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## sidents attempt to oust Novi city officials

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Spurred by the recent return of the Grand Plan, Birchwood Subdivision Association and Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP) will attempt to unseat City Manager Edward Kriewall, Mayor Matthew Quinn

and council member Joseph Toth.

Recall petitions have already been applied for, according to subdivision association President Gary Christensen.

The campaign will begin with targeting the mayor and Toth, but eventually the group will gun for the remaining council members who supported the Grand Plan: Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger and Hugh

Crawford.

"We have already sent away for the needed documentation and procedures from the county elections department and will start as soon as we get what we need," Christensen said Tuesday.

"We will start with Mayor Quinn and council member Toth and go from there. It is apparent to us who on the council continually supports development and that's

where we'll start.

"We may not get all four, but I think we'll be successful," he added.

Neighbors Against Poor Planning President Linda Townsend said that her group will also take part in the recall drive. She agreed with Christensen that all council members voting in favor of the Grand Plan should be

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Grand Plan  
son is bornBy SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

Novi planners will give the Grand Plan at least one more try, but this time with a slightly different twist.

City staff have substituted 81.36 acres of light industrial (I-1) zoning for previous heavy industrial (I-2) development, with less intense uses being sited in the southwest and southeast corners of the 300-acre-plus Wixom/Grand River project.

But that is the only change. The Meijer store remains intact, as well as the 123-acre buffer.

"I feel that it is good, solid planning that would benefit the city and it is worth one more try," Planning Director James Wahl commented.

A public hearing date on the new plan is set for 7:30 p.m. June 6 at the Novi Civic Center in front of the planning commission.

The original plan, which called for 300 acres of heavy industrial zoning, failed despite a 4-3 vote in favor because of petitions which mandated a 5-2 margin. Council members Martha Hoyer, Tim Pope and Nancy Covert accounted for the three negative votes.

Wahl said the city hopes to answer several of the questions posed by council members by the time it reaches their table again, which is expected to happen in late June.

One of the answers will be a firm number of relocation candidates intent on moving to the park — with and without tax abatements. The city hopes to move 33.29 acres of heavy industry out of the Town Center to make room for commercial and residential growth.

Wahl indicated the city hopes to hire an independent evaluator to examine the plan, as recommended by Covert.

Despite statements made by city officials that Covert might support the plan if her questions were answered and an independent evaluator brought in, she told the Novi News that she will not favor the alternate plan as written.

"I am not supporting the plan as it stands," she said. "Maybe if it was significantly downsized, but not with the current amount of

industrial.

The version of the plan I looked at is too much like the old plan and there isn't enough buffer; we need at least a 200- to 300-foot green belt," she explained. "I think there should be more transition between the park and residential — maybe cluster housing or multiples."

She said that I-1 is too close to I-2 and it would be easy for the city to come in later and rezone the entire project I-2.

Covert also said she cannot support the use of tax abatements to entice relocation candidates into the proposed park.

"I am totally opposed to tax abatements," she said. "I think the market value in the Town Center would take care of it — we don't need abatements."

She explained that if Town Center property values rise, it will become more lucrative for heavy industry to sell and relocate.

"It is a matter of economics," she commented. "We aren't taking about a dilapidated, rundown area; we are talking about the heart of Novi."

Even if Covert, Pope and Hoyer remain opposed, a 4-3 vote may be enough for passage.

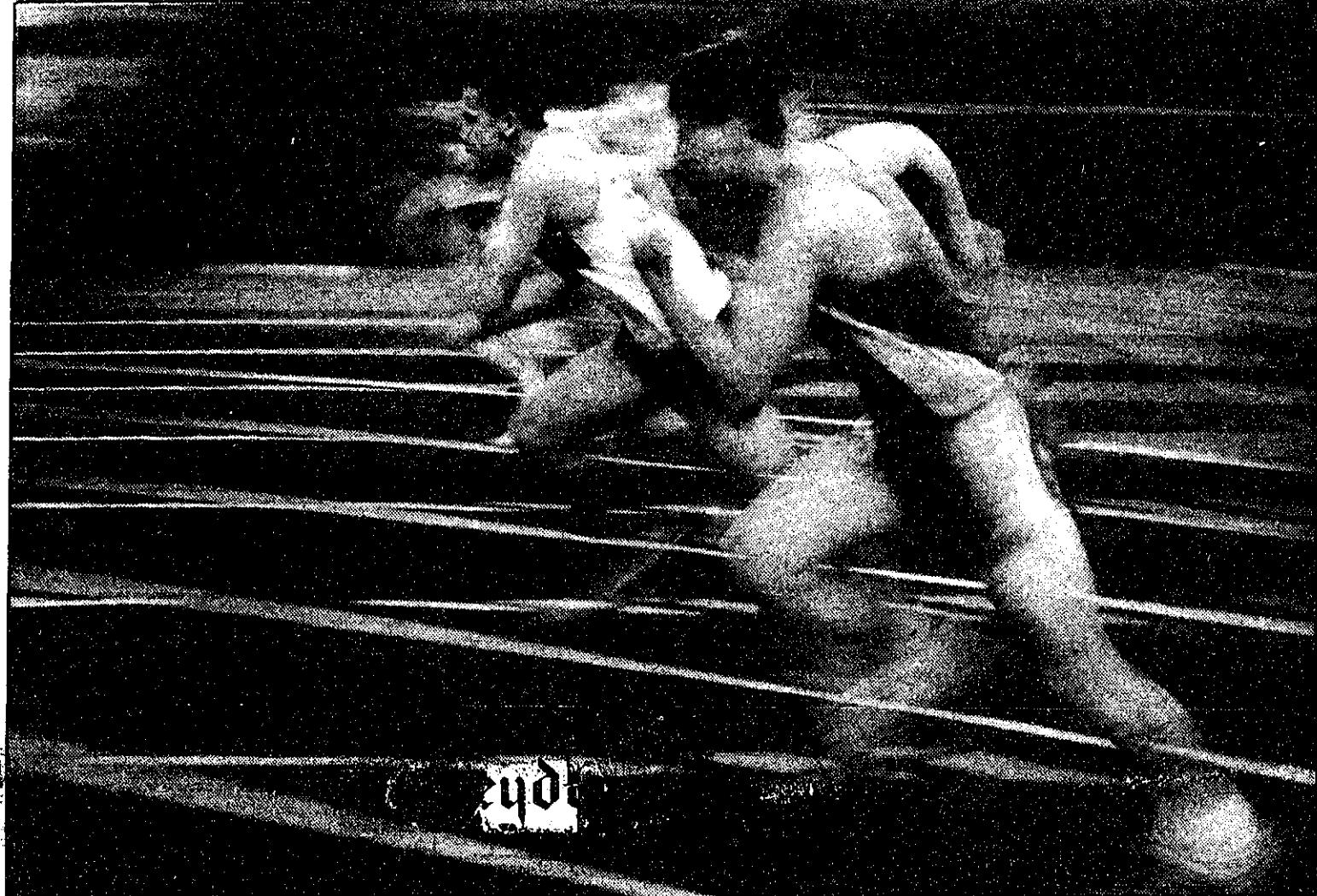
According to Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, another petition drive would be required to mandate beyond a simple majority vote because of the change in requested zoning. Law allows residents to mandate a 5-2 majority vote to change zoning if 20 percent of the property owners affected sign a petition.

It was unknown by press time if majority property owner Paragon Properties planned to take this route.

Resident groups opposed to the project have told the Novi News that they will not initiate that drive but will focus their efforts elsewhere.

Although opponents to the plan argue that Novi doesn't need increased industrial development, city planners maintain that the project would only increase heavy industrial development by 38.62 acres.

Supporters cite revitalization of the Town Center and an increased taxbase as positive plan attributes.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Men in motion

Runners from Novi and South Lyon high schools show some speed in the start of the 100-yard dash in a meet last week. Novi lost the contest, but made a strong showing the following day in the MHSAA Regionals, placing eighth overall and

qualifying three runners for the state meet. For coverage of track and other high school sports, see the section beginning on page 7-D.

## Veterans threaten parade boycott

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi's veterans threatened to let this year's Memorial Day parade pass them by — if a decorated bicycle contingent precedes the American flag and the former soldiers and sailors.

But that's not going to happen, assures city recreation coordinator Carla Scruggs, who is in charge of the May 28 event.

Brighton resident Roger Olson, post commander of the American Legion Novi Post No. 19, said Monday the legion is backed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in a decision to boycott the ceremonies if the parade is not led by a police car, followed immediately by the veterans. Members of the post won their spurs in the World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

The men object, Olson said, to creating a "carnival atmosphere" at a solemn event honoring the country's war dead.

The point is that the Fourth of July is a parade of celebration. Memorial Day is not for that purpose. They're trying to get away from the ceremonial atmosphere, Olson said. "We'll see how they have a Memorial Day parade without the veterans."

"Hopefully, there will be a parade."

Scruggs said the suggestion was made to switch the bike decorating contest to a lead-off spot, rather than trailing behind the parade, because in her previous experience as the coordinator of Memorial Day parades in Hazel Park, the bikes kept running up the rear of everyone else."

But now the cyclists will be in back of the parade, she added.

"They (the veterans) didn't like it so we're not going to do it," she said. "There's no conflict anywhere."

Novi's Memorial Day observance will begin at 9 a.m. with a wreath-laying ceremony and gun

salute at the war memorial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens at Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

At 10 a.m., the parade begins south down Novi Road from Crescent Boulevard (by Novi Town Center) and will stop at Novi Cemetery along the way for another wreath-laying ceremony accompanied by "Taps." Soldiers from the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War are buried in the historic graveyard.

From there, the parade will continue west down Ten Mile Road to the Novi Civic Center for a closing ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at the city's flagpole and memorial.

Olson, a Vietnam veteran, said he also takes exception to the behavior of parade watchers who do not uncover their heads, salute or put their hands over their hearts when the American flag passes.

"With most people, you're lucky if they stand up when the flag goes by," he said.

## Coach pushes for arbitration

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

A former Novi High School Varsity Basketball coach who claims that he was fired at the end of the 1988-89 season without reason says he will take his case to arbitration.

The Novi School Board denied at its May 10 meeting a grievance filed by John Cicchelli, alleging that his dismissal was without due process.

"This isn't the end of it," Cicchelli told the Novi News several days after the board's decision. "Although some people are saying it's not, this is an arbitrable matter and I plan to take it arbitration."

School officials maintain that extracurricular activity matters are not arbitrable and consider the matter closed.

"The contract is very clear that is this is not an arbitrable offense," commented Novi Schools Personnel Director John Swallow.



JOHN CICCHELLI

But according to Cicchelli, lawyers for the Michigan Education Association — the teachers' union — feel otherwise. Jean Rose, MEA director, could not be reached for comment by press time.

Although there is no word on a

date, the coach said he expects arbitration to be set for sometime this summer.

Cicchelli said he was very upset at the way the board handled the grievance hearing on May 3, saying that his name had been dragged through the mud.

"It is unfortunate some individuals used this hearing to express their own personal opinions or ask totally unrelated questions," he commented. "Due process was the issue of the grievance and the administration failed to follow proper procedures in this matter."

The school board voted 6-0 against any violation of due process, saying that no specific procedure was required for extracurricular activities in the union contract.

When asked about the team discipline problems and a lack of public relation skills the administration cited as reasons for his dismissal, Cicchelli replied, "I don't think I was dismissed for my performance — I don't think this case has anything to do with my performance."

However, he refused to comment about the "true nature" of the dismissal on the record.

But he said that his prior relationship with Novi High School Principal Robert Youngberg, the one ultimately responsible for not renewing the coach's contract for the 1989-90 season, has been "very positive."

"We have always had a good relationship previously during the 17 or 18 years I have known him . . . He has always been very supportive," Cicchelli said.

When asked about his prior relationship with the newly appointed athletic director John Fundukian, however, Cicchelli declined comment.

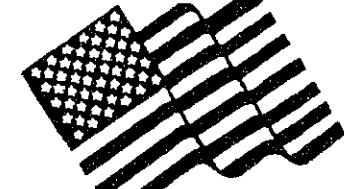
"I can't talk about everything right now, but there is still a lot yet to come out," he said.

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# New Grand Plan sparks referendum drive

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

Neighbors Against Poor Planning and Birchwood Subdivision leaders will initiate a referendum election drive if the revised edition of the Grand Plan gains approval.

The planning commission is expected to vote on the modified plan June 6 and the city council later in the month.

"We aren't going to spin our wheels and burn out by collecting signatures for another 5-2 vote. Instead we'll go for a referendum election," said Birchwood Homeowners Association President Gary Christensen.

"I think the city is trying to burn out opposition by making us go through all the work of collecting new petitions for a 5-2 but it isn't going to work — we're not stupid," he commented. "Basically the city is proposing

the same plan with a slight modification and even if we stop it with another 5-2 vote, nothing will stop them from initiating a one acre zoning change and bringing it back," he explained.

NAPP President Linda Townsend agreed. "We will focus our efforts on a referendum election and on election recalls.

"If we got enough signatures to

force a 5-2 vote and the thing failed again by a 4-3 (in favor of vote), nothing would stop the city from bringing the plan back in the next month — a referendum election, however, would force the city couldn't bring it back for two years."

She said her group, which is composed primarily of Old Dutch Farms, Birchwood Subdivision and Leisure Co-op residents, is as opposed to the new plan as it was to the original. Townsend said she was confident

a referendum election would succeed because she estimates that more than 95 percent of city residents are opposed to increased industrial development.

Christensen shared her optimism. "I am confident we'll get support in a referendum election," he said. "I think the people who vote are tired of all the industrial development going on."

## At least three officials are targeted for recall

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ousted.

Residents opposed to the placement of an industrial park at Twelve Mile, Napier and Wixom roads cite traffic noise and damage to the environment as key concerns.

The Birchwoods association, accompanied by a NAPP contingent, met May 17 with Community Development Director James Wahl for a preview of what has been dubbed the "Son of Grand Plan." Christensen is active in NAPP.

According to Toth, the recall campaign is designed to put pressure on the city council, which is expected to vote on the revised plan in late June.

"While I respect this group's right to pursue this effort, my initial reaction is that this is some form of scare tactics designed to try and influence future council actions with regard to the Grand Plan or Son of Grand Plan," Toth said.

"My respect for the right of all Novi residents and property owners is a matter of public record," he said. "My concerns have been and will continue to be what is best for the community."

"Relocating existing nonconforming uses into a modern development park coupled with the requirement to conform to our latest ordinances is sound and good planning for this city."

## SEMCOG roll call

Mostly familiar faces will sit at the executive committee table of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Only one new face from Oakland County and none from Wayne will join the 41-member group which meets monthly. Executive committee members were elected from local bloc meetings earlier this month.

Cochran County will continue to be represented by executive Daniel T. Murphy, Republican Commissioner Marilyn Cooling of Bloomfield Hills and Democratic Commissioner Lawrence Pernick of Southfield. Murphy frequently sends an alternate, deputy Patrick Nowak.

Representing cities and villages in Oakland will be Novi City Council Member Martha Hoyer and Southfield Mayor Donald Prascass.

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# Fuzzbusters nabbed by thieves

## Police News

Murray's Car Audio shop on Grand River was robbed the night of May 18, when someone broke the door window and stole over \$440 worth of car stereo equipment.

