things I was looking at. The scent of freshly mowed lawns is such a clear harbinger of summer. One smell and you feel the fourth of July coming on strong. As I walked by the freshly dug earth around a flower bed I could smell the earth and moisture and could visualize the flowers yet to come.

The smell of mint is particularly strong right now as earth is dug for shrubs and future plants. Forsythia bushes have bloomed and that sweet odor, more than any other, means spring.

The smell of a summer morning is hard to describe, but when the breeze drifts through an open window these days all you have to do is inhale — and suddenly waking up isn't a chore.

When I went outside on a recent evening, I sniffed the air and smelled rain. That heavy, moist scent that in summer means the humidity is high and rain is on its way.

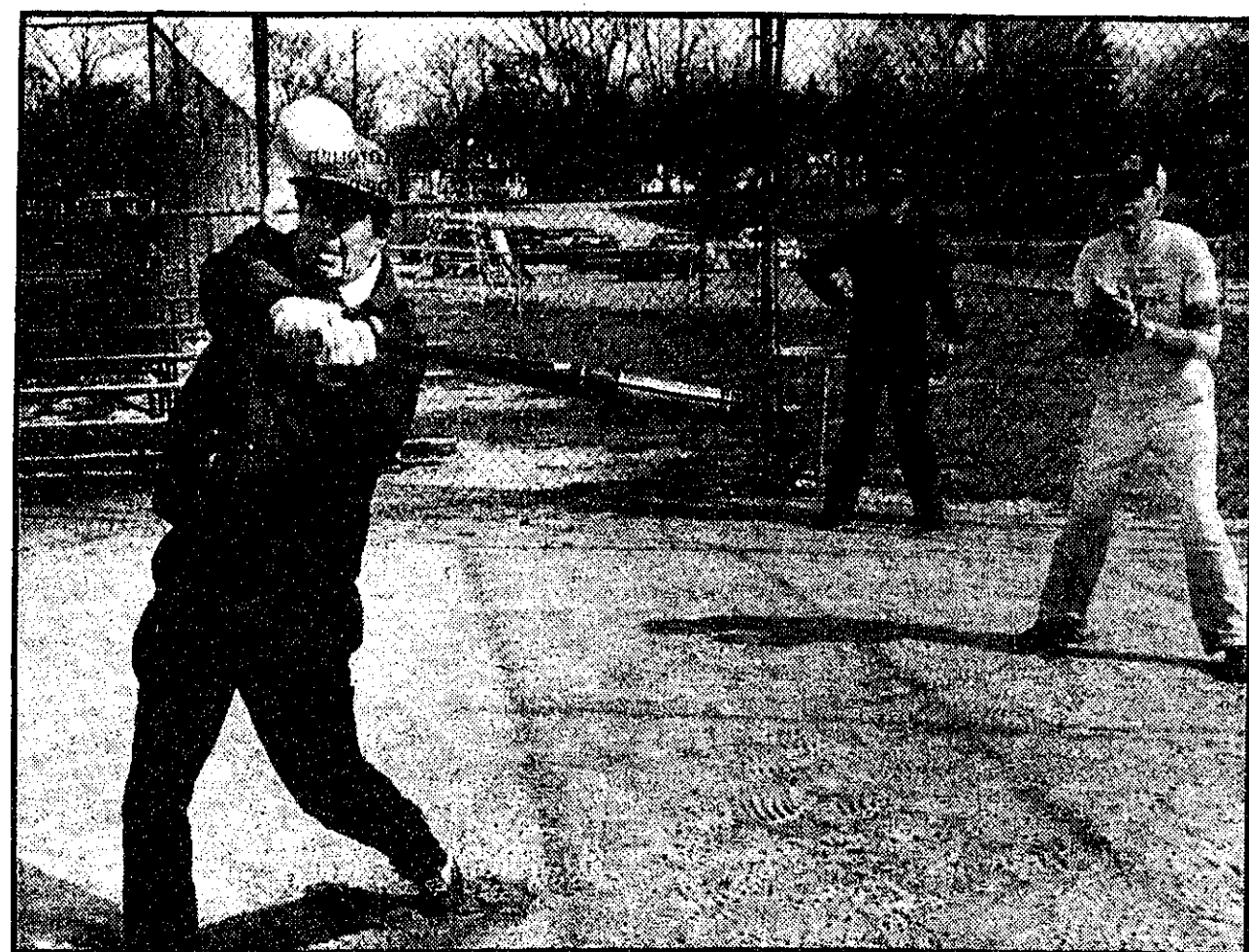
The smell of dust on the softball field on a hot, windy Sunday, the smell of a lake as it grows warmer each day in the hot summer sun and the smell of a barbecue, somewhere in the neighborhood — where just the vaguest hint of smoke and grilled meat drifts over to your nose, these are the great smells of summer.

Mix a few of these with the sound of a tennis ball hitting the court, the sound of the water as it laps against the dock at your summer cottage and the feel of the sun on your face and suddenly there really is no reason to talk about summer. You can just taste it.

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

## Forum

By Chris Boyd



Hitting for the fences

## What evil lurks in coffee



Bob Needham

Coffee looks so innocent when it's just sitting there.

Just glance at the stuff, in any form — ground, bean or liquid — and you'd never suspect the evils that lurk within. But they're in there, all right. And I ought to know.

Society recognizes cocaine, alcohol and now even nicotine as the addictive drugs they are. But caffeine? A minor problem at worst, society says. Just don't drink too much after 5 p.m. and you'll be fine.

Ha. Society doesn't know what it's talking about.

As someone who's been there and back — and there again — I know that addiction to coffee is an insidious enemy. It sneaks up on you when you're not looking and takes over your entire life. I don't even remember how I started drinking it, or when, or why. But start I did, and it's an action which has colored my life ever since.

See, I'm not just a coffee drinker. I'm a COFFEE DRINKER. From the time I get up in the morning until much too long into the evening. Constantly. By the gulp, not the sip. I have no idea how many cups a day I drink; I can't count that high. It's an ugly situation.

This wasn't always the case. A year or so ago, I actually kicked the habit. Got the caffeine monkey off my back. I was clean for two or three months — started drinking herbal tea, and found out I really liked it — before backsliding. And once I fell off the wagon, I slayed fallen, and now I'm drinking just as much coffee as ever.

The effects of caffeine are under constant study, but the one clear fact I've been able to glean from all the research is the amazing revelation that too much is bad for you. And no matter which threshold of "too much" you choose, I'm well over it.

If only I had the courage to quit again. But I really don't think I could function very well through the headaches and constant tiredness. And I don't think anybody offers a 12-step program for coffee drinkers.

That evil little bean has me in its grip. So until our government extends its war on drugs to include the most socially accepted one of all, in the grip is most likely where I'm going to stay.

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

## NAPP, council rescue area Letters

To the Editor:

Bravo to Novi City Council members Covert, Hoyer and Pope for recently voting down rezoning for an I-2 park so that the city could implement its current "Grand Plan." And, bravo to NAPP (Neighbors Against Poor Planning) for its great effort to show the planning commission (to no avail), the city council and the public

the innumerable negative aspects of such rezoning. When NAPP began confronting this major issue, many of us thought the rezoning was a "given" — but we were wrong! These young people put up a val-

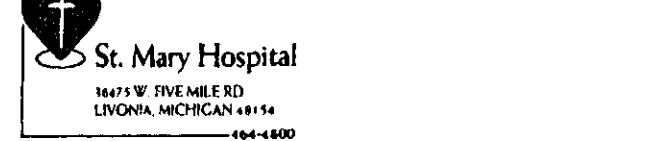
lant and successful fight for the future of their families, neighbors and city. They are to be commended for a job well done! There is still hope for us humans and the City of Novi, if we don't let those almighty \$\$\$ always be in control of our decisions.

Iona Jacques  
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## Papers face ecological issues



Phil Power

Now that the Earth Day hype has died down, I can write about the environment with a clear conscience.

Maybe I'm grumpy, but the remorseless posturing made me sick. Worse, I'm part of the media industry that both provokes and indulges it.

General Motors seizes the moment to announce an electric car. Virtually all known elected officials plant trees (only) in front of cameras. Recycling programs are launched with great fanfare. T-shirts promoting the environment are printed by the thousands.

Did all this lead one more family to recycle its trash? Did it encourage McDonald's to quit using non-degradable polystyrene packaging materials? Did Exxon Corp. require double-hulled tankers for oil transport? Did more cities mandate trash separation for curbside pickup?

The theory behind events like Earth Day is that publicity helps raise people's consciousness, gets them focused on doing something. But did anything really happen?

I don't know. Neither the TV people nor the newspapers focused attention on what actually happened as a result of the publicity. It's a bad habit of our trade.

Second, old newspapers make up a high percentage of the trash in landfills. As a society, we are running out of landfill space.

My gut tells me that some things did happen. In part because over many years people have come to recognize the overwhelming good sense of regarding our position on this planet as short-term tenant and not as owner.

Earth Day provoked our newspapers to sum up what they are doing about recycling and to tell our readers where we stand.

Two environmental problems face the newspaper business.

First, the paper on which news is printed is made from cellulose fibers that come from ground-up trees that have been cut down. A sorry thought.

A partial solution is to use newsprint made from recycled fiber — grind up old newspapers, remove the ink and use the resulting slurry of pulp fibers in making fresh newsprint.

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Our company's policy is to use recycled newsprint as much as we can. Our other newspapers in Michigan use around 15 percent recycled paper, which will increase as we get more recycled stock from our suppliers.

Second, old newspapers make up a high percentage of the trash in landfills. As a society, we are running out of landfill space.

Is it a big deal, worthy of Earth Day hype? No. But it's a piece of solid progress. And it will continue.

Phil Power is chairperson of Suburban Communications Corporation, the company that publishes this newspaper. His state and national award-winning column will appear periodically.

## Change attitudes about aging



Leslie Pereira

Several of my recent stories have started me thinking a lot about aging. While two of them — respite care and a story on a group of nursing home entertainers — have an obvious connection, the significance of the third story, although more obscure, was also more telling.

Actually, it was only a small part of a larger story but it really got my attention:

I had visited a plastic surgeon to gain some insight into the procedure for repairing sagging or split earlobes. While I was there he handed me a thick book stuffed with possibilities for surgical improvement of one's physical appearance. And truly, the list of physique alteration alternatives is endless.

People are having breast enlargements, reductions or simply lifts. Noses are made less pronounced, more defined or exactly like so-and-so's. Chins, buttocks and lips are enlarged by implantation, and thighs, hips and stomachs are reduced through liposuction.

Faces are tuckled, peeled and sanded at

incredible inconvenience and enormous cost to stall off the eventual drooping and wrinkling that is an inevitable part of the natural aging process. Women and men, are going through what has been described as "excruciating pain" all in the determined quest for a younger, more youthful appearance.

This is when it struck me — our society does not like old people because we ourselves are afraid of growing old. And I am beginning to see that this fear is not without good reason.

First there was the newspaper article:

A national study was released last week documenting an incredible number of instances of elder abuse. The number is astounding. Nationwide there were an estimated 1.5 million elderly mistreated, many of them by their own children. And a ranking of the states named Michigan as the 13th worst offender with 3,502 reported cases.

Then there was my talk with Ron Ward: Ward is the founder of a group that provides entertainment to nursing home residents for free. He talks of how the elderly are "thrown away" and "discarded." Of how he banish them to nursing homes to get them out of our sight. Out of our minds.

And finally there was Mrs. Gates, a

73-year-old woman caring for her 96-year-old mother by herself. I had gone to her home for what I had anticipated to be a quick stop — just some basic details to put a face on my respite care story. Almost two hours later I left her home with knowledge of her views on everything from abortion to house plants and the feeling that I had just spoken with one very lonely person. "Many of the people I used to know don't visit anymore," Mrs. Gates had said, "just this one Jewish couple. I think that is part of their culture."

Deference to seniors as part of a culture, imagine that.

The demographics of our society are going to continue following the current trend with the elderly claiming a larger piece of the total population pie. We need to come to grips with our negative attitude toward older people and make the world a less hostile place for the elderly. Once we start treating the elderly with respect and stop making a joke of the term Golden Years, maybe then the thought of growing old won't be so terrible.

Maybe it can even be pleasurable.

And maybe, just maybe, we will see a lot less people having cosmetic surgery in a frantic effort to turn back their biological clocks.

Leslie Pereira is a staff writer for the Novi News and The Northville Record.

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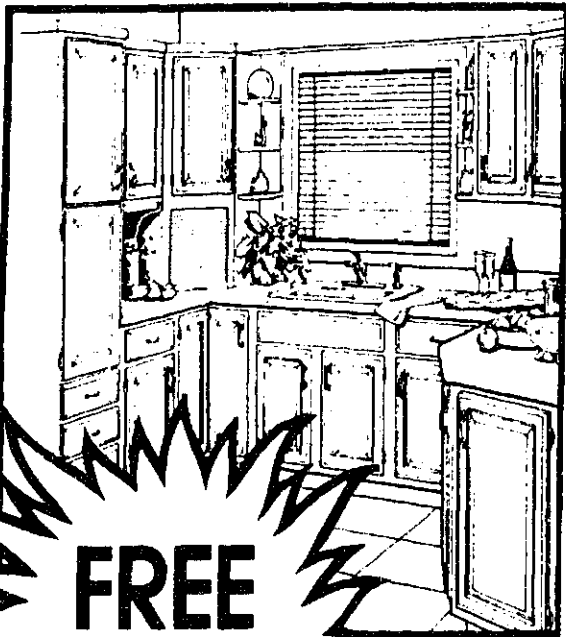
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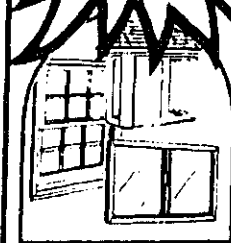
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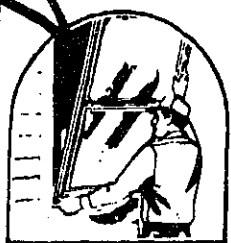
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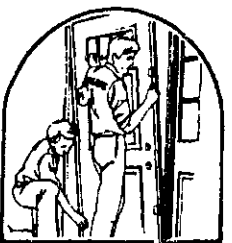
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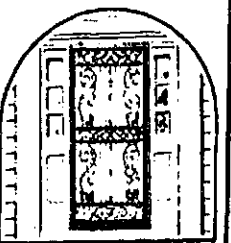
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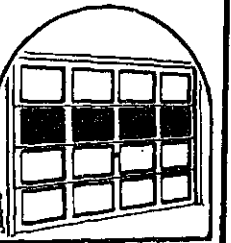
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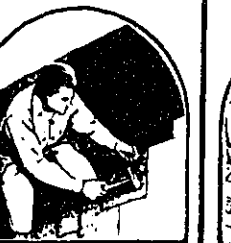
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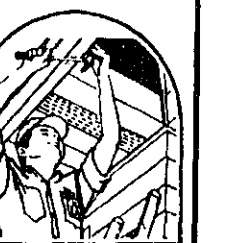
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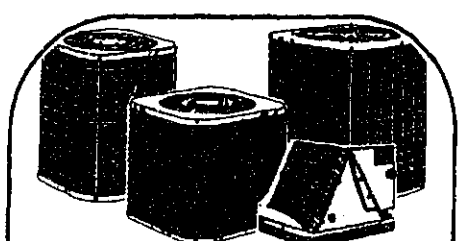
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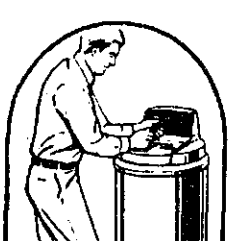
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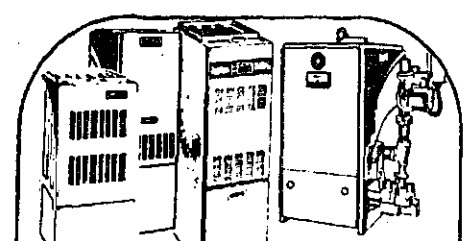
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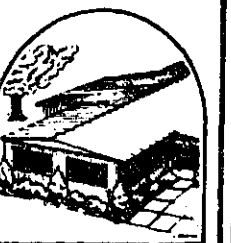
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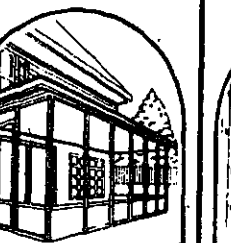
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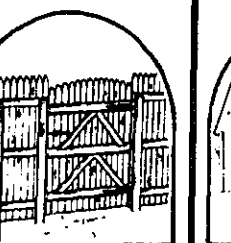
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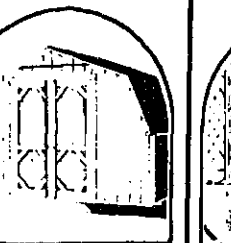
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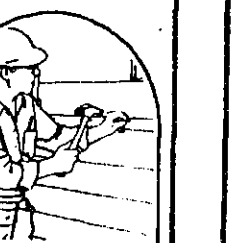
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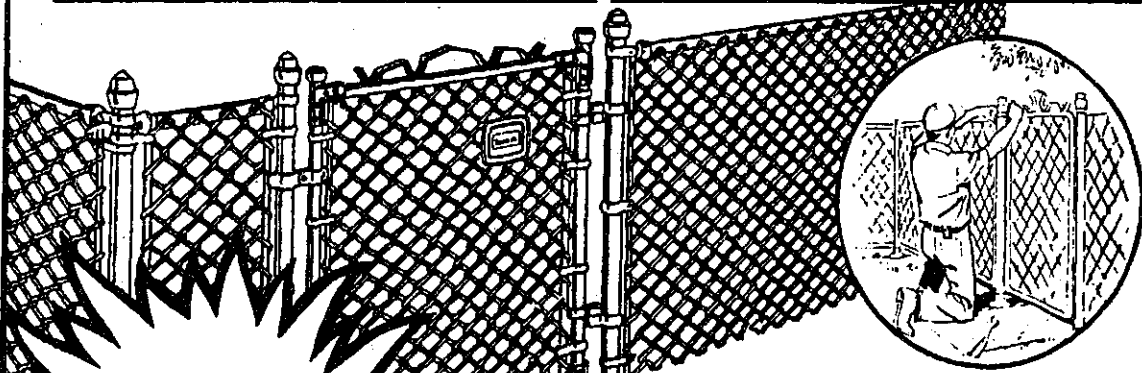
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Heather Lintner Shrestha, wearing a Japanese kimono, candidly discusses her Cultural Communications business

## Between two worlds: East meets west in corporate culture

By Marilyn Herald

"I really feel like a one-person goodwill ambassador," said Heather Lintner Shrestha, formerly of Green Oak Township, as she described her newest endeavor, entitled Cultural Communications.

