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Novi pitching county to get new court site

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

As plans for a new district court race ahead, Novi is actively courting Oakland County — but so are some of the neighboring communities.

On Dec. 14, the county board of commissioners agreed to finance a move to larger quarters for the Walled Lake 52-1 District Court. A new — and fourth — judge will be part of the package.

On Dec. 23, the Novi City Council unanimously passed a resolution saying it wants the court here.

But Walled Lake would like to keep the legal set-up there. And Wixom is out campaigning for it.

Why are these communities eager for a parade of accused lawbreakers trooping through their borders? In a word, business.

"It would spin off some employment, jobs in the legal profession in our area," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

Those lawyers would need offices. And Novi has a surplus of vacant offices. The legal pros, their staffs and their clients would need to eat at nearby restaurants — and shop at local stores.

Having the courthouse in Novi would also be more convenient for the police department, Kriewall said.

Jack Hays, Director of Corporate Counsel for the county executive's office, hadn't heard as of Dec. 27 about the city council resolution, but tends to agree that Novi is the best spot for the courthouse.

■ A lawyer would need at least five years experience before becoming a judge under a proposal before the Michigan House of Representatives. Voters would have to amend the state Constitution before the plan could take effect. The story is on page 7.

A state statute calls for district courts to be placed in the most populous of the communities it will serve. Novi, of the 10 municipalities which come under the umbrella of the 52-1 court, has the most people.

The facility will continue to handle cases generated by Novi city and township, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom and the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Rose and White Lake.

"We haven't got a stated preference," Hays said. "Wixom would like it but we have a state statute. I personally think it has to go within the confines of Novi."

But he's willing to listen to proposals from other interested municipalities.

"If [a court] builds business, a court is kind of a central spot. It gets people to come to your community and they have to eat lunch and breakfast there. It attracts business-

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Santa's helper

Part of a city-wide effort to share with those who need help this holiday season, Novi's public information director Cindy Stewart coordinated the efforts of city residents who sought to

adopt needy families during the holiday season. Above, Stewart, Debbie Mazur, her 8½-year-old daughter Andrea, and Andrea's friend Lindsey Drake open a box of donated food.

Extradition delayed 5 days

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Attorneys for convicted murderer Richard Blackwell say they will use a five-day stay of extradition to gather evidence — including possible testimony from former governor William Milliken — that may allow him to remain free in the State of Michigan.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis X. O'Brien signed an order Monday to extradite Blackwell to South Carolina, but agreed to keep him here for five days so that his attorneys may attempt to overturn it. The extradition papers have already been signed by Gov. John Engler.

Blackwell, a Novi Charter House

employee who was arrested by Novi Police Sept. 8 on a 1969 South Carolina murder warrant, is currently being held in Oakland County Jail. Blackwell was free on a \$5,000 bond until Dec. 23, when Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Roman Kalyttak convinced the Michigan Court of Appeals to revoke the bond.

Blackwell's wife, Cheryle Barnes, sat between their two sons throughout the hearing. O'Brien's courtroom Monday; occasionally answering whispered questions from the younger, 11-year-old son.

One of the questions was "Why do they have chains on him?"

Kalyttak said he considered Blackwell to be an escape risk, in spite of the fact that Blackwell ap-

peared at two previous court dates.

"I think [escape] always is [a concern] in this kind of case," he said. "Once the governor signs the warrant, the person knows he's going to go back, especially if he has an attorney. In this case the governor signed it, so we could not allow him to be out on bond."

Blackwell's attorneys are fighting the extradition with several arguments, including one that claims South Carolina lost its right to extradite him by waiting 21 years.

During his years in Michigan, Blackwell has had no problems with the law except for two instances in the 1970s when he was arrested on the same South Carolina warrant.

Both times, then-governor Milli-



RICHARD BLACKWELL

ken failed to sign Blackwell's extradition orders.

Blackwell's attorney Seymour

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City taps business to operate trolley

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The city has made it clear that the burden of driving Novi's new trolley is on the local business community.

The city council in a narrow 4-to-3 vote Dec. 23 vetoed kicking in \$5,000 to aid in operating the new shuttle service.

"The trolley certainly is an asset to the business community. Why is it they can't find \$5,000?" Council Member Nancy Cassis said.

"I feel the private sector could scrape together \$5,000 . . . I can't look at the taxpayers and say this is an appropriate expenditure."

Twelve Oaks Mall has already donated \$5,000 towards operating the vehicle. City Manager Edward Kriewall said Novi Town Center may kick in a like sum.

It will cost the Novi Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 each week to run

the trolley, which is on a three-day per week schedule.

The vehicle will be run by the ATE Management Inc., which has a contract with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). SMART won the federal grant to purchase the \$215,000 street car, which links up with the new Detroit-to-Novi bus service.

The chamber has already approved the hiring of an employee to sell advertising space on the trolley, to aid in funding the service. But a time gap will exist before the position is filled, Kriewall said.

"This is a critical time for the city to support the project," he said, adding that chain stores in the local malls were unlikely to help underwrite the trolley.

"All of the stores are run from New York or California or some-

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Dog tale warns of thin ice

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Lincoln the Great Dane is alive and well. But it's only because of the work of two Novi police officers, combined with a neighborhood effort.

And Lincoln's story serves as a warning to everyone who lives around ice-covered water.

Early on the morning of Dec. 5, Lincoln, who is owned by Gordon and Cathy Connelly, ran out onto the icy pond behind his home on Christina Lane. Suddenly, the ice cracked beneath his weight of approximately 130 pounds, and he plunged into the freezing water.

For at least 35 minutes, Lincoln struggled for his life by treading water. Again and again, he attempted to pull himself back onto the ice, but the ice kept breaking around him.

Luckily, Lincoln's story has a happy ending. Novi officers Lou Bi-

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Left to right, officer Lou Bigliardi, Lincoln and officer Mike Wilson pose before the pond where the police officers rescued the dog after he fell through the ice.

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Community Calendar

Monday, January 6

Choir Boosters: The Novi High School Choir Boosters will meet in the library in the school building at 7 p.m.

Senior parents: Senior parents of Novi High School students will meet in the high school lecture room A at 7 p.m.

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center with its various appointed boards and commissions.

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 Fueser 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. For further information, contact Kathy McCarthy, 348-6525 or Lisa Willard at 478-7087.

Tuesday, January 7

Quest speaker: Pat Hinz of the Family Works Counseling Center in Novi will be the monthly Quest speaker before the Middle School PTO. Hinz will speak on the topic of parenting skills at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.

Financial aid: A college financial aid workshop will be held in Novi High school in lecture room A in the high at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 107 of the high school.

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

Thursday, January 9

School Board: The Novi Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Tall Road.

Historical commission: The Novi Historical Commission will be meeting in the Old Town Hall, next to the Novi Library, in the city complex on Ten Mile Road.

Parks and rec: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Saturday, January 11

Goal setting: The Novi City Council will meet for a "goal session" in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, January 13

Out early: Novi High school students will be dismissed from classes at 10:55 a.m. today.

Debate Boosters: The Novi High School Debate Boosters will meet in the Novi High Library at 7:30 p.m.

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

Library board: The Novi library board will meet in the library building.

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Council nixes plan to split Dobbs

By JAN JEF. RES
Staff Writer

The City Council majority Dec. 23 didn't buy the argument that the former Dobbs Furnace building could become a vacant "eyesore" and turned down a plan to add three new tenants to the site.

The four-story, 100,000-sq-ft company filed for bankruptcy in March and a liquidation of the inventory of the Novi location began in May.

Now, the plum site at the southeast corner of Novi Road and Twelve Mile roads is largely empty. Owner John Egnatios, who is tied up in lawsuits with his brother and former business partner E.J. Egnatios, wanted the variances needed to bring in an appliance store, a furniture store and a carpet store.

If the approval were denied, Egnatios wrote in an application letter to the council "it will result in irreparable financial hardship to the owner of the building. It will remain empty. The mortgage and maintenance payments will not be made. The real estate taxes will not be paid. It will become an eyesore at a key corner of the city instead of a landmark for Novi."

Egnatios told the council the bankruptcy was beyond his control. Zoning requirements for the site call for no store there to be smaller than 50,000 square feet. The plan called for the three tenants of the proposed Novi HomeFurnishings Center to divide up the 47,500 square feet previously held by Dobbs. The Michigan National Bank would continue to lease 2,500 square feet there.

The planning commission recommended that the council okay the project.

But Council Member Nancy Cassis, saying she felt Egnatios' letter was "a threat," vetoed the project based on traffic and parking concerns. The site only has 63 parking spaces.

"Each one of these users could be a very high generator of traffic, if you're talking New York Carpet World, for example, Parking is difficult," she said.

"My concern is giving from two to four tenants is giving the impression of going towards another shopping center. I know these are hard times, I still feel strongly we have to stand to our standards and goals, maybe even more so in hard times."

Dobbs sold furniture, carpets, drapes, televisions, audio systems and computers.

Council Member Tim Pope compared the proposed multi-tenant use to a shopping center.

Egnatios says he can't find one leaseholder to take up all the available space.

"I have tried. All over the world," he said. "I talked to furniture people who are coming out of Texas and California. They don't want to go to the Midwest. I don't like to see an empty building like that. I have broken windows now," he told the council.

"I'm telling you I worked diligently. I've tried to do everything I could to continue the mortgage payments. You can see the taxes are not paid."

City parking requirements for a furniture store call for one space per every 800 square feet. Dobbs had 63 spaces. But due to the several tenants proposed, Egnatios would also have needed a parking variance from the zoning board of appeals. Shopping centers are required to have one space per 100 to 125 square feet.

"They'll all be parking at the hotel. They'll be parking at Twelve Oaks Mall," Council Member Robert Schmid predicted.

The only support for the plan came from Mayor Matthew Quinn and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, who voted against the council majority.

Crawford said he didn't take Egnatios' letter as a threat but "as a reality."

Quinn suggested that Egnatios could provide letters from prospective tenants, who would agree not to sell small-ticket items like compact discs.

"I can't imagine a two-story, boarded-up store on a major intersection in Novi," said Quinn. "I don't know if it's going to be one month, or two months or two years."



Deal me in

Novi senior citizens gather in the Novi Civic Center daily to find conversation and companionship. Often the result is a friendly game of cards. Above, participants at the Novi Senior Center play a game of pinochle. At right, Beatrice Kelly plays her hand.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

State mandates talks on choice

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Novi school administrators may consider the district's open enrollment policy to be a "school of choice" program. But the state still wants to see a committee of parents and district staffers addressing the issue.

The 1991 State School Aid Act required each school district in Michigan to establish a committee addressing the issue of schools of choice. The committee must be two-thirds parents.

State law requires that school districts use the committee to examine the choice issue. Novi schools allows parents of kindergarten through eighth grade to enroll their children in any elementary school building.

In the past, parents new to the district often have been given the open enrollment option, said Interim Superintendent William Barr. But the board adopted policy only permits parents of kindergartners to participate.

Novi's committee examining choice will be made up of two elementary school principals, two elementary school teachers and eight parents or Novi business people who are not school district employees.

Principals David Brown and Jackie Lawrence will be on the committee, according to a report presented to the school board on Dec. 19.

Elementary teachers Ann Prime and Carolyn Plich also will be on the committee.

Parent and local business representatives include Ron Blumer, Gretchen Pugsley, Kathy Mutch, Herb Elring, Michael Miller, Nancy Panlelo, Richard Faulkner and Phil Seymour.

The committee must provide a report to the board of education by April 1.

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- Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee
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Any resident of the City of Novi who is interested in being appointed by the City Council to serve on one of the Boards or Committees should contact the City Clerk at 347-0456 for an application. A booklet which outlines the duties of the various Boards is also available from the Clerk. Applications should be submitted by January 15th. Please contact the City Clerk if you are unable to meet the January 15th deadline so other arrangements can be made.

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Phone off hook raises suspicions

A Novi resident on Haggerty Road called police around 8 p.m. Dec. 17 because she believed someone was in her house.

The woman told police she received a phone call, which she answered downstairs. She said she then went upstairs and discovered the other phone off the hook.

Police checked the house and surrounding area, and reported it secure.

MOOP: A resident on Exeter reported Dec. 22 that his mailbox was damaged by an explosive made out of a two liter plastic Pepsi bottle.

Police said the resident disposed of the bottle's remains before they arrived.

MOOP: A resident on Naples reported Dec. 21 that someone drove over her lawn.

Police searched the neighborhood and discovered similar damage at two homes on Picard, two homes on

Police News

Verice and three homes on Roma Ridge.

There are no suspects.

MOOP: A resident on Fairway Hills in the Simmons Orchard subdivision reported Dec. 22 that someone in a truck drove onto the driveway of his lawn and ran over a small tree.

The resident said the incident occurred around 3 p.m. Dec. 20, although he did not see or hear the truck.

Police noted two sets of truck tire tracks and a small, broken tree stump in the path of the tracks.

MISSING WALLET: A Farmington Hills man reported Dec. 17 that his wallet was taken from the workers' break area at Wisne Automation.

The man said that about 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16, he used a dollar changer machine to get change for one of the vending machines. He said he placed his wallet on top of the machine, and left it there.

When he realized it was missing and returned, the wallet was gone. The man described his wallet as an older brown tri-fold that contained a MasterCard, miscellaneous paperwork, a driver's license and \$60.

TIRE SLASHED: A Maple Hill man told Northville Township police a tire on his car valued at \$100 was slashed on Christmas. The incident occurred between 9:50 a.m. and 9:40 p.m., according to police reports.

GRASS DAMAGED: On Dec. 22 a

Maple Hill resident reported someone had damaged 100 feet of sod on his lawn, police report. The damage was done by a vehicle driving over the lawn, according to police reports. The owner estimates \$1,000 in damage was done.

Also on Dec. 22, 80 feet of sod were damaged in a similar incident on Victor Drive. The owner estimated damage at \$400.

A third incident occurred the same day on Robinwood. About 80 feet of sod valued at \$400 was damaged. The sprinkling system also may have been damaged, according to police reports. The Robinwood owner said he saw a small silver pickup truck with blue stripes drive across the lawn.

DEER HIT: Two deer were hit last week by cars, Northville Township police report. A Northville man hit a deer in his car at 6 a.m. on Dec. 26 while traveling east on Eight Mile Road east of Spring. On Dec. 19, a

Novi Briefs

Special visitors: The Novi School district will be hosting some special visitors from Japan in January. A delegation from Novi's sister city in Japan, Owari, will arrive Jan. 6 and leave Jan. 10. Included in the delegation are the superintendent of Owari schools, a member of the Owari school board, and Japanese students. Activities will include a tour of the school district, a ride on the People Mover, and a visit to the Henry Ford Museum. A reception will be held in the Novi Civic Center in which the delegation will meet school board members and members of the Novi City Council.

Winter camp: Novi Community Education is offering a winter mini camp in baseball immediately after the holidays. The American Baseball Hitting Camp will be held on Jan. 2 and 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Meadows school. The baseball camp is for boys and girls in grades three through eight. The cost of the camp is \$36. Registration will be in person at Novi Meadows on the first day of the camp. Contact the Community Education Department for more information.

Casino memories: Do you remember the golden years of the Walled Lake Casino? If you worked, played or performed at Novi's most renowned entertainment center at any time during the 1920s through the 1990s, the Novi News would love to hear from you for a special nostalgia project. We are also looking for old photographs, brochures, posters and other memorabilia of the casino to be re-copied.

Please contact Jan Jeffres or Scott Daniel at 349-1700.

Neighbors, police rescue dog

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giardi and Mike Wilson arrived on the scene after a neighbor, Lois Jensen, called for help.

Bigliardi and Wilson pulled a nearby paddleboat onto the ice. After what one neighbor described as "an enormous struggle" to break the ice and maneuver the boat to the dog, Wilson managed to grab Lincoln's collar and heave him into the boat.

"This has been an especially dangerous winter, for walking on ice, police have warned, because of the alternately freezing and warm temperatures. Although ice may look safe, it is likely to be too weak to support a person's weight—even if that person is small."

Jan Stevens-Velthoven said she was getting her 12-year-old daughter Danielle ready for school that morning when she received a call from Jensen.

"She called to tell me the dog was in the pond and she called police, and she wanted the Connelly's number," she said.

"Danielle heard me say Lincoln's in the pond," and she shot out the door without her coat."

Trevor Connelly, 11, had let Lincoln out only for a moment before he discovered the dog had fallen through the ice. He ran to the home of his neighbor, Jean Flores, who also called the police.

Soon, Stevens-Velthoven called, residents of the surrounding area were all pitching in to try to save Lincoln.

"People were running everywhere, but they weren't panicking," she recalled. "We just knew we had to get out there and save the dog."

By the time Wilson pulled Lincoln out of the water, she said, other neighbors were on the scene to help tow the boat back to shore. Among them were Fil Superfisky, who brought a pool hook that Wilson used to reach Lincoln, and another younger man who brought a long extension cord and helped pull in the boat. None of the neighbors, she said, knew who he was.

Many other residents brought blankets from their homes, which they used to keep Lincoln warm until Cathy Connelly arrived to take him to the veterinarian.

"We were all assisting in any way we could," she said.

Stevens-Velthoven, a 12-year resident of the neighborhood, said she was inspired by the performance of the officers as well as the community effort by so many of her neighbors.

"It was wonderful how everyone came out and was working together," she said. "It was a valiant effort by everybody."

And of course, she said, she was inspired by Lincoln.

"It was absolutely amazing how hard he struggled," she said. "He was out there a minimum of 35 minutes, just struggling, treading water. I don't think any human could have tread water for that long."

Stevens-Velthoven said this is the first time she has seen anyone fall into the pond, which is bordered by Christina and Concord Lanes, but she has seen many children start to walk out on unsafe ice.

"We've warned so many of them, though not as many as before the dog incident," she said. "We always saw kids walk up to the pond, then start walking out on the ice."

Library Notes

"Big Band" program: Relive the "History and Sounds of the Big Band Era" at the Novi Public Library Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m.

Former big band musician, Dr. Weldon Petz, will present a first-hand look at this exciting era. Dr. Petz played trombone with numerous big-name bands during the 1940s, the period of their greatest popularity.

Working with some of the best, including Jimmy Dorsey, Jimmy Durante and Ella Fitzgerald, Dr. Petz will relate the tales and adventures of a participant of those swinging years.

The free program will feature a slide show with sound. To register please call the Novi Library at 349-0720.

Adult book discussions: Novi Public Library will sponsor an Adult Book Discussion Group beginning Monday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. at the library. Please bring a favorite book to discuss the first session.

There is no charge for this program, but registration is requested. For information, please call the Novi Library at 349-0720.

