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## Cable firm to hike fee for service

Metrovision of Oakland County, which provides cable television service for the Novi area, will once again raise its rates effective Feb. 1.

The last increase came in February of 1990. Basic service will be priced at \$16.95 per month, an increase of \$1.45. All other rates, including those for premium services, remote control converters and additional outlets, will remain at current prices.

"We understand that nobody likes a rate increase, but the cost of doing business has gone up," said Tom Bjorklund, regional manager. "What we are being charged has increased by 35 percent."

Bjorklund said that the company has had an increase of 35 percent in the rates charged by basic programming networks over the last year.

The percentage of the increase varies depending on the customer's level of service. The average increase, based on an average bill of about \$30.55, will be 4.7 percent.

Bjorklund said that Metrovision's premium service rates continue to be the lowest in the area. He gave examples of other local basic cable rates: \$19.90 in Plymouth; \$20.45 in Walled Lake; \$19.95 in Warren; \$18.45 in Birmingham; and \$17 in Detroit.

Lark Samoulian, executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, could not be reached for comment about the rate increase.

Bjorklund said that during the past year, Metrovision has expanded its office hours and adopted a new set of customer service standards developed by the national Cable Television Association.

Among other things, the standards provide for maximum service problems and for efficiency in receiving phone calls. The company is

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Photo by HAL GOULD

## Fishing hot spot?

Rick Reiter found the ice fishing "hot spot" on Walled Lake last Wednesday. He started fishing about 8 a.m. and had managed to pull in a pile of 25 by about 2:30 p.m. In the meantime,

other fishermen on the lake were taking a great many fewer fish. The ice on the lake is estimated to be 4 1/2 inches thick.

## Gas blaze costs yet to be totaled

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

"We had a big blow torch," is how Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan described the gas main fire that reddened the evening skies over Grand River Avenue last Wednesday.

It was a 30- to 40-foot tall blow torch that led to a night without telephone service for 300 Novi customers, as well as a shut-off of the fuel needed to warm 650 homes and businesses when the temperature plunged to 13 degrees.

The utility companies are currently assessing their financial losses. Consumers Power does not expect to have a final report on the accident finished until late this week.

"We'll talk to the contractor involved and we have to determine what led up to the incident. If the contractor was responsible, we have to negotiate with the contractor about the cost of the interruption," said Garth Behrendt, public information director for the

company.

"If the contractor is responsible, standard procedure is that they pay damages."

Customers will not see an increase in their gas bills caused by the fire, he added. "That's why we try to recover costs from the party responsible. Some of them pay up; it's negotiated. Some of them we have to take to court."

Six Consumers Power employees, who suffered first- and second-degree burns, were treated and released by nearby hospitals that night.

The explosion was triggered by a rupture of a gas main during the installation of sewer and water lines west along Grand River.

The contractor, State-Wide Excavating Company of Wixom, was drilling under the road with an auger when a five-inch hole was ripped in the six-inch steel pipe.

The gas line, which is 30 inches

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## Guardian eyeing purchase of OIS

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

Guardian Industries Corp. in Novi has shown some interest in purchasing enough of Optical Imaging Systems Inc. to gain nearly one-third of the company's stock.

OIS develops flat panel displays or viewing screens valued by aerospace and defense industries for their high-resolution pictures. Except for prototypes, the company has not produced any of the screens.

The company lost \$591,000 on \$1.8 million in revenues for the fiscal quarter ending in September.

Guardian treasurer Wallace Rueckel said the purchase, which is still under negotiation, will be for investment purposes. It will not affect Guardian's Novi offices, he said. If the purchase is completed, Guardian would have controlling interest in OIS.

The corporation has signed a letter of intent to pay \$10.5 million for 29 percent of OIS with an option to buy another 22 percent for an additional \$10.5 million within the next three years.

Owned by Detroit Pistons' owner William Davidson, Guardian pro-

duces glass products used in the construction and automotive industry, fiberglass insulation products, molded plastic products and oil drilling equipment. The company has no manufacturing needs for the OIS viewing screens, Wallace said.

"It's for investment purposes only," he said. "We would only be acquiring interest in OIS."

Guardian's world headquarters are located on Nine Mile Road in Novi. The corporation has production facilities in the United States, Europe and South America.

The purchase will not influence Guardian's local business, Wallace said.

OIS, a company in Stanford Ovshinsky's Troy-based Energy Conversion Devices Inc., formerly was named Ovonic Imaging Systems combining Ovshinsky's name with the word electronics.

Ovshinsky's ECD has consistently lost money. The company, which does not have voting rights in OIS due to a stipulation made by an outside investor (not Guardian), has gained notoriety because it has invested heavily in research, rather than in the production of products, thereby losing investors' money.

## Police cars have a high turnover rate

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department replaces a squad car at an average of one every six weeks. A new police car serves the department for approximately 1 1/2 years.

But the life of a police car doesn't end there. Novi Police Lieutenant Thomas Hesse explained after recent Novi City Council approval for the purchase of 12 new vehicles for the Patrol Division.

