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Shanty laws eyed by attorney general

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources wonders if Novi is skating on thin ice with a fishing shanty ordinance calling for daily removal at sundown.

The state attorney general's office is reviewing the ordinance to determine if it trends on the state's jurisdiction over local lakes, said Lt. Cliff Johnson, district law supervisor at the DNR's Livonia office. Johnson said the DNR's Lansing office passed on the request to Attorney General Frank Kelley in fall 1990.

"We want to see if the state preempts them (Novi) when it comes to fishing shanties. We want to make sure it doesn't impinge upon something that is regulated by the state," he said Tuesday. "We're just looking at what is or is

not for the good of most folks... The wheels of government grind rather slowly. It looks as if we won't get an opinion until the fall of this year."

Chris DeWitt, a spokesperson for Kelley, said he could neither confirm nor deny if the office is reviewing the fishing shanty regulations: "It's nothing that I can talk about at this time. If something is decided, I'll give you a call."

Novi's Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said he was not aware that the attorney general's office or the DNR questioned the ordinance. Adopted in November as a revamping of the year-old ordinance, the new regulation's goal is to eliminate the safety hazard in spring to boaters posed by abandoned shanties which fall through the thawing ice.

If the attorney general writes an

opinion against Novi, the local rules would then have to be challenged through the court system, Johnson said.

"The city can take issue with that (the opinion). There is no law one way or another. If there is a pre-emption issue, and if it does prove that the city is stepping on the toes of the state, somebody would have to challenge that. The attorney general's opinion has no force of law," Johnson said.

"It could start at district court if somebody wanted to test it."

Johnson said he first learned about the Novi ordinance from a newspaper report last fall. Since then, he said he has had about seven complaints from disgruntled anglers, who said it would be difficult to haul the shelters on and off the ice each day.

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Local family murdered in their Detroit market

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Bob and Linnea Roberts' home on Aspen Street in Novi looks undisturbed. A car sits in the driveway and a porch light is on.

But the Roberts' family isn't coming home. Bob Roberts, 62, Linnea Roberts, 45, and her son, Jack Cantrell, 19, were all killed Friday morning when an unidentified gunman walked into their store, The Butcher Shoppe on Joy Road in Detroit, and started shooting.

All three lived in the ranch-style Novi home, where they moved from Farmington only last June.

Detroit Police said Tuesday there were still no arrests in connection with the triple slaying. There is no description of the suspect.

Two employees at The Butcher Shoppe, Stephanie Dingess and Joseph Leannais, were injured in the shooting.

Dingess was upgraded Tuesday from fair to good condition and was moved from intensive care to a regular ward at Providence Hospital in Southfield. No information was available on Leannais.

Bob Roberts' son from a previous marriage, Robert,

said he was still waiting for word from Detroit Police as to whether the investigation has led anywhere.

Robert and other family members had gathered at The Butcher Shoppe Tuesday to get ready for the funeral.

"They were two great people," he said. "Two of a kind. They were hard workers."

Robert said the family has no intention of keeping The Butcher Shoppe open.

"Nobody can do what Bob and Linnea did with this store," he said. "This is the end. The end of an era."

He said the family had no idea who the gunman might have been, adding that the couple was very well-liked in the neighborhood.

He said the gunman did not steal anything from the store.

Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole remembered Linnea and Bob Roberts from last November, when he said he interviewed them as part of their application process for a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW).

BeGole said the couple had spoken to him about getting the permit because they handled banking and carried large amounts of cash to make night deposits as a part of their regular business activity.

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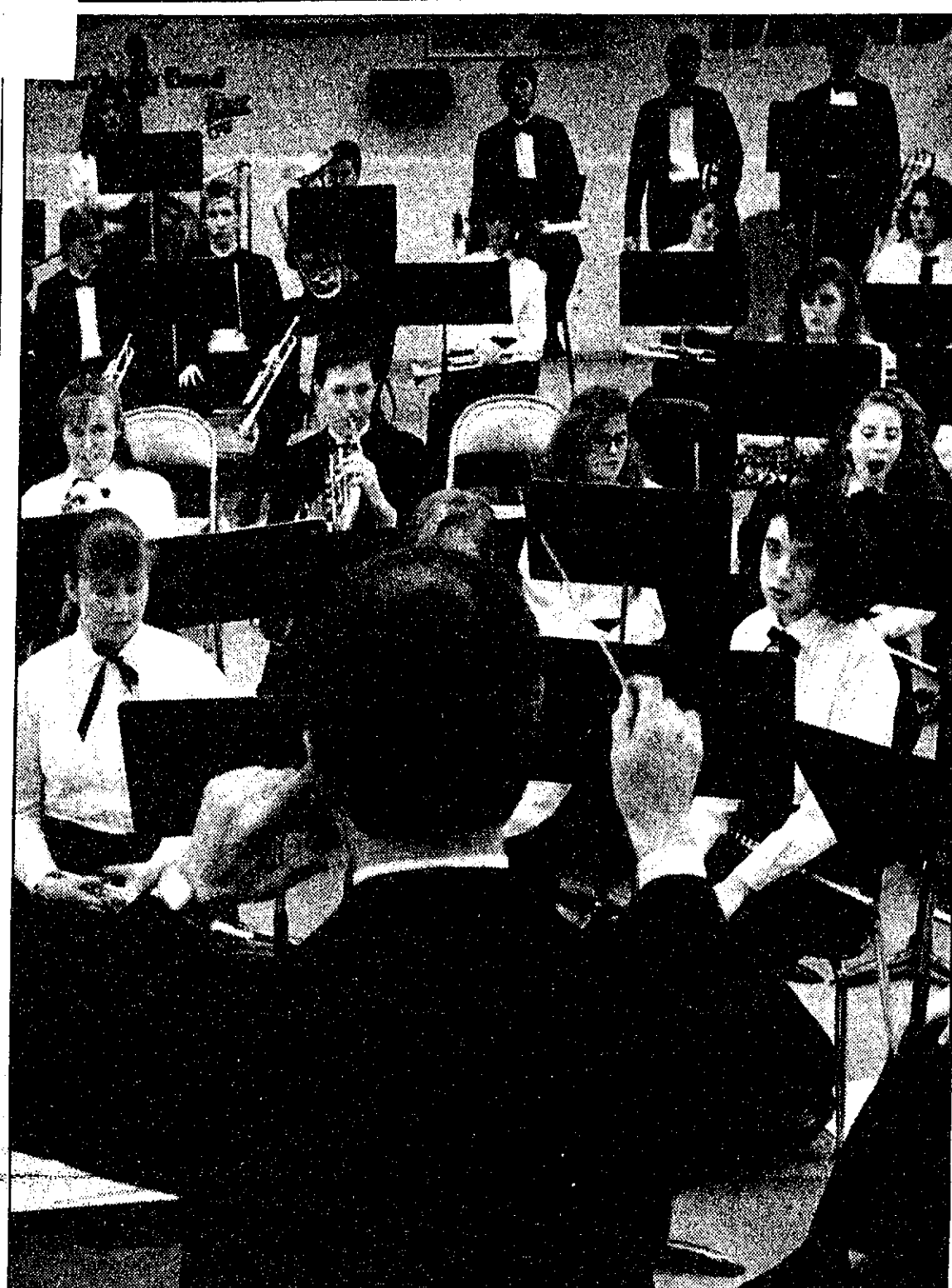


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Music to the ears

The Novi High School Symphony Band won top honors in all categories at the District Band and Orchestra Festival held in North Farmington High School Saturday. The concert judges gave Novi a superior rating in three categories: difficulty of the music performed, tone quality and musical presentation. "This was the best performance of the

year for the symphony band," Director Craig Strain said. Above, Strain leads the symphony through warm-up, pointing to his ear to instruct students to listen to sound of the music they are making. Some members were already showing signs of having had a long day. The story is on page 8.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Blair Bowman, of Thompson-Brown Realtors, helps (left to right) Novi veterans Duane Bell, Tony Loll, Norm Schollett and Bob Pohlman in their search for property.

Vets groups join forces

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

About 3,500 men — and a handful of women — are looking for a home in Novi.

Members of the local chapters of the American Legion, the AMVETS, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League and the Vietnam Veterans of America hope to eventually band together under one roof — possibly with the cooperation of the city government and taxpayers.

And they're looking forward to opening their doors to the latest crop of veterans — the men and women of Operation Desert Storm.

Currently, the veterans organizations are meeting in the less than

plush surroundings of the former Novi fire station on Novi Road just south of Grand River Avenue.

But with the assistance of Thompson-Brown Realty, they've been property hunting for several months now.

"We want a place that is ours. That we can fix up, where we can do the living in it that we're supposed to do," said Robert Pohlman, a founder of the local American Legion and a member of the Novi Veterans Memorial Home Building Committee.

The "dreamhouse" as the building committee sees it would be 9,000 square feet worth of meeting rooms, a kitchen, a club room and a banquet on five acres of land. This

could serve as headquarters for as many as 5,000 people, added Pohlman, who spent World War II as a Marine corporal in the Philippines ("That's the equivalent of a colonel in the army," he claimed.)

To make their blueprint a reality, the groups would need \$750,000. That's where state law, the local government and Novi taxpayers meet.

The committee hopes to invoke the provisions of two Michigan laws. Public Act 130 of 1889 on Monumental Buildings, which originally addressed the needs of the Grand Army of the Republic, an association for yankee Civil War Vet-

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Incumbents running for two school board posts

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Two positions on the Novi Board of Education will be up for grabs in June.

The board members currently holding those positions are the only Novi residents to have tossed their hats into the election ring so far.

Trustee Michael Meyer and vice president Stephen Hitchcock announced at a March 21 school board meeting they will run for reelection to the Novi Board of Education.

The election will be held on June 10.

Hitchcock, a five-year board veteran, said he sees growth in Novi

and school financing as the biggest challenges to be faced by the board in coming years.

Although Novi schools have proven their ability to provide excellence in education, Hitchcock said, the true test will be to meet the needs of students into the 21st century.

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Novi News price rises

The cost of an annual subscription to the Novi News will rise from \$18 to \$22 effective April 1.

The \$4 annual increase is the first since 1987.

Philip Jerome, executive editor of the News and HomeTown Newspapers, said the price increase is tied directly to operating costs, including an 11 percent hike in the cost of newsprint and a 19 percent increase in postal rates.

The newsstand price will remain at 50 cents.

Jerome emphasized that the current rate of \$18 per year will remain in effect until April 1. Anyone wishing to take out a new subscription to the News or renew a subscription can take advantage of the opportunity to beat the increase by placing their orders prior to April 1.

More information about new subscriptions and subscription renewals is available by calling the circulation office at 349-3627.

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In today's issue



Health & Fitness

A SPECIAL SECTION

Community Calendar

Today, March 14

Parks Commission: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Historical Commission: Also meeting in the Novi Civic Center will be the city's Historical Commission. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m.

Open house: Novi Co-Op Nursery School is sponsoring an open house from 10 a.m. to noon. Those interested can meet the teachers and view the facilities. The public is also invited to a craft auction Thursday, March 21 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy at 344-0118 or Merry at 349-5842.

Friday, March 15

One last chance: For those who did not get a chance to go before the Board of Review to appeal their assessments, there is still one more chance. Residents may submit an appeal in writing to the board of review by 5 p.m. today. Residents' protests of assessment levels must meet the same standards as those who present their appeals in person to the board. They may claim hardship or attempt to show why the assessment is set too high. Those who do not file an appeal with the board of review may not file an appeal with the state tax tribunal.

Mother-Son Dance: Novi Parks and Recreation will be holding a mother-son dance in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Parks and Recreation office.

Rock-a-thon: The Mid-High Youth of Faith Community United Presbyterian Church are holding an all-night Rock-a-thon to raise money for the Novi Emergency Food Program. This is a community volunteer program that uses donations to purchase food from Gleaners and then distributes the food every other week to about 25 families in the Novi area. The organization is a group of seventh and eighth graders and friends who will be rocking in rocking chairs for ten hours and will be accepting pledges from the community for each hour that they stay in those chairs. The community is invited to attend an open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to cheer the youngsters on and to show support. The church is located at 44400 West Ten Mile Road. Dessert will be served. Last year was the first time the Rock-a-thon was held and the group raised \$2,000. The goal this year is to top that figure. Anyone interested in making a donation to the group may send it to the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, 48376.

Saturday, March 16

Super Saturday: Registration is underway for Novi Community Education classes for both children and adults, scheduled for the morning of Saturday, March 16. Among the classes available for children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade are computers, physical activities, cooking, snakes, crafts, wolves. Classes for students grades five through eight are basketweaving and babysitting. Adult classes include calligraphy and making earrings and pins. Fees are \$15 for grades K-4, \$12 for grades 5 through 8, and \$12 for adults. Those interested can re-

gister by phone, 348-1200, with a Visa or Mastercard. Or they may register by mail or in person at the Community Education office at 25345 Taft Road.

Jaycee awards: The Novi Jaycees honor the area's top citizens at 9 a.m. when they hand out their Distinguished Service Awards at the Wyndham Hotel in the Town Center.

Sunday, March 17

Celebrating the green: St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 18

City Council: Novi City Council meets in the Novi Civic Center at 8 p.m.

Historical society: The Whom Historical Society will host Dr. Erich Von Fange, who will make a slide presentation on the topic of "The People of the Americas — 12,000 B.C. to the Present." All meetings of the historical society are held on the third Monday of each month. The meetings are free of charge and are held in Whom City Hall, at 49045 Pontiac Trail.

Wednesday, March 20

Planning Commission: The Novi planning commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Career development: Career Transitions Group, in cooperation with Novi Community Education, will present a career development seminar entitled "Take Charge of Your Life." The seminar will run from 6 to 10 p.m. at Novi High School. Designed for men and women of all ages, the class will show people how to get a job and have job security. The seminar uses self-survey and motivational techniques to help people uncover their hidden abilities and survive and thrive in the job market. Denise De Leo, career transition consultant and a top executive recruiter, will lead the program. The cost is \$50. Those interested should call Clara Porter, Director of Community Education, at 348-1200 during school office hours.

Thursday, March 21

Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers Club meets in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Saturday, March 23

Creative Center: The Creative Center for Young Children will sponsor a free children's concert from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children's entertainer Maureen Schiffman will perform music and puppetry. The theme of the show will be "going on safari." Children under 2 years of age welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be served. The Center is located at 47300 West Twelve Mile. For more information, call 348-3820.

Veterans coalition aims for new home

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erans, provides for the joint building of veterans' homes by municipalities and service organizations.

Public Act 50 of 1921 on Memorials and Townships Lands authorizes municipalities to seek voter support in a special election for a tax levy to underwrite the construction of a veterans home.

Anthony Loll, who served as a Marine corporal in the Pacific during World War II, is head of the local chapter of AMVETS. The organization will eventually take their plans to the city council for support, Loll said.

"We don't have that kind of money, it would have to be volunteered or through the taxpayers," he explained.

The committee is also considering the option of asking the city for a long-term lease on the fire hall and sinking about \$25,000 in renovations—including building a kitchen. They would then rent out the building, to raise money for the veterans memorial home.

Meanwhile, the site search continues.

"The guys are in a position where they'd like to identify a property owner interested in a long-term option," explained Blair Bowman of Thompson Brown.

While the men don't yet have a timetable for action, in the wake of public support for the troops in the Persian Gulf war, the hour seems good.

"We actually started the project prior to Desert Shield and the Mideast crisis. I think the attitude of our

nation now is certainly favorable in that respect," said Norbert Schollett, a co-founder of the local American Legion post and a former Air Force Staff Sergeant during the Korean War.

The new facility should attract more members to the organization, including Desert Storm participants. "We're pretty sure they will, but we have to make them know they're welcome to join us. With a home, we're sure we can increase our membership ten-fold," said Loll.

"There's no place in Novi where you can rent a hall for that many people. This is a plus for Novi."

The committee is also interested in having other veterans groups join to create the memorial home, said AMVETS member Duane Bell, a former Navy medic who spent time in China and Japan during World War II. Bell said the new facility would provide offices for each club to assist veterans, as well as continue with community services, including fund-raising for scholarships.

All the things we went to war for. That's what we're here for," Pohlman said.

For information about the AMVETS contact Loll at 348-2776 or Bell at 349-2835. The American Legion can be reached through Pohlman at 474-7048 or Schollett at 477-9084.

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The aftermath of the fire at the Novi American Enclosures plastics plant in June of 1989 that turned out to be a case of arson. The Novi fire chief says he suspected from the beginning.

Man pleads 'no contest' to factory arson charge

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Anthony Malla, a former employee of the Novi American Enclosures plastics plant, pled no contest Thursday, March 7 to two charges of arson in connection with a \$5 million fire there in June, 1989.

It was believed to be the largest fire-related dollar loss in the history of Novi.

Malla was arrested two days after the fire and charged with arson. Police investigating the fire believed Malla did not intend to burn the plant to the ground and was, instead, attempting to set himself up as a hero for putting the fire out.

One of the keys to the investigation was a small fire which occurred at Novi American Enclosures two days before the \$5 million blaze. In that incident, a small pile of wooden pallets stored outside the building caught fire and was extinguished by Malla, who was a plant employee on the midnight shift.

Malla, who apparently had earned praise for putting out the first fire, admitted to setting the second fire in a somewhat large pile of pallets along the northwest side of the building. After setting the fire, he reportedly returned to the scene with another employee sometime later.

"We had been there two nights before for the same thing—a pallet fire next to the building. It was interesting because the same person had been there to put it out both times, and they were the same circumstances."

Arthur Lenaghan
Novi Fire Chief

ter, but the fire had gotten out of control and could not be extinguished.

According to fire officials, the blaze broke through a window of the building and spread quickly, fanned by strong winds.

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan recalled that investigators became suspicious of Malla right away because he had been present at both of the fires.

"We had been there two nights before for the same thing—a pallet fire next to the building," Lenaghan said. "It was interesting because the same person had been there to put it out both times, and they were the same circumstances."

Lenaghan said the investigation was conducted by the Novi Police Department, the State Fire Marshall and the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms department in addition to the Novi Fire Department.

"The investigation involved a lot of scene work, digging, interviewing witnesses," he said. "We had to dig through the rubble, a lot of times right to the floor. It's a dirty, tedious job that takes a long time."

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Police respond to report of shots

Novi Police responded to a call from a woman on Fourteen Mile Road shortly after midnight March 11, who said she had heard five shots in her neighborhood.

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The woman was unable to give a location of where the shots were coming from.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: Novi Police responded to an alarm at Moto Photo on Eleven Mile the evening of March 10.

Officers found the rear door ajar, but found no signs of forced entry. They also observed several large pieces of plywood and two-by-fours had fallen from the shelves in the building. One of the pieces of plywood was holding the door ajar.

Novi reported March 10 that his lawn, as well as several others in the neighborhood, had been driven on. The resident supplied police with a description of the vehicle — a dark blue Crown Victoria — but was unable to give a further description because it was dark at the time of the incident.

STOLEN HUBCAPS: An employee at Sheraton Oaks in Novi reported March 10 that a customer's hubcaps had been stolen.

The hubcaps, wire wheels were reportedly stolen from a 1987 Buick

LeSabre.

However, police said they did not actually see the vehicle because the owner did not wait for them to arrive. He told the hotel employee he was late for a hockey game and had to leave.

ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT: A Livonia man reported March 10 that the passenger windows and steering wheel column of his 1985 Corvette had been broken in an apparent attempted vehicle theft.

Police said the doors of the vehicle were still locked and had not been

opened.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A resident in the Beachwalk Apartment Complex in Novi reported a breaking-and-entering March 5.

According to Novi Police, someone had entered the apartment through a northeast window in one of the bedrooms.

Reported missing were a pair of diamond earrings in a gold setting and a pair of gold earrings. The items had been sitting on the dresser in plain view.

Police said there was mud on the window sill and curtains and one tennis shoe print in the mud below the window.

A dresser in the room had been ransacked, but nothing appeared to be missing from the drawers.

There are currently no suspects.

Novi Briefs

Chefs ski race: Nine chefs from the local area took part in the Grand Mariner Chef Ski Race at the Boyce Highlands Ski Resort in Boyce Highlands, Michigan. The event is known as one of the nation's most eccentric amateur races, in which the competitors ski the slalom wearing the traditional chef's coat, apron and toque blanche, or tall white hat of their profession. In addition, the event is a fund-raiser for anti-hunger campaigns. The proceeds benefited the Michigan Chef Against Hunger, which contributes to the Capuchin Community Center Soup Kitchen. Since 1988, the event has raised \$250,000 for hunger programs in five major cities. The Country Epicure restaurant in Novi sent a large contingent to the event, including owner Karen Angelosante, chef Janet Thurber and Suzanne Jarasz, and cooks Marjorie Olson, Todd Reilly, Kathleen Narducci, Dan Stanton and Lori LaFontaine. Thomas MacKinnon of MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville also participated.

Choir teacher honored: The Northville High School choir is directed by one of the three best choir teachers in the state, according to her colleagues. Northville Choir Teacher Mary Kay Fryce was recently chosen by a vote of her peers to direct a regional Michigan School Vocal Association choir concert on Dec. 7.

"This is quite a big honor," said Roger Dehn, executive secretary of the 630-member association. "It's one of the highest awards that you can get to have your peers think enough of you to choose you for this honor."

Michigan has three regions. Each region will have a Dec. 7 rehearsal and concert with 200 student singers performing.

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The mile run leaves city hall at 12:30 p.m. while the other runs will get under way at 1 p.m. Each run will wind through several city subdivisions and conclude on 7th Road.

"Our position is that the work was done outside of the right of way," said Birmingham attorney Henry Langberg, who is representing Edward Dobek, husband of Winifred.

Bernard McCleary, an attorney representing the city, declined comment on the case because it is pending.

According to city Attorney David

City sued over accidental death

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

The accidental death of Novi building inspector Winifred Dobek in 1988 has brought litigation against the city.

Dobek was killed on July 30 of that year when the riding tractor that she was using to mow her Twelve Mile Road home's lawn rolled over on top of her. She was 62 at the time of the accident.

The suit alleges her death was caused "due to the disturbance of the Dobek premises caused by the excavation and construction operations" on Twelve Mile Road, near Donnellson Drive, at the time of the accident. The city, Holloway Construction (which was making the road improvement), JCK & Associates and the Oakland County Road Commission are named in the court action.

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Two passers-by stopped and pulled the tractor off her, police said. Dobek was taken to the Regional Hospital in Farmington Hills, where she was pronounced dead shortly after being admitted.

Edward Dobek, who remains a city resident, declined to comment on the



WINNIE DOBEK

law suit. He is a former member of the Novi Planning Commission.

At the time of her death, "Winifred," as she was known by family and friends, was fondly remembered.

"We've lost a wonderful employee and a real fine friend," said then Novi building inspector Earl Bailey. "She could be rough-spoken, but she was also very compassionate. She was a remarkable woman."

Police Chief Lee BeGoale said Dobek was his biggest customer for gun permits.

"She hated the woodchucks because they'd get into her garden and destroy the plants," he said.

"Every time she saw a woodchuck, she'd pop in a couple of shells and let 'em have it," BeGoale continued. "She'd kill 30 or 40 woodchucks per month. She was a crack shot."

District court cases on rise

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Walled Lake's 52nd District Court, Division 1 which serves Novi and six other communities, experienced a dramatic increase in its caseload in 1990.

Recently released figures indicate that nearly 16 percent more cases were filed at the court last year compared to 1989. According to Court Administrator Michelle Bilger, caseloads at the district court have increased in each of the last five years.

"An average over the last five years has been a 10 percent increase over each (previous year)," she said. "We have a lot of open space in our jurisdiction. Commercial development and transient traffic will probably increase our caseload (in the future)."

The largest increase in cases filed at the court in 1990 came in the misdemeanor non-traffic category. Disorderly conduct, retail fraud and trespassing are common charges in this category, Bilger said. A total of 4,948 misdemeanor non-traffic cases were filed last year compared to 4,030 in 1989, an increase of 22.8 percent.

Another increase in cases filed came in the "landlord-tenant" category. Bilger said nearly 11 percent more of these cases, which generally involve rent disputes, were filed in 1990.

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"I expect an increase in landlord-tenant cases with the condition of the economy," she said. The court administrator added that with more and more people out of work, rent payments will become harder to make.

Bilger said the cases will also go up because of increased residential development within the court's jurisdiction.

Other major categories, such as small claims, felony and general civil cases, all went up. Increases in the categories ranged from 8.6 percent in small claims court to 19.5 percent in general civil cases.

The increase in cases, along with additional paperwork now required by the state for many of the cases, has left court workers with a greater work load, Bilger said. The administrator added that the court's staffing hasn't kept up to the increase in cases.

"We are always a little bit behind in the staffing," Bilger said. "Given the amount of personnel-per-case ratio in this category, Bilger said. The administrator added that the court's staffing hasn't kept up to the increase in cases."

The study was originally scheduled to be completed by mid-year, but budget problems in the county may extend it, according to state court officials.

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Description of salon robbers similar

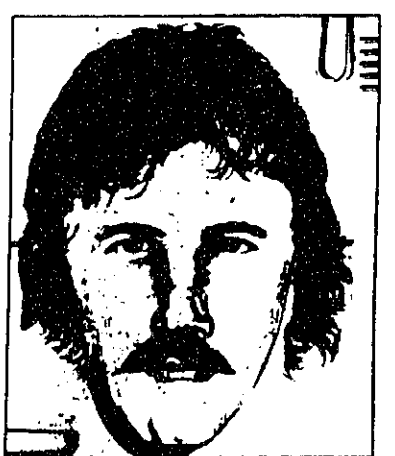
By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

The description of an armed robber who threatened the lives of two employees at Fantastic Sam's on Grand River last week matches that of a suspect in a recent, similar crime in Farmington Hills, but police say it's probably not the same man.

A composite drawing of the suspect described by the victims in the Farmington Hills case — an armed robbery of a Fantastic Sam's two months ago — shows a different person, according to Novi Detective Frank Barabas.

However, Barabas said the basic descriptions of the suspects are the same.

A man described as a white male in his early to mid-20's, 5-foot-7-to-8-inches tall, 140 to 150 pounds, with light brown hair and a mustache walked into the Fantastic Sam's hairstyling salon on Grand River Monday, March 4 shortly after 8 p.m., and pointed a semiautomatic gun at two Howell women who were closing the salon, demanding all of the money.



Composite sketch

The hairstyling salon was already closed when the man came in, the women told police.

According to the police report, one of the women was in the salon's break room when he walked in, and the Sam's hairstyling salon on Grand River Monday, March 4 shortly after 8 p.m., and pointed a semiautomatic gun at two Howell women who were closing the salon, demanding all of the money.

The woman in the break room told police she heard the front door open and rose out of her chair, but the robber was already standing there.

pointing the gun in her face. She told her he used obscenities and told her to "sit down and don't move."

According to the police report, the man then went into the office and pointed the gun at the other woman, demanding the money.

The man took the money the woman was counting in the office, then threatened to kill her if she did not give him more.

After she told him there was no more money in the salon, the man allegedly pointed the gun at the first woman again, and threatened her

life.

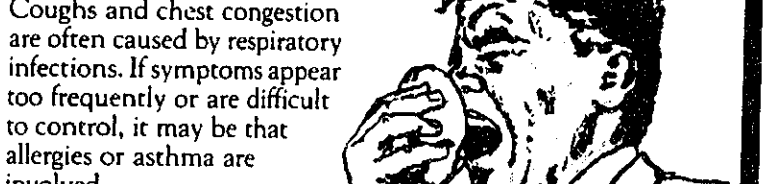
Then, the women told police, the man told them not to move and he ran away. They did not see the direction he went, or the car he was driving.

Without consulting each other, both of the women in the Novi robbery assisted police in drawing composite sketches of the suspect. The two sketches were nearly identical.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Detective Barabas at the Novi Police Detective Bureau at 348-7100.

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Company, printer to square off

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Novi businessman Dick Czekiel's continued operation as an American Speedy Printing franchise could be costly if the Bloomfield Hills-based company wins its planned court actions against the owner.

The company terminated Czekiel's franchise Jan. 18 because of his allegedly unauthorized move from the Novi Town Center to the Novi-Ten shopping plaza in early January. Despite the termination, the business owner has continued to operate as an American Speedy franchise.

According to Bob Hayes, an attorney representing American Speedy, the company will file an injunction tomorrow in federal district court to stop Czekiel from operating under the company's name. He added that the company will also sue the business owner to recover sales made after the termination date under the American Speedy name.

"Czekiel is terminated as far as we are concerned," Hayes said. "I can't imagine the judge will allow him to (continue) to operate as a Speedy."

Czekiel declined to say if he felt the move was unauthorized. He did say that he worked with the city prior to the move to try and find a location besides the Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road shopping plaza, but was unsuccessful. American Speedy objected to his move because of its proximity to another franchise in Farmington Hills, Czekiel said.

Ira Auslander, a Southfield attorney representing Czekiel, said the Novi printer will continue to operate as an American Speedy. He said he was unaware of any current or planned action against Czekiel by American Speedy.

The Southfield attorney said Czekiel will fight to keep his franchise. Auslander added that it was to be premature to say if he would file any counter suit against the company.

"I don't know what they are claiming," he said. "Once we get served with something, we will have a position."

When the injunction is filed, the federal judge will have three options in making a ruling on the matter. Hayes said the first option would be for the judge to grant the injunction. The judge could order the franchise to stop operating under the company's name but allow it to do business as an independent printer. He added that the judge could also shut the business down altogether.

A second option would be for the judge to "consolidate" the injunction. Hayes said the request for an injunction could be heard at the trial over the company's lawsuit. He said the judge would decide if the franchise would be allowed to operate as an American Speedy until the trial date.

The last option would be to reject the injunction. Hayes said in that scenario, the judge would likely set a

trial date for the suit.

"If we don't get the injunction it would not be a great surprise," he said.

A quick decision by the judge will likely be made. American Speedy's injunction will ask for an immediate restraining order against Czekiel.

The Bloomfield Hills-based company originally planned to file the injunction request at the end of last month. But, Hayes said, it was delayed so that the company could gather evidence and statements for the court action.