Shrestha specializes in Japanese-American communication relations — the problem areas that arise between two cultures and how to communicate effectively with each other. Cultural Communications is a registered business in Livingston County.

A 1979 graduate of South Lyon High School who studied agriculture at Michigan State University, Shrestha went to Japan first in 1982 under Lansing Community College's

Japan Adventure Program.

"After I returned to the United States, I headed to Bowling Green State University where I majored in international trade," Shrestha explained.

By 1986 she was ready to go back to Japan for a 2½-year stay.

"What I learned in Japan and about Japan I try to share with as many people as I can (clients). I have started my business to be ideally a consultant. I have worked with other consultants who deal with Japanese,

yet they have no idea what the Japanese are about.

"By at least having an idea how Japanese will speak or react, my clients are able to communicate with them more effectively. That is the ultimate goal of Cultural Communications."

It is a challenging goal, Shrestha explained, because many people already feel they have an adequate understanding of the Japanese culture.

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152 And Equipment

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153 Farm Animals

3 STANDARD COCHIN chickens... 3 weeks old... \$100 each...

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154 Pet Supplies

Rabbit cage with 2 beaver doors... \$50...

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155 Animal Services

Eric Terry, certified trainer... Petting and exercising... \$10 per hour...

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156 Clerical

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159 Restaurant

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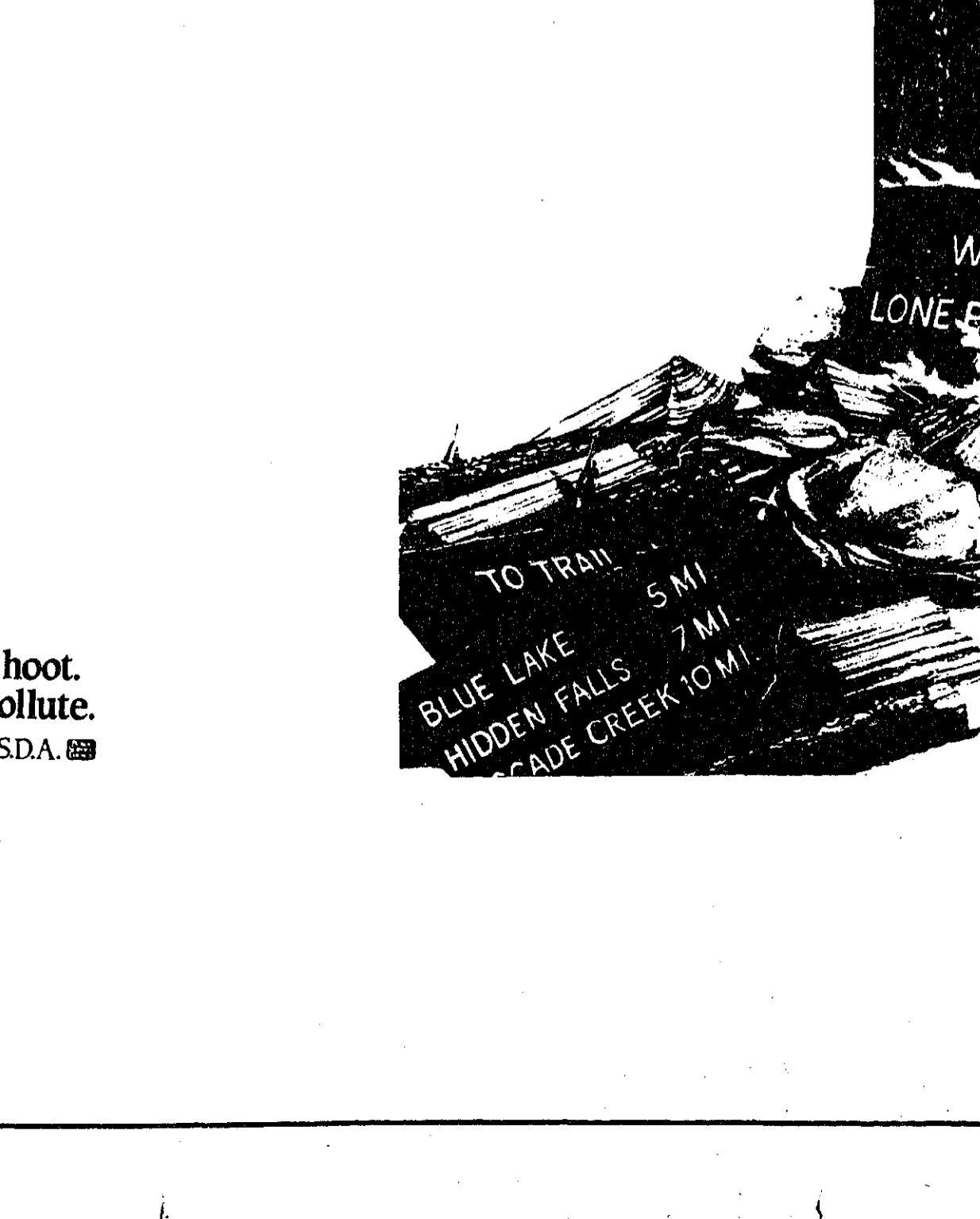
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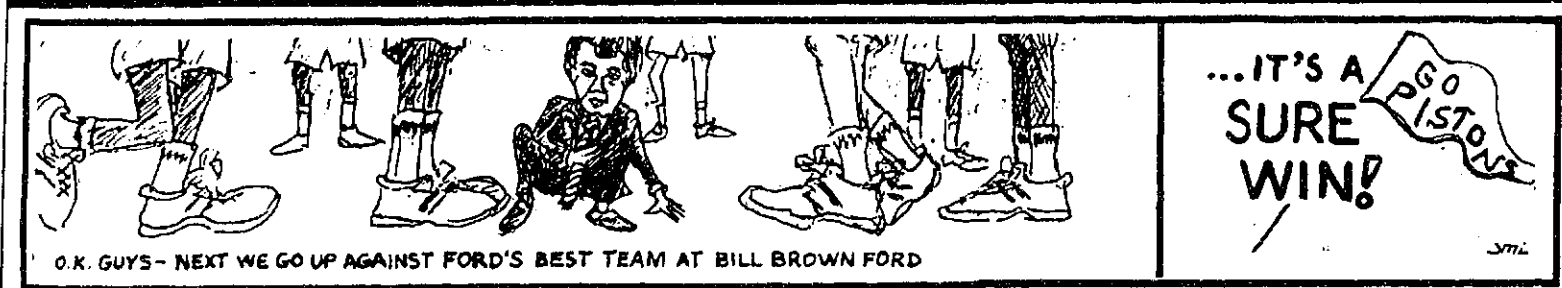
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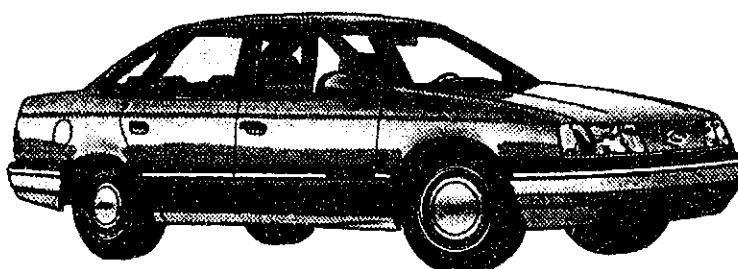


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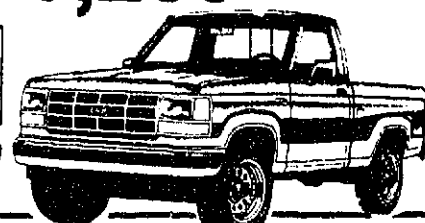
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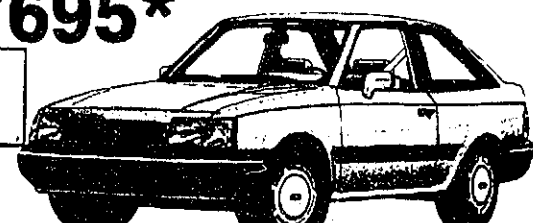
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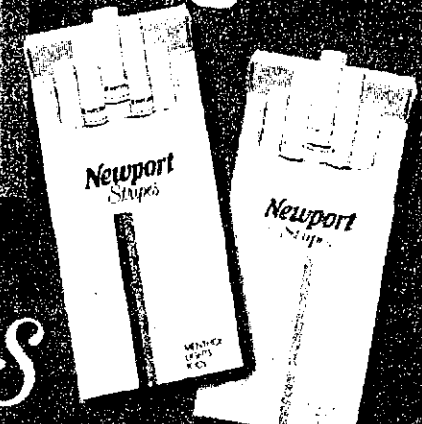
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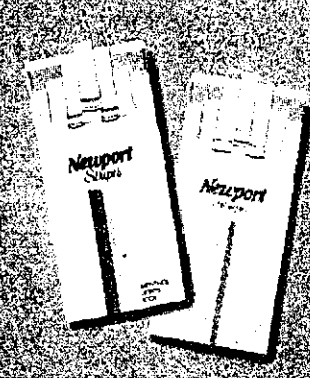


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Anne Raney Brown shows off a flat of hardy mums



Columbine blossoms are delicate and colorful in a perennial garden

## Plan before you plant



Hybrid lillies like these provide blooms through a long growing season

Photos by Janet Cox

### Perennials: plant early, enjoy late

By Marilyn Herald

"Read up before you plan or plant a garden — especially perennials," cautioned Anne Raney Brown of Raney's Rainbow Gardens in Lyon Township.

Brown, who grew up as part of the "gardening" Raney family, said hardy mums are some of the best perennials (plants that come up year-after-year without replanting) to include in a garden.

They can be planted early because they can withstand a light frost, can be cut back after the early blossoms have died and will branch out and bloom again in the late fall, Brown noted.

Both shrubs and flowering perennial plants can provide attractive decoration for a yard and now is the time to plant most of these types of gardening mainstays. Brown said mums can be planted almost any time you can work the soil because they are most hardy.

"Some types of hothouse-grown mums will not live over the winter, but the hardy mums will," she said. Because they are relatively easy to

grow and offer diversity, perennials of many types have been popular with gardeners for at least a century.

According to "Growing Perennials," Cooperative Extension Service Bulletin E-1984, a border bed of only perennials was first suggested in 1890 by George Nicholson, curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, England.

In the 1900s, tender bedding plants (those which must be planted annually) were in favor, but perennials came back into their own around 1914.

Perennial borders were developed with taller shrubs and plants at the back and shorter ones along the borders of lawns and gardens. This provided only a one-sided "front" view of the flowers and soon planting of narrow islands of flowers became popular because they could then be viewed from all directions.

Today's trend is toward mixed borders or beds that include trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, annuals and biennials (planted every two years). This offers color and interest on a season-long basis.

Brown said many people hire her to design their perennial gardens and beds because it does take time to plan and plant so that the flowers bloom early, mid-season and late.

Designing a perennial garden, according to the book, "The Perennial Garden" by Jeff and Marilyn Cox, should start with an assessment of the property to be planted. Questions should include what size and shape of plantings the owners desires, as

well as what color and kind of plants those persons enjoy most.

It is always important, also, to consider the zone in which you live. Zone 6 in which this area is located has an average annual minimum temperature of minus 10 degrees (Fahrenheit) to zero degrees. Soil types and moisture should also be considered.

Experts can be consulted on these items if the gardener is in doubt.

All first blossoms in perennial gardens are bulbs which means flowers like crocus, tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. A profusion of color can be achieved by planting these in large beds or they may be scattered throughout a wooded area or set in with shrubs to provide attractive blooms before the bushes themselves begin to flower.

Many rock garden plants are perennials and brightly hued creeping phlox are some of the easiest to grow. They do well in sunshine and seem to blend with almost any other plantings.

Many types of succulents also fill the crevices in rock gardens and several offer blooms as well as interesting foliage.

Some perennial plant lovers prefer to maintain the woody effect of their property and should select perennials which thrive in shady condition.

Brown said ferns and wildflowers are especially good for this. Rainbow Gardens and other area horticulture businesses offer such things as trilliums, jack-in-pulpit, bluebells and violets for this purpose. Violets do

well in shade or sun and will multiply rapidly so that if something is needed to fill a problem area they are a good choice.

Lilly-of-the-valley is another plant which likes shady spots and multiplies with very little effort on the grower's part. Forget-me-nots also fall in this category, according to Brown.

"Hostas have beautiful variegated foliage and are excellent for providing color all through the growing season even though they do not bloom," Brown said.

Wild and cultivated columbine are also good perennials for gardens. They are easy to grow and provide lovely, delicate flowers in a variety of hues. They do not, however, last indefinitely from season to season and must be replanted after a few years as do bulbs and other perennials.

Another perennial which covers a long growing season and a rainbow of colors is the lily. Hybrid lilies such as offered at Raney's are popular because they require relatively little care and produce many attractive flowers over a long growing season. Day lilies are especially nice for providing colorful blooms throughout a summer season.

There are nearly as many types of flowers for perennial gardens as there are gardeners interested in growing them, so look over the selections at local plant merchants and don't hesitate to ask advise from the experts.

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### Around the House: Designs for Living



## Design fits family's needs

By James McAlexander

The Athens has a room for every need of the active family. From the spacious courtyard, a person enters the home through double doors. The entry, with a grand 14-foot vaulted ceiling, has access to both the family and entertainment areas.

To the right of the entry, passing by the large coat closet, is the ample family room or kitchen. The family room is large enough to entertain a big crowd, with a bay window to view the yard and a door for access. Also in the family room, a convenient breakfast bar.

A U-shape makes the kitchen great for entertaining and convenient

for cooking. The kitchen also features a large window above the sink and plenty of cabinet space.

Back and to the left of the entry is the sunken living room and adjacent dining room.

Offering peaceful seclusion, the living room is the place for those quiet times. The dining room is located adjacent to both the living room and kitchen. The large picture window takes full advantage of the view from the dining table. A built-in buffet is ideal for showing off fine china or silver to dining guests.

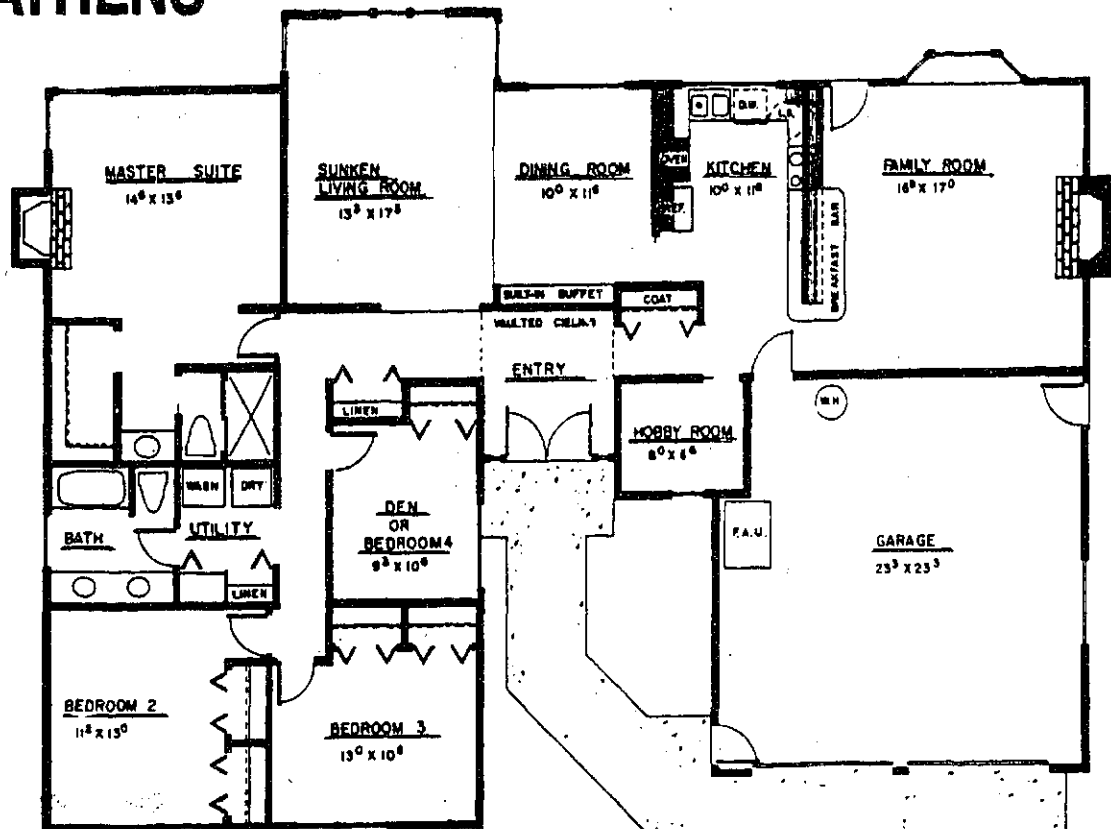
The main bath and utility are conveniently located to the bedrooms, den and linen closets. The roomy bedrooms are buffered from the noise

of each other's activities by a row of closets. The den or fourth bedroom is also buffered by closets, making it a quiet place for studying or reading.