Total cost of the new Chevrolet vehicles was

\$180,226, with each individual police car costing \$15,018. Police cars have heavy-duty suspension and tires, as well as the largest engine available.

The individual vehicle cost is lower than the average person would be able to get, Hesse said, because the city buys them through the Oakland County Cooperative purchasing program. This program serves police departments of many cities by obtaining very large quantities of vehicles at one time.

"These (new) cars have to last us until April of 1992," he added.

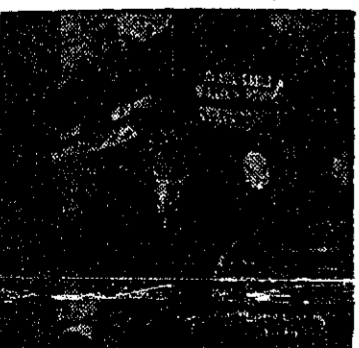
Hesse said retired police cars, which are taken off the road at 60,000 miles for contractual reasons, go on to be used for court transportation purposes, school programs, police seminars, and to other uses by City of Novi employees.

The retired vehicles, he said, are spray painted black and "used by all different departments in the city until it's decided the car can no longer be used."

That decision, he said, is usually reached when repair costs exceed the value of the car. Ultimately the cars are put out for bid and sold to anybody that wants them.

### Inside

Feature stories, columns, and complete television listings — all that inside today's paper in "Suburban Cable Weekly," your guide to television. The TV listings are keyed to the actual channel numbers on the local Onncom cable system.



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### News Briefs

**Correction:** In a review of Novi High School sports in the Jan. 3 issue, the Novi News erred when giving a record for the Novi girls soccer team. The Wildcats had a 1-12-1 record against all teams except KVC newcomers Howell and Hartland — not 1-21-1 as reported.

**Chef exchange:** On Sunday, Jan. 20, the chefs of the Sheraton Oaks-Novi will step aside to let six of Japan's finest master chefs move in. These culinary artisans will transform the Sheraton kitchen into a Japanese art gallery as they prepare an eleven course meal in honor of their hosts the Michigan Winter Ice Festival. The event is being held for 10 days at the Michigan State Fair Grounds Jan. 25 through Feb. 3. The visiting chefs are from the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. Tickets for this event will run \$35 per person. For information, contact Jaime Kleinstiver at 868-8800.

**Friends or relatives in Saudi Arabia?** The Novi News would love to hear about anyone with local ties who has been deployed as a part of "Operation Desert Shield," the U.S. military force in Saudi Arabia.

We hope to collect basic biographical information and pictures of our local service people, and run them on a special page in the near future. The page will include information on how to send mail to the service people.

If you know of anyone serving in Saudi Arabia, please call the office at 349-1700. Ask for Cristina Ferrier or Mike Malott.

**Share your skills:** Novi Community Education is always looking for instructors for its adult and child enrichment classes.

If you have a skill, craft or hobby you'd like to share with others, call Novi Community Education at 348-1200.

**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 need.

Donations are appreciated.

**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.

**Historical notepaper:** The Novi Historical Society has notepaper for sale at the Novi Public Library and the Novi City Manager's Office. Each package contains 12 note cards, three each of four subjects. Price is \$3, including envelopes.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Masters of knowledge

Students of the Meads Mill school have participated by computer in a world-wide competition known as the Knowledge Masters Open. This year, they placed 15th. The program is part of an effort to expand computer education in the Northville school district. For details, see page 3.

### Sports Briefs

**Wildcat Update** — The Novi swimming team got dunked 100-86 by Plymouth Salem last Thursday.

The Wildcats were without two of their top two performers — Jon Mutch and Jamie May — but the Speersneider brothers spearheaded the tankers, each earning two event victories. Mike Speersneider won the 200 and 500 freestyle events, while Derek won the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke.

The loss leaves the 'Cats at 1-3.

**Mustang Update** — For a wrestling squad trying to get untracked, a quad meet featuring national-power Temperance-Bedford and WLA-powr Plymouth Salem probably isn't the ideal place to do it.

Nevertheless, that's what the Northville grappler's faced on Jan. 3 at the Garden City Quadrangular Meet. And to add to the challenge, the Mustangs were without three regulars: Matt Allison, Dave Kovacovich and Mike Moore.

As expected, Northville fell to Salem (48-25) and Bedford (43-25), but did salvage the outing with a lopsided win over the host Cougars (48-27).

For the meet, triple winners were Kevin Khashan at 125 pounds and Jeff Lower at 171. Brandon Mardossian, at 135, had three wins, with one coming by default, and Jason Vertrees (189) had two voids to go with his pin of Salem's Wade Langdon.