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Trolley subsidy vetoed

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place they won't even join the Chamber of Commerce. They do not become a part of the city. The Town Center will try and help fund it, but they are having problems."

Kriewall said past attempts to get the private sector to buy a trolley had failed. SMART then agreed to apply for the federal grant.

"This is about as good a deal as we'd ever get," he said. "The business community is stepping forward to keep this thing running."

Council Member Carol Mason pointed out that chamber Executive Director Connie Mallett told her there was not enough time to solicit more money to keep the trolley on track.

Mallett was unavailable for comment by press-time, as the Chamber of Commerce was closed for the holidays.

Because the \$5,000 was a proposed amendment to the city budget, the support of the council members was needed. Only Mayor Matthew Quinn, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Member Joseph Toth backed the \$5,000 donation.

Council Member Robert Schmidt said he felt that the taxpayers underwriting the \$215,000 trolley grant was ridiculous in the first place.

"I pay for SMART too... I would think the hotels and shopping centers would pay for it. Why should I

pay for it?" he said.

Council Member Tim Pope agreed. "There is a considerable government involvement in this project," Pope said. "The federal government provided a commuter link from the (SMART) bus to trolley. The taxpayers have expended a considerable amount of money. It's time for the private sector to do the same."

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Blackwell has 5 days to make case

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Schwartz said another attorney, Thomas Howard, has been in contact with Milliken, and that Milliken has indicated he is willing to testify on Blackwell's behalf.

Prosecutors in the case are pointing to a 1987 extradition case that limited the amount of power the governor has in extradition cases. In that case, a man was extradited after 44 years.

Schwartz claimed Monday that the 1987 ruling does not apply to Blackwell because South Carolina had every opportunity to extradite him during the 1970s, but chose not to.

"From 1975 to 1976, Mr. Blackwell reported weekly (to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department) and never tried to flee. During that time, South Carolina never tried to extradite," he said. "Mr. Blackwell was living here openly; South Carolina was aware that he was here."

During the five days, he said, they will examine their options for keeping Blackwell in Michigan. Those options include appealing to Engler to change his decision; or appealing to federal courts or to the Michigan Court of Appeals. He said his primary concern is to keep him in Michigan.

Blackwell, 48, was arrested in South Carolina in 1961 for the murder of Robert James Shield, 17.

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As We See It

Future will be shaped by decisions of 1992

Take a look around you. Do you like the Novi you see? Are there flaws? Could it be more or better than it is today? What kind of city would you like to see Novi become?

These are the questions City Council members, city administrators, members of the business community and Novi residents should be asking themselves in the coming year... because 1992 may be their last chance to significantly affect the city landscape.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has projected that Novi will be the fastest growing community in the Detroit metropolitan region in the coming decade. That's a prediction, and like most predictions, it could be wrong. But few are disputing it right now.

And the only things holding back this development boom at present are an economic downturn and a moratorium on new water taps. But the recession will eventually break, and a water line already under construction will eventually reach the city and the moratorium will be lifted.

When it breaks, the resulting growth and the speed of that development are likely to make all the previous construction binges in this town look like a mere prelude.

This past year, 1991, may have been the calm before the storm. And 1992 could be the year the rush to build-out begins.

What that means for city officials and residents is that they have a bit of time to look around, make sure the development of the city is headed along the right course, and that they have one last chance to change things before the boom begins.

Once things break open, there will be little opportunity for alterations. And when the dust settles 10 to 15 years hence, Novi's future will be cast in concrete... and bricks and mortar and framing wood and...

THE MASTER PLAN

Much discussion has been given to the idea of opening up master plan for a thorough revision. Many oppose the idea on the grounds that they like the master plan the way it is currently laid out.

But if there is going to be a review of the master plan, now is the time. It would seem to us a worthwhile project, even if the changes are minimal. Think of it as one last look to make sure things are in order before the work begins. Putting off this task for a few more years will make it a worthless exercise. No point then in planning for work already completed. And it seems to us the master plan is more likely to hold up if challenged during the coming boom if it has recently been reviewed.

PARK LAND

No doubt about it, Novi needs more park land. We've suggested the minimum amount of park land we would like to see preserved for the city would come to about five percent of total land area. The city administration has said it believes it is about 100 acres shy of what will eventually be needed.

Much of the reason Novi hasn't already done something about this problem is the cost of land. Novi land is quite valuable, and absent voter approval for a new tax, the city has not had much money to work with for park land acquisition.

But there is another factor to consider. Once developed, the land may never again be available for parks. You're not likely to tear down subdivisions or take down office complexes to put up parks. So, expense aside, if Novi wants to preserve open space for parks, it will



Phil Jerome

Government

How about something upbeat to start 1992? Hey, I'm serious. Something upbeat and positive? Something alive and chock full of great expectations for the new year? I don't know about you, but I've had it with all the doom and gloom. I'm tired of all the predictions of cutbacks and layoffs and generally rotten economic troubles ahead. I want something good to happen. And I want it to happen now.

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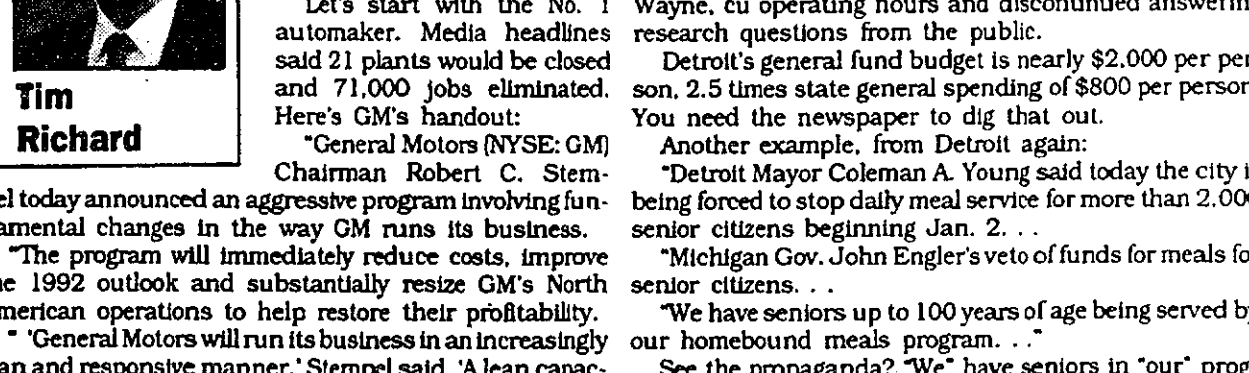
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Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Northville school children sing Christmas carols during the holiday season

The reduction in state support has meant severe cuts in our operations — closing Historic Fort Wayne; losing 41 percent of our staff since 1990; and losing more than \$1.4 million from our budget," stated Lyon.

"What's hidden, of course, is that this is a department of Detroit city government. It's Detroit's responsibility, not the state's. Detroit city government has shut down Fort Wayne, cut operating hours and discontinued answering research questions from the public.

Detroit's general fund budget is nearly \$2,000 per person, 2.5 times state general spending of \$800 per person. You need the newspaper to dig that out.

Another example, from Detroit again: "Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young said today the city is being forced to stop daily meal service for more than 2,000 senior citizens beginning Jan. 2."

"Michigan Gov. John Engler's veto of funds for meals for senior citizens.

"We have seniors up to 100 years of age being served by our homebound meals program."

See the propaganda? "We have seniors in our program. When the food goes out, Detroit's mayor takes credit. When the bill comes due, the 'inhumane' Engler gets the blame.

The final example is a Michigan National Corp. bank commercial that starts by asking if you're tired of high credit card interest rates.

What MNC hides is the fact that several years ago it moved its credit card operations out of Michigan into North Dakota to escape Michigan's usury laws and charge 19.8 percent interest. I had to ask bank officials four times before they would admit moving it out of Michigan. (Ultimately MNC sold the credit card operation.)

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

Do you deserve an explanation?



Mike Malott

You're a Novi resident. You vote. You pay taxes. And you think that when something goes wrong in this city, you deserve an explanation.

Well, think again. At least one worker in this city — whom you employ; whose salary you pay — apparently can't be bothered. One employee in this city is blowing you off.

Her name is Deanna Hall. She's the police officer who has filed a complaint to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) against the City of Novi over its refusal to give her a light duty assignment during her pregnancy. She's also threatened a lawsuit against the city over the policy that led to that decision.

But apparently, she can't be bothered to talk to the Novi public about it... at least not through the *Novi News*.

In the months since this issue came to light, *Novi News* reporter Cristina Ferrer has made numerous efforts to interview Deanna Hall. She's made several dozen phone calls, both to the police department and to Hall's home in Milford. And while Hall's husband doesn't seem to have any qualms about talking to the press, Deanna herself has not deigned to accept any calls from the *Novi News*. Cristina's put in requests for interviews through the Novi chief of police, through Hall's fellow officers in the department, through Hall's husband, and has even written her a letter asking for a few moments of her time.

But the newspaper has received no response. No return phone call. Nothing.

What is bothersome is that Deanna Hall is granting interviews to some media. She not only answered questions for *People* magazine, she posed for photos for that publication. She not only granted interviews with Channel 7 news, she allowed one reporter from that station to broadcast live from her hospital room after the delivery of her newborn child, Amanda.

Now, dear reader, I have to admit to you that I take it personally when someone in Novi, especially someone in an official capacity, passes over the local newspaper and talks to the Detroit and national media. I feel the *Novi News*, which stands by this city week in and week out, is being taken for granted.

But in the case of Deanna Hall, there is something much more important to consider than my hurt feelings. Something much more important is going on here. And that is what I'm here to point out. She's ignoring the *Novi News*.

If you want to talk to the Novi public — and it seems to me that is the public that really matters when you're having a dispute with the Novi city administration over Novi city policy — then your best vehicle is the *Novi News*. We reach more people in town here than any of the Detroit media outlets. We certainly reach more people in town here than any of the Detroit media outlets. We certainly reach more people in town here than any of the Detroit media outlets.

And when an issue crops up here, we give it more in-depth coverage than any of the other media. We've certainly offered more information about the employee complaints over the lack of light duty assignments, about related charges of gender discrimination, and about Deanna Hall's case in particular than any other publication or news show.

That's not a brag. It's our job to cover this city more thoroughly than anyone else. The Detroit media have beat the heck out of us on the Boris Yeltsin/Mikhail Gorbachev story. That is as it

should be: that's their job.

In the case of Deanna Hall, it has become apparent to me she is selecting the media she will talk to according to the way they are likely to cover the story. And she is avoiding the local newspaper because she is not interested in fair and balanced coverage of the issue: she does not want her perspective lined up in the same article with the views of city administrators so that readers can compare the pros and cons of the issue. She has something else in mind.

When *People* interviewed her, that magazine couldn't be bothered with getting the city administration's side of the argument. That magazine, as you can well understand, was more interested in the personality profile aspect of the story. But the Novi city administration does indeed have a point of view. A legitimate one, too, even if you don't agree with it.

When Channel 7 news broadcast from Deanna Hall's hospital room, it couldn't be bothered to check with the city to see if she really had been "fired." Channel 7 was interested in getting good video it could show on the evening news, and a scene from Hall's hospital room was pretty dramatic.

But of course Hall has not been fired. She was put on an "inactive duty" status while she was in the later stages of her pregnancy. The city is holding her position open. She has a job to go back to; all she has to do is take it.

So it is clear to me that Hall isn't so much interested in taking her dispute with Novi city policy to the public for its consideration and its decision. No, she's on a campaign to embarrass the city.

It is clear to me she isn't so much seeking fair and reasonable treatment from her employers as she is attempting to force the city to succumb to her demands by subjecting it to national shame.

And it is also clear to me that she isn't really the victim she's portraying herself to be.

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Urban sprawl study taken to task

To the Editor:

A recent editorial opinion regarding troubling the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) report brings to mind some very important points that the critics of so-called "urban sprawl" seem to completely ignore.

Most of us in my age group remember when the "American dream" was to retire and move to a little home in the country, away from the hustle and confinement of city life. That "dream" has become an earlier reality for many people who moved to the rural areas to

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The criticism that we are occupying more land per capita now than in the past is also a lot of hogwash. We have the land in this nation, much of it unused. Why should we not enjoy it as long as we do not abuse it. The environmentalist view that the land must not be used is garbage and just another part of the environmentalist agenda to save the planet, but

sacrifice the population. Don't let people enjoy the benefits of nature that can be had from our earth. Certainly, we need to care for our resources, but not prohibit the use of the good things available to us.

I think that we should drub SEMCOG and others for the term "urban sprawl." It is just a handy name for condemnation of a changing lifestyle, and a convenient method of shifting the blame for the problems of the cities to those who have escaped to the suburbs.

Donald C. Young Jr.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 1992 at 7:50 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider MAPLES OF NOVI (PUB. south of Fourteen Mile Rd., east of Decker Rd. FOR REVISED AREA PLAN (PHAS-ING), possible recommendation to City Council.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 8, 1992.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
TIM GILBERT, SECRETARY
STACIA DENOYER, PLANNING CLERK

(1-2-92 NN/N)

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, February 11, 1992.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition(s) will be submitted at the special election:

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 13 mills (\$13.00 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for a period of 3 years, 1992, 1993 and 1994, to provide additional funds for operating purposes (this being a renewal of 13 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1991 tax levy)?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1992, IS MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1992. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1992, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan.

DATED: 12/26/91
CRAIG C. FOREBACK
(1-2-92 NN) SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Call GREEN SHEET CLASSIFIED (313) 348-3022

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, and taste.

The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

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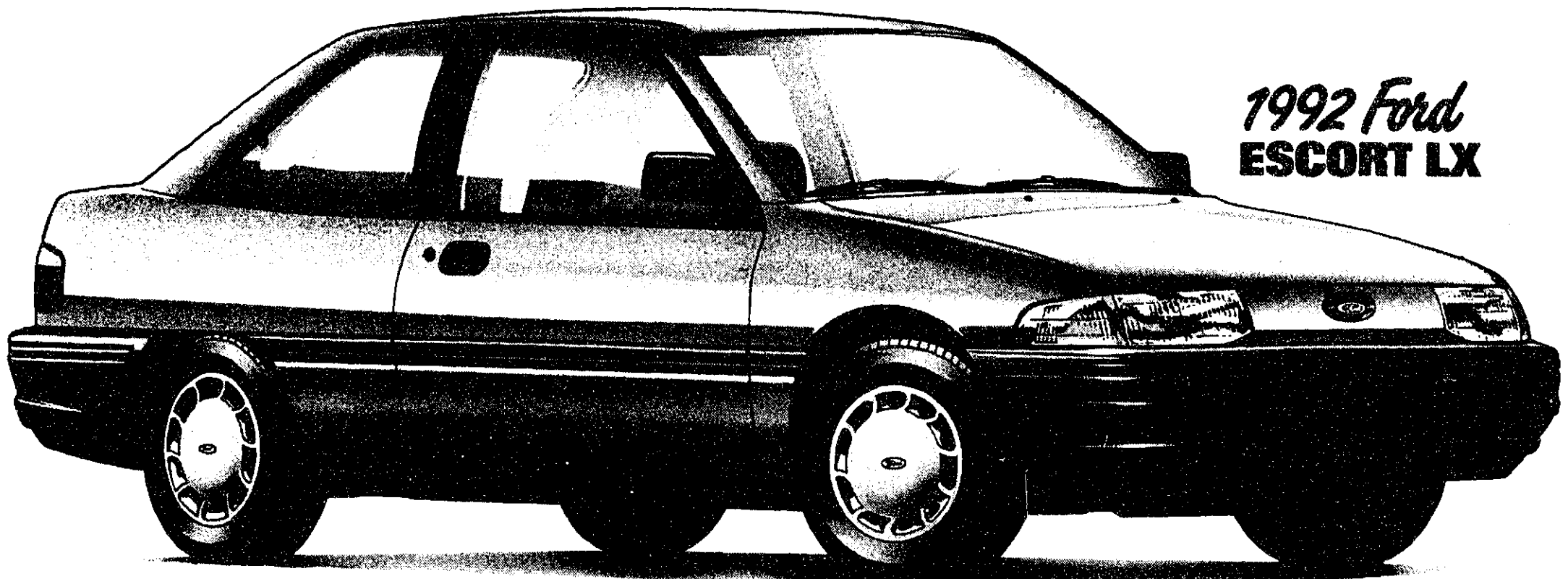
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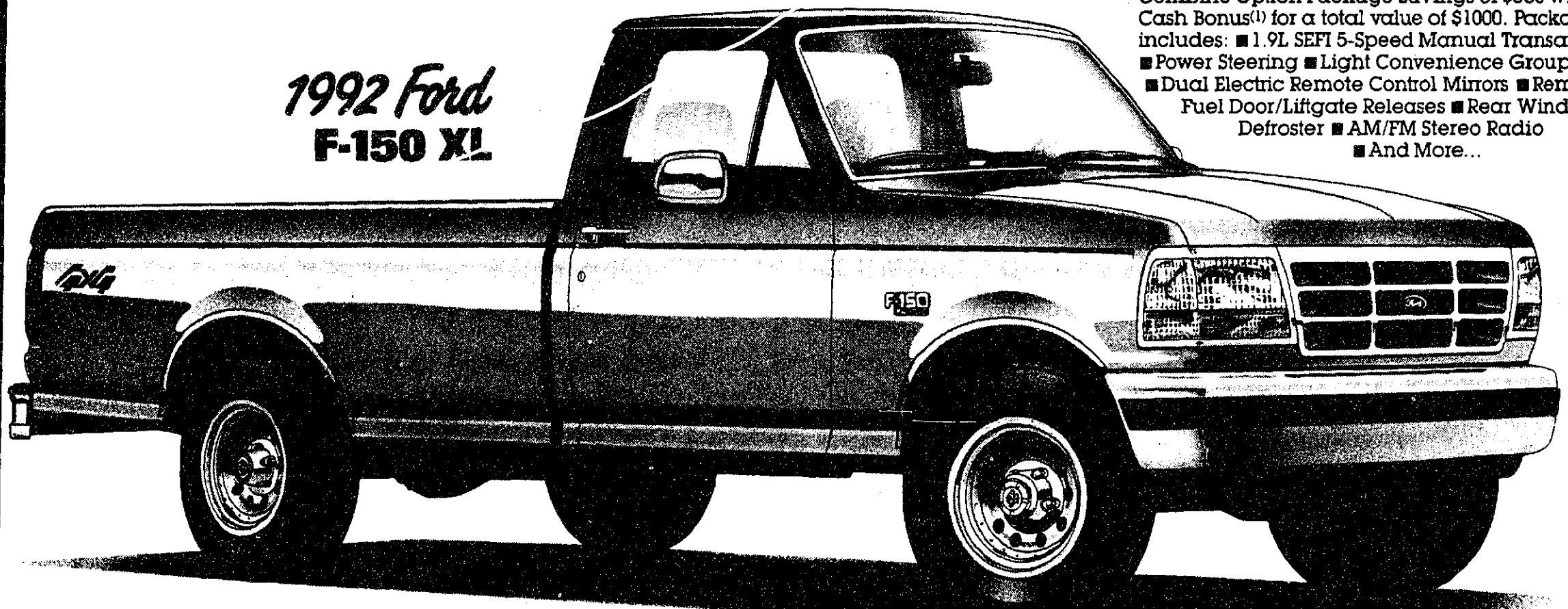
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(1) Cash Bonus from Ford or 2.9% Annual Percentage Rate Financing through Ford Credit for qualified buyers. 48 months at \$22.09 per month per \$1000 financed with 10% down. Dealer participation may affect savings. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/3/92. See dealer for details. (2) Cash Bonus from Ford or 2.9% Annual Percentage Rate Financing through Ford Credit for qualified buyers. 24 months at \$42.94 per month per \$1000 financed with 10% down. Dealer participation may affect savings. Regular Cab only. Residency restrictions apply. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/3/92. See dealer for details. (3) Savings based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price of Option Package vs. MSRP of options purchased separately. (4) Total savings based on Cash Bonus plus Option Package savings.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

MacKinnon's (pictured) has been the overall restaurant poll winner two years in a row.

