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## Novi projects feel effects of mixer strike

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Just more than a week has passed in a strike by transit mix drivers, but Novi builders say it has already had an impact and could delay completion of their projects.

Members of the Detroit-based Teamsters Local 247 voted June 1 to go on strike against 28 companies represented by the Transit Mix Association. Some 600 transit mix drivers are involved in the walkout, which is affecting construction projects in five counties including Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Macomb and Livingston.

One development where the strike is being felt is the "Woods of Novi." The project includes plans for 82 single-family homes on Decker and Thirteen Mile roads.

According to Manny Nosan, vice president of Legacy Homes, builders of the project, construction of the homes are in various stages. Eight of the homes are complete, he

"The main thing is the (hardship) on the purchaser. These people are going to have sold their homes and have nowhere to go. The bind is really on them."

Manny Nosan  
Legacy Homes

said, but without concrete to construct basements, floors, sidewalks and curbs, other homes won't be finished on time.

"It's starting to put us in a pinch," Nosan said.

Plans call for half of the homes to be completed by the end of the year.

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Stephanie Conn enjoyed commencement in her own special way

## School needs may call for bond issue

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

A bond issue request could be in the future for residents of the Novi school district.

A High School Facilities Task Force Committee studied the physical needs of the high school for four months, and on June 6 told the school board what it wants done at the high school.

The committee asked the board to appoint a study committee to make specific recommendations by Sept. 30.

Sept. 30 was deemed an impossible deadline by the board, but members agreed something needs to be done to address the committee's concerns.

District administration is expected to report back to the board at a June 20 meeting held at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road at 7:30 p.m.

An action plan should be developed in lieu of forming a study group to address the high school's facility needs, trustee Raymond Byers said.

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## Novi officers reject contract settlement

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Novi Police officers voted down a tentative agreement with the city Tuesday night that would have ended a nearly year-long contract dispute.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klavaer said the dispute will likely end up in binding arbitration. He said it could be up to a year before officers are working under a new contract.

"I was rather surprised by the vote," Klavaer said, "because we had

a tentative agreement."

According to Novi Police Det. Frank Barabas, the ratification vote Tuesday was the second within the past month. Barabas, who is president of the Novi Police Officers Association and acted as a negotiator in the dispute, said a similar contract offer from the city was "turned down overwhelmingly" by the officers in May.

A three-year agreement between Novi officers and the city expired

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The traditional hats-in-the-air celebration

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Seniors share last memory

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

A total of 244 students graduated on a sometimes tearful, sometimes joyful, but always hot Sunday.

Commencement exercises for the Novi High School class of 1991 were held on the school's football field June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Excessive sunshine aside, the weather was permitting for the ceremony, which was held outdoors. An indoor ceremony was planned in case of rain.

But with not a cloud in the sky, several family members and friends of graduates sat in the bleachers under umbrellas, shielding themselves from the sunshiny, 80-degree weather.

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Novi High's 244 graduates celebrated their achievements in commencement exercises Sunday afternoon. More photos of the event are on page 10 and 11.

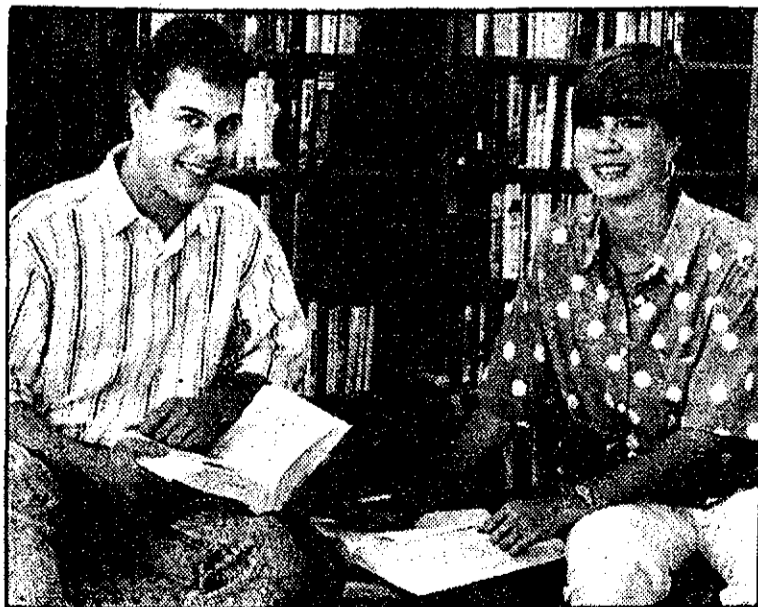


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## All Area Academics

Graduating Novi High Seniors Kevin Mitzel and Keely Harris made the cut and won positions on HomeTown Newspapers' first ever All-Area Academic squad. The selection was made through a mathematical analysis of their performance during their high school years. The story is on page 1B.

