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Gas leak ignites into 30-foot fire

Fire injures six, service shut off to area residents

By CRISTINA FERRIER

At least six Consumer's Power workers suffered minor injuries Wednesday when a gas leak turned into a 30-foot blaze on Grand River Avenue.

The fire resulted in the shut-off of gas service to 650 Novi homes and businesses, marry of which remained off throughout the night, as temperatures dropped below zero. Service was still being restored Thursday morning. The blaze also tied up up traffic on I-96, Grand River and Twelve Mile during the Wednesday rush

The fire ignited at approximately 5:15 p.m. when the gas became ignited by an unknown cause, said Consumer's Power Community Service Manager Tom

Rugh said the incident began Wednesday afternoon when a contractor was installing a water main under Grand River.

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Eye-witnesses discuss gas leak, fire, cold weather

By SCOTT DANIEL AND JAN JEFFRES

Ken Valentine, owner of VIP Tire Store was watching nervously from his shop window when a ruptured gas line exploded across the street and shook his building.

"It was a big boom. Everything went up in flames. It

was pretty nasty," Valentine said.

"It blew up while they were working. I saw somebody catch on fire."

The incident occured just east of Jimmy's Furniture on Grand River Avenue between Wixom and Beck

Valentine said he saw the vapors rise when the gas line was pierced by a drill at between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. About half an hour later, he said, Consumer Power

workers arrived on the scene. From VIP's showroom window, Valentine said he was watching the workers' attempt to repair the puncture when he heard a loud boom and his building shook.

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A 30-foot tall ball of flame rises from the gas main rupture which ignited Wednesday evening on Grand River between Beck and Wixom roads

Photo by HAL GOULD

Recent SEMCOG study finds Novi development continuing

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

A recently released study of residential building permits shows that Novi is among the fastest developing communities in the area.

The study was conducted by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The

council is comprized of seven nearby counties: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Monroe,

Washtenaw and St. Clair. Edward Limoges, a coordinator of planning analysis for SEM-COG's data center, said Novi is one of six towns that together account

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Tax increases may be small

By SCOTT DANIEL

Tax increases in Novi could be a little smaller this year.

Preliminary information from Oakland County indicates that tax increases in residential, industrial, commercial and agricultural

areas in the city could be smaller this year. Each year, Oakland County releases figures for each of its municipalities suggesting what final assessments for each of the four categories should be, on average. The county is responsible for reporting those figues to the state by Dec. 31

each year for the following year's assessments. According to Don Bailey, Oakland County equalization division manager, the figures, which are called "factors," are in for Novi for 1991 assessments. The factors show a decline from

Novi should be escalated by 4 percent this year.

in 1990, Oakland County also recommended a 4 percent increase in the assessment on average. But, according to City Assessor James Klaus-

meyer, Novi actually raised residential assessments 6.7 percent, on average, in 1990. In catagories such as residential, Klausmever said, actual individual assessments vary from neighborhood to neighborhood in the city be-

cause of the value of the property. Oakland County gave factors of 3 percent for commercial and 2 percent for industrial areas in Novi for 1991. This compares to 6 percent factors

last year for both catagories. The county's factor for agricultural areas in Novi also dropped. A 4 percent factor was assigned for this year while 8 percent was factored

in 1990. Overall, a 5 percent increase for real property in Oakland County was factored, Bailey said. "The county's (factors) look reasonable," February in Novi.

Klausmeyer said it is premature to predict what this year's assessments would be. But, he added, that each category would likely vary somewhat from the county's figures.

"Some will go up and some will go down," Klausmeyer said.

The city assessor projected that the state equalized valuation (SEV) of local property would be about \$1.1 billion this year. The SEV is approximately one-half of the cash value of a

For the Oakland County portion of Northville, the county also shows a drop in the factors for assessments.

Residential areas are factored at 6 percent this year, Bailey said. Last year, the factor stood at 9 percent.

Commercial areas are assigned a 3 percent assessment factor while industrial areas at I percent. Last year, those figures were 6 and 5

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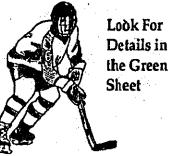
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1990 figures. The county said residential assessments in Klausmeyer said. Assessments will be mailed by the middle of percent respectively.

Novi may form sister city link in Japan

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi is contemplating extending its family network - about 8,000

miles or so. With a group of students and teachers from Owani, Japan, scheduled to brunch with the Novi City Council Sunday, the Asian city is under consideration for the post of Novi's "sister city," Public Information Director Ciridy Stewart said.

"It started with the (Japanese) schools. They just wanted to do something in terms of international relations. They wanted to send stu-

dents to America," Stewart said. Letters sent back and forth between Orchard Hills Elementary School students and their counterparts in Owani spurred the interest.

Representatives of the Japanese school district visited Novi last summer to arrange the four-day visit. The teen-aged guests will stay in local homes, attend Novi High School and have a Tuesday tour of city hall and the police station.

Owani is located in northern Japan. While Stewart has an information packet sent by the visitors, she was at a loss to provide any data on the town. Everything is written in

Japanese, which she doesn't read. "It's a resort town, it's just gorgeous," said Stewart, while leafing through an illustrated book on the

The city council is expected to decide this month if Novi will officially link up with Owani, she added.

In November, Stewart and a representative of the Novi school district attended the first annual meeting of Sister Cities of Michigan, held in Frankenmuth. The state organization is affiliated with the national group. Sister Cities International in

Japanese and Michigan communities engaging in this cultural exchange have become relatively commonplace. One of the most active is the long-term relationship between Detroit and its automobile-producing counterpart, Toyota City.

But not out of the running for Novi's partner is the namesake city. Novi Ligure, Italy. Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger, on a business trip in June, sidetracked to visit the northern Italian community. Leininger said at the time he'd like to

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Nice place to park

Side streets and dirt roads were still very icy from the snowfalls of a week ago, as the driver of this pickup discovered Wednesday morning. The accident happened on Six Mile

Road near Sheldon in Northville Township. No one was hurt, and a pull from a tow truck later got the driver back on

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other recognized ethnic groups were American Indian/Alaskan (56 per-

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Members of the State Board Education, who received the report recently, made almost no comment

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Japanese students visit Novi schools

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

they return from their holiday break

teachers and administrators from the Owani school district in Japan will spend three days visiting Novi The group of 18 students, two

will arrive Saturday and check in at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at Novi. Sunday they will meet their host families at a brunch. Board of Education and Novi City Council members are invited to the Sunday brunch. The city council has

reported an interest in establishing Owani, Japan, as a sister city to Novi. The host families will join the Japanese visitors on a Sunday afternoon tour of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Monday. The Japanese group will get a taste of American cuisine as experlenced by American students when Students at Novi High School can they have lunch in the high school expect to see a few new faces when cafeteria Monday. The students will also receive a tour of the high school. including a video taping in the school's television studio.

On Tuesday, Owani students will

tour Novi City Hall, the police station

and Orchard Hills Elementary School. Orchard Hills is the sister elementary school for the Owani teachers and three administrators School district. Orchard Hills principal Paul LePlae will present books to the sister school in Owani in a morn-The visitors will get a taste of the

big city when they visit Detroit Tuesday afternoon. The trip downtown will include a tour of the Renaissance Center and a ride on the People

The school district will send the visitors on their way Wednesday with a continental breakfast at the Educa-The student visitors will join their tion Services Building Wednesday. host students in attending high
school classes for part of the day
Los Angeles.

Resort town could become sister city

tionship between the two Novis. The Italian municipality responded by mailing him a package of its major export - gourmet

It's possible for a community to have more than one "sister," provided they are not in the same country, Owani is also a natural partner for

predominated were Asians (55 percent) and non-resident aliens (67).

Last bastions of male dominance are different from graduation rates.

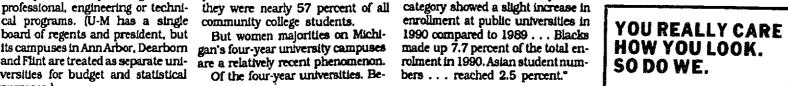
The report, submitted by Superinment enrolled grew slightly faster—up 1.9 percent from 1989—than the Novi, Michigan, she added. Not only does this city have a sizable share of Japanese residents, but local stu-Arbor campus, Ferris State Univer- ments, not graduations. It offered no Women have maintained a alight dents are learning the language. edge in university enrollments for We've got a tie-in with both of several years, particularly evident in them," she said.

The swap of students, local offi-

cials and just plain folks is usually underwritten by fundralsers, Stewwork out an unofficial sister city rela- art said. Typically, the visiting delegation pays its own airfare and the host city then provides all on-ground The idea is to establish a friendly

relationship with another city and that could include the schools and businesses, to trade ideas and interests, to further friendly relations and mutual understanding on a more personal level. It's for global

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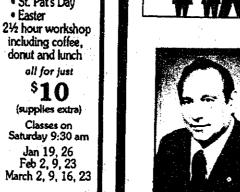
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Car thief nabbed; 2 escape

By SCOTT DANIEL

A 38-year-old Detroit man was arrested Christmas day after allegedly taking part in the theft of two automobiles from the Ford Motor Co. factory in Wixom.

Leonard McCall, 38, was taken into custody early Christmas morning by State Police after a tracking dog followed his trail from the two stolen cars. Two other De troit men believed to be involved in the incident eluded police in the three-hour manhunt.

State Police patroling I-96 first observed the two vehi-cles parked under the Wixom Road overpass at about 4:15 Christmas morning, reports stated. Two males were reportedly standing by the vehicles when troopers flashed a spotlight on the area.

The men then reportedly fled the scene and ran up an embankment heading south on Wixom Road. Troopers then secured the cars and checked to see if any individuals were still in the cars. The officers alerted the Novi and Wixom police departments of the situation as well as the Oakland County Sheriff's department.

Suspecting that the vehicles had possibly been taken from the Wixom Ford plant, troopers contacted the factory's security department. Ford security told the troopers that two cars had been taken from the plant's parking lot that evening under "suspicious circumstances," reports stated.

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Reports said tracking dogs from the State Police Post in Flat Rock, arrived at the scene at about 5 a.m. At that time, it was reported that Novi Police had detained a man who was hitchhiking on southbound I-96 just west of

After following the scent of the men from the Wixom Road overpass, the dog led police to the location where Novi Police had detained McCall, and he was subsequently arrested.

The 38-year-old was then taken to the Northville State Police post where he was charged with the unauthorized driving away of a vehicle, receiving stolen property and resisting and obstructing police officers. The first two charges are felonies that carry five-year penalties while the third is a misdemeanor that carries a two-year

The other two suspects in the incident are described as black males, both 32-years-old and both from Detroit. Anyone with information about the incident should contact the State Police at 348-1505.



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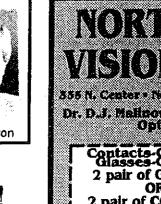
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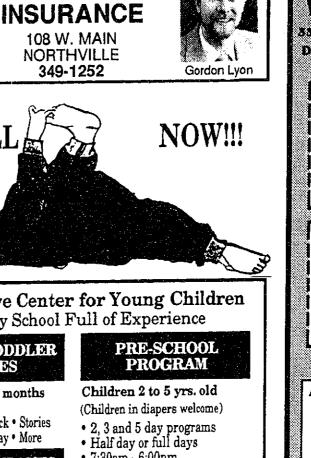
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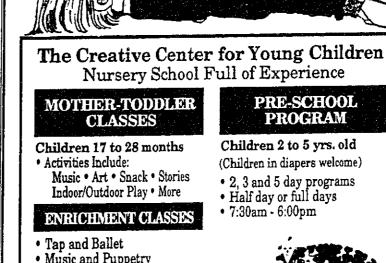


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Seizure leads to car accident

was stolen from a hidden cash drawer at Jonna's Fine Wines store on Grand River in Novi Dec. 27.

Police dispatched to the scene for a breaking-and-entering alarm discovered an open exit door in the buildings southeast corner, which led to the building's storage room.

Police noted that the area around the drawer had been disturbed, and later found that the cash drawer had been removed. Police believe the culprits used a cutting torch to cut through the storage room door, weakening the metal then kicking it

Two sets of footprints led from the storage room, ending in the roadway. The cash tray was found empty on South Gate Boulevard.

ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND EN-TERING — The store manager at Meadowbrock, or Mervyn's at Town Jonna's Party Store on Grand River Center. in Novi told police Dec. 27 that someone had attempted to break in by prying open the rear east door. Police observed fresh prv marks on

the outside of the steel door, which was also pushed in. locked the business on Dec. 24, and rolet Blazer. had discovered the damage on Dec. He told police he had parked his 27 at noon. Although the building is vehicle at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 26. When he The footprints led up to and away any of the above incidents are urged

Obituaries

Robert E. Wagner

Robert E. Wagener, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, of emphysema in his

Mr. Wagener was interred at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial Born in Greenville, Pennsylvania on May 1, 1911 to Mathias and Sarah contributions may be sent to the St. (Creighton) Wagener. He was mar- Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. ried to Mary E. (Ford) Wagener for 50 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit. 48223. years. He attended the University of in the name of Robert E. Wagener.

Mr. Wagener was a senior cost analyst for the Fisher Body Division Phillip E. Young of the General Motors Corporation until his retirement in 1972. He was active in the St. Paul of the Cross Re- Az., died December 19. He lived in the treat Center and St. Gemma Parish Novi area until 1972.

Mr. Wagener is survived by his graham Branch, West Virginia, to wife, Mary; daughters Kathy McGui- Donly and Garnet (Kincaid) Young. fin and Peggy Ondre; sons Thomas, Dennis and James; twelve gradnehil- Young; son Brian; son William of Misdren: sisters Anna Therese SS.J. and souri; sons Craig Jack and James of Regina Marie SS.J. of Erie, Arizona; and daughter Jill (Young)

Rosary and scripture services by his mother, Carnet of West Virgiwere held for Mr. Wagener Thursday nia; brother Donly Jr.; and brother and Friday, Jan. 3 and 4. Funeral Robert of South Carolina. He is also services were held Saturday, Jan. 5 survived by 10 grandchildren

MDOP - The owner of a 1988 There are currently no witnesses Chevrolette Chevette reported Dec. or suspects. 26 that someone had smashed the MISSING RING — A Novi woman

Police News

driver's side window of her vehicle. The woman told police she left the told police Dec. 28 that her yellow vehicle parked in the parking lot at gold ring with six small diamonds 11:30 p.m. Dec. 22. When she re- was missing. turned Dec. 26, she discovered the

Police said evidence at the scene kitchen table. That evening she had ger over to assist. By the time the shows someone had attempted to company at her home. After the manager made her way to the regissteal the radio from the car. There are guests left she was unable to locate ter, the two subjects had departed currently no suspects or witnesses. the ring.

LOST RING - A Novi woman reported Dec. 27 that her daughter had lost a gold ring at either Taco Bell on Eight Mile Road, Perry Drug Store on

The ring is described as gold with six hearts on the band, one pearl and two small diamonds.

MDOP --- A Novi resident reported Dec. 21 that someone had broken the The manager told police he had passenger window of his 1991 Chev-

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at Taco Bell in Novi reported Dec. 29

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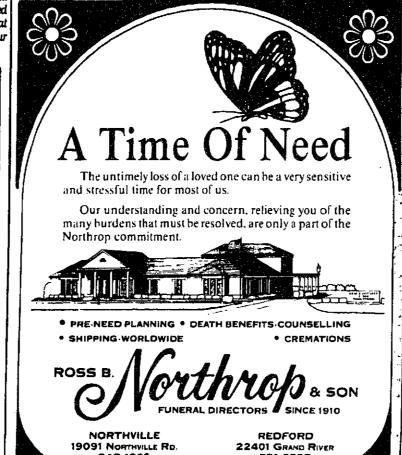
said the female had attempted to dis-Build your own home: The Michigan Builders Institute, in cooperation with the Novi School District's Department of Adult and Community Education, will offer a 24-hour, eight session seminar on how to build your own home beginning Monday, Jan. 14 at Novi High School.

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Senior transit available: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department's senior transit system provides a lift-equipped van to Novi residents who are age 55 or over, or are physically handicapped. Transportation is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Appointments should be made at least 48 hours in advance by calling 347-0400 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays. Let the dispatcher know if you have a handicap or other special

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Support group: Don't suffer in silence. The HAVEN is offering an ongoing rape support group on Thursday evenings in Southfield. For more information and to sign up to attend, call 334-1274. The HAVEN is an organization based in Pontiac designed to provide women will shelter from domestic violence and other violent encounters.



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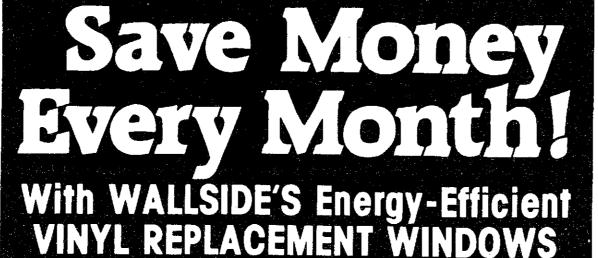
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Novi has chance to create a 'new town'

old, the Novi News recently sat down with the city's planning consultant, Brandon Ropers, to review 1990 and Brandon Rogers, to review 1990 and preview developments in 1991.

There was talk in November that Trammell Crow was having trouble for slightly more than 25 percent of look for the Town Center?

Rogers: I can say at the outset Bloomfield Township have been Crow, is a success. It's a compreheneral years," Limoges said. sive job of private land assembly and other municipal governmental agen- in 1989 in the city. This number comcies to build a major commercial

complex in a short space of time. I think they were able to attract requirements, you have national 1990. chains at Novi Town Center that are

I think the turnover in occupancy couple of years." is normal. It's normal to have a vac-

Ithink the issue here was that they A total of 7,782 building permits had a little park down at the corner of was issued in 1989 in Oakland Grand River and Novi Road which County. Novi's 1,043 issued permits were issued. By 1987, that number has some reported development accounts for more than 13 percent of grew to almost 25,000 before dropproblems: gradeage and proximity to the county's total number of building ping to the 1989 level. vehicular noise. It may not be the best place for a

children's playground, but it's a magnificent place for a focal point of a park . . . maybe of a well-designed small commercial building that is an entry to the Town Center.

