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## Deck the city hall

A crowd turns out Monday to welcome the season with a tree lighting in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center — and a lot of good cheer. Below, Mayor Matthew Quinn gives a key to the city to a familiar man about town, St. Nick, even though the old gent's North Pole toy workshop offers serious competition to Novi's shopping centers.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Council cites conflict in denying JCK

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A request to allow the Novi's consulting engineers to work on the privately-owned Novi Expo Center was firmly slapped down by City Council Monday.

"How does JCK serve two masters at once?" Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford asked. "Where are the checks and balances? How does Joe (Kapelczak) represent the city's interests if there are any conflicts?"

"I don't want the inspector inspecting himself and saying it's okay. I want another cross-check there."

The Novi-based JCK & Associates has already donated \$6,000 worth of preliminary engineering to the conversion of the former Mohawk Liquor building into a convention center.

The project will beef up the city's tax base, both by rejuvenating the four ailing hotels in Novi and increasing the once-vacant site's value on the tax rolls, City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

"I don't think Joe's going to retire on this one job. It's probably a drop in the bucket. I would sooner trust JCK than any other engineering firm. I don't feel they're going to jeopardize their integrity and the city's for this small project."

Joe Toth  
City Council Member

With conventions already booked there, JCK's knowledge of the plans would enable the project's engineering to move along quickly, he added. The center could be part of a Rouge Riverwalk project Novi is considering.

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## Schools sue to halt tax sharing

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

Northville homeowner and attorney Stephen Whitaker joined six other taxpayers and the Wayne County Taxpayer's Association in filing a lawsuit to stop a state tax base sharing plan.

Under the law, Novi and Northville schools are among the out-of-formula school districts which are required to share half of their commercial and industrial growth with in-formula school districts in the state. Novi falls out of the state funding formula because it is considered property wealthy.

Six school districts, including Northville, are named as the defendants in a lawsuit, which was filed Dec. 5 to prevent the districts from participating in tax base sharing.

Novi schools will be largely unaffected by the lawsuit.

The district has already made its first tax base sharing payment to the state.

Novi schools will lose about \$400,000 this year to the plan.

But Board President Stephen Hitchcock said the payment was made under protest.

If the tax base sharing law is determined to be unconstitutional,

then Novi schools wants its money back.

That's where the Wayne and Macomb county lawsuits come into play.

Whitaker said he joined the lawsuit because he was afraid the programs in Northville schools would suffer as a result of tax base sharing.

Whitaker received all of his kindergarten through 12th grade education in Northville Public Schools. And as an attorney, Whitaker feels the state's tax base sharing plan is illegal.

"I was sufficiently concerned about the constitutional violation," he said.

Wayne Circuit Judge Roland Olzark issued a temporary restraining order Friday permitting Northville and other out-of-formula Wayne County school districts to withhold tax base sharing payments.

The school district could face penalties from the state if it did not make its first payment of \$27,000 by Wednesday.

The lawsuit seeks to stop that payment and a second payment of \$27,000 due later in the school year.

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## Novi pledges to join study group

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi is willing to participate in a regional committee suggested by the City of Walled Lake, as long as the proposal is scaled back.

On Nov. 4 — in the midst of the furor over the closing of East Lake Drive — the Walled Lake City Council passed a resolution calling for that city, Novi, Wolverine Lake, Wixom and Commerce Township to get together and talk about regional issues like roads.

Citizens from each community stormed Novi with complaints about the temporary shutting down of East Lake to non-residential traffic. Walled Lake's city council passed a resolution of

protest.

Walled Lake is now asking that each city send two council members, its city manager and its superintendent of public works to the forums.

Monday, Council Member Joseph Toth struck a sympathetic chord with his colleagues when he said that a 20-member committee would be too cumbersome. He suggested that each city send one elected official and one administrator.

Agreeing, Council Member Nancy Cassis volunteered for the job.

"I think it bears some wisdom to continue this dialogue," she said.

Toth wondered if the invitation ought to be extended further, to municipalities like Farming-

ton Hills and West Bloomfield. Both will share the Haggerty Connector with Novi.

"Base it around one issue, like traffic around Walled Lake. I think we're hearing a call and a cry — 'Boy, we have some real traffic problems around the lake.'" City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

"Otherwise, you'll bring the wrong people to the talks and they'll get tired of it."

Kriewall was asked to approach his counterpart in Walled Lake and see if that city would agree to a smaller get-together.

In the late 1980s, a similar committee met several times and then "it just kind of fell apart," Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

## Schools trim search field to two

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

Novi schools will soon hire either Emmett Lippe or Jon Reynolds as its new superintendent.

Their interviews have been in public session and the public has heard all that Reynolds and Lippe cared to share with the school board.

But people in Williamston and Waverly, Lippe's and Reynolds' home school districts, have a few opinions about the two superintendents.

Emmett Lippe has worked as Williamston's superintendent since 1976.

Mesee Wilson, a six-year Wil-

"I think he has done well for Williamston. I think he's well-respected in Williamston."

Realtor Kay Logan  
on Emmett Lippe

"I hope he doesn't get it. That's terrible to say, but he's been wonderful for Waverly schools."

Supervisor Barbara Barrett  
on Jon Reynolds

Williamston school board president who now serves as a board trustee, said Lippe's conflict management style is one of prevention.

"Normally he plans ahead enough and provides us with enough information to avoid conflict," she said.

"Emmett is a very thorough individual."

Lippe won't be a superintendent "glad-handing" everybody on the street, Wilson said.

"He's too busy working on instructional matters," she said.

The Williamston school board will be sorry to lose Lippe if he is selected, she said.

"Our focus is children, and that's what his focus is," she said.

A reporter for Williamston's weekly newspaper, the *Williamston Enterprise* also gave Lippe a good review.

Lippe is the best superintendent that reporter Barton Deiters said he has worked with in his reporting career.

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A SPECIAL SECTION  
**GIFT GUIDE 2**

## Community Calendar

**Today, December 12**  
**Winter concert:** The Novi Middle School Band Winter Concert is set for 7 p.m. in the Fuerst Auditorium of Novi High School.

**Rotarian/Senior Citizen Lunch:** The Novi Middle School will host the annual Rotarians' Senior Citizen Luncheon. School band and choir will perform. Students will serve the lunch. The concert will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will begin at noon.

**Parks and rec:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

**Choir performs:** The Novi High School Concert Choir and the Novi Singers will be caroling at the 12 Oaks Mall in the Lord & Taylor court from 7-8 p.m.

**Friday, December 13**  
**Hemophilia benefit:** The Whispers Lounge in the Novi Hilton will hold a benefit for the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan beginning at 5:30 p.m. The benefit will feature Karaoke singing and dancing. Tickets will be \$10 per person. Advanced registration can be made by calling 761-2535.

**Saturday, December 14**  
**Breakfast with Santa:** The Novi Jaycees will host a Breakfast with Santa 9-11 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Breakfast with Santa:** Families looking for seasonal fun can begin their Saturday with "Breakfast with Santa" at Kosch's Deli in the Novi Town Center. Seatings will be at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. Those interested should call Kosch's at 348-8232 for reservations.

**Sunday, December 15**  
**Fruit deliveries:** Students and members of the Novi High School band will deliver fruit to the Delwail building for sorting. Delivery of individual orders by students will also begin.

**Caroling:** The Novi Singers will be caroling at the Embassy Suites brunch from noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 16**  
**Band Boosters:** Novi High School Band Boosters will meet at 7

p.m. in room 511 of the high school building.

**Players audition:** The Novi Players will hold auditions for "Shay," a comedy-drama with parts for both men and women. Come to the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 7 p.m. The Expo center is located on Mohawk Drive in Novi. Rehearsals begin in January. For more information, call 474-8032.

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**Winter concert:** The Novi High School Choir Department will present its Winter Concert in the Fuerst Auditorium at the high school at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

**Blood drive:** Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township sponsoring a blood drive. Call 360-3314 for an appointment.

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**Planning Commission:** The Novi Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Winter concert:** The Novi High School Band will hold its annual winter concert at the Fuerst Auditorium in the high school at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, December 19**  
**Open house/board meeting:** The Novi School board will meet in the Novi High School building. An open house will run from 2-5 p.m. prior to the meeting. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the library of Novi High School.

**Historical Society:** The Novi Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Town Hall next to the library in the city civic center complex.

**Friday, December 20**  
**Holiday vacation:** Holiday vacation for Novi students begins at the end of the school day today.

**Choralaires perform:** The Novi Choralaires will perform before the Northville Women's Club at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main, in downtown Northville at 1 p.m. The special program will be a welcome for new members to the group.

**Saturday, December 21**  
**Caroling:** The Novi High School Choirs will be caroling at the grand piano at Hudsons in the 12 Oaks Mall from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Monday, December 23**  
**City Council:** Novi city council meets at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

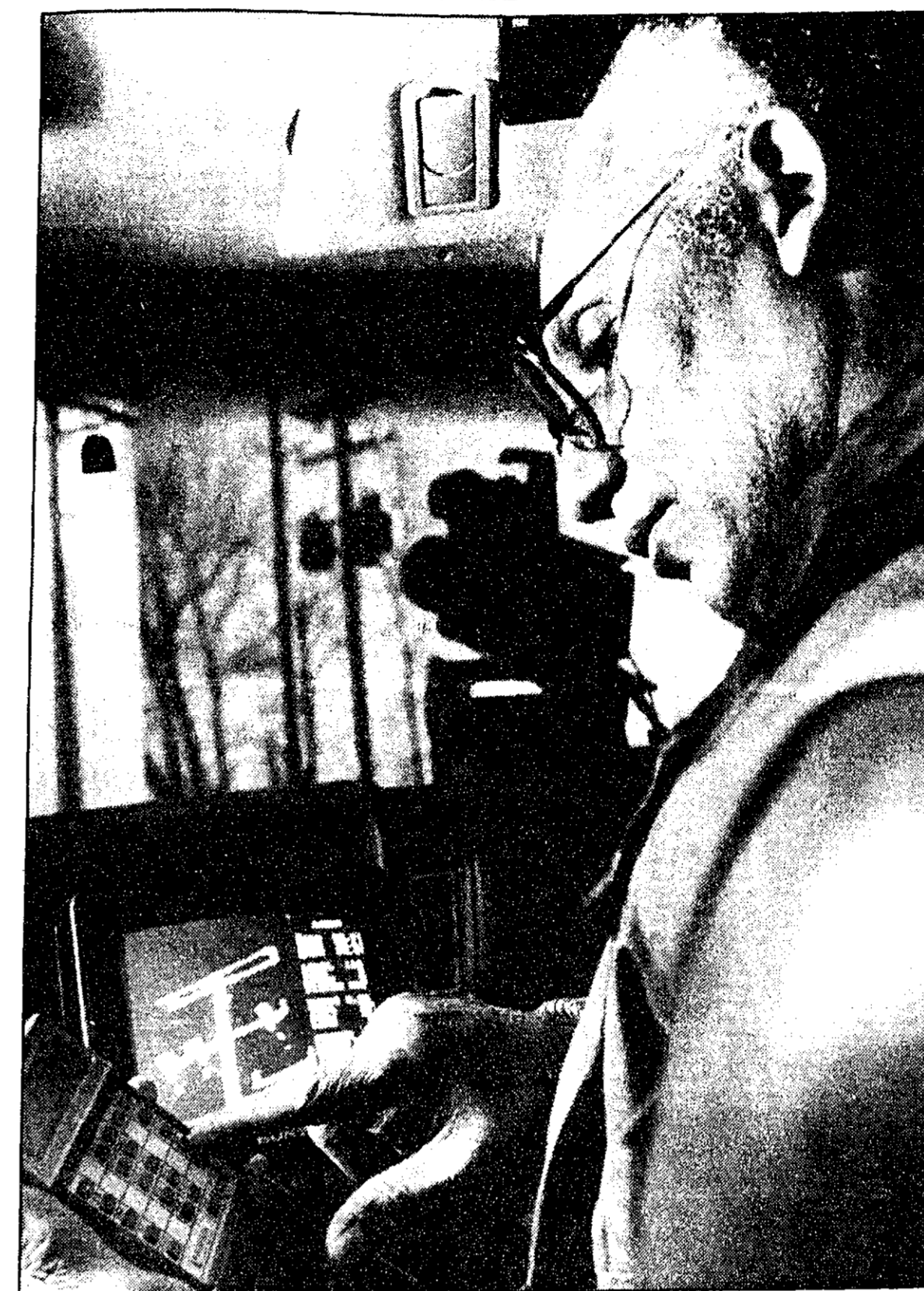
**Tuesday, December 24**  
**Christmas eve:** City offices and the Novi public library will be closed.