Who's got the best burger? Our 3rd annual restaurant poll

It's that time again.

Time to choose which of the restaurants in Novi and Northville are the best. Time to decide who excels at gastronomic delights in a number of fine categories.

In short, it's time to fill out the third annual *Northville Record/Novi News* restaurant poll.

Here's your chance to let others know where to find the best: the best hamburgers, the best atmosphere, the best pizza, the best desserts . . . etc.

Once again, we're keeping it local. Only restaurants in Novi and Northville are eligible for this poll.

And we are asking restaurants not to hand out ballots to their customers. That will help us to gather a response that represents a random sample of our readers.

So tell us, as soon as you fin-

ish reading this page, where you go for the best breakfast in town. Let us know who has the best seafood, ethnic food or steaks.

And who has the best service? We want to know, and so do our readers.

Categories in our poll include best overall restaurant, best service, best breakfast restaurant, best sandwiches, best desserts, best atmosphere, best pizza, best burgers, best seafood, best ethnic food, best fast food, best soups and best steak. There's also room for comments, in case you want to elaborate.

At right you'll find a restaurant poll entry form. Following are a

few rules to keep in mind:

- Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the poll.

- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be accepted. These restrictions are designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing.

- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified, no matter how much we love them. Upon completing the entry

form, mail it by Jan. 31 to: Northville Record/Novi News restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI, 48167

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms also may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results of the poll and publish them in the Feb. 20 issues of *The Northville Record* and *Novi News*.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville/Novi restaurant.

If you have any questions about the poll, don't hesitate to call us at 349-1700. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Third Annual Northville Record and Novi News

RESTAURANT POLL

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

1. Only restaurants in Northville/Novi area are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot.
2. To help us avoid ballot-box stuffing, each ballot must include your name, address, and phone number. Ballots without this information will be thrown out.
3. Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will be thrown out.
4. Restaurants may not hand out ballots.
5. Mail your completed ballot by Jan 31 to: The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Or drop it off at our offices.
6. Poll results will be published Feb. 20.
7. One ballot will be selected at random, and the winner will receive dinner for four at the Novi/Northville restaurant. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner)

The Categories

- Best Overall Restaurant _____
- Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____
- Best Service _____
- Best Breakfast Restaurant _____
- Best Sandwiches _____
- Best Desserts _____
- Best Atmosphere _____
- Best Pizza _____
- Best Burgers _____
- Best Seafood _____
- Best Ethnic Food _____
- Best Fast Food _____
- Best Soups _____
- Best Steak _____
- Comments _____

Please note: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be thrown away.

Your Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Phone _____

Volunteer



Kathleen Switalski

Art classes stimulate nursing home life

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"I have a following — nine women and one man," said Kathleen Switalski about the arts and crafts class she conducts for an hour or two one afternoon a week at the Star Manor of Northville convalescent home.

Her "followers" sit at one large table and two smaller ones, working at whatever project she has laid out — something to hang on a wall or stand on a dresser.

"I try to have projects that are visually stimulating," she said. "Texture and shiny things, they especially like."

And she has to keep in mind that her class members have physical limitations, Switalski said. "Arthritis can make it hard for some to manipulate their hands."

She shops around town for materials and tries not to spend more than \$10 for a project. "You can get a lot for \$10," she commented.

And when merchants know what she's buying for, they sometimes give

her things they don't need — or, as in the case of Genitti's, where she and two others conduct crafts classes for which they're paid, she can buy things inexpensively.

But it's not just work, work, work all the time during class, she said.

"They talk about their families, and I talk about mine. They're interesting. They can tell stories about when they were young."

"They're funny too. And they bicker among themselves. In a way they're childlike. They have to have the same thing as the other person."

"Do I lose patience? No." And she said, knowing that she's growing old herself, she realizes she may someday be in the position they are in.

"I hope people will be there for me just as I am here for them now."

Kathleen Switalski's qualifications for this volunteering? "I'm a fine-arts major," she said.

But her year-and-a-half's experience in teaching at Genitti's is what prompted Star Manor to put through a call, asking for a volunteer.

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Wedding



Kimberly Ann Newton/Lee Eric Rice

Former Novi resident Kimberly Ann Newton (Rice), daughter of Ralph and Gloria Fuhrat of Phil Campbell, Alabama, and Lee Eric Rice, of Phil Campbell, Alabama, son of Loyde and Nancy Rice, celebrated their double ring candlelight wedding ceremony Nov. 23 in Alabama.

Officiating was the Rev. Phillip Venson with music by Paige Wehuni and singers Ricky Pipers and Carlin Vinson.

The bride wore a gown by Elissa. Her flowers were white lilies. Maid of honor was Elaine Hanlon of California, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Karen Schumacher of Dearborn, cousin of the bride and Shoneta Bishop, sister of the groom. They were Alfredo Angulo emerald green gowns and carried bouquets of white lilies and red roses.

Candle lighter was Waylon Rumpf, a good friend of the couple. Best man was Randall Sibley, best friend of the groom. Ushers were

Girl Scouts set for annual sale

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Holiday guests at the home of the Steinbergers were Mr. Steinberg's sister Arline Galley from Fairmount, Maine; Jo Ellen and Dan White and son Adam; Frank Steinberger and sons Jeff and Jim of Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase hosted the annual Christmas party of the two adult Sunday School classes of First Baptist Church. The evening included a potluck dinner and gift exchange, with about 40 in attendance.

Earlier this month, Mrs. Audrey Blackburn attended the baptism ceremonies for her granddaughter Caitlyn Blackburn, daughter of Dave and Margo Blackburn. Mrs. Blackburn also hosted a family get-together on Christmas Eve with her daughter, Amy in attendance. Also in attendance were David Blackburn and family from Flint; James Blackburn and family from Ypsilanti; and the Leon Blackburn family of Union Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Callan visited Roy and Terrie Callan and family in Muncie, Indiana for Christmas and they were joined by Rita and Dave Allen and family as well as Patrick and Joyce Callan and family. Following the Christmas celebration they then went to Lee's Summit, Missouri with Roy and Terrie and family to visit Harold and Jackie Callan and family before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McQueen and family visited Mrs. Bea McQueen over the holidays before returning to their home in Tennessee. While there they attended a mini-reunion of their family on Christmas Eve.

MIKHANDER SMOCKERS
The Mikhander Smockers held their Christmas meeting at the home of Marge Bytner with everyone bringing a dish to share. At the party the awards for the year were presented and Mary Jo Clancy won the "Smoker of the Year" award.

President Leslie Caponey presented Darcie Cross with the "Nancy Smith Award" for contributing so much to the chapter in the past year. Both of these ladies will receive free membership for the coming year.

The members are planning a seminar in the future but need additional suggestions to decide on a topic. These can be brought to the Jan. 6 evening meeting.
At the Jan. 6 meeting, Kathy Olson and Marge Bytner will show how to

Novi Highlights

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CUB SCOUT PACK 240

Cubmaster Joe Sincworth and the other officers of Pack 240 would like to thank the friends and families of the Cub Scouts for their support in purchasing popcorn, caramel corn, and other items recently in their annual fund raiser. They sold over \$4,000.

This was the group's major fundraiser. Highest salesman was Cyle Morrell with 60 customers, and the pack is to be congratulated on such a good job. The scouts received their pins and patches at last week's pack meeting. Also at the pack meeting, Edwin Sincworth received his Arrow of Light award. This is the highest award available in Cub Scouts before moving to Boy Scouts.

At the Jan. 16 pack meeting, the boys will have their Pinewood Derby races at 7:30 p.m. Additional plans include the blue and gold banquet in February, which is the annual celebration of Boy Scouts' movement's birthday. On the program will be a magician who will be pulling special things out of his hat plus a ceremony called "Crossover" for the Cub Scouts who will become Boy Scouts.

Any boy wishing more information about the pack can call Mr. Sincworth at 478-7521.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

ST. KENNETH CATHOLIC CHURCH
14951 Hogarty, South of Five Mile Road
Weekend Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Parish Office: 423-2258

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Maple St., 424-2483
Wed. 10:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Nursery Available. All Welcome.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON
2325 E. Road, 3 Mi. S. of Grand River
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (English) 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Swedish)
Worship Services: 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Parish Office: 478-7521

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Worship Services: 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
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Parish Office: 478-7521

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
110 W. Ann Arbor Road
Phonix, Michigan
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

FAIRLANE ASSEMBLY WEST
41365 S. 28th St., Northville, 424-9000
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Parish Office: 424-9000

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile, Macomb/Detroit
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Care Available
Charles R. Johnson, Pastor
Church School: 9:30 a.m.

ST. JAMES AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NORTHVILLE
21355 Meadowbrook R. North of 8 1/2 Mile
Morning Masses: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 10:30 a.m.
Parish Office: 424-9000

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
2480 Novi Rd. (between S. 10 Mile)
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 4 p.m.
Wed. 10:00 a.m. Prayer Service
Nursery Provided
All are welcome to the church.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Miles between 10th & Novi, North
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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Leslie H. Hanning
1100 a.m., Sunday School

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
17000 Grand River
Sunday Worship and Sunday School
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
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Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Parish Office: 341-7778

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217 N. Wing
Rev. Stephen Smith, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.
Parish Office: 478-7521

TO HAVE YOUR CHURCH APPEAR HERE CALL 349-1700

On Campus

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges has selected JANE DEAN and ROXANNE SHELLENBERGER of Novi as national outstanding leaders.

Dean and Shellenberger are seniors majoring in nursing at Madonna University, and were chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations, outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

ROBIN ABISHER, DOUGLAS GATRELL, JULIE KRIEWALL and SUSAN SWINDLEHURST of Novi are among 2,108 Michigan State University students to earn their degree in the during the 1991 fall commencement. Abisher received her degree in Clothing and Textiles. Gatrell received a degree in Civil Engineering. Kriewall received a degree in Merchandising Management, and Swindlehurst received her degree in Resource Development.

CHRISTOPHER ALLEN SHUFF of Novi received his Master of Education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Among 1,600 graduates honored in commencement ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University were Novi residents RICHARD A. JAHRES, CONNIE Y. BARNES, ROLAND K. COOK, DAVID J. DRABICKI, KATHY A. FOLLMER, KIMBERLY A. HOLBROOK, MARLA J. KEMP, WILLIAM A. MURASKE, BRIAN M. PRITCHARD and GERALD K. RENNIE.

CYNTHIA ELIZABETH ALLAN of Novi was among 773 graduates of Miami University to receive degrees. She got her bachelor of science in education.

Birth

Federick G. Schlemmer and Sharon T. Schlemmer of Novi are the new parents of their daughter Adriana Rose, born Sept. 5.

She was 7 pounds, 10 ounces at her birth at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She joined her 5-year-old sister Julianna Kay.

Grandparents are Gordon Thorton T. Schlemmer of Novi and Jeanne Thomas of Kalamazoo and Donald and Virginia Rose, born Sept. 5.

Great-grandparents are Dr. Harry and Margaret Bondhose of Kalamazoo, Ellie Thomas of Saugatuck, and Alice Schlemmer of Harper Woods.

Lincoln Highway first to go coast to coast



Barbara Louie

Lincoln Highway is the first coast-to-coast highway in the early 1900s.

Novi and Northville residents who are familiar with the City of Detroit know the names of Joy, Ford and James Couzens as major urban thoroughfares.

Henry Joy, Henry Ford and James Couzens were prominent Detroiters in the early days of this century. Back in those days, when Ford's cars were becoming commonplace and gaining nationwide popularity, these men worked together on a radical idea: the creation of a transcontinental highway.

After 1910, with nearly 200,000 registered automobiles in this country, the automobile was a well-established staple of the American household. The roads the cars traveled on, however, had not kept up with the improve-

ments necessary for motorized traffic, and travel from state to state—though feasible—was an unpleasant, unsafe and almost an impossible feat.

Road conditions throughout the country were consistently poor. As early as 1864, a letter to the Detroit Common Council complained that "the condition of (Russell) street to-day is such that it is with the greatest difficulty that a hackney coach can reach the buildings."

Despite the complaints, problems, delays and headaches caused by muddy, unpaved roads, the situation went virtually unchanged for decades.

According to Drake Hokanson, author of "The Lincoln Highway," "the motorists of 1912 had some two and a half million miles of road to drive, but less than seven percent was improved in any fashion."

In 1909, when Detroit's Woodward Avenue mile of road in the world to be paved in concrete encouragement ran high for the future of roads in America.

Out of this optimism rose hope for a future previously unheard of in the automotive world. Carl Fisher, originator of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, came up with the original idea of a transcontinental highway in 1912. He immediately came to Detroit to approach the core of the auto industry for support in such a project.

With preparations being made for the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1914, the promoters felt the time was right for the creation of an improved road that could take motorists from one coast to the other.

According to Hokanson, "Carl Fisher knew that the support of Henry Ford was essential to the success of the ten-million-dollar fund... If Henry Ford thought it was a good idea, then the whole world would stand behind it."

James Couzens, who was secretary and treasurer of the Ford Motor Company at the time, was recruited to convince Ford to go along with the idea.

Henry B. Joy, president of the Packard Motor Car Company, was also approached. He wrote, "Let good roads be built in the name of Lincoln."

When what had been known in the planning stages as the Coast-to-Coast Rock Highway was suddenly changed to the Lincoln Highway, Henry Joy agreed to become a moving force in the project, and it gained immediate headway.

Construction of what was to become America's first transcontinental highway began in 1914. It traverses more than 3,000 miles from coast to coast and exists today in mid-western areas as U.S. Highway 30 and as U.S. Interstate 80 in the West.

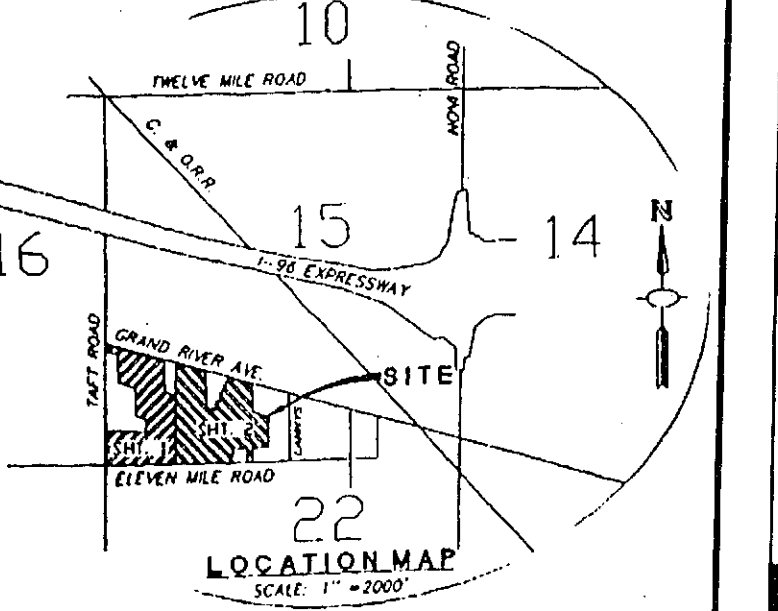
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Class is acting, more

Novi Parks and Recreation is introducing a new theater program for the youth of Novi, Northville and other surrounding communities.

"Performance Plus" offers on-stage performing plus the educational experience that accompanies every production. The performers will not only rehearse their individual roles in the play, but also learn how to develop characterization, as well as other aspects of the production including promotion, set design, lighting, costumes, make-up, etc.

After auditions have been held, the group will meet twice a week for two hours at a time for 16 weeks. These four hours each week will be used for instruction, as well as rehearsal. The full-length production will be presented at the end of the 16 weeks.

The program is sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and the Novi Arts Council. The teacher is Novi resident Linda Wickert, who holds a B.A. in performing arts from the University of Detroit and is presently working on a master's in theater at Wayne State University. She has been teaching and directing for over 20 years.

Dates are Jan. 7 to May 3, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$90 for Novi residents and \$108 for non-residents. Location is the Novi Civic Center, on Ten Mile east of Taft. Participants should be age 12 or older.

Registration deadline is Jan. 9. For more information call 347-0400.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Think ahead

We know it's barely January, but it's not too early to start planning for the annual Daddy/Daughter Dances, which both the Novi and Northville recreation departments present every year at Valentine's Day. The events generally sell out, so early ticket-buying might be in order. Both events will return Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15. In Novi, the Friday event is a dance only, running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Saturday it's a dinner/dance, with a buffet provided by B & B Catering. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. with the dance at 6:30. Tickets are \$8 per couple (\$9.60 non-Resident) and \$6 for daughter's dinner (\$7.20 non-Resident). Ticket price includes refreshments, photos, flowers, prizes, and music by DJ Willie. Tickets go on sale Jan. 6, or Jan. 21 for non-residents. Location is the Novi Civic Center, on Ten Mile east of Taft. In Northville, the dances run from 7 to 9 p.m. and feature dance music by Jim Taft, a corsage, refreshments, and a unique gift to remember the evening.