## Tombstone finds final resting place

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Novi Officer John Zimmer frowned and squinted at the faded words at the top of Lucinda Cleveland's headstone.

Suddenly, after looking at them so many times before — those worn, weatherbeaten letters that circled a carving of a hand pointing upward — he could make out what it said. "Gone Home," he read aloud.

And indeed, the words seemed more appropriate now than before. For Zimmer had just pulled Lucinda's headstone from the trunk of his car and leaned it against a tree in a small rural cemetery 10 miles southwest of Jackson.

Lucinda Cleveland died Oct. 30, 1861. Her headstone was found abandoned in a ditch off West Road

in Novi in 1989.

On Monday, June 10, — after a two-year search by Zimmer — the tombstone was finally brought back, as close as possible, to where it belonged: Pulaski Cemetery, where Lucinda was buried.

The trip to Pulaski Cemetery was a little disappointing for Zimmer. After such a long journey, he had hoped to put Lucinda's headstone above her grave, next to her husband's.

The headstone reads "Lucinda, Wife of H. Cleveland. Died Oct. 30th, 1861. Aged 41 years."

"I was really looking forward to putting Lucinda back next to H. Cleveland," Zimmer said.

But time and vandals seemed to have taken a toll on Pulaski Cemet-

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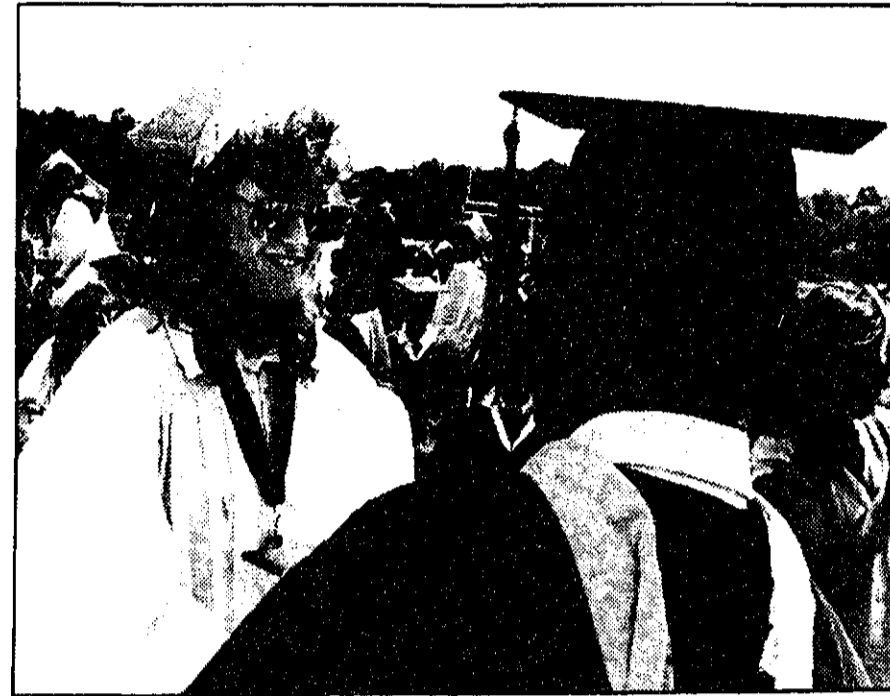


# CONGRATULATIONS, Novi High School Class of 1991



(Clockwise from top left) One of Novi's 244 graduating seniors had a special message on his cap for the crowd gathered at the commencement Sunday. A teary-eyed class president, Jennifer Fornwald, gets a hug from a friend. Valedictorian Kevin Mitzel delivers his speech. Jennifer Paterni gets her diploma.