The trial for damages against American Speedy will likely be heard within a year, he added. The federal court's calendar, Hayes said, is relatively clear.



Dick Czekiel says he'll fight to keep his American Speedy Printing franchise. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL



MICHAEL MEYER

Harrington bound over for trial

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

A 30-year-old Lansing man will be arraigned in Livingston County Circuit Court March 22 in connection with a high speed chase last October in which he led police from Howell through Novi while waving a Bible at them.

John H. Harrington, 30, will face charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, fleeing and eluding police from the Oct. 25 incident. Harrington waived a preliminary examination at 53rd District Court in Howell on March 8.

District Court Judge Frank DeVero bound the 30-year-old over to the circuit court and continued a 5,000 bond against him. According to 53rd District Court Administrator Mary Ellen Nygren, Harrington posted the required 10 percent of the bond at a November arraignment at the court and remains free.

Harrington led state police on the chase, which reached speeds of 120 miles per hour, Oct. 25 last year. Police were notified of the Lansing man, who was driving an older model Chevy pickup truck, by several motorists using cellular phones.

State police from Brighton first responded, picking up the chase near Howell on eastbound I-96. After troopers pulled up next to Harrington, he began waving a white Bible and shouting at them.

Troopers from the Northville post joined the chase near Milford. Harrington was finally stopped near the intersection of I-96 and I-275.

Three state police officers and the Lansing man were injured slightly in the chase. Three state police vehicles were also damaged. No motorist injuries were reported.

A forensic evaluation was done on Harrington in January to determine if he was able to stand trial on the charges, Nygren said. She added that the district court was notified Jan. 30 that he had been ruled competent by Livingston County medical officials.

A trial date will likely be set for Harrington by the circuit court on March 8, if convicted of the charges he could face more than a decade in jail.

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Two run for board

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Meyer, an eight-year board veteran, said he enjoys showing support to Novi schools by attending choir concerts, reading to third graders and participating in district activities.

In Meyer's eight years on the board, he has held every position except treasurer.

"I've served in all positions of leadership except treasurer, and that's the wisdom of the board. They know I can't add," Meyer joked.

Meyer, like Hitchcock, believes finances will be important in the next four years.

"We have to be very fiscally responsible, and we have to be ever vigilant if we are going to continue to be the caring district that we are," he said.

Both openings are for four-year terms on the board.

Those wishing to run for one of the two positions must fill a 50-signature petition to be placed on the ballot.

Petitions are available at the Educational Services Building on 25345 Tull Road and must be returned to Superintendent Robert Piwko by April 8 at 4 p.m.

As of Monday, Meyer and Hitchcock were the only people to have requested a petition.



STEPHEN HITCHCOCK

Earth Day celebration planned for Novi area

An Earth Day '91 celebration is being planned and sponsored by the University of Michigan M-CARE Health Center in Northville for Sunday, April 21, at Maybury State Park. Northville Community Recreation is assisting with the event.

The planning committee is looking for more ideas and assistance from the Northville community. The day's activities currently consist of three sections: physical fitness activities including aerobics, a two-mile walk and a 10K fun run; a children's program featuring a kid's concert by Mus-

ta's Retreat; and a possible salute to the Desert Storm troops. In addition, environmental educational exhibits by area organizations including Moraine Elementary School and The Aware of the World Club from the Northville High School will be on display throughout the day. The petting farm and playground area will also be available throughout the day.

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Novi band takes top honors home

The Novi High School Symphony Band won top honors in all categories at the District Band and Orchestra Festival held in North Farmington High School Saturday, March 9.

The festival, sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, saw Novi's Symphony Band participating with Class A high school bands from West Bloomfield, North Farmington, Birmingham Seaholm and Milford Lakeland. All bands were judged on their performance of prepared music and sight reading.

In the prepared concert, Novi received a standing ovation from a packed auditorium for its performances of "Florentine March" by Julius Paetz, "After a Gentle Rain" by Michigan composer Anthony Iannaccone and "Rejouissance" and James Currow.

All three concert judges scored Novi with a "1," superior rating, in three categories, difficulty of the music performed, tone quality, and musical presentation.

In the sight reading section, the Novi band members were given two



Band festival concert judge Gary Sutton conducts along with the music as he scores the performance of the bands

musical scores that they had not seen before, a march and a concert piece. Led by Director Craig Strain, they were given seven minutes to study and rehearse the scores without using instruments.

Then the band played. Again, they thrilled the audience and were verbally complimented by the judge for a fine performance.

After being dismissed, the students rushed to the school cafeteria to wait for the final ratings.

When the official posted the scores, Novi received four "1" ratings for the prepared concert, an "I" rating for sight reading, and an overall "1" superior rating for the entire performance.

The symphony band will now move on to the State Festival to be held in Grand Rapids on April 27.

Earlier in the day, the Novi High School Concert Band also participated in the festival with the Senior High School—Class C Division and received a straight "I" rating for a good all-around performance.

Sex crime leads to prison

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

A 46-year-old Kentucky man was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in state prison Monday on a charge of felony third degree criminal sexual conduct with a Novi minor.

Donald Beller, 46, was sentenced by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard Monday. Beller pled guilty to the charge at his arraignment at the circuit court Dec. 17. Sentencing had been postponed twice.

The 46-year-old admitted to 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 friend of the

family, according to records of the 52nd District Court, Division 1 in Walled 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.

Beller is currently being detained at the Oakland County jail. According to an official at the jail, the Kentucky man will be sent to the state prison in Jackson. The county official said corrections administrators will then decide where Beller will serve the remainder of his sentence.

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

On Aug. 25 last year, the minor

was allegedly molested by a 47-year-old relative. The relative allegedly fondled her breasts.

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.

Circuit court officials indicated that a trial date for the man will be set by the end of the month. If convicted, the 47-year-old relative could also face up to 15 years in jail.

The man was originally charged with two counts of second degree CSC. The second charge was dropped after a district court preliminary examination.

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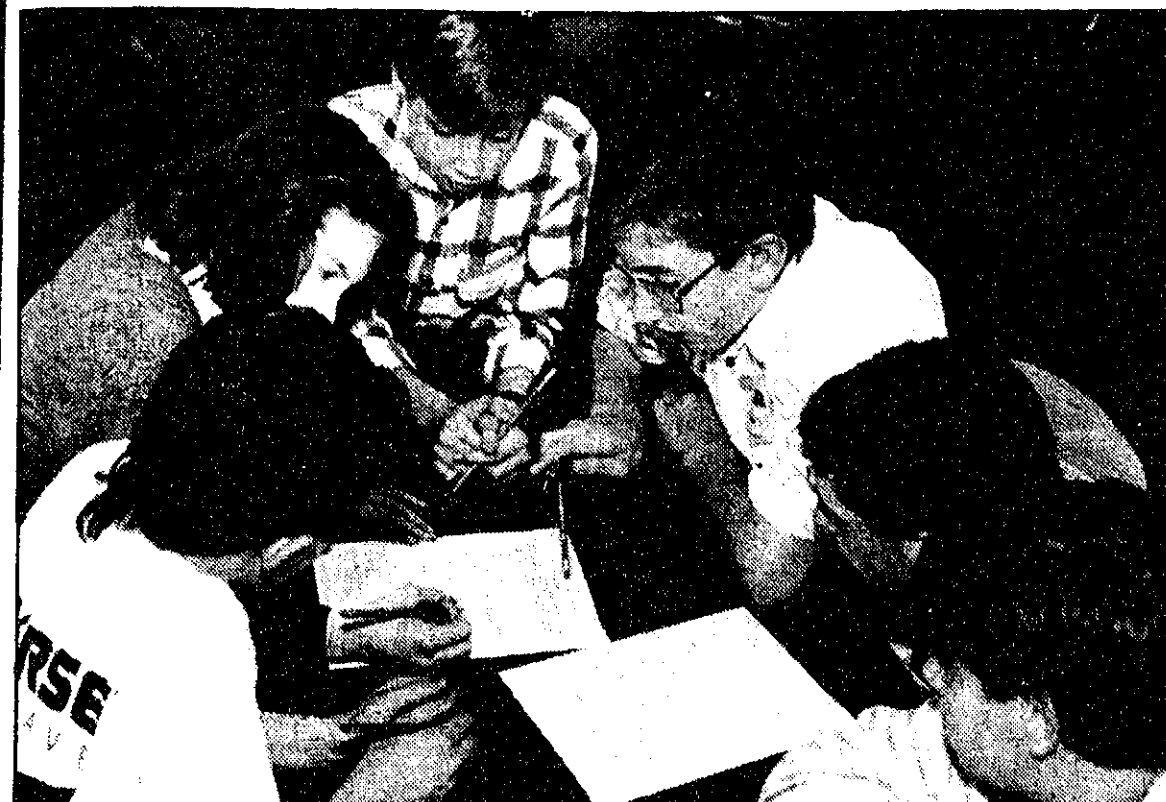
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Matching wits

Students from Novi, Northville, Clarenceville, Huron Valley, Brighton, Walled Lake and White Lake share their science knowledge and know-how hoping to win a contest held at Novi Middle School March 6. Middle school students formed teams made up of one member from each school to prevent competitiveness be-

City: keep on trucking, but not in the driveway

So you drive a big rig. And you park it overnight in the driveway in front of your house, possibly to the chagrin of your neighbors.

Maybe not for long. If the city has anything to say about it.

Not without raising a few questions, the planning commission on March 6 sent to the city council for final approval the draft of an ordinance to regulate recreational and commercial vehicles parked in residential districts.

According to some planning commission members—and residents—there's a popular support for the revisions.

"I live in an area of the city where we have a lot of people who do bring in commercial vehicles and leave them overnight or for months. I'm quite tired of looking up the road and not being able to see if my daughter's school bus is coming because of the dump truck in the road," said Sarah Phelps, president of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA).

The ordinance would not apply to vehicles engaged in loading or unloading materials or visiting for a business purpose such as lawn care.

"I have complained for three years about the commercial truck and trailer across the street from me that comes right out to the road. I was told nothing like that unless I took the party to court. This party has gone through three trucks, each one bigger, and now he's got the red one with a 14-foot trailer... I keep the blinds closed in my bedroom and living room because I don't like this eyesore," Novi resident Helen Pembroke told the commission.

Planning commission member Harry Avagian joined Phelps in urging that the burden of reporting any violations not be placed on the neighbors but rest with the city's enforcement officers.

"This creates a situation of neighbor against neighbor," Avagian said. Planning commissioner Kathleen McAllen agreed.

"There is a definite enforcement problem and the enforcement is not out there looking for these items. The burden is on the citizen. It makes for very unhappy neighbors. I'd like to see a routine sweep of the city," she said.

"It'll be difficult to prove that a vehicle is a sole means of transportation, planning commissioner Tim Gilberg said, questioning if the 5,000 pound cut-off wasn't punitive.

"Twelve Mile Road resident Debbie Bundoff had another concern.

"There is a little problem when you have no dump truck and no flatbed truck where there is a farm. You have to haul your manure in. You can't haul your crops out without a truck," she said.

Schools want their say on choice

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The merits of schools of choice are being debated around the state and the country, and the Novi school board wants to have a say in the discussion.

But the eight-member board is not sure exactly what comment it has to make about choice.

The board asked district administrators to bring a resolution to the board on schools of choice at its Feb. 7 meeting. The issue was tabled at the Feb. 21 meeting.

At Thursday's meeting, two possible resolutions were presented to the board.

Both resolutions were critical of schools of choice.

Various schools of choice plans that have been supported by the state Board of Education, the state Legislature and the governor have been opposed by local educators.

Schools of choice plans allow parents to choose the school their child would attend. Some choice plans would allow students to attend any school in a district; others would allow students to attend school in any district in the state.

Gov. John Engler's support of in-district schools of choice was called an attack on education that "peels in comparison" to Saddam Hussein's attack on Kuwait by board President Robert Schram at a Feb. 7 board meeting.

But some board members are not so sure, and were not as anxious to send a resolution to the state concerning choice.

Trustee Michael Meyer had trouble with calling choice "ill-conceived" in the board's resolution.

Meyer was not alone.

Trustee Raymond Byers said choice is "smoke and mirrors."

The real issue is equitable funding of schools, he said.

"Choice is not going to affect Novi equity in funding," Byers said.

Treasurer John Street agreed.

"I think equitable funding will occur much more quickly than schools of choice," Street said.

Schram said he feels choice is the more important issue. He suggested Byers bring a second resolution to the board on equity if funding is important to Byers.

"I'm happy to support a resolution regarding equitable funding, but that's another issue," Schram said.

Byers declined to bring a separate resolution to the board regarding equitable funding saying the board would become "resolution gophers."

Byers said he would like to see equitable funding included in a resolution about choice, if the resolution is to be sent to the state.

Superintendent Robert Pwko said he hopes any resolution regarding equitable funding would clarify open equity.

"We should not have to sacrifice as a district," Pwko said.

"Anything that's out there on equity will hurt Novi. I don't want to send a message that we would accept equity if it would take money away from Novi."

Eyers disagreed.

"Somewhere the equitable funding needs to be addressed, and if it's tax base sharing, we're not going to be that adversely affected," Byers said.

But Byers said he would rather avoid sending a resolution to the state altogether.

"I would be hell of a lot more comfortable if the board of education could draft a letter to the governor and forget the resolution," Byers said.

Schram said he expected the governor and Legislature to ignore any resolution sent by Novi schools. The purpose of passing a resolution is to educate the citizens of Novi about choice, he said.

Schram and Meyer are expected to bring another resolution to the board at its March 21 meeting. At Byers' request, the board will also consider bringing a letter to the governor to be discussed as an alternative to a resolution.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBPART 2516-406) (OF ORDINANCE NO. 84-18, AS AMENDED), THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOLLOWING THE GRANTING OF PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL THE LAYOUT OF FOOTINGS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUNDATION WALLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MECHANICAL APPURTENANCES BELOW GRADE.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 1991.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
JOHN BALAGNA, SECRETARY
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(3-14-91 NN)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Superb Homes has requested a permit which would allow placement of a trailer on Lot 30, Chase Farm Subdivision, for a period of six (6) months.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 21, 1991, at the Novi Civic Center, Building Department Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be addressed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 21, 1991.

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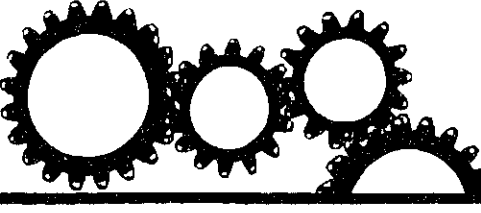
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As We See It

Curbing water use to encourage growth?

Mandatory alternate day lawn sprinkling is now under consideration in Novi.
The city has already had a voluntary compliance program in place, one that has worked fairly well, Mayor Matthew Quinn says.



Development

If this switch to an enforced system is made, lawn-watering lawbreakers may find themselves paying an as yet undetermined penalty. Perhaps a fine. Perhaps a sentence of "community service."

As part of this proposed conservation ordinance, developers would be required to install water-saving plumbing fixtures in new buildings.

With these provisions in place, the city will save 61 million gallons of water in a single summer, city engineers predict.

Why?
Not because Novi is suffering from a water shortage per se. After all, as Council Member Tim Pope pointed out, Michigan bears no resemblance to drought-devastated California.

The reason is that the Michigan Department of Public Health last summer announced it would deny all permits for new waterline extensions onto the Detroit system in 14 communities — including Novi — until a controversial, \$650 million water transmission station is built in Bloomfield Township. The township and its neighbor Franklin were stalling the project due to local environmental concerns. Reportedly, progress is being made.

Concerned about low water pressure, the health department says it will consider new permits only in communities which conserve water by measures such as alternate day sprinklings. If water use is reduced — and the development does not produce a net increase in consumption — building can continue.

Novi's proposed water regulations will save enough of the precious liquid to enable 800 new homes to sprout up in

Not much that we can see.

In seeking commercial and industrial development, city officials have repeatedly said that homeowners use city services exceeding the money they pay out in taxes. This then holds true for the people who will move into the 800 new houses.

More cars will clog Novi roads, although their drivers will assist in paying off the city's new road improvement bonds. More homes will mean more kids. More schools will be needed, and with them more school taxes.

It seems to be soggy reasoning to suggest that current residents should inconvenience themselves to enable a handful of developers to turn a profit. The incentive to do so just isn't clear.

If these new housing projects are delayed by the health department, developers won't throw up their hands and give up on the city. Novi's prime location will ensure against that.

Those 800 houses will be built. If not sooner, then later.

War will be 'defining event'



Phil Power

God of our fathers, known of old, Lord of our far-flung battle-line, Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine — Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget — lest we forget!

This verse begins "Recessional," a poem written by Rudyard Kipling in 1897, just as he began to sense the retreat of the British empire from worldwide dominion.

Those lines came to mind exactly a year ago when I stood with my family, gawking and sad, on the immense flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Independence, berthed at Coronado Island, Calif.
Built in the 1950s when America was rich and powerful and self-confident, this great ship had projected for 25 years the might of our nation throughout the world. But there she lay vast and dark and unused, a silent symbol of the hollowing out of our sense of national purpose and of our own recessionary fall from power.

Far-called, our navies melt away; On dune and headland strikes the surf: Lo, all our pomp of yesterday is one with Nineveh and Tyre! Judge of the Nations, spare us yet, Lest we forget — lest we forget!

This week in pride and national self-renewal, we celebrate the first return of our troops from the Persian Gulf. We won the war — a just war, in my view. We not only changed forever the way wars will be waged, but we also

demonstrated to ourselves and to the world that we could summon up our national will to carry out a large and difficult enterprise.

What a difference a year can make! I suspect that the war and the way President Bush has handled it will become a "defining event," one that fundamentally restructures the way things will work for many years.

Abroad, America no longer will be regarded as a paper tiger, with a guttural military and a political system incapable of sustained purpose. At home, it just may be that the ghost of Vietnam has at last been exorcised.

The Republicans are on a roll, and with good reason. It was their team that won this one, against the doubts and hesitations of many national Democrats who now are scrambling to look like they were on board all along. Liberals are in trouble, and they will continue to be unless and until they can figure out a way to show that patriotism is not something to be ashamed of and that America's national interests are something to treasure and defend.

It would be well for such people to remember that the last successful Democratic presidents — Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman — were those who also successfully conducted wars to defend our national interests.

The tumult and the shouting dies; The captains and the kings depart; Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget — lest we forget!

Phil Power is chairperson of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column appears periodically.

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Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



'Flipping out'

Can't go off-record in public



Suzanne Hollyer

Apparently, there is a misconception out there that anything can be taken off the record with just a simple request, even in a public meeting.
Let's get this straight once and for all. For those of you who attend public meetings and contribute to the public process, either in your line of work or as a concerned member of society, congratulations. You get an A-plus in civic duty. But try to remember that if you comment during a public meeting, what you say is on the record. And it is absolutely on the record, no questions, no negotiating. If you speak during a meeting, do not be surprised if you read your comments in the newspaper the next week.

In covering the Novi and Northville school boards, I have had a few situations arise where parents address the board, and then ask that I not quote them in the newspaper. I can understand that the average person on the street may not know that what he or she says at a meeting is non-negotiable on the record. For that reason, I don't mind explaining that the proceedings of public meetings are always open to parents. But when a school official appears to be unfamiliar with the law relating to open meetings, I have a little more trouble patiently understanding.

An architect brought plans for a new elementary school to the Novi school board Monday. With his plans, the architect also brought a model of the proposed school building. I was ready with a camera to get pictures of the building's design. The architect also showed the school board a model of the building. The model is impressive, although not exactly representative of the future school building. A few changes have been made in the building's design since the model was built.

Fine with me, I thought. That's why we have cutlines (captions) to explain what cannot be seen in a picture. But the architect had other plans. Stuffing the model in a plastic bag, he made his escape while I protested.
I left the meeting fuming. You would think an architect that works with schools would have some clue about the Open Meetings Act. I thought, I woke up a little more relaxed, telling myself that the architect was young and would hopefully know better next time. But then a surprising thing happened. He called and said the schools, especially assistant superintendent for administrative services Burton Knighton, told him the district did not want a record of the model, which I assume means both the architect and the schools expected to keep the model out of the newspaper. I called Knighton to confirm that he had made such a deal with the architect.

He had indeed told the architects their model could be off the record. But he wanted the board to see the model because it is so "impressive." I have to ask why Northville residents would be any less interested in seeing this impressive work of architecture than the board? And why did a school official think he could take something presented at an open meeting off the record? And come to think of it, why did the architect think Knighton had the power to take something in an open meeting off the record?
Maybe the school official and the architect both honestly didn't know. I could understand that. But isn't there an old saying about ignorance of the law being no excuse?

Let's have no more 'unsung heros'

To the editor:
My heart and loving prayers reach out to each one of you who has lost a loved one through the perils of war. Many of our brave soldiers were young boys and girls, hardly dry behind their ears, reached manhood and womanhood with their first courageous step into the military service... willing to lay down their lives for their country.

Those of you left behind on the homefront embraced your loved one if fervent prayer. Some, however, believing their prayers were not answered asked "... Where is God? The question is "Where is man?" You must believe the loss of your loved one was not in vain. Let your overwhelming pride cushion your tearful heart, remembering always that you lost a brave soldier... your Hero... who fought to make this world a better and safer place for you — for all of us.

Thank God our courageous troops had a great, compassionate and God-fearing leader — our President George Bush who was and is unwavering in his quest, needing our unwavering support in making his dream... our dream of a "New World

Letters

Order" become a reality. And let us not forget Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and Gen. Colin Powell and others; and our allied forces. Most importantly, and dear to our hearts are our courageous soldiers who carried out their orders without thought to success or Desert Storm.

The country's veil of tears mesh with yours as my tears fall with these heartfelt words, for I too lost my precious son, but I can't look at his picture and feel pride within my heart as you can. All I can do is waste a waste of a beautiful life. And I along with my son's father (a marine who received a purple heart in World War II), our children (two grandchildren), and our daughter carry the scars of his death. Because our son lost his life in vain — lost in the drug war.

This war too has to be fought by all of us... posing an even greater challenge for a drug-free world... a peaceful world.
Every drug dealer, every peddler is

another Saddam Hussein — our enemy, and to be dealt with accordingly.
If this open letter of my heart that I have shared with you has helped even a small way to ease your sorrow, then my loving son has not died in vain.

There are no unsung heroes as we lift our voices in song... "God Bless America"

Sigri Wren

Impressed by the skill of Community EMS

To the editor:
Last Thursday night, Feb. 28, several members of city council, City Manager Ed Krawiec, Police Chief Lee BeGole, Deputy Police Chief Dick

Faulkner, Captain Tom Heese, Planning Commissioner Harry Avagan, and Senior Citizen Director Kathy Crawford attended an open house at the Community Emergency Medical Services facilities here in the City of Novi.

President Greg Beauchemin and Vice President of Operations Pete Rogers, along with a number of other CEMS personnel provided us with a complete and informative look at their operation. This included a demonstration of the state-of-the-art computer technology that they use to receive, record and dispatch incoming requests for service. Furthermore, they described what they are planning in terms of service and equipment for the near future for both the City of Novi and the surrounding area.

I was impressed with their very professional operation and the technical direction that they are taking to expand and improve their services and to reduce their service response times. They know that this is a growing area and they are making plans to grow with us and our neighboring communities.

Joseph G. Toth
Council member

Umble family thanks City of Novi

To the Editor:
My name is Katherine Umble and my 3 1/2 year-old son Roger has just had major open-heart reconstructive surgery. He is doing so very well and we are confident of a speedy recovery. There is a very good reason for our confidence. In fact there are a lot of good reasons. Thanks to an article written by Steve Kellman, "the force" has been with us each and every step of the way. You see...

In this whole wide world there are a few bright lights. They give their all and shine with all their might. Why, you might ask, do they try so hard to shine? Why? To light up the darkness and ease a troubled mind. You see it isn't for themselves that these little lights do glow. But for many, many others, great love these lights do show. And so I wish to thank you all for lighting up my way. And should love and kindness that brightens our darkest day. Without the loving guidance that you give us in this guidance. I fear we might have fallen and surely lost our way. So thank you for your brilliant light that warmed us through and through. You gave me strength and courage.

and to my family, too. I will never forget your kindness, I'll remember you every night. Each time I look above me and see the stars and their shining lights. You truly are a gift from God, all angels from above. For you've shown that gift to others, by showing us all your love. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and your contributions too. And know from the bottom of our hearts — we send our love to you. Thanks and God Bless you all.

To Marlene Kuruz — without you — none of this could have happened. To all our family at Civic Concern — we love you all.
To Heather and Holly — you made our Christmas so bright.
To the Clothes Closet and the Church of the Holy Family — you really do help so many.

To Father Harding and the Church of the Holy Cross — you kept our faith so strong. To all our friends, especially Mrs. Virginia, Mrs. Martha, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Rick Hausa, Mrs. Linda, Mrs. Hannah, Ellen Cornish, Carol, this love and we would have collapsed long ago. To everyone at Ann Dolsen Elementary school — especially Mr. Crick, Mrs. Susan Keast, Bill Longheard, the Bogers, Lynda Mansfield, Mr. Jurjens and her English class. To my father, Roger Johnson, Cynthia Jackson, Michael Freydl,

our very special person Jo Laidlaw, my mother-in-law Emogene Umble, Kathy my sister-in-law, the Marlon and Wayne Brown family — who could ask for a more loving family. To my two oldest sons, Nick and Tony — the best brothers a little guy could have.

To the Pace Membership Warehouse with special thanks to Cheryl who made sure I had everything I needed and more.
To all the wonderful people who made donations of food, money, love and prayers.
Larry Johnson, Marie Gonzalez, Shirley Jacopelli, Les Wilkinson, The Newburg Church, Desae Ferguson, Gary and Terry Eids, Kevin Aries, Cindy D'Agostino, Craig Lincoln, Gladys Grigg, Martin Hines, Carol Wilson, Virginia, Martha, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Rick Hausa, Mrs. Linda, Mrs. Hannah, Ellen Cornish, Carol, this love and we would have collapsed long ago. To everyone at Ann Dolsen Elementary school — especially Mr. Crick, Mrs. Susan Keast, Bill Longheard, the Bogers, Lynda Mansfield, Mr. Jurjens and her English class. To my father, Roger Johnson, Cynthia Jackson, Michael Freydl,

Deborah Taylor, Ralph and Mary Long, Glen and Margaret Messer, Norbert and Mary Lewandowski, Anthony and Mary Cecilia, Wanda and Harold and Florida Lange, Cathy and Carl Podora, special thanks to Wayne and Dawn Temperly. To all the doctors, nurses and volunteers at Children's Hospital for taking such wonderful care of us. To Dr. Nestor Truccione and staff for taking care of us for over three years. To Dr. Agah and staff at Providence Pediatrics. To Children's Special Health Care Services — you have been so indispensable.

Last, but not least, to the Northville Record, the Novi News, and the South Lyon Herald — especially reporter Steve Kellman and photographer Hal Good who did such a great job putting the story together.
To everyone who read or heard about our son Roger and kept us in their prayers — we are so grateful.
As I write this, Roger is doing very well. His cheeks are rosy — a sight we thought we would never see. We still have a long way to go, but with all of you behind us, we're going to go all the way.
Our unending thanks and love, you will never know how much you have all meant to us.

Eternally grateful
Dave and Kathy Umble
Roger, Nick and Tony, too

Shanty law reviewed by attorney general

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"A lot of older residents were upset. It's difficult to get them on and off," Johnson said.
Banning night use of the shanties also freed some fishers.

"Some of the best fishing is in the evening, particularly walleye and crappies. You can fish without a shanty, but older people who can't stand the cold like to have a windbreak," he said.

State law requires that the owner's name and address be posted on all four sides of an ice fishing shanty and that the structure be removed before the ice becomes unsafe. On Lake St. Clair only, a specific time limit is set for the shanties — they must be off by 90 days in fall or both. The state can also press littering charges which bear a maximum fine of \$400. Novi's rules go several steps

further, requiring that shanties be registered with the city clerk's office, and that they may not be on the ice earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour before sunset.
Local regulation of fishing shanties came in response to complaints from lake area residents, who were tired of pulling abandoned shanties out of Walled Lake each spring.

The DNR agrees with Novi that the submerged structures are dangerous, Johnson said.
The department does ticket shanties. Convicted violators of the state law may pay fines up to \$50 plus court and removal costs, or spend up to 90 days in jail or both. The state can also press littering charges which bear a maximum fine of \$400. Coats of removal may be as high as

thousands of dollars. Johnson said, to pay for divers and boats to haul the shanty to shore.
The only other city in Michigan with a daily removal ordinance is Fenton, he added.
But lake area resident Ed Phelps — an avid ice fisher who voluntarily monitors the shanties on Walled Lake — questions how effective the DNR alone can be in regulating the shanties. "The DNR has 260 enforcement officers for the entire state. You can't have 260 men checking these thousands of lakes. They don't have the manpower to do it. City trying to empower themselves makes sense," he said.

Phelps is married to Sarah Phelps, president of the Lakes Area Residents Association, which actively pushed for the city's first ice fishing ordinance. The earlier ordinance required registration of the shanties but did not mandate daily removal.
He said the family has only heard a few complaints about the new ordinance. "We had more complaints regarding the positive aspects of not seeing the shanties on the ice."

As part of the daily removal program, fishing holes must be marked when the shanty is taken away. Phelps said this has been working well, with many fishers flagging the spot with old Christmas trees.
The new rules have apparently cut down on the number of shanties sprouting on Novi's two-thirds share of Walled Lake. Only three shanty owners registered with the city this year. Approximately six illegal shanties have been pulled off the lake to date by the city's public works department.

hearing after removal to contest the action, as well as its costs.
At the suggestion of planning commission member Harry Avagan, an addition to the proposed ordinance was made.
Avagan wondered how a property owner could fly his or her political colors in the form of a sign, if there simply isn't enough space for a 10-foot setback.
"I would be one, living on the lake... if I go 10 feet, I'd be in the garage," Avagan said.
"I wonder if this doesn't raise a constitutional question in regard to freedom of expression. In order to be compliant, my rights of freedom of expression would be denied."
The commission's suggested revision to the ordinance would allow, in cases of insufficient space, signs closer to the road than 10 feet, provided no traffic hazard ensues.
"A lot of people who are abusing the sign ordinance are not Novi residents. They're running for judgeships in Lansing and congress in Washington," noted planning commissioner John Balagna.

