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Planning posts several new applicants

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
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One of three planning commissioners up for re-appointment will not seek another term, opening up at least one of the seats on the body.

After spending six years on the commission, Gary Phillips recently told the Novi News he is "calling it quits," while commissioners Kathleen McLallen and John Balagna will seek second three-year terms.

But Phillips could not be reached by press time for further comment on his decision to resign as of June 30.

Meanwhile, the City Council is looking for his replacement. At press time, the clerk's office had received five resumes for the three openings, including those of incumbents McLallen and Balagna.

Newcomers vying for a commission seat include Ed Phelps, Dean Urlick and Eric J. Schafer.

Incumbents asking for re-appointment to the commission typically have their requests granted. However, it is not automatic and they still must reapply.

"We haven't gotten a lot of response yet, but there is still time for those interested to apply," said Mayor Matthew Quinn, who makes appointment recommendations to the council. "We are looking for someone with a well-rounded background — someone with work experience, who is educated and actively attends planning commission meetings so that they have knowledge of how the body works."

He said that neither pro-development nor anti-development orientations will be favored.

"There is no preference for either pro-business, pro-woods or anti-

anything groups," Quinn said. "Well-rounded people with no particular convictions probably have the best chance."

Although current terms expire on June 30, commissioners will be allowed to continue to serve until the appointments are approved.

Resumes will be accepted up to the July 2 interview date, after which appointments are expected to be made July 16.

Quinn said that the appointment process was pushed back this year because of a heavy council load, which included a lengthy budget process.

On the incumbent front, both McLallen and Balagna are confident they will be reappointed to second terms on the commission.

Balagna was appointed in 1986 when Joe Toth stepped down to take a council position, and McLallen was appointed in 1987.

"I think it takes at least one term as planning commissioner to understand the duties and now I can focus on those duties," Balagna said.

When asked if his political ambitions went beyond the commission, he said, "I don't have a future political plan in Novi — I have no ambition to be mayor or on the city council; I just want to do my part to help the community."

McLallen said that Novi is at a critical point in terms of development and would like to continue her input.

"I would like to continue shaping the historical ordinance and work toward establishing an environmental habitat ordinance to supplement the city's woodland ordinance," she said.