# CONGRATULATIONS, Novi High School Class of 1991



(Clockwise from top left) Amy McMartin gets her sheepskin. Valedictorian Keely Harris addresses the graduating class. The 1991 graduating class of Novi High School as the enter the field at the beginning of the commencement ceremony. Jeff Schram celebrates his graduation.



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## Mausoleum wins approval of city

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Plans for a proposed mausoleum at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens were approved by planning commissioners May 5, but concerns over construction of sidewalks at the cemetery were raised.

Commissioners voted unanimously to grant final site plan approval for the mausoleum. The cemetery is located at the corner of Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

According to Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers, construction of sidewalks, along both roads, should be coordinated with widening of Twelve Mile Road. He said, otherwise, they could end up being torn out when widening takes place.

"If we come through with Twelve Mile there is going to be some land taking near the cemetery," Rogers told commissioners. "I can guarantee that."

The project was granted preliminary approval in December of last year by planners. In giving that approval, commissioner Tim Gilberg said the cemetery should comply with the city's sidewalk ordinance.

Planners asked in December that final plans be brought back to them to address sidewalk and landscaping issues. For many developments, final site plans are approved by the city without going back to the planning commission.

In preparing final plans for the city, the cemetery included plans for a five-foot concrete sidewalk. Rogers said the city's engineering consultants, JCK & Associates, would ad-

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Blair Weiss  
Controller for  
Oakland Hills  
Memorial Gardens

vice the cemetery in construction of the sidewalks.

Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens covers just more than 155 acres in Novi. Blair Weiss, a controller for the cemetery, said the mausoleum would be 32 feet wide, 66 feet long and stand 20 feet tall.

"The building itself is a mausoleum and crypt for the entombment of the dead above ground," he told commissioners in December. "A portion of the building will be the mausoleum and another part will be for meditation and prayer."

Garry Eppolito, manager of the cemetery, said the mausoleum will hold 576 crypts. He added that the mausoleum will be located near the center of the cemetery.

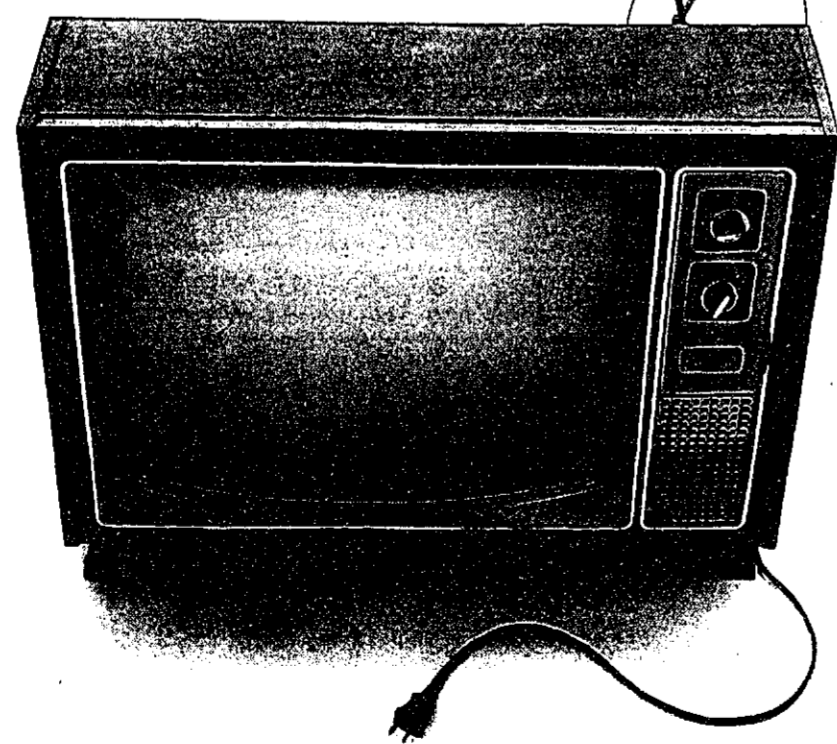


### Senator joins in

The Novi High School Jazz Band played a lunchtime concert in the plaza near the state Capitol Building in Lansing recently. State Senator Jack Faxon, whose district includes Novi, spent time visiting with the members of the band and listened to their music. Faxon expressed a special interest in the jazz band's per-

formance since he is a member of the Michigan Arts Council. The band has also recently been invited to perform at the 1991 Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival over Labor Day weekend. Only a few high schools are invited to the festival each year. This will be the Novi Jazz Band's third performance there.