MONDAY UPDATE

Civic Calendar Jan. 7-13

- MONDAY/7
NOVI CITY COUNCIL will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the activities room at the Community Center.
NORTHVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION meets at 8 p.m. in the meeting room at township hall.
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS meets at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the township hall.
NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL meets at 8 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.
TUESDAY/8
LAKES OF NORTHVILLE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the clerk's office at Northville Township Hall.
NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at city hall.
NOVI ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chamber at City Center.
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at township hall.
CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.
WEDNESDAY/9
NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7:30 in the council chamber at Civic Center.
THURSDAY/10
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Northville Township Hall.
NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION meets at 8 p.m. in the activities room at the Community Center.
NORTHVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION meets at 8 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.
SATURDAY/12
NOVI CITY COUNCIL will meet in a goal-setting session at 9 a.m. in the activities room at the Community Center.

Aerobics group leaps to rescue

Aerobic Connection in Farmington Hills will be jumping for Joey in January.
It's a fund-raiser to raise \$2,500 for a wheelchair lift for Joey Davis, a 2 1/2 year-old Northville boy with severe physical and mental retardation.
Several times every hour, Joey flinches his arms, rolls his eyes and loses consciousness. When that happens, his mother Carla, 30 and separated, knows immediately that he is having a seizure. Everytime he has a seizure, he loses time developmentally.
Joey needs total care because he can't move anything on his own. He's blind and weighs 25 pounds.
"Joey just sees shadows," said Carla, 30, a surgical registered nurse who works part-time at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. "We don't know if he can interpret anything he sees."
Carla is currently embroiled in litigation with Providence Hospital in Southfield, trying to prove that Joey's severe mental and physical difficulties are the result of a birth injury. She's hoping the outcome of the lawsuit will assist her in purchasing a home that is barrier-free for her son.
"I want him to be taken care of properly," Carla said. "I don't want him to go to a nursing home. I haven't gotten to the point where I can leave him with strangers. I would get lots of help. I have applied for SSI (Social Security), but was denied."
With the help of Peter Nielsen, a former Mr. International Universe, his partner Russell Pauling, and her 20-member staff, Urbais is confident area residents will open their hearts to a little boy in great need.
An Aerobic-A-Thon will be held Saturday, Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to midnight at the health spa located at 23317 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Sponsorpledge sheets are available by calling 478-9077. You need not participate in the aerobic session to contribute money.
Carla's day never ends. Every two hours she turns Joey to prevent bed sores. During this same time interval she feeds Joey strained baby food and gives him something to drink in order to maintain his body weight.
"Joey had to be resuscitated at birth," Carla said. "I knew he was in distress."
Joey didn't cry at birth, and he doesn't cry now. So Carla has to guess what's wrong when he becomes ill.
"I don't know when he's having pain or not," Carla said.
Urbais has the highest praise for her friend, Carla. "She has a way of influencing people to have a good outlook on life."

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MONDAY EDUCATION

Impressionable: computer kids

Northville students have been trying their hand at a new activity, from copying impressionist art to designing automobiles, thanks to the district's new band-financed \$3 million telecommunications system.
Meads Mill students are already experienced computer users having completed in a computer knowledge competition since the fall of 1987. Recently, they have expanded their computer skills.
The 1989 voter-approved bond issue permitted the district to install computers in every school. At Meads Mill that means students can see an impressionist art exhibit from the Toledo Museum of Art right in the building.
The exhibit was shown on a laser disk system in the Meads Mill library. The system is "like a video but a lot better," according to librarian Robert Stover.



Art contest winners were (l-r) Meghan Conner, Amanda Dekoker, Jenny McPhail, Nicole Melxner, Lindsey Petrie and Summer Showler

"These things are going to be definite dinosaurs in a few years," Stover said.
A computer wand checks out books, and immediately notifies the computerized card catalog that the book being checked out is no longer available. Students can search the card catalog from their classrooms and the library.
World Book and Grolier's Academic American encyclopedias are available on computer which can search the volumes of information with a few key strokes.
For example, the World Book Encyclopedia mentions the words "Kennedy" and "Dallas" 19 times in 12 articles. If a student is writing a paper

about former president John Kennedy's assassination, then they can print all of the World Book references to Kennedy and Dallas. The computer also suggests other searches that might provide relevant information.
The new microfilm system at Meads Mill is Stover's pride and joy. "This is what they have at high schools and, of course, they've had it in the colleges. Now they have it at this level," Stover said.
The district subscribes to Text on Microfilm which provides students access to 120 magazines from Ms. to Good Housekeeping. The magazines

are printed on microfiche, and provide easy access to current events, Stover said.
"Now that teachers know about this they're assigning real current event type projects," he said.
Younger students often will look up a story in a magazine on microfiche even if a copy of the same magazine is available in print at the library, Stover said.
"It's new and exciting. That's why they like it," he said.
The next step in computerizing district school buildings might include purchasing equipment to en-