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day:** City offices and the Novi public library will be closed.

**Tuesday, December 31**  
**New Year's Eve:** City offices and the Novi public library will be closed.

**Monday, December 16**  
**Party planning:** The parent planning committee of the Novi High School senior all-night party will hold its organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the Fuerst Auditorium of Novi High School. Volunteers are needed to make this all-night party a success. Contributions and donations are also needed. Tickets for the party will be sold at the meeting for \$25.

*To get your event listed in the Community Calendar, send information regarding the event, activities to be included, who is sponsoring it, location, time and date, ticket information and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northville, 48167.*



Detroit Edison worker Louis Mendoza uses a thermovision infrared camera, mounted on the hood of a car, to check for defects in the electrical power lines. All power line equipment should operate at the same temperature. Hot spots indicate equipment may have deteriorated or been damaged and be on the verge of a breakdown.

## Edison goes high-tech to survey home circuits

If you wake up one morning this month to find men carrying devices that look like television cameras standing in your yard or cars with camera-like devices mounted on their hoods parked out in front of your home, it may mean the television networks want an interview with you.

Or it may mean that Detroit Edison workers are using one of their new thermovision infrared cameras to check the electrical power and transmission lines around your homes for defects.

The latter seems more likely. Throughout the month of December and during 1992, Edison workers will be using the cameras to survey electrical distribution network in Novi, Northville and other communities in Oakland and Wayne counties. The "circuit patrols" will identify potential line problems for repair when the company undertakes a system improvement project in February 1992, according to company spokesman Lorie Kessler.

The program of improvements and repair to the Edison electrical distribution network was "expanded and accelerated" as a result of an agreement reached with the Michigan Public Service Commission after hearings regarding the July 7 storm which knocked out power to most of southeastern Michigan. Novi was hit particularly hard. Twenty-two power lines fell in Novi, leaving most of the city in the dark for days afterward. The PSC held hearings to take public input on the frequency and severity of power outages. Both Edison and Consumers Power agreed to substantial improvement programs as a result.

The three-person crews, which Kessler said have already been working in the Novi and Northville area, will do most of their line checking from their cars. Specially equipped autos, with the thermal cameras mounted on their hoods, allow the workers to conduct their surveys without leaving their cars.

But in some locations, crews will have to carry the cameras into residents' yards to follow the lines away from the street, Kessler said.

The crews will wear hard hats and carry Edison identification, she said. Some of the work is being conducted by subcontractors, but they will wear helmets and carry identification to show they work for Edison, she said. The crews will be working seven days a week, during daylight hours.

Since September, inspectors have been checking lines in the metro area, both with the thermal cameras or simply by viewing the lines with binoculars. Inspectors checking the lines visually are looking for missing or cracked insulators or damaged or leaking capacitors.

Repairs to the lines will begin in February.

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# Homeowner thwarts potential thief

A resident on Twelve Mile reported that a suspicious man tried to enter her home Dec. 9.

She told police that the man, described as a white male with dark hair, a mustache and heavy build approached her residence and told her that there was an accident down the road and he needed to get into her house to turn her power off.

The woman said she told the man to leave, locked her door and called the police.

She said he left without incident. He was reportedly with another man in a blue gray van with tinted windows.

DANGEROUS FRIDGE: Novi Police Dec. 9, discovered a refrigerator left at the end of a driveway on Edinburg that still had the doors attached.

Causing health and safety viola-

## Police News

tions, police attempted to contact the residents of the home, but no one answered the door.

Police finally used a tire iron to remove the refrigerator doors.

LARCENY: A resident on Lakeview Court in the Springs apartment complex reported Dec. 5 that someone stole two rechargeable batteries from her porch.

The resident said the batteries were meant to be a donation to the Salvation Army but were stolen before she could deliver them.

BROKEN WINDOW: Novi Police re-

sponding to a breaking-and-entering alarm Dec. 8 at the vacant Dobos Furniture building discovered a broken window on the second floor of the building.

The ground floor windows and doors were reportedly secure.

INJURED GOOSE: A resident in the Springs apartment complex on Lakeview reported Dec. 5 that a goose was injured in one of the ponds in the complex.

Police said the goose had an injured wing but they were unable to get close to it because it was in the middle of the ice-covered pond.

MDOOP: A resident on Willowbrook reported Dec. 9 that his mailbox and post were run over by a light blue Citation hatchback with a possible partial license plate of BBG.

The resident was not at home at the time of the incident, but said his neighbors witnessed it.

LARCENY: A resident on Collinsford Drive reported Dec. 9 that someone stole a patio umbrella from his back yard.

The resident said he believed the theft took place between Dec. 8 and Dec. 9. The umbrella was described as white with green flowers and valued at \$150.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

## Novi Briefs

Correction: A Dec. 9 article on a state Senate's Local Government Committee meeting in Lansing incorrectly referred to James H. Ash as James N. Ash. In addition, Ash says that he was misquoted as saying a Wascom wetlands committee was seeking to buy sensitive lands when it is actually the city which hopes to buy the properties.

Hearing delayed: An extradition hearing for Richard Blackwell, who was arrested in Novi in September for a 1969 murder warrant, has been delayed until Dec. 19.

Blackwell, an employee at Charter House of Novi, escaped from the South Carolina State Prison after serving eight years of a life sentence for murder.

Best decorations: Now that Thanksgiving is over, it's time to put up the Christmas decorations. The City of Novi began a new tradition last year... judging the homes (houses, condos, apartments) to see who had the best Christmas decorations in the City of Novi. The winners will receive their prizes at the Dec. 23 meeting of the Novi City Council. They will receive custom-designed ornaments. As residents drive around the city, they are being asked to check out the Christmas decorations and nominate their favorites. Call Cindy Stewart at 347-0445 with the addresses and names if you know them. The winners will then be selected from those nominations.

Novi arts council: The Novi Arts Council will be launching a new program this January, holding a dinner-dance to raise money for a new scholarship fund of the Arts Council and to help raise money for future programming. The event has been scheduled for Jan. 18 at the Hotel Baronette.

## Senate approves 'sneaky' phone tax

Some counties will be able to tax telephone bills 4 percent to pay for emergency service under a bill that has passed the state Senate.

County boards would be able to levy the tax to pay for 911 emergency systems. Voters could raise the an additional 10 percent.

Senate Bill 617 won 24-10 approval and was sent to the House. All area senators voted yes.

"This adds a substantial amount of tax to telephone bills, which are already high," said opponent Vern He-

lers, R-Grand Rapids, "and may endanger the ability of some to have a telephone in their home."

"Another issue that has not been addressed here is that most central dispatch centers are operated by cities, not counties. There is no discussion in this bill of how those funds would be allocated from counties to cities. Nothing is said about insuring fairness of distribution," said Ehlers.

"It's a sneaky way of putting a tax on the people," added Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

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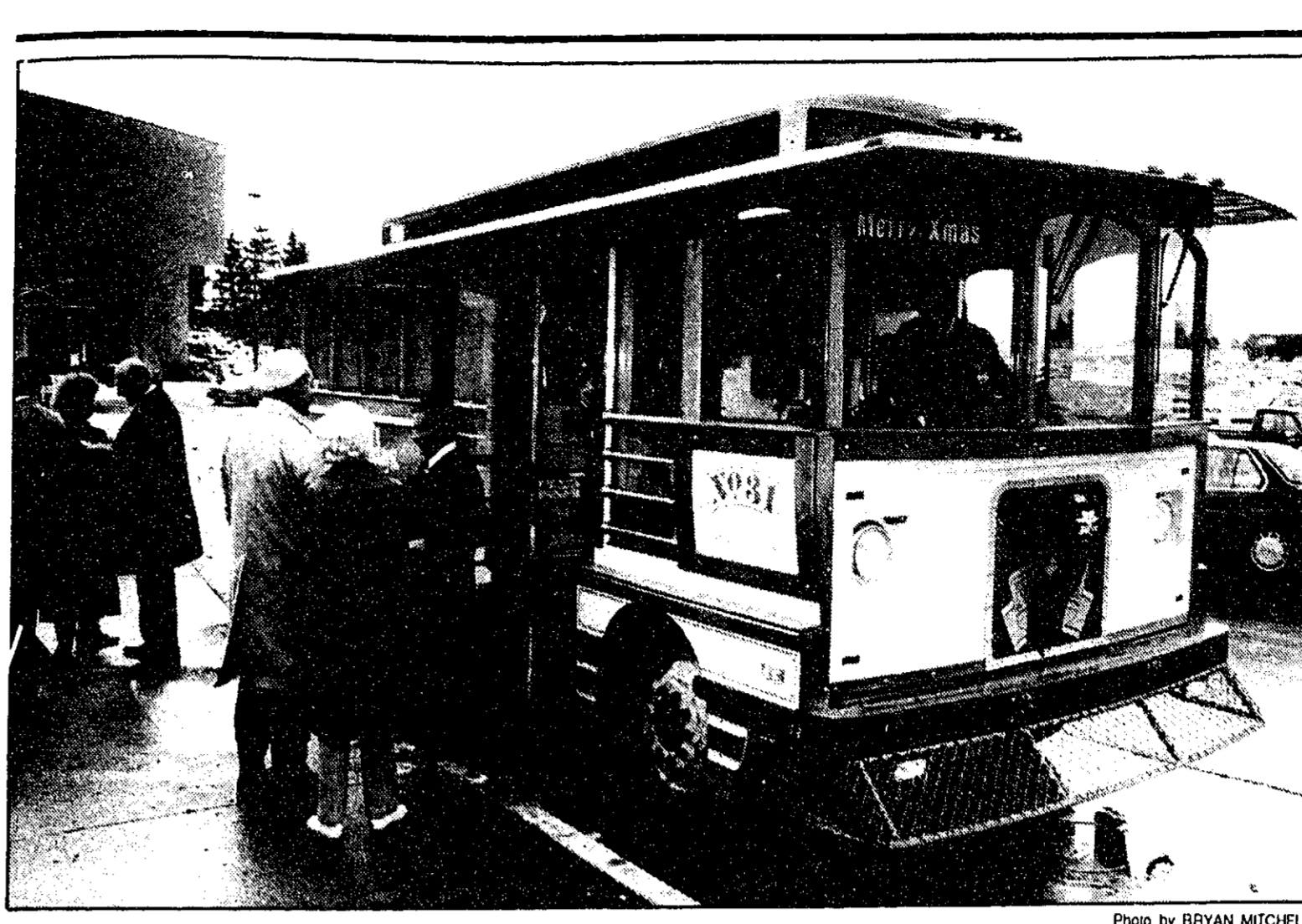
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## GOP focus on county leadership

Commissioners Larry Crake of Waterford and Marilyn E. Gosling of Bloomfield Hills are reportedly the front-runners as the Oakland County Board of Commissioners prepares to elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and committee leaders for 1992.

Officially, board reorganization would take place until commissioners meet for the first time in January. But actual reorganization took shape Tuesday when Republican commissioners caucused at the Holiday Inn in Bloomfield Hills (later Novi News' deadline). Republicans, who outnumber Democrats 13 to 8, were scheduled to caucus on the board chairperson and vice chairperson as well as committee assignments.

If Republicans vote along party lines as in previous years, they will have enough votes in January to ratify the results of Tuesday's caucus, regardless of how the eight Democrats might vote.

The outgoing chairperson and vice chairperson, both Republicans, are Roy Rewold and Nancy McConnell, respectively.

Rewold, of Oakland Township, announced in October that he would not seek re-election as chairman, although he would likely seek re-election in the 16th District.

McConnell, of Bloomfield Hills, said she is not seeking re-election as vice chairperson, and may not seek re-election as a commissioner.

"I'm not seeking re-election as vice chairperson because I was very much identified with Roy," said McConnell. "I also believe that lead-

ership roles should be shared. "If you believe in term limitation at all (as McConnell does), you must also believe in limiting leadership."

As far as running for commissioner in 1992, McConnell said, "I may. But I believe I will be moving on."

Under the recently adopted reappointment plan for county commissioners, McConnell is in the same district as Gosling. Thus, if she decides to seek re-election, McConnell would be going head-to-head with Gosling.

