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City council chides ZBA for its dissent

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

The collective knuckles of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) were given a firm rap Monday, as several Novi City Council members took the board to task for two controversial 1991 decisions.

While the city was locked into a lawsuit brought by the Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO), the ZBA in April granted a series of hardship variances clearing the way for the firm's second oil well here.

Board members countered Monday at a joint meeting with the council that the original denial of the oil well application may have been politically motivated.

Both the Planning Commission and the council nixed the request. The ZBA also took heat for granting relief in October to Big Al's Novi Quick Oil Change on Novi Road.

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■ **Deciding how to spend \$350,000 left by the late Iva Fuerst to Novi's Power Park will be a top priority for the Parks and Recreation Department this year. That, and figuring out ways to gain title to more park land. The story is on page 3.**

■ **If an advisory board can be a wallflower, that's about how Novi's Stormwater Financial Review Committee feels. The board has done, member Jerry MacEachern said, "absolutely nothing." But not by choice. The story is on page 7.**



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

**Batter up**

Eleven-year-old Ryan Duffy, above, keeps his eye on the ball during a hitting clinic at the Novi Meadows Elementary school recently. The clinic was put on for Novi area youngsters by the American Baseball Camps for Novi Community Education. The program was one of two camps scheduled for students for the winter break in the Novi school district. At left, 9-year-old Justin Guffey gets ready to take a swing.

Verdict near in death of joggers

By STEVE KELLMAN

Staff Writer

The prosecution and defense rested their cases Tuesday after two days of testimony in Kenneth Loveday's manslaughter trial.

Loveday was charged with killing two joggers, brothers-in-law Yusuf Hanania and Albert Abdelnour, on Eight Mile Road last summer. He faced trial before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis X. O'Brien Monday and Tuesday. The jury may decide his fate today.

Manslaughter with a motor vehicle is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The 20-year-old former Novi resident was driving west on Eight Mile just east of Beck Road when he struck the two joggers with his Jeep Wrangler early on the morning of June 5, instantly killing them both.

"Ladies and gentlemen, what the people are going to prove in this case beyond a reasonable doubt is that the wives and children of these two people did not lose their loved ones because of an accident. They lost their loved ones because of a crime.

Roman Kalytiak
Assistant Prosecutor

ing to show that the defendant was so high that morning that he thought he saw a gray pickup truck that was never there."

Loveday told police after the accident that he swerved to avoid an oncoming pickup truck, but other witnesses to the incident could not recall seeing any such vehicle.

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Strain stands mute to charges

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

Staff Writer

Novi High School's suspended Band Director Craig Strain stood mute to charges of second degree criminal sexual conduct Jan. 3 in the 16th District Court.

Tuesday, Strain asked the court to postpone his preliminary exam. The case will resume Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. at the Livonia district courthouse.

The felony criminal sexual conduct charge carries a penalty of up to 15 years in jail and mandatory AIDS testing.

Strain was suspended with pay from his job at Novi High School Oct. 16 after a student accused

him of sexual misconduct. The school board is expected to approve a settlement with Strain tonight at a regular meeting, said board President Stephen Hitchcock.

"What they do in the criminal courts will not affect our settlement," Hitchcock said.

A female student accused Strain of criminal sexual conduct involving fondling, Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said.

But because the alleged incident occurred in Livonia, Shaeffer said, the case was turned over to the Livonia police.

Strain lived in Livonia two years ago at the time the alleged sexual misconduct occurred.

A preliminary exam was scheduled for today.

Jan. 9. But at a Tuesday hearing, Strain waived his right to a preliminary exam within 12 days of arraignment.

Strain's attorney Richard Beemer asked Judge Robert Brzezinski to reschedule the exam so a defense could be prepared.

Wayne County prosecutor Andrew Telek said Strain and his attorney received copies of the police investigation into the case on Tuesday.

Strain "did engage in sexual contact with another person . . . under the following existent circumstance . . . said victim was at least 13 but

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File Photo

The 1987 tornado flipped several mobile homes in Novi, killing Michael Muscatello, paralyzing Vanda Muscatello, and injuring their son.