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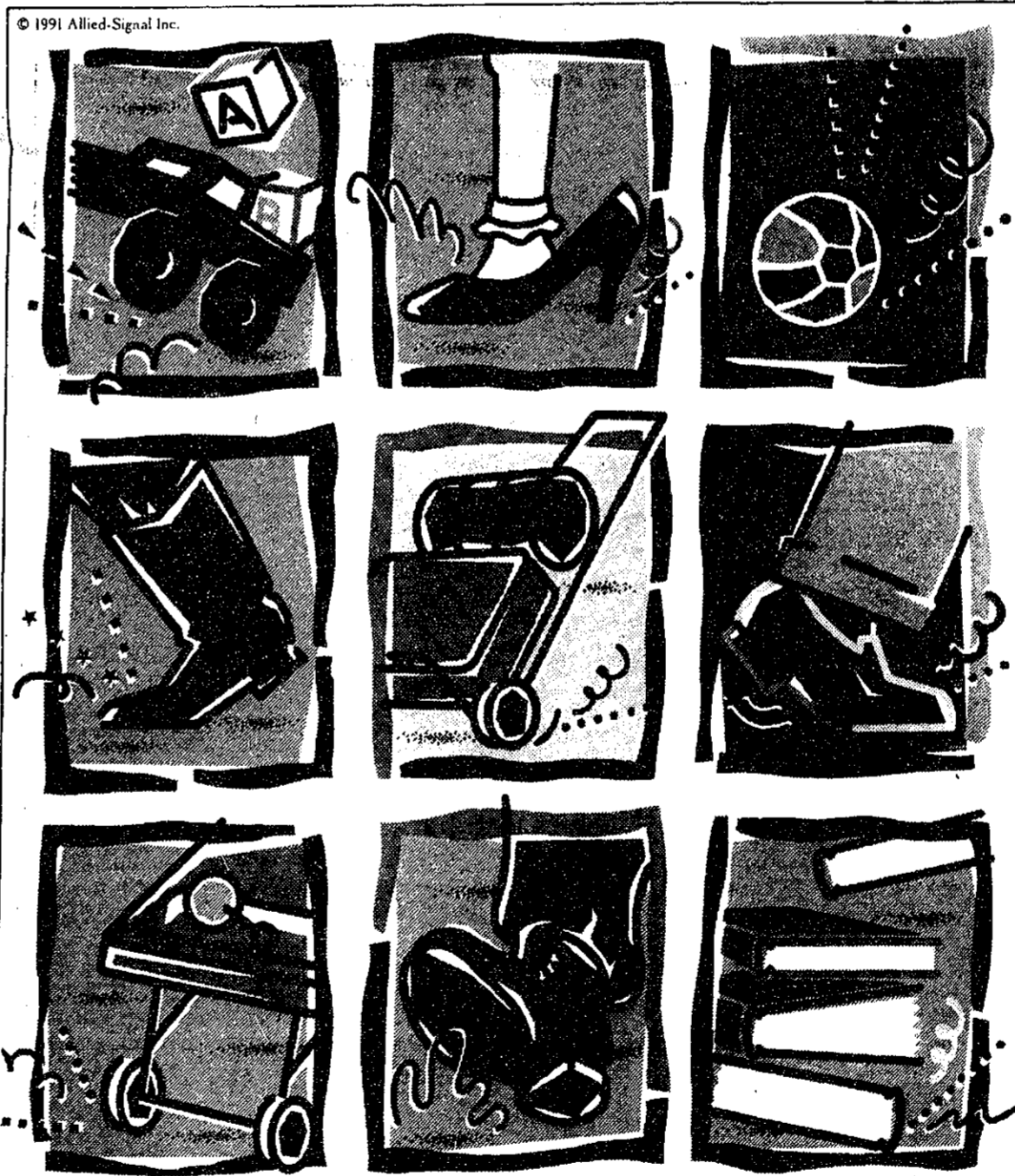
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### Heavy lifting

Increased capacity and improved reliability of the electricity supply system in Novi was the goal of a recent project by Detroit Edison. Poles for a new transmission line designed to increase electrical capacity to Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills were brought in by helicopter earlier this month. The \$2 million project, which will eventually be connected to Southfield, was needed because of the increasing demand for electricity in the area over the past few years, according to the company. Helicopters were used to bring in the 100-foot utility poles because land-based heavy equipment, such as cranes, would have disturbed more vegetation along the route of the transmission line.