Doc Doyle

High hopes for 1991 school year

What are some new year's resolutions you would like to see these in education and those impacted by education make for 1991?
Following are some resolutions I would like to see those in education or those impacted by education make for 1991.
As a superintendent of schools, I promise to say, "I'm getting out of this job" only 30 times in 1991.
As a board of education member, I will daily remind myself that I am to be an advocate for children, not some singular special interest group.
As a building principal, I will remind myself that I am to be a facilitator for learning, not just a building manager who is more concerned about the daily lunch money count than the education of children.
As a parent, I will attend all teacher/parent conferences and volunteer to be an educational partner even if it means I might miss a symphony or a Patriots game, a golf match or a night on the bowling lanes.
As a teacher, I will remind myself that the most difficult child in my class still is some parent's most precious possession. That I'll work to reach the child tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.
As a central office curriculum leader, I will remind myself that every

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# Fire called 'big blow torch'

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Underground, had been marked with stakes by Consumers Power, a standard construction procedure, Behrendt said.

"Once it's been staked, the contractor knows where the line is located," he added.

The main was torn at about 3:15 p.m. and Consumers Power workers freed the auger from the gas line at about 4:30 p.m. They were sealing the leak with a metal sleeve over the pipe when the fuel erupted into flames at about 5:15 p.m. A neighboring building was shaken by the concussion, witnesses said.

The massive column of fire was finally extinguished at 6:45 p.m.

Because they were dressed in fire-resistant suits, gloves, boots, protective face gear and goggles, the injured workers were burned primarily on the face, neck and hands.

By 11 a.m. the following day, Consumers Power employees had individually re-lit all furnaces and pilot lights in the area along Grand River Avenue area between Beck and Whom roads. By 9 p.m. on Jan. 3, the telephones were back in working order.

"Consumers Power was there during the day when they were working. The gas pipe started to deflect and it came up," said Novi's superintendent of public works, Bruce Jerome.

Jerome said the puncture was at the sewer line location, not the water line as originally reported.

"We're not at liberty to make any comments on that incident at all," a State-Wide spokesman said.

It was two hours before the gas lines were shut, Novi's fire chief said. The department received word at 5:18 p.m. of an explosion with injuries. Because there are no hydrants at the site, tankers were called in from the Northville, Whom and Lyon Township fire departments. Walked Lake firefighters manned Novi's Fire Station 2 to free up the local force.

"It was easier just to shut it off and let it burn off," Lenaghan said.

"It was a high-pressure main. It took time to bleed off."

The firefighters watched a nearby house and Jimmie's Rustics furniture store to make sure sparks didn't reach the buildings. Lenaghan estimated the monetary damages of the event will be significant.

"The loss at the scene is going to be fairly high because there was power equipment involved," he said.

Along with the gas which escaped into the air or was burned, two Consumers Power back hoes were torched. Two Michigan Bell telephone poles, two cables and some individual drop lines were scorched and had to be replaced. A pick-up truck and a trailer were also charred.

## Police News

Novi police reported Jan. 1 that a New Year's Eve prank damaged at least 23 vehicles in the south end of the city.

Apparently someone drove through most of the subdivisions in south Novi, randomly spraying paint on vehicles that were parked in the street.

Most of the vehicles were painted from front to rear with either orange-silver or green spray paint.

There are currently no suspects.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO** — A Novi man reported Dec. 29 that someone had punched out the lock of his 1988 Mazda pickup truck and stolen his radio detector.

The vehicle was reportedly parked in front of the man's apartment on Sagewood in the Saddle Creek complex. The radio detector was attached to the driver's side sun visor. Police said there was no physical evidence in the surrounding area, and no other property was taken.

There are currently no suspects or arrests.

**MISSING RINGS** — A Novi woman told police Dec. 28 that two diamond rings valued at over \$9,000 were missing.

She told police she believes the rings may have been lost or stolen around Nov. 3, when she was in the process of moving.

The first missing ring was described as a yellow gold wedding set made up of a 1-carat diamond with six baguettes. The other ring was described as a 3/4-carat diamond with two rubies.

**MDOP** — Novi Police reported Dec. 28 that a maroon 1990 Buick parked along Novi Road was scratched on the rear fender and trunk lid.

Police said the owner parked his car in the movie area of the Novi Town Center lot for a short period of time. He discovered the damage when he returned and started to drive away.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**MDOP TO VEHICLE** — A Novi man reported Jan. 1 that someone had punctured his tire and scratched the word "SATAN" on the left rear door of his 1991 Oldsmobile.

Police said the owner parked his car in the movie area of the Novi Town Center lot for a short period of time. He discovered the damage when he returned and started to drive away.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**CIGARETTE THIEF** — An employee at the Mobil gas station on Grand River in Novi reported Dec. 27 that a man had entered the station and stolen seven cartons of cigarettes.

She told police the cigarettes were taken from a counter near the cash register. She said that the man picked up the cartons, telling her he was going to buy a lot of cigarettes.

However, instead of paying for them, he ran out of the station and left, heading east on Grand River. The man was described as slim,



Fire from the gas main consumed nearby vehicles. The damages have not yet been totaled.

## Night was chilly without gas

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Virginia Schumann was cooking dinner for her husband, Mike, at about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday when the fire on her stove suddenly went out.