The master suite, comfortable by anyone's standards, hosts a large bedroom area with a fireplace and separate dressing area. The fireplace is perfect for romancing, or cold winter nights. A vanity, the center of the dressing area, opens to both the large walk-in closet and private oversize shower.

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FLOOR PLAN



# Future housing: 'social entities' forecast

By James M. Woodard

A crystal ball projection, to be sure, of future housing projects will be converted to ownership by "social entities"—local government agencies, neighborhood associations, tenant associations.

This is the only viable way to provide an adequate supply of affordable housing for American families, according to certain analysts. The conversion of privately owned housing projects to public or community entities would be financed with federal housing grants.

Social organizations would receive grant funds to purchase, rehabilitate and operate existing residential buildings, or construct new ones. These one-time grants would replace bonds and mortgages in the construction and rehabilitation of housing.

The concept would eliminate debt as the primary means of generating funds for housing. One political leader estimates such a program would cost about \$55 billion annually for the next decade.

The radical new concept was the

outgrowth of a study by the Working Group on Housing at the Institute for Policy Studies, a research group in Washington, D.C. It was described in a special report, "Progressive Housing Program for America."

The primary objective of the plan is to provide a continuing supply of affordable housing for American families. The social owners would produce new housing that would be kept out of the speculative housing market.

The basic concept is already being implemented in some areas, but only on a small or experimental scale. There seems to be growing support

for such a plan. Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, D-Calif., that would establish the legal foundation for the plan. It has little chance of becoming law in the near future, but may become a significant trend-setter.

Under the plan, the first housing projects to be converted to social ownership and operation would be those now threatened with foreclosure. Initially targeted would be privately owned and government-assisted housing projects. The plan would then evolve and

expand to convert other types of housing projects. Michael Stegman, a housing expert with the University of North Carolina, thinks the concept is too big and aggressive for Americans to swallow. The enabling legislation will never be enacted, he predicted.

However, a more active role for government and non-profit groups in acquisition of certain housing projects is a good idea, Stegman said. "But increasing the proportion of socially-owned residential property is no guarantee that it will be well managed, well maintained, and well cared for," he said.

Q: For the most part, are first-time home buyers squeezed out of today's real estate market?

A: No. First-time home buyers continue to be a large and important part of the current market. New buying and financing concepts help them enter the world of home ownership, despite high prices.

A recent report from Century 21 Real Estate Corp. revealed that 38 percent of the more than 400,000 property transactions recorded during the past year by Century 21 offices involved first-time home buyers.

## Plan before planting

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According to "The Perennial Garden" book worn, that maintaining perennials so they look good year after year means attending to soil improvement, watering when necessary, keeping weeds down, mulch help, soil tests, and dividing plants on schedule. When starting new plants, remember to match the tender crowns over the winter.

Compost is invaluable for soil improvement and usually only needs to be added once every three years. An average soil is one that is loose and friable (not packed), but not too rich,

according to "The Perennial Garden" book.

Above all, if you really want good results from your perennial garden, seek professional advice and then follow suggestions. When there is a problem with a plant that is not blooming properly or is turning yellow, check at an area library for information that may help solve the problem.

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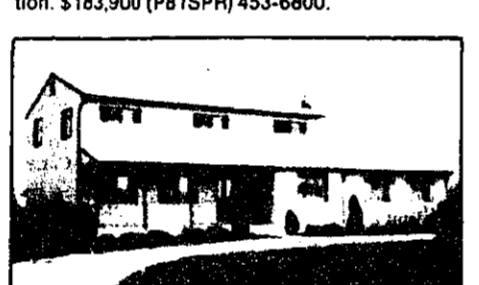
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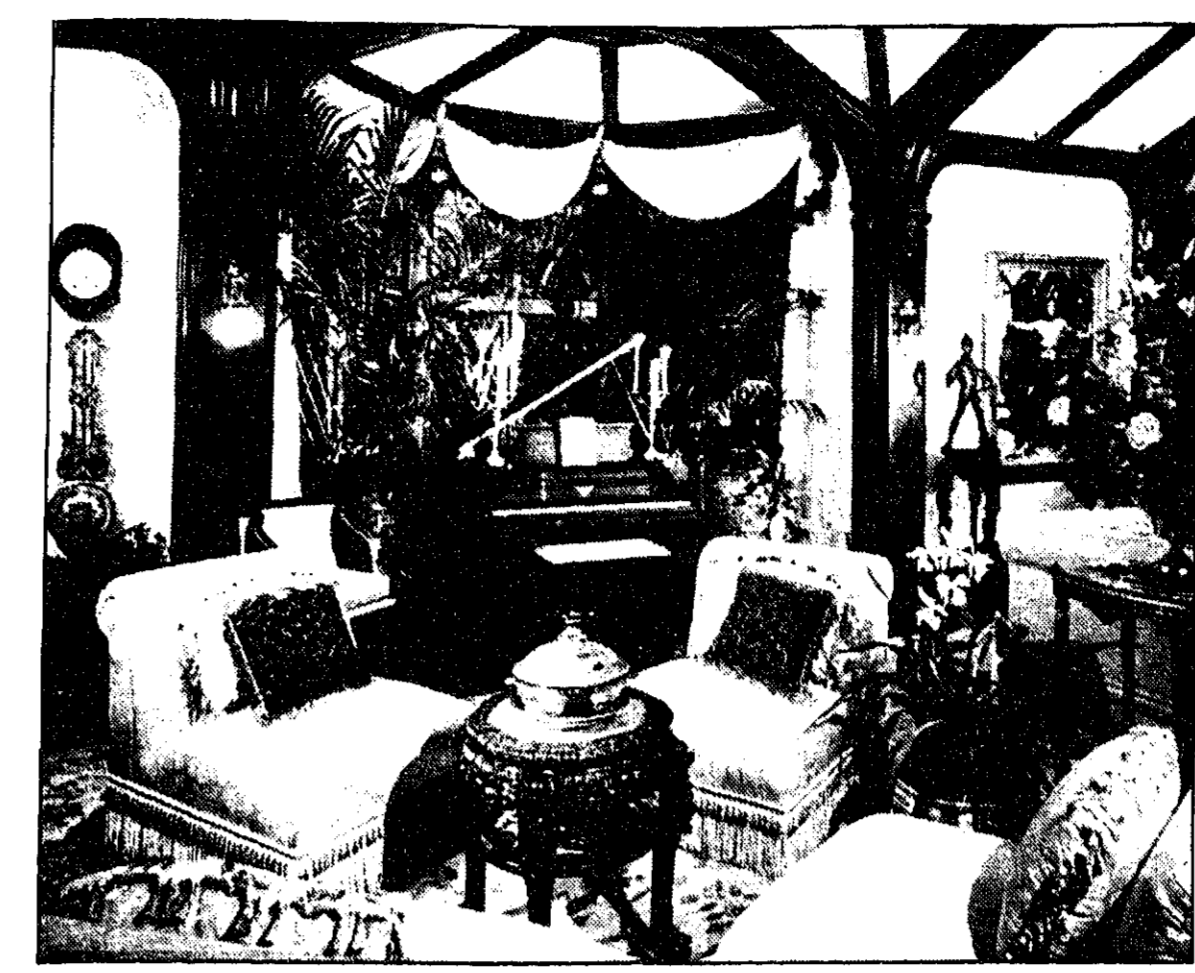
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## Pulling tricks out of your hat to lighten dark, heavy rooms

By Rose Bennett Gilbert

Q: Our old Tudor-style house has wonderful woodwork and beams throughout the downstairs—one reason, in fact, that we bought the house. I'm finding that it makes the rooms dark and heavy, however.

A: Let Cecil B. DeMille direct you: This is the living room of his estate in Los Feliz, Calif., redecorated as a designer show house by Marsha Broderick, ISID, president of Pink Ladies Design and Construction Inc. in Calabasas, Calif.

The dark beams are the main feature of the house, which was built in 1913 and had also been home to Charlie Chaplin and his wife. Designer Broderick pulled a number of professional tricks out of her hat to make the room look and feel lighter, brighter and more today. She:

- Lightened the wood floors to a golden honey color.
- Used a large off-white rug to reflect light up into the room.

• Used pastel-colored upholstery—the fabric she chose has a sliver sheen for an added glow.

Broderick also added the glint of gold throughout the room—a grand gesture appropriate to the memory of DeMille. You might achieve the same effect with, say, brass lighting fixtures, andirons and accessories.

Q: Our daughter will graduate from college this year and plans to get her own apartment and furnish it with things from her room at home.

She has a bed with a rounded-upholstered head, two matching night stands and a dresser. If she uses it all together in a one-room apartment as she plans, won't it look too bedroomy?

• Let the dresser function as a storage piece, not for clothes alone, but also for table linens, silverware and dishes.

• Use the two night stands as the bases of a desk-cum-dining table. The top could be a flush door painted something attractive, or—better—a rectangle of 1/2-inch glass.

• A 42- or 54-inch round of 1/2-inch plywood on any base of suitable height would also make a dining table when you add a wardrobe of round tablecloths. Folding chairs for company can live in a closet.

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• Add a second headboard to the other end of the bed upholster both sides of it and the original headboard, and add piles of pillows to tuck the bed into the room.

• Not if she disguises the bedroom beginnings of her furniture by assigning it new living room roles. For example:

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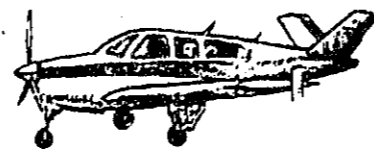
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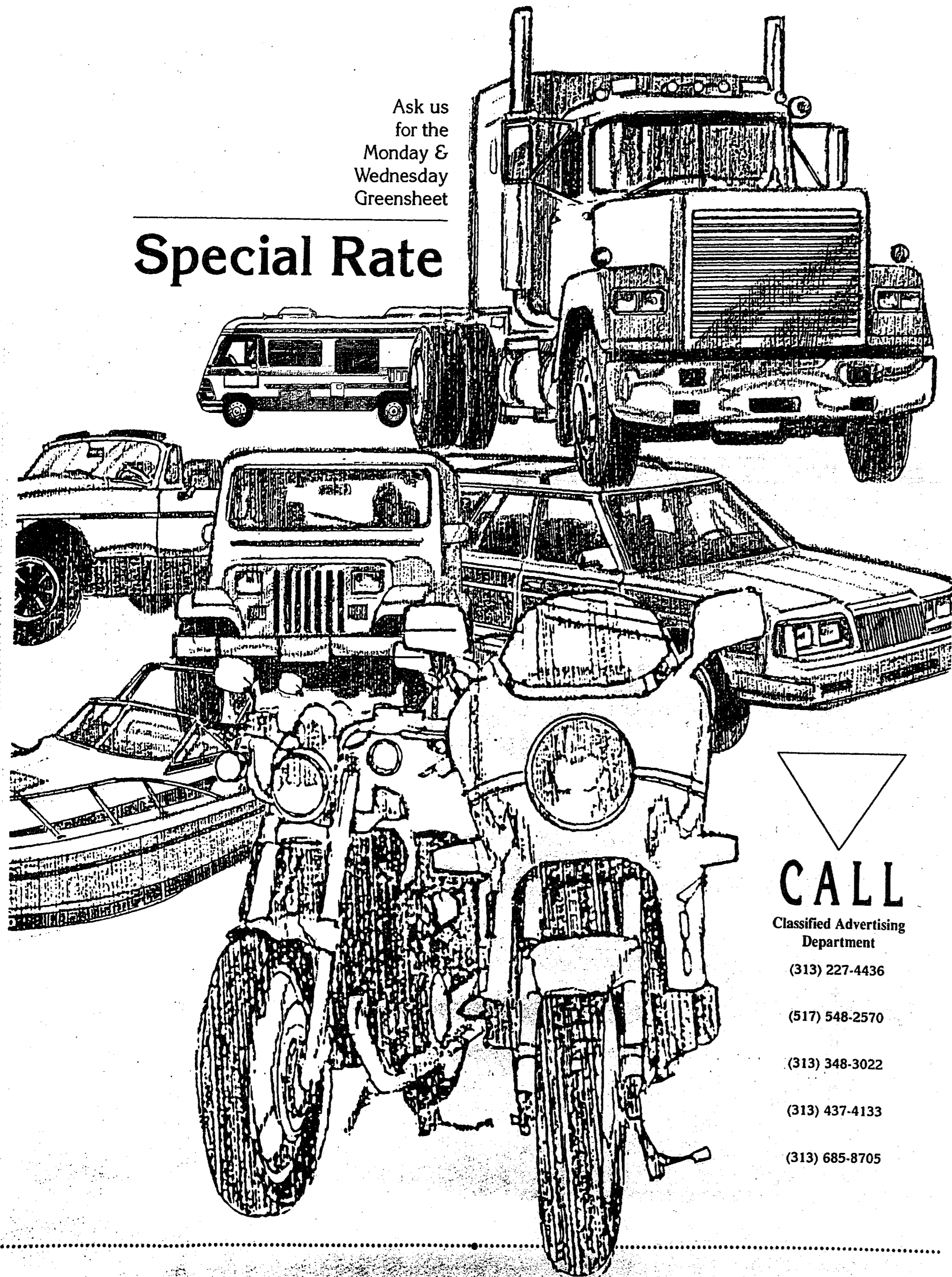


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**BUYER**  
**BEWARE**By LESLIE PEREIRA  
Staff Writer

Ann loved to shop. She shopped when she was happy. She shopped when she was sad. She shopped when she was lonely, frustrated or angry.

Last year Ann stopped shopping.

She owed \$40,000 on her 30 credit cards and was having difficulty making the minimum monthly payments.

"I was borrowing from Peter to pay Paul," Ann said. "I was very frightened. I couldn't see myself getting out."

Although her story sounds extreme, surprisingly, Ann is just one of an increasing number of people caught in the vicious cycle of purchasing on credit. Buying more than they can afford at an impulsive moment, many of these people convince themselves that they can afford it or are getting something for nothing until the credit card bills start pouring in and interest payments spiral upward and out of control.

And when the credit limit on one card is reached, people are finding it too easy to simply say "yes" to one of the many offers for new credit cards they are finding in their mail boxes.

Despite popular misconceptions of the wife gone crazy with the husband's cards, credit abuse is not a characteristic possessed by any specific sex or age category, social group or economic class. Anyone can lose financial control of their life. And as more people are getting not only their first, but second, third and fourth credit cards, credit counselors expect the debt situation to worsen as people discover the ease of obtaining credit and the convenience of buying with it.

The trend toward an increased reliance on credit has already begun. Purchases made on credit and not repaid immediately more than doubled between 1980 and 1987, the last year for which statistics were available. With a total of \$349.4 billion of consumer credit outstanding in 1980, that figure swelled to \$865.5 billion outstanding in 1987. For purposes of a real comparison, this is an increase from 18.2 percent of disposable personal income spent with credit in 1980 to 21.5 percent spent on credit in 1987, according to statistics from the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

"I have a brother who had a problem with credit cards and I had always promised myself that wouldn't be me," said Lynn, a 30-year-old bookkeeper whose credit card debt ballooned out of control. After accumulating an \$11,000 debt on 21 different credit card accounts, 17 of which she was behind on payments, Lynn forced herself to seek the help of a credit counselor.

And, surprisingly, many people involved with credit counseling agree that a high income is not a guarantee against development of

a credit problem. Rather, income level may just predict the degree of indebtedness.

"I have a good income but I lived beyond it," said Ann, currently a member of Debtors Anonymous, who asked to be identified only as Ann. "I liked to live like a millionaire even though I wasn't one."

The appearance of Debtors Anonymous on the scene in 1982, and its subsequent growth, is one visible response to the enormous cry for help by people with runaway spending habits. Now a national organization, local DA groups have been springing up in Michigan over the last couple of years.

DA relies heavily on the premises and techniques of Alcoholics Anonymous and other self-help groups which treat the outward problem, in this case chronic indebtedness, as a symptom of a deeper, more troublesome disease.

The group espouses self-help rhetoric with the belief that one needs to take charge of one's own

life, one day at a time, accepting help from a supportive network of people with similar problems.

Maureen, who is also in DA, says her previous problem of a continuously mounting shopping debt had roots in her deeper psychological problems and compulsive tendencies.

"Walking into a store for me was like magic — it could change a mood of anger to one of complete ecstasy," Maureen said. "I was on a high the whole time I was there."

Maureen finally hit rock bottom after depleting a \$40,000 joint savings account she held with her husband and running up a credit card debt of about \$12,000.

"I just spent it on clothes and frivolities," Maureen said. "My husband was freaking out. If I'd have kept going, we would have never dug out."

However, since last October, Maureen has halted her quick draw of the plastic cards and her rampant buying spree. She said it is still difficult for her to think about shopping and she often gets

the old, familiar rush of excitement. But now when this happens, she goes to a DA meeting or calls someone else in the program.

She is still trying to pay off the old debts, but says she is hopeful about the future and finds strength and confidence in knowing she is now in control of her life.

Another consequence of the movement toward credit as the preferred method of purchase is the growth of credit counseling services. Operating on a different premise, credit counseling assumes that people in trouble with creditors simply need to learn the basic skills of managing their own money.

"Money management is something that people have to learn," said Joan Witte, public affairs and administrative manager for Credit Counseling Centers Inc. "We take a very educational approach with people having financial problems. The bulk of the people we counsel are people who never look at their budget."

Witte said that although DA

can be a source of strength and a relief from stress for many people, she believes credit counseling centers are a preferred way for people with large credit problems to regain control.

"Money problems and all the resulting problems is a lot for one person to carry," Witte said. She said the DA approach encourages people to try to get back on track by themselves, which can be "quite a heavy load for one person."