Tornado victim's suit charges poor setup

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

Vanda Muscatello, who lost her husband and the use of her legs in a 1987 tornado, has to date won \$5,000 for herself and \$5,000 for her young son in a lawsuit against a mobile home manufacturer, the installer and Chateau Estates-Novi.

The high winds picked up and shattered the Muscatellos' mobile home on Rousseau Drive in Chateau Estates. The suit, filed in April 1990, charges that the residence was negligently made and anchored and seeks damages in excess of \$10,000.

A Jan. 21 trial is set for the case against Chateau Estates and its manager Robert Steiner, but Muscatello said she is seeking an adjournment Tuesday because she no longer has legal representation.

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Community Calendar

Today, January 9

School Board: The Novi Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft 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

Motorsports Hall of Fame: The Pre-Grand Opening Celebration of the Motorsports Hall of Fame will begin in the Novi Expo Center at 6 p.m. The Expo Center is located west of Novi Road, south of I-96. An auction will be held and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6-9 p.m. Music and dancing from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Forty racing vehicles will be on display during the event. Admission is \$2 and the proceeds of the event will help to pay for the construction of a permanent museum exhibit. Model car races are among the attractions.

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

Sunday, January 12

Hall of Fame: The Pre-Grand Opening Celebration of the Motorsports Hall of Fame will continue in the Novi Expo Center from noon to 5 p.m. The Expo Center is located west of Novi Road, south of I-96. Forty racing vehicles will be on display during the event. Admission is \$2 and the proceeds of the event will help to pay for the construction of a permanent museum exhibit. Model car races are among the attractions.

Monday, January 13

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

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Stolen cars recovered from field

Police News

Two stolen vehicles were recovered from a field near Thirteen Mile and Decker roads Dec. 27.

Police said an anonymous caller reported the vehicles were abandoned in the field. One, a burgundy Camaro, was described as stripped and heavily damaged. The vehicle identification number had been removed.

Upon investigation, police discovered the vehicle was stolen out of Keep Harbor two weeks earlier.

The second vehicle, a 1991 Suzuki, was reportedly undamaged. The vehicle was towed and the owner was notified.

INDIRECT EXPOSURE: A Novi woman reported Jan. 3 that a man exposed himself to her in The Springs apartment complex.

She reported that around 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2 she was walking up the stairs to her apartment and glanced downward. At that time, she said, she noticed a nude male walking around inside of his apartment with no curtains or blinds on the windows.

The woman said she continued to walk upstairs to her apartment, giving the incident little thought.

However, at 7:30 the next morning, she said, she walked out to her vehicle and discovered a photograph of a nude man on her windshield. The man's face was not visible in the photo.

Management at the apartment complex told police that the suspect in the apartment moved out on Jan. 3.

ATTEMPTED SHOPLIFTING: An employee at Kohl's on Novi Road reported Jan. 2 that someone tried to steal a microwave oven from the store.

Police said the man was stopped by store employees at 12:00 p.m. as he was walking out the front door with it on his shoulder.

When stopped, employees said, the man set the microwave down and escaped into the parking lot.

He is described as being in his mid-20s, approximately 5-foot-10, 220 pounds with brown hair and a brown mustache.

MDOP: A resident on Charlemagne in the Chateau Estates mobile home

reported Jan. 2 that someone tried to steal a BB gun sometime on Dec. 27.

The vehicle, a 1974 Dodge truck, had a BB hole in the driver's side window, police said. In addition, there were four BB holes reported in the vinyl siding of the house.

The owner told police he parked to shop, and returned to find the vehicle gone.

LARCENY: A customer at Vic Tanny reported Dec. 29 that someone stole approximately \$150 cash from his locker between 1 and 2 p.m. Dec. 29.

The man said he returned to his locker after working out to the money and his lock missing. The wallet, however, was left in the locker.

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Novi Briefs

Bottle drive: The Tollgate 4-H Education Center is collecting returnable bottles and cans to fund an Exceptional Equestrian program.

The program helps handicapped children develop their muscles and self-confidence through horseback riding.