The Schumanns, residents of Novi's Old Dutch Farm mobile home park off of Napier Road, were unaware that 15 minutes earlier there had been an explosion from a gas leak, about a mile away, on Grand River Avenue.

"The gas just gave out when she was cooking," said Mike Schumann. "It really scared her."

The Novi couple's home was one of 650 in the city that lost gas service Wednesday night because of the explosion and resulting fire. Gas service was restored to residents and businesses by about 11 a.m. Thursday.

Service was restored by 10 a.m. Thursday at the Schumann home. Both Schumann and his wife remained at their home Wednesday night, despite the lack of heat.

"I got a little cold," Schumann said. "But I kept warm with an electric blanket and heavy Afghan."

Schumann, who is handicapped, said the biggest inconvenience of the incident was that his wife stayed up nearly all night to take care of him. He said that she made sure he was warm and was able to sleep.

"She slept in a recliner," Schumann said. "She told me to stay in bed and turn the electric blanket up."

Ron Kourte, another resident of Old Dutch Farm mobile home park, improvised to keep his family warm. He said his family decided to stay at their home after the furnace went off at about 5:50 p.m. Wednesday night.

The eight-year resident of the mobile home park said he used a kerosene heater to warm his family.

"It wasn't too bad," Kourte said. "I

# We'd Like To Thank-You

Consumers Power and its employees express sincere thanks to the residents of Novi and Wixom who were inconvenienced by the interruption of your natural gas service on January 2 and 3. We are grateful for your patience and cooperation in helping us restore service.

We want to extend special appreciation to our customers who expressed concern for the well-being of our employees who were treated for minor injuries and released from local hospitals. They are doing well. Thank you.



things, some 200 NHL hockey games this season. Detroit Red Wings games are not among those currently scheduled. SportsChannel also carries a number of Notre Dame games. SportsChannel signs on at 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. weekends, going off the air in the early morning hours.

It will air on 52 during most of the remaining hours.

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pledged to meet the standards by July. Bjorklund said.

Also, Metrovision will be increasing its use of fiber optics this year to minimize service interruptions.

Metrovision serves more than 29,500 of the area's 48,000 residences.

Metrovision has served customers

in Oakland County since 1983. The company also announced that a new channel has been added to its Oakland County basic channel lineup. The channel will combine SportsChannel America and the E! Entertainment Channel, which will feature an "Entertainment Tonight"-type format.

SportsChannel will air on Channel 52, and will carry, among other

# MONDAY AT HOME

## Robert Meisner/Condo Queries

### What to do when a buyer backs out

What recourse does a seller have when a buyer at closing does not want to go through with the sale? The seller, after notification that the mortgage was approved, started packing, took time off to move and lost income from his activities. What if the seller already had a commitment to buy another place? Is the credit rating of the defaulting buyer affected? Must the defaulting purchaser compensate the seller other than just deposit monies?

You have asked a number of questions, the answers to which depend in part on the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement. Generally, in the event of a default by a buyer, the seller is entitled to foreseeable damages that could be expected under the purchase agreement. Generally, the purchase agreement provides that the seller may maintain the earnest money deposit as liquidated damages, which basically means that the parties have agreed that in the event of a default, the amount of earnest money is deemed to be the measure of damages sustained by the seller.

## Zoning baffles homeowners

### OCC course seeks to set people straight

People don't have unrestricted rights to do whatever they want with their property. And there's no guarantee that a community will retain its flavor at one particular moment for all time.

Those are the big lessons Ron Figlan tries to impress upon students in his adult education class on zoning and land use at Oakland Community College.

"There are a lot of people who don't realize zoning is a binding and legal document," he said. "It controls the use of land. A lot of older people feel, 'It's my land, I pay taxes. Why can't I do what I want with it?'"

### OCC course seeks to set people straight

Figlan described the class as general rather than specific because procedures are different in every community. Initially set up for real estate professionals, students have included plan commissioners, architects, landscapers, zoning inspectors and builders.

Figlan's course outline addresses kinds of land uses, zoning districts, variances, site plans, and municipal departments involved in the process.

"We look at a site through the eyes of the owner, the eyes of a real estate agent and the eyes of the city," he said.

It depends on what the management company has disclosed to the board. If the board believes that the contractor involved is going to be working for the price as initially proposed by the association board, which resulted in the board providing authorization for the contract figure, and the management company then changes that figure through negotiations or duress on the contract, that is obviously an abuse of the management company's discretion and it may well be improper.

If in fact the management company is being offered a financial incentive to get cheap contracts, it is not necessarily helped by the fact that the management company is unable to negotiate a cheaper contract without the association gaining the benefits of it.

It looks like the management company has found a way to pocket additional money, perhaps while lowballing the management fee to the association to get itself in the door. I think this is an extremely questionable practice and would suggest that you have your association's attorney write an opinion letter regarding the propriety of same assuming, of course, that the attorney does not have a proprietary or financial arrangement with the management company. In that case, you had better consider new legal counsel and a new management company.