And that was true in Lynn's situation. After talking to a Novit credit counselor, Lynn said, "I felt like someone had lifted a tremendous weight off my shoulders."

Since its inception in 1968, credit counseling centers have earned a greater amount of respect and authority from businesses and have more clout than an individual in dealing with creditors. They are uniquely positioned as a neutral conduit to negotiate flexible repayment schedules for a client that is overextended, according to Witte.

"I can't describe the feeling of helplessness," said Lynn, who had eventually gone out to charge an answering machine for screening angry creditor calls. "I needed someone to help me manage my money and get these people off my backs."

Credit counselors help their clients work out a money management budget, they negotiate with creditors for clients who can't make payments, and they will even take over check-writing responsibilities.

"We try to go over everything with them (clients)," said Gail Shultz. "We make suggestions on how to bring costs down."

Shultz, a credit counselor at the Credit Counseling Center in Novi, said she believes these days because of the ease of obtaining credit.

"People are getting in over their heads," Shultz said. "Bankruptcies are on the rise, and we are opening more offices."

Statistics from the U.S. Office of the Courts show that Shultz's observation is correct. Personal bankruptcies have been rising steadily since 1980, which recorded 278 filed and 364 pending. Figures for 1987 show more than double that number, with 561 bankruptcies filed with another 809 pending.

Witte shared her thoughts: "We have grown tremendously, which is kind of sad because we are in the credit counseling business," Witte said. In 1988 their organization helped clients pay back \$20 million to creditors. In 1989, that amount rose to almost \$25 million and "based on the projections so far for this year, we will surpass that," Witte said.

"People think that because it's (credit) offered to them, they can afford it," Shultz said.

And although Lynn quickly accepts full responsibility for her eager spending, she agrees that the accessibility of pre-approved credit was one factor leading to her quick fall off the favorable credit-rating list.

"I have a very bad feeling that the credit card companies are doing a disservice to people," Lynn said. "They should have a more responsible attitude about who they give credit to."

Even at her deepest point in debt, Lynn was receiving instant-use "just sign here" credit cards in the mail. Some of the cards were even from companies she was having difficulty paying.

"I am afraid to use a credit card now," said Lynn, who has chipped her initial \$11,000 debt down to \$5,000 in less than a year. And although she has no savings account, no health insurance and worries about unexpected expenses, Lynn feels better now.

"I can breathe again," said Lynn. "And I swear it will never happen to me again."

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## Volunteers

## Sharing her time

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

"Cub Scouts is not a baby-sitting service, as some parents think," commented Barbara Kramer, who is Committee Chairman for Pack 54, sponsored by Novi Woods Elementary School. "It's a program that provides positive growth for boys and their parents."

Pack 54 consists of six dens with 5 to 10 boys in each, making a total of 38 boys.

As committee chairperson, Kramer coordinates the Pack's activities, meeting monthly with the leaders to keep them informed on what's going on, what's available for them nationally, regionally, and locally, and getting their help in carrying out a worthwhile program for the boys.

There are local activities she keeps the leaders informed on like the Pinewood Derby, the Blue and Gold potluck banquet, and this spring's flower-box planting at the school. Also there are fund-

raisers like an ice cream social, candy sale, and a bike-a-thon.

Also Kramer plans the monthly Pack meetings which the Cub Master conducts. Each of these meetings has a special theme, but some things are constant — an opening and closing ritual, a presentation of advancements, and a skit provided by one of the dens.

Her job means making telephone calls, preparing and sending out flyers to keep everyone informed, and — oh yes, in the beginning of the school year, handling registration and assuring each den of having a leader, she said.

Kramer started in Cub Scouts, as an assistant den leader in 1983 when her older son joined Cubs. Now when her younger son is in his last year of Cubs, she is planning on leaving, too.

This leaves a hole for someone to fill — Committee Chairman for Pack 54. If you are interested in volunteering in it, call Novi Woods Elementary School at 344-8335.



Volunteer Barbara Kramer

Credit is cash of  
new generationBy LESLIE PEREIRA  
Staff Writer

Colleen has 15 credit cards, many of which are "maxed out," a basketful of unopened, angry notes from creditors, a total debt of almost \$8,000 and \$150 dollars in her bank account.

Colleen is 22 years old. "I used to be totally neurotic about them (debts)," Colleen said, "but now I just think, 'Hey, it's there, so I'm going to have to work and pay it off.'"

Colleen uses her plastic to pay for "everything from buying clothes to paying off other credit cards — and vacations."

A student at the University of Michigan, Colleen has been unemployed for the past few months, which she said has made her credit card situation a lot worse.

But even while she was working as a waitress in a high-priced restaurant, the problem of her compulsive spending habits was still there.

"When I was working I made so much money, but it's weird — I still made only the minimum payments on my credit cards," Colleen said.

Northville resident Virginia Notarainni, 69, has both a Visa card and a Sears card but she uses them both only "sparingly."

"I pay the whole thing off when it comes in the mail every month," Notarainni said. "I don't want that interest."

Similarly, 66-year-old Harold Yakey and 66-year-old Myron Utley, also Northville residents, both pay off their cards in full each month.

"I pay the balance every month because I don't believe in interest. I get the interest," Yakey said. "I just bought a brand new car and paid cash for it."

And while the differences in attitudes about purchasing on credit between the young and the old seem striking, recent statistics

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# Calling all baked goodies

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

May 19 is the date for the bake sale being planned by Ellen Fields, activity director of the Novi Care Center, and members of the Community Council.

The residents' families will be offering baked goodies for sale with proceeds going towards extra activity programs for the residents. If you would like to donate baked goods call her at the center.

The Community Council, led by local resident Bernice Frederick, has been implementing several programs including a Crunchy Toast/Hot Chocolate Time once a month on a Saturday, and have ordered two copies of the Novi News for the residents to enjoy. They will be assisting with activities planned for National Nursing Home Week coming up on May 13 through May 19, which will include a Mother's Day tea, balloon launch, and the bake sale.

A special speaker is planned for Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center. It will be Sandy Baumann, who is the director of Botsford ElderMed. She will speak on "I Forgot Where I Put My Memory."

The Council has already activated a "buddy" group to welcome new or returning residents with Florence Adair chairing this group. There will also be a wheelchair wash in May or June.

They are also implementing a religious service on the fourth Sunday of the month with residents participating. Edna Walton is the organist, and special music was presented by Lou Scoville of the Novi United Methodist Church at the April 22 service. Other residents who participated were Jane Martin, Jean Dudzinski, Lillian Andrews, Florence Bowers, Florence Adair, Carrie Ebmeyer, Dolores Preston, Mary DesChamps and Bernice Frederick officiating.

Several local groups have recently volunteered their time and talents to visit the residents. They include the Garden Club, Sweet Adelines, Agape Singers, and gentlemen from the Pup Tent VFW. Call Ellen Fields at the Center if you or your group would like to participate in a program.

**PERSONALS:** Mr. and Mrs. Ed Callan accompanied by Rita and Dave Allen and girls have returned from visiting Roy and Terrie Callan and children in Muncie, Indiana. They attended the yearly presentation of "Anne of Green Gables" presented by the Heritage Hill Christian School.

Mabel Ash and friends have returned from visiting the Speer family and attending horse shows in the Reed City area.

## Novi Highlights

Local resident Bill Charles is home recuperating from successful serious heart surgery, and although his birthday was this past week, the birthday party is "on hold" until he feels better. "Happy Birthday, Bill," Julie Seary was the guest of honor at a bridal shower last Sunday held at the 700 Bowl in South Lyon. Julie will be married to Todd Faulkner in June. The shower was hosted by Irene Faulkner and Toni Seary, and about 125 guests attended from Howell, Dearborn, Livonia, Westland, Southgate, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bartholomew and daughter, Pat Barr, Terrie Toranzo, Judy Williams, Jante Wagner, and Brian Mackenzle were among the Novi Youth Assistance members who attended the Annual Recognition of Volunteers by the Oakland County Youth Assistance Advisory Council last Tuesday evening at Cranbrook.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 19:** The annual Garage Sale will be held May 12 at the VFW Post Home, 39335 Grand River.

This will be a very special sale as the American Legion has been meeting at the VFW Post Home; however, it has been sold so everything in the post home will also be offered for sale as well as items that have been donated by members and friends.

The new meeting place for both groups has not been selected as yet. The May 8 meeting will be the last one held at that place and elections will be held that night. Roger Olson is the outgoing commander of Post #19 and Loreta Olson the present president of the Auxiliary.

The ladies have been involved in a project of collecting infant and children's clothing up to size 4 to be donated to the babies and toddlers suffering from AIDS. Also coming up for both units will be the Annual Poppy Sale on May 17, 18 and 19. These funds are used for welfare work in helping needy veterans and their families. Arlin Krueger is the poppy chairperson for the post and Roger Olson is the chairperson for the women's group.

Anyone wishing more information on the garage sale can contact Ken Bell at 478-5684. Members are also making plans to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade with a special service being held that morning at 9 a.m. by the American Legion, VFW, and Blue Star Mothers at the Oakland Hills Cemetery. The parade will form up at the Novi Town Center

near Borders Book Store parking lot at 10 a.m. with the parade going to the old Novi Road cemetery and then to the Civic Center for another service and guest speaker Rev. Leslie Harding, Wear of Holy Cross. The post again would invite eligible veterans to join with them on this day.

**NOVI CENTER SENIORS:** This group, which is a combination of the OLISSA group and the senior program presented by Novi Parks and Recreation, had a successful fashion show on April 17 and was taped by Metrovision with a showing sometime in the future.

The following were those who worked and headed up the committee: Clyda Bernd on tickets, Doris Schultz on refreshments, and Clara Lutz, assisted by Victor, Arline, Maxine and Vincent Gillette. Door prizes, Hilda Washburn and Gladys Earl; models, Elmer Holland; and publicity, Christina Charles, were others. Fashion shows were by Kohl's Department Store, which arranged for a pianist to accompany the models.

The group held its monthly meeting on May 1 with a report on the fashion show, and Janet McAlpine spoke on the programs at the center. Kathy Crawford from Parks and Recreation reported on the upcoming trips. She also reminded the seniors that the subsidized taxi rides are still available even though the Novi Senior Bus Transit is in effect with special rates.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has something for everyone. The weather is better now and seniors can call the center and get a free ride to the center through the transit system by calling 347-0400 for information.

Some of the programs that are offered include bingo, pinocle tournaments every Monday, clogging, Bookmobile visits, ping pong, oil painting, bridge, free blood-pressure checks, and a special time every Friday for coffee and conversation at 11 a.m.

Special programs are presented from several organizations in the community, including Crime Prevention Officer Bob Galt, who speaks once a month on subjects affecting seniors and how to prevent being a victim.

**NOVI PIN POINTERS:** This week was the last week of bowling for the league with their banquet being held at Kevin's in Farmington Hills this evening. Standings were as follows:

Never A Doubt 80% - 47%

Anyone with personal or club news for "Novi Highlights" may call Jeanne Clarke at 624-0173.

## Births

David and Nancy Ward of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **LAURA ELIZABETH**. She was born on March 21, 1990 at William Beaumont Hospital and weighed six pounds, four ounces.

Baby Laura joins her two sisters, Katherine and Sarah, who are six- and four-years-old respectively.

Grandparents are Dennis and Linda Skvarce of Novi, and Les and Diana Ward of Whitmore Lake.

Great-grandparents are Anna and Henry Carro of Highland, Mich., Mary Dahlberg of Novi, and Myrza Ward of Florida.

**LAURA ELIZABETH WARD**

**Credit concerns**

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roof over their heads. Now some people come in with over 10 credit cards.

Joan Witte, also of the Credit Counseling Centers, agreed. "Credit use is really changing. It used to be for essentials but that is no longer true."

However, both Shultz and Witte also agreed that it was misleading to characterize credit purchasing as a particularly young-generation phenomenon.

"We see everything — senior citizens, people just starting out and families where both people work," Shultz said.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**ST. KENNETH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1491 Haggerty Rd. South of Five Mile Road  
Saturdays 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon  
Holy Days of Obligation: 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Church: 420-8288

**OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
200 E. Northville  
Sundays 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Christine Krasner & Nancy, both Services  
Open Door Christian Academy (6-8)  
Head: Fred, Pastor  
348-2101

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sundays 9:30 & 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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**WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
300 Monroe St., 424-2483  
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Head: Fred, Pastor  
348-2101

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
70 Tower Northville  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
Church: 349-2111, School: 349-3410  
Religious Education: 349-2559

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON**  
22225 Old Road, 3 Mile S. of Grand River  
Sundays 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Services: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Head: Fred, Pastor  
348-2101

**UNITED ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
4802 North Lakeside Road  
Perth Amboy, NJ 07870  
Pastor: Bob E. Williams  
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Worship: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Head: Bob E. Williams, Pastor  
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9 Mile & Meadowbrook  
Worship: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sundays 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Church School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.  
Gene E. Johnson, Pastor  
349-6606

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Sundays School, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRLANE ASSEMBLY WEST**  
4100 W. Van Dyke  
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Church School, 10:00 a.m.  
Head: Fred, Pastor  
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**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
4100 W. Van Dyke  
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Church School, 10:00 a.m.  
Head: Fred, Pastor  
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**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
24555 Ford Rd. (between 3 & 4 Miles)  
Bible Study for All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
West: 424-2483  
Kathleen Stevens, Pastor

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
10 Mile between Van Dyke & Grand River  
Phone: 349-1172  
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
The Rev. Leslie F. Harding  
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**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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are not only attitudes but are actual behavioral patterns.

Of family units, including households of one, with the head of the household between 25 and 34 years old, more than 62 percent had some type of consumer credit debt. In comparison, only 19.2 percent of families with the head of the household over 65 years old had an unpaid credit card debt.

"The client profile has changed," said Gail Shultz of Credit Counseling Centers Inc. in Novi. "Back then someone was struggling to keep a

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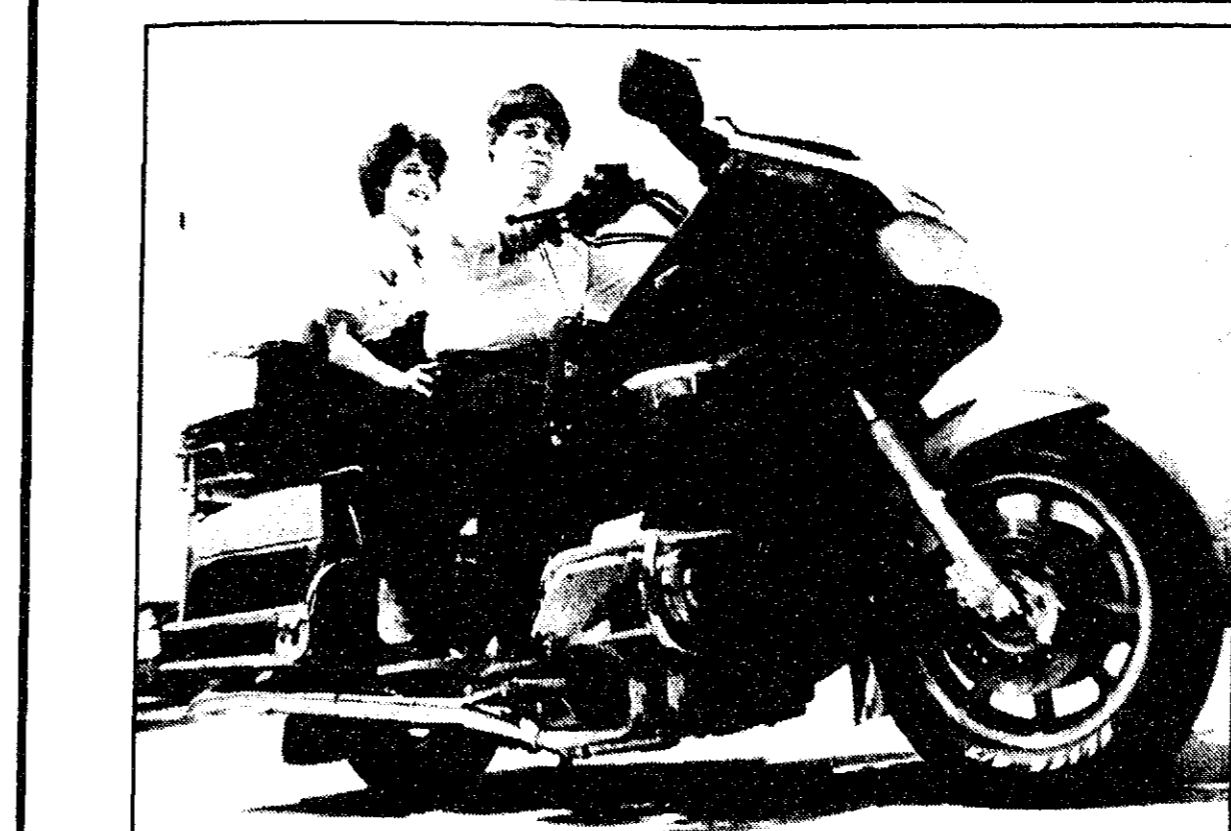
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Fred and Debi DeLong go for a cruise on their Honda Gold Wing road rider motorcycle.

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Novi's singing sensations to give local concert

Ruth Sill likes to perform community service. Only her regular contribution does not require hours of picking up garbage.

Rather Sill and the 45 or so other members of the Novi Choralaires sing for their community.

"We have a lot of fun, but I really believe we provide a community service," said Sill.

And it is a service the local community has been receiving for a long time. As they prepare to celebrate their 15th anniversary with a spring concert, the Choralaires are continuing to grow and gain in popularity.

"We are really close to having to go to two nights for spring concerts," Sill said.

But so far the singing group's spring concert, "Choralaires To Night," will be performed one night only Saturday, May 12 at Puerst Air

ditorium at Novi High School.

While Sill explains that the group is not professionally trained she said this fact does not reflect on their talents.