From now through Jan. 15, Tollgate is accepting returnable bottles and cans to fund the program. Drop bottles off at the center, on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads, or call 347-3860 to have the center pick up your returnables. Drop-off sites also will be located at some Novi grocery stores.

Calling former band members: The Novi High School bands are in need of uniforms and only former band students and their parents can help. Uniforms are in short supply for both symphony and concert bands. Through the years, some students have failed to return uniforms upon graduation, causing a serious shortage for current students. If you have one or part of a uniform, or know someone who does, call Paula Joyner-Clunard, 344-8300 or Nina Harris, 347-0054.

Confused about school finance? If the terms in-formula, out-of-formula, recapture, categorical and tax base sharing have you confused, then we have just the thing you need. The Novi News in conjunction with the Novi Community School District will be answering questions about school finance in a clip-and-save article to be published in a future edition of the paper.

STOLEN VEHICLE: A Novi resident reported Jan. 3 that someone stole his 1991 Oldsmobile Bravada from the parking lot of General Cinema at Novi Center.

Police had no further information about the incident.

VANDALISM: A resident on Pheasant Run reported Jan. 3 that someone threw eggs at her residence.

The woman told police she heard noises at her front door around 7:40 p.m. and opened the door to answer it. Upon opening the door, she said, she discovered it had been hit with eggs.

Police logged several other reports of egg-throwing Jan. 3, including two that described the culprits as teens in a black Ford Tempo.

MDOP: A resident on Galway reported Jan. 5 that someone drove through her yard, tearing it up and spraying mud on her vehicle.

Police noted sets of the same tire tracks crossing five residences on Galway.

Senior party planning: The Novi High School senior party planning committee is being formed. All adults interested in making the party a spectacular event should contact Kathy McCarthy, 348-6525, in the evening or Lisa Willard, 478-7087, in the evening.

Volunteers Needed: Northville Civic Concern is asking for volunteers to help on the second and fourth Fridays of the month to sort donated food stuffs and prepare food sacks for the needy of the area.

Usually the hours are in the morning from 9 to noon. Civic Concern is located in the Senior Citizens Center on Cady Street. The group is especially in need of people who are able to lift sacks of groceries and boxes of food donated. They must be picked up, brought to the center, and sorted. If you can volunteer to help with this project, call 349-1509.

Home Watch: The Novi Police Department is beginning a new service to the citizens of Novi called Home Watch. Effective immediately, Novi residents who will be away from home for several days can request increased patrol activity in their neighborhood and added attention to their residence by calling the Novi Police Department's Crime Prevention Office at 348-7100. Residents should call in advance of departure.

Callers will be asked their address, departure and return dates, and a local resident who can be contacted in the event a problem is detected. The resident will be sent a package of information informing them of several things they can do before leaving to help keep their property secure while they are away.

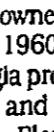
Living with a worst-case scenario: The Novi Fire Department has recently published a brochure on how to cut your losses in the event of a fire. Advice includes how to inventory your goods, pet care, cleaning and salvaging tips, smoke odor reduction and clothing and furniture restoration.

For information, contact the fire department at 349-2162.

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 1960s, 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.

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Michigan Bell has lost 10 percent of its long distance business within Michigan and 70 percent of its WATS business since the telephone industry was deregulated in 1984. Hurst said. "We said all along that that progressive new law would be good for telephone customers," Hurst said. "We meant what we said, and today we're proving it."

While consumers will receive savings on long-distance calls, rates will go up for such services as operator-assisted calls and third party calls, Hurst said. There are no plans to raise rates for directory assistance, he added.

The new telecommunications law passed the state Senate 27-5. State senator Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi, voted to approve the new law.

Gov. John Engler signed the bill on Dec. 23.

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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Wipe out

Snow fall, what there has been so far this season, has provided Novi youngsters with a good deal of winter fun.

At top, James Evans, age 11, and John Messer, 8, collide while sledding in Lakeshore Park. At right, Brian Thompson, 10, gets a little help from friend as he starts off toward the bottom of the sledding hill.



Injunction sought against mother

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District has sought an injunction against the mother of a severely emotionally impaired student.