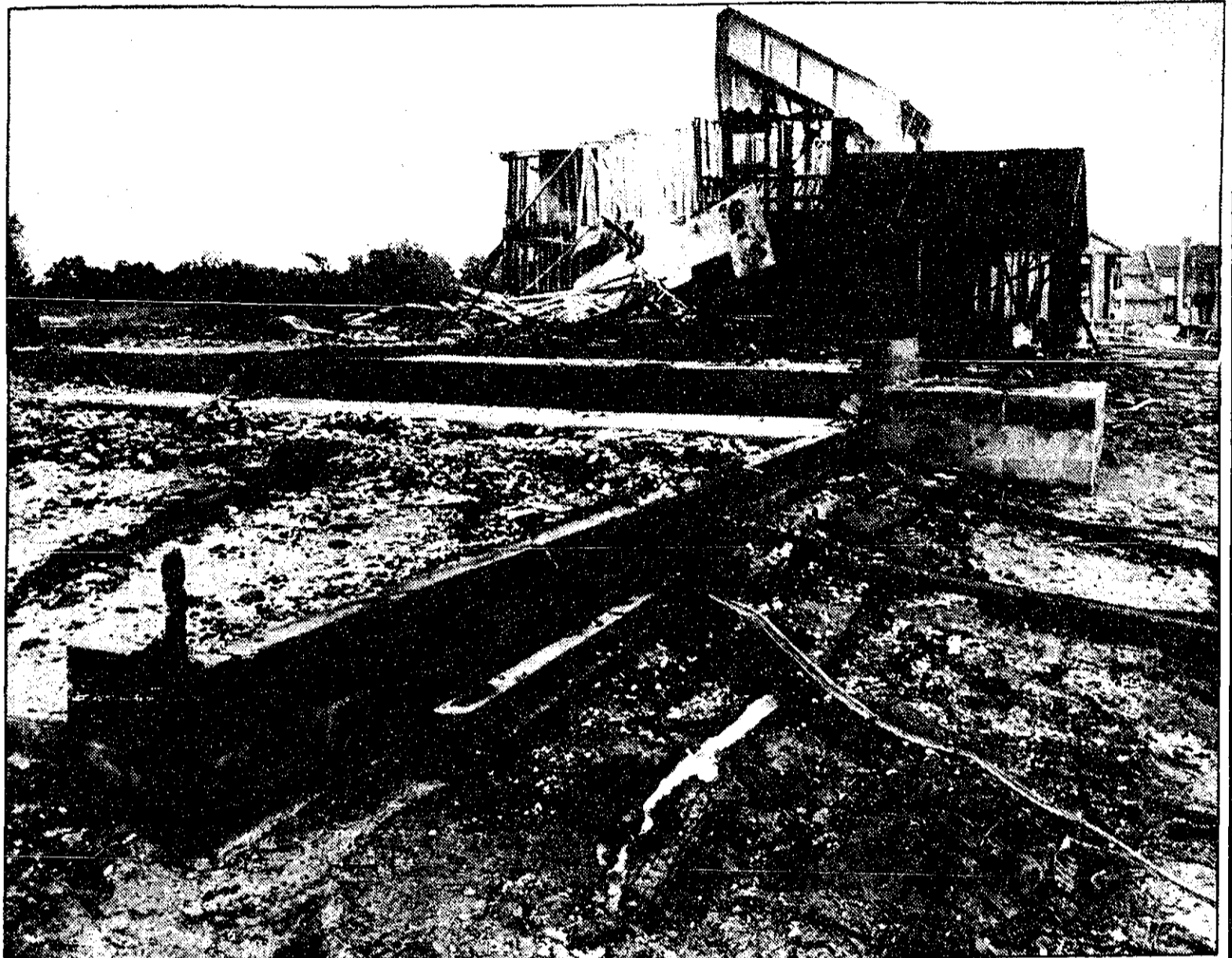


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Repairs to the damage had not yet started Thursday afternoon

Fire guts new apartment site

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Two Novi firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion and another was slightly injured in a June 13 blaze which lasted over five hours at a building under construction in the River Oaks Apartment Complex off Novi Road near Ten Mile.

Two engines, three squads and a fast-attacking pumper had the fire under control within 30 minutes. The fire erupted at 4:21 p.m., but because of complications, firefighters didn't clear the scene until 9:25 p.m.

"We got there in three minutes, made a good start and were able to cut the fire off," said fire chief Arthur Lenaghan. "We were able to save about a third of the building, which was all exposed lumber."

The blaze was still under investigation at press time. Fire officials listed the cause as unknown and have turned the investigation over to the insurance company representing the owner, Solomon Development Co.

The building had been wired with

a temporary electrical system, according to the fire report. It is unknown if faulty wiring caused the fire.

In addition to the blaze, a brush fire and neighboring wood piles also ignited from the heat. One backpack-laden firefighter, who fell while battling one of the offshoots, sprained his hand.

Warm weather, which made relief crews necessary, exacerbated the situation, Lenaghan said. Two firefighters were treated at Providence Emergency Medical Care in Novi for heat exhaustion.

"We called in four relief crews after the fire was underway because of the heat," the fire chief said. "The temperature was really a problem — let's just say we went through a lot of Gatorade."

Damage estimates were unavailable at press time. However, the fire was confined to one partially constructed building.

"It was a quick-burning fire because of all the exposed wood, Lenaghan said. "The high winds were also a real factor but we were able to respond quickly and that was the key."



Photo By ROBERT MILLER

A Novi firefighter works on the blaze Wednesday

Train derails near Ford plant

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Three railroad cars derailed from CSX Transportation tracks near the Ford Motor Co. plant on Wixom Road just south of Pontiac Trail at 11:07 a.m. Wednesday, partially blocking traffic until after 6 p.m.

The cars involved contained no hazardous chemicals. No injuries were reported.

The accident occurred when the train was backing up into the Ford plant to pick up automobiles for transport. The cars were empty when the derailment occurred.

None of the cars actually tipped over, said Wixom officer Alan

Blashfield. However, one was left at an 80-degree angle.

The cars blocked three lanes of the four-lane road. However, local emergency crews were able to clear an additional lane shortly after the accident.

It was unknown at press time what caused the incident, which is still under investigation by CSX.

The railroad company sent an emergency crew, which used a specially designed crane to remove the cars and unblock the roadway, according to Blashfield.

Wixom firefighters and the Oakland County Road Commission also aided the post-accident operation.

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News Briefs

Top students: In a June 7 story about the Novi High School's five valedictorians and two salutatorians for 1990, some information was omitted.