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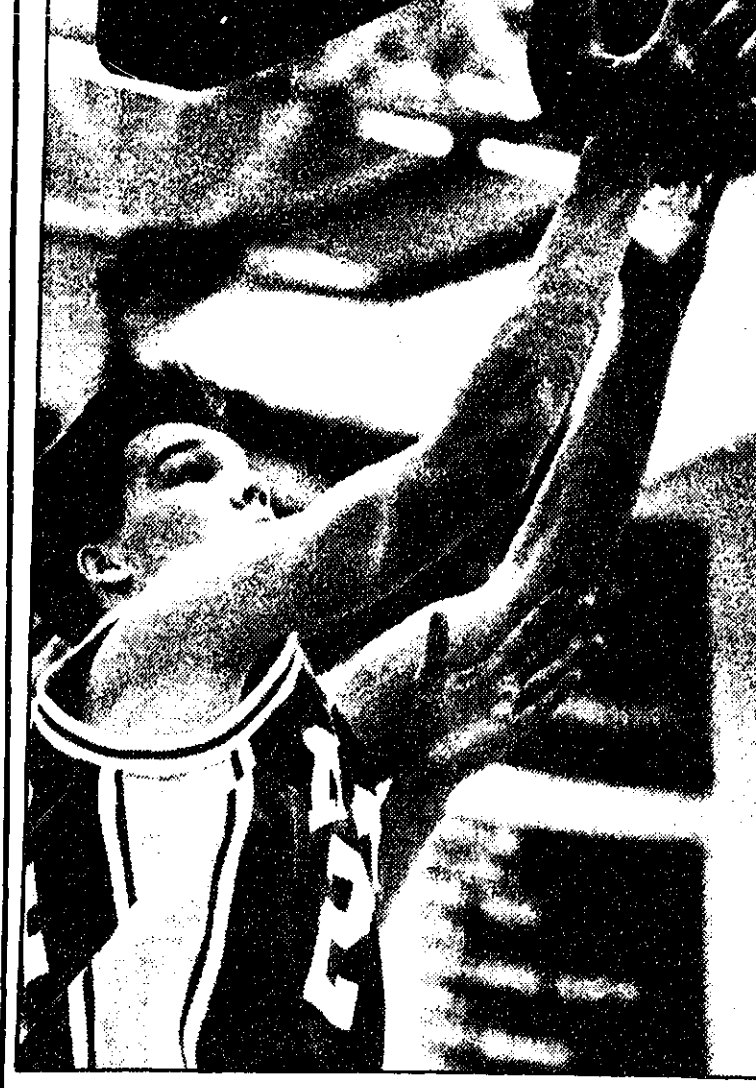
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Novi dismantles Hartland to stay perfect

Kramer, Walker lead way in romp over Eagles



Jason Walker continued his strong play against Hartland

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

They aren't three feet tall. They're not even from the Land of Oz. But when the "Munchkins" enter the game for the Wildcats, KVC rivals know they're on the yellow brick road to defeat.

Certainly, that was the case for Hartland as they ran into a 74-39 Novi buzz-saw Dec. 20. Playing a good portion of the fourth quarter, the Cats munchkin corps—a five-man group of sophomores and freshmen—stayed even with the Eagles and preserved a 35-point blowout.

"I thought we played well," said coach Bob Shoemaker. "We've gotten better every game."

The win moved Novi to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the conference. It was the 15th KVC victory in a row for the Wildcats, which have won 22 of their last 25 games.

Novi looks to be right on target with its hot start. Shoemaker said before the season began that his team would need to maintain about an 18-point margin of victory to be successful.

Thus far, the Wildcats have done just that. Well, almost. The victory over Hartland moved Novi's scoring average to 60.5 per game. They are holding opponents to just 43.5, a 17-point margin.

"I think we are pretty good now," Shoemaker said, "but we aren't as good as we are going to be. I hope we will be great by the end of the year."

Novi was great against Hartland. The Cats wasted no time in showing the Eagles who would be boss in the contest. Senior Mike Kramer continued his hot first-quarter shooting as he dropped in seven points.

Point guard Tony Wise also got into the scoring act with five. Jason Walker and Dave York each had three points as Novi rolled to a 22-7 lead.

It got a little better for Hartland in the second period, but not much. The Eagles doubled their offensive output, but still fell behind further. Novi led 40-21 at halftime. Kramer led the Cats with 12 in the half and York had seven points.

The game was over at halftime. Shoemaker said, adding that all but four hoopers played in the first 16 minutes.

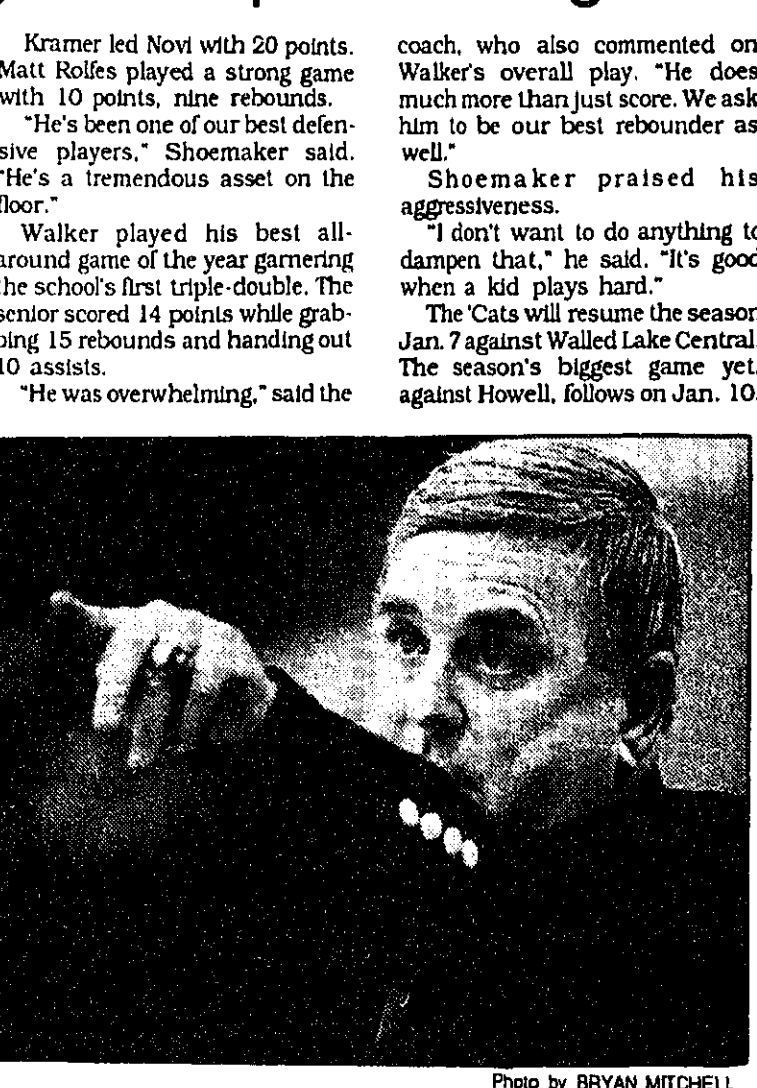
Novi's domination of the third quarter stayed intact against Hartland. The Wildcats held the Eagles to a mere five points while netting 21 of their own in the period.

Up 61-26, Shoemaker brought in the munchkins.

The group, comprised of sophomores Rocky Dunlap and Andy Sill along with freshmen Jon Wree, Shawn Kelly and Jason Fannon, didn't relinquish a point of the lead. The final frame showed 13 points for both teams.

"They held for the last three minutes," Shoemaker said. "I don't want to do anything to dampen that," he said. "It's good when a kid plays hard."

The Cats will resume the season Jan. 7 against Walled Lake Central. The season's biggest game yet, against Howell, follows on Jan. 10.



Coach Bob Shoemaker has guided his team to a perfect mark, thus far

Grapplers finish in top half at county tournament

Scappaticci, Riggs pace Wildcats

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

Certain games or matches can set the tone for an entire season. Coach Tom Fritz hopes that isn't the scenario after his wrestlers could place no better than 14th in the Oakland County tournament held Dec. 20-21. Kensington Valley Conference rivals South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland all finished ahead of the Wildcats at the invitational held at Oakland Community College.

Fritz said the tournament isn't likely indicative of his team's strength.

"It's not an indication of how good the team is," he said. "A couple of kids can take you a long way in this tournament."

It was a grueling two days for some. Novi's Josh Riggs, for example, wrestled eight times in the tournament.

Individual wrestlers had to win one of their first two matches in order to make to the second day of the event. Six Wildcats made it through.

The first to do so was Alex Lee in the 125-pound weight class.

In the opening round, Lee faced Country Day's Toinu Reeves and won on a 11-4 decision. He lost his only match to Allendale's Jason Tolack 16-10. Lee won two more matches before being forced out of the tournament by a dislocated elbow.

"I thought he could have placed in the top six," Fritz said. At 130 pounds, Paul Burton didn't make it into the championship phase, but did manage a vic-

tory. He pinned Bloomfield Hills Lahser wrestler Peter Rowe in 1:30. Guy Rohatagi did advance. The senior got two pins before falling out of competition.

One of the best "Cal" performances was put in by Riggs. The 140-pounder went 6-2 and placed fifth in the county.

Riggs opened with a pin of Jeff Goss of Waterford Mott before losing his only match of the first day to Marcus Brown of North Farmington. He reeled off three straight victories, all by decisions, before falling again to Brown. Riggs placed fifth by knocking off Mike Ebinger of Rochester Adams 7-4.

At 145, Mike Borashko got a third-place county finish for Novi. Was outstanding going 5-1 with his only loss to eventual champion Tony Sabar. Borashko gained two pins in the invitational.

Tony Scappaticci also went 5-1. The senior won by a pin and a decision over Dave Monge of Farmington Dec. 20 to move on.

A win over South Lyon's Jason Brown started day two. Like Borashko, Scappaticci's lone loss came to the eventual champ. The senior lost a tough 1-0 match to Doug Lacouver of Rochester Adams.

"He should have been in the finals," Fritz said of Scappaticci, who finished third. "He could have been. One point is nothing."

Joe Young placed fourth in the 189-pound category. The senior notched two pins en route to a 4-2 tournament record.

Heavyweight Brian Wohlfelt closed out the action for Novi. The first-year wrestler had an impressive showing at the county affair as he went 3-2.

Fritz said he was happy with some of the performances at the tournament. But, he was hoping the grapplers would finish in the top 10.

"We definitely wanted to be in the top group," Fritz said. "We wanted to be above the KVC teams that were there."

With the three conference squads finishing ahead of Novi, Fritz said the league may be more competitive than he thought originally.

"I knew Howell and Milford would be tough," he said. "I didn't think we would have trouble finishing third in the league. I see now it will be difficult."

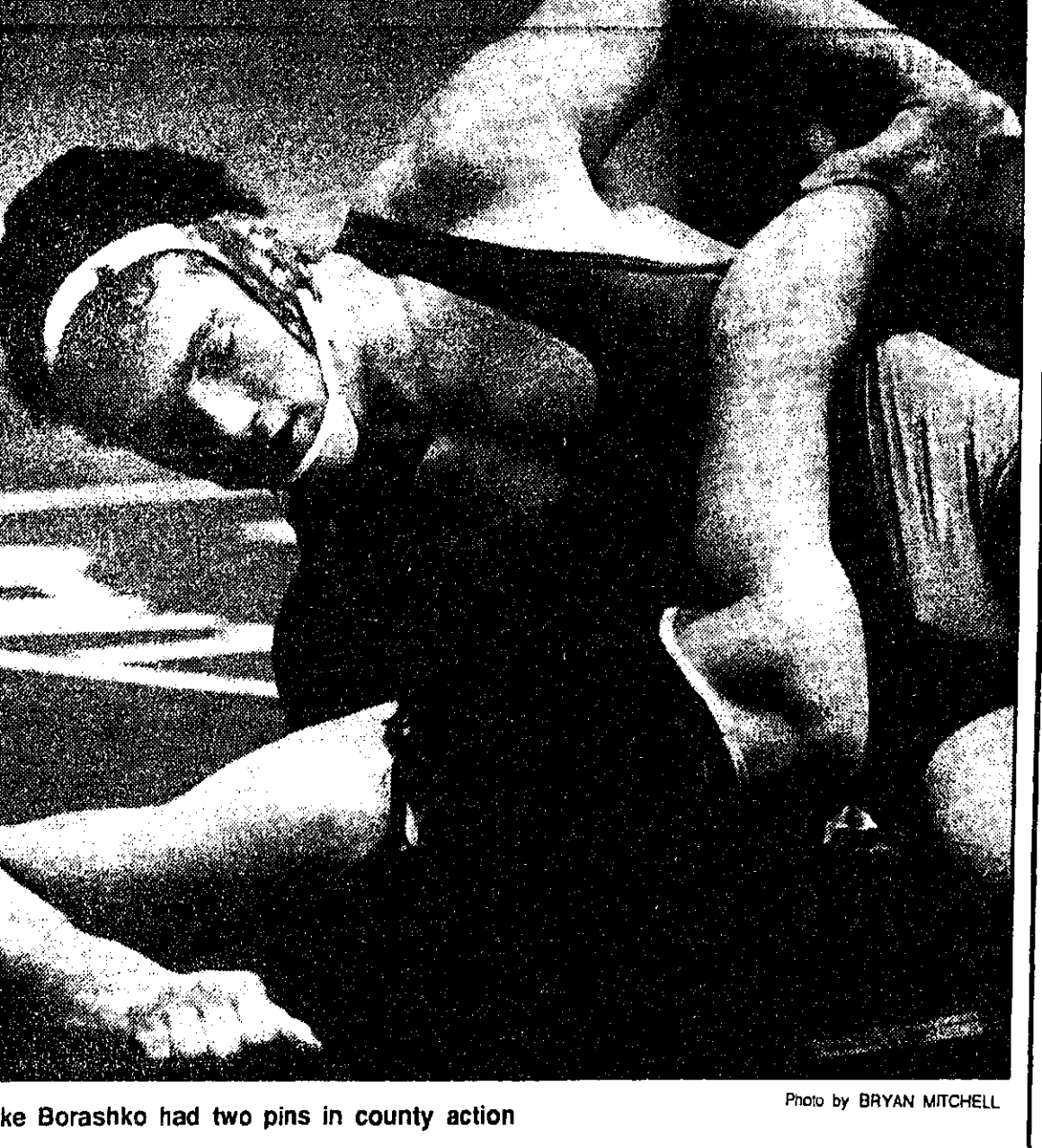
"I have a feeling our kids will be in for a rude awakening," Fritz continued. "We've got to be more productive in the lower weights or it will be a long year."

Defending state champ Clarkston won the tournament. South Lyon was ninth while Milford came in 11th and Lakeland 13th.

The county tournament wasn't the only action for the Wildcats Dec. 21. Novi fared somewhat better at the Carlson Invitational, placing sixth in the 18-team meet.

Six "Cal" wrestlers placed. They included: 112-pounder Craig Borosco in sixth; Tim O'Sullivan at 119 pounds in fifth; Shayne Joyce 140 pounds in fourth; at 145 pounds Jeff Van Doren in fifth; 189-pounder Steve Tapley in fourth and heavyweight Tom Haton in sixth.

The grapplers are off until Jan. 10 when they compete at the Salem Invitational.



Mike Borashko had two pins in county action

Tankers dunk Redford Union for first dual-meet victory

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

Mason said the win provided a boost to the team's confidence.

"The competition wasn't strong enough to push us in each event," he said. "But, individually, we did very well. It was a great confidence builder before the break."

Novi started off the meet with a bang in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Derek, Mike and Kirk Speerscheider along with Matt Mutch took first in 1:48.60. Third place was won by Dan Clark, Chris and Ryan Bush, and Rob Mutch with a time of 2:01.63.

The Wildcats placed first in the 200-yard freestyle with Mike Lafferty's 1:54.24. Dennis Suchyta took second in 2:04.32 and Jim Rowlands was third 2:09.56.

The win ended the Cats' dual meet record at 1-1. Novi fell to Livonia Stevenson 113-79 Dec. 16.

Clark won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.85. Senior Jerry Sumiec was third with a time of 27.46.

Novi swept the diving competition. Adam Cox was first with 201.45 points. Jim Luther was second with 186.35 and Greg Sobol was third with 102.05.

In the 100-yard butterfly and freestyle events, the Cats likewise, took the top three finishes.



Derek Speerscheider helped Novi to its first win

Intown

Music

CABARET: The Novi Players, Novi Concert Band and Novi Chorales will present Cabaret as a fund-raiser for the Novi Arts Council on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Pizza or pasta, salad, bread sticks and beverages will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with Cabaret beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 Individual or \$10 family of five, plus \$2 for each additional family member. Reserved table of eight is \$24.

The Cabaret is at the Novi Civic Center, on Ten Mile east of Taft. Tickets are available from the Novi Parks and Recreation office or members of performing groups. Call 347-0400.

WHISPERS: Whispers Lounge in the Novi Hilton, Haggerty just above Eight Mile, presents the following entertainment:

• Through Jan. 5, Intrigue.

Regular hours at Whispers are 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday; 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi. Call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

A graduate of the mid-life crisis, master of the Hammond and the venerable Nov Chamber executive director, Mallett charms her audiences at Victor's with such favorites as "Misty," "New York, New York" and "Moonlight Serenade." Her playing is smooth and familiar without being too sweet; easy listening without the elevator.

PIANO MAN: Pianist Tom Altenberg is now performing nightly at the Country Epicure Restaurant.

Altenberg, who has delighted audiences for years in metropolitan Detroit, performs new and classic selections Tuesday through Saturday. Crowds are welcome to sing along beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

Country Epicure is located at 42050 Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads. For more information call, 349-7770.

WEEKNIGHT JAZZ: Home Sweet Home restaurant, on Nine Mile just east of Novi Road, offers live jazz every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 to 11 p.m.

Performances are by the Buddy Budson Band with featured vocalist Eric Brandon. Often local jazz stars like Ursula Walker and Marcus Belgrave sit in as well.

a concert of original music for organ. Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m.

• Men and Boys Choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, D. Frederick DeHaven, conductor. In a concert of English Cathedral Music, Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

Tickets to all concerts are \$8 each. For more information call 349-0911.

Theater

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS: Auditions for the Northville Players' production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite," an adult comedy, will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 7, at the First United Methodist Church (Eight Mile at Taft).

There are parts for seven males (three major) and five females (four major). Major roles have a 30 to mid-40s age range. For more information contact Jacquie Rundell at 344-1969.

Production dates are March 6 and 7.

DINNER THEATER: The Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main, presents two family dinner theater productions with The Actor's Company:

"Rumpelstiltskin," on Friday, Jan. 17, is an enchanting fairy tale, about a magical little man who spins straw into gold. Audience participation finishes the story. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$9 per person.

"Earlthlings," on Friday, April 3, is a musical designed for education about ecology in an entertaining way. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. and show at 7. Tickets \$9 per person.

For more information call the community center at 349-0203.