Most of the Choralaires have been involved with playing musical instruments or singing for many years, like their president, Sill.

"I played french horn in high school and sang in the choir in college," said Sill. "Music has always been important to me."

And Sill said her profile is similar to most of the other members of the Novi Choralaires.

"We sing 20-25 songs in a concert and they are all memorized," Sill said. "And you have to be able to read music."

Sill said they hold auditions for additional singers once a year in November. "It is not simply a recreational singing group you can join and quit

whenever you please. Rather, most Choralaires members stay with the group for a long time, like Sill, who has served as a singer and in various officer positions with the group for about nine years.

"We have to cut some people for balance as well as for talent," said Sill. "That is the hardest part of it, but the director does it."

The Choralaires' director, Janet Wassilak, is equally serious about her music. She has a bachelor of music degree in music education and a master of music degree in applied voice, both from Boston University. In addition to directing the Choralaires, she is also director of music at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn.

"She really has a knack for putting the show together," Sill said. "She writes a lot of the medleys herself."

# Area riders are golden

By LESLIE PEREIRA  
Staff Writer

Fred and Debi DeLong belong to a motorcycle group.

Despite what you are probably thinking, neither of them has a tattoo, Fred has no facial hair, and Debi's riding clothes are not skintight or black leather.

"We are trying to break the stigma," said Debi DeLong, a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). "The Hell's Angels are the other side of the spectrum from us."

And her husband Fred, an area representative for the group's Novi-based chapter chimed in. "We are just everyday people with a particular sport."

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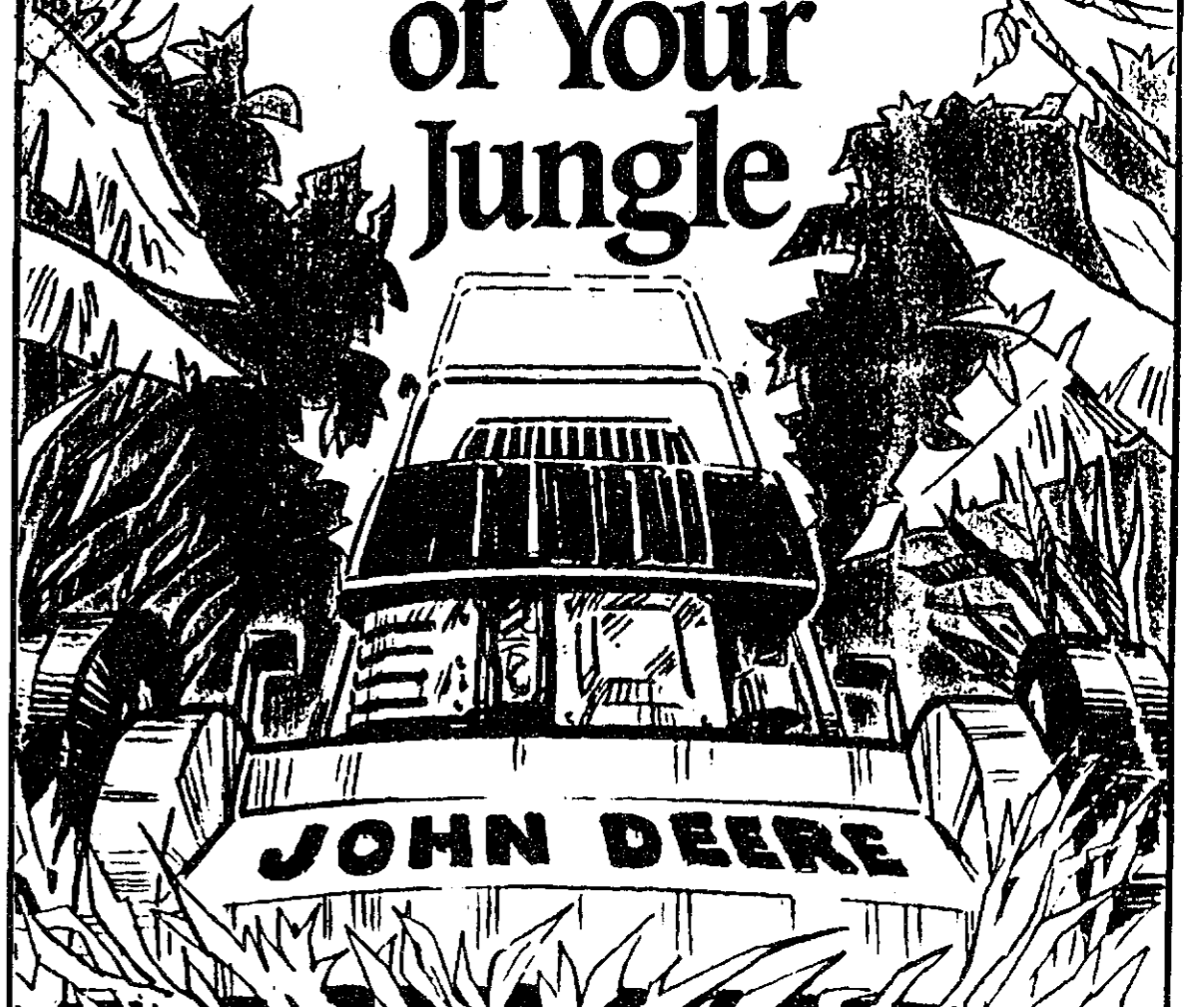
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Novi Choralaires are celebrating their 15th anniversary as a singing group this year



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# Travel

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## Great Smoky Mountains a challenge for hikers

By Ellen Grider

It defies the claim as the most visited national park in the U.S. The Great Smoky Mountains grace the states of Tennessee and North Carolina as part of the Blue Ridge Mountain chain.

Within this unique ecosystem are found flora and fauna that exist nowhere else in the world.

I made my first visit to the Smoky Mountains with veterans of its steep winding roads, verdant green meadows, enchanting streams, and hikers' bearing witness to a simpler way of life.

I began to make friends with the mountains by introducing myself to their bounties. We hiked beginner trails and quiet woodland walkways. We picnicked beside streams that flowed into the Pigeon River. We hiked more difficult trails as our bodies became accustomed to uphill foot travel. Each day and with each step I became closer to the mountains surrounded by a bluish haze that earns them their distinctive name.

As a challenge ever before us, the day came when we were ready to hike the Chimney Tops. I had conditioned my body for half of my life, walking

three miles a day, seven days a week, almost 365 days a year. But the flat lands of southern Michigan do little to prepare a body, regardless of the age, for enduring the heights of true mountains.

The hike to the Chimney Tops was rated difficult, a rating reserved for seasoned hikers. We had done adequate hiking. Our bodies and our minds told us that we were ready. We began the eight mile climb well fed and confident. The sway-back trails were steep, but we were young and so was the day. Mile two began to wear our bodies as legs protested climbing the steep incline. Lungs expanded to take in thinning air. Mile three found

us weary. A short rest and a granola snack renewed our spirit of mission. At mile four, we prayed that the trail would lessen its angle of elevation.

Mile five and six are a blur. Mile seven caused our spirits to stir; we had endured this far, we can make it now.

Signs along the way had been our informers. The one before us read, "Chimney Tops — 3 miles. Caution — steep and dangerous trail."

We read the sign with curiosity but no apprehension. We're almost there!

One more bend and we could see it. Rising 100 feet, at an angle popular to mountain goats, were the Chimney Tops. And they did look like

chimney tops from a distance, but up close they looked like a massive deposit of dark mountain material. Many weary hikers sat at the foot of the deposit. A few younger people were cawing on the huge, imposing metamorphic material.

Why wasn't anyone serious about going up? My partner and I looked at one another. In that moment of emotional eye contact our minds and hearts united; we were going to climb this mountain!

The climb was not easy, nor was it the most difficult thing I had ever done. Physically, it was a definite test of endurance. Mentally, the thought

of falling quickened the clinging impulse. Emotionally, I was at the peak of awareness as the body and soul merged to achieve a goal.

We climbed the Chimney Tops. The view was a portion of our prize. The solitude was healing. The grandeur of the mountains surrounding us opened our senses to the magnitude of the creation.

I will always feel a special bond with the Smoky Mountains. It was only a guest then, but they treated me well. I gave them my footsteps. They gave me determination, appreciation and the insight that the mountain is never the climb.



Photo by Iris Anderson

The Madewood Plantation is located on Bayou La Fourche near Baton Rouge

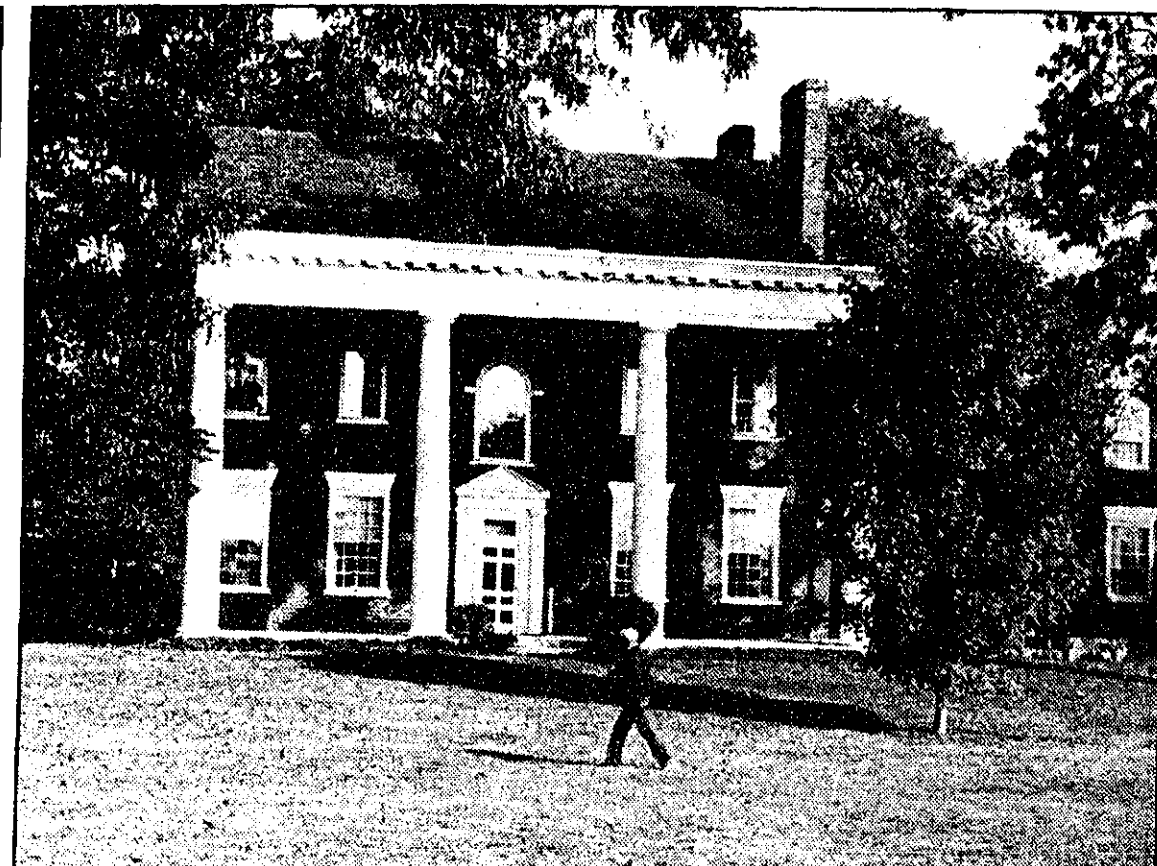


Photo by Mickey Jones

Speedwell Manor (1830) offers bed and breakfast accommodations near Knoxville

## Pillared Grandeur Bed and breakfasts flourish on antebellum plantations

By Iris Sonderson Jones

I have a vivid picture of the Louisiana plantation country, and it has nothing to do with either the Mississippi or the Civil War.

It's a picture of a young guide in a beautiful antebellum dress. She is resting on a grand 19th Century verandah, fanning herself in the summer heat. Her hooped skirt is lifted just far enough off the wooden floorboards to reveal her footwear; a pair of scuffed white athletic shoes and a pair of short white socks.

That's the way it is along the Mississippi River north and south of Baton Rouge. The great houses built before the Civil War—they call it the War of Northern Aggression—are there in all their pillared grandeur, but if you peek beneath the surface you find the 20th century.

The best example of this is found in the wonderful old plantation houses offering bed-&-breakfast accommodations on the stretch of Old Man River that runs from New Orleans north past Baton Rouge.

They are old in all the expected ways, but they have the mattresses and modern facilities that you

and I expect when we stay overnight in America.

If you read your history, you won't be surprised to learn that change is a natural part of the Old South. This remarkable collection of plantations, and the lush southern life they represent, come out of a very short period in American history.

Mississippi plantations were built because of four 19th century changes. Innovators learned to granulate sugar and to remove seeds from the cotton plant. Napoleon ceded the Louisiana Territory to the United States. And Fulton invented the engine that put steamboats on the Mississippi.

It was only 50 years between the first grand plantation house and the war that destroyed plantation life, but you should see what is left behind from that half century!

There are 1600 accommodations at Oak Alley, Madewood and Nottaway plantations between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, and at Cottage, Asphodel, the Myrtles and Millbank in Feliciana Parish north of Baton Rouge. You can visit but not sleep in Rosedown, Houmas House and other grand plantation houses open to tourists but not to overnighters. Some, like Madewood, are straight out of *Gone With The Wind*.



Photo by Mickey Jones

Guides await tourists outside the Houmas House in Louisiana

## LTU announces 29-day tour of the great castles of Europe

Join experts in history and architecture in June to explore the age of kings and aristocracy and tour the great palaces and castles of Great Britain and Western Europe.

The 29-day tour is presented by Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and is scheduled to begin June 1. Participants will travel with experts from LTU through many ancient houses and castles in England, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

A one-week tour of Great Britain includes sights such as London's Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and St. Paul's Cathedral. Day tours through England include stops at Cambridge University, the Royal Pavillion in the seaside town of Brighton, and the Canterbury Cathedral en route to Dover.

Paris Cathedral de Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the artists' square of Mont Martre will mark a few stops in a five-day tour of France. The French excursion includes trips to Versailles and Tours. France. Two days are set aside for a taste of Switzerland with views of the Bavarian and Swiss Alps in Lucerne. A one-day tour of Geneva will include sights such as

the cathedral at Bourges, the House of Jacques Coeur. A 10-day tour of Italy will allow participants to view the awesome structures of Milan, Florence, Rome, Assisi, the Vatican City and Venice. Study classical Italian architecture including the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Strozzi Palace, Villa Rotunda and the Villa Madama.

The "Sound of Music" city and Mozart's birthplace will be two stops in Austria. Or participants may opt to visit Schloss Hellbrunn, the palace of the Archbishop in Salzburg.

And in Germany, the Neuschwanstein and Linderhof castles in Ludwig mark stops en route to Pussen. A stop in Heidelberg will allow participants to visit Weissenhof, a 1920's model housing produced by Deutscher Werkbund.

June 29 will end the tour with participants departing from Frankfurt, Germany. The total cost for the tour package is \$2,550 and is due May 1. The cost includes round-trip airfare, lodgings and entrance fees to all castles and palaces. For more information contact Karen Todd at 356-0200.

## WSU Alumni group schedules trip to Scandinavian countries

The Wayne State University Alumni Association invites interested travelers to join them July 14-28 in a 15-day tour of the scenic shores of Scandinavia. The group will be touring Denmark, Sweden and Norway, with main stops in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo.

In Copenhagen, tourists will see the sights of the Little Mermaid, Tivoli Gardens, the Royal Palace and the Nyhavn Harbor. Time will also be designated to roam the Danish cobblestone streets.

After three days in Copenhagen, participants will board a cruise ship for an overnight sail to Oslo which includes a Scandinavian smorgasbord buffet. Five stops will be made in Norway: Oslo, Ulvik, Bergen, Balestrand, Standa and Lillehammer.

The magnificent fjords, valleys and waterfalls of the Norwegian countryside will give tourists a close look at sights such as Steinfossen waterfall, Vika Mountain and Boya Glacier.

The group will pass Lom and the grand Gudbrandsdalen Valley to arrive in Lillehammer, the host

of the 1994 Winter Olympics. The Norwegian tour will include shopping time in Oslo and a peek at some of the newest additions to the city center. Also in Norway, participants will explore the home of composer Edvard Grieg and the Fantoft Stone Church along with a lot of Hansaatic architecture.

A train ride from Oslo will carry participants to Stockholm, Sweden's capital. Visits to the Royal Palace, the 13th Century Gamla Stan and City Hall will fill a day in Stockholm. The remainder of the trip will be spent shopping in and catching up on unscheduled sights.

A Farewell Dinner Party will be presented for the last evening in Scandinavia, celebrated at the Sergel Plaza Hotel in Stockholm. The tour package includes round-trip airfare, 12 nights accommodations, scenic cruise and train passages, daily breakfast and two Scandinavian dinner parties.

As a WSUAA guest, the tour price is \$2,399 based on double occupancy. For more information on the Scandinavian holiday, please contact Chuck Randolph Travel & Tours at (313)645-5050.

## Performers put smiles on seniors' faces

By LESLIE PEREIRA Staff Writer

Gliding quickly and easily around the room in his black tuxedo, Ron Ward leads the crowd of senior citizens in a raucous rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

He cants. Moments later, a man in the same tuxedo wearing a turban and calling himself Rudolph Valentino ventures into the room for a slow dance with a feathered-hair flapper.

Just another Monday night for Ron Ward and the Agape Singers he founded.

Once every week the group of perkier entertainers travel the local nursing home circuit to perform their "Roaring Twenties" show as an evening of free entertainment for the residents.

On Monday, April 30, the group of entertainers, complete with their own Al Capone and Baby Face Nelson, were at the McNamara Towers residents.