## Get smart; get a smoke detector

News story after news story tells of fire fatalities that might have been prevented if smoke detectors had been in use.

Smoke detectors make a shrill warning sound when exposed to smoke, since they are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, there is no reason any home should be without them.

Here's some basic information on buying and using these life saving devices:

"Ionization" detectors contain a tiny amount of shielded radioactive material. This material breaks air down into charged atoms through which a "small current" can flow. Smoke interrupts the flow of current, which sets off the alarm. An ionization detector responds more quickly to the fumes of a fast-burning fire.

"Photoelectric" detectors use a small light beam which impinges on a light-sensitive photocell. The alarm sounds whenever smoke interrupts the light beam. The light bulb producing the beam lasts about three years; then it must be replaced. A photoelectric type of detector gives a faster response to smoke from a smoldering fire. It also less prone to false alarms from innocuous kitchen fumes.

Either type of smoke detector may be powered by a battery (usually 9-volt) or house current. For effective use:

- Test your smoke detector about once a month to make sure it's operating properly.
- To test, simply press the test button on the front of the unit. The alarm (a continuous blast) will sound as long as the test button is depressed. This test automatically checks the electronic circuit, horn and battery.

- In halls leading to sleeping areas.
  - At the heads of stairs leading to living areas.
  - In your basement, but not too near the furnace.
  - In the bedroom of any smoker in your family.
  - On the same house level as your kitchen, but not too near your appliances since everyday cooking can easily set off caution. Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to turn off. It's too easy to forget to turn it on again.
  - Away from air currents (vents or radiators, for example), dead air corners and ends of halls.
  - On the ceiling at least 20 inches from all corners or walls.
  - On walls, at least 12 inches from the ceiling and the nearest corner.
- Note: Don't paint the detector. Painting clogs the holes and reduces its effectiveness.

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Written by Robert Meisner, Home-Town Newspapers' "Condo Queries" columnist, its aim is to assist officers and directors of associations in recognizing their legal and fiduciary duties and in taking steps to eliminate their potential liability. The book is not for sale at a discount. It is available for sale at a discount only to those who purchase it from the firm at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Birmingham 48010-3025.

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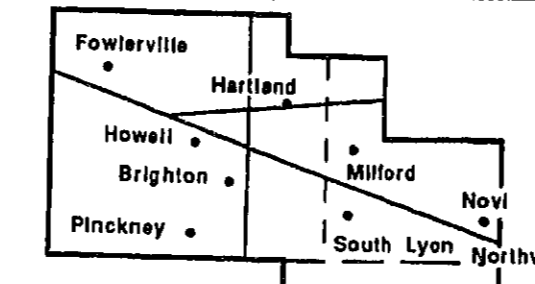
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# MONDAY FOOD

## Chef Larry Janes

### Quick recipes let you enjoy your own party

Every now and then, we foodies need to be kneaded down a little. Must be all that yeast, flour, good food and wine that so often "goes to our heads."

At one of my favorite restaurants last weekend, I ran into a faithful reader who commented on the fact that all I ever write about are "elaborate" foods and ideas that few working people have the time or energy to create.

Well, you asked for it. Just when you needed it the most, here are some basic holiday tips the Janes Gang uses to make life in the kitchen just a little more comfortable and less hectic.

First, never underestimate the qualities of a good meatloaf. Most folks look at this recession staple as a Tuesday night dinner. At my house, we use a basic meat loaf recipe and use it to stuff mushroom caps, wrap in puff pastry or phyllo dough (precooked) or make meatballs, which are mixed with equal parts of grape jelly and chili sauce for a tasty hot appetizer.

If there's ever any left, we crush it up and mix it with taco seasoning for a topping on nachos. Never has one food item served to be so versatile. It's freezable, microwavable, but most of all, inexpensively easy.

Everyone has their 15 minutes of fame and adulation, or so Andy Warhol says. But as for me, I'm just waiting for some fancy food magazine to ask me to name three ingredients in my cupboards.

Because so much of our entertaining is the non-planned kind, open up my cupboard and you'll find at least two cans of "exotic" vegetables along with an expanse of different oils.

The vegetables are kept for foodie emergencies like the time when, out of desperation, I opened a can of artichoke hearts, drained them and mixed with equal parts of mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese.

The mixture was then plopped into a small pie plate and baked at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. A hot, aromatic and thoroughly pleasing hot dip that was at home with french toast points or Ritz crackers.

Ditto for that can of garbanzo beans that can be blended or finely chopped and mixed with some finely chopped onion, a little oil, salt and pepper for a humus-type cold spread that when dipped with pitas from the freezer and heated in the oven can be a godsend for the busy homemaker.

Speaking of freezers, mine has never made it through the holidays without a constant supply of unsliced French-type bread. This is the stuff that can be taken from the freezer still frozen, sliced lengthwise and brushed with either olive oil, vegetable oil or nut oil and sprinkled with dried basil (fresh chopped is even better but not mandatory).