Both are popular with voters and respected by their colleagues, and a head-to-head primary battle would likely be hotly contested.

Gosling has already said she will likely run again.

"I don't necessarily relish the idea of going through another election," said McConnell, who lost a tough primary election in October, when she ran unsuccessfully in a special election for state representative in the 65th District, which includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township.

## Voters may decide recycling issue

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Facing with a threat of a lawsuit from Taxpayers United, the Novi City Council may ask voters in August to approve fees for a mandatory recycling program.

This would likely trash previous plans to begin recycling here in July. The council is expected to decide in January if it will tag this local ballot question onto the primary election. Mayor Matthew Quinn said Monday.

The council may also determine whether or not to grant an extension to a waste collection bid offered by Duncan Disposal Services.

The service had been accepted by the city on Nov. 4, with the qualification that the city attorney review Taxpayers United's charge that a \$34 per year recycling fee violated the 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan constitution.

City Attorney David Fried concurred with the lawyer for the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County's (RRRASOC) opinion that the fee was not an illegal tax.

But he also suggested that the council reject all trash collection bids.

A lawsuit to challenge the fees could delay the waste disposal program here by several years.

Taxpayers United argues that if the \$34 is imposed on all residents—regardless of whether they recycle or not—it would violate the Headlee amendment's prohibition of additional taxes without voter approval.

The group, headed by Richard Headlee and Patrick Anderson, suggested Novi hold the election or else not make recycling and the fee mandatory. Taxpayers United threatens to sue Novi, as it has Farmington Hills and Farmington. The two neigh-

boring communities began recycling this summer.

"It's fortunate or unfortunate that we've recommended to council that they reject all bids and not award a contract," Fried said.

Novi, as a member of RRRASOC, plans to contract with a citywide hauler which would dispose of Novi trash at a landfill or incinerator under contract to the authority. Mandatory recycling has been scheduled to begin here July 1.

"The city council can make up its mind after the election if they want Duncan Disposal or new bids... One of the concerns of council, they were fearful that huge waste haulers would come in and monopolize the whole industry," Fried said.

In a letter to the council, Duncan Disposal's president Thomas Duncan offered to extend to the bid's start date for seven months, saying the collection program could begin either after the election or following a court decision on the Farmington Hills/Taxpayers United lawsuit.

He promised to hold the prices firm until July 1.

But Council Member Robert Schmidt said the city might be able to get better prices this summer.

"A lot of things happen in the rubbish industry in that number of months. I'm not sure it's fair to the other bidders, keeping this bid. It's a long time, a lot of things could happen," he said.

"Fried agreed that now that Duncan's bid is in the public record, the company's competitors can come in and undercut them.

Duncan's bid was recommended by a citizens committee which studied the waste disposal issue and reviewed the contracts.

Director of Public Works Anthony Nowicki told the council that extending the Duncan bid would give the city the most flexibility.



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# Novi, neighbors mull joint parks purchase

By THOMAS M. VARCIE Staff Writer

South Lyon Mayor Jeffrey Potter believes Lyon Township is the main card in the deck that could give the cities of Novi and South Lyon the park land it needs for the future.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall agrees that the idea of the three communities forming a consortium to jointly purchase park land in Lyon Township might indeed be a way to provide parkland for Novi with a minimum of funding.

Potter originally made the idea in an Oct. 23 letter to the Novi city government. He publicly informed South

"We're in the middle of this. We've got it and they don't. Novi would probably put the largest percentage of cash in on this."

James Atchison  
Lyon Township supervisor

Lyon City Council of the idea for the first time Monday, Nov. 25.

At least two South Lyon city council members, contacted after the meeting, have said they aren't in support of using city monies to finance park land outside the City of South Lyon. Instead, they said, the monies should be used to improve that city's current park.

Potter and the South Lyon City Manager Rodney Cook met Tuesday, Nov. 26, with Kriewall, the Novi Parks and Recreation department director and Lyon Township Supervisor James Atchison.

"There's a lot of 'ifs' in this. What percentage of our population would use this park? Do the township resi-

dents really want all that extra traffic coming in?" Atchison said.

In Potter's view, South Lyon, Novi and Lyon Township could jointly purchase a tract of vacant township land and develop it into a park. The idea is that the land could be purchased and developed before bulldozers continue their westward movement in Oakland County.

In the original letter to Novi, Potter asked if that city had any interest in a joint land purchase "not necessarily within your boundaries." Potter continued, saying if there was interest he would like to meet and consider forming a consortium-type arrangement which would have "specific aesthetic, environmental, environmental or practical benefit to our communities."

He continued, saying the main benefit to this arrangement "would be the possibility of buying inexpensive property which is reasonably convenient to our area residents."

"I think it's a great idea," said Kriewall. "The optimum situation is to create an authority. An authority would be something you could vote on and maybe have a half-million for parks. We're underfunded for parks as it is."

Kriewall said Novi is deficient approximately 100 acres of park land. Currently, Novi is looking in the extreme western portion of the city for park land, but the costs are too high. "It's premium value. We're talking about \$25,000 an acre," Kriewall said.

Atchison, however, said vacant land in his community could sell for as low as \$4,000 an acre.

"We're in the middle of this. We've got it and they don't," Atchison said. "Novi would probably put the largest percentage of cash in on this."

"Right now we have enough parks for the next 10 or 15 years," Atchison said. "Our future has it where every subdivision has a park in it. We're having the open space in the subdivisions and the parks will be a few acres each."

Still, Atchison said he'll continue meeting with Potter, Cook and Kriewall to discuss the idea.



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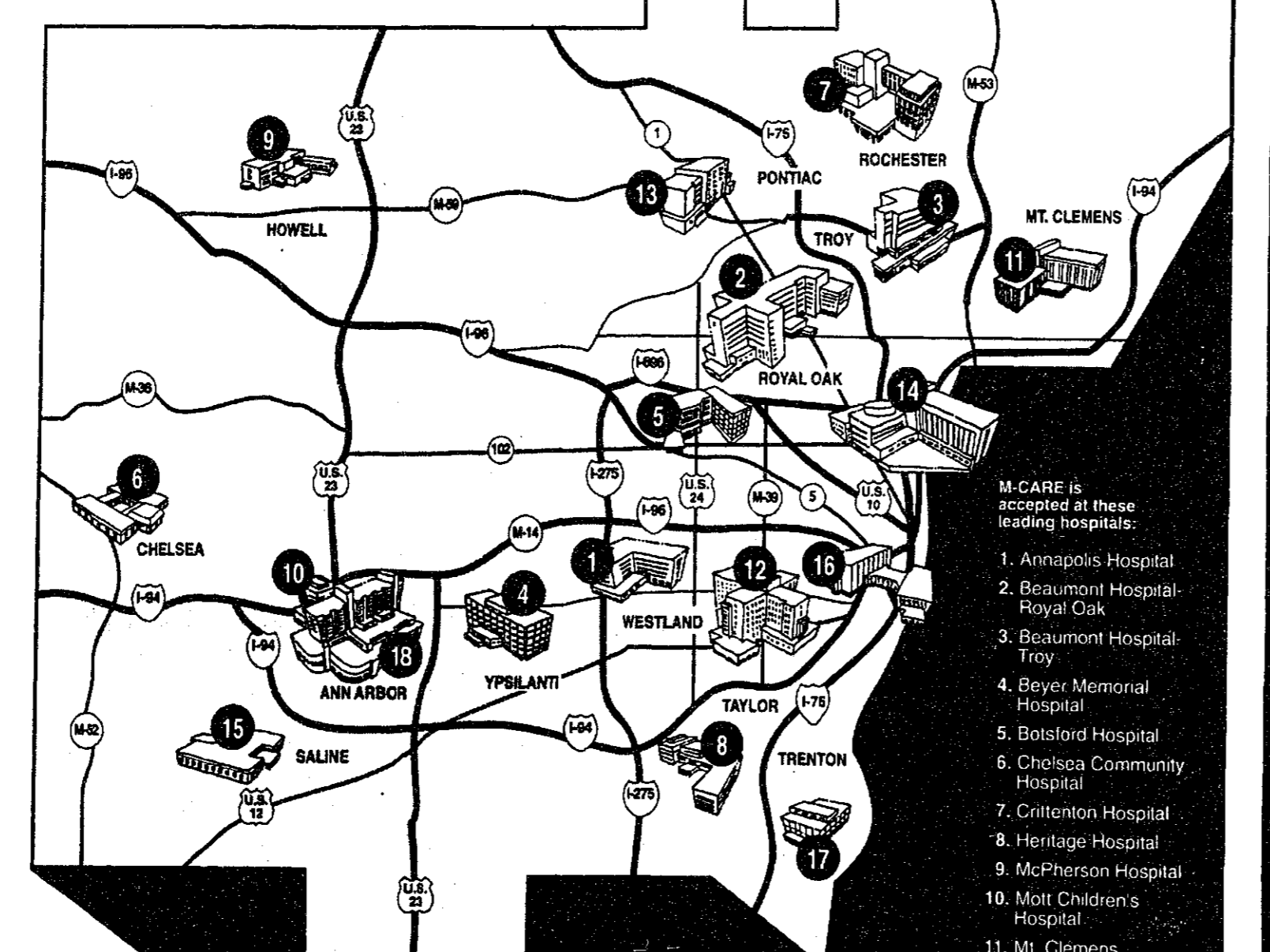
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# Consecutive terms may overload jails

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

State lawmakers are moving toward "consecutive" sentencing for multiple offenders amid warnings they could overload the prisons.

"Consecutive sentencing is a time bomb," said F. Martin Tieber of the state Appellate Defender's Office. "If the explosion doesn't happen until six or seven years down the road, it will raise prison costs and squeeze other departments," Tieber warned the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Nevertheless, the committee sent to the full Senate, on 3-0 votes, bills that would require consecutive sentences for a person convicted of a second offense while on probation for a first offense.

A person who committed a second offense after being charged with a first felony.

A 1988 law allows consecutive sentencing only if the second offense is a major drug crime. Judges generally impose concurrent terms — two terms being served at the same time.

Sen. Jon Cisley, R-Saginaw and sponsor of one of the bills, holly defended it from Tieber's attack. "Burglary rings go out and steal enough to keep their arrested members out of jail," Cisley said.

Both cited state reports that estimate 2,200 more beds will be needed to house prisoners for their longer terms.

Tieber said it amounts to four more prisons at a time when Michigan can't afford to operate some of the prisons it has built.

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# Council wary of Sandstone SAD

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Issuing \$3.83 million in bonds for the Sandstone project could place Novi on financial quicksand, the city council feared Monday.

A series of 1992 special assessment district (SAD) bonds for the north Novi planned unit development (PUD) were unanimously tabled until the developers provide the city with a financial statement and Novi's bond attorneys can explain the procedure.

The bulk of the money — \$2.245 million — would finance the extension of Decker Road to five lanes from Thirteen Mile to Novi Road. The rest would pay for sanitary sewers, water main extensions and storm sewers.

The developers, the Birmingham-based Hughes Properties and associates, plan to pay back the city.

Council member Tim Pope said he found the proposed bond issue "frightening."

"If the SAD is not collected, the city might use the general fund to pay the principal," said Pope. "We are literally financing this project if the developer runs into problems and is not able to pay."

"We have not seen any of the financial pictures of this corporation and of the project when we are being the backer."

"If the the SAD is not collected, the city might use the general fund to pay the principal. We are literally financing this project if he (the developer) runs into problems and is not able to pay."

Tim Pope  
Council member

He suggested taking the question to the voters. "It does pledge the city's full faith and credit," City Attorney David Fried said.

If Hughes Properties goes broke, Novi would have to advance the money from its general funds or levy taxes to make the bond payments and 12 percent interest.

The city would hold the first lien on the land itself.

"It doesn't provide any personal liability on the property owner. The security is the property itself," Fried said, suggesting that the city assessor report on the land's value to the council.

Dave Heber, an appraiser in the city assessor's

office said Tuesday that the 300 acres have an estimated market value of \$2.675 million.

Cassidy agreed that the council needs the full financial picture "so we could all feel confident in making such a long-term decision on a project of this magnitude."

The bonding is part of the city's overall contract with developer David Lancelotti for the PUD. City Manager Edward Kriewell said.

Council Member Joseph Toth requested the developer come back with the bonding attorney on a later date. Dennis Nieman of the Detroit-based Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone is handling the matter for the city.