Salutatorian Amrita Kang plans to attend the School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Chicago. Some of her many school activities included German Club, varsity tennis and forensics team.

Also, Valedictorian Lisa McAleer was secretary for the Novi chapter of the National Honor Society, secretary for the Athletic Department and co-president of the Interact Club.

Summersong: The first festival of summer, "Summersong," fills the streets of downtown Northville on June 23.

Streets will be closed to automobile traffic and replaced with exhibits by local and mid-western artists. Numerous booths will occupy the downtown area with exhibits ranging from quilts to jewelry and antiques. There will be plenty of food to appeal to everyone's tastes. A steam

callope will be featured along with free musical performances in the downtown bandshell. Joe Vitale and his orchestra featuring the big band sound, are scheduled to appear.

No admission is required for either the band performances or the festival itself.

For more information contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 349-7640.

FOP conference: Novi police will host the 51st Annual Fraternal Order of Police State Conference the weekend of June 22 at the Novi Sheraton.

It is the first time the city's police force has played host to the three-day event, which will draw between 300 and 400 people including officers and their families from across the state.

Det. Jack Grubb, a past FOP president, organized the event.

A kick-off barbecue is planned for the evening of June 22 at Novi's Lakeshore Park. Speakers, social events and various issue-related discussions will be scheduled throughout the weekend.



Summersong offers unique entertainment

Volunteers: On Wednesday, July 18, The Association for Retarded Citizens of Northville Communities and Northville Schools will host a field day "To Celebrate the Individual".

The emphasis of this special day is to provide the severely mentally impaired and the se-

verely multiple-impaired athlete individual and competitive sport opportunities.

The field day will be held at Northville High School from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please contact Vickie Greiner at Old Village School at 344-8460 for further information.

Sports Briefs

Compete in Europe: Three local teenagers are planning to attend the KLM International Friendship Swim Meet in Maastricht, Holland this coming winter along with 11 other teammates.

Mary May of Novi, Jennifer O'Flynn of Novi and Jason Fisher of Northville will be representing the Livonia-Novu Spartan Aquatic Club at the meet, which will feature over 300 swimmers from Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain and the U.S.

The swimmers have been planning and practicing for this trip for 18 months. In addition to the competition, swimmers will be housed at the Sports and Recreation Center De Dousberg with their European competitors.

The Livonia-Novu Spartan Aquatic Club operates a year-round competitive swimming program with daily practices offered in Novi and Livonia for interested swimmers of abilities.

MONDAY EDUCATION

Novi teachers agree to contract

By MAUREEN NASZRADI Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education and the Novi Education Association tentatively have agreed to modify their existing contract and extend it through the 1992-93 school year.

"We can go onto the break with a certain sense of security—a good feeling."

Martha Franchi President, Novi Education Association

Both sides said they were pleased with the modified contract. District officials and the union representing the Novi Community Schools' approximately 240 teachers discussed the contract for four weeks.

"When you have the cooperation of the professionals, the Board of Education and the administration," Franchi said, "something like this is possible."

"We're grateful that we have that kind of good communication," Board of Education President Raymond Byers praised Franchi, Jean Rose of the Michigan Education Association and John Swallow, district director of special services, for their quick resolution of the contract issues.

"Everyone wins in a situation like this," The education process can continue and teachers can go home with a contract, he added.

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Instead of the 7 percent increase initially negotiated, Swallow explained. The proposed budget for next year — to be approved later this month — allows for that increase, which represents approximately \$23,000, Pwko said.

For the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years, the extension proposal calls for the teacher salaries to be increased by 6.8 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively, Pwko said.

The tentative agreement also includes general modification to the teachers' insurance coverage, Pwko said.

Fuller-O'Brien Super Spring Sale!

Advertisement for Fuller-O'Brien wallpaper featuring various products like Liquid Water, Latex, and Vinyl, with prices ranging from \$14.99 to \$18.99. Includes contact information for Novi and Canton locations.

MONDAY UPDATE

Novi hall hails racing legends

By NEIL GEORGEGAN Staff Writer

Over 500 people were in attendance at the Renaissance Ballroom at Detroit's Westin Hotel on June 13 — from almost every state in the union and from as far away as Scotland — to pay tribute to nine new inductees at the Second Annual Induction Ceremony and Banquet for the Novi-based Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.



Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn (l.) and City Manager Ed Kriewall unveil the plaque dedicated to racing legends.

Hall of Fame honors motorsports history

Baseball has one. Football has one. Even Rock 'n' Roll has one. And now, racing legends from land, water and air have theirs — an official Hall of Fame to pay tribute to the contributors of racing legends and historic moments of racing in America. The \$6 million, 70,000 square-foot Motorsports Hall of Fame Museum of America (MHFA) will be built in Novi. The museum's temporary home is located in the Novi Civic Center.

The new logo could be described as having a Post-Modern look because it assimilates an eclectic collection of design styles. A classic Novi race car is juxtaposed against a backdrop of various Art deco shapes and vibrant colors. Above the car, the word 'Motorsports' boldly grabs the viewers' attention, while the words 'Hall of Fame' and 'Museum' appear in smaller print.

changed from the 'Novi Motorsports Museum' to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America," says Larry Ciancio, MHFA vice chairman. "As a result, we needed to reflect an identity that would let people know that the Motorsports Hall of Fame is not just a community function, but a national undertaking."

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Dynamic summer school planned

Northville Public Schools is sponsoring a dynamic summer school program for 1990 which will encompass many areas of learning. Commitment to a successful learning atmosphere will be emphasized. Involvement for students can be experiential or academic, depending upon the needs of the student. Innovative teaching techniques will be implemented by the staff to create a successful learning experience for each student. The program is self-supported through tuition. No transportation is provided. All classes will be held at Northville High School. For more information, please call 344-8494.

Spelling (Grades 3-5), 10:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.: This class will help strengthen the student's ability in written communication. Mnemonic devices and games will be incorporated. Minimum of 10 students.

A skill maintenance program designed for Educable Mentally Impaired students. The focus of the program includes instruction in academic skills, leisure skills, and community field trips. A minimum enrollment of 10 students will be required.

In a word, Quality!

Advertisement for Raney's Rainbow Gardens featuring landscaping services, trees, shrubs, and ground cover. Includes contact information for Novi and Canton locations.

Civic Calendar June 18-24

- MONDAY/18: NORTHVILLE COLONY ES-TATES HOMEOWNERS meets at 7:30 p.m. in the clerk's office, Northville Township Hall.
- NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS meets at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the township hall.
- NOVI CITY COUNCIL meets at 8 p.m. in the council chamber at Novi Civic Center.
- NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL meets at 8 p.m. in the city hall council chamber.



- TUESDAY/19: NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE meets at 1 p.m. at the senior center.
- NOVI GARDEN CLUB meets at 1 p.m. in the parks and recreation department at the Civic Center.
- NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at city hall.
- NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL meets at 7 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.
- NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at township hall.
- NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chamber at the Civic Center.
- NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the clerk's office at township hall.

School Calendar June 18-24

- MONDAY/18: NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL first driver education session begins, 8-10 a.m.
- NOVI HIGH SCHOOL first driver education session begins.
- NOVI HIGH SCHOOL wrestling camp begins, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- NOVI HIGH SCHOOL summer band begins, 9 a.m. to noon.
- FRIDAY/22: NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL meets at City Hall, 7 p.m.



Photo by CHRIS BOYD

Advertisement for a drapery boutique warehouse outlet sale. Features '50% to 80% off' on items like comforters, bedspreads, wallpaper, custom blinds, toss pillows, placemats, ready made curtains, mill end and unclaimed custom draperies, vertical blinds, shower curtains, bath towels, and bath accessories.

Advertisement for Walker/Buzenberg fine furniture. Features 'Solid beauty in solid oak at very solid savings.' Includes images of dining chairs and tables. Contact information for Novi location.

Advertisement for the City of Novi Woodlands Review Board. Includes notice of a meeting on Thursday, June 21, 1990 at 3:30 PM in the Community Development Department.

Advertisement for a Monthly Allergy Tip. Encourages enjoying summer weather with allergies not. Includes contact information for an Allergy and Asthma Center.

Advertisement for an Allergy and Asthma Center of Southeast Michigan, P.C. Located at 24230 Karim Blvd. in Novi, Michigan.

Advertisement for Shindaiwa power tools. Features professional sawing performance, grass trimmer, and other equipment. Includes contact information for Saxtons Garden Center.

MONDAY HOME



Computers help pinpoint building sites

The Information Age — it was only a matter of time before some sharp entrepreneurs would start specializing in information services geared to the needs of land and building developers.