The thieves broke out the window with a large rock to gain entry and then threw speakers to break open the glass of a locked display case.

They got away with several radar detectors, power boosters and sound processors according to police.

Fingerprints were found on several pieces of glass, which were taken as evidence.

The store owner discovered the robbery at 8:35 a.m. the morning of May 19, when he came to work. He told police that the audible alarm was sounding.

Police could not find any further evidence outside of the building.

CAR RACING EQUIPMENT of unknown value was stolen May 13 from a 40-foot trailer situated near todays' Automotive Service on Industrial Drive in Farmington Hills.

The equipment belongs to Rick A. Stahl Racing Team, which is offering

a \$5,000 reward for information leading to its recovery. Ask for Rick Shay at 572-8684.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT valued at \$375 was removed from a South Lake Drive garage sometime between December and March.

Reported missing are a pair of cross-country skis valued at \$100, bindings worth \$25, boots valued at \$100 and a 10-speed bike worth \$100.

It is unknown if the garage was locked during the theft.

A GOLD HERRINGBONE NECKLACE evaluated at \$350 and \$50 in cash were removed from a cardboard jewelry box which was left in a bedroom of a Meadowbrook Glens residence between May 16 and 18.

There were no signs of forced entry and no other items were reported.

message.

The perpetrator entered the apartment through a sliding window, ransacked the bedroom and hung up a stuffed animal by the neck under the kitchen lights with a message.

Police have one suspect who told them he was out of town during the time in question.

AN EQUALIZER AND TAPES were stolen from a 1980 Chevrolet Z-28 parked outside the Waterview Farms Apartments the night of May 18.

The combined value of the items stolen was \$225 and the vehicle was left undamaged.

VANDALS broke the taillights and right outside mirror to a 1980 Ford Fairmont parked in the Novi High School parking lot the night of May 16.

The incident is estimated to have taken place between 9:30 p.m. the night of May 16 and 8 a.m. the morning of May 17.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

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## Novi Briefs

# Novi resident faces drug trial

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

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

Testimony given by two other alleged 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.

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.

A trial date is expected to be set for early fall during a calendar hearing May 25 in front of Judge George Crockett.

Lawson still argues that the prosecution's primary witness, Wayne Kelly, was working with the Livonia Police Department when the kilo of cocaine was seized and 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.

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

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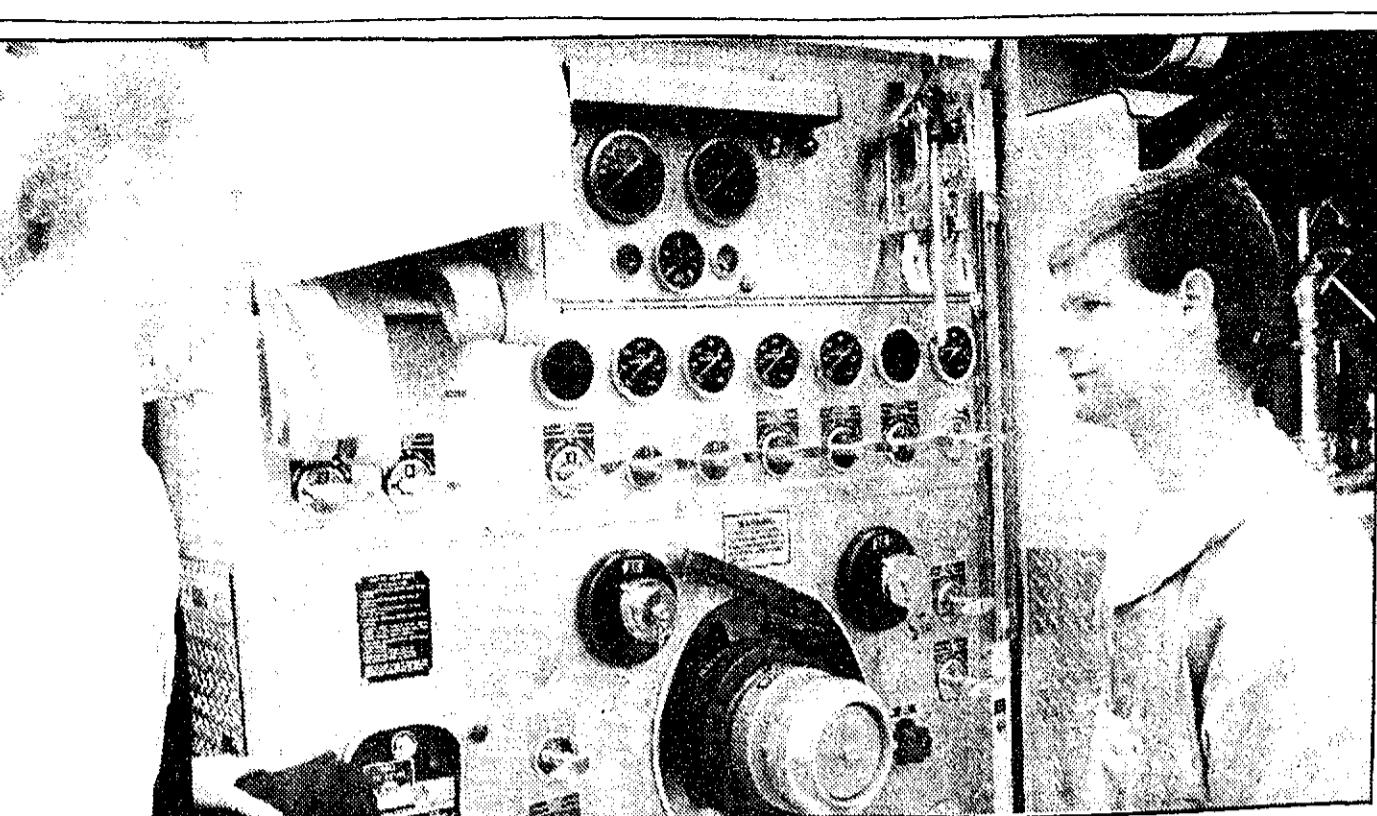
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## Rewold forges on with Oakland waste plan

Neither lawsuits nor political opposition will keep Oakland County from going ahead with its controversial solid waste program, according to Roy Rewold, chairperson of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"As far as I'm concerned, we're going ahead with the program as is," the Rochester Republican said last week.

"They might try to vote me out," he continued, referring to fellow commissioners opposed to the plan, or components of it. "But I'm not sure they can do that. I've got 14 votes, including five Democrats."

Rewold made his comments as he and other Republicans commissioners prepared to caucus Monday about what, if anything, they will do about the threat of a lawsuit.

Tax for Richard Headlee has threatened to sue the county if officials proceed with plans to sell \$600 million worth of bonds without voter approval.

Headlee said he is not personally opposed to the projects to be funded by the sale of the bonds — the \$10-million computer center, the \$80-million court house addition and the \$470-million solid waste plan.

But Headlee contends selling the bonds without voter approval is circumventing the Michigan Constitution,

particularly as amended by the 1978 Headlee Amendment, limiting tax hikes.

Others are opposed to the solid waste plan for a different reason: They don't want the \$175-million waste-to-energy incinerator scheduled to be built in Auburn Hills, directly upwind of the Rochester and Orion Township areas that have supported Rewold for almost two decades.

That group is believed to have encouraged candidates to run agains those commissioners who support the waste program, or more specifically the incinerator they contend threatens their health, lifestyle and property values.

The most identifiable group is RAIL — Residents Against Incinerators and Landfills. Its members contend Oakland should go ahead with recycling or even accelerate plans for recycling. But they claim an incinerator is an environmentally destructive weapon that might be avoided by more creative means.

One who feels that way is Judith Ann White, a former nurse who lives in a section of Orion Township with a Pontiac mailing address. With support from RAIL, she is running against Rewold, hoping to derail the incinerator.

by defeating — or intimidating — its staunchest supporter. His support for the incinerator isn't the only reason she's running, White said last week. "But it's the biggest."

The elected Headlee still has/ or opposition from anti-incinerator groups has prompted some commissioners to pause and take stock.

Committee meetings last week were paralyzed — and any action on solid waste deferred — as commissioners waited to see what they would do about the bonding.

Some, like Commissioner John G. Pappageorge, R-Troy, simply believe voters should vote on a monumental undertaking like the solid waste program — the biggest single project in Oakland history.

Headlee admits they are some of his biggest and most important allies. "I need them more than they need me," he acknowledged Friday in a phone conversation.

More important, Rewold is convinced the solid waste program — complete with the incinerator — is the way to go. And he has opinions from three separate law firms that selling bonds to finance it does not violate the Michigan Constitution.

"We're going ahead with the solid waste program because the county needs it," he said.

## Headlee puts bond suit on back burner

Tax for Richard Headlee said last week he is "too busy with other matters" to think much about going ahead with his threatened lawsuit over bonding Oakland County's solid waste.

"Right now, that's the threatened suit is a very low priority," Headlee said in a phone interview. "I'm more concerned about something bigger."

Headlee was contacted after two separate committees of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week deferred any action on solid waste because of the threatened suit.

Both the planning and building committee and the finance committee discussed solid waste, but put off action pending a GOP caucus meeting Monday.

In March, Headlee threatened to sue the county if it goes ahead with plans to sell \$600 million worth of bonds to finance three projects without first getting voter approval.

Selling bonds without a vote vio-

lates the state constitution, Headlee contends.

In Friday's interview, Headlee said he still holds that position — very strongly. But other matters are more important.

Headlee was referring to the pending suit in which Oakland County and County Executive Daniel Murphy contend the Michigan Department of Mental Health and the Michigan Department of Management and Budget violated the state constitution.

Headlee last week sent letters to local municipalities asking them to support Oakland County as the suit is reviewed in the higher courts.

Asked if that means he will not sue if it proceeds with bonding for its solid waste program without a vote, Headlee said: "I didn't say that."

"I just said that I've got more important things on my mind. There's almost \$800 million at stake (with the Oakland lawsuit)."

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## Covert seeks apology for budget brawl

By JAN JEFFRIES  
Staff Writer

Is Team Novi pulling together?

Council Member Nancy Covert doesn't think so. She said members of the Novi Mayor Matthew Quinal and council members Hugh Covert owe her an apology for the turbulent atmosphere of a recent city council hearing marathon on May 16/17, when the city budget was formally adopted. Other members say they feel the city council will be able to move forward in cooperation after what may have been its rowdiest session in recent years.

The meeting was held to evaluate a proposal for no mileage increases over last year, presented May 14 by Covert and council members Tim Pope and Joe Toth. A five to one compromise — with Covert absent and Pope in opposition — was reached at 3:20 a.m. Friday. Monday (May 21) was the council's deadline for getting Novi's financials in place.

The goal, Quinal said, was to keep everyone at the table negotiating that night until the job was done. The agreed-upon reduction of the proposed increases in the drain and municipal street fund millages leaves the city with a millage of 10.8035, less than the 10.8879 first proposed by the council majority, as well as last year's 11.1761. A increase in the operating millage, first proposed May 17/18, was cut back to 1.9334.

According to city Planner Director Lee Gibson, the compromise will save the city over a \$100,000 home who had a six-percent increase in property assessment a total of \$13,79 this year. On the same home with a 10 percent increase in assessment, the savings are \$35.38; a 20-percent increase in assessment would lead to \$89.40 less in taxes.

But at a sacrifice to much-needed work on the city's roads and drains, other council members say.

Covert exited that night after Crawford lobbed the trio's three-page budget plan to the floor in Toth's direction. During the debate, Crawford called the trio "budget terrorists" — a title Toth laughingly says he may get printed on a T-shirt.

"It was the lowest tide of the council I've seen. The man flipped out . . . I've never seen tantrums like that. If we tolerate that in our small society of the council and the administration and the community, I really think we have some problems. Ironically, the mayor was trying to make opposing opinions, yet he failed to control Councilman Crawford," Covert said.

"I believe in the democratic process and the right of the minority to be heard. Our whole motivation was being questioned . . . it is only something we are supposed to do, that is a sacred duty to do. A budget is a very critical document. It affects people's pocketbooks.

"It is not us; we came in conciliatory. My whole approach and attitude was to have to negotiate and work together. I don't feel I'm being honest by trying to go along with a team which is trying to quell an opinion that they feel is not part of the party politics.

"I really feel the entire council, the community and the administration are owed an apology from the mayor and Hugh Crawford," Covert said.

She's not going to get one, according to Crawford, who said the proposal was "last minute" and sliced away much-needed money from the drains and street funds. Crawford said he would have liked to allocate more money for roads, sidewalks, the historical commission and a forester, but was not ready to cut city programs or departments to get it.

"I was just trying to be very dramatic. I felt that that was what that memo was about. They ought to be apologetic for coming up with such a draconian budget proposal. Cut taxes — it sounds good to do. If you really analyze it . . . it did not have any reason or logic behind it," he said.

"I just wanted to make it really clear where I was coming from in this meeting. I made a rather strong statement, but I sincerely believe in the statement. They came in and said do it my way or I'm not voting for the budget.

During the debate, Crawford called the trio "budget

. . . We'd already done a lot of discussion and compromising.

"I've always been a team player. I'm not the one who broke out of the team . . . I've got no problems working with people. If they've got a problem, that's their problem."

According to Toth, no apologies are necessary — the lateness of the hour created flaring tempers.

"Don't take it all personally. We're all going to do our best. We're going to rub across one another the wrong way. We've got to do our best. We'll probably do it again in the future," he said.

"I've known Hugh for a long time and I don't think there was anything personal. I think his attack was against my position. I don't think it was against me."

"I think he's made some inroads. It's an uphill battle to convince some people . . . I'm not going to give up. I think we've got to change some of our direction. We have to be more concerned with community services. I think we spend far too much money on development."

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## Cicchelli seeking union arbitration

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Fundukian could not be reached by press time to comment on the case or his relationship with the ex-basketball coach.

Cicchelli said that if arbitration

fails in the first grievance, he will proceed with his second grievance, which he says does not debate whether he is more qualified than the present coach as previously stated by school board members.

## Decision unjust, fired coach says

Novi's former varsity basketball coach, John Cicchelli, who held the position for the five years prior to the 1989-90 season, recently issued a statement to the Novi News regarding his dismissal from his position.

Cicchelli maintains that he was dismissed without due process and plans to take the matter to union arbitration in light of the Novi School Board's recent grievance.

His statement has been slightly edited because of space limitations. The statement is as follows:

It is unfortunate some individuals used this grievance hearing to express their own personal opinions or ask totally unrelated questions in relation to the nature of this hearing.

Due process was the issue of this grievance and the administration failed to follow proper procedures in this matter.

I feel Jean Rose (Michigan Education Association director), Jim Tinsley (High School MEA representative) and myself presented some of the facts and proof that proper actions were not explored. A more detailed account of what exactly happened during the season will be revealed at a later date.

The union and myself have decided we will take this issue to arbitration — it is our decision, not the Board of Education, to take this recourse if we so desire.

For the past 19 years, I have coached in the Novi

School District.

While at Novi, I have coached 410 games, more than any coach in any sport in Novi's history. My total record is 228-182. For 16 years, I have coached middle school football (56-39). For three years I coached girls softball at the Middle School going undefeated all three years (23-0).