"We should have some reasonable assurance that they're in a position to pay for this. If the economy does flatten out for awhile, this may cause a hardship," he said.

Kriewell said Tuesday that the city has issued SAD bonds to finance a number of projects around town, including Orchard Hill Place offices and Chase Farms and Yorkshire subdivisions.

"This is really no different than we've done with several other projects. They're all not that much money. Some are more," he added.

Work is scheduled to begin in 1992 on the \$122 million Sandstone project just north of Twelve Oaks Mall. The 300 acres will include 1,193 site condominiums, condos and apartments, along with a 60,000 square-foot shopping center.

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This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 18, 1991, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to December 18, 1991. (12-12-91 NR, NN)

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Tucked out dad Joe Porter minds his TWO sons, Jacob and Phillip, while their mom takes advantage of the sales in a name-sake store, Mothercare at Twelve Oaks Mall. Packages and a toy vehicle hide the view of the second child.

**City council puts its roads in a row**

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi's voter-approved road bonding proposal underwent a little prioritizing by the City Council Monday. Three road building projects were bumped up in line, while the first of the 11-item list remained unchanged.

To accommodate homeowners along Eleven Mile Road from Beck to Witom Roads, the proposed paving there will remain at the bottom of the pile.

Ready to go now is Eleven Mile Road from Town Center Drive to Meadowbrook Road.

Second is improvement of the Novi Road/Ten Mile Road intersection.

Third on the list is upgrading the Haggerty Road/Grand River Avenue intersection.

A widening of Twelve Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road took fourth place.

Homeowners there live on five-to-ten acre lots and like the rural atmosphere, Le Blanc says.

The Thirteen Mile widening is expected to provide traffic relief in the lakes area. A Decker Road extension to be built by the developers of the Sandstone planned unit development is also on the boards.

Eleven Mile Road resident Jerry Le Blanc asked the council to hold down the paving of his rural street for at least two years and then place the issue on the next election.

Homeowners there live on five-to-ten acre lots and like the rural atmosphere, Le Blanc says.

"The people didn't know what they were voting for. Otherwise, we'll have to do a petition drive. It's either this or we go out to the people and put (City Clerk) Gerry Stupp up to a lot of work shaking up the petitions," he said.

Kriewall said that segment of Eleven Mile could remain on the bottom of the heap for the next six years.

"We could have the same people who live there change their mind. You've got quite a period of time where you can sit back and not make a decision on that mile road," he explained.

**Obituaries**

Richard Q. Ritter

Richard Q. Ritter of White Lake, a former resident of Northville and Novi, died Dec. 4 at Huron Valley Hospital in Milford. He was 73.

Mr. Ritter was born July 21, 1918 in Detroit to Lloyd C. and Maude Leach Ritter. A retiree, he lived all his life in the area. He was a member of Novi United Methodist Church and a life member of VFW Post 4012 in Northville. He was a disabled veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (McLaren) Ritter; his children, Richard (Jan) Ritter of North Carolina,

William Thomas (JoAnn) Ritter of Northville, Judi (Thomas) Darling of Novi, Wayne Douglas (Judy) Ritter of Davison, and Kathy (Sam) Ballard of Walled Lake; his brothers, Donald Ritter of New York, Ralph Ritter of Virginia, Bryon Ritter of Minnesota, and Harold Ritter of Mt. Clemens.

A funeral was held Dec. 7 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Rev. Charles R. Jacobs of Novi United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Casterline Funeral Home.

The family would appreciate memorials to Novi United Methodist Church or the VFW Children's Home.

Fermina Phyllis Matrondoni

Fermina Phyllis Matrondoni, age 79, died of cancer in her residence Dec. 7. She was born June in Longacre, West Virginia to Nicholas Ci-marelli and Leticia Catalani Ci-marelli. She has lived in Wixom for years.

Her husband, Joseph, survived his wife with their children Roger R. and Judy L. and her brother Aladino Ci-marelli.

Visitation was Monday, Dec. 9 and Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Fern Ferguson

Mrs. Fern Ferguson of Novi died Nov. 21, 1991 in her home. She was born April 6, 1919 in Big Springs, Nebraska.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Female and sang in its choir. She also taught Sunday school for 30 years.

Her survivors are her husband Hugh, her children Janice Ferguson

of Coldwater, Sue Gaynor of Novi, Reid Ferguson of Phoenix, Arizona, and Kristie Ferguson of Novi; her sisters Ardye Spaulding and Betty Curtis; her brother William Bell and her five grandchildren.

Her funeral was at First Methodist Church of Female Nov. 25, 1991. She was buried at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley with Rev. George Spencer officiating.

There was a scripture service Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. The funeral was Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11:30 at Holy Family Church in Novi with Fr. John Budde officiating. He was buried at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, 2611 N. Woodward Rd., Berkley, Mich. 48072-9990.

His wife since 1947, Helen, survived his death along with their son Ronald S. Wudyka.

He was a supervisor at Hydramatic-GM for 30 years, until his retirement in 1974. He was a member of Holy Family Church, The World War II Army Veteran was a member of the Stanley Romanowski Veterans. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and horses.

**GOPs may duke it out with Duke**

Having David Duke on Michigan's presidential primary ballot would be contrary to the principles of the Republican Party, according to James M. Alexander, GOP chairperson in Oakland County.

"He (Duke) is not a Republican," said Alexander, a lawyer in Birmingham. "Nor does he embrace the principles of the Republican Party."

A Troy resident, however, disagreed and insists Duke should be allowed to run in Michigan's March primary. "He's for America first," said Troy man who asked that his name not be used.

"My name was used in another news article (in The Detroit News), and I received a lot of annoying phone calls," he said. "I don't want that to happen again."

Alexander and the Duke supporter made their remarks last week as Michigan election officials prepared to release on Friday the list of potential candidates on the ballot for the state's presidential primary March 17.

State Republicans, in the meantime, were to meet in Kalamazoo to discuss, among other things, ways to keep Duke off the ballot, at least as a Republican.

"We have several options," said Brian Flood, press secretary for Michigan Republicans. "We can ask the Secretary of State (Richard Austin) to keep Duke off the ballot. Or we can consider changing party rules so that he can't run as a member of our party."

Duke, a Louisiana lawbreaker, is the controversial arch-conservative candidate who was formerly a grand wizard in the Ku Klux Klan and a member of the American Nazi Party.

He could automatically be included on the list of potential presidential candidates in Michigan when it is released Friday.

Candidates qualify for that list by being "generally advocated" by the national media as a presidential candidate, explained Bradley S. Whitman, director of instruction and voter registration for the Bureau of Elections of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office.

Because he has been mentioned extensively by the national media, Duke is likely to qualify for Michigan's primary, said Whitman. "It's too strong to say he is a likely candidate. But Mr. Duke is certainly being considered seriously."

Alexander said a Duke candidacy would likely be disruptive for Oakland Republicans because public attention would be focused on Duke rather than the issues GOP candidates want to discuss.

A Duke campaign in Michigan would also be personally painful, said Alexander, who is Jewish. Alexander is concerned about Duke's association with the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis, two groups known for their hatred of Jews and other minorities.

"I was nowhere near the Holocaust," said Alexander, 52. "But I can remember as a kid asking my father about some of his friends having numbers tattooed on their hands. I remember asking what 'kike' meant."

"I strongly agree with President Bush when he says there's no place for bigotry in American politics."

The Troy resident, however, said he accepts Duke's explanation that his involvement with the Klan and the Nazis were "youthful indiscretions."

"Louisiana voters and the media were willing to believe Edwards," he said. "Why can't they believe Duke?"

The Troy resident was referring to the November gubernatorial race in Louisiana when Duke lost to former governor Edwin Edwards, whose years in office were marked by scandal.

Edwards, who was also known as a womanizer, convinced voters he had changed and defeated Duke, winning slightly more than 60 percent of the votes cast.

"I'm not a bigot and I don't believe in racism," said the Duke's backer in Troy. "But Michigan voters — as well as those elsewhere — should give Duke similar consideration," said the man, who donated more than \$100 to Duke's Louisiana campaign.

Even if Duke is on Michigan's ballot, he will not likely get many votes, predicts the supporter, who identified himself as a retired federal auditor.

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### Candidates get rave reviews

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Deiters said Lippe held his superintendent interviews in closed session until an attorney general opinion said the interviews must be public.  
"We got a copy of the review last week," Deiters said.  
Local realtor Kay Logan also had only good things to say about Lippe. Logan works as a trustee on the Williamson Schools' Foundation, which raises money for the school district.  
She said Lippe is well-respected, calling him "very sensible and very reasonable."  
"I think he has done well for Williamson. I think he's well-respected in Williamson," she said.  
"He's very supportive of the schools. I see him at the games," Williamson City Manager Paul Goode said. Lippe did not submit a recent review of school sites to the plan review and local inspectors' review.  
Current state law exempts school districts from site plan reviews and local zoning regulations. The issue

has caused some controversy between Novi schools and city planners in the past.  
But Lippe had no choice in the matter.  
"The city opted out and gave it to the state. That's the way we wanted it because of the liability," Goode said.  
"Lippe was very cooperative," Reynolds has worked as the Waverly superintendent since 1983. The Waverly school district is on the west side of Lansing in Delta Township. Delta Township Supervisor Barbara Barrett said she hopes Reynolds is not selected for the Novi superintendent job.  
"I hope he doesn't get it. That's terrible to say, but he's been wonderful for Waverly schools," Barrett said.  
Barrett has worked with Reynolds throughout his 9-year superintendent tenure.  
She said Reynolds has worked closely with the township in areas like building sidewalks, providing emergency care at sporting events and placing crossing guards.  
Reynolds, like Lippe, has worked with the local municipality on construction issues.  
"He has always done everything according to our township zoning laws," Barrett said.  
"He hasn't felt he's excluded just because he is with the schools," the Novi school board meets Dec. 14 at noon to select the new superintendent. The meeting will be held in the Education Services Building, 25345 Fair Road.

### Expo job for engineers nixed

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The city council has already said in capital letters that no Novi funds may be spent on the Expo Center.  
"Other than cheerleading, this is a way we can assist without costing the city any money," Kriewald said.  
While supporting the Expo Center itself, a council majority of four said they felt that allowing JCK to take the job would violate the city's charter and code of ethics, if only in appearance.  
"It could end up that you're wearing two hats... it seems to me a municipality might go to any extra step to ensure there won't be an appearance of a possible conflict of interest," Council Member Nancy Cassis said.  
Council member Robert Schmid called for the project's owners, the Adell family, to bring in plans for the Expo Center, as well as a traffic study. A 2,000-car parking deck is under consideration for the center.

"This is a definite conflict of interest for JCK," Schmid said. "I'm disappointed he's [Kapelczak] even suggesting he would like to do this project. It's a project that could be done by 100 engineering firms."  
"I'm disappointed. Ed, you brought this before the council. It's not fair to come before the city council with this kind of request and say how much it's going to benefit the city. That's not the issue here."  
"If Joe wants to do the project, he should leave the city," Schmid said.  
When the city brought JCK on board in 1978, the engineers agreed not to do any private contracting within Novi limits. Twice the firm has been granted an exception — once to assist in planning the landing, a public/private development proposed for the south shore of Walled Lake. On another occasion, JCK was paid by a developer to engineer water and sewer extensions along Grand River Avenue.  
"The firm was offering the Expo Center the 20

percent discount it extends to the city — as well as its unique knowledge of Novi's requirements. Payment was expected to come from the \$3 per car rates to be assessed vehicles using the parking structure proposed for the Expo Center. The fact that it is already booking events, Space for 1,300 cars will be needed by March, Kapelczak said.  
"Mr. Schmid asked me, Joe, do you really need to do this? I said, 'I don't need to do this,'" Kapelczak said. "Could I do it faster than anybody else? Certainly so, based on the information I have in my office."  
Council Members Carol Mason and Joseph Toth, as well as Mayor Matthew Quinn, were willing to let JCK work for the Adell family on the center.  
"I don't think Joe's going to retire on this one job. It's probably a drop in the bucket," Toth said.  
"I would sooner trust JCK than any other engineering firm. I don't feel they're going to jeopardize their integrity and the city's for this small project."

