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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Great pumpkin

It's that time of the year again. Ghosts and go-blins of all ages celebrated Halloween this year in Novi. Here, Diana Gerich, an 18-month-old, makes a great pumpkin at a

pre-school Halloween Party. This year, the pre-school party was held at the Novi Civic Center.

## Election sign rules too complicated for political candidates

By JAN JEFFRES and MICHAEL MALOTT

Some candidates running presently for elective office and campaigning in the City of Novi may be in violation of the city's political sign ordinance. On the other hand, they may not be. It's difficult to tell, even for city ordinance enforcement officers.

In a special meeting Monday, Novi City Council members concluded the city's existing political sign regulations are too complex. It is unlikely candidates fully understand them. Even city administrators have a difficult time telling when a sign is in compliance and when it violates the rules, City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

The problem, Kriewall explained, is that the amount and size of election signage varies depending on the zoning district in which it is posted. The signage for a particular parcel, including both election signs and regular business signs, may not exceed the city's maximum allowance within a zoning district.

At the same time, because Novi rules do not prohibit political signs in public rights-of-way, the city appears to be more cluttered with signs than most surrounding communities which do have that prohibition, Kriewall contended.

As a result, council members Monday gave city Attorney David Fried marching orders to draft a simplified, but more restrictive version of the rules. Fried is ex-

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Tim Pope  
Council member

pected to have a draft of the new political sign law ready in 30 days, at which time council will again debate the issue. If the draft meets members' approval, they will turn it over to the Planning Commission for review before making a final decision.

The rule changes won't apply to the ongoing election campaign, Kriewall said, but will be in place for the next political contest if eventually approved. In fact, he said, Fried has advised the city against issuing citations or removing signs believed to be in violation during the current campaign. Instead, Kriewall said, candidates are merely being informed when their signs are determined to be in violation and are being asked to remove them.

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## Residents battle MRF

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Sigr Wren and Esther Miller have a cause.

They are engaged in a battle to stop the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) from operating a materials recovery facility in Novi.

"We are willing to fight it forever," said Miller, a Novi resident for 15 years. "We won't allow it to happen."

The authority was founded in 1987 in response to Michigan Public Act 841, the Solid Waste Management Act. Through increased recycling, the goal is to reduce by 35 percent the flow of refuse being sent to landfills. Novi, Southfield, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Wixom, Far-

mington and Farmington Hills are the communities represented by the authority.

RRRASOC is responsible for coming up with a solid waste plan for its member communities. The authority chose a materials recovery facility (MRF) and waste transfer station as its plan because of its cost effectiveness and its reduced environmental impact when compared with incineration or landfilling.

According to the authority's general manager, Lenora Jadun, the Novi MRF site, on Haggerty Road south of I-96, was selected because of its central location to RRRASOC's communities. She added that communities could deliver recyclables to the Novi site more cheaply than to other proposed sites.

In May, the Haggerty Road site was named as the authority's final choice for the facility. Since then, Wren and Miller's "say no to Haggerty Road" committee has led opposition against the proposed facilities.

"We aren't against recycling or the entire process," said Wren, a Novi resident for 18 years. "The whole world needs to get into recycling. But, it [the MRF] can't be so close to a residential area."

The committee began organizing in June. Miller said she was approached by a resident of Highland Hills mobile home park, which is directly adjacent to the proposed site, who informed her how the facility would operate and what it would

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## Students remember soldiers overseas

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Porky Pig cartoons are okay. But please, no Beetle Bailey. And no pictures of rashers of bacon, Virginia ham, pork chops . . .

Country Cousin mobile home park resident Rod Hage is still in Novi, but his thoughts are with his Air Force Reserve comrades now in Saudi Arabia. Soon, letters from Novi Girl Scouts and Brownies will

be headed in the same direction. Hage, a staff sergeant with the 927th Tactical Air Lift Group, out of Selfridge Air Force Base in Mount Clemens, and his wife Tina, a sergeant with 63rd Tactical Air Lift Squad, were scheduled for a stint in the Persian Gulf when their assignments were changed.

Now, he's working with Parkview

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Heavy traffic on Novi's remaining dirt roads is one symptom of the problem of an overburdened road network

## Voters to decide road issue

### Bond proposal asks for millions to improve Novi roads

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Tuesday, voters will be asked if they are willing to drive up their property taxes to get eight miles of better roads.

On the ballot will be an \$18.8 million road bonding proposal which would, if passed, assess property owners .44 mills in 1992. Based on a "conservative" estimate of a 5-percent annual increase in Novi's state equalized valuation (SEV), the tax would rise to a high of 1.21 in 1995-96 and slide down to .27 in the final year, 2013. During 19 of the 22 years of the tax assessments duration, the millage rate would hover at about one mill. One mill is a \$1 tax per each \$1,000 of SEV.

But the council has vowed to cut back this tax

if additional federal, state or private funding becomes available to finance any of the designated 10 projects.

The bonding proposal has its own support group, Citizens for Better Roads in Novi. Two city council members, Tim Pope and Nancy Cassis have openly opposed the ballot issue. (See related stories.)

While the millage figures are based on a projected 5-percent hike in SEV, Novi in the past 10 years has experienced a growth rate ranging from 4.74 percent to 28.11 percent. In only one fiscal year, was there a negative growth level, minus-.94 percent in 1984-85.

The municipal bonds would be issued in three series with an anticipated interest rate of seven percent — \$6 million apiece in June 1991 and 1992 and \$6.8 million in 1993. The money raised

in this matter must be spent within three years of each bond sales. Ultimately, the city expects to pay \$18.249 in interest.

An estimated \$2.8 million would be spent for right-of-way acquisition, \$12.25 million for construction and \$3.73 million for "soft costs" such as design and engineering.

Here's what the money would buy:

■ Twelve Mile Road — purchase of right-of-way land on Twelve Mile from Haggerty Road to Meadowbrook, 1,500 feet east and west of Meadowbrook Road to enable widening the road. The land acquisition would ensure federal and state funds of \$63 million for widening Twelve Mile Road from two lanes to a four/six-lane boulevard. City officials predict that each \$1 of city

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# Attorney to draft new regulations for election signs

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"This is the time to talk about the issue," Kriewall said. "While it is fresh in everyone's mind. What we found is that our rules are more complex than those in most communities and I doubt the candidates really understand them. So, the key will be simplifying the ordinance and then communicating the rules to the candidates in the future. We got a consensus among the council on most of the changes that should be made. The only point over which there is a difference is whether we should prohibit political signs in the public rights-of-way."

Changes agreed to by council include:  
■ Setting a maximum political sign size of six square feet. In setting that size, council members also agreed that political signs should not be restricted by the amount of business signage on a parcel.  
■ Limiting the number of signs per candidate or per proposal to one per parcel.  
■ Shortening the time period for removal of signs after the election. Currently, candidates may post them 30 days prior to an election and must remove them within 10 days after. Council members agreed to shorten the time period for removal to five days, essentially giving them one weekend to clean up the signs.  
■ Council also agreed to set up a program to inform candidates of city sign rules at the outset of an election campaign.  
Where council members differed was on the issue of whether political signs should be allowed in public rights-of-way. Mayor Matthew

Quinn and council members Hugh Crawford, Martha Hoyer and Ed LeNinger favored a ban, while members Joe Toth, Tim Pope and Nancy Cassis argued for continuing the allowance.  
"The first thing incumbents always do is change the rules so it makes it more difficult for challengers," Pope contended. He said he feels incumbents shouldn't change the rules they were elected under.  
"We're trying to make this process simple, so there wouldn't be a need to go to court. We're looking at sending a letter to campaign organizations in advance. It's a preventative thing," Cassis said. "But they don't have actual boundaries on where the right of way stops," she said, saying that made it difficult even for ordinance enforcement officials in the city to monitor.  
Other some members of the council felt that allowing candidates to put signs in the public right of way could be a safety issue, possibly obstructing the view of drivers.  
And even the dissenters agreed on the need for a change in the sign laws.  
"We have the most confusing political sign ordinance. Under the ordinance, you could have a bulletin board in an industrial district. The sign qualifies within the zoning district. However, if a shopping center already had its maximum signs, they could not put up a political sign," Pope said.  
Kriewall said he conducted a survey of 15 surrounding communities to determine how sign ordinances in those areas compare to rules in Novi. In general, Kriewall said they were less complicated and more restrictive.



Signs, signs, everywhere a political sign ... (seen here at Ten Mile and Novi Roads)

# Arraignment postponed for Harrington

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

A 30-year-old Lansing man is being held in the Ypsilanti Regional Psychiatric Hospital for evaluation after leading State Police on a high-speed chase from Howell through Novi on eastbound I-96 Oct. 25.  
Arraignment of John Harold Harrington has been delayed until after the evaluation is complete, according to Livingston County Sheriff's Deputy Cheryl Jackson. Harrington was arrested on

charges of felonious driving and malicious destruction of police vehicles at the conclusion of the chase.  
Harrington was originally scheduled for arraignment on Friday, Oct. 26. But, Jackson said, arraignment was postponed indefinitely after the Livingston County Sheriff's doctor ordered the evaluation of Harrington. She said he was taken to the hospital on Oct. 26.  
"He will stay there until they decide what to do with him," Jackson said.  
Harrington was stopped by State Police near the intersection of I-96 and I-275 in Farmington Hills. Three State Police cars were damaged in the chase, which reached speeds of 120 miles per hour. Minor injuries to Harrington and three police officers resulted from the incident. Police said Harrington gave no reason for his behavior.  
State Police were alerted to the speeding Harrington by an unidentified motorist with a cellular phone. Troopers from the Brighton and Northville posts responded to the incident, which occurred at about 10:30 a.m. last Thursday.

# Recent tornado left major bills for city insurers

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Repairs to the Novi Civic Center from a Sept. 14 tornado, which caused extensive damage in the city, will cost an estimated \$800,000, said Novi Assistant Manager Craig Klaver.  
The main damage to the center was in the structure's roof. The roof is constructed in two sections: a glass portion, which covers the center's lobby, and a covered portion, which is steel framed and covered by a rubber layer.  
A 60-foot section of the glass portion of the roof was torn off and blown across the roof by the tornado, which hit the center at about 2:15 p.m. Another section of the glass was sent crashing down into the lobby. The solid part of the roof was lifted one-half inch away from its steel frame and set back down by the tornado.  
An inspection of the roof was done shortly after the storm, by engineers, to determine the tornado's impact.  
"The engineers have recommended that the roof be replaced," Klaver said, "because they can't guarantee its integrity."  
There will be no out-of-pocket expense for the city to replace the roof. The estimated \$800,000 cost to replace the roof will be covered by Novi's municipal insurer.

Original estimates of damage to the center came in at about \$50,000. That estimate jumped when it was determined that the entire roof system would be replaced.  
"Construction of the new roof probably won't begin until January," Klaver said. "It could be next April, before it's done."  
A temporary roof, made of plywood, will be constructed to cover the glass portion of the structure. Aluminum columns will be placed in the lobby to support the structure. The temporary roof will take a month to construct and work will begin in three to four weeks.

The engineers have recommended that the roof be replaced because they can't guarantee its integrity."  
Craig Klaver  
Assistant City Manager

All of the construction work on the roof will be handled by Delta Manufacturing Inc. of Detroit. The firm was assigned to do the work by Novi's municipal insurer, Michigan Municipal Risk Management.  
"The Civic Center will be open through the entire construction process," Klaver said. "Residents will be able to enter the lobby normally and get where they need to go."  
The tornado also damaged the city's library and police station. Both of the buildings' roofs were damaged by the storm.  
The library's roof, like the center, will have to be totally replaced, Klaver said. He added that estimates for replacing it have come in at about \$40,000.  
Work on the library started two weeks ago and should be complete in about a month. Costs for work on both the library and the police station will be covered by Novi's insurer.  
Deputy Police Chief Richard Faulkner said the tornado did several hundred dollars worth of damage to the building's roof. A large air vent was torn off and thrown across the roof, causing tears in the rubber layering of the roof, he said.  
"The tornado shook the (layering) like a blanket," Faulkner said.  
Repair work to the police roof should amount to nothing more than patch work, Klaver said. He was unsure when that job would be completed.



Air Force Reserve Sgt. Rod Hage (l) works with girl scouts Jessica Gross (c) and Ilse Morero

# From Novi to Saudi Arabia, with love

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Elementary School's Brownie Troop 1445 led by Rhoda Allen and Junior Girl Scout troop 175 led by Angela Jean to let the troops over there know they're not forgotten.  
"Every letter I get back from the guys says write mail. They get CNN (Cable News Network), that's all," Hage said. "It could have been us over there hoping for mail and a word from home. I was with most of the guys at the airplanes. I was with them when they said goodbye to their families."  
Each girl is committed to writing two to six letters. They've been busy clipping out newspaper articles, sports pages and cartoons to stuff in the envelopes. But correspondence with the U.S. forces must pass through the hands of Saudi Arabian censors and that presents a few problems.  
Among the taboo topics are anything religious, any mention of God, any image of the U.S. flag — including postage stamps, and any mention of pork, ham, bacon or any other hog by-product (Saudi Arabia's Islamic religion forbids eating pigs).  
"Not everyone in Saudi Arabia necessarily supports our presence."

They see the American flag as a symbol of something to attack," Hage said.  
Hage is also monitoring the Girl Scouts' mail to make sure they don't send any pornographic material. If that sounds absurd, remember that by Saudi standards an image of a female wearing anything but a full-length dress, long sleeves, and a high, buttoned-up neck is obscene.  
"Woman's Day is considered a pornographic magazine and is sent back," Hage said. "Porkey Pig is alive, that's okay. You couldn't send some certain cartoon strips. The secretary for Bebe Rebozo, that's pornographic, that's a tight-fitting dress she's wearing."  
Americans are also instructed to keep their return addresses off letters, postcards and packages. He added, "Because people who don't necessarily like the Americans being there figure anyone who writes is sympathetic and could be a target for terrorism."  
Hage would like more local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops — and anyone else who's interested — to volunteer to write letters to Saudi Arabia. For further information, contact him

at 348-0468.  
Or you can send letters to: Any Air Force Member, Operation Desert Shield, A.P.O. New York, 09603. If you wish to contact Hage's unit, add the line 927th TAG.  
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# Beauty salon is ransacked

Visions Salon, in the Cedar Ridge Plaza on Grand River in Novi, was reported broken into and ransacked Oct. 28.

Parts of a police report indicated that the sister and mother of the business owner arrived at the business Sunday to clean it. They told police they entered through the front door and discovered that the cash register drawer was lying on the floor.

A rear storage room was also reported to be ransacked.

Novi police would not release details on this incident.

**RENTAL CAR THEFT:** An Avis rental car was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Novi Hilton after the renter possibly left the keys in the trunk lock.

The \$8,000 Oldsmobile Cutlas Calais, a white, four-door sedan, had stickers on it advertising Avis Rental Car.

## Police News

There are currently no witnesses to the incident.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING:** An empty trailer at Old Dutch Mobile Home Park was reported broken into Oct. 26. There were no items stolen, but the back door was damaged.

The owner of the mobile home told police she had been at her mobile home the previous Saturday, when she discovered the damage.

There was no damage to the inside of the mobile home, and nothing was reported stolen.

**SHOPLIFTING:** A black attack case was reported stolen from The Coach Store in Twelve Oaks Mall Oct. 21.

A clerk in the store told police he had seen three females enter the store, and that one left with the attack case.

Police searched the mall for the women, but did not find them.

**MISSING TV:** A Novi Care Center resident reported Saturday that his TV was missing from his room.

He told police that he remembered seeing his TV in his room the previous Thursday, but when he went there to watch TV Saturday it was gone.

**THEFT FROM VEHICLE:** A factory car stereo and a Bell radar detector were reported stolen from a 1989

Dodge Daytona Oct. 28. The car was parked at an apartment building on Strawberry Court in Novi. Police reported that there was also damage to the vehicle door.

**ANOTHER THEFT FROM VEHICLE:** Novi police reported that a Fox Radar Detector was stolen from a 1987 Ford Taurus parked on Sagebrush in Novi Oct. 28.

The lock on the driver side door was reportedly pried open and there was damage to the car dashboard. The incident is believed to have occurred between 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday.

**THIRD THEFT FROM VEHICLE:** A Novatec portable cellular car phone was reported stolen Oct. 27 from a 1985 Ford van parked at the River Oaks Apartment construction site. The vehicle was reportedly left unattended at the site, where the victim was working as a plumber.

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**Craft demonstration:** Christmas decorations and centerpieces will be created at a craft demonstration at the Novi Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. Floral design Michele Signon of Union Lake will show how to make a number of holiday arrangements using artificial greens and silk flowers. There is no charge for the demonstration, but anyone interested in attending is requested to register with the library at 349-0720.

**Test Taking and Study Skills:** This workshop is being offered to help students learn how to study. Areas covered include: how to deal with nervousness, concentrate, review, take notes, write reports, get organized, study for tests, remember things, and answer test questions. Parents are requested to attend with their student at no additional charge. Bring a small tape recorder if possible. The instructor will come from Skills Development. The workshop will be held for grades 5-8 at the Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee will be \$19 per person. For more information call Novi Community Education at 348-1200.

**World of Opportunity:** The Novi International Festival committee will hold an election for officers, board members and advisory committee members on Nov. 15. To apply for a post, write to nominating committee member Wayne Bullen, 23980 LeBost, Novi 48375. The International Festival is an annual event which brings the cultural variety of the world to Novi.

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## Space cadets

Third grade teacher Karen Tomilo chats with fourth-grade members of the new Astronaut Club formed at Orchard Hills Elementary School. Tomilo began the club after she

spent a summer session learning about space exploration in a special program at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

**TIPS FROM TUCHKLAPER**  
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# Council suggests communities add traffic engineers

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So says the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which deplores the 190,000 crashes, 600 deaths, 56,000 injuries and costs of \$1.7 billion that occur each year in the seven-county region.

SEMGOC's newly adopted Regional Traffic Safety Policies says: "Fourteen communities have a population greater than 50,000. For communities this size, the Federal Highway Administration recommends a full-time professional traffic engineer on staff."

Yet... only six employ a full-time traffic engineer," said the report, offered by Donald Jensen, an Oakland County commissioner from Birmingham.

The policy, adopted unanimously, advocates:  
■ More college programs in, and local use of, traffic engineers.  
■ More truck inspections. Michigan's limit of 1,674,000 pounds is double the limit of any other state. Only three states allow semi-trailer lengths greater than Michigan's 53 feet.  
■ Better screening of drivers over age 55. They are twice as likely to be involved in fatal accidents as the 25-54 age group. More roadway design research is needed to understand elderly drivers' reaction times and vision.  
■ Efforts to reduce crashes at highway construction and maintenance work zones, where 4,165 accidents occurred in 1987.  
■ A tighter definition of drunk driving through lowering the allowable blood alcohol content, currently 0.10 percent.  
■ Greater consistency in court sentencing of drunk drivers. District judges were praised for their program in this area.  
■ More use of seatbelts, including making failure to wear a belt a "primary" offense for which police may stop a driver.  
■ Licensing, more training and higher standards for emergency medical service (EMS) personnel.  
■ More comprehensive traffic records, particularly by local governments, which maintain 70 percent of all roadways in southeast Michigan.

# Case settled in hit-and-run death

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

Jean Dedes, the mother of a 10-year-old girl who was killed in a 1989 hit-and-run on Ten Mile Road between Novi and South Lyon said Tuesday that her ordeal in this incident will never be over.

A jury was selected last week to hear the Dedes family's lawsuit against Anthony Neumaier, the driver involved in the accident, but the case was settled in a consent judgment before the jury was asked to make a decision.

The lawsuit was on behalf of Adrian, who was killed as she waited for the school bus near the family's home on Ten Mile east of Chubb Road, and Adrian's sister, Lauren, who suffered a broken collarbone in the accident.

Jean Dedes said she does not feel any kind of relief that part of the lawsuit is now over.

"People keep telling us, 'Well, finally part of it's over.' But it's never over. No matter how much it's settled it's never over," she said.

"I miss her terribly every single day. I think of her every minute of every day. I miss her as much today as the day she died."

"People keep saying, 'Well, you must feel better now.' But I don't. Nothing will ever make me feel better."

The case against Anthony Neumaier and his father, James Neumaier, the legal owner of the car, was settled for \$50,000 (the limit of their insurance) in the death case and \$5,000 in the injury case.

In addition, the Dedes family settled out-of-court in their case against the Oakland County Road Commission for \$10,000 in the death case and \$5,000 in the injury case.

Jean Dedes said she wanted people to know that she and her husband settled the case on the advice of their lawyer, not because they thought their children were at fault in the accident.

"It's our children," she said. "We didn't want to settle but our attorney recommended we did. We are not at all pleased with the amount. We are not letting him (Neumaier) off the hook. We did not settle because we thought the children were at fault."

Anthony Neumaier would not comment.

The Dedes lawsuit originally named seven parties as defendants: the Neumaiers; the Oakland County Road Commission; South Lyon Community Schools; Joan Shuller, school bus driver; Jean Asche, South Lyon Schools transportation supervisor; and South Lyon Superintendent Dr. Wayne Case.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Hilda Cage dismissed the cases against the South Lyon schools and school personnel last August, citing a state law that holds those parties immune.