PETER PAN: James M. Barrie's classic, "Peter Pan," will be presented at the Marquis Theatre through Jan. 5.

This musical comedy recounts the adventures of the three Darling children when Peter Pan literally flies them away from their nursery to the magical island called Never-Never Land, a place peopled with characters like Tinker Bell, the little fairy who speaks only with blinking lights and tinkling sounds; the wicked Captain Hook, a leader of bloodthirsty and villainous pirates; and the ticking crocodile, Hook's nemesis.

All tickets are \$6.50, available at the door or from the Marquis Store, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Tickets also available by telephone at 349-8110 with Visa or MasterCard. Please no children under 4. Reserved seating and group rates for 20 or more.

MURDER MYSTERIES, OPERA AT GENITTI'S: Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant continues to present its Murder Mystery and Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre performances.

Genitti's now has three different production companies performing three different Murder Mystery Dinner Theatres. Every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. separate performances are planned in separate dining rooms. Reservations are required for all shows.

Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre are now available for large groups

of people any day of the week, day or evening, lunch or dinner time.

Dinner is served. As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to discover who "committed the murder" through clues given out during heated exchanges between cast members. Additional clues and motives are given out as the cast mingles with the guests. Small gifts are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the murderer.

The standard seven-course dinner is served family style, like an old Italian wedding table of food, served hot, homemade soup, antipasto salad, vegetables, Italian sausage, baked chicken, Italian steak (pork), garlic toast, beverage and a luscious dessert.

The "Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre" is now scheduled the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. All arias are performed by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. Special performances are available for large groups. Reservations are required for all shows.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 East Main St. just east of Center Street (Sheldon Road). The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and the Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre including the seven-course dinner costs \$25 per person (including tax and tip).

Please phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates are available. Large parties can be accommodated for any performance. The Genitti's Gift Shop will be open for dinner guests. Valet parking is available during the evening.

Literature

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: The Northville Public Library's Preschool Storytime registration will begin today, Thursday, Jan. 2. Children, 3½ to 5 years old and not yet in kindergarten, may enroll for one of two series of three Wednesday programs. The Jan. 15, 22 and 29 series will meet at 11:30 a.m., and the Feb. 5, 12, and 19 series will meet at 11:30 a.m.

Children should arrive 10 minutes early and parents are asked to remain in the library during the half-hour program.

To register, visit the library at 215 W. Main or call 349-3020.

Art

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

Showing in February will be the annual Photo Show, featuring the winners of the 1991 Novi Photo Contest and other selected contest entries.

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Tired spikers fall, even season mark

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

Having its fourth match in as many days, the Novi volleyball team fell to Kresington Valley Conference rival Hartland Dec. 19.

"With our schedule, unfortunately, we were just tired," said coach Amy Wagner. "I think it had a lot to do with it."

The spikers fell in consecutive games to the Eagles, 15 (10 and 15-7). Wagner said she expected a tough match against Lakeland, but felt her team would have done better if it had had a few days off.

"We could have given them a run for their money," she said. "But we would have had to be well-rested to do that."

Novi got into an immediate hole in the first game.

The Eagles used a jump serve, which according to Wagner is one of the hardest to return, to build a 6-0 lead. The Cats then rallied for four points.

Hartland ran off five points before Novi could again reduce the margin, 11-7. The Wildcats could get no closer than 12-10 before finally succumbing by five.

"That was really the only chance we had," Wagner said. "If we could have won that game, I think they could have pulled some energy from somewhere."

In game two, Novi again fell behind by a considerable margin.

The Eagles jumped out to a 7-1

lead. The Cats, however, could get no closer than 10-7 before falling by eight points.

"The kids were just exhausted," Wagner said. "Most of them slept on the way home."

Despite the loss, Novi fared well in several statistical categories.

The Wildcats connected on 78 percent of their serves, including seven aces. Novi also posted an 88-percent setting mark.

Each of Novi's first four matches were on the road. The loss to Hartland moved the team's season record to 2-2 and 0-1 in the KVC.

Wagner said she thought the spikers would go into the holiday break at 3-1. She said the loss to the Eagles was somewhat disheartening because she felt the team could have won under better circumstances.

The coach commented that many spikers have played well in the early part of the season.

Senior Diane Bassett, a middle hitter, was one Wagner pointed to.

"She's playing outstanding," she said. "Not only offensively, but (also) defensively. She really takes command."

Kate MacKenzie, Laura Jones and Mary Yankowski have also made big contributions, said Wagner.

"I really think the keys have been hanging in there," she said, "and going back to the fundamentals."

The Wildcats will be at home for the first time against Garden City Jan. 7 when the winter campaign resumes.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL		ASSISTS		FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE		WRESTLING	
Klommier (Lakeland) 8.5	Camus (South Lyon) 1.0	Scheck (Milford) 2.1	Brown (Brighton) 2.2	Wood (Lakeland) 8.1	Rollis (Novi) 8.0	Wood (Lakeland) 8.1	Rollis (Novi) 8.0
Wood (Lakeland) 7.5	Brighton 103.0	Risoma (Brighton) 4.0	Team offense 135	Rollis (Novi) 8.0	Wood (Lakeland) 8.0	Wood (Lakeland) 8.0	Wood (Lakeland) 8.0
Duncan (South Lyon) 6.5	Howell 66.0	Kozinski (Hartland) 3.1	Team defense 35.5	Wood (Lakeland) 7.5	Wood (Lakeland) 7.5	Wood (Lakeland) 7.5	Wood (Lakeland) 7.5
Gannon (Lakeland) 5.1	South Lyon 61.6	Muzzo (South Lyon) 2.1	Team defense 35.5	Wood (Lakeland) 7.0	Wood (Lakeland) 7.0	Wood (Lakeland) 7.0	Wood (Lakeland) 7.0
Milford 3.0	Milford 49.5	Schmeyer (Milford) 2.1	Team defense 35.5	Wood (Lakeland) 6.5	Wood (Lakeland) 6.5	Wood (Lakeland) 6.5	Wood (Lakeland) 6.5
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CROSSROADS

The old world is behind us. The new world is ahead of us. No use looking back because the world will never be the same again.

Might as well go forward and discover new worlds.

That's what Christopher Columbus did 500 years ago in 1492. He didn't know where he was going either. I've been thinking about beginnings and endings lately and I keep running into that word: "discovery."

We're at the end of the worst travel year in recent history, thanks to the economy and the Persian Gulf War, and we've discovered a lot of things about ourselves. We can be tough when we want to, but we are terrified of travel when the world is in any turmoil.

We would laugh at any European who refused to travel to Detroit because of a war in Brazil, but we won't travel to Europe when there is a war thousands of miles away in the Saudi Arabia desert. An English daily newspaper described us as "wimps."

That year is over and now we begin a year that marks the 500th anniversary of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus to the New World.

Picture it: three tubby little wooden sailing boats setting sail across the sea for unknown destinations. Not ocean liners. They look more like illustrations for the nursery rhyme Rub-a-dub-dub, Three Men in a Tub.

Folklore says that everybody thought the world was flat in the 15th century, but navigators like Columbus knew better than that.

What he didn't know until somebody said "land ho!" two months after takeoff, was where he was going. No wimps there.

Discovery. To gain sight or knowledge of something previously unseen or unknown," according to my Random House Dictionary.

We knew more about our destination when our explorers went to the moon than Columbus did in the 1490s.

For me, discovery means more than touring the walled city of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, or taking a tour to southern Spain. It means taking a local bus out of Dubrovnik, learning to talk with my hands and my feet while spending the day on a mountaintop with two Yugoslavs who didn't speak English.

It means forgetting their names but remembering them every minute the war goes on around Dubrovnik in 1991.

It means buying Air Only instead of the tour to Spain and driving through tiny Spanish towns to Seville, where the world's fair takes place in 1992, or visiting the Spanish island of Ibiza in the Mediterranean.

It means driving to Sagres, Portugal, the easternmost point in Europe, where Prince Henry the Navigator established a school that taught explorers like Vasco de Gama what they needed to know to go out and discover India and Asia. Nothing like a little sail through the Straits of Magellan to make you appreciate travel.

We think that we live in the age of technological marvels, but it was a little technological marvel called the sextant that allowed those Europeans to "discover" the world. They always knew how to sail out; the sextant showed them how to get home again.

Lots of us will discover things previously unseen or unknown in 1992. We'll follow the wake left in the water by Columbus to the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas and to the 500-year-old city of Santo Domingo, where his son ruled what is now the Dominican Republic.

But as every traveler knows, it takes more than miles to make a discovery. You can do it within a few hours of home when you discover something previously unknown on a country road. And you can do it without leaving home, when you discover something previously unknown about yourself.

Get out your sextant and see what happens.



Sidewalk cafes and small hotels abound along Ocean Drive in the art deco section of Miami Beach

Photo by MICKEY JONES

The place to be? It's 'SoBe'

Miami's trendy South Beach features surf, sand and art deco

By MARTHA SPENCE
Special Writer

Picture a sandy beach, a sparkling ocean and people chatting in French, German, Spanish and English. Where are you?

Europe, maybe?
No. Try Miami's trendy South Beach area nicknamed "SoBe."

It's like New York's Greenwich Village, attracting visitors and artisans from around the world. Since 1985 the square-mile historic district has had a \$150 million face lift that makes it the most spectacular art deco district in the country.

Ocean Drive and its surrounding area are lined with pastel shaded hotels dating back to the 1920s. The major restoration has lured film producers (the backdrop for many scenes from the Miami Vice series) and European fashion photographers.

In 1980, 52 percent of Miami Beach's population was over 65, but it's only 30 percent today. Girls in hot pink spandex shorts speed by on roller blades. Young couples cruise the strip on bikes. Jamaicans with tightly braided dreadlocks stroll past an elderly orthodox Jewish man with his long beard and traditional black garb.

The Art Deco buildings of SoBe depict classic styles from early 1900s "Mediterranean" to 1930s "Streamlined Moderne": curved corners, round "porthole" windows, pipe railings, horizontal racing stripes and keystones dyed in green or pink.

Whether your pleasure is simply shopping, people watching or being a beach bum, there are endless ways to spend hours in the "City by the Sea." The main attraction of South Beach has always

been surf and sand. Miami Beach marina has boats for charter — for fishing and sailing enthusiasts. From the south end of the beach you can watch a breathtaking sunrise or cruise ships setting out to sea.

The Bass Museum is one of many museums and art galleries worth investigating. The Old Town Trolley Tour stops at several Miami Beach landmark attractions.

The News Cafe is the most popular place to see and be seen. They claim the freshest salads in town. Lulu's on Washington Avenue specializes in chicken-fried steak, fried catfish and "real" mashed potatoes, lumps and all.

Looking for paparazzi and fine Italian pastas? Head for Mezzanotte on Washington Avenue, where the Italian music has inspired couples to dance in the aisles.

For seafood lovers, Joe's Stone Crabs is unbeatable. Tropics International is noted for its cool jazz, reggae and funky blues. Right next door at the Breakwater Hotel you can sip a cocktail at their pink and blue neon-lighted bar.

Le Loft has one of the most upscale, lavish interiors and music selection to match its clientele. There is the Friday night concert series at the South Pointe Park Amphitheater. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars to the sounds of jazz, rock or classical rhythms.

Also, the Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts features the best of Broadway, renowned orchestras and dance companies.

Tourists have always enjoyed these attractions, but it is the restored Art Deco hotels that have brought new life to SoBe. The South Beach area is

still an island in a deteriorating area, but you can safely wander the beachfront area and your hotelier will tell you how far you can safely wander at night.

Here are a few of the restored Art Deco hotels in South Beach:

■ The Essex House Hotel off 10th Street and Collins features a baby grand piano amid tall potted palms in its lobby. Geometric multi-colored mirrors shre walls with a mural of Indians canoeing in the Everglades.

The Essex has all the Art Deco trademarks: terrazzo floors, wrought iron handrails, flamingos etched into glass windows, lacquered ceiling fans and porthole windows that create a cruise ship atmosphere. Rooms start at \$65. Call toll-free (800) 553-7739.

■ The Park Central Hotel, in the hub of Ocean Drive activity, has rooms with mahogany ceiling fans, palm-printed carpets, period furniture and authentic black-and-white photographs from the '30s. Summer rates start at \$60, winter rates at \$95. Call (305) 538-1611.

■ The Cavalier epitomizes the classic styles of the era with wicker chairs potted palms, mirrors, tile, brass and an elevator with a porthole window. Upstairs, stucco walls in a rainbow of colors brighten rooms that have walnut bed headboards, russet carpets and art deco paintings. Winter rates range from \$45 to \$87, summer, \$32 to \$75, including breakfast. Call toll-free (800) 338-9076.

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The News Cafe on Ocean Drive



Traverse City's Park Place Hotel has been completely renovated

New life for Park Place Hotel

By MARY QUINLEY
Special Writer

The Park Place Hotel has rejoined the social life of Traverse City after an \$8.5 million facelift.

The hotel was built in 1873 for a world of lumber barons and their friends. A place to get married or celebrate a special anniversary, the Park Place became Traverse City's tallest building in 1930 with the completion of a 10-story tower.

There have been hard times since then. The hotel changed hands and slowly slipped into a state of bankruptcy. In 1989 the Rotary Club of Traverse City made an unusual purchase and bought the hotel. As a result of its major renovation, the Park Place is once again recognized as a prominent resting place and meeting house.

Renovations were extensive. Victorian furnishings along with new wiring, plumbing and lighting were added after the building was gutted. Simple elegant rooms are equipped with modern day conveniences.

Each bathroom has a telephone. Hair dryers and refrigerators are also provided in the rooms.

Banquet and meeting facilities are plentiful. The Rotary Dome named after the hotel's owners will accommodate 700 people for business or pleasure.

Enjoy dinner in the hotel's

10-story tower at the Top of the Park restaurant. Sip cocktails and munch on hors d'oeuvre at the Beacon. The panoramic view of Grand Traverse Bay is spectacular.

Sunday brunch is special at the Park Place. Traditional breakfast fare of made-to-order omelettes, french toast and bacon are served. A variety of chef specialties include beef stir fry, tasty sweet potatoes and carved roast beef. Save space for the rich and plentiful desserts.

High tea served with scones and petits fours is available daily except Sunday. Reservations are recommended.

Kids will enjoy the indoor dome-shaped pool facilities. Mom and dad can relax in the sauna or whirlpool.

Students from Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) are benefiting from a unique educational opportunity. On-the-job training programs for hospitality workers are offered by the hotel.

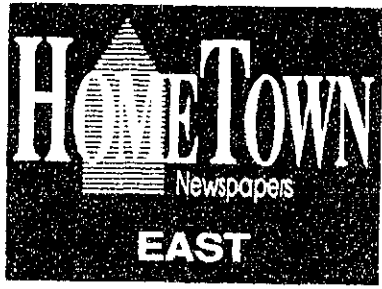


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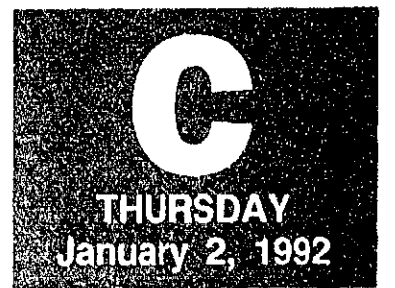
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Steel frames are gaining in popularity

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Using steel instead of wood in the construction of framing for new homes is becoming increasingly popular.

Steel has significant advantages over wood, according to Jerry Hughes, owner of Anaco Building Systems, a California-based construction company.

"Using steel in framing for residential construction is the wave of the future," Hughes said. "Steel offers many advantages, and yet it's less expensive. Only tradition and lack of public awareness has slowed the use of steel studs and trusses in home construction."

Key advantages of steel are that it's stronger and less expensive than wood, Hughes said. Studs are seven times stronger. And steel doesn't burn, rot, warp or provide meals for hungry little termites.

Steel frames also are more earthquake and wind resistant. And it's 80 percent recyclable, according to Hughes. It is the environment-friendly product for framing. And since it's non-flammable as well as stronger than wood, it often results in lower insurance premiums, he said.

"The only downside to using steel is that it can't be sanded or stained," he admitted. "Wood is the product to use to achieve nat-

ural wood finishes."

The lower cost of steel is probably the most potent incentive for using this up-and-coming product and technology. About a year ago, a third of residential framing cost could be saved by using steel framing instead of wood. Now, with generally lower lumber prices, the saving is about 10 percent, Hughes estimated.

"Wood is a dying resource. Using steel frames in the construction of homes will become the standard in the future," he predicted.

Q. Do home sales increase or decrease during winter months?

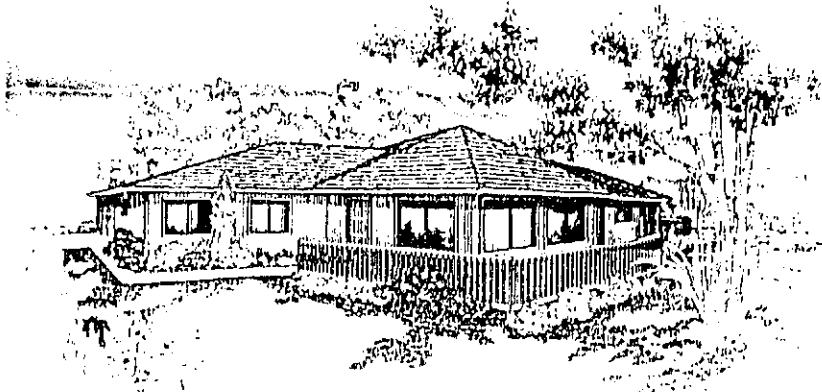
A. Typically, sales decrease during winter. This was pointed out, and documented, in a letter I received recently from Realtor Art Tidey.

"No business has a perfectly consistent monthly sales average," Tidey wrote. "I know of no store, chain or industry that averages exactly 8.33 percent of their annual sales volume each month. Florists do a sizable business in February, May and December. Jewelers do half their annual business in December."

"Real estate activity is no different. Not a single November, December, January or February exceeds 8.33 percent of annual sales figures. So when resale figures for November show a lower

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HOME DESIGNS



The Hibbing has modern cabin class with alot of glass

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

In this contemporary cabin, windows in all of the living areas face toward the back of the house to take full advantage of a vista, such as a meadow, river, mountain range, ocean or lake.

The Hibbing is a revision of one of Landmark's most popular plans, with changes in response to reader requests. The bedrooms are bigger, as is the utility room, and the house is built over a full basement.

While one might think, looking at the unique shape of this home, that it would be complicated to build, the structure is actually relatively simple—a hexagon and two rectangles.