"It is a great thing for them because so few of them get out to see that sort of thing anymore," said Lana Priest, manager of McNamara Towers in Livonia, the site of the Agape Singers show last week. "They (residents) thoroughly enjoy them here."

Ward's energy seems contagious as smiles pop up on the faces of the audience and giggles can be heard

throughout the room as the show gets corner by the minute.

The next song performed by the group is "Puttin on the Ritz" at which time many of the Agape performers ceremoniously pull out Ritz cracker boxes and put them on their heads.

And although he sometimes encounters a negative response or reluctant smile from someone in the audience, Ward's own wide smile

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Ron Ward Agape Singers Foundation

never dims and he continues lavishing that person with attention until they ultimately surrender themselves to having a good time.

"I had no idea why we were doing this, except we got a tremendous response," Ward said. "There is a rather sad plight in our country. We tend to discard many of our elderly."

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Ron Ward dances with another Agape Singer as part of their special "Roaring Twenties"

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Priest said. "One of our ladies even got up and sang with him." And the Agape Singers are only part of Ward's act.

Although Ward himself has been entertaining in nursing homes for the past 12 years, he discovered that his Agape Singers were not able to keep

up with the demand.

"It is really a gut-wrenching experience to have to say 'no,'" Ward said about the singers' scheduling overload.

So Ward founded the Agape Smiles Foundation in 1987 for exactly the same purpose. Out of a tiny office, Ward and an assistant raise all the money, select quality entertainers, and schedule as much entertainment to as many nursing homes as possible.

"These people are crying out not to be forgotten," Ward said. The Agape (Greek for love) Smiles Foundation raised enough money last year to provide 458 shows at 116 different elderly facilities.

The Agape Smiles Foundation is non-profit and all of the money raised goes to operating costs and payment of the entertainers. Each of the individually hired entertainers is paid \$25 per show.

"We select quality entertainers. And we don't select people that just go in and play music and leave," Ward said. "We try to get people who have compassion for old people."

The Agape Singers will be presenting their "Swing Into Spring" concert in conjunction with other individual Agape performers on Sunday, May 20 at Holy Family Church in Novi. The show begins at 3 p.m. and a donation of \$5 is asked.

## Mystery writers talk at Borders

Best-selling authors and Michigan residents William X. Kienzle and Loren D. Estleman will be signing their latest novels at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center on Saturday, May 12, from 2-3 p.m.

Both Kienzle and Estleman write mystery novels which take place in Detroit. Through both authors incorporate in their books places and events familiar to Detroit Metro area residents. Kienzle's stories center around Catholic priest and amateur sleuth Father Robert Koessler, while Estleman speaks through the hard-bitten streetwise detective Amos Walker.

Kienzle, who spent 20 years as a Catholic priest, was formerly the editor-in-chief of the Michigan Catholic. After leaving the priesthood, Kienzle began writing mystery novels, including his first best-seller, *The Rosary Murders*, published in 1978. He has gone on to write eleven mysteries featuring Father Koessler, and has recently published another, *"Masquerade."*

In his latest novel, *Father Koessler* agrees to serve as a consultant for a mystery writer's conference. Both the priest and the students are stocked

when a real murder takes place at the conference. The suspects include the other conference speakers: a rabbi, a nun, a monk, and an Episcopal priest — all successful mystery writers, and each of whom hated the murdered victim, Father Koessler, because of his involvement in a convoluted tangle of emotions and motives, but uses his understanding of the human heart to discover the murderer.

Amos Walker, the detective featured in "Sweet Women Lie," Estleman's latest work, employs his usual street-smart methods in an explosive revenge story. When Walker's ex-wife reappears after several years, he soon finds himself playing a cat-and-mouse game with a washed up sixties film star, a CIA agent, and a government killer. Like all of Estleman's novels, the story contains plenty of action and suspense.

Estleman, who currently lives in Whitmore Lake, has written over two dozen books including westerns and mysteries. Since publishing his first novel in 1976, he has received the Western Writers of America Spur Award twice, and the Private Eye Writers of America Shamus Award three times.

## Kensington fun

Several nature events will be held at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks during the period of May 19 thru May 20.

**KENSINGTON METROPARK**  
Three nature events will be held at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton.

"Mother Nature's Storytime," an opportunity for children 3 to 6 years old to hear stories about the world of nature, will be held on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m.

"Walking Wildwing," a naturalist-led walk around Wildwing Lake, will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 1 p.m.

"Spring Extravaganza," a Michigan Week celebration featuring flowers and birds of spring will be held on Sunday, May 20 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
Most programs are free; some may have a nominal charge and advance registration and a vehicle entry permit are required. For information/registration contact the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, phone 1-800-47-PARKS (toll-free).

**KENSINGTON FARM CENTER**  
"Sloping The Hogs" will be held at the Farm Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton on Saturday, May 19 at 3 p.m.

**HUDSON MILLS METROPARK**  
Two nature events will be held at Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter/Ann Arbor.

"Wildflower Wander," a naturalist-led walk searching for spring wildflowers, will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 1 p.m. Participants should meet at the Activity Center.

"Nature's Nook," a children's program, will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. Participants should meet at the Activity Center.

**OAKWOODS METROPARK**  
"Fun With The Sun," an opportunity to make sun tea, solar prints, a sun dial, or do wood burning with sun power, will be held at the Nature Center of Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

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## Canoeing down state rivers

### Tubing also option

From a quiet paddle down a scenic river to a fast-moving ride on the rapids, Michigan's 36,000 miles of inland waterways will lure thousands of canoeists this season, AAA Michigan reports.

In addition to canoes, many liveries also rent inner tubes to take advantage of growing interest in "tubing." Some liveries also provide kayaks and paddleboats.

"Canoe rental rates vary widely, ranging from \$12 a day to as much as \$18 an hour depending on the location," said Peter Erickson, AAA Michigan Club Services director. "But most liveries are holding prices to last year's levels."

A survey of 61 liveries statewide showed canoes can be rented on several popular Southeast Michigan rivers including Huron, River Raisin, Clinton and the south branch of the Kalamazoo.

Some liveries charge hourly rates of \$3 to \$18. Others reserve canoes for 2-1/2 hour blocks at costs between \$14 and \$20. Some charge daily rates of \$12 to \$30. Half-day, weekly and group discounts also may be available.

Rivers listed on the AAA Michigan 1990 Canoe Guide range from quiet water to fast moving with rapids. For

more information about individual liveries, write to the Michigan Recreational Canoeing Association, P.O. Box 296, Montague 49437. The association represents more than half of state liveries.

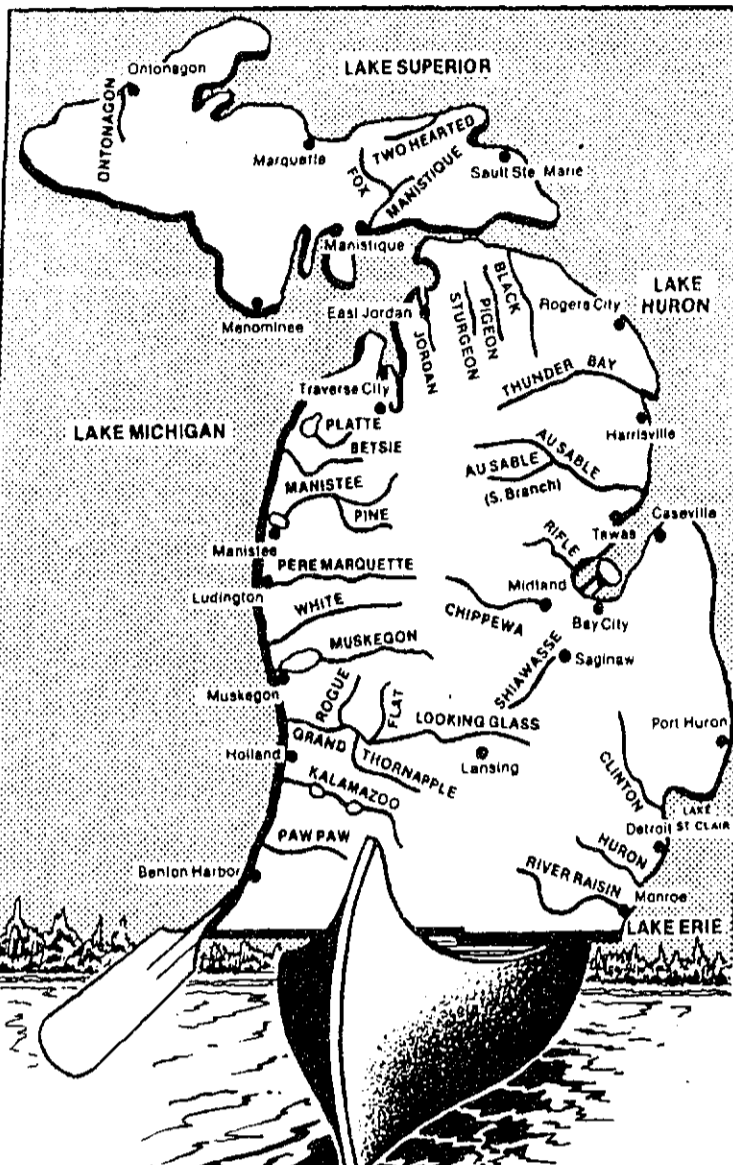
Most liveries open in April or May and remove canoes from the water in October or November. Reservations are recommended, especially during holidays and summer weekends.

Novices can learn to canoe free from May 15 to June 15 at participating liveries. Free, one-hour canoe trips also are available during Michigan Canoe Week, June 1-7, to those registering in advance.

Those heading out for a river middle should wear tennis shoes and bring a dry change of clothing, sun tan oil, hat and windbreaker. Leave expensive jewelry home and place wallets and keys in zippered or buttoned pockets.

To keep personal possessions dry, place items in garbage bags sealed separately and packed one inside the other. Attach bags to the canoe.

Alcohol affects balance and coordination and increases your willingness to take risks, so don't drink while canoeing. Canoeists should know how to swim and wear personal flotation devices approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.



This map details the state's best waterways for canoeing and the neighboring towns or cities.

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# the NOVI NEWS Sports

## Twinbill sweep puts Novi into title chase

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN Staff Writer

With a doubleheader victory against South Lyon on May 2 — the team's first conference twinbill sweep this season — the Novi baseballers have now catapulted themselves into the Kensington Valley Conference title chase. The Wildcats (6-4) have sole possession of second place and trail Brighton by just one game.

Novi pounced the Lions 14-4 in the opener, which was called after five innings because of the mercy rule. The Cats used the long ball to score 11 of the 14 runs, including a trio of three-run homers — one each by Darnell Krause, Jason Wladischkin and Matt Gdowski. The nightcap was much more competitive, but Novi pulled out a hard-fought 5-4 victory in the bottom of the final inning.

"We are playing well and the season is coming around nicely," Wildcat Coach Brian Howard said. "All the teams in the KVC are capable, so we have to be ready every game."

In game one, Novi rallied for three runs in the second on Gdowski's blast and then six more in the third to take command, 10-3. The Cats sent 11 batters to the plate in the inning and the big hits came from Wladischkin (three-run homer), Nate Faulkner (two-run homer) and Mike Molloy (run-scoring double).

After scraping together another run in the fourth, Novi ended it when Krause belted his three-run dinger in the fifth. Six Wildcat batters had at least two hits, including Kelley Justus, Chris Lowery, Krause, Molloy, Matt Kobe, and Wladischkin.

"No question, with 15 hits in five innings, it was our best hitting performance of the season," Howard said.

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Brian Howard  
Novi Coach

The starter and winner was Brad Lewis, who scattered three hits and allowed three earned runs and two walks, while striking out four.

In game two, Novi won it in the seventh, thanks to a South Lyon error. With the game tied 4-4, runners at the corners and two out, Mark VanAmeyde drilled a grounder down the third base line that was booted by third baseman Mike Grahl. Justus scored from third rather easily.

Sophomore hurler Matt Kobe registered his first career varsity victory in impressive fashion. In seven innings, he fanned five, walked five and allowed just three earned runs on six hits.

"He threw only one bad pitch — a slow, hanging curve — and Grahl was ready for it and smacked a three-run homer in the fifth," Howard said. "Kobe had much more control of his pitches than in any previous outing, and to top it off, he's batting .563 with two home runs."

Molloy drove in a pair of runs to pace the Wildcat hitting attack.

NOVI 3-5, MILFORD 1-10: For the fourth time in four conference doubleheaders, the Cats salvaged another KVC split — this time on April 30 against host Milford.

In the opener, VanAmeyde was the difference as he registered a complete-game, one-hitter. The lone hit was a solo homer by John Finley in the second inning. VanAmeyde went on to fan six and walk just one.

"I knew Mark was capable and he pitched very, very well," Howard said. "We played good defense behind him — particularly Mike Molloy at third."

"Trailing 1-0, Novi tied it in the third on consecutive doubles by Justus and Wladischkin, and then won it in the top of the sixth on a solo homer by Lowery. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the seventh."

"Milford entered our doubleheader with an 8-2 record, and the game was in Milford, so we were very happy to get at least one win," Howard said. "This is essentially the same team that advanced to the state championship game last spring."

In the second game of the twinbill, Novi fell behind 5-0 after two innings but regrouped to score four times in the top of the third. The Cats would have knotted the score in the inning but Krause was called out at the plate trying to score from second on a single.

"We made a nice comeback, but the play at the plate was a big one," Howard said. "Krause and the ball got there at the same time. It would have been a big mental boost to erase a 5-0 lead, but it didn't work out that way."

The Redskins increased the lead to 9-4 with two runs in each of the next two innings to regain control. Molloy and Krause split the pitching duties, and Molloy was saddled with the loss. Justus was the only Novi player with more than one hit.

The Wildcats are now 7-6 overall.

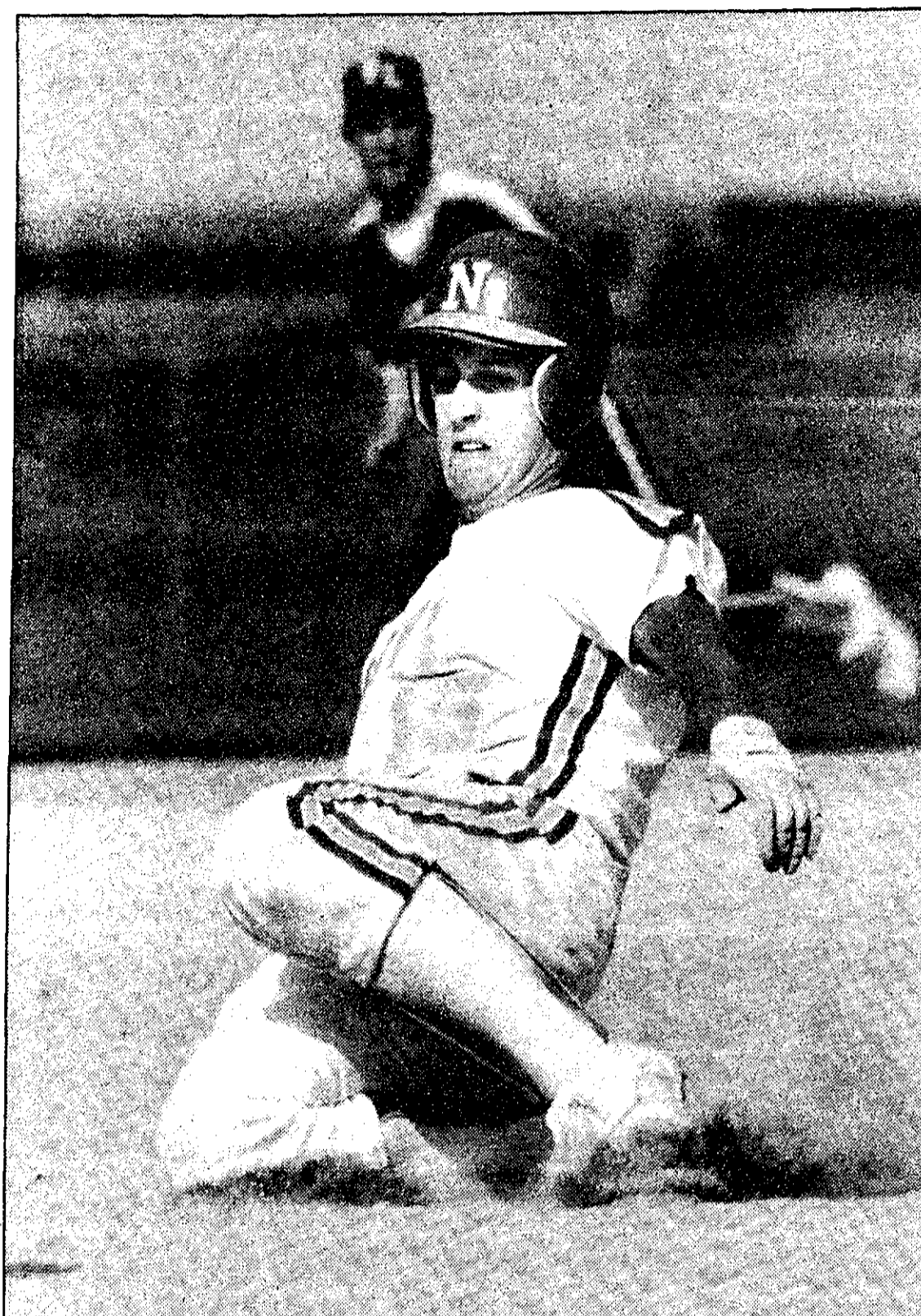
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Novi's Chris Lowery slides safely into third base against South Lyon last week.

## Folk singer performs at library

Folk singer/storyteller Kitty Donohoe will present a family style program of songs, stories, and folklore of Michigan and the Great Lakes region. She will touch on ship wrecks, Michigan Indians, the logging industry, and other bits of Michigan history. She favors her program with the music of the guitar, banjo, dulcimer, spoons, and a clean mouth bow. This hour of entertainment for the whole family will be at the Novi Public Library on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. No registration is necessary but seating will be limited.