However, the Dedes family and their attorney, Sheldon Erlich, have appealed the judge's decision. Erlich explained last August that the appeal is based on a disagreement with the judge's interpretation of that law.

A criminal case charging Anthony Neumaier with negligent homicide was dismissed last month by 52nd District Court, Division 1, Judge Brian MacKenzie, but that decision is also on appeal. MacKenzie was never made aware during the criminal hearing that Lauren Dedes had been involved in the accident.

The lawsuit against Neumaier charged, among other things, that he was "driving a motor vehicle upon the highway in a careless, reckless, and wanton manner in total disregard of the rights and safety of others lawfully upon the highway."

The suits against the road commission and the school district personnel challenged the safety of the road and the South Lyon Schools transportation program.

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## Residents fight MRF construction

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entail. She said she immediately contacted Wren, a longtime friend and neighbor at Old Orchard Condominiums, also adjacent to the site, and began their activities against the MRF.

"The authority is unrepresenting (the project) as a whole," said Wren. "They have shown no concern for the residents and businesses that will be close to the facility."

Miller and Wren, both seniors, have collected signatures for petitions against the MRF facility several times since June. In August, Miller said the committee presented the city clerk's office with a petition of 230 signatures against the facility. She added that the committee is seeking to enlist the city's help against the project, but so far hasn't gotten a response.

If the MRF begins operation in Novi, "I'll feel that the city has let us down," Miller said.

"My 'for sale' sign will be up," Wren said, "so soon you won't be able to."

Among the committee's objections to the proposed MRF facility are improper zoning of the site, traffic and noise.

The site is currently zoned for light industrial usage. The committee points out that the city's planning consultant, Brandon Rogers, gave his opinion that the site should be zoned "heavy industrial." According to Novi Planner Mike Caspo, city council will make the ultimate decision if the site is properly zoned for a MRF operation.

Wren said as many as 300 trucks per day would go in and out of the facility. She said with existing traffic on Haggerty, "the road won't be able to take it."

With the additional truck traffic, noise would become a greater problem in the area, Miller said.

One of the main reasons she moved to Novi, Wren said, was because of its quietness. She added that the country setting and its convenience to shopping areas were other reasons for living in the city.

Miller echoed Wren's reasons for living in Novi by saying, "the rural setting and the convenience of the highways to get back to the city is what attracted me."

Despite her fondness for Novi, Miller said an operating MRF could cause her to leave. She added that she will continue to fight it.

"I am going to continue to fight because I like it here," Miller said. "I'm happy in Novi and I don't want to be forced to leave."

After a meeting with other condominium owners in June, Wren said there were a lot of people interested in stopping the MRF project. But, she said, they wouldn't become directly involved in fighting. She said she took it upon herself to organize opposition.

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## Special ed students take the right road to reading

By SUZANNE HOLLIER Staff Writer

Special education has been left out of recent changes in children's literacy theories, subjecting some kids to "repetitive, fragmented skill drills" resulting in "impaired" literacy experiences, according to the preliminary findings of a University of Michigan study.

But Novi special education students have been included in the district's new learning techniques, including its reading policy, that helps kids interact with their readings, and hopefully get more out of it, said special education director Donna Tinberg.

The "new definition of reading" used in Novi defines reading as "the process of constructing meaning through the dynamic interaction among: the reader's existing knowledge, the information suggested by the written language, and the context of the reading situation."

Special education students are taught using this definition of reading, unlike the students referred to in the study.

"When you ask a 'special ed' student what writing is, she'll typically tell you that writing is copying down," said Annemarie Palincsar, author of the study and associate professor at the University of Michigan in a press release summarizing her study.

"One 8-year-old special ed student explained to me that to become a good writer you need to hope and hold your pencil right," according to Palincsar.

But in Novi, most special education students spend part of their day in a regular education classroom. Those

"The district philosophy... is good instruction is good instruction."

Donna Tinberg  
Special education director

that do not still are taught in a manner similar to regular education students, said Tinberg.

The district believes in educating special education and regular education students similarly, Tinberg said.

"The district philosophy... is good instruction is good instruction," Tinberg said.

But the district is flexible too, Tinberg said. When a particular method or book is not working well for a regular education student, it is changed when the student is brought into special education, she said.

The new definition of reading seems to be very similar to suggestions for change in Palincsar's study.

"See our special ed teachers are using the new definition of reading more than other teachers in other districts," Tinberg said.

The result is great writing coming from students in Novi, even special education students.

Special education student's learning problems have been reinforced by the assumption used in many districts that until students master certain techniques like producing accurate letters and decoding words they could not meaningfully read or write.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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# Housing sales fall, but prices rise

Michigan housing sales dropped 2 percent during the third quarter compared to the same period a year ago, the Michigan Association of Realtors reported this week. But most areas reported price increases.

It blamed sagging consumer confidence, due in part to the struggle over the federal budget and the Midwest crisis.

Some potential buyers are taking a "wait and see" approach before moving up the housing ladder, reported Mel Durbin, president of the 23,000-member association.

However, despite our recent downturn, Michigan's housing market is still a favorable market, with the average price of \$82,938 well below the national average of \$120,500, Durbin said.

"Interest rates are still at a good level, and listings are up, creating a slight shift to a buyers' market. . . We continue to be optimistic about the future of Michigan's housing market."

Mel Durbin  
Michigan Association of Realtors president

level, and listings are up, creating a slight shift to a buyers' market. While potential buyers wait for things to get better, housing values are continuing to increase, as evidenced by the 4-percent rise in the average price over a year ago.

"If I were a buyer now, I would first look to FHA and VA loans as my initial inquiry into the mortgage market. These are underutilized sources of mortgages that most buyers have been neglecting."

Below are local market reports provided by real estate boards. They exclude sales by non-member real estate agents. Figures show the number of sales in the first three quarters of 1989, followed by the first three quarters of 1990 and the percentage difference:

- Western Wayne and Oakland County — 13,605; 13,070; down 3.9%. Average price was \$95,637, up 3.45 percent.
- Northern Oakland County — 1,930; 1,901; down 1.5 percent. Average price was \$91,721, up 5.72 percent.
- Southern Oakland County — 3,177; 3,047; down 4.09 percent. Average price was \$83,779, up 5.41 percent.

# Picture reprint policy

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# Obituaries

## WALTER BERCHEM

Walter Berchem, 88, died October 21 of cancer in his home in Novi.

Mr. Berchem was born in Detroit on December 12, 1901 to Susan Partridge and Alfred Florian. He was employed as a printer by the City of Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; eight sons: Jack, David, Allen, Paul, Frederick, Thomas, William and Robert; his sister, Virginia Bouhuise; 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Dr. Michael M. Meyer officiated. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

## TORSTEN (TED) WESTBY

Torsten (Ted) Westby, 88, of Novi died October 17 of a cardiac arrest at the Oakhill Nursing Home in Farmington.

He was born in Sweden on January 3, 1902 to Anna C. Anderson and Josef E. Zetterlund. Mr. Westby was employed as a job setter by Chrysler Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; two daughters, Susan Knapp of Canton and Anne Deroche of Wilcox; and six grandchildren: Jennifer, Julie, Laurie, Paul, Craig and Kirk.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m. at the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. The Reverend Kenneth F. Gruel will officiate.

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# Planners eye rezoning of 1,700 acres in Novi

The City of Novi is considering zoning changes that could change the complexion of about 1,700 acres of city land — mainly along Twelve Mile Road.

Many of the proposed changes call for city land to shift from residential and agricultural to office usage.

The Master Plan and Zoning Committee will make a recommendation to the Novi Planning Commission on whether the city should make the changes by January of next year. The commission will then make its recommendation to city council, which will make the final decision on the changes.

In considering the changes, the committee will try to answer several questions before making its recommendation. One of the main questions to be discussed is whether changing the zoning increases the tax burden for residents in the area.

"The committee is trying to find out if (zoning changes) changes the tax burden," said Planning Commissioner Kathy McLallen. "or is it subsequent construction that changes the tax burden."

To answer that question, the committee has enlisted the help of the city assessor's office. City Assessor James Klausmeyer said zoning changes would likely have an effect on residents' taxes. Klausmeyer said that the changes would make land use for the areas more "intense," meaning it would affect resident taxes. He declined to say if it would increase or decrease taxes.

If more of a tax burden would be placed on Novi residents by the changes, McLallen said the commission would likely not recommend approval of the rezoning.

About 1,100 acres of the proposed rezoning run along Twelve Mile Road from Haggerty to Beck roads.

Another major change would be in the western part of the city — 400 acres between Eleven and Twelve Mile roads and Beck and Napier roads. About 13 acres off of Grand River Avenue, between Meadowbrook and Novi roads, would also be changed.

"These are the primary areas that zoning doesn't conform to the current master plan for the city," said McLallen.

The committee, which is made up of McLallen and Planning Commissioners Tim Gilbert and Judy Johnson, will consider two more questions before making their recommendation. McLallen said the committee will examine if each area proposed for rezoning has infrastructure, roads and utility hook ups, or is due for development.

Novi Planning Clerk Karen Tindale said if the city decides to go ahead, public hearings would have to be held on the issue.

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## How to make — or break fledgling small businesses

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A small business can survive in a supportive community with an understanding landlord, say five who have made it.

"Some landlords would rather leave stores empty than lower the rent it seems," said florist Marge Dorsey of Southfield and Birmingham. "I tell landlords: Be careful; don't think you have the world by the tail," said restaurateur Keith Panie, who gave Royal Oak a belly pat on the back for the success of his Les Auteurs. His biggest fear is that Royal Oak will become so popular that the rent goes up.

The consensus:  
 • Oakland County is generally a good place for business.  
 • Schools fail to prepare their graduates for the business world of satisfying customers.  
 • Banks are unfriendly to the fledgling firm.

They spoke Oct. 24 in a panel before 65 people attending an all-day Leadership Oakland forum sponsored by a council of 14 chambers of commerce.

"It helps to have an Oakland County location," said computer consultant Harry Guenther, president of Deyenir Corp. in Southfield. He cited university contacts and the presence of many "Fortune 500" corporate headquarters. Guenther's firm is a "graduate" of Southfield's small business incubator.

"We hire seasoned professionals," said Michael Grieves, president of Data Systems Network Corp. in Farmington Hills. The firm started in a 2,000-square-foot store front five years ago and will finish 1990 with \$50 million in billings, he said. But Grieves found one attitude problem in southeastern Michigan: "Entrepreneurship is a badge of honor in Silicon Valley (California). Here they say, 'You couldn't get a job, so you're an entrepreneur.'"

Grieves liked the supply of university graduates. "We can hire the cream of the crop. The work ethic is very, very good," he said. One who became an entrepreneur because she couldn't get a good job

was Nurten Ural, president of Urban Interiors, a Farmington Hills firm specializing in commercial interiors.

"You're too experienced; we can't hire you," she said, summarizing rejection letters to 200 resumes after she earned a master of fine arts degree.

Ural finally got a "boring" job designing furniture, quit to study architecture, began doing freelance interior design work and left school as her sideline prospered.

"I worked out of my house for six months, then moved to an office building," she said. Her staff now numbers 14.

Even if the economy falters, she said, there's work. "We concentrate on renovations and space planning. You can condense your space needs and pay less rent."

Like many small business people, she faulted the schools in business education. "Schools teach you how to draw pretty pictures. But there is no business sense at all. The job is 90 percent business, 10 percent pictures," she said.

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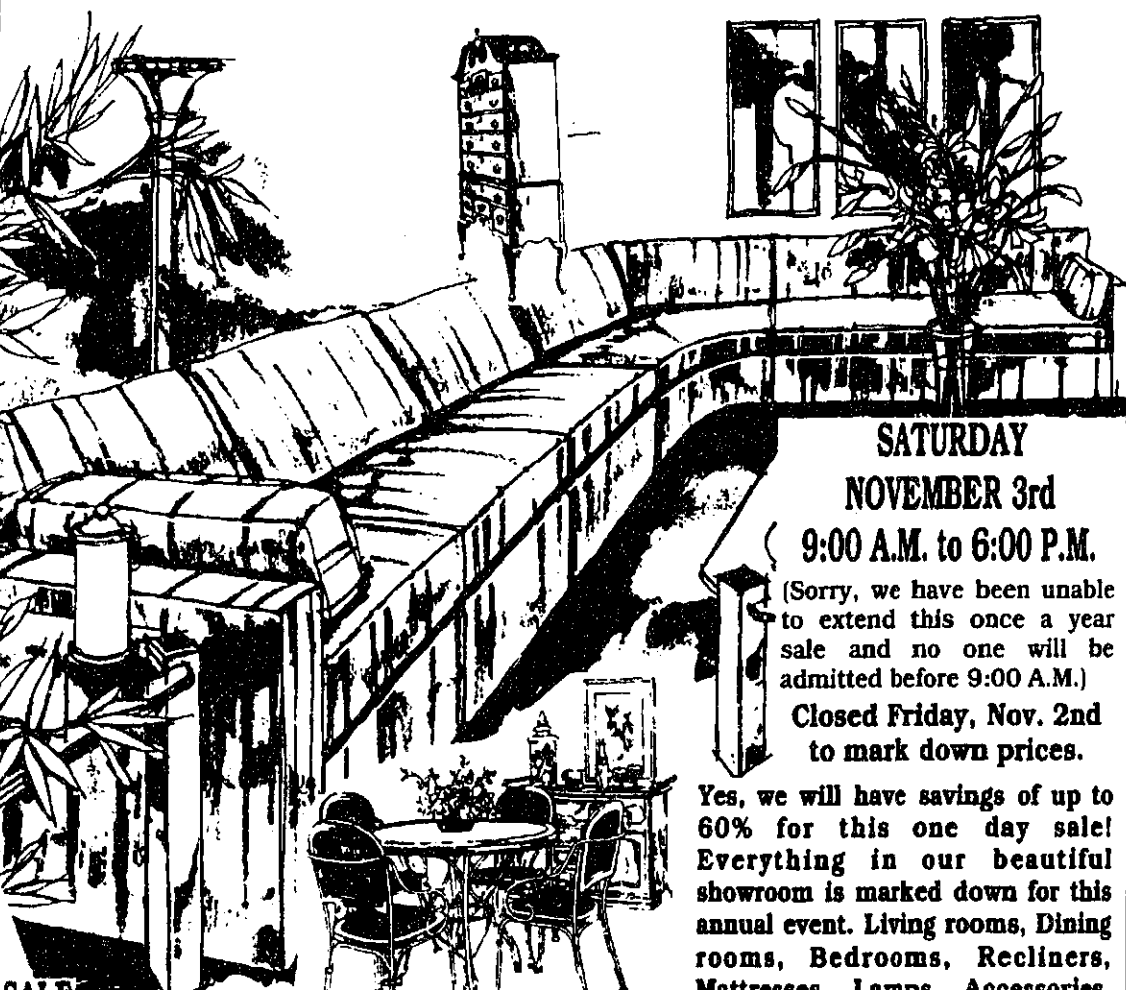
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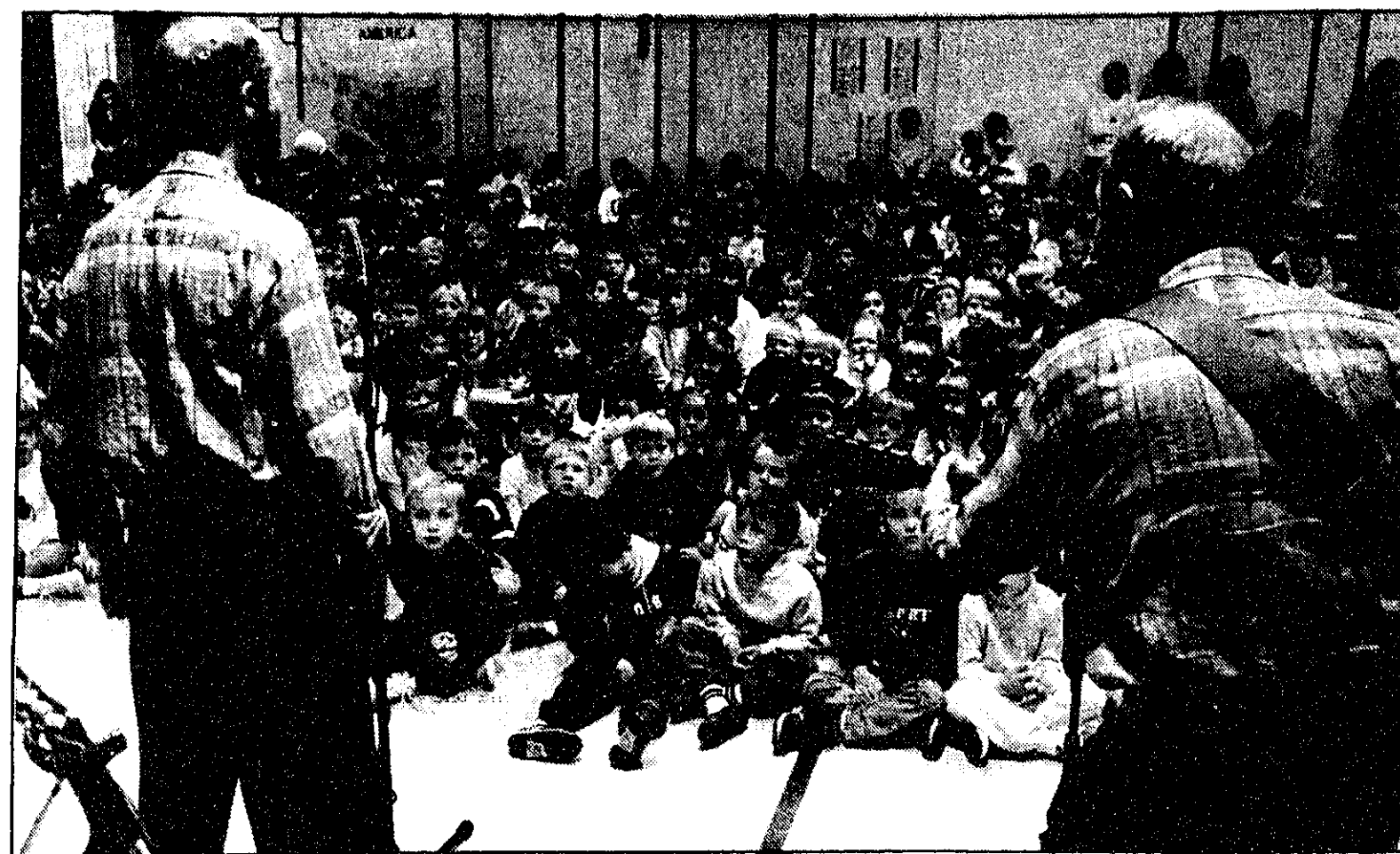


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Twice the fun

Songs and fun were part of the package as the Gemini twins entertained the kids at Village Oaks Elementary School last week. The twin brothers, San and Las, are natives of Hungary, who emigrated to the U.S. in 1949, and have spent many years entertaining adults and children alike.

The fire, which also closed Holloway's Old Fashion Bakery downtown (see related story), was first reported about 7:40 a.m. when an explosion blew out the windows of the second-story shop.

## Lab finds accelerant after Northville fire

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

Laboratory tests have determined that a chemical found on the floor of Tiffany Art Glass after a fire gutted the store Sept. 29 was not one used in the store.

Floor samples containing the substance were sent to the State Police crime laboratory on Seven Mile Road. The substance appeared to be located at the origin of the fire.

While the State Police lab could not determine the exact type of substance found, Fire Chief Jim Allen said, "it was something that burned very well."

The substance found was foreign to the business as far as investigators can determine. "We could not match it with the chemicals normally used by the business," Police Det. Sgt. David Fendeleit said.

City police and fire officials are still investigating the possibility that the fire which gutted the 121 E. Main St. store was deliberately set. "It's still a suspicious fire," Allen said. "It could

be accidental but someone's got to explain how it got started, when it got started."

The fire, which also closed Holloway's Old Fashion Bakery downtown (see related story), was first reported about 7:40 a.m. when an explosion blew out the windows of the second-story shop.

Fire officials have been unable to determine a cause. "We're not at a dead end, but we don't have a lot of leads," Allen said. "We're still in the process of interviewing people."

The state fire marshal has completed a report on the fire, and forwarded it to the city police department, but police would not release its findings because of their own ongoing investigation. "It's really being handled at this point by the local police, fire department, and the insurance companies," Allen said.

The insurance companies represent building owner Joe Spangolino, Tiffany Art Glass owner John Zawadzki, and bakery owner Rich Holloway.

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THE GENERAL ELECTION

# Novi voters to decide road bond issue

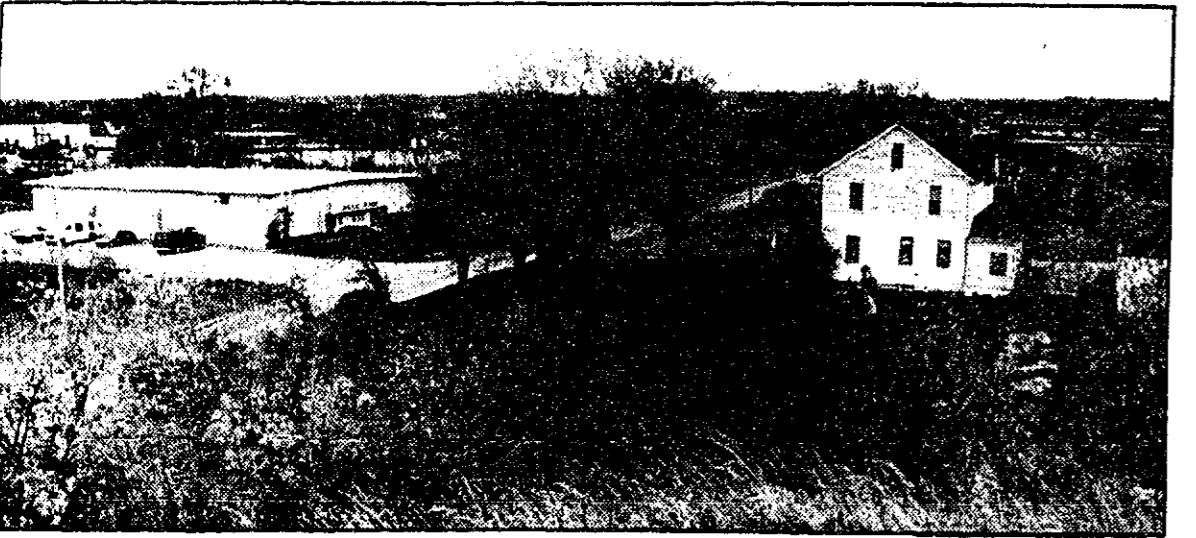
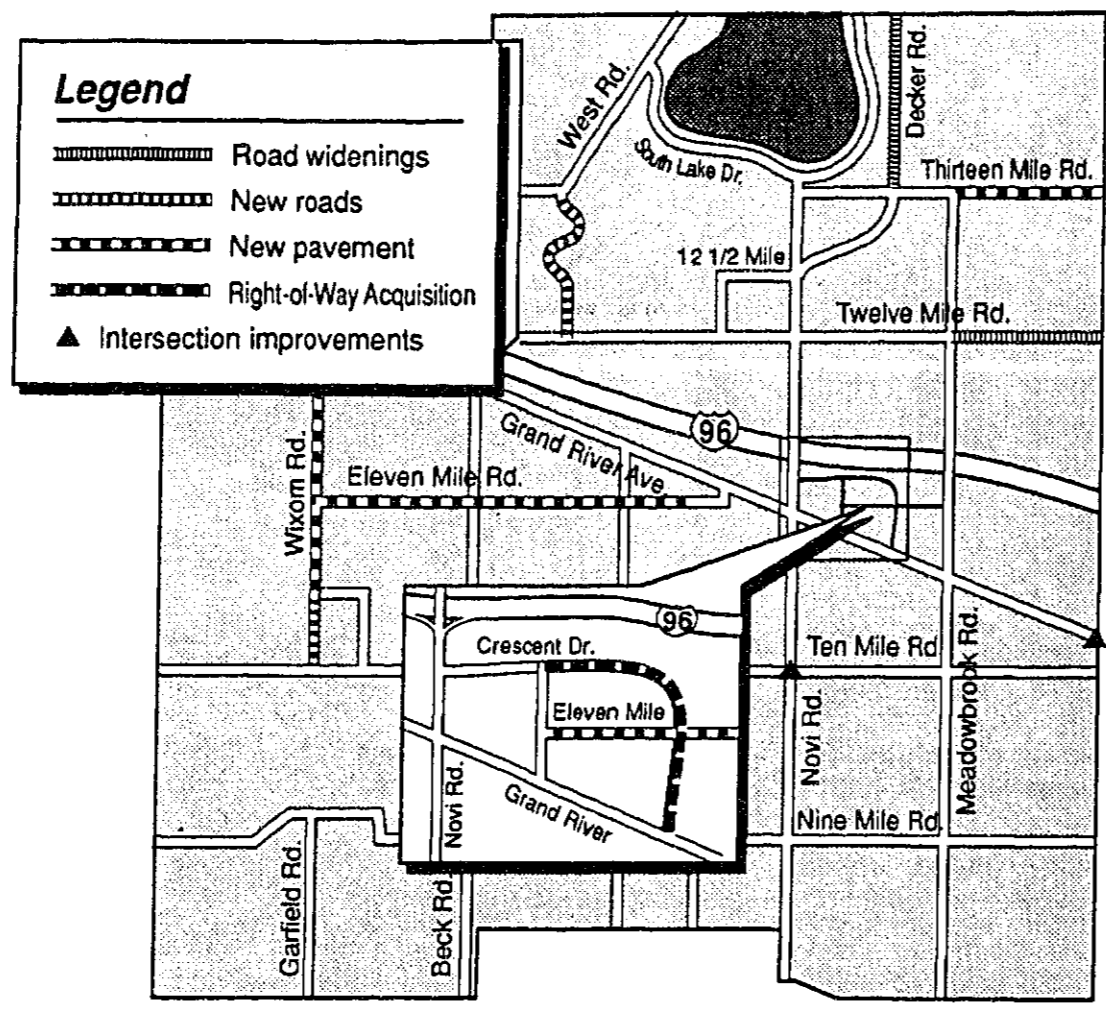
## Bond will drive up taxes to get 8 miles of new roads

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money will bring in \$10 of grant monies. Project cost: \$6,402,240.

- Thirteen Mile Road — paving from Meadowbrook to Haggerty roads and realignment of road intersection to meet Thirteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills will provide an alternate route to Fourteen and Twelve Mile roads, offer a direct access to the Haggerty Connector from the lakes area and alleviate traffic congestion when new homes are built in the area. Project cost: \$504,373.
- Dekker Road — widening into five lanes between Fourteen Mile and Thirteen Mile roads, diverting traffic from East Lake Drive. With the new residential construction, as well as a new elementary school planned for the area, the expansion is expected to increase safety and decrease congestion. Developers have agreed to assist in improving Dekker Road. Project cost: \$1,974,173.
- Eleven Mile Road — paving from Town Center Drive to Meadowbrook Road, to ease traffic entering and exiting the Novi Town Center through the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue entrances. Project cost: \$1,235,644.
- Eleven Mile Road — paving from Wisnom Road to Clark Street to provide an east-west alternative to Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Project cost — \$130,366.
- Crescent Drive — purchasing the right-of-way outside of the Town Center District for the future eastward and southward extension of Crescent Boulevard. The road now ends near the Wyndam Garden Hotel. In the future, the throughfare could become a bypass around the Novi Road and Grand River intersections leading to the I-96 interchange and mall areas. The city's goal is to purchase the right-of-way at today's prices. Project cost — \$318,741.
- Taft Road — Extending the road from Twelve Mile Road to West Road, providing an alternative to residential streets in the lakes area and to Novi Road. The route also would bypass the Beck/Twelve Mile freeway interchange. Project cost — \$2,191,681.
- Wisnom Road — Paving and straightening the road's current two 90 degree curves in the stretch running from Ten Mile Road to Grand River Avenue, for safety reasons and to give residents on the city's west side an alternate route to the I-96 interchange at Wisnom and Grand River Avenue. Project cost: \$2,776,916.
- Intersection improvements at Ten Mile and Novi roads — Possible lane improvements and an independent left turn signal are planned to relieve waiting time at this major intersection. Project cost — \$143,259.
- Intersection improvements at Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue — Four independent left turn signals are planned, as well as "right turn only" lanes on southbound Haggerty and eastbound Grand River Avenue, to relieve traffic congestion. Project cost — \$72,566.

## ROAD BOND: Here's What \$18.8 Million Will Buy



Unpaved Eleven Mile Road is an oddity in a highly developed section of Novi



An \$18 million road bonding proposal would surface some of Novi's unpaved roads

## Backers say need is urgent

By JAN JEFFRIES  
Staff Writer

The buy-now-pay-later portion of the plan is what makes the road bonding proposal so attractive, supporters say.

People not yet living or operating businesses in the city will be assessed in the future for roadwork done now to accommodate Novi's present and presumably future boomtown status. And the construction and right-of-way acquisition will be done at today's prices — surely lower than in ten years down the road, proponents predict.

Led by Mayor Matthew Quinn, the Citizens for Better Roads in Novi organization has been spreading the word to homeowners' groups and civic organizations on what they see as perhaps the best solution to a problem most residents would agree exists — traffic.

"My nature is enthusiastic. I am sold on this project and what could be done for the city. It's not new taxes. It's a continuance," said road bonding booster and planning commissioner Ernest Aruffo who's been stumping for the ballot proposal.

In 1976, Novi voters approved a first road bond millage, which will be rolling off the books in 1993. Taxpayers are looking at a pay-off date in several past bond proposals: library completion — 1991, the police building — 1992, the drain program — 1998, and the civic center building — 2000. Property-owners have experienced a significant reduction in the millage levied for all of these bonds, due to Novi's growth, increases in property values and debt retirement.

For example, the police building millage is down, from 1.29 to .0192 mill; the library completion, from .15 to .0275; the streets fund, from .9 to .4925; and the civic center, from 1.8 to .6681.

What the city is seeking now is a bond millage which would kick off in 1992 at .44 mills and would average out in the one mill range if Novi doesn't experience more than five percent growth.

But the city will do better than that, Aruffo predicts. "Believe me, there's millions and millions of dollars of development going up. In two years, I know it will be 40 mills."

"Every building that goes up reduces the cost of the millage on the road. Only one-third of the city's land is developed. That's two-thirds that will be developed and it will reduce our millage."

The ten priority projects the city council has designated for the \$18.8 million in funds are designed to ease the traffic burden by providing alternate routes for drivers, according to former Mayor Gil Henderson, a "Citizens for Better Roads in Novi" activist.

"The people who live on the south two-thirds of Walled Lake ultimately will see more and more traffic directed from their (residential) streets," he said. "It will get a lot of the pass through traffic out of our streets, especially at Meadowbrook Road and Haggerty. For residents on the west side, it will expedite north and south, east and west traveling, all through Ten Mile and Grand River."

The proposed \$1.235 million paving of Eleven Mile Road from Town Center Drive has drawn flak from council members Nancy Cassis and Tim Pope, who see the project as an accommodation to Novi Town Center developer Trammell Crow Company, which has plans for an additional office building in the area.

Henderson disagrees.

"The main advantage, the people that live between Novi Road and Haggerty and Eight Mile and Ten Mile will have a second option on how to enter the Town Center whether they want to go to work or shop, rather than going up to Novi Road," he said. "Over a 20-year bond proposal, it might be cheaper for Trammell Crow to pay for the paving than the pay-back (to millage)."

As the city is currently constituted, Henderson explained that homeowners will shoulder the burden of one-half of the bonding, while local businesses will pay the remainder.

"I'm not pushing the yes-vote. I just present the data. If something comes along and I think it's great for the community, I support it and if something's screwed up, I tell them (local government)," he said.

As Aruffo sees it, passing the road bond millage is the best decision voters could make.

"The alternative is to do nothing, to not improve the city, to make the traffic worse. We know the communities around us are growing and expanding and growing and expanding their impact on our traffic," he said. "What I've found was the comments of the other side, I would call them platitudes. What they're suggesting is things that have not yet been possible. All these things would not attend to our needs now. The alternative is not to do it, to study it and find that the enormous costs have accelerated."

## Bond foes want business to kick in

By JAN JEFFRIES  
Staff Writer

As Tim Pope describes it, he's the loyal opposition. But he's the opposition nevertheless.

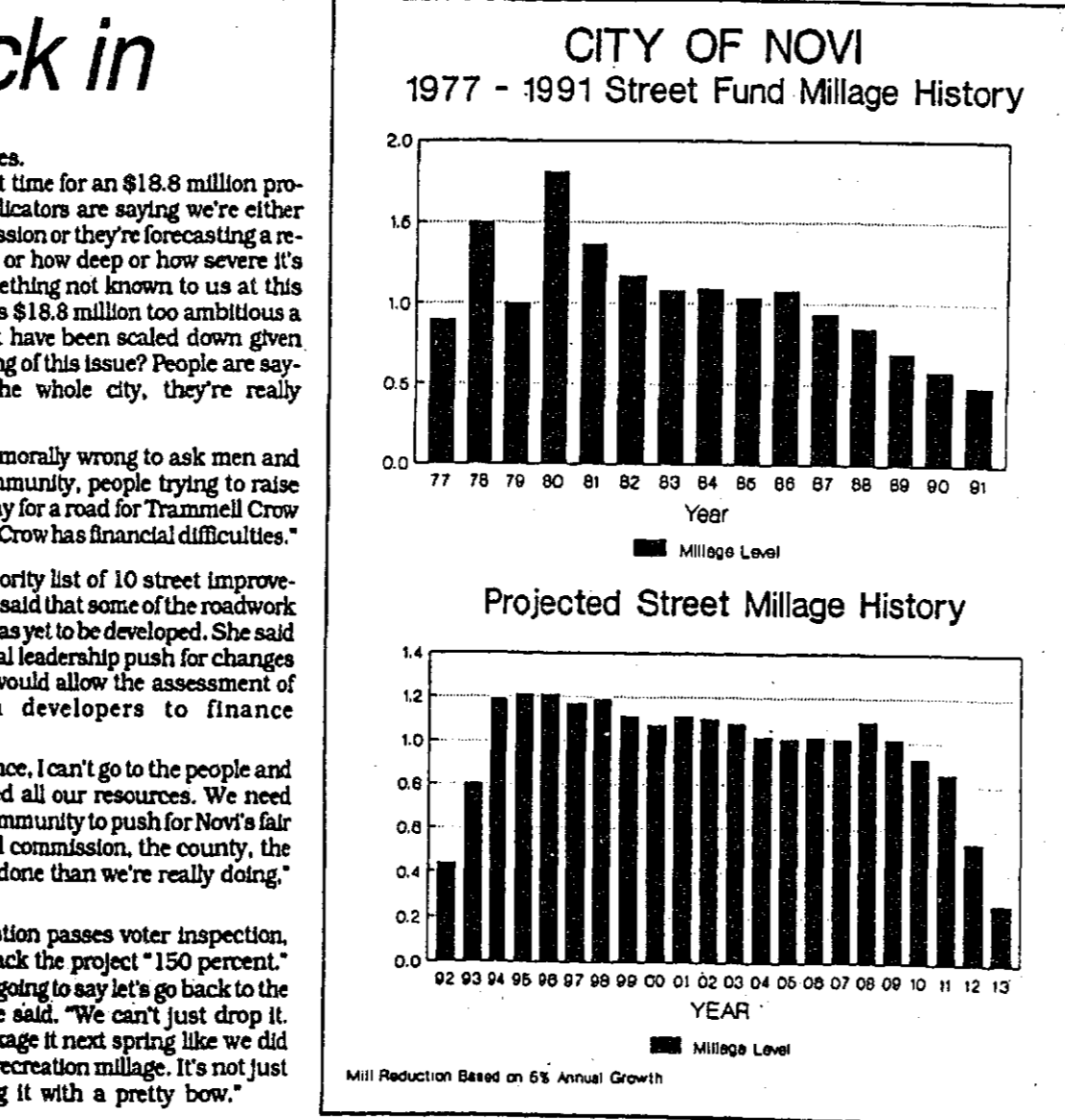
Pope and fellow city council member Nancy Cassis say they can't stand behind the road bonding ballot question which their colleagues decided in August to place before the voters. Pope voted no at the time and Cassis was out of town.

Although each backs some aspects of the proposal, both have spoken out against it during the course of Campaign 1990 meetings. Cassis confronted bonding proponent Gil Henderson during an Oct. 25 forum in Novi sponsored by the League of Women Voters. According to Henderson, this is the first time in his 20 years in Novi politics that he can recall council members actively campaigning against a council-generated ballot question.

"My concerns are that the road bonding issue, it's an \$18 million program, and I think some of the program is crucial for the city and other areas are not. I think it's too large. We should have looked at a smaller program," Pope said. "I think the proposal should have included a \$6 million program. That would have been a smaller property tax crunch for people."

One of Pope's points of contention centers on the proposed \$1.235 million paving of Eleven Mile Road, a dirt street smack in the center of the highly developed Town Center area. Pope and Cassis have said that the Trammell Crow Corporation, which has an office development planned for the area, should foot the bill.

"I think there really is a moral question. That's, should Novi voters raise their property taxes to



# Senate hopefuls clash on schools, taxes

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Republican Denise Alexander, an attorney and member of the Southfield City Council, is squaring off against 20-year incumbent Democrat Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills for the 15th district State Senate seat.

The 15th State Senate district includes the cities of Novi and Northville (Oakland County portion), Farmington, Farmington Hills, Farmdale, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Novi Township, Oak Park, Royal Oak Township, Southfield and Wixom.

Statistics show that the western side of the district contains a high percentage of Republican voters, while the east side contains more Democrats.

Communities on the west side of the 15th district, such as Northville and Novi, have experienced huge population growth over the past decade, while communities on the east side (Farmdale, Royal Oak Township, Oak Park, Southfield and Huntington Woods) have been losing population since 1980.

With forced consolidation, some administrative costs that would be saved would be spent on transportation, additional teachers and other expenses.

The realistic analysis is we need to deal with curriculum and training for job skills. We've got to give (students) back the hope and dream that there will be jobs out there for them when they graduate.

News: What can be done to slow down or reduce property taxes?

Alexander: People are just taxed out, but there is no attempt to cut government. It's such a monumental task to say we will go in and slash across the board. We need to go one department at a time and analyze cost effectiveness and start consolidating.

We are getting programs (through the government) that already exist through private sector programs. Also, services are duplicated in different programs. There is no real research to see if programs need to be continued. We can't afford to have money spent that way.

People resent that when their incomes go down they have to cut things they want but don't need, yet the government is asking those citizens — who are making cuts in their own lives — to fund a list of wants.

News: What can our government do to clean and protect our environment?

Alexander: I'm proud that Southfield was the first Oakland County community to start curbside recycling. There is so much technology. If we create toxic products, we should be able to develop ways to neutralize or break down those products.

We also need to go back to things that are reusable. I would promote research and development that would make it efficient and profitable to recycle our waste. And we need to encourage people... We use too many more plastics, use a lot more glass.

News: Would you support legislation outlawing or restricting a woman's right to an abortion?

Alexander: No. I am pro-choice. My opponent and I do not differ on this issue.

## ALEXANDER

News: What do you suggest for improving the funding and quality of our public schools?

Alexander: Over the last several years we have seen the quality of education decline and seen a global economy develop. Our high school graduates are not meeting the needs of the economy. We're not training our children with enough of the math and science they need to succeed, and they are being passed through to the next grade when they're not ready. I support competency testing for students and teachers.

I'm against forced consolidation of districts (Faxon's plan) because it is moving away from local control and toward state control of schools.

There are ways to bring more money into the schools (Alexander advocates budget cuts and elimination of ineffective or duplicate programs as a way to provide more money for education). School districts should be able to contract with each other to share facilities. Districts should not become too big — Detroit is an example of a district that's too big. It alienates people.

News: What do you suggest for improving the funding and quality of our public schools?

Faxon: I have a very specific proposal in regards to reorganization of school districts. It would reduce the number of school districts from 584 to less than 250. It would be more effective because it would reduce some of the duplication.

Under this plan, each district would be a size that makes it more competitive and comparable and it would also limit the amount of property taxes that can be imposed on residential property.

Basically, reorganization is designed to bring Michigan into the 21st century and offer a full high school program. As it is there are well over 100 districts that are not K-12.

The area in my district that would be affected would be the Clawsonville district, where they (currently) pay one-third more in property taxes than neighboring school districts.

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Also, the school district reorganization would (help the property tax problem) by limiting the amount of tax that can be levied.

News: What can our government do to clean and protect our environment?

Faxon: I am a supporter of the Polluter Pay environmental legislation (which forces the source of contamination to pay for clean-up). The major financial burden for cleanup

would go to polluters.

We do what we can to prevent industry from polluting (in the first place). They should be well-advised before they begin something. They should take precautionary steps to prevent contamination.

News: Would you support legislation outlawing or restricting a woman's right to an abortion?

Faxon: No. Absolutely not. I am completely, 100 percent pro-choice. The government should be out of the business of telling people what to do in their private lives.

News: How can the state improve our business climate?

Faxon: I have the endorsement of the small business association. Small business is really beefing up our commerce, and we can do things to help. Michigan's future will be in high-tech companies, and small businesses have the greatest potential.

The overall business climate has to do with quality of life issues. The tax climate is fair. As a state we've done a lot to attract businesses. Things are steadily improving.

News: What is your stand on no-knock raids of suspected drug houses as a way of fighting the drug problem?

Faxon: I am opposed to invasion of homes because of mistakes made in the past. It is appropriate for police to identify themselves.

Police have, in the past, gone into wrong houses or hotel rooms during drug raids. It can give someone a heart attack.

People ought to have a right to privacy. If you don't give up all rights, privacy in our homes is a very basic right.

News: Are there other specific accomplishments you'd like to mention?

Faxon: I feel very strongly about my ability to return dollars to roads. Right now (my work has led to) Twelve Mile Road being widened between Greenfield and Southfield, and (now I'm at work on) the Haggerty Connector.

Just think my experience has been helpful in getting things done.

## STATE SENATE



**Denise Alexander, 38**  
•Republican-challenger  
•Southfield resident  
•1973 graduate of the University of Michigan and received a Juris Doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in 1976.  
•Attorney  
•Current member of the Southfield City Council and past chairperson of the Southfield Planning Commission.



**Jack Faxon, 54**  
•Democrat-incumbent  
•B.S. and M.S. in education from Wayne State University and M.A. in history from University of Michigan.  
•State Senator for the 7th District, 1970-82; 15th district Senator, 1982-present.  
•15th district State Representative from 1984 to 1987. During those years he chaired the Subcommittee on Education.

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# Bullard stands on record in House race

Democrat Robert Taub is attempting to unseat Republican incumbent state Rep. Willis Bullard to represent the 60th House District, which includes the communities of Novi, Northville (Oakland County portion), South Lyon, Milford Village, Holly and Lyon, Milford, Highland, Rose, Holly and Grossepointe townships. The winner of the race will receive a two-year term.

## BULLARD

News: What would you propose to change school financing in Michigan?

Bullard: First of all, you're going to have to put more money into the system. Additional funds for K-12 system would help eliminate or lessen the disparity between rich and poor districts, he added.

Target more of it to the poorer school districts, thereby easing the disparity gap. The voters, over and over, have rejected an increase in the sales tax so it would amount to earmarking more of the state general fund to education. This will leave the rest of the budget to fight over what's left.

I think we should make K-12 education the number one priority of the state budget.

News: Are property taxes too high and what would you favor as a solution?

Bullard: I favor cutting property taxes, and have since supporting the Tisch Initiative 12 years ago.

When property taxes are cut I believe any deficiency should be made up by the state.

The House of Representatives tried unsuccessfully to have the Headlee Amendment considered. That measure, not to be confused with the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution, would cut the property tax rate by 5-25 percent by the end of the year, cutting it 5-40 percent next year and having every lost dollar from local government be made up by the state.

Target more of it to the poorer school districts, thereby easing the disparity gap. The voters, over and over, have rejected an increase in the sales tax so it would amount to earmarking more of the state general fund to education. This will leave the rest of the budget to fight over what's left.

I think we should make K-12 education the number one priority of the state budget.

News: Give us your views on gun control and waiting periods for purchasing a firearm?

Bullard: All you really have to do is enforce the present laws. The U.S. congress will likely enact a 7-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

I would support that measure. Waiting seven days so we can check out your criminal record or mental health history.

I'd support the waiting period but as far as gun control I think we can do it by enforcing the existing laws.

News: Would you vote for a constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion and what are your views on the parental consent legislation?

Bullard: I voted for the parental consent bill and a provision requires 7-12th graders would have to be informed of the legislation. The reason I supported that bill is I believe it has more to do with parental rights than it does with the abortion.

I supported the compromise, to have an adult relative rather than a parent to consent, that was advocated by pro-choice groups.

I would not support a constitutional amendment making abortion illegal. In eight years only two questions have come to the legislature — Medicaid funding and parental consent. Unless the supreme court overturns the Roe v. Wade decision, I don't think we'll have a major decision to make. If it is overturned, I would not vote for a law to make it a crime to have an abortion. I believe it's a difficult decision and I don't see a consensus that we make some-

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE



**Willis Bullard Jr., 47**  
•Republican-incumbent  
•Milford resident  
•State representative  
•Divorced, two children  
•State representative for 8 years, former Highland Township supervisor



**Robert Taub, 38**  
•Democrat-Challenger  
•Novi resident  
•Attorney  
•B.A. University of Michigan  
•J.D. University of Michigan  
•Married, no children  
•No prior political experience

News: Are property taxes too high and what would you favor as a solution?

Taub: I favor Gov. Blanchard's plan. It's the best. That plan would keep increases in assessments in line with inflation. That plan would do everything the others are attempting to do, but more easily.

That plan was introduced early this year and has the best chance of going into effect.

News: Give us your views on gun control and waiting periods for purchasing a firearm?

Taub: I am in favor of gun control but I see a real problem with handguns. Everyone has a right to own a rifle or shotgun in their home to protect themselves.

Handguns, though, go beyond home self-defense. I am definitely in favor of a waiting period for gun purchases and that would help eliminate some purchases by criminals.

The problem is the nuts and the career criminals making it too easy to get handguns.

Everyone should have the right to have a weapon in their home to protect themselves and their families.

News: Would you vote for a constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion and what are your views on the parental consent legislation?

Taub: As a married person without kids who has looked into adoption, I am personally opposed to abortion.

But as a potential legislator, I understand the right of any woman to make a choice on the abortion issue.

I feel every woman should have a right to choose whether they want to have an abortion or not. What they wish to do with their health is their decision. Those opposed to abortion have the right to not have an abortion and can convince people to not have abortions.

In parental consent it still comes down to the woman's right to choose. I think all women of child-bearing age have the right to make the decision because they are the ones who ultimately have to live with it.

News: Why should the voters choose you over the other candidates?

Taub: My opponent William Bullard has consistently voted with the state chamber of commerce.

In eight years of time in the legislature Bullard has passed little legislation, and it is time for new blood.

It's time for a change.

Being Democrat, I can work with the governor better and with the house, which is controlled by Democrats.

It's not intended to be a lifetime position and I think it is time for the voters to make a change.

The voters have to ask what Mr. Bullard has done for them. And the answer is probably not much.

As an attorney, I have dealt with the tough issues and can get better representation for the voters of this district.

I can work with the governor instead of being part of the legal opposition. My experience in financial matters will help me particularly in the state legislature.

## TAUB

News: What would you propose to change school financing in Michigan?

Taub: I favor the governor's plan for school finance reform which would keep assessment increases in line with inflation.





# Circuit Court

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The reforms you mentioned are not the ones that I would think would make a difference. The ones I would like to see would be alternatives at the front end of the system. Say in a medical malpractice case, before a person filed, the case would be reviewed by a panel of experts — perhaps doctors and lawyers — to determine whether there is truly a claim for malpractice.

Now, in my ten years of experience as a judge, I have found that doctors are the first who will say that if there is a cause of malpractice that the victim should recover what is appropriate. The problem comes in with cases filed by people who do not have a claim for action. Rather than try to limit access to the courts, I would rather there were simply a review process before it gets into the system. That would clean up the dockets by resolving the cases before they get into the system.

News: Absent such reforms, would you propose for the Oakland County Circuit Court to speed up the handling of cases or improve the handling of the docket?

Sheehy: I don't think there is a problem with what they are doing now. The key is speed, how promptly the case gets to court. And I think it depends mostly on the personality of the judge. I think it is just a matter of style.

Now let's say there is a case that is

ready for pretrial. The plaintiff is ready to go and the defendant is ready to go. It is going to be resolved faster if you set the pretrial for 30 days rather than 90 days. So, you see, it is just a matter of style. And when I set my docket, I set hearings for 30 days. What we are talking about is reducing the turnover time, because let's face it, there are always cases in the pipe line.

Now, there are 14 judges on the bench. And when these two new seats are added, there will be 16 judges. Any three different judges will have three different personalities and three different styles of handling cases. I think it is important for the judges to try to be as consistent as possible. The judges have meetings in which they discuss how they will handle cases. And I think it is important that in those meetings the judges try to come up with a consistent way of handling cases so that people coming into the court know what to expect and can expect to be treated pretty much the same no matter which judge they get.

News: A number of alternatives have been proposed to reduce the pressure on the court system from the growing number of cases, among them are the use of private-sector judges, the so-called "rent-a-judge" alternative, and the use of paralegals to prepare routine legal documents, such as briefs in uncontested divorces and simple wills, to be submitted to the court. Would you favor these proposals?

Sheehy: That's really the wave of the future. There is no reason why a legal assistant, licensed by the bar association, couldn't handle some of these things. Now, it would have to be

judged on a case-by-case basis, but there is no reason why there have to be legal gymnastics for some of the more routine matters.

I know a retired judge out in California who is retired and he is being hired privately to adjudicate cases. A private judge can handle some of these cases faster than the public court system. Now, one criticism of this is that only people who can afford it are able to make use of the "rent-a-judge" process, but that does have the effect of clearing those cases off the regular court docket so that we can get to those cases more quickly. Really, it is the wave of the future and I'm a little surprised the rent-a-judge concept hasn't caught on here more quickly.

News: What experiences have you had which have prepared you for this position?

Sheehy: Twenty one years in practice as an attorney and ten years on the district court bench. I am the only one of the candidates who can say that.

You know, it took me about three years to get to be comfortable with the idea of being a judge. It is a whole different ballgame than being an attorney. In truth, being a trial judge is a profession unto itself. As a lawyer, you go in to court as an advocate, but as a trial judge you are trying to listen to two sides and decide between them.

But once you are a trial judge, you're a trial judge. And both the district court and the circuit court are trial courts. So there is little difference. I have worked on an assignment basis as both a circuit court judge and as a probate judge, so I would say that I am uniquely qual-

ified to be a circuit court judge. You can't get experience that is much closer than that.

## TYNER

News: Because of the growing case loads in the courts — and Oakland County circuit is a good example of that growth — it has been suggested that we are becoming an overly litigious society. In an attempt to curb the increase in the number of lawsuits being filed, a number of so-called "tort reforms" have been proposed. Among these ideas have been such proposals as capping awards for damages, capping payments to attorneys, or eliminating contingency fees for attorneys. What if any tort reforms would you endorse?

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News: Absent such reforms, would you propose for the Oakland County Circuit Court to speed up the handling of cases or improve the handling of the docket?

News: That's a complicated question and I've advocated a number of proposals throughout my campaign. One thing I would suggest is flexible scheduling on motion day. There is a lot of unnecessary time wasted waiting for a motion to come up, there are a lot of unnecessary appearances be-

fore the court on motion day. So instead of everybody showing up at 8:30 or 9 o'clock and awaiting for their case to come up, the times would be staggered. They use it in other courts and it is called flexible scheduling.

Another proposal I would favor is alternative dispute resolution, where the parties in a case can resolve their cases outside the courtroom, such as arbitration or mediation. I would favor that as long as there is no coercion on the part of the court to force the parties into it. As long as both sides are there voluntarily, I would favor it.

I also think a judge simply has to be decisive. A judge should not leave cases or decisions hanging for weeks or months on the docket.

News: There has been a proposal that the chief judge of the court should act as the manager for the rest of the judges on the bench, reviewing their work habits and disciplining judges in some cases. How would you feel about such a proposal?

News: Well, to a degree that is going on now. The chief judge sets the schedule for the court. The courts are supposed to begin operation at 8:30 a.m. There is a blind draw system for the assignment of cases.

And the judicial tenure commission does monitor the performance of the judges, so there are checks and balances.

But it seems to me that if there is a desire for a judge to serve the public, then they should be responsible and conduct themselves in a workmanlike fashion and there shouldn't be a problem.

ing cases. Don't attribute that term (rent-a-judge) to me, please, because I don't like the expression, personally.

But I do think that can be a good place to the more complex litigation matters. There are some cases which involve very long and complicated discovery disputes and, by submitting it to a private company, can reach a decision faster and cheaper. So, yes, it can be very useful.

Again, I would not want it to be coercive situation where the courts forced someone into it. Everybody should be there voluntarily. And as long as they are there voluntarily, there should be no problem.

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## NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN ANNUAL REPORT 1989/90 FISCAL YEAR

This annual report reflecting financial data is published as a requirement of the Michigan School Code, Administrative Rule R 340.351, in order to inform the citizens of the Northville Public School District of the financial position of the district for the 1989-90 fiscal year. The general financial objective "To increase Fund Balances at least one percent (1%) per year until it can be maintained at five percent (5%) of current budget." This objective has been met for fiscal year 1989/90 and has also been incorporated into the 1990/91 budget.

A detailed, audited financial report was submitted to the Northville Public Schools Board of Education at a regular meeting held on October 6, 1990 by the audit firm of Plante & Moran, Certified Public Accountants. Copies of the detailed financial report are available for inspection at the Board of Education offices, Office of the Superintendent, 501 West Main Street, Northville.

Professional service agencies employed by the School District are:  
Plante & Moran — Certified Public Accountants  
Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz — Attorneys  
Thun, Maatsch and Nordberg — Attorneys

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COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH												
	K-12 PROGRAM		SPECIAL EDUCATION		CAFETERIA		DEBT SERVICE		CAPITAL PROJECTS		EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
REVENUE												
LOCAL SOURCES	\$18,243,831	\$18,574,428			\$994,758	\$577,893	\$2,410,242	\$2,805,245	\$729	\$270,453	\$7,502	\$2,000
STATE SOURCES	1,031,000	1,031,000	606,778	606,778	1,489	1,489	46,727	110,000	140,287	15,110	15,110	24,181
FEDERAL SOURCES	173,570	150,285	66,752	66,752								
INTERDISTRICT SOURCES	448,749	548,791	3,627,068	4,245,828								
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:												
INTERFUND TRANSFERS												
BOND AND NOTE PROCEEDS	61,852	109,856							35,893	1,175,000		
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$18,858,022	\$19,813,628	\$4,698,449	\$5,198,548	\$677,181	\$716,433	\$2,410,242	\$2,805,245	\$38,182	\$7,445,453	\$22,612	\$26,184
EXPENDITURES												
CURRENT:												
INSTRUCTION	\$9,482,188	\$10,425,439	\$2,805,388	\$3,218,724								
SUPPORT SERVICES	7,981,531	8,047,337	\$4,698,449	5,198,706	710,118	784,237				23,503	27,538	
COMMUNITY SERVICES												
FEED SERVICES												
DEBT SERVICE												
BOND AND NOTE INTEREST	127,500	331,273					780,000	805,000		54,000		
OTHER EXPENDITURES	218,842	308,482					1,296,878	1,401,822		4,451		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	58,931	29,475					31,887	50,755		1,518	2,077,888	
INDIRECT COST												
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:												
UNREBURSED EXPENSE	175,318	187,828	384,056	427,796								
INTERFUND TRANSFERS			273,688	356,582								
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,668,144	\$19,808,512	\$4,710,183	\$5,185,785	\$710,118	\$784,237	\$2,102,585	\$2,254,377	\$1,518	\$2,136,148	\$23,503	\$27,538
REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$189,878	\$1,005,116	\$-1,484,734	\$1,012,763	\$(32,938)	\$(84,804)	\$307,657	\$550,868	\$36,664	\$5,309,305	\$(691)	\$(272)

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH

	GENERAL		CAFETERIA		DEBT SERVICE		CAPITAL PROJECTS		TRUST AND AGENCY		GENERAL FIXED ASSETS		LONG TERM DEBT	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
ASSETS														
CASH	\$70,140	\$244,245	\$4,339	\$11,701							\$17,758	\$11,331		
CASH EQUIVALENT INVESTMENTS	\$80,277	\$1,818,881	2,201	1,825	888,434	1,189,118	4,160	5,881,803	24,234	57,007	148,252	138,981		
INVESTMENTS														
RECEIVABLES:														
ACCOUNTS	8,001	18,321	11,189	18,839										
TAXES	918,628	425,368			65,748	81,410								
DUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS	58,181	128,738			97,943	178,927	12,189							
DUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS	2,837,582	1,952,930	17,048											
INVENTORIES	20,389	20,388	80,486	44,499										
DEPOSITS	174,844	181,356												
PREPAID EXPENDITURES AND OTHER ASSETS	83,881	87,488												
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT														
AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO DEBT SERVICE FUNDS														
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT														
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,198,721	\$4,561,871	\$115,871	\$90,784	\$852,125	\$1,410,153	\$16,349	\$5,881,803	\$212,548	\$235,859	\$27,380,378	\$26,735,941	\$52,125	\$1,400,821
LIABILITIES														
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$81,838	\$111,031	\$10,022		\$9,180	\$40,245	\$307,838	\$521	\$587					
ACCRUED PAYROLL	887,475	853,874												
ACCRUED LIABILITIES	245,328	254,819												
DUES TO OTHER FUNDS	21,248	188,841	58,181	110,085										
DUES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS	170,388	250,303												
DUES TO STUDENT GROUPS														
BONDS PAYABLE														
NOTES PAYABLE	2,700,000	2,406,000											18,139,000	24,506,000
OTHER LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	131,000	110,000											1,528,234	1,348,588
HEALTH INSURANCE LIABILITY													587,228	314,348
DEFERRED REVENUE	18,503	82,023	52,800	20,815										
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,198,721	\$4,289,751	\$121,002	\$150,700	\$9	\$9,180	\$40,245	\$378,482	\$91,806	\$87,488	\$0	\$0	\$20,222,550	\$28,470,045
FUND EQUITY (DEFICIT)														
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS														
FUND BALANCES:														
RESERVED														
UNRESERVED														
DESIGNATED FOR DEBT SERVICE														
UNDESIGNATED	46,741	279,820	\$(1,132)	\$(88,818)										
TOTAL FUND EQUITY (DEFICIT)	46,741	279,820	\$(1,132)	\$(88,818)	\$852,125	\$1,400,963	\$(3,896)	\$2,505,411	160,740	188,373	\$37,380,378	\$36,735,941		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$4,198,721	\$4,561,871	\$115,871	\$90,784	\$852,125	\$1,410,153	\$16,349	\$5,881,803	\$212,548	\$235,859	\$27,380,378	\$26,735,941	\$20,222,550	\$28,470,045

## SCHOOL INFORMATION K-12 PROGRAM 1989/90

Value of Equipment	\$5,032,329
Number of Buildings in Operation	9
Number of Classrooms Utilized	183
Number of Full Time Pupils in District	3,784
Teachers Salaries:	
Minimum EA	23,299
Maximum EA	40,409
Minimum MA	25,842
Maximum MA	48,018
Number of Classroom Teachers FTE	156.8
Total Classroom Teacher Salary	6,750,029
Ratio of Pupils to Employees Holding Valid Teaching Certificate	18 to 1
State Equalized Valuation of Assessed Property in the District	580,956,683
Operating Debt	30,468
Operating Debt	4,500
Total	34,968



Novi trumpeters lead the band in the performance's finale song, "One More Time."



Award-winning drum majors Eric Haenke and Jessica Fritz conclude their performance.



The Novi



# Urban sprawl is here to stay, expert says

By **TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

You'll be driving longer and enjoying it less by the year 2010.

- With 6 percent more people, southeast Michigan will have:
  - Nineteen percent more households and 18 percent more jobs.
  - Forty percent more land built on.
  - Forty percent more vehicle traffic—but minimal road expansion.
  - Fifty percent longer vehicle trips because of more start-stop traffic.

The culprit will be "urban sprawl," members of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments were told last week—more vacant land going into development, at a pace faster than population growth, with developed land, streets, water and sewer lines left unused. That grim outline of what "business as usual" will do to

the seven-county region around Detroit was painted by Edward Hustoles, SEMCOG's chief planner, and Marilyn Gosling, co-chair of SEMCOG's Regional Development Initiative Committee. SEMCOG's general assembly met Thursday in Livonia.

"Business as usual" means the kind of bulldozer growth the region has seen since World War I in which a handful of developers make major decisions and fragmented local governments acquiesce. It is only one of several scenarios SEMCOG will study in the next year. The study was prompted by the city of Auburn Hills' decision to allow development of a megamall drawing traffic from a 50 mile radius to rural countryside and a wetland, with older neighboring communities voiceless.

"This situation to date has resulted from a fragmented reaction to a market-driven development pattern," said Gosling, an Oakland County commissioner from Bloomfield Hills.

"Decisions are made by literally thousands of individuals, firms and governments. Each decision in itself may be logical, but those decisions generally are without consideration of either the immediate long-term impacts on surrounding communities, counties and the region."

Besides gobbling up farmland, Gosling told SEMCOG delegates, urban sprawl will mean shifting of population with little gain, longer commutes, a widening gap between the location of low-wage, entry-level jobs and people who need such jobs—and more taxes to replace unused infrastructure.

Hustoles filled in some of the details. The region will have to spend \$2 billion to end so-called "combined sewers" in which sewage and stormwater are mixed and overflow into rivers, and no one has any idea where the money will come from.

A bigger proportion of public budgets will go into environmental cleanup, leaving less for other services. "We can't build our way out," said Hustoles. "The goal will be to project neither a 'doomsday' nor a 'rosy' picture of the future. Rather, we will seek a realistic

'trend' forecast," he added.

SEMCOG planners will hold a series of six workshops to particular issues such as transportation and environment.

A final report to the general assembly is due in October of 1991.

"Urban sprawl" has been denounced politically for years, particularly by Gov. William G. Milliken in the 1970s.

SEMCOG's elected leaders put the subject on the back burner in 1979 during the recession and scramble to lure "jobs, jobs, jobs." The Auburn Mills project sparked resistance, however, from even such postwar growth suburbs as Southfield and Rochester Hills.

SEMCOG delegates greeted Hustoles' and Gosling's remarks with polite applause and gasps but no public comment.

## Seminar aids smokers in kicking habit

Dr. Arthur Weaver, well-known cancer surgeon and professor of surgery at Wayne State University, and his Better Living Seminars, are sponsoring a Breathe-Free Stop Smoking Clinic at the Novi Meadows School (in the library), located at 25549 Taft Road, one mile west of Novi Road, between Ten Mile and Grand River. The program consists of: one session on Preparing to Quit on Nov. 8, plus six stopping-smoking sessions (Nov. 12-16, and Nov. 19). Each program runs from 7:30-9 p.m. Cost for all seven evenings is by donation. For information and registration, call 882-7348.

Weaver, a cancer surgeon who is well-known for his fight against tobacco, has been the recipient of the Michigan Cancer Society Man of the Year Award and the Detroit News Michiganian of the Year Award for his many years of community service. His stop-smoking techniques have been popularized by many newspaper articles, television and radio interviews. He attributes the high success rate of these programs to the combined attack on both the physiological and psychological aspects of the tobacco addiction. Each of the evening sessions will be filled with lectures, audio-visuals, and group interaction. Every participant receives a personal "control booklet" with instructions and encouragement programmed for each day of the withdrawal program. This program, which has helped over 70,000 individuals to stop smoking, is offered by Better Living Seminars as a community service.

## Time again to go out with curlers

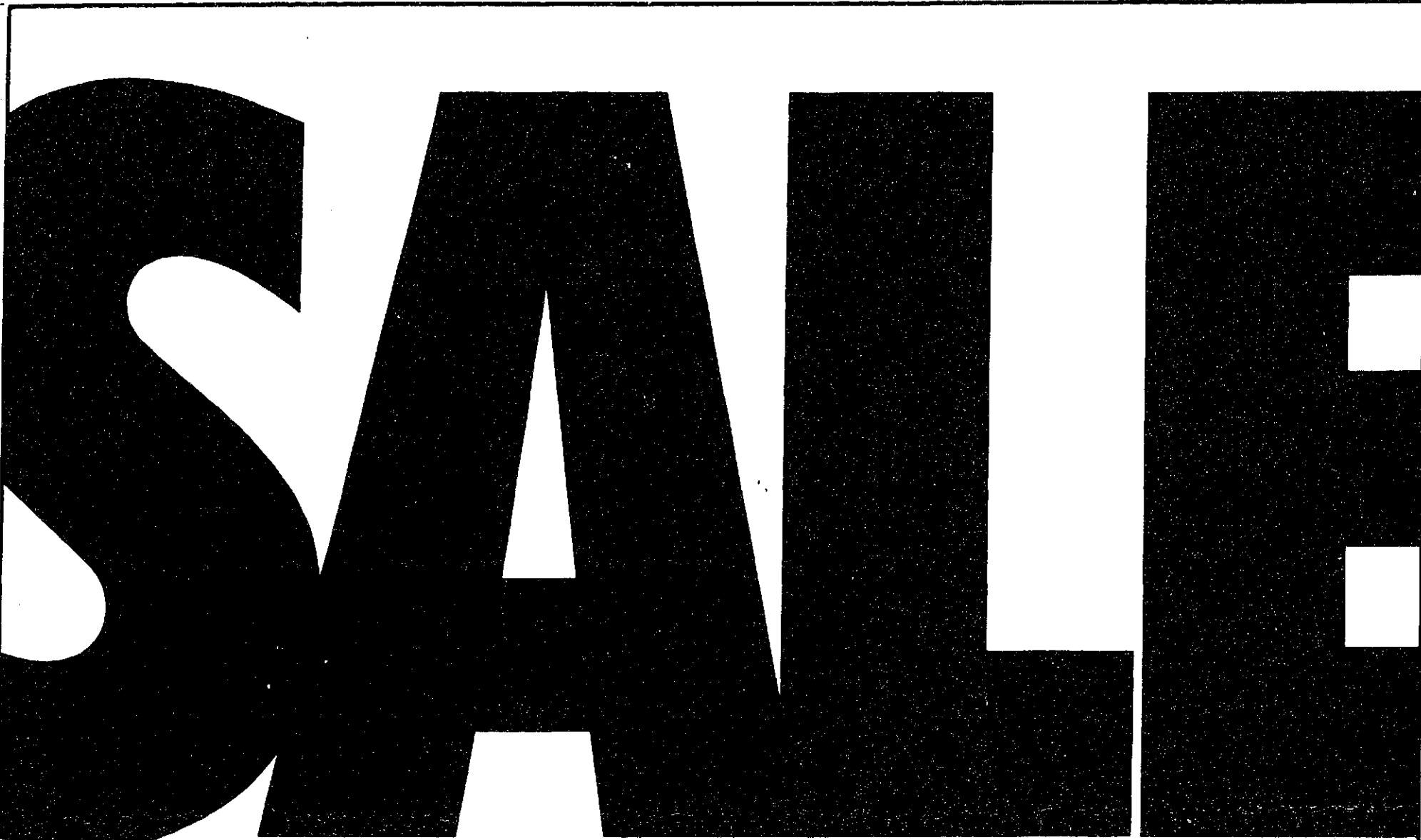
The Detroit Curling Club began its 106th year on Oct. 27. Leagues are currently forming for men, ladies, couples, teens and seniors.

The game of curling is played on an ice surface between two teams of four players. Curling is played during the winter months from October to April. Hundreds of recreational leagues are organized across the country, allowing both young and old to enjoy the spirited competition within social surroundings. Curling is an enjoyable sport loaded with tradition, which combines an important physical fitness element with many social activities.

Special dates for interested parties include: Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.—Novice Clinic, meant to teach the skills of the game to newcomers. Saturday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.—Open Curling evening: dinner, lessons, and curling.

All interested are welcome to attend. Reservations are necessary. Please call 661-2890 to reserve a spot or for more information on these or other events later in the season.

Membership applications are now being accepted at special introductory rates. The Detroit Curling Club is located at 5800 Drake Road in West Bloomfield, one half mile north of Maple Road.



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# GREEN SHEET Classifieds

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Photo by CHARLIE CORTEZ

Offerings at the herb barn at Sunshine Farm and Garden range from the common to the unusual

## Commerce family grows garden of herbal delights

By Dierdre Dancey

If you enjoy gardening but are tired of the same old petunias and marigolds, Sunshine Farm and Garden in Commerce Township has a unique gardening experience awaiting you. Located at 2460 N. Wixom Road, Sunshine Farm and Garden offers a vast selection of unusual plants ranging from witch hazel to pineapple sage. It also offers dried flowers, herbs, gardening classes, and a wide assortment of books on a variety of gardening techniques.

Owners Bob and Jean Riggs, along with their daughter, Roxanne, opened Sunshine Farm and Garden in 1976. Bob left his job as principal at West Bloomfield Junior High and took a teaching position at West Bloomfield High School so he would have his summers free.

The original farm where they are located dates back to 1835. The existing house was built in 1882 and the barn was added in 1904. The barn is occupied by several registered Morgan horses, a hobby of the Riggs family.

The grounds are dotted with many separate gardens. The herb garden is located "as close to the back door as possible," Jean explained. It is filled with an assortment of herbs for cooking.

Next to the herb garden is the Shakespeare garden which contains the plants and flowers that Shakespeare mentioned in his writings. There is also a Biblical garden, a fragrance garden, and a medicinal garden which contains plants used to heal. Each garden follows a theme.

There are two greenhouses, one of

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## Business Briefs

PHILIP M. RICE II of Novi has been appointed Chief Financial Officer of Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation and Kaiser International. The announcement was made by Joseph P. Kaiser, Jr., President of Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation and Kaiser International.

Rice, a certified public accountant, was formerly a Senior Manager in the audit department of the Big Six accounting and consulting firm, Deloitte & Touche.

Rice holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Cincinnati.

Rice's professional memberships include: French American Chamber of Commerce, president Detroit Chapter and member of the board of directors National Chapter; International Visitors Council, finance committee chairperson and member of the board of directors; and Rotary International, member.

He is a resident of Novi, where he resides with his wife, Linda, and their two children.

Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation designs, manufactures and installs paint furnishing systems for the automotive industry. Kaiser International has master franchise rights from American Speedy Printing Centers Inc. in California, all of the Asian continent, and Eastern and Western Europe, except for the United Kingdom.

Jane E. McNamara, vice president and chief operating officer of CREDIT COUNSELING CENTERS INC. has been appointed to the advisory board of the National Coalition for Consumer Education (NCEE)/AT & T Consumer Credit Education Fund.

The 12-member advisory board will administer the \$1 million fund over a four-year period. The board consists of professionals from consumer organizations, education, government and businesses. The grant program was designed to educate consumers on the use of credit through community education programs. Applications and guidelines for the grant are available now, and the funds will be available in January.

McNamara, a 16-year veteran of consumer education, also serves on the board of directors for the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). McNamara received her master's degree in consumer economics and management and obtained her bachelor's degree in consumer services, both from Michigan State University.



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PHILLIP M. RICE II

CCC is a nonprofit community financial counseling service designed to assist consumers experiencing financial difficulties. Operating 20 offices in Michigan, based in Novi, CCC is endorsed by businesses and the community.

INTELLIGENT CONTROLS INC. of Novi has entered into an agreement with Silicon Systems, austin, Calif., semiconductor company, to support the expansion of automotive systems expertise in the development of advanced automotive electronics products. Silicon Systems has in recent years developed custom integrated circuits which provide the data acquisition and signal conditioning functions for such applications as engine controls, ignition and fuel injection,

transmission, anti-lock braking and active suspension systems. Joe Alvarez, Silicon System's product planning manager for the automotive intelligence controls, commented, "Intelligent Controls is a respected engineering firm in the automotive community, and we feel fortunate to have them as part of our team. They will be very helpful in evaluating our products and our mixed-signal design capability against the needs of the automotive industry. Their recommendations will undoubtedly streamline our product definition and product development cycles substantially."

Jerry Bricker, Intelligent Controls' vice president of marketing agreed, noting, "We feel we're in an excellent position to lend valuable insight into a complex field of automotive electronics. As Silicon Systems continues to make inroads in the automotive arena, we expect to make a significant contribution."

Founded in 1982, Intelligent Controls produces electronic engine control systems for research and development and low-volume production applications in automotive, marine, aviation and industrial markets. The company also supplies engine systems engineering services such as calibration development, emissions certification, and electronic engine control software development.

THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMAN'S CLUB in the Novi area recently selected Novi businesswoman Izumi Suzuki as their Woman of the Year for 1990. Izumi was born in Yokohama, Japan, and moved to Michigan in 1982 to establish a translating, interpreting and consulting business with her husband, a bilingual Michigan lawyer.

Dr. H. Rex Ruettinger was recently appointed staff physician of STAR MANOR of Northville, a 37-bed basic nursing facility. Ruettinger has a geriatrics and internal medicine practice in Dearborn Heights.

The Republican Women's Forum (Business and Professional) will meet on Wednesday, November 14, 1990, at the Botsford Inn. Speaker for the evening will be Randolph Agle, Chairman of the Board, Talon Inc. and Finance Chairman of the Republican State Committee. Susan Heintz of Northville is on the group's board of directors. Cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guests are invited (\$18.50). For information and reservations, please call 681-1990.

# Liquidators fare well in good times or bad

"You can walk into a facility that looks like a pit . . . and we clean it up like a candy store," Montgomery said. Promotional services like maintaining lists of dealers and individuals interested in liquidations is what brings companies to hire auctioneers.

"They don't maintain buyer's lists we maintain. They're not professional auctioneers," Montgomery said.

Robert Levy elaborated. "That's the main part of auctioneering—marketing. We use direct first-class mail, brochures, newspapers, trade journals, fax, telex. All of this is specially created for each situation. We have a very good group of people who follow our sales."

Levy said he does more than 100 auctions or liquidations per year with an aggregate sales volume of more than \$100 million. "Occasionally, you'll find a bargain," he said. "Then in other situations, a machine will go for a better price than new. It all depends on need."

For example, if there's a six-month wait for a new machine and a business needs an available older machine for an immediate job, it may pay more now for the old.

Strange things sometimes happen at sales. Levy recalled the case in England where a specialized machine he figured would fetch about \$750 actually brought about \$50,000. A competi-

tor who lost a contract for a job in which the machine was needed bid up the price in anger.

Notagala sometimes will pit individuals against dealers at auctions. "You might find people who attended a club who want a chair," Montgomery said.

Both men have been around the world as part of their work. Levy lived in England for a couple of years while running the firm's overseas operation. Montgomery has had jobs in London, Singapore and Toronto.

"It's exciting. No two days are the same," he said. Business reversals are good for guys like Robert Levy and Richard Montgomery. But so are the good times. Even in the best of times, business expansions often make loans

and equipment obsolete or no longer crucial to operations and need to be disposed.

Levy and Montgomery specialize in appraisal, liquidation and auctioneering work.

"Banks and bankruptcies are our bread and butter," said Montgomery, whose firm, RJM Auctioneers, is based in Plymouth. "You meet all kinds of different people, do something different every day and make a good living at it."

"We typically do industrial, any type of manufacturing facility either being liquidated or a tremendous amount of appraisal work for collateral-based lending," said Levy, president of Norman Levy Associates in Southfield. "Most of it isn't bankruptcy," he

added. "When a business finds itself phasing out a facility for a product change, it will have equipment to sell. An auction is one of the best ways to turn idle machinery into working capital."

Appraisal work generally brings a flat fee. For liquidations, Levy and Montgomery might get a percentage of the sales at auction; they could buy the facilities themselves, then dispose of the assets; or they could guarantee minimum sale at auction and divide the excess.

Clients are referred by trustees in bankruptcy proceedings, repeat business from satisfied customers and general referrals. "It was one of the auctioneers and supervised field work.

businesses on the way out, either. AT&T, Chrysler and Unisys have hired his firm, Levy said.

"We do work for small firms as well," Levy said. "We've pretty much got the system down to a science."

Montgomery, who got his start in the business working for Norman Levy, Robert's father, described the process.

"I started working for Mr. Levy washing machines, preparing for auctions, inventorying equipment and tools. I ended up in the ad department," he said. "Then I went to work for Robert Williams for five years," Montgomery said. "I was one of the auctioneers and supervised field work."



Shiela and Bill Lloyd from White Lake look over one of the many items for sale at the farm center.

## Sunshine garden shop offers herbal delights

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The herb barn offers a large variety of dried flowers, candles, baskets, and handcrafted items. There is always a staff member on hand to offer advice or helpful hints with your selection.

Classes in "growing" are offered in the spring. These classes detail gardening techniques. Classes in "play" are offered in the fall. The fall classes include a variety of subjects like wreath-making and natural cosmetics. A listing of classes is available at the farm.

"The pond is for decoration," Jean explained. "We grow watercress because we have the pond. We don't have the pond for the purpose of growing watercress. The goldfish will soon be moved into a tank in the heated greenhouse."

A small barn and outdoor pen houses a flock of peacocks and gold pheasants. The birds are a hobby; however, the Riggs do sell some of the offspring.

# Choose the mutual fund for you

If you are a new or uncertain investor, the thought of putting some of your hard-earned dollars in the stock market may send your blood pressure soaring. But, according to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, there are other investment options that are less risky and still offer a consistent return on your money. One of these is mutual funds.

## Money Management

WHAT IS A MUTUAL FUND? A mutual fund is a financial service that pools the money of individual investors—or shareholders—in order to purchase a specially selected group of investments. Many mutual funds are ideal for both large and small investors, and some will accept opening deposits of \$1,000 or less.

Mutual funds offer several advantages. First, they allow you instant diversification—that is, access to a wide selection of securities, some of which would otherwise only be available to large investors.

Furthermore, the diversified nature of mutual funds makes them a lower risk. If one investment in a fund should happen to do poorly, it is unlikely that the entire fund will be dragged down with it.

Another advantage of mutual funds is that they are managed by

professionals who study the investment market daily and are generally in a better position than individual investors to predict soaring or souring trends. And you can easily redeem your shares at any time you choose.

TYPES OF FUNDS Mutual funds are divided into categories depending on investment objectives. For example, you can choose among aggressive-growth funds, growth funds, income funds, growth-plus-income funds, balanced funds, bond funds, international funds, money-market funds and specialty funds.

Each type of fund has a different risk factor. In general, aggressive-growth funds focus on building capital over time and tend to be somewhat volatile. If you're a conservative investor, stick with an income or money-market fund.

If you are willing to take bigger risks, you may want to consider investing in a sector. These funds invest in a single industry. They can offer big gains—or big losses.

ALL IN THE FAMILY Many companies offer investors a

family of funds from which to choose, based on their special financial needs and objectives. Investing in a mutual fund family means that you can move money from one fund in the family to another, often with a phone call.

Suppose that you have invested \$2,000 in a money market fund that belongs to a family of funds. If the international stock market suddenly takes off, you can take all or part of that \$2,000 and switch it to the international fund in that same mutual fund family. But keep in mind that when you make that switch, you may end up with taxable capital gains or losses.

OPEN- AND CLOSED-END FUNDS Mutual funds are also distinguished by the way they create shares. Most people select open-end funds, which create new shares for investors as money comes in. The price of these funds is set daily, based on the fund's net asset value per share or the fund's total assets after deducting liabilities, divided by the number of outstanding shares.

Closed-end funds issue a fixed number of outstanding shares, which are then traded either on an exchange or

over the counter. The price of these shares varies, depending on supply and demand and may be above or below the net asset value.

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST YOU TO INVEST?

Mutual funds charge investors for brokerage commissions and management fees, usually in the form of an annual charge collected from the fund's assets. However, not all funds charge the same amount. And with annual fees rising quickly today, it pays to be a cost-conscious investor.

Load funds, for example, require you to pay a sales commission—or load—when you make a deposit. In return for the load, you should expect advice concerning which funds would be most appropriate for your financial objectives. Up-front loads generally range between .75 percent and 8.5 percent of the total price of the shares you purchase.

Back-end or contingent-deferred load funds charge a certain percentage if you redeem your shares within a certain period. This is similar to the early-withdrawal penalty that banks charge if you redeem a certificate of deposit (CD) before maturity.

Many investment experts suggest that investors look for no-load or low-load funds.

## Dan McCosh/Auto Talk

# What the Power survey doesn't say

This is the first year in history that an auto manufacturer managed to build a car that nobody complained about.

The source of this startling information is the J.D. Power & Associates survey. This year's survey ranked the Honda Civic as this year's survey. I never really complained about my Omni, but I muttered a lot.

If you feel about your car as clearly the deciding factor as to whether you complain about it. For example, my old Triumph had lots of flaws—such as a glove box that was a real cardboard box that was supposed to be attached behind a little leather-covered door that unlocked with a key. But when you put a set of socket wrenches in it (don't ask why), the box would fall off and hit your passenger on the ankle.

Then you had to put the glove box with the wrenches in it in the trunk,

probably have other worries and aren't so picky anymore, which explains why the Omni ranked higher than the Honda Civic on this year's survey. I never really complained about my Omni, but I muttered a lot.

I thought it was astute British engineering that left space in the trunk

for the glove box. Funny, I never thought to complain about it. I wonder what Mr. Power would have thought of that.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science Magazine.

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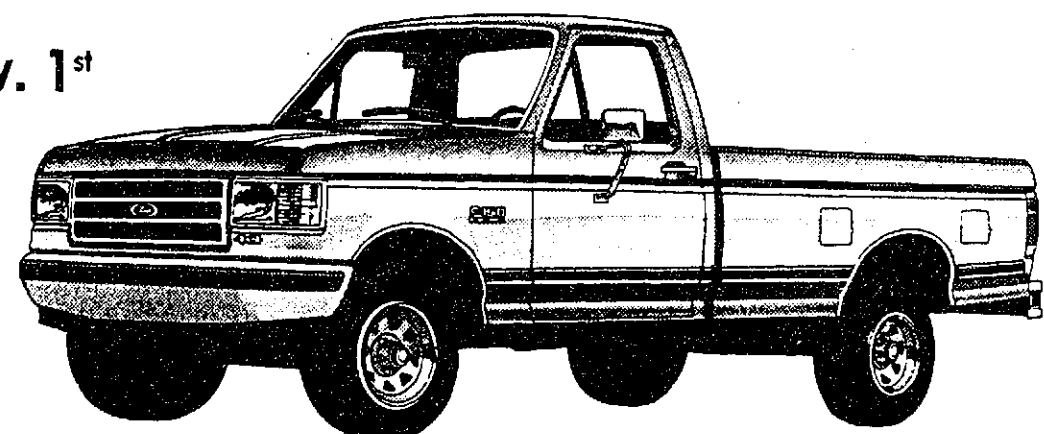
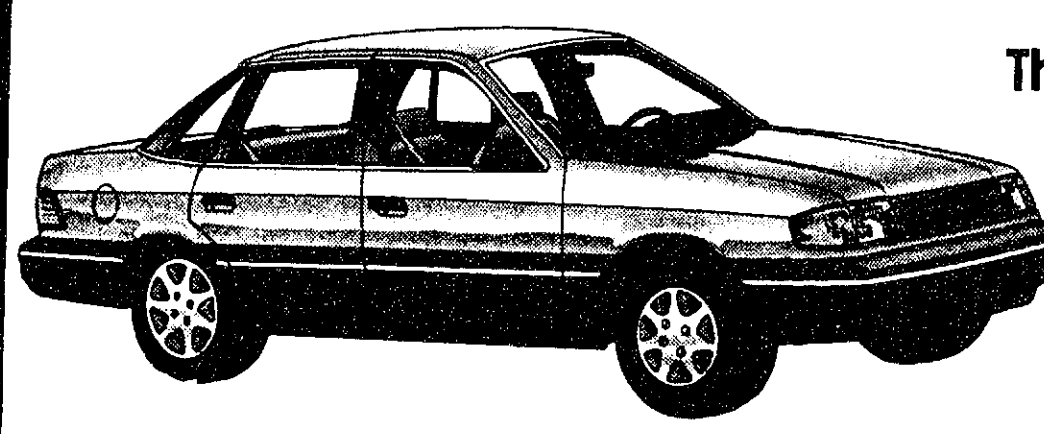
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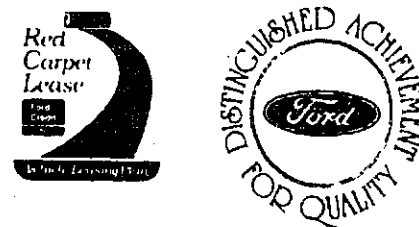
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## More and more builders turning to advertising

Advertising is nothing new in the business world, but it wasn't until recently that builders began to promote their projects and services to the general public.

In the past year, the names of builders are becoming widely known as more begin to advertise their abilities.

Kojan Properties in West Bloomfield has been regularly running advertisements in such publications as News and World Report and U.S. News and World Report and U.S. News and World Report and U.S. News and World Report.

Angela Kimball of Kojan's corporate communications said the company advertises — "to attract customers."

Advertisements for its build-to-suit services, which emphasizes Kojan's expertise in everything from site selection to construction management, is a new thrust for the company.

"Here we're trying to reach the corporate executive officers and the people who have to make these decisions. We want people to know we're in the arena — and I don't mean in

the Palace of Auburn Hills — and we can help them with their building needs," she said.

Advertisements with similar messages for the R.A. DeMatia Co. in Plymouth have cropped up in similar places.

Mary Beth Winkworth, manager of community relations with Kiro Realty and Development in Bloomfield Hills, said the company has a select audience, and different companies have different methods of reaching the audience.

Kiro advertisements present a very businesslike message mainly on radio.

Other companies have tried more humorous, light advertisements, but Kiro believes it can best convey a respectable corporate image through serious advertisements.

Kojan Properties, on the other hand, has made a conscious decision to develop an advertising strategy that will reach a wider audience, Kimball said.

From a Palace of Auburn Hills billboard, which is designed to create name recognition, to the "humorous" magazine and billboard advertisements, Kojan is trying to convey an image of a friendly, human company, she said.

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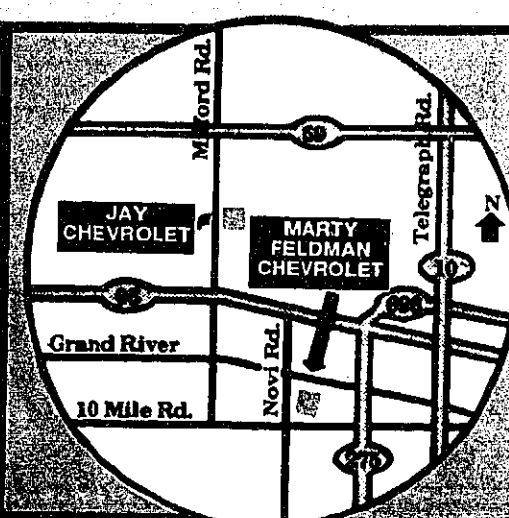
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# Creative Living

REAL ESTATE SECTION

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# INSULATE



## The Tiffen

A porch, daylight basement and plenty of storage

By James McAlexander

A wide front porch, complete with railings and posts, gives country charm to the otherwise contemporary Tiffen.

When built as designed, perched on the gentle slope of a hillside lot, downslopes at the back and sides are put to good use, creating a daylight basement and garage.

Combined square footage of nearly 1,600 square feet in this lower level provides so much storage, homeowners will be challenged to fill it all. The basement could be developed as a rough-and-tumble rumpus room for kids, a shop, a craft area, a studio or whatever.

Larger families might even want to consider partitioning it off to create extra bedrooms. Plumbing is in place of installation of a third bathroom here, if desired.

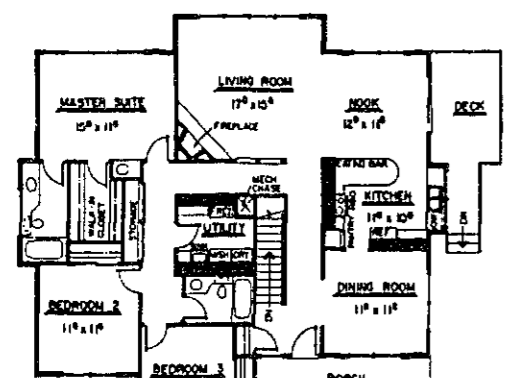
Vaulted ceilings and a generous use of windows in the family area—entryway, dining room, kitchen, eating nook and living room—create a feeling of luxurious spaciousness.

Sliding glass doors provide easy access to the deck from the large country kitchen, inviting outdoor dining when the weather permits. It also has an eating bar.

In the central utility room, there is additional space for a freezer as well as for an industrial-strength sink.

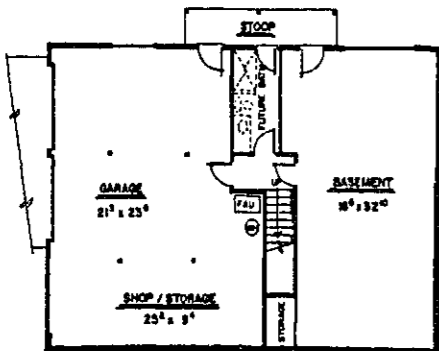
The master suite has a large walk-in closet and is fitted with two vanities, one inside the bathroom and the other outside.

Siblings are sure to fight over who gets the front bedroom due to its extra-large windows, topped by an elegant half-round.



FLOOR PLAN

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BASEMENT PLAN

For a study plan of the Tiffen (209-22), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)

## Tired of Pink? Try insulative sheathing

When you think insulation, what comes to mind? A pink or yellow roll of fiberglass? Maybe some blow-in or loose-fill insulation? If you're really a student, maybe an expanded polystyrene board.

In the never-stagnant building environment, insulation has moved well beyond these basics. But few ever peel back the outer layers of a home or building and peer beneath.

Almost anything in a home today can be considered insulating, but the nuts and bolts insulation—the wraps, the blow-ins, the modular wall panels, the polystyrene panels—forms the first line of defense to both cold and heat loss.

Insulative sheathing is a strengthened, expanded polystyrene foam applied to the outer frame of the building, said Simplex Products Division spokesman Gerald Gassman.

Insulative sheathing serves as a base for an exterior covering. It is a fairly common insulative material, but has been improved in recent years, he said.

Sheathing provides insulative value in three ways, Gassman said. One, it has an intrinsic insulative value; two, it seals seams and openings in walls; and three, when properly installed, it has a reflective value.

"The sheathing is actually set away from the wall—about three-quarters of an inch—and that reflects heat back into the house like a Thermos bottle reflects heat back into a bottle," Gassman said.

Insulative sheathing comes in rigid panels that also add strength to a wall to prevent bowing, cracking and warping, Gassman said. Finally, insulative sheathing adds to a house's fire wall rating, he said.

Another alternative offers not only insulation but a finished appearance as well, said Ward Pimley, spokesman for Dryvit Systems Inc., the leading manufacturer of "outsulation."

Dryvit is marketed locally by Jarecki Distribution Inc. in Plymouth.

Unlike other types of insulation, outsulation is a finished wall, Pimley said. Others require an exterior brick, stone, or siding finish, but outsulation requires no additional covering.

With exterior wall and insulation systems, an acrylic top coat is applied over reinforced mesh layered with fine Portland cement, which is applied over an expanded polystyrene foam base, Pimley said.

Besides adding insulation value to a home, outsulation also comes in a virtually unlimited supply of colors and textures and can be carved to resemble columns, brick work and other features, Pimley said.



There are several advantages to outsulation, he said.

"First, it places the insulation on the exterior where it does the most good."

A key here is that outsulation minimizes thermal shock. In the typical wall, cold air infiltrates the wall in the winter, and warm air builds up in the wall in the summer.

In a wall fitted with the exterior wall and insulation system, heat is stored in the wall in the winter and outside heat is deflected in the summer. The cost of heating and cooling is much lower, he said.

Outsulation, which is seamless, also seals thermal bridges and prevents air infiltration as well as sealing out the elements, Pimley said. Conventional walls absorb water and over a period of time, walls buckle or warp and insulation value is lost.

Another option is the preassembled stressed-skin structural panels. Although available for nearly 20 years, they are only beginning to catch on among the nation's builders, said Tom Savoy, technical director at AFM Corp. in Minnesota.

AFM, with plants throughout the country, including Grand Rapids, builds the preassembled insulated panel, which is essentially a rigid expanded polystyrene board

sandwiched between stranded lumber—particle or chip board—facings, he said.

Preassembled stressed-skin structural panels—which come in anywhere from 4-by-8 to 8-by-20 foot panels—offer strength similar to a continuous column and do not require wood studs.

Instead, the panels are connected by studs in channels at the top and bottom and between panels by overlapping joints "like blocks sliding into place," Savoy said.

"Once a house is done and the sheathing is put up, you can't tell the difference."

The solid construction prevents bending, twisting and warping, he said, which gives the

wall greater strength and thermal stability because there is less settling and shifting.

Also, because the wall is preassembled—rather than building wall sections, standing them up, connecting them and adding insulation—homes are closed up within hours, he said.

And because the stressed-skin structural panels are connected with overlapping "thermal splining," air infiltration is cut dramatically. The tighter home is far more energy efficient.

Housewraps, which act as an air filtration barrier, serve a similar purpose to the moisture-blocking paper of the past, but today's synthetic plastic wraps are far better, Gassman said.

Housewraps literally wrap around a home to keep air from seeping through cracks and seams. Although housewraps have no insulation value in themselves, they do help keep a home energy efficient.

"Even under 10 mph wind conditions, the average insulated wall will allow air seepage through small cracks and seams—and that reduces a home's energy efficiency," Gassman said.

Housewraps also block ultra-violet rays that degrade the older moisture barriers, he said. While not a problem if a house is closed up and the exterior walls are covered with brick or another type of siding, some projects—especially do-it-yourself cabins or second houses—may have to stand up to the elements for months.

Moisture barriers will break down and allow water and condensation to damage the wood beneath; ultraviolet-resistant housewraps do not break down, Gassman said.

Finally, housewraps allow moisture to escape from within walls to the outside without allowing cold or hot air from outside to enter, he said.

## REAL ESTATE

# Expanded roles for real estate brokers

By James M. Woodard

There is a new high-tech glint in the eye of your friendly neighborhood real estate broker, as he focuses on expanded services and revenues.

Utilizing latest computer-generated capabilities, many brokers can now not only find a home for a prospective buyer, but they can also line up the best possible financing package.

Using a computerized loan-origination system, a broker can quickly compare the interest rates and other terms from a number of lenders. From this up-to-the-minute information, the loan that is most favorable to the home buyer (borrower) is selected.

Some systems can qualify the buyer and actually submit a loan application to the selected lender electronically—all from the comfort of the broker's office via his increasingly sophisticated computer.

These special loan services usually involve a lender-pay or buyer-pay arrangement. In a typical lender-pay setup, the system is owned by a third party. The broker participates in the computerized network system.

In a buyer-pay arrangement, the home buyer pays an agreed-upon fee to the broker for the service. Normally, it's all spelled out in a "mortgage location service" agreement, signed in advance by all parties.

The growing involvement of real estate brokers in mortgage origination, and the right real estate brokers to collect a fully

disclosed fee for providing additional services, was recently discussed by Norman Flynn, president of the National Association of Realtors at a hearing before the Housing subcommittee of the Senate Banking Committee.

The concept of providing a variety of services, including finding a buyer with a mortgage to purchase the seller's home, represents the future for the real estate industry, Flynn said. The concept, often referred to as "one-stop shopping," is made possible through these loan origination systems.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development outlined its position on the use of these systems by real estate brokers during a Sept. 18 hearing before the Housing subcommittee of the House Banking Committee. HUD underscored NAR's contention that the systems can benefit consumers by providing a wide choice of mortgages, interest rates and loan terms in the convenience of the broker's office.

"Real estate brokers do far more than simply show houses," Flynn said. "Today's buyers expect us to have the most up-to-date information possible on home loans. They view it as part of our role."

Both HUD and NAR believe that payment to real estate brokers using the system is allowed under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. The law, enacted in 1974 to raise consumer awareness about the nature and cost of settlement fees, does prohibit

payments for simple lender referrals, which involve no work from a broker. However, the law clearly allows the collection of fees for actual services rendered.

Several states have addressed real estate broker involvement in mortgage origination. A clear trend among states is to permit payment to real estate brokers providing mortgage location assistance, although some states do require real estate brokers to obtain a separate mortgage broker license in order to charge such a fee.

For obvious reasons, many mortgage bankers frown on the emerging trend, thinking the brokers are stepping on their turf. But most industry leaders and legislators seem to feel the expanded role of brokers is in the consumers' best interests.

### Q. Is farmland still a no-no as a viable real estate investment?

A. It's increasingly becoming a yes-yes form of investment. Here is the view of Nick Klaus, a very knowledgeable writer for the "Century 21 Real Estate Investment Journal":

"Farmers who survived the farm crisis of the 1980s are looking forward to a bumper crop this year in most areas across the United States. Many have expanded their operations, encouraged by strong commodity prices and an improved export market.

"With prime farmland values on the upswing, confidence in the long-term invest-

ment value of farmland is making a strong recovery as well."

"Farmland values rose an average of 8 percent to 9 percent in Iowa and Nebraska in 1989," said Dean Glock, executive vice-president of the Omaha-based Farmers National Co., the nation's largest farm management firm. "Similar gains occurred in most of the 22 states in which we're active."

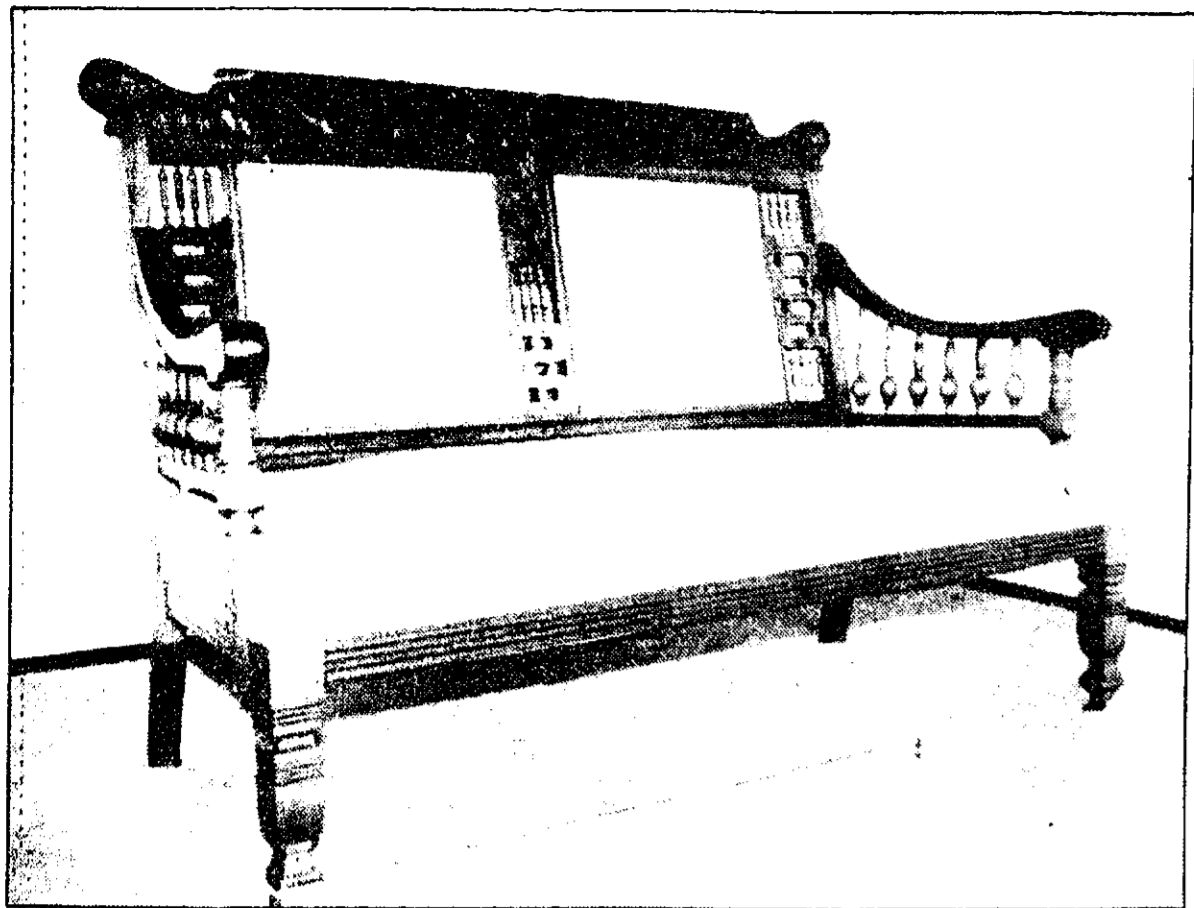
In a special report from Bob Crane, chairperson of the Land Trends and Values Committee of Realtors Land Institute, Iowa Chapter, it was revealed that Iowa land values increased during each of the past four years—up 44 percent since the fall of 1986.

### Q. Is it true that RTC sometimes uses an auction to dispose of foreclosed real estate?

A. A nationwide auction in which 71 properties were to be sold was planned by the Resolution Trust Corp. The auction—a method to quickly dispose of real estate owned by failed savings and loan associations—was to be televised via a close-circuit TV setup.

However, at the last minute the auction was canceled. It will possibly be rescheduled in the future, it was reported.

Inquiries are invited and may be answered in this column. Write James M. Woodard, Copy News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.



# Your love seat is late Victorian

**By James G. McCollam**

**Q.** The enclosed photo is of a love seat I purchased about 40 years ago from an estate sale in San Francisco. The man who repolished it said it was sold golden walnut.

**A.** Any information you can provide will be appreciated.

**Q.** This mark is on the back of a portrait plate depicting a beautiful girl wearing a large brimmed hat and an ermine wrap.

**A.** The letters "K.P.M." stand for the Kerntsch Porzellan Manufaktur, the Krister Porzellan Manufaktur, or the Kister Porzellan Manufaktur. Usually there is an additional mark that indicates which of these three.

**Q.** I have a brown glazed pitcher with a hound handle.

**A.** Your beer set was made by Warwick China Co. in Wheeling, W. Va., during the 1890s. It would probably sell for \$365 to \$385 in good condition.

**Q.** Enclosed is a picture of my antique bed. I believe it is called a "cannonball bed." It has wooden pegs in the side rails and head and foot rails.

**A.** The pegs were used to lace a rope back and forth to support a feather bed. This feature is characteristic of beds made in 1825 and 1850.

**Q.** I have an antique French figurine of a lion walking on his hind legs. It is marked "K & G—France."

**A.** The letters "K.P.M." stand for the Kerntsch Porzellan Manufaktur, the Krister Porzellan Manufaktur, or the Kister Porzellan Manufaktur. Usually there is an additional mark that indicates which of these three.

**Q.** Can you identify a beer set with the following mark. It consists of a helmet with crossed swords over the name "Warwick." There is a pitcher and six mugs; each has a picture of a monk or a friar.

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**By Patrick Denton**

Two new books in Garden Way's "1001 Gardening Questions Answered" series are volumes published earlier this year on "Fruits and Vegetables," and "Herbs." The clear and simple setup of these books makes them useful quick reference manuals for the home gardener.

The first half of "Fruits and Vegetables," for example, begins by considering questions on selecting a site for fruiting trees, bushes and plants. Next, a planting and growing section deals with preparing the soil, fertilizing and pruning, container culture and environment-friendly controls for common pests. Then the individual tree fruits, berries and grapes are considered.

In the strawberry section, the first question deals with the difference between day-bearing, ever-bearing and day-neutral types of strawberry. Following questions consider soil preparation and planting, fertilizing and watering, keeping the birds away and harvesting growing strawberries in containers.

Sketches along the page edges illustrate clearly how best to position a strawberry plant in the soil, how to space the plants in the plot, and how to set up a strawberry barrel.

The vegetable section of "Fruits and Vegetables" follows a similar pattern, starting out with questions on subjects such as selecting a site, deciding what to grow and planning a small beginner vegetable plot. Helpful sidebar lists short-season and long-season vegetables, cool weather and warm weather vegetables, space-efficient and consuming vegetables.

Preparing the soil, forming raised beds and composting are further subjects explored in question form.

In the "Fertilizing" section questions such as these are addressed:

- What is the difference between organic and inorganic fertilizers?
- What do the numbers on the fertilizer bags mean?
- What is a transplanting fertilizer?
- Do some types of vegetables have special fertilizer needs?
- Here, too, the advantages and disadvantages of both natural and commercial fertilizers are explored, and a full-page chart gives the nutrient composition of commonly used organic materials.

Following a chapter that answers questions on indoor and outdoor seeding, transplanting, succession planting, container vegetables gardens, harvesting and pest control, there is an encyclopedia of 40 vegetables from artichokes to zucchini which features complete growing and harvesting instructions.

"Herbs: 1001 Gardening Questions Answered" also devotes its second half to an encyclopedia of 50 herbs, which includes historical background and suggestions for using the herbs as well as complete growing and harvesting information. A handy chart follows, giving at-a-glance information on the character-

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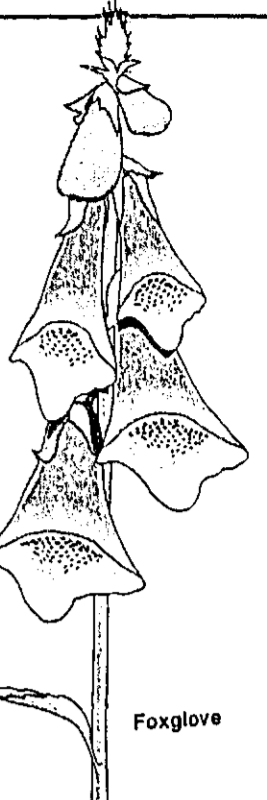
- Some common poisonous flowers are bleeding heart, daffodils, delphinium, foxglove, hellebore, hydrangea, iris, lupine and sweet pea.
- Some common poisonous shrubs are azalea, mountain laurel, oleander, privet, rhododendron and yew.
- Some deadly houseplants are caladium, dieffenbachia, philodendron.
- Some poisonous wildflowers are buttercup, jonson weed, autumn crocus, mayapple, poison hemlock, unidentifiable berries and water hemlock.

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What herbs should I use for a garden of plants for herbal teas?

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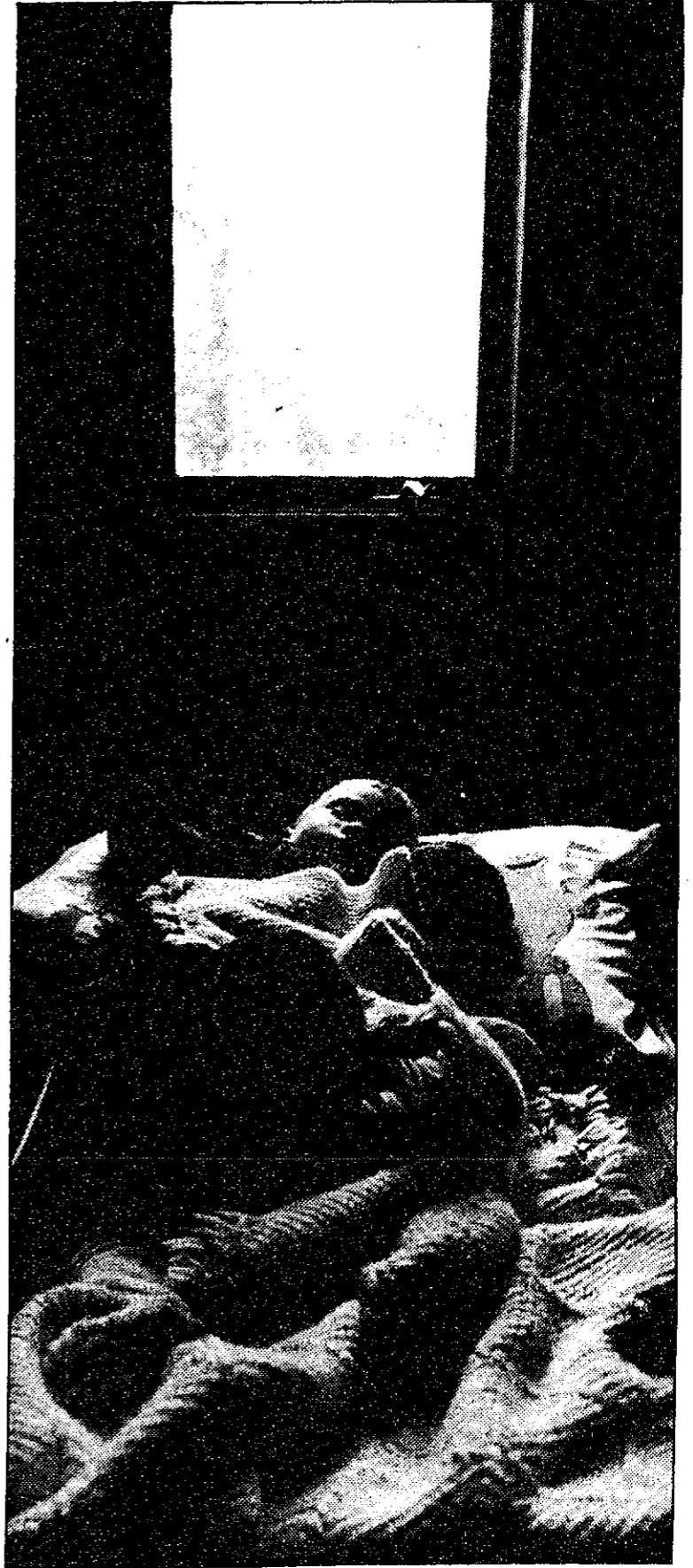
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## WHO'S WATCHING THE CHILDREN?



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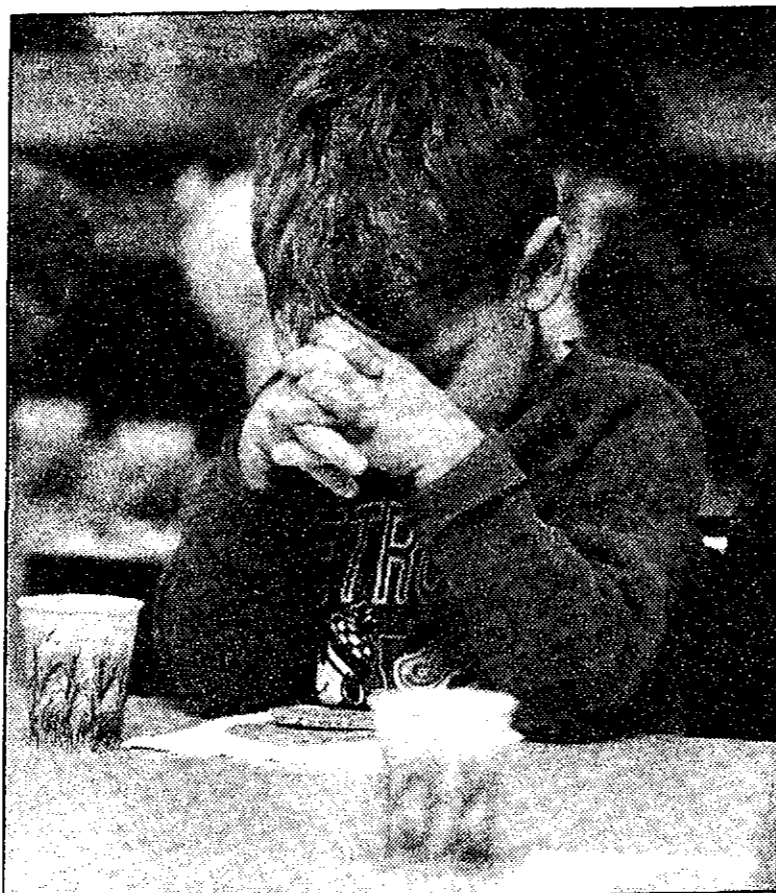
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"When I was pregnant, people were asking me if I'd found day care, but I was in a position where I didn't know exactly what I was doing," said Maise.

Job situations pose different problems for different new mothers, Maise added.

"It's very hard. I'm in a situation where cost isn't that much of a factor for me . . . but for a lot of

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Above left, Mary McCall, 2, holds hands with her buddy at "A Growing Place" in Novi. Above, it's naptime for 3-year-old Steven Earl at Children's Ark, Novi. Left, Derek Feverston, 4, says a prayer before his snack at Northville's Christian Community Church Preschool.

STORY BY CRISTINA FERRIER  
PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

### Volunteers



Barbara Willoughby volunteers for the arts in Northville

## Willoughby plans fine arts variety

By LESLIE PEREIRA  
Special Writer

Everyone needs at least a small taste of the fine arts, says Northville resident Barbara Willoughby.

As a member of the Northville Arts Commission she hopes to give help scheduling enough of a variety so everyone can find something they enjoy.

This year the group scheduled a series of art lectures, published a book of poetry, set up a summer full of outdoor concerts, and planned trips to other cities to enjoy their fine arts.

While the Arts Commission has a set number of positions and is appointed by the City Council, there is another, less-formal group with which the commission works in tandem.

As secretary of the Arts Commission, Willoughby mainly deals with ticket sales but also gets involved with various projects whenever she

can.

"In the Arts Commission, the sky is the limit with what we can do, but it takes people coming in and helping out," said Willoughby, an English teacher at Meads Mill Middle School.

Willoughby served as art chairperson at an Alabama school before moving to Northville, and she has long stressed the importance of art in people's lives.

"Northville needs to have its own fine arts," said Willoughby. "It needs to recognize itself as a place with its own culture. We have a lot of talented people."

In addition to her work on the Arts Commission, Willoughby is active at her church and is a life member in the Mother's Club.

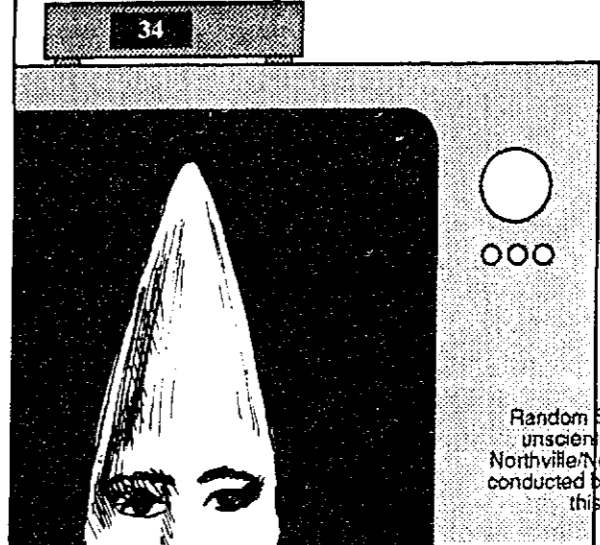
"I think Northville will stay the delightful place it is if everyone finds a volunteer niche," said Willoughby. "I really feel like volunteerism is what makes the quality of life in our society."

### Random Sample

## Do You Watch "Nick at Night"?

Seven said, "YES"  
Three said, "NO"

"Donna Reed is my idol."



Random Sample is an unscientific poll of 10 Northville Novi residents conducted by the staff of this newspaper.

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## More parents look at day care

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Maise said that, at first, she was concerned about taking her son to a day care center. "People said, 'Oh, you don't want to take him to a center. It's so impersonal and so commercial.' But if you have to go that route, at least the center is licensed."

She said she likes the fact that most day care centers will allow parents to drop in at any time to see the center. She said she worries about the possibility of child abuse in private home day care.

"When you just look in the newspaper and find someone who stays home with her child and she wants to take in a few more, you don't know what you're getting, even if she has references," Maise said. "I mean, she might be great, or she might be sitting in front of the TV all day, smoking cigarettes and watching soaps while your kids in the next room screaming..."

Karen McLaughlin provides day care in her Northville home for her son (20 months) and three other

children, ages 9 months, 19 months, and 2 years. She advertises in the newspaper.

"That's a very, very legitimate concern," she said of Maise's fears about day care in a home setting.

"A lot of people are in fear of child abuse because it's easier for that to happen in a private home. You just have to get to know that day care giver."

McLaughlin said she provides a play area in her finished basement, meals, stories and a loving, one-on-one atmosphere for the children in her home.

"I have worked out of the home also, and I had two children," she said. But with her third child, the financial pressures of day care became too great, and she decided to stay home.

"My home is set up as it would be for them at home," McLaughlin said. "I interact with them, but not constantly. It's just like a child being at home with a brother and sister or a neighbor friend. I provide more of a home environment than a day care center."

McLaughlin said she believes the best atmosphere for a child is to be "at home with mom and dad," but she recognizes that that's not an option for many parents.

"So I try to give them that atmosphere in my home. A lot of parents have their own ideas, but they have to understand that this is your home and they have to trust you with the child."

"I've only had a problem with one (child's parents)," she explained. "And that was because they wanted the child on a very strict schedule. I told them that I couldn't guarantee that the child would be doing exactly what they wanted at those specific times." McLaughlin recommended to those parents that one of them should stay home with the child.

"If you really feel your child should be brought up a very specific way, you should stay home," she said. "It's very hard to, financially, but... I think sometimes people need to look at their priorities."

Because her home is small and because she wants to continue to provide individual attention, McLaughlin said she doesn't take in a lot of children—usually only three or four. "I'm always aware of them and I always know what they're doing," she said.

McLaughlin stopped the interview to cuddle and comfort a crying toddler that had just fallen down.

"I just think the nurturing needs to



Storytime at Children's Ark in Novi

be there," she said. "There's someone there to hug him. It's one-on-one, with me being aware of his needs immediately. That might not happen in a bigger day care center."

Each morning, Sandy Rochford drops her 4-year-old daughter Kimberly at a Novi Township child care center called "A Growing Place" before heading to her job as a police officer.

"She's doing very well," Rochford said. "She looks forward to going there."

Rochford said the center is good for her daughter, who is an only child. "She gets to socialize with other kids, learn to share, and act in a group."

When her child was very small, Rochford took her to private home day care like McLaughlin's. "When I looked for a day care home I looked for people I personally knew," she said.

She advised that people who don't personally know the care-giver should check out references and observe the children in the home. "Make sure they're capable of caring for the number of children in the home."

Rochford said it was difficult for

her to leave her child in day care when she was very small.

"It's the worst feeling in your life, handing your child over to someone. But in the long run you'll be able to provide more, financially."

"It's great if you have the type of career where you can leave for a few years while your child is small and then go back to it. But if it's the type of career where you can't, there's some sacrifices you have to make."

Rochford thinks her relationship with Kimberly is as good as it would have been if she had stayed home with her.

"When we get home we have things to share with each other," she said. "And when I get home I make it a point—and sometimes it's the hardest thing in the world, but you have to do it—to drop everything and spend time with her."

"It's a major juggling act, but with the help of A Growing Place it's been a lot easier."

Korene Jett, director of A Growing Place, heads a child care center with a waiting list.

"We don't push them. We don't stress them out—we're not teaching them to read. It's very play-based. We let them have their childhood. And

they get a lot out of it," she said. Jett added that "staying at home with mother does have its advantages," but she believes that children who attend some type of preschool activity before kindergarten do better when they're older.

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The Novi High School Honors Choir

## Novi choir performs backup for Sesame Street musical show

"I'll never forget this." That was just one of the comments from a member of Novi High School Singers after a performance at Orchestra Hall with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Saturday, Oct. 20.

The students were singing backup vocals to Bob McGrath of Sesame Street on the Young People's Concert Series.

Included in the program were selections from the musicals "42nd Street" and "Barnum." It also included the Sesame Street classics "Rubber Duckie" and "Sing."

The performers were Amy Morgan, Angela Peavey, Debby Butler,

Joanne Sill, Matt Butler, Rick Keeler, Brian Campbell and Eric Haenke.

Novi music students participated in another major event Oct. 13 when 15 students auditioned for the Michigan School Vocal Association Regional Honors Choir. Over 500 students from the metropolitan Detroit area participated in the auditions.

Of the 15 students who auditioned, 14 were chosen to participate in the Region C Honors Choir to be held Dec. 1 at Monroe High School.

During the auditions the students were required to sing their part from a pre-selected piece before a judge, and sightread an eight-measure exercise.

The piece they were required to sing was "My Love Dwell in a Northern Land" by British composer Edward Elgar.

Students were judged on their musicianship, tone quality and accuracy and are now eligible to audition for the State Honors Choir.

Members of the Novi High School Choirs chosen were Erin Florio, Amy Morgan, Jessica Fritz, Audrey Blisko, Kristen Pate, Debby Butler, Joanne Sill, Erica Trudell, Rick Keeler, Matt Butler, Andy Jex, Greg Fortner, Brian Campbell and Eric Haenke.

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# Travel

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A.J. Casson's 'White Pine' is on exhibit at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, Ontario

## Museum celebrates Canadian art

We are all shaped by our environment, and the most important environment in the Canadian mind is wilderness.

Like many of us in Michigan, Canadians spend their childhood summers walking between high trees, paddling canoes across cold lakes, exploring the rock and tree country of the Great Lakes.

Several Canadian artists, known now as the Group of Seven, flowered on that landscape when they created the first real Canadian art tradition in the 1920s.

A couple of Danish Canadians named Robert and Signe McMichael loved the wilderness so much that they built a house of fogs in the trees north of Toronto in the 1950s and filled the house with Group of Seven paintings.

The McMichaels were, and are, generous people. In 1965 they gave their house, their land and their art collection to the province of Ontario so that you and I could enjoy it. This year they celebrate the 25th anniversary of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, appropriately set in a rock and tree landscape north of Toronto.

Surprisingly, very few Michigan travelers see the collection because they don't know it is there. It is a half-hour drive north of downtown Toronto, or you can reach it while driving in on Highway 401 and turning north onto Highway 400. You will soon see two signs—one leads to a theme park called Canada's Wonder-

land, the other to the McMichael Collection in the small town of Kleinburg.

As you approach the parking lot, you will see a group of rough cut rocks scattered across the top of a small grassy rise between the trees. Those stones mark the graves of five of the Group of Seven painters: A.Y. Jackson, Frank Johnston, Arthur Lismer, F.H. Varley and Lawren Harris.

The last surviving member, A.J. Casson, frail now at age 92, came into the museum this year to arrange his burial on that grassy knoll.

Walk on, through the trees, and you will see the current artist-in-residence at work in the Tom Thompson Shack, which memorializes one of Canada's favorite painters. Thompson was still a young man when he died in a canoe accident while painting in Algonquin Park, north of Toronto, in 1917, leaving the world to wonder what might have been.

The big log and stone building with the cathedral roof and a huge stone bear squatting out front is the museum that dominates these 100-acre grounds. The original building was the McMichael's private home, which has been expanded over the years to hold the world's largest collection of Group of Seven paintings and one of Canada's largest collections of Woodland Indian and Inuit art. Admission is \$4 Canadian.

You might find a reception in progress in the high-ceilinged lobby, but what you will notice most is the

view out the window. Big green trees soar out of sight, their branches layered back against the sky. A true Canadian landscape.

You will see the same thing on the walls of the introductory gallery, which displays one painting from each of the Group of Seven. It was really a group of eight or nine, most of them commercial artists working for a Toronto studio called GRIP.

They met regularly to grouch about the stuffiness of Canadian art, which was really just the European style transferred to North America, and to dream about a truly Canadian art, one that reflected their own country.

Three things galvanized them into action. An exhibit of Scandinavian wilderness paintings in Buffalo, New York, convinced them that they could paint "true southerns of the wilderness."

Thompson had already started traveling in Algonquin Park, where the trees, rocks and water landscape really said "Canada." Lawren Harris, heir to the Massey-Harris fortune, bought a red railway box car to carry the group into the wilderness on summer weekends.

You'll see a lot of small oil sketches along with larger works. And if you look at Casson's paint box exhibit in the first gallery you will understand why. They used 8.5 by 10.5 inch birch panels especially made to fit that box so that each painter could pack it easily into the

woods, sketch outdoors during the summer and create the larger finished painting indoors during the winter.

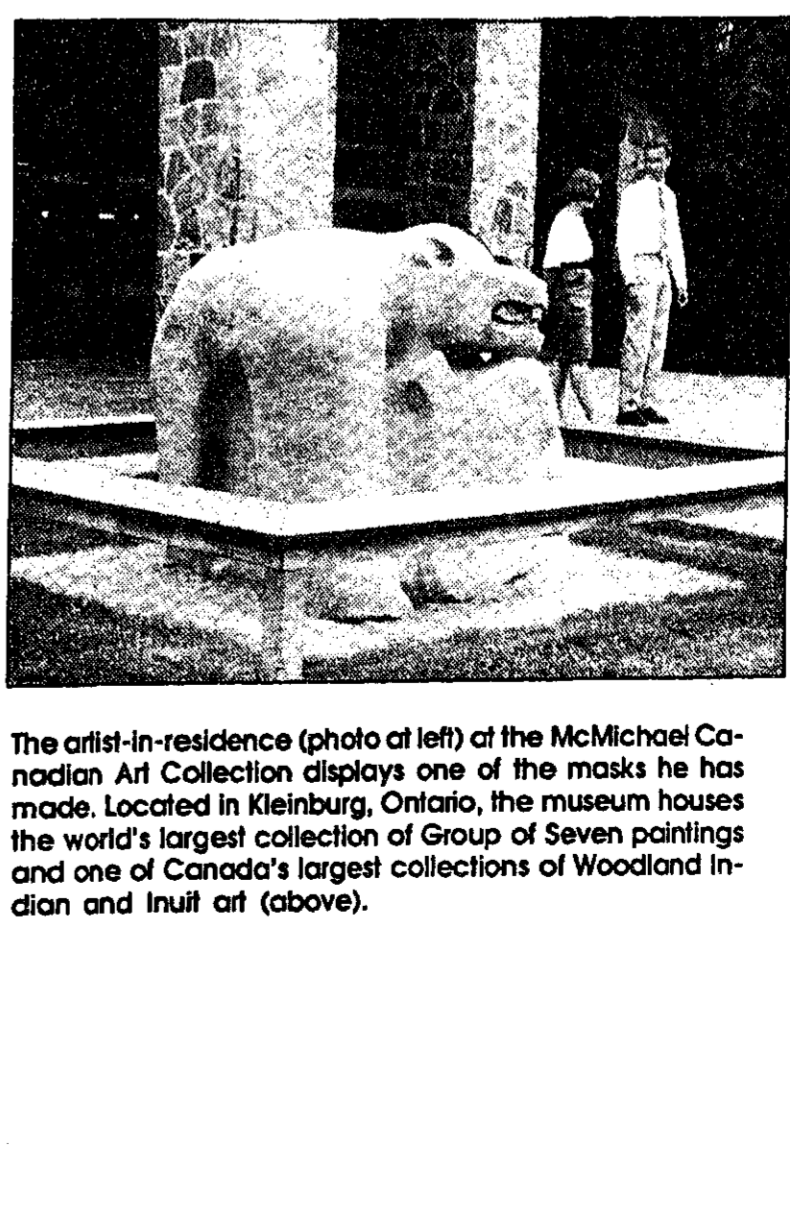
You can see their work grow and diversify as you move from whitewashed walls to log-walled galleries and up ramps with full outdoor views. Eventually you reach the McMichael's old living rooms, where the group's history is told in photographs and other memorabilia.

The McMichaels bought their first painting in five \$50 installments in the 1950s—Lawren Harris's "Montreal River, Algoma." Most of the Group of Seven visited the property regularly. A.Y. Jackson lived there during the last six years of his life.

When the McMichaels donated the house and the collection of 175 paintings to the province 25 years ago, Robert McMichael became the first curator of the provincial museum. He was later replaced by a professional museum staff during a controversy over the quality of artistic preservation.

He and Signe live a few miles away now but are still involved and very visible during this 25th anniversary year.

The museum houses a magnificent collection of Woodland Indian and Inuit art, as well as the work of contemporary Canadian Indian artists. The McMichael is the only major museum with an exclusively Canadian mandate and it takes that mandate seriously.



The artist-in-residence (photo at left) at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection displays one of the masks he has made. Located in Kleinburg, Ontario, the museum houses the world's largest collection of Group of Seven paintings and one of Canada's largest collections of Woodland Indian and Inuit art (above).

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Novi's Shayne Joyce (right) in action

# Familiar foe ends kickers' campaign

If it seems like the Novi soccer squad always makes a quick exit from the MHSAA tournament, that's probably because the Wildcats usually do. But Novi Coach Nick Valentini knows that his team would probably last a little longer if it didn't draw state power L'vonia Stevenson every year in the pre-districts. It happened again in '90, and the outcome was a lopsided 9-0 win for the Spartans on Oct. 22. The 'Cats' season ended at 7-9-2 overall (4-7-1 in the KVC). They should probably just schedule a one-goal game for the KVC Cross Country Meet on Oct. 23, but the Ladycats had little left for a season-ending effort at the MHSAA Regionals four days later. Novi moved up a notch at the KVC Meet by outpacing Harland for fourth place in the seven-team event held at Ironwood Golf Course. The Eagles beat the 'Cats in an earlier dual meet. "It was our best outing of the year," Novi Coach Norm Norgren said. "Cherie Stewart and Tanya Frank each grabbed All-KVC second team honors by placing in the top 14. Stewart was ninth overall (22:17) and Frank was 13th (22:17). The rest of the Wildcat finishers included Karen Schantz in 28th (24:19), Karriette in 33rd (25:28), Pattie Corbin in 36th (25:56), Deanna Hayden in 40th (26:31) and Becky Messer in 43rd (27:21). "We ran extremely well," Norgren said.

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# Novi footballers blanked in finale

Continued from 7 Subtich, a 15-yard pass from Huzjak to Mark Hillinger and an 18-yard run by Huzjak. Kelley capped it off with a six-yard scoring run with 8:41 remaining. "We mixed it up well in that last drive," Schumacher said. "At that time, we felt we'd need another score to secure the win." His concerns were well founded because Novi drove the length of the field on the next possession and scored twice on receptions by Lowery, but both were called back because of penalties. The 'Cats eventually turned the ball over on downs and Northville's shutout was secured. "In no way could I have predicted a shutout," Schumacher said. "This game was much closer than the score indicates." Statistically, the game was close. The Mustangs had a 288-224 advantage in total yardage, but the first downs were even (15-15). Wladischkin had a fine individual game (108 yards rushing and 38 yards receiving), but Northville's attack was more versatile. Huzjak rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown, and was 12-of-17 through the air for 142 yards and a touchdown. Subtich added 60 yards rushing and Kelley hauled in three passes for 53 yards. Wladischkin was moved from cornerback to linebacker and responded with five solo tackles and five assists to lead the defense. "Believe it or not, I was pleased with the way we played," Osborne said. "We played hard and the effort was there. Northville has a nice football team. We've had trouble stopping teams this season and they are explosive offensively. The win culminated the first winning season for Northville since 1985. For Schumacher, it was the highlight of his career.

## Scoreboard

### FOOTBALL

KVC STANDINGS table with columns for team, wins, losses, ties, and points.

### KVC LEADERS

Table listing KVC leaders for Passing Yards, Rushing Yards, and Receiving Yards.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Table listing Friday's games with scores and key players.

### BASKETBALL

KVC STANDINGS table for basketball with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

### KVC LEADERS

Table listing KVC basketball leaders for Points, Rebounds, and Assists.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Table listing Thursday's games with scores and key players.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Table listing Cross Country KVC Champions and Team Scores.

### Novi runners place at local marathon

Northville running guru Doug Kurtis, 38, added another milestone to his already long list of accomplishments by winning the Detroit Free Press Marathon for the fourth straight year on Oct. 21. Kurtis won the 13th annual 26.2-mile event through the streets of Windsor and Detroit in two hours, 19 minutes, 36 seconds. Kurtis outdistanced Japan's Wataru Adachi by nearly eight minutes and pocketed \$2,000 in prize money. Kurtis set a world record by running a dozen marathons under 2:20 last year, and now has a career total of 54 sub-2:20 efforts. That is 10 shy of the career record of 64, held by Hjel-Erick Stahl of Sweden. The following is a list, broken into divisions, of the other area runners who finished this international event:

Table listing marathon runners and their times.

### Bulldogs nip Wildcat swimmers, 94-91

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN Staff Writer Talk about a roller coaster ride. The Novi swim team's Oct. 23 dual meet with visiting Chelsea was an up-and-down, back-and-forth affair, but when the ride came to a halt after 12 events, the Bulldogs had squeezed out a 94-91 victory. "It was a good one," Wildcat Coach Larry Teahan said. "We usually have good meets with Chelsea and we expected it to be close at the end. (Chelsea) jumped off to a big lead on us and I didn't expect that." Novi registered just four victories.

Wrote in the 100 breaststroke (1:22.73), the 200 medley relay team (with Surowiec, Wroe, Bjerke and May) and the 400 freestyle relay team (with Rowlands, May, Julie Mungler and Wasco). The thirds included Kathy Gannon in the 200 freestyle (2:19.71) and the 500 freestyle (season-beat 6:10.82). Bjerke in the 200 IM (2:43.88) and Mungler in the 50 freestyle (28.44). Novi (3-7 overall) will compete in the Brighton Invitational this weekend in preparation for post-season action.

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# In Shape

## Training facilities provide variety

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

For many, the end of summer also brings to an end a large portion of exercising activities. One alternative to becoming a winter couch potato is weight resistance training. The Novi-Northville area, like many other communities, offers a variety of health club facilities for residents hoping to shed a few pounds or add a little muscle to their frames.

### Fitness Notes

Motorized calisthenics at "The Slender You" in Novi is being offered at a special price for senior citizens through the Novi Parks and Recreation. The program promotes mobility and better circulation. You'll get a free trial, as well as you next visit at only \$4.50 each or 12 for \$49, as long as you visit on weekdays between 1-3 p.m. Call 347-0400 for more information.

### Yoga class

Seven-week yoga classes are being offered in Northville this fall. Diane Siegel-Divita, past president of the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit, is the instructor. The classes will be offered on Thursdays (7:30-9 a.m.) or Sundays (10:15-11:40 a.m.) at the Northville American Legion Hall. Yoga effectively trains the body to develop strength, flexibility and balance.

### Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers, the internationally recognized weight loss program meets every Wednesday at the Northville Community Center at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Registration fee is \$17, plus a weekly fee of \$9. For more information, call Diana Kutzy at 287-2900.

### Aerobic Fitness Inc.

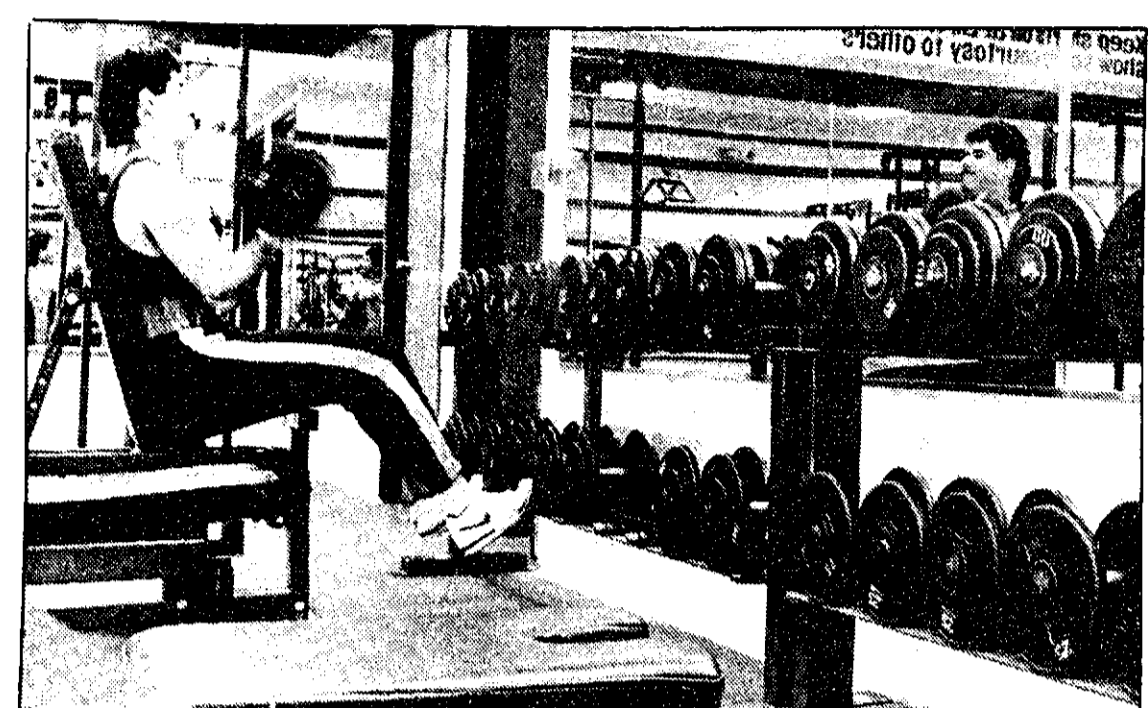
A fitness program called "Aerobic Fitness Inc." is now being offered. The one-hour program is designed to stretch, trim and tone. Six-week classes run continuously throughout the year. Fee is \$33 (two classes per week, \$45 (three classes), \$55 (unlimited). For more information, call 348-1280.

### New Attitude Aerobics

Northville Community Recreation has the fitness program designed to meet your needs: low and high impact aerobic alternatives with toning and shaping floorwork, fun and easy-to-follow workouts. New Attitude Aerobics conducts the one-hour class year-round at the Community Recreation Center on Wednesdays (8:15 a.m.), Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. Morning and evening child care is available.

### Ask-a-nurse referral

"Ask-a-Nurse," the new 24-hour health-information and physician-referral line sponsored by five Mercy hospitals in southeast Michigan, is offering a new speakers bureau to community groups. Program director Linda Hintze, RN, and registered nurses who staff the telephone lines seven days a week, 365 days a year, will be available to speak to groups of 15 or more about the calls they receive and how they help callers locate physicians and health or community information.



Terry Ziegler works out at Bo's Gym in Novi

Bo's Gym is open every day, offering patrons plenty of hours to pump up. The gym offers memberships with prices ranging from a few dollars for a day, to \$275 for a year. Having to make a short drive shouldn't deter those in search of a good workout. Like Bo's Gym, Powerhouse Gym, in Union Lake, offers patrons a multitude of free-weight equipment. The gym also offers Nautilus weight machines and aerobic equipment for a full workout. "The gym draws customers from Novi, Milford, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield," said co-owner Mario Bitonti. "We have a good mix of women and men from 16 to 75 years old." A large portion of Powerhouse's patrons are serious about weight training, he said, but the gym isn't "hard-core."

### Track and racquetball courts provide the club's other exercising alternatives.

The club, located at 43055 Crescent Drive in Novi, has 30,000 square feet available for working out. Bally's is open seven days a week, although one may not think of a tanning salon as a health club, a deep tan is often associated with being in good physical condition. "A tan makes you look healthier," said Becky Jones, an employee of Tropical Sun Lines in Novi, "not pasty-white." "We get a lot of people from Vic Tanny's," she said, "we also get a lot of bodybuilders."

### Walk at the mall

People who enjoy walking are invited to use the climate-controlled corridors at Twelve Oaks Mall. Walkers are welcome Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. All walkers must register at the Twelve Oaks security office. The lower level track is five-tenths of a mile, while the upper level track is eight-tenths of a mile. A complete trip around the mall is one and one-third miles.

### Strep throat

Symptoms, treatment for strep throat examined. A child with a sore throat and a fever (with or without rash) should be checked by a physician. If strep throat is diagnosed, take all the antibiotics prescribed to avoid complications. Keep the child isolated for the first 24 hours after the antibiotic is started. Offer rest and lots of fluids. School and activities may start after 24 hours of antibiotics if the fever has gone and the child feels well enough to participate.

### Strep throat

Your child should not be contagious after 24 hours following the start of antibiotics and may return to school after the 24 hours if there is no fever and if the child feels well enough to stay in school for the whole day. Sometimes a rash will occur after strep throat. We then call it scarlet fever, or scarlatina. The child will have all the symptoms of strep throat plus a fine erythematous (feels like sandpaper) rash. It resembles sunburn with goose bumps. The rash usually appears first on the upper chest then spreads to the neck, abdomen, legs and arms. The tongue may have a strawberry color and texture. If your child has a sore throat and a rash, you should take him or her to a physician. Antibiotics will cure scarlet fever and again all the prescription should be given. Important facts to remember:

### Strep throat

Strep throat is one to five days. These symptoms can also occur in viral pharyngitis, for which there is no medication that will cure it; only rest and time will help. If your child has a sore throat and a fever, he or she should be taken to a physician, since it is difficult to distinguish strep throat from viral pharyngitis. Most physicians will diagnose strep throat by doing a rapid strep screen or throat culture. If your child has a diagnosed strep throat, the doctor will treat it with an antibiotic. The prescription will usually be for seven to 10 days. It is important that you give your child the entire prescription, even if they feel better. This gives the antibiotics time to kill all of the strep bacteria in the body. Complications of strep throat, if not treated, are rheumatic fever and severe kidney infections.

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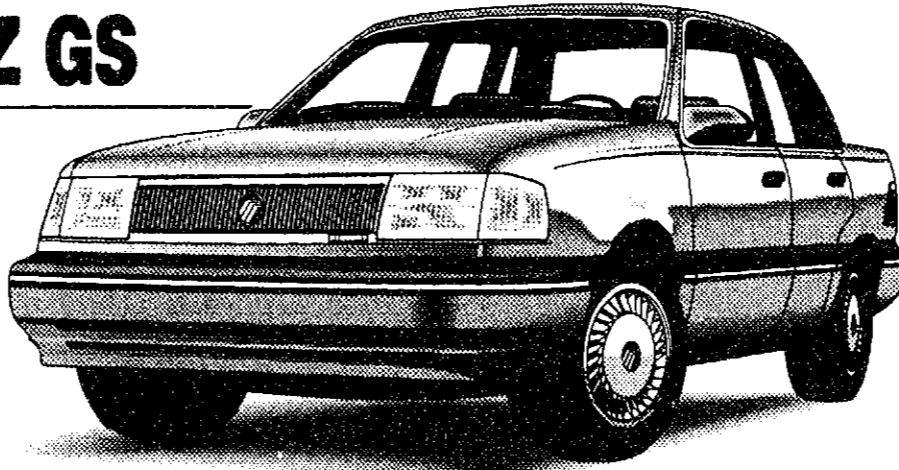
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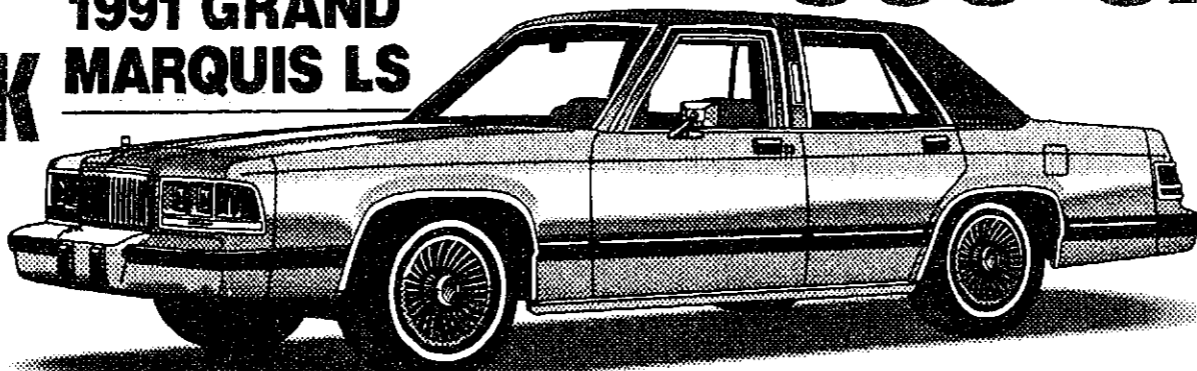
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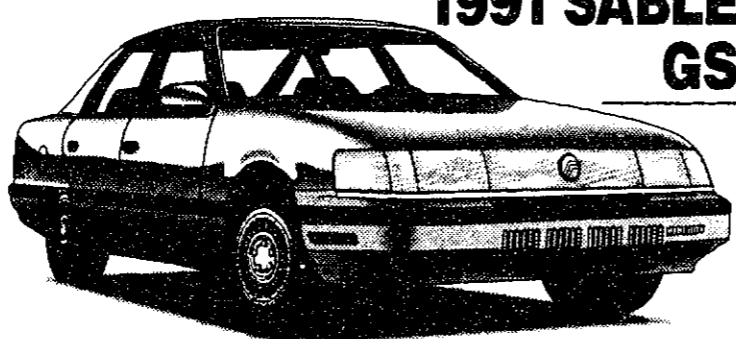


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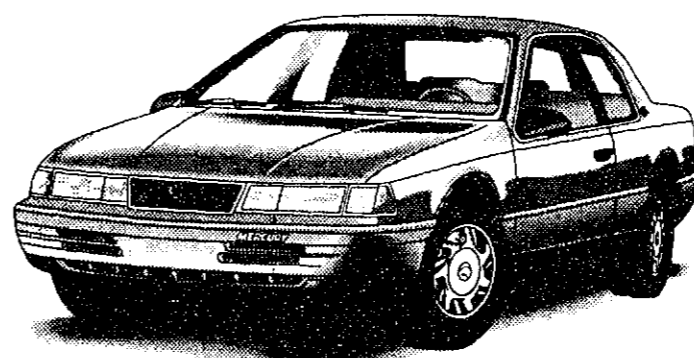
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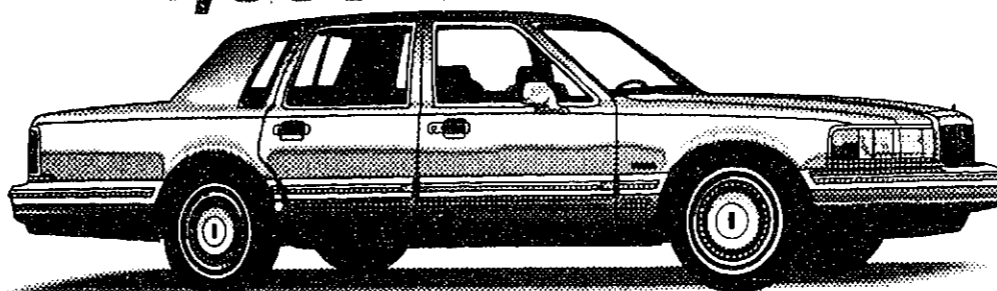
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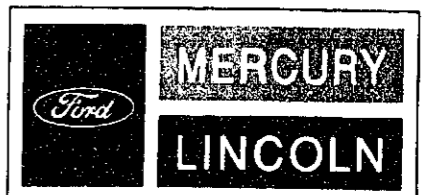
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