Oakland County Circuit Court judge Rudy Nichols is asked to issue an injunction against a Novi parent on Dec. 18. He signed a temporary injunction, and the woman was issued a summons on Dec. 5 to answer the complaint.

The complaint alleges the woman has threatened school officials and teachers.

The woman also allegedly verbally and physically abuse her son in class, March 26, according to court records. She slapped her son so hard his cheek was red for over three hours, according to affidavits on record at the court.

And Parkview Elementary School teacher claims to have seen the woman throwing eggs at a car in the school's parking lot Nov. 13, according to the complaint.

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At a hearing with the social services department, a judge ordered police to escort a school official and teacher from the building because the woman was "abusive and assaultive," according to the complaint.

A Parkview Elementary School teacher claims to have seen the woman throwing eggs at a car in the school's parking lot Nov. 13, according to the complaint.

And Parkview Principal Jim Irwick saw the woman spray painting a poster hung in the school's hallway on Dec. 2, the complaint said.

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Board wants say on shared taxes

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The payment of commercial and industrial tax revenue to the state under Michigan's new tax base sharing program will no longer be automatic. The Novi school board decided recently it wants its next payment to come before the board for approval first.

With several lawsuits already under way elsewhere in the state against school districts which complied with the new state law and made their payments, the Novi board wants control of those payments.

The move raises the possibility that the Novi district could refuse the state its money.

School board Vice President Robert Schmitz told district attorneys at a Dec. 13 meeting he wanted the next tax base sharing payment to come to the school board for approval. Novi schools will lose about \$400,000 to the plan. Half of the money was paid to the state in late 1991. The second half is due before the end of the school year.

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

In the meantime, Wayne and Macomb county taxpayers are seeking to stop tax-base sharing. Their effort has been successful so far with an injunction in place preventing some school districts from participating in tax-base sharing.

The lawsuit to end tax-base sharing is in a hold-

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ing pattern, according to Livonia lawyer Frank Guido, who is representing taxpayers in the case.

And the status quo is good enough in this case, Guido said.

Six Wayne County school districts are named as defendants in a lawsuit filed Dec. 6 to prevent the districts from participating in tax-base sharing.

An injunction issued Dec. 6 by Wayne Circuit Judge Roland Ozlark preventing the school districts from paying the state their share of tax-base sharing money remains in effect.