As basketball coach at both the middle and high schools, my teams were 149-143. My basketball teams still hold the record for both consecutive seasons and still hold the record for consecutive wins 28 straight basketball games at the middle school in 1986-87. I was voted area basketball coach of the year as our varsity team went 15-7.

At my second meeting with Dr. Youngberg and Mr. Fundukian, Fundukian made reference to one of my players' lower undergarments that protruded during the last 30 seconds of the game and that we could have been assessed a technical for this. I told him that during such a close game that I was concerned with strategy, timeouts and game situations and not some player's undergarments.

At the first meeting, Youngberg commented to me that our team was committing too many turnovers and I agreed, stating inexperience was probably the reason. He questioned me about whether we did certain drills and I responded that we did those plus others and offered him my practice plan book, which he refused to examine.

For all the thousands upon thousands of hours, dedication and hard work put into the Novi Athletic program and its athletes, I feel that a great injustice has been done not only to myself but also my former players and family.

This year as varsity basketball coach at

comes to us, I don't support hearing it," he commented at the close of the May 10 grievance session.

Cicchelli maintains the board has no choice but to hear the grievance, as outlined in the MEA contract.

"I had no problem hearing this first

grievance, but if the second grievance

## Obituaries

### GLADYS M. ADRIAN

Gladys M. Adrian of Wixom died May 13 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was 78.

Mrs. Adrian was born November 21, 1911 in Kinston, Ontario to William and Anna (Bowers) Fleet. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence J.; her daughter, Joan B. Longway; her son, Ronald W.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held May 16 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, the Rev. Alfred Could officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mourning contributions may be sent to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 17251 W. Twelve Mile, Suite 103, Southfield, MI 48076.

A homemaker, she was involved in Our Lady of Victory Seniors and Novi Senior Center.

She is survived by two sons, Lawrence (Lulu) and Robert (Kathryn); one daughter, Dorothy; six grandchildren; two sisters, Frances and Laura; and one brother, Frederick.

### MAGDALENA M. DERWICK

Magdalena M. Derwick of Novi died May 16 at the Farmington Nursing Home. She was 89.

She was born Nov. 17, 1900 in Saugatuck to Lawrence and Anna (Wojnowska) Dutkiewicz. She was a homemaker.

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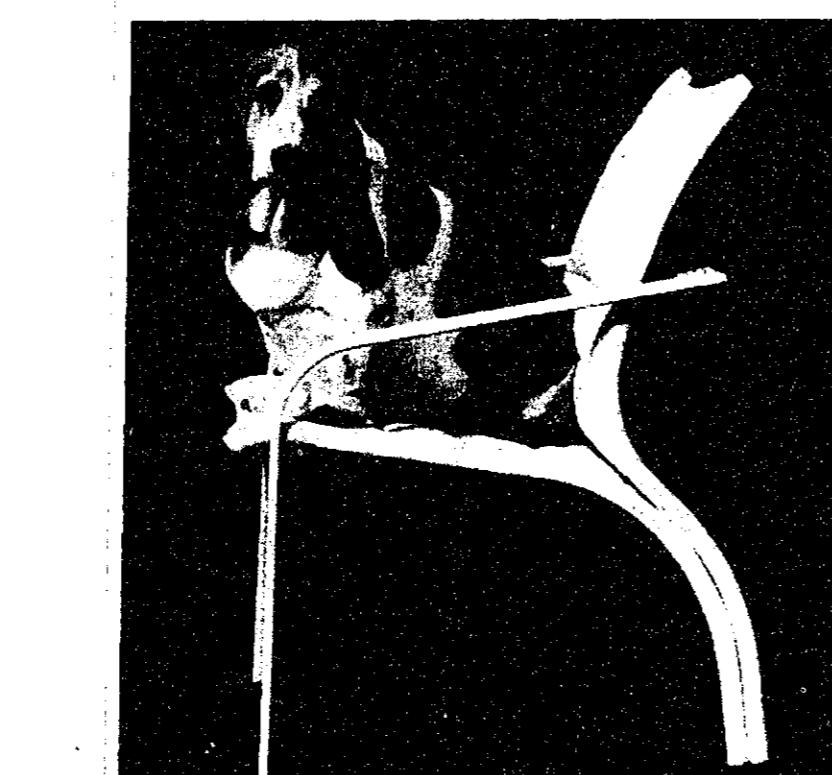
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# Opinions

## As We See It

### Budget approval an embarrassment

What were you doing at 3:15 Thursday morning?

Watching the late movie? Getting a glass of water? Or, most likely, sleeping?

The various members of Novi City Council were insulting each other, throwing paper, walking out — and apportioning the city budget.

Yes, after countless budget study sessions, a threat by three council people to deny approval, and an unfortunate amount of bad feeling, Novi has a budget for fiscal 1990-91. They even made it a few days before the city-charter-mandated approval deadline of the third Monday in May (May 21 this year).

The council deserves recognition of the fact that it hammered out a budget compromise when there existed a very strong difference of opinion about the philosophy and specifics behind the budget. But the way this budget came to pass is a real embarrassment to the city.

Council Member Hugh Crawford called his colleagues Joseph Toth, Nancy Covert and Tim Pope "a militant minority of budget terrorists" — and expressed his feelings by wadding up a copy of the trio's budget proposal and throwing it in Toth's general direction. Covert, wondering what would happen next, walked out. In sum, people were tired, tempers were short, and the words and actions showed it. It was, after all, well past midnight at the end of a long week which had included another lengthy council meeting.

Is this the sort of situation in which the council should be deciding the city's spending for a full year?

No. It never should have happened the way it did.

Covert and Pope could perhaps have been more vocal in their feelings about the budget earlier in the process, although they did speak out on some issues. Toth, who led the minority charge, made his feelings known all along, and it should not have been such a surprise that two of his colleagues agreed with him.

The real disgrace was the marathon session which ended with the budget's eventual passage. That meet-

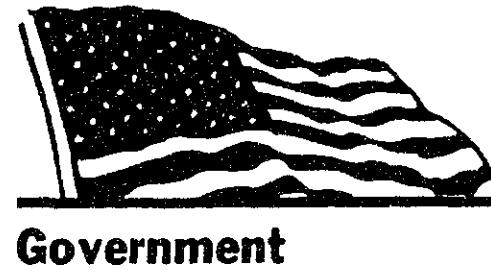
### 'Nine Mile massacre' shouldn't have been

Residents dubbed the clearing of trees and shrubs near along the edge of two Novi subdivisions the "Nine Mile Chainsaw Massacre." The nickname is strong, but probably justified.

This is a head-spinning example of bureaucracy at its worst. The cutting came about because of a request from Dunbarton Pines that the city remove some dead brush and construction debris from a city easement along Nine Mile. Nothing happened for months, and then a crew came and gutted the area, taking a great deal of live trees and shrubs out as well. Now the city is promising to restore the area, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

So in other words, the city spent money and time to cut down all this greenery and will now spend more money to undo the damage — supposedly following a residents' request which wasn't at all what the residents requested.

Now, in all fairness, it's not really that simple. Parks and Recreation Di-



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ing saw a disturbing lack of regard for other points of view — and some downright childish behavior.

In the most obvious example, Crawford's "budget terrorists" comment was an inappropriate reaction to legitimate dissension. Anyone who thinks there is not public support for the minority's arguments is kidding themselves. Bawling the proposal into a ball and tossing it off is not the way to reach a compromise.

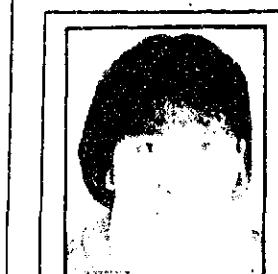
Neither is walking out, which was Covert's response. She said that remaining in the room would have "aided and abetted" the bush-league goings-on; one could argue that her walkout simply added to them. She certainly cannot represent her constituents when she's not there.

The council members could have scheduled another budget session for the following Monday and still met its deadline. There was already a meeting planned, and the business at hand was obviously not pressing because the Monday meeting was later cancelled. Residents of Novi could find much more confidence in a budget that was approved at a reasonable hour with the council members acting like themselves.

Thankfully, it appears the council recovered well from the ill feeling of the May 16 session. Officials were regretting that it happened, and even joked about it all. (We can't wait to see the "Budget Terrorist" T-shirts.) We might question the point of Covert's waiting for an apology from Crawford, but overall everyone seems to have put the session behind them.

That's a good sign: the council seems to have suffered no lasting damage. But it's very troubling that the citizens of Novi will have to live with the actual product of that session for a full 12 months.

## Pleasingly plump puppies



Ann Willis

We've been talking about fat dogs recently in the office. Okay, so maybe your office banter is of a slightly higher quality than ours. So what.

Jan Jeffress, a reporter here, is researching a story that relates to fat dogs. It'll be out next week so I don't want to give away the details. We like to keep these big scoops under wraps until they hit the street.

Competition is pretty tough right now in these newspaper wars. Anyway, Jan was looking for a model to visually represent these full-figured pets. My dog's name came up at that point in the conversation.

I want to know just what gives people the feeling of freedom that makes it okay to call my dog fat? I mean, what ever happened to polite euphemisms?

Lizzie, my dog, has been known to polish off a bit of chow now and again. It's not precisely true that she knows the phone number to the Pizza Cutter restaurant. However, it is true she prefers square pizza to round.

I have come to expect rude comments from total

strangers. I can be walking my big boned mutt down the street and people will make it a point to laugh and point. "Well, guess she never misses a meal," a man said to me recently. What can you possibly reply to that? "No, and it looks like neither do you?" Of course I would never say something like that. Not until the next time I see that guy.

I guess I have become somewhat numb to the impolite remarks of people on the street. But in the newsroom? These people are supposed to know better. These people are supposed to care.

On one recent evening when my not-so-slim dog and I were hanging around the office a much-too-slim reporter mentioned the fact that it seemed as if my dog was having a bit of a problem rolling over. "Could be that giant stomach is getting in her way," the reporter noted. Now a less-involved dog owner probably would have taken the remark in stride. The less-caring owner would probably have admitted that indeed, the belly on the dog was creating the image of a fury dog rolling on a beach ball.

But I did what came natural. I picked the dog's head out of the garbage can where she had been taking care of the remnants of the day's lunch, and carried her home to where she is loved, respected and fed. And I told her it was in her genes.

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

## Forum

By Chris Boyd



Remember when?

## A few random thoughts



Bob Needham

Items from our catalog:

• A person's perspective on a given issue can really change their opinion. One of our sister newspapers, the Brighton Argus, has reported more than once on a phenomenon of "North-bashing." The people of Brighton, it seems, don't want their town to become another Novi. I've heard similar comments if a car ran into the larger trees, and utility-line clearances.

It seems likely, however, that all the concerns could have been resolved in ways other than wholesale cutting, through discussion with the residents of the area. A good time to do this would have been in the review process for a woodlands permit.

And there's the crux of the matter: the city did not follow the procedure in its own ordinance. This is outrageous; the city should not expect more from private entities than it's willing to do itself.

Council Member Hugh Crawford summed it up nicely: "We need to abide by our ordinance as well as anybody else. We owe it to ourselves and everybody else to comply with it in spirit." Exactly.

Leaving aside the fact that Novi has a lot to recommend it, this seems to me to be a strange development. It's part of a never-ending chain of "we-don't-want-our-town-to-become-another" whatever.

If you spend much time in Novi, you may have heard the gulling philosophy of many Novi residents: we don't want to become another Southfield. Southfield doesn't want to become another Detroit. Detroiters, I'm sure, look to somewhere else for the situation they want to avoid.

I'm quite sure the chain extends the other way, too: there must be some place that is afraid of becoming another Brighton or another Northville.

And all these terrible places are filled with happy people, absolutely content with their unique community. Yet the bashing chain continues.

• There are plenty of worthy causes in Novi and Northville that need money, but one in particular is especially dire straits. Novi Youth Assistance got much less participation than expected in its annual Bowlathon, which is its major fund-raiser. The total fell about \$10,000

short of the goal.

The group is facing severe program cuts if it does not raise some more money. If you'd like to help, call John O'Brien at 347-0410.

• Part of the huge Maples of Novi development at Fourteen Mile and Decker will be an area called Maple Hills. Do you suppose the developer is aware of the already existing Maple Hill subdivision in Northville Township, less than 10 miles away? Are subdivision names now getting so completely unimaginative that we have to start reusing the old ones?

• Historic preservation is an important goal in this area. Novi and Northville both boast active historical societies. It's the type of area where people care about such things.

That's why there were a lot of angry and saddened people when it was learned that the old Starkweather farmhouse on Seven Mile — Northville Township's oldest home — was torn down by a builder. A representative said the company had no idea of the home's historic value.

The Northville Township Board discussed saving the home — which dates back to before the Civil War — at its meeting Thursday night, May 10. The demolition took place the very next morning.

• Aynon — certainly not me — might question the timing of this coincidence. I just think it's a damn shame.

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

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May 24, 1990

## Council members disappoint Letters

To the Editor: It is with great sadness and disappointment that I comment on the last city council budget session. After 16 years in the community, I decided to witness some proceedings for myself. What I saw the evening of May 16 and 17 was a perfect example of the tyranny and arrogance of the majority. It seems that four council members, along with the administration, who are accustomed to having their own way, could not handle the honest and legitimate efforts of the citizens to express their opinions as to what they believe is the message of their constituents regarding the city budget.

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### All in one

Meadowbrook Congregational Church covered all the fund-raising bases Saturday with a combination plant sale/bake sale/car wash. Here, Jonnathan Tornja, 3, helps his dad, Stan, pick out some flowers.

## Insurance to be adjusted

Car owners with bad driving and accident records may save a few dollars under a House-passed bill awaiting state Senate action.

House Bill 4159 would exclude so-called "comprehensive" coverage (theft, vandalism and glass breakage) from "merit" ratings (accidents and moving violations) by auto insurers.

"If your car was vandalized, we want to make sure you're not surcharged," said an aide to the sponsor, Rep. Mary Brown, D-Kalamazoo.

The aide testified last week before the Senate Commerce Committee. Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, voted with the majority to report out the bill, 5-0.

The bill was welcomed by Sen. Michael O'Brien, D-Detroit, who said, "Having lost two windshields to

trucks, I'm told all I gotta do is get one more comprehensive claim and I'm canceled."

A spokesperson for the Michigan Insurance Bureau said insurers would be unable to cancel policies because of comprehensive claims, al-

though they could charge the car owner a higher deductible.

The bill is on the Senate calendar this week. If adopted, it would become law in April 1991, allowing small insurers time to change their forms.

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## Gun safety triggers bill

LANSING — Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, saying he doesn't like to stretch existing laws, endorsed a Senate bill requiring gun owners to keep their weapons locked when children are in the household.

But Senate Judiciary Chair Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, says the present "careless use of firearms" law may be sufficient to charge adults when children fire guns.

"I do not like to stretch the law," O'Hair said last week as he testified in favor of Senate Bill 702, sponsored by William Faust, D-Westland. O'Hair wants clearer statutory authority for prosecution.

National Rifle Association lobbyist objected that the bill singles out firearms and "punishes grieving parents after the fact."

Nichols conducted his panel's first hearing on the bill last week at Faust's urging.

The bill would require adults (18 and over) to store firearms in locked containers or use a trigger lock if a minor (16 and under) could gain access without parental permission.