Planners give new rules the high sign

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Vote for the candidate of your choice — but only if his or her political sign is at least 10 feet back from the roadway.
That's the appropriate place for curbside political signs, according to the Novi Planning Commission.

The trick is to balance freedom of expression and the political process with traffic safety and clutter control, some planners say.
But the final word lies with the city council, as Novi wrestles with the revision of an election sign ordinance that some have found cumbersome for amendment as we have had in the past.

"The reason the ordinance is being considered is not hysteria, on the existing ordinance. It's difficult for the candidate to understand the site and placement requirements," City Manager Edward Krawiec said.

During the November elections 1990, large crops of political signs at some corners of the city, particularly at Twelve Mile and Novi roads, and Ten Mile and Novi roads obstructed visibility for

drivers, Krawiec said.
"We have a lot of visual pollution with these political signs... to get it more uniform would be up to the city," he said.
Sarah Phelps, president of the Lakes Area Residents Association told the commission.
Current regulations allow signs in public right-of-ways. The size of the placard — which must be removed within 10 days following an election — is regulated by the zoning category of the land it is placed upon.

The new regulations would alter the existing rules by permitting signs up to six feet square at least 10 feet back from the traveled portion of any road. The removal time may be shortened to five days.

Other changes include prohibiting more than one sign per candidate and per issue on each parcel.
In addition, the current requirement that Novi may not remove an illegal sign until a candidate has been notified five days in advance could be loosened. Instead of advance notification, the sign's owner would have the opportunity for a

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Brutal murder stuns neighbors

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In order to apply for a CCW permit, a person must first have approval of their local police department.

BeGole said he had granted Linnea Roberts the approval on the condition that she complete a firearms training course. He said he had granted Bob Roberts the approval without condition, because he had experience with firearms in the army.

"They were happy with their location and their shop and their customers," BeGole said. "They were just worried about the night deposits."

But the Roberts never followed through with their CCW permit.

"They already had approval and they were already fingerprinted and everything," BeGole said. "All they needed was to appear before the gun board but they never followed through."

BeGole said he felt the Roberts were "fine people."

"I don't approve everyone that comes through," he said. "I felt they were respectable, honest and hard-working people. I'm surprised they didn't follow through on it."

Mike Cullity, a neighbor who lived

next door to the Roberts' Novi home, described them as a "quiet couple."

"Because of the hours they worked, I never had a chance to really get to know them," he said. "I had a chance to meet the wife a few times, and we'd say hello to each other."

"I never saw them out in the yard much or anything," he said. "They worked long hours. I'd come out and get the paper at 5 a.m. and Bob would be leaving for work."

Cullity said he last talked to Bob Roberts the Wednesday before the shooting at a local store where Roberts was buying lottery tickets.

"It was senseless," he said. "So stupid."

A reward for information about the murder is being offered by the owners of a number of businesses surrounding the butcher shop through Comerica Bank. Branch manager Eugene Drabczyk declined to give information about how much had been placed in the reward fund as of Wednesday, but the bank is taking contributions to boost the amount. Those interested in contributing to the fund may send donations to The Roberts and Cantrell Reward Fund, c/o Comerica Bank Detroit, 19810 W. Warren, Detroit, MI 48228.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Appealing assessments

Residents were lined up Monday morning for their appointments with the Novi Board of Review to appeal their property tax assessments. The board will be meeting all week, taking about 65 appeals per day in which the resident will have about seven minutes to make his or her case. Last year, the board considered more than 1,200 appeals. It is yet unclear how many will be filed this year. Although appointments with the board are no longer available, residents may still submit appeals in writing to the board through the end of Friday.

Engler moves to end off-abused OEFs

Gov. John Engler has said he is moving to end abuses of state legislative officeholder expense funds by proposing a set of voluntary restrictions.

Engler said his reforms would ensure greater accountability, more regular reporting and tougher enforcement provisions.

"Our ultimate goal is the elimination of OEFs," said Engler, praising Senate committee action to abolish OEFs.

"Until OEFs are abolished, however, they must be reformed," Engler said.

Engler proposed to:

- Limit the types of expenditures which could be made by these funds to those acceptable under the federal Internal Revenue Code as "business or charitable deductions" — a more restrictive list than that currently afforded by the state administrative

- Mandate that OEFs be managed by a treasurer and chairman who are legally responsible for all receipts, expenditures and reporting on behalf of the fund.

- Mandate regular, periodic public reporting of all fund activity.


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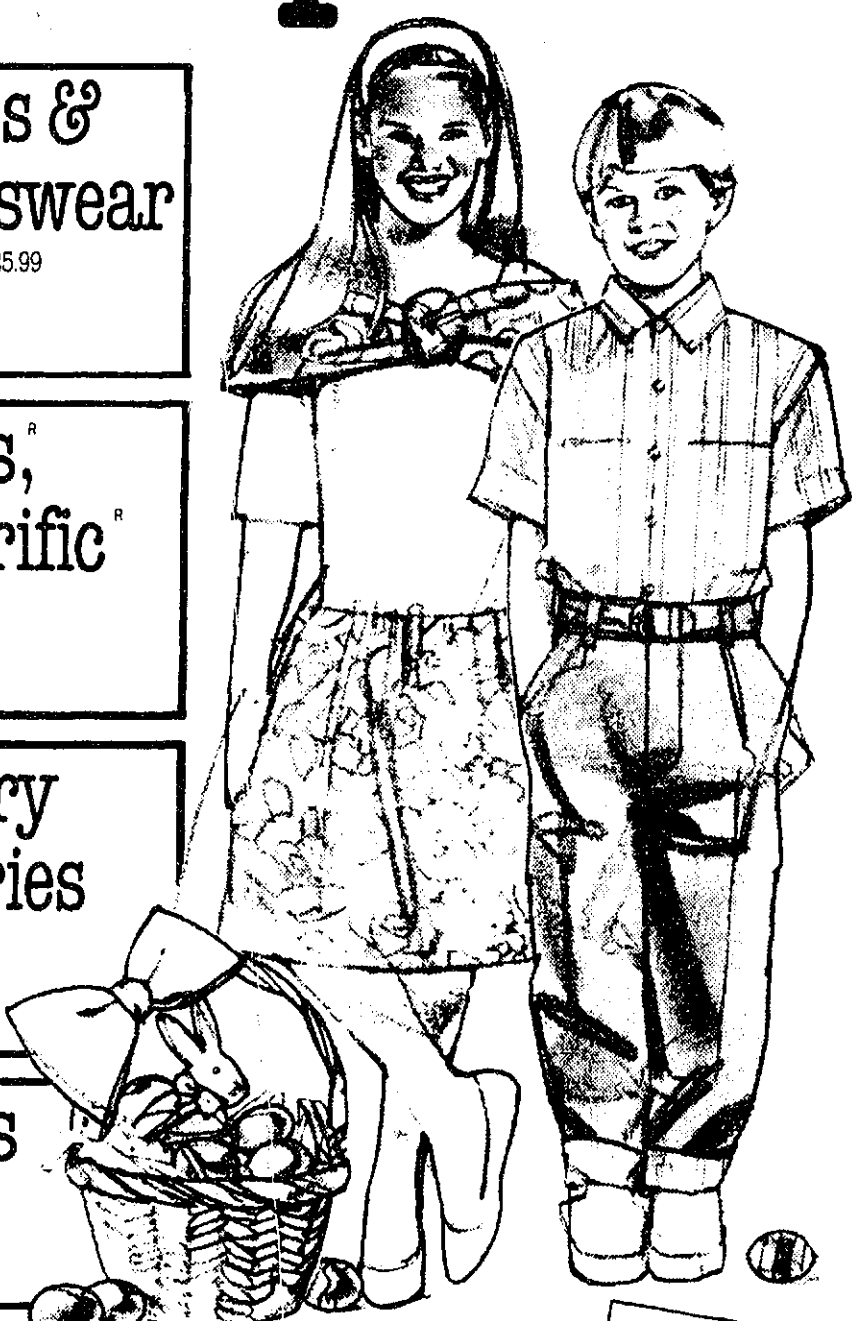
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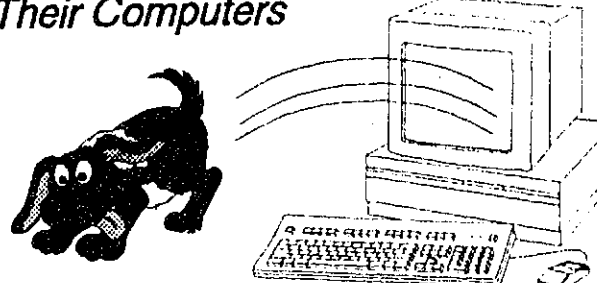
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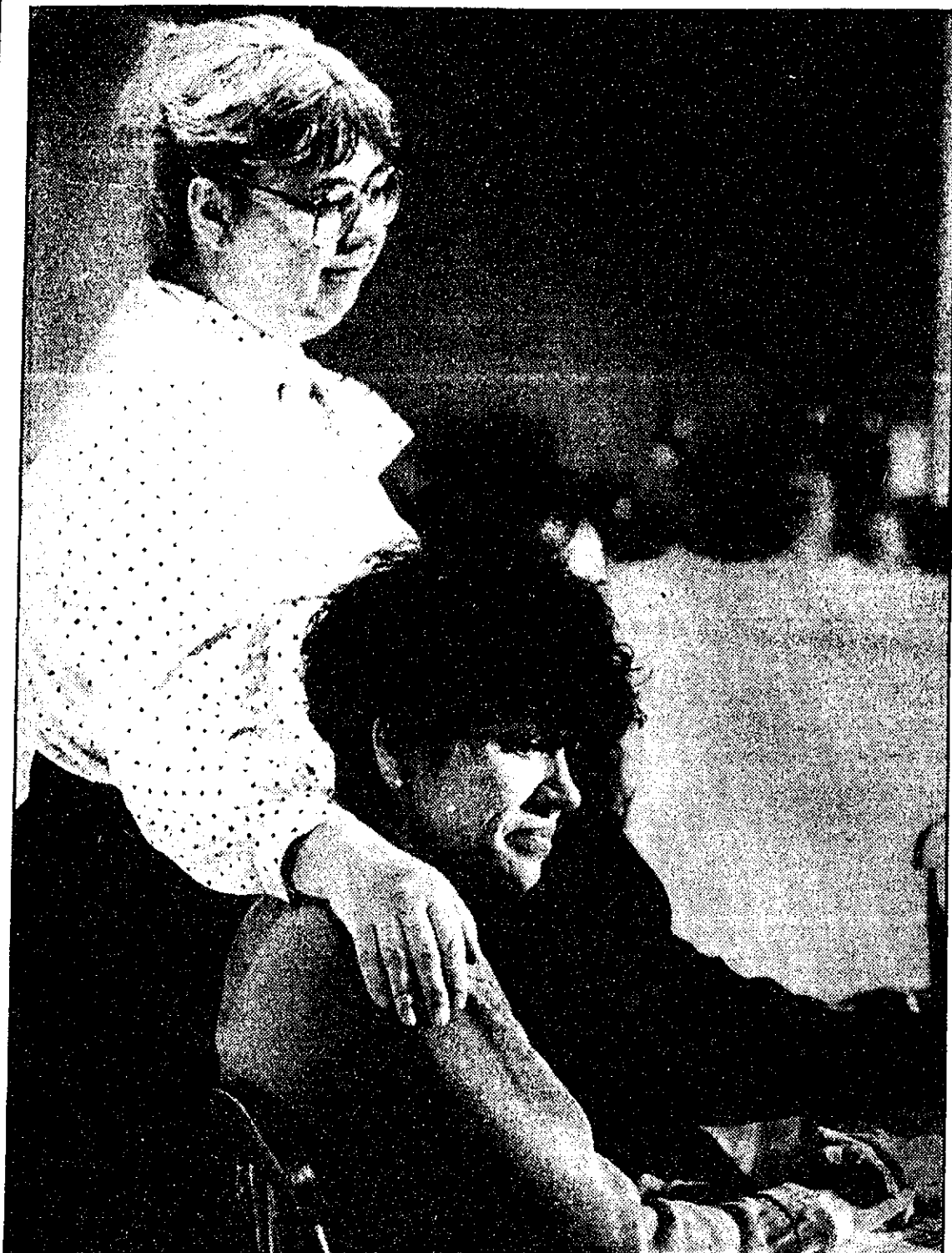
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Susan Collicott (standing) and Roberta Zimber in a scene from the Novi Players production of "Daughters"

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"Charlotte's Web" cast (left to right) David DuChene, Jan Petrous, Jeffrey Weiner, Katie Bondy, George Valenta

THEater

Theater thrives in your backyard

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

The curtain rises. The room darkens. A hush falls over the audience. It's showtime. In this case it's "Charlotte's Web" at the Marquis Theatre, and the audience is a group of elementary school students filled with delight at the prospect of watching a goose and a sheep, a rat, a spider and a pig dance and sing on stage.

And in the role of Fern, Northville's own Katie Bondy is in the wings, waiting to take the stage.

For area actors and actresses, this is their chance to be someone else. It's a chance to get behind a character, a chance to sing and dance, to be a star, or maybe just to ham it up (no pun intended).

For the audience, it's a time to get wrapped up in a story and experience the magic of a live performance.

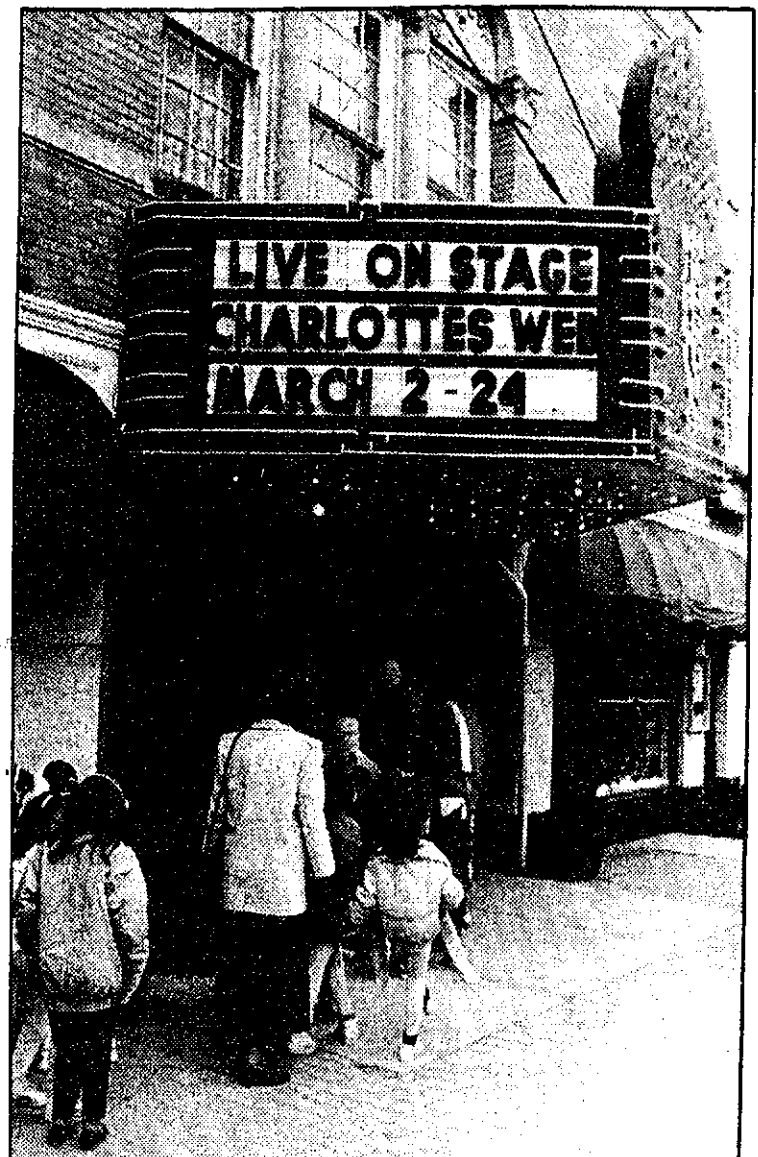
The local area offers plenty of theater, at all levels of skill. It may not be Broadway, but it's fun, just the same.

There are four community theater groups that perform in Novi and Northville, in addition to the Marquis, which employs professionals as well as amateurs.

The Novi Players perform in the Novi Civic Center, and are currently in production with the show "Daughters," running March 16 and 17.

Northville Players is a group that formed about three years ago from a community theater workshop. The group does mostly melodramas and "spoofs." Their most recent performance was "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" in December, and they are currently working on the melodrama "Her Fatal Beauty," due to open in May. The Northville Players are a regular part of Northville's Victorian Festival and usually perform at Mill Race Village.

"We like to use the Mill Race because it's very quaint," said Judy



Kohl, a member of Northville Players. The group has also used the Northville VFW hall and Northville First United Methodist Church for performances.

"We're hoping to find a permanent home."

Kohl, like many community theater participants, is someone who was once involved in high school or col-

lege theater, and later found she had no time for it. Only recently, now that her children are grown, has she found herself back in the spotlight.

"Most of the people in our group got out, then got back in," she said. "Some people make that commitment to get back into it. Others just keep saying, 'Someday I'll do theater again.'"

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Volunteer



LISA ENGLER

She volunteers for her children

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"I like being part of my child's education," said Lisa Engles in justifying the time and effort she puts in for the Northville Co-operative Preschool, which provides a supervised play-learn for currently 65 children ages two to four.

For three years Engles took part in the classroom when her older child, now in kindergarten, was in preschool. Now she is starting all over with her two and a half year old.

This means being helper once or twice a month for her child's teacher, who is a paid employee. The number of helpers at one time, she said, is regulated by state law.

In talking about the two-year-olds program, where she is volunteering now, Engles said, "It isn't terribly structured," and the parents' responsibilities are mainly bringing a snack and doing clean-up.

Also being part of the program means attending monthly membership meetings.

And for Engles there is another monthly meeting because she is member of the twelve-person board. And being a member of the board, she has a special interest: the annual fund-raiser, which is an auction held in November.

"For the last two years," she said, "I have helped organize and run it." Members and area businesses donate items, and a professional auctioneer comes in, donating his services.

Included, too, in her auction responsibility is that of assigning jobs to parents — jobs like doing the books, buying supplies, and cleaning up.

For Lisa Engles, being part of Co-op Preschool is a must because it's making her a part of what's going on in the classroom and it's giving her an opportunity to meet other parents of small children.

Random Sample

Do you enjoy live theatre?

Five said, "YES"
Five said, "NO"

"I like movies better."
"There's nothing like a live play."

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

Graphic by ANGELA PREDHOMME

Novi American Legion members love a parade

By JEANNE CLARK
Special Writer

The American Legion Post 19 has been meeting as part of a parade committee with staff of Novi Parks and Recreation and representatives from the Perry Kenner Post 78 of Amvets. The committee is headed by Dan Davis, Director of Novi Parks and Recreation.

The parade will take place Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m. and will follow the same parade route as last year.

The theme for the parade will be one of support for both the troops now serving in the Persian Gulf and their families back home.

All groups in Novi are welcome to join in, either marching in the parade or decorating cars and other vehicles. All vehicles used for the parade should be safe to carry groups.

The parade, as usual, will start at the Novi Town Center and proceed down Novi Road to the Novi Cemetery. The parade will then head to the Novi Civic Center, where a small ceremony is usually held.

The speaker this year will be Brigadier General Donald Stump of the Michigan Air National Guard. He is the commander of the Michigan Air National Guard and lives in Novi.

The committee is considering having a helicopter and a tank available for public viewing after the parade.

Any group wishing to be a part of the parade should contact Davis at the parks office in the Civic Center.

The American Legion post is also looking for veterans in the area who are eligible to assist with programs, including Aging and Handicapped, Americanism and Community Service, Boys State, Children and Youth.

Novi Highlights

Education and Scholarship, Sons of the American Legion and Student Troopers.

Plans are already being made by the post for attendance at Boys State. Kerrie Bell is coordinating the program. Several groups have already signed up to sponsor attendance of a young person at the program. Those organizations are the City of Novi, Novi Youth Assistance and the Novi Police Officers Association.

Sponsorships for a youth cost \$200 per week. Those interested in sponsoring a youngster should call 476-5684.

Novi Newcomers:
Next general meeting of the Novi Newcomers will be March 21. This is the month members are expected to bring their husbands as guests of honor at the meeting. The group will also be having a potluck dinner.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 this month. That is a change from the usual meeting time. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center.

Following the dinner, the special speaker will be Mr. Chuck East of Coldwell Banker/Schwitzer. Real Estate, who will give advice for home improvements which most increase the market value of homes in the area.

If there are any questions, call Susan Szaloz, Newcomers president, at 348-6692.

Social activities of the group coming up this month will include an evening at Northville Downs. The outing is scheduled for Friday, March 15.

The nominating committee is already hard at work recruiting new officers for the club. The installation banquet will be held in May. Anyone new to the community or who would like to learn more about the group should call 348-6692.

United Methodist Church
Mission Saturation Week programs are finishing up tonight, March 14, at the church when the United Methodist Women have a joint meeting with special Mission Interpreter, the Reverend Sylvia Bouvier, whose background includes work as Chaplain, Coordinating Correctional Chapel.

March 25, and Bunko on March 27. The craft group will be meeting on March 19 to make a seasonal simplified folk art technique including painting of a wooden bunny munching a bunch of carrots.

The Moms and Kids outing group will be visiting the Easter Bunny at the A & W Restaurant on March 15. Kids in attendance will receive a special gift.

Another group is known as Morning Coffee with Kids—a playgroup—and its next meeting is scheduled for March 22. This group meets twice a month.

Needcrafters will meet March 21. Pinochle players will meet March 22. Coming up in April will be a Ladies Night Out at Sheld's Pizza April 11 and 18.

The regular meeting of the club will feature a special guest, Caterer Edward Postoff from Northville, who will present ideas on making edible flowers, called "Garnishes for Spring and Summer Foods."

At the April meeting, the group will be taking nominations for the Outstanding Member of 1990/1991.

The nominating committee is already hard at work recruiting new officers for the club. The installation banquet will be held in May. Anyone new to the community or who would like to learn more about the group should call 348-6692.

March 28 will be Maundy Thursday. At 7:30 p.m. that day, the church will hold the Sacrament of the Last Supper.

On Good Friday, March 29, everyone is invited to the Community Service at the Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook from noon to 1 p.m. On Easter, the church will have a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, led by the youth of the church. Everyone is invited. At 7:45 a.m. there will also be a sunrise breakfast, followed by a special program. At 10:30 a.m., the church will hold a worship celebration. The sermon will be entitled, "Why Did He Leave Again?"

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
A reminder of the annual Maundy Thursday celebrations to be held March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Faith Community Presbyterian Church. The church will be celebrating the Lord's Last Supper Communion in conjunction with the Jewish Seder.

March 28 is the date for the next blood drive for the Novi area, and is headed up by Gerry Stipp, City Clerk, who can be reached at 347-0456 during the day or at 624-2708 evenings and weekends. Stipp is reminding those who are in the "Un Four Gettable" program, which was designed to encourage residents to make a commitment to four blood donations a year, that it's time for another one.

Donations can be made by appointment or by "drop-ins." There will be other drives throughout the year to assist those who have made a commitment to four donations per year.

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Novi Pin Pointers
Hi Bowlers included Rosemary Banish of the Never A Doubt team with 195 in a 545 series, Jean Pilon of the Lookin' Good Team with 184, Barb Dettore of the Band Team with 195, Dyna Martin of the M and M with 180, Minnie Legal of the Eager Beavers with 178, Shirley Struzik of the Hi-Los with 177, Barb Walling of the Bowling Bags with 177, Shirley Downing of the Lookin' Good with 170, Tracey Dettore of the B and L with 182, Colleen Smith of the Bowling Bags with 178 and Marilyn Vallancourt of the Never A Doubt team with 170. Standings are as follows:

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Kathe Koja comes to Borders

Local writer Kathe Koja will sign copies of her debut novel, "The Cipher," at Borders Book Shop in Novi Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Koja's novel is the first to be published under the imprint of Alyssa, a new line of cutting-edge horror fiction published by Dell.

In "The Cipher," Koja describes the dead-end life of a failed poet named Nicholas who, with his girlfriend Nakota, begins to experiment with a mysterious black hole they discover in his apartment. Objects inserted in the hole come out drastically altered if at all; one day, Nicholas himself is

altered in a fall near this "Furnhole." Dell chose "The Cipher" as the definitive first title in its Alyssa line, designed to showcase a new breed of literate, contemporary horror.

Koja, an Oak Park resident, has been writing fiction most of her life. Her short stories have appeared in *Isaac Asimov's SF Magazine*, *Pulp*, *House*, and *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, among others. Two more novels by Koja are planned for release in 1992 and 1993.

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Engagements

Karen Sue Kriewall/Joseph Gary Lack

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Kriewall of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Sue to Joseph Gary Lack, son of Mrs. Kathleen Lack and the late Mr. Joseph Lack.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Novi High School, Oakland Community College, and is currently enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an assistant property manager for a development company in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a supervisor at United Parcel Service.

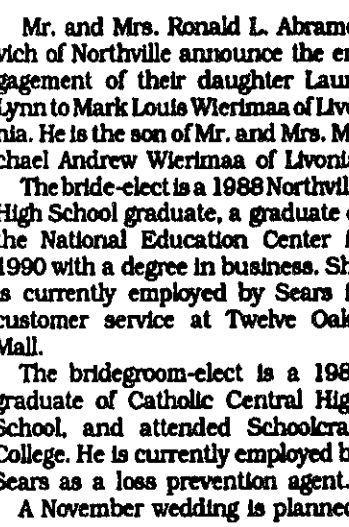
A May wedding is planned.



Laura Lynn Abramovich/Mark Louis Wierimaa

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Abramovich of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Laura Lynn to Mark Louis Wierimaa of Livonia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Andrew Wierimaa of Livonia. The bride-elect is a 1988 Northville High School graduate, a graduate of the National Education Center in 1990 with a degree in business. She is currently employed by Sears in customer service at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The bridegroom-elect is a 1986 graduate of Catholic Central High School and attended Schoolcraft College. He is currently employed by Sears as a loss prevention agent. A November wedding is planned.



Author Lucy Taylor was the featured speaker at the recent Friends of the Novi Library luncheon.

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Taylor signs books

Lucy Taylor, author of the novel "Avenue of Dreams," was the featured speaker March 5 at the Novi Friends of the Library luncheon held at the Novi Civic Center.

A Utica resident, Taylor has written the saga of an Italian immigrant family in Detroit against a backdrop of the fledgling auto industry. "Avenue of Dreams" encompasses the depression, the early days of the United Auto Workers, and the impact of World War II on Detroit.

Herself the daughter of Italian immigrants, Taylor began her writing career 10 years ago after raising eight children. She is a native Detroiters who recently retired after 21 years as a secretary with Warren Consolidated Schools.

Town Hall set for March 21

The 1990-91 Town Hall series picks up again March 21 with 1988 Miss America Kaye Lani Raye Raiko at the Plymouth Radisson. Coordinators of the event must turn in an accurate count of guests one week before the event, so no refunds will be made after that date.

In addition to a presentation by Raiko, the 1991-92 series speakers will be announced at the March 21 speech. Tickets for the 1991-92 series will be on sale at the April Town Hall.

Raiko will speak at 11 a.m. The luncheon will follow immediately after.

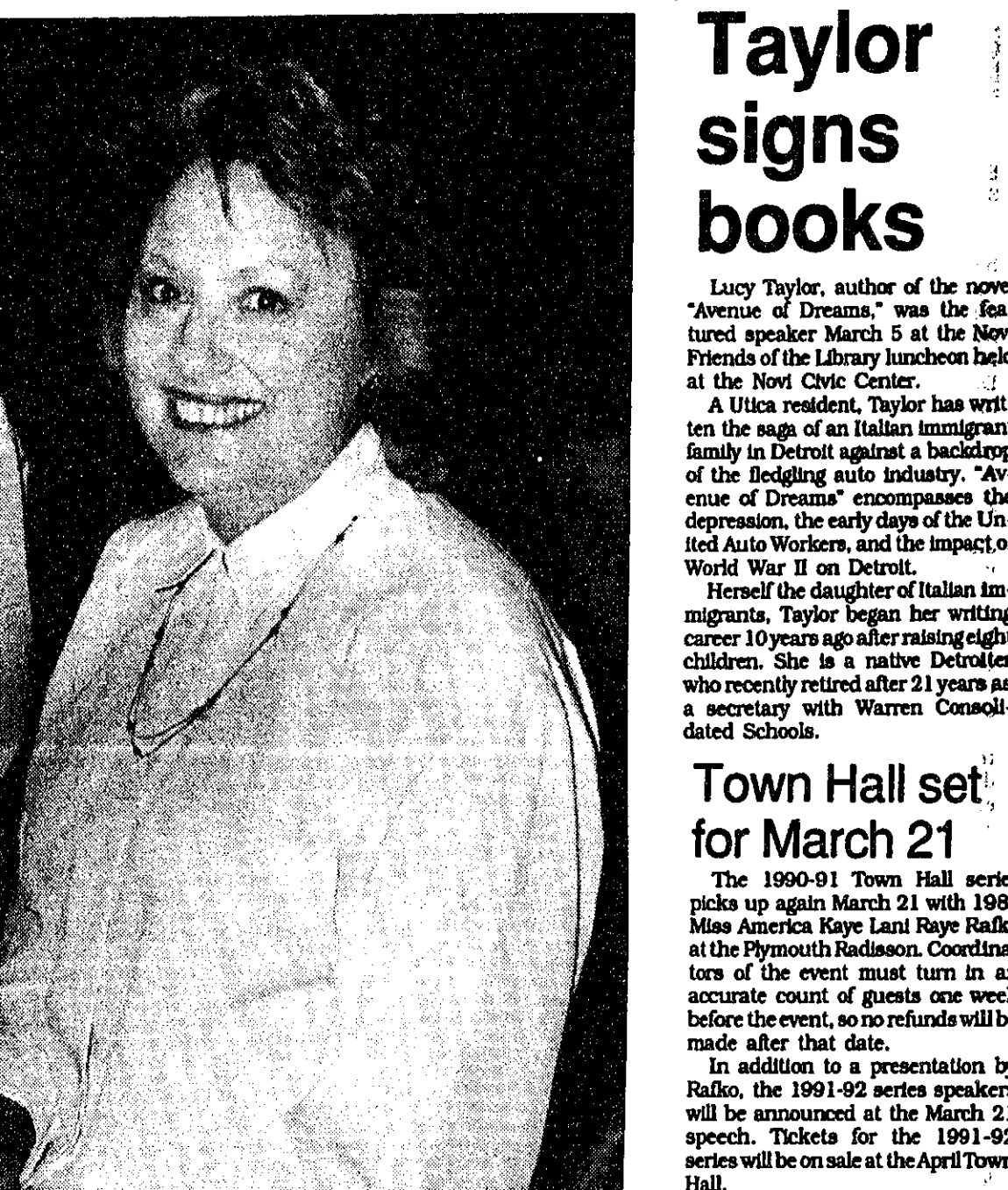


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Wedding



Leah Wilenius/Roger L. Boyd

Leah Wilenius of Novi became the bride of Roger L. Boyd of Milford on March 11. She is the daughter of Leah Wilenius and Jacqueline Wilenius of Southgate. The wedding party included the double ring service of The Links at Pinewood in Dearborn.