Land Data Inc., founded in December 1988 by Steven and Kathy Golden, and TOXICHECK Environmental Services Inc., founded in 1987 by Mark Bennett, cater to the needs to know about land.

Land Data, in West Bloomfield, offers an on-line computer database on vacant and developed property and a hardbound directory that includes plat maps of improved and vacant lands, according to Kathy Golden, vice president.

A commercial multi-list index for sale, a mortgage rate index and a mailing label service are also available.

"Anyone with a computer, phone and modem can access information by zone and street for other parameters and get legal descriptions, ownership, assessed value, taxes, school districts and other information," Golden said.

The database is also valuable for keeping a general tab on a particular piece of property or the real estate market in general, she said.

Directories include plat, zoning, vacant land, waterline and sewerline maps, as well as a vacant land directory sorted by zoning and location with sidwell numbers, owner information, school districts, assessed value and a property address if assigned, she said.

Previously, those looking for similar information would spend hours in county clerk offices, Golden said.

"The time savings is incredible — we allow small companies to compete with the large and middle-sized companies."

"Now you can punch in a name, or a street, or a parcel and out pops all the property they own in the county."

A user can also learn who owns nearby property, how it's zoned, and

with unlimited use plans running from \$85 to \$110 depending on options.

Discounts are offered for customers who hook up more than one terminal. Other plans, per-call services and specialized services are available at less expensive rates.

TOXICHECK Environmental Information Services Inc., a Birmingham company that provides information on potential hazardous contamination of properties, has doubled its sales yearly since opening.

According to president Mark Bennett, concern about the environment and cleanup costs for contaminated sites fuels his business.

"We found out there wasn't an easy way to do it so we decided to do it ourselves."

Now, almost a year after publishing its first directory, Land Data boasts 3,000 subscribers including developers, builders, real estate agents, survey companies, appraisers, title companies and banks.

Annual hookup fees start at \$600

and it is easy, she said.

"We designed it so it would be easy — our market is basically one with little or no computer experience."

Land Data's database, which already covers Oakland and Wayne counties, will expand into Livingston, Macomb, Washtenaw, Kent and Ottawa counties before the end of the year, Golden said.

The idea was conceived when Golden's husband, a partner in the development firm of Universal Development Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, became frustrated trying to locate vacant land, she said.

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Robert Meisner/Condo Queries

Face intimidation tactics head-on

I live in a small condominium community with a management company. We have one neighbor who is a builder and developer who is always ignoring condominium regulations. Will you discuss what can be done to control this person? Each time he is confronted, he laughs and says that we should sue him because it will take years and thousands of dollars to do anything about it and we could lose in court. Do small condominiums like ours have any way of controlling people like this without a legal battle?

I would write a letter to the board of directors of your association demanding that it take action against the co-owner. If it fails to do so, seek legal redress both against the board and the management company who apparently are not living up to their legal responsibility to pursue a co-owner such as this, particularly where you can obtain a legal opinion from counsel to the effect that you have a reasonably good likelihood of success. The co-owner is obviously trying to intimidate a small condominium project, but should not be allowed to get away with it.

Our managing agent is new to the association. One of the members of the board believed that it was not necessary to have the management agreement reviewed and was in a hurry to retain this person as he believed that the managing agent would put everyone in shape, including the association's attorney, CPA and the insurance consultant. The board got around to advising its attorney of the retention of the management company. The attorney recommended that the management agreement be reviewed. What can be done now with the management agreement, which we have to admit belatedly is inappropriate?

I have seen this situation occur often in condominiums where the managing agent, perhaps in a good-faith effort to consummate the deal, does not give the board an opportunity to do so or to suggest that the board have the management agreement reviewed by counsel. Unfortunately, the management agreements

generally are drafted to the benefit of the management company, and there are normally provisions in the agreement concerning indemnification, termination of the managing agent and a change in ownership in the managing agent, which are extremely important to condominium associations and that may have to be negotiated.

In your situation, I would contact the managing agent and indicate that you are unhappy with the fact that it did not suggest to you that your attorney review the management agreement and that it would appear to be the professional thing to do. Perhaps you will then be in a position to point out the items to the management company and if it is operating in good faith it will seriously consider revising its agreement to meet your reasonable requests. Learn from this lesson for the future.