**Spring concert:** The Novi Chorales' Spring Concert will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fuesler Auditorium at Novi High School. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$12 for a family ticket and are available at Novi Department of Parks and Recreation, at the Guildler in Northville, and at the door.

**Craft session:** Two Mother's Day craft sessions will be held on Saturday, May 12 both at 11 a.m. and noon. Make a special craft for a special person in your life. Materials fee of \$1. The session will be held at the Novi Public Library.

**Marquis Theater:** Stephen Sondheim's hit musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the

### In Town

**Way to the Forum:** This is a hilarious romp through ancient Rome. This Marquis production features a professional cast and a New York choreographer. Performance dates are: 8 p.m., Saturdays, May 12, and 19; Fridays, May 11, and 18 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, May 13 and 20, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$11 and can be purchased by phone at 349-8110 or may be purchased at the door of the theater.

**Friendship play:** "Friend" is a youth musical depicting the importance of Christian friendship. The music incorporates a variety of styles, with such songs as "Friends" by Michael Smith, "Lamb of God" by Carter, "Children of the Light" by K. Shaw, "That's What Friends Are For" by Bacharach/Sager, and many others.

The message of friendship is portrayed through song, dance, narration and sign language. Over 80 youth are involved, ages 13-18. Students are from Northville, Novi, Farmington,

South Lyon, Milford and Plymouth. Performance dates are: May 13, 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

**Talent show:** Every Sunday evening from 8:30 p.m. Whispers Lounge in the Novi Hilton, will be the site of a new laser vision video disc player. TV monitor and "key controller," which automatically sets the key of the music to the singer's voice, is making the opportunity available to all would-be performers.

Each Sunday, performers will compete before a live audience and a talent agent who will decide right winners. Winners will be awarded dinner for two in the Swan restaurant and will be allowed to compete in the grand sing-off.

The grand prize winner will have a videotape of their performance sent to Ed McMahon's "Star Search" program. For more information, call 349-4000.

"In Town" lists upcoming entertainment events in Novi and Northville. To have events listed write to "In Town," Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

## Detroit hosts comedienne Barr

Roseanne Barr, the comedienne and star of the hit television show "Roseanne," will send Detroit audiences into hysterics in performances at the Fox Theater tonight through Saturday.

All shows are at 8 p.m., and priced at \$20 and \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office, the Fox Theater Box Office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone using Visa, MasterCard or Discover call 645-6666. For more information, call 567-6000.

**Live theater:** The award-winning "Other People's Money" opens at the Fisher Theater on May 21 for three weeks. Winner of the 1989 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Production, it is the show that has the New York business community talking and lining up for tickets. This play is a funny, inside look at what happens when a corporate raider makes a game of acquiring a small New England Company.

Show times are: Monday, May 21 at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$19-\$31. For more information call the Fisher Theater at 672-1000.

**Musical scores:** The May schedule for the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College features the following classes:

At 8 p.m. on Friday, May 11, flutist Ginka Ortega-Ostega presents flute and piano work dating from the

### Nearby

"Classics to Jazz." Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

"Painful Night" is set for Friday, May 18, to honor Armed Forces Day, May 19. The evening's entertainment will feature everything from Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" to George Cohen's "You're a Grand Old Flag." Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

For more information, call 471-7700.

**Local ballet:** The Dearborn Symphony Orchestra presents "Life and Lucy," a show which will highlight the oboe and trumpet sections; their principal flute, Clem Barone, and the fabulous Fairlane Ballet Company. The show will be Friday, May 11 at 8 p.m. at Fordson High School Auditorium in Dearborn. Tickets are \$8-\$10. For more information call, 561-5782 or 565-2424.

"Nine" — The Royal Oak Stagecrafters will be doing the upcoming production of the award-winning contemporary musical "Nine."

The play will run May 10-12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m., May 13 and 20 at 2 p.m., at the historic Baldwin Theater. Tickets are \$9 on Thursdays and for seniors and students on Sundays. All other tickets are \$10.

Tickets can be picked up at the Baldwin box office located at 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Or call for re-

servation at 541-6430.

**David Bowie:** Rock superstar David Bowie will appear at the Palace of Auburn Hills for two performances, Sunday, June 24 and Monday, June 25 at 8 p.m., as part of his "Sound + Vision" world tour. Tickets for both shows are \$25 went on sale Saturday, April 21 at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets may be charged to Visa or Mastercard by calling 645-6666.

**Farmer's Market:** starting Saturday, May 12, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again present the annual Farmer's Market. Opening day is "Flower Day" with plants and flowers in abundance.

The market will be open Tuesday to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 20 with the exception of Sept. 8, when it will be closed for the Fall Festival.

The market is at the Gathering, between the Penn. Theater and Masonic Temple on Pennington Avenue in Plymouth.

For more information call the chamber at 453-1540.

**Ice cream social:** On May 20, 1990 the Wixom Historical Society will honor Michigan Week by having an ice cream social at the Wixom Wire

House Museum, Maple and Wixom Roads from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Comedy club:** The Looney Bin Comedy Club and Restaurant of Walled Lake is featuring the following popular performers: May 11-12, back by popular demand is Gary Hardwick with Roland Kimble and Steve Bell.

The Looney Bin is located at 1655 Glegory. For reservations, call 649-3374.

**College lunch:** Schoolcraft College presents the American Harvest restaurant, featuring food prepared by the college's culinary arts students.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A buffet is offered on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 462-4488 for reservations.

"Nearby" lists upcoming entertainment events close to the Novi/Northville community. To have an item listed in this column, write to: *Nearby*, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

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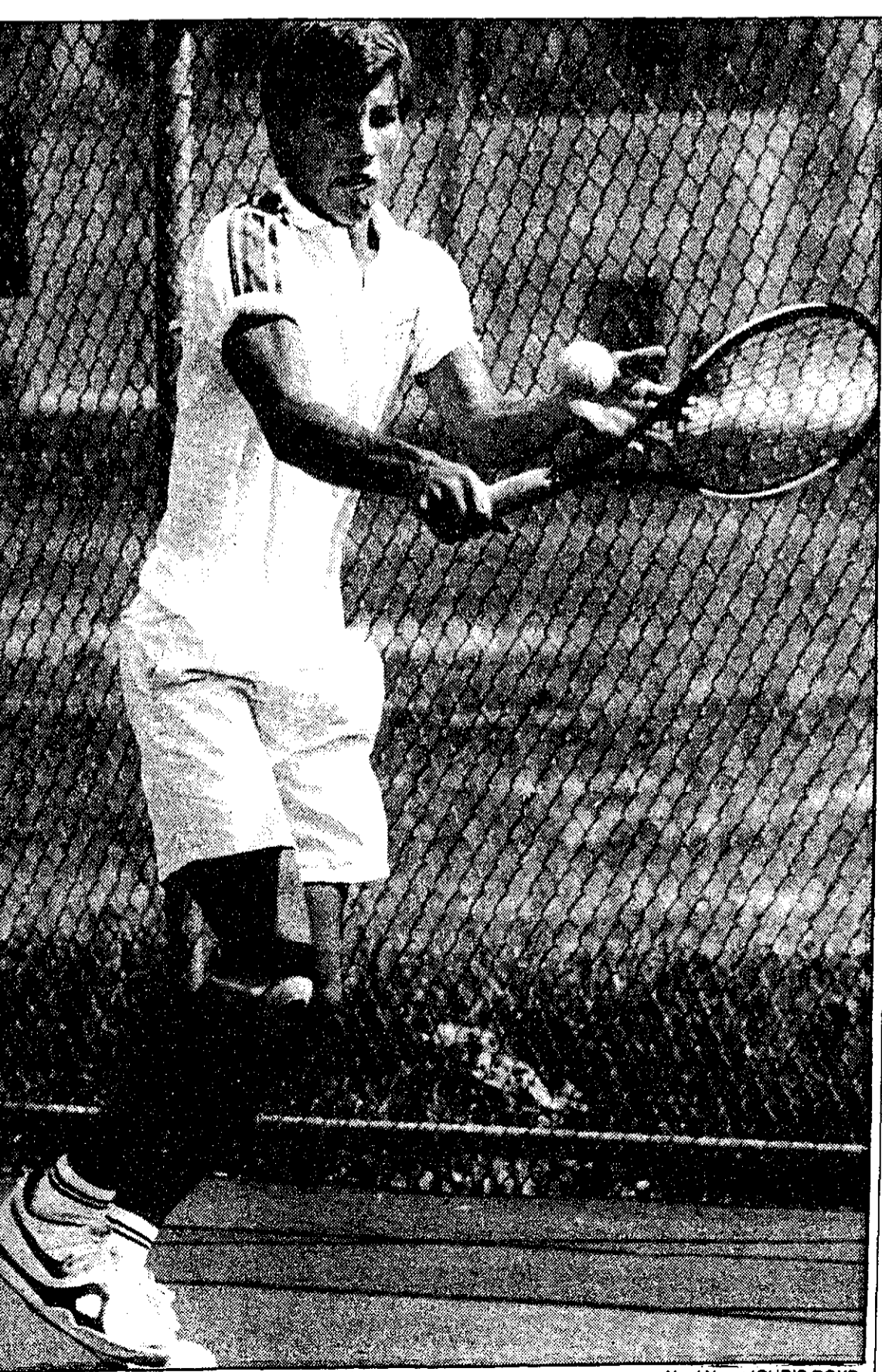
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## Wildcat tennis squad notches first dual meet win



Matt Butler accounted for one of Novi's three victories on May 2 against Brighton

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN Staff Writer

It took nearly a month, but the Novi tennis squad notched its first dual meet victory of the season on April 30 with a 5-2 win over Lakeland. Then, three days later, the Wildcats doubled the win total to two with a convincing 6-1 non-conference triumph over Livonia Clarenceville.

No matter how you look at it, last week was a high point for coach Jim Newbold and his team in an otherwise forgettable campaign.

Against Lakeland, Novi registered wins in all three doubles flights and then split the four singles matches to pull it off.

"It felt good to get a win," Newbold said. "I was happy for the kids. We pulled out a couple three-sets and that was pretty much the difference."

At No. 3 singles, Matt Butler turned back Mike Kaplan 6-3, 7-5; and at No. 4, Chris Bayer outlasted his opponent 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Tim Robb and Andy Anderson

topped Peter Knight and Spencer Hooks (6-4, 6-2) at No. 1; doubles: Chris Kueck and Jason Babcock had little trouble with Joe Ant-

mishek and Brooks Boughton at No. 2; and Marc Sica and Brendan Sicks edged Steve Hein and Rob Hoffman (6-3, 4-6, 6-2) at No. 3.

"There were some very good matches and the kids felt good about the outcome," Newbold said.

NOVI 6, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Newbold sent his entire varsity lineup to a scrimmage against West Bloomfield on May 3, and battled the traditionally weak Trojans with the junior varsity regulars.

"They did very well," Newbold said. The Wildcats won all three doubles matches in straight sets. The winners included Craig Barker and Dan Bush at No. 1 (6-2, 6-2); Brian Empric and Jeff Nelson at No. 2 (6-3, 6-2); and Jeff Thrist and John Grince at No. 3 (6-0, 6-0).

The singles victories came to Tim Wheeler at No. 2 (6-0, 6-0); Dan

Loves at No. 3 (6-4, 5-7, 6-3); and Rayt Suartz at No. 4 (4-6, 6-1, 6-3).

BRIGHTON 4, NOVI 3: The Bulldogs beat the Cats for the second time on May 2, but round number two was much more competitive and interesting than the 6-0 shut-out in the first meeting back on April 11.

"It's a good indication we are improving," Newbold said. "We're young and inexperienced and it's going to take time for the kids to learn how to win. It's not that they aren't trying."

The Wildcats got a pair of singles victories, but needed tie-breaker wins to get them. At No. 2, Zubin Antia slipped past Jason Colin 7-6 (9-7), 6-4; and at No. 3, Butler edged Jim McGaley 7-6 (7-1), 3-6, 6-4.

The only victories doubles team was Kueck and Babcock at No. 2. They disposed of Ryan Hill and Chris Reichards 6-3, 7-5.

Novi improves to 2-7 overall, 1-5 in the KVC.

## Brighton brings tracksters back down to earth, 94-44

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN Staff Writer

Just three days after winning its own eight-team tournament, the Novi boys track squad got a rude welcome back into Kensington Valley Conference competition. Host Brighton brought the opposition — as well as a 94-44 win over the Wildcats — on May 1.

"It really showed our kids that the KVC is a great track league," Novi Coach Bob Smith said. "It brought our kids back down to earth just three days after the highlight of the season. But we held our heads high and performed even though we knew the outcome would go the other way."

The Cats managed five firsts (out of 17 events), including a 1-2-3 sweep in the pole vault, but the visitors failed to score a point in any of the four relay events, and were swept in other events like the 400, the 800, the 1,600 and the 3,200.

"It kind of went as expected."

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Bob Smith  
Novi Track Coach

Smith said. "Brighton is a few notches above us right now. We knew they have more experience than us and they are deep and solid at every event."

Sophomore sprinter Ken Fenchel continued his dual meet dominance by winning both the 100 (11.59) and 200 (24.75) meter dashes. He remains unbeaten so far this season. The rest of the Novi boys came from Kris Krueger in the high jump (5-10), Chris Rafferty in the pole vault (10'-9"), and Rob Her-

The runner-up finishes included Randy Thompson in the shot put

(44'-9"). Max Schwartz in the high jump (freshman record 5'-10"), Greg Larson in the pole vault (10'-9"), Brian Molloy in the mile (4:46.07) and Chris Cannon in the two-mile (11:01.15). The thirds came from Steve Myers in the pole vault (9'-9"), Tom Hunsberger in the 100 (11.9), Joe Taylor in the 200 (25.02) and Bob Bates in the 800 (2:19.93).

The Wildcats (1-2 overall, 0-2 in the KVC) will travel to Hartland today (May 10) to take on the Eagles in a dual meet originally scheduled for April 10 but postponed due to bad weather.



## Wildcats of the Week

Junior Jason Wladischkin had a very productive week at the plate for the Novi baseballers, and we think "Wildcat of the Week" honors should go out to him. In four games last week, Novi was victorious three times and Wladischkin led the way with five hits in 11 at bats (.454 average) including four runs batted in, five runs scored, and two extra-base hits. The biggest hit was a three-run homer in game one against South Lyon. Wladischkin went 2-for-3 in that contest, helping to raise his batting average in KVC games up to .333.



JASON WLADISCHKIN

## Wildcats of the Week

When talented sprinters like Oscar Martin, Andy Fitzpatrick and Bill Leibenow were lost to graduation, many thought it would be an area of weakness for the 1990 Novi tracksters. But sophomore Ken Fenchel has stepped right in and has been rock solid, including last week's performance in the 100-meter dash. That's why he has been selected as a "Wildcat of the Week." In a 93-44 loss to the Bulldogs on May 1, Fenchel was the only two-time winner for the 'Cats, with firsts in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. His times were 11.59 and 24.75 respectively. Fenchel is currently undefeated in both events and has been a valuable sprint relay performer as well.



KEN FENCHEL

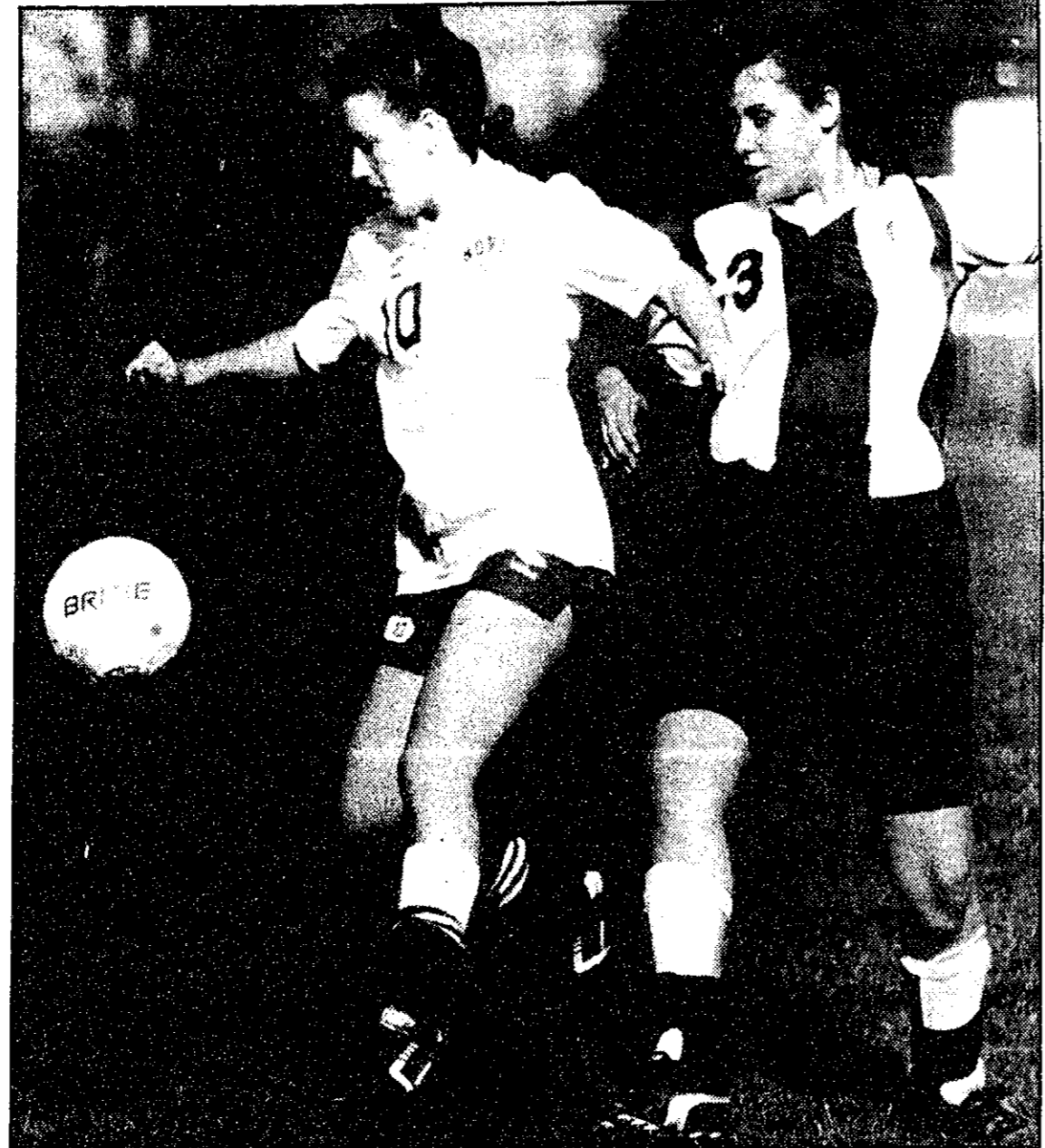
## Kickers drop five in a row

The losing streak has reached five for the Novi soccer squad. In action last week, the Wildcats fell to South Lyon, Lakeland and West Bloomfield, and now fall to 3-9 overall, 2-5 in the KVC. On May 1, Carol Pietila recorded four goals and one assist in the Lions' 5-4 win at Novi. Jessica Fritz scored three times in an attempt to match Pietila, but came up short. Holly Kendra also scored for the 'Cats.