Best man to Roger was Tom Newcomb of Ferndale. The best man to Leah was David Wilenius of Atlanta, who was ringbearer. Ushers included Jim Wilenius of Atlanta, Steve Creedon of Farmington Hills and Brad Baker of Clarkston.

A reception for 87 guests was held at The Links at Pinewood following the ceremony. The bride is the owner of Lasting Impressions, a hair salon in Milford. The groom is head golf pro and manager at Harland Glen Golf Course.

Live theater thrives

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"She enjoys it, she said, because 'it just kind of gives you an outlet to be someone you're not.'"

Theatre Street Players is a new theater group that formed in February in conjunction with Nova Performing Arts Academy. The group is currently working on a one-act festival consisting of "The Lottery" and "Who Calls?" The production, set to open in early May, will be the first for the group, which hopes to focus on musicals in the future.

Linda Wickert, organizer of Theatre Street Players, has been teaching and directing theater since 1972. She said one of the aspects of community theater she enjoys is the feeling of everyone pulling together to create something.

"I think what happens in theater even when you're just being in the chorus or pulling the curtain — you're creating something. You have someone else's words and you are taking those words and breathing life into them."

"You are creating another living, breathing person. And you are totally in control of what you are creating," Wickert said she likes the fact that everyone who is a part of a play is doing something important in creating the show.

"What every person does is important," she said. "One voice director I know always stands his performers in a circle for warm-up exercises because nobody's at the head. This is our performance, our rehearsal."

The Plymouth Theatre Guild, in spite of its name, performs in Northville at the Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The group just closed a production of "Crimes of the Heart" and is now working on "The Princess and the Pea," set to open May 3.

Karen Groves, who has the lead role in "Princess and the Pea," said she works hard to create another character.

"I put myself through a lot when I'm on stage," she said.

But she echoed the sentiments of many other community theater members. What she does is fun.

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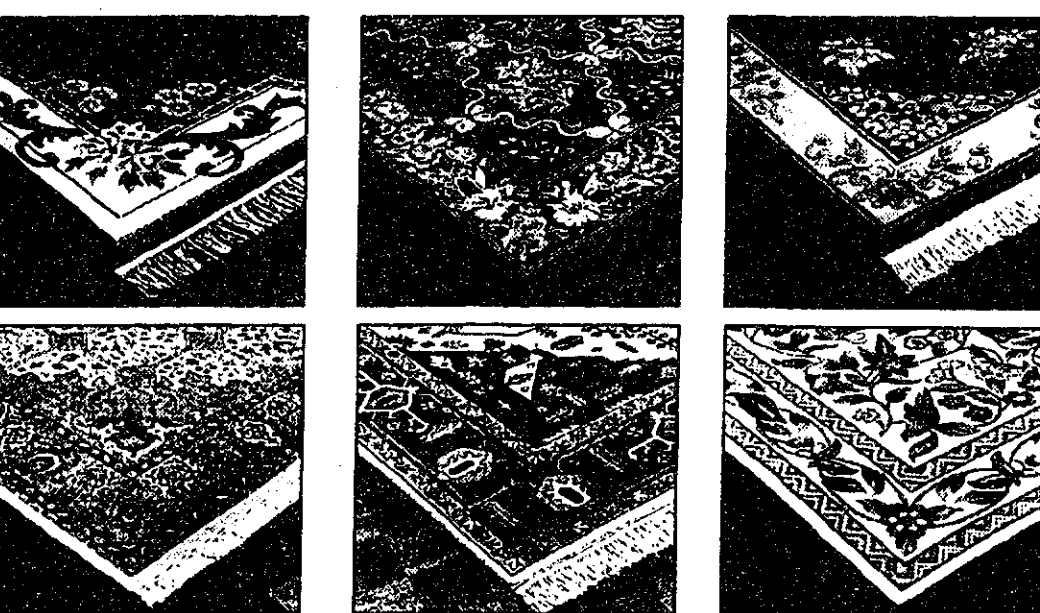
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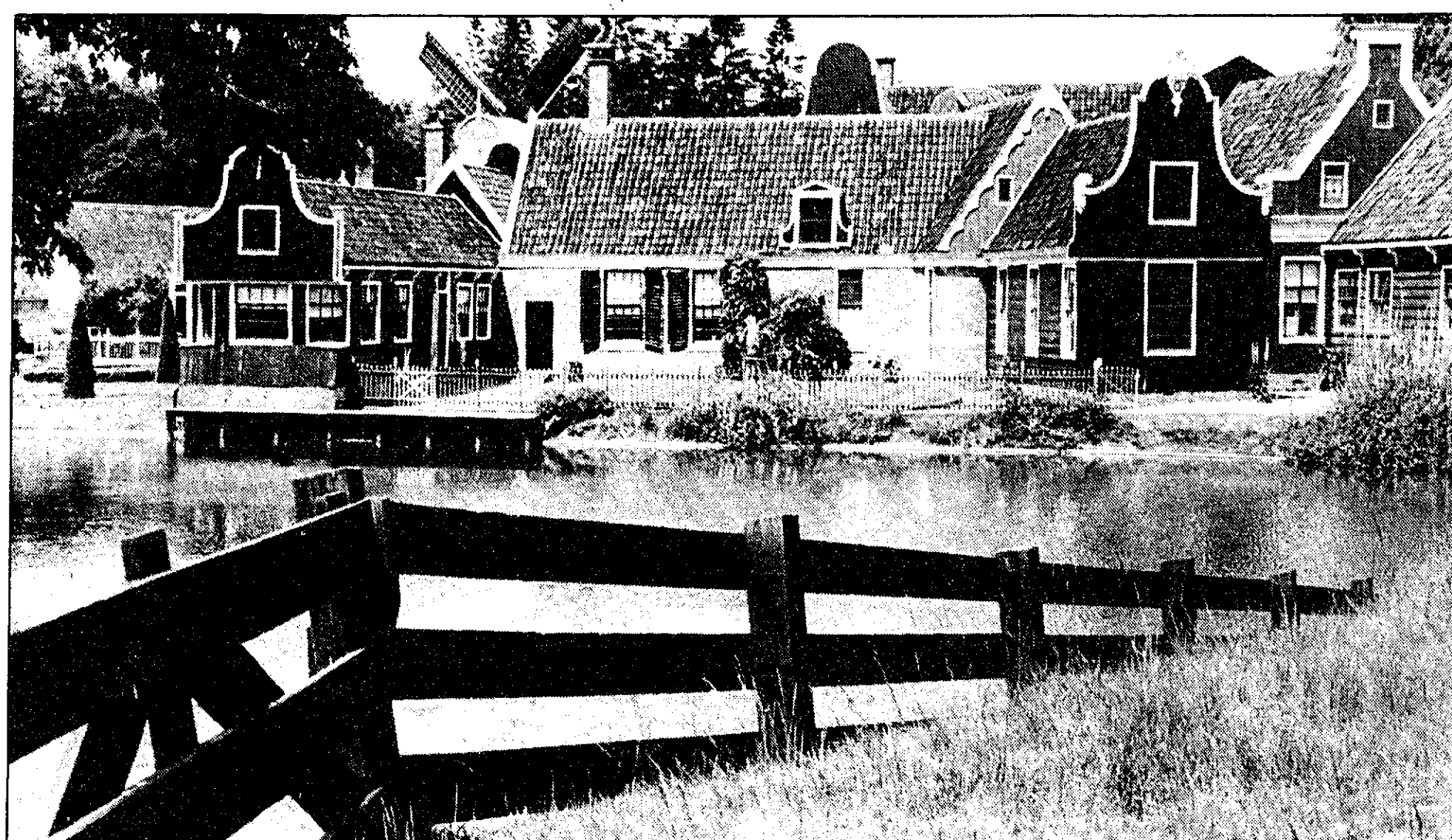
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Travel



The Netherlands Open-Air Museum, built near Arnhem in 1912, is the Greenfield Village of Holland

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Gelderland: A Dutch treat for tourists

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES
Travel Writer

The people of Apeldoorn were outraged when the government stripped the white stucco from Het Loo and returned "their palace" to its 17th century splendor, but William and Mary would have been delighted.

Het Loo, which means "open space in the woods" looks now exactly as it did when William of Orange built it as a hunting lodge in 1685.

The royal woods are still there too, full of red deer and wild boar, but the woods do have several touches of the 20th century. The extravagant hunting lodge built by a Mr. and Mrs. Kroll-Muller in 1920 is still there.

The stunning Kroll-Muller art museum and sculpture garden is a national treasure. And Netherlands regularly walk or bike the network of paths through the country's largest nature preserve. Sometimes they use the "white bikes" available in the National Park de Hoge Veluwe for their free use.

Het Loo and Apeldoorn are at the north end of the national park. The 17th century also has been restored at the south end, near Arnhem, where community-minded Gelderland established an open-air museum to preserve the 17th and 18th century traditions disappearing from Dutch life.

I call the Netherlands Open-Air Museum the Greenfield Village of Holland, although it was built in 1912, long before Henry Ford built Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

The site of all this old and new Dutch life is the province of Gelderland, specifically the area known as the Veluwe. Put your finger in the dead center of the Netherlands, two hours east of Amsterdam, where the map sports a large green and purple splotch. Those colors stand for the woodlands and heather-covered heath of the Veluwe.

Veluwe means "poor soil." Science says that land-ice pushed mounds of sand across Gelderland, but I prefer the Dutch version — giants dumped sand out of their clogs while walking through.

The Veluwe has been known for its woodlands and sheep-pasturing health for centuries. The area was described by a 17th century Englishman as "one of the best hunting countries in ye World but good for little else."

It's not hunting that attracts most people. The Dutch go to bike, jog and play in the royal woods; to tour the palaces, museums and other attractions, such as the Apeneul, an innovative ape sanctuary in Apeldoorn. They also go to frolic on the grand sand beaches left around inland lakes when the Dutch turned sea into

land beside the old Zuider Zee. The Dutch didn't invent dikes, but they may be the only people in the world who can create a new province out of the sea.

"Gelderland is one of 11 — pardon me, 12 — provinces of the Netherlands. It's hard to keep track."

That was Gennie Sobikowak, pronounced "coney" with a guttural "c." North and South Holland are two of the 12 provinces, which is why the Netherlands are often nicknamed Holland.

Gennie was walking with us through the Netherlands Open-Air Museum, a pleasant and informative way to explore the life of all the Dutch regions. We walked across wooden bridges, down gabled streets, into the kind of sod farmhouse where Vincent Van Gogh was born, through the paper mill and were on our way to lunch when I stopped dead in my tracks.

There was a windmill exactly like De Zwaan, which stands on Windmill Island in Holland, Michigan. No surprise to the well-informed. The Reverend Albertus van Raalte left Arnhem in 1846 to establish Holland, Michigan.

Arnhem was still a medieval city then, but it's a modern city now, thanks to the destruction wrought during World War II. If you saw the movie "A Bridge Too Far," you saw the

Battle of Arnhem. Many refugees spent 100 days in the relative sanctuary of the open-air museum during the war.

The museum shows how ordinary people lived while the royal family was retreating over the centuries to the Het Loo Palace in Apeldoorn, 27 kilometers north. If the kings called William confuse you, this William of Orange married Mary Stuart and became King of England; he planted the prestantins in Ireland; it was this William and Mary they named the college after in Williamsburg, Virginia.

One William succeeded another until Napoleon changed the map of Europe and planted his son Louis on the Dutch throne. Louis only hunted at Het Loo Palace for four years, but he made a lot of changes, including plastering the red brick palace with a stylish white.

When he left, the Dutch reinstated the monarchy, who used to Lou until Queen Wilhemena, who abdicated in 1948, died in 1962; the royal family gave the estate to the government. It took years, and millions of dollars, to restore the palace and grounds, but there it is in all its splendor.

The palace includes a three-story main building, the wing where they kept the royal horses and now show the royal carriages, and the sculptured formal gardens. The royal family uses a smaller palace next door for

vacations. Princess Margriet, who was born in Canada during World War II, lives with her family in a modern house beyond the grounds.

The royal hunting grounds — 25,000 acres around Apeldoorn — are also open to the public. You can follow gamekeepers down wildlife trails to observation huts or just wander or bike at your leisure. The national government has preserved all of these woodlands, so you will also find Park Berg en Bos at the edge of town, with its lakes and woods. A highlight is the Apeneul, where 250 apes roam free in an innovative zoo setting.

If you have already seen the streets of Amsterdam, this small stretch of Gelderland is a wonderful way to spend a few days exploring lesser-known attractions, as well as biking or walking off some of those pounds you've gained touring Europe.

"Geneva is a truly international city, especially the old town, with its well-preserved medieval charm. A musical carousel provides a big thrill for small children."

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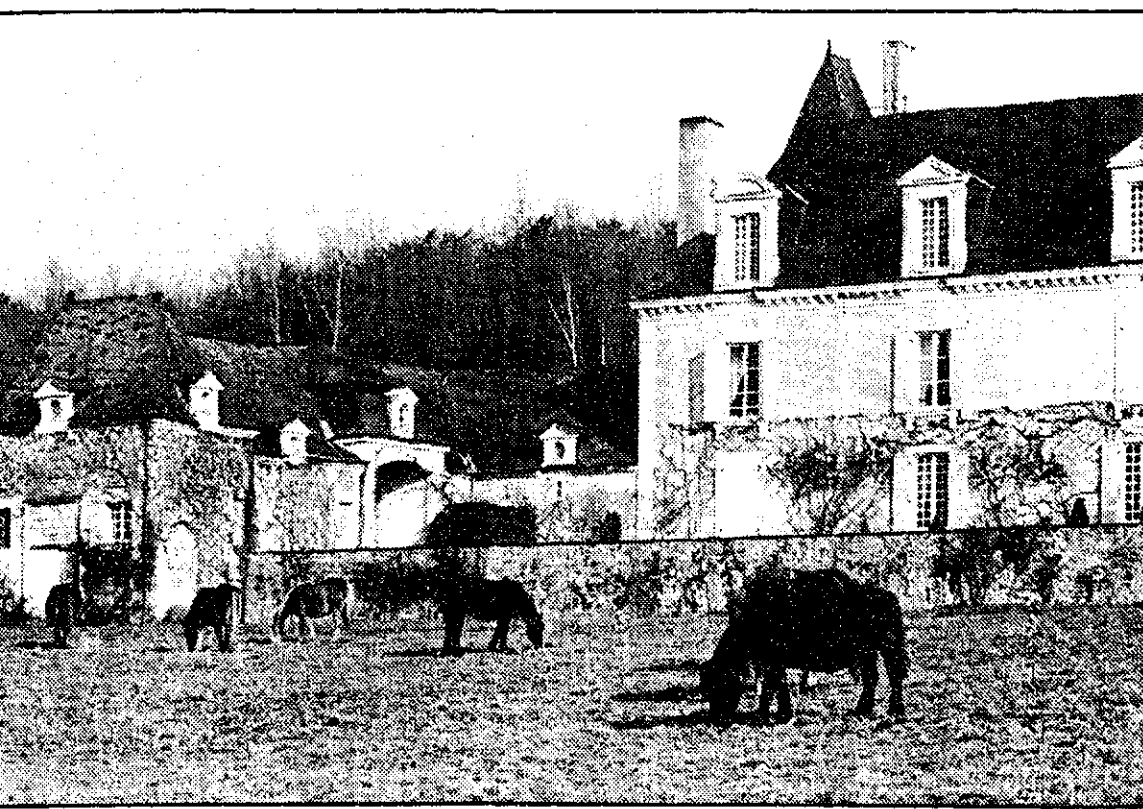
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By IRIS SANDERSON JONES
Travel Writer

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If you just want a room, and you are not inclined to mortgage your house to get it, read on.

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Portuguese National Tourist Office, 548 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10036, (212) 354-4403.

A hotel association called Relais et Chateaux will connect you with excellent, if somewhat high-priced, castle hotels in Europe, mostly in France. You can get information by calling David Mitchell and Co. in New York, toll free at (800) 372-1323. A

copy of the hotel guide will cost you \$5.

The most popular castle accommodations in Great Britain are in Scotland, just across the border from England. For information on England, Scotland or Northern Ireland, contact the British Tourist Authority, 625 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, telephone (312) 787-0490.

You will find a few castles and a lot of large manor houses in Ireland, north and south. For the Republic of Ireland, contact the Irish Tourist Board, 757 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, telephone (212) 418-0800.

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Baseball fans love those hens

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Between the firing of broadcaster Eric Harwell and the anti-Tiger Stadium beatings of Tigers owner Tom Monaghan, there are all sorts of calls going out to boycott the Tigers in 1991.

That makes good sense if you're the type who likes to vote with his feet. You send a message to the management about just how unpopular they are — especially in the case of Tom Monaghan, who right now seems about as popular as typhoid fever.

There's just one problem: what if you're hooked on baseball? What if you can't live without hearing the live crack of a clean base hit? Welling down stadium hot dogs? The roar of the crowd? The singing of our national anthem? "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" being played for the grounds crew?

What's a baseball fan to do? How about going to a Toledo Mud Hens game? Yes, the baseball team that Cpl. Max Klinger of the old "M*A*S*H" series made famous, plays 144 games a year just an hour's drive away. And there's good news for the Mud Hens.

"We're going to have a good team this year," said Joe Napoli, Hens' director of marketing and public relations.

The Mud Hens are the minor league AAA affiliate of the Tigers, which means the level of competition is just one notch below the major leagues. They've been part of the "T" farm system since 1987 (and also from 1967-73), but at various times in their history, the Hens have been associated with the Twins, Indians, Phillies and Yankees.

Their history is steeped in tradition. Baseball has been played in Toledo since 1883 — with the exception of a 10-year gap from 1956-65. The team has been known as the Mud Hens since the turn of the century, named for a bird better known



Kids love the Toledo Mud Hens mascot

as the American Coot. This chicken-like slate-gray bird has an ivory white duck's bill, and allegedly made its home in the muddy swamps around Toledo.

Today you'd be hard-pressed to find one in the area, but they're more often heard than seen. A bird-watcher's text says that "in its incessant fighting, splashes water noisily," in addition to an "infinite variety of cackles, groans, grunts, whistles and bleats."

Hall of Famers like Addie Joss, Bill

minor league ball is that when you come out here, it's like one big party," said Napoli.

It's not unusual, he said, to have a drawing for a bale of hay, a 50-pound watermelon or a live rabbit. Scoreboard sing-alongs are a popular staple. There will also be visits from the Famous (formerly San Diego) Chicken and the Phillie Phanatic. Those two will likely talk shop with Toledo's own mascot, Muddy the Mud Hen.

And like the big club, the Hens will have giveaways of helmets, hats and other Mud Hen paraphernalia. On Singles Saturday, one section of the grandstand will be set aside for singles, with men being sold old-numbered tickets, and women receiving the even numbers.

There's optimism on the field too, since the Tigers are likely to send down at least two good, young pitchers for one more year of seasoning in AAA ball. In addition, the team has a number of players with a winning history.

"Joe Sparks is our new manager," said Napoli. "In 16 years managing in the minor leagues, he has eight championships. And 14 of the 16 teams he's managed have finished first, second or third."

Ironically, one of his teams that didn't finish in the top three was the 1974 Mud Hens. Jim Weber, long-time Hens' radio play-by-play man, said the club was an Indians' affiliate that year.

"The Indians had the worst minor league system in baseball at the time," said Weber.

Napoli added, "Joe Sparks feels he owes something to Toledo. He wants to give them a winning ballclub."

Ned Skeldon Stadium is located in suburban Maumee, Ohio. Take I-275 south to I-75 about 65 miles to the State Road 25 (Anthony Wayne Trail) exit (201A). Take Anthony Wayne south to Key Street and turn right into the stadium. Tickets are \$5 for box seats, \$4 for reserved, and \$3 for general admission.

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Cagers make quick exit from state tourney

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

When you dedicate 11 months to achieving a single goal and you succeed, it's very difficult to immediately move on to another.

With the school's first Kennington Valley Conference basketball title drive successfully completed, the Novi basketballers had to switch gears and set new goals for the MHSAA state playoffs. The Wildcats entered the tournament with a 17-3 record and a nine-game winning streak (both school records). But with just one week to prepare, Novi failed to play the kind of ball that resulted in a perfect 12-0 conference mark.

Despite a furious late-game comeback, the host 'Cats fell to Plymouth Canton (13-8) in the first round of district play, 61-57, putting a premature end to program's most successful season.

"For 11 months we were working on one goal: to win the KVC, and we succeeded," Novi Coach Bob Shoemaker explained. "Then, we ask the kids to get pumped up for a new goal and we had only a week to prepare for it. That's very tough to do unless you are a tremendously talented team that is used to winning in the state tournament. We aren't either."

The Wildcats stayed with Canton in the first quarter, thanks to the play of senior forward Jeff Schram. He scored six points in the first eight minutes to knot the score at 10-10, but in the second quarter, the Chiefs held Novi to seven points and opened a 24-17 halftime advantage.

"We played pretty good defense, but we looked bad on offense," Shoemaker said. "We weren't in sync and came out very sluggish. It's hard to explain but a first round game in the districts was kind of a letdown after winning the KVC."

In the third, 6-foot-8 center Aaron Federspiel scored seven of his

nine points, but the Wildcats fell further behind (43-32). Novi trailed by as much as 13 in the fourth, but cut the margin to three midway through the quarter following four straight Canton turnovers.

"When Federspiel, Schram and Rolfe fouled out, that derailed our front line, so we went into a man-to-man full-court pressure in the fourth and it caused (Canton) some trouble," Shoemaker explained. "We play very aggressive and we do commit a lot of fouls, but in this game we just seemed a step slow."

Trailing by six with 1:48 remaining, designated shooter Mike Sumerton hit a three pointer, was fouled, and completed the four-point possession.

"Sumerton's been doing it for us all year," Shoemaker said. "He's made 42 three-pointers this season and that's quite an achievement for a guy that doesn't start."

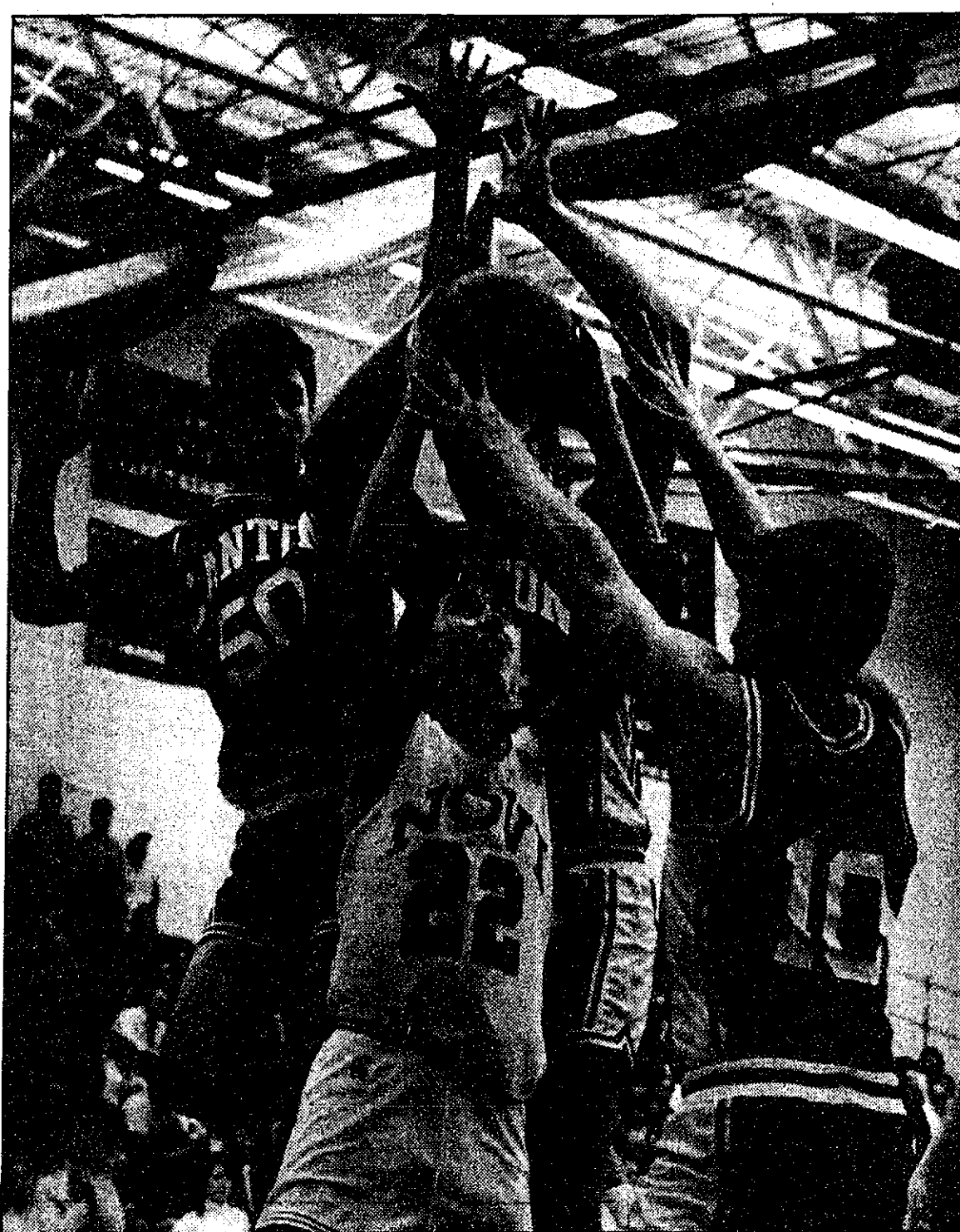
With a chance to go ahead, point guard Doug Soper missed two free throws with nine seconds left and Canton's Derrick McDonald secured the winning margin at the free throw line with six seconds remaining.

"At the end of the game, we had four guards out on the floor because of our foul trouble," Shoemaker said, "but I don't want to take anything away from Canton."

Soper led all scorers with 15 points, while Sumerton and Jason Walker chipped in with 10 apiece. Brett Howell paced Canton with 14. The big difference in the game came at the free throw line, where the Chiefs earned 26-of-41 for the game including 13-of-50 in the fourth quarter, while Novi hit just 12-of-21.

"Getting knocked out early in the state tournament doesn't take anything away from our KVC title and the great year we've had," Shoemaker pointed out.

Novi finishes the season 17-4 overall.



Novi's Mike Kramer (22) finds himself under the basket and surrounded by Plymouth Canton defenders



Aaron Federspiel shoots

Novi Players present 'Daughters'

The Novi Players will present "Daughters," a comedy/drama about the stormy lives of four generations of women in an Italian family, March 8, 9, and 16 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors. Shows are at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Charlotte's Web: Northville's historic Marquis Theatre presents "Charlotte's Web," the classic story by E.B. White of a young girl named Fern, her pet pig, Wilbur, and a spider named Charlotte who saves Wilbur's life.

Saturday performances are March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday performances are March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all shows are \$5 each, \$1 for groups.

Advance tickets are available from the Marquis Store, located at 135 E. Main St. in Northville, or by telephone with Visa or MasterCard. Tickets also available at the door. Reserved seating for 20 more. Children under 3 years old not admitted. For more information, please call 349-8110.

Verdi Opera: Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in Northville announces the touring 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. "Toni and I have been wanting to do some-

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thing 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 explained. "We will help them appreciate opera, even for our guests 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 theater. Performances are every Friday night at 7:30, and include the seven-course dinner. Reservations are required.

The "Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre" night, including the dinner and a glass of wine, costs \$25 per person (including tax and tip). Tickets are 349-0522 for further information or reservations, which are required.

Auditions: The Novi Players are looking for three women age 30-60 and three men age 30-60 for the comedy "Social Security." Auditions will be held at 8 p.m. March 18 and 20 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. For more

information call 455-3084 evenings.

Tevye Comes to Canton: March 15, 16, 22 and 23—8 p.m. Fiddler on the Roof presented by the Plymouth Park Players (Plymouth-Salem-Canton High Schools), Plymouth Salem High Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets: \$5.50 reserved, \$4.50 general admission. For ticket information call 459-3518.

"T.L." at Novi High: Tracey Lynne to perform at Novi High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 17, at 6 p.m. This is a show for all her fans and friends before she moves to Nashville. Tickets are \$7.50 or \$30 for a party of five.

On stage, Tracey Lynne captivates an audience with a voice that allows them to hear every word to the fullest. This talented performer hails from New Hudson, and has become one of Michigan's top entertainers.

This versatile entertainer has written original songs. Tracey Lynne, a singer of all songs, she also sings oldies and gospel. Tracey Lynne has been heard all over Michigan and Ohio performing on TV's "You Can Be a Star" in Nashville, the Nashville Palace, and other Music City night spots. Tracey Lynne has opened for Kitty Wells, Ray Charles, Edie, Steve Wariner, Jim Ed Brown, Bill Anderson and others.