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## Educators may withhold union fees, high court rules

College faculty may withhold union fees that are used for lobbying and political efforts, the U.S. Supreme Court said last week in an 8-1 decision. The case was brought by James Lehnert and five other members of the Ferris State University faculty in Big Rapids. They were represented by attorneys provided by the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

Rex H. Reed, executive vice president of the foundation, said: "The Supreme Court has made it clear to union officials that lobbying for higher taxes, public ballot campaigns and public relations have nothing to do

with collective bargaining. And charging employees for those activities is a violation of their constitutional rights."

Under agency shop contracts, employees may remain non-members of the union but must pay fees equivalent to union dues. This prevents them from becoming "free riders" from the union's bargaining efforts.

A Court of Appeals in Cincinnati had rejected their efforts to withhold payments for the union's legislative and lobbying and public relations activities but was overruled by the high court.

Justice Harry Blackmun ruled, in many respects, for the objecting em-

ployees. The state and national affiliates offer a "pool of resources available to the local unions and for which all employees can be required to pay, even if the services are not actually used in a given year."

Justice Thurgood Marshall did not join in the opinion.

But all nine justices rejected the broader argument put forward by objecting employees — that they shouldn't have to pay for activities of the national union, the National Education Association or the Michigan Education Association that were not undertaken directly on behalf of the Ferris faculty bargaining unit.

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# Suburbs must share revenue, Senate concludes

By **TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

Growing suburbs would share their business property tax bases with the rest of the state under a 1992 school aid bill passed by the state Senate.

"For years people (outstate) have said we want what you've got," protested Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district covers the City of Novi. "Now the three big counties will share with the rest of the state because they (outstate) want."

"The cost of living and cost of property are different in the Upper Peninsula. Oakland County housing costs are different from Antrim or Newaygo," Faxon said in a series of protests.

The bill Tuesday was returned to the House, which hadn't included tax base sharing in its version.

The Senate Tuesday passed the \$3 billion public school aid bill 24-9 with most of the nay votes coming from the

tri-county suburbs with out-of-formula school districts.

Voting no were Faxon, Robert Geake, R-Northville, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Voting yes were Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, and Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor.

Faxon also failed with two other amendments: to strip the bill of provisions requiring busing money for in-district schools of choice, and to restore \$50 million in categorical aid for special and bilingual education. His amendments never got more than five to eight votes in the 37-member chamber.

The bill was a major victory for Faxon's debating foe, Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on K-12 aid.

"This will shift \$400 million from the wealthy to the poorer districts over 10 years," said DeGrow, who said he has given up on asking voters for more taxes for equity between rich and poor districts.

The shift would occur in increments of \$35 million to \$40 million a year, he said.

DeGrow said differences between the Senate and House versions likely will be settled in a conference committee — three senators and three representatives. That improves the plan's chance of passage because DeGrow's House counterpart, Rep. James O'Neill, D-Saginaw, also supports tax base sharing.

DeGrow said Gov. John Engler is likely to sign a tax base sharing plan. Engler was to deliver a special school reform message this spring but deferred it until fall. In an interview with this newspaper, Engler strongly hinted he would support tax base sharing.

If the plan ever becomes law, all districts would share half the future growth in commercial and industrial property on a regional basis, with the funds being returned to districts on a per-pupil basis.

Residential and farm property would be unaffected.

Faxon said it would cost little in

built-up districts like Southfield but would hit newer areas like Novi.

"If you happen to be in a growing area, your new growth is not going to you but your neighbors," said Faxon. "Those who have it are going to keep it, and those who are going to make it in the future will share."

DeGrow admitted that was true but added, "We can't go on the way we are. (Faxon) would have you believe he's the champion of equity. He's the center of the status quo."

Faxon also assailed the way DeGrow's three regions were set up to divide metropolitan business growth:

■ Wayne County would be in a district covering the lower two tiers westward to Berrien County in the Lake Michigan fruit belt.

■ Oakland would be lumped with Livingston and counties to the northwest, as far north as Gladwin and Clare.