We are a very affluent condominium project with most of the units in excess of \$400,000. We have just taken over control of the condominium association. The lawyer for the developer is a friend of one of the board members. I am afraid that our condominium is being run like a country club in the sense that the directors do not think they need legal advice, and if they do, they can just defer to the developer's attorney. How can I convince them that they may be wrong? I am one of the five board members.

Somewhat they must be led to recognize that they are incurring potential liability and that they have a responsibility to retain independent counsel who has no affiliation with the developer to advise the association of the various issues, particularly if the project has been recently turned over to the members of the association when there are a number of audits that must be undertaken, including a financial and a legal audit. Perhaps you can show this answer to your board in hopes it will recognize that it is perhaps operating in a potentially precarious manner.

Robert Meisner is a Birmingham attorney specializing in condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics for this column by writing Robert M. Meisner, 50220 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Birmingham 48010. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

Black walnut is still our premier timber

Face intimidation tactics head-on

(AP) — Ancient Romans loved walnuts, and thought so highly of the meaty fruit that they planned the tree throughout south central Europe and England. Attention always focused on the walnut for its nut crop, while oak prevailed as the choice for furniture.

In America, though, native black walnut has always been prime stock. Wood magazine reports that while frontier families gathered walnuts to eat, city craftsmen worked the dark wood into classic pieces. Today, black walnut continues as the aristocrat of native hardwoods and the hallmark of tradition.

Black walnut's range covers most of the eastern half of the U.S. and southern Ontario. Prime walnut requires moist, deep, rich, well-drained soil, such as is found in the upper Mississippi River valley.

In idyllic conditions, walnut reaches a height of 150 feet and a 6-foot diameter. More commonly, it matures at about 100 feet with a 3-foot diameter. The tree's thick, dark-brown to brownish-gray bark has marked ridges.

Walnut's distinctive leaves measure one to two inches in length and carry a dozen or more leaflets. In spring, flowing catkins emerge on branch twigs. In mid-summer, nuts appear.

Walnut's heartwood varies from a purplish-brown with thin, dark veins to gray-brown and even orange-brown. The narrow sapwood tends to be white.

Unfigured walnut has straight, somewhat open grain. Figured walnut — fiddleback, burl, stump and crotch — feels coarse-textured. A cubic foot of dry walnut weighs about 39 pounds, making it just a little heavier than cherry.

Walnut remains a favorite for furniture, paneling, musical instruments, turned bowls, relief carvings and sculpture. Veneer proves popular in marquetry and as furniture accents. Walnut's shock-resistance, strength and stability also make it perfect for shotgun and rifle stocks.

Black walnut rates as classic cabinet stock not only because of its eye appeal, but because woodworkers get good results with its hand or power tools. But it does sometimes require special treatment.

Walnut works best for sculptures and large figures with simple lines, or signs and relief carvings.

DIVORCED MEN

Learning to release imprisoned emotions

The media often portray them as the heavies, unable to express emotion or worse yet, devoid of it.

But men have just as many emotions and just as much difficulty sorting through them as their female counterparts, especially when it comes to those associated with divorce.

"They may have different sets of issues, but that doesn't mean one set is any less important than the other," said counselor Melvyn Raider. "Men are socialized to be strong and to internalize their pain, to absorb it as if they were a sponge."

"They act almost as a buffer for other members of the family and rather than seek to dissipate their feelings through support, they're taught they need to do whatever it takes to go on with living," he said. "Often at the price of not working through the issues and the feelings of divorce."

"A lot of men see the world in a linear way," Raider said. "The problem is that feelings and emotions are circular and we need to approach them in many ways."

Men are taught that if a problem exists, they need only to find a solution and it will go away. But things aren't that simple, Raider said, adding that sometimes men don't understand that they might have to approach a problem over and over again until they've worked through it and resolved it in their minds.

Raider has a private practice in Southfield and is also a professor at Wayne State University, where he earned his MBA and doctorate. He specializes in marital therapy and divorce counseling and also holds a master's degree in social work.

"We need to be cautious about not stereotyping, but as a group there are some similar characteristics that are often similar," he said. "Men will sometimes respond to a problem by using alcohol, or by working overtime and when they do come home, by doing as much yard work or whatever they usually do at home to stay occupied so they don't have to sit and think."

"Men also don't identify with hurt and instead will turn it into anger," he said. "Women on the other hand, will feel hurt and will express that hurt to their family and friends."