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Ladycat spikers making strides

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

Has the Novi volleyball program finally turned the corner? Can a program mired in defeat and disappointment since the mid-1980s finally become a legitimate winner?

If the Ladycat program can continue the kind of progress it made in the past year, the answer is probably yes to both questions.

Novi volleyball became competitive in the 1990-91 season, and coach Amy Wagner hopes to build on that and turn the Wildcats into more than just competitive in the near future.

The team's record isn't outstanding (6-12 overall, 4-8 in the Kennington Valley Conference), but it was a great improvement from the year before and was — believe it or not — the best the 'Cats have mustered since 1984. Heading into the season, Novi had a pathetic 12-98 dual meet record dating back to the 85-86 season.

"We are more competitive and have more of a desire to win," Wagner said. "This year, we fought back, even when we were down, and that's something we haven't done in the past."

This season's six victories were just one more than in the 88-89 campaign, but the current Wildcats scored more than twice as many points in KVC matches than the squad of two years ago (345-171).

"That shows me that we are definitely improving, especially against teams in our conference," Wagner said. "We are playing much better volleyball than at any time since I've been the coach."

The 'Cats placed fifth in the seven-team KVC, which was light year's ahead of last season's last place effort (1-11 record). As a matter of fact, Novi took every KVC opponent to at least three games during the season.

"We played a lot of three game matches, and we lost our share, but we are getting better," Wagner admitted. "Now we need to work on winning those on a consistent

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Amy Wagner
Novi Coach

ence and that made a big difference. You just can't teach a kid to be competitive and I think every year our kids want to win a little more."

Novi's top individual performers included seniors Jennifer Fornwald and Stephanie Toltsdorf, and junior Dianne Bassett. Fornwald, an outside hitter, was the team's top all-around player who has always been an excellent server and has developed into a fine hitter.

"It's been a pleasure to coach Jennifer for three years," Wagner said.

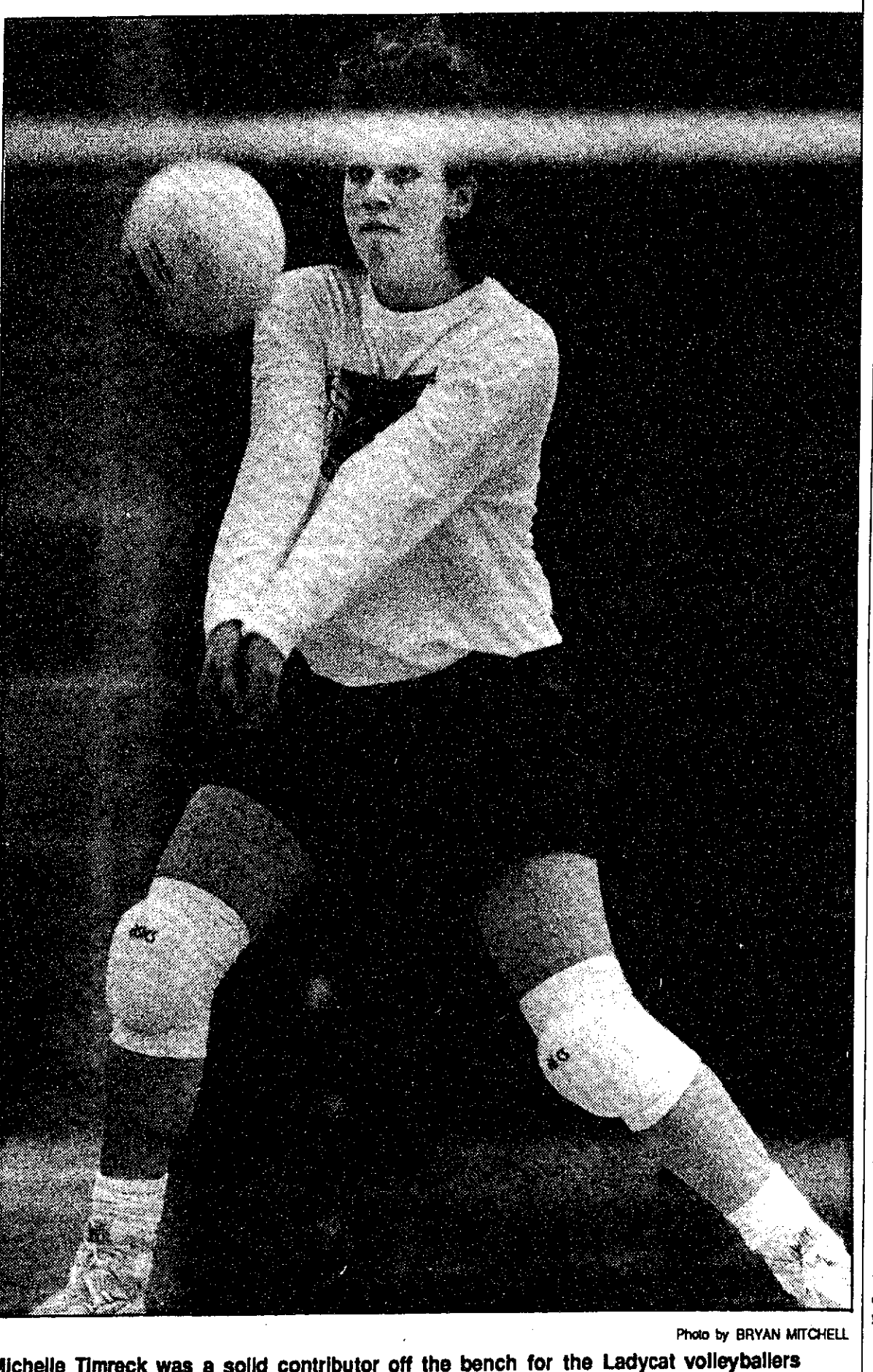
Toltsdorf is an aggressive middle hitter who was a stabilizing factor for the 'Cats, while Bassett is the star of the future. The 6-foot-1 middle hitter led the team in hits (93) and kills (30) and has the potential to someday play collegiately. She was voted the Mustangs' most improved performer this season.

Other key contributors included setter Dede Kotrych (Sr.) and hitter Christy D'Agostino (Sr.). Kotrych was a three-year starter and D'Agostino was the recipient of the team Leadership Award.

"This was the kind of year we can build one," Wagner said. "The highlight of the season came when the Wildcats advanced to the district finals before falling to powerful Livonia Stevenson."

"We beat Plymouth Salem in the semifinals and they beat Northville in the first round," Wagner explained. "That made the girls feel good because we lost to Northville in straight games back in mid-December."

"It's that type of thing that shows the girls that we are improving."



Michelle Timreck was a solid contributor off the bench for the Ladycat volleyballers

Tankers are 23rd at state

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

The 1991 MHSAA Class A Swimming Championships went very much like a good movie — it certainly went according to the script and the performances were outstanding.

As expected, top-ranked Bloomfield Hills Andover won the team title convincingly, and eighth-ranked Northville placed eighth overall in the field of 42.

As for Novi, the Wildcats placed 23rd overall and all 13 points came from junior standout Derek Speerscheider — which wasn't a surprise either.

Speerscheider carried the entire load of the scoring for the Wildcats with a sixth place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (53.96) and a ninth place finish in the 200 IM (1:58.02).

A sellout crowd of 1,500 was on hand March 9 at the Don Canham Natatorium in Ann Arbor for the competition.

"Placing 23rd doesn't concern me because the state meet is not really a team event," Novi Coach Kevin Lane said. "We only had five kids qualified, and 10 of our 12 performances were career-bests. We had an excellent meet."

Speerscheider notched a time of 53.6 in the preliminaries of the backstroke competition to get into the finals (top-six). That assured him of All-State status.

"His goal was to be under 55 seconds, so it was just about a perfect swim in the prelims," Lane said. "We were hoping he could be All State, but we didn't think it would take that fast of a swim to do it."

Speerscheider's 1:56.3 time in the prelims of the 200 IM was a six second drop from his previous best.

"His goal was to be under two minutes, so he had an incredible performance," Lane explained. "I think the 200 IM was the toughest event of the meet. In any other year, Derek would have been in the top six."

The 'Cats did not score any other

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SCOREBOARD

'Skins take district title

If a screenplay were written for the Millard basketball team's postseason play this year, it might easily be titled, "How to lull your opponent into thinking they can hang with you for about three quarters before moving in for the kill."

For the second time in a many district tournament games, the Redskins seemed to take a page out of the Detroit Pistons' book of comebacks Wednesday against the Pinckney Pirates in a 60-47 victory.

In the first quarter, the Pirates dominated the play as they jumped out to a 7-3 lead in the first five minutes over the Kensington Valley Conference runner-up.

The Redskins in the second stanza seemed content to keep toying with the Pirates, exchanging leads with them several times before taking a 26-25 advantage into the locker room at the half.

With 3:50 remaining in the second quarter, Jim Boos drove the ball untouched from half court for a two-handed dunk. On the next play, Greg Petru stole the ball and fed it to Kofahl for a layup, after which an infuriated Pirate coach Matt Setti whipped off his jacket and threw it to the ground in disgust.

"We knew we had to play a perfect game to win, but we didn't get the calls. The referees weren't even neutral," Setti said.

Millard and Pinckney continued to duke it out in the third and well into the fourth before the Redskins took control, 42-35, on a Brandon Phillips steal and a Greg Petru three-pointer.

Tom Kofahl kicked the lead up to 47-37 at the 5:10 mark of the final stanza with a turnaround jumper off the glass. Millard was never threatened.

Setti, whose team nearly stole one from the Redskins during the regular season, called the rematch a carbon copy of their first meeting. "They kind of wear you down and get better as the game goes on. Then they get the jugular," he said.

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Rec Briefs

Softball registration: The Novi Parks and Recreation is now taking team registration for its Spring/Summer adult softball leagues. For further information, call 347-0400.

Novi Youth Baseball registrations: Late registrations for all levels (ages 7-19) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held through March 29 at the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0400 for more information. If you would like to volunteer for Novi Youth Baseball call 348-7218.

Basketball benefit: The Northville Township Police Officers Association along with Northville Recreation are sponsoring a benefit basketball game on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. The officers will play against WOMC 104.3 FM radio personalities. The game will be held at the Northville High School gym. Tickets are available at the Rec Center and are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

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- to 13-year-olds will play on April 5-7; 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.

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 281-2181 for more information.

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: 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.

Novi Trackers: Membership in the Novi Trackers Running Club is open to all interested individuals regardless of age, sex or skill level. Prospective members are invited to join the Trackers for either or both of their twice-weekly runs. The group meets Wednesdays at Novi High School at 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays at O'Sheehan's on Seven Mile in Northville at 8 a.m. More information about membership in the Trackers is available by calling the Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 or new President Jeanne Willford at 227-3127.

Novi swimmer earns All-State accolades

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Novi swimmer earned All-State accolades in the 200 freestyle relay. Leading off, Mark Chirgwin broke Jon Cohen's 50 freestyle mark with a 22.42 split. The rest of the team — including Derek Speers-Schneider, Mike Speers-Schneider and Jamie May — joined in to shatter the relay record by two seconds in a time of 1:31.78. The team placed 20th overall.

In addition, the 400 freestyle relay team featured the same four swimmers and placed 13th overall in 3:19.66. All four participants set their season best splits.

NORTHVILLE RESULTS: Northville scored 56 points and topped all other WAAA entries, including the conference champs from Livonia Stevenson.

"We've been ranked 10th and ninth all season, so the (polsters) were correct concerning us," Mustang Coach Mark Heiden said. "Last year, we placed sixth, so that's two years in a row we've been in the top 10. We'd love to see that trend continue."

"We're always interested in finishing atop our conference, and beating Stevenson was nice, since they edged us at the WAAA Meet," he said. "The Mustang star was undoubtedly Eric Newton. The senior ended his brilliant prep career as arguably the greatest Northville swimmer ever, and added two more All-State awards to his already impressive resume."

"Eric sure went out with a bang," Heiden said. Newton placed sixth overall in the 500 freestyle and the 200 IM, and set career best marks in both. His time in the 500 was 1:56.3 and he followed that up later in the day with a 4:43.78 in the 500.

"Because those were top-six finishes, (Eric) is recognized as All-State in both," Heiden explained. "That means he leaves as a four-time All-Stater."

Newton was also a key contributor in Northville's 400 freestyle relay team that placed ninth (3:17.34). His leadoff split of 48.81 set a new school record for the 100 freestyle. The rest

of the Northville swimmers in the event included Brad Cook, Matt VanHorn and Bob Holdridge. "Eric holds eight school records," Heiden said. "I'd say it's safe to say that he is the greatest swimmer we've ever had at Northville High School."

The same four (Newton, Cook, VanHorn and Holdridge) also combined to place 11th in the 200 medley relay (1:39.44). "Relays score twice as much as individual events at the state meet, so they are very important," Heiden said. "Getting two of our relay swimmers really helped us score enough points to get into the top-10."

The Mustangs added three more top-12 finishes and two came in diving. Recognized as the top 1-2 punch in the state, Northville's Steve Lang and Larry Osecki lived up to the billing with a pair of top-six finishes, and consequently All-State honors. Lang placed third overall with a 4:15.55 score and Osecki was sixth with 392.45.

"To have two in the top six is amazing," Heiden said. "Both these guys reached the goals they set for themselves. Steve wanted to be in the top three and Larry wanted to finish in the top six and be All State."

Osecki did it and becomes one of the few athletes in history to be an All-State selection in two sports in the same school year. Osecki was a first-team All-State goaltender last fall in soccer.

"He's a very talented kid," Heiden said. The final point-scoring effort came from Brad Cook, who placed eighth in the 100 butterfly in 52.96. Cook — who seems to be in Newton's shadow much of the time — broke the school record in the preliminary round and again in the finals.

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Apartments offer fitness facilities

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

The newest shift in fitness is not to some new machine, or an elaborate workout schedule, or even a high protein diet.

Fitness is making its way home, in the form of expanded health facilities at apartment communities.

When it comes to home health facilities, apartment dwellers no longer have to settle for a single weight-lifting machine in a small room under the rental office. Many complexes now offer complete fitness facilities on their grounds, though typically in a somewhat smaller scale than the local health club.

Park Place of Northville offers its residents their own workout room with several pieces of equipment, two tennis courts and an Olympic-size swimming pool as well.

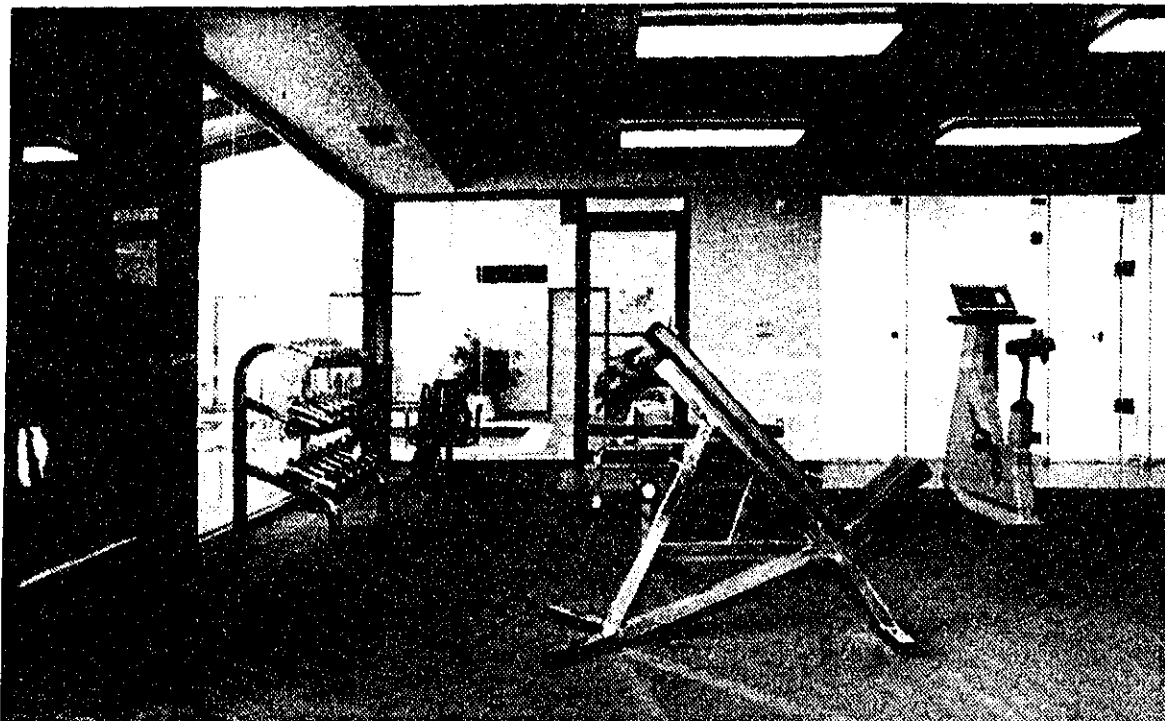
The residents can also stroll along the fitness trail that meanders through the 105-acre complex.

When asked whether residents take advantage of the health facilities, Manager Christine Zielinski said, "The majority of our residents do, and we find that we are expanding it."

Just last year, Park Place increased the number of aerobics classes to six days a week in response to growing demand, Zielinski said. The classes are offered in the morning and evening, and are free of charge.

Aerobics instructor Aida Dzielw, a former instructor for United Health Spas, leads the residents through the aerobic sessions and other fitness activities, Zielinski said. "She periodically will take them on walks throughout the complex where they'll stop and do callisthenics along the way," she said.

As the winter ice begins to melt, water sports in the Park Place pool are becoming more popular. "In the summer, we'll be adding water aerob-



The health facilities offered at River Oaks West in Novi

Photo by STEVE KELLMAN

ics and water volleyball. We're also checking into water ballet and possibly scuba lessons in the pool," Zielinski said.

Zielinski attributed the growing popularity of residential health facilities to their convenience. "It's so much easier for people to come down here, where they don't have to leave the place they live. They can even walk down," she said.

Another advantage is the more relaxed atmosphere, she said.

"It's not so much where they feel they have to put on a performance like at Vic Tanny... it's not so much of a fashion show."

At River Oaks West on Novi Road, residents have 24-hour-a-day access to their own private health club with the same access key they use to open the complex's entrance gate. The recently-opened health club offers a small selection of aerobic and weight-

lifting equipment, free weights and several weight-lifting benches, a tanning booth, racquetball court, indoor hot tub, even a small indoor pool for swimming laps.

The carpeted workout area also offers an amenity not often found in gyms, a roaring fireplace.

Outside, a large pool and hot tub surrounded by a huge deck sits next to two sunken tennis courts.

An attendant is on hand evenings and weekends in the workout room at River Oaks, to monitor the club and pool and take racquetball and tanning booth reservations. And aerobics are offered for a fee on Monday and Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

Resident manager Diana Kern said that the health club draws people throughout the day and night, but the majority of its users fall into two groups. "There's a group of peo-

ple who come in in the morning and do all their stuff then, before they go to work, and another group that comes in at night," she said.

"The health clubs have been real popular with the residents, I've found. The free weights are really popular with a lot of the die-hard fitness fans," Kern said.

"About the only thing we don't have is an indoor track," Kern said. "That's just something that takes a lot of space."

But Kern said she would not be surprised if residential complexes soon started offering such amenities.

River Oaks tailors its fitness program to its clientele, offering golf classes in the winter and health and fitness testing in the spring. Residents will receive a questionnaire in their next newsletter, Kern added, to determine what of activities and fitness programs they want to see.

Earth Day Run scheduled for April 21

The University of Michigan's Northville Health Center, Running Fit and Northville Recreation are sponsoring an Earth Day 10 K Run at Maybury State Park on April 21 at 10 a.m.

Runners will start and finish at Maybury's concession stand area. The race course is a paved path through beautiful scenic woods.

Participants will receive a string bag, refreshments and be eligible for awards in each age group. An aerobic warmup will be held prior to the race. Participants will be held prior to the race.

Entry forms are available at Northville Recreation. Entries received on or before April 12 are \$10 per person. Entries received after April 12 are \$18. Volunteers are needed to help with race activities. Please call 349-0203 for more information.

New Attitude Aerobics: Northville Community Recreation is offering a fitness program designed for you: low and high impact aerobic alternatives with toning and shaping floorwork, fun and easy-to-follow workouts, morning and evening child care.

New Attitude Aerobics conducts the one-hour classes year-round at the Community Recreation 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.

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

St. Pat's Fun Run: 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

Fitness Notes

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.

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 348-1290.

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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 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.

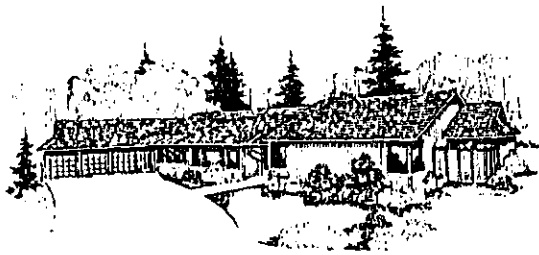
It is self-gratifying to feel strong. I find it also helps exercisers' mental attitudes.

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.

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The Dominion

Graceful with luxurious touches

BY JAMES MCALEXANDER
Copley News Service

The Dominion is a home to help master graceful and elegant entertaining, or a private life with all the luxurious touches, with much of the effort removed through design work that pays careful attention to details.

A broad front entry guards the entrance to a sunken living room with a full wall of windows. A step up beyond it, but open to it for large-scale entertaining, is a formal dining area. It is served by a kitchen where two or more can work together comfortably at its long counters, built-in desk area, or island counter with cook top.

A sunny breakfast nook offers a pleasant spot for informal meals, with a view of a deck that extends from the garage to the master bedroom, echoing all the angles of the house along the way.

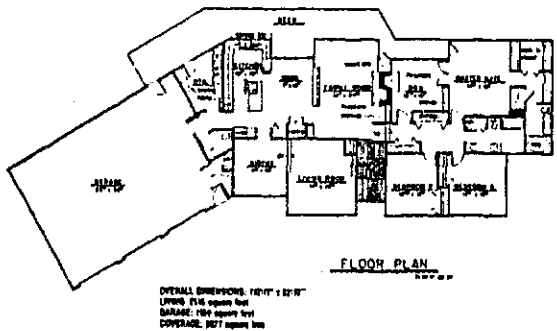
Sliding doors to that deck open from the family room. There is a built-in bar here. A wood box filled directly from the outside keeps the fuel readily available for fireplaces in the den and family room.

The den offers a quiet retreat for the home owner. Although it could be used as a guest room or private study, the French doors between the den and master suite make it an ideal sitting room.

The master bedroom itself is a luxurious retreat. There is a large walk-in closet, dressing area and vanity, optional sauna, and then a full bath beyond, with a sunken tub that looks out to a private garden.

A second full bath with double vanities is available for guests and for the two bedrooms facing the front of the house. There are several large storage closets along the hallway.

A three-car garage has a place for everything, with storage area between it and the house for the heating system, a half bath/mud room, and a large utility next to the kitchen that even allows ample space for sewing and hobbies.



For a study plan of the Dominion (108-54), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)

The framing, below, for these watercolor and pen and ink prints matches surrounding wood tones. Ann Edwards, right, in her workshop at home uses a fitting tool to package the mat and glass into frame



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BY MATTHEW J. VALLEY
Managing Editor

Art in the home today accentuates comfort and coziness.

Whether we fancy an impressionist print by late 19th Century French painter Claude Monet — complete with its soft, defused look — or watercolor landscapes by contemporary artist Andrew Wyeth, art touches our soul.

Art is intimate.

And when we hang art on a wall, it is the framing that can breathe new life into the work.

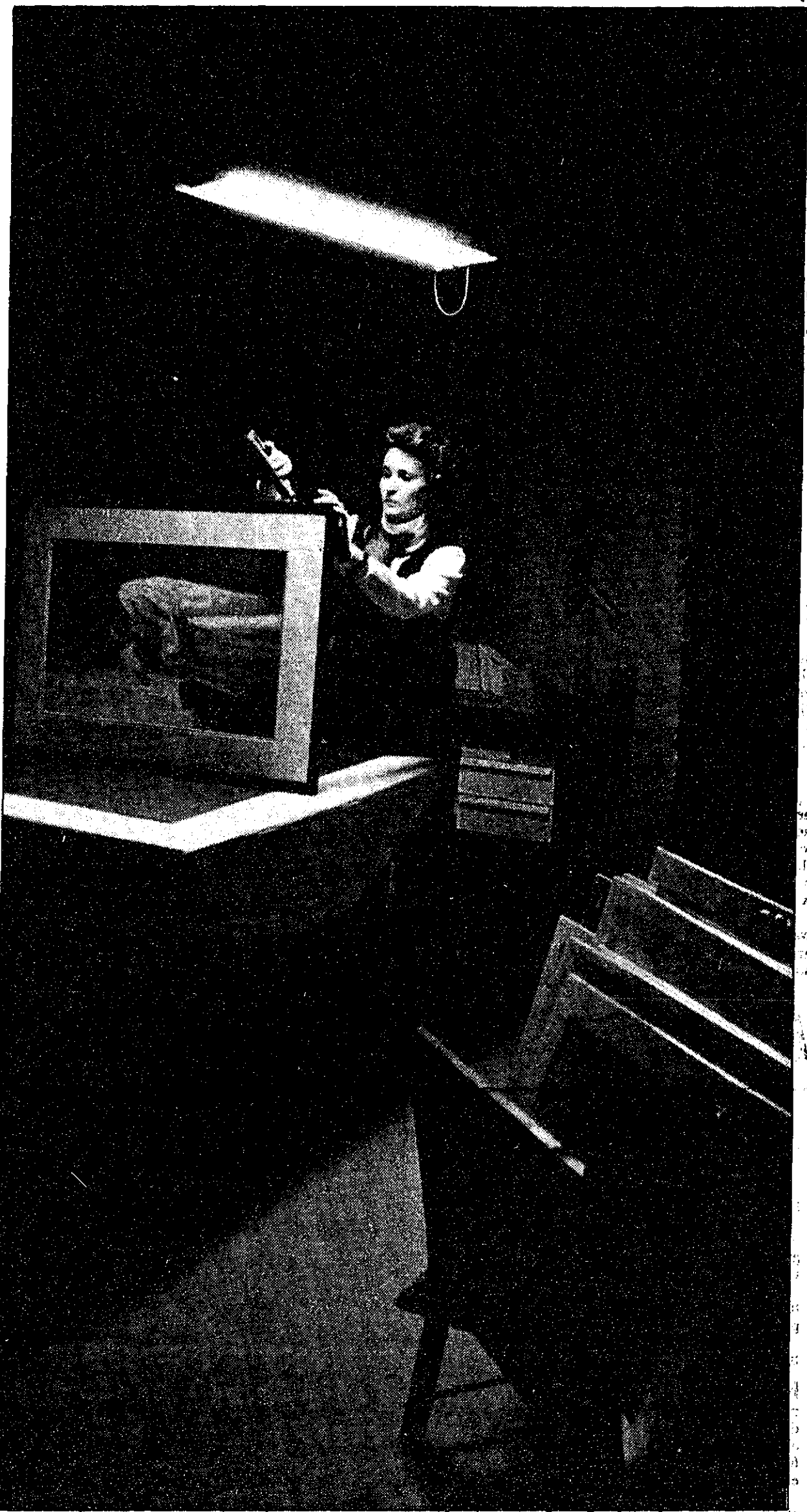
"The job of the framer is to enhance and protect it, not overpower it," said Ann Edwards, co-owner of Framer's Mark, a custom frame and mat design business with a design center located at The Interior Place, 242 Summit, Milford.

Framer's Mark is a tandem team, Edwards' partner, Tony Collinson, works out of Ann Arbor.

"We want to maintain the integrity (of the art)... have it blend into the environment," said Edwards.

The art of custom framing is much like piecing

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REAL ESTATE

Lack of water puts building plans on hold

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
Copley News Service

The lack of water is frustrating many people with real estate plans. The problem is particularly acute in California coastal communities where an ocean of water is nearby — yet far from being usable. Or is it?

A common dilemma:

A family has been saving money for years to build their own custom dream home. Now is the ideal time. Money is in a special savings account, mortgage interest rates are low. Everything is in a go position, except water. Without a water hookup permit all plans must be put on hold.

That's the situation facing many families.

If the proposed building site is within coastal Ventura County and Casitas Municipal Water District, for example, a moratorium on new residential water hookups is in effect. No "will-serve letter" will be issued by the district until at least April 11—one year from the date last year when a "resolution declaring a water shortage emergency" was issued by the district, according to Dick Barnett, engineering manager for the district. And the moratorium will probably be extended.

The resolution states, in effect, that all new requests for service connections and expansions of existing services will be denied, or delayed to a

future date. There are certain exemptions. In other words, in most cases the district is saying, "Sorry, bub, no water at this time."

There is no question about the basic problem. The area is experiencing a severe water shortage, and it could worsen. Southern California is now in the fifth consecutive year of drought and past droughts in this area have extended as long as 21 consecutive years. And the need for water is multiplied by steadily increasing consumer demand.

"We are now considering 51 different alternative methods to solve the water shortage problem," Barnett said.

Among them is the installation of a desalination facility making it possible to tap and process seawater.

Such a facility is now under construction in Santa Barbara. Located in the beach area, the desalination plant is expected to start producing consumable water in one year, starting at the annual rate of 5,000 acre-feet. Then in about six months of operation, it will increase its processing to an annual rate of 10,000 acre-feet.

It's a temporary facility — a vast "reverse osmosis" filter system constructed on trailers. The filters, or membranes, remove salt and other impurities from the water. It is expected to function for about five years.

The construction and operation of the plant in Santa Barbara are being

planned, funded and developed by IONICS Inc., a firm that specializes in producing water for municipalities throughout the country. They will sell the water they produce to the city for a contracted sum of \$1,900 per acre-foot.

While communities frantically look for solutions to the insufficient water problem, home building plans and other real estate development activities must be postponed. A new home or office building without a water hookup is just a useless collection of construction materials.