■ Macomb's district would include the cornfields of the Thumb, then

swing north around Saginaw Bay and take in northern lower Michigan and the UP.

For the current year, DeGrow said, the sharing would amount to about \$30 a pupil in all three regions.

Other highlights of the Senate's K-12 aid bill:

■ It's a two-year bill. The Legislature has voted to freeze property assessments in 1992, and DeGrow wanted to show districts what the aid picture will look like.

■ Overall, there is 5 percent more money in '92 and 4.5 percent more in '93.

■ The categorical "recapture" (takeaway) continues at \$72 million this year but is eliminated thereafter, to soften the blow for out-of-formula districts.

■ Every district would be required to adopt a "schools of choice" plan for parents to select their youngster's schools. It wouldn't be necessary in districts with a single high school. Their busing costs would be covered by the state.

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## The Primrose 1 Empty-nest design with modern appeal

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

Lofty brick columns flank the high, gabled entryway of the Primrose 1, giving a stately and spacious feel to a contemporary home that is actually on the small side.

The brick facade and cultured stone on the front positively exude solidity and permanence. The arched garage doors and window, as well as the round window, add grace.

Designed primarily with empty, or nearly empty, nesters in mind, the home is compact and easy to care for. Once inside there are no difficult flights of steps to negotiate, and, if desired, the entry steps could be replaced by a gently sloping walkway.

Inside, the sense of spaciousness carries over dramatically. Windows, which arch over and around the front door, flood the 1-1/2-story, vaulted entry area with warm, natural light. More windows form most of one wall of the wide, open great room, which combines the kitchen, dining and living areas. Had the designer walled each room separately, following the traditional norm, this home wouldn't be nearly so inviting.

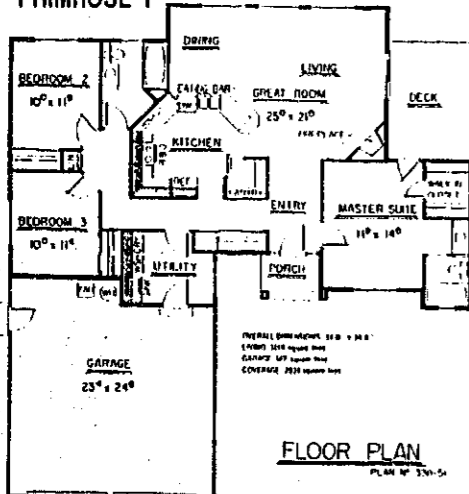
A covered deck, accessed from the great room by sliding glass doors, invites outdoor living when the weather is mild. The master suite also opens onto the deck.

An angled extension on the eating bar creates more seating while giving a unique shape to the basically U-shaped kitchen. And the placement of the sink and dishwasher in the eating bar ensures that those doing clean-up tasks need not be cut off from activities or discussions going on elsewhere in the room. Ample storage is available in cupboards and pantry.

