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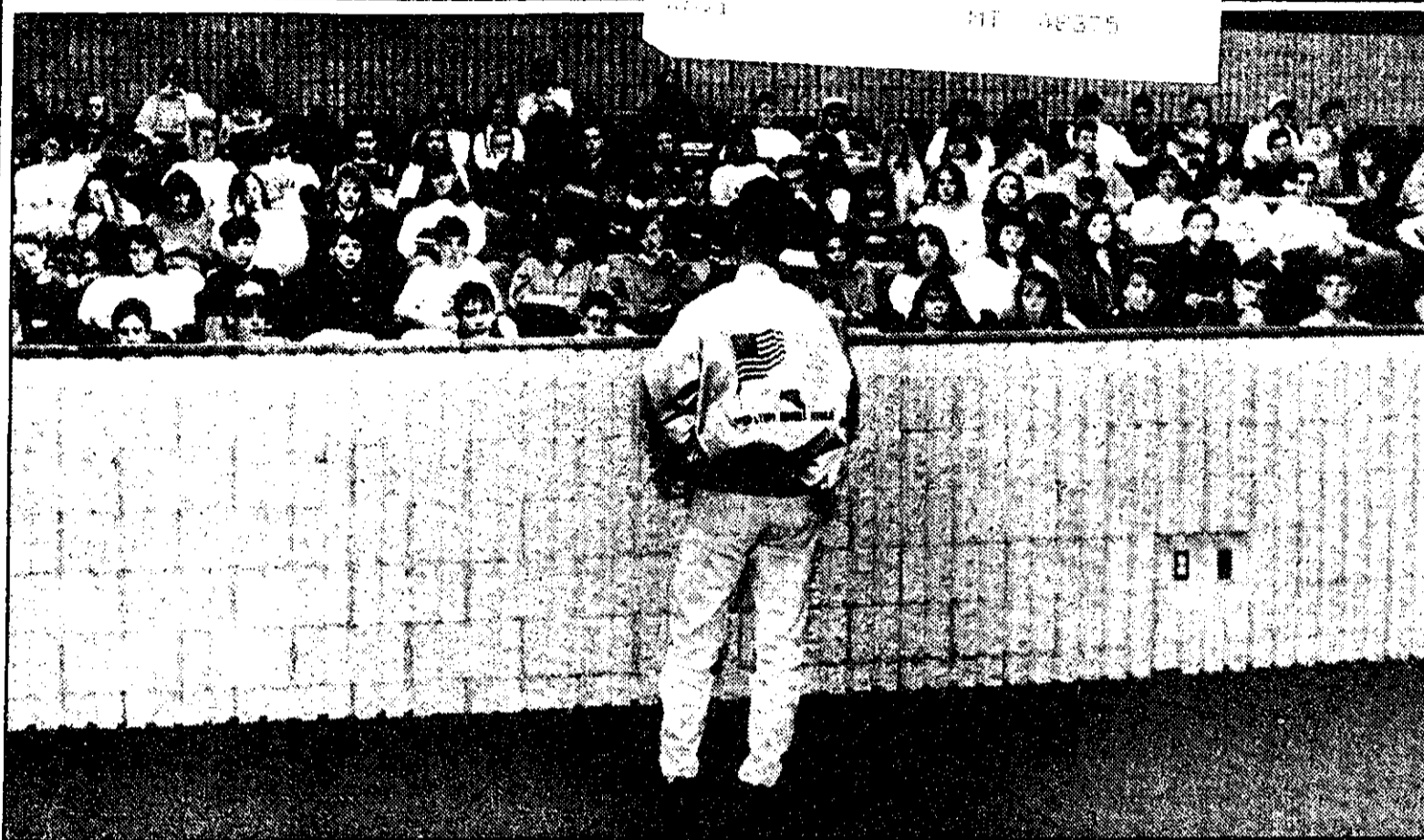
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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi resident Charles Radcliffe got four days leave from the Army and came home to see his family. Monday morning, before heading back to his base, he stopped by Novi High School to talk to students about his experiences in Saudi Arabia.

## War duty ends for Radcliffe

Novi man reassigned in Kentucky

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

The Persian Gulf war appears to be over for Charles Radcliffe. The Novi resident learned last week that he will likely complete his enlistment in the U.S. and will not face combat in the Middle East. The 20-year-old, injured in Saudi Arabia last month, is a member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division. "The Army gave him his assignment at Ft. Campbell (Ky.)," said stepmother Shirley Radcliffe. "They said he would have guard duty. We were sure glad to hear that." Radcliffe was injured Jan. 21 after an explosion shot a quarter-sized piece of shrapnel into his left shoulder. The explosion was described as an accident involving equipment from his own unit.



Charles Radcliffe, a soldier injured in Saudi Arabia, talks to Novi High School history classes about the Army, Saudi Arabia, his injury and the Iraqis.

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## City prepares to battle for township land

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

While the song "Bridge Over Troubled Water" played softly over the radio in Connie Bergstrom's new Novi Township home, she angrily pointed out the section of her backyard the City of Novi could wrest away from her through the Oakland County Circuit Court.

As part of its flood-control plans, the city is seeking the land for an easement to build a dam and stormwater retention pond on Miller Creek, which meanders through 13 township properties, including the Bergstroms'.

The Bergstroms have their current residence on Chedworth up for sale. They have a new one several doors down ready for them to move into. The City of Novi wants to buy easements on both parcels, including up to 40 percent of the rear yard on the new site.

Because of this, Bergstrom said a \$250,000 purchase agreement on her first home fell apart. If the family goes ahead to build the deck planned for the second house, it will be smack on their proposed new property line.

In October, the city sent each of the 12 homeowners a letter making an offer for the easements. None have agreed to a sale.

"I just want Novi to go away. It was done behind our backs. It's really unfair," Bergstrom said. "They're taking over our entire backyard is what they're doing."

"It's going to turn into a Middle East war. What you hear on the news is nothing to this. God didn't rest on the seventh day. God created the master plan and that's what they're (the city's) going to stand by."

Ray Schovers  
Township Supervisor

Some township residents see it as a David and Goliath fight, as the City of Novi, bankrolled by taxes paid by 32,000 residents, prepares to storm their tiny community, the 49-home Brookland Farm subdivision.

Newer subdivisions such as Dunbarton Pines, have sprung up around this heavily-wooded enclave, a haven for wildlife at Nine Mile and Novi Roads. Township residents argue they're picking up the tab for this city development.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said Tuesday that within the next few weeks — possibly as soon as Feb. 25 — the Novi City Council will decide whether court action will be taken to condemn the

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## Print shop owner fights franchise

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Business owner Dick Czekiel is vowing to fight Bloomfield Hills-based American Speedy Printing company over the possible termination of his Novi franchise because of its recent move within the city.

According to Bob Hayes, an attorney representing the company, the franchise was terminated Jan. 16 because of its unauthorized move from the Novi Town Center to the Novi-Ten shopping plaza. He said the company will file an injunction in federal district court by the end of the week to stop Czekiel from operating under the American Speedy Printing Centers name.

"We had to leave because of the high rent," Czekiel said. "Trammell Crow was gracious in trying to work out a favorable rent structure, but we couldn't."

The business owner said he had been operating in the Novi Town Center since 1987 before moving to the Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road location on Jan. 2. As of press time, Czekiel's printing center was still in operation and open for business.

"We will ask the court to shut him down," Hayes said. "I would assume that the federal court will honor our injunction."

The court also will be asked to order Czekiel to pay royalties allegedly owed to the Bloomfield Hills business and return company materials, he said. Hayes said Czekiel owes the company about \$10,000 in royalties.

"The franchise agreement authorized him to operate at a specific location," Hayes said. "He moved in the face of Speedy saying he couldn't."

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## City development up 6 percent

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Recently released figures from the Novi building department show that overall development was up 6 percent in the city last year from 1989. A total of 458 building permits were issued in 1990 compared to 432 the previous year, according to building department statistics. Residential, public utility, commercial, industrial and office building permits are calculated into the department's final figures.

"Federal regulations mandated major changes," said Don Saben, deputy building official of Novi.

Although building permits went up last year, the number of units developed in apartment buildings, for example, were down because of the regulations. A total of 35 permits for apartment buildings, which included 688 units, were granted in 1989. Last year, permits were granted for 23 buildings and a total of 341 units.

The number of residential permits increased from 1989. A total of 369 permits were granted for residential buildings in 1990, which includes single and multiple family dwellings, compared to 304 from the previous year.

"I'm going to say that we will have very healthy single family home development this year," Saben said. "I think we could have 400 overall."

Condominium development was up slightly last year. Permits were granted for a total of 84 units in 1990 compared to 51 the previous year.

Commercial building permits remained almost the same, while there were none issued for industrial facilities last year. Nine commercial building permits were granted in 1989 and 10 last year. A total of five industrial building permits were issued in 1989.

"I expect a slight increase in industrial and commercial this year," Saben said.

Permits for mobile homes were up 11 from 1989. A total of 52 permits were issued in 1990

while 41 were granted the previous year.

The increase in building permits issued last year continues a trend pointed out by a recent Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) study. The study indicates that Novi is among the fastest growing communities in the area over the last several years.

The study reports that a total of 7,782 building permits were issued in Oakland county in 1989. Novi's total of 1,099 comprises just more than 14 percent of all permits granted that year.

Only three communities compare to the city in the number of permits issued in 1989. Farmington Hills issued 917 permits, while Rochester Hills 720, and Troy 620.

Novi also compared well to its nearby Wayne County neighbors in 1989. Canton Township issued 545 building permits while the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township combined issued only 208. Livonia issued 345.

## Novi MEAP scores top state average

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

Students attending Novi Community Schools scored above the state average on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests in math, science and reading, but district administrators plan to continue working to improve the curriculum.

"We always are looking for improvement, and I think that's what keeps us at the top," said assistant superintendent of instruction Rita

Traynor. "The principals will be reviewing (the scores) and find where we are low, what do we need to work on, and they work with the teachers then," Traynor said.

Comparing the results with state averages is not as important as carefully looking at the district's results, Traynor said.

"We haven't really considered the state's (results)," she said. "When we got our own (results) back, we look at that. It's interesting to see the state's results."

Novi students scored about 10 percent higher than the state average on the MEAP test of basic reading skills.

Novi fourth graders correctly answered 98.9 percent compared to the state average of 86.9 percent mastery.

In the seventh grade the state average on the MEAP reading test is 87.7 percent. Novi seventh graders averaged 95.9 percent skill mastery.

Novi tenth graders scored 96.4 percent on the reading test — above

the state average of 87.3 percent. Novi's reading scores were on par with nearby Northville Public Schools.

Northville students mastered 98.1 percent, 98.3 percent and 95.1 percent of basic skills on the MEAP reading test in the fourth, seventh and tenth grades respectively.

A new MEAP math test will be offered next year, which Traynor said could cause a short-term dip in scores.

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# Community Calendar

Today, February 21

**Historical Society:** The Novi Historical Society will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile just east of Taft Road.

**Newcomers Club:** The Novi Newcomers Club will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Novi Meadow Elementary School at 25549 Taft Road.

**Board of Education:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in the media center of the Novi Meadows Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 25549 Taft Road.

**PTO meeting:** The Parent-Teacher Organization of the Novi Middle School will meet at the Middle School at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 25299 Taft Road.

Sunday, February 24

**DARE to care:** It costs money to support Novi's successful Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and one way the funds are raised is through the annual DARE Dinner. This year's event, the second, will be held at 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center community center. The \$25 per person donation will be used to support the innovative program, aimed at sixth graders in the Novi Meadows school. A buffet dinner, entertainment and door prizes are planned for the event. Tickets are available through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, Phyllis Barber, Styling at 41370 Ten Mile Road, and the Novi Chamber of Commerce, at 25972 Novi Road. Home delivery of tickets is also available. Novi Council on Substance Abuse member Judy Maxwell will drop off tickets anywhere in the city. Contact Maxwell at 348-8585.

Monday, February 25

**City Council:** The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**New phone number:** As students of the Walled Lake School District return to school from winter recess, most of the buildings in the district will be converted to a new Centrex telephone system. As a result of the conversion, most school phone numbers will change. According to advice incoming callers of the new number has been set up. The school district's central phone number will also change. The new number will be 960-3800.

Tuesday, February 26

**Election day:** Novi school district residents will head to the polls to cast their ballots on a 10.5 mill renewal question. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Parent-teacher conferences:** Teachers of Novi High School will be meeting with parents of students to go over their performance. The conferences will be held in the Novi High School commons from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Questions about your SEV?:** Residents are being invited to an informational meeting with the Novi Board of Review. The 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Novi Civic Center will cover the function and procedures of the board of review, the data residents need to submit to the board to support their appeals, and how to read the assessor's field cards on individual properties. The meeting will be videotaped and broadcast on Novi's public access station, Cable Channel 12. Under state law, the city assessor is required to assess property at an estimated 50 percent of its market value. Land owners who are unhappy with their assessments should first review it at the assessor's office to uncover any potential errors. The next step is a petition to the board of review. For more information, call 347-0494.

Wednesday, February 27

**Novi seniors:** The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold a business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Parent-teacher conferences:** For a second night, teachers of Novi High School will be meeting with parents of students to go over their performance. The conferences will be held in the Novi High School commons from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, February 28

**Late payments:** Today is the last day which 1990 Novi property taxes can be paid at the city treasurer's office. If not paid by the close of business today, taxpayers will have to pay their taxes to the Oakland County treasurer in the county courthouse building in Pontiac, at 1200 N. Telegraph Road.

**Band Festival:** Novi High School will be sponsoring a Band Festival Concert in the Fuerst Auditorium of the high school, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1

**Short day:** Students on Novi High School will have only a half day of classes.

**Interfaith Prayer for Peace:** In conjunction with the World Day of Prayer, the Novi Rotary will sponsor an Interfaith Prayer for Peace in the community center of the Novi city hall, at noon. The event will be open to the public. The Rotary will be seeking representatives of all faiths — Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and even Hindu — to present prayers and hymns at the gathering. Songs will be sung by the Novi High School Choir.

Saturday, March 2

**Bowl-a-thon:** The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its ninth annual Bowl-a-thon from noon to 3 p.m. at the Novi Bowl. Door prizes will be offered to all bowlers and a get-away weekend for two is being offered as the top prize. The more donations bowlers bring in, the larger the prizes will be. Special prizes will be given to kids. Any youngster who brings in more than \$75 in donations will receive a free field trip to the Teen Center. Last year, the trips given were to the Oakland County wave pool, Bob-lo, camping and more. This year's goal is \$15,000. All money raised is to be used to fund Novi Youth Assistance programs — the Teen Center, camp, P.L.U.S., and family education are just some of the programs. Novi Youth Assistance is a community organization dedicated to strengthening the family through community involvement. To register as a bowler or for more information about Novi Youth Assistance, call 349-8398.

Monday, March 4

**City Council:** The Novi City Council meets in regular session at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 5

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals will be considering petitioner's requests for variances at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Wednesday, March 6

**Planning Commission:** Novi city planners meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, March 8

**Challenging your assessment:** The deadline for submitting a petition to make an appointment with the Novi Board of Review to protest and appeal your assessment for 1991 is 5 p.m. Appeals must be filed at the civic center.

Monday, March 11

**Library Board:** The Library board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Library building.

**Board of Review:** Novi's Board of Review will begin its annual deliberations of challenges to property tax assessments Monday. The board will be meeting throughout the week, although residents may present their cases to the board only by appointment. Residents challenging their assessments will have a limited time period in which to make their case to the board. Board members will attempt to make a determination at the time of the hearing, although some appeals may be held for further review.

Wednesday, March 13

**Senior Potluck:** Novi Senior Citizens will have a potluck luncheon at noon in the community center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Youth Assistance:** The Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

# Environmental courses to be offered at Tollgate

You have a home. You have a yard. Together you have a personal ecosystem.

Tollgate 4-H Education Center is proposing to help you manage it with greater environmental sensitivity by offering a series of new classes this spring on recycling, landscaping, groundwater and energy conservation.

"What kindled it was all the hype around Earth Day. People really do want to protect the earth, but people just don't know what the options are," said Christopher Lufkin, Tollgate's extension associate for science and agriculture.

"Everybody wants to do it, but how do you do it? What works with what?"

While communities like Novi are preparing for mandated curbside recycling, many people are not quite sure how they'll ease into this new lifestyle, Lufkin said. The first Tollgate class, on April 3, will provide pointers on the topic.

"The first flush, groundwater may not sound like an intriguing subject. But with the use of technical models, Tollgate's program will demonstrate how contamination of one of the most precious of natural resources happens.

"People just don't have any appreciation or understanding of what groundwater is. You can't just dump oil on the road, it does eventually go somewhere," Lufkin said. "We have 10 times the amount of oil that was spilled in the Exxon Valdez dumped on the ground every year by homeowners nationwide."

Other offerings focus on landscaping techniques and insect control without pesticides and economic tips on how to conserve energy.

The program, part of Michigan State University's lifelong education, is also sponsored by the Americana Foundation.

With special courses like this, the 4-H is moving in a new direction from the time-honored tradition of helping farm children learn agriculture, Lufkin explained.

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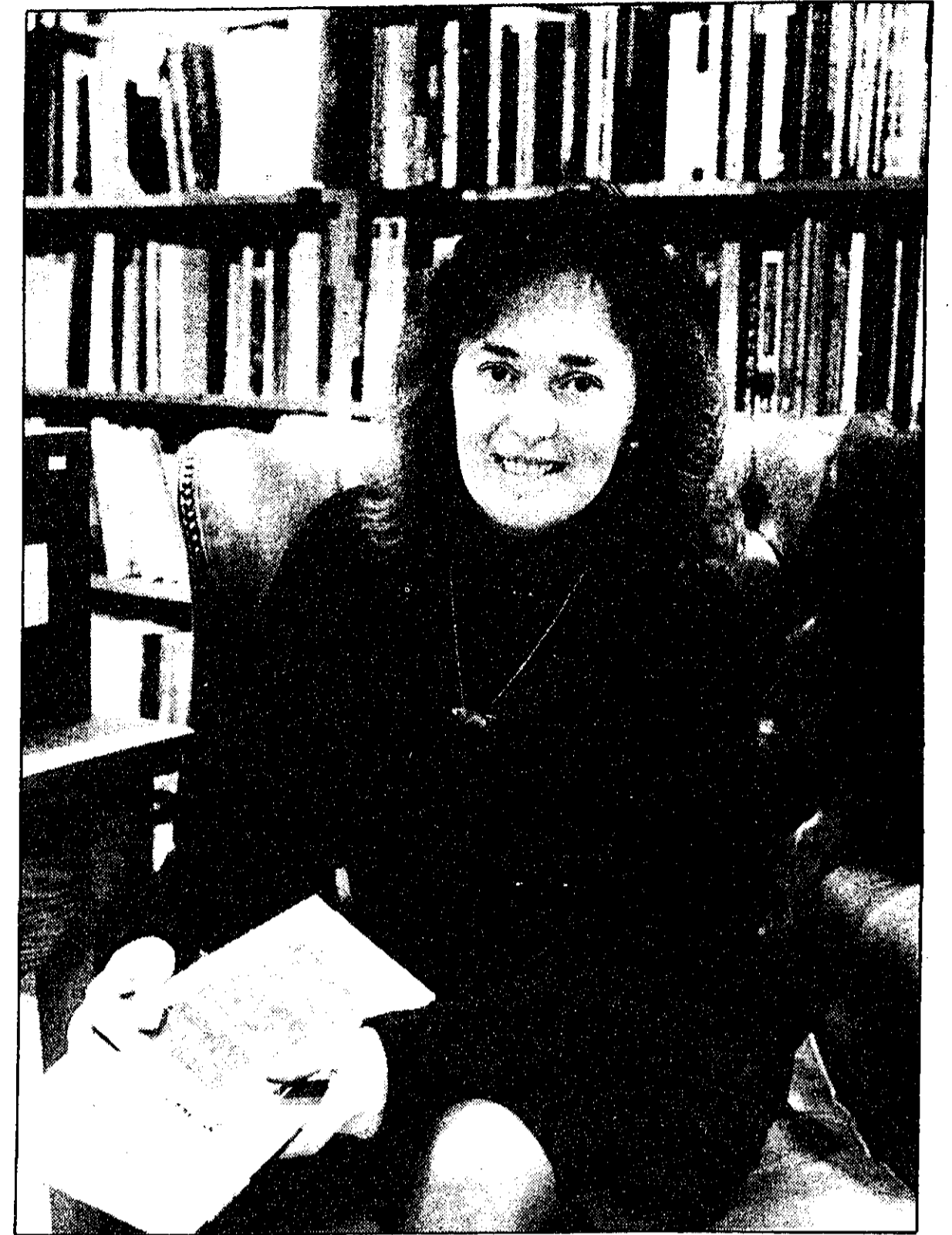
"It's not bad to show cattle or hogs, but they are just the means to the end to develop the person. People in Novi can't have hogs and cattle. Now it's science and education," he said.