### Lawsuit seeks to halt tax-sharing

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On Tuesday, Ozark was expected to decide if the payments could be withheld while the case is tried, put in an escrow account or given to the state.  
Northville and other Wayne County school districts wanted to ensure that the state would not penalize the district for not paying, said Northville Director of Business and Finance John Street.  
The state can halt all state aid to Northville if it does not participate in tax base sharing. About 5 percent of the school budget comes from state

funding.  
Taxpayers in Macomb County filed a similar lawsuit recently to protest tax base sharing.  
"The Wayne County lawsuit mirrors the Macomb County case," said Superintendent Leonard Reznierski.  
The attorney representing the Wayne County taxpayers, Frank Guido, is on the Dearborn Public Schools Board of Education.  
Dearborn schools also are named as a defendant in the lawsuit.  
Guido agreed the lawsuit resembles the Macomb County case.

"We took it a couple steps forward by raising additional constitutional claims," Guido said.  
The cases likely will be joined together and defended by the state rather than the school districts, Reznierski said.  
Legal costs currently are being handled mainly by the state, Reznierski said.  
"That's the good part. The state really will be defending the case," Reznierski said, calling the case a "friendly lawsuit."  
Guido said the school districts likely will not participate in defending the case.

### Smoke could get in diners' eyes less

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer  
Non-smoking areas in restaurants would be expanded slightly under a bill that has passed the state Senate and gone to the House.  
Any restaurant seating more than 30 would have to provide a non-smoking section. Currently only restaurants with more than 50 seats are affected.  
Sponsored by Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Senate Bill 179

says 50 percent of the space would be allocated to non-smokers. That could be adjusted as demand changes, but no less than 15 percent of the space must be non-smoking.  
Faxon's original bill required an absolute minimum of 25 percent smoke-free space, but it was amended downward on the Senate floor. Opposing the amendment were Faxon; Robert Geake, R-Northville; and Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor.  
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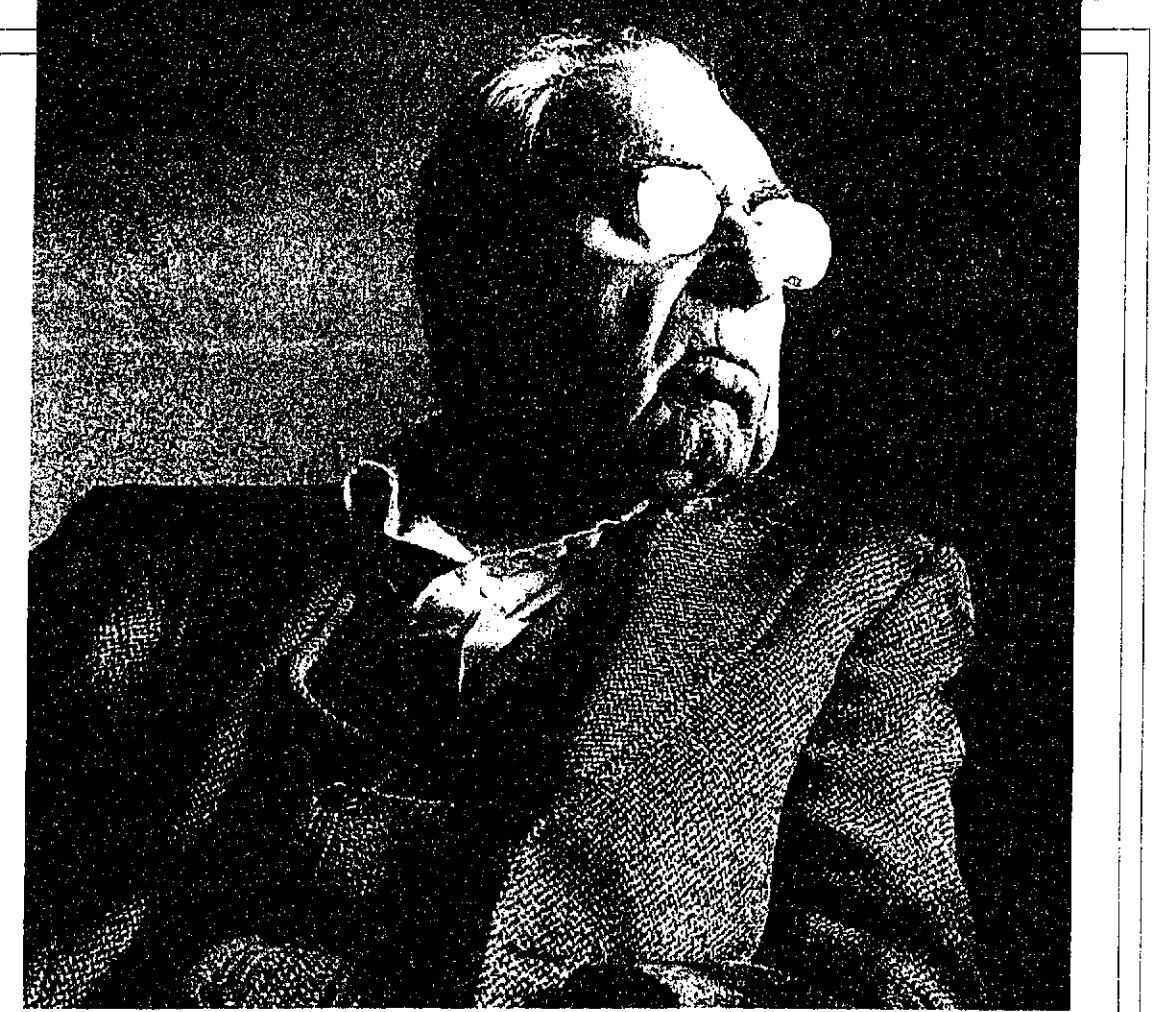
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### Bill strips state power over dancing

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer  
Sen. Jack Faxon went down swinging as the Michigan Legislature approved three bills allowing communities to ban nude dancing.  
Citing "such major award-winning productions as 'Eggs,' 'Hair,' 'O' Calcutta' and such major dance companies as Paltapoulos," Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi, said they would be "seriously compromised" by the bills, which would "put Michigan into the equivalent of a dry state."  
"These efforts on the part of local units of government to somehow protect the innocence of the adult members of their community strikes at the very core of the fundamental freedom of self-expression inherent in our Constitutional liberties," Faxon said as he finished on the short end of 31-1 and 32-1 votes.  
All other area senators voted yes.  
The three bills — now on their way to Gov. John Engler for signing — would allow cities, villages

and townships to adopt ordinances to control or stop nude dancing in commercial establishments within their boundaries.  
Currently, Michigan's liquor license law prohibits drinking establishments from featuring bottomless dancers. But some clubs, such as the DeJa Vu chain, are able to get around that by not serving alcoholic beverages.  
"The only real rationale for this legislation is these bottomless entertainment centers are a boon for urban blight," said Sen. David Hongman, R-West Bloomfield. "I only grudgingly and reluctantly support this legislation myself."  
Honigman's Local Government Committee reported out the bills.  
Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, said she is a proud member of the American Civil Liberties Union, but she fully supported the bill.  
"I'm also a woman. It means that as a class, as a member of a class of people, I'm more likely to be victimized by sexual violence. I'm more likely to be demeaned by sexually exploitive language," Pollack said.

Faxon argued that local units already have the power to regulate business locations and that the prohibitions would simply force entertainment seekers across the border to Windsor.  
Replying to Pollack, he said nude dancing "does not promote more sexually aggressive crimes. Indeed it probably does quite the opposite, and it does not in fact degrade anybody's condition."  
"In the movies you see much more; it's much worse. There are very graphic closeup shots which you do not see live unless you're holding a pair of binoculars."  
"If you don't like it, don't go to it. It's very simple."  
Sen. James Berryman, D-Adrian, said that choice should be given to communities as well. "If the communities don't like it, give them the right to prohibit bottomless dancing," said Berryman, a former mayor.  
The bills allow local units to ban "public nudity," defined as "displaying in a public place" for payment "any individual's genitals or anus with less than a fully opaque covering."

### Library Notes

**Holiday Craft Day:** The Novi Public Library is featuring a special holiday craft day for children Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. Children ages 4 and 5 may create a craft to brighten up their room for the holidays. Children in kindergarten and up may come to the session at noon. There is a \$1 materials fee, payable at the door. For more information, please call the Novi Library at 349-0720.  
**New Outreach Librarian:** Georgia Grovesstein, of Livonia, has recently joined the Novi Public Library staff as part-time Outreach services librarian. A graduate of Western Michigan University, Georgia received her master's degree in Library Science from Wayne State University earlier this year.  
Georgia, who works with Pauline Druschel in Outreach Services, formerly worked at Border's Book Shop in Novi.  
**Library goes "online":** The Novi Public Library has recently begun putting holds for books on the computer.  
What that means is this: When you request a book from the library that is currently checked out, you may fill out a hold card. This will be entered into the computer and you will receive a computer-generated notice through the mail to let you know when the book is available for you to pick up.  
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If you have questions about this new procedure, please come to the Novi Library, or call 349-0720.

### High court sets rules on redistricting

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer  
The Michigan Legislature has a court-imposed deadline of Jan. 15 to reapportion itself.  
The high court gave the judicial panel until Feb. 15 to act.  
Members of that panel are Harold Hood, Detroit, a judge of the Court of Appeals; T. John Lesinski, retired Court of Appeals judge and former Democratic lieutenant governor; and William R. Peterson, former circuit judge from Muskegon and Westford counties in northern lower Michigan.  
The high court's action seems to assure Michigan will have new districts in place long before filing deadline for the August primaries. Ten years ago, a primary had to be delayed because of a deadlock on reapportionment.  
About all the political parties can agree on, at this point, is that districts may be 8.2 percent larger or

smaller than the ideal: 224,613 in each Senate district, 84,503 in each House district.  
The ruling doesn't cover congressional districting, which is before a federal court panel. Congressional districting is expected to be far tougher because Michigan loses two of its 19 U.S. representatives due to population stagnation.  
The Supreme Court told lawmakers to follow guidelines set in its 1982 reapportionment decision and in the federal Voting Rights Act. The latter guarantees minority populations can't be split to dilute their strength.  
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## Standard Federal rose above S & L debacle

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Misery and woe: The continuing savings and loan mess. Manufacturing jobs gone from the "rust belt." Housing starts down nationwide. Consumer confidence shaky.

Except at Standard Federal Savings Bank, the Troy-based thrift getting national attention as its earnings and share of the mortgage market climb. Why?

"A lot of good things are coming together," answered Thomas B. Ricketts, 60, completing his 11th year with the triple title of chairman, president and chief administrative officer.

"Sparkles like a diamond in a pile of charcoal," Forbes magazine said of Standard Federal last month. The institution has area branches in Novi, Northville Township and Brighton.

Standard Federal's "good things" include a stable Midwest housing market, lower interest rates for home buyers, a growing gap between mortgage rates and the cost of savings, a successful attempt to bring in low-interest checking accounts, a lucrative mortgage servicing business, computerized efficiency and cost controls.

"We have focused on a few activities," said Ricketts, who has worked at the thrift since he graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1956. Sure, there are acquisitions, but they're in neighboring states.

"We're not going to Arkansas," he said, but his bank is deeply involved in Detroit's first new housing subdivision in 30 years.

"Upgrade from Hold to BUY," advised First Boston's analysts last month. It sees Standard Federal's earnings going from last year's \$1.30 a share to \$2.50 in 1992. Reason: The thrift's gamble that short-term interest rates would stay low "is paying off big."

Good probability of a dividend increase in the next fiscal year," opined Olde Discount, noting SF's dividend has been 40 cents a year since 1989.

"The lower rates have increased home purchases, spurred refinancing."

Western thrifts have gone belly-up backing commercial ventures and housing. Ricketts saw two reasons why his thrift avoided that:

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"We're doing it with 4 to 5 percent less staffing," Ricketts added.

Standard Federal also is seeking VISA credit card business — an area under attack by President Bush and Congress for high interest rates.

"That was unfortunate," Ricketts said of the failed attack. "You don't get far trying to regulate interest rates. The market is really in control."

"I (Bush's remark) was surprising and, I guess, politics."

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Marry Nunnery helped prepare the Enola Gay for battle.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL



Nunnery's World War II ID card



LENA MCARTHUR

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THEY ALSO SERVED:

## The women of WWII

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

When the attack on Pearl Harbor shoved the United States into World War II, over 16 million Americans would wear uniforms.

Only about 204,000 of them would be equipped with regulation nylon stockings, pumps and skirts.

Just as in World War I, America woke up to the fact that it needed its womanpower. Four Novi and Northville residents were among the high-spirited young women to heed the call.

All say they loved their war service.