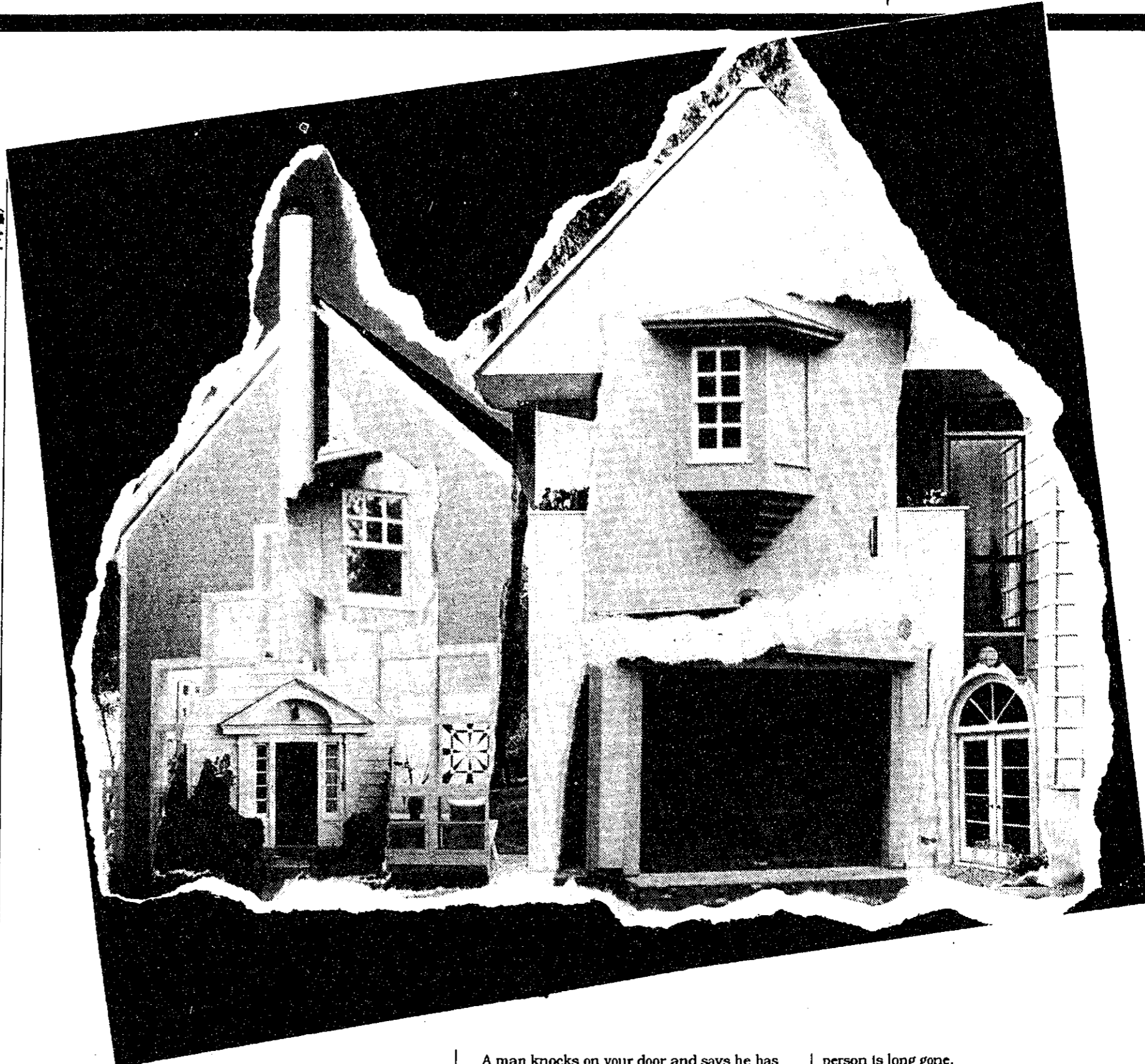
For increased privacy, the master suite is located on the opposite side of the family living area from the other two bedrooms. Each sleeping area has its own bathroom.

A utility room is tucked between the garage and bedrooms. Those who like to sew will quickly realize that the light by the window makes it a perfect place for a sewing machine.

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# BUYER BEWARE

'Tis the season for home improvement scams, so be careful out there

STORY BY CYNTHIA TARCHINSKI  
ARTWORK BY ANGIE PREDHOMME

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

The benefits of owning a home are many—pride of ownership, equity buildup, tax advantages, security for equity loans, etc.

It can also cut your vacation costs dramatically. An increasing number of home owners are discovering this opportunity as they participate in home exchanging.

This process is simple. Typically, a home owner first lists his house with a home exchange network. When he decides to spend some time in an area, he contacts a network member in that locale and works out mutually agreeable dates to exchange their residences.

Normally, no rent or other fee is paid by either party. A large chunk of money is thereby saved, particularly for families with children.

A man knocks on your door and says he has some leftover supplies from a big project up the street and he'll fix your roof for a price you can't beat.

Buyer beware.

According to area law-enforcement officials, home maintenance con artists thrive in the summer months and their main targets seem to be senior citizens. Some of the services these traveling criminals peddle are landscaping, painting, roof repair or driveway paving.

Michigan State Police Trooper Kriste Elue from the Brighton post said that June, July and August are the busiest months for the traveling con artists.

"People go door-to-door offering a chance of a lifetime relatively cheap," she said. "Basically, it's a consumer beware kind of deal. If you do it, there's no guarantee. Sometimes the first rain washes it away."