At Lakeland on May 3, the Eagles scored during the first 90 seconds of the game and then cruised to their eighth victory in nine outings this season. Becky Dinverno and Melissa Joseph dominated the game, netting two goals apiece, while Kelly Greaves scored the other. Lakeland led 2-0 at halftime.

"I didn't think this was one of our better games," Lakeland Coach Mike Braden said. "We played well, but, in parts of the game, it seemed like we were moving in slow motion... We'll take the win, though."

Novi wrapped up the dismal week with a 6-1 non-conference defeat at West Bloomfield on May 4. Fritz scored again, off an assist from Sandy Miller, and leads the team with eight goals this season.



Novi News/RAY MANNING

Wildcat forward Jessica Fritz (10) leads the team in scoring with eight goals

## Rec Briefs

**Select soccer tryouts:** The Northville Sting will hold tryouts for players born in 1979, 1980 and 1981 on May 18. For more information, 1979 players should call 420-4451. The '80 and '81 players should call 349-8628.

**More select soccer tryouts:** The Northville Soccer Association will be sponsoring a new team in the WSSL Select Division for boys born in 1979 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.

**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 Premier Soccer Club will hold tryouts for boys and girls on 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 Colgan at 344-8403.

**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 459-0077.

**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 poolwidth. To join, call Coach Mark Heiden at 478-0775.

**Adult softball:** Novi Parks and Recreation spring/summer softball registration is underway. A few openings remain in the Men's Resident and Women's Friday leagues. For more information, call 347-0400.

**Metroparks permits:** The 1990 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle-entry and annual boating permits are now on sale at Kensington Metropark near Milford as well as the other 12 Metroparks in the five-county area. The costs are the same as in 1989: regular vehicle entry permit — \$10 (\$5 for senior citizens); regular boating permit — \$13 (\$6 for senior citizens). Daily permits will go on sale Jan. 1, 1990 and are \$2 for vehicles and \$3 for boats. No permits will be sold by mail. For more information, contact the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at 1-800-24-PARKS.

**Motorcars on displays:** Historic racing vehicles and exhibits honoring the Motorsports Hall of Fame inductees are on display daily at the Novi Civic Center. Admission is free. Currently featured are Barney Oldfield's first and last cars — the "999" and the "Golden Submarine" — as well as the 1965 "Novi Special" Indy Car driven by Bobby Unser.

## Trackin' the 'Cats

**BASEBALL:** Brighton at Novi, 4 p.m. Friday; Novi at Livonia Clarenceville, 11 a.m. Saturday; Novi at Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m. Wednesday. **SOFTBALL:** Brighton at Novi, 4 p.m. Friday; Novi at Plymouth Insite, 9:30 a.m. Saturday; Novi at Saline, 4 p.m. Wednesday. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Brighton at Novi, 4 p.m. Friday; Walled Lake Central at Novi, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday; Milford at Novi, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. **BOYS TENNIS:** Novi at Lakeland, 4 p.m. Friday; Novi at KVC Meet, TBA, Tuesday. **BOYS TRACK:** Novi at Hartland, 4 p.m. Thursday; Novi at Milan Invitational, noon Saturday; South Lyon at Novi, 4 p.m. Tuesday. **GIRLS TRACK:** Novi at Hartland, 4 p.m. Thursday; Novi at Milan Invitational, noon Saturday; South Lyon at Novi, 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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Scoreboard

No parity for KVC girls track

There doesn't appear to be much parity between the top half and bottom half of the Kensington Valley Conference girls track circuit. If you don't believe it, just ask a middle-of-the-packer like Lakeland.

"It's been that way for a while, though. You have a couple of teams, like us, who are a step or two behind and then a couple of others, like Howell, who are rebuilding."

BASEBALL KVC STANDINGS, KVC HITTING LEADERS, KVC PITCHING LEADERS, SOFTBALL KVC STANDINGS, KVC HITTING LEADERS, KVC PITCHING LEADERS

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Novi softballers still looking for first KVC victory



Heather Campbell

Brighton tops Novi 101-27

After getting thumped 101-27 by Brighton on May 1, Novi girls track coach Connie Albers set her sights on developing a program like the Bulldogs have now: talented and deep.

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN Staff Writer

Conference victories have been very hard to come by this season for the Novi softballers. The Ladycats led a prime opportunity with a win on one slip away on May 2. As a result the team remains winless in KVC action after 10 games.

Novi blew an early 3-0 lead and fell to South Lyon 7-5 in nine innings in the first game of a doubleheader. The visiting Lions cruised to a 17-4 win in the nightcap to record only their second and third wins of the year.

With the Cats in front, South Lyon scored three unearned runs off starter Heather Campbell in the third and then surged ahead by a run in the fourth. Novi tied it again in the bottom of the fifth and had great scoring chances in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings, but couldn't produce

"I put some kids in who haven't played much and by the end of the game I saw some definite improvement. Even though the score was lopsided, there were some positives."

John Peace Novi Softball Coach

that one crucial hit. "We had runners in scoring position in three straight innings and we needed to do was get a hit and the game's over," Peace said.

As it turned out, the Lions pushed three runs across the plate in the ninth and it stood up. The Wildcats did score a run in the bottom of the ninth, and runners at first and third with two out when Laura Jones ended the game with the strike out.

"We played a pretty doggone good defensive game, even though we gave up seven runs," Peace said. "South Lyon won it with several seeing-eye hits. It was one of our better games—it was very close."

In the first inning and never trailed. Deanna Reed drove in a run and later scored to make it 4-2, but by the fifth inning, the lead had ballooned to 8-4.

"Campbell" wasn't really snapping the ball the way she usually does," Peace said, "but it was one of our poorer fielding games."

never looked back. For the game Campbell surrendered only two earned runs and no walks, but did allow 11 hits.

Obviously, Campbell (3-for-4) and Reed (2-for-3) accounted for five of Novi's seven hits in the game.

In the nightcap, Milford took control early with four runs in the first (none earned) and nine in the second (two earned). Campbell suffered the loss but her teammates committed seven errors that led directly to 12 unearned runs.

"Campbell" wasn't really snapping the ball the way she usually does," Peace said, "but it was one of our poorer fielding games."

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Vinyl Siding Sale advertisement for SIDING WORLD with product images and pricing.

For Rockin' & Relaxin' MaMas advertisement featuring rocking chairs and Jimmie's Rustics.

STAFFORD RELAYS: The final team standings weren't available at press time, but the Ladycats managed just one point and placed near the bottom of the 17-team field at Walled Lake Central on May 5.

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## Learn to take the time to eat right

About a fourth of Americans in recent food-industry surveys said speed and ease of preparation were their most important considerations when buying food. More than a third said they rarely had more than 30 minutes to fix a meal.

Recent consumer focus-group research conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found people may feel their busy lifestyles — which require them to eat on the run — don't allow enough time to prepare healthy meals. Their primary consideration when determining what to eat or cook may be how to save time.

Many time-saving food options are available. The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) estimates that 75 percent of American households now have a microwave oven. Today's supermarkets also offer a great variety of heat-and-serve items. The problem, according to Dianne Odland, a nutritionist from USDA's Human Nutrition Information Service, is that many "quick to fix" recipes aren't quick enough; and many convenience foods, which can be real time savers, are high in calories, fat, sugars and sodium.

Odland said, "The key to enjoying nutritious meals in minutes is the same as for meals that take lots of time to fix and serve — and that is to follow the Dietary Guidelines." The Dietary Guidelines for Americans are seven basic principles that encourage variety, balance and moderation in food consumption. The first two guidelines encourage people to eat a variety of foods that provide enough essential nutrients and calories to maintain a desirable weight; the other five describe special characteristics of good eating, suggesting people eat an adequate amount of starch and fiber and avoid too much fat, sugar, sodium and alcohol.

The guidelines are the basis of USDA's new public education effort, "Eating Right... The Dietary Guidelines Way," which explains nutritious ways Americans can fix meals in minutes, shop for and prepare foods, plan menus, enjoy bag lunches, snacks and desserts, and eat out.

When preparing meals is a race against time, you have to be well-organized in order to play "beat the

### Eating right

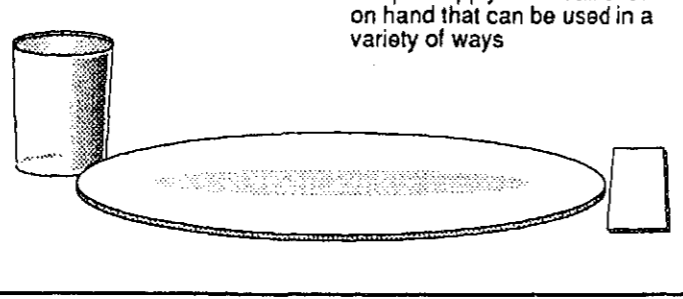
Here are nine tips for healthier eating, according to Dianne Odland, USDA.

Use time-saving cooking methods. Try microwaved or stove-top versions of dishes you normally cook in the oven.

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Make a game plan and have a logical order in mind for the tasks involved in preparing the meal.

Give some advance thought to your meals, even if it's only a mental note of what you want to eat tomorrow.

Use cooking tools that can save total active time: microwave ovens, toaster ovens, electric fry pans, etc.

Keep a supply of versatile foods on hand that can be used in a variety of ways

clock." According to Odland, there are two ways you can save time — by reducing the "active time" you are actually involved in food preparation and by reducing the "total time" it takes to fix and cook the meal from start to finish.

She offered these time-saving tips for Americans who may only have time for fast-paced foods:

- Make sure your foods, cooking utensils and equipment are arranged conveniently for quick work.
- Keep a supply of versatile foods on hand that can be used in a variety of ways — such as an assortment of canned and frozen vegetables, ground beef, chicken, and so forth.
- Give some advance thought to your meals — even if it's only making a mental note of what you want to eat tomorrow so you can remember to do things such as defrosting meat overnight in the refrigerator if you don't have a microwave.
- Make a game plan. Have a logical order in mind for the tasks involved

in preparing the meal. Start a portion of the meal that involves more total time than active time — such as putting the rice on to simmer — then work on another portion — such as cutting up your salad ingredients.

- Focus your efforts on one part of the meal. Don't choose a meal where each component requires elaborate effort. If the main dish requires special attention, add a simple vegetable or salad. If the main dish is simple, dress up the vegetables or make an interesting side dish.
- Make the time you do have available work doubletime. If you can cook on the weekends, fix double or triple portions and freeze the leftovers in meal-size portions.
- Use time-saving cooking methods. Try microwaved or stove-top versions of dishes you normally cook in the oven. One-dish meals save clean-up time.
- Use microwave ovens, toaster ovens, countertop convection ovens, pressure saucepans or cookers.

electric fry pans and crockpots if possible; they can save total or active time.

- Use cookware in which food can be cooked, served and stored.

One time-saving tip many Americans find helps them make the most of their minutes and meals is fixing dishes that create leftovers with multiple uses. According to Odland, versatile leftovers are those offering a variety of ways to use them that are totally different from the original meal — and more inventive than the sandwich.

Large cuts of meat or other foods that come in large portions often make for good versatile leftovers. Leftover chicken or turkey can be frozen in meal-sized portions for later use in casseroles, stir-fry dishes, sandwiches, soups, stews and salads. Look for new recipes that use foods you often have left over, and create your own line of versatile leftovers to carry you through a busy week.

Many Americans, when pressed for time, may turn to the convenience foods — vegetables in heat-and-serve pouches, mixes to which you add only water, frozen dinners, and so forth. While these foods may save you time in the kitchen, you have little control over the amount of fat and sodium. Be sure to read the nutrition and ingredient labels.

Many convenience foods are available in low-calorie, lowfat or low-sodium versions. It's important to know, however, that lower-sodium versions are not necessarily low in fat. Low-fat products also may be high in sodium. Read the labels to find the ones that are lower in fat and sodium, and think about how the nutritional value of these foods may compare to the foods you typically eat.

For more information, order a copy of the new USDA booklet, "Shopping for Food and Making Meals in Minutes Using the Dietary Guidelines." It's available for \$3 by writing the Consumer Information Center, Department 70, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Be sure to specify Item No. 174-V on your envelope and include a check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents.

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## Novi Mall hosts Walk Michigan Program

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 50 cents; senior citizens are free. Children age 10 and under must be with an adult.

**Walk Michigan Program:** The Novi area is participating in the 1990 Walk Michigan Program, and Twelve Oaks Mall is the site of the next event. On 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 Mackinac 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-

### Fitness Notes

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 dimen-

sion to this activity. We are pleased to be a part of the program."

**Fitness Over 50** welcomes all interested persons, regardless of their age and current activity level. Call the Twelve Oaks Management Office, 348-9438, for further information.

Twelve Oaks is a major regional shopping center located in Novi on I-96 and Novi Road. The center hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

**Free screenings:** Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network offers free blood pressure and vision screening the second Monday of every month from 1-4 p.m. The screenings take place in the main lobby of Botsford General Hospital at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information call 471-8090.

**Fitness program:** A fitness program for community and corporate employees is available at Schoolcraft College in Livonia Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m. Participants can take advantage of a full-competition swimming pool with a separate diving area, six racquetball courts, a dwelght training room, a dance training room and muscle soothing saunas.

### Fitness Tips

## Assess your physical fitness with this quiz

By SYLVA DVORAK  
Special Writer

The aspect of wellness that is most easily recognized is physical fitness. You can tell, just by looking, the difference between a person who plays racquetball or takes aerobics dance classes five times a week and one who plays Trivial Pursuit.

Exercising has become a national religion. There are runners, swimmers, bicyclists, tennis players and yoga enthusiasts everywhere. The benefits of all this sweating is well-documented. Exercising counters chronic fatigue, premature aging and hypertension. It is closely related to psychological well-being.

At the very least, a well-toned body is good to look at. But tight tummies and big biceps are largely byproducts of a more important form of fitness: the healthiness of the whole person.

True physical well-being encompasses proper, natural breathing; it thrives on good basic nutrition; and it requires a rest period that allows the body to recharge.

Diet is an essential ingredient. Michael Jacobsen, director of the Cen-

ter for Science in the Public Interest, has said that at least two-thirds of Americans would improve their health by following a few guidelines: less fat, sugar, salt and highly processed food; more unprocessed foods and fiber.

But intake without exercise is not enough. Despite all the press coverage of "fitness freaks," about half of all Americans still say they don't exercise at all.

It's true that the body-beautiful sweepstakes has some spectacular casualties. Compulsive workers can become compulsive runners on the road to burnout or injury. And people who exercise heavily are not immune to heart attacks and other serious illness.

The watchword is "moderation." Anything can be overdone and well-being cannot be achieved merely by whipping oneself into physical shape. What is missing from many exercise routines is compassion for one's body — the loving care that protects it from over-straining and allows it periods of rest.

The questions below should help

you assess your own physical condition. Circle (A) for always, (F) for frequently, (S) for seldom or (N) for never. There is no perfect score. In fact, there's no scoring at all, although if most of your answers are "never" you might want to take your pulse right away.

Finally, you might want to make a copy of the quiz before you answer it, so you can take it again in a few months to see how you're doing; or clip it out and answer the questions later in a different color ink to keep a record of your progress.

1. I am conscious of the ingredients in the foods I eat and in the medications I take and of their effects on me. (A), (F), (S), (N).
2. I am aware of my need of a balanced intake of protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, fiber and water and my diet fulfills these needs. (A), (F), (S), (N).
3. I avoid overeating and abusing alcohol and other drugs and don't use these behaviors to try and solve boredom or depression. (A), (F), (S), (N).
4. I am aware of the effects on my

health of excessive salt, sugar, fat and caffeine and limit their use accordingly. (A), (F), (S), (N).

5. I eat in a relaxed, unhurried way. (A), (F), (S), (N).

6. I know my ideal weight and stay within a few pounds of it. (A), (F), (S), (N).

7. I notice my posture and the way I am breathing and know that these affect my health. (A), (F), (S), (N).

8. I get aerobic, cardiovascular exercise at least three times a week, for at least 20 minutes at a time. (A), (F), (S), (N).

9. I practice stretching exercises such as hatha yoga regularly. (A), (F), (S), (N).

10. I nurture my physical self through massage, long walks, sports activities, etc. (A), (F), (S), (N).

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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