Q. What's the current status of the resale market for condo units?

A. Resale activity for condominiums has been slipping downward in recent months. But prices have continued to edge upward.

During the last quarter of 1990, the national condo resale rate fell 3.8 percent from the preceding quarter—and 15.8 percent from a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. At last report, the median price of existing condos was \$82,700, up nearly a percentage point over the median price one year ago.

However, the declining interest rates and a stronger economy this spring should turn the condo and co-op market around, it was predicted in the NAR report.

Q. Is it true that two of the nation's

biggest title companies are merging?

A. A major acquisition is taking place within the real estate industry, involving two of the nation's largest title companies, Chicago Title and Trust Co. is in the process of acquiring Titor Title Insurance Cos. Both firms have been active nationwide for many years.

Chicago Title, founded in 1847, is the largest title insurance firm in the United States, now issuing over 2 million title insurance policies annually. Titor, established in 1894, now operates about 300 offices and has a network of 2,500 agents.

Putting together two industry giants in a smooth and efficient way is a huge and complex task. That process is now under way and includes the formation of many task forces and committees comprised of executives of both firms, according to Larrt Jones, a Chicago Title vice president.

"There is a myriad of issues and questions that must be addressed to enable the combined organization to operate efficiently when the transaction is completed," he said.

Jones is very optimistic about the impact of the acquisition.

"The transaction should work its way through the final maze of regulatory requirements and procedures and close very soon," he predicted.

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Art framing: 'It's a total design process'

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a puzzle together, explained Edwards, who has worked in the framing business for approximately 13 years (eight years out of The Interior Place).

Customers of Framers' Mark routinely undergo Edwards' proverbial "List of 20 Questions," including the size and colors of the wall, furnishings in the room and wood tone colors.

"Art is such a personal thing. Many people have strong emotions about art. That's why I ask the questions," said Edwards.

"To be a good framer you have to have a good sense of color, composition. The work has to be precise." —Ann Edwards.

the essential tools: metal yardstick, three-inch C-clamp, art eraser. The cost of the course is \$26.

In her framing classes, Edwards tries to emphasize that it takes a lot of patience and practice to become proficient. "You cannot learn this without tons of practice."

Perhaps the biggest public misconception about framing is that "it is something simply slapped together to hang on a wall," said Edwards.

Her classes are designed to allow students to share in the enjoyment of creating an art object to hang on the wall.

"People are more conscious of colors and how they work. They want to take care of their art work. They know what's involved in good framing."

Similarly, the industry follows national trends, creating mat boards that reflect more jewel tones and deeper colors.

As part of Edwards' business, she designs and cuts mats for artists who will assemble them prior to shows. During the past couple of years, she has become more involved in corporate art. In that capacity she is asked to design the frames for any number of prints to blend with the surroundings.

"Corporations today are cognizant of making the office more comfortable for workers. They understand that it helps production," said Edwards.

In addition, corporate officials want to attract the attention of clients when they walk through the lobby or foyer area.

Some corporations buy art works for strictly investment purposes, said Edwards.

Persons serious about making a career out of framing can expect to invest between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in equipment. For example, a mat cutter can cost up to \$700. Some

of the other essential tools are a dry mount press, saw (if you are going to chop your own wood), framing vises and miscellaneous hand tools.

The cost to customers at Framers' Mark ranges from \$50 for a small print to as much as \$500, depending on the size and amount of detail involved.

Aboveall, Edwards' guiding principle of picture framing for the home or office is that "it's a total design process."

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An old sofa and a new Kovels'

BY JAMES G. MCCOLLAM
Copley News Service

Q. When this sofa was purchased secondhand around the turn of the century, it had black horsehair covering. It was refinished and upholstered in 1965. Can you tell me when it was made and its approximate value?

A. This Victorian Louis XVI Revival sofa was made about 1875. A dealer would offer something like this for at least \$1,000 in good condition.

Q. The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a chocolate set consisting of a pot and six cups and saucers. They are decorated with pink and white roses with green leaves. I would appreciate your estimate of the set's value and also its age.

A. Your chocolate set was made in Tefenhardt, Germany, by the Donath Co. Most dealers would price it at about \$175 to \$200.

Q. I have a ceramic cup in the shape of a fox's head. There is no flat surface for it to sit on. It has a lot of hairline cracks and appears to be very old.

A. Your description suggests that what you have is a stirrup cup. These were filled with wine and served to men on horseback at the start of a fox hunt. Yours was probably made in the 19th century and might sell for about \$300.

Q. Please evaluate my counter-top balance scale. It has a cast iron base with a brass beam and weights. It is marked "Empire Hardware Co., New York" and "Patented 1867."

A. Your scale was introduced in 1867 and could have been made any time in the next 10 or 15 years. It would probably sell for about \$265 to \$285. A patent is good for up to 17 years.

Q. Can you tell me what my Wallace Nutting print is worth? I know that it was made early in the 1900s. It is titled "Camden Clouds" and measures 14 inches by 17 inches. It depicts fishing boats in a harbor.

A. The latest sales price that I know of for this rare print is \$660 in good condition.

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Repairing porcelain isn't easy

BY GENE GARY
Copley News Service

Q. The porcelain washbasin in our bathroom has several small chips in the rim. The color of the basin is an off-white or cream. Can these chips be filled with anything so they don't show?

A. The repair of porcelain enamel, short of an entire resurfacing, is almost impossible. This is particularly true when the surface is constantly exposed to water.

However, you may be able to effectively treat these chips on the rim, which is a surface exposed to less water than the basin. You will need one of the resin repair products available at larger hardware stores or home centers.

Lightly sand the area (a medium-grade sandpaper) to remove any rust and expose a fresh surface of metal and porcelain for good bonding. Be careful not to scratch the surrounding area. Confine the sanding to the chipped area only.

Resin fillers can be tinted to match the color of your porcelain. When you have a close match, fill the chipped area. If you overfill the chipped area, the excess can be removed with a solvent such as xylol, acetone or even fingernail polish remover. The solvent is also helpful in smoothing and blending the edges of the patch after it has set and dried.

The patch may or may not last long. However, it is worth a try before having the entire basin resurfaced or replaced.

Q. During the holiday season a candle overflowed, leaving wax on my cherry wood table. I am afraid to use any solvents to remove the wax, as it might mar the finish of the table. Do you have any suggestions on how to remove this wax without harming the tabletop?

A. Chill the wax with a piece of ice to make it easier to remove from the surface.

Crumble off wax with your fingers. Scrape gently with the dull edge of a plastic knife or rubber spatula. Apply a cream wax, rub well; dry with a soft cloth.

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Frozen yogurt featured at Whip 'n' Dip

By DIERDRE DANCEY
Special Writer

Are you suffering from a prolonged case of the winter blues? Don't despair. Instead, grab that baseball schedule for reading material and head over to Whip-N-Dip, South Lyon's new ice cream parlor.

From the red and white checkerboard floor to the old-fashioned parlor-style tables and chairs, Whip-N-Dip offers both atmosphere and edibles that will leave you in search for the first robins of spring.

Located at 558 N. Lafayette in the Huntington Square shopping center, the store's grand opening in February was a dream come true for owner Sherry Yarnell. "It's something that I've always wanted to do," she said. Previously, Yarnell spent five years working at the Twist and Shake in Canton.

Her experience in the ice cream business is reflected in the high quality products that she offers. Colombo frozen yogurt is a standard, as is Ashby's brand ice cream. A large assortment of fresh toppings, including kiwi fruit and sunflower seeds, is available upon request. The hand-dipped ice cream flavors will rotate, so if you don't find your favorite today, try again tomorrow.

Yarnell isn't alone in realizing this dream come true. Her husband Tom, who is employed at Westland Car Care, helps out whenever he can. Yarnell's son Page and her daughter Melanie are also helping her get the business off the ground. Page's fiancée Kim runs the store during the day while Yarnell maintains her job

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Money Management

Consider these ideas itemizing deductions

Ever since Congress rewrote the rules for deducting miscellaneous itemized expenses, fewer taxpayers have been able to take advantage of these write-offs. But if you familiarize yourself with the tax rules, you may be surprised to find yourself with a substantial deduction.

The current rules are fairly easy to understand, according to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. If you itemize, you may generally deduct only the portion of your miscellaneous deductions that exceeds 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. Most miscellaneous itemized deductions fall into three general categories: employee business expenses, investment expenses and tax-related expenses.

Employee business expenses are costs you incur in connection with your employment. Some of the more common business-related miscellaneous itemized deductions are:

Travel, lodging, meal and entertainment expenses. As a general rule, you may deduct 100 percent of your allowable travel and lodging expenses, and 50 percent of your expenses for business-related meals and entertainment—subject, of course, to the 2-percent floor.

Business gifts. There's a \$25 limit on how much you can deduct for gifts to any one person in a year.

Subscriptions. You may deduct the cost of subscribing to professional and trade journals that are related to your work.

Education. In many cases, you may deduct the cost of employment-related education expenses, including tuition, books, supplies and lab fees. The primary requirement is that the courses help you maintain or improve your present work skills, or are required by your employer or the law to keep your present job. You may not deduct education expenses that qualify you for a new trade or line of business.

Job search. You may deduct many of the expenses that you incur when looking for a job as long as you are looking in your same line of work.

Use of home telephone. You may deduct unreimbursed long distance calls made for business purposes.

Uniforms and work clothes. If your employer requires you to wear a uniform that is not suitable for everyday wear, you may deduct the cost of the clothes as well as the cleaning bill. Clothing that protects workers—such as safety shoes, hard hats, glasses or work gloves are also deductible.

Small tools required for your work. You may deduct the cost of small tools and supplies you need for your work. Other tools/supplies with a longer life may need to be depreciated.

Done to union or professional organizations.

Home office expenses. If you use your home for business purposes and meet IRS qualifications for a home office, you may be able to deduct the cost of operating and maintaining a portion of your home.

Although claiming a deduction for miscellaneous itemized expenses has become more difficult, careful planning can pay off. CPAs advise that you bunch your expenses into alternate years so that you can maximize your deductions. Review all of your itemized expenses early in the year and if it appears as if they will fall short of your standard deduction, you may be able to postpone enough expenses into the next year so that you can take full advantage of them.

Investment-management fees and legal fees. If you pay someone to manage your investments, you may deduct the amounts you pay that person as long as your investments produce taxable income. The same is true of legal fees, providing the lawyer's advice is related to producing taxable income.

IRA administration fees. You may deduct administrative fees that are charged for maintaining your IRA, as long as you pay the fees with separate funds.

Subscriptions to investment-related publications.

Tax advice and return preparation. You may deduct fees you pay for tax advice or for having your return prepared.

Tax-preparation and tax-planning books and videos.

Long-distance calls and postage on mail to the IRS.

Appraisal fees. You may deduct appraisal fees that you pay to determine the fair market value of property you donate to charity.

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New South Lyon store features frozen yogurt

Yarnell is excited to offer birthday party packages for children in addition to individual customer service. The package includes a hot dog, chips, slush, balloons and a t-shirt for the birthday boy or girl. The price is \$3.50 per child. "I'm really concentrating on the birthday party packages," Yarnell said.

Monday, as summer rolls around, she will offer 50 percent off to sports teams who stop in for a celebration (or consolation) after the game. By then she will have outside seating available.

Whip-N-Dip will be open from Feb. 1 through Oct. 31. Currently the store is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from noon to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Those hours may change as the weather grows warmer. The phone number is 486-4760.

Business Briefs



WINIFRED FRASER LISA MARRONE

Dr. Winifred D. Fraser of Northville on Jan. 18 was elected chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively, of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees. Both terms are for one year. Fraser replaces Geneva J. Williams of Detroit. Her selection is in keeping with Section One of the board's bylaws that identifies seniority as a key criterion for chairperson.

A WMU trustee since 1985, Fraser served as vice chairperson of the board in 1987. She is a senior associate with Lutz Associates Inc., a human resources development consulting firm in Detroit. For more than 25 years, she was employed by Wayne State University as a researcher, faculty member and administrator. When she retired in June 1984, she was associate dean of the Graduate School and associate professor of psychology. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Wayne State.

Fraser has been a leader in a number of organizations, including serving on the boards of the Mental Health Association of Michigan; the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan; and the Child-Youth Initiative of Detroit-Wayne County. She is a past president of the Mental Health Association and the Women's Economic Club, and is the current chairperson of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

Her community activities also have included service with the United Community Services' task force on children of the unemployed, Detroit Institute of Arts' Founders Society, National Organization for Labor Union Women.

Fraser and her husband, Doug, recently made a gift to the WMU Foundation, naming the seminar rooms in the new Lee Honors College building.

Three new appointments were made in the Branch Administration Department of Society Bank-Michigan, announced George H. Cress, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

LISA M. MARRONE of Northville has been named branch administrative manager at the Main Office in downtown Ann Arbor. She joined in October 1990. Previous positions have been with Cushman & Wakefield in Southfield as an executive assistant, as a lending assistant with the American National Bank in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and from 1983 to 1986 at the First Union National Bank in Lighthouse Point, Fla. as an account representative supervisor.

Society Bank-Michigan is an affiliate of Society Corporation, one of the largest bank holding companies in the Midwest with assets of \$15.6 billion at Sept. 30. The holding company has 370 offices in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Florida including 24 in Michigan. Through its affiliates, Society engages in commercial banking, consumer banking, mortgage banking and leasing, and provides trust and investment banking services.

THOMAS TRAIAN MOGA, a resident of Northville and a member of the patent and trademark law firm of Gilford, Groh, Sprinkle, Patmore and Anderson, P.C., Birmingham, recently participated as speaker on intellectual property developments in Taiwan and China at the Annual Fall Meeting of the American Bar Association Section of International Law & Practice held in San Jose, California.

Schoolcraft College has hired **STEVE WRUBLE** of Plymouth as the new Computer Aided Art and Design instructor. In addition to computer graphics, Wruble specializes in sculpture, illustration, and animation. He has worked and received awards in each discipline. His most recent award was for computer animation from SigGraph, an international computer graphics organization.

Wruble earned his fine arts degree at Michigan State University, and has continued his education at Wayne State University. In his previous positions he has been the graphic designer and computer operator at Cale's Graphic Services, senior designer and assistant production manager at COMMA Publishing, and produced editorial and feature illustrations for *The Community Crier*.

Wruble has been teaching part-time at Schoolcraft College since Fall 1989. He worked with Professor Lincoln Leo to develop the Desktop Publishing course. He was the first person to teach the class, which he describes as a design class that uses computers. One of his current interests is computer animation.

RONALD BREAUGH has been appointed to Manager at Folmer, Rudzewicz & Company. Prior to joining Folmer, Rudzewicz & Company in 1987, Breaugh was a staff accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick.

Breaugh, a graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree in Economics and Management, is currently pursuing his Master of Science degree in Finance at Walsh College. In addition, he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Breaugh resides in Novi with wife, Karen, and daughter, Alyssa. Folmer, Rudzewicz & Company is one of the largest independent Certified Public Accounting firms in Michigan with offices in Southfield and Mt. Clemens.

Industrial Video Productions (IVP) Inc. of Northville recently completed a nine-volume video series, "Supplier Certification: The Path to Excellence" for a West Palm Beach, Florida, management consulting firm. Professionals for Technology Associates, Inc. (Pro-Tech), Pro-Tech selected IVP to produce the series because of its background and expertise in manufacturing and technology.

Each video program, approximately twenty minutes long, explains the concepts and step-by-step process of how to select and maintain supplier relationships for Total Quality Control (TQC), Just-in-Time (JIT), Team Building and other quality methods.

The series will assist manufacturers with their internal quality process and help them work with their external suppliers toward quality programs.

Using the documentary approach, Industrial Video Productions incorporated eight major manufacturers from around the U.S. who shared their experiences and how they are successfully implementing quality techniques. Some locations included Loreal Cosmetics in Piscataway, NJ, Baxter Healthcare in San Diego, CA, and Future Products of Clawson, a Q-1 supplier to Ford Motor Company.

Pro-Tech has packaged and is marketing the video series through several industrial trade publications.

Spencer Nicholas Sellas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sellas of Northville, has been conferred the degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, at the commencement service on December 15, 1990. Spencer has an emphasis in Management Information Systems (MIS). He is a 1984 graduate of Northville High School and received his Bachelor's degree from Adrian College.

Spencer Sellas has accepted a position with the computer task group division of I.B.M. in Tampa, Florida.

Novi-based **DEMARIA BUILDING COMPANY**, general contractors/construction managers, recently restructured its management. Joseph A. DeMaria Sr. was named chairperson/chief executive officer. Richard DeMaria, formerly executive vice president was made president and Joseph A. DeMaria Jr. has moved into the position of executive vice president.

This restructuring comes at a time when the company is marking a decade of consistent growth. The move is made to enhance management in preparation for their anticipated continued growth. The company was founded in 1969 and specializes in industrial, commercial and institutional construction projects.

INSURANCE CONCEPTS of Novi has joined the Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan (IIAM), a trade association representing approximately 7,000 independent property/casualty insurance agents statewide.

Chuck Williams is president of the agency. As a condition of membership in IIAM, Williams pledges to subscribe to a professional code of business ethics. IIAM, also known as "The Big T," is the oldest and largest association of independent insurance agents in Michigan.

FIL SUPERFISKY, a sales associate with ERA Rymal Symes Company, Realtors in Novi, has won national recognition from Electronic Realty Associates (ERA) for outstanding sales performance during 1990.

Superfisky, whose sales last year exceeded \$7 million, received a Spirit Award for total dollar volume. The award was announced at the 1991 ERA National Business Conference, held January 17-20 in San Diego, California.

"The ERA 1st commitment extends not just to our clients and customers, but to every member of Team ERA," Superfisky said. "ERA Real Estate provides me with the tools and training I need to be successful, as well as the innovative products and services consumers want and need."

"My responsibility is delivering that same commitment and level of service to real estate buyers and sellers in my community," he said.

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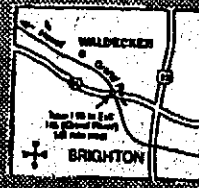
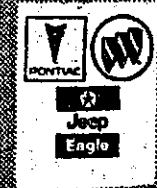
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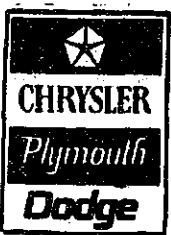
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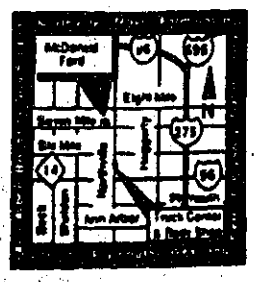
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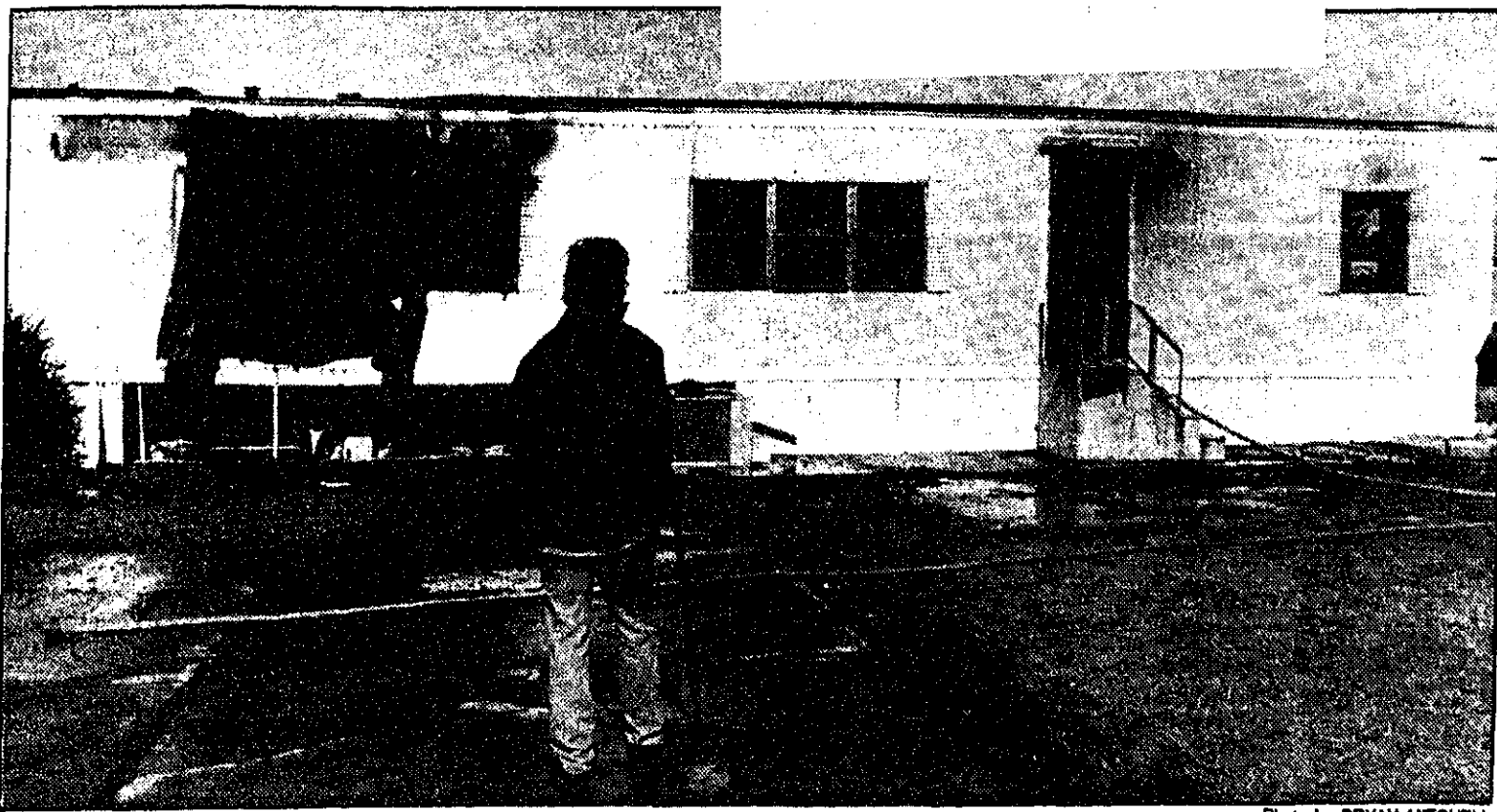


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The owner a home on Pierre Street in the Chateau Estate Mobile Home park views the aftermath of the fire Friday afternoon. More photos are on page 6.

Family homeless after blaze

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

An accidental fire apparently started by a child playing with matches destroyed the home of a family in the Chateau Estates mobile home park in Novi Friday afternoon. According to Novi Fire Department Assistant Chief William McEwan, none of the five family members was hurt in the blaze. Damage to the mobile home, located off Thirteen Mile near Meadowbrook Road, was estimated at \$18,000, he said. "It's probably going to be totaled," McEwan said. "The fire started in the bedroom and extended throughout the entire structure."

The family was alerted to the fire by a smoke detector. McEwan said the detector allowed them to get out of the mobile home before any injuries occurred. He declined to give the name of the family. "We believe it (the cause) to be a child playing with matches," McEwan said. But he said the fire is still under investigation. The assistant chief said the child was "4 or 5" years old. The family had insurance on the mobile home, McEwan said. He added that the family didn't say where they would stay until the home is repaired or replaced. The fire began at 1:07 p.m. at 29715 Pierre St. Friday and was extinguished in just under two

hours. McEwan said firefighters arrived on the scene in about five minutes. He said flames and smoke were visible when firefighters arrived. McEwan said it took 2,000 gallons of water to put out the fire. Six trucks and 16 firefighters from Novi were called to extinguish the blaze. Firefighters had flames from the mobile home under control in about 20 minutes. McEwan said it wasn't unusual for such a fire to burn for two hours before being totally extinguished. The assistant fire chief warned parents to keep items that can be used to start a fire out of the reach of children. "There is a lesson to be learned here," McEwan said.

Planning starts on I-96/Beck ramp rerouting

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Discussions between Novi, Wixom and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) are under way to restructure the interchange at I-96 and Beck Road. According to City Manager Edward Kriewall, the interchange needs to be restructured to improve traffic flow and safety. He added that the changes would also allow drivers to get on to eastbound I-96 from Beck Road. "The whole interchange needs to be totally rebuilt," Kriewall said. Plans for the restructuring are being drawn by JCK & Associates, Novi's engineering consultants. Gary Foyt, vice president of the company, said plans were presented to MDOT last month to construct a "multi-level" interchange.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "There are good reasons to do it that way." By adding a ramp off of northbound Beck and constructing an elevated roadway from southbound Beck to eastbound I-96, access would be gained, Foyt said. He said that the entrance to westbound I-96 from Beck would have a similar design. Entry to Beck Road from the highway would be gained by two separate routes. Westbound drivers would exit the highway onto Twelve Mile Road and head west to Beck. Eastbound drivers would gain access by the construction of ramps to the north and southbound portions of the road. Currently, Beck loops into Twelve Mile Road just past I-96.

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City flood plan raises township ire

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall has asked the city council to delay action tonight on a property condemnation lawsuit needed to build a floodwater control system in Novi Township. The delay is expected to give city engineers more time to evaluate the tiny community's alternative proposals. Novi Township Supervisor Ray Schovers plans to provide a quiverful of suggestions — including seven ways to solve city flooding problems on city property. (See related story on page 2.) If the council does hold off, the issue will probably be addressed in a March 25 meeting, Kriewall said. As part of its award-winning 1983 Stormwater Management Plan, the city plans to build a retention basin for stormwater using easements on 13 parcels of property in the township along Chedworth Street, which backs up to Miller Creek and Dunbarton Pines subdivisions. The homeowners in the township don't want to sell the land due to environmental and property value concerns. Forty-nine houses averaging \$150,000 to \$250,000 make up the entire township.

"What you have is a toilet you want to put in a our backyard. You change the direction, but it's still a toilet. . . Let it soak in our ground. Let us drink it. Let it kill our trees. They don't think there's anything wrong with that."

Ray Schovers
Novi Township Supervisor

United as the Miller Creek Citizen Preservation Committee, they have put Michigan State University natural resources professor and attorney Leighton Leighty on their payroll. Leighty is becoming a familiar figure in Novi; as a volunteer, he represented Neighbors Against Poor Planning in their successful fight to stop the city's Grand Plan Industrial Park. Schovers said the township contacted Leighty because of his expertise in environmental issues: "We don't just want a sharp attorney that can whip people in court. We don't want it to

that far." If the matter does go to court, this will not be the first time the two Novis have come to legal blows. Thirteen years ago, the township successfully parried a city annexation attempt, winning its case in the state Supreme Court. New development upstream of Miller Creek, which winds through the back of the Novi Township's sole subdivision, Brookland Farms, has led to yard flooding downstream at about 10 properties along Nine Mile Road, according to city officials. Fields which once absorbed rainwaters have been cemented over by the Novi Civic Center complex, portions of Yorkshire Place and Simmons Orchard subdivisions and the three Dunbarton Pines subdivisions. "That is apparently the only engineering solution for some of the problems occurring in that area," said Kriewall. "Our engineers have investigated it now fairly thoroughly." The township homeowners would retain their land, but the city would have the right to construct and maintain the basin. There is no price tag on the project yet, but the basin would follow the natural, irregular contours of the land, said Bruce Jerome, Novi's superintendent of public works. Continued on 2



Photo by SUZANNE HOLLYER

A clear view

Seventh and eighth graders of Novi Middle School were asked to try their hands at inventing, part of the national Invent American program. And a few truly remarkable devices came out of the exercise. Above, seventh grader Matt Wizinski demonstrates his Squir-O Brush, a squeegee which applies both soap and rinse water to the window. The story and more photos of the inventions students came up with are on page 3.

Novi News price rises

The cost of an annual subscription to the Novi News will rise from \$18 to \$22 effective April 1. The \$4 annual increase is the first since 1987. Philip Jerome, executive editor of the News and HomeTown Newspapers, said the price increase is tied directly to operating costs, including an 11 percent hike in the cost of newsprint and a 19 percent increase in postal rates. The newsstand price will remain at 50 cents. Jerome emphasized that the current rate of \$18 per year will remain in effect until April 1. Anyone wishing to take out a new subscription to the News or renew a subscription can take advantage of the opportunity to beat the increase by placing their orders prior to April 1. More information about new subscriptions and subscription renewals is available by calling the circulation office at 349-3627.

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'Springs' project to begin

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Construction of additions to one of Novi's largest apartment complexes, The Springs, will likely be getting under way by this summer.

A total of nine buildings, housing 204 new apartments, will be added to the complex located on the south side of Pontiac Trail between West and Beck roads. The Springs currently has 1,500 units.

"We want to start building by this summer," said Michael Fellows, of Southfield-based Edward Rose Realty, owners and developers of the property. "We don't want to let the good building season go by."

The planning commission voted Dec. 5 to grant a six-month extension of preliminary site plan approval to developers. Original approval had been granted by the

planners in February of last year.

The extension was needed so that new federal guidelines from the department of housing and urban development could be taken into consideration before final site plans were drawn, Fellows said. The new guidelines, he said, address site amenities and building requirements for new developments.

Fellows said final site plans would be brought before the city's administration for approval within the next two weeks. He added that the company doesn't expect difficulty in getting the approval.

Developers will also have to receive Zoning Board of Appeals variances on the proposed buildings' height of three storeys. City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers has recommended that the variances be granted by the ZBA.

The nine new apartment buildings will cover 26 acres in the city. The parcel is currently zoned for multiple family residential use.

Besides the addition of the apartments, developers may construct a cable television equipment building.

The planning commission gave unanimous approval for the building, a 35-foot antenna tower and three satellite dishes at its March 6 meeting. The development would be constructed in the existing portion of the complex.

Final site plans for the cable building will be brought back to the city "soon," Fellows said. He said the company would like to start construction in about a month.

Fellows declined to describe the building's exact usage. He said it wouldn't be affiliated with any local cable company, however.

Community Calendar

Today, March 18

City Council: Novi City Council meets in the Novi Civic Center at 8 p.m.