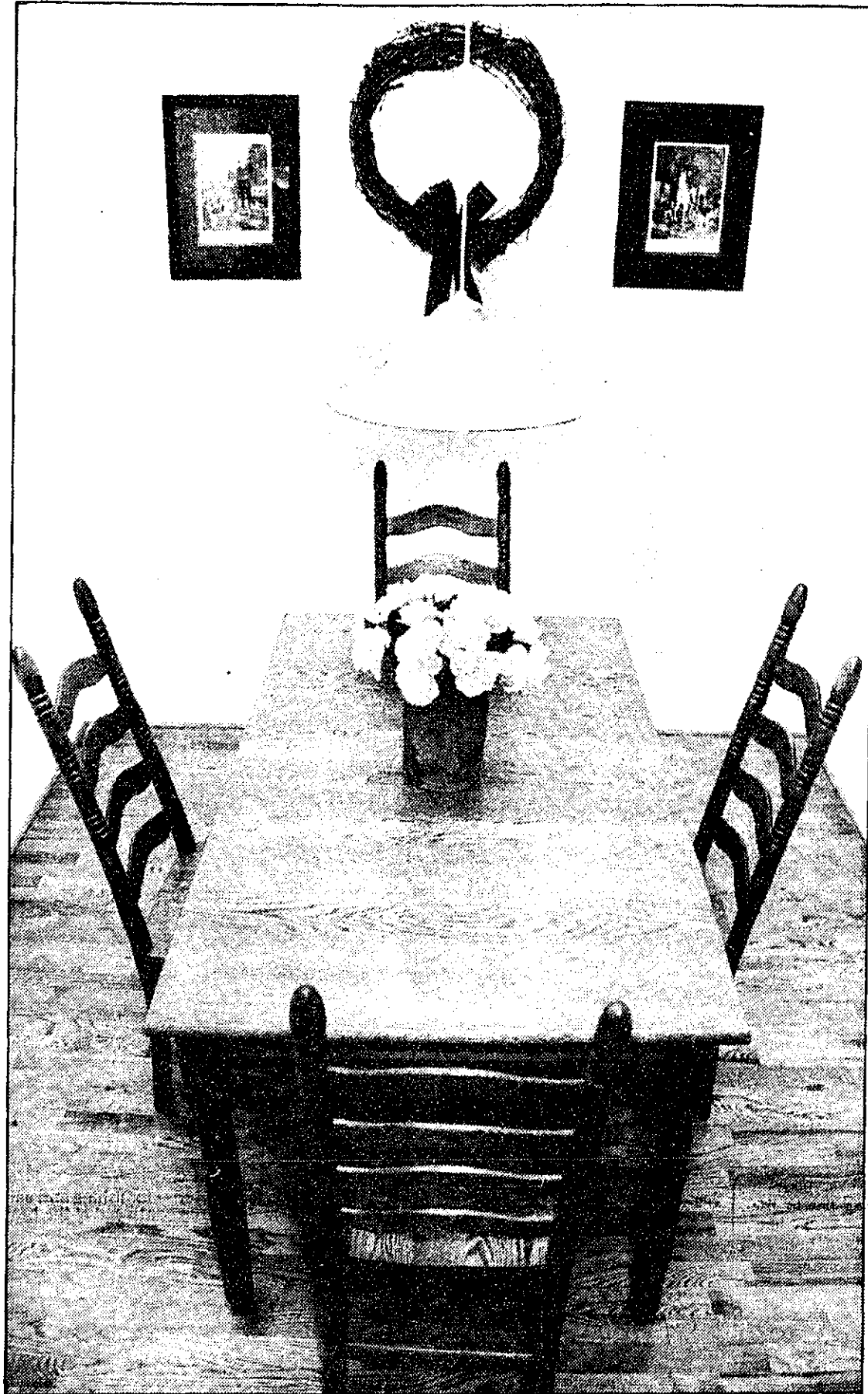
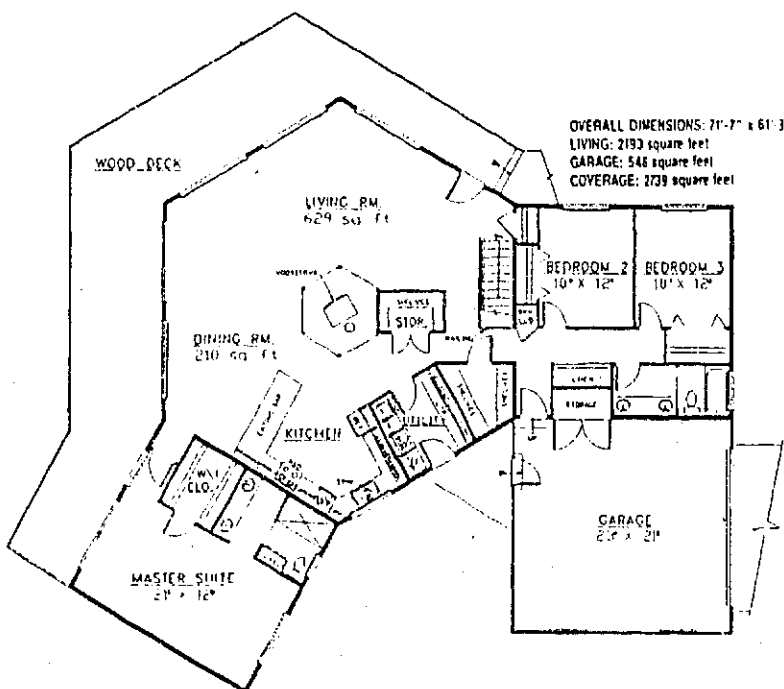
The central high-vaulted hexagonal great room has open beams and combines the functions of kitchen, dining room and living room. The wood-burning stove, seated on a wide hexagonal hearth at its center, provides a warm focal point for this bright, airy and spacious central living area.

A modified U-shape kitchen is separated from the rest of the room by nothing more than an eating bar. A utility room, complete with a utility sink and a wide counter, is conveniently located next to the kitchen, with a huge walk-in pantry right next door.

Two rectangular areas on nearly opposite sides of the hexagon house the sleeping areas, offering privacy to both. The master suite has a double-sided walk-in closet and twin vanities located outside the bathroom. Sliding doors here and in the dining room open onto a wide wraparound deck.

The two other bedrooms share a bathroom which, like the master bath, includes double sinks under a wide mirror, separate from the steamy bathing area and the toilet.

For a study plan of the Hibbing (209-28), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



Photos by CHARLIE CORTEZ

A modern oak table with matching chairs, purchased from Tenpenny's Oak and Cherry Furniture in South Lyon, is the focal point of the Pate's dining room.

Less is MORE

South Lyon couple enjoy the art of simple design

By Pamela Dear
Special Writer

One of the nicest things about Nancy and Dean Pate's new condominium is that it is a fine example of the art of understatement.

Their warmly inviting home, located at Southridge Condominiums in South Lyon, is marked by a peaceful mix of country and contemporary influences, whitewashed walls, vaulted ceilings and the absence of extraneous possessions.

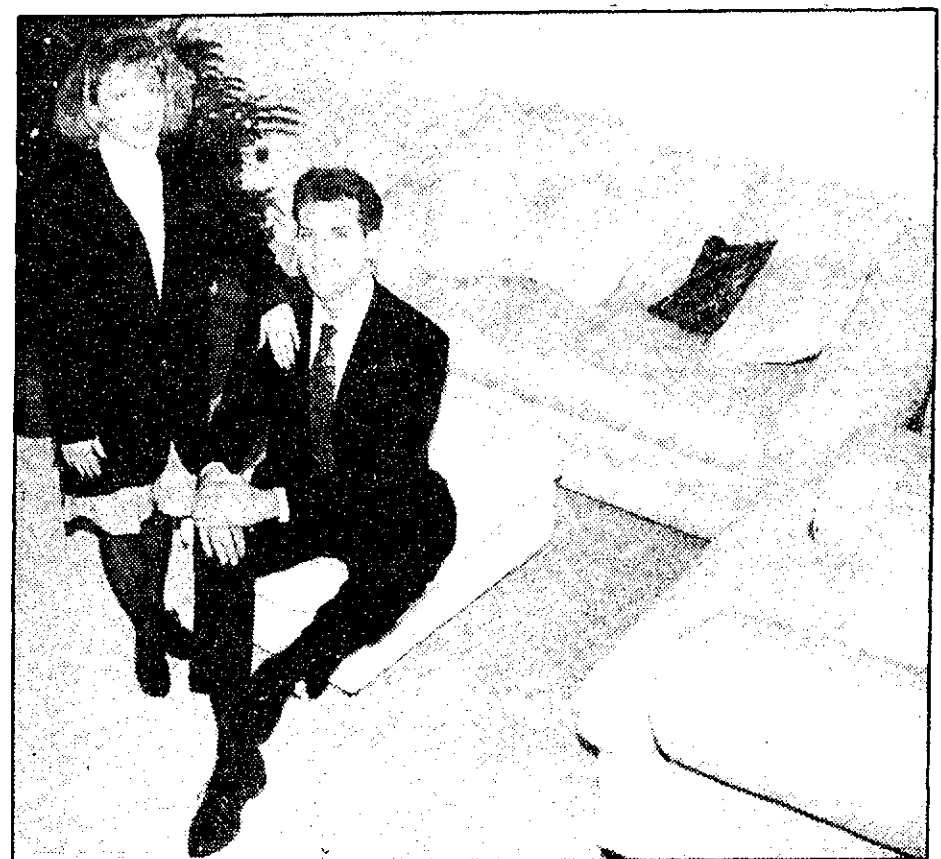
The Pates have successfully proven that design restraint can visually enhance the beauty of carefully chosen furniture and accessories that merit attention.

"Nancy's motto is less is more," Dean said, describing his wife's decorating approach. "This is all me," Nancy explained, "and I've always loved this kind of look." "We both like wood and I like modern country," Dean added.

The Pates moved into their home in October. They were married Oct. 12. Nancy, a South Lyon native, is a medical assistant in Highland and plans to attend nursing school soon. Dean, originally from Ohio, sells industrial enclosures for the Rittal company.

Their approximately 1,250-square-foot condo contains two bedrooms, two baths, a roomy kitchen with lots of cupboards and a broad counter top, open living room and dining room, ample closet space, utility room and a private balcony. They also have central air, gas heat and access to two carports.

The couple have planned, with imagination and skill, the decorative layout of each room in their welcoming home. For example, the living room is striking in city sophisticated fashion with its cream-colored, overstuffed, cotton felt sofa



Above, Nancy and Dean Pate enjoy their living room which features a cream-colored, overstuffed cotton felt sofa ensemble. At left, the starting price for a two-bedroom unit at Southridge Condominiums is \$67,900. Appliances are included.

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Pates show design restraint and give visual priority to good furniture

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ensemble.

A slat-back oak rocker completes the intimate conversation seating scheme. The multi-textured loop berber carpeting in oyster with rose and blue flecks of warm color provides aesthetically interesting results in combination with the furniture and white walls. This carpeting is dramatically bordered by a section of oak flooring.

"Charlie Clark at Interior Visions suggested the berber carpet," Dean recalled. "It's great for a heavy traffic area because it wears well," he said.

"It's just wonderful," Nancy noted. "It's different from our other carpeting and I think it goes well with everything," she added. A pale grey plush carpeting runs through the remainder of the condo.

Nancy said that Interior Visions in South Lyon also customized the

ivory pleated shades and valance treatments for the front windows. According to Clark at the shop, the deep-ruffled, balloon-type valances are a cotton chintz transitional print in a dark forest green. The colors in the valances become even more vibrant in conjunction with the white walls and cream sofa ensemble.

The Pates family believe in purchasing their furniture and home accessories from businesses within their community. "We really try to shop locally to keep money right here in the community," Nancy emphasized. Dean agreed.

On a petite wooden antique table next to the sofa sits a pair of Art Deco-styled marble candlesticks and matching picture frame. Both are wedding gifts. The Pates' black and white wedding picture is displayed.

"I love black and white, and I want a different kind of wedding picture," Nancy explained. Her

special fondness of black and white can be traced throughout the home.

In the adjoining dining room, a modern oak table with matching chairs, purchased from Terpen's Oak and Cherry Furniture in South Lyon, is the focal point.

Framed art of hunt scenes are displayed on the walls. The pictures contain a dark green matting which is nicely coordinated with the colors of the window valances in the living room.

The hunt scenes are of particular interest to Nancy because she loves to ride horses. A large simple grapevine wreath from Nancy's Rainbow Gardens in South Lyon hangs across from the table, helping to beautifully bond the contemporary and country influences.

Nancy's favorite colors are evident in the kitchen. Stark white linoleum lends a bright and upbeat appearance to the room. A quaint black metal cafe table and its two chairs, covered with black

leather cushions, occupies a cozy corner niche.

It's here that Nancy and Dean have their coffee. "That's the biggest thing for me. I love my coffee," Nancy said. A white microwave, oak cabinets, built-in dishwasher and a refrigerator with an icemaker accent the convenient kitchen.

The hall bathroom further reinforces this visual essay of black and white. White walls, 8-by-6 inch black and white checkerboard ceramic floor tiles and a white pedestal sink create a bold, but stunning, statement.

Other furnishings in the home which deserve mention include a handsome full-size brass bed, a pair of ornate country oak dressers (also purchased from Terpen's), framed paintings of Marilyn Monroe and James Dean, and a charming antique cedar chest which belonged to Nancy's grandmother.

Newlyweds, the Pates chose to

purchase their condo for several reasons. "I definitely wanted to own something for tax reasons instead of just paying rent. We wanted to start building some kind of equity," Dean said.

"The condo was brand new and I got to pick out everything," Nancy added. "When we saw the prices of homes that were somewhat reasonable, there was so much work to do in them," she added.

"The Pates were also attracted to the carefree living that a condo can provide. 'We are both fairly active. My job is very demanding as far as my time goes,'" Dean said. "I don't have to cut the grass or shovel the snow," he added.

As residents of Southridge Condominiums, the Pates enjoy grounds maintenance such as landscaping, sidewalk upkeep, snow removal and gardening. They also have privileges to the outdoor pool.

According to Klerston park, marketing agent for the

Southridge complex, 188 units are scheduled to be built, and at the present time about 50 percent have been purchased. Park said the starting price for a two-bedroom condo is \$67,900. Appliances are included.

The Federal National Mortgage Association estimates that there are more than 2.3 million condo dwellings in the U.S. and the majority of all new multi-family housing starts will involve some form of condo ownership.

As for the Pates, they still have a list of projects to complete their condo. They are having a built-in entertainment unit installed by Jeff Hantz of South Lyon. They also want shelves added to a pantry closet. The couple plans to select shower curtains, living room art and add a ceiling fan to the master bedroom.

The Pates' effort to show design restraint and give visual priority to good furniture and accessories deserves high compliments.

A smattering of valuable tables, boxes and more

By James G. McCollam
Copley News Service

ANTIQUES

Q. Enclosed is a picture of a mahogany marble-top table. The legs have some carving on them. I believe it is at least 100 years old. I would appreciate any information and approximate valuation.

A. This is an early Victorian marble-top table made between 1850 and 1860. It is now Duchov, Czechoslovakia.

Your pair of figurines was made around 1900 and would be worth about \$1,000.

Q. I have an antique cake plate. It is 11 inches in diameter and is marked "Indian Temple Stone China, J. & W. R." Who made this and what is it worth?

A. Your cake plate was made by John and William Ridgeway in Hanley, England, between 1814 and 1830. It probably would sell for \$165 to \$185.

Q. I have a historical scene plate of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It is marked "R & M, Staffordshire, England." I would like to know how old it is and what it would sell for.

A. Your plate was imported from England by Rowland & Marsellus (New York) in the early 1900s. It is believed that these plates were made by British Anchor Pottery. They currently are selling for \$65 to \$85.

Q. I saw some castor sets at a recent antique show, and I found them quite interesting. Can you tell me something about castor sets and their history? I would also like to know some typical prices.

A. A castor set consists of two or more condiment (vinegar, oil, etc.) bottles of shakers in a metal frame. This frame is usually silver-plated.

They were first used about 200 years ago, but most of those on the market today were made between 1870 and 1915. Here are some prices:

- Three bottles, amber glass, silver-plated frame: \$125.
- Seven cut-glass bottles, sterling silver frame: \$1,250.

Q. I have a pair of porcelain figurines

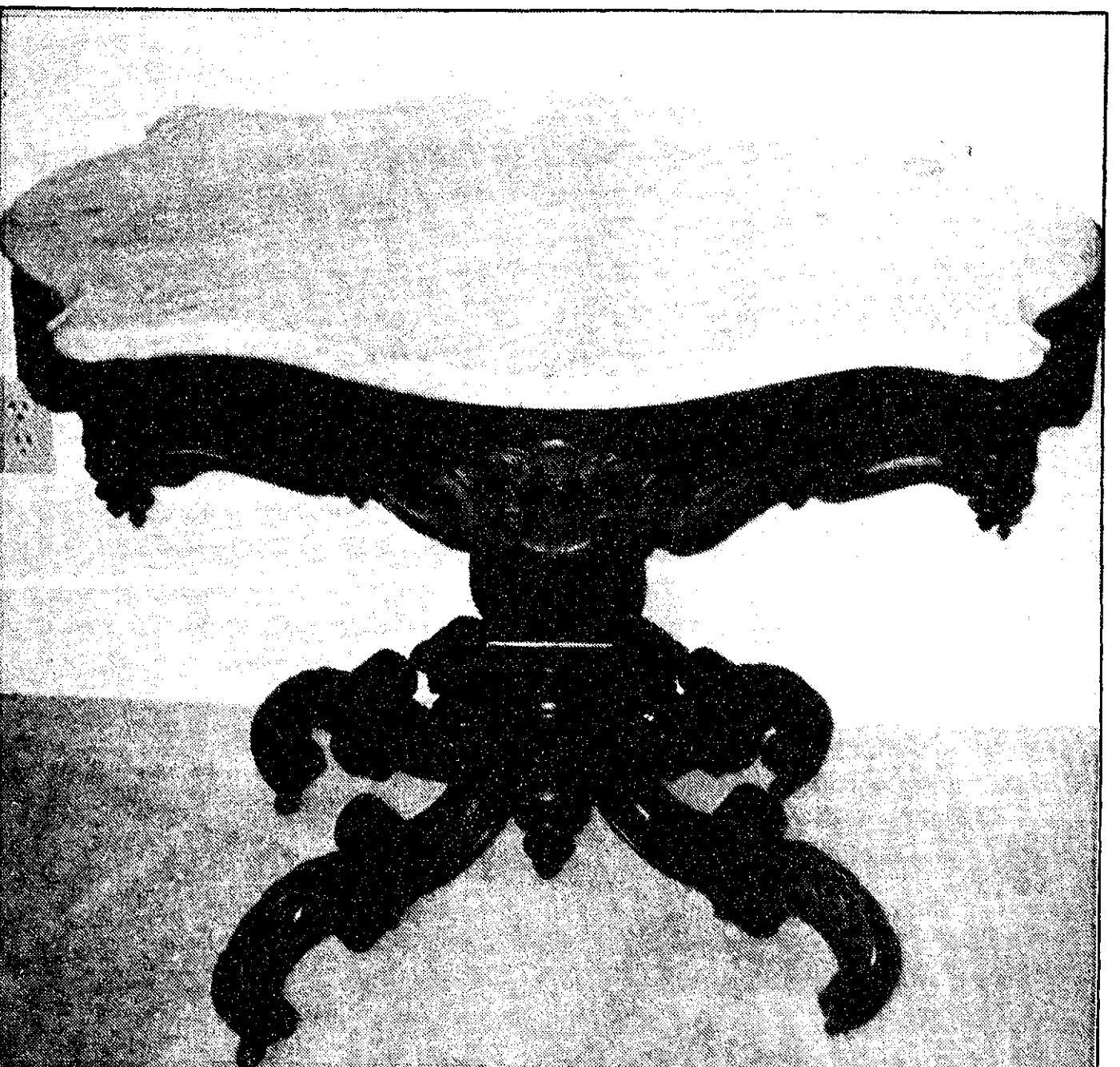
of a man and woman in old-fashioned clothes. They are about 12 inches high and 10 inches wide. The mark is an acorn with a letter "E" and "Royal Dux, Bohemia." Can you tell who made them, when and how much they are worth?