But everything was not equal in the military. Some women say they were disappointed they never got to the front. Willowbrook Subdivision resident Marry Nunnery admits she was angry that her top pay as a highly trained army inspector was \$2,400 a year. Men doing the same job took home \$4,000.

When peace came, most servicewomen were out of work. Mustering out for Olde Orchard resident Bettie Johnson was sweetened by a fashion show directed by stripper Gypsy Rose Lee. Johnson modeled the dresses the sailors were expected to don when they put their W.A.V.E.S. uniforms in mothballs.

**MARRY NUNNERY, Novi**—Nunnery was the first woman to take 400 hours of aircraft engineering at the University of Michigan, followed by training in aircraft oxygen systems at Wright Field in Ohio.

"I was the only girl. I couldn't get to sleep, everyone was calling — 'Do you want to go out?' I said I was too busy reading my notes," she recalls.

At Wright, she had to fight to complete one aspect of the training previously barred to women, time in the pressure chambers simulating flights at 40,000 feet. Some of the men got sick. Nunnery didn't.

She started as the only female inspector at the army's Birmingham Modification Center in Alabama, where B-24s and B-29s were prepared for combat. At first, the

men resented her. That soon changed to respect.

But Nunnery, a civilian employee, brought the collective wrath of the airplane manufacturers and the Army down on her head when she refused to pass on planes with oxygen lines on their de-icer wings.

"If they were hit, it would cause the whole engine to explode. I red-tagged the airplanes but they were mad at me because I did it. Wright Field sent a clarification that I was right. They had to re-route the connection," Nunnery said.

One of her last assignments was inspecting a mystery plane, kept under 24-hour guard by the government.

Nunnery took several test flights in the bomb sight of the Enola Gay. Everyone — including her boyfriend, the Enola Gay's crew chief — was curious about the secrecy.

"We wondered, but no one knew. The crew didn't know exactly. The crew never knew either," she said.

When the Enola Gay was moved to Kansas, then Saipan, the crew chief wrote Nunnery regularly.

"He didn't say too much. He talked more or less about the weather and the guys were having fun. They were working on the planes. I got a letter saying 'you won't hear from me for a while, but you'll know why,'" Nunnery said.

On Aug. 5, 1945, the Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Nunnery heard the news over the radio.

"I was dumbfounded. I said, 'Oh my God, no wonder it was grounded and no one was allowed on it,'" she recalled.

After the war, Nunnery never had the chance to work on airplanes again. She regrets it — but admits to now being a nervous flyer.

**ISABEL SCANLON COLLINS, Novi** — As a graduate nurse in 1940, Collins observed the prewar military buildup and thought a hitch in the army would look good on her resume.

When the war actually broke out, her unit was shipped to India. A disappointed Collins was left behind to recover from an appendix operation.

"This was a patriotic war. This was a war where we had to go get 'em, especially after Pearl Harbor. . . . You couldn't go to college the rest of your life and get the training I got," she said.

As chief nurse at Camp Murphy Station Hospital near West Palm Beach, Fla., Lt. "Lzy" enjoyed parties thrown by the Kennedy sisters and the odds of being one of 13 women to 2,000 men. Until things got nasty.

"The officer in charge ordered me to go out with him. I stood up and said 'oh, no.' I got orders to transfer," she said.

Collins reported him and the officer was court-martialed.

Later, her trunk was packed for the European front. Collins was eager to go. Instead, she ended up at Finney General Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia. Wounded soldiers from the front were docked in South Carolina and sent by rail to the 2,000-bed hospital.

"I felt pretty close to it there. . . . The men we saw needed us. We were the first they saw of anybody empathetic, humane. We patched them up. We could see progress and accomplishment," she said.

"It was heart-breaking. Some of the men that came back. . . . Their casts were full of maggots. Some of them were so broken up, we couldn't put them on beds. We had to put them on extended tables."

The nurses took their patients on field trips and picnics. Sometimes, Collins wonders how they all turned out, what they made of the lives she helped save.

After the victory, Collins had a choice of becoming a captain or demobilizing. She was engaged. Married women were not allowed to stay in service.

They were good years, but she says she doesn't regret leaving.

"I didn't feel oppressed. I had a good job. I was getting my promotions. I was a leader. I was a supervisor. I was everything I could be," Collins said.



Nunnery (center, kneeling) posed with 1940s movie star Annabella (back row, flowered dress) and other members of the Civil Air Patrol.

**BETTIE JOHNSON, Novi** — A new branch of the Navy was only three years old when Johnson enlisted — Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (W.A.V.E.S.). She and three other young switchboard operators "deserted" their post with Michigan Bell in Pontiac in 1944.

"We were just a bunch of girls who were independent and did what we wanted to do," she said.

"My father didn't think I should go but my mother always stood up for us. She talked him into it and she convinced him he couldn't stop me because I was of age. At that time, fathers thought girls should stay home and get married."

Bell fought to keep the women. While the regional labor relations board ruled that the four were frozen in their jobs, the Navy wasn't about to hand over its new recruits. But it split them up.

The closest to the front WAVES were sent was Hawaii. Johnson, then 21, hoped to go to the islands but landed in New York City instead.

After boot camp, she did a stint as shore patrol, carrying a night stick, until a post was found for her near the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Then she was back on the switchboard, leading a life similar to any working woman of the time.

"All of us just dearly loved it. Everything was free to you. Once I was settled in my barrack, it was just like working at a normal job. I think I saw every Broadway show in New York at that time," Johnson said.

"I think all of us grew up in the Navy. We learned to fend for ourselves."

She saw movie stars at plays, rode on the Navy float in the Thanksgiving Day Parade, sang tearfully in the chorus at a war bond rally. But the era's somber reality was never far away.

One memorable night, the W.A.V.E.S. held a party for the men of the battleship Franklin. The vessel had just limped into harbor, carrying its dead and wounded.

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# In-Shape

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## Skiing season off to slow start

By STEVE KELLMAN  
Staff Writer

Warm weather has been wreaking havoc on the start of this year's skiing, but resort owners are still holding out hope for a successful season on the slopes.

At the Mt. Brighton Ski Area, 4141 Bauer in Brighton, the mountain reopened for night skiing Dec. 4 after an on-again, off-again start. The slopes originally opened Nov. 5 only to close Nov. 13, reopen Nov. 26 and reclose Nov. 29.

Last week's cold spell allowed the resort operators to lay a good base of man-made snow and remain open until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, and the resort operators hope to reopen soon.

Group Coordinator Jill Jarrett said that despite the latest dose of warm weather, the skiing season got off to an early start at Mt. Brighton. "We had a real good jump on it for a while," she said. "We had one of the earliest openings ever... the earliest in 31 years."

And long-range forecasts continue to give hope to hardened downhill skiers. "We've heard that we're supposed to have a real cold winter, but when that will happen we really don't know," Jarrett said.

Jarrett noted that the weather can be frustrating when it comes to running a ski resort. "You've got to have a sense of humor about it," she said. Take, for example, her theory about this season's wildly fluctuating temperatures. "I've decided that Mother Nature is in menopause, and she keeps having these hot flashes," Jarrett said.

When there is enough snow, the resort's seven chairlifts and 10 rope tows give access to Mt. Brighton's 26 trails, including the expert slope face known by a couple of different names.

"Some people call it The Wall, but we call it The Challenge," said ski area spokesperson Cindy Nixon. "It's pretty vertical."

The Alpine Valley Ski Resort, 6775 East Highland Drive in Millford, also has been affected by the spring-like climate.

But group sales coordinator Jeff Dorr said the resort should reopen soon. "We're hoping for mid-week to later on this week," he said. "It depends on the weather, of course."

If and when the weather cooperates, Alpine Valley's snow-making capacity of 500 tons per hour should soon have the slopes white again.

Alpine Valley is equipped with one quadruple chairlift, nine double chairlifts and 10 rope tows. The mountain has 25 slopes and trails, culminating in a 2,000-foot run.

The mountain's more challenging runs include Everest, Avalanche, Glacier, Mineshaft and 1-275.



Ski resorts are expecting more winter enthusiasts out as weather permits

File Photo

## Vaccinations will save lives

This is the time of the year when many people can do something very simple to stay healthy and in some cases save their lives. What is this medical miracle? The answer is vaccination — specifically, the flu vaccine and the pneumonia vaccine.

In spite of the wonderful advances in antibiotic therapy, pneumonia is the leading cause of death from infection in the world. Although antibiotics are effective in many types of pneumonia they do not cure all cases and a significant number of people still die. Most often it is the elderly or those with heart or lung problems who are the victims. Individuals with long-standing problems such as diabetes or alcoholism are also prone to pneumonia.

### Fitness Tips

Pneumonia is a lung infection and may be caused by hundreds of bacteria. Fortunately, about 90 percent of pneumonia are caused by 23 types of one particular bacteria; the pneumococcal vaccine is formulated to protect against 23 common types and is protective about 90 percent of the time. Vaccination is recommended for people over the age of 65, those with heart or lung problems and those who are prone to infection due to chronic disease. It is given as a

one-time injection which does not need to be repeated.

Influenza (flu) virus exists in many forms and can change yearly. It is a significant problem which has caused some of the most devastating epidemics throughout history.

The flu vaccine needs to be given yearly since the types change from year to year. It is formulated to protect against the types of flu expected to cause the most problems during the coming flu season, which runs

from December to April.

Many people are concerned about possible side effects to the pneumococcal or flu vaccines. The technology is much better now than it has been in the past and side effects are now quite minimal. The few people who do suffer from side effects will usually experience very mild symptoms, including a slight fever, tiredness, muscle ache and tenderness and redness at the injection site. The symptoms may last one or two days. A severe reaction is possible although rare. Usually the patient is kept in the clinic for 10 to 20 minutes to watch for evidence of immediate allergic reactions. In all cases it is best to check with your physician first if you suspect you might have a reaction.

## Jazzercise offers musical fitness

**Jazzercise classes offered:** Juli Huddleston has started Jazzercise classes in Novi this month. A unique combination of effective exercise, jazz-movements and popular music, Jazzercise is the number-one fitness program in the world.

The 60-65 minute class includes warm-up, a dance-aerobic segment followed by a cool-down, muscle-toning and flexibility exercises and a final cool-down.

Huddleston offers classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Mondays through Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi. There is a babysitter at all of the classes for a small fee.

For more information, call 426-9096.

**Weight loss:** Ellie's Weigh weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi on Ten Mile Road.

For more information, call 682-1717.

**\$1 Foot Examinations:** Local podiatrist Norman H. Brant is offering an initial foot examination for \$1 during the months of November and

### Fitness Notes

December.

The funds collected will be donated to Farmington Families in Action. To make an appointment, call 476-0500. Dr. Brant's office is located at 38471 W. Ten Mile Road near Haggerty.

**New Attitude Aerobics:** Registrations are now being accepted for Northville Community Recreation's fitness program New Attitude Aerobics.

A wide variety of classes are available, ranging from beginners' high or low impact aerobics to free weight circuit training. Unique features include: a.m. and p.m. child care, flexible scheduling, easy-to-follow workouts and certified instructors. The one-hour classes are held six days a week, year-round at the Northville Community Recreation building.

For class description, schedules and more information, call 349-0203 or 348-3120.

**Aerobic fitness:** Aerobic Fitness is a complete one-hour exercise program designed to improve overall fitness, increase endurance, strengthen and tone muscles. Morning and evening classes are now available.

Six-week classes run continually throughout the year. Fee is \$36 for two classes per week; \$48 for three classes and \$68 for unlimited classes. For locations and schedules, call 348-1280.

**Joan Akey's fitness class:** Joan Akey's Fitness Class is now being offered on Mondays (9-10 a.m.) and Thursdays (8:45-9:45 a.m.) at the Northville Community Center.

This low impact fitness session uses all new techniques with lively upbeat exercises choreographed to popular music. This class is designed to work every inch of your body, as well as promote your well-being.

For registration information, call Joan Akey at 981-6605.

**Open swimming offered:** Northville Recreation Department will offer open swimming at the Northville High School pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. A lap swim will also be

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**REAL ESTATE**

**What is an APR?**

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

What in the world of real estate is an APR?

That's a question that puzzles many mortgage loan borrowers—and lenders. In fact, it's so confusing to consumers and inconsistently calculated by lenders, it has little real value in the current market.

Most mortgage borrowers notice that the annual percentage rate interest rate for their loan is greater than their basic note rate. But why it is larger and how it is calculated often is a mystery. Therefore, its real significance is minimal.