However, Tollgate and Michigan State University will also plant demonstration crops at the Novi site to show Michigan farmers how to grow vegetables without pesticides.

Pre-register for the Tollgate classes by calling 347-3860. Each session, which begins at 7 p.m., will cost \$5.

The schedule is:

- April 3: "Recycling in Your Home and Business," Terri Guerin, President of the Michigan Recycling Coalition.
- April 10: "Groundwater in Your Home and Business," Kurt Martin, Groundwater Education Project Director for the East Michigan Environmental Action Council.
- April 17: "Lawns, Landscape and Gardening," Gregory Patchan, Horticultural Agent, Cooperative Extension Service.
- April 24: "How to Save Energy Within Your Home," Matt Daly.



'The Old Ways'

Photo by CHRIS FAHRA

Local poet Kathy Leo appeared at Borders Bookshop in the Novi Towne Center on Valentine's Day with two other authors for a book signing. Leo's latest book, *The Old Ways*, and an earlier effort, *Town One South*, draw on the history of the Novi/Northville area for their subject matter.

# World peace unites faiths

By JAN JEFFREES  
Staff Writer

Just a five-letter word is expected to draw together people of seven faiths to the Novi Civic Center on March 1.

P-e-a-c-e.

Street fighting in Lithuania. Civil war brewing in Yugoslavia. A battle raging in the Persian Gulf.

Enough is enough, say members of the Novi Rotary Club, who are planning an inter-faith Fast and Prayer for Peace in the World. Along with ministers from Novi's Roman Catholic and Protestant churches, spiritual leaders from Michigan Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Islamic and Buddhist congregations are expected to preside over prayers and scriptural readings, according to co-organizer Dr. Mav Sanghvi.

They will probably be reading their respective scriptures in relation to peace, rather than pray for any particular victory. There is so much fighting going on in all different parts of the world, it's unbelievable. There are at least 35 places where there's fighting," said Sanghvi, whose native land, India, is riot-torn.

Local restaurateur Victor Cassis says the fasting underlines the urgency of the event, which is scheduled at lunchtime, from noon to 1 p.m. Usually a community inter-faith prayer session is at a breakfast or luncheon, he said.

"Here, I think we should pause a little bit, not taking care of our bodies, but pay a little bit more attention to our minds and realize our blessings," he explained.

Cassis said he proposed an annual Novi non-sectarian prayer lunch several years ago, but no one was enthusiastic. The war changed

all that.

"That created a bit of urgency and attention to a question of peace and changed the face of this lunch. This time they just sort of took to it right away," he explained.

Cassis, who still has family in his native Lebanon, has a keen understanding of the beauty of peace.

"I can really feel for my relatives who write from there — it's such a sad situation out there," he said.

Residents of all ages and religions are encouraged to attend the free session. To R.S.V.P., call Cassis at 349-1438.

The event is also sponsored by the Novi Optimists.

"Hopefully, it will be a noble kind of experience for everyone to attend. We would like all ages to come," Sanghvi said.

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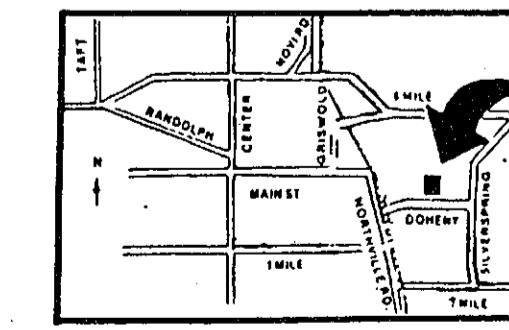
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**CALORIES AND CAVITIES**

A recent study has shown that Americans are consuming just as much sugar today as they were 10 years ago, and even more common sweeteners, a common ingredient of packaged foods.

In fact, each year Americans consume the average person's weight in table sugars and corn sweeteners, about 129 pounds worth. These are called "empty calories" because they contain essentially no nutrients.

What is all this sugar doing to their dental health? The same thing it did to the Dutch 300 years ago. Many of the paintings of

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# Furnace stolen from condo

A Bryant gas furnace was reported stolen from a condominium under construction in Bayview in Novi Feb. 7.

The furnace, valued at \$650, had just been installed in the basement of the condominium at approximately 3:30 p.m. by an electrician, who finished the work and left at approximately 4 p.m.

The electrician told police that he had seen a white Chevrolet S-10 pickup driving around the area as he was leaving.

In addition, the suspect reportedly attempted to gain entry to the construction trailer on the site. However, no items were reported missing from the trailer.

**STOLEN CASH** — A Simons Street resident in Novi reported Feb. 9 that his son had discovered his 2 1/2-foot tall plastic Coke bottle filled with loose change was missing.

The man estimated there was at least \$100 in the plastic bottle. There were no signs of forced entry into the home, and there are no suspects at this time.

**BURGLARY** — Hickory Woods Elementary School, which is under construction on Decker Road in Novi, was reported broken into Feb. 12.

A construction worker at the site reported that three security motion detectors were stolen from boxes at the site.

Police said the suspects apparently entered the construction site

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through a broken window on the north side of the building.

**MOOP TO AUTO** — A resident in the Carriage Hill subdivision reported Feb. 17 that someone had broken the rear window of her Mercury Sable with an unknown object.

She said the car had been parked and locked in her driveway. Nothing was reported missing.

**STOLEN WALLET** — A Union Lake man reported Feb. 16 that someone had stolen his wallet from his locker at Vic Tanny.

The man told police he had placed the wallet inside his locker. Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

**ATTEMPTED LARCENY FROM AUTO** — A Novi man reported Feb. 16 that someone had gone through his 1984 Pontiac Fiero, apparently looking for valuable items.

Nothing was missing from the vehicle, which was parked on Sheraton at the time of the incident.

**ATTEMPTED B & E** — A Novi man reported Feb. 17 that someone had attempted to break into his home in the Whispering Meadows subdivision.

The man discovered the incident

when he returned from a Florida vacation with his wife and children Feb. 16.

Upon his arrival he discovered that someone had attempted to pry open a side door to the attached garage. However, the would-be thief had been unsuccessful because the man had placed a wooden bar across the door.

Police said there have been other similar reported burglaries and attempted burglaries in the same subdivision.

**MOOP AUTO** — The owner of a 1988 Pontiac Safari reported Feb. 17 that someone had broken off the outside handle of her left rear door, police said.

The car had been parked in front of the woman's home on Fawn Trail in the Deerbrook subdivision.

**STOLEN CAR** — The owner of a 1986 Cadillac Fleetwood reported Feb. 16 that someone had stolen his car from its parking place at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The man said he parked his car in the Green Lot near Pole 11 at approximately 5:30 p.m. and returned shortly after to discover it missing.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING** — Rain-bow Rascals, a day-care center under

construction on Eight Mile Road in Novi, was reported to be broken into and several items were stolen.

Among the stolen property were several kitchen cabinets, telephones, phone wiring, electronic components, office supplies, a fire extinguisher and various snack foods and toilet paper.

Police said the suspects had apparently broken in through an unlocked window.

**STOLEN CAR** — The owner of a 1987 Ford Mustang reported Feb. 11 that someone had stolen the car from the Twelve Oaks Mall parking lot.

The victim told police she had parked and locked her vehicle near Pole Four at approximately 12 noon. When she returned at 3:50 p.m., it was gone.

**Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 348-6887. You need not give your name.**

## Novi Briefs

**Friends for Freedom:** The Novi Secretarial and Paraprofessional Association of the Novi School District is facilitating a project to send care packages to former Novi students and family of staff members of the school district stationed in Saudi Arabia.

District staff members are donating items to go in the packages. Some local businesses have also made donations. Donations are being collected until March 1.

A group of veterans and military support group members called "Friends for Freedom" have contributed to shipping the packages. If a community member would like to donate to the project or would like more information, contact project co-chairpersons Betty Graves or Sue Henderson at 348-1200.

**Prayer services continue:** Thursday evening Feb. 7, marked the first of the weekly Prayers for Peace vigils at Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi. The service, which was open to everyone in Novi and surrounding communities, gave worshippers a special time for quiet prayer and meditation. A devotional with scripture reading and prayer was offered at 7:30 p.m. During the devotional, requests for special prayers for named service men and women were invited.

The Prayers for Peace vigils will continue at Faith Community each Thursday evening for the duration of the war. The candlelit sanctuary will be open from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a special devotional at 7:30 p.m. led by clergy or others in the community. Faith Community Presbyterian Church is located in Novi at 44400 West Ten Mile Road, one-half mile west of Novi Road.

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# Schools seek public input

By SUZANNE HOLLIVER Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools' Strategic Plan has survived its first annual update mostly unchanged. But the community will be more involved in local education than before under the revised Strategic Planning Initiative.

The community was brought into the district's mission statement during the 26-hour, two-day work session on Feb. 7 and 8.

"The feeling is we can't do it alone," Superintendent George Bell said. "The community has to be involved at every step of the experience."

The mission statement now says community members will be one aspect in providing a comprehensive curriculum in a caring environment for Northville students.

The community is now part of a new objective for the district, too. A new strategic plan objective is to annually increase community support. "Together with the community we

get to set some realistic goals for the future," Bell said.

Board secretary Robert McMahon agreed. "What makes this district great is the cooperation between the community, the district and the staff," he said.

Also changed in the strategic plan was an objective stating the district would annually reduce dropouts. The new objective is to eliminate dropouts and to reduce underachieving students.

"Having the students there was very worthwhile," McMahon said. "They brought to the table a lot of good comments, a lot of thoughts."

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plish too much in too short a period of time, board vice president Jean Hansen said.

"This first time around we bit off more than we could chew, so to speak," Hansen said.

But the amount that was accomplished impressed the committee, she said. "Everyone was actually amazed at what had been accomplished. The fact that very little of this plan has changed is perhaps a reaffirmation of what we set out to do."

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# Novi students above average in state test

## Math, science, reading MEAP scores improve

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"It depends on how much they change the test and how much we can keep up with the change," Traynor said.

The district already is preparing for the change.

"We are working on changing the objectives that we have," Traynor said. "We're trying to teach in the classroom to the expectations on the test."

Novi students correctly answered 96.9 percent of the math questions in the fourth grade, 90.1 percent in the seventh grade and 84.8 percent in the eighth grade.

The state average showed students correctly answering 88 percent in the fourth grade, 73.8 percent in the seventh grade and 70.6 percent in the eighth grade.

The math scores in Novi, like the reading scores, are very close to Northville's scores.

Northville students correctly answered 96.2 percent in the fourth grade, 92.5 percent in the seventh grade and 82.5 percent in the eighth grade.

In the neighboring school district of Walled Lake, students showed a mastery of fewer skills than Novi students on the MEAP math test.

Walled Lake students correctly answered 90.5 percent of the math

questions in the fourth grade, 77.4 percent in the seventh grade and 78.7 percent in the eighth grade.

Novi students scored well above the state average and neighboring Walled Lake students on the MEAP science test, but lower than Northville students.

Novi students correctly answered 74.5 percent, 67.6 percent and 61 percent of the science questions in the fifth, eighth and eleventh grades respectively.

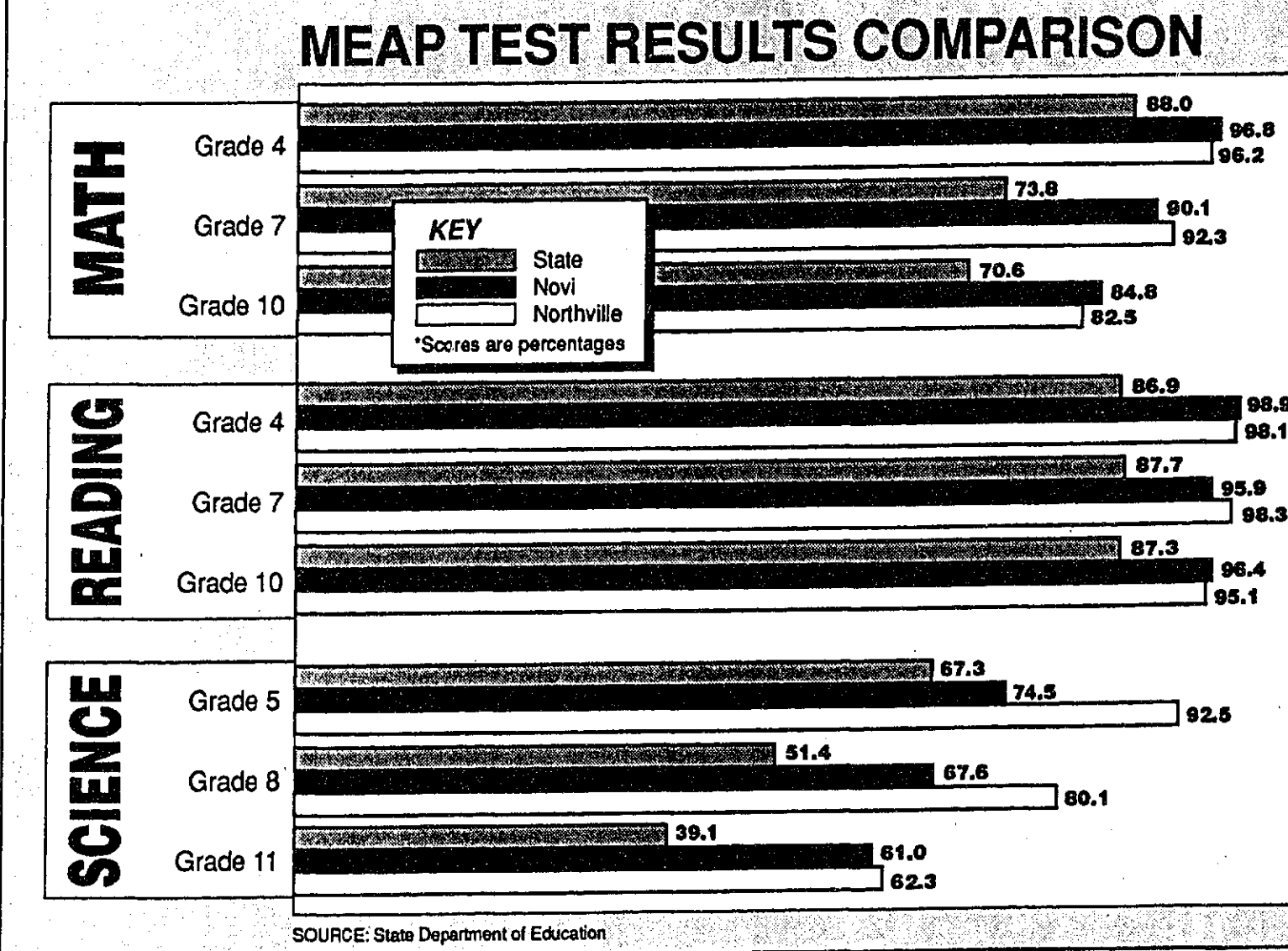
The state average on the MEAP science test is 67.3 percent, 51.4 percent and 38.1 percent in the fifth, eighth and eleventh grades respectively.

Local comparisons show Northville students correctly answered 92.5 percent of the questions in the fifth grade, 80.1 percent in the eighth grade and 62.3 percent in the eleventh grade.

Walled Lake students correctly answered 72.2 percent in the fifth grade, 53.9 percent in the eighth grade and 42.2 percent in the eleventh grade on the MEAP science test.

The success of Novi's students relative to the state averages means that Novi students are meeting state goals, Traynor said. But district goals go beyond state goals, she said.

"We interpret it that our students are meeting the objectives set by the state, but we like to go beyond that," Traynor said. "We don't rest on that."



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# Shock brought by end of child care licensing

Plans to eliminate child care licensing have sent shock waves through area nurseries and day care centers, with operators stunned such a move was even being considered.

"I'm not saying a license is the only reason a center is good, but I can't understand why you wouldn't want to have licensing," said Carol Tresk, of Learning Tree Child Care Center, in Livonia.

That would happen by March 16, however, as part of a 9.2-percent cut in the state's Social Services budget. As of that date, Michigan would be alone among the 50 states in eliminating licensing.

"This would be devastating," said Tresk, one of a number of center operators who recently discussed the issue with state Social Services Director Gerald Miller.

"I can't imagine any insurance company giving insurance to an unlicensed facility and without insurance you can't even operate."

While removal of licensing could increase the number of centers, area center operators say competition worries them far less than what they believe will be a decline in quality of child care.

"It opens the door for any individual to hang out a shingle," said Cert Angel, district manager for Children's World Learning Centers, which operates child care facilities in Canton, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford and Southfield, among other communities.

Beyond that, Angel said, state regulators often provide helpful information to center operators.

"They're our first source," she said. "We'll call upon them, for their expertise."

"The bottom line is what's best for

the children," said Sheila Niehaus, district manager for Kinder Care Learning Centers, which operates child care facilities in Northville Township, Farmington Hills, Westland, Plymouth Township and Canton, among other communities.

Through cuts appear driven by economics, not philosophy, some political conservatives have long questioned licensing. Some believe licenses tax business without protecting the consumer.

Child care providers, however, say that's not the way it is in their businesses.

"Our inspector was very thorough," Tresk said. "We welcome the inspection."

"This is an industry that wants to be licensed," said state Rep. Lynn Bankes, R-Livonia. "These are people who'd even pay a fee to keep licensing going."

Bankes, a member of the House Republican Task Force on Child Care, said she been working for years to increase the number of state regulators.

"In Ingham County right now, there's a six-month wait to open a center just to get the regulator there," Bankes said.

The GOP task force is meeting Feb. 19 to discuss the proposal as well as alternative changes in state regulations.

One plan, Bankes said, would set up regional regulating bodies, though she noted that proposal hasn't received strong support from center operators.

Despite the fact that state regulators have received pink slips, Bankes said she was optimistic licensing would continue.

Without it, she said, the state would stand to lose more than \$20 million in federal money.

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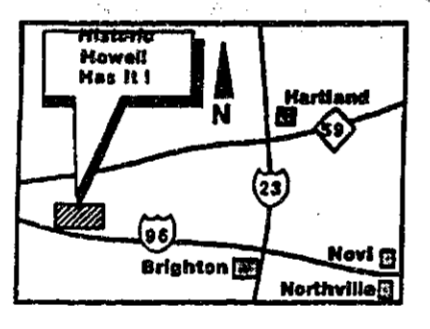
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## Faxon terms Engler cut as 'ludicrous'

State senator Jack Faxon has blasted Gov. John Engler's proposal to eliminate the division of child day care licensing within the Department of Social Services.

"The idea of eliminating this essential program and dismissing 80 professionals who strive diligently to protect our children is unfathomable and unacceptable to anyone who cares at all for the youngest and most vulnerable members of our society," Faxon said. "By reneging on our obligation to protect our children and youth, we are in essence sending the message that those with small voices need not be heard. This is ludicrous."

According to Margaret Crawley, of the Michigan 4C Association, a statewide child care information and referral network, approximately 233,200 children are served in 3,565 child care centers, 1,400 group family day care homes and 12,158 family day care homes within Michigan.

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## Letters wanted says reservist

Keep those cards and letters coming, says a Novi Air Force reservist just home from an overseas stint in support of Operation Desert Storm. While he can't disclose exactly where he was stationed, Staff Sgt. Rod Hage of the 927th Tactical Air Lift Group out of Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt. Clemens, was called up Jan. 18 with seven hours notice. The war began Jan. 16.

"Desert Storm isn't just in the Middle East. The support is everywhere," said Hage, who spent a month working in logistical support of the bombing operations.

"I wasn't carrying a gun. You're either a soldier fighting the war or a pilot flying a plane or you're a support. They needed people to pick up the slack."

Hage got back to Novi on Feb. 15: "It was an interesting time. We slept in tents. We had a good chow hall."