A. E. Eichler founded the Royal Dux Porcelain company in Bohemia in 1860. It is now Duchov, Czechoslovakia.

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total than October, don't be surprised. Incidentally, your real estate columns are read with interest in our home."

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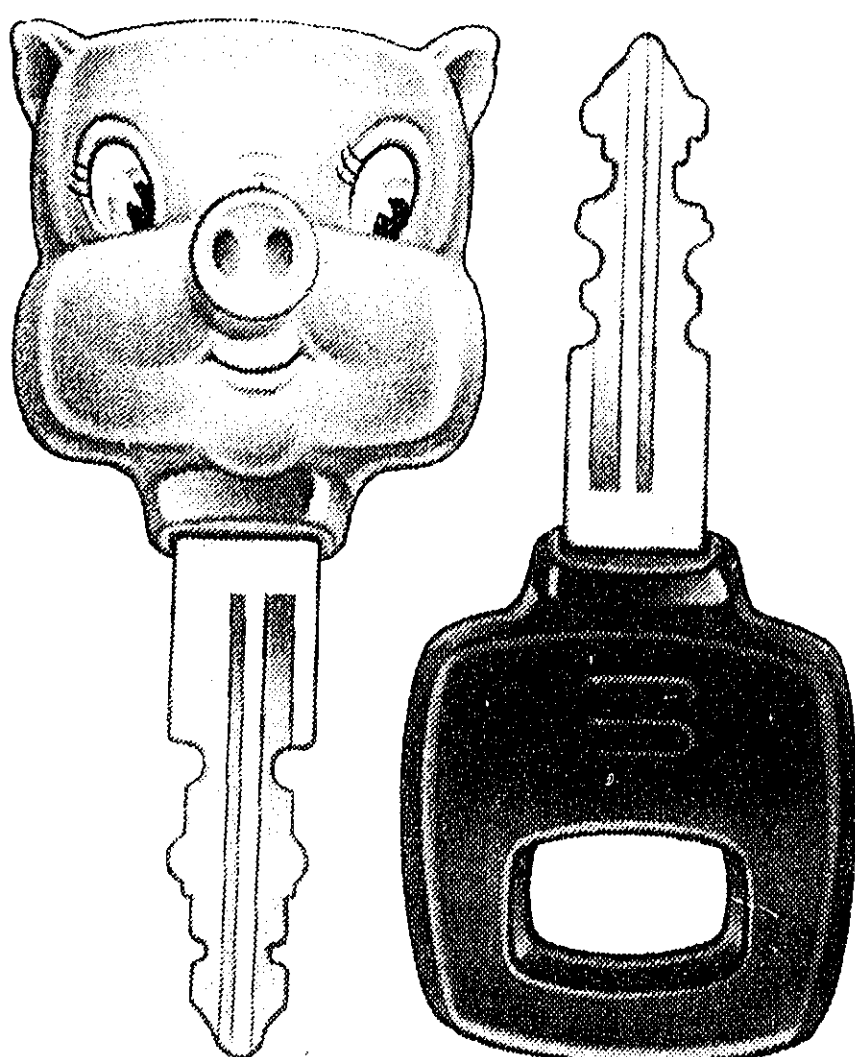
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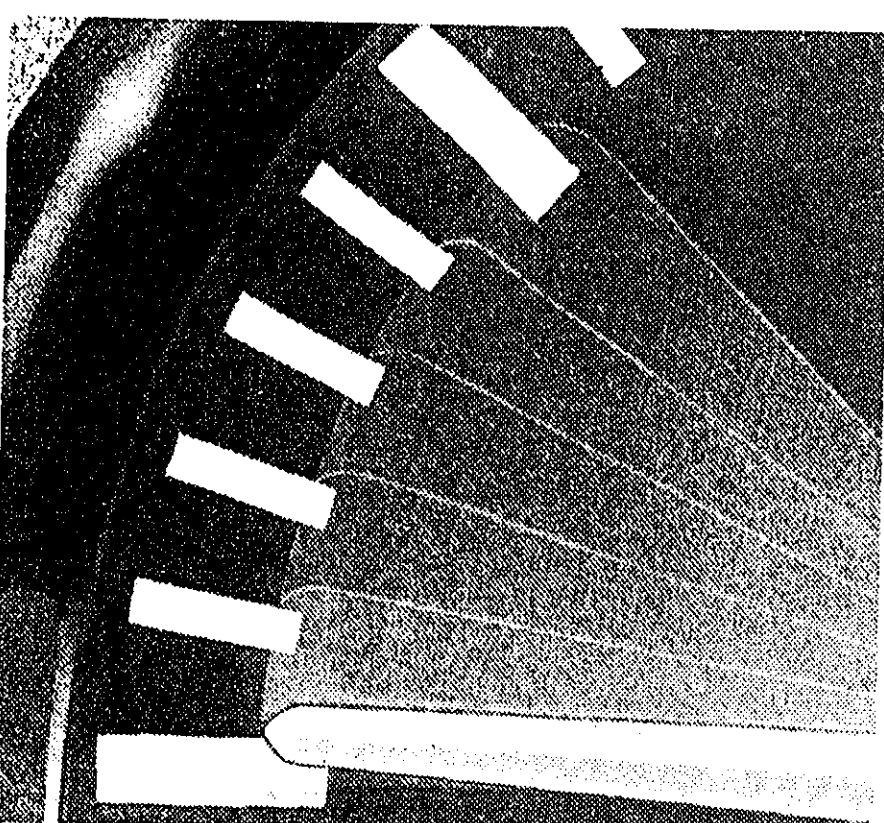
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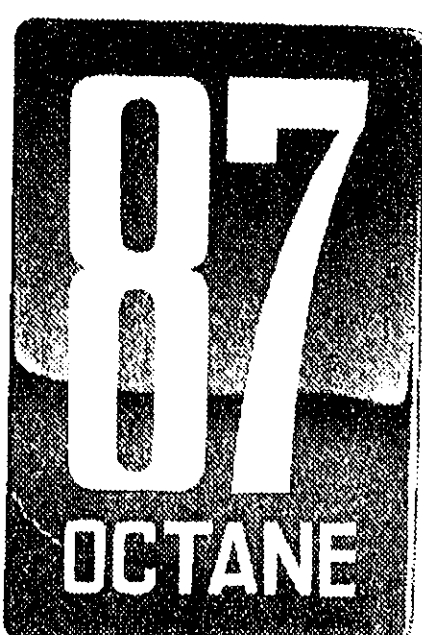
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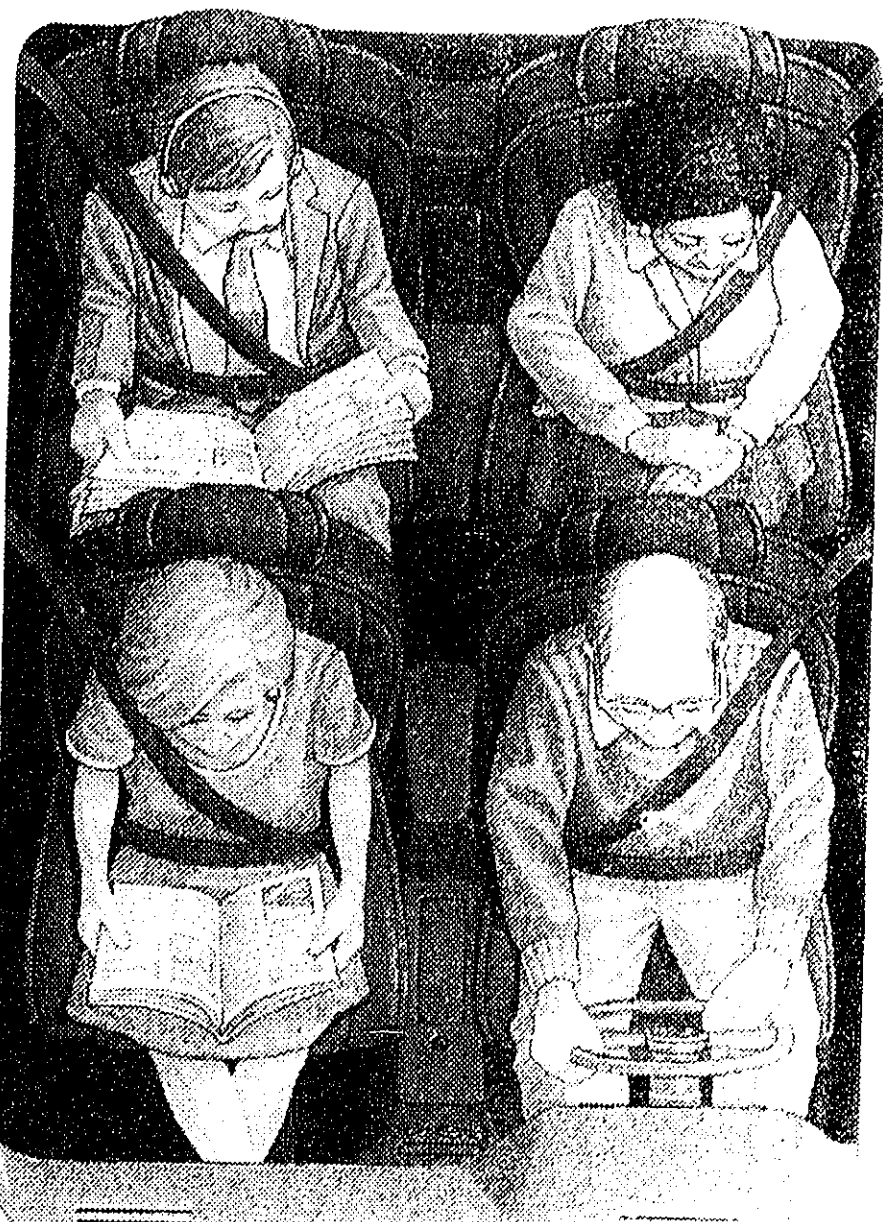
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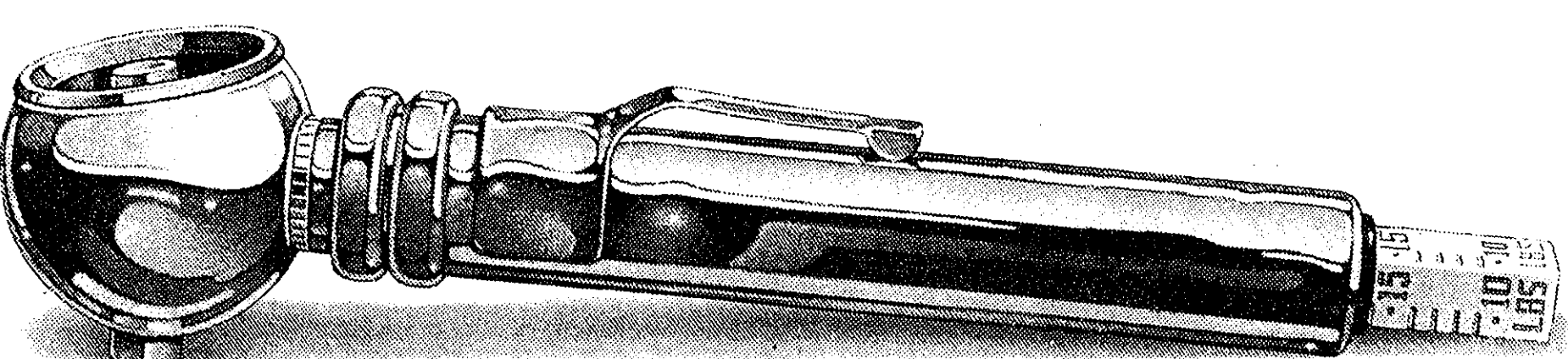
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Art & Sol
Milford business owner
makes dream come true

By Laurie O'Dell

Opening Art & Sol has given Lisbeth Kalish an opportunity to pursue two interests — art and business.

The Milford shop, 310N. Main St., features the work of local artists from painting and stained glass to pottery and funky jewelry. Kalish describes many of these area artists as her friends and contemporaries and said Art & Sol is just the opportunity they need to sell their work.

"So many people can't get exposure unless they're big time artists," explained Kalish. "Many have careers in addition to their art. It's rare that you can make a living on that [art] alone."

The 25-year-old store owner said many artists spend so much time marketing and finding time to sell their work they don't have the time to create. She feels the store will give local artists the exposure they need and the time to pursue their artwork.

A native of Hartland, Kalish now lives in Clarkston. A creative person by nature, she dabbles in painting, jewelry-making and dried flower arrangements.

Although she majored in child psychology in college, Kalish said she spent every spare minute painting and making jewelry. Opening Art & Sol is not just a business venture but a dream come true. She's especially proud of the name itself. "Sol" is a Spanish word meaning sunshine.

Kalish said she's acquired her business sense from her family and her boyfriend, Jamey Whittenberg, to whom she often turns for advice.

"He's really business-minded. Whether it be real estate, advertising, or business in general, if I have a question, he always has an answer."

Both Kalish's grandfathers owned their own businesses prior to retirement and her mom recently opened a catering business. Kalish said her knack for business seems to run in the family.

At least a dozen local artists are featured at the art shop, the majority

of whom live within a 20-mile radius of Milford. Their work is sold on consignment, which means Kalish pays the artists for each piece once it's sold. Beginning in February Kalish plans to highlight the work of one local artist each month. In February, Denise Szady's pottery with hand-painted hearts will be featured.

"Valentine's Day is in February and I thought her heart pottery would be ideal," said Kalish.

The work of three Milford artists is currently on sale at the shop. Nancy Rutkowski's baskets, Inge Hanson's hand-painted notecards and Linda Francisco's jewelry and ceramic work are all popular items at Art & Sol.

In addition to local hand-crafted items, Kalish also sells sterling silver jewelry imported from Indonesia and Mexico.

Kalish said the items in her store made ideal Christmas gifts because most of the artwork is less than \$20, including most of the jewelry.

"When you go to expensive stores most people browse through and never buy. I want items to be really well-priced. I want to be able to sell them."

The decision to open a business in Milford is one Kalish said she's happy she made. The entrepreneur said the people in Milford have been wonderful since she opened just six weeks ago.

"I'm in awe of how friendly people are to me," she said.

A resident of Clarkston, Kalish said she checked out the communities of Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Clarkston and Lake Orion before deciding to open her shop in Milford.

Kalish said she has eaten at the Appetizer Restaurant many times and enjoyed visiting Milford, but really didn't consider Milford as a possible location until she stopped in to visit a shop which sold imported items from Mexico.

"I just sort of stumbled upon the idea of opening a store in Milford," she explained.

A sales representative for the ser-



Lisbeth Kalish is the owner of a new Milford art store called "Art & Sol"

Photo by CHARLIE CORTEZ

ling silver imported jewelry, Kalish often visited stores in the Brighton area which stock the items. One day last fall she happened to remember the Mexican import store in Milford she visited once last summer. When she arrived it had a "going out of business" sign on the door.

Kalish knew the small space would be ideal for her shop and immediately approached the owner about renting it.

"I knew I couldn't handle anything bigger," she said.

Even though the owner had a waiting list of six people who were interested in the space, Kalish managed to convince him to rent to her. Currently her shop occupies the front 1/3

of building. After January the remaining portion of the building will also be available for rent.

At that time Kalish plans to evaluate how successful her business is and decide if she can rent the additional space. If so, she plans to offer art classes at the shop through Huron Valley Continuing Education. These will include basket making, pottery, acrylic and watercolor painting, jewelry making, knitting and weaving.

For more information about the shop call Kalish at 684-2881. Business hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Business Briefs

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE has announced that Ronald E. Randall of Livonia has been appointed the school's registrar. Randall began his career at Schoolcraft in 1969 as a public safety officer, became assistant registrar in 1977, and was awarded the Presidential Recognition Award for service to Schoolcraft College in 1989. Randall has seen many changes in the registration process. "I believe that the College's computer systems have improved services for our students. One of our goals is to make registration an easy process for everyone."

He earned an associate's degree from Schoolcraft in law enforcement, a bachelor's degree at Madonna University in criminal justice and a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University in educational leadership. He is a member of the American and Michigan Associations of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, and the Association of Record Managers and Administrators.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

THOMAS E. THELEN, president of Thelen Landscapes of Novi, was presented with a Gold Award from the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association recently. The award was presented as part of the Association's Environmental Improvement Awards Program. In recognition of the residential landscape construction of a local Northville home.

Thelen has a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Michigan State University and established Thelen Landscape in 1978. He resides with his wife and three children in Novi.

KENNETH S. ORD of Northville has been promoted to vice president of finance and controller/treasurer at Kelly Services, the nation's largest temporary help community.

In his new position, Ord will oversee Kelly's corporate financial staffs. He joined the company in 1981 as treasurer and in 1989 was promoted to vice president and treasurer. Earlier this year, he was named vice president and controller.

Prior to joining Kelly Services, Ord was supervisor of financial control for Ford Motor Co. A graduate of Brigham Young University, he holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master of business administration degree in finance.

Ord resides in Northville with his wife Linda and three children, Jason, Justin and Kristin.