With only three of its five members attending, the Judiciary Committee took no vote Thursday.

Nichols said the panel has a week

to act if the full Legislature is to vote by the summer break. The chair said he's cool to the bill.

A similar bill is stalled in a House committee. The measure's prospects appear dim.

"Once a month," O'Hair said, "our office writes up a report from the Detroit Police Department [of children's use of firearms].

"If there is great remorse on the part of the parent, we forego prosecution, believing the death of a child is sufficient punishment."

But the county will prosecute the doorman of a crack house who puts down a gun to take a break and a child picks it up and fires it, usually at another child.

"Guns are attractive to young children. They see them in comics and on TV," he said.

A former circuit judge, O'Hair said his office can prosecute under two statutes: manslaughter and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

"This bill would give prosecutors another option to charge adults." He said the "careless use" statute cited by Nichols would apply where the firearm was under the adult's "immediate control." O'Hair sought a more precise legal tool.

Charles Cunningham, a Washington-based spokesperson for the National Rifle Association, said firearms accidents are at their lowest point in 50 years and declining, thanks to NRA's educational programs.

"Prevent the tragedy rather than punish the parent after the fact," Cunningham said.

He cited public service TV spots in which actors well known to kids say three times: "Guns aren't toys. If you find a gun, leave it alone. Don't touch it. Tell an adult."

The 135,000-member NRA has a long list of other objections to the Faust bill, Cunningham said:

- It punishes one person for the act of another.
- It singles out firearms, ignoring poisons, alcohol, farm equipment and knives. Bicycle accidents kill more kids than gun accidents.

- Cans with trigger locks are worthless to adults for self defense.
- The bill exempts police and military personnel, who should be subject to it like everyone else.

- The bill punishes an act of mere negligence as a felony.
- The bill applies to homes with children of 16.

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### Company helps firms get the most from computers

Local businesses that believe they are not getting the most from their computers are discovering a versatile new team of computer specialists.

It is Megatechnologies Inc. of Milford.

"Businesses today have invested a lot of money in their computers," said Patricia Dunk, Megatechnologies' vice president and a computer accounting consultant. "But you'd be surprised how many of them aren't getting a full return on their investment."

The reasons, according to Dunk, range from mismatched equipment to software that is inadequate for the job or not well understood by the people who have to use it.

Does that mean that companies have to junk what they now have and invest big bucks in new equipment and software?

Megatechnologies has staked its future on its ability to show clients that the answer is "no."

"Although some companies choose to make further investments, we begin by working with existing hardware and software," Dunk explained. "And often we find that only minor changes need to be made."

These can include modifications to presently inadequate or incompatible hardware, simple changes to software to provide better fit, or training of personnel who will be using the computers.

According to Dunk, hardware incompatibility may be due to something as simple as too little memory.

Software changes may include generating business reports that provide adequate information.

Training in this field, helping people who already know their job well to discover how their computer can help them perform it easier, faster and more efficiently, has traditionally been done in a classroom setting.

But Megatechnologies believes that they have a new twist.

"We knew that businesses could find computer companies they could go to for training," Dunk said. "But we offer them on-site training."

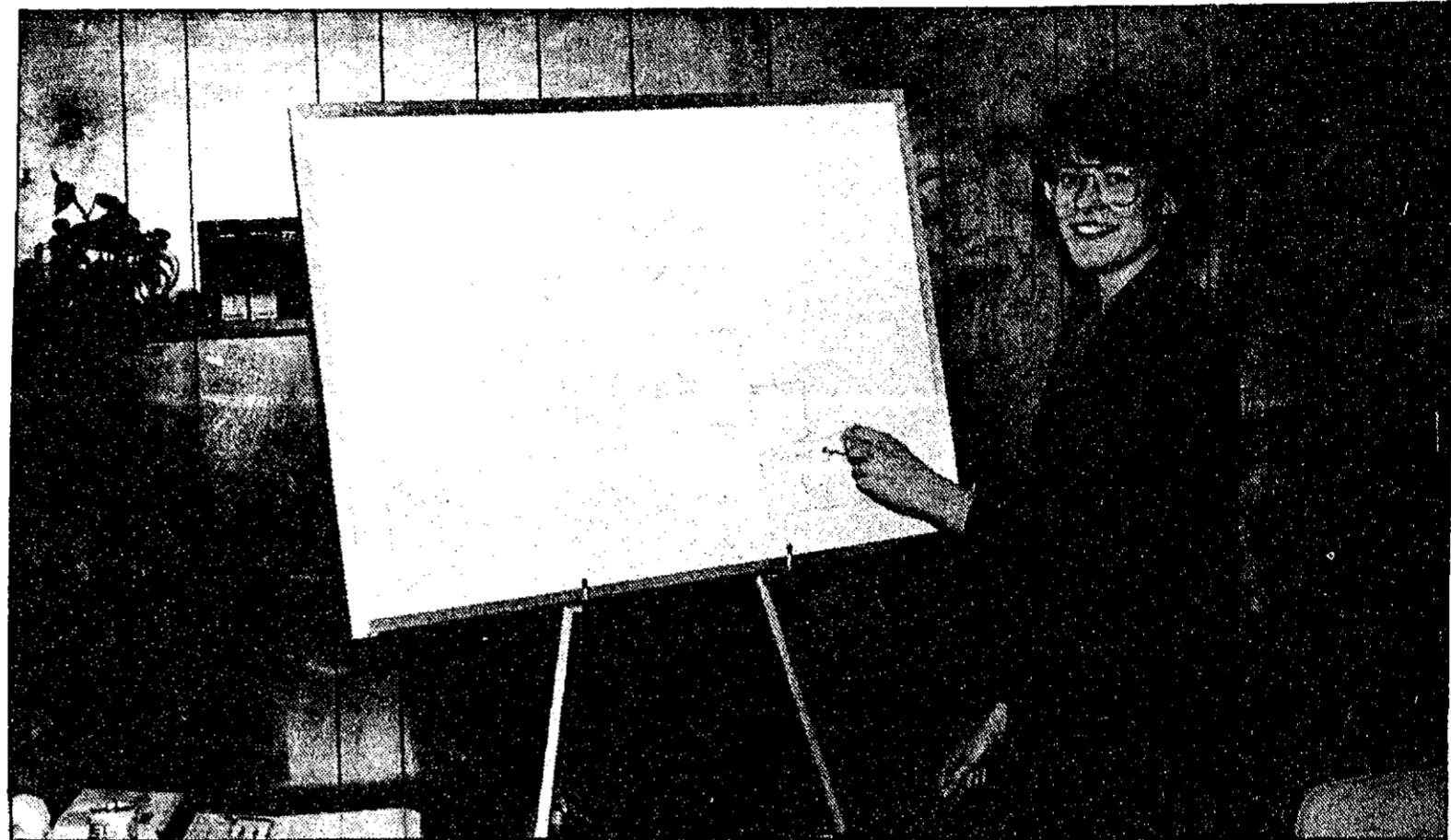
"In other words, it's training that we provide on the companies' own computers. This allows them to be more comfortable and better able to make the most of their training."

Other options for companies that choose to make further investments include additional computers in existing offices and networking computers together to make more efficient use of both computers and software.

Dunk stresses that every job must be evaluated on its individual merits.

"We are systems analysts," she said. "We always approach our projects with interviews and other tools to find out the customer's needs, plans and budget. Then we try to fit all criteria together so that the customer receives the most for their money."

Finally, she concludes, Megatechnologies makes sure, as part of the package, that all people using their computer system are completely familiar with it and understand the



Patricia Dunk of Megatechnologies can often find simple solutions to businesses' computer troubles

power of it.

"I guess you could just say that we're in business to help companies get the most from their computers," she said.

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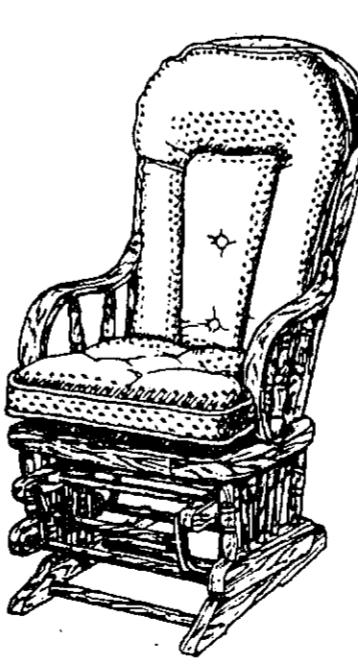
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## Business Briefs

Richard H. Headlee, chairperson, president and chief executive officer of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co., announced the appointment of **CYNTHIA MARTIN** as manager, benefits administration.

As benefits administration manager, Martin will implement and administer child dependent care, employee assistance, long term care and other employee benefit programs. The newest of these, long-term care, is designed to provide Hamilton employees and their families with nursing home and home care services.

Martin, a Novi resident, has been employed by Hamilton since 1983. She previously worked for the Farmington Hills Chiropractic Clinic. Hamilton's child dependent care program, under Martin's direction, was recently recognized by The House Republican Task Force on Child Care.

Alexander Hamilton Life now ranks among the top 5 percent of all North American life insurance in force, with 1.3 million policyholders. Hamilton now employs over 600 people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Hamilton has recently received community recognition for its child dependent care program.

Household International (NYSE), a major provider of consumer and commercial financial services with assets totalling \$26 billion, acquired Hamilton in 1987.

Comerica Bank-Detroit, principal subsidiary of Comerica Incorporated, has appointed **NOVI RESIDENT RICHARD L. RUDOLPH** as corporate banking officer, middle market banking. Chairperson Eugene A. Miller made the announcement.

Rudolph joined the company in 1987 as a loan analyst. He received a bachelor's degree in 1974 from Michigan State University and a master's degree in 1986 from the same university.



Richard L. Rudolph

Cynthia Martin

**DENISE WHITTY** of Milford has been promoted to director of sales by Getting To Know You, the nation's largest new homeowner welcoming service.

Whitty will handle sales operations in Michigan, St. Louis, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., and Toledo, Ohio. She joined the company in 1987 as a sales representative in the Detroit area. In 1989, she was named Sales Representative of the Year, the company's highest sales honor. She served as a sales manager prior to her recent promotion.

Sponsored by local merchants and professionals, Getting To Know You sends new homeowners a housewarming package containing a personal telephone/address directory with gift certificates and consumer information. The program, founded in 1962, has been growing in the Milford area and suburban communities throughout 33 states.

Broker/owner **CRYSTAL CUNNINGHAM** of RE/MAX 100 Inc. in Novi was presented with the "Spirit Award" at the recent 11th Annual RE/MAX Detroit Metro awards ceremony.

The award was presented to Cunningham for real estate success, as well as her positive attitude toward company and personal growth.

"The 'Spirit Award' is considered one of the most distinguished RE/MAX awards," said Ed LeVor, regional manager of RE/MAX Detroit Metro Inc.

RE/MAX is an international real estate firm with more than 27,000 real estate agents working out of over 1,650 independently owned and operated offices. RE/MAX currently has 20 offices and 350 real estate agents in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe Counties. In Michigan, RE/MAX has a total of more than 725 real estate agents working out of 60 offices, including the 20 offices in the Detroit area.

**MILFORD RESIDENT RICK BIRNDORF**, director of equipment sales for Blue Line Distributing, has been named Outstanding Employee of the Year by Little Caesars Chairperson of the Board Michael Illich.

Birndorf began his career with Little Caesars in June of 1987. He was equipment sales manager for Blue Line Distributing, a subsidiary of Little Caesars.

Two years later, Birndorf was promoted to his current position. His responsibilities include overseeing the sale of equipment to both franchise and corporate Little Caesars restaurants.

"I consider it a great honor to be named Little Caesars Employee of the Year," Birndorf said. "I also consider myself very lucky for having the privilege of working with the terrific people at Little Caesars and Blue Line. Their support and dedication have made all of this possible."

## Get the most from that tax refund

### Money Management

You open your mailbox and find a substantial tax refund from the Internal Revenue Service. What do you do? The answer for many individuals is: spend it.

The Michigan Association of CPAs urges you to remember that a tax refund is not found money—and most certainly not an open invitation to spend recklessly. Used properly, a tax refund can go a long way toward improving one's financial fitness.

#### PAY OFF A CREDIT CARD BILL

Take a look at your credit card balances. If you have outstanding debt, one of the smartest moves you can make is to use your refund to pay off all or part of your credit card bills. For instance, if you owe approximately \$1,600 in credit card debt at 18 percent interest, that level of debt can add up to \$204 a year. To make matters worse, only 10 percent of the interest is \$30.40, tax deductible in 1990.

Single taxpayers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$25,000 or less may continue to deduct up to \$2,000 for an IRA. Likewise, married taxpayers with an AGI of \$40,000 or less can still deduct up to \$4,000, if both spouses work and each earns at least \$2,000. A partial deduction is allowed for single taxpayers with an AGI between \$25,000 and \$35,000 and married couples with an AGI between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

#### ADD A FIREPLACE, A CLOSET, OR...

Parents planning for a newborn's future education, a tax refund can be small but significant step toward building a college fund. For example, you can purchase U.S. Series EE Savings Bonds for a modest sum.

#### BUILD AN EMERGENCY FUND

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#### MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO AN IRA

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are alive and well—and may be just the place to stash your tax refund.

fund. By contributing to an IRA, you can fortify your retirement nest egg. And don't settle for an account paying 6 to 7 percent interest. At 10 percent, you may still be able to deduct the contribution on your 1990 tax return, if you and your spouse are allowed to participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are covered by a retirement plan at your job, all is not lost.

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#### ... There's no place like home, and few investments are as enjoyable as home improvements. Your tax refund can be the key to installing a fireplace or some other long-term improvement to your home. Remember, the benefits of home improvements are multiple. First, you may increase the potential selling price of your home.

Second, any money spent on home improvements is added to your basis—the amount you paid to obtain your property. When you sell your home, the basis will help determine the amount of profit or loss you may have to report on your tax return.

#### ... Whatever you decide to do with your tax refund, remember that the money you are spending is money you earned by working long, hard hours. Spend it or invest it the same way you would any other hard-earned income—with care and intelligence.

### BUILD ON IT

If you have already cut your credit card bills, it's time to start saving. But don't settle for an account paying 6 to 7 percent interest. At 10 percent, you may still be able to deduct the contribution on your 1990 tax return, if you and your spouse are allowed to participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are covered by a retirement plan at your job, all is not lost.

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SUMMER crew leaders needed in South Lyon. \$5.50/hour. Must be 18 years old. Apply to: South Lyon Community Council. Call S.E.T. 513/354-9167.

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'88 DODGE OMNI Auto, a/c, charcoal	'89 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT Low miles, auto, a/c, RT, cruise, gorgeous vehicle	'83 CADILLAC SEVILLE Immaculate, a/c, v-8, leather	'88 GMC TONK PICK-UP High Sierra, red & silver
'88 CHRYSLER FIFTH AVENUE Fully loaded luxury car only 46,000 miles	'87 DODGE COLT VISTA 4x4 WAGON Many options, won't last long!	'88 GMC SAFARI CARGO VAN Auto, V-6, 4.3L, white	'88 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER Two-tone Blue, auto, and more!
'88 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN Fully loaded, chrysler, a/c, power locks, power steering, moonroof, cloth	'85 GMC CARGO VAN Auto, V-8, cassette	'85 FORD ESCORT Auto, a/c, only 38,000 miles	'88 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER Auto, a/c, 7 passenger
'87 OLDS CALAIS GT 2-dr, black & silver	'87 FORD ESCORT Red, 2-dr, auto, low miles	'85 CAMARO Power steering, power brakes, delux radio, Good condition	'88 PLYMOUTH VISTA WAGON 4x4, v-6, very versatile interior, must see!