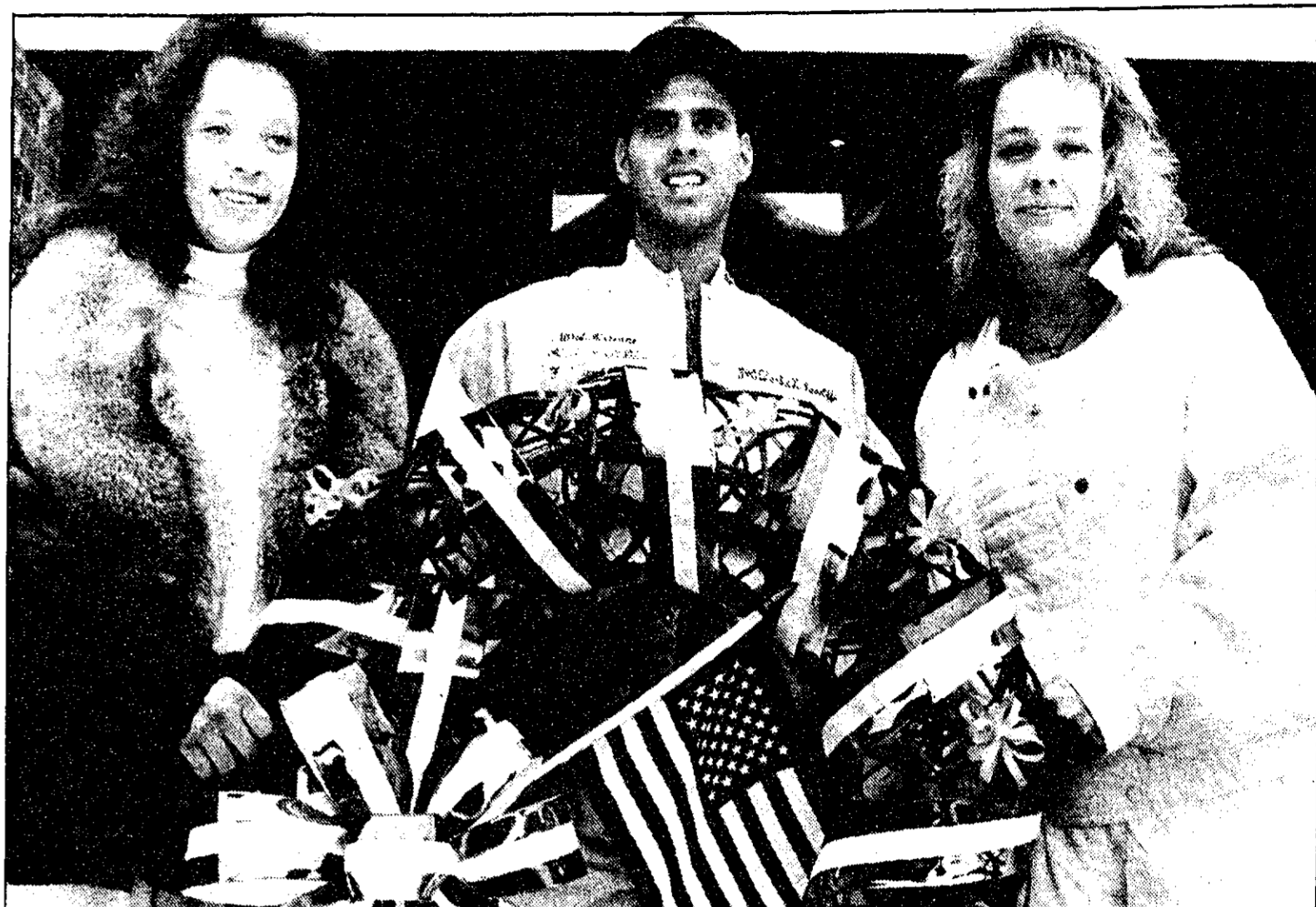
Americans serving in the Persian Gulf war are eager for mail from home, said Hage, who received two "Any Service Person" Christmas cards from children in Maine.

"It doesn't just go to the Gulf. It goes to isolated (military) bases worldwide where everyone is kept in seclusion," Hage said.

While the hundreds of tons of mail sent to service personnel became almost unmanageable at the beginning of the war, the volume has slackened off, he said.

Hage encourages Novi residents to send a couple of letters a month — or packages — to: Army Service Person, Operation Desert Storm, A.P.O. New York, New York 09603.

"Mail is a real big thing. It's a high morale booster for everybody over there," he added.



Katherine Mudry (left) and Linda Smaltz (right), the organizers of a support group in Novi for those with relatives in the Persian Gulf, show Charles Radcliffe a wreath they intend to hang at the entrance of the Novi Civic Center. The wreath will replace a wind-torn yellow bow.

## Health model fans address concerns

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

The American PTA would like the board and the district's administration to stop spending time trying to resolve the controversy, Flis said.

"We understand that curriculum development and evaluation is an ongoing process," she said.

"Yet, it is recognized that the board and the administration have spent a great amount of time in an attempt to resolve this controversy."

"In fact, time spent re-evaluating this health model is disproportionate to the total percentage of the curriculum which the model represents."

Robin Polletta, a Northville parent also spoke in favor of the Michigan model. Polletta criticized opponents of the model for their "verbal bullying" of the board and the district administration.

"I am a parent and a concerned citizen, and I don't think the other viewpoint has been adequately represented," Polletta said.

She said many people moved to Northville because the area provides an "island of relative calm."

"Our children will not always live in this protective cocoon," Polletta said.

The Michigan model provides the critical thinking skills students will need when they someday leave Northville, she said.

"The people who have been opposed to this model have been doing a lot of criticism and not a lot of thinking," she said.

"This health curriculum does teach critical thinking and traditional community values of honesty, group consensus and healthy lifestyle."

Board members will not be bullied, trustee Donald Kloickenga said, receiving a round of applause from the audience.



Charles Radcliffe says the pledge of allegiance

## Novi soldier returns following war injury

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Doctors in Saudi Arabia tried unsuccessfully to remove the shrapnel. After remaining there until Jan. 25, Radcliffe was flown to Frankfurt, Germany, where doctors were able to heal the wound.

The city resident returned home at the end of January. Before returning to service at Ft. Campbell on Feb. 12, Radcliffe had a chance to visit with family, friends and supporters of the war.

On Feb. 4, the family traveled to Fayetteville, Ark., so that the soldier could visit his mother and brother. The 20-year-old graduated high school from the southern community.

"It was quite a trip," Shirley Radcliffe said. "Charlie got to see them and all of his girlfriends."

After the visit, Radcliffe's mother took him back to Ft. Campbell. After staying at the base for a few days, he

was allowed to come back to Novi last weekend on a three-day pass.

"We had him to ourselves this time," Shirley Radcliffe said. "We had a real nice Sunday dinner with him."

Charlie, as his parents call him, was scheduled to return to Ft. Campbell Monday for duty. But, the stepmother said, he didn't leave for the base until Tuesday morning after missing his Monday flight.

"It wasn't a problem," Shirley said. "The Army was really nice about it."

Radcliffe will undergo skin-graft surgery later this week to speed the healing of his shoulder. She said he was regaining movement in the shoulder slowly.

Because of the injury, his duties at the military base have been minimal. Shirley said knowing that he will finish his enlistment in the U.S. has taken the family off of an emotional roller coaster they were on while he was in the Gulf.

### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Novi Golf Associates has requested a permit which would allow placement of a temporary trailer to be used for collecting green fees and renting golf carts for the Links of Novi Golf Course, located at 50395 Ten Mile Road, for a period of six (6) months, from March 15, 1991, through September 15, 1991.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 28, 1991, at the Novi Civic Center, Building Department Conference Library, 43175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be addressed to the City of Novi Building Office and must be received prior to February 28, 1991.

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# Kentucky man to be sentenced

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

A 46-year-old Kentucky man will be sentenced Monday on a charge of third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a Novl minor.

Donald Beller, 46, could face up to 15 years in jail for the felony CSC offense. Beller pled guilty to the charge at his arraignment Dec. 17 last year in front of Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard.

Sentencing was originally scheduled for Feb. 11. The 46-year-old was accused of having digital intercourse with the minor on Dec. 22,

1989. Beller was staying with the teenager's family at the time of the incident and was a family friend, according to records of the 52nd District Court, Division 1, in Walked Lake.

A preliminary examination for Beller was held at the district court Nov. 28. After waiving the hearing, he was bound over to the circuit court for arraignment.

The CSC charge against Beller was the first of two involving the minor.

On Aug. 25 of last year, the same minor was allegedly molested by a 47-year-old relative. The relative allegedly fondled the breasts of the

minor.

The man is currently awaiting a trial date on second degree CSC charges. Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert Anderson ordered the 47-year-old to stand trial after a pretrial hearing was held Feb. 6.

The man was bound over to the circuit court after a preliminary examination last December by 52nd District Court, Division 1, Judge Michael Batchuk.

The 47-year-old was originally charged with two counts of second degree CSC. The other charge alleged that he had kissed the breasts of the

minor. The charge was dropped after the district court preliminary examination.

If convicted, the man could also face 15 years in jail. The CSC charge is a felony in the state of Michigan.

According to Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Jean Gibson, the charges against Beller and the 47-year-old relative differ. Third degree CSC is charged when a victim has been penetrated. She said no penetration is involved in second degree CSC.

# Library Notes

**Singles Program:** The 1990s hold your key to new, exciting people, according to personal growth Paul Seaser. His program, entitled "Being Single in the 90s," will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Novi Library. Call the library at 349-0720 to register for this free program.

**Tax Service for Seniors:** A free tax service for senior citizens will be held at the Novi Public Library on Thursday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Presented by volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the program will provide services for four people every half-hour. Call the library at 349-0720 for an appointment.

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**Line dance?**

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# Novi Homearama still scheduled

The best-laid plans of mice and men—and builders—sometimes go awry.

Example: the recent cancellation of a Homearama scheduled for the Clarkston area by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The builders association was forced to cancel the first of two scheduled home showcases for this year, not because of a worsening economy as some might expect—but because of logistical problems and a lack of parking.

It's not the economy—that would be the reverse of the situation," Homearama committee member Dennis Dickstein said. "The worse the economy, the more important the show is."

Plans for a fall Homearama in Novi, and possibly a Homearama in Detroit, are continuing, Dickstein said.

Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan president James Bonadeo said putting together a Homearama requires many things to come together—not the least of which is parking. On average, more than 100,000 people attend each Homearama.

Bonadeo admitted there are other complications with holding a Homearama at the Clarkston site but wouldn't elaborate.

# Economic forecast halts Novi developer's plans

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Plans for an office-warehouse development in Novi are being put on hold because of a sluggish economy. Developers of Novi Technology Center, to be located on Grand River west of Haggerty Road, were scheduled to go before the planning commission last night for a year extension on final site plan approval from the city.

"Due to difficulties in securing project financing and the current economic conditions, we have not pursued final site plan approval," Cliff Seiber, project engineer for the development, told commissioners in a letter dated Feb. 12.

The building is fully occupied with multiple tenants, Seiber said. Phase two of the project would involve building two similar office-warehouse buildings, he said.

Each of the buildings would be just under 38,000 square feet and would also have multiple tenants. The project would be developed on just more than four acres in the city.

Seiber said final site plans for phase two of the project would be brought to the city if the economy improves by the end of the year.

"The owner hasn't made a decision on when he would start development," Seiber said. "I suppose if he finds some tenants he may start with one of the buildings."

# State insurance fee studied

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

"The state has imposed a cost on people who own autos that the state is not willing to bear. The state has shifted the burden to auto insurance carriers and imposed a higher level of care."

Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy

In 1980 you hardly noticed the \$3 item in your auto insurance bill. By 1986 the item was \$16 per vehicle.

Last year it cost \$67, this year \$101, and by 2000 state lawmakers fear it could soar to \$350.

The drain on the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association is getting a hard study by Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, and his Commerce Committee. Under state law, insurers set up a non-profit group in Livonia to pay auto injury claims of more than \$250,000, mostly for brain and spinal cord injuries.

"There's an ominous chance of unlimited benefits," MCCA head Edward M. Machowski told the panel last week.

Committee member Paul Wartner, R-Portage, asked, "In summary, were out of control—right?"

"I would say so," Machowski answered.

"MCCA distributes unlimited losses so no one insurer suffers a catastrophic loss. The cost is passed on to policyholders," Machowski explained. "The insurer bears the loss of the first \$250,000, and MCCA bears the loss beyond that amount."

Michigan's no-fault insurance law requires insurers to pay benefits for

all reasonable charges incurred for reasonably necessary products, services and accommodations for an injured person's care, recovery or rehabilitation. There are no annual or lifetime limits.

Claims have escalated: \$2 million in 1982, \$9 million in '84, \$24 million in '86, \$55 million in '88, and about \$100 million last year.

Michigan law is the most generous in the nation, MCCA said.

Cruce put it another way: "The state has imposed a cost on people who own autos that the state is not willing to bear. The state has shifted the burden to auto insurance carriers and imposed a higher level of care."

Machowski said insurers have no control over the costs, nor have they any incentive to challenge big claims. "The charges tend to be as heavy as the traffic will bear," he said.

Gregory Hayward, a State Farm

actuary who works with MCCA, said early premiums were "grossly inadequate" because the rate-making committee had no experience from which to estimate future costs.

"Rising costs are not due to more claims but utilization of technology and rising costs," Hayward said.

Cruce said there is no bill before the Legislature, but he indicated several directions in which lawmakers would look:

- Charge more for motorcycles. Cyclists pay 4 percent of total assessments but suffer 8.5 percent of the catastrophic injuries.
- Cap medical care charges.
- Limit coverage to (say) \$1 million.
- Base premiums on the number of drivers rather than the number of vehicles. A person with three vehicles pays three times.
- Consider geographic area, as is done with regular auto insurance.

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## As We See It

### Tourist Bureau for city needs scrutiny

Wait a minute... a tourist bureau in Novi?

That's the proposal the Novi Chamber of Commerce intends to put before the city council in the near future. The chamber is preparing to set up a tourist bureau, which would consist of one part-time staff member in the chamber office, working two days a week. The chamber figures the cost would be \$3,000 a year, \$1,000 of which it is prepared to cover. The remaining \$2,000 would come from the city general fund, if of course the city council approves.



#### Government

Now, the idea of Novi having a tourist bureau all its own does sound kinda neat. And \$2,000 doesn't sound like a lot of money. But of course most new government programs have this habit of growing bigger with each budget year. And, as we are seeing at the state level, once in the budget it becomes very difficult indeed to cut them out.

So, before anyone on city council gets carried away with this idea, we'd like to see them take a close look at the proposal. We'd encourage them to ask some very hard questions. Questions like: "Is tourism the direction in which we want to see the city grow and develop?" "Is the promotion of tourism an appropriate function of city government?" "Does this proposal duplicate services already available in the community?" "How much tourism does Novi presently attract?" "How much could it conceivably attract and is the establishment of a tourism bureau the best way to accomplish that?" "What would be the benefits of an increased tourism? To the business community? To the city? To the community at large?" "What would be the drawbacks?"

As far as we are concerned, tourism would be somewhat of a new direction for the city. Yes, Novi does have a number of hotels and has proposed others. And the city is intending to further develop and expand its Motor Sports Museum. Even if you add in Novi's various festivals, we don't see this as the basis for a good tourist trade. Besides, the city has always portrayed itself as primarily a residential community, with enough of a commercial and industrial base to provide for a solid local economy, jobs and enough taxes adequate to provide good city services.

The question then becomes whether the city really needs to look to the tourist trade to develop its economy and tax base. Remember that the tourist trade comes with certain problems, such as road congestion and a relatively high demand on services like police. With the base that Novi has in place — commercial, office and industrial — it doesn't seem to us that an expanded tourist trade is necessary. Considering the additional demands it might place on services, it could well be counterproductive.

If the city were indeed looking to develop a tourist trade, it might well be legitimate for it to work jointly with the Chamber to create such a bureau. After all, other cities have such bureaus, many in northern Michigan. Even the state government has its own tourist promotion agencies. But in all these cases, the involvement of government is based on the premise that tourism is a substantial and necessary part of their economy. We don't think that's true in Novi.

The idea seems to come from that portion of the business community which relies on attracting folks from out of town — Novi's malls and hotels. If they feel it would be a benefit to provide this service to their customers, who might for example come into town with the family for shopping and decide to make a weekend of it, it seems to us it would be more appropriate for them to fund the bureau rather than get the city council involved.

Again, there is the question of how much tourism there is presently in Novi and what a new bureau could accomplish. What is needed here is a quantification of the proposal, with specific projections on what the bureau could accomplish. And, as we mentioned, there is the question of duplication. The city already has a community relations and communications office. The city already has a Chamber of Commerce. What precisely the bureau would be used for that could not be accomplished through these existing channels is not clear to us.

Finally, we think there must be a good deal more discussion about the benefits of this idea, and not just for the business community but for the community as a whole, as well as the drawbacks. We do fully understand that neither this proposal nor any \$2,000 expenditure from the budget would count as an effort to turn Novi into the next Traverse City. And we recognize that whatever tourism trade is developed here would be on a much smaller scale.

Still, the question of whether this is a good direction for the city, be it a large move or a small one, is fair. One we think deserves an answer before the council proceeds. And if the chamber intends to pursue this idea with the council, we think it should be prepared to make a strong sales pitch... because it is likely to be a hard sell... and it ought to be.

## State's workers get nothing



Phil Power

The way I see it, Gov. John Engler's state-of-the-state speech last week had one hit, one passed ball and one wild pitch. The hit was his emphasis on education. Calling it his one absolute spending priority, Engler wants to make this generation of Michigan children the "best educated in our state's history." And he drew the connection between well-educated children and jobs, "good jobs, secure jobs — right here at home."

Nobody doubts the linkage. Despite the well-publicized warning 15 years ago of a "rising tide of mediocrity" in our schools, America continues to fall behind our international competitors in educating our kids. This is doubly true in Michigan, where our manufacturing base and tradition of high wages require our workers to be highly productive.

We have dilly-dallied far too long in Michigan about improving our schools. Improvement won't come overnight. And that's where the passed ball comes in.

Engler seems to assume the only solution to our non-competitive labor force is in the schools. It isn't. Consider the people working today whose skills are already low. They are unproductive and at grave risk of being displaced from their jobs. Some estimate that one worker in four is functionally illiterate. Others show that fully half our manufacturing workers are behind their peers in Japan or Germany in their work-related skills such as blueprint reading or computer keyboarding. A national study showed that if you project the work force in the year 2000, fully 85 percent already have left school and are at work today.

Engler's concentration on schools may be fine for the future, but what of the more than one million Michiganans already in the work force? Nothing, in fact, worse than nothing. Among the celebrated budget cuts proposed by Engler are virtually the entire state system of job training, ranked as among the best in the nation. On his cutting board are the Opportunity Card project, the Michigan Training Incentive Fund and the entire Michigan Youth Corps. Of the original \$36 million for "employment training" and "job training services" in the Labor Department's budget, the Engler administration proposes to cut \$31 million. That 85 percent slash is aimed directly at investments in the skills and productivity of Michigan's working people.

The wild pitch has to do with the controversial proposal to cut school property taxes by 20 percent. Engler called it a "job creation tax," arguing that Michigan's property tax burden is among the highest in the nation, a barrier to economic growth and new business formation. While it certainly is true that we rely far more on the property tax than we should and that high property taxes are one element that discouraged economic growth, it by no means follows that cutting property taxes alone will stimulate growth. George Bush called that idea voodoo economics when he was a candidate in 1980.

Senate majority leader Richard Posthumus says Engler's proposals will work in Michigan "much the same way that Reaganomics provided a great economic boom in the 1980s in the nation." If that's so, take care. And to trade off important investments in our competitive skills — job training programs, for example — against reduced property taxes seems dubious public policy at best.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

## Never thought I'd live to see this



Tim Richard

Two events have occurred in recent weeks that I thought I never would live to see. First, the Soviet Union gave the United States some military secrets on how to deal with weaponry the Soviets had sold to Iraq. Second, the Michigan Townships Association conducted a seminar on how to comply with the "sunshine laws" — the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts. Not on how to evade them. How to obey.

Most readers are familiar with the Soviets' long-standing obsession with official secrecy. MTA, which held its annual convention in Detroit, may be less familiar to you.

In population, townships are our smallest units of government. Outside the metropolitan area, many have only a couple of thousand people. They tell you they are grass-roots government. They frequently don't act like it.

In 1975, township supervisors were vociferous opponents of the Open Meetings Act. I was at some legislative hearings and read stacks of

testimony. Since then, township supervisors could be counted on to support every crippling amendment — allowing meetings in private homes, closing the doors any time an angry citizen threatened a lawsuit, everything imaginable. MTA used to invite legislative committees handling OMA bills to its conventions and bombard them with requests for secrecy. It was pretty blatant.

Detroit's profligate mayor and its city council have had reputations in this regard. But to see sheer red-faced anger, you really need to pry information out of a rural township supervisor.