Historical society: The Whom Historical Society will host Dr. Erich Von Fange, who will make a slide presentation on the topic of "The People of the Americas — 12,000 B.C. to the Present." All meetings of the historical society are held on the third Monday of each month. The meetings are free of charge and are held in Whom City Hall, at 49045 Pontiac Trail.

Band Boosters: The Novi High School Band Boosters meet in the media center of the Novi High School at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Planning Commission: The Novi planning commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Career development: Career Transitions Group, in cooperation with Novi Community Education, will present a career development seminar entitled "Take Charge of Your Life." The seminar will run from 6 to 10 p.m. at Novi High School. Designed for men and women of all ages, the class will show people how to get a job and have job security. The seminar uses self-survey and motivational techniques to help people uncover their hidden abilities and survive and thrive in the job market. Dennis De Leo, career transition consultant and a top executive recruiter, will lead the program. The cost is \$50. Those interested should call Clara Porter, Director of Community Education, at 548-1200 during school office hours.

Choir Concert: A district choir concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Fuester Auditorium in the Novi High School.

Thursday, March 21

Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers Club meets in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Craft Auction: The Novi Coop Nursery School will hold its Annual Spring Craft Auction at the Novi Methodist Church at 8 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Easter and Mother's Day crafts will be featured. The church is located at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For more information, call Merry Kvoli at 349-5842.

Parent/teacher conferences: Parents of kindergarten students may meet with teachers in the Novi school district on a pre-scheduled basis between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Board of education: The Novi school board will hold its meeting in the Novi Wood Elementary school beginning at 7:30 p.m.

PTO meeting: The Parent/Teachers Organization of the Novi Middle School is set to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the media center of the school.

Friday, March 22

Short school day: Students of kindergarten through fourth grades in Novi schools will have a half day of school. The elementary students are to be released at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 23

Creative Center: The Creative Center for Young Children will sponsor a free children's concert from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children's entertainer Maureen Schifman will perform music and puppetry. The theme of the show will be "going on safari." Children under 2 years of age welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be served. The Center is located at 47300 West Twelve Mile. For more information, call 348-3820.

Friends of the homeless: The monthly meeting of Active Friends of the Homeless will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Holy Family Church in Novi on Meadowbrook Road, north of Ten Mile. The group is a non-profit organization which started three years ago which provides interim financial and other support to individuals and families threatened with homelessness. New members are welcome. Please call 427-9063 or 474-6386 for more information.

Professor offers a list of options

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi Township residents say the City of Novi should drop its plans to build a stormwater retention basin on their territory and control its flooding within its own boundaries.

Township Supervisor Ray Schovers said he's suggested a series of alternatives to Novi's consulting engineers in the past. Last week, he submitted to the city a four-page outline drafted by Leighton Leighty, a lawyer and professor at Michigan State University's Department of Natural Resources.

Now, the engineers are poring over the options again, according to Novi City Manager Edward Kriewald. "They told us they've looked at these proposals before, but this has more details in it."

These are the seven alternatives to the Miller Creek detention basin suggested by Leighty:

- Construct an additional dam at the headwaters of Miller Creek above the existing dam located on the Novi Civic Center property, where there are open fields and few people. This would reduce flows in Miller Creek, Leighty said, and could also create a recreational lake near city hall.
- In addition to the above, improve and repair the Miller Creek dam, which Leighty says is on record as overflowing on a regular basis. This could create a second lake, which with proper pumping would stop water retention problems in Dunbarton Pines.
- Or the city might purchase three or four lots in the Bradford of Novi subdivision, where Thornton Creek meets Tall Road. By raising the Tall Road dam, this area could be inundated for water control.
- In tandem with the above proposal, run-off waters from Royal and Dunbarton Estates might be collected in a basin there and piped to the Tall Road dam. According to Leighty, this new subdivision has caused major damage to Novi Township's Miller Creek watershed.
- Finally, working with several of the above plans, Dunbarton Pines could increase the capacity of all its retention areas, reducing the stress on all watercourses.

Students make life easier with their inventions

By SUZANNE HOLLIVER
Staff Writer

Students at Novi Middle School did not set out to change the world. They only wanted to remove the daily annoyances from their lives.

If it's standing in line to vote that gets your goat, then a Novi Middle School student might have just the thing you need.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students in the gifted and talented program devised inventions that would make their daily life easier. Then they held a convention to share their ideas, an invention convention to be exact.

Now, students Sara Blumer and Rob Mutch will throw their ideas in the ring with students from around the state and possibly the country.

The inventions of Novi Middle School seventh and eighth graders were displayed Thursday during lunch for students and again that evening for parents.

Blumer, a seventh grader, invented a computer program to vote by telephone. Her dad hates to wait in line to vote, and he suggested the idea.

The program, called Vote Tech, would use the driver's license numbers of voters to verify their identity.

Mutch, the eighth-grade winner, designed a lane divider to help people see the side of the road. The orange dividers are shaped like large bricks.

When a driver begins to veer off the road, either because of drunkenness or weather conditions, he or she hits the divider.

"If you don't know where the middle of the road is, and you hit the divider, then you know where to go," Mutch said.

Mutch and Blumer are not old enough to vote or drive. When they come of age, they will be ready with solutions to the problems that come with their adult responsibilities.

But eighth-grader Joel Mitchell does not have to wait for adulthood to put his invention to work.

Mitchell was bothered by his sunglasses. He had sunglasses that clipped to regular glasses, flipping up and down for easy use.

The only problem was the sunglasses never worked. When he flipped them up so he could see indoors through his regular glasses, they would fall back down.

Turning this potentially blinding situation around, Mitchell invented the sunglasses hat. A shaded visor

hangs in front of its wearer's eyes when outside. The visor also snaps forward, clearing the way for indoor vision.

Matt Wizinisky also deplores blurry vision.

Seventh-grader Wizinisky invented the Squirt-O-Brush after his mother's windshield-washer nozzles broke.

After a few rides in a car with dirty windows, Wizinisky devised a solution.

The Squirt-O-Matic is a regular household squeeze rigged up to squirt soapy water and clean water alternatively on an offending window.

But the ultimate adolescent invention had to be the door alarm by seventh-grader Peter Wickman.

Wickman got fed up with his brother sneaking into his room. With a few wires, a 6-volt battery and a bell purchased at a local hardware store, Wickman invented a door alarm.

Soon to be the bane of brothers everywhere, Wickman's alarm was the noisiest invention at Thursday's event.

The invention convention was an opportunity to teach creativity and problem solving to some of the school's gifted and talented students, teacher Denise Karakashian said.

Novi Middle School students who have been identified as gifted or talented can take an elective class with other students with similar abilities.

This year, students in the class were assigned the task of inventing something they could use in their daily life, Karakashian said.

Amy Saari's life needed a shampoo bottle that did not force her to waste time in the shower trying to get the last bit of shampoo out of the bottle.

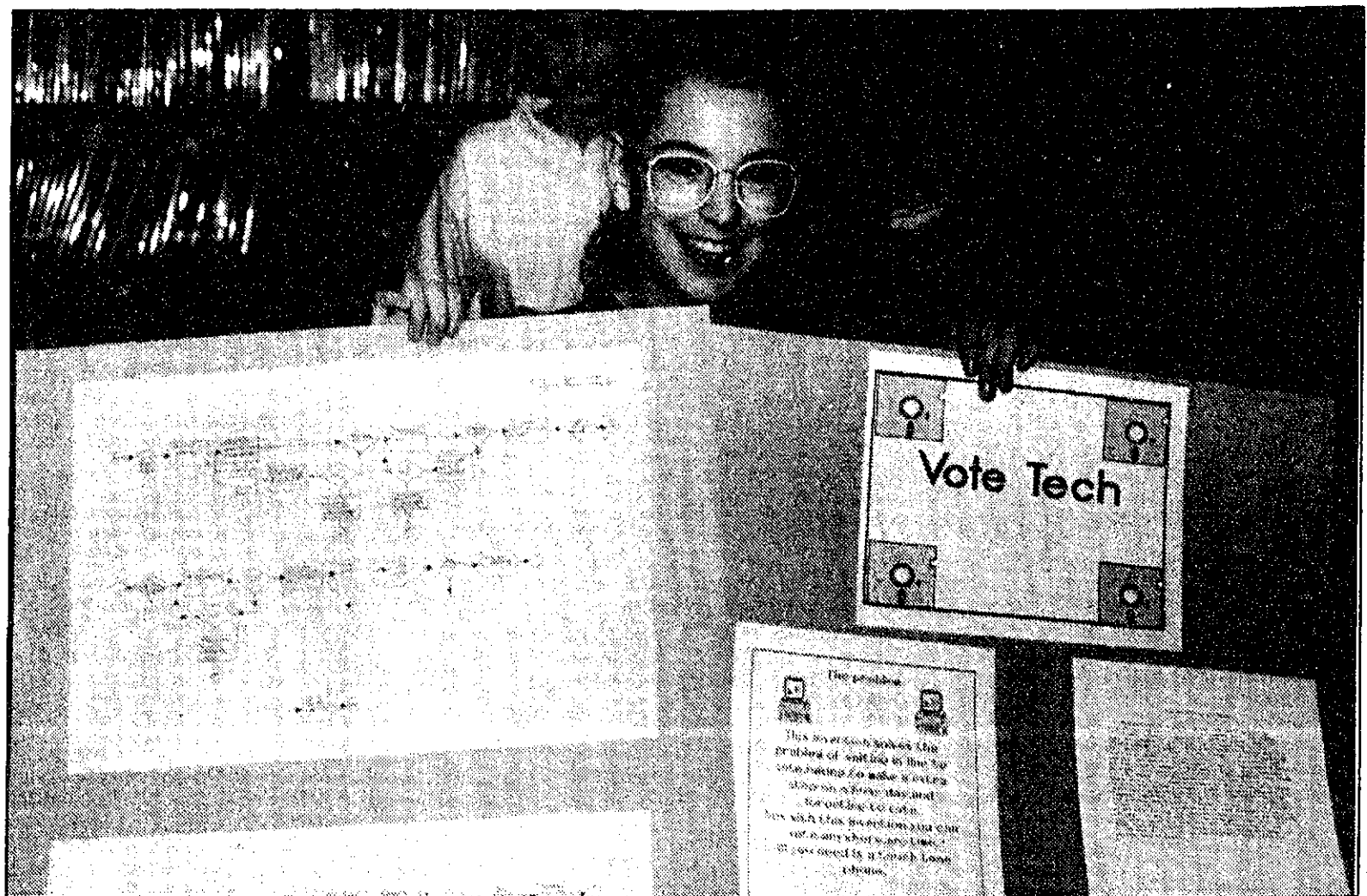
Saari invented a double-ended shampoo bottle. If the bottle is nearly empty, its user can open the bottle from the bottom, easily getting the remaining shampoo.

Students involved in the gifted program were inspired by a local inventor who came to their class and discussed inventor-related issues like patenting.

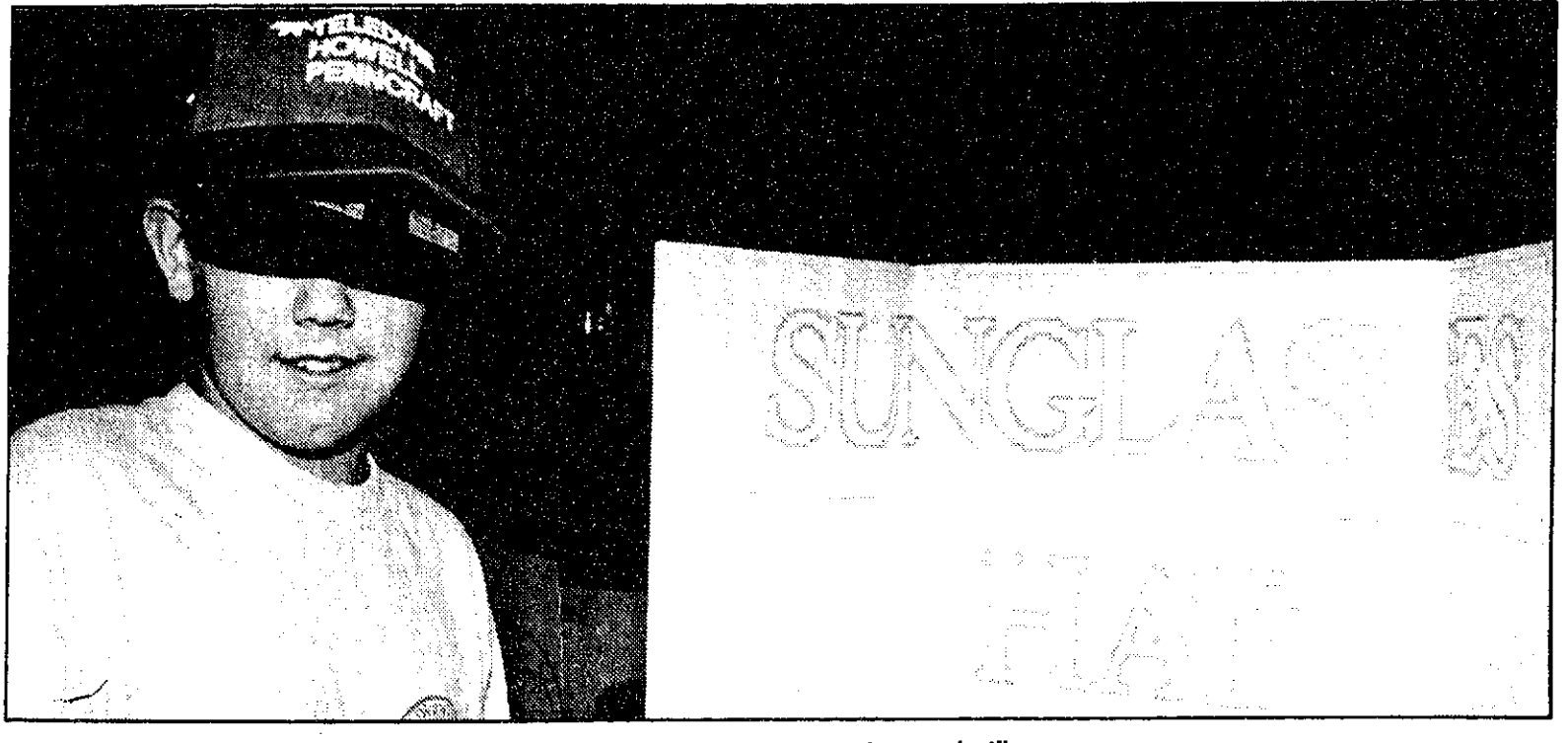
The school now will send the ideas of Blumer and Mutch to a state-level Invent America competition.

State winners will move to a regional competition and eventually to a national competition. Prizes are awarded at every level.

But the biggest prize will be a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete against other regional winners, Karakashian said.



Seventh grader Sara Blumer won with her invention of a "Vote Tech" vote by telephone program. Photos by SUZANNE HOLLIVER



Eighth grader Joel Mitchell demonstrates his invention, the "sunglasses hat".

City says flood plan may be only solution

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"They will still be legal owners of the property," he said. "It can be dry 360 days of the year but during a major storm there would be water on the property. That water would stay anywhere from a few hours to a few days."

What worries township residents, Schovers said, is the muck, silt and toxics such as lawn chemicals which would enter the stream and possibly their well water. The subdivision is heavily wooded and residents fear that their tall trees, including white pines, will die if their roots sit submerged in water.

His land is impacted the least of the 13 parcels targeted by the city, he added. "It can be dry 360 days of the year but during a major storm there would be water on the property. That water would stay anywhere from a few hours to a few days."

Let it soak in our ground. Let us drink it. Let it kill our trees. They don't think there's anything wrong with that."

Within Brookland Farms, Miller Creek is controlled by a series of dams. Rainwater is metered and controlled by this system, he said. It also has seven artesian spring-fed ponds. And it is all part of a fish hatchery operated on the site many years ago.

But the dam at the Novi Civic Center has caused flooding downstream in the township, Schovers contends, overflowing at least four times and endangering the area's habitat.

people we've tried to acquire property from are not the people who would get the benefit from it. The people downstream will get the greatest benefit.

"I can't say that it hasn't (overflowed)," Jerome said. "I personally haven't seen it. The water does rise substantially in that basin... It's possible that in 1989 we had some overtopping."

The Van Buren family, which resides on Nine Mile Road in the city, has proposed since 1978 when plans for Dunbarton Pines One called for a water culvert to drain across their 28-acre estate, as well as the discharge of water from that subdivision into Miller Creek.

The Van Buren family threatened to sue the city over property damage to use the city over property damage by flooding, but have not done so yet, Kriewald said.

City engineers have modified plans for the Miller Creek project several times, Jerome explained: "We met with the residents a couple of times. We've looked at modifications and tried to design it so it would have the least impact on properties in the township."

But township residents have found none of these changes palatable.

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Detroit Pistons ring found in Novi

Novi Police reported a gold-colored ring was found March 14 on Antler Street.

The ring, which was attached to a key ring that reads "Detroit Pistons—World Champs," was found by a jogger at about 5 p.m. Thursday. The jogger told police it was found about 100 yards south of Nine Mile Road. The ring is being held by police.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: A 21-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested by state police for possession of a controlled substance after being stopped on I-96 in Novi March 9.

Troopers stopped the man on westbound I-96 near Meadowbrook Road because of a cracked windshield. After making contact with the man, officers cited the man for failing to show proof of insurance. Upon bringing the citation back to the 21-year-old, troopers noticed what appeared to be the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle, reports said.

After a search of the vehicle, a bag believed to be filled with marijuana was discovered. The driver then produced a second bag and gave it to troopers.

The Ypsilanti man was cited for failing to show proof of insurance. He was released pending lab analysis of the alleged marijuana and warrant authorization by the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

Police News

ACCIDENT: A 13-year-old youth was knocked down by a vehicle at Nov Middle School March 13. The boy was uninjured.

The 13-year-old was crossing the crosswalk of the school when the vehicle struck him at approximately 2:30 p.m. Reports noted that the driver's vision was blocked by school buses. No ticket was issued to the driver.

MDOP: A 25-year-old city resident reported that his left rear window was smashed on March 14. The incident occurred in the parking lot of the Michigan National Bank at Twelve Mile and Novi roads between 2:20 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Among the jewelry items stolen were a gold necklace, bracelet and watch. There are no suspects in the case.

STOLEN PLATE: A 32-year-old resident reported the stealing of a license plate from his vehicle on Foxmoor March 14. The resident said the plate was stolen between Tuesday and Thursday from the parked vehicle. There are no suspects in the case.

STOLEN WATCH: Police reported the theft of a watch, valued at \$300, from the locker room of the Novi Vic Tanny on Crescent March 13.

The watch belonged to a 32-year-old Farmington Hills man. Reports said the watch was taken from the man's locker at about 6:45 p.m.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: Cash and jewelry estimated at \$870 were taken from a home on Pellston Street March 12.

Reports said an unknown person entered the house through the front door by forcing it open with a screwdriver. The incident occurred between 2:20 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Among the jewelry items stolen were a gold necklace, bracelet and watch. There are no suspects in the case.

STOLEN CASH: A 28-year-old Rocky River man reported the theft of \$65 from his wallet from the locker room of the Novi Vic Tanny on March 12. The cash was taken between 7 and 7:45 p.m.

LARCENY: An Oakville, Ontario man reported March 8 that his briefcase may have been stolen from the Novi Hilton.

The man was staying at the Hilton with a group of other people on a business trip. He said that when they left, he placed his briefcase with his other luggage, expecting it to be loaded onto the bus.

However, when he arrived home, the briefcase was not on the bus. He said the briefcase was full of personal and business information as well as tax information.

STOLEN TOOL: A Canton man reported March 4 that someone had apparently walked into Suburban Rental and taken a concrete cutter from a display along the wall.

The man told Novi Police the cutter was most likely taken during business hours.

STOLEN LICENSE PLATE: A resident on Pondview in the Crosswinds Condominiums complex reported March 5 that someone had stolen the license plate from her 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix, which was parked in front of her residence.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses. Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887. You do not have to give your name.

Novi Briefs

Choir teacher honored: The Northville High School choir is directed by one of the three best choir teachers in the state, according to her colleagues. Northville Choir Teacher Mary Kay Fryce was recently chosen by a vote of her peers to direct a regional Michigan School Vocal Association choir concert on Dec. 7.

"This is quite a big honor," said Roger Dehn, executive secretary of the 630-member association. "It's one of the highest awards that you can get to have your peers think enough of you to choose you for this honor."

Michigan has three regions. Each region will have a Dec. 7 rehearsal and concert with 200 student singers performing.

Chefs ski race: Nine chefs from the local area took part in the Grand Mariner Chefs Ski Race at the Boyne Highlands Ski Resort in Boyne Highlands, Michigan. The event is known as one of the nation's most eccentric amateur races, in which the competitors ski the alps wearing the traditional chef's coat, apron and toque blanche, or tall white hat of their profession.

In addition, the event is a fund-raiser for anti-hunger campaigns. The proceeds benefited the Michigan Chef Against Hunger, which contributes to the Capuchin Community Center Soup Kitchen. Since 1988, the event has raised \$250,000 for hunger programs in five major cities. The Country Epic restaurant in Novi sent a large contingent to the event, including owner Karen Angoleante, chefs Janet Thurber and Suzanne Jarnaz, and cooks Marje Olson, Todd Reilly, Kathleen Narducci, Dan Stanton and Lori Lafontaine. Thomas MacKinnon of MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville also participated.

Held over: An appeal of a city council denial for permits and variances needed to drill an oil well west of Echo Valley Estates subdivision was tabled March 5 by the zoning board of appeals.

The applicant, the Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO) has a lawsuit against Novi currently pending in the Oakland County Circuit Court.

An appeal meeting on March 26 at 7 p.m. has been set aside for the local appeal. Zoning board chair Gerald Bauer said the meeting will last at least four hours. "That's what SOMOCO indicated and I think there's going to be a great deal of audience participation," board member Lisa Foote added.

'Fear is gone,' care home's residents say

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

Since Farmington Hills-based Charter Care Corp. took ownership of the troubled Novi Care Center late last year, residents say they no longer live in fear of the facility's nursing aide staff.

"Residents were afraid," said Florence Adair, a resident at the facility for two years. "They were afraid to complain for fear of being battered. That fear is pretty much gone now."

Things have changed considerably, Adair, who is president of the Charter House community council, continued. "This management is trying to get a handle on everything. That fear is pretty much gone now."

Charter House of Novi began operations Dec. 14 last year. Since then, new owner and administrator Sandy Spiro said the facility has been trying to get rid of the "Care Center blues."

According to wife Nora Spiro, the entire family has gotten involved in running the facility. She said they are working to win the trust of the residents and the community.

"The residents were apprehensive at first," Nora Spiro said. "They have never had a family-operated enterprise."

"I think the residents are happier," she said. "We aren't the Care Centers. We never have been."

owned by Care Centers of Michigan, was involved in three incidents last year in which nurse's aides were charged with neglect or patient abuse.

In September, a nurse's aide at the center was charged with harmful neglect in connection with the choking death of a patient. Later that month, another aide pled guilty to a charge of patient abuse after kneeling a patient in the buttocks. In November, a third aide was charged with physical abuse for allegedly striking a patient on the arm.

Another resident, who identified herself as Eleanor, 74, said abuse came from the aide staff and not the management of the Novi Care Center. She said she has been a resident of the facility for nearly two years.

Adair agreed with Eleanor. She described hearing another patient beaten because she had given the aide staff a "hard time." Adair added that the aides conspired to beat the patient, who she said came away from the incident severely bruised, to teach her a lesson.

"It was so bad," she said. "The help was totally undisciplined and did whatever they wanted."

The Novi Care Center did employ several good aides, Adair said. She added that since Charter Care took over the facility many more "good" aides have been hired.

"Our girls work hard," Adair said. "It's not an easy job."



Sandy Spiro of Charter House shows off the improvements in the kitchen

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Owner refurbishes care center

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

A two-phased plan is being used by Charter House of Novi owner Sandy Spiro to provide residents with improved living conditions at the city's only convalescent facility.

Spiro, who bought the facility from Care Centers of Michigan, began making changes immediately after beginning operations Dec. 14 last year. Early changes focused on the facility's staffing, such as adding new nursing aides, a new housekeeper, beautician and head nurse.

In addition to making further staffing changes, Spiro is currently focusing on physical improvements to the facility. The convalescent center first opened in 1968, he said, and has had little work done on it since.

"This building hasn't been loved," said wife Nora Spiro, who helps operate the facility. Spiro hired the Minnesota-based Arthur Shuster company, which specializes in interior design of nursing home facilities, to come up with remodeling plans.

According to Judy Dahlseid, of the firm, it took a

short time to develop the two-phased plan. She said the goal was to change the feel of the facility. "We want residents to feel like it's their home not an institution," Dahlseid said.

Phase one, currently under way, is focusing on the main corridor of the facility, the activities room and resident dining rooms. Dahlseid said each of the rooms will have a traditional theme and will be designed to be "bright and cheerful."

Many of the rooms, including the dining areas, have had plaster and painting work done to them to "soften the atmosphere," Spiro said. The owner added that cinder blocks were visible in many of the rooms previously.

The first phase of the work will be completed in about six weeks, Dahlseid said. The last phase, which will be completed in about a year, will focus mainly on patient rooms and the lobby of Charter House.

Carpeting will be added to every room as will new furnishings. Dahlseid said the facility's lobby will be redesigned to allow for additional office space.

"It's a top to bottom makeover," she said.

Besides changes to the inside, Spiro said the facility will undergo one other big change. A new roof, which has been estimated at \$150,000, will be added later this spring.

"We aren't going to sleep something down," Spiro said. "We want something that will last. This is our lifetime commitment."

Evidence of that commitment is seen in the facility's kitchen, he said. New equipment, such as a restaurant-style toaster, have been added to improve resident meals. Spiro said the new toaster allows bread to be freshly made, whereas in the past it was prepared long before it was served.

"That is the kind of focus we are providing," he said. "It's a small thing, but it means a lot for the quality of life."

Spiro said Charter House's menu is also being expanded. Residents have been impressed with the improvement in the facility's food service.

"The food has improved 100 percent," said Florence Adair, a resident for two years. "You use to go to the table wondering if you could stomach it. The food was very dull and shabby."



A Charter House resident looks out the window to the courtyard which is to be improved so that residents can enjoy the outdoors



Above, Sandy Spiro and maintenance man Jeff Anderson inspect the roof that will be replaced. At right, Jack Farley of Clark Painting prepares for a painting project at the center.



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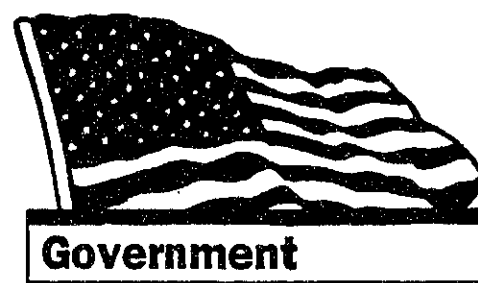
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As We See It

Assessment season points out problems

The whole process of property assessments and property taxes is kind of an unpleasant business. It gets more unpleasant when a homeowner believes a piece of property has been over-assessed. But if that homeowner wins the appeal to the board of review, that should be the good part, right?



Right — until the next year. That's when the homeowner lands right back at the starting point — with an over-assessed home.

But, for those cases in which the value is adjusted downward simply because the homeowner has made a case that the house is worth less than the assessor first said it was, that price should stick. The lower price should be placed on the owner's field card and that should be the price from which the assessor begins next year.

The recent mailing of assessment notices in Novi and around the area brought the bad news to those people who won board of review appeals last year: Their homes this year seem to be just as overassessed as before. Those people aren't imagining things.

See, the assessment/appeal system works with a built-in flaw. When an assessor sticks a value on a house, that number stays in the assessing records — even if a board of review adjusts it down, agreeing with the property owner that the figure is too high.

Under state law, the assessor next year must use as a starting point the original, old value — the one which an official body decided was wrong. Any increase will be applied to the old incorrect figure. In other words, if a person starts out with a bad assessed value, that person must appeal every year in order to correct the situation.

Now, the point of this rule in state law is to stop hardship cases or temporary reductions in value — say, the result of a fire — from forever affecting the value of a house. And we can certainly agree that those who plead hardship should indeed have to show that that hardship exists each and every year.

But seems like a better response, however, would be for the state Legislature to take up these questions. If this situation plays itself out every year all across the state, the resulting waste of time and effort appears staggering.

As You See It

Being taxed out of Novi

To the Editor:
My husband and I appeared before the Novi Board of Review to contest the 53 percent SEV increase on our East Lake Drive home and the 40 percent increase on the accompanying lake lot. A Spinal Column article (Feb. 13-19, 1991) stated that "Novi residential property was assessed 4 percent higher." We presented the same (1990) organized articles and photos of (1) unchecked flooding (documented by the Novi DPW and building dept.), (2) a similar neighboring structure being assessed for less, (3) close proximity of two depressed structures, and (4) the incorrect classification of East Lake Drive as a "residential" road as it bleeds our front yard carry 12,181 cars per day (1990 Sandstone study).

We were told that if there was a flooding problem (as it was not noted on our field card) to call the assessor's office for an inspection. This reason for the 34 percent increase was due to "market value." We were handed a sp-

No more man-eating tigers



Phil Jerome

Remember the joke about the guy waving his arms in a big, crazy circle and snapping his fingers? His buddy walks in, asks what he's doing and is informed that waving your arms and snapping your fingers is a foolproof way to scare away man-eating tigers.

"Don't be ridiculous," says his friend. "There aren't any man-eating tigers around here."

"See," says the first guy, brightly. "It works."

Okay, so it's not a great joke. But I was thinking about it the other day because of a present I received from my wife last Christmas.

You must remember that my wife is something of an animal lover. Actually, she's an animal-lover of the highest order. She donates regularly to the Nature Conservancy and the Michigan Humane Society, but more than that she has converted our palatial Westview Drive estate into a shelter for homeless animals.

Sort of a southwest Novi chapter of the Michigan Humane Society.

Cats rule highest at the Jerome pound. They're allowed in the house; we have seven of them now. But they're not the only animals which get special treatment. All other animals are welcomed to climb through a former milk chute into the garage where they'll find cozy "beds" made of old rags, incubator lights to keep them warm during the winter and, of course, plenty of food and water.