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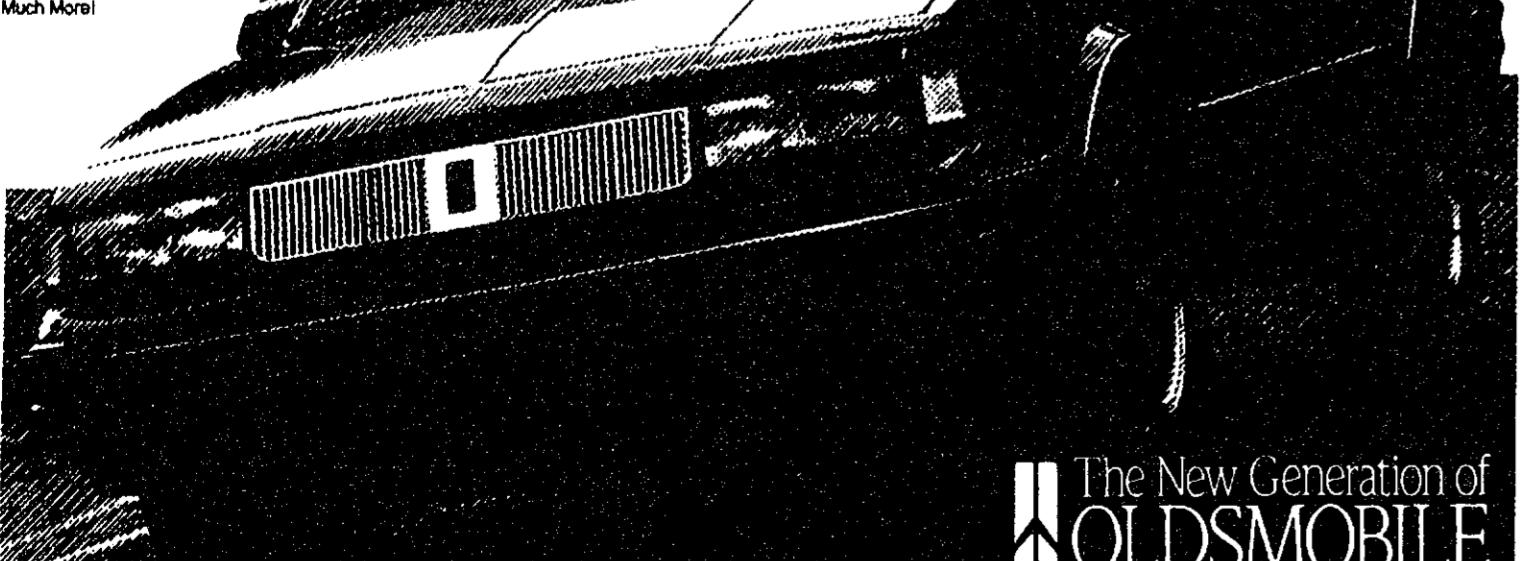
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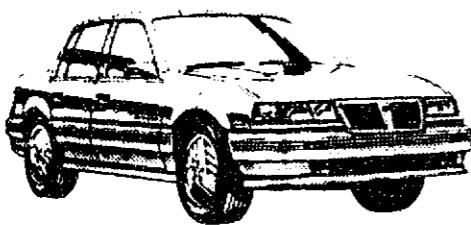
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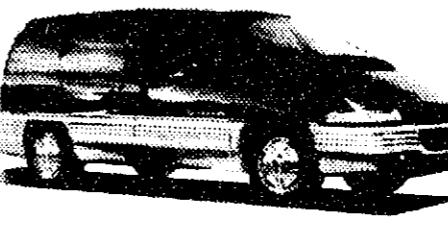
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## Cedar, redwood siding requires preservatives

By Gene Gary

**Q:** We own a two-story house that has a cedar siding exterior. The house is 15 years old, and we have never added oil or preservative to the siding. The builders said it was not necessary. Other people have said it should be oiled or have a preservative coating added.

We have some minor splitting on the south side, where it is exposed to the most sun. Otherwise, it still looks good.

Should we leave this exterior siding alone, or should it be treated with something for protection?—A.M.

**A:** Even with the natural weather resistance that makes woods such as cedar and redwood so suitable for siding, decking and other outdoor uses, they still need some additional protection to stand up to constant exposure to harsh rains, snow and the damaging rays of the sun. There are literally dozens of products designed expressly for the purpose of protecting outdoor wood surfaces.

You can maintain the natural finish and simply treat the wood with a water repellent. When used outdoors, they may need to be applied in several coats and renewed every year or two. Paint is another common solution. However, these are not the only solutions.

Exterior wood stains are another good way to protect wood from moisture, rot, mildew and other weather-related problems. Stains treated with wood preservative compounds such as copper naphthalene, zinc naphthalene, copper-8-quinolinolate, polyphosphate and TBTO (bis-tributyltin-oxide) offer sturdier protection from the elements.

These preservatives penetrate the wood, rather than forming a film on the surface. They come in a wide variety of colors and in oil and latex bases to suit both your decorating and cleanup preferences. Latex and vinyl-base stains don't penetrate as well as oils but can be cleaned up with water.

Oil-base stains are made with linseed oil or any number of vegetable oils. Linseed-oil stains have superior penetrating ability, but are relatively slow-drying and tend to yellow. Modified-oil stains may be made from linseed oil that has been heat-treated to resist yellowing or may have resins added to upgrade surface protection.

Alkyd-resin stains have a base made from vegetable oils and are best for applying to new, untreated wood. If you want the wood grain to show through, choose a semitransparent stain.

In addition to the basic ingredients, many stains also are formulated with water repellents, wood

preservatives, mildewcides and fungicides. Water repellents help to prevent cracking that can occur when wood repeatedly absorbs moisture and then loses it through evaporation. Preservatives discourage rot, and mildewcides and fungicides guard against discoloration caused by organic growths.

Be sure the wood siding is thoroughly cleaned and dried prior to the application of any stain or water repellent. Unprotected wood that has been allowed to weather may be water-stained, mildewed or streaked with rot.

To remove dirt, grime and mildew, scrub the siding with a stiff-bristle brush (do not use a wire brush) using a solution of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup trisodium phosphate mixed with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of detergent, 1 quart of household bleach and 3 quarts of warm water. Rinse with plenty of clear water.

An effective treatment for brightening the natural finish and restoring color prior to any treatment is to use oxalic acid crystals per gallon of water in a non-metallic container. Using a cloth or soft brush, apply to an entire board area at a time. When the wood dries, rinse with clear water. More than one application may be necessary if discoloration is severe.

Use extreme care in handling oxalic acid. It is poisonous, but not dangerous if precautions are taken. Wear rubber gloves, avoid contact with skin or eyes. Pour acid into water when mixing, not the other way.

**Q:** I am considering purchasing a home where the previous owner attached linoleum square and mirror squares to the walls. Do you know how to remove them without destroying the finish on the walls?

I don't look forward to a big finishing job. The walls are wallboard construction.—A.D.

**A:** An effective way to remove tiles is to use an iron, turned to its highest setting, then slowly move it over one tile at a time. This will soften the mastic so you can remove the tile.

Another recommendation, this one from a reader, is to use ordinary 30- to 50-pound test monofilament fishing line. Slip behind the mirror squares or tiles and pull it like a saw in both directions. This will cut through the mastic without damage to the wall or tile. Remove mastic from the wall surface with a suitable solvent.

You may have to experiment with several different varieties to find the right one. A good paint store can offer suggestions.

Send inquiries to *Here's How*, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.

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## Great treats in these retreats

When you walk from room to room in your home, are you happy with what you see?

Apart from clutter and cleanliness — do you like the furnishings? Are the rooms well-utilized?

If your answer is "Not really," chances are you're ripe for redecorating — and possible redefining the spaces in which you live.

What follows are enhancement suggestions for rooms that often are given a low priority — but have tremendous potential.

### BEDROOMS

In "A Complete Guide to Interior Design" (Simon and Schuster), the editors of *House & Garden* call bedrooms "serene sanctuums around the clock."

The editors' primary suggestion for bedroom interior design is "to remember every detail in terms of comfort and convenience."

These details include simplicity for the sake of serenity, total noise control (sound-baffling wall paneling helps, as does wall-to-wall carpeting) and total control over daylight (block out unwanted light with shades or curtains).

To ensure a good night's sleep, provide yourself with an excellent bed and mattress. You'll also want good reading lamps and a light switch close at hand.

Treat your feet to a bedside rug or soft floor covering, and decorate with your favorite colors, lots of pillows, plants or fresh flowers.

Try to include one or two soft chairs as well as bedside tables with enough space to hold a clock, radio, tissues, books, and more.

Something from the past will lend interest. It could be a picture, an old rocking chair or the bed itself.

Consider decorating with designer sheets. A Laura Ashley or Ralph Lauren collection, for example, might consist of a splashy floral you can combine with coordinated stripes, checks, smaller prints or solids, which you use for slipcovers, curtains and/or table skirts — all of which match your bedding and accessories.

### GUEST ROOMS

It's hard to get perspective on your guest room — unless you pack your bags and move into it for a few days.

Follow the above suggestions for creating a beautiful and functional bedroom, but in addition, bless your guests with at least half of a closet, empty except for clothes hangers. Also provide one or two drawers in a chest or table.

Agreeable extras include a full-length mirror and a television set camouflaged in an armoire or chest (so it won't stare back at your guests).

If there's room, add a large trunk that stores extra bedding and can support an opened suitcase.

If your guest room small — or does it do double duty as a den or library? Go ahead and save space with a sofa that converts into a bed — new versions are vastly more comfortable than their predecessors.

### MEDIA ROOMS

If staying home and enjoying a high-tech entertainment system appeals to you, chances are you already own a wide-screen television set, a VCR, a compact disc player and an

excellent sound system. But do you have the perfect place to put them?

Consider converting your family room (or the den, attic, basement)

into a media room. A large furniture store can supply you with items designed to hold all your equipment — in style.

Comfort is key. You'll need cushy chairs or recliners and an overstuffed sofa. Add a small refrigerator, a microwave oven and whatever else connotes luxury to you.

### DINING ROOMS

What's new in dining rooms? Halogen pendant lighting instead of chandeliers. Upholstered chairs that swivel like executive office chairs.

Wood tables painted or stained in soft, light shades, then "distressed" to look antique. Convertible tables — flip their tops and they become playing surfaces for card games or billiards.

What's out in dining room design? Quite possibly, the once-popular trend toward combination kitchen/dining rooms that are open to each other, ostensibly so guests can visit with hosts during dinner preparation.

The idea is appealing, but one woman protests, "I don't want my guests watching my every culinary move, nor do I like looking into the kitchen 'battlefield' when we're at the dining table."

If you share a similar situation and don't want to incur the costs of remodeling, separate the areas with folding screens covered in a fabric or wall covering that coordinates with the rest of the room.

## Around the House: Designs for Living



ROSEWOOD

## New design offers privacy

By James McAlexander

The three-bedroom, two-bath Rosewood offers an unusual amount of privacy. Unlike most homes, which face the street, the Rosewood has living room windows that look out over the quieter and more scenic back-yard area.

In addition, the garage is located in front of the house, between the sleeping wing and the sounds of the street.

To the left of the front door is a large, fully equipped kitchen, brightened by a nice-size window and open to the dining room. Between the kitchen and dining room, a convenient eating bar is almost like a built-in breakfast nook.

Large picture windows make the dining room as cheerful as the kitchen. Together, the living and din-

ing room forms a single space for hosting large parties. The living room fireplace is dramatically accented by a large window on one side and sliding doors to a private outdoor patio on the other side.

Off the front hall is a very practical utility room with several convenient features. It provides an out-of-the-way location for the washer and dryer. It also has a modest work area, a door to the garage and a closet large enough for storing all those things that just don't seem to fit anywhere else in the house.

Across the hall from the utility room is the front bathroom, which is brightened by a cheerful skylight.

The bedrooms are in a separate wing, away from the sounds of the rest of the house.

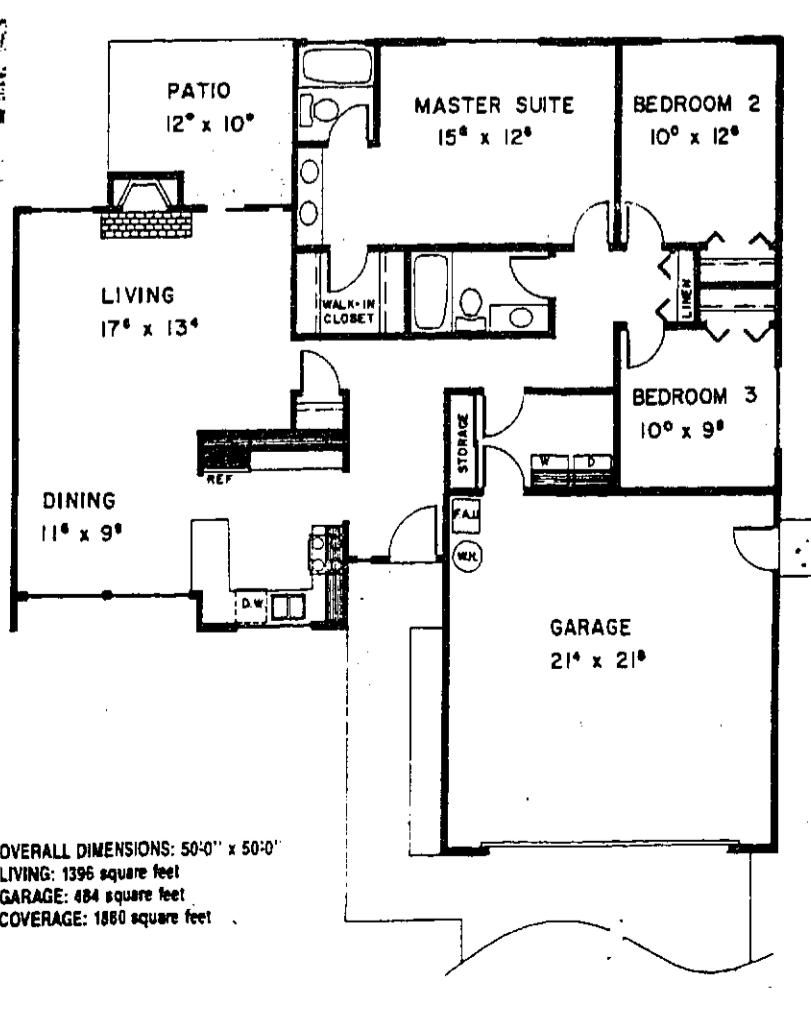
The large master bedroom fea-

tures a touch of luxury. Next to the large walk-in closet is a double sink, located right in the bedroom. The two sinks make it easy for a couple to wash or dress at the same time. The toilet and bath are in a separate room.