About two years ago, a Pinckney woman was cheated out of \$400 when a man offered to pave her driveway. Pinckney Police Chief Bill Smith said. The man's story was that he'd been working on a big project and had some materials left over. For \$400,

the man would make the repairs on her driveway. The woman had been considering the project and knew that it could cost her at least \$1,000, so she jumped at the chance, Smith said.

"She made out a check payable to cash and she never saw him again," Smith said.

According to the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association, traveling criminals usually leave their customers with a driveway that will eventually reveal poor work. Problems may not appear for several weeks or months, and by that time, the

person is long gone.

Some criminals are so well prepared for the crimes that they will use the name of a reputable local asphalt supplier in order to win customer confidence. They may use business cards and trucks that appear legitimate. Addresses and telephone numbers are frequently those of only an answering service in another city.

Smith talks to seniors in his area, warning them about the home-repair con artists. He said an elderly man he met was ashamed to admit that he paid \$150 for a patching job on his garage roof.

The man felt secure about the deal because he could see that the workers were putting the shingles on his roof. He learned that he'd been cheated about two weeks later when it rained and the shingles came washing off the roof.

"It destroyed the paint on the man's garage and it killed his wife's flowers," Smith said. Nearly every law-enforcement official in the area has at least one story like Smith's. While there haven't been many reports of traveling criminals hitting the area yet this year, area authorities said that they could come back again.

Livingston County Undersheriff Richard Winsett said that

experienced criminals usually stake out the homes of unsuspecting senior citizens and then make their pitch. Often they will travel in groups of two or three. If a group is let into a home, the others might steal things while the homeowner is distracted with a sales pitch, Winsett said.

"The best thing to do is to go through the phone book or go to the chamber of commerce when you want to make home repairs," Winsett said. "If they

The man felt secure about the deal because he could see that the workers were putting the shingles on his roof...later when it rained, the shingles came washing off the roof.

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## REAL ESTATE

# People swap homes for inexpensive vacation

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

Many home exchanges are taking place domestically and internationally, according to Lori Horne, owner of a regional operation of Intervac US, the nation's largest home exchange network. Currently, 22 regional Intervac US companies are independently owned and operated.

The network now lists about 8,300 home owner members in 28 countries. The United States has the greatest number of listings of any single country—1,700 home listings. France comes in second, followed by Britain.

"Now that the war is over and tension is eased, more U.S. home owners are again seeking an exchange abroad," Horne said. "But many exchanges are within the U.S."

Two types of household groups most actively participate in home exchanges, she pointed out. These are families with children and retired couples. They usu-

ally stay at their destination point for periods of a week to a month.

Horne's network operation, based in San Francisco, has doubled its number of members during the past three years. The regional network roster added 2,000 listings last year alone.

The network charges a flat \$45 for new listings. A 20 percent discount is given to senior home owners.

In some cases, the exchange even includes use of the family car. In at least one case, use of a boat was included. Any type of arrangement can be worked out by the exchange participants.

**Q. Are sales of previously owned homes picking up?**

A. Markets throughout the country are inconsistent. But generally, sales activity is up and prospects for continued improvement look good, according to a recent report from the National Associa-

tion of Realtors.

"The overall increase in resales indicates the housing market is improving and should pick up by the third quarter of 1991," the NAR report stated.

**Q. In what areas are home prices appreciating most rapidly?**

A. In recent months, only eight cities (metro areas) recorded double-digit increases in the price of homes, compared to the same time period one year ago. Four of those areas are in the Northwest.

The most dramatic appreciation in home prices was experienced in Boise, Idaho. Here, prices surged 22.5 percent. The next most rapid increase was Tacoma Wash., where prices jumped by 14.5 percent.

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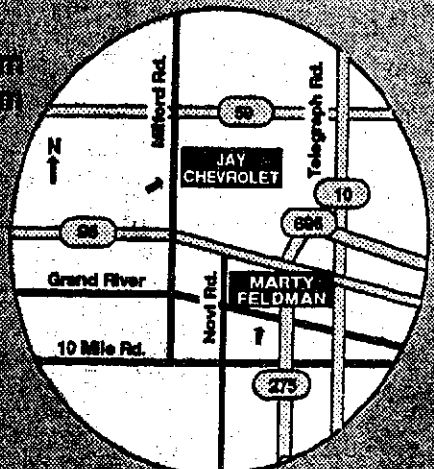
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