MTA's revolutionary seminar on compliance with the sunshine laws was conducted by Evelyn David, MTA's public affairs and membership information officer. Previously, she had been supervisor for 11 years of Sebawa Township.

David is not a lawyer. That is significant. Both sunshine laws were deliberately written in layman's language so that ordinary local officials and citizens can understand them without a lawyer's interpretation.

Indeed, the sure way to tell that a public official intends to give you the runaround is when he or she says (a) "Why do you need to know?" and (b) "I want to consult our attorney." You don't have to have a reason for attending

to dictate what we do with our lives. No one is better than anyone else. Everyone in this world is equal. A lot of people think they are discriminated against because of their race or religion, but I don't believe that is so. If they believe they are being discriminated against they focus on that and not look beyond it. With the laws we have it is highly unlikely their rights are being ignored. If they look beyond the things they believe are holding them back, there is no way they cannot succeed.

In closing, we are so used to having the right of freedom, that sometimes we take advantage of it. Granted we deserve it, but we must not forget how we acquired it. We acquired it through wars, where many lives were lost. Even though freedom is a right, we must remember how we obtained it.

## Freedom: A Right or Privilege?

### Student Essay

The Novi Optimist Club has recently concluded this year's essay contest. Fourteen students entered the competition entitled "Freedom: A Right or Privilege?" The winners were: third place, Je-Won Huang; second place Lori Balagna; and first place Heather Bjerkje. Heather's essay has been forwarded for entry in the state level competition.

By HEATHER BJERKJE

We read in our history book about when our ancestors came to this country and had to fight for their independence from England. When they won it, they earned the right to govern themselves. When they decided to make the U.S. a democracy, freedom became a right. Although at the time the Constitution was first written, many people considered it a privilege. In the Constitution, the people are guaranteed their freedom. Therefore, I believe freedom is a right.

The Constitution was organized for our benefit. It was written so our country would be run in a just and orderly manner. The most important part of the Constitution is the Bill of Rights. That is the part that defines the rights of the citizens. In the Bill of Rights, we are guaranteed freedom of speech, religion, assembly and press. There have been many Supreme Court rulings based on the Bill of Rights. Therefore, it must be important in guaranteeing our freedom. We were given the right to do as we please when it was signed.

Freedom was given to the people before us and is now considered a right. They called it the Bill of Rights because they believe are holding them back, there is no way they cannot succeed.

I believe it is only fair that we have freedom to do what we choose. No one else should be able to dictate what we do with our lives. No one is better than anyone else. Everyone in this world is equal.

And the state's inspection program for day care facilities is pretty cursory, inspectors check the largest day care facilities once every six months; once a year for the smaller facilities. A "licensed day care provider" could beat the poor kids 363 or 364 days a year and still pass the inspections with flying colors. If licensing has provided parents with a sense of security, it is by and large a false sense of security.

Now I am not saying day care facilities are bad for kids. On the contrary, there are many good facilities. Many offer a safe and secure environment in which the kids can play. Many do indeed offer educational programs which do in fact help the children develop. But then so do many unlicensed babysitters.

And if a day care operation is good, it is not because of the license or the DSS's inspection program. It is more likely the result of the demands of the parents.

Most parents I know who have kids in day care spend a good deal of time watching over the operations of the facilities. They keep their eyes pretty wide open when they drop the kids off and pick them up each day. Just to keep the day care providers on their toes, they drop by during the day unannounced from time to time to make sure everything is as orderly as it seems in the mornings and evenings.

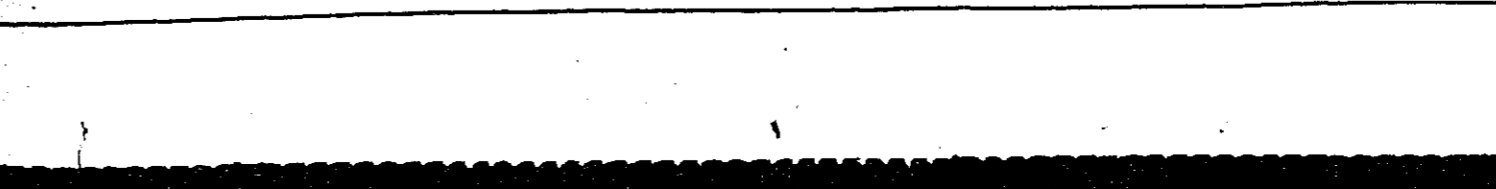
Perhaps the best protection a parent can have is to keep in close touch with other parents using the facility. If something is amiss, a parent's network stands the best chance of detecting it, a lot better chance than the DSS has of catching that same problem.

No, I don't see too many parents fretting about the lack of regulation. I do see the potential for some lower prices in the day care field. I see the possibility of a number of DSS employees losing their jobs. I think maybe that is where all the consternation is really coming from.

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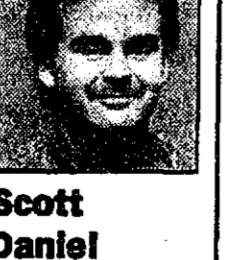
## Moments

### By Bryan Mitchell



'A horse is a horse...'

## On journey for 'perfection'



Scott Daniel

I read an extraordinary book last weekend. After wandering around Borders Bookstore for about an hour Saturday, I finally found a book that peaked my interest. Muscle, by Sam Fussell. I didn't expect much when I took it home. I figured it would just be another book about the how-tos of weightlifting and bodybuilding, which would have been OK because I enjoy the activity. But, instead, I found a kind of personal critique and personal journey of the author through his four-year association with bodybuilding. It opened my eyes and gave me some insight as to why so many of us in Novi and Northville pursue the body-beautiful every day in local gyms. Fussell's story picks up after his graduation from Oxford University in 1983. The author goes through some personal history at the beginning of the book and concludes the section by describing his life in New York City. Fussell, 26 years old at the time, had decided to live in the big city for a year, until continuing his education. A harsh portrait of the Big Apple is painted. We see Wall Street types being robbed in the subway and fathers beaten by their sons. The author describes how intimidated he felt by it all and how vulnerable he felt because of his thin build. He also talks about the insults he suffered because of his poor health.

So, like the 90-pound weakling who has gotten sand kicked in his face, Fussell decides to beef up. The next

chapters describe how he added 80 pounds of muscle through weightlifting — and steroids. I guess the process by which he added those pounds, to transform himself from Pee Wee Herman to Hulk Hogan, is what bothered me. Fussell thought that if he could create a huge muscle-man, he could keep the world at bay and protect himself from harm and ridicule.

I made me question the reasons why I began lifting weights myself. To be more attractive, to get stronger, to improve my confidence. Like Fussell, there was a time in my life when weightlifting was all that mattered. But, then it hit me. Was I really doing it for me or was I doing it for everyone else?

I'm still not sure. It made me wonder, though, how many in our community, how many teenagers, businessmen and housewives are on the same journey for "perfection"? How many of them, like Fussell, would go to any length to achieve that ideal? The author moved to southern California, the self-proclaimed Mecca of bodybuilding, shortly after discovering his weight therapy in New York. There he found exactly what he was searching for; the means to become a superman.

Steroid injections. A diet of 5,000 calories a day (about twice the amount of an average man). Human Growth Hormone and workouts that would fell a horse. It was all very scary and absurd.

The author realized, as did I, that human frailties can't be hidden with muscles. Nor should they, because that is what makes us human. After all, anybody considering the methods mentioned above, to achieve that "ultimate" shape, should take a look at this book. It may just open your eyes too.

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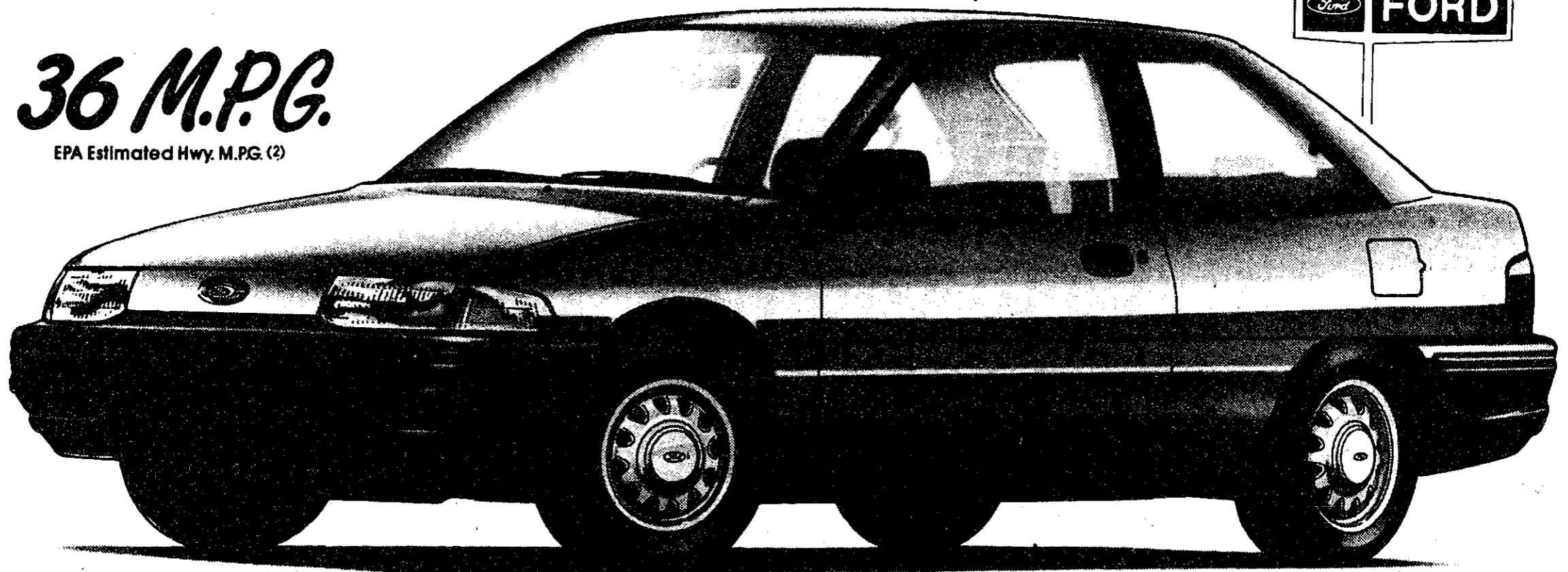
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THURSDAY  
February 21,  
1991

## and the winner is...



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

**W**e asked you to be the judge, and boy, did you respond. Hundreds of entries came pouring into the office of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News* as readers scrambled to fill out our questionnaire and choose the best restaurants in the Novi and Northville area.

In addition to choosing the best, you offered plenty of comments for us to chew on.

"We need more inexpensive restaurants," one person commented. Another said that if the music is too loud, it ruins the whole dining experience.

"I like to eat out but I am a picky eater," one person explained.

"Needs no Roloids," another cryptically announced.

The big winner in the survey turned out to be — for the second year in a row — MacKinnon's. The Northville establishment garnered first-place standings in the "Best Overall Restaurant" and "Best Atmosphere" categories.

In addition, MacKinnon's also rated high for service, desserts, seafood, soups and steaks.

The results of the 1991 restaurant survey are as follows:



Stephen Skinner/Genitti's

**Best Overall Restaurant:**  
MacKinnon's  
Second place for Best Overall Restaurant was Papa Romano's Pizzeria. Third-place winner was Country Epicure.

**Best Inexpensive Restaurant:**  
Crawford's  
Tied for second place in this category were Guernsey Farms and Denny's

**Best Service:** Papa Romano's (Novi and Northville locations)  
Second place was MacKinnon's and third place was Country Epicure.

**Best Breakfast Restaurant:**  
Crawford's  
Second-place winner was Guernsey Farms and third-place winner was Bob Evans.

**Best Sandwiches:** Genitti's  
Second-place winner was Papa Romano's and third place winner

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## It wasn't an election

It was a poll. It was not an election.

The idea was to ask our readers to fill out the form in their copy of the paper and nominate their favorites for best restaurants in several categories.



Cristina Ferrier

And the restaurants receiving the most nominations would certainly be deserving of praise. It would mean that a large selection of people, probably on their own and without consulting each other, chose them as best.

But a few restaurants in the area wanted the honor so badly that they actually campaigned for the titles.

At least one of them — Papa Romano's — even handed out the ballots to their customers, then collected the ballots and mailed them to us.

As a result, Papa Romano's won in three different categories. And it came close in several others.

Papa Romano's even received nominations in categories like "Best Seafood" and "Best Steak" — items they don't offer.

While counting the ballots, we began to wonder why so many envelopes were coming in with the same handwriting on them. Some of the ballots all had the same handwriting, too, but the names and addresses at the bottom were different.

They didn't coerce anyone into filling out the ballots or anything. They didn't even force people to nominate Papa Romano's for any of the titles. But by handing out the ballots to their customers, they did make it a lot more convenient for Papa Romano's fans — including many people who don't live in this area and don't read this newspaper — to nominate Papa Romano's.

Now we're not taking away Papa Romano's honor. There weren't any rules broken or anything. Hey, it was actually a pretty good idea from a publicity standpoint.

Besides, Papa Romano's is pretty good. Just don't do it again, OK?

There is also a tragic note to the results of this restaurant poll.

Northville Charley's — winner by a landslide in the seafood category of our poll — closed its doors for good last Jan. 20, after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November.

Oh, if only they could have hung on a little longer! Maybe our readers could have alerted those who didn't know about what great seafood they had! Perhaps, merely by conducting this restaurant poll, we could have taken full credit for saving them from financial despair!

But there's always second-place seafood winner Red Lobster. And Bill Stavros, co-owner of "Best Steak" winner Red Timbers, mentioned that they fly their seafood in fresh from Boston.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

MacKinnon's (above) won the "Best Overall Restaurant" title for the second year in a row. MacKinnon's also won "Best Atmosphere." O'Sheehan's (left) won the "Best Burger" title again this year. And Red Timbers (below) walked away with honors for "Best Steak."



Photo by HAL GOULD



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Doug Meadows decorates one of Crawford's winning desserts



Photo by HAL GOULD

Dave Guilborn (left) and Shelly Lanford serve it up fast at Taco Bell

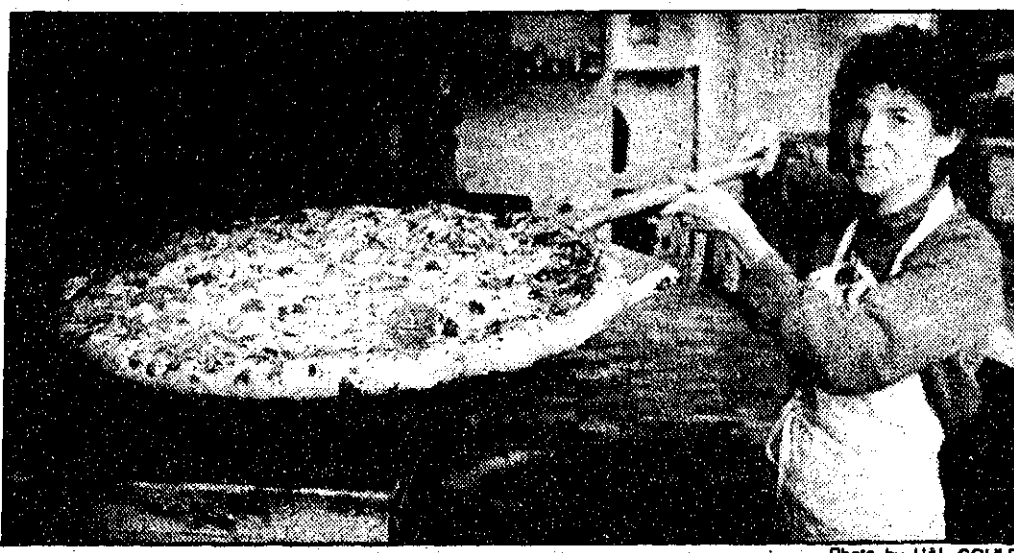


Photo by HAL GOULD

Owner/Manager Mary Jo Hartman cooks pizzas to perfection at the Novi Papa Romano's

### Volunteer

## Volunteering to help Desert Storm



SHIRLEY AND HENRY TILIKKA

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

If you would like to show service men and women in Operation Desert Storm that people at home care, here is an opportunity suggested by Henry and Shirley Tilikka.

Henry is commander of VFW Post 4012 in Northville, and Shirley is his wife, a member of the auxiliary.

They have taken on an assignment of mailing T-shirts, inscribed "Operation Desert Storm" to specific service persons, including name and address of donor.

As a volunteer, you would address mailing envelopes or insert the shirts and appreciative letters from local civic groups into them.

This is an idea originated by Roxanne Casterline. She arranged with Perrin Screen Printing to design and print the shirts, which an individual could buy for \$17.95 apiece, have it sent to a specific service person, and receive an extra one free.

When Perrin completed an order of 200, it was to be delivered to the VFW

Post. Why the VFW Post? Henry answered, "Roxanne knew we have a bulk mailing permit."

As for postage, when Henry and his quartermaster, Bob Schmidt, went to the post office with a mailing, Bob Priebe presented them with \$100 raised by local postal employees for postage.

Soon other groups were inspired to make contributions. For example, Gordon's Office Supply donated the envelopes, and Allen Terrace residents took on the job of filling out the customs slips.

More than 1,000 shirts have been mailed out, and the end is not in sight because more and more people are buying shirts to be sent.

"It's an outpouring of patriotism," commented Shirley. And Henry added that "it comes under the heading of community service and Americanism," which are two parts of the VFW program.

If you want to take part in this project, call the VFW Post at 349-9828 to find out when a mailing needs to be prepared.

### Random Sample

## Should state funding for the Michigan Council of the Arts be cut?



Four said, "YES"

Six said, "NO"

"I think they should scale back the program."

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









# Novi Library offers wealth of books and tapes

By JEANNE CLARK  
Special Writer

For family entertainment, the Novi Public Library has a lot to offer the average family with a wealth of books, tapes, etc. It has flyers about activities coming up in the Novi area as well as surrounding communities. For example, information is available on the Marquis Theatre in Northville which will be featuring "Charlotte's Web" starting in March. Reserved seating can be arranged for 20 or more if several families want to make a party of the evening.

The library has special programs available such as the one coming up on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., which is free, though preregistration is requested. Call 349-0720. The speaker will be Paul Seaton, well-known personal growth facilitator and his program is entitled "Being Single in the '90s" and appeals to every adult age group. Jane Brown, Children's Librarian, is looking for people, both young and old to bring in their collections and share them with the library in a locked glass cabinet so that everyone can see them. Call the above number. Spring activities already are being planned with one called Spring on the Farm on Saturday March 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. No registration is necessary. It is open for all ages and will last one hour. The children can visit Maple Woods Farm through slides and stories, and learn about country things if they've never been around a farm. A special visit is being planned for a new spring lamb.

Later in March will be a Craft Day on the 23rd. Again no registration but two sessions are being planned 11 a.m. for ages 4 and 5, noon ages 6 and up will last one hour. On Saturday March will be presentation about Michigan's Bluebird by the Oakland County 4-H and will be a workshop with Kits available at \$3 each. There will be slides and discussion at 3 p.m. Call the above number for more information. Registration will open on March 1 for the six week story time session on Tuesday and Wednesday March 12 and 13 for six week period. Plan to stop in now with your family and look around if you are a newcomer to the area or have never been able to look over the facilities and the services.

## NOVI PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Now that winter is really back, families can get information on the many areas available for winter sports activities from the Novi Parks and Recreation. There is ice skating at Power Park behind the Novi High School tennis courts. On Tuesday from 7 to 11 a.m. for general skating and the other for hockey, and the rinks are open when weather permits.

There is also cross-country skiing at Power Park and Lakeshore Park located at 615 South Lake Drive with 20 acres available. Power Park has a marked course about 2 miles long and although Lakeshore Park does not have a marked course, skiers can go their own route. Sledding and tobogganing is also available at Lakeshore Park with a sledding hill. When weather conditions permitting—and it is open seven days a week. There is also a community room at Lakeshore Park available for your rental. Capacity is 40 people, and winter hours for the park are 8 a.m. to sunset.

In looking ahead to summer activities, a reminder that the Lakeshore Park Picnic Shelter is available for renting and residents can reserve space until April 1, after that the shelter will be available to any group on a first come, first serve basis. However special requests may be made for out-of-season dates.

Registrations being taken for many spring activities include a house soccer league for pre-teens through 10-year-olds and the season starts April 6. Also registrations are being taken for the 1991 Western Suburban Soccer League for youngsters under 10 through 19 in five different divisions. Coming up will be the girls' fast-pitch pitching clinic with Michelle Oden, a former U-M All-Big Ten pitcher conducting the clinic for girls grades 7-12 and will start this month. Call for details.