ALFRED W. (BUD) SMITH JR. of Northville has been named accountant manager for the Eagle-Picher Automotive Group's Trim Division. The announcement was made by Roger Byrne, general manager of the Trim Division.

Based in the company's Inkster office, Smith handles sales of custom-molded trim products to automotive OEMs and suppliers. He had previously represented the Automotive Group in sales of compression and injected molded rubber products.

Prior to joining Eagle-Picher, Smith was a private contractor, providing marketing, engineering and technical training to a variety of Fortune 500 companies. He also held various management positions at Ford Motor Co. for 25 years in the areas of technical training, publications, marketing and engineering.

He holds a bachelor of industrial engineering from New York University and master of arts and engineering degrees from the University of Michigan. He also serves as an instructor in electricity, automotive systems and economics at Schoolcraft College, Livonia, and Henry Ford Community College, Detroit.

CUMMINS MICHIGAN, has announced the election of Gregory M. Boll to chief operating officer and president of the company.

Boll has been with the company for 16 years and has held such positions as vice president and general manager of the Western and Eastern Michigan territories as well as executive vice president and general manager for the corporation. V. Von Boll will continue as chief executive officer and chairman of the board. Von Boll has been with the Cummins Organization for 40 years. These appointments were officially announced at the company's 20th anniversary celebration held recently at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.

Cummins Michigan is the distributor for Cummins Engine Co. in the lower peninsula of Michigan with headquarters in Novi and parts and services locations in Dearborn, Grand Rapids, Saginaw and Industrial Engine Division in Novi and Diesel Fuel Systems Inc. located in Blissfield.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO., in hopes of increasing its focus on the last growing home office equipment market, announced the opening of "Office Center at Sears Brand Central" departments in 10 multi-



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line retail stores in metropolitan Detroit, Flint and Ann Arbor. The Novi store in Twelve Oaks Mall is among those Sears stores that welcomed the new department recently.

The office center is a "specialty store with a store" that offers about 85 name brands of office equipment and accessories used by small business, telecommuters and people who work in home-based businesses.

Since June Sears has opened 59 office center departments. Currently, there are Office Centers in 69 Sears stores, including 10 existing pilot centers. "Customers benefit from an Office Center's wide selection of quality products, Sears' long-standing relationship with American consumers and Sears' credit and service network," said Bill Lenahan, president of Sears Business Centers.

An Office Center at Sears occupies about 2,000 square feet of selling floor space and is adjacent to Sears Brand Central, the home appliance and electronics department. "We selected the Chicago market for office expansion primarily because of the small businesses and home-office users," Lenahan said. "This expansion marks our arrival to the Midwest."

"Office Centers specialize in selling and servicing desktop and laptop computers, printers, software, word processors, facsimile machines, office telephones, cellular telephones, answering machines, calculators and equipment accessories, IBM, Compaq, Epson, NEC, Toshiba, Hewlett-Packard, Xerox and AT&T are a few of the name brands carried by the Office Center at Sears."

MICHAEL YAEKLE of Northville was among those recently promoted at the advertising firm of Young & Rubicam Detroit. The announcement was made by Michael Howe, president and CEO of Young and Rubicam Detroit.

In the media department, Yaeckle moved from systems coordinator to media coordinator.

Young and Rubicam Detroit is the second largest Y&R office in the United States, with such clients as Lincoln-Mercury, E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

ROBERT E. TAUB, campaign manager for Novi City Council Member Joe Toth, has relocated his office to Novi. The new address is 39555 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 600. His new telephone number is 348-5773.

J. MICHAEL OSMER, a Northville insurance agent, was honored recently by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors for his more than five years of steadfast commitment to leadership and excellence through continuing insurance education.

The honor was conveyed in a testimonial signed by Dr. William T. Hold, C.I.C. president of the national organization that for over 21 years has administered a comprehensive system of continuing education for insurance professionals.

According to the C.I.C. testimonial, Mr. Osmer's commitment to excellence "has been demonstrated through outstanding individual achievement and through the highest levels of professional competence in all areas of the insurance business."

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Coming up with a company's multiplier, or capitalization rate, involves an analysis of several factors to include the safety of the investment, the certainty and regularity of the return, the liquidity of the investment, the burden of management, ownership perks, how the business is affected by inflationary changes, and firm's anticipated earnings. Esser states that this figure is based on an in-depth analysis of past and present company performance, as well as its future growth potential.

"Once we get the necessary information and documentation from the owner. It takes approximately three to four weeks to prepare the final report, which is usually 30-50 pages in length."

For more information about business valuations, readers can call 540-6600.

In two weeks we'll discuss the "art of the deal" relative to negotiating business sales agreements.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of *Market Trends*, a Northville business consulting firm. She lectures extensively on a variety of marketing topics to professional groups, associations, and non-profit organizations, and has produced two small business television series for Metro-TVision and WXON-TV20.

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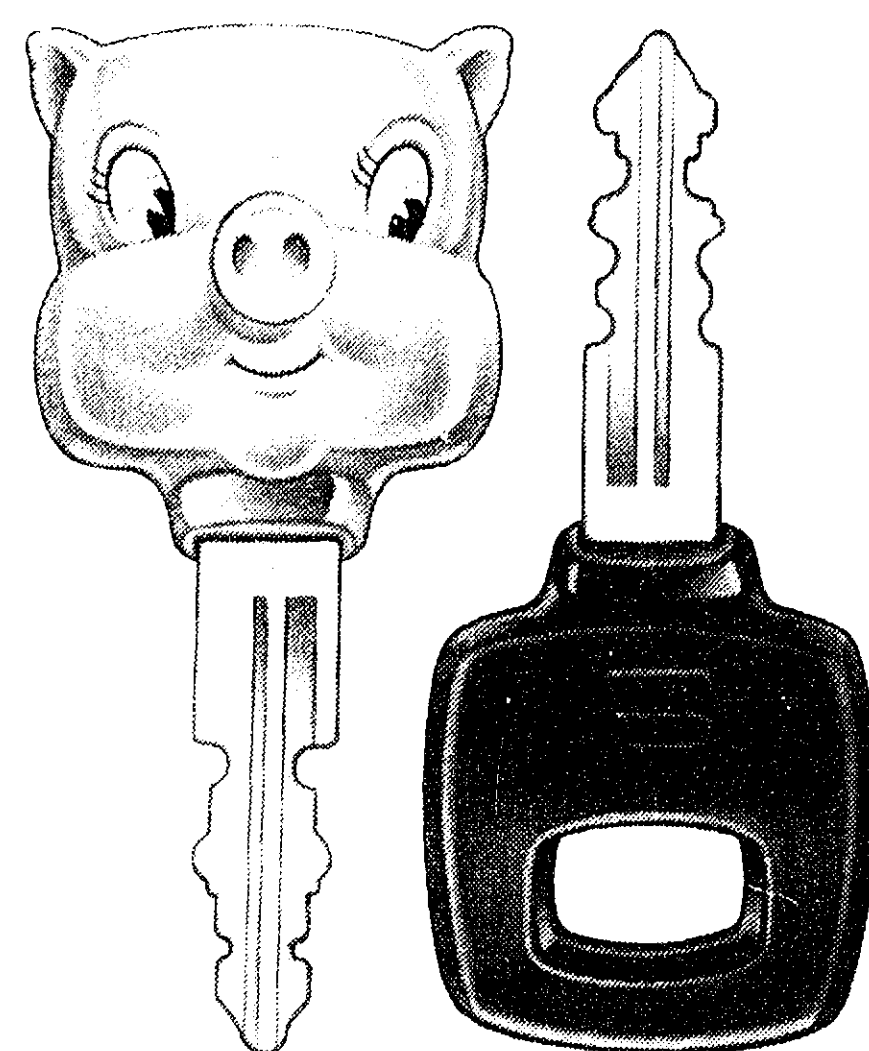
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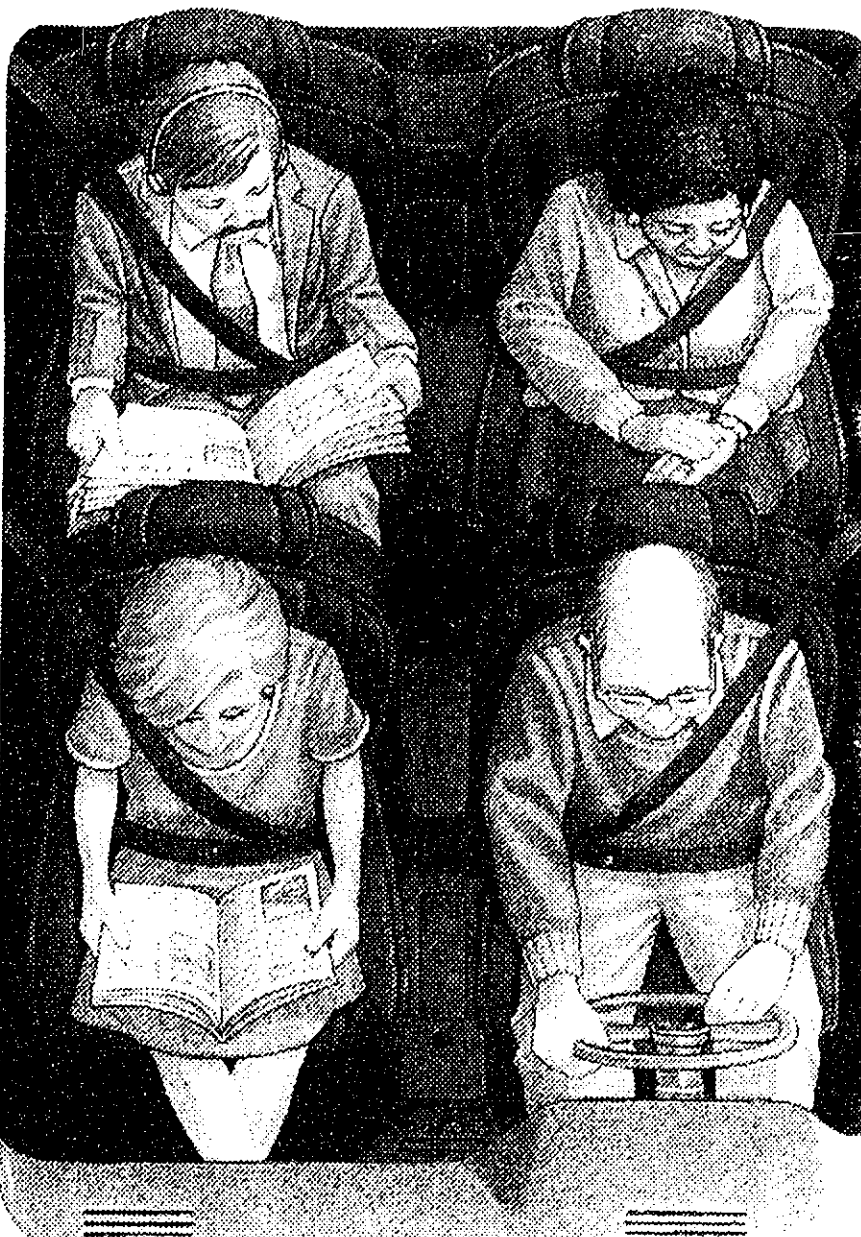
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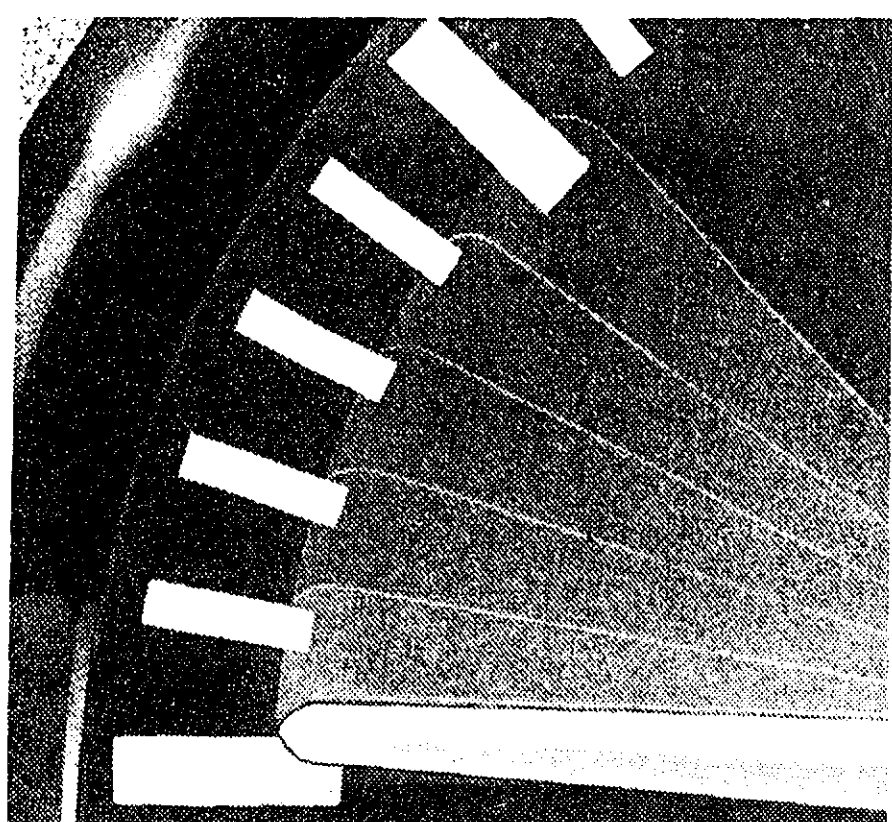
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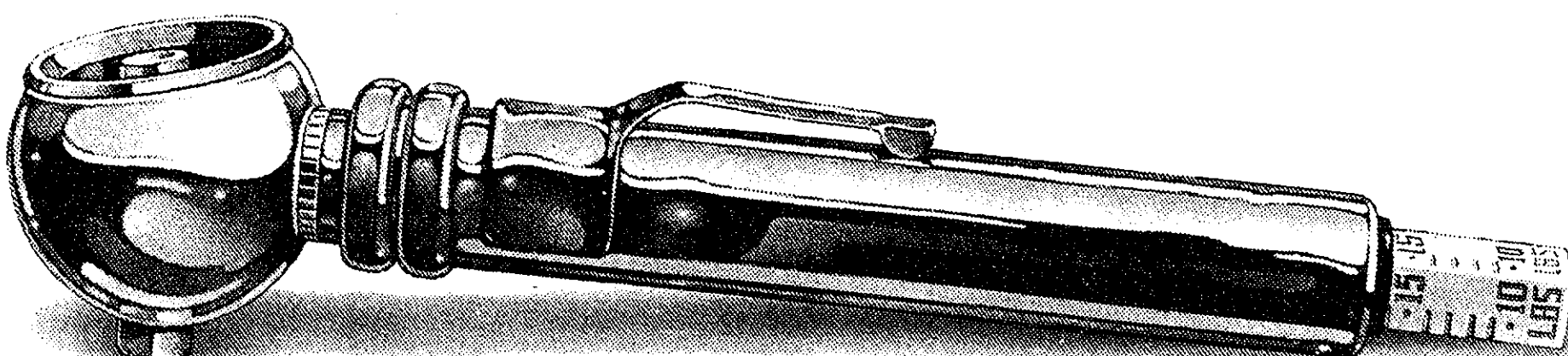
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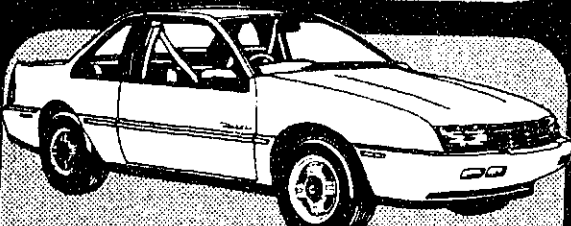
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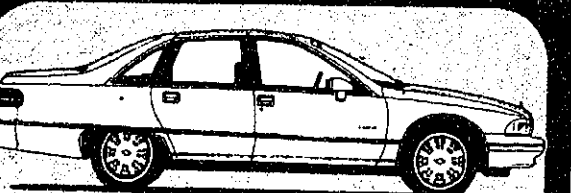
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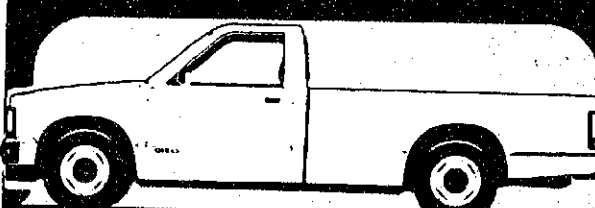
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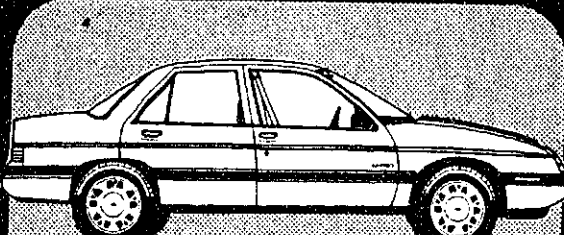
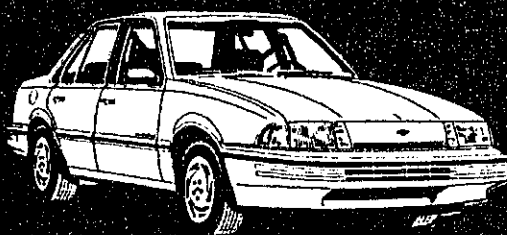
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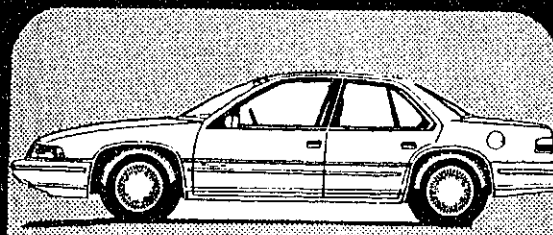
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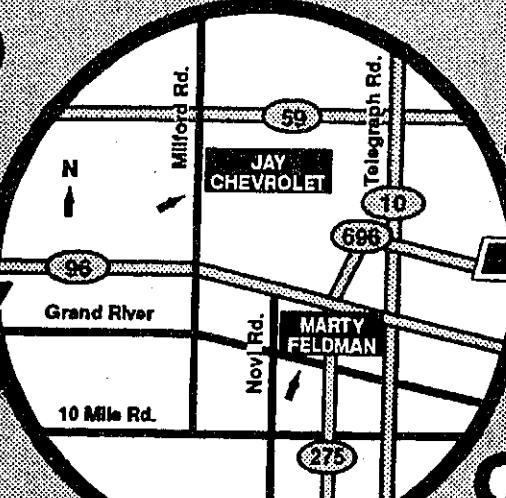
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