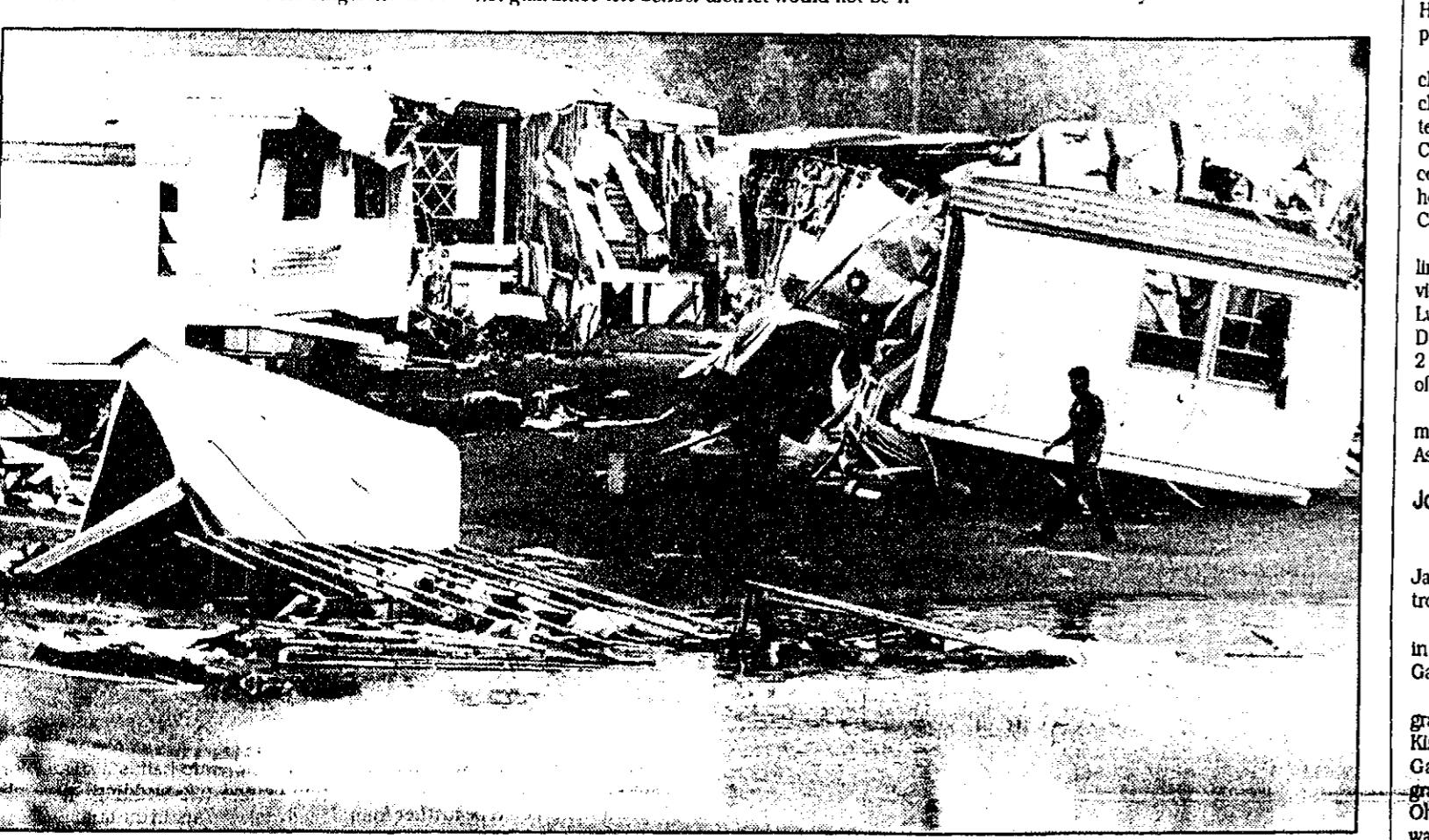
The state has not filed a response in the case. Guido says state attorneys can take all the time they need.

"If (the state) wants to take 10 years, that's fine. We've accomplished what we set out to accomplish. We stopped the payments."

But a response will likely come sometime this month, Guido said. The assistant attorney general defending the state's position is on vacation.

Novi has chosen not to participate in the lawsuit or withhold money from the state. Lawyers for the Attorney General's office said they did not guarantee the school district would not be liable.

The state fights tax base sharing on eight counts of unconstitutionality.



The aftermath of the deadly 1987 Novi tornado

Tornado survivor pursues lawsuit

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Neither party was awarded court costs.

In August, Muscatello and her young son, representing the estate of her late husband, Michael, settled for \$25,000 from the Novi-based independent mobile home repair service. Snider anchored the mobile home to its lot in 1992.

Of that money, \$15,000 went to Muscatello's attorneys to cover costs and fees. She and her son each gained \$5,000.

The Father's Day June 21, 1987 tornado made a shambles of the young family's lives. Vanda Muscatello, who was conscious while the

trailer flew the air, was left a paraplegic after a falling wall broke her back.

Her husband, Michael, 24, then 19 months old, had to have his spine removed.

The Muscatellos had just purchased the home in April 1987.

The family's former attorneys David Christensen and Mary Pat Thomas argued that the mobile home was not adequately anchored, that the inspection and installation were negligent, as was the manufacture of the product.

When the mobile home was set up in 1982, the Chateau Estates management approved the work after two addi-

tional tie-downs were put in place. The residence had eight tie-downs altogether.

Muscatello's lawyers contend that it is well-known within the mobile home industry that high winds have resulted in significant property damage to the structures and the deaths of some occupants.

The two types of tie-downs can be placed on the structures, either on the frame and/or over-the-top. The Muscatellos home had no over-the-top tie-downs.

Financial damages were sought for Vanda Muscatello's and her son's pain, suffering, loss of income and love, as well as funeral expenses for her husband.