Other information available at the Pamphlet and Notice rack include information on the Youth Art Book, Author Luncheon to be held at the Civic Center on Tuesday, March 5, at noon being sponsored by Friends of Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Canton Libraries. Lunch will be catered by Sweet Home and special guest will be Lucy Taylor author of "Avenue of Dreams."

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
A reminder of the monthly dinner for families being served on this Friday Feb. 22 from 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Stop in and take advantage of the good cooking before going on your usual Friday activities as shopping or other activities. Proceeds will go to the Mission Outreach Budget. Suggested donation, adults \$5.50 and children 10 and under \$2.50.  
The church has already started the Lenten schedule. Next Sunday, Feb. 24, the sermon will be "Why Did They Listen?" March 3, "Why Did Some Doubt, Some Believe?" March 12 there will be a guest missionary speaker and on March 17 the sermon will be "Why Did They Kill Him." During Holy Week on March 24,

## Novi Highlights

Palm Sunday, there will be the procession Psalm and a cantata presented by the Chancel Choir. On March 25, Maundy Thursday, will be the Sacrament of the Last Supper. On March 29 Good Friday there will be a community service noon to 1 p.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church. On March 31, Easter, there will be a sunrise service at 7 a.m., with breakfast following, a special program at 9:15 a.m., and a sermon entitled "Why Did He Live Again?" at 10:30 a.m.

During the Lenten series on Sunday evening, starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be soup and snacks, and a program at 8 p.m. each Sunday evening. The group hosts who will supply the refreshments each week will be United Methodist women. The first Sunday and thereafter the Education

Committee will take a Sunday, the Music Department Outreach Committee and the United Methodist Men will supply one Sunday each.

Special speakers during this time will include Mary Eldridge, actress/teacher of Creative Dramatic, presenting "Readings and Poems" and will have a Peace Exhibit from the Peace Center at Detroit. Another special speaker will be Gracia Johnson-Boehme, Peace with Justice Educator in the Detroit Annual Conference and finally the Rev. Kearney Kirkby, sharing his most recent mission work camp experiences. Call the church for more information.

## NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The committee met last Wednesday evening and is hard at work trying to find individuals or groups, organizations, or businesses who would like to come out and bowl at the annual Bowlathon. It will be on March 2 from noon to 3 p.m. or when you finish. Those participating always have a lot of fun and goodie bags are given out, as well as refreshments, and prizes. In addition, your pledges will help them reach their goal of \$13,000 which is needed this year to run the Teen Center.

Youth Assistance provides the center for youngsters in the area to help prevent them getting in trouble in their neighborhoods, homes, and malls. The Center provides activities and field trips, crafts, games, etc., for young people under staff supervision. The program has already been planned for the summer with Judy Williams as the coordinator from the Youth Assistance Board and the staff of the center. In addition, in the summer months, they will again assist parents in sending their children to camp. Call the office at 349-8398 for a nomination form and these must be returned by March 1.

# Travel

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## Second opinions about the Fantasy

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES  
Travel Writer

I spent several hours looking for Colleen Flynn on board the cruise ship Fantasy, but I didn't make contact until after we both got home.

Colleen, who lives in Woburn, the Village, north of Nor., is the southeast Michigan Director of Sales for Carnival Cruise Lines.

I found John and Edie Fuller on the dock at Port of Miami just after I disembarked. I was standing in the Florida sun waiting for my husband to bring the car around when I looked down and saw the luggage tag "Fannington Hills." John works at The Travel Authority in Southfield.

I was looking for these people because I wanted a "Michigan opinion" on what Carnival Cruise Lines calls the Super-Liner Fantasy. But first I wanted to know how the ship fits into the overall cruise picture and why you, my reader, would like it.

There are several ships doing three- and four-day itineraries, but Fantasy is the first new ship that was built specifically for that market. Royal Caribbean followed with its ship, Nordic Empress. Apparently these three- and four-day cruises are particularly popular in southeast Michigan.

In 1990, one out of two cruise travelers in southeast Michigan picked a three- or four-day trip," Colleen said. Las Vegas is always a very popular destination from here and I think that many travelers find the short cruise an alternative to Las Vegas. "We have the largest shipboard casino in the world, although we don't focus on it."

"A lot of different people choose short cruises. We're heavy on business travelers and two-income families that don't have time for a long vacation. The Fantasy also suits people on a limited budget, because they can't afford a longer vacation."

Colleen does a lot of seminars with travel agencies to reinforce the basic truth of cruising: travelers should pick the ship that suits their style and a good travel agent can help them do it.

"If people want a formal experience, black tie at dinner, they should choose another ship. If they love casual, and don't want to wear a suit and tie for dinner, they love the Fantasy," John Fuller agrees.

"There is a cruise ship to fit every traveler. The Fantasy is a glitzy, Royal Caribbean's Nordic Princess does the same three- and four-day itinerary and is more upscale."

"Cruise ships share more or less the same itinerary, they all have casinos, most of them have pretty good food, so you pick for style, price and maybe ports of call."

Fuller says that short cruises are also great for honeymooners or those who want to try cruising before they commit themselves to a longer cruise.

"They all offer packages that include Walt Disney World. Number one in that category is Premier Cruise Lines, which sails out of Port Canaveral."

An alternative is the Chanturis ship Britannia, which does a five-day budget cruise to Key West, Playa del Carmen (near Cancun, Mexico) and Cozumel, Mexico.

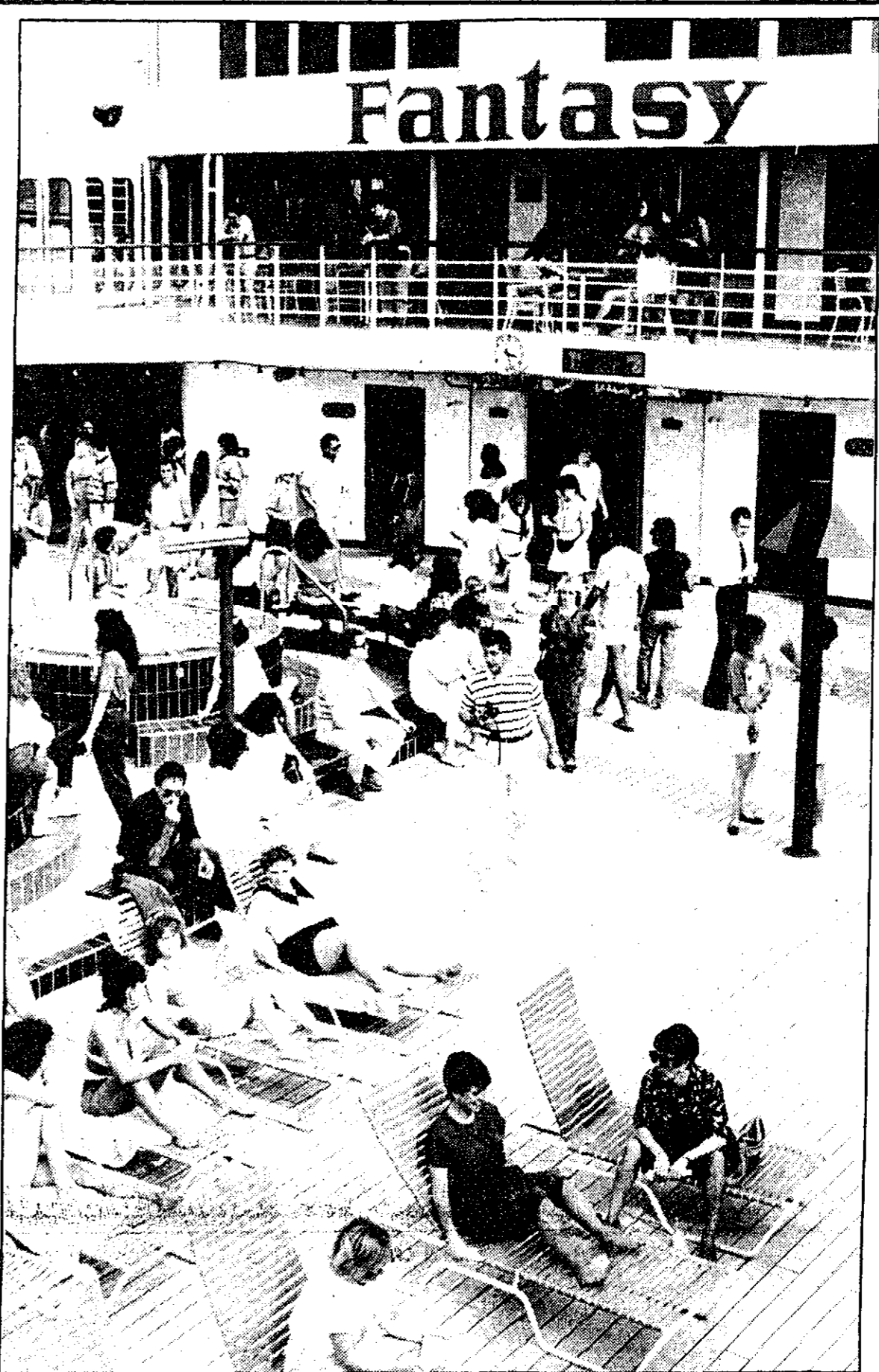
My overall response to the ship was that it gives you a lot of glitz and glamor for a reasonable price, with comfortable staterooms, good food, and interesting and innovative bar and entertainment areas. It is easy to get around in, in spite of its size.

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When you board any ship, your first moves are to check out the cabin, read the day's activity list, sign up for the entertainment facilities.

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Tourists catch some rays on the deck of Carnival Cruise Lines' new ship, The Fantasy

## Cruising to Nassau aboard the Fantasy

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES  
Travel Writer

When you board the cruise ship Fantasy, officially called the SuperLiner (sic) Fantasy, your first impression is light, glitzy and colorful.

If you have met Joe Farcus, or have been to the Crystal Palace Resort & Casino in Nassau, you'll understand why Joe is the architect and interior designer for Carnival Cruise Lines, which owns both the Palace and the Fantasy, and he loves to paint the world with colored lights.

You board the Fantasy on the Empress deck, where you follow the lights into the Grand Spectrum, an atrium that gleams and glows and blinks with light. The two elevators going up six decks and down again are painted in red neon. The 20-foot-high kinetic sculpture is a rotating cylinder of changing colors.

Tiny light bulbs follow the spiral staircase to the second floor, where various shipboard facilities that surround the mezzanine are signed in light. You have to climb the Grand Staircase to see ancient Egypt at work in Cleopatra's Bar and Pavilion, but that's Joe Farcus all over.

In case you missed it, the Fantasy is a very large cruise ship launched in 1990 to sail short three- and four-day cruises from Miami to Nassau and back. It is 855 feet long, weighs 70,367 tons and could carry 2,634 passengers if every bed and bunk were full.

I took an overnight "Cruise to Nowhere" offered to travel agents and travel writers, which means we boarded one afternoon and disembarked early the next morning. The coastal lights of Florida were always in view.

That brief experience gave me a good look at the ship and its facilities, including cabins, bars, restaurants, etc. It gave me a good taste of the ship's style. Carnival aims at a fast-paced younger crowd for its fun ships, although I have cruised with people of all ages on their ships.

My overall response to the ship was that it gives you a lot of glitz and glamor for a reasonable price, with comfortable staterooms, good food, and interesting and innovative bar and entertainment areas. It is easy to get around in, in spite of its size.

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## New cruise ship earns top marks

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES  
Travel Writer

I asked Dallas Phillips of Phillips Travel Service Inc. in South Lyon if he could find me somebody who has sailed on the Nordic Empress, one of the two new cruise ships that entered the three-/four-day cruise market in 1990.

I was lucky. Dallas has worked more than once with Linda Gasparotti of Plymouth, who calls herself "a frustrated travel person who would like to be in the travel business but never had the chance."

Dallas Phillips organized a trip for Linda when she took the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to Orlando to march in the electric parade at Walt Disney World, and then on to march in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day 1989.

There were 254 people on that trip, including band members, families and friends. Not bad for somebody who doesn't think of herself as being in the travel business.

"Last February I took a group to Toronto to see 'Phantom of the Opera,' and we had so much fun together that we decided to do a cruise," Linda said. "We picked a week in January 1991 when all the college kids would be back in school."

"We flew down on Eastern Airlines tickets the day after the war broke out! But Dallas looked after us, so we all got home without any trouble."

We asked Linda to write us a report about their three-day trip from Miami to the Bahamas aboard the Nordic Empress. Here it is:

"Being on the Nordic Empress was a very pleasant experience. Phillips Travel bills Royal Caribbean Cruises as a 'cut above' and it certainly is just that. Food and service were outstanding!"

"Many of our 37 people were first-time cruisers. This trip wet their whistles for cruising, so now they are planning longer cruises. Our group was kept together at eating times, which kept us in touch with one another each day."

"Cruising is very economical, with food, sleeping quarters and air fare included. It was painless, because Royal Caribbean met us at the airport, transported us to a hotel and to the ship, and our luggage appeared in our cabin. Couldn't have been easier. They did all the worrying and the work."

"Many of our couples took low-rate cabins and the ship automatically upgraded their room levels, from inside to outside cabins. Some upgraded by paying a little more."

"Lower cabins do feel more ship movement and noise, and they are smaller. However, cabin service was good at all levels."

"The Nordic Empress is a beautiful ship. All the entertainment was fun. One of our group won the hula hoop contest and another came in second in the twist contest! There was always something to do."

Rates in 1990 ranged from \$530 to \$1,105. For more information on the Nordic Empress, contact your travel agent.

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## Famed golf holes just down I-96

By DENNIS TOPOLINSKI  
Staff Writer

Few golfers will ever experience play on the spacious fairways of Pebble Beach or the rolling terrain of Spy Glass Hill.

But now, due to technological advancements and the efforts of two Brighton men, area golfers can play world-famous golf courses in Livingston County.

Sony Cherry and Marv DiLaura pooled their resources last year and began the development of an indoor facility which features golf simulation machines, adventure golf, driving cages and a video game room.

Now, after four months of design and construction, Brighton's Golf-O-Rama is complete. On Feb. 15, the new attraction—located at 2944 Old U.S. 23—opened to the public.

Cherry and DiLaura are excited that the public will finally get to view their half-million dollar project.

Cherry, who brainstormed the idea, is especially looking forward to the opening.

"This has been a dream for a long time," said Cherry, who also owns Artistic Tops in Brighton. "I think it's really turned out gorgeous."

Gorgeous is just one of several words which could be used to describe the contents of the 12,000-square-foot building.

Golf-O-Rama is surrounded by fluted brick walls and its 16-foot-high cedar ceiling overlooks a wondrous 18-hole adventure golf course, complete with waterfalls, tricking streams and several two-ton boules. The entire course has a jungle flavor to it.

Cherry and DiLaura contracted Lutz Building of Au Gres, Mich., to construct the facility. This project marked the 19th course Lutz has designed.

The owners said the indoor facility will operate year-round.

"We discovered that one of the biggest problems in miniature golf courses is the mosquitoes," said DiLaura, owner of DiLaura Electric, Inc. "This course will never have problems like that. It's completely air-conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter."



The new Golf-A-Rama in Brighton allows golfers to practice their swings before videos of famous golf courses.

Through their research, Cherry and DiLaura said they also discovered that a lot of people, especially youths, would rather play nine holes than 18.

"A lot of kids don't have the money to pay for 18," Cherry said. "So we will have separate rates for nine and 18. We want this to be a family recreation center."

In addition to the adventure golf, there are the four Par-T Golf machines which boast 9-by-12-foot screens that simulate world-famous courses such as California's Pebble Beach, Portugal's Quinta do Lago and North Carolina's Pinehurst.

Indeed, the simulators are sights to behold as they beckon the swing of any avid golfer.

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Par-T-Golf machines are the next best thing to the actual courses.

Each simulator is equipped with its own tee, putting green, screen, computer and printer. As many as eight participants per simulator can play on the 18-hole courses.

All a player has to do is enter his or her name on the computer, step up to the tee and drive the ball into the nylon screen. Special devices measure the speed and direction of the ball and then on impact, a simulated golf ball picks up on the screen where the real ball left off.

A player then watches as the ball travels across a river or into a patch of trees.

The view then advances to where the ball landed and play continues. While this is going on, the computer

tabulates all the scoring.

DiLaura said shots hit on the courses are accurate to within less than three feet of where they would actually be.

"We understand people from this area have been driving to Grand Rapids to use the machines there," Cherry said. "So we think they are really going to catch on here."

Golf-O-Rama will be having year-round leagues on the Par-T golf machines as well as at the adventure golf course.

"With all the phone calls we made around the country," Cherry said, "we think we are the only center that has an indoor facility that has incorporated adventure golf and the Par-T golf."

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## Verdi Opera comes to Northville

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in Northville announces two evening performances of the "Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre" on March 7 and March 21 at 7:30 p.m. All arias are performed live by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

The standard seven course dinner, served family-style, in addition to old world atmosphere and humor of John Genitti makes this evening a rare treat.

"For opera lovers, this is a must," said John Genitti. "Tonight I have been wanting to do something like this for a long time."

The Genitti family of John, Toni, Andy, Laura and Christina, as well as the many employees, make guests feel comfortable and relaxed. The family style dinners are reminiscent of a large Italian wedding.

"We will explain the story line, scene and content of each aria to our guests," Genitti further explained. "We will help them appreciate opera, even for those that have never been exposed to opera before. Our guests have come to expect something different and exciting from us. We will continue to provide an enjoyable evening of dinner and entertainment."

Genitti's is also known for its Murder Mystery dinner. Performances are every Friday night at 7:30, and include the seven course dinner. Reservations are required.

Phone 349-0522 for further information or reservations (which are required).

### In Town

**Coffee Concert** Novi Parks and Recreation will offer a Senior Citizen day trip to the Detroit Symphony Coffee Concert, Friday, March 15.

The program will feature Copeland and Beethoven, and there will be time for shopping and lunch at the Renaissance Center. Cost is \$15 for Novi residents and \$16.50 for others. For more information, contact the Novi Parks and Recreation department at 347-0400.

**Auditions:** Theatre Street Players, a new theater group forming in Novi in conjunction with the Novi Performing Arts Center, 41868 Ten Mile Road, Novi, is holding auditions Feb. 23 and 24 from 2-3 p.m. for two one-act plays.

"The Lottery," by Shirley Jackson, calls for six male and five female leads as well as extras and some small children.

"Who Calls," by D. Campton, calls for six female roles.

"The Lottery," a drama, is one of the most successful short plays ever staged. It's an unusual play that builds swiftly to its crucial climax.

"Who Calls" takes place in a kitchen of a Victorian mansion where the servants are trying to adjust to the incredible fact that their mistress is lying dead upstairs. Tension builds to the climax when a bell rings from the upstairs room.

The production, set for early May, is directed by Linda Wickert. For more information, call 349-2728.

**More Auditions:** Northville Players announces auditions for its spring melodrama, "Her Fatal Beauty (or a Shop Girl's Honor)" on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 25 and 26, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road at Taft Road, at 7:30 p.m. Production dates for the melodrama will be May 3, 4 and 5 and Sept. 14 and 15 at Northville's Victorian Festival. The May productions will be done at Mill Race Historic Village. There are parts for three men (ages 20-50) and five women (ages 18-50). Anyone interested in trying out and becoming part of a Northville tradition should plan to attend one of the audition times. Questions? Call Russ Dore at 349-1052 or Judy Kohl at 348-2678.

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## It's time to tip some tea at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum announces the opening of a new exhibit, "It's Tea Time!" featuring the artifacts and collectibles associated with an afternoon tea. Tea pots, tea tins, tea bags, children's tea sets, teacups, caddies and spoons along with antique silver, linens and lace will be featured in this elegant ritual. The exhibit will also include a collection of Victorian figural napkin rings.

Afternoon tea became a national habit in England during the 16th century. Fashionable society lunched just after noon; dinner parties did not begin before 7 or 8 p.m. To forestall hunger pangs, the upper classes took tea and cakes in the late afternoon.

The lower classes embraced the custom and a clock tea became an English institution that quickly crossed the Atlantic to America.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2-5 p.m., and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students 5-17, under 5 free, and a family rate of \$4.

### Nearby

The Plymouth Museum is a non-profit, educational institution.

**She Loves Me:** Romance and comedy is the feature in the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's production of "She Loves Me."

Evoking humor and romance in a 1930s European parlor, the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre Mainstreet Production of the musical "She Loves Me" will run Thursdays through Saturdays, Feb. 7-23. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Thursday tickets are two-for-one. For information and ticket reservations, call 662-7282.