The APR is intended to be a rate that reflects all costs involved in a loan transaction — basic note interest rate and other costs of obtaining the money. The idea of disclosing such a figure is good.

The requirement to disclose an APR rate was federally legislated in Regulation Z — part of the Truth in Lending and Credit Billing Acts. It was conceived as "an accurate measure of the cost of credit, expressed as a yearly rate," as stated in Regulation Z.

Lenders are required to provide a Truth in Lending Disclosure Statement, including an APR rate, to loan applicants within three days after receiving their application.

The key problem is in the APR calculation. The vague wordage in Regulation Z leaves an unclear

picture of precisely what items are to be included in the calculation of an APR, according to several lenders surveyed.

One chief mortgage loan officer at a major bank said the APR figure included the note interest rate, loan points, prepaid interest and origination fee only.

The chief loan officer of another bank said the APR included all costs related to the loan—credit report, appraiser fee, tax service, title insurance, escrow fee, recording fees—all costs.

"There is so much inconsistency in calculating the APR on the part of lenders it doesn't mean much for borrowers," said Tom Cross, loan manager at First Nationwide Bank. "Every lender seems to calculate it differently."

In a "compliance regulation" form prepared by First Nationwide Bank for its loan officers, it's stated that the purpose of Regulation Z is to make lenders disclose information about the loan in a way that allows applicants to see what they are really paying for a loan.

"This is intended to stop hidden charges and allow the applicant to easily compare loan offers from different mortgage lenders."

The Regulation Z notice has been more confusing to consumers and professional loan officers than any other requirement imposed on the financial market in years, according to Ray Garberich, senior loan officer for Norton Mortgage Corp., a mortgage brokerage firm.

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Photos by HAL GOULD

The Mikulens' bright, spacious living room features white plush carpeting. A striking chintz fabric covers sofas and chairs.

By Pamela Dear

"We decided to make this our own God's little acre," Connie Mikulen said. Four years ago Connie and husband, Tim, moved into the Kensington Place Mobile Home Community in New Hudson. Leaving behind their large house in Lake Orion, they purchased a double-wide 1969 Vagabond mobile home.

"There was no sense in Tim driving all the way to work from Lake Orion to Wixom and the kids were gone," Connie explained. "I was willing to give it a try," she added. The Mikulens have been married for 30 years and have three sons.

Connie is a cook at Brighton Hospital and Tim is a model launch coordinator with the chassis department at Ford Motor Co.

Unfortunately, their new purchase needed much repair and decorating to make it seem like home. For example, when the couple moved in the carpeting was an unattractive very dark green, the kitchen cupboards were covered with contact paper which Tim described as "psychedelic," the wall paneling was painted a dull grey and the exterior aluminum siding was badly discolored.

"My husband said to me, 'Connie, make another miracle,'" Connie recalled.

Together the Mikulens did perform a remodeling miracle, taking their plain 26-by-56 home, with its 14-by-12 extension and successfully transforming it into a beautifully remodeled and elegantly furnished contemporary home.

This comfortable home consists of a large living room, roomy kitchen and dining area, family room, two bedrooms, two baths and a mudroom, located on a rather large lot.

Some of the immediate repairs included putting on a new roof, adding more insulation, hanging attractive Sunbrella brown and beige canvas awnings, spackling and painting the interior walls and ceilings, and replacing the aluminum siding with a more visually pleasing and durable vinyl siding. Inside storms for the windows and new carpeting were also purchased.

"It has been a labor of love," Connie said. "We enjoyed it because we are going to live here," she said. Connie displays her good sense of color and design throughout the home, particularly in the living room. "I sit down and I can picture it in my mind," Connie said. "And I know exactly what I want."

To ensure a bright and spacious appearance, Connie chose white densely plush carpeting in the living room and hallway. Innocent ivory paint covers the walls and ceilings, several panels of mirrors have been applied to the wall on the right of the entry door and vertical blinds were added to the large multiple windows. These practical blinds allow both sunlight and privacy.

A striking chintz fabric covers the sofas and chairs. It contains a large iris floral pattern in pink, blue, mauve and cream, colors which are repeated for the custom-made toppers used as window treatments above the blinds. "And I do love irises," Connie said. "So that's what really caught my eye when I saw this

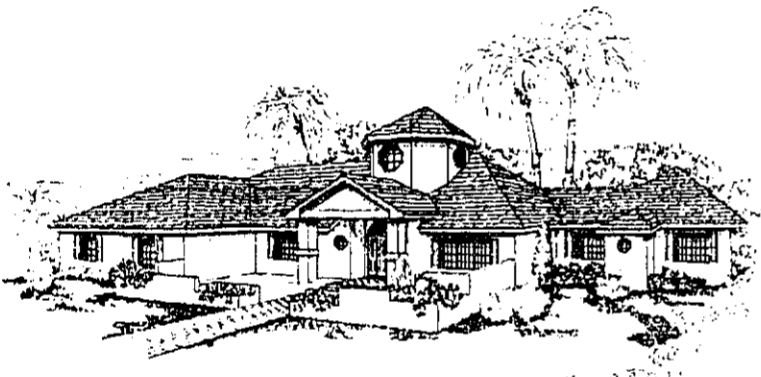
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New Hudson couple find that down-sizing their home makes cents **GOIN' MOBILE**



The Mikulens have given the home's exterior a facelift with new durable vinyl siding, a new roof, canvas awnings and extensive landscaping.

**HOME DESIGNS**



**Tile and stucco highlight the Diplomat's flavor**

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

Designed for a warm climate, the exotic Moroccan-flavor Diplomat is fit for a sultan, with three minaret-like turrets and a fan in almost every room. This sprawling tile-and-stucco home is the creation of Florida-based builder J.D. Graham.

The largest of the octagonal turrets, boasting a 22-foot ceiling and octagonal clerestory windows on four sides, serves as entryway and doubles as an atrium. The entire floor is ceramic.

To the right is a walk-in entry closet and living room that looks out over a front courtyard with planters and a fountain. To the left is a half-bath, wet bar with refrigerator and the passageway to the dining room.

An eating-nook turret with 12-foot ceiling and octagonal clerestory windows is the focal point for the less-formal group living area at the back of the house, with kitchen and family room on either side.

The ceramic tiles in the entry turret carry over into the eating nook, kitchen, utility area and the connecting hallway. A built-in desk tucked into one corner of the

kitchen could accommodate a home computer and there also is a spacious walk-in pantry.

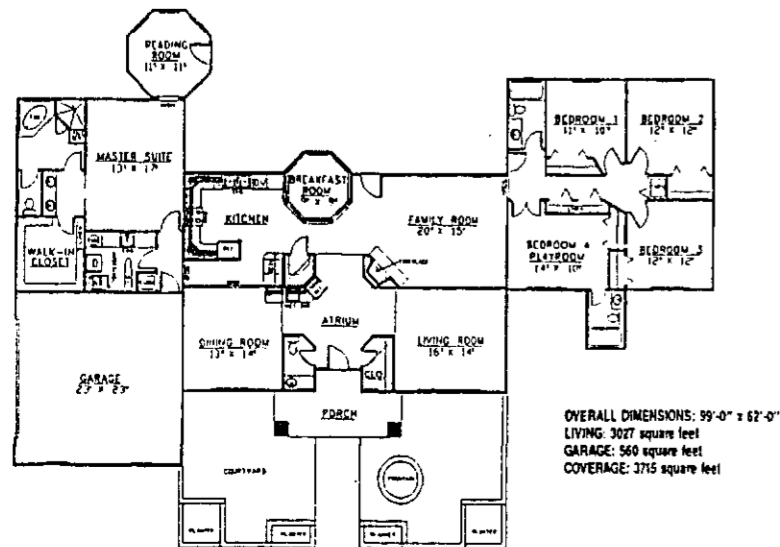
Occupants of the luxurious master suite, located at the opposite end of the home from the other four bedrooms, have plenty of privacy. The ceramic-floored master bath features both an oversize tub and a wide, uniquely shaped glass-enclosed shower with a tile seat.

Twin vanities are located in a separate dressing area outside the bathing facilities and toilet. A walk-in closet large enough to house a small elephant features a pass-through window opening to the laundry room.

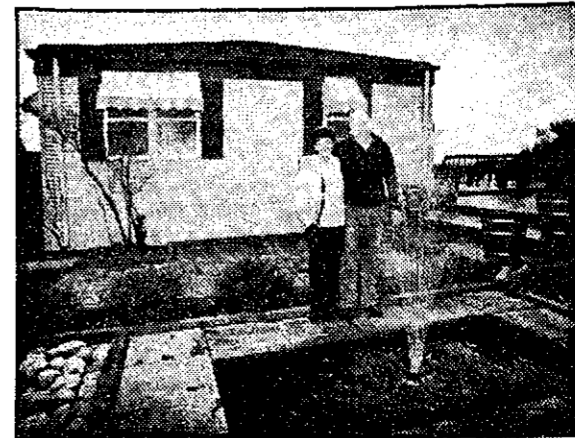
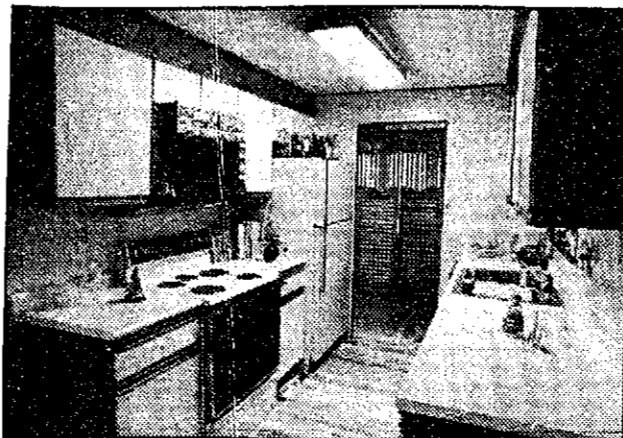
And, of course, the sleeping area opens into the remaining high-ceilinged turret, ideal as a quiet retreat for reading, sewing or just dreaming.

Each of the other four bedrooms has ample storage space and fans. One of them, equipped with a private bathroom, could be used as a guest room or to house an aging parent.

For a study plan of the Diplomat (299-10), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



European-styled cupboards give the kitchen a contemporary and fresh look, while a ceiling to floor pantry allows maximum storage.



Connie and Tim Mikulen extensively remodeled both the inside and outside of their mobile home to transform it into a stylish showpiece.









# Centre of Town

## Mixed uses will mark downtown of the '90s

By MARY DI PAOLO  
Special Writer

According to John Fondersmith, America's downtown districts of the future will bear little resemblance to the science-fiction images of the past. As chief of the Downtown Section of the Washington D.C. Office of Planning, Fondersmith says that answering the question, "What will downtown be like in the year 2040?" is not difficult. "The real 'Cities of the future' already exist," says Fondersmith, "and the forces shaping the recent revival have not been primarily technological in nature, but come from basically simple ideas."

The past decades have not only seen the redesign of the office workplace within downtown districts, but the development of various forms of "linkage" involving residential housing, retail services, recreational facilities, improved transportation systems, and even new schools. Led by San Francisco and a number of other cities including Detroit with its Millender Center/Omni Hotel Complex, this trend will continue in the coming decades.

By the early 21st century, both large metropolitan areas and small towns are predicted to have significantly increased downtown and near-downtown residential populations.

In his recent article, "Downtown 2040: Making Cities Fun!", Fondersmith points out that unlike their big city counterparts, small towns have an even bigger stake in the revitalization of their downtown districts. Kenneth K. Munsell, Director of the Washington-based Small Towns Institute, explains Fondersmith's observation by saying that local leaders are often urged to welcome any new business or industry well before they understand the secondary effects the newcomer will have on their town. As such, Munsell notes that local leaders, district planners and downtown developers must be equally committed to the long-term welfare of their small communities by working

cooperatively to accomplish desired end results.

For Singh Development Co., downtown Northville's MainCentre project represents the company's first attempt at working to make downtowns in small towns a place for living. The multi-million dollar 120,000-square-foot mixed-use development combines 27,000 square feet of lower level retail and office space with four stories of 74 luxury one- and two-bedroom apartments. Located in the heart of the two-block downtown shopping district, MainCentre has been fully operational since early June; however, Singh President Gurnale S. Grewal says that the Center still has several retail and resident tenant openings to fill.