The two children's bedrooms are separated by back-to-back closets, so children won't disturb each other. The back hallway includes a handy linen closet.

Sheltered from the street, and with a floor plan that separates the living and sleeping areas, the Rosewood is designed for quiet, peaceful living.

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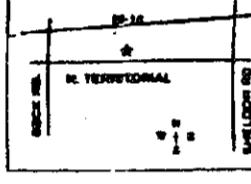
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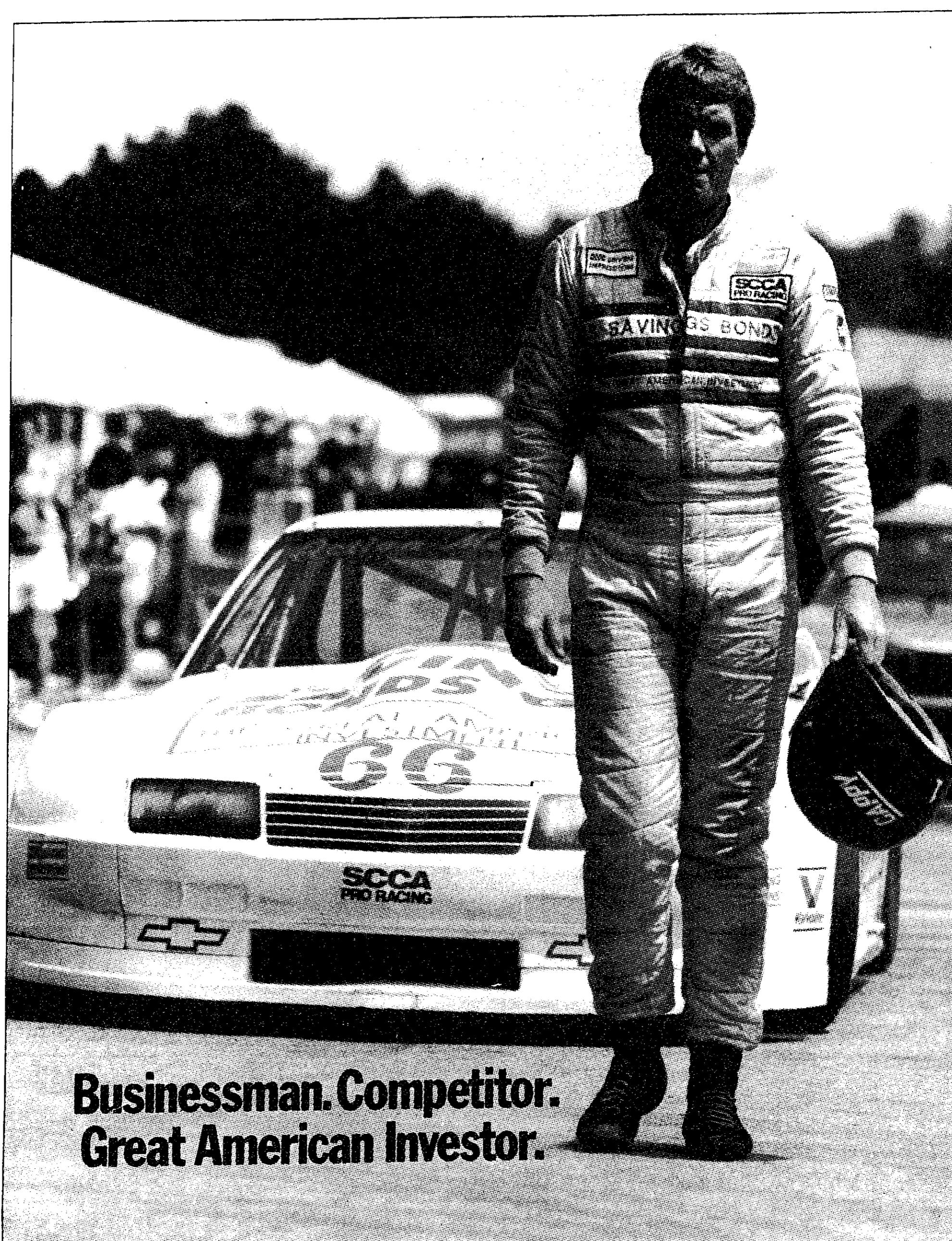
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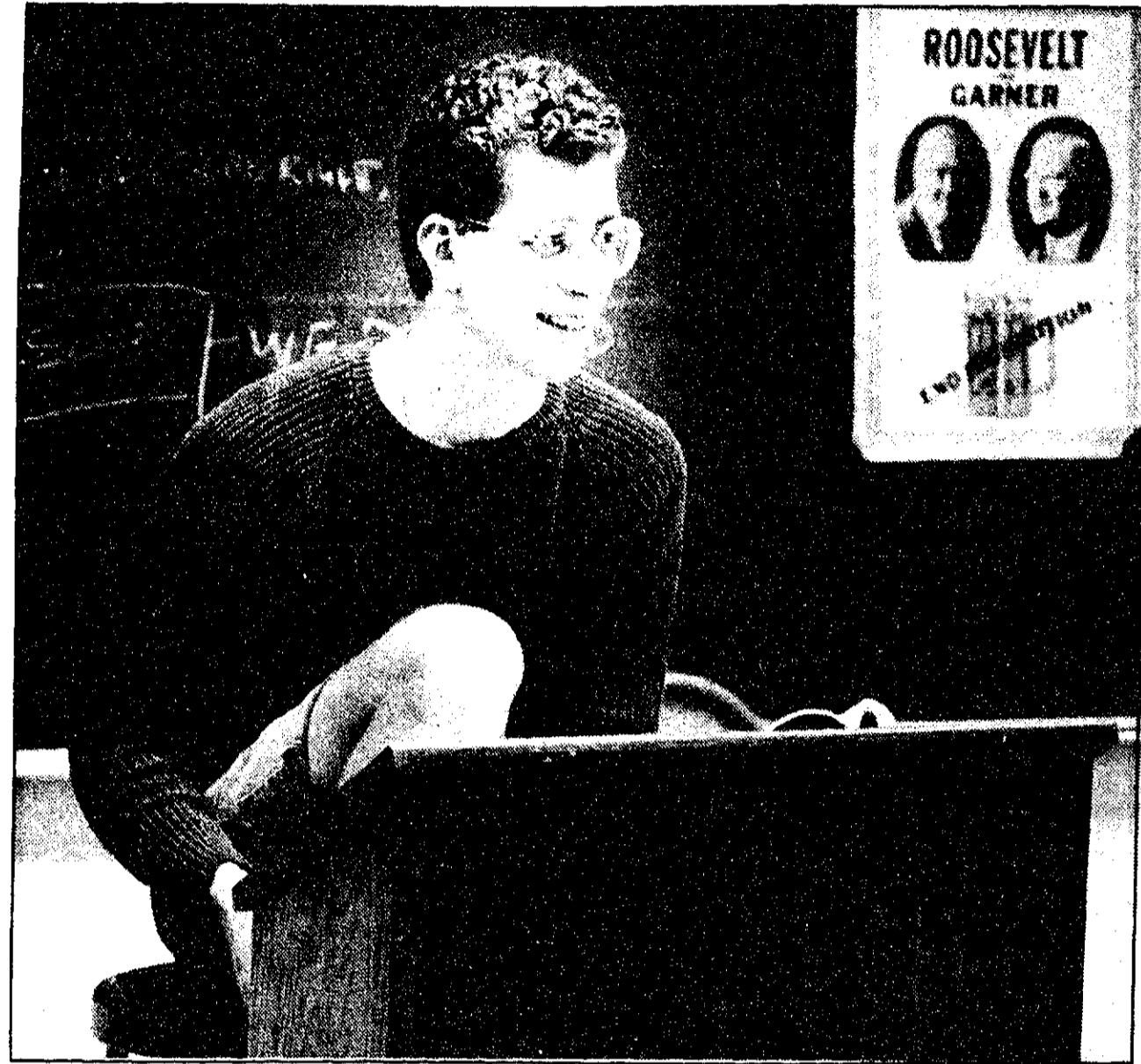
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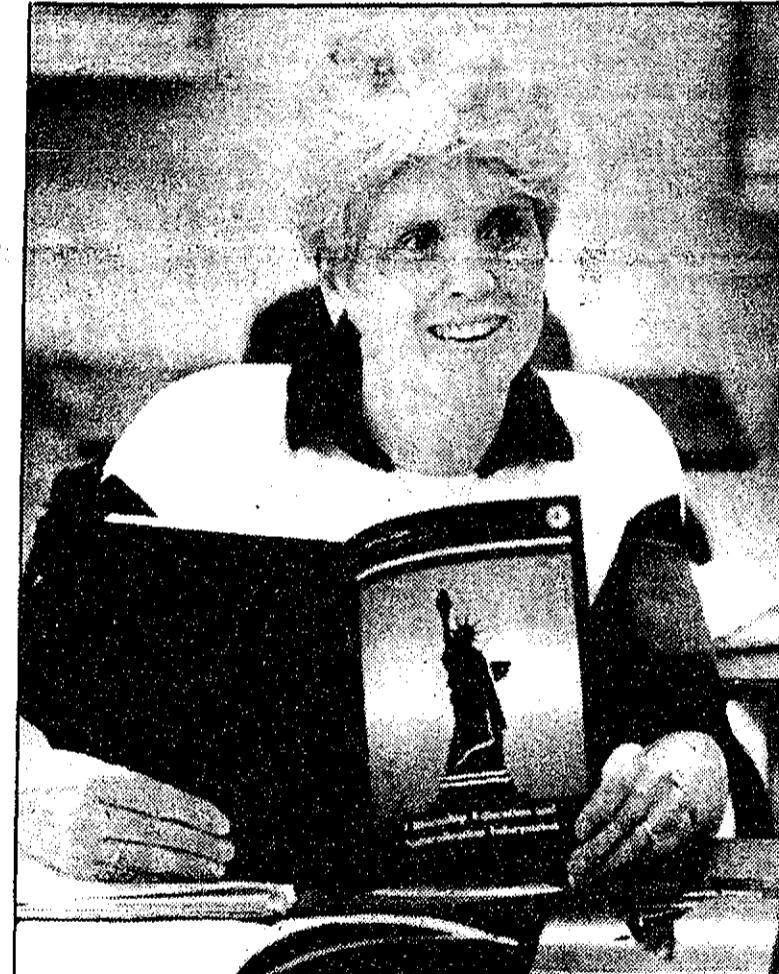
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(above) Buck Shomo teaches "Becoming an American Citizen" to foreign-born area residents through Novi's Adult Education program. (right) Judi Killick of Novi, originally from England, reads from her American citizen course materials



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## First step is to learn language

By LESLIE PEREIRA  
Staff Writer

This week in class they learned about popular American culture by watching Bill Cosby on television.

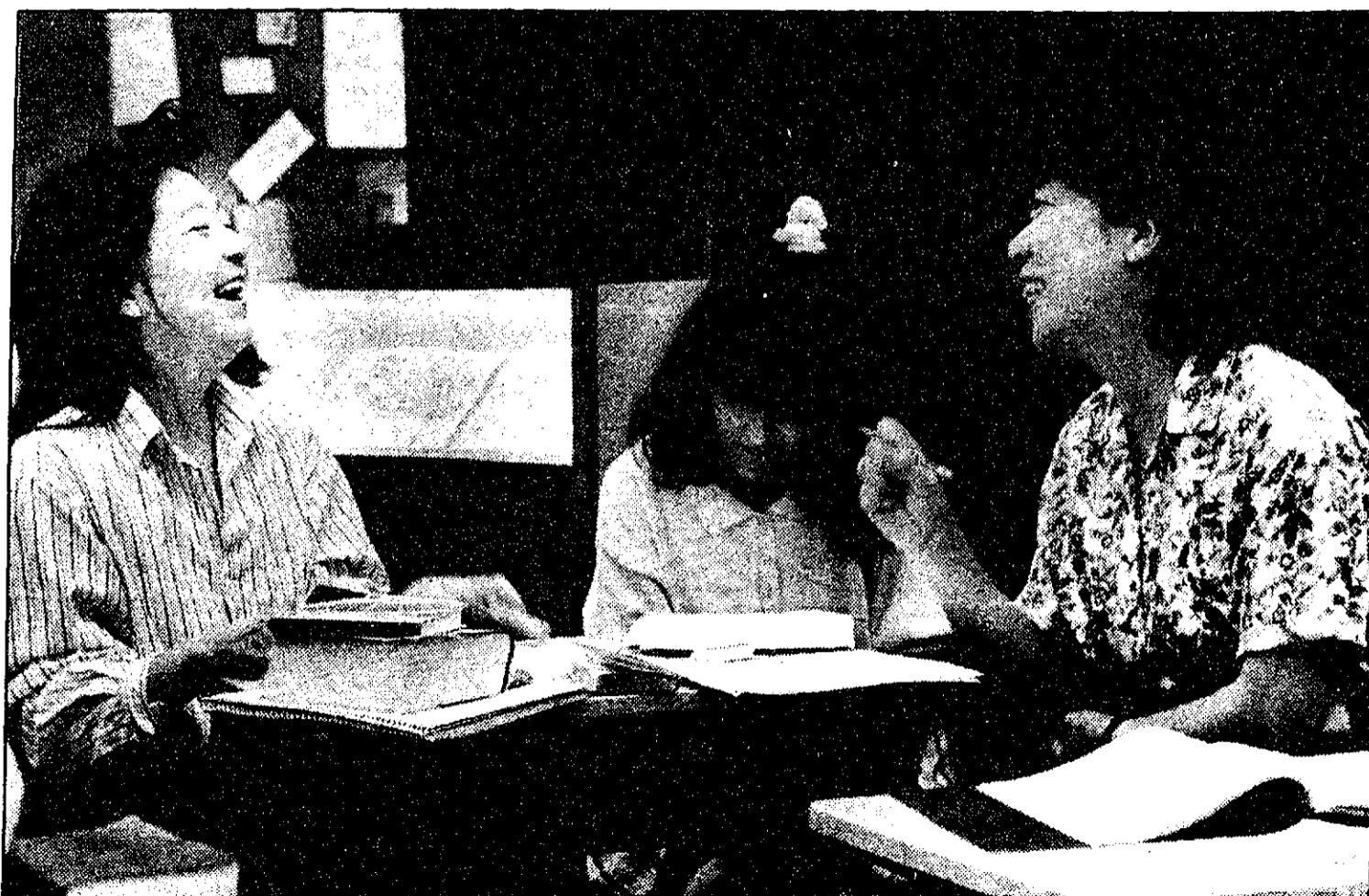
"His speech is very difficult for me — very fast," said Miho Uno, who is studying English as a second language (ESL) through Novi's Community Education program.

Uno and her husband moved to Novi last September and she has been attending the English for non-English speakers course to improve her communication skills and broaden her knowledge of American society.

"We do everything from teaching English to organizing little events and talking about American traditions," said Carol Saunders, coordinator for the Novi/South Lyon Adult Education program.

At Easter time the class of mainly mothers and young wives had their first experience with Easter egg-dyeing and basket making. And although Uno still didn't quite understand why she was coloring eggs, she said she would probably continue the tradition.