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre is located at 1035 S. Main St.

"She Loves Me" centers around George and Amelia, both perfume store employees, who are always arguing at work. Unknowingly, they fall in love through a series of "Dear Friend" letters that they exchange by mail.

Meanwhile, aging perfume store owner Mr. Maracek suspects George of being in love with his wife. Miss Ritter and Steve Kodaly, also store employees, are involved in a romance of their own, and young Arpad, the delivery boy, wants a job at being a sales clerk. He believes he may own the store one day.

Musical by Jerry Book, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and book by Joe Masteroff.

"She Loves Me" is directed by Mary Anne Nemeth. Musical direction is by Donn McIntosh. Cast includes Tracy Plester, Patrick Beller, Wendy Wright, Jeff Willes, James Heckman, Tom Underwood, Bob Starring, Dan Klotzki and Rod Bogart.

**Shakespeare:** The return engagement of Brian Bedford in his one-man show, "The Lunatic, The Lover & The Poet," opens with a special performance hosted by The Understudies, the theater's community fund-raising arm, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, to benefit the theatre's Renovation Fund. Additional performances are Feb. 27 and 28, also at 8 p.m.

Bedford played to three sold-out houses at the Hillery last season. In a review in the Detroit Free Press, critic Lawrence DeVine wrote, "As it stands, the sold-out brief run that concludes tonight gets what old Prospero wants in the sure-fire finale for 'The Tempest,' for Shakespeare himself and for Bedford too: to please and to enchant."

"The Lunatic, The Lover & The Poet" opened in New York City in December.

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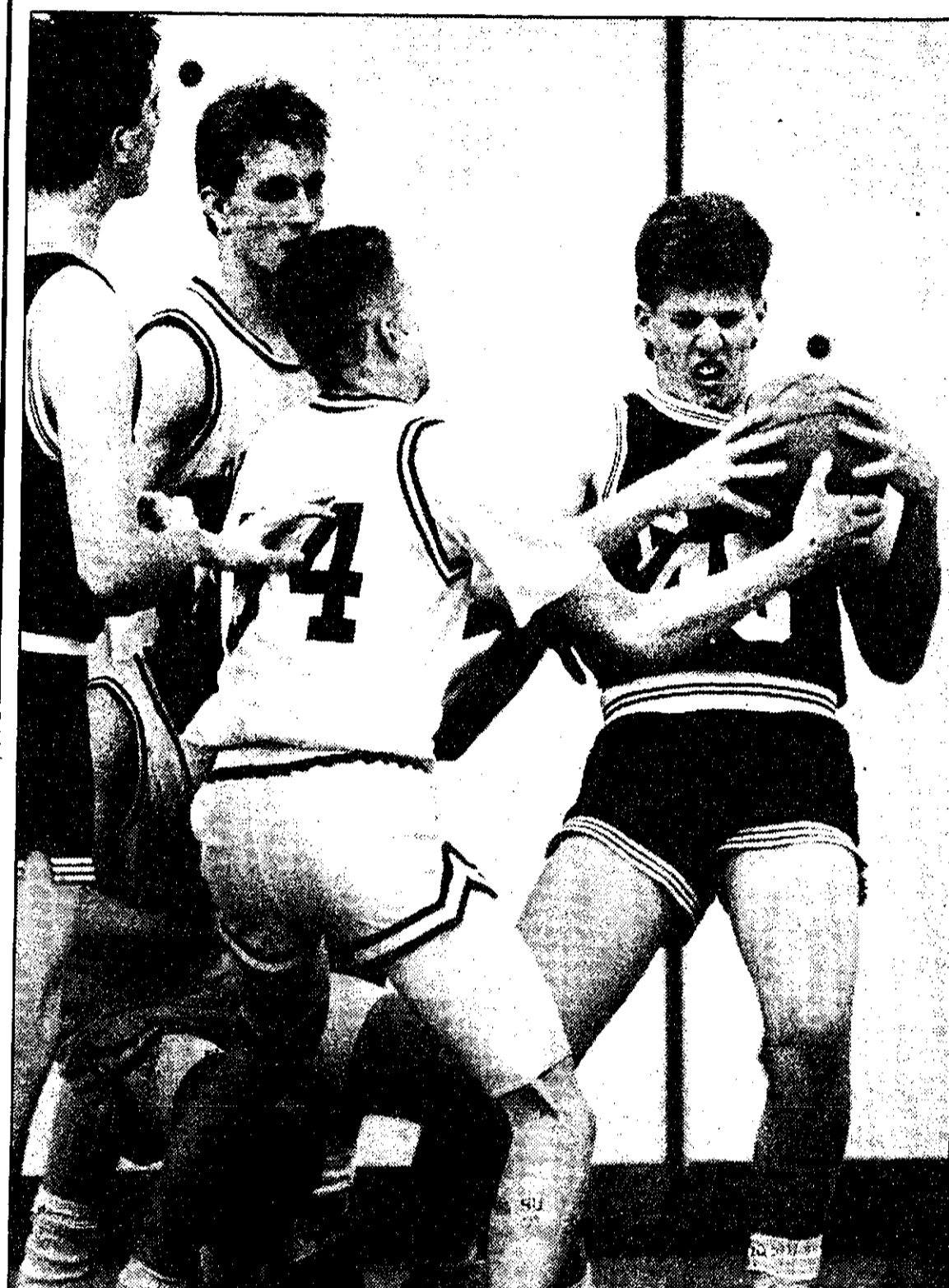
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## Novi cagers closing in on first KVC title



Novi forward Jeff Schram (right) battles a Brighton player for a loose ball.

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
Staff Writer

With a 10-0 conference record and just two games remaining, Novi basketball coach Bob Shoemaker is talking openly about a Kensington Valley Conference championship—the school's first.

In the last road test before today's big showdown against Milford, the Wildcats trounced Brighton 61-49 on Feb. 12. Barring a total collapse in the remaining two league games versus Milford and South Lyon, Novi will secure no worse than a share of the KVC crown.

The Redskins are one game behind the 'Cats at 9-1. Their only loss of the season came at Novi back on Jan. 18.

"We want to win this conference outright," Shoemaker said. "We are in the driver's seat and this win against Brighton put us there. We don't take anybody lightly, but we feel very good about our chances of getting at least a share of the title."

"We believe in sharing, but this is one thing we don't want to share with Milford. If they want to borrow some basketballs, or use our gym—that's fine, but we want the title all to ourselves."

Brighton was the latest victim of Novi's unrelenting title drive last week. The Bulldogs fell behind by as much as 23 before making some turoads in the final minutes against the Wildcat reserves.

"Brighton was one of the two teams that beat us twice last season (Milford was the other)," Shoemaker pointed out. "We certainly didn't want to stumble before the showdown with Milford. That's why we approached the Brighton game as a big game."

"We dominated the game from start to finish and really did a nice job."

Aslin two-point margin after one period ballooned to 15 at halftime (38-23), and forwards Jason Walker and Mike Sumerton were key figures in Novi's 24 points second quarter outburst. Walker poured in nine points in the quarter and Sumerton matched that total with a trio of three-pointers.

"Mike is averaging no more than 14 minutes a game, but he has 37 three-pointers this season, and that's a tremendous amount," Shoemaker said. "For the limited time he's on the court, Mike is probably one of the top scorers in the conference."

The Wildcats clamped down defensively in the third quarter, held Brighton to just five points, and increased the margin to 51-28. From there, Shoemaker emptied his bench.

"We really played good, tough man-to-man defense," he said.

Junior guard Mike Kramer limited one of the Bulldogs top offensive threats, Don Clothier, to just one bucket when he was matched up against him. Clothier wound up with 11 points, but most came late in the game against a zone defense.

Point guard Doug Soper had another fine all-around performance with 20 points (on 9-of-14 shooting), six steals and four assists. Walker (14 points, seven rebounds) and Sumerton (12 points on four triples) also contributed.

NOVEMBER, REDFORD UNION 80: In typical non-conference fashion, the Wildcats played a lackluster defensive game on Feb. 15 against the host Panthers, and barely escaped with a one-point victory.

"It was a bizarre game to say the least," Shoemaker said. "We played against the lead and must win in order to grab at least a share of its fourth KVC title in a row."

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"We were playing pathetic, especially on defense, and I wasn't happy," he said.

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MILFORD PREVIEW: The rematch tonight (Feb. 21) at Milford puts the Wildcats in an unfamiliar position. Milford has its back against the wall and must win in order to grab at least a share of its fourth KVC title in a row.

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## Gowans advances despite first defeat

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
Staff Writer

Novi grappler Mike Gowans finally suffered a defeat after winning 51 consecutive matches this season, but that didn't prevent the 140-pound junior from advancing to the MHSAA State Meet this weekend in Battle Creek.

Gowans was victorious in the two preliminary matches on Feb. 16 at the MHSAA Individual Regional Tournament at Plymouth Salem, but fell to Casey Gerber of top-ranked Temperance-Bedford in the finals. With the loss, Gowans had to settle for the regional runner-up trophy, but as a top-four finisher, he still qualifies for the state meet.

Senior Jason Wladischkin was the only other Novi wrestler to qualify.

Gowans blanked Fred Garcia of Belleville 9-0 in round one, and then pinned Ryan Schimming of Monroe 17-3 in the 140-pound semifinals. But in the finals, Gerber—a district champion like Gowans—prevailed 7-2.

"Although the score looks lopsided, it wasn't that bad," Novi Coach Tom Fritz said. "Gerber put Mike on his back early and it's real tough to come back from a 4-0 deficit, especially against a kid from Temperance-Bedford."

Despite the loss, Fritz is still optimistic about Gowans' chances at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek tomorrow and Saturday (Feb. 22-23).

"It really takes the pressure off Mike now to protect that perfect record," he said. "I'd really like to see Mike get another crack at Gerber. I have faith in him. He'll study the films and correct the mistakes he made."

Gerber is a very good defensive wrestler and Mike is very aggressive. (Gowans) kept going at him and (Gerber) countered well."

Gowans is now 51-1 overall with 37 pins.

The surprise of the tournament was Wladischkin at 160. Despite suffering 10 defeats throughout the regular season, the senior has been

impressive in the post-season. After placing third in the districts, Wladischkin advanced to the finals of the regional before falling and settling for second place.

"Jason really came through for us," Fritz said. "He's what you call a gamer. He doesn't practice well but once he gets into a match, he's very competitive."

"Jason has a lot of God-given talent."

Wladischkin pinned Temperance-Bedford's Dan Mezaros in 3:28 of the opening match, and then upset district champion Todd Hoffmeyer of Walled Lake Western 6-2 in the semis. In the 160 finals, he fell to Pinckney's John Spliak 6-3.

"Wladischkin was outstanding," Fritz said. "If he can keep it going, I think he has a chance to place (top-six) at the state meet."

Novi's other two regional qualifiers—Brian Paquette and Tony Scappaticci—did not place in the top-four of their weight divisions. Paquette lost an early match at 112 and was then knocked out by Ian Santiago of Lincoln Park, 4-3, in the consolation round.

Paquette has been slowed by a knee injury that will require orthoscopic surgery, and finished the season at 45-6. Saddy, Paquette's brilliant four-year wrestling career is now over.

"He's been battling the knee problem, so I guess it was a good excuse and a way for Brian to bow out," Fritz said. "His heart just wasn't into it and I could see this coming, but he had a great four-year career. I know he had well over 100 career victories, and that is exclusive company."

Paquette struggled in the individual match to earn a spot in the state meet quarterfinals, which would have made Novi one of just eight state 4 qualifiers.

It didn't happen, but the 'Cats post-season exploits—which included a district crown—salvaged a season that was a struggle much of the way.

"At the beginning of the season, I thought we were a real good dual meet team and that we had a



Brian Paquette (top) wrapped up a brilliant high school wrestling career at the MHSAA Individual Regional.

## Belleville eliminates Novi in regional final

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
Staff Writer

After a disappointing dual meet season, the Novi wrestlers were—amazingly—just one bout away from a regional title on Feb. 23 at the MHSAA Team Regional Tournament at Plymouth Salem.

Trailing 26-24 to highly-rated Belleville in the regional final, the Wildcats needed a win in the heavyweight bout, and that gave the Tigers a hard-fought 32-24 victory. But it was hardly a disappointment because Belleville had clobered KVC champion Brighton earlier in the regionals and Howe was a state meet qualifier in '90.

"It's not fair to say it was all up to Joe Young," Fritz said. "We had a couple opportunities for wins earlier in the meet and didn't get them. Belleville is an excellent team."

The Wildcats won six of 13 bouts against the Tigers, but notched just

one pin when 112-pounder Brian Paquette stopped John Monte in 24 seconds. Novi's only other victory in the lower weights came at 103, where Ron Kane decisively won Tom O'Kelly 5-4.

In the middle weights, unbeaten Mike Gowans shutout Fred Garcia 9-0 at 140. Tony Scappaticci did the same to Mike Rochoon (8-0) at 145, and Jason Wladischkin topped Marty Sacco 13-6 at 160. In the 189-pound bout, Steve Tapley blanked Ron Heaton 9-0.

The ones that got away came at 125 and 152. Shayne Joyce (125) was edged by a point—a penalty point—and Steve Myers fell 12-5 at 152 after racing in front 5-0 in the first period.

The other wins came from Gowans, Scappaticci, Myers and Wladischkin. Gowans (140) turned back Wilfredo Vargas 9-1. Scappaticci (145) edged Pat Patoson 2-0. Myers (152) topped Ben Leese 6-2 and Wladischkin (160) decisively Paul White 10-4. Gar Rohatgi won by default at 130.

Novi officials ended the 1990-91 season with a dual meet record of 18-7-1.

The score looks close, but the match really wasn't.

"It wasn't as close as the score indicates," Fritz said. "After we locked up the win at 160, we put in our second-round winners."

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SCOREBOARD

Redskins keep pace

Ten league games down. One to go. But that one will be for all the marbles. That was the situation Milford High School's basketball squad was left in after last Thursday's 91-58 homecourt victory over South Lyon.

The win was the last game before tonight's Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) matchup between the Redskins and the Novi Wildcats, the top team in the league, and was a must-win situation, said Milford coach Don Palmer.

"There was no margin for error in this game," Palmer said. "I told the guys we had to respect them because if we lost to South Lyon, the Novi game wouldn't mean anything. South Lyon had been playing better of late and I wanted to emphasize that it wouldn't be the same as last time."

True to Palmer's word, the Lions came out strong in the first quarter. Center Bronson Clayton hit a turnaround jumper to open the game and guard Denny Meyer tied the game at four after a full-court pass for a layup.

Milford, coming off a 47-34 win earlier in the week at Pinckney, led 18-12 after the first quarter as center Tom Kofahl ignited the Senior Night crowd with eight first-quarter points.

But by halftime the game was already a foregone conclusion as the Redskins converted steal after steal into a 41-28 lead. Guard Greg "Pistol" Petru fired in three of his six three-pointers in the second period.

"Petru is a good guard. I don't think I'll have a guard that good for a long time," Palmer said.

Despite the insurmountable lead, Palmer said he was disappointed at the defensive effort made by his team that is now allowing an average of 46 points per game.

"We lead the league in defense. I felt we could have played better than we did," Palmer said.

Milford bolstered its defensive output on the offensive end in the third quarter, scoring 31 points to the Lions' 14. Petru paced the run with three triples.

Meyer tried to keep the Lions in the game with two triples and 10 points in the third, but a Milford full-court press gave South Lyon fits.

"By extending the defense I felt we'd get a better effort both mentally and physically," said Palmer about the press his team played despite a 22-point lead.

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KVC STANDINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Rows include Novi, Milford, Lakeland, Howell, Hartland, Brighton, South Lyon.

KVC LEADERS

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Three-pointers

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Meyer (S. Lyon), Spangler (Hartland), Sunterton (Novi), Clougher (Brighton), Shindler (Lakeland), Eason (Howell), Wood (Lakeland), Peipho (Howell), Laitmiesse (Brighton), Hollis (Brighton).

Rebounds

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Mahar (Howell), Spangler (Hartland), Showerman (S. Lyon), Hoyle (Howell), Kofahl (Milford), Federspiel (Novi), Duncan (S. Lyon), Sanford (Lakeland), Prince (Brighton), Walker (Novi).

Assists

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Kofahl (Milford), Petru (Milford), Soper (Novi), Mahar (Howell), McCalister (Brighton), Meyer (S. Lyon), Walker (Novi), Mahar (Lakeland), Sexton (Howell), Pinow (S. Lyon).

Field goal percent

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Schram (Novi), Zaldow (Brighton), Kofahl (Milford), Prince (Brighton), Soper (Novi), Clayton (S. Lyon), Rolles (Novi), Clougher (Brighton), Outisler (Hartland), Walker (Novi).

Free throw percent

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Sunterton (Novi), Duncan (S. Lyon), Soper (Novi), Wood (Lakeland), Clougher (Brighton), Mahar (Howell), Hartman (Brighton), Edwards (Hartland), Peipho (Howell).

Steals

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Soper (Novi), Eason (Howell), Woodford (Howell), Sexton (Howell), Mahar (Howell), Peipho (Howell), Walker (Novi), Duncan (S. Lyon), Schram (Novi), McCalister (Brighton).

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Team Defense

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WRESTLING

KVC LEADERS

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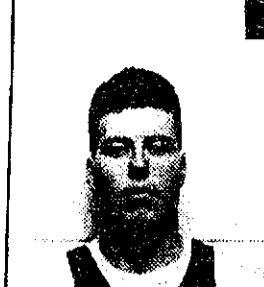
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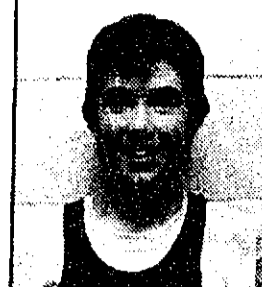
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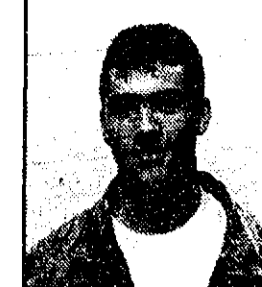
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MIKE KRAMER



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Ritaema (Brighton) 19-18-1

Howell 1-2, Milford 1-8

Howell Packard 6-14, Mr. B's Farm 1-19

STATE RANKINGS (CLASS A)

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Rows include 1. Holland West Ottawa, 2. Portage Northern, 3. Bay City Central, 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 5. Forest Hills Central, 6. Muskegon, 7. Livonia Churchill, 8. Livonia Ledywood, 9. Bay City Western, 10. West Bloomfield.

STATE RANKINGS (CLASS B)

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Rows include 1. Comstock, 2. Tecumseh, 3. Pinnington, 4. Plainwell, 5. Birch Run, 6. South Haven, 7. East Branch, 8. Oak Park, 9. Hudsonville Univ. Chr., 10. Holland Christian.

135 pounds

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Morrison (Hartland), J. Christopher (Lakeland), Meadows (S. Lyon), Sheek (Milford).

140 pounds

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155 pounds

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points. Rows include Shaw (Brighton), Sietzacker (Howell), E. Brel (Hartland).

160 pounds

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NOVI OVER 35 BASKETBALL

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Division II

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Monday League

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NOVI 30-30-3 BASKETBALL

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NOVI THURSDAY COED VOLLEYBALL

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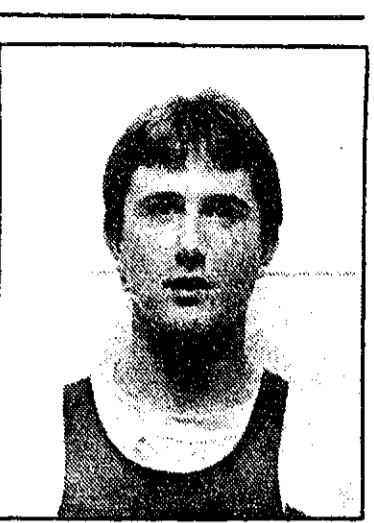
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Wildcats of the Week



JASON WLADISCHKIN

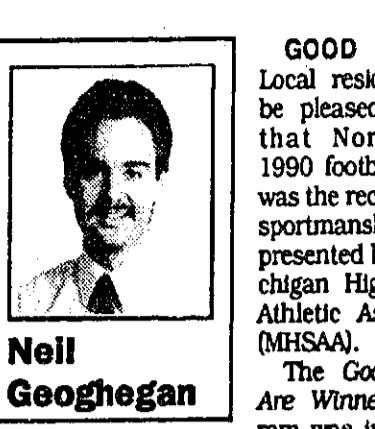


MATT ROLFE

Wrestler Jason Wladischkin surprised everybody when he qualified for the MHSAA State Meet, and we believe "Wildcat of the Week" honors are appropriate. The senior pinned Temperance-Bedford's Dan Mezarus in 3:28 of the opening match of the regionals on Feb. 16, and then upset district champion Todd Hoffmeyer of Walled Lake Western 6-2 in the semi-finals. In the 160 final, he fell to Pinckney's John Spilak 6-3. "Jason really came through for us," Fritz said. "He's what you call a bouncer. He doesn't practice well but once he gets into a match, he's very competitive."