Add some Parmesan and, if available, paper-thin slices of tomato for a homemade hot bruschetta that can be sliced into wafers, plated and passed as a hot appetizer that will warm anyone's heart.

Sitting next to the Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup that, when heated and mixed with two cups shredded cheese, turns into a hearty cheese fondue is the ever-present can of refried beans. Old El Paso makes a regular refried bean with lard, and a vegetarian variety.

Either one can be spread onto a large heat-proof platter and then ringed with shredded cheese, chopped onion, chopped and drained canned tomatoes and a sprinkling of cumin and garlic powder for a nacho-type dip calling for more.

So if you think that entertaining has to be planned out with ample dollar and time outlays, think again. Entertaining should be a time of fun and only you can make it that way.

#### MEAT LOAF WELLINGTONS

**Ingredients:**  
1 pound ground beef  
1 egg  
1/2 cup tomato sauce or ketchup  
1/2 cup crushed cracker crumbs  
Small clove garlic, finely chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Shape into a loaf and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

**To make Wellingtons:**  
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
2. Roll out puff pastry dough.  
3. Lay out ground beef mixture.  
4. Roll up pastry.

Cut meat loaf into 2- by 2-inch squares. Cut puff pastry sheets into 4- by 4-inch squares. Place a slice of meat loaf in center of each puff pastry. Top with a tablespoon of crushed mushroom and a tablespoon of shredded cheese. Bring ends of puff pastry together and place seam side down on a baking sheet. Brush with egg white or milk and bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until golden. Makes about 24.

#### NOT RECOMMENDED

1. artichoke hearts  
2. mayonnaise  
3. ground Parmesan cheese

Chop artichoke hearts. Combine with remaining ingredients. Mix well. Place in baking dish and bake at 350-degree oven for 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Can be heated for 10 minutes. When re-heating, add a tablespoon of cream or milk. Can be frozen. To reheat, thaw and reheat. This mixture can be spread on crackers or bread and heated in a microwave oven.



Photo by SCOTT PIPER

Why not try dipping marshmallows, like this heart-shaped one, in fondue?

## Fond of fondue?

### Try dipping into a different dessert

Want good food, good fun and good company for entertaining? Why not try a dessert fondue party?

It is fun, informal and can be done on the spur of the moment for those last-minute parties or when surprise guests drop by.

A fondue party is a great way to entertain. It's a perfect opportunity to get together and renew old friendships as well as make new ones.

Fondue is simple to prepare and can be done in advance, allowing you to get out of the kitchen and enjoy both your guests and their conversation. Your friends can also join in the preparation by dividing these tasks among the group.

The classic Swiss fondue, made from melted cheese, was the rage in the 1960s and early 1970s in many American households.

Fondue pots were also filled with melted chocolate in which pound cake and strawberries were dipped for dessert. As the novelty wore off, fondue sets took a back seat on kitchen shelves, only to come out once in a while for nostalgia's sake.

We are beginning to see the fondue set once again because of its convenience. More new and different recipes, ranging from appetizers to desserts, are being created.

Imagine new twists on the classic fondues. For instance, instead of plunging a juicy ripe strawberry into a pot of melted chocolate, a moist cube of chocolate cake can be dipped into a warmed fruited sauce.

The classic chocolate fondue will remain the granddaddy of dessert fondue with more and more accompaniments for dipping — for example, peppermint sticks, festive for the holiday season.

Fresh fruits, such as apples, strawberries and bananas, are usually served along with pound cake for a dessert fondue. But to make it special, try such serving suggestions as whole dried fruit, or one of the "new" fruits: carobola stars, kiwi and mango. You can also use meringue, macaroons, brownies, mini cupcakes and sponge cake to dip

<p><b>BUTTERSCOTCH FONDUE</b></p> <p>1/2 cup brown sugar 1 cup heavy cream 2 egg yolks 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 teaspoon cornstarch 5 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces</p> <p>In a fondue pot, whisk together the brown sugar, cream and the egg yolks. Continue whisking the mixture on the stove to over medium-high heat until the mixture is hot. Continue whisking for five minutes. Remove from heat. Add vanilla.</p> <p>In a separate bowl, mix the cornstarch with two to three tablespoons of milk. Add the cornstarch mixture to the brown sugar mixture. Return to heat and whisk until thickened. Remove the mixture from the stove and stir in butter. Place butterscotch over low heat at the table.</p>	<p><b>AMARETTO FONDUE</b></p> <p>1/4 cup half and half 4 tablespoons sugar 2 tablespoons cornstarch 2 egg yolks, beaten 1/2 cup Amaretto</p> <p>In the fondue pot mix the half and half, sugar, cornstarch and egg yolks. Warm the mixture gently on the stove whisking constantly until it coats the wire whisk. Remove from the stove. Add the Amaretto. Stir and place fondue over low heat at the table.</p> <p>Note: Almond extract may be added if you do not wish to use Amaretto.</p>
<p><b>WARM BERRY FONDUE</b></p> <p>1 pint berries (strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, etc.) 1/2 cup fruit-flavored liquor 2 tablespoons sugar</p> <p>Place the ingredients in the food processor or blender and gently warm over low heat at the table.</p> <p>Note: Frozen berries may be substituted for fresh fruit.</p>	<p><b>WHITE CHOCOLATE-HAZELNUT FONDUE</b></p> <p>1/2 cup hazelnuts, coarsely chopped 12 ounces white chocolate 1 cup heavy cream 1/2 cup hazelnut liquor, such as Frangelico</p> <p>Toast hazelnuts on a sheet pan in a 350 degree oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown (watch the nuts carefully, they may burn easily).</p> <p>Break up chocolate and place in the fondue pot. Add the heavy cream and heat slowly, stirring constantly, until the chocolate melts. Stir in the toasted hazelnuts and liquor. Remove from stove and place on burner at the table over low heat.</p>