"We remain optimistic, since we know that many potential tenant candidates just don't know about MainCentre and what it has to offer," Grewal points out.

Grewal praises the Northville City Council, city planning and historic district commissions for their foresight and support throughout the project's planning and implementation. "A development of this magnitude always has its fair share of challenges," he states, "so we greatly appreciate how everyone functioned together as a team from the start."

For Glenna Drennan, owner of the first Illusions replica jewelry outlet in Michigan, her decision to locate in MainCentre has already proven to be the right one. "Even as we were working in the store before it was formally opened, dozens of people stopped by to wish us well and ask about our business," she said.

Drennan adds that this type of response is something that every new retailer hopes for, but can really never be sure of. Maryann Baiardi-Marras, the first retailer to sign a lease with MainCentre, is equally optimistic about her downtown location by saying the opportunity to relocate her beauty salon there was one she couldn't ignore. "This was the best way I knew of to expand my operation



Photo by HAL GOULD

Last summer, when this photo was taken, Illusions became one of the first tenants of the MainCentre mixed-use development

while being more centrally located."

As the former owner of Nov's Mane Objective, Baiardi-Marras opened BRD's Hair Salon at MainCentre this June. "After being in business for 10 years, I recognize a good thing when I see it — and MainCentre is it for me."

Judy VanNewKirk, Commercial Leasing Director at MainCentre, adds that The Pied Piper children's clothing shop, MainCentre Cleaners, and The Goldsmith Gallery, a European-style custom fine jeweler, have also opened businesses at MainCentre during recent months. Friends, a unique furnishings and design store is shooting for a Feb. 1 opening.

Goldsmith Gallery owners Lesh and Leza Gjonaj claim that they chose MainCentre after asking other local merchants what they thought of the development.

"We had run our business from home for the past 15 years, so we wanted to be very sure about picking the best location possible," Leza Gjonaj

points out, "and all the merchants we spoke to were more than helpful."

As has also been expected, the apartment dwellers at MainCentre include a mix of young urban professionals, double-income households, and "empty nesters" who will benefit greatly by the mix of retail businesses located just outside their doorstep. "The 'yuppie' market is one that we had predicted would be drawn to MainCentre," says Grewal, "and we are finding that this group will account for over 50 percent of our resident tenant base."

From an architectural perspective, the city council, planning and historic district commissions initially faced several physical and design-related challenges. Architect Al Tuomaala of Siegal-Tuomaala Associates in Farmington Hills, first became involved with the MainCentre project approximately two years ago.

"The site we had to work with was rather deep and wide, there was a significant grade differential along one of the streets, and we had existing buildings that abutted the project to the west," he says.

Tuomaala was further challenged by the fact that his firm's previous designs commissioned by Singh were more contemporary in nature. "In order to be successful with this project, we knew that it had to build on the historic physical design and appeal of downtown Northville, so as to fit in well with the community," Tuomaala adds that maintaining open lines of communication with city leaders and planners was crucial to the success of the development. "Without their input and insights, MainCentre would still be on the drawing boards."

Steve Walters, former City Manager of Northville, claims that the redevelopment of downtown Northville originated with the "Main Street '78" master plan of 13 years ago. "At that time we identified several public improvements which were completed by 1982," says Walters, "and in addition, we conducted an analysis of several downtown locations that had the potential for further economic development."

One of the commercial sites that had been noted was a 12-lane bowling alley and parking lot. "Because it was a small facility and could not effectively compete with the bigger alleys, the property eventually went up for sale and was purchased by a developer who proposed to our city a building similar to MainCentre," said Walters. Plagued with financial problems, the first developer's interest in the property was sold to another developer, who then sold the property to Singh in 1989.

Mayor Chris Johnson adds that Singh's willingness to listen to the needs of the Northville community and respond accordingly is very unusual in a day and age when developers come in and do what they want.

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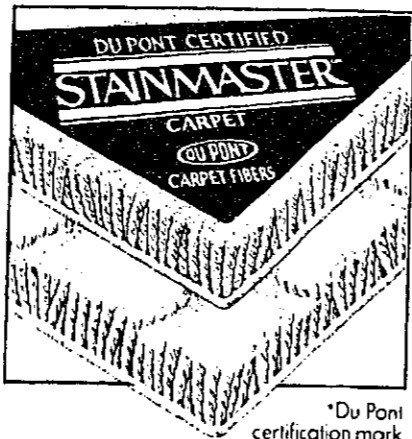
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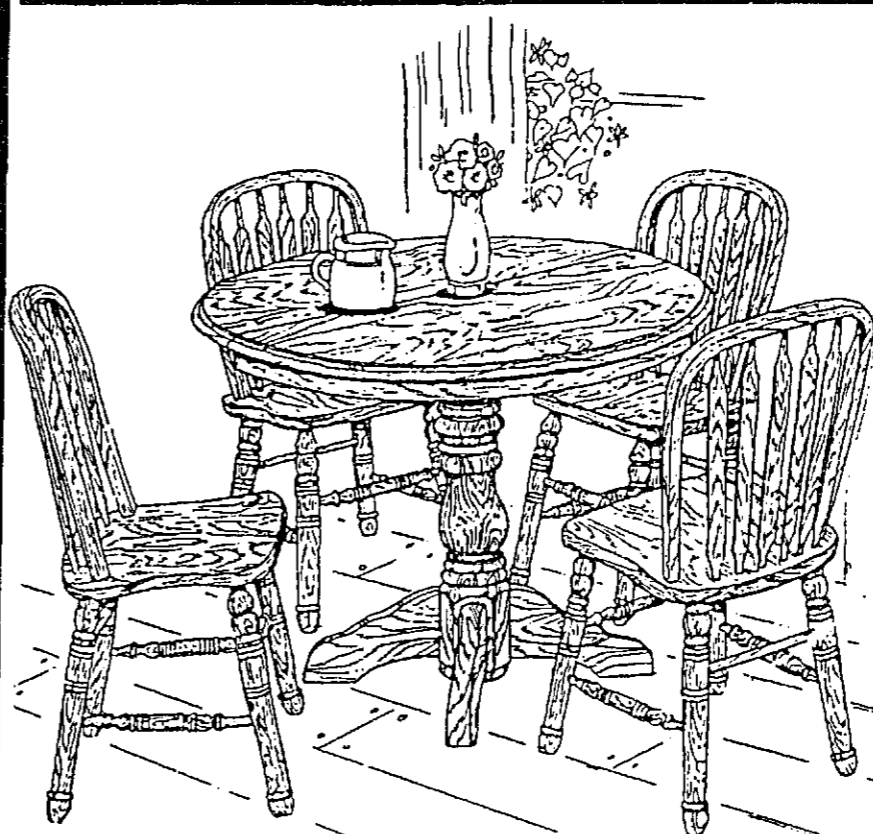


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# MainCentre sets tone for downtown area

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"Parking for the new development was an issue we faced long before Singh entered the picture," says Johnson. "And the approach taken by the two former developers was to grant parking credits for the development's tenants upon completion. Working with the historic district and planning commissions, Singh became part of the solution by offering to construct new parking as part of the MainCentre project."

where to put the additional parking," says Johnson. Ultimately, it was agreed that a parking deck would be built to the east of the building to replace an existing deck with a deteriorated lower level. "We were able to resolve two problems at the same time," stresses Johnson. "While providing even more access to shoppers of our downtown district."

"As people come into our city and see for themselves what Singh has accomplished, I'm sure they will agree that this development is a very welcome addition," Swait is also hopeful that local landlords from the downtown area will follow suit by bringing their buildings up to the standard set by MainCentre.

"As a volunteer tour director for the city of Northville, 71-year-old lifelong resident Bruce Turnbull has made a point to remind his fellow residents of the benefits of living and shopping in Northville's newly updated downtown area. "For both the young people and those who are my age, you want to be where the action is... and there's no doubt that downtown Northville is where the action will be for many years to come."

Regarding its future plans for other mixed-use developments in local downtown districts, Singh's Vice President Mike Kahn says the company is now in the process of discussing a similar project with another Detroit municipality. "The future is looking very bright," says Kahn, "and we all consider MainCentre to be the shining star which proves our point."

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The sharpest thorn among any rising benefit picture is the so-far unending yearly increase of 10-20 percent in health care costs. Family insurance plans can cost companies more than \$5,000 per year. Companies are even more alarmed over a new Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ruling to take effect Jan. 1, 1993 that requires companies to calculate retiree health care obligations into current year balance sheets.

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DOUGLAS H. ROEHM



TOM CRAWFORD

JOHN CLEMENT of Northville has become a licensed architect in Michigan. He recently passed the examination for licensing in the state. Clement joined Albert Kahn Associates in 1985 and presently works in AKA's architectural development department.

time agent who is also active in her community. She is a member of the Western Wayne Oakland Board of Realtors and an Associate of the Birmingham Bloomfield Board of Realtors. Barrons' dedication to professionalism in her field is most noted by her having received from the Board of Realtors the 1990 Award for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Real Estate Education.

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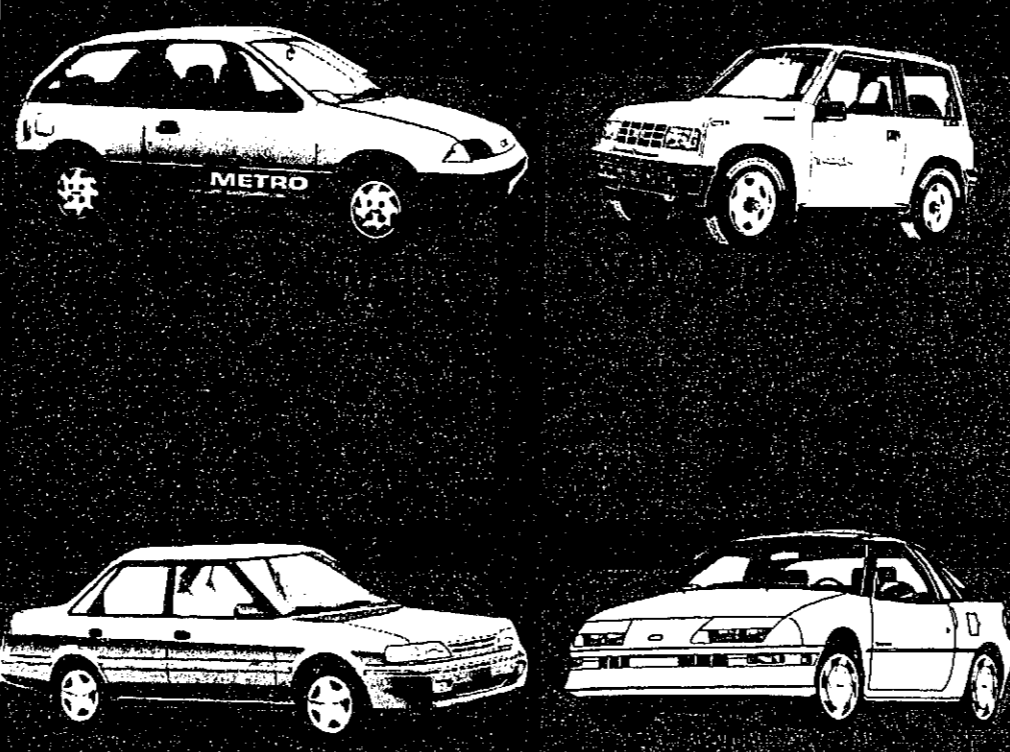
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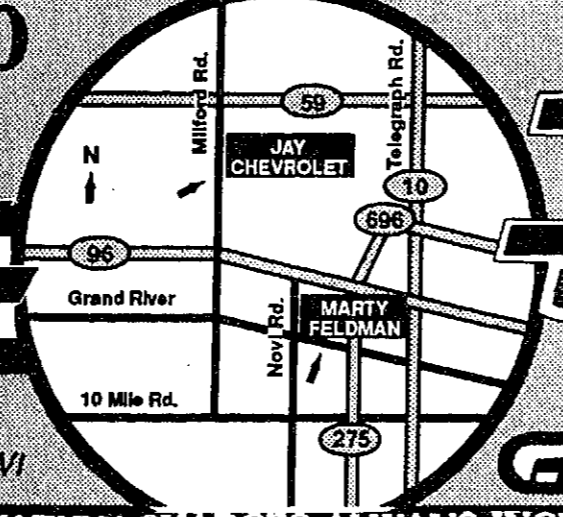
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