Matt Rolfe was the key figure in Novi's tense 81-90 win over Redford Union on Feb. 15, and we think the 6-foot-2 junior forward is a deserving "Wildcat of the Week" recipient. Rolfe scored a career-high 22 points against the Panthers and added eight rebounds. His most impressive stretch, however, came in the fourth quarter. As Novi was trying to hold off a furious Union comeback, Rolfe scored eight points to keep the Wildcats in front. The triumph raised Novi's record to 15-3 and tied the school record for wins.

Mustang gridders are 'good sports'



Neil Geoghegan

GOOD SPORTS: Local residents will be pleased to hear that Northville's 1990 football squad was the recipient of a sportsmanship award presented by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). The Good Sports program was introduced by the MHSAA last year as an effort to reward high school teams that exhibit and stress sportsmanship as an important part of educational athletics. In the each of the three seasons (fall, regional and state honors for teams displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by coaches, athletes and spectators. The Mustang team was one of 76 regional winners throughout the state last fall and will receive a commemorative plaque as the Class A Region Eight football honoree. Even though over 800 teams will be recognized for their ef-

orts at select MHSAA tournaments during the course of the 1990-91 school year, it's an honor that shouldn't go unnoticed.

UNIFORM UNIFORMS: In support of United States armed forces involved in the Persian Gulf War, the National Federation of State High School Associations has adopted a policy effective immediately to allow interscholastic athletic teams to display the American flag on any uniform. The only restriction in the policy is that the flag be no closer than two inches to the uniform numbers or located between dual numbers. The policy will be in effect for the remainder of the 1990-91 school year or for the duration of the war. Most Federation rule books recommend that any such ornamentation be limited to uniform pants. The basketball rule book specifically prohibits ornamentation on uniform shirts, but the latest policy supersedes the rule book in this instance. KVC POWER: The much larger Western Lakes Activities Association is normally stronger athletically than the Kensington Valley

Conference, but not so in regular season. At the conclusion of the regular season, the seven-team KVC sported a squad ranked among the top five in the state (Howell), while the 12-team W.L.A.A. didn't have a team in the top 10. In addition, the KVC featured no less than five state ranked individuals (Bryan Perkins, Milford; Steven Hein, Lakeland; Mike Gowans, Novi; Kevin Kieba, Howell; Kyle Steinacker, Howell), while the W.L.A.A. sported none.

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT: The recent flap concerning the resolution discouraging the Detroit Tigers from building a new Tiger Stadium in Novi brings up some interesting developments. If you read the Brighton Argus, you know that the Livingston County city to the west is fighting developers from turning their fair city into "another Novi." And if you listen to Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, you'll see that the recently passed resolution is an attempt to guard Novi from being another Auburn Hills, which is the home of the Palace and the Detroit Pistons. That brings up the logical question in this bizarre triangle: Does Auburn Hills want to avoid becoming another Brighton?

Rec Briefs

AAU basketball championships: Northville and Plymouth have been chosen to play host to the 1991 Girls AAU Basketball State Championship Tournament. The tourney will be held for three weekends at the Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Plymouth Salem high school gyms. The age 16-18 competition will be held on March 22-24; the 11-13 year olds will play on April 7-9; and the 14-15 age group will be in action on April 12-14. The tournament will feature 128 of the top AAU teams in the state.

Gymnast wins all-around: Novi resident John Jones, 10, took first place in the all-around at the Boys USGF Gymnastics Meet in Livonia on Feb. 3. In the class 3 compulsory competition for boys age 10-12, Jones placed first in the floor exercise, the pommel horse and the high bars. He also placed third in vault and rings. There were 60 boys in the competition. Jones is a fourth-grader at Orchard Ridge Elementary School in Novi.

Lifeguard training course: The Livonia YMCA is offering a six-week training course for lifeguards starting March 11 from 5-7:30 p.m. The class will run twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays with one week off at Easter. The cost is \$43 for a YMCA member and \$66 for non-members. Call 261-2161 for more information.

Novi Youth Baseball registrations: Registrations for all levels (ages 7-16) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held March 3 from noon to 3 p.m. and March 6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Fees range from \$40-\$50 per player, with a \$100 maximum for those families registering three or more players. Birth certificates are required. Late registration ends March 29. Call 347-0400 for more information. If you would like to volunteer for Novi Youth Baseball call 348-7218.

Soccer coaching clinic: Northville Soccer Association Coaching Clinics will be held on March 16 and 23 at 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Northville High School. Registration forms are available at the Northville Recreation Department until Feb. 26. For more information, contact Ken Romine at 420-4451.

Soccer referees needed: Novi Parks and Recreation is looking for soccer referees for the spring season. For more information or to apply, call Carla at 347-0400.

Handball, Racquetball, Paddleball: If you enjoy handball, racquetball or paddleball, open court time is being offered by Schoolcraft College. Courts can be scheduled for doubles play. Gloves, paddles, racquets, balls and lockers are furnished. For more information, call 462-4413.

Trackin' The Cats: Boys Basketball: Novi at Milford, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Wrestling: Novi at MHSAA Individual Finals, TBA, Friday and Saturday. Boys Swimming: Novi at Brighton Invitational, 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Volleyball: Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m., Thursday.

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## Does exercise effect cholesterol?

By BARRY FRANKLIN  
Special Writer

A close family friend, who generally runs 25 to 40 miles a week, recently approached me with a perplexing question. "How come I do all this exercise and my cholesterol level still averages between 260 and 280?" he asked.

His question actually led me to two other questions. First, does endurance exercise alone favorably affect blood cholesterol levels and, second, could exercise-induced changes in blood cholesterol simply be due to related factors—for example, dietary changes, or reductions in body weight and fat stores.

To answer these questions, we should first emphasize that all cholesterol is not harmful. Total blood cholesterol is the "bad" form that deposits inside blood vessels, narrowing them. In contrast, high density lipoprotein cholesterol, or HDL-cholesterol, actually helps to clear blood vessels—a human "Drano," so to speak. Consequently, it has been referred to as "good" cholesterol.

Recently, the results of 95 studies were collectively analyzed to assess the effects of the exercise training per se on total and LDL-cholesterol levels. The results from these studies were divided into those where the subjects gained, maintained or lost body weight.

When body weight remained unchanged, total and LDL-cholesterol levels decreased only slightly, 7 and 3 points, respectively. Considerably greater decreases were noted when the subject's body weight decreased. On the other hand, when the exerciser's body weight

increased, both total and LDL-cholesterol levels actually increased.

The influence of exercise on HDL-cholesterol levels has been extensively reviewed. Cross-sectional and longitudinal studies have shown increased HDL-cholesterol values in endurance exercise as compared to a similarly aged sedentary person. Some scientists have suggested that these increases are due to chemical changes in the body.

Other researchers, however, believe that the increases in HDL-cholesterol are largely the result of reductions in body weight and fat stores. Indeed, most exercise programs that have elicited significant increase in HDL-cholesterol have involved a substantial caloric expenditure. Typically, participants walked or jogged 10 or more miles per week.

In summary, it appears that exercise per se probably has only minimal effects on total blood cholesterol and its major constituents, LDL and HDL. If maximum positive changes in these blood fats are desired, exercise training should be combined with dietary modifications and body weight losses.

The best way to reduce body weight and fat stores is through sensible caloric reduction and regular endurance exercise involving large muscle groups that are used in a repetitive manner, as they are in walking, running, swimming, rowing, and cross-country skiing.

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## St. Pat's Fun Run slated for March 16

The St. Pat's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Livonia YMCA, will be held on March 16. The event is broken down into three distances: 1-, 3- and 5-mile runs.

Registration the day of the race is from 8-9:45 a.m. at Frost Jr. High on 14041 Stark Road in Livonia. Cost is \$11 and includes T-shirt and breakfast. Non-runners can have breakfast for \$3. Call 261-2161 for more information.

**Open swimming:** Northville Community Recreation will host open swimming at the Northville High School pool on Wednesday nights 8-9 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Large groups are encouraged to participate, but must notify the recreation department at 349-0203 in advance. A \$1 fee is payable at the door.

**Health Club:** If you're thinking of joining a health club, Schoolcraft College has something for you.

The Livonia Junior college is offering its own health club, a Gym-and-Swim program. The health club is designed for families to enjoy unstructured activity in a modern, fully-equipped physical education facility. A nominal fee of \$3 is charged per visit and you will have the use of gyms, racquetball courts, weight machines and saunas. The club meets on Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

The Gym-and-Swim program is offered on Thursdays and on Saturdays (from 8 a.m. to noon). This program costs \$3 per visit on Thursday and \$2 on Saturday, and utilizes facilities including: the pool, weight training equipment, handball/paddleball courts, gyms and saunas. Call 462-4413 for more information.

**New Attitude Aerobics:** Registration has begun for New Attitude Aerobics' upcoming session. Interested participants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Classes are limited.

Northville Community Recreation's fitness program is designed to meet your needs: low- and high-impact aerobic alternatives with toning and shaping floorwork, easy-to-follow workouts and even child care.

New Attitude Aerobics conducts the one-hour classes year-round at the Community Center gymnasium on the following days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m.; Monday and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.; and Saturday at 8 a.m.

## Fitness Notes

For registration or more information, call 349-0203 or 348-3120.

**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.

**Health screening:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of health screening events each week.

One is blood pressure screening for senior citizens. This free service is offered each Wednesday in the Novi Civic Center from 11 a.m.-noon.

**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 particularly aimed at older people and others who want to benefit from an invigorating but non-strenuous exercise program.

Fitness Over 50 welcomes all interested persons, regardless of age and current activity level. Call the Twelve Oaks Management Office, 348-9438, for further information.

**Yoga class:** Seven-week yoga classes are being offered in Northville this winter. 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 balance.

The 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 287-2900.

**Aerobic Fitness Inc.:** A fitness program called "Aerobic Fitness Inc." is now being offered. The one-hour program is designed to stretch, trim and tone. Six-week classes run continuously throughout the year.

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

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

Requests should be made at least three weeks before the intended speaking engagement. There is no charge for the service and participants will give valuable information about how this service can help them day or night. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the Ask-a-Nurse office at Catherine McAuley Health Center toll-free at 1-800-526-MERCY (1-800-526-3729) or in the Ann Arbor area, (313) 572-5500.

"Ask-a-nurse" is a free community health information and physician referral service of five Sisters of Mercy Hospitals — Catherine McAuley Health Center-Ann Arbor, Mercy Hospital-Port Huron, Mercy Hospitals and Health Services in Detroit which includes Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital and Samaritan Health Center, and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Pontiac. The Sisters of Mercy Health Corp. is the largest health-care provider in Michigan.

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Now that you've started using light weights, let's talk safety. There is a lot to learn about muscle strengthening.

Each muscle is made up of thousands of string-like fibers. When you contract any muscle against resistance, at first you actually use only a small percentage of the total number of fibers in the entire muscle.

Each successive contraction with the same weight recruits additional

muscle fibers. After enough contraction, the muscle produces lactic acid, then your reach the fatigue point. Continuing to lift weights after this fatigue point can lead to injuries.

If you want to become stronger, pick up the heaviest weight you can lift comfortably and press it eight times, if possible. Do this three times per week. As you become stronger, you will be able to lift that weight more times.

Begin to do sets, eventually leading to two sets of eight. When you can do this comfortably, add weight slowly in this fashion.

Lifting lighter weights faster and for longer periods of time along with large, lower body movements can

help aerobic endurance.

All women can benefit from lifting weights. Women tend to have weak upper bodies. A strong upper body can help a woman's daily chores such as lifting carrying, etc.

There are three types of contractions:

**Isometric contraction:** The muscle develops tension but does not change length. You hold this contraction and feel the muscle.

**Isokinetic contraction:** The muscle moves at a constant rhythmic speed. Pressing iron with a full range of motion.

**Isotonic contraction:** When the muscle shortens as it develops tension with movement, contracting

without a full range of motion.

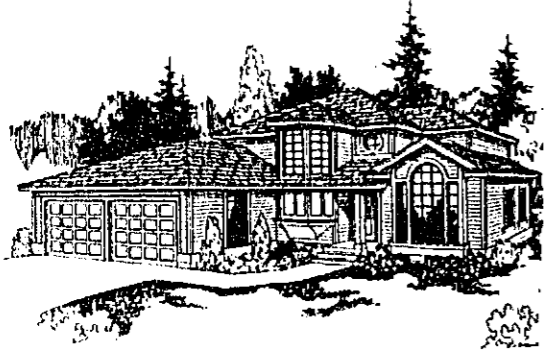
While lifting weights, you might want to try all three different types of contractions. Young muscles will get a good overall workout.

It is self-gratifying to feel strong. I find it also helps exercisers' mental attitudes.

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 letters to Sports Department, Myrna Partrich, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48093.







The Colfax

## Family elegance

BY JAMES MCALEXANDER  
Copley News Service

The elegant and sprawling Colfax is made for a family who wants more than the basics.

From the outside, glass windows stretch the length of both stories, giving the home a cathedral look. Inside, the four-bedroom, three-bath house features every creature comfort, from pantry to French doors off the master suite.

Colfax visitors find the foyer the gateway to the house. To the right is the formal entertaining area. To the left, awaits the more casual family room and kitchen. And to the north, stairs lead to the second floor, which contains three guest bedrooms and a full bath.

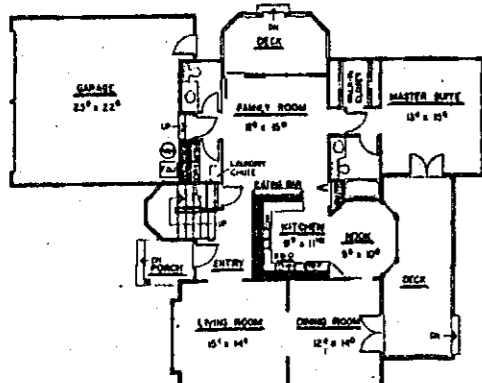
Guests to the downstairs living room gaze outside through tall, stylish windows. The dining room blends into this sunlit arena. French doors lead from the dining room to a wood deck overlooking the back yard.

Over in the blue jean section, kids can romp in the family room while the cook prepares dinner on the eating bar in the gourmet kitchen. This allows the chef to be part of the conversation and part of the intimacy.

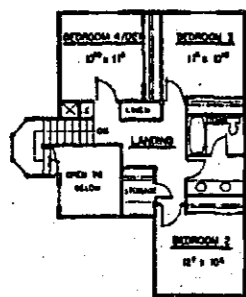
A utility room complete with a laundry chute sits off the family room on the way to the two-car garage.

Behind the family room is a master suite that opens onto the deck through beautiful French doors. A cavernous walk-in closet makes dressing and undressing easy. And a separate full bath for the man and woman of the house ensures them their privacy.

Upstairs inhabitants can peer down to the first floor while leaning on the railing. All three bedrooms empty into a main upstairs hall. Linen closets and a twin-sink vanity bathroom make second-story living easy.



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The top lock is a good example of a strong deadbolt.

*"Solid core wood or metal doors offer greater protection. It's important for the door and frame to fit properly, not be shimmed. If doors are fitted properly, it is more difficult for a burglar to force the door."*

BY MARILYN HERALD

Prevention is worth a pound of cure! It's an old saying, yet the truth of it remains as valid today as when it originated many years ago.

Prevention can help protect your home from burglaries. That's the word from Sgt. John Stakoe, crime prevention officer for the Millford Police Department.

"Keeping your home safe and secure is one of the homeowner's main concerns," Stakoe said, "and we want to help. Building security is a major interest."

Stakoe's recommendations to homeowners in his area are practical ones that apply to homes everywhere. "I provide full security surveys of homes and commercial buildings and make suggestions concerning doors, locks, windows, and things like that. The home walk-through takes about 1-1/2 hours."

But what Stakoe would like even better than doing walk-throughs is for builders and purchasers of homes to seek his advice on burglar-proofing the home in the construction phases. He suggested contacting your area police department for safety suggestions while the home is still in the planning stages.

Operation I.D. in which you engrave your Michigan Operator's License Number (12 digit number prefixed by the first initial of your last name) on all valuable possessions is the first step

# Home Security

## Experts offer advice on protecting your home

Stakoe recommends for home security. Many police agencies will loan an electric engraver to homeowners so that they can engrave the numbers on metal, wood, plastic and other surfaces.

While hollow core wood doors may look great and be economical when building a home, according to Stakoe, they offer only minimum security. "In the majority of calls we get on B & Es (breaking and enterings), the door has been kicked in or forced in some manner.

"Solid core wood or metal doors offer greater protection," Stakoe added. "It's important for the door and frame to fit properly, not be shimmed. If doors are fitted properly, it is more difficult for a burglar to force the door."

Hinges should also be the non-removable or pinned type. While spring-latch locks are a poor risk for everyone but the burglar, single-cylinder deadbolt locks with at least a one-inch throw or rim locks offer a good measure of security.

Bob DiLorenzo, of Lyon Lock and Key in South Lyon, said his business of installing new locks has picked up considerably. "A lot of older residents are having deadbolt locks put on. You need one with a long throw. They cannot be opened simply by running a credit card through the latch as a spring latch can."

Many new homes these days have sliding doorwalls and windows which, if not properly secured, are an invitation to burglars. Stakoe recommends placing a bar of metal or a wood pole in the lower track to prevent opening. Screws placed in the upper track will prevent lifting the sliding panel out.

Several locking devices are available and a good one should be installed on sliding doorwalls when a home is built, Stakoe added.

Latches on most double-hung windows are not sufficient to prevent easy entry, according to the police officer. Security can be improved by a simple and inexpensive method of drilling a hole from the bottom of the top sash through the top of the bottom sash at a slight downward angle. Insertion of a hinge pin, large nail or dowel will help secure the window against someone attempting to force it open.

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## REAL ESTATE

# Mortgage lenders sometimes have a heart

BY JAMES M. WOODARD  
Copley News Service

Mortgage lenders really do have compassion when the occasion calls for it. And many such occasions have surfaced since the start of military action in the Persian Gulf.

"When my husband left for active duty in Saudi Arabia, our family income was cut by about 93 percent. I don't know how we could have continued to pay our mortgage payments if our lender wasn't cooperative."

Mrs. Lisa Percival made that comment while discussing her current financial situation. Her husband, Dr. Herbert Percival, now serves in the 403rd Combat Army Surgical Hospital in the gulf area. Mrs. Percival is one of many spouses in households where one partner is now on active duty.

Percival was a well-established orthopedic surgeon in his California community before receiving the call to active duty. The family includes two children, age 7 and 14.

The family's home mortgage payments were totally suspended by the lender, Security Pacific Bank, until Percival returns from active duty. Mortgage payments on a commercial property were also suspended by Ventura County National Bank. On another commercial mortgage loan, by Valley Federal Savings, the interest

rate was reduced to 6 percent.

"I can't say enough for these mortgage lenders," Mrs. Percival said. "They have been very cooperative and quick to respond in our time of special need."

With military action under way in the gulf area, the relief from mortgage loan payments helps the families cope with a very stressful situation.

"Our children are apprehensive but holding up well," Mrs. Percival added. "We live for the phone calls we receive from my husband every three or four days."

Actually, the law requires lenders to provide a certain degree of mortgage relief for families in which the income provider is called to active duty. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940, and amendments to the act in 1942 limit mortgage interest rates to 6 percent. It also affects some installment contracts, purchase agreements, rent payments and leases.

Addressing mortgage loans, the act states, "No obligation or liability bearing interest at a rate in excess of 6 percent incurred by a person in military service prior to entry into such service shall bear interest at a rate in excess of 6 percent per annum...."

Reducing a home mortgage interest rate to 6 percent can translate into substantial savings for the home owner. For example, if the existing home loan interest rate is normally 11 percent

and the outstanding loan balance is \$100,000, the owner would save about \$2,500 over a 180-day tour of duty.

For more information on provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act, discuss it with your mortgage lender, a judge advocate general's office or an attorney.

In some cases, lenders are going further than the law requires in providing needed relief for today's military service families.

"We are glad to provide special help for these deserving families and will respond promptly to their call for assistance," said a senior vice president for lending administration.