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Noriko Sakakura, Minako Hatakeyama and Kumi Ito, all from Japan, share a laugh during their English as a Second Language class at Orchard Hills School in Novi

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The room accessories could have taught the lesson.

Framing the upper perimeter of the room are pictures of all the presidents from George to George. Washington's black-and-white face stares solemnly across the rows of desks to Bush's smiling color photo.

And American flags galore.

Linda Barnes of Northville drinks it all in happily.

"I think it has been very valuable," Barnes said with a mild English accent of the unusual class she is enrolled in.

She and her husband, Ken, are two of the six foreign-born students in Buck Shomo's "Becoming an American Citizen" course offered through Novi's community education center.

Born in England, the Barnes' moved to the U.S. in 1981 for an intended two-year job stint that has stretched to nine years and counting.

"Different opportunities arose so we decided to stay," said Barnes, a true believer in the American dream. "The United States still can give you a good life if you are willing to work hard."

Barnes and her husband decided to take the course as a quicker-than-normal route to obtaining an American citizenship card and the promise of voting rights that citizenship holds.

"The most important thing that a citizen gets is the right to vote," said Barnes. As residents, but not full-fledged citizens, Barnes and her husband have been required to pay U.S. income taxes for nine years without the right to help decide how their taxes will be spent, Barnes explained.

"That is taxation without representation for one thing," said Barnes, calling upon her newfound knowledge of the Boston Tea Party to find a suitable analogy.

And while Barnes is adamant about becoming a citizen on fairness grounds, Novi resident Toni Pascucci does not necessarily share her sense of outrage over taxation.

Pascucci, who left Italy in 1959, said in broken English, "I live in this country. My kids are all citizens, my wife is a citizen, so why not me?"

However, Pascucci's nonchalant attitude disguises the amount of time and effort an interested immigrant must actually put into becoming an American citizen.

Under the Novi program, each candidate must attend at least 60 hours of class in which they study everything from slavery and civil rights to Prohibition and the California gold rush. Previously, candidates were required to undergo an oral exam in front of a panel of Immigration and Naturalization Service officials after much self-preparation.

Shomo, who teaches the Novi course, said it is a pilot program created in response to the increased number of U.S. residents desiring the full rights and privileges of citizenship.

Carol Saunders, of the Novi/South Lyon Adult Education Program, said the heavy load of citizenship seekers is the result of a recent amnesty declared by the federal government. The Immigration Reform and Control Act, signed by President Reagan in 1986, took effect in 1987 and allowed many illegal aliens residing in the U.S. to be free from the threat of deportation and eligible for eventual citizenship after cutting through the proper red tape.

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# Novi youth group sees growth in members

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

The Novi Adventurers 4-H Club has added several adult supervisors to assist Larry and Margaret Schmidts, who have spearheaded the fast-growing youth group since it was started. Members of the 4-H Council are Nancy Marshall, Diane Davis and Ruth Genso. The Schmidts will remain as project leaders.

The club will hold a general meeting every other month; individual committees and activity groups set their own meeting schedules.

The next general membership meeting will be held at the Fair Community Center on June 11. On the agenda will include discussion of the Fowlerville Fair on July 14-21. The club also is planning a membership drive next fall and will sponsor the Pioneer Festival in the spring of 1991.

4-H is a family affair with the entire family involved either as participants or workers. The club emphasizes teaching young people to create projects, work cooperatively and participate in competitive events that will help build responsible citizens.

The Crafts Group made candleholders for Mother's Day and will be working on another craft with leader Elle Schmid on June 13. The group is also looking forward to Exploration Days at Michigan State University on June 3 that they will live in dorms for three days and attend classes.

Members of the Boyscouts of America are planning to bike to the conference. The Boycout Group also is considering a Coast-to-Coast Bicycle Tour of 300 miles on July 21-27. Already signed up for the trip are Susan Thomas, Marie Kennedy and Doug Thomas. Registration deadline is June 15; those planning to participate should be able to ride 50-60 miles per day. Group leaders note that biking is an intergenerational sport and welcomes members of all ages to participate. They are looking for a small utility trailer that can carry eight bikes. Call Susan Thomas or the Schmidts if you can help.

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## Novi Highlights

hosted a graduation party May 5 for her husband, Tony, who earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna College. Guests included her mother, Christina Charles; sister, Mary Koty; brother, Bill Charles; in addition to other friends and relatives. A Suzuki Piano Book One graduation recital was held recently in honor of Meredith Jones, 9. Sue Vanderbeck-Lenz, Meredith's piano teacher, had the idea for the young woman to give Meredith an opportunity to perform on Steinway Grand Piano. A brief story was recited as Meredith played 10 piano compositions, including "French Children's Song," "Clair de Lune," "Goodbye to Winter" and "Musette." Meredith has taken private lessons for two years from Vanderbeck-Lenz, who is director of music at Marygrove College in Detroit. Also performing on the piano were Sally Shear and Lary Nienhard of Kings Pointe and their two daughters, Franklin and Hannah Nienhard. Meredith's grandparents, Morris and Jeanne Jones, traveled from Louisville, Ky., to attend the recital.

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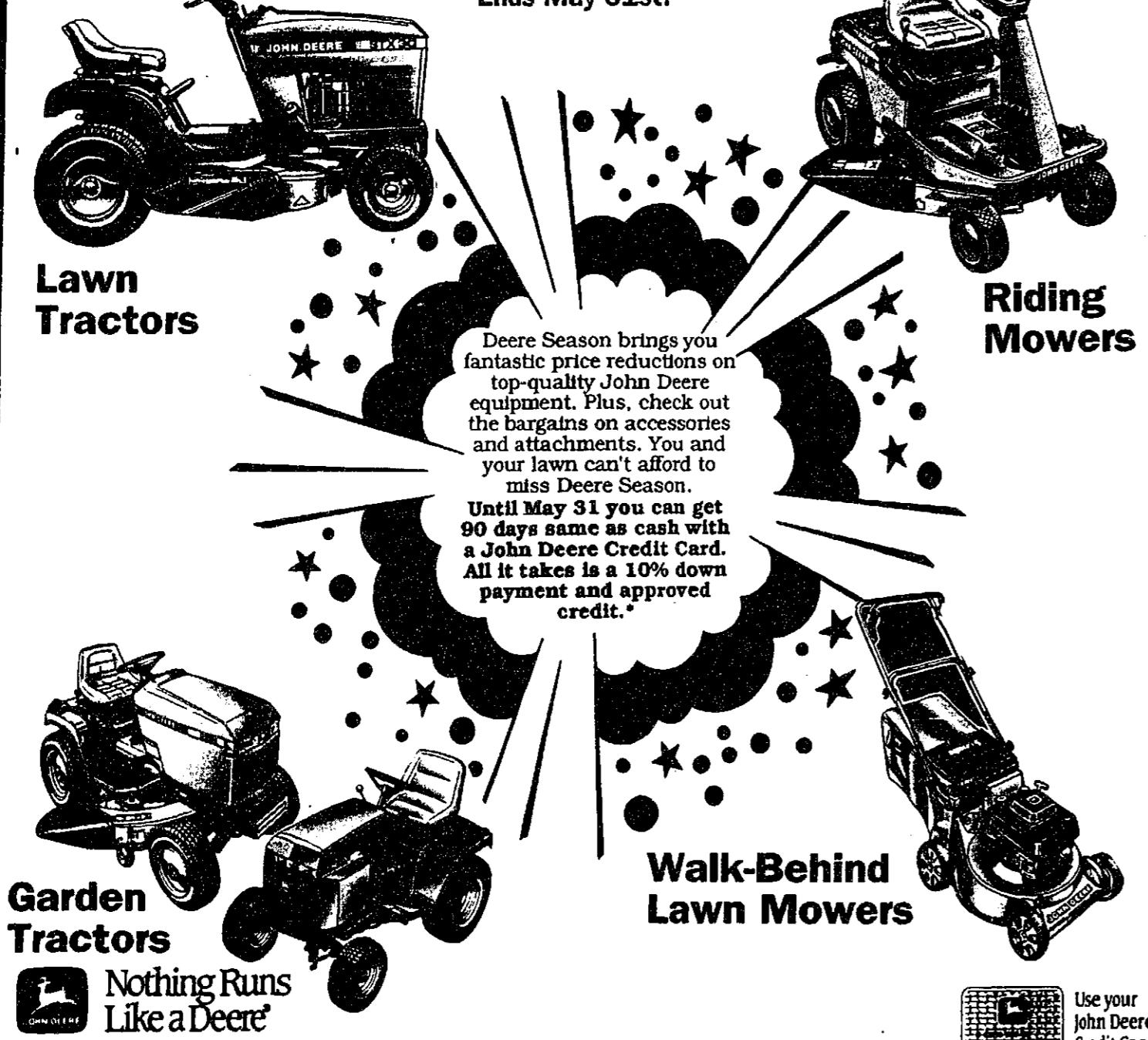
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Park on June 3 from noon to 3 p.m. Games will include penny toss, wheelbarrow, shoe pile, spoon race, crabwalk race, egg toss and musical squares.

Cubmaster David Kohl presided over the pack meeting on Friday, May 11.

Mat Holman of Boy Scout Troop 54 attended the last pack meeting to present the Polawatomi Trail Award to Joel Dunisce of Ben 13 who hiked 17.2 miles during April with other members of Boy Scout Troop 54.

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A kayaker finds his path blocked by fallen limbs on a trip down the Huron River in Southeastern Michigan

## Paddling down the Huron

'Home town river' provides scenic experience for local adventurers

By Eric Malloy

I was on the shore of Proud Lake, near Whitefish, on a September morning in the dim light of the coming dawn.

Proud Lake was covered by an extremely dense fog. We had encountered no fog on the drive from home.

Apparently the warm lake water and chill air had combined to produce a very localized fog bank.

I was here to paddle my kayak down the Huron River. Having been to this place several years ago, I knew that if I had paddled along the lake shore to my left, the river would continue at the end of the lake.

"I don't see how you're going to know where you're going," said Elaine, my wife.

"Yeah, Dad, you're going to get lost," added my daughter, Ali, in her most critical 7-year-old voice.

Assuming my family that I knew where I was going, I waved goodbye and paddled off shore.

A few seconds later the fog swallowed me up and I was lost. I travelled by my compass, heading toward the northwes. There was no wind and no sound on the lake, other than the slight hiss of my own small boat moving across the water. I could see the tops of trees above the fog, and by then I tried to judge my distance from the shore. Moments later, a waterfall came into view through the swirling fog, where the lake empties out and the river begins.

Much of the river flows through metroparks or state recreation areas. In these areas, the natural beauty of the stream and the surrounding woods and marshes has been preserved. While floating through Proud

Lake Recreation Area, with a little imagination, you can picture yourself on a wilderness adventure in northern Michigan, Canada or even Alaska. This illusion is strengthened if you travel on the river when few other people are around.

On this particular day I saw three deer along the river, one buck with a beautiful set of antlers in the stretch between Milford and Kent Lake. I also saw many ducks and geese and great blue herons wading in the shallows.

Turtles were sunning themselves on logs, their heads stretched out to receive the warmth of the sun. All this on a river that never leaves the metropolitan area.

Having sampled a section of the river, I wanted to see the rest. I resolved to come back the next year and paddle the Huron until I ended at its mouth in Lake Erie.

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A kayakers view of the Barton Pond Dam on the Huron River

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## Travel industry to be nation's top employer in 10 years

(AP) — By the year 2000, the travel industry will be the nation's top employer, responsible for one of every five workers, the president and chief executive officer of Loews' Hotels says.

The head of the founding division of the \$26 billion Loews Corp., Jonathan M. Tisch, told a consortium of travel agencies that the business opportunity in travel and entertainment will continue to burgeon in the coming decade.

"The globalization of business will only increase as we approach the year 2000, and corporate travelers will suddenly unpack their bags," Tisch said.

American corporations now spend \$100 billion annually on travel and entertainment, including \$40 billion just on meetings and conventions, he said.

"By the year 2000, the travel industry will be the nation's No. 1 employer, providing jobs to one out of five workers," Tisch said.

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Tisch said that among keys to success in the '90s will be earning both customer and employee loyalty. The former will be accomplished in part by the ability to offer the wide range of services that corporate travelers will need, from meeting planning to incentive travel," he said.

As for the latter, Tisch added, "Like other service industries, hotels and motels are already experiencing severe shortages of qualified line employees and managers, particularly in major markets. And as service suffers, vacation rooms become scarce."

Tisch said Loews' administration believes in a decentralized labor force, allowing managers to "make the decisions. We want the people to do the job that we pay them to do. And certainly a manager, whether it's in Tucson or Santa Monica, knows more about what's going on than we do in New York."

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"Over the last decade, explosive growth and rampant overbuilding have heated up the competitive nature of the hotel industry. No matter how many VCRs or Fax machines we might install in our suites in coming years, genuine hospitality will remain the key to customer satisfaction," he said.

He said corporations increasingly want a full range of travel-planning services, particularly planning meetings and conferences, and that agencies working with the hotel industry. "Our competition was expanding rapidly. We thought that they were expanding too rapidly. Unfortunately for them and hopefully fortunately for us, that's come to be true."

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(from left) Novi High's Woodworking students came home from an April 27-29 competition in Troy with plenty of awards: (from left) Jeff Grabowski was a woodworking whiz with a first place and grand prize for his oak corner cabinet, Natalino Scappaticci took second place for his white oak English garden bench, Mike Carcone won a first place award for his oak medicine cabinet, Nathan Shaffer's received a first for his porch swing and second for his oak stereo cabinet, Dave Parker claimed a third place for his cherry stereo cabinet, and Kevin Jones' maple game table snatched a first place. Not pictured is Mark Fisher who took fourth place with his oak medicine cabinet.

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Peacemaking at Faith: Educators in the congregation are planning Vacation Church School around the theme of peacemaking.

Special interest has been sparked by the home-grown nature of this new VCS curriculum; the church's Debra Hunt is writing it. For five days, beginning July 9, children will be provided with stories, games, crafts and activities that focus on peacemaking in a religious context.

Along the same theme of peacemaking the Adult Christian Education class which meets at 11 a.m. Saturday mornings has studied "Peacemaking in the Psalms." Associate Minister Sharon Sarles teaches this class.

For more information call 349-5666.

Mothers' program: A new Mother's Morning Out program has been started at Faith Community United Presbyterian Church.

Aerobic Fitness Inc. conducts a one-hour program from 9-10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Call Aerobic Fitness at 348-1920 to reserve your spot. On Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. there will be demonstrations and bible studies are held; and the subject for April is studies in blessing spirituality and relevant areas. Babysitting is available at a nominal cost.

St. James Catholic Church: A new congregation is meeting regularly at Parkview Elementary School in Novi as St. James Catholic Church. The congregation is led by Father Jim Cronk.

## U.S. citizen class

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# Diversions

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## Comedy clubs full of laughs

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Ever since kings employed court jesters in medieval times, there has been a tradition of paying someone funny to entertain.

These kings knew that very few things were more therapeutic than a night full of good, belly laughs.

Well, luckily times have changed and you don't have to buy your own goofy jester with a floppy cone-shaped hat to provide humorous banter, jokes, gags and tricks.

Now we have comedy clubs.

Each night at Walled Lake's Looney Bin, paying customers are confronted with not only one, but three jesters. The night of snickers, chorales, and hopefully convulsive laughter, lasts about two hours between comedian one and goofball three.