At various times, the garage has been home to opossums, raccoons, rabbits and an occasional skunk.

But back to man-eating tigers and Christmas presents.

What happened was that she bought me two of those little things that look like miniature sirens, and, when you put them on the grill of your car, they allegedly emit a high-pitched noise which warns animals that a car is coming and they'd better get out of the road.

Well, I dutifully installed those little sirens on my car the day after Christmas and am happy to report that I have not hit a single animal since they were installed.

Unfortunately, there's a down side to this story as well. Like they say, there's a dark cloud inside every silver lining.

There are many nights when I get home from work fairly late. And one of the little moments I used to treasure after a long day at work was seeing an occasional wild animal while driving south toward Northville on Beck Road between Eleven and Eight Mile.

I saw a red fox jogging along the west side of Beck, just north of Ten Mile, one night.

And several times I have seen deer bounding gracefully across Beck Road. The fox was a real thrill because you don't see them very often around here. And the deer, though somewhat more common, are truly beautiful.

But that's where the problem comes in. I can't tell you that I used to see red fox and deer everywhere I drove down Beck Road late at night, but I used to see them often enough that I always looked forward to it.

The key words in this previous paragraph are "used to." I "used to" see all kinds of wildlife with some degree of regularity.

But not any more. Nope, the sad truth is that I haven't seen any animals at all along Beck Road — or any other road for that matter — for a good long time . . . not since the day after Christmas when I installed those animal-warning sirens on the front of my car.

Of course, I haven't seen any man-eating tigers either.

In passing

By Hal Gould



'Going to the dogs'

Walking to work, pro and con



Rick Byrne

There wasn't much fanfare when I moved into Northville last week. More likely, people were probably muttering "What took you so long."

It's going to be an adjustment for me. I've commuted from Ann Arbor (22 miles) for nearly a year, but that never really bothered me. For three years before that, I had commuted to Howell six days a week (31 miles). Coming to Northville was a piece of cake by comparison.

But now, living on Eight Mile (actually in Novi) I you want to get technical, I'm little more than a mile from the office. Not since the days when I walked to and from high school have I used my feet for commuting (not counting college, of course, where everyone walks).

I must say this idea of walking (and on some days biking) to work appeals to me. It saves wear and tear on my venerable Dodge, not to mention the reduction in expenses. From an environmental standpoint, it gives me a good feeling to be doing my part to conserve fossil fuels and reduce emissions.

There's just one thing standing in my way. Perhaps more accurately there are a lot of things standing in my way — and none of them are traversed by a sidewalk.

Perhaps I've been spoiled, but whenever I wanted to walk somewhere in Ann Arbor, I could. There was always a paved footpath to lead me where I wanted to go.

As a youth growing up in New York City, I knew of only three ways to get around. The bus, the subway and walking.

Even if I don't have anywhere to go, I still like to walk. Once around the neighborhood is enough to refresh my spirit when I need it.

But from my new home in the Woodland Glen apartments, I don't see foot to a sidewalk until I'm halfway to Main Street. Pavement on Griswold doesn't even start until Pennell Avenue, west of the railroad bridge. And that's only on the southwest side of Griswold. The sidewalk on the other side of the street starts at Main Street, and goes about 100 feet before stopping in the middle of nowhere. It doesn't even reach Mill Race.

From what I've been told, I'd be barking up the wrong tree if I wanted the City of Northville to extend the sidewalks on Griswold to the city limits. Asking a city politician to address sidewalks is like asking the Pentagon about battle plans. You'll get a lot of walking, but no walkways.

A large portion of my walk to work is in township territory, too. I guess if I really wanted to get nowhere fast, I could ask the township about putting in sidewalks on Eight Mile and Griswold (or anywhere else for that matter).

Yeah, this living in Northville business is going to take some getting used to. If you happen to drive past some guy sloggng through the mud alongside Griswold around rush hour, give me a honk and a wave.

And if they ever hold a vote to improve sidewalks in the city or the township, vote with my feet instead of your own.

Rick Byrne is copy editor for the Northville Record and the Novi News.

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Cities, state plan interchange work

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Plans call for extending Beck Road farther past the highway, straightening the road, and connecting it to Twelve Mile at a conventional intersection.

The city is hoping to get a response on the plans from MDOT sometime this summer, Foyt said. The agency, he said, may not approve the plans because of designs of their own.

"I'm not sure they will replace their (own) scheme," Foyt said.

MDOT's plans call for a cloverleaf-style interchange, he said. Instead of having long ramps to and from the highway, loops would be used to make the connections.

Foyt said the city prefers a multi-level configuration because it uses

less land than the cloverleaf design. In any case, he said, the city wants a plan for the interchange in place as soon as possible so that development for the valuable land around it can take place.

"The area of Novi is being developed and we need to plan for the future," Foyt said.

Kriewall said the JCK plan would cost between \$4 million to \$5 million to implement. He said the project likely wouldn't begin for three to four years because MDOT will have to work it into its budget.

Thus far, the City of Wixom has been fully cooperative with Novi on the project, Kriewall said. He added that Wixom has also covered 50 percent of fees for the JCK design.

McMahon to stay, but Petrie's out

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Northville School Board Secretary Robert McMahon may vie with two mystery candidates for one of two places on the Board of Education in June.

But board President James Petrie's name won't be appearing on the ballot this year.

McMahon, a four-year board veteran, announced at Monday's board meeting that he will seek re-election to the school board on June 10. Two positions will be up for grabs, with Petrie's term also expiring in June. After eight years on the board, however, Petrie is calling it quits.

Petrie is running for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Trustees, a position he could hold concurrently with the Northville school board.

But Petrie said he will leave the Northville school board in order to dedicate his time in future months to the county election. Petrie also cited work and family commitments as reasons for leaving the school board.

McMahon and two other potential

candidates requested petitions to have their names placed on the election ballot from the district's central office at 501 W. Main St.

McMahon said in his one term on the board "much has been accomplished."

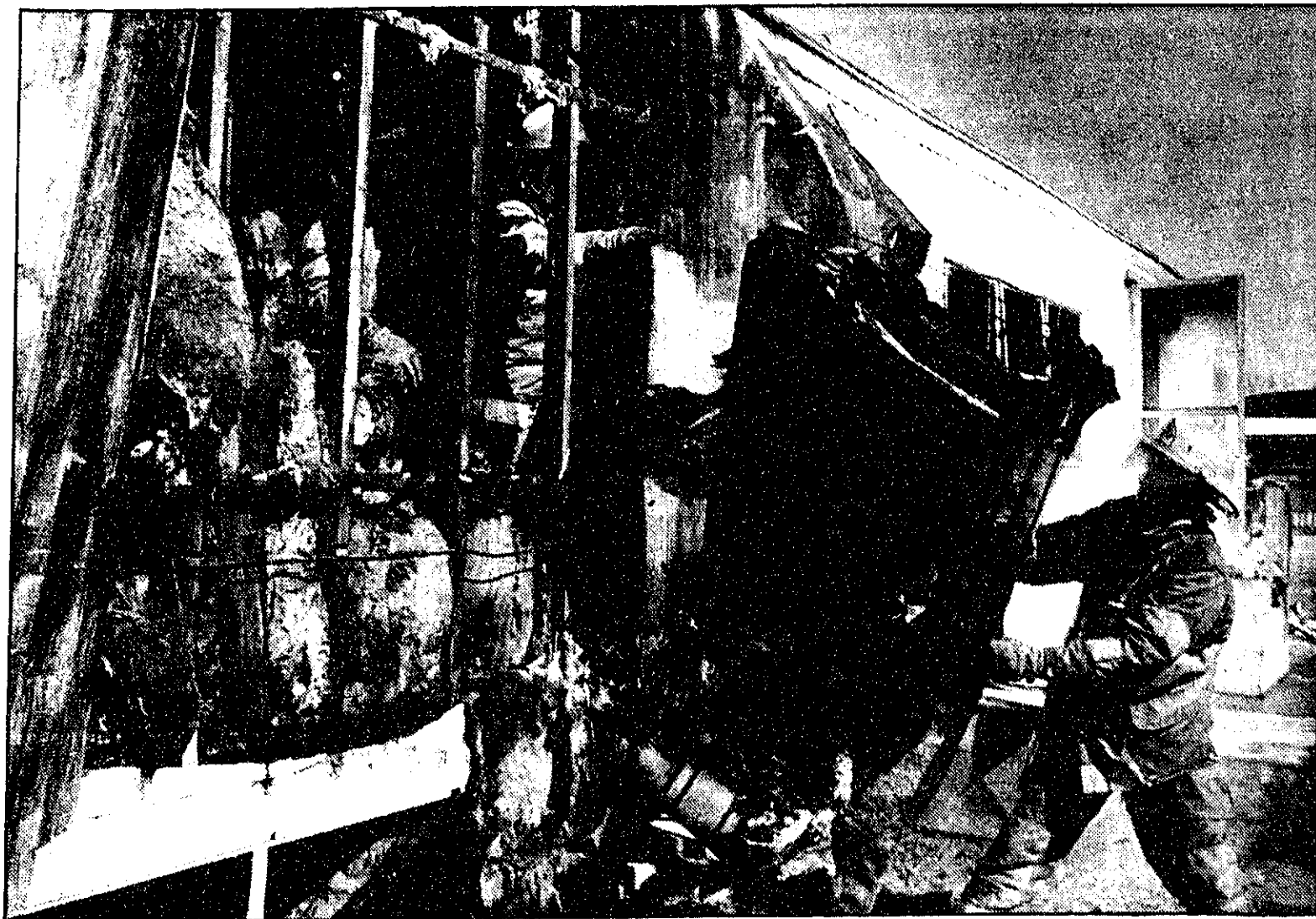
He attributed the district's success to staff, parental and community involvement.

"In this district we involve the citizens at the start," McMahon said. "By the time it gets to the board there's not much of a controversy."

In addition to McMahon, the two others who have pulled petitions asked to remain anonymous, said Northville's director of business and finance, John Street.

But a clue as to the identity of the two other possible candidates might be found in looking at one controversy that has made it to the board level in recent months. A critic of the district's board-adopted health model said one or more advocates of her position may seek a post on the school board.

Candidates must return petitions of 20 signatures to the district's central office by April 8 at 4 p.m.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL



Playing with matches?

Fire officials are still investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed a residence on Pierre Street in the Chateau Mobile Home park Friday afternoon, but preliminary findings indicate the blaze was likely the result of a child playing with matches, according to the assistant fire chief. At top, Novi firefighters pull a smoldering bed from the room in which the fire seems to have started. At bottom, firefighters work to put the blaze out. It took only 20 minutes to bring the fire under control but it was two hours before the fire could be completely extinguished. Fire officials believe the home will have to be replaced. They estimate the damage at \$18,000.

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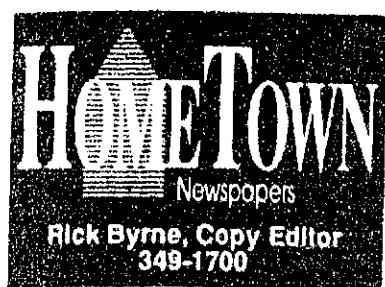
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As you become more interested in wine and its origins, place names become important to identifying a wine's quality. With the long history of wine-making in Europe, a classification of wine quality evolved principally on a wine's geographic origin.

Without being predisposed to geography, an interest in wine tends to generate a curiosity about place. It is now possible to learn everything you've ever wanted to know about Italian wines in Burton Anderson's "The Wine Atlas of Italy: And Traveller's Guide to the Vineyards" (Simon & Schuster, \$40).

The book is well written by one of the best authorities on Italian wines.

"Oz Clarke's New Encyclopedia of French Wines" (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95) is an accurate, refreshingly humorous text covering all the wine regions of France. The book's features offer a comfortable introduction to French wines.

Clarke, a British wine authority and broadcaster, has traveled the length of France. He understands the wines and gives superb descriptions of aromas and flavors. Clarke is opinionated and doesn't mind letting you know.

He calls Muscadet "the perfect easy-going light, soft, fresh dry white." For good value he predicts, "We're going to see more and more Corbieres, Minervois, Fitou and Cotes du Roussillon." He contends that Beaujolais' Gamay grape "can perform brilliantly but frequently doesn't."

Of the famous red Bordeaux wines of Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Clarke said, "I wish I could draw near in humble mood to worship at this shrine of perfection, but I can't, and the reason is simply that the wine is so wretchedly inconsistent." On the other hand he admits, "La Lagune has given me more pleasure than any other single wine."

Despairing about the quality of the white wines of Macon, Clarke suggests that although we should see a steady stream of enjoyable, fruity, fresh, creamy Macon-Villages Chardonnay, the wines of Australia and New Zealand have twice the flavor at half the price.

"The Simon & Schuster Beginner's Guide to Understanding Wine" (Michael Schuster, Fireside Books, \$12.95) is a guide for the novice and experienced alike. Schuster expertly focuses on tasting techniques, grape varieties and winemaking methods, accompanied by illustrative color photographs.

A proponent of language as a part of wine enjoyment, Schuster emphasizes correct vocabulary as he describes tasting techniques. He uses all the senses (sight, smell, taste and touch) to encourage a complete experience.

Grapes, and the wines they make, are discussed from algote to viognier, for whites, and cabernet to zinfandel red wines. Sparkling and fortified wines are explained and a brief discussion of spirits also is included.

Books are the best way to expand your wine education. They will heighten your wine enjoyment.

WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK

Shenandoah Vineyards Vintage Port. At \$10, this wine is a bargain for those seeking a full, rich, creamy-textured dessert pour with balanced sweetness. Produced from authentic Portuguese grape varieties, this California-style port makes an exceptional complement to warm apple pie.

1990 Martin Brothers Dry Chenin Blanc (\$8) is a delicious alternative to many pricey chardonnays. Floral, melon, pear and pineapple aromas are followed by fresh fruit flavors in a user-friendly style.

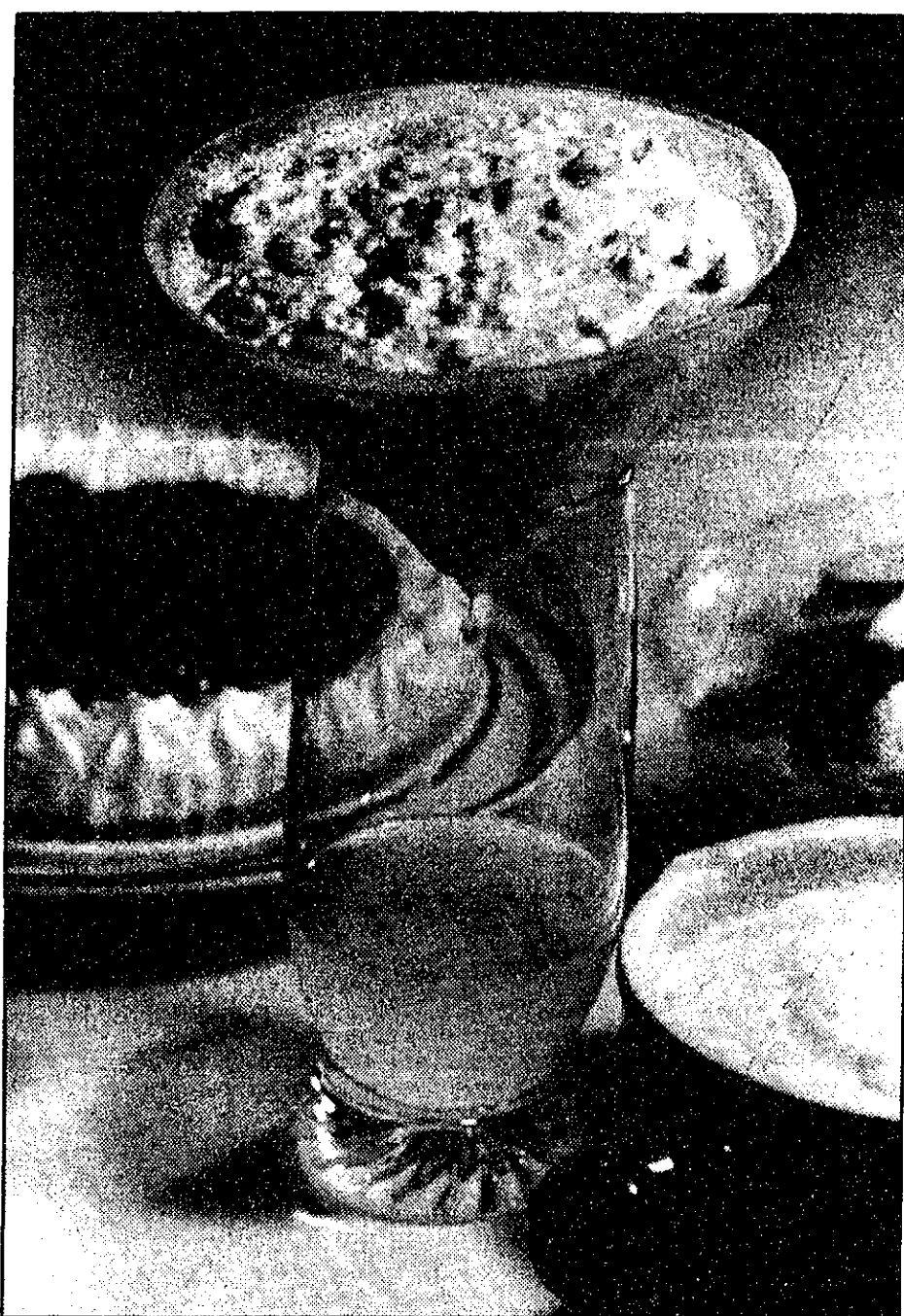
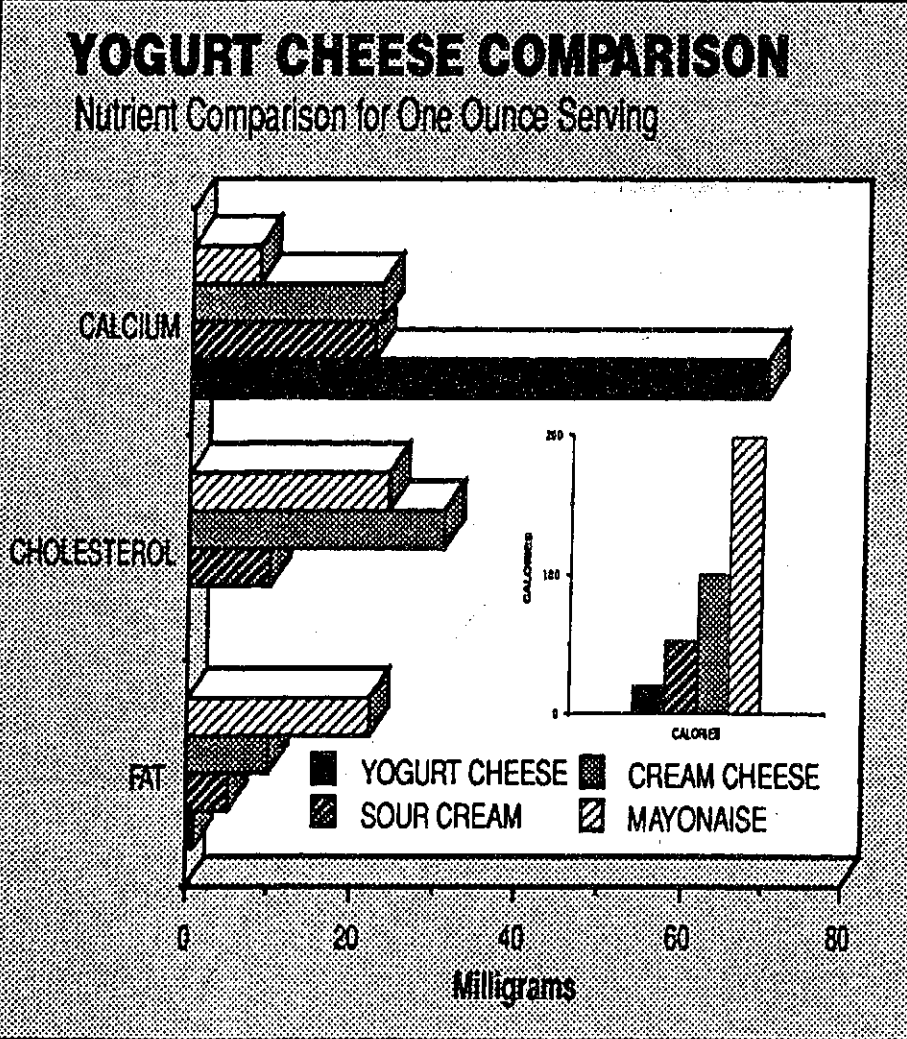


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Store-bought funnel creates versatile yogurt cheese, by draining the liquid (whey)



YOGURT CHEESE

Forgotten dairy product creamy, without the guilt

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

The Health Police are on the prowl, and they're coming to get you, all you lovers of sour cream, cream cheese and mayonnaise.

They know you've been sneaking around, dipping into cheesecake, chip dips, creamy salad dressings, cheese blintzes and potato salad, knowing full well that all that stuff is high in fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Perhaps you've been asked by your doctor to give up all those creamy goodies. Or perhaps you'd just like to for health's sake, but can't live without a dollop of sour cream on your baked potatoes.

Well, sneak no more because there's a new low-fat, low-calorie, low-cholesterol alternative to sour cream, cream cheese and mayonnaise. It's called yogurt cheese. Yogurt cheese is simply yogurt that has been drained of liquid.

Yogurt cheese is not just some substitute that looks and acts like cheese. From a dairy expert's point of view, it is a true cheese.

Remember the "curds and whey" line from the "Little Miss Muffet" nursery rhyme? When you got too old for nursery rhymes, you still wondered what whey was, right? Whey is, quite simply, the liquid that comes out of any dairy product when it's curdled to make cheese.

Yogurt cheese has a long tradition in Middle Eastern and Indian cookery. The Arabs call it *laban*. In India, it is sweetened, spiced with saffron and cardamom, and mixed with pistachios to make a festive dessert called *shrikhard*. Greek farmers mix it with chopped cucumbers for lunch.

Graham Kerr, the "Gallop Gourmet," makes frequent use of it in his recently revived television show. It also appears frequently in recipes on Jeff Smith's "The Frugal Gourmet" show, and in his cookbook of the same name.

According to the University of California, Berkeley *Wellness Letter*, "yogurt cheese can be an excellent substitute for high-fat cheeses, sandwich spreads and dips. What makes yogurt cheese so special is that it picks up the flavor of anything it's mixed with."

Further kudos for yogurt cheese come from *Cardiac Alert*, a newsletter dedicated to the prevention of heart disease: "Because yogurt cheese is low in sodium and low in fat, it is a healthy addition to anyone's diet. It is especially useful, however, for people with high blood pressure and heart disease."

The accompanying chart gives

specific nutritional comparisons between cheese made from lowfat yogurt, and the creamy favorites, cream cheese, sour cream and mayonnaise. Yogurt cheese is clearly lower in sodium, calories and fat, and is higher in calcium.

For those who with lactose intolerance, yogurt cheese is also lower in lactose. And it is high in protein as well. If you want no fat at all, use non-fat yogurt to make your yogurt cheese.

The Surgeon General, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society have all told us to get the fat out of our diets. Most importantly, we've been told to be aware of the "calories from fat" in the foods we eat.

Yogurt cheese gets 30 percent or less of its calories from fat. By comparison, Gouda and Edam get around 65 percent of their calories from fat; cheddar, colby or jack cheeses get a whopping 72 percent.

Making yogurt cheese is quite simple. In the old days, yogurt was spooned into a cheesecloth (now you know where that word comes from, too) sack and suspended over the kitchen sink to drain.

Rather than dangling a drippy sack over your sink, try this method: line a small colander (or large strainer) with a couple layers of cheesecloth, and place in a bowl. Spoon in the yogurt and let it drain.

Technology has also made available a number of yogurt funnels, which can be found in gourmet stores. We tried one called the Really Creamy Yogurt Cheese Funnel, and found it convenient to use, and effective at making delightful creamy cheese.

You can't use fruit yogurts to make yogurt cheese. You're generally limited to plain, coffee, vanilla or lemon. The yogurt you use must be free of gelatin. Check the label if you're not sure. Certain highly-processed yogurts (such as Yoplait) won't work either.

Made with plain yogurt, the cheese is mildly tart, somewhere between sour cream and cream cheese. Sweeter yogurts, like vanilla and lemon, yield sweeter cheeses.

Its texture is like that of whipped cream cheese. It tastes creamy, like it's loaded with fat, but you can eat it guilt-free.

The uses for yogurt cheese are endless. Triad Publishing has even devoted two whole cookbooks to it's use — "Not Just Cheesecake," and "Snack to Your Heart's Content." Included here are some possibilities.

See page 2B for recipes.

Chef Mary Brady

Irish cookery demonstrates more skill than luck

Luck. The Irish believe that luck has a tremendous influence on their lives.

The phrase "luck of the Irish" applied to me early this year when I was awarded a trip to Ireland to do what I love the most — cook and eat.

The jokes started to fly among friends and colleagues. Ireland is not known for its cuisine or culinary expertise. Anyone I ever spoke with that had traveled to the Emerald Isle told me how bland and unimaginative the food was. Well, I was going to find out firsthand.

January is not the time of the year to go to Ireland unless you are happy sitting by a fire to keep warm. Of course, I had no choice in the matter and was just thrilled to be visiting the home of my ancestors.

I could hardly wait to see the brilliant and varied shades of green looming out of the ocean as we flew over. I had expected to have tears well in my eyes at the sight. It was the only disappointment I was to have for 10 days. Snow covered the entire Irish country. There was literally no green. I learned quickly that keeping warm was a priority.

The plane landed early in the morning at Shannon Airport. Since there was short layover before going on to Dublin, we were allowed to get off the plane. My feet had touched the Irish soil. How exciting. It is hard to explain the feeling you have knowing that you are in the land from which your relatives emigrated.

We decided to celebrate with an Irish coffee at the spot that made them famous, the home

of the Irish coffee, the Shannon Airport Bar. The barkeep smiled, knowing we were tourists, and put on his show. A bit of sugar, a dash of Irish whiskey, hot coffee and the richest, lowliest heavy cream I had ever tasted. Skip everything else, give me a bowl of that hand-whipped cream with a spoon.

The Irish coffee at Diamond Jim Brady's (our American Irish pub) has been made the exact same way for years. But that cream. What a difference an Irish cow makes.

Our culinary journey began in a small town about two hours from Dublin in a town called Limerick. We had been on the go for nearly 48 hours without sleep, a shower or a decent meal. To top that off we were driving on the wrong side of the road and sitting on the opposite side of the car. Talk about scary.

The tourist board recommended a B and B nearby. I have never, even in this country, stayed at a B and B and didn't know what to expect. The room was clean and neat, the proprietor charming. But boy was it cold. The Irish are used to no or minimal heat. Obviously, we were not.

Thank heavens for the breakfasts. Fresh orange juice, hot, perfectly brewed tea, that wonderful cream, porridge (oatmeal), brown Irish bread with luscious jam and butter, two eggs, ham and bacon. The bacon is like nothing I've ever had. The closest comparison is the true Canadian peameal. Lean and juicy. Who needs lunch with a start like this?

Each morning began the same. I am not a lover of fried eggs so the next day asked for scrambled. Their texture was light and soft. Totally different than ours. Tiny, tiny curds. Very delicious. I found out later that the eggs are stirred over a hot water bath until curdled, not fried and stirred over direct heat, thus the contrast.

lunch was generally skipped with a pint of Guinness stout used as a substitute. Stout in this country does not compare. Chemicals added for travel make it bitter. Not being a beer drinker, I amazed myself by asking time and time again for a "pint of Guinness, please."

Dinner was not the affair we make of it in the U.S. Little fanfare; just good, earthy, simple food. The tastes were incredible. Irish salmon is revered in culinary circles. It isn't hard to figure out why. The flesh is firm and a beautiful pink. And the flavor cannot be topped.

Accompaniments are unpretentious — lots of potatoes prepared all of the usual ways but better, and loads of fresh vegetables, broccoli and carrots being the most popular. And that wonderful Irish brown bread and rich butter.

Plaice is another popular fish. A variety of flatfish, it reminded me of an upscale orange roughy/sole combination. Fried and sauteed, its fresh, non-fishy taste is one I'd love to encounter here. Prawns (shrimp) as big as a finger are also abundant. Dublin Bay prawns are renowned around the world for their succulent qualities.

The most popular meat is lamb and mutton. Sheep dot the hillsides wherever you go. Young lamb is superior and the sausages and stews made from mutton are out of this world. Veal and steaks are available and very good. I did not miss any "American" food while gone.

Our travels took us to Lahinch, Dublin, Caven, Virginia and all in between. Each meal was a delightful experience. The Irish people are thrilled to have an American visitor. We are their idols. Service was superb. When was the last time your french fries were served using French service? French service is the hardest and most time-consuming of all styles of service. It is rarely if ever used in the United States anymore. Truly classic but very unpretentious when done by the Irish.

Sandwiches were a mainstay for locals for the evening meal. A chicken sandwich was just that — chicken and bread. Chicken salad consisted of chicken, bread and a piece of lettuce. Nothing glorious except that the chicken was real: no pressed luncheon meat here. Then the rich stock left from boiling the chicken was used in the marvelous soups.

Ireland is one of few countries that produces most of the food that it uses. Very little is imported. The variety of produce does not compare to what we are used to, but wonders are worked with what is available. The fish is extraordinary. Meat very acceptable. Dairy products excellent. Brown bread the best.

And, oh, what I'd give for a pint of stout.

IRISH DARK SODA BREAD

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 1/4 cups buttermilk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Add all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix very well. Pour all the buttermilk into the bowl and stir until a soft dough is formed: Do not try to make it smooth. Pour the dough onto a floured board and knead for one minute. Divide the dough in two and form into round loaves. Put the loaves on an ungreased sheet and slash an "X" into the tops with a sharp knife. Allow to rest for 10 minutes and bake 40-45 minutes in the center of the preheated oven. Cool on racks or serve warm with butter, honey or jam.

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