Other lender officials made similar pledges. In cases where the existing mortgage has been sold to Fannie Mae (secondary buyer), the funds sacrificed to help the family are absorbed by Fannie Mae.

Other special assistance has recently been offered to people, called to active duty. For example, real estate brokers and salespeople who are members of the National Association of Realtors may have their dues suspended during their tour of duty. They still maintain active membership status.

Q. Are single home buyers on the increase?

A. Definitely. In fact, a third of last year's first-time home buyers were single individuals — up 25 percent from the previous year.

The trend is primarily due to more younger people opting for career development instead of marriage during the early years

of their economic lives and higher divorce rates. The number of households headed by single people will continue to grow, according to a demographic study conducted by the National Association of Realtors.

However, singles are not a strong segment of the move-up market (people selling one home and purchasing another). Last year, singles represented only 16 percent of that market. Move-up buyers are often motivated by a need for more space. And that's usually a family with children.

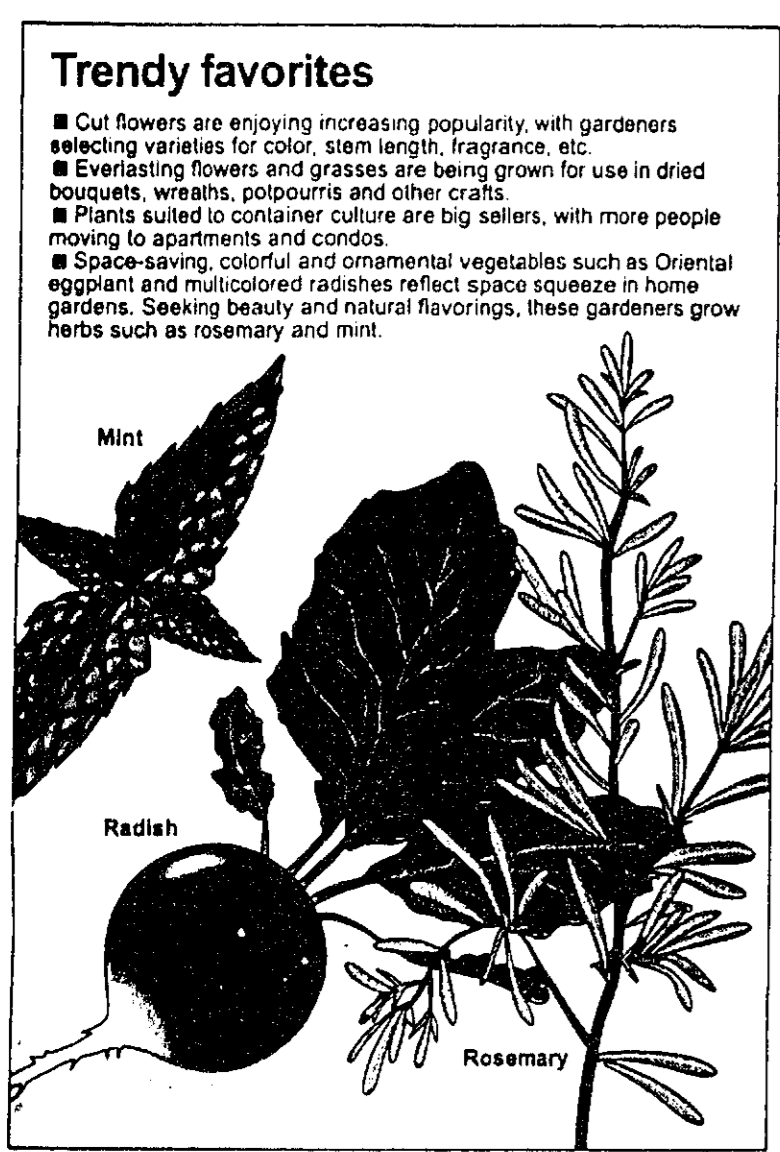
Q. Is the Federal Trade Commission investigating the National Association of Realtors for possible antitrust abuses?

A. The FTC will neither confirm nor deny such an investigation. Rumors of that type have been bouncing around for decades.

Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.



# What's most popular in the garden of today?



**Trendy favorites**

- Cut flowers are enjoying increasing popularity, with gardeners selecting varieties for color, stem length, fragrance, etc.
- Everlasting flowers and grasses are being grown for use in dried bouquets, wreaths, potpourris and other crafts.
- Plants suited to container culture are big sellers, with more people moving to apartments and condos.
- Space-saving, colorful and ornamental vegetables such as Oriental eggplant and multicolored radishes reflect space squeeze in home gardens. Seeking beauty and natural flavorings, these gardeners grow herbs such as rosemary and mint.

**BY PATRICK DENTON**  
Copley News Service

I would venture to guess that most of us don't garden to be "trendy." Still, it's interesting to stack one's own personal plant preferences against current North American home gardening trends.

Friends in the seed and nursery business fill me in from time to time on what types of plants are enjoying the greatest popularity among home gardeners. Last summer a representative of one of the largest garden firms on the continent outlined his perception of what is capturing the gardening public's interest.

According to this source, cut flowers are enjoying an enormous popularity. People often start off by seeding cut flower mixes, and from there slowly evolve into discriminating cut flower growers as they begin selecting individual varieties with the Greatest Personal Appeal in such things as color, stem length, fragrance and so on.

A twin interest to the cut flower vogue is a burgeoning fascination with everlasting flowers and grasses, and with using them in dried bouquets, wreaths, potpourris and many other crafts. I suppose this trend was bound to catch on as more gardeners discovered how easy it is to grow most dried-flower type plants, and as they noticed how amazingly productive everlastings are.

Even if the flowers, grasses and

peas are never gathered for drying and using indoors, such plantings are still winners. By their very nature "everlasting," the plants just sit there looking wonderful all summer in my garden, with no care but the odd watering. I routinely use everlastings in sunny parts of the garden. I don't want to fuss with it. If planted fairly close together, the solid growth even crowds out weeds.

Plants suited to container culture are big sellers too. This I suppose is at least partially a reflection of increased urbanization and the diminishing size of home gardens. And hordes of home gardeners, for one reason or another, move from their homes into apartments or condominiums every year. For most of these people, containers become their gardens.

Even home owners with ample space in which to garden enjoy the aesthetic perks of assembling colorful containers on outdoor stairways, beside doors, and on patios and decks. These, together with baskets of flowers hanging from the house, constitute the home's seasonal dressing, its celebration of summer.

Popular demand for space-saving vegetables also reflects the space squeeze in home gardens and an increase in container gardening. Abbreviated zucchini bushes that produce loads of fruit on plants just 18 inches across are invaluable to a home gardener cramped for space. Beautiful, compact sweet pepper plants, small Oriental eggplants and potato tomatoes for growing in pots are naturals for people with limited space for their edible gardens.

People are going for the colorful and ornamental in vegetables too. Multicolored radishes, yellow tomatoes, purple beans, gleaming red sweet peppers, shiny golden zucchini and frilly purple basil are just a few of the items that gardeners value as ornamental highlights in the edible garden. Herbs too are enjoying a pronounced revival, as part of a currently popular craving for natural flavorings in food.

Home gardening in general is certainly enjoying a lively boom, as one would expect in this age of increased preoccupation with the environment. We can't replace destroyed rain forests, nor can we personally make the planet pollution-free. But the gardens we plant do help to purify and replenish the air as they beautifully surround neighborhoods, and the vegetables and flowers we grow bring restoration of body and spirit.

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## Home security

In doing a home security survey, Stake looks particularly at three points that can offer open invitations to burglars - external lighting and landscaping, walls, doors and windows, and interiors, such as basement doors.

"Don't landscape the house out of sight and have plenty of exterior lighting," the police officer said. Tall landscaping that comes right up around the doors and windows of a house offers good hiding places for would-be burglars.

"Every citizen should be a Neighborhood Watch member," Stake said. "I can't believe how many people don't know their neighbors any longer."

A Neighborhood Watch member's objective is only to report anything suspicious. Members do not take any direct action other than to notify police of anything unusual that may be going on in the neighborhood or at a particular house. Stake pointed out.

Neighborhood Watch programs establish a formal network for concerned citizens to report emergency problems to their local police departments.

Stake, who works with home associations to set up Neighborhood Watch programs, highly recommends them for every area. If it is a subdivision, it can be broken down into streets with a block captain or leader for each street. It is the leader's responsibility to get more members and coordinate the program.

"It's also a support network," Stake noted. "If a person is victimized, they will have someone to lean on."

"Anything that can reasonably be construed as suspicious should be reported. If we had Neighborhood Watch programs in all of the 36 square miles of the Milford area, we would have 4,000 pairs of eyes helping us."

The police officer said most burglaries take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays because that is the time when many people aren't home. "I can't believe how many people leave their garage doors open when they go to work. It shows the burglar that the house is probably empty."

Stake explained that a stranger knocking on the door and asking for someone you've never heard of in the neighborhood is a possible clue that burglars are casting the area. "They knock on doors and if you answer they go on to another house. If they don't get an answer, they force the door and go in."

Home security systems are becoming increasingly popular, but Stake cautioned homeowners that it is not necessary to go overboard on these. "I recommend a homeowner buy only an alarm system that is Underwriters Laboratory Approved (UL sticker attached).

"Also, it's wise to find out where the listening station for the alarm is. It should not be too far away. Those companies that have 800 numbers may be some distance away, even in another state."

Security systems may include motion detectors, magnetic tapes on doors or electronic eyes. They have an annunciator (communicating alarm), sensing devices and control devices.

The control device is pre-set by the owner so that he or she has 15-30 seconds to deactivate it. Homeowners who do not remember to deactivate their system upon arriving home are frequently the cause for false alarms the police receive, Stake said.

Since a would-be burglar may try to deactivate the alarm by interrupting the electric power to the home, it is wise to have a backup battery pack. "Any reputable security company will sell the battery pack along with the system," Stake explained.

He also said do-it-yourselfers can install their own basic security system for approximately \$500 on an average home. "You can go on up to \$2,000, but it usually isn't necessary."

It is decorated with a cobalt blue flower and leaves. It has straight sides with hand holds.

A. Your sugar bowl was made in the late 1800s and is a choice collectible. The fact that it is marked by the maker and nicely decorated makes it worth at least \$300.

Q. Can you tell me when "The Operator's Bell" slot machine was made and what its value in good condition might be?

A. "The Operator's Bell" slot machine was made by the Mill's company as early as 1910 and there aren't many of them around. Sales records are scarce but a realistic estimate would be about \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Q. Please tell me whatever you can about a Belleek porcelain sugar bowl marked with a snake and the name, "Willets." It is decorated with baskets of pink roses and has a pedestal base.

A. Your sugar bowl was made by Willets Manufacturing Co. in Trenton, N.J., about 1900. Willets produced a fine quality porcelain to compete with Irish Belleek. A dealer would price this sugar bowl at about \$165 to \$185.

Send your questions about antiques with pictures, a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$1 per item to James G. McCollam, P.O. Box 1087, Notre Dame, IN 46556. All questions will be answered but published pictures cannot be returned. McCollam is a member of the Antique Appraisers Association of America.

## Nineteenth century crock is valuable

**BY JAMES G. MCCOLLAM**  
Copley News Service

Q. The enclosed mark is on the base of a 16 inch vase. It is oval shaped and is painted with floral sprigs and buds. It has cobalt blue bands at the top and bottom. I would appreciate any information you can provide, as this vase has been in our family for many years.

A. Your vase was made by Reesens, Stelmach & Kessel (also known as the Anphora Porcelain Works) about 1900. Similar vases have sold in the \$265 to \$285 range.

Q. You have written about World's Fair items being popular collectibles. Can you give me some idea of the value of a sugar bowl and cream pitcher marked "Columbian Exposition" on the sides and "Coalport-England" on the bottom?

A. The Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago, commemorating the discovery of America (1492-1892).

Your sugar and creamer were made by the Coalport porcelain factory and would probably sell for about \$165 to \$185.

Q. Can you tell me anything about a 4-gallon stoneware crock marked "Burger Bros. & Co., Rochester, N.Y.?"

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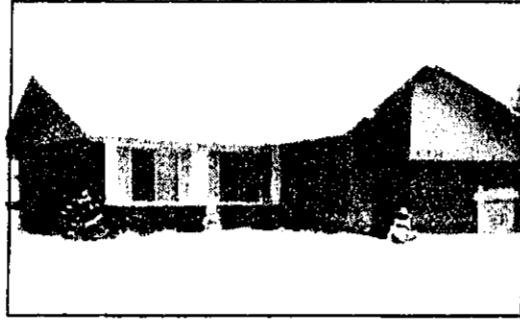
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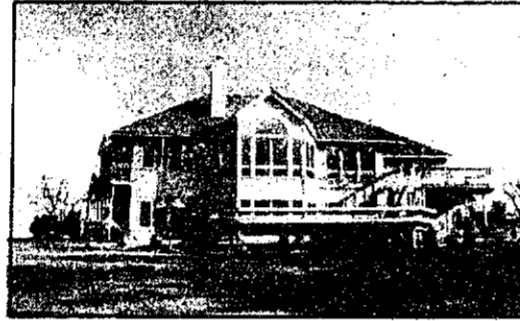
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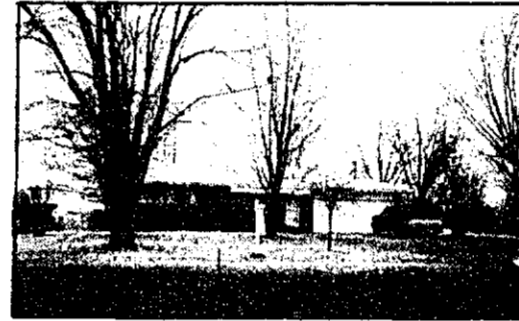
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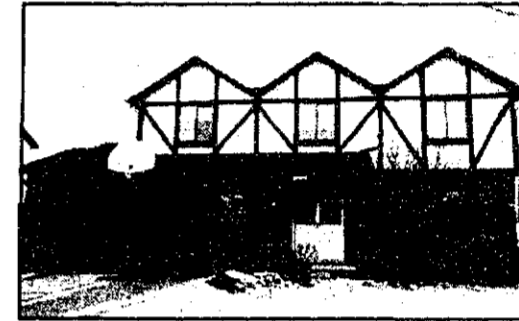
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# Try a 'feel good' coffee break

By **DAWN NEEDHAM**  
Staff Writer

Theresa Sundman thinks she has something new to take the place of the 15-minute coffee break in area offices and businesses.

The 15-minute, on-site revitalizing massage, to be specific.

Sundman, a massage practitioner, will come to offices and massage workers right in their own workplaces. No need to travel to a busy salon, no need to schedule time before or after work, just take a few minutes out of your day, push away from your desk for a while and let her massage away all of those tensions associated with a busy day.

Sundman is the owner and sole employee of Vital Tech Accumassage, based in her New Hudson home. She is willing to travel to any business in the South Lyon/Milford/Northville/Novi area and perform invigorating upper body massages that combine the principles of both massage and acupressure.

She explained that the technique combines acupressure and massage in a 15-minute choreographed exercise.

"Massage is more muscle manipulation, where acupressure is pressing certain points along the body," she said.

Sundman, who previously worked at a South Lyon chiropractor's office and currently works at a Farmington Hills salon, has been a massage practitioner for about five years. She wanted to "try something new," she said, which led her to enroll in a seminar to learn on-site massage.

"I thought that would be a good way to learn new techniques I could apply to my current job," Sundman said. "When I took the class I wasn't really thinking of going into business for myself."

But when she mentioned the idea to some of her clients, they reacted so favorably she thought she would try it, Sundman said.

"I thought, so many people I do massages for are professional people with job-related stress — they're in

public relations, doctors, lawyers, people that work with computers. I thought this way I could reach people who really need it.

"When a person is under stress, their muscles tense up without them even being aware of it. I can often tell what kind of work a person does by their tense muscles. Tense muscles in the upper neck are common with a desk job or someone that works on a computer. A beautician will too, from holding her arms up all day long."

"The idea of massage can be very uncomfortable for some people. This way, it's in their environment, they're fully dressed and it's very comfortable for them."

Sundman shows up at the location bearing a large wooden box with a handle — kind of a very large briefcase.

It's actually a portable chair specially designed for the on-site massage. Sundman opens the chair, the client sits on it and she goes to work. When the massage is over, she folds the chair back up and is on her way in just a few minutes.

"What's so nice about this on-site is that it's not limited to people in the business field," she said. "I could go to golf courses or anywhere else."

Sundman will come to a location and perform the 15-minute massages for a minimum of three people, although she will make an exception if it's in South Lyon, since her travel distance is so short. The fee is \$19 per person.

"I really wanted to make it accessible to a lot of people," she said.

One of the reasons the massage session can accomplish stress relief in 15 minutes is its highly choreographed nature, Sundman said.

"They teach you how to use your body as levers," Sundman said. "Every step that you do, you have a certain stance, you lean in with your body, so I'm not overly exerting myself. I'm not a real big person, so that's how I can do so many massages. By using my hands, forearms, elbows, and knowing the steps I can use my whole body."

The 15-minute accumassage re-

laxes and energizes the person, Sundman said. The sequence begins with working on the back and the lower back, then shoulders and then hits points down the back and the arms and the hands. She works on one side, then the next, then the neck and head (she always asks first if the person would mind a scalp massage) and then she has the person do some neck stretches and Sundman winds it up with percussion — short, sharp strokes to leave the person energized, not so relaxed they're ready for sleep.

"It's all to relax them but it doesn't leave them sleeping," she explained. "Ending with the percussion, which rejuvenates the person, can increase their productivity."

She cites studies that indicate regular exercise can result in less absenteeism for the employees and adds

a more productive employee," she said.

"Many times people don't know a massage can help. I've had some people who didn't even know how stressed out they are until after the massage, and they've never been so stress-free. Massage has a sedative effect on the nerves and the body remembers that good feeling. Sometimes if people get a massage for a gift, I joke with them and say, 'Now, did you know this can be addicting?' The same principles can apply to massage."

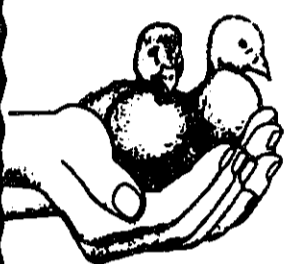
"If a person does feel good in a job, not tense and stressed out, they'll be if you do something that's good for you you're going to want it again." Her available hours are flexible. To set up an appointment, call Sundman at (313) 486-0484.



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Massage therapist Theresa Sundman works out the kinks

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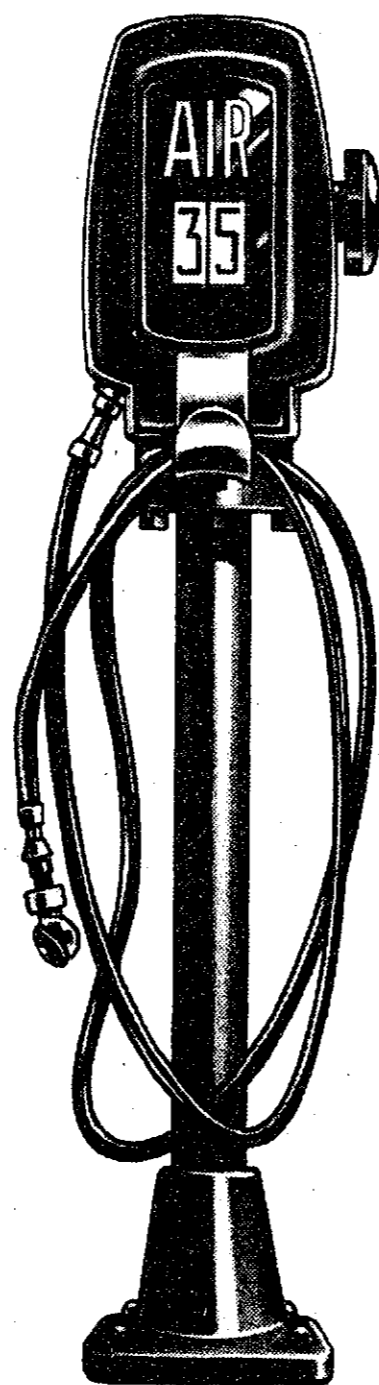
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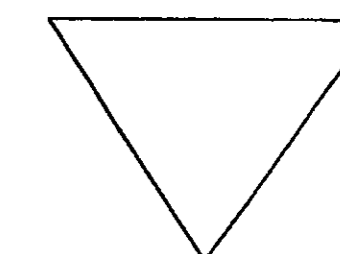
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