Novi-based attorney Sandra Prokop, who represents Redman, argued successfully that the home met federal Housing and Urban Development standards, that the manufacturer was not required to provide anchoring equipment and did not have an obligation to build a product which could survive a direct tornado hit.

Prokop also told the judge that the lawsuit, by asking for a state regulation action via the courts, was an attempt to circumvent the regulatory purposes of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974. The act prohibits the state from providing different standards.

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 clerks 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

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Singh Development Co., Ltd. is requesting a temporary use permit to allow placement of a temporary trailer to be used as a rental office for Westford Townhomes, located on the east side of Decker Road, north of Thirteen Mile Road, on Parcels No. 50-22-000-010. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for Temporary Use Permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 1992, at the Novi Civic Center, 1575 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to January 16, 1992. (1992 NR, NN)

GERALDINE STIPP
CITY CLERK

City consultant dies in aircraft

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Financially liable for withholding payments, Guido said. Refusing to participate in tax-base sharing could cost a school district its state aid. Novi receives about 5 percent of its budget from state revenue.

Northville schools owes \$27,000 to the state for tax base sharing. A second, equal payment will be due later this year.

Northville school officials worried the state might penalize the districts for not making the payments, and they asked to be held harmless in the lawsuit.

Judge Ozlark told the state they would have to give the school districts time to ask for an injunction before any sanctions could be levied against the districts.

Guido said he is working out a plan with school districts to put the money into escrow accounts. If taxpayers lose the case, then the money will be immediately available to the state, Guido said.

Taxpayers in Macomb County have filed a similar lawsuit. The Wayne County lawsuit mirrors the Macomb County case.

Guido said he hopes to combine the two. Defendants in the case include Northville, Dearborn, Livonia, Grosse Pointe, Plymouth and Canton and Crestwood school districts.

One taxpayer from each school district and the Wayne County Taxpayer's Association are named as plaintiffs in the case. Northville homeowner and attorney Stephen Whitaker is among the plaintiffs.

The state is arguing on behalf of the school districts. Legal costs also are being handled by the plaintiffs.

The case fights tax base sharing on eight counts of unconstitutionality.

"Problems that might get other

people upset, he could handle."

Jacobs was killed when a chartered plane crashed just about five miles short of an airport runway in Venezuela.

Jacobs was with friend Peter Greig, a Bloomfield resident.

The two men apparently were

turning from a sightseeing venture when they ran out of fuel.

Jacobs, a Birmingham resident, is survived by his son Michael, his daughter Christine, a granddaughter Alyssa, a sister and three brothers.

Price Funeral Home in Troy is expected to handle burial arrangements.

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Use us or lose us, committee says

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If an advisory board can be a wallflower, that's about how Novi's Stormwater Financial Review Committee feels.

The four-member committee has not met once this year and has not received the quarterly reports it has requested on the city's stormwater management program. The board has done, member Jerry MacEachern said, "absolutely nothing."

"But not by choice."

Three members questioned why the city administration and consulting engineers are not using the millage-financed program without input from the committee.

Committee members want to be informed and activated or else disbanded, they told the City Council in their annual joint meeting Monday.

The oversight group was charged in 1983 with monitoring how a one-mill voter-approved tax and a \$3.97 million bond is spent to upgrade the city's flood control system. Work continues on a series of retention ponds, part of the stormwater management plan.

One mill equals \$1 per each \$1,000 of state-estimated valuation of a property. With state rollbacks, that mill will be assessed at 76 cents per \$1,000 of value.

Committee members say the city's department of public services and consulting engineers from JCK & Associates have not kept them up to date on the work.

"My concerns are not notified," committee member Joela Schulman said. "Should a committee exist if the things we're expected to review continue to function?"

"If they do not want us to function as you charged, there's \$1 million they're playing with I know nothing about. I have a problem with that."

The committee's current budget was prepared by JCK and the city administration.

"It sounds to me as if JCK is running the program," he said.

"I feel director of public service Tony Novicki is one of the most responsive department heads in the city. That's why I'm confused why they haven't got direction from the administration. Maybe it's the council's fault. Maybe JCK's gotten too comfