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Madonna's scarf nets \$714 for drug program

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

A scarf once owned by rock star Madonna brought \$714 for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Novi Schools as it was auctioned last Thursday by the city police department.

"We didn't know what to expect from the auction," said Novi Police Crime Prevention and DARE Officer Bob Gatt. "I'm extremely happy with what we got for the scarf. It will go along way to buy DARE items for the students."

The rock star's scarf was stolen along with a dress from Twelve Oaks Mall nearly two years ago. MTV had loaned the items to the mall for display purposes.

The scarf and dress were recovered, after being stolen, by Novi detectives who tracked the thief to

her South Carolina home. She was extradited to Michigan where she was charged and convicted of the theft. The woman was given probation for the crime, according to Novi Police.

The dress was returned to MTV, but the scarf was inadvertently left behind, police said. Novi police contacted MTV several times in an attempt to return the scarf, but were unsuccessful. Gatt said police decided to auction the scarf to benefit DARE.

Sealed bids were accepted for the scarf from early October until Nov. 1. A minimum bid of \$500 was set to discourage low offers, Gatt said.

Bids for the scarf were opened the night before the auction, he said, so that Novi Police could inform the winner. Gatt said police wanted to have the winner on hand

for the auction, which was held at the Novi Civic Center.

Moses Findley, of Southfield, was the winner of Madonna's scarf. Gatt said Findley intends to reacquire the scarf — used by the Material Girl in a music video and movie several years ago — to benefit the homeless in Detroit. He added that Findley hopes to raise \$10,000 from the scarf.

The \$714 raised by the auction will go to buy items with the DARE logo for students, Gatt said. He said shirts, hats and binders are some of the items that will be purchased to remind students of what they learned through the DARE program.

The program, which is in its second year in Novi, will reach about 300 students in the sixth grade this year.

Senator files libel lawsuit

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, filed a libel suit Friday against his Republican rival, Denise Alexander, a member of the Southfield City Council member.

Faxon's attorney, Neal Bush of Detroit, filed the case in Oakland Circuit Court asking for \$10,000 damages and a retraction of "outright lies" in Alexander's mailings.

Faxon charged that Alexander and the Republican State Committee "implied I did something scurrilous" in a 1982 suit over the sale of several art objects, including selling a fake Ming vase.

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settle the suit by returning the buyer's \$12,500 and taking back four of the six objects that go to trial. He said he didn't use his limited legislative immunity to avoid a court appearance.

A campaign spokesperson for Alexander said the state GOP reported this was one of four "nuisance suits" filed in the closing days of the campaign in four targeted Senate districts.

Spokesperson Matt Godlewski said the brochures were mailed by the state GOP and that Alexander hadn't seen them.

Voters go to polls Tuesday

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Tomorrow is the day Novi voters will decide who will represent them in Washington D.C., Lansing and Pontiac.

They'll also open or snap shut their checkbooks to a proposed property tax increase — the Street and Highway Bonding Proposition which would, if approved, enable the city to borrow \$18.8 million to pave or upgrade eight miles of Novi roads.

Using the absentee ballots collected by Friday as a gauge, City Clerk Gerry Stipp said she anticipates an impressive showing at the polls — at least 62 percent of the city's registered voters.

"I expect a good turn-out. I don't know why. But nothing to sneeze at," she said.

By Friday, 1,400 absentee ballots had been tallied.

Generally, the absentees account for ten percent of the total voters, Stipp said. The city has 22,488 registered voters.

In the general election four years ago, 41 percent of Novi's then 17,705 voters cast their ballots.

This is the third time this year Novi residents have been asked to increase their property taxes.

In September, citizens were in a year-long mood when asked by the Novi Community School District to increase their property taxes by one-quarter mill to finance a media facility, auditorium and new classrooms to link Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School, as well as new classrooms for Novi Woods Elementary School. Eight hundred sixty-one residents cast their ballots; 574 approving the tax hike.

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Monster bash

They had a ghastly time at the Novi Civic Center on Halloween. Pictured above on the best day of her death is a haunting bride. A ghoul joined her for lunch during the Halloween festivities.



Inside

Special features and complete local listings. All that is inside today's paper in "Suburban Cable Weekly," your guide to television. The TV listings are keyed to the actual channel numbers on the local MetroVision cable system.

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Novi Briefs

Band-A-Rama: The Novi High School symphony, jazz and marching bands will perform a spectacle of sight and sound Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be performed at Fuerst Auditorium in the high school for free.

Giving thanks: The Salvation Army is looking for food donations to make up Thanksgiving baskets for needy families and individuals in Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield and Livonia.

If you are interested in donating food, please call Cheryl Carter at 477-1153. Businesses which would like to run a canned food drive may also call Carter to arrange for a collection pick-up.

The Salvation Army is located at 27500 Shlawassee, Farmington Hills.

Voter's choice: A new option exists for those who qualify for absentee voter's ballots, Novi City Clerk Gerry Stipp says. Until 4 p.m. today — just before Tuesday's election — absentee voters can make their choice at city hall using a standard voting machine, rather than the take-home, mail-in ballot.

To be an absentee voter, you must meet one of these criteria: be age 60 or older; expect to be absent from the community on election day, Nov. 6; be physically incapable of going to the polls; be prohibited by religious strictures from attendance at the polls; or be in jail awaiting an arraignment or trial.

Applications for absentee voter ballots may be made in person at the City Clerk's office, Novi Civic Center.

The greening of Novi: Volunteers are needed to help with the "dirty" work at Saturday, Nov. 10 when Global Relief and the Novi Rotary plant six Norway Maples — 3 inches in diameter, and 20 feet tall — at Ella Mae Power Park behind the Novi Civic Center.

Chris Pargoff, local Global Relief representative, said the organization's goal is to plant two million trees in urban areas within the next few years.

The digging begins at 11 a.m. The trees were purchased by the Novi Rotary and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Unfettered felines: A proposed cat leash law was pure kitty litter, the ordinance review committee recently decided.

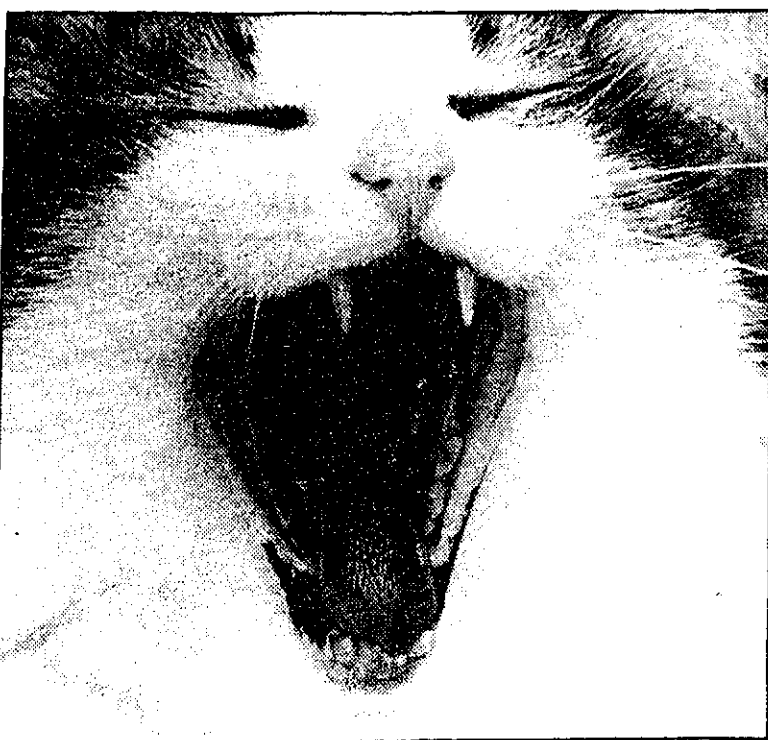
"Our ordinance review committee met a couple of weeks ago and we decided to bury the cat ordinance, so all the cats can feel free to roam," said Mayor Matthew Quinn, a committee member.

The request was forwarded to the committee by the Novi Police Depart-

ment after a child was bitten by a cat in Turtle Creek Subdivision.

Angel's Night?: While firefighters camped out at the fire stations as a precautionary measure on Devil's Night, the evening was uneventful, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan reports.

While new suspicious fires have occurred, the investigation continues into three suspected cases of arson on Twelve Mile Road — two vacant houses and one barn — which occurred within the first two weeks of October, he added.



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Sports Briefs

SPORTS UPDATE: The Northville Karate Championship Tournament will be held on Nov. 10 at the Northville Community Recreation Center. The event will start at noon at the Rec Center gymnasium with professional bouts, and will continue through 5 p.m. with amateur competitions in the children and adult divisions. The entry fee for competitors is \$20. For spectators, the cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF UPDATE: The Northville footballers made good on their first playoff appearance ever, pulling out a hair-raising 23-22 overtime win over Wyandotte.

In the extra session, the Mustangs scored on a 10-yard pass from Ryan Huzjak to Mike Hillinger. Wyandotte countered with a six-yard scoring pass from Dan Yates to Joe Alfano.

Despite the fact that Wyandotte's kicker had earlier nailed field goals of 43 and 37 yards, the team elected to go for a two-point conversion. Yates kept the ball, and was tackled in the open field at the 2 by Northville's Bill Kelley, preserving the win.

The Mustangs now advance to the regional final, where they will meet the winner of Saturday's Dearborn-Temperance Bedford game at the opponent's home field.

MONDAY EDUCATION

Footdragging cited in 'recapture' lawsuit

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

An attorney told his 56 school district clients, including Northville and Novi, that the state Court of Appeals has failed for seven weeks to take the first step in their \$72-million suit against the state.

"It borders on being scandalous," said Dennis Pollard, who filed the suit Sept. 13 on behalf of the districts.

The Birmingham attorney said he asked the appellate court to assign the Macomb Circuit Court their request for a preliminary injunction to prohibit the treasury from cutting their state aid.

"The court routinely could decide what forum to send adjudication of an injunction. Where's it going to be heard? We haven't heard," Pollard told his superintendent clients Thursday.

"In 'Durant' we had a decision (on assignment) within a week," said Pollard, referring to a similar suit he won on behalf of Fitzgerald School District in Macomb County against the state.

Pollard predicted the case could drag on 10 years or more.

Pollard wants the appellate court to assign the new case to the same judge — George Deneen — who upheld the school on every major legal point.

Ten percent of the state's 562 school districts — mainly in the metro suburbs and along the Great Lakes shores — are suing the state over the 1990 aid act. The law "recaptures" \$72 million of aid for special education teaching, special education transportation, bilingual teach-

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Lawrence J. Nichols
Former Northville Superintendent

ing and Social Security.

The "recapture" would cost Novi \$890,000 and Northville \$1.3 million this year.

The schools under the Legislature violated the 1978 Headline amendment to the Michigan Constitution by failing to pay for programs mandated by the state.

"That 'recapture' offends me," said Lawrence J. Nichols, superintendent of Royal Oak and former superintendent of Northville. "It says somehow we managed to sneak in, in the middle of the night, and stole it. The state government has failed to fund its own — not our — formula."

"Recapture" is a term coined by legislators.

The 56 plaintiffs are all "out of formula," meaning they receive no general state aid. The "recaptured" money was put into general state aid in a bill engineered by Reps. William Keith, D-Garden City, and James O'Neill, D-Saginaw, and Sen. Dan DeGroot, R-Port Huron.

Keith, chair of the House Education Committee, makes no secret of his desire to end all categorical aid. He wants to put the "recapture" money into formula aid and increase

the number of districts in the formula.

Currently about 70 percent of districts are in formula. Keith would increase that to 80 or 90 percent.

Many superintendents said the aid loss would force them either to make layoffs or ask voters for local property tax increases.

One superintendent asked Pollard if the appeals court's long delay were connected to the gubernatorial election.

"We have no idea what's going on," Pollard replied.

Both Gov. James Blanchard and his challenger, Sen. John Engler, support the categorical aid cut. They and legislative leaders see it as necessary to reduce the funding gap between the richest districts (\$8,000 per pupil) and the poorest (barely \$2,500).

Nichols said that since 1978 the state routinely had underfunded categorical aid, but usually by only \$20 million. This year the underfunding leaped.

"Sed? Sedid? Yeah, I think so — a tale littered with broken promises," he said.



A Meads Mill staffer (l) rewards students who were "caught being good"

Photo by SUZANNE HOLLYVER

Getting sent to the office is reward in middle school

By SUZANNE HOLLYVER
Staff Writer

The days are gone when an announcement summoning students to the school office could strike fear into the hearts of young boys and girls.

Ten students each month at each school are called to the office after they are "caught being good."

No longer are the offices at Meads Mill and Cooke middle schools ominous places for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

Ten students each month at each school are called to the office after they are "caught being good."

Returning a wallet with money still in it, turning in a bicycle found in the woods, and helping another student get her locker open got three students nominated this month.

Teachers, custodians, secretaries and the school's administrators nominate students they catch in the act of doing a good deed.

Besides hearing their name announced over the public address system and getting out of class early, the students get a certificate, a bumper sticker and a gift certificate from Grandma Betty's Sweets 'n' Treats. Not bad for performing one good deed.

The bumper sticker is not actually

for the students. It reads: "I have a student at Meads Mill (or Cooke) Middle School who was caught being good." and is for their parents.

The students get to keep the \$1 gift certificate from Grandma Betty's. \$1 may not sound like much to the unknowing masses, but one Meads Mill awardee informed the group that \$1 buys a lot at Grandma Betty's.

And when they go to spend their loot they will find their name posted at the shop.

The certificates are in the school's colors: gold for Meads Mill and red for Cooke.

This month eight students were nominated but did not receive awards. Winners were chosen by a lottery-type drawing. Each school gives 10 awards per month and the extra eight will remain on the lists for next month.

Cooke winners were Anne Allen,

Katy Ball, Sara Gosborn, Kirsty Greer, Kirk Lee, Garrett Jameson, Brandon Bender, Chris Peplno, Christine Pilartz and Andy Welss.

Meads Mill winners this month were Ryan Bohrer, Robert Carter, Amanda Nelson, Victor Pavov, Justin Schlanser, Dan Schwartz, Ryan Steinhauer, Paul Sarnowski, Erin Tovey and David Walte.

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MONDAY UPDATE

Escape from Kuwait strains family

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

Mohammed, Renee and their four children thought their troubles were over when the family finally reached America after a harrowing escape from occupied Kuwait.

But the six have found little support in their continuing quest to locate employment and a permanent home.

The family temporarily moved in with Renee's parents, Robert and June Lattin of Northville. The eight lived in the Lattins' two-bedroom condominium since coming back to the United States Sept. 13, hardly an ideal situation for any of the family members involved.

"It's not large enough for eight people," June said. As Renee explained, "The thing that's hard for us is coming from somewhere where you had a place to live, you had furniture, and now you have nothing... it's hard to explain to the kids."

Since their first talk with the Record, the family has found a temporary home in Farmington Hills, and Mohammed has been hired by a local firm. But the couple say they still need help paying their bills and furnishing the home.

"The local relief organization Civic Concern is helping them find such assistance.

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Renee
Kuwaiti refugee

Three years.

The couple decided to flee. Mohammed said "when they (Iraqis) started looking for the Americans."

The family was contacted by the American Embassy after the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion, and told of the demand by the Iraqi government that all foreigners report to hotels in Kuwait. "I decided not to go to the hotels because I knew they were just going to grab us and send us to Baghdad," Mohammed said. "At night I listened to 'Voice of America' and they advised Americans not to go."

Mohammed had first learned of the early morning invasion on his way to work that day. "It was a Thursday," he recalled. On his drive into Kuwait City, Mohammed said he came across barricaded streets, and people warned him that troops and tanks were roaming around the city. "So I just went home," he said. "I contacted the American Embassy and they said, 'Iraq has invaded.'"

But it was nearly a month before the family found a way out of the beleaguered country. Mohammed could not drive because of the driver's license that identified him as a United States citizen, and Renee could not even leave the house for fear that someone would recognize her as an American.

With the help of relatives, Mohammed eventually contacted officials at the Palestinian Embassy.

Though the fear has subsided, the family's frustration over what they left behind still lingers.

In Kuwait, they had a home, a car, a life of their own. They left it all behind. "Our car, our house, everything is just gone," Renee said. "You couldn't sell anything. And almost all our savings were used to get out of Kuwait."

The family has been searching for a home since their arrival in Michigan in mid-September. "We started looking right away, but it's hard to find an apartment with four kids," Renee said. "One place I called, the lady asked how many kids I had and I said 'four.' She said, 'Well, you'll have to get rid of three of them.'"

The children, from daughter Giselle, 7, to son Khaled, 1, have also had a hard time adjusting to life since their escape. As their grandfather Robert recalled, "They came back and said 'The whole world is upside-down.'"

Also, because the family has had no permanent address, the older children have not yet been enrolled in school.

Mohammed's previous success finding employment and providing for his family makes his current situation all the more unbearable, he said, and the thought of accepting government handouts that much more unacceptable.

"I was doing fine here. I was doing fine in Kuwait, better in Kuwait," he said. "I couldn't stand just going into a welfare office, asking for money. I'm not coming here to live on welfare."



Parents (back) Renee and Mohammed, with children (l-r) Jenan, 5; Randa, 3; Khaled, 1; and Giselle, 7

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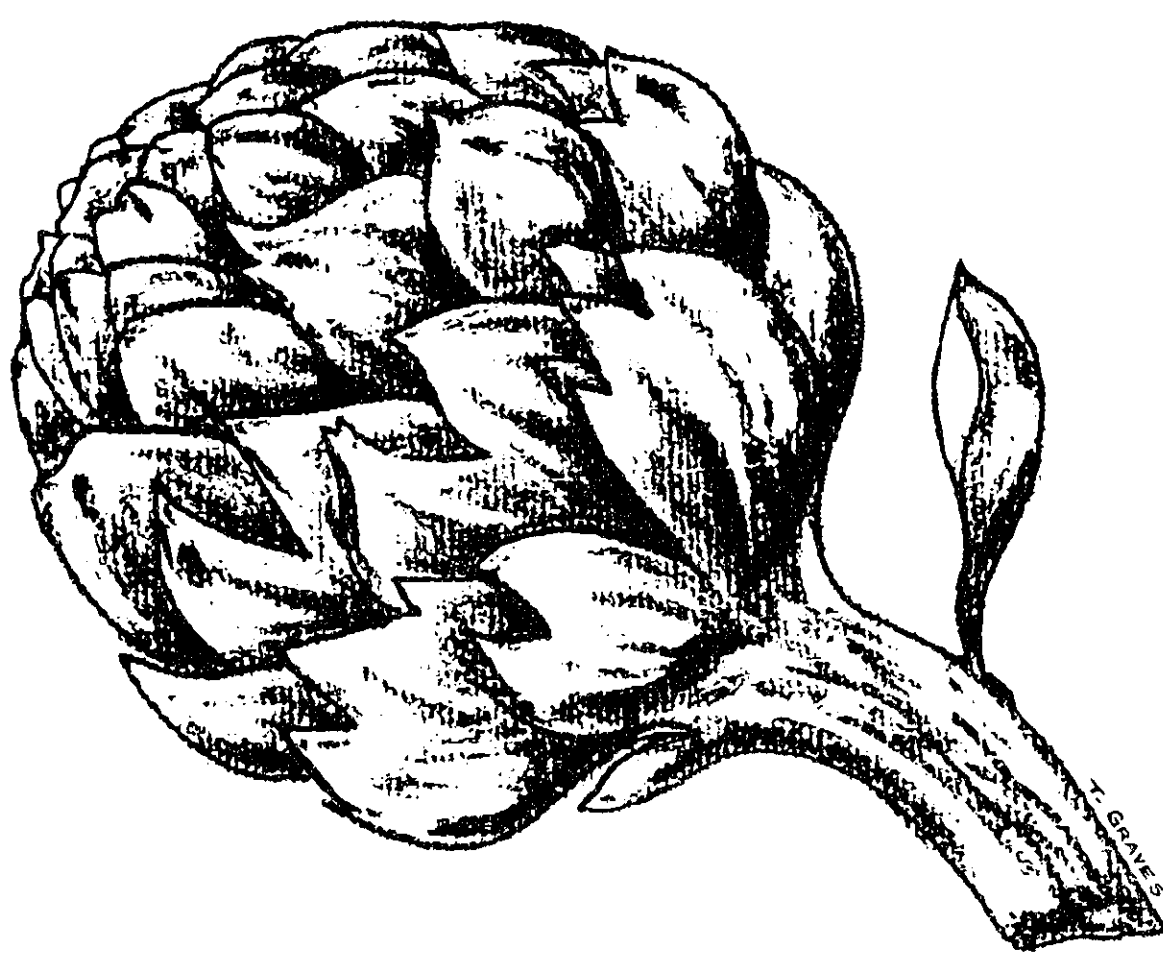
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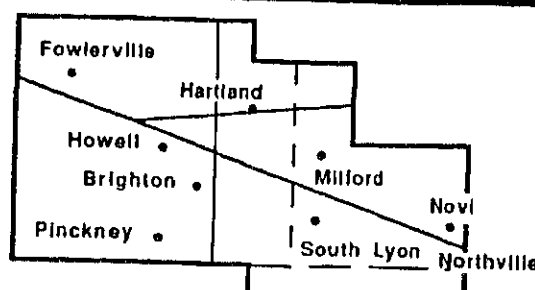
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009 Entertainment: DIGITAL sounds Disc Jockey for all occasions. Very reasonable prices. Call today. (313)29-9397.

010 Special Notices: ADOPTION Loving couple seeks to give secure home to new born. Adoptive Mom will stay home. Confidential Call collect. (313)668-2006.

ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW: Willamont Elementary School, 416 Highland Street, Northville, MI 48168. Nov. 10, 11, 12. 10-3 p.m. FREE admission.

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015 Lost: IRISH Setter, female, last seen Collinsville, Oct. 24. Reward: \$175-6724.

020 Open House: HOWELL Township, 5600 Manor Road. Spacious 3 bedroom on 25 acre. Indoor pool and more. \$425,000. HAS (313)333-7170.

021 Houses: BRIGHTON, Land contract. Sharp 3 bedroom. Hardwood floors. \$6,000 down. (313)238-3038.

025 Mobile Homes: BRIGHTON - REDUCED FOR IMMEDIATE SALE - updated 2 bedroom, new carpet & windows. \$12,800 cash. (313)437-6202. CRESCENT MOBILE HOMES, (517)548-3260.

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024 Condominiums: NOW! New home priced to sell. Immediate occupancy. 2 bedrooms, deck, corner of \$14,500, \$500 rent credit. (313)229-7315.

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HARTLAND/Rolling Acres Drive: New development of 100 acre. Beautiful settings, excellent parks, great schools. (313)229-7315.

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Household Service and Buyers Directory

A large directory listing various household services such as plumbing, electrical, painting, and home maintenance, including contact information for each service provider.

064 Apartments For Rent
HOWELL. Up to 3000 sq. ft. of retail space available. Call Bob Clouse to downtown area. Shoping (313)437-7430

117 Office Supplies
MILFORD. Kensington Commerce Center. 1200 Holden Road, Suite 103. 1,000 sq. ft. for rent. \$450 per month. (313)867-6618

118 Wood Stoves
NORDIC air tight cast iron. 33 x 14 x 32. \$275. (313)887-7338

080 Office Space For Rent
MILFORD. (downtown) large 2 bedroom apartment for rent. \$525 a month plus utilities. Call (313)867-4247

119 Firewood
1 COPD. 4 x 8 x 16. \$55. Oak ash and cherry. (313)750-0666

162 Medical/Dental
DENTAL receptionist. Part-time (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) for dental specialty office. Office receptionist experience required. (313)229-7800

108 Wanted
GUITARS/amps by Gibson, Fender, etc. Paid up to \$500. (313)348-8541

120 Farm Equipment
USED Ford tractors. New and used implements, parts and trailers. (313)248-2647

161 Day Care, Babysitting
BABYSITTING anytime, very responsible and caring. Very experienced. (313)247-4488

082 Vacation Rentals
POMPANO Beach, Florida. House, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom. \$200 per week. (313)948-5200

109 Care And Equipment
GRAVELLY rotary plow. \$350. After 6 p.m., (313)344-0257

151 Household Pets
AKC English Springer Spaniel puppies. Available. (313)248-8387

065 Duplexes For Rent
BRIGHTON. 2 bedrooms. \$550 monthly plus utilities. Call (313)229-0434

110 Sporting Goods
ATTENTION HUNTERS! And/or mounting. (313)756-9875

152 Horses And Equipment
3-4 HORSE stall cooperated, 7 ft. 1990, sacrifice. (313)481-1414

067 Rooms For Rent
BRIGHTON. Large executive home, built in pool, fenced 1/4 acre yard, plenty of storage. After 12:00. (313)229-3150

111 Farm Products
APPLES. Now shipping anywhere in the US. 15 varieties of apples, fresh, solid. (313)229-4781

153 Farm Animals
PYGMY goats, miniature donkeys, miniature horses. (313)437-5893

068 Foster Care
OFFERING for residents must be submitted. Hammons Christian AFO Home. (313)229-3600

113 Electronics
100% IBM COMPATIBLES. All systems include 1 Meg Ram. 1.2 or 1.44 floppy, 42 Meg hard drive and more. (313)872-8645

160 Clerical
BRIGHTON Accounting Firm. Needs permanent part-time experienced bookkeeper. (313)229-7800

074 Living Quarters To Share
HOWELL. Mobile home to share. \$250/month, utilities included. No security. (313)746-0318

114 Building Materials
BUILDING materials, used, 2 1/2 x 4, 2 x 6, doors, thermopiles, curtains. (313)348-6748

161 Day Care, Babysitting
BABYSITTING needed part-time in my home, some weekdays, some weekend nights. For details call (313)248-2647

076 Industrial Commercial For Rent
BRIGHTON/HOWELL. Grand Park. Small building. Good parking. \$225 monthly. (313)229-6700

113 Electronics
COMPLETE satellite dish system including new decoder, must see. \$300. (313)486-3830

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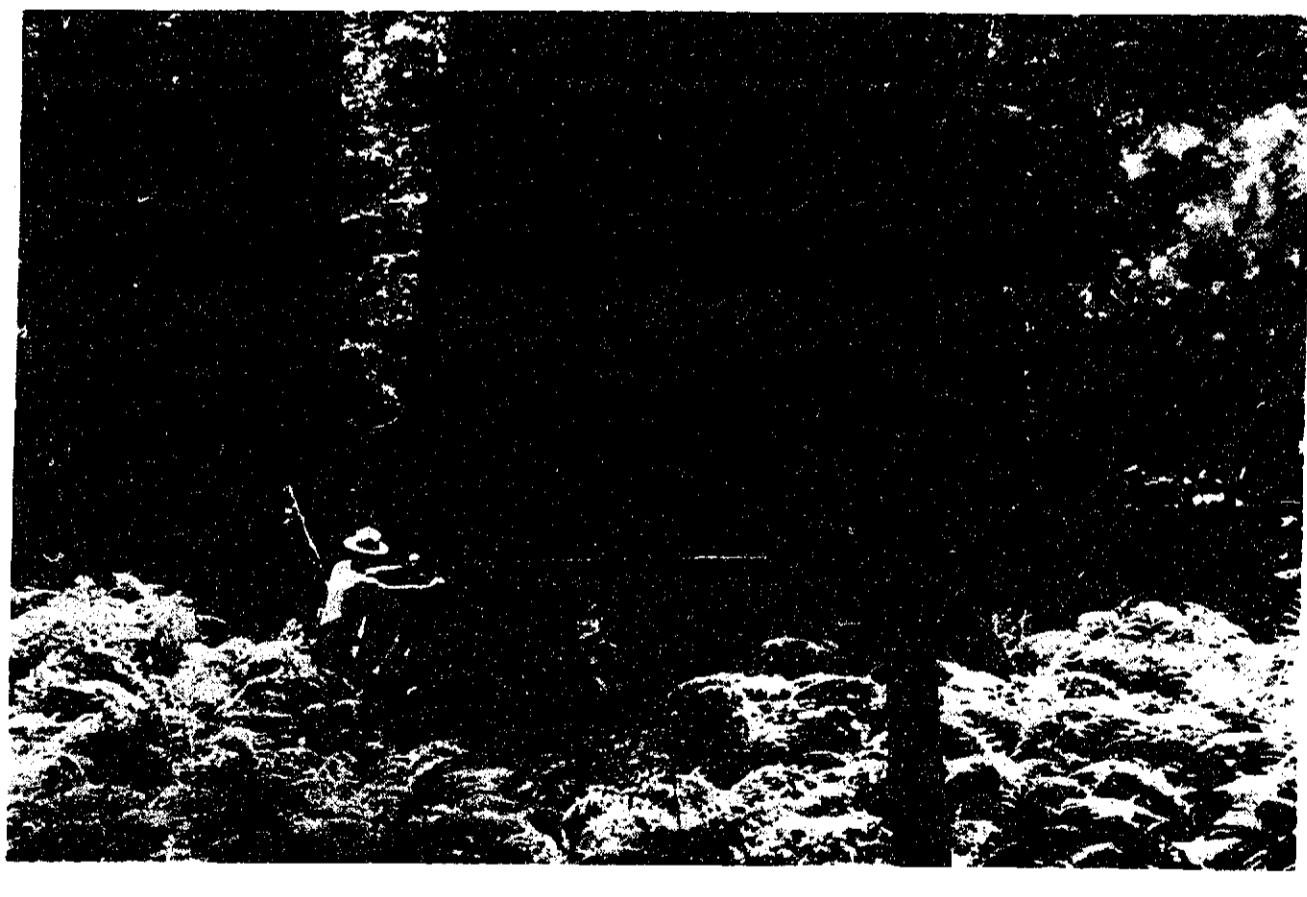
"The more things change, the more they remain the same."



Alphonse Karr, 1849
Like our commitment to outstanding community newspapers for example.
It was only a couple of weeks ago that we changed our name from Sliger/Livingston Publications to HomeTown Newspapers. But you've probably noticed that nothing else has changed. We're still bringing you the same excellent community newspapers that you've learned to depend on for everything you need to know to live in your home town.

The Michigan Press Association (MPA) hasn't noticed much difference since we changed our name either. In fact, the MPA acknowledged our continued commitment to excellence by awarding us a total of 21 awards in the recent Better Newspapers Contest. That makes HomeTown Newspapers the most honored newspaper chain in the state. Here's a look at how we did.

- The South Lyon Herald: 1st place - Use of Graphics; 1st place - Special Sections (Neighbors), 2nd place - Local News Reporting, 2nd place - Editorial Pages, 3rd place - General Excellence
The Milford Times: 1st place - General Excellence, 1st place - Local News Reporting, 1st place - Sports Coverage
The Northville Record: 3rd place - Sports Coverage, 3rd place - Lifestyle/Family Section
The Novi News: 2nd place - General Excellence, 2nd place - Feature Stories (Bob Needham), 2nd place - Sports Coverage, Honorable Mention - Lifestyle/Family Section
The Livingston County Press: 1st place - Lifestyle/Family Section, 2nd place - Special Sections (Neighbors)
The Brighton Argus: 2nd place - Use of Graphics, 2nd place - Lifestyle/Family Section, 3rd place - Use of Color, 3rd place - Feature stories, Honorable Mention - Sports Picture (Scott Piper)



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