I think the gas station (on the corner of Grand River and Novi Road) is in the wrong place and is the wrong size and has outgrown its usefulness at that location. They (Trammell Crow) were addressing the problem you've got office buildings. of, 'Shall we invest more money in something we don't think is going to work out.' I don't think they were pleading poverty. I think they were just pleading frustration.

from being fully developed?

River and one along Novi Road.
On Novi Road, that vacant corner 'north of Manufacturer's Bank, that's Novi Town Center really isn't just one of the pads. Then you go down to Transmell Crow's Town Center. It's

720, and Troy issued 620.

what a recession is here."

building permits issued.

issued increased dramatically,

municipal garage of some sorts.

come into the city, have been special-

package a complete development.

we are looking for the right develop-

That team could be around the corner. But, it may not be next

month, it could be into next year

You haven't had any feelers so

leveled off and fell.

issued in Wixom.

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making a return on retail space. all building in the seven-county reg-There was also talk of adjusting ion. He added that the city was in the plans for the Town Center to save top 10 municipalities in the region for Trammell Crow money. Where are residential building permits issued those plans and what is the out- in two of the last three years (from Novi, Farmington Hills and West

that Novi Town Center, by Trammell among the hot spots in the last sev-According to the study, a total of represents cooperation with city and 1,043 building permits were issued

pares to 374 in 1988 and 824 in Don Saben, deputy building offitenants quickly covering the spec- cial in Novi, said his department estitrum of off-price and full-price. mates that a total of more than 800 Through adherence to our signage building permits were issued in

chains at Novi Town Center that are attractive, and in my opinion, will redential, said Saben. Residential growth has really spurted in the last

Novi is the "hub of the transportaaricy ratio. It's not the fault, in my tion route" in southeast Michigan, he opinion, of Trammell Crow. It may be said, in accounting for the residential the fault of the individual tenant who development. Saben added that the 1989 for the SEMCOG region totaled hasn't been able to cut ii, mainly be- city's access to the highways and re- 21,68. The council reports that from cause we are in a very difficult eco- tail shopping areas make it an attractive period of 1984 to 1989, permits residential. Windsborough Park, tive place for residents.

Trammell Crow has now sort of downtown in Novi? adopted Novi Town Center as the mantle over not just the shopping center, but also of the office buildings laid down. to the east.

They are developing a Town Center of not just shopping. They have entertainment, a Vic Tanny's, and

Can you project how long it will art work, they want road ways and a take the Town Center area to be

Rogers: If we hadn't had this How far away is the Town Center downturn, I would have said [Trammell Crow) would have everything developer to come in who is able to they own . . . up within the next two They have a number of to three years. With this recession, I pads, future building aites, remaining . . . two or three along Grand think you can add a year. Instead of ldeas, we've given them the potential, two or three years, I see it in three to which we think is dynamite here, and

Grand River on either side of the four quadrants, not just one. Tram-NBD. These have been laid out as mell Crow, to my knowledge, doesn't part of the Town Center.

You have three, maybe four, building sites remaining on the perimeter which will be sold or leased off to be

have involvement in the other three quadrants: Roman Plaza and the Beacon Hill quadrant and Sandstone.

Studies show

animal abuse can lead to human abuse.

SEMCOG study points American Federal Savings of Dallas. Texas, has not apparently felt comfortable with the options as being able to perform. It could be, the land is rather expensive, that some of these Texas

> S & La are in pretty tough shape and In Oakland County, only three don't want to give the land away. other communities compare to Novi They want to get as much as they can in terms of permits issued in 1989. out of it. It could be that the develop-Farmington Hills issued 917 per- ers that have shown an interest . . . mits, while Rochester Hills issued they have felt that's a lot of money to put down in an uncertain market. For other notable Oakland County

Rogers: There have been people who have tried to option the land, but

communities, 1989 saw few permits Would it be fair to say then that issued. In Southfield, 120 building the development of downtown permits were issued. Only 180 were would take offsiter this recession?

"We can't build homes fast enough Rogers: I don't know whether we in Novi," Saben said. "Nobody knows have a recession in Novi. They say some cities get pneumonia but Novi-In the Oakland County portion of Northville just gets sniffles. the City of Northville, 40 permits My familiarity with what is hap-

were issued in 1989. The study pening in the metro area is that there shows that 110 were issued in the are some communities where no-Wayne County side of the city. North-thing is happening. Nothing at all. ville Township saw 327 residential The lenders aren't lending money, they are conservative, and people Novialso compares well to its other aren't able to borrow enough money

Canton Township issued 545 buildlittle hesitant. But, in Novi we are getting proing permits while the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township comjects. We've got Sandstone moving ahead. We've got Solomon and Sosbined issued only 208. Livonia issued sin moving ahead. We've got the meddence Hospital and we have half-adozen big cluster and open space

Getting back to downtown, how In 1984, about 13,000 permits does the death of the Grand Plan affect the downtown development

Rogers: It would have been nice to How far along, besides the Town provide an orderly transition for Center, is the development of a some of the businesses from the Town Center. Without classifying them as any-

Walden Woods . . .

Rogers: It's not just talk; there has thing but good citizens, that were we been a lot of good plans and concepts able to relocate Fendt Concrete and What I perceive happening is that (in) this southeast quadrant they want housing, they want shops, they want offices, they want apartments, they want a Main Street, they want

What we have to do is work around You're talking to a developer who's them. We're just going to have to wait But, it will have to be well-thought- -office, retail, industrial, high-tech. being asked to do many things. The until perhaps they move of their own out, well-planned and a suitable site research and development. developers that I've seen, that have volition to a larger site. We have to be will have to be selected. I foresee The Master Plan will be finished in very pragmatic and determined. maybe another shopping center. ists. I think we would like to get some

evolutional process? Is it being re- development in Novi? newed? Is it mature?

. . . but what is happening is that we

something with our Town Center,

good example.

Rogers: Novi is only a third developed. It has caught on with this need this year was Beck Village Plaza. to improve itself before it got built up. We have a chance in Novi to almost create a new town on largely undeve-start construction next year, but loped land. There are older parts of planning has been done this year. the city that we have to work around

have some large land assemblers coming in and picking up loose scraps of property. Sandstone is a has been less, substantially less,

Where is Novi in this evolving histhan the year before. There has been torical society of ours? I think had not a dip in the demand for commercial in the last 10 to 20 years the city space that has deterred other startfathers said "wait a minute," lets do ups.

chance to create a new community.

Rogers: It's an issue that was presented to the council and the council

Changing gears, what can we exvelopment in 1991?

Rogers: We have enough retail in Novi to serve the needs of residents in the citizens, the philosophy state- mendation for that property. But ment of the council and planning neither the old Master Plan nor the commission is that we do not want to proliferate shopping centers at every

expected population. What do we home park usage, then it sort of have on line coming up? Very little in washes out the underlying zoning. A shopping center.

However, we have some commer- accompli. cial zoning that will be used. One is Stricker Paint and some of the other Meadowbrook Run. Then we've got long-term bussinesses that helped Beck Village. There will be other build Novi, those properties, in my shopping centers built in Novi - date be complete? opinion, would be better used for Target, ABC Warehouse. They want things compatible with the Town to come into Novi. Everyone wants to Center - commercial, office or be at the crossroads of southeastern year

Where is Novi in terms of the Was 1990 a good year in retail

ter) I can recall under construction Oakpointe Plaza . . . that's a center of 51,000 square feet . . . that should

Has retail development been deelining over the last several years?

Rogers: Yes. The last year there

let's develop planned-unitdevelopment ordinances . . . I think court ruled in July that the soning they just said wait a minute, this is a on which Paragon Properties wants to build was "confiscatory and unreasonable." This brings up Is there any plans to revive the a question of soning in the city. Is the current soning adequate for development in upcoming years?

Rogers: I think it is. We have very nearby Wayne County neighbors. to do a major project. Everyone is a in their good judgment decided not to comprehensive zoning regulation and we are fine-tuning it all the time. The Paragon case, which is still on appeal, that site is . . . for future inpect to see in the way of retail de- dustrial use. Now that the council has decided not to proceed with the Grand Plan or rezone the property. they have requested the planning commission reconsider the appropri Novi many times over. The goals of ateness of the Master Plan recom-

> home park usage on that 75 acres. But, that may be history because if We have planned shopping cen- it's sustained in the courts that it's leters in strategic locations to serve the gitimate and proper to have mobile new commercial. No new land is be- mobile home park may be built on the ing proposed currently for another property. The master plan (would) have to recognize that as a fait

current Master Plan propose mobile

When will the Master Plan up-

Rogers: We are doing part of it this

The Master Plan governs the posi-I forsee other commercial in Novi. tion not of housing but all land uses

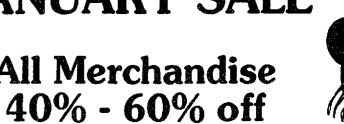
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be high priority items for the city in de-

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to design the contracts for collection so

One final point on solid waste dis-

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As We See It

Our agenda for Novi in the coming year

Anyone who believes that the pacof development is going to slow down in the City of Novi in the coming year, due to the predictions of a coming economic recession, ought to think again. Most local experts contend that building here will continue at close to its present pace, regardless of the prospects for a recession. The economic slow down of the early '80s Government may have given community planners a breather in their efforts to deal with the pace of construction, but few think the recession of 1991 will produce a similar municipalities nearby in which revolving

So anyone thinking of the priorities coffers to fund the purchase of open for the city in the coming year must place space land without requiring an addidevelopment, planning it and controlling tional tax investment by voters. Such an it, high on Novi's agenda.

Town Center Development

The Novi City Council rejected the administration's so-called Grand Plan to lopment on the City of Novi has been an set up a coordinated program for relocatoccassional problem in the summer time ing industrial and other incompatible with inadequate water pressure for uses from the Town Center area to an industrial park on the west side of the city. But the council members also indicated likelihood City of Detroit will agree to that they were not killing off the concept. provide water for the western portion of just eliminating the coordinated ap- Novi, but for those homes which are alproach. The impact, of course, is that the ready on Detroit water, the service has to work of moving incompatible companies be adquate. A solution to water pressure out of the town center area will now become a piecemeal, one at a time, process. ity for the city, even if it requires an in-That's not necessarily bad. The end re-vestment in such things as booster sult could well be a increase in control of pumps improvements to existing water the process by the city council, assuring mains.

it is done in the best possible manner. Restrict further growth of the sys-With this in mind, the redevelop- tem if you will, those residents now in the nent of the Town Center area, to our system should be able to get good serminds, must remain a top priority for the vice. It is a public health and safety city, not only attracting the private sec-question. tor to participate but in working to clean up the incompatible uses. Solid Waste Disposal

The city is attempting something Solid waste disposal will likely be a here few city's would even dream of - to major issue in Novi in 1991. At present, develop a downtown area where there Novi is part of a consortium of cities had not been one. Most city's are trying working to set up a waste collection and to figure out how to save old downtowns. recycling system. Novi's council is now Nonetheless, there is every indication considering mandatory source separathe effort is working for the city. And a tion for city residents to enable curbside part of secret of the success is that area recycling. grown to the point it draws customers from across the region. Sustainability is must, of course. But we would like to see now the question, and the best way to the city set up an interim time period in ensure that is to make sure the project which compliance is voluntary so that reaches completion in the near-term residents can learn the system and deve-

Planning Development

Of course, the Town Center will not be the only part of Novi under development pressure in the coming year. According to statistics released recently by as to allow the smaller waste hauling the Southeast Michigan Council of Gov- companies to compete with the larger ernments (SEMCOG), Novi is among the firms. An effort to keep the collection disfasted developing communities in the region. And city officials and construction be competitive would likely be in the industry experts say that is not likely to city's interest in the long run.

With that in mind, updating the posal — the city should also endeavor to Master Plan is a top priority. City plan- provide residents with curbside pick up ners are now beginning a master plan re- of hazardous household chemical vision and expect much of the work will wastes. As things stand, there is a possibe done this year. But continual updates bility residents might have to transport of the plan appear to be in order is the their household hazardous wastes to the city is develop in the most orderly fash- consortium's facility, now likely to be located in Southfield. Faced with that, ion possible. there is high possibility a few residents

Open Space Preservation

Two years ago, Novi voters turned out in the backyard. Only a system down a millage request to pay for the which includes curbside pickup of hapurchase of more parkland, but that zardous household wastes will be a comdoes not mean the city's efforts to preserve open space need come to a halt. There are numerous alternative Ethics Policy methods for acquiring park land and the There has been much discussion of

city should explore all the available the proposed Novi ethics policy and cri-For one, developers often are will-quiring too much disclosure, the city

ing to dedicate land within their commay discourage participation by some plexes and subdivisions as open space otherwise well-qualified city residents. for the future. It's in their interest, We can appreciate the concern, but it frankly, since that open space adds to also seems reasonable that residents the value of their development. And this and voters should know what financial is useful tool for preserving wetlands and interests city officials may have. We'd other areas which are difficult to deve- like to see disclosure of city-related filop. Such areas are particularly desirnancial matters and income, realty holdable for preservation, considering they ings within the city, and gifts and graare often environmentally sensitive and tuities presented by those who have incan be kept as what is referred to as 'pas- terests' in the city of Novi. sive recreation" land.

Grants are also available from the but there should be some assurance a state and federal government, which the city officials is not operating in selfcity should make all efforts to pursue. interest, and disclosure is the only prac-But there is also a plan adopted by other tical means of providing it.

A night at Ma Deeter's place



Jumped in the car and headed The only woman in Ma Deeter's was the bartender. The smell the pine trees and shiver together for a campfire. great outdoors—a friend's piece and a key.

of property where there was lay our weary heads.

"Let's go home," he responded.

down to his chest.

"How's \$20 for the both of you sound?" he asked. "Not bad," we responded. We expected him to send us to a small family motel just dying for our business. "Then let me call Ma Deeter's place," he said. He picked up the phone and confirmed that Ma Deeter's, sure 350-pound biker with a beard," he said. enough, had room for us.

between Grayling and Mio along a two-lane highway. lit up with delight as she sent us to the pancake breakfast in fact, Ma Deeter's almost was Luzerne, Michigan. It at the VFW Hall.

It's amazing the things you was certainly the largest and most brightly-lit building. run into when you aren't This is God's Country - don't drive through like hell," ordered a large, hand-lettered sign in the parking lot. Last weekend, feeling a need On the door of Ma Deeter's, a smaller sign warned us to get away, my husband and I that no guns or knives were allowed in the bar.

north for just one night. We rest of the place was filled with an assortment of men wanted to go where we could dressed like Mike from the last bar. I leaned over the bar. "Hi," I screamed over the amazing in the cold as we piled sticks din. "We need a place to spend the night."

The woman, a slim, pretty but tired-looking person with Yes, we were heading for the long hair, nodded. She turned around, picked up a book "Sign in," she instructed us, "\$25 for the both of you. supposed to be a small, unlocked camper waiting for us to and if you bring back the key you get your \$5 back."

Upon completing our transaction, we followed her in-But when we arrived at the scene, we were in for a cruel structions and climbed the outdoor stairs to the room. surprise: the camper was locked. We were out in the cold. Our room was nothing but a double bed and a sink. It We debated our fate. We argued. "Let's go to a hotel," I was clean, but I was terribly concerned. Where was the

After snooping around, I found it down the hall. The up-We finally came to a short-term agreement. We went to a stairs portion of Ma Deeter's was comprised of two long, narrow hallways with many tiny rooms. The hallways met The bar we landed at was a small, empty hole-in-the- at an opening where the bathrooms and a few tiredwall with a bartender named Mike. Mike wore a flannel looking couches could be seen by the light of a streetlamp. lumberjack shirt, a Harley-Davidson hat and a beard The noise of the band was as loud upstairs as it was downstairs, but for some reason I found the place im-I asked him if he knew of any inexpensive places to stay. mensely charming.

The next morning we decided to go somewhere for breakfast. Where could we eat in Luzerne? "Let's ask Ma Deeter," I suggested. My husband laughed. "Ma Deeter is probably some

But she wasn't. Ma Deeter was already up, cleaning the Ma Deeter's was a bar in Luzerne, Michigan — halfway rooms. When we asked her where to eat breakfast, her face

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell





Deep in thought

Vets advise 'do it right'



these were the unmistakable annexation.

could see any parallels between turning soldiers. prised that they said they didn't

tions in the Middle East seem the same. whole region would eventually become communist and endanger U.S. security.

If you apply this principle to the situation in the Middle East, Kuwait would be the first domino, if Kuwait was ailowed to fall into the hands of Saddam Hussein the rest of the Middle East, which holds the keys to our basic unit of

energy, oil, would be in danger as well. The veterans, however, made some valid points. Dale ampl of Novi, who served in the Navy on several destroyer ships, said the enemy, Iraq, would be easily recognizable. He said in Vietnam that soldiers didn't wear uniforms and often, enemies could be those you least expected -- children, women or North Vletnamese sympathizers.

Bitterness, anger and James Sugre of Northville, an Army veteran of Vietnam. frustration. In talking to several said Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was a pure act of agression. Vietnam veterans for a story. Vietnam was a civil war of sorts, aimed at unification, not

feelings that could be sensed as Paul Root, a longtime Novi resident and Navy veteran of they spoke of their experiences Vietnam, said that the situations were different because in the war and what should be the American public is behind the "Desert Shield" operadone today in the Middle East. tion. He likened the situation to World War II and not I asked these veterans if they Vietnam, where many resisted the draft and scorned re-

the situation in the Middle East All three of these veterans agreed on a bit of advice to the and the Vietnam War. I was surgovernment: If you are going to fight, fight to win. Each of them felt that the government kept American see many similarities since the military forces from winning the Vietnam War. This is principle for our actions in Vietnam and our potential ac- where the bitterness and anger came into their words.

These three men didn't appear to be angry about the The "domino effect." The idea being that if South sacrifices they made for their country. They did appear an-Vietnam was allowed to fall into communist hands the gry that the government wouldn't let them do their job. They urged the government not to do it again. Said Root: "Do the job and get out. Don't hesitate on the

force. Do what you have to do and get out." Said Lampl: "Do it right. Do it one time and get it done." Said Sugre: "It (should) be swift, fast action. It should be handled that way and not (have the military's) hands tied behind their backs."

History has taught us that you can't appease a tyrant. Hopefully, history has also taught us that you shouldn't fight a war unless you are committed to winning it. Listen to your soldiers Uncle Sam. Do it with bold intentions, or not at all. Perhaps then your veterans will be a little less bitter about having done their duty.

Archer has time to clean up his act



foul-mouthed as De- strated pride of the city of Detroit? troit Mayor Coleman "Then, as if to add insult to injury, was the information. Young, and he may city of Detroit the only city in the United States

decision to leave the of assaultive behavior . . .

I've already written several times about how national networks resurrected 'the 1967 Archer and Justice Michael Cavanagh consti-riots." in civil cases and easy on defendants in crimi- other property) to the messenger. Remember, bitterness.

But let's look at Archer's marked resemb- media. lance to Young on another issue.

of the State Bar Association and filled a page in zines, radio, local television and network televi- "the media." the Michigan Bar Journal magazine. He wrote sion with the same dirty brush — "the media." about the elation which 52,000 people inside What would you call statements like: "Jews can afford a continuation of Young's bitterness, the stadium and 10,000 to 20,000 outside felt—are mercenary," "Arabs are sneaky," "blacks—isolation and media-bashing. at the Detroit Tigers' World Series victory. "(0)ut of all these, 35 to 75 individuals, mostly from the suburbs, helped to destroy the

are shiftless, " "Italians are mobsters"? Bigoted,

"A breath of fresh "Newspapers across the country and na- take offense at it. If my paper is inaccurate or air," said a Detroit tional television and radio networks concen- clumsy, blame my paper, not "the media." columnist, referring trated their coverage of that final World Series Third, "Devil's Night" is indeed a Detroit pheto Dennis Archer's victory on burning police cars and isolated acts nomenon. People from outstate and other states say they never heard of "Devil's Night" state Supreme Court "But was it really necessary for the news me-until they got to the Detroit area. Editors on na-

and presumably get dia to focus nearly all their attention on the actional news desks say the same. "Devil's Night" is absolutely a news story, in into Detroit politics. tions of these few and virtually ignore the year He had it wrong. long efforts of the Detroit Tigers, the support the category of a plane crash or teenagers get-Archer may not be as and enthusiasm of the fans and the demon- ting killed in a car wreck, it's not a fun story, like schools or business or politics. But it's public

Archer is off on the wrong foot — Coleman be a slicker orator, to experience 'Devil's Night' on Oct. 30? . . . Young's foot — if he intends to become mayor of but otherwise Archer may represent little. When fire department crews from other cities the city with one-fifth of the region's were called to help fight a few fires in Detroit, population.

I've listened to Young. He's extremely bitter at how he was treated by whites, the Catholic tute a two-man, extremely left wing on the Mi
Like Young, Archer first shifts attention from schools and the military in his childhood and chigan Supreme Court, going hard on business the problem (destruction of police cars and young manhood. There is cause for his

the vandals were the culprits, not the news In 17 years as mayor, Young has never set foot in a meeting of the Southeast Michigan Second, Archer paints metropolitan news- Council of Governments. He blames Detroit's In December of 1984, Archer was president papers, community newspapers, news maga- and his personal political and legal problems on Neither Detroit nor the seven-county region

Detroit's mayoral election is three years away. Archer has time to clean up his act. It's equally bigoted of Archer to make a Tim Richard reports regularly on the local

A resolution at the New Year



kept. My wife and I definition of "fast food" undeniably helped.

Pizza and coney dogs, for example, were still So now I'm starting to take the idea of resolutions more seriously than before, and I want to make one for the newspaper. The resolution is this: to work toward making The Novi News the

best it's ever been. This yow starts out with a handicap or two. For one, everyone has a different idea of what one of two reasons to turn down such a request:

the typical week or lost an editor. Other staff members came and rare.)

Jobs pretty much have our feet on the ground. sence of their jobs: covering Northville.

When people call up and ask if we can cover a And come next January, let me know how the given item with a story or picture, we can say resolution worked out. "yes" more than ever before. There are usually makes a community newspaper good. Because not enough space in the paper or not enough of that, I won't really know if the paper is better time to do it. We're basically never turning re- Bob Needham is editor of The Novi News and tharrever. But I think most readers would agree quests down for space reasons now; and nos the Novi News.

Upuntillastyear, I that "a good newspaper" includes a few basics, for time are less frequent, because of the added never had much luck with new year's resolution. The last year was a year of upheaval for the request because, for whatever reason, it's inaputions. They lasted News; we added a Monday publication date and propriate for a local paper. But this is relatively

before went. (That's not unusual — but the degree of In addition, I think we've become more effiturnover was, and it added to the overall effect.) cient in some of our operations, so that the staff Now I think those of us who are new to our members can all devote more time to the es-Don't get me wrong; I think the paper last year I think, I believe, I hope, that you will see con-

was very good. But I know it can get better. tinued improvement in the paper over the The major component of a good local paper. course of the year. The Thursday edition should months, and we the one with which I think most everyone would be as valuable as ever, only better, and the agree, is simply local news — what's going on in Monday edition should continue to find its footthe community. This paper includes more local ing and increase in worth to the public. news now than ever before. Adding a Monday In one sense — a vital one — the local news

publication helped allow us to add a reporter, a paper belongs to the community. If you have copy editor, and about 10 hours a week of suggestions of things to cover, of how to prioritphotographer's time (all of which are shared ize what we cover, or generally anything we can with our sister paper, the Novi News). do better, please call. Our number is 349-1700.

"It's a pain-in-the-back work, because you're

there," he said, "We found, believe it or not, a check

"It makes you appreciate the thought of litter-

Cadillac workers adopt highway

By JAN JEFFRES

On four Saturdays scattered throughout the businesses. year, you may see people in orange vests picking "I didn't anticipate it would happen on this large always bent down. It's amazing how much is out up trash and stuffing garbage bags along scale in the metropolitan area, Savas said. Interstate-96 between Meadowbrook and Taft Ron Roby, marketing director for Cadilla

They are not chain-gang members working out this summer. On a voluntary basis, about a dozen their debt to society — or urban archaelogists employees four times yearly pitch in to collect rubbacking down cultural clues. They're "adopted parents" and employees of Cadillac Asphalt Paving Company.

The firm has officially taken under its wing the fit. The company shows its support of the comtwo-mile stretch of the freeway as part of a Michi-munity. It also gets a little free publicity from the highway, where it is then collected by the transgan Department of Transporation (MDOT) "Adopt" road sign. And customers notice, Roby said. A Highway" program. Recently, the state placed signs along the highway to announce the Novi Cadillac signed on in June. Another Novi com-

pany to join up is Community Emergency Medical Services, which will clean-up I-96 between Taft and Wixom roads.

.MDOT started the program a year ago, expecting that about 500 community service groups would join throughout the state, said Ernie Savas, MDOT district operating engineer for Wayne, Oak-"Instead. 863 organizations have applied lights, lumber and pre-deposit era bottles. Above stares."

statewide and 662 have already been assigned their two miles. Many of them — including half of food wrappers and empty cigarette packs, the Cathe 70 volunteer groups in Oakland County -- are dillac workers found.

Ron Roby, marketing director for Cadillac deposit slip made out and dated 1971. It was still Asphalt, said the corporation joined the program—in good shape."

For Cadillac, the program has a two-fold bene- "lots of snakes." "People come out and see us and see we're involved in the community. Customers see us. The June 1, National Trash-out Day, Savas said. state likes it because they get some trash picked The job was done exclusively in the past by state up and the only cost is the sign," he added.

ocal shopping centers picks up.

hours on Saturdays, before traffic headed for the teers aiding in the dirty work. in past clean-ups, the company has sacked an average of 200 bags of trash, Roby said.

youth corps could be cut back, but that is not our intention, to cut back at this time." said Savas. This includes paper, old tires, batteries, dis- Cadillac Asphalt learned about the program in

ing. If we see anything falling out and it happens to be in our area, we're distressed about it." Also found on the side of the road are snakes, The bagged garbage is left on the side of the

portation department. A clean-up this year has been scheduled for summer youth corps workers. The youth corps The volunteers go out in the early morning will continue the roadside pickup, with the volun-

"Mavbe one day if we get enough volunteers, the intention, to cut back at this time," said Savas. carded clothing, old credit cards, shopping bags a trade journal, Roby said: "I think a lot of people full of brand-new merchandise, tail lights, head think we are convicts. We get a lot of strange

Meads Mill kids bash Bush Saudi policy

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

Meads Mill seventh-graders are willing to do anything they can for American service men and women in Saudi Arabia, but their support for U.S. intervention in the Middle East ends there. Students in Shirley Klokkenga and Kim Ward's

seventh-grade English classes began corresponding to soldiers in Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the school year. The students overwhelmingly letter. agree that President George Bush erred in sending Americans to defend Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Oklahoma before going to Saudi Arabia, wrote to from Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

"I think it's dumb for the people to be over there." Mark Anstine said. They're sent over there when they didn't have a choice." Jenry Cooley agreed. "I believe it's stupid," she said.

They are such a small country, why can't Ger-

many and Russia combine to just blow them up. We need more support from the rest of the world." The U.S. should support world peace, not encourage dissension in the Middle East, Michelle Mackinder said. "I don't see why we're over there," Mackinder

Autumn Stewart hates everything about the conflict. Her brother is among the Americans stationed in Saudi Arabia.

But the class was not unanimous in its condemnation of U.S. policymakers. "I think it's kind of good because they're (Iraqi leaders) being really mean to us," Joe Leo said. Kajal Parikh sees both sides. "We're helping someone, but I think it's still bad

that we're there," she said. Ward's and Klokkenga's classes sent letters addressed to "any service man or woman." Some of the students, after receiving responses, began corresponding with the soldiers who received their or-

Roger Von Leake, who had been stationed in with necessities like shampoo, cereal, and thank Cole for her support.

"It's kids like you, all back in (the) U.S., keep us feeling proud of what we are doing," he wrote. He asked Cole to write him another letter with updates on sports scores. Paul Calahan wrote to share a thoughts on Saudi Arabia.

"It's hot in the afternoon and real cool at night,"

Calahan wrote. "It's also boring."

When students like Cole began to receive two responses to a single letter, Klokkenga said she reing the letters.

from newspapers. Jenny Cooley sent a gold charm that once belonged to her grandmother. "I gave it to him for good luck," Cooley said. January. It's a waste of time."

Klokkenga was originally concerned that Cooley might someday regret giving away a family

"I asked her, 'Are you sure you want to do this? " Klokkenga said. Cooley was sure. She never wore the charm anyway, she said. Students recently sent holiday packages to

Saudi Arabia. Becky Orto sent an engraved brass mug. But Andrea Moretti said most people sent boxes filled ketchup and mustard samples.

class as students receive them. What they learn from the letters, Klokkenga said, helps keep the seventh-graders informed about the conflict in Saudi Arabia. The lesson learned by Andrea Moretti has been

The letters from Saudi Arabia are read to the

that the U.S. role as a superpower can have a ne-"The soldiers are lonely; we need to support

them," Moretti said. But she does not see a need to support U.S. inalized the service men and women must be shar- volvement in the Middle East. Moretti is particularly upset that the president will have forced sev-That's when we realized they were lonely, and eral service men and women to spend months they did want to hear from home, "Klokkenga said. away from home. She said she thinks he should Students responded by mailing videotapes of have waited until the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to television programs, cassette tapes and clippings withdraw from Kuwait drew nearer to send forces

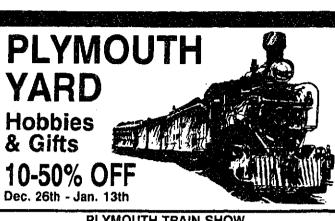
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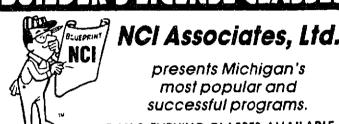
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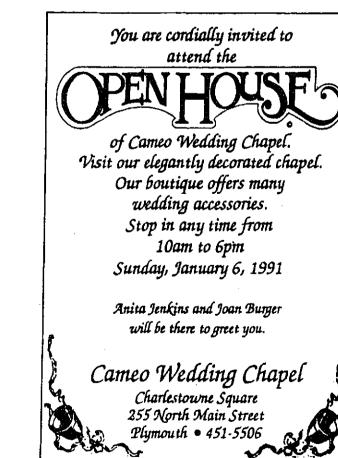
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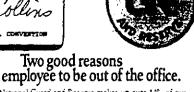
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Six men injured in gas line fire

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The contractor was drilling under Grand River with a large drill-like device called an auger, Rugh explained. The auger struck a six-inch diameter gas line under the road and ripped a one-inch by five-inch hole in the gas

Rugh said the auger, which was stuck in the gas line, was removed at 4:30 p.m. At 5:15 p.m. a Consumers Power crew began installing a sleeve-like device over the torn pipe to fix the gas leak.

"Normally, that would have stopped the gas leak and everything would have been fine," Rugh said. "But this time, as they were bolting it down, the gas became

Community EMS transported six Consumers Power employees to Huron Valley Hospital and Providence Hos-

Listed as injured at Providence were Consumers Power employees J. James of Redford, David Hough of Jackson, and Dane Nielsen of Royal Oak. They were treated and released for minor burns to the face.

Transported to Huron Valley Hospital was 27-year-old Dennis Walker, of Royal Oak, who was treated and released for first and second degree burns to the forehead and neck and 32-year-old Mike McCurry, of Clawson, for first and second degree burns to the wrist and neck. A third patient, 32-year-old David Runge, of Livonia, was treated for second degree burns on both arms and his head. He was also released.

Rugh said the cause of the ignition was unknown. "It's hard to pinpoint," he said. "It could have been any of a number of things. Even static electricity in somebody's clothing could have caused it."

At this point, Rugh said, "the best and safest thing to do was to turn off the gas line, using a regulator valve. He said the fire was out at 6:45 p.m., shortly after the gas was turned off.

The action shut off the gas to approximately 650 homes and businesses, including the Ford Wixom plant, which Rugh said was the largest business affected. Dave Swan, production clerk at the plant, said all

workers on the afternoon shift were sent home. Rugh said a section of the gas line would have to be cut out and replaced, but Consumers Power hoped to have the gas turned back on by midnight.



Firefighters were unable to put the biaze out. They had to wait for Consumer's Power to turn off gas in the main and let the fire burn itself out.

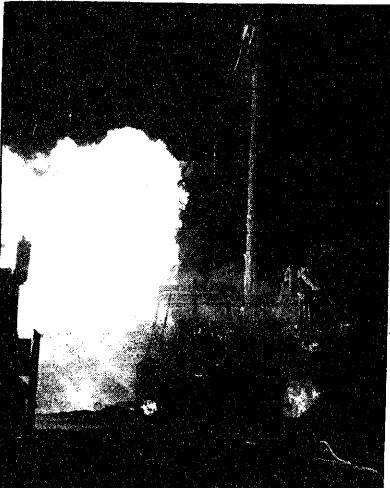


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Consumers Power workers believed they had nearly completed repairs to the gas main leak when the fire ignited. What sparked the blaze is not known.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Firefighters hose down a nearby building to ensure the fire from the blazing gas main won't spread.

Explosion rocked building

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Six people were injured when the gas combusted. Witnesses estimate the gas ignited at about 5:15 that evening.

We came barrelling a -- out of the store." said Mike Savat, a diesel mechanic from the nearby Novi Truck &

"I got the hell out of there." Valentine estimated that a pillar of fire rose as high as 40 feet. Welding trucks in the area were hosed down,

he said. A strong odor of gas spread along the one-mile stretch of Grand River. Flames shot halfway up a utility pole.

As the fire intensified, Valentine and four employees moved down Grand River Avenue to O'Shea's Tavern to take shelter from the 28-degree weather and to monitor news programs on the bar's widescreen television.

"I figured it was a nice place to come and see if my business would still be there." Valentine said, while four of his employees wondered if they'd be able to go to work Thursday. "I'm going to wait until the fire is

Lyon Township, Northville Township and Wixom fire departments assisted the Novi Fire Department. along with officers from the Novi.

Wixom and state police departments. Gas service to at least 650 Novi residences, including Old Dutch Farm and Novi Meadows mobile home parks and the Wixom Ford plant was

No one took advantage of the city's offer of shelter at the Novi Civic Center, parks and recreation director Dan Davis said.



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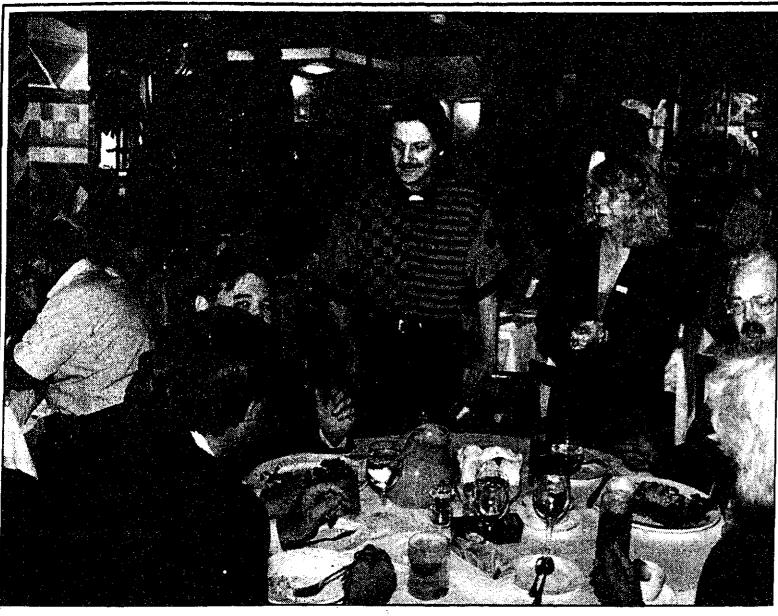
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Too Chez Owner Toni Wisne (standing, right) greets guests with Maltre d' Achille Blanchi (standing, center)

RATING THE SECOND LAIL LO LETS YOU BE

So put down your forks - just for a moment and pick up a pen to share your restaurant know-

That's what we're asking our readers to do in the second annual Northville Record/Novi News Categories in our poil include best overall restaurant, best service, best breakfast restaurant, best sandwiches, best desserts, best atmosphere, Here's your chance to let others know where to best pizza, best burgers, best seafood, best ethnic find the best: the best hamburgers, the best atmofood, best fast food, best soups and best steak. sphere, the best places to eat in Northville and There's also room for comments, in case you want to elaborate.

ledge with others - and forget about your diet.

At right you'll find a restaurant poll entry form. Following are a few rules to keep in mind:

Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are elig-Tell us where you go to enjoy a leisurely breakfast when you don't feel like cracking eggs and ible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot squeezing oranges. Let us know which eatery you must include your name, address and telephone think serves the juiciest, most tantalizing burgers number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the poll.

Let us know where you go to feed your sweet • Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be tooth. Let us know who's got the best pizza. Who accepted. Photodcopied ballots will not be considhas fast service? We want to know, and so do our ered. These restrictions will help us avoid ballot-

Upon completing the entry form, mail it by Feb. 1 to: Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 Attention: Restaurant

ANNUAL POLL

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms also may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we'll compile the results of the poll and publish them in the Feb. 21 edition of The Northwille Record and the Novi News.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for four at one of the Northville/Novi restaurants included in the poll.

If you have any questions about the poll, don't hesitate to call us at 349-1700. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

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RESTAURANT POLL

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

- 1. Only restaurants in Northville/Novi area are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot.
- 2. To help us avoid ballot-box stuffing, each ballot must include your name, address, and phone number. Ballots without this information will be thrown out.
- 3. Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will be thrown out.
- 4. Mail your completed ballot by Feb. 1 to: The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Or drop it off at our offices.
- 5. Poll results will be published Feb. 21.
- 6. One ballot will be selected at random, and the winner will receive dinner for four at the Novi/Northville restaurant. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner)

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Trio helps program at area church



Photo by JAMES TOTTEN

Marty Greer, Jenda Milis and Anita Saurer are the volunteers who run the Novi Emergency Food Program at Faith United Presbyterian Church in Novi. The food shelter provides meals for hungry area families year-round. People interested in contributing to the food program can call 349-5666.

By JAMES TOTTEN Special Writer

Every other Monday morning in Novi, several women can be found distributing food to the needy at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church. Marty Greer, Jenda Mills and

Anita Saurer are the volunteers who living that badly around here," said run the Novi Emergency Food Prog- Anita Saurer. ram year round.

According to Dick Henderson, minister at Faith Community, the program will be 10 years old next year and to get by." is supported through donations from individuals, employees of the school ienced cycles of low food supply, the district, the Novi Rotary Club and volunteers have noticed it is running other churches. He described the wo- low compared to last year at this men working the program as extremely dedicated.

there are people living like this," said families seeking support. Marty Greer, who has been involved with the program for the past 6 years. ram received additional support from

past two years, feels that more people ing his Eagle badge which is missing need to become aware of those people this year. facing hard times.

The women have brought their children to help while giving out the food and believe it sets a good example by making them more aware.

The issue of poverty, according to the volunteers, is emphasized more as a problem strictly in Detroit than in Novi or the surrounding areas. "Most people do not think of people

Henderson remembered a family that "lived in one of the better suburbs and were selling their furniture

Although the program has expertime. In addition, they have noticed that the demand has been rising re-"Many people are not aware that cently and see a trend in younger

They noted that last year the prog-Jenda Mills, a volunteer for the Elias Brothers and a Boy Scout seek-

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Random Sample



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

Novi streets have long history Reunions



fact. that the story HERMAN Czenkusch and CATHERINE Ditz- William and Elizabeth BORCHART were

pear to fall into two member, has a street in Novi with his name on basic categories: it. those named for local pioneers and prominent citizens, and those named by and for subdivi-

subdivision streets bear quaint, scenic- sion would. sounding names designed to lure prospective cales, such as Sandpoint Way, Sunflower, Sun-

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name by any means Still other subdivision streets are named for landowners: few street names that SIEGAL Drive and ZISETTE St. Willowbrook usual. So many, in name to another Novi street.

behind Novi's streets hazy were developers who each gave a street has taken two arti- their first names rather than their last. cles to explore McMAHON St. was named for John H. McMahon, an engineering company surveyor. Novi's streets ap- Ben MARKS, a Farmington Hills city council

Developer Kamil PETROS named a street for himself, instead of an entire subdivision. He de-The latter is by far the majority. A number of to attract new residents than "Petros Subdivi-

BYRNE Dr. was named for Connemara Land Munro Guntzviler.

Christmas was a merrier day for several needy families in the November, to provide gifts for those who can't afford a Christ-

Novi area this year, thanks to the Novi Newcomers. Each year mas. Pictured here are (left to right) Bridget Hill, Marge Sheffick,

the group raises funds, mostly through an auction held in Alison Murray and Diane Doyle wrapping the presents.

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- contains quite a the developers themselves, as in SINGH Blvd.,
Frank and Minerva MARTIN were landowners near Walled Lake in 1925. are also very un- subdivision developers Paul LeBost lent his Fred NAPIER was a landowner in Novi Town-

ship in the early 1900's.

owners of land near what is now Orchard Hills Subdivision in the mid-1950's. Leslie Park subdivision was created in 1955 by Leslie D. JOSEPH, who also named a street

BURTON Drive was probably named for Richard M. Burton, a witness to the signature of Grey's subdivision, developed from land once

owned by the Grey family. cided the name "Cedarspring" was more likely 🚆 LANNYS Road comes from Lanny Munro, a patriarch of an early Novi family. According to Novi City Clerk Geri Stipp, some Munro descen-The lyrical sound of LLORACSt. is merely dedounts still reside in Mary's Orchard subdivihomeowners to their seemingly picturesque loveloper Ray Caroll's name spelled backwards. sion, named for Munro's grandaughter, Mary



NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 1942: Northville High School Class of 1942 is looking for the following members for class reunion. Eugene Cole, Frank Dunham, Ruth Gagnon, John Geraghty, Ines Jordan, Blance Miller, Jime Ozias, Madeline Perkins, Alvin Shepard, Margery Rounsville, and Richard Ward. Please call George White at 348-8959.

NORTH FARMINGTON 1971: Graduates of North Farmington High School Class of 1971 will be celebrating their 20 year class Reunion on Aug. 3 at the Novi Hilton in Novi. The committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information write to Reunion Planners, Box 291, Mt. Clemens, Mich. 48046, or call (313) 263-6803.

ANDOVER 1971: Graduates of Andover High School Class of 1971 will be celebrating their 20 year class reunion on July 20 at the Troy. Marriott in Troy. The committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information write to Reunion Planners, Box 291, Mt. Clemens, Mich. 48046, or call 465-2277.

PERSHING HIGH SCHOOL: A 60th birthday celebration is planned next year for Pershing High School in Detroit.

An anniversary planning committee is working to locate any former alumni of Pershing High School for an "ail years" reunion. Past graduates are asked to call 689-5012 to put their names on the mailing list to receive literature on the upcoming event.

NORTHWESTERN 1941: Graduates of Northwestern High School, Class of 1941 will be celebrating their 50 year Class Reunion on Sept. 6 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel in Troy. The organization committee is searching for all graduates from this class. Other "war years" classes are also welcome. For information write to Reunion Planners, Box 291, Mt. Clemens, Mich. 48046, or call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

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Amateur Radio Club appeals to broad spectrum

be resuming meetings Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, on the south side of Ten Mile between Novi and Taft roads. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month, however the February meeting is being held on Feb. 4. At the from this group to encourage family The library continues to present meeting, a special demonstration is being planned by Tom Parnin and Brian Cox regarding the "Packet Ra
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and are being sold at \$18, with one with special guest speaker John Ber
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and parents must participate with Family Recreation Programs available for Session 1, Jan. 2 to Feb. 19. dio process which is transmitting size fits all. They are imprinted with nardo, School Psychologist, Detroit necessary and the class lasts for six ence. No siblings please. data through amateur radio using

garding the Novice Class which will dual for a \$1 fee. As a member you are be taught through the Community eligible to vote on all decisions as to free program; however, pre-Only two children can be registered entitled "Warm Winter Reads," in-cents, soft covers at 10 cents each Education Program by Parnin and how the proceeds from the fund- registration is requested. Please call at a time. After opening day, registra- cludes suggestions of picture books, and all books at \$1 per bag. Rick Redoutey. Anyone interested in amateur radio will earn a Novice Class Amateur Radio license following the completion of the class.

Packet Terminals.

The instruction will cover basic electronics, FCC rules and basic Morse Code at five words per minute. Other sections of the program will teach station setup, equipment selection and operating procedures. Included in the lab fee will be a textbook and code tapes. This will start Jan. 17 on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and end April 18. Special rates available for Senior Citizens. Call 348-1200 for registration.

Following graduation from the class, arryone who wishes to take a test for a technician or higher class license has several volunteer exams to choose from starting on Jan. 12 at Henry Ford Community College. The testing is done by three volunteer examiners who have also taken testing to become a volunteer.

The club has informal gatherings in the form of Saturday coffee/breakfast at Leon's Restaurant at the corner of Ten Mile and Haggerty Road at 9:30 a.m. Last week, there were 24 in attendance for the Christmas holiday. The club recently elected new officers, and they are President Tom Pamin, President Elect Mike Sharpe, Secretary Brian Cox, and Treasurer Don Kader. Other committee chairpersons include News Editor Jesse Kusk, Field Day Rick Redoutey, Librarian Tom Parnin, Program Director Brian Cox, Swap/shop Table Don Kader and Dick Painter. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings to hear more about the program and this is available for families projects. Call Rick Redoutey at 349-3928.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB Due to Christmas vacation, the Booster meeting will be held Wednesday Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 107. Replans for new items for the athletic program which are being purchased by the Booster Club from its fundraisers. The ongoing fund-raiser that can always use help is for indoor concession stands. If interested in working during the girls' volleyball game or boys' basketball game call Lois Gdowski at 348-3359.

At the concession stands, the boosters also sell sweatshirts and spirit items such as pompoms and tewelry. The Booster Club would encourage you to start the New Year off right and come to the Booster Club meeting as it is always good to have new people with new ideas and input at the meetings. Boosters are looking forward to meeting anyone in the community who is interested in helping with additional projects that can carn money for additional supplies and equipment for the athletes. Anyone having questions can cal

Volunteers work hard at shelter

BY JAMES TOTTEN

Every other Monday morning in Novi, several women can be found distributing food to the needy at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church. Marty Greer, Jenda Mills and

Anita Saurer are the volunteers who run the Novi Emergency Food Program year round. · According to Dick Henderson, mi-

nister at Faith Community, the program will be 10 years old next year and is supported through donations from individuals, employees of the school district, the Novi Rotary Club and other churches. He described the women working the program as ex-

there are people living like this," said Marty Greer, who has been involved with the program for the past 6 years. The winter is when demand is

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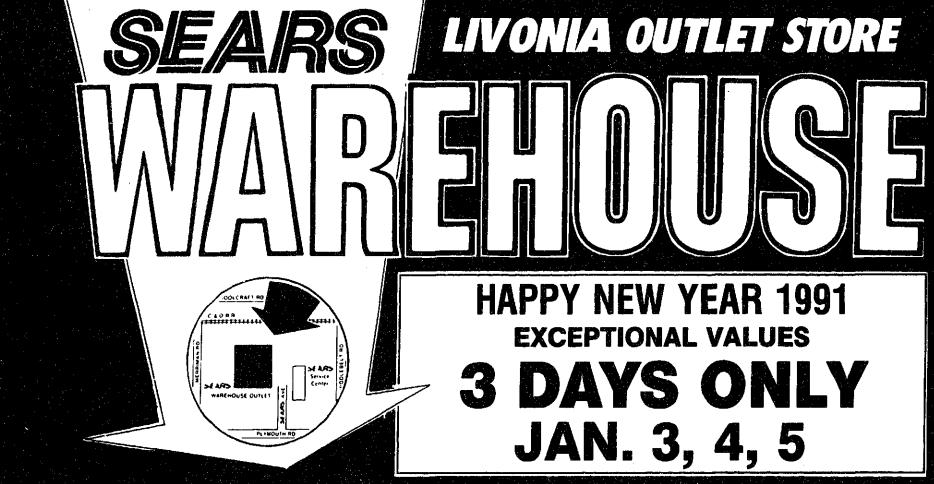
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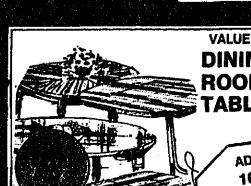
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Registration is now open for the Toddler Time is a listening and shar-categories include "Modern Probpre-school story time at the library. ing time for toddlers and parents or lems" and is a list of novels about This is for 3-year-olds not yet attend- caregivers. It is held on Monday contemporary men and women in toing kindergarten. There will be three sessions Tuesday and Wednesday aftermoons at 1 p.m. and Wednesdays of 25 minutes of stories, rhymes, Adult Fiction Collection. The story time consists of 45 mi- must be between 2 and 3 years old They have the new Mercy Center

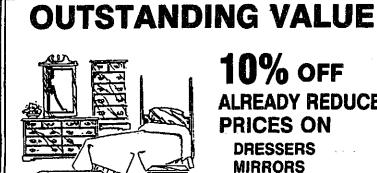
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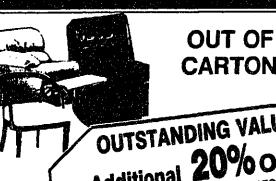
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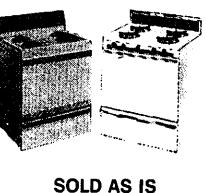
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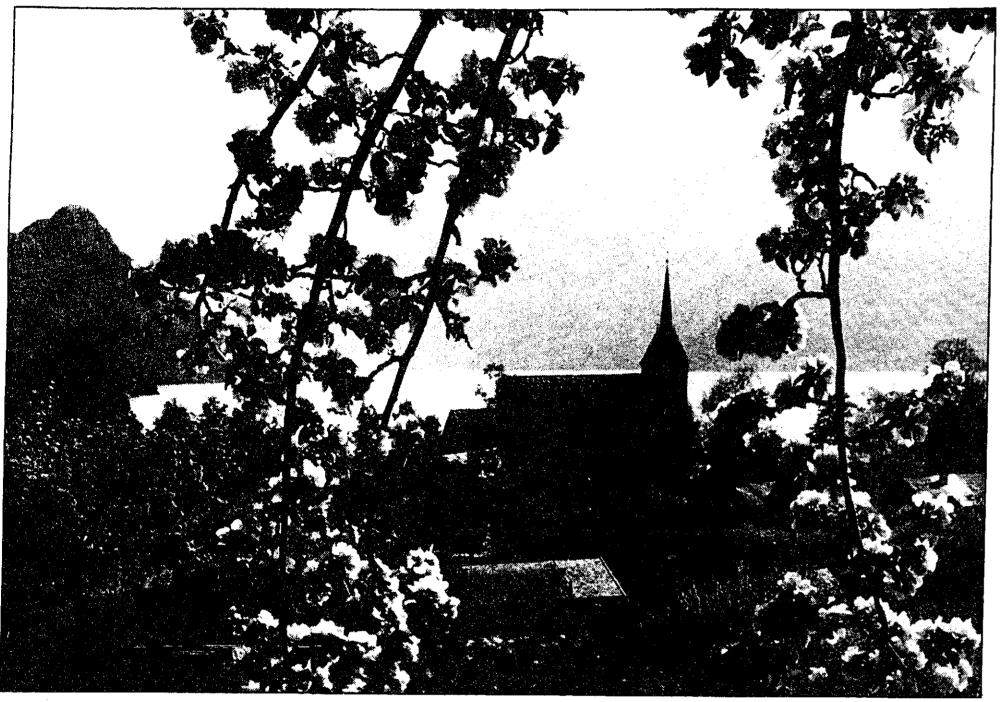
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NEWS



'Steaming' through the fjords of Norway

By Mary Augusta Rodaers Special writer

t is—and what it isn't. What it is: A way of seeing the spectacular coastline of Norway from the deer herds. decks of a sturdy ship called a coastal

What it isn't: An American-style cruise, as in "Love Boat."

Winter and summer, 11 coastal go again." steamers said up the Norwegian Priscilla and Grant Chave of Migoods, cars—is unloaded. coast, carrying passengers and chigan were on the steamer Midnat- Every stop was different and inter- the tale. If you find that hard to be- noted happily. cargo, from Bergen, Norway's second sol in June when they saw the mid- esting in its own way, Mary Brown lieve, read on: "In 1979, a committee

their way past reefs and clusters of is- poser Edvard Grieg. The house is make a desperate leap to get back on ter rebuilt. lands, often accompanied by seals impressive. It's built on land that juts board." Circle about midway in the voyage. something to die for."

"If this isn't the world's most beau-

for tourists is from May through horizon. It sat there for awhile and

and porpoises, crossing the Arctic out into the ocean and the view is Several optional shore excursions found their accommodations aboard for serving a special "Trolliford soup." 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY The coast is a continually compell- She also recalls "the beautiful bound passengers: one is a seven- positive way of saying 'small.' ") The entertainment line. ing sight—snow-covered mountains. flowers we saw everywhere, almost hour bus trip from Ornes to Bordo, food was good, not elaborate, and Said Mary Brown: "Everybody mation about Norway is available forests, rocky cliffs alive with sea up to the Arctic Circle. And the gla- an especially scenic drive. Another is served generously. It helps if you like dresses casually. You need sweaters from the Norwegian Tourist Board. birds, glaciers, roaring waterfalls. ciers that looked close enough to a visit to the Russian border.

ern cities, towns where wooden Mary and Tom Brown, also of Mi- way's third largest city, with a me- Liquor is expensive, as it is every- put on a tie." In 14 days, they had one houses are painted in primary colors chigan, were on a smaller steamer, dieval cathedral and a museum de- where in Scandinavia; a bottle of beer rough day and missed one dinner; of yellow, red and white. As the ships the Finnmarken, last September. voted to music. Another is Molde, costs the equivalent of \$6 on board the Chaves had smooth sailing all the A trip on a Norwegian coastal move north, the trees grow smaller That was too late for the midnight known for its roses, and its view of 87 ship. "If you like having a happy way. steamer is appreciated both for what and scarcer and finally disappear. sun, but they had a splendid show of snow-capped mountains; and Vardo, hour, you'd better BYOB." The land becomes tundra, home of northern lights late one evening. The far to the north, where the town's one They liked the fact that these were friends. "It was nice, but not somethe nomadic Lapps and their rein-sky was lit up with hanging streaks of precious tree is carefully wrapped up

color, constantly changing." during the winter. The steamers make two or three Abooklet titled 2,500 Miles on the another, rather than the fun-crazed They disembarked at every day tiful voyage, as the ads say, it's cer- stops a day. The automatic gang- Coastal Steamer supplies intriguing tainly one of the top contenders," plank unfolds, the cargo doors open, stories about each stop. Leka, for in-were interesting people to talk to . . . ing brisk walks, doing a little shop-Priscilla Chave said. To be happy to and passengers are off to see the stance, is where a four-year-old child particularly the college-age kids. And ping. On board the ship, they read, town while the cargo-mail, canned was seized by an eagle, carried to a no costume parties! No talent shows! played bridge, and spent a lot of time

largest city, to Kirkenes, a mining night sun, an unforgettable sight, said, mentioning Bergen's famous was set up at Leka to combat the town five miles from the Soviet bor- "We were out on deck at 3 a.m., fish market and, everywhere, "the unbelievers." der, and back again. The prime time watching the sun slowly sink to the most beautiful babies I've ever seen." Tromso, an island town with a gan an intriguing conversation by "The ship's time of departure is bridge connecting it to the mainland, asking, "Do you believe in God?" posted, and you'd better pay atten- was, like many other coastal towns. A brief ceremony is held when the Seldom out in the open sea, the In Bergen, she recommends a side tion, because they mean it," Tom used as a German naval base during ships cross the Arctic Circle, with ships sail through fjords and thread trip to Troldhaugen, home of com- Brown said. "One woman had to World War II, heavily bombed and la- "King Neptune" handing out certifi-

are offered to north- and south- ship comfortable and cozy. (That's a But that's about all in the organized 10017. Telephone: (212)986-2711 or fish, cheese, black bread and and crepe-soled shoes. I had one 655 Third Avenue, New York, MY

working ships, with a variety of "real thing you'd have to do. We wouldn't people" traveling from one town to have been bored alone," celebrants of cruise line fame. There time stop, exploring the towns, taknearby mountain top, and lived to tell No midnight buffets!" Priscilla Chave out on the deck, enjoying the ever-

> Tom Brown said he was sitting on an outside deck, enjoying the sunshine, when a young Norwegian becates to the passengers, and passing

Both the Browns and the Chaves through the Trollfjord is the occasion

few days sightseeing there; relics of Museum and Thor Heyendahl's fam-

ous Kon-Tiki raft are some of the

dress but never wore it. Tom never 10017. Telephone: (212)949-2333.

Diversions

NEWS

Blue Angels will amaze and delight

accepted an invitation to appear next summer at the Wayne County Air Show. The June 8th and 9th flight demonstrations will be the only 1991 appearance in Michigan by the internationally renowned jet team.
We are particularly pleased that

the Blue Angels will fly at our Air Show, "said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, "It is the 50th anniversary of the Willow Run Airport. Our Air Show will be a celebration of that great heritage, and the Blue Angels will be the highlight of the

The 1991 appearance will be the fifth time the Navy flyers have appeared at Willow Run since the Air Show was reborn 10 years ago.

"Our show has become increasingly recognized and popular each year," said McNamara. "It is wondertracting with a number of top civilian performers to provide a full afternoon significantly enhance the ground ac-

more than 200 requests. During the

squadron was founded in 1946. During their 45 years, the team has flown nine different types of aircraft, from propeller-driven F-6F Helicats right after WWII, to the current highly sophisticated F-18 Hornet.

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"Even though we've previously a great what to do to insure we can fly a great white the "Miracle of Willow Run." which the "Miracle of Willow Run." The supersonic Hornet is the flown the Willow Run site, we begin zer and his partner, Lt. Commander anniversary celebration."



tivities to make the event a day-long Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara greets Easter Seals Child Derrick Harrison, attraction for the whole family."

Of Dearborn at a recent Rue Angels performance. The Rue Angels will perform at the 9, of Dearborn at a recent Blue Angels performance. The Blue Angels will perform at the 1991 County Air Show June 8-9.

220 million in their distinguished of thrust and an impressive array of over all of our operating require. Show go to benefit Easter Seals.

course of the season, the team will be Navy's newest attack fighter. It oper-our approach to each season and Randy Duhrkoph also met with a ments, discuss each specific man-The U.S. Navy Demonstration

Two Blue Angels made a Dec. 12 euver with the FAA representative squadron was founded in 1946. Durvisit to Willow Run to meet with airand get a chance to personally meet

on the road in excess of 250 days. ates from land and aircraft carriers, each showsite as if it had never been thrilled Derrick Harrison, 9, an Eas-More than nine million people see the has two General Electric F-404 en- done before," said Capt. Ken Switzer, ter Seals child from Dearborn. A por-Blue Angels each year, more than gines which produce 32,000 pounds narrator for the coming year. We go tion of the proceeds from the Air

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Theater group to meet at Tower

Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding its General Meeting on Tuesday Jan. 15, 1991, at 7:30 pm scat the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile . Road, Northville, on the campus of Northville Regtional Hospital, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads.

-Heart," the Guild's next production scheduled for February, will be performed at the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the ofun. For additional information, call Karen at

Family Dinner Theater: The Northville Recreation Department presents another in its series of dinner theater events geared to families on Friday, Jan. 11.

The Goodtime Players will present "The Pled Diper after a dinner provided by Crawford's. Dinher starts at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 on. Tickets are \$7, on sale now at the community center, 303 W. Main St.

Daddy-Daughter Dances: Northville Community Recreation is sponsoring two Daddy-Daughter Valentine's dances this year. Dances are scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb.

Madonna College, Livonia, Jan.

A short "sneak preview" from "Crimes of the 4-12. Registration is required by Feb. 13. Cost is \$8 per couple and the site is the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

The night features danceable music, a corsage, refreshments and a unique gift. The recreation department suggests bringing along an older brother, uncle or neighbor if dad has more than

More Daddy-Daughter: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department will offer the fourth annual Valentines Daddy-Daughter Dance Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Thursday Feb. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Treat your daughter (or dad) to a night of danc-

ing and great fun. Tickets are \$8 per couple for Novi residents and \$3 for each additional daughter. Non-Novi residents may purchase tickets beginning Wednesday, Jan. 16 at \$9 per couple and \$3.50 for each additional daughter.

Nagler exhibit to be held in Livonia

Participation is limited to 250 people for each dance. Tickets will go fast, and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Switching dance dates after purchasing tickets will not be allowed.

Chilly Willy: There will be plenty of fun and adventure for all ages at the fourth annual Chilly Willy Festival on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center & Ella Mae Power Park. Activities will include a snowball tournament, snow building (individual and teams), coloring, broomball, a chili cook-off (limited to restaurants only), score-o, Little Ms. Icicle, Little Mr. Snowshoe, Ms. Jr. Snowilake, Old Man Winter, Old Woman Winter, a euchre tournament, and a lipsyncing contest. In addition, all day activities include sledding, cross-country skiing, storytelling, cartoon and hay rides. A pancake breakfast will be a new feature of this traditional event.

For information on all these activities, please call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

have an item listed in this column, write to: In Town, Included in the ticket price are refreshments, Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville. "15 and Saturday, Feb. 16. Both are for girls ages music and DJ Willie, quality photos by a profes- Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

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Teens report on Disney World vacation STOREWIDE

By Kathleen Shipley Special writer

age boys, ages 14 and 17, fare at Walt Disney food. One day we had lunch at the beautiful San World (WDW)? That was the question I found an Angel Inn Restaurante in the Mexican pavilion.

irst time, went there in the heart of the summer when the weather was at its hottest and the crowds were at their largest—and loved it anyway. The most interesting aspect of WDW turned out o be Epcot Center. It's loaded with fabulous exhibits and rides that both the teens and adults found enjoyable. (These are not fast amusementbark style rides).

In Spaceship Earth, we were taken on a journey through the vast geosphere that visually identifies Spect Center. This journey through history from he days of Cro-Magnon man to the present was

the favorite of my younger son.

Another favorite was Kodak's Journey Into imagination, an artistic exploration of how our imagination works. In another part of this pavilion the 3-D rock show "Captain EO," starring Michael

Jackson, was enjoyed by all.

So was the Image Works, a hands-on activity center that allowed us to try a variety of imaginative exhibits, such as the Lightwriter, which involved drawing geometric designs with laser

Children should be at least 12 years old to get the most out of Epcot. There is another whole section at Epcot called

esting foor at various countries of the world. Each

country was represented by shops, restaurants and individual villages or pavilions showcasing a ture World from World Showcase. It was a speciamovie or exhibit. Everything about 'The World Showcase" was

How would a family of four, including two teen-sensational. What interested the boys was the The menu offered authentic cuisine, and the at-I know that we did nearly everything wrong. We mosphere was stunning as diners ate within a waited until the kids were teenagers to go for the dark pyramid amidst scenery of an erupting

One of the boys celebrated his birthday while on our trip, so we had a special birthday dinner at the three-star restaurant, Chefs de France, on the street corner of the cobblestone France promenade. The restaurant had an authentic French

Our waitress spoke heavily-accented English. and one waiter spontaneously started singing a French bar room song. Other members of the staff ioined in, and it became quite lively. Also, a group of waiters and waitresses came to our table to sing both the French and English versions of "Happy Birthday." This event became one of the highlights

Reservations are a must for both these and the other restaurants within Epcot. These are made on the day of the meal at the WorldKey Informathere early.

One experience that shouldn't be missed at Epcot is the nightly light show called "IllumiNations." The show consists of fireworks, lasers, fountains,

cular show for everyone and, again, I was thankful the boys were old enough to stay up for it and ap-

Magic Kingdom at WDW which did interest our teenagers. On the whole, though, this area would be enjoyed more by younger children. First and foremost was Space Mountain, a oller coaster ride in the dark within a futuristic looking white concrete and steel dome which rises to a height of 180 feet. Needless to say, the boys

There were a couple of attractions within the

went on this several times. Their Mom and Dad even rode it-once. I think they also enjoyed Haunted Mansion, a special effects bonanza (it wasn't very scary, but fun nevertheless) and Pirates of the Caribbean which is a boat ride through a pirate raid on a Caribbean island town. I know they also enjoyed the Diamond Horseshoe Jamboree, a western dance hall saloon show for which reservations are required. To get them you must go to the Hospitality House on Main Street in the Magic Kingdom as it

Guidebooks to Wait Disney World, available at public libraries and book stores, would be advistion System screens in Earth Station at Epcot Center. The most popular seating times (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) are usually booked by 10 a.m. so get vations and knowing all the events that are available while there.

It's a good idea, too, to talk to a friend who has recently visited WDW. Also, brochures are easily lights and music which, as the name implies, is available at travel agencies or by writing Walt Dis-The World Showcase. Here we took a most inter-keyed to the countries in the World Showcase. ney World, P.O. Box 10000, Lake Buena Vista, FL The place to best see it is somewhere on the 32830 or by calling (407) 824-4321.



Nagler, a world traveler who once

changing light and the sea air.

Note: Most Americans fly first to

Oslo, Norway's capital, and spend a

aire Spectacular.

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Monte Nagler, award-winning ghotographer, will display his work in the Exhibit Gallery, Library Wing

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Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. Auditions will be held at tion programs in Patient Care, to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sun-Southfield-Lathrup high School, lo-Cancer Prevention and Cancer day, 1-4 p.m. The exhibit is open to cated at Evergreen and 12 Mile Road, Research. the public, free of charge. For more on Jan. 8, 1991 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. information, contact Ralph Clenn at To arrange an audition time, please Piano Performance: Pianists (313) 591-5187, Madonna College lo- contact Pat Duensing at 253-0072. Elizabeth and Eugene Pridonoff will dated at I-96 and Levan Road in The Madrigal Chorale of South- perform a duo piano program at

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hagler also teaches classes at the Bir-gal Chorale of Southfield, after remingham Community House and turning from its choral debut at the transportationvia the Dearborn Trol-Farmington Community Center, as White House in Washington, D.C. ley will be provided for an additional well as conducting seminars for would like to encourage male vocal- fee. A trolley load of 30 is required.

field is a non-profit organization.

Southwest Regional Board at the Bir- States, and chamber music with

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Schoolcraft College. Eugene Prido-noff has established himself as a virce Spectacular: Once again. Theater Benefit: Abenefit theatuoso and sensitive planist perform-He has performed several hundred strumentalists. Elizabeth Pridonoff

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Musical Experience: Tarmo and Thomas Urb, a singing duo who recently defected from Estonia, and have touched and entertained crowds in the U.S. and abroad, will perform a concert on Saturday, Jan.

26 at 8 p.m. in Madonna College's

Kresge Hall.

free of charge. Schoolcraft College is

located at 18600 Haggerty Road, be-

tween Six and Seven Mile roads, in

Their experiences of oppression physical imprisonment, deflance and courage in the form of ballads and blues, combined with charm and humor, have delighted American audiences and critics alike. Fluent in English, "The Songmen" will share their music and speak of their past, present and future when they perform at Kresge Hall. Tickets for the January 26 show are \$10 and still available. For more information call (313) 591-5056. Madorina College is located at I-96 and Levan Road,

Art Exhibit: Thirty invited artists will exhibit paintings, fiberworks, ceramics, and stained glass at the County Galleria in the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac from Dec. 18 through Jan. 31. All of the artists are from southeastern Michigan and were chosen to be part of the Oakland County Cultural Council's "One Percent for Art in Public Places" progTHE OUTSIDER: Novi's Shoemaker may be the KVC's least-loved coach/7B

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Briningstool and Heaton put academics first

Gridders amassing All-Big Ten honors

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN

Michigan State University athletes are making great strides in the classroom as well as on the field of play.

The school's rapid improvement among scholarship athletes in important academic areas (like graduation rates) can be directly attributed to the recruitment of student-athletes like Tony Briningstool and Toby Heaton. The two Northville natives are success stories rarely told in the big-

money world of college football. Briningstool is a redshirt junior who has the inside track on a starting outside linebacker posttion next season. Heaton is a redshirt sophomore who started eight games this season as an offensive tackle for the Spartans. Briningstool and Heaton have the ability and talent to become future All-Big Ten football picks — but more importantly, both are already academic All-Big Ten selections. They are student-athletes in

"Academics has always been my top priority." Briningstool

the true sense.

The former Northville High star has been plagued with injuries for much of his college career. But the 1990 season brought Briningstool his third straight appearance on the Big Ten's all-academic team. The pre-med major has already sent an application to MSU's Med-

ical School. "We're right in the middle of the application process right now," Briningistool said. "I should find out in February."

Heaton — a Detroit Catholic Central graduate - made the academic All-Big Ten team for the second consecutive year, and was recently named to the District IV (Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama) Academic All-America team.

The 6-foot-6, 290-pounder is majoring in advertising and has a 3.58 grade-point average. Heaton has made the dean's honors list every term since enrolling at Mi-

chigan State. With student-athletes like Briningstool and Heaton leading the

Novi quarterback Jeff Schram in action

way, Michigan State jumped from ninth to fifth in graduation rates among Big Ten schools this year. according to a recent study by The

"I think it sends out a good message that here at MSU we are working hard to improve our status as student-athletes," Briningstool said. "If guys like Toby and myself can mix football with studies, we can be good role models.*

in the classroom for both Briningstool and Heaton, the football season was filled with frustration. Briningstool missed seven full games after injuring his right shoulder in the Big Ten opener against lowa on Oct. 6. Heaton went down with a broken right fibula in the eighth game of the season and missed the final three regular season games.

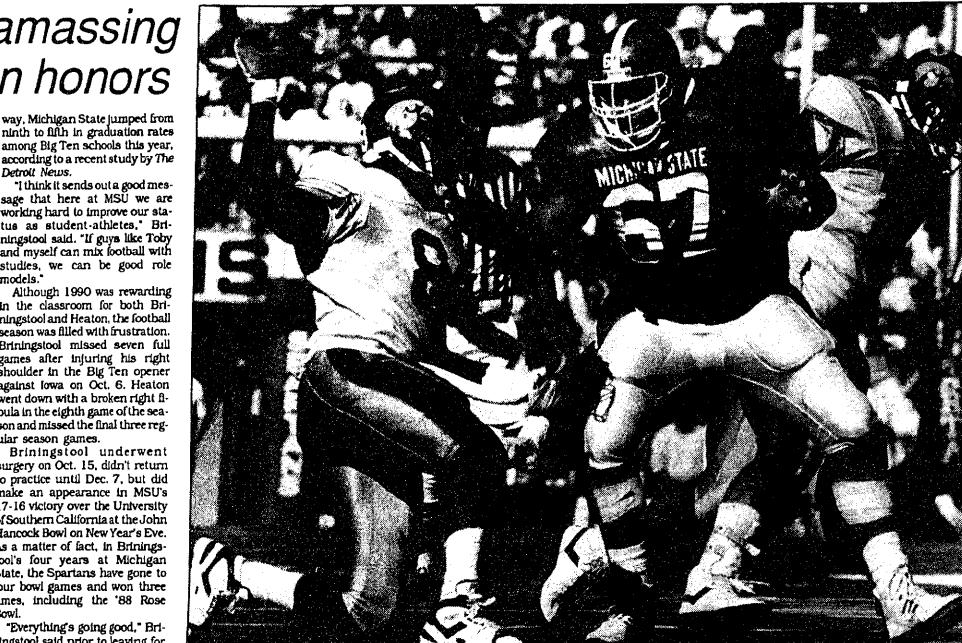
surgery on Oct. 15, didn't return to practice until Dec. 7, but did make an appearance in MSU's 17-16 victory over the University of Southern California at the John Hancock Bowl on New Year's Eve. As a matter of fact, in Briningstool's four years at Michigan State, the Spartans have gone to four bowl games and won three times, including the '88 Rose

"Everything's going good," Briningstool said prior to leaving for El Paso, Texas. My surgery went well and I'm expecting to play in the bowl game. I've tested the shoulder in practice and I feel 1'0 percent. This is my first game since Iowa and I'm very excited."

Unfortunately, this type of injury isn't new for Briningstool. Just prior to the 1988 Gator Bowl, he suffered a similar injury to his

"I don't think I'll have a problem staying healthy from now on," he said. They have been kind of freak injuries. It's weird because in high school, I never had any injury troubles."

Briningstool began the '90 season as one of MSU's top special teamers. The Spartans entered the year as the pre-season No. 1-ranked special teams unit in the nation by the Sporting News. But



Heaton (67) keeps an lowa linebacker away from the MSU quarterback last fall

by the end of the season, the else on the special teams, but I'd group struggled. For instance, the like to think I contributed." Spartans blocked a punt against

suffered a 71-yard punt return for a score in the season finale against lowly Wisconsin. Although Briningstool refused to connect any of the special team woes with his early injury and departure, it was clearly a factor. "We didn't turn out very well as

a special teams unit," he admitted. "It's just like anything else, it takes 11 players working together as a unit and I think we got away from that a bit. I don't think I was more important than anybody

top-ranked Notre Dame in the

second game of the season, but

With the graduation of outside linebacker Dixon Edwards, Briningstool should enter spring practice atop the depth chart at that position - barring any more

The coaches have pictured me where Dixon Edwards plays and I'll compete for the starting job," he said. This will be the first time I'll go into spring practice not behind a senior. The opportunity is there and I'm confident I can do

As for Heaton, the injured leg is healing but he probably won't be 100 percent until the spring.

Nevertheless, he was rushed into action in the Hancock Bowl when tackle Roosevelt Wagner was injured and guard Eric Moten was ejected for lighting. Heaton wound up playing two full quarters at left

"I've never had any broken bones before, so it's been tough," Heaton said. "It's a little sore right now, so my main concern is to let

Heaton was cut down in the first quarter from behind by teammate Jeff Pearson while run blocking versus Indiana on Nov. 3. At the time, Spartan Coach George Perles was confident he'd

"Heaton's played so well for us, it was just an unfortunate thing," he said. "He should be six to eight Less than eight weeks later, Heaton began practicing on Dec.

"I think Toby Heaton's made great strides." Michigan State lineman coach Pat Morris said.

It is very possible that two Northville natives will be in the starting line-up next fall when Michigan State opens the '91 season against Central Michigan. If that isn't enough to make the home

town proud, their academic per-

formances certainly should.

Novi athletic teams struggle in 1990

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN

The year 1990 was up-and-down for athletic teams at Novi High School. The Wildcats fielded 18 varsity teams last year, but just six of those had winning seasons. The winter teams performed well, overall, with a combined 32-30-2 record. Three of the four

squads sported winning marks, but the volleyballers struggled at 2-16. The fall was less successful with just three of eight teams in the black (golf, football and girls tennis), and the half-dozen spring teams performed even worse. Nobody won more outings than they lost last spring, but the boys and girls track teams were 4-4.

And for the first time in many years, no Novi team managed to grab a Kensington Valley Conferfour-time KVC football champs. The following is a closer look at

Boys Basketball: With nine underclassmen on the squad, first-year coach Bob Shoemaker led the hoopsters to a 12-9 overall record and 7-5 in the KVC (second place tie). The Wildcats got off to an impressive 5-1 start, but ended with a 2-5 finish. Novi also extended its home-court winning streak to eight before the KVC champs from Milford put it to an end. The team's top player was 6-foot-6 senior forward Mark Fisher, who was an Ail-Area and All-Conference selection with a 17.3 points-per-game average.

Wrestling: In a big turnaround from the year before, the Novi grapplers placed second in the brutal KVC with a 3-2-1 record. The Wildcats were 9-5-1 overall for veteran coach Tom Fritz. Novi's two KVC champions were underclassmen Brian Paquette at 103 and Mike

Bob Ahrens wrapped up his career with a solid 31-6-1 season.

Volleyball: For a program that always seems to be struggling, nothing changed in 1990. The spikers got off to a 2-1 start, but then fell apart and dropped the final 15 matches to finish 2-16 overall (1-12 and last in the KVC). The Wildcats were competitive at times, but blew many late leads. Setter Dede Kotrych graded out at 85 percent as a setter and 86 percent as a server. Jenniser Fornwald led the team in hitting (86 percent) and serving

Boys Swimming: The Novi tankers had a fine 9-1 record for rookie coach Mark Winter. The Wildcats beat sixth-ranked Northville in a dual meet, took sixth at the Oakland County Meet and wound up placing 25th at the MHSAA State Meet. Seniors Steve Cohen and Rudy Speerschneider were the team's top swimmers, but both were hampered by illness and

Baseball: It was a disappointing 12-18 campaign (9-15 in the kvc) for the Novi baseball squad. The Wildcats had a team batting average of .346, hit 36 homers and scored more than seven runs per game on average, but struggled with a team earned run average of 6.39. After winning nine of the season's first 16, Novi staggered the rest of the way with a 3-9 finish. The

hitting stars included Darnel

Krause (.418 average), Nate Faulk-

ner (.414) and Chris Lowery (.371,

Girls Soccer: The Wildcat kickers were not competitive against the elite of the KVC, as their 1-21-1 record against those teams can attest. Novi finished with a 5-12-1

for 80 wins in 90 bouts during the entire season. Heavyweight fixture overall record and were fifth in the seven-team KVC (4-8). The top No. 2 doubles team of Jason Babplayers included Jessica Fritz (14 cock and Chris Kucek were 6-6. goals, four assists), Cristy D'Agostino (3 goals, 10 assists), Joanna Pascucci (eight goals, three assists) and goaltender Dede Kot-

> Softball: The Ladycats got off to a conference games. The 'Cats finished with a flurry and then advanced to the district finals before falling. The team's top hurler was Heather Campbell (134 strikeouts, 15 victories). Other contributors included Heather Spindler (.350 average), Deanna Reed (.418) and Jennifer Fornwald (.400).

rych (2.44 goals against average).

Boys Track: Novi notched fifth in the KVC with a 2-4 dual meet mark and were 4-4 overall. The Wildcats placed eighth in regional action and boasted three state meet qualifiers: Kris Krueger (high jump), Brian Molloy (two-mile) and Rob Herman (mile). The team's top event was the pole vault. Novi placed four vaulters in the top seven at the KVC Meet.

Ladveat thinclads were fifth in the KVC at 2-4, 4-4 overall and eighth at the regional. A highlight was a first-place finish at the Sunshine Relays. Distance runners Lisa Heath and Jennie Galland paced the 'Cats. Heath was third in the KVC in the mile and was a state meet qualifier; Galland won the KVC two-mile title, and set a school record en route to a fourth place effort at the Oakland County Meet in

Boys Tennis: The Novi netters were only 2-8 in the KVC but did place third at the KVC Meet and wound up fifth for the season. The Wildcats did finish strong, winning may have been fourth in the KVC three of their final six duals. Novi's only winning record in singles came

Football: After going 34-6 since 1985 - an average of nine wins per season — the Wildcat gridders dropped to 5-4 in '90, and failed to horrendous 0-12 start against KVC win the KVC title for the first time opponents and finished 15-27 over- since 1985. The highlight of the seaall - but Novi was 11-7 in non- son was a 28-21 win over playoff bound Hartland. The big disappointments included a home loss to South Lyon and a 17-0 shutout to Northville in the annual "Baseline Jug game. The offensive stars were running back Jason Wladischkin and lineman Scott Vermillion. The defense was paced by linebacker Matt Kobe and defensive back Mike Gowans. The top two-way star was quarterback/safety Jeff Schram. who suffered an ankle injury in the eighth game and never returned.

coach John Hoffman — the program's fifth coach in five years — the Ladycat cagers started slow and ended slow. The result was a 6-14 season, 3-9 in the KVC (fifth place). The eam dropped seven of its first eight. then went on to win five of the next seven, only to end with five losses in a row. The team's leading scorer was Heather Humphrey (9.2 points per game) but point guard Joanna Pascucci was named the MVP.

ing year, the Novi runners placed fourthat the KVC Meet and finished with a 2-4 record. Senior Cherie Stewart was a second team All-KVC pick and sophomore Tanya Frank established herself as a potential star of the future.

Boys Cross Country: Wildcat Coach Bob Smith called his 90 team "the best we've ever had." Novi

Continued on ?

Shoemaker: an outsider who wins Rec Briefs



Geoghegan

coaching circles.

mired for his apparent turnaround of the Novi but the sentiment is clear. program. But that doesn't mean the rest of the KVC coaches have to like him.

pre-game ritual of handshakes by the Bulldog successful programs at Detroit St. Andrew's 4-22 instead of 16-10?

(3-3 record, 5-3 overall) but were one

of the top 10 teams in the state. The

Wildcats qualified for the state meet

with a runner-up finish at the

MHSAA Regional, and then placed

ninth in the elite field. Junior Brian

Molloy was second in the KVC and

Girls Swimming: For the first time

to qualify any individuals for the

MHSAA State Meet. The team was

3-8 overall, but lost the final five

Lynette Rowlands.

in a long time, the Novi tankers failed Kevin Mitzel had a solid 2.8 goals

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14th in the state, while senior Rob cat performers were Steve Loveday. Chris Champine and Nikki Nelson Herman was - according to Smith - Eric Reed, Tony Wise and Phil York - were undefeated during the regular

one of the top No. 2 runners around. who combined to score 24 of the season but struggled in the post-

were All-KVC selections and goalie

Girls Tennis: As usual, the Ladycat

team's 39 goals. Loveday and York season.

pular guy in the Ken- disruption. sington Valley Con-Ironically, the talk around the conference

ference (KVC) this year is that the KVC coaches don't appreciate, or understand, a lot of Shoemaker's pregame rituals, the way he conducts huddles dur-In his second ing games or the number of assistant coaches season at the helm of he has with him on the bench. It's really a series Wildcat hoops, Shoe- of small — perhaps insignificant — things, but maker does have re- obviously the coaches believe that it's an atspect for his coaching tempt to show up or psych-out their teams. Noabilities and is ad- body is going on record criticizing Shoemacher,

Why is all this happening? I believe much of this mess stems from the fact that Shoe-Shoemaker didn't exactly get off to a harmaker is considered an outsider who — unlike monious start last winter. If you recall, he was most of the current KVC basketball coaches involved in a highly publicized verbal confron- came into the league with no background or ties tation with Brighton Coach Dan Christner, and to the conference. Shoemaker's methods are it's apparently carried over. It all started last different, but that's not surprising since they Will Christner send his players over for hand-Feb. 13 when Christner sent his players over to were developed when he was a fixture in the De-shakes this time? and 2). Would the other KVC the Noviend of the court for what had become a troit Catholic League, coaching tremendously coaches be upset with Shoemaker if he was

Six Novi teams have winning records in '90

Boys Soccer: It was a mediocre dogs). The KVC champs from Novi

7-9-2 season for the kickers last fall. were No. 2 singles player Niloo Said

Novi was 4-7-1 in the KVC and placed (14-5 record) and Kristen Patee at No.

fifthout of seven teams. The top Wild- 4 (13-4 record). The doubles team of

meets in succession. The top swim- netters were a force in the KVC. But team was second at the KVC Meet,

mers included senior Shelly Wasco the team lost out on the KVC title for third overall in the KVC and sixth at

and juniors Ellen Surowiec and the second straight year to Brighton. the Oakland County Meet - all were

Novi was 9-3 overall and 8-2 in the

The word is out: players prior to the tip-off. The 'Cats, on the Novi basketball other hand, were completing their pre-game row in one span at St. Andrew's and notched a coach Bob Shoe- shoot-around and Shoemaker took offense to state title at St. Mary's. Some of his coaching maker isn't a very po- what he thought was an unorthodox ideas and practices may be a bit unorthodox, but you can't argue with the results.

> Shoemaker's career record is 233-48. That's a winning percentage of .829, which is outstanding at any level. From my experience, the only thing those in the so-called coaching fraternity hate more than an outsider is an outsider who wins. Shoemaker's record so far at Novi is 16-10 and the current Wildcat team is 2-0 in the KVC and a legitimate contender for the school's first-ever conference crown.

Are there more fireworks in store for '91? Novi will host Brighton on Jan. 11 in the first meeting between the two teams since last year, so we will find out soon.

I have two more important questions: 1).

program bests. The Wildcats were

5-4 overall (3-3 in the KVC) and

handed Northville and Milford their

only dual meet defeats. Senior Steve

Megesi was All-KVC and led the 'Cats

with a 40.3 average. He also set a school record when he fired a 34. Ju-

nior Tanya Shepley was the team's

No. 2 performer, despite playing from

the men's tees. Shepley had a 45.2

average and may receive All-State

Boys Golf: The 1990 golfers were recognition when the girls team is an-

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on Dec. 30 and will continue through Jan. 7.

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Chili golf tourney: Attention golf fanatics — the eighth annual Chili Open Golf Tournament is scheduled for Jan. 5 at Ann Arbor's Lealie Park;

The event, sponsored by the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation, starts at 9

a.m., and costs \$8 for six holes in the snow. Hot chili will be served upon

Volunteers needed: Novi Youth Baseball needs volunteers for the

1991 baseball season. The league needs a Senior League Director (14-16

year old division), a Major League Director (12-13 year old), a Player Agent

Schneider in Europe: Northville High School senior Brooke

Schneider is now in Budapest, Hungary, to compete in the United States Fencing Association Junior Olympic Fencing competition. The event began

Northville social studies teacher, Chris Ford, led the fundraising cam-

paign to cover the costs of the trip. The following donated to the fund: The

Northville Rotary Club, The Northville Mother's Club, The Northville High

School Choir and Honor Society, The Northville SADD Chapter, The North-

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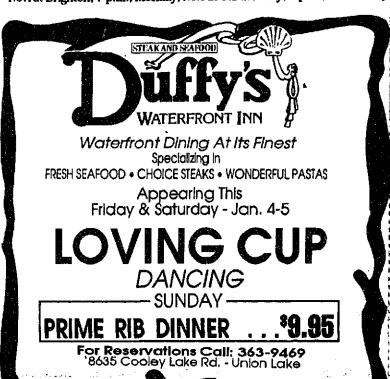
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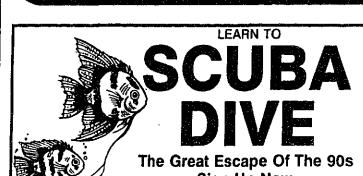
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and a Director of Fundraising.

Wrestling: Novi at Plymouth Salem Invitational, 9 a.m., Saturday. Boys Swimming: Novi at Plymouth Salem, 7 p.m., Thursday; Novi at

Volleyball: Novi at Walled Lake Central Invitational, TBA, Saturday Novi at Brighton, 7 p.m., Monday; Novi at Garden City, 7 p.m., Wednesday;



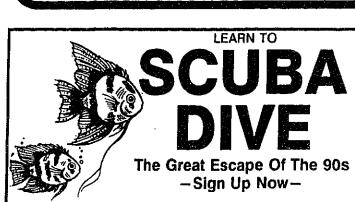


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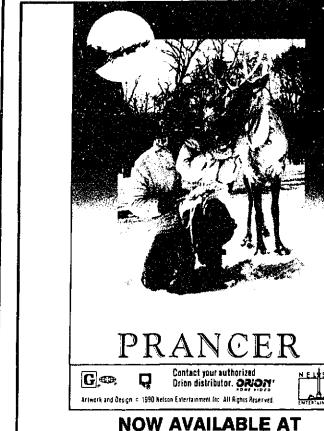


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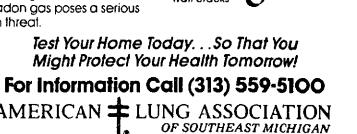
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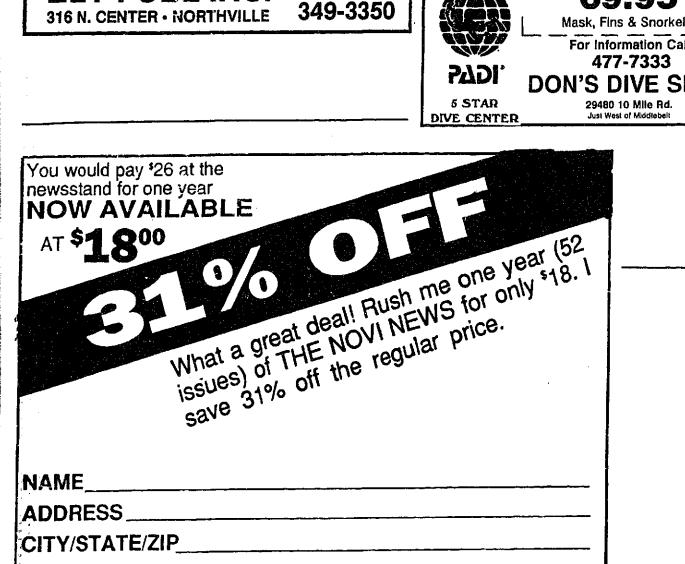
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THURSDAY January 3,



Heather Campbell of Novi gives the Grand Slam basketball hoops a workout

Novi business slams winter blues

By SCOTT DANIEL

Time was that baseball was a forgotten sport during the long winter months.

But, no more. Grand Slam U.S.A, 42930 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi, provides area residents with the chance to develop their baseball skills - 365 days a year. The indoor facility also features full-length basketball courts for hoop

enthusiasts. "It's a place for people to come and have some fun, sald Stu Rose, academy director of baseball for the coach at Henry Ford Community Colcompany. They can also receive quality instruction.

"It never rains at Grand Slam." The 22,000 square-foot facility opened Aug. 1 this year. Since then residents, athletes and baseball teams have been coming to sharpen

"We've had high school teams from to 12:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Detroit, Canton, Flint, Plymouth and Livonia," said Don Keen, manager of Grand Slam. We had a team come from Windsor to practice here for an

The back wall of the facility is lined with several batting cages. Separate cages for baseball and softball are available. Each cage is designated to pitch hard rubberized balls at different speeds - slow, medium and

A "pitching tunnel," which is enclosed by netting, allows for pitching. batting and catching instruction. Geen said. Rose, who is the baseball lege, provides the instruction, he

Major League Baseball players, such as the Tigers' Frank Tanana and Mike Henneman, have visted Grand Slam. Taylor native and Atlanta Braves pitcher Steve Avery will put on a pitching clinic from 10 a.m.

Classes teaching the fundamentals of hitting and pitching are scheduled monthly, Keen said. The classes, which are held for youths 9 and up, cost \$45 and last for an hour.

Whiffle Ball leagues held by Grand Slam give adults a chance to exercise. Seasons include 10 games with a playoff to determine the champion. Trophies and t-shirts are awarded to the winning team.

Hitting leagues are also featured at the facility. Teams such as the Hawks, Hammertime and Legion of Doom make up the "Stan Musial" batting league.

Games are seven innings and each batter on the team gets 42 swings. Rose said. Points are awarded for hitting to certain areas of the batting cage. Champions are crowned in

each of the several leagues. To supply aspiring baseball stars, Grand Slam features a pro shop. Everything from bats and gloves to pitching machines can be bought.

"It's a great facility for baseball and the baseball fanatic," Rose said.

Besides baseball, Grand Slam organizes basketball leagues. A league for 10- to 12-year-olds is currently under way and another will start in January. An entry fee of \$30 is charged for each player.

A girls five-on-five league began in November and runs through January. A 10-game season for the teams is held with a \$350 entry fee charged

Novi High School Basketball Coach Bob Shoemaker runs the rogram at Grand Slam. Keen said the coach organizes fundamentals classes, much like the baseball program, for basketball players.

Grand Slam is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Prices include: 20 pitched balls for \$1.50, 160 for \$10; pitching tunnel, \$20 per hour, batting cage rental \$35 per hour and open basketball for \$5 per hour, per person.

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ing a 10-week water fitness class starting Jan. 7 and continuing through March 20.

The class is for adult swimmers and nonswimmers who would like to lose excess pounds and inches without the strenuous exercise of aerobics. Water workouts use the resistance of the water to firm and tone musies.

The class is held from 7:15-8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Northville High School pool. The fee is \$24.

Exercise Energie Class: Do you want to exercise but are alraid of the aerobic craze? The "Exercise Energie" class is for you.

Non-violent, low-impact aerobics are combined with light weights for toning and strength. Yoga stretches are used for warm up, cool down, flextbility and relaxation. Emphasis is placed on correct poeture, neck and back care.

The nine-week class starts on Jan. 7 and is held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Orchard Hills Elementary School from 7-8 p.m. Fee is \$55. Call 348-1200 for more information.

Rent a pool: For those who like to keep fit by swimming, the Novi High School Pool is available for rent. Groups may rent the pool on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. If interested, call the Novi Community Education office at 348-1200 at least one month prior to date requested.

Heath screening: The Novi Parks and Re-

Fitness Notes

creation Department offers a variety of health

screening events each week. One is blood pressure screening for senior citi-

zens. This free service is offered each Wednesday in the Novi Civic Center from 11 a.m.-noon.

Motorized Calisthenics: 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 visit, as well as your next visits 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.

Fitness over 50: A one-hour exercise program called "Fitness Over 50" is held Monday and Wednesday mornings at Twelve Oaks Mall. It takes place 9-10 a.m. in the Lord & Taylor corridor near the east entrance.

The program, conducted by the University of Michigan Division of Physical Education, is particulary aimed at older people and others who would benefit from an invigorating but nonstrenuous exercise program.

Fitness Over 50 welcomes all interested per-

Call the Twelve Oaks Management Office, 348-9438, for further 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 (7-8:30 p.m.) or Sundays (10:10-11:40 a.m.) at the Northville American Legion Hall. Yoga effectively trains the body to develop strength, flexibility and

Cost is \$28. For more information, call Siegel-DiVita at 344-0928.

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.

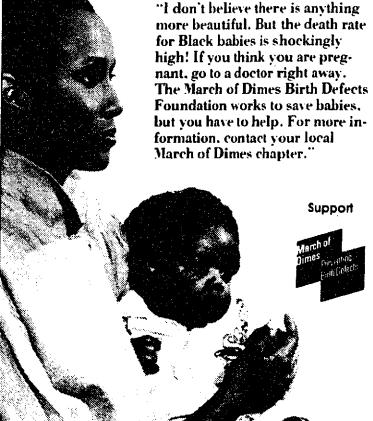
Registration fee is \$17, plus a weekly fee of \$9. For more information, call Diana Kutzke at

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 clases run continuously throughout the year.

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

SAVING BABIES...

Famous model IMAN talks about babies:



Myrna Partrich

Depression is common among young people

Dear Myrna: My 24-year old men in the U.S. will experience dedaughter has a problem with depression. She also has trouble sleeping. Her doctor has suggested exercise to help her problem. I guess depression la common at her age. Do you also recommend exercise for this altuation? This has all made me very depressed.

I am so sorry. As a mother I can understand what you are going through. It's hard to watch children struggle.

Depression is common among young people. In fact, depression is the most prevalent mental illness in the United States today. Last year, the National Institute of Mental Health reported that 25 percent of the women and 11% percent of the

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, children of 2 years of age have been diagnosed with depression and it is a serious problem of many teenagers and people in their mid-20s.

Several studies do show that exercise can help relieve depression and that people who exercise regularly have fewer episodes of depression then sedentary people. Studies show that exercise has an anti-depressant

In my research, I found a report by Dr. Dwight German, a Dallas Neurobiologist, who says the following: "People jump for joy because movement and emotion are biologically intertwined. Mood elevation that results from exercise is related to some basic survival needs. Under stress caused by fear or by exercise, the brain releases opioid peptides, or endorphins, to lessen pain and produce an analgesic, blissful, effect."

I know that mood and movement complement each other when endorphins activate brain cells that are vital to our physical and mental health. Our brain cells produce the chemical called 'dopamine.' Through exercise, we activate these brain cells and pump dopamine into adjoining brain regions that regulate movement and emotion.

Too little dopamine in the brain results in depression and muscular

In addition to the biological effects exercise has on depression, researchers have found that exercise can benefit people who have bouts of depression by giving them time out from their normal day — a relief from the stress of each day that sometimes leads to depression.

Myrna Partrich, co-owner of The Workout Company Inc. of Bloomfield Township and a recent appointee of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, is happy to answer any questions readers may have regarding exercise. Please send your leters to Sports Department, Myrna Partrich, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI

REAL ESTATE CREATIVE LIVING





The Porter

A home that will never be dark inside

BY JAMES MCALEXANDER Copley News Service

Whatever the season of the year, the Porter is a home that will never be dark inside. And its huge living room, family room and wide wrap-around deck make it a natural for

home entertaining.

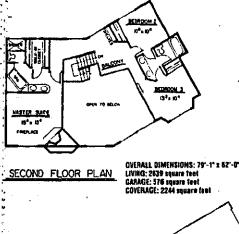
Double tiers of windows along the back wall flood the lofty living room, vaulted to the ceiling, with natural light. The family room is just as big (plenty of room for a pool tab~ ors and several more windows on another.

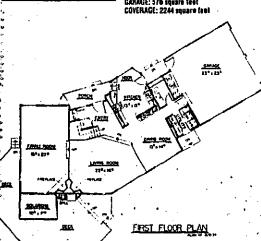
Firelight adds yet another dimension. During the colder months, the Porter takes on the ambience exclusive ski lodge with lar crackling fires in the living room and family room and a smaller, cozier fire in the master suite. In summer, yet a fourth flue in the wide chimney is put to use as an outlet for smoke from the built-in barbecue, outside on the rear

The kitchen is every bit as bright as the other shared living areas. Windows line a large bay, creating a sunny custom-shaped eating nook. The eating bar that separates the kitchen from the dining room, doubles as a buffet area for formal dining. Built-in utilities are nearby in a room that's also large enough to accommodate a freezer and utility tub.

At the top of the stairs to the second floor, a wide landing overlooks the living room. Family members can't help but curl up in easy chairs here to catch up on their

In addition to its fireplace, the master suite has a double walk-in closet, compartmentalized shower and toilet, a spa and double vanities. Twin bedrooms at the opposite end of the upper floor share a second double vanity, also outside of the water closet.





For a study plan of The Porter (209-34), send \$5 Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



Little things may go bump in the night, but the fall won't be far.

Bed for toddlers is built for comfort, height and

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BY AILEEN WINGBLAD

What started out as an idea for a special gift for their grandchild has become a growing home-based business for a Northville couple.

The Sleepy Head Toddler Bedd is the brainchild of William and Shirley MacNicols, who designed, developed and now distribute the unique, low-profile frame — the sole product of their company Joint Concepts Enterprises. And with orders coming in from throughout the metro-Detroit area, as well as from as far away as New Jersey and Florida, creating this hand-crafted starter bed has seemingly set the MacNicols well on their way toward a successful business venture.

"I've had nothing but good remarks with this," says Shirley MacNicols.

Indeed, the Sleepy Head Toddler Bedd does boast some features which the MacNicols say offer durability and practicality while giving a youngster a safe, fun place to sleep. Measuring just 14 inches from the floor to the top of the mattress, the bed is eastly accessible - ideal for the child, age 18 months to around 8 years, who wants the independence of climbing in and out

himself. And since the toddler bed uses a standard crib-size mattress, parents simply transfer the child's existing crib mattress

into the Sleepy Head frame. The bed is ideal is to ease the child out of his or her crib. The low sides also minimize the risk of injury in the event the child rolls out of bed while sleeping.

Only solid rock maple is used to construct the bed, which comes pre-sanded and ready to stain or paint to coordinate with the child's other furnishings. All that's needed for assembly is a screwdriver. The price is \$1 19.95.

"It has a strong, safe, attractive look ... and it's especially nice to have if you live in an apartment or in a smaller house with limited space," adds Shirley MacNicols.

Her husband, William, a lathe machinist by trade, built the first Sleepy Head Toddler Bedd in the basement of his home as a pet project for his grandchild, utilizing a Hollywood-bed type of concept. Shirley says that when she invited a couple of neighbors in to see the finished product, the response was astounding.

"Everyone ranted and raved right from the start. We couldn't believe how impressed everyone was with the bed. My next door neighbor was our first customer.

She bought two beds right away - one for her home and one for her daughter's. She just begged my husband to make them for her." Shirley said.

From there, orders continued to come in. Since then the MacNicols have hired a carpenter in Traverse City to craft the beds. which are then shipped by UPS.

And while some local retailers have expressed interest in marketing and distributing the Sleepy Head Toddler Bed, MacNicols says she and her husband have decided that, for now, they aren't ready to expand the business to such a large scale. However, they are considering adding bedding accessories to the Sleepy Head

"If nothing else comes of it, we've had a lot of fun with the business. It's really something different for us."

"And I love the bed ... every one of the children who have tried it love it too. Sometimes our customers will call back and tell us how much their kids and they enjoy the bed. We are very, very pleased," she said.

The Sleepy Head Toddler Bedd is available through Joint Concept Enterprises for \$119:95 plus shipping, with Visa and Mastercard accepted. Write to 42772 Lake Success, Northville 48167, or call 347-9475.

REAL ESTATE

Fixer-uppers can be good investments

BY JAMES M. WOODARD Copley News Service

"Fixer-upper home for sale. Save thousands of dollars by fixing up this neglected property yourself. A

great opportunity!" That type of ad copy generates a strong appeal to many of today's prospective home buyers, even in an otherwise sluggish real estate

market. So report many brokers. With home prices at high levels and loan qualification requirements stiffening, the opportunity to trade sweat for cash is very appealing. And that's reflected in the number of prospect responses to fixer-upper

This might lead a seller or broker to take this marketing approach for a listed home.

Mess up the windows and walls a bit, dirty-up the kitchen cabinets and bathroom fixtures, let the lawn and shrubs go to pot, put a few junk items on the front patio among the leaves—and advertise the property as a "fixer-upper with great poten-

I contacted several active brokers regarding this type of offering. They didn't advocate the fabrication of a fixer-upper appearance, but attested to the strong appeal of these properties in today's market.

One broker cited a dramatic ex-

for some time, pointing out positive owner. features the house offered. Response was minimal.

Then she decided to advertise it as a fixer-upper opportunity. Within a few days she had an offer-to-buy and seven backup offers on the property.

One broker in my home town also is experiencing strong response from fixer-upper home offerings. One is a bank foreclosed property.

I inspected this neglected home. It's basically an attractive Spanish style ranch home, built in 1973, but desperately in need of TLC.

The front patio was messy, complete with a discarded beer bottle. Screens needed repairing and were leaning against the side of the house. The outside stairs were broken. And I could almost hear the yard screaming for a rototiller and seed.

It's located high on a hill and the view is fantastic. That's one element that can't be ruined by human neglect.

"I'm receiving lots of calls on this property—12 in the last two days," the broker said. The idea of paying less for a home needing work is very appealing to many families. It's like investing a bit of sweat equity along with cash."

Fixer-uppers also appeal to investors who want to improve and rent the property. And if it's a foreclosed property, many prospects are even more motivated knowing that exceptionally favorable financing terms might be ample. She advertised a listed house available from the lending institution

One broker, who also has had an exceptionally large number of inquiries about fixer-upper homes in recent months, said that many of the foreclosed properties are not particularly good deals. They were purchased at the height of the market and, in some cases, their mortgage loan balance is now more than their current market

Advice to prospective buyers: Don't assume a house advertised as a fixerupper is priced far below market value. It may indeed be a very good deal, but check recent comparable sales to be sure you're investing wisely. Your broker can probably help by generating comparable data via his computer.

Q. Where can I find a good source of information about major real estate firms throughout the country?

A. The most complete and well-organized compilation of information I've seen recently is a directory called, "Real Facts—the information sourcebook for the real estate industry.

The directory is published by Real Trends, 4600 S. Ulster St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80237-2870.

Q. Do real estate brokers sometimes

receive a bonus for selling a home quickly?

A. A recently emerging trend in

mal broker commissions or a flat bonus to the selling office. This, of course, is to gain an edge in a highly competitive market.

"Yes, we have sellers who offer bonuses," one real estate agent said. "They, usually range from \$1,000 to ~5,000. We also have sellers who offer to pay all closing costs in a transaction if completed within a specified time period. Or they will pay a higher sales commis-

Nationally, this practice is growingdramatically, particularly in the Northeast region. Higher commissions nor-i mally range from 7 percent to 9 per-

In one case, a firm invites sellers to pay an extra \$500 or an extra percentage point in commissions. That cash is put into a special pool and agents periodically participate in a drawing for the money.

"Personally, I don't like these broker" incentive bonuses," a real estate agent. said. "It would be better to reduce the price of the home by that much money. or give a credit to the buyer to cover landscaping or decoration costs."

There's potential "conflict of interest" problem in these bonuses, headded. "We should render equal professional service to all clients, regardless of offered bonuses."

Send inquiries to James M. Woodard. Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, today's home sale market is the practice of sellers paying higher than nor- San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

Save those old issues of Vanity Fair

BY JAMES G. MCCOLLAM Copley News Service

Q.The enclosed mark is on the back of an 11-inch oyster plate that is decorated with all-over floral

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Guide" lists this for \$25 and

mentions the art noveau ladies on

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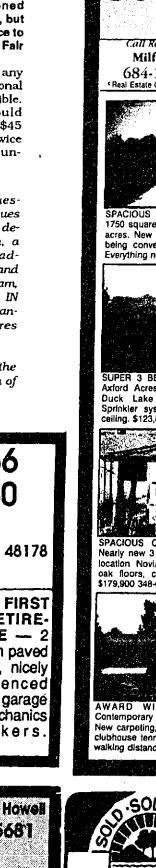
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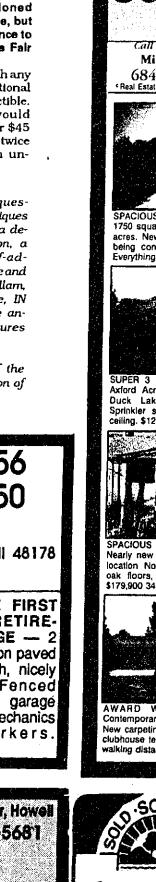














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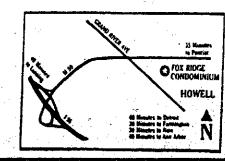
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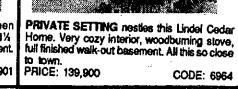






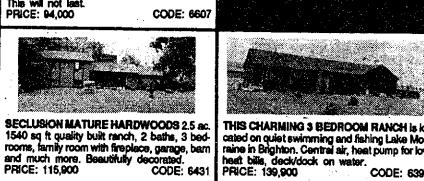












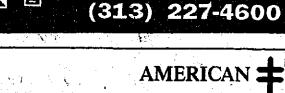






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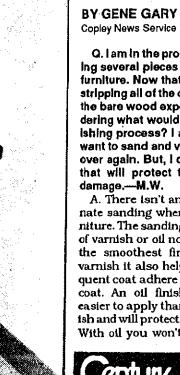
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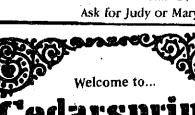


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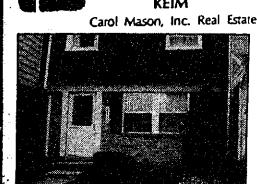


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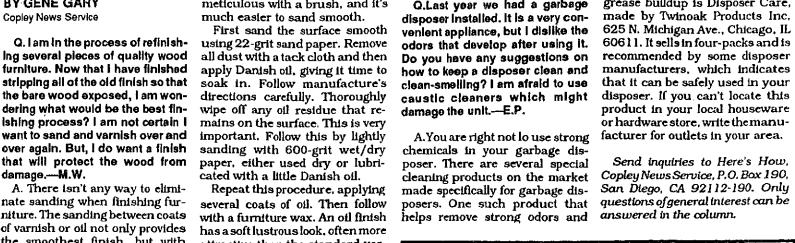
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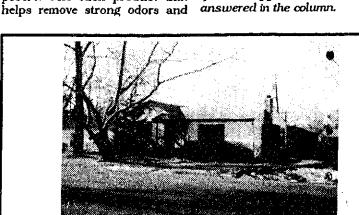
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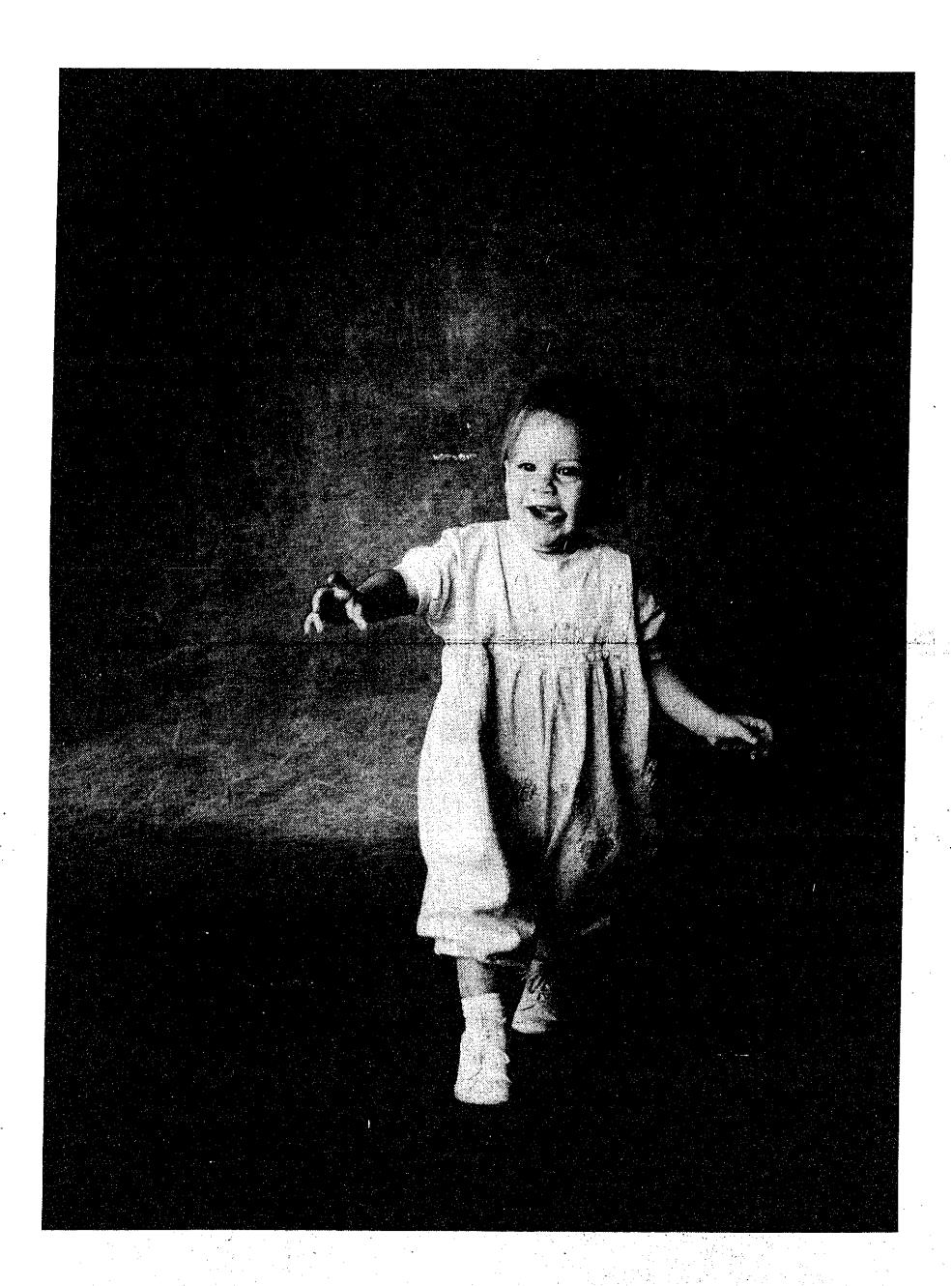




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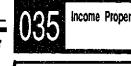
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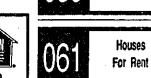
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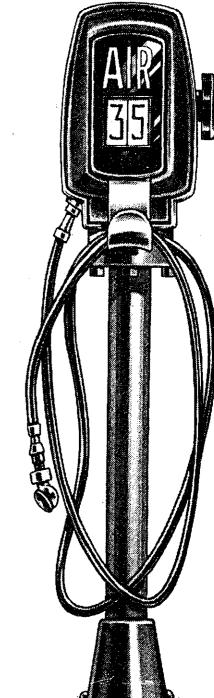
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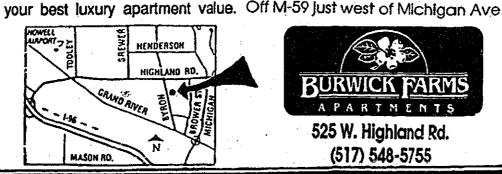
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If you're not moving forward,

you're moving backward. That philosophy would seem to sum up the latest movements by the Novi firm 4 Guys Marketing.

Last summer 4 Guys scored a hit with its Garage Saver. The miniature stop-sign lookalike is suspended from the garage ceiling to indicate when your car is positioned properly. The idea is to keep you from running into (or in some cases through) the back end of your garage.

The Garage Saver was sold through Meijer and a number of other stores, and sales are showing no signs of slowing.

But nowthere are new frontiers for the makers of Garage Saver. According to Mark Fleming, a Northville resident and one of the four founders of 4 Guys Marketing, the Garage Saver concept is being taken a few steps further.

We've got over 60 designs now, some of them in meon colors, and more to come," said Fleming. "We have travel, sports and kids themes. We offer national themes like 'Don't Drink and Drive, and Say No to Drugs.'And we're trying to have some Larry King got the name, and he international impact with international stop signs."

any small business, but Fleming says it's a necessary one.

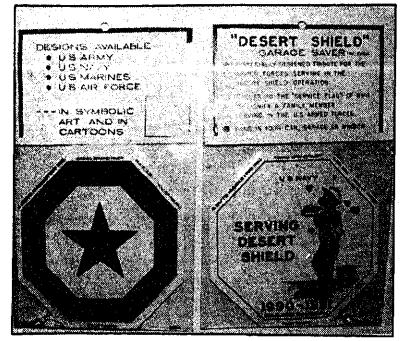
The international market is the

key to the success of a small business," said Fleming. "If you're not sert Sheild Garage Saver. With the anticipating the overseas market, conflict in the Persian Gulf on the you're going to be in trouble because minds of everyone, Fleming and his it's so price-competitive."

In fact, 4 Guys has been so successful that its founders have been chosen to host a series of television picting the four branches of the milispots which will appear on the "Larry. King Live," a weekly talk show that airs on various national cable

networks. U.S.A." will spotlight the video news scrious cartoons. For the more hawkreleases of various businesses, both ish buyer, there are Garage Savers large and small. Just how 4 Guys was featuring targets superimposed over chosen to introduce the series is a

mystery to Fleming. "I really don't know how this all



The Operation Desert Shield Garage-Saver

happened," he said. "We've sold (Garage Makers) to a number of large companies — NAPA, Kroger, Meijer, AAA — and we've gone to trade shows. Our name has gotten out. selected us.

Since the feature is valuable publ-Going international is a big step for icity for the companies featured, there will be a fee. The first spot will air Jan. 20.

An equally large step for 4 Guys is the launching of the Operation Departners have come up with a way to capitalize on it.

There are 12 different designs detary - Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines — with the inscription "Serving Desert Sheild, 1990-91."
The images on the Desert Shield Gar-The feature, called "Newsmakers age Saver are a mix of humorous and

the face of Saddam Hussein and a map of Iraq.

"It's a tribute to the troops serving in Saudi Arabia," said Fleming. "It's a memorabilia thing that you can place in the home, or hang in the window. It's similar to the service flags that people had in their homes during World War II when a family member was in the service."

For a more upscale look, the Desert Sheild Garage Saver is available in a custom frame, with the work done exclusively for 4 Guys by Kean Framing of Novi.

Tim Kean is doing this for us. said Fleming. "It's a very first-class, very professional framing job."

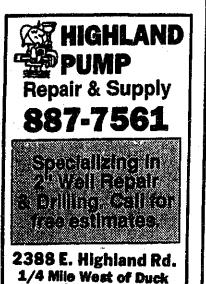
Further down the road, 4 Guys will debut the Straight Aim, a golfer's aid. It's a brightly colored piece of wood with a point on one end. A golf tee fits into the center, and the Straight Aim acts as a guide.

For the guys who reinvented the stop sign, there appears to be no

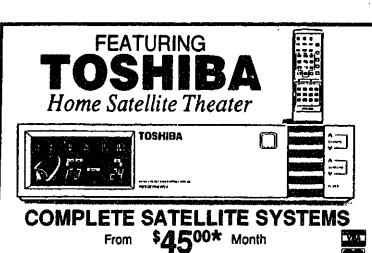


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Business Briefs

The former Plymouth Auto Parts has reopened as PLYMOUTH CARQUEST AUTO PARTS. It's new because Carquest is new to the Plymouth area, yet it's old because Plymouth Auto Parts, formerly known as Garfield Auto Parts, has been a fixture in the community since 1966 at 1102 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Kurt Stanley, the owner of the newly christened Plymouth Carquest Auto Parts, explains. We have affiliated with Carouest so we could continue to provide our customers with the highest quality auto parts and services available in the marketplace today. We are all very excited about the change."

Carquest is a national distribution network based in Terrytown, N.Y. designed to allow independent owners to take advantage of combined buying power to provide top quality auto parts to the market at competitive prices. With 2,500 members nationwide, and over 125 in Michigan alone, that buying power is substantial.

"My goal," said Stanley, "is to provide the best products available to my customers at competitive prices. I insist that only quality products be sold here."

"I can do that with the Carquest program. Though many of the products we now sell are packaged under the Carquest name, the contents of the boxes are name-brand items." Names like Moog, Maremont, Gabriel, Wagner, Standard/Blue Streak, and Gates, names familiar to any serious automotive buff, are just a few mentioned by Stanley.

The other great benefit of dealing through Carquest," said Stanley, "is that we can continue to provide the best service in the area to our customers. We pride ourselves on the quality of our service. It has always been our goal to provide fast, friendly, knowledgable service to all our customers. We try to give our customers whatever help we can, be it answering questions, looking under the hood of a car, calling around for hard-to-find parts, or suggesting to a customer where they can go to get help with a problem they can't, or don't want to, fix."

The Carquest affiliation also allows Plymouth Carquest Auto Parts to extend nationwide warranties on many of the parts sold there. as well as a toll-free phone number customers can use to locate the nearest Carquest store anywhere in the nation.

"Many 'discount' stores sell auto parts," Stanley continue, "but they can't give the customer the best quality parts or advice. You have to cut back somewhere. With Carquest, though, we come as close as is possible to my goal of providing our customers with the best quality auto parts and services at competitive prices."

Store hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 455-0760.

Comerica Inc. announced that Novi resident MARY P. DEPACE has joined its staff as senior investment analyst and officer. Comerica Capital Management. Chairman Eugene A. Miller made the

DePace received a bachelor's degree in 1979 from Bowling Green State University. She is a member of the Detroit Financial Analysis

PHIL WEXLER, author, video and audio personality, will be speaking on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Southfield Hotel, His topic will be "Service: A Philosophy, Not a Department," This program focuses on action ideas guaranteed to have a significant impact on the way you think about customer service. Learn the reasons why some businesses fail while others abound with success. Tickets are \$30 in advance and can be reserved by calling Yes . . . A Positive Network at (313) 362-2424.

JACK CANFIELD, a leading self-esteem expert, will be speaking on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Southfield Hotel. His topic will be "How to Build High Self-Esteem." This seminar uses adechniques to program yourself for major breakthrough. Learn to heal the past without pain and move into the future you have always wanted. Tickets are \$30 in advance and can be reserved by calling Yes ... A Positive Network at (313) 362-2424.



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If you don't already have a budget, now is the time to start one. A budget is an excellent way to forecast how you will get and use money, plus a way to discipline yourself when spending gets out of line. The first step is to figure out how

much you earn and how much you spend. Add up your salary and any other money you receive, then examine how you spend your money. This cash flow analysis forms the baats of your budget. Carefully evaluate your income and expenses and make changes that will allow you to live within your budget. Once you learn to save and invest wisely, you will be able to take your financial future into your own hands.

Review your investments. You need different strategies for different stages of life. Your goals and ability to tolerate risks are likely to change in tune with your age, job, family status and economic well-being. Also, minimize risk by spreading your investments over a number of different categories and vehicles.

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Realtors across the nation are increasing pres- longer required on loans insured after the 1985 reaction to government housing policies and regsure for a change in FHA policy that allows home date," Courtney said. "Almost all lenders appa- ulations is a continuing service of realtors that rethrough the end of the month when an FHA loan is month if the prepayment is not received by the owners.

prepaid after the first day of the month. "We thought such problems would be resolved when the previous 30-day notification requirement on prepayments was waived in 1985, said Douglas G. Courtney, president of Metro MLS, the

state's largest multiple listing service. He said that for loans insured prior to Aug. 2. 1985, lenders must be notified 30 days in advance of a borrower's intent to prepay an FHA-insured mortgage. If the payment is not received by the first day of the month, the lender has the option of prorating the interest or charging interest through

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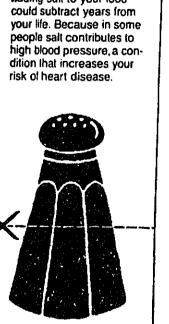
"It seems extremely unfair that a person can end up paying an entire month's interest for as little as one day's use of a lender's money," Courtney stated. "Paying off a home loan is challenging enough for most buyers without the addition of

"Through our National Association, we also will seek to have Congress modify some misdirected and counterproductive changes in FHA programs made during the current session," he said. "The most glaring tied the price of mortgage insurance premiums to the risk of default and boosted the amount of cash some FHA borrowers need at

"By our reckoning, these changes may result in as many as 40.000 cash-poor potential FHA homebuyers finding themselves priced out of the market. It is difficult to understand why Congress would take such negative action at a time when Courtney pointed out that such tracking and home sales and housing affordability is declining:



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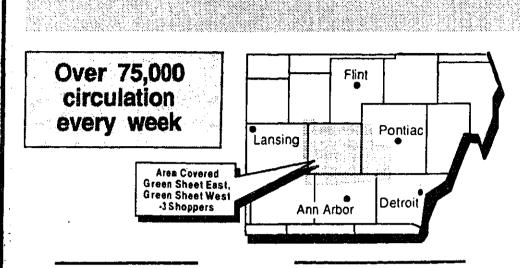
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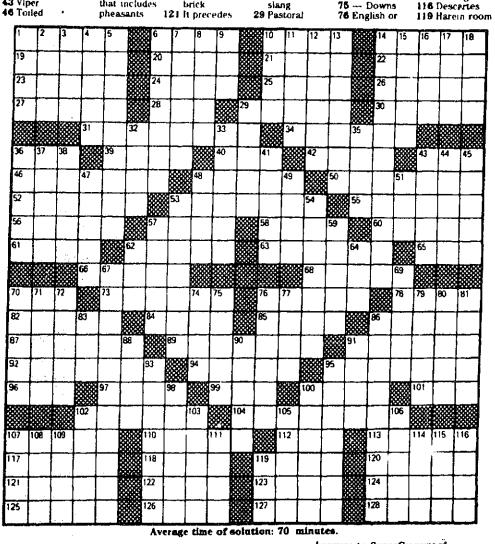
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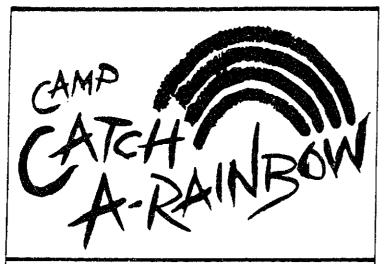
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