"I don't like anything that is vulgar," said Dee Proffitt-Agus, junior owner and manager of the club. "I book the club so look for comics that are clean."

Proffitt-Agus said they get a large, diverse crowd of laugh-seekers. In the club on weekends to hear mostly local acts.

For the upcoming weekend, the Looney Bin has lined up Wild Tim Butterfield, Andy Johnson and Harold Worsham. The following weekend features Brent Cushman, Bill Bower and Steve Cash.

Tickets are \$8 per person for the regular show, or couples can spend the entire evening there laughing and eating and laughing and drinking and with the \$33.95 dinner-and-show-for two package.

"We have a lot of people come on dates," Proffitt-Agus said.

The Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club is located at 1855 Glengary in Walled Lake. Showtimes are: Thursdays at 9 p.m., and Saturdays at 8 and 10:15 p.m. For more information, call 669-9374.

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Dee Proffitt-Agus performs on stage, owns and manages the Looney Bin comedy club in Walled Lake.

finds their comics from around the country.

Joe Blasaka, the owner of the club is a comedian," said Chris Musthaler, the owner's cousin. "He is a pilot during the week so he often stops in different clubs around the country and picks up acts that way."

However, the club's comedians for this weekend are a local duo called SRO who bill themselves as "Michigan's funniest comedy duo."

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## 'Cats take third at KVC tennis meet

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
Staff Writer

By placing third at the six-team Kensington Valley Conference Tennis Meet on May 15 at Hartland, the Novi netters staged one of the most impressive turnarounds of the 1990 season.

Placing in the top half of the field was quite an accomplishment, especially when you consider that the Wildcats finished the regular season with a 2-8 conference mark, good for last place.

"They came awful close but just ran out of gas," Newbold reported. Matt Butler also advanced to the finals at No. 3 singles before falling. After a first round bye, he stopped James McCahey of Brighton (6-3, 6-3), but then dropped a 5-7, 1-6 de-

cision to Hartland's Phil Sandula in the seven flights. The most success was Novi's No. 2 doubles team. The duo survived a pair of tough three-setters in the first two rounds to advance to the finals, before falling to top seeded Mike Jones and Tim Robb at No. 1 doubles. They beat Spencer Hooks and Brooks Boughton of Lakeland in the first round (6-2, 6-3) before getting knocked out.

For the last week of the season we are all together," Newbold said. "Next year, we want to come out and play like this all season long."

**MHSAA REGIONALS:** Novi didn't fare nearly as well three days later at the regional tournament in Ann Ar-

bor. As a matter of fact, the 'Cats tied for last place in the 14-team event without a point.

"We didn't win any matches, but we used this basically as good experience for a young team," Newbold said.

In seven flights, Novi lost straight sets five times, but did come close to winning at No. 2 singles and No. 2 doubles. Butler took Ypsilanti's Doug McCahey (6-3, 6-3) before falling 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, and the No. 2 team, Chris Kuck and Jason Babcock battled Pinckney's Brian Challenger and Steve Hickson to a third set before succumbing 3-6, 6-3, 2-6.

The netters ended their season 4-10 overall in dual meets action.

"That's not bad, especially for a team that didn't do well during the regular season," Novi Coach Jim Newbold said. "I was very happy with the way we played and where we finished."

The West Oakland Chargers, an 11-and-under girls basketball squad based in Novi, won the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) State Championship on May 11-13 in Sandusky, Michigan.

The Chargers, coached by Novi resident Larry Cupp, have now earned the right to represent the state at the 1990 Western AAU National tournament in Orlando, Fla., on June 23-30. Cupp, the team's second-year coach — led the Chargers to a second-place finish at the AAU state tournament in 1989.

In the championship game, the Chargers took an early 12-2 lead and then held on to knock off Upper Thumb Connection 24-20. For the tournament, the locals had a 4-1 record, including two wins and a loss against Upper Thumb Connection.

The West Oakland Chargers were led by second-year returnees Nicole Hays and Tracy Daniels, both of Westland. The newcomers included Alicia Jones (Novi), Kerry Duggan (Farmington), Erin Vicary (Walled Lake), Liz Weber (Farmington), Jennifer Jacek (Farmington), Chris Taraszkiewicz (Detroit), Liz Wickett (Birmingham), Kristin Roy (Southfield) and Amy Edwards (Novi).

The team will leave on June 22 to compete against 36 of the nation's best 11-and-under teams. Anyone wishing to help sponsor the team should call Myles Kearney at 348-6411 or 338-4351.



State champs

The West Oakland Chargers — the Michigan AAU 11-and-under girls state champs — are pictured above. They are (kneeling, from left to right): Tracy Rynkiewicz, Liz Weber, Chris Taraszkiewicz, Kristin Roy, Nicole Hayden, Amy Edwards, (standing) assistant coach Mike Biwer, Alicia Jones, Erin Vicary, Jennifer Jacek, Liz Wickett, Kelly Kearney, Kerry Duggan, head coach Larry Cupp.

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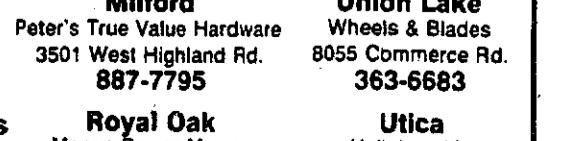
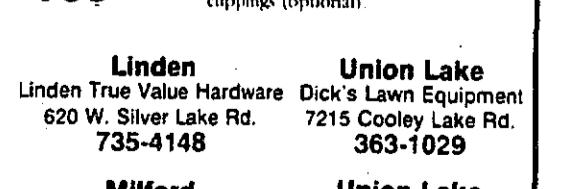
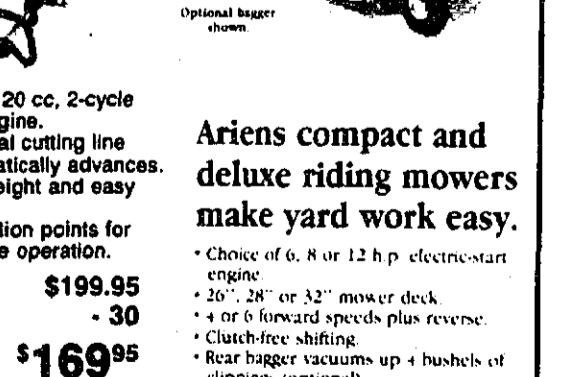
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## Wildcat softball squad fighting 'KVC Jinx'

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
Staff Writer

The Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) softball team will be holding tryouts for its premier teams. For players born between 1977-78, the tryouts will be on May 31 from 6-8 p.m. at Novi Meadows School. For players born between 1979-80, the tryouts will be on June 1, same location and time.

For more information, call Doug Olson at 344-0154.

**Little Caesars premier tryouts:** The Little Caesars Girls Premier team will be holding tryouts for girls born in 1978 and 1979 starting June 8 from 6:30 p.m., at Plymouth Fields to be determined.

For more information, call Greg Spinazzola at 349-5855.

**Novi classic softball tournament:** The Novi Girls Softball tournament will be held June 23-24, American Softball Association registered teams (Class A and below) are invited. Entry fee is \$90 per team. For more information, call 347-0400.

**Three-on-three basketball:** Novi Parks and Recreation will be offering three-on-three basketball Tuesday evenings at Lakeshore Park. Registration fee is \$65 per team and players must be 18 years of age. For more information, call 347-0400.

**Girls basketball camp:** Novi will be host to a girls basketball camp on July 9-13. Local coaches like Chris Drogosch (Novi), Bob Shoemaker (Novi), Tony Gascoigne (Livonia Ladywood), Roma Greenberg (West Bloomfield) and Ann Senn (Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes) will be on hand for instruction.

Girls age 7-17 are invited. Call 682-1885 for more information.

**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 motorboating handling, care, maintenance, aids to navigation, rules of the water and Marine Rules of Michigan along with trailering and launching.

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

**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 435-6610 or 459-0077.

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

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

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

Students must be eight years old or more and able to swim the pool width.

To join, call Coach Mark Helden at 478-0775.

**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 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.

It didn't stay that close for very long, however. Milford lagged Campbell for a half-dozen runs in the sixth on a rally that included four extra-base hits, and six consecutive hits.

"Heather was getting tired and she got the ball out of the strike zone," Spindler explained. "Milford was ripping the ball."

"We are playing a lot better but it's not showing up in the won-loss record," Novi Coach John Peace said.

Single runs in the second and third innings — and four unearned runs in the top of the fifth — helped the Redsticks jump ahead 6-0 in the game. But in the bottom of the ninth, the 'Cats broke loose for four runs to make it interesting. After Jennifer Siernicki, Kristen Mathias and Jennifer (Jennifer) That got on base, Heather Spindler (two RBIs) each contributed to the rally with run-scoring hits, and the Wildcats had the tying run at second base. Jennifer then lined to second base for the final out.

Campbell was the losing pitcher again. She fanned four walked none and allowed six earned runs and 12 hits. Spindler was the offensive star for the game and the doubleheader. The senior transfer student from Louisiana went 3-4 with five RBIs in game two and was 6-0 with seven RBIs overall.

Milford added an insurance run in the seventh and Novi never threatened again.

"It took us four innings to find our bats," Peace said. "We did all our scoring in one inning and it wasn't quite enough."

Novi starter Heather Campbell allowed only two earned runs and added four strikeouts and a walk, but suffered the loss.

"Heather did well," Peace said. "It wasn't a bad outing at all. We just didn't find the ball."

In the nightcap, the locals trailed 5-4 after four innings but Milford exploded for a six-run rally in the sixth to take control. The Redsticks went on to win 11-9, but not before the Wildcats staged a furious rally in the last inning.

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Scott Jagger (left) and Mike Fee model biking helmets

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## Cover-up for bicycling safety

By STEVE KELLMAN  
Staff Writer

While bicyclists may not be able to "buckle up for safety," they can get a head start on safety by wearing a bike helmet on a ride.

The alternative could be a head-long dive into disaster.

To Jim Kirchoff, manager of Pro Cycle Center in Novi, bike helmets are becoming an accepted part of any bicycle outing. "It's more popular and parents are more concerned with their children's health," he said.

Those concerns are well-justified, according to a report by the Automobile Association of America. Last year 32 bicyclists were killed in Michigan, seven in Wayne County alone. Twelve of those fatalities involved children between 6-11.

Nationally, half of all fatal bicycling accidents involve children under the age of 14.

Wearing a helmet can greatly reduce the danger of injury or death in a crash, because the helmets are designed to absorb the force of a fall. "It's not the shell that's giving the protection," Kirchoff explained. "It's how the foam will crush. The whole idea is for the helmet to crush and not your head."

All helmets out today should be at least ANSI (American National Safety Institution) approved, Kirchoff said. "That's the standard that it has to meet in order to be safe for non-motor vehicle use."

Another group rating helmet safety is the Snell Foundation. Snell standards are much tighter than

ANSI specifications, Kirchoff said. "It's hard to call it twice as much, but the standards are twice as high," he said.

While standard helmets today have a Lycra fabric covering over a Styrofoam shell, the latest styles have a "micro-shell," or thin plastic cover instead. "Their real advantages are that they are easy to wipe off, and for mountain bikes they don't get caught in the bushes," Kirchoff said.

A thicker plastic shell does not automatically provide more safety, he added. "You can get more protection from a soft helmet than from a lot of the hard plastic shells. It's done with a better understanding of how the helmets are made."

Kirchoff cautioned consumers not

to confuse the Styrofoam in the typical helmet with the material used in coffee cups and coolers. "The density is a lot greater (in a helmet)," he said. "You can actually stand on them without cracking them."

The premier helmet brand in Kirchoff's opinion is Giro, the company that first began manufacturing bicycle helmets. "They're the best, but also the most expensive," he said.

Other notable brands are Vetta, Bell, and Specialized.

Prices for a quality helmet start at about \$30.

Kirchoff makes sure he and his wife, son and daughter all wear helmets when they ride. "It's much easier to get the kids to wear them when mom and dad wear them too," he said.

## Six-week fitness program offered

The Northville Community Recreation Department is offering a fitness program called "Aerobic Fitness Inc." The one-hour program is designed to stretch, trim and tone. Six-week classes run continuously throughout the year.

Fee is \$33 (two classes per week), \$45 (three classes), \$55 (unlimited). For more information, call 348-1280.

**Fitness factory:** Starting June 4, Novi is offering session II of the "Fitness Factory high-energy, low-impact workout." Each class offers a full 30-minute cardiovascular workout and an additional 30 minutes of muscle tone for a total workout package.

The session will be for eight weeks and the fee ranges from \$36-\$50. Registration deadline is June 8.

**Novi pool open:** 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.

**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

### Fitness Notes

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

The format consists of carefully guided warm-up and stretching exercise followed by light aerobics and a cool-down period, all synchronized to music, according to Phyllis E. Welkert, 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."

Welkert 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 Brainerd Mall, where it regularly attracts some 125 participants.

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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.

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Requests should be made at least three weeks before the intended speaking engagement. There is no charge for the service and participants will give valuable information about how this service can help them day or night. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the Ask-a-Nurse office at Catherine McAuley health Center toll-free at 1-800-526-MERCY (1-800-526-3729) or in the Ann Arbor area, (313) 572-5500.

### Fitness Tips

## How can you avoid sports-related injuries?

By TONI WILSON, R.N.  
Special Writer

This is the time of year when people are active with sports and exercise. There has been an increase in the type of sports-related injuries, with the greatest number now involving amateur athletes. Physical fitness requires a good, well-balanced diet and plenty of fluids.

Here are some suggestions that will help you avoid a sports injury and/or treat one that you may have.

1. Always warm up: Stretching and limbering exercises done right before participating in sports will keep the body in tune and reduce the incidence of injury and muscle stress, and will lessen fatigue.

2. Don't forget to cool down: Walk or jog gently for three to five minutes after activity. Shake limbs, extend arms and rotate forward and backward several times. Roll head, neck and shoulders.

3. Listen to your body: Expect some soreness after vigorous workouts, but if you feel very uncomfortable, you may have overexerted yourself. If this happens, warm baths, massage and gentle flexing exercises may help alleviate soreness. Sometimes injuries happen because you have pushed your body too far, too fast and for too long.

Common sports injuries include tendonitis, strains and sprains. Many sports-medicine doctors recommend five steps you should follow as soon as you feel pain.

a. Rest: As soon as you feel pain, you should stop what you are doing and not continue to stress the painful area for at least one day.

b. Ice: Apply ice immediately after an injury for periods of 10-15 minutes at half-hour intervals. It is now known that icing is useful for up to seven days after an injury.

c. Compression: Application should be gentle with an Ace bandage.

d. Elevation: The injured extremity should be raised above the level of the heart.

e. Aspirin: Take aspirin or buffered aspirin every four hours as this helps control inflammation in the injury.

4. See your doctor: If pain persists or becomes severe, you may have injured muscle tissue. If there is swelling or discoloration around a joint, there may be a sprain or even a fracture.

Whatever your fitness level and ability is, the key to good health is consistency. Choose a convenient time to exercise, then stick to it. Take advantage of opportunities for any additional exercise. If you can, walk instead of driving and use the stairs rather than the elevator. We can all benefit from more exercise.

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