in the warmed sauces.

Try strips of puffed pastry lightly sprinkled with sugar to serve as an alternative. I also suggest cutting up that fruit cake you received as a gift and those holiday cookies, sugar or gingerbread men will do, to make it a little more festive for the holiday season. Place them next to the fondue pot and watch them disappear, along with the other accompaniments.

Try some condiments such as chopped nuts and toasted coconut for rolling your dipped fruit or confections in. This adds a different texture and treat to your fondue.

While fondues are simple to make, here are a few general hints you might want to keep in mind when preparing your dessert fondue. Be sure that the temperature, or

## Chef Mary Brady

### The spice is right if it's from the East

In an earlier column I wrote about the virtues of herbs. Herbs are the aromatic leaves and sometimes flowers of plants, usually of temperate origin. Herbs are not plentiful in the colder months, making spices more popular due to their availability.

A spice is defined as a natural product which are the dried seeds, buds, fruit or flower parts, bark or roots of plants, usually of tropical origin. To put it more simply, herbs are fresh and spices are dried. The countries from which they originate differ in temperature, herbs from neutral climates and spices from hot, humid areas of the globe.

Today we take spices for granted. They are a reach away from the dish we are preparing or readily available at the local grocery store. Yet, throughout recorded history spices have played a role in man's fate. The phrase "Spice of Life" conjures images of romance and adventure — not cooking.

The first experiences man had with spices likely occurred 50,000 years ago when wrapping meat in leaves to protect it from the fire and ashes. Much to their delight people discovered different leaves imparted varied flavors. Early food was often spoiled and unpalatable by the time it was eaten, so this discovery was pleasing at the least. Spices made it possible to eat food that would otherwise be unpalatable.

The doctors of ancient Rome and Greece discovered the medicinal value of spices. Wine mulled with spices and honey was thought to be effective in treating many illnesses. Spices also became important in religion and remain so today as evidenced by the use of incense.

Generally speaking, the most important spices come from the East, specifically from India, Ceylon and the Spice Islands. Spice trade can be traced back to the ancient Greece. Spices were brought from their sources to main ports in India and shipped by camel to Syria.

The bible has numerous references to this spice trade. The Queen of Sheba bore camels of spices as gifts when she visited King Solomon and Joseph was sold to spice traders when he betrayed his brothers.

As the Greek and Roman colonizers spread throughout Europe so did their knowledge of spices. Very quickly their value was recognized and spices were used in trade and war. For several centuries after the decline of the Roman Empire spice trade ceased.

The Arabs resumed the trading of spices and for several hundred years enjoyed a complete monopoly. Gradually, Europeans rediscovered the sources of spices. Famous travelers such as Marco Polo and Columbus disclosed practical routes to the spice centers and soon every major European port became a hub for spice trade.

For years the dockworkers of London had their pockets sewn shut to prevent the pilfering of the exotic cargos they unloaded. The first pure food law in history was an English ordinance passed in 1447 prohibiting the adulteration of spices. Yale University is the result of an endowment from Elihu Yale's fortune made from spice trade.

America's involvement with spice bartering began in the early 19th century as the clipper ships traveled to far away ports. So many journeys were made that the supply of pepper corns was greater than the demand for the first time in history. Prices fell, drastically affecting many businesses.

In 1835 American settlers in Texas developed chili powder by combining different dried peppers from Mexico. Immigrants from many lands brought their distinctively flavored dishes to America. Soldiers returning from World War II brought home a taste for Oriental, Mediterranean and Italian foods.

Today's modern methods for growing, drying, packaging and shipping have made a wide variety of spices available at reasonable prices.

When cooking, spices, like all seasonings should enhance, not overpower, the exceptions being chilies and curries. Start with a pinch and add more as needed. It is impossible to fix overspiced foods.

Spices make it possible for you to serve a variety of interesting foods. They need not be exotic or expensive. Well seasoned food is food that has been made to taste good without any predominating flavor. Let your imagination be your guide.

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