That hurt then follows the natural progression into anger and rage before acceptance is achieved, he said. Men, however, may take longer to reach acceptance because they refuse to deal properly with the first stage, the hurt.

"Men will just get angry," he said. "They complain that their wife is trying to take them to the cleaners or is using the children against him. They make it a financial battle."

"They rarely look to themselves to see how they contributed to the marriage breakdown," he said. "It becomes a light reaction and some will withhold alimony or child support because it's their way of getting even, of dealing with the anger."

"It's also a way of punishing the wife — to make her have to call and ask for it," Raider said. "It might not be right, but it can be a male way of dealing with the anger."

By refusing to accept and deal with the hurt, a man slows down his emotional acceptance of the death of the marriage.

"A man will often get into another relationship very quickly," Raider



Marcie Walker/Child Care

Capitol Hill tackles child care problem

As Congress gears up to take on child care legislation, it is interesting to note how our legislators in Washington, D.C. have reacted to their own child care concerns.

Boll, the House and Senate have established on site child care centers, each of which is operated very differently.

The Senate Employees' Child Care Center has been in operation for six years. According to its director, Arlene Altman, who is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Wayne State University, this is a parent-governed center.

"Parents lobbied for space, and we had to have a law changed," said Altman. "The original law stated that no children were allowed on Senate grounds." A Senate roll call vote was taken to grant \$20,000 in start-up funds, and the Senate provided rent-free space in the old Immigration building. Two years later, however, the building was refurbished for the Capitol's police department. The Senate then had to find new quarters for all of the tenants. "We couldn't find an appropriate space for a child care center," said Altman. "In the end, the Senate gave up a corner of its parking lot and some of the 'rehab' funds, we purchased a prefabricated building that was especially designed for a child care center."

Altman is proud of the center, which is NAEYC accredited. "Our center has real parent involvement and a pleasant environment. We have room for 48 children, ages 18 months to five years, but we also have a long waiting list," said Altman. Anyone who draws a Senate paycheck is eligible to enroll their children. Children are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Since the establishment of the Senate's center, the Tribe Amendment was passed. This amendment allows federal agencies to allot space to any individual or entity to provide child care services to its employees. Space is rent-free, and start-up funds are provided for renovations and equipment. In Michigan, the Federal Center in Battle Creek and the MacNamara Federal Building have centers that are funded in this manner.

Gitelman cited some of the reasons for opening the center. "There is a tremendous lack of quality child care in the area. In addition, many parents have long commutes. If there should be a problem with a child, the parent is close by." The commute to work now gives the parents extra time to be with their children.

"Although we are not a co-op," says Gitelman, "parents play an important role. They serve on the board and a pleasant environment. We work during lunch. What a relief it is to working parents to know that their children are in a safe and happy environment."

Marcie Walker is a free-lance writer who has researched the subject of child care in the metro Detroit area. Write to her at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.

Dorothy Leimkuhl/Organizing

For summer 'visitors' treat home like a B & B

We have two students who are coming home again for the summer. I love them very much, but they don't cooperate very well and create so much clutter that, frankly, I dread it. Do you have any suggestions?

When your children were small there was no question about who was "in charge," but that has changed now that they are young adults. You can no longer relate to them as children, so perhaps you can consider your young adult to be a guest for 10 weeks. This would not be a parent/child relationship, but an adult/adult one.

If you run a bread and breakfast (B&B) inn what would you expect of a guest? Which rooms could guests use and which would be off limits? Would pets be allowed? Smoking? Alcohol? What would the guest's responsibilities be? While staying in a hotel is an impersonal experience, a B&B is personal — you are sharing a family's space on a temporary basis. Behavior at a B&B isn't negotiable. You respect the surroundings and stay on a pre-accepted basis or go elsewhere.

Pretend your students are guests at your own B&B. If you establish ahead of time in a cordial and friendly manner what you will and will not do and what is expected of your students (recognizing that both sides will have to give a little), being together can be a joy this summer.



Just a fraction of what we spend dining out could help pick up the tab for a good cause.

If we all shared just a small amount of our money and time with the causes we really care about, it would be a sure recipe for success.

Against hunger. For better health. Or to improve our arts and culture.

Millions of people have helped establish five percent of their incomes

and five hours of volunteer time per week as America's standard of giving.

If we all reached this standard, we could generate more than \$175 billion every year. With a force equivalent to 20 million full-time workers.

So make it your goal to give five. And help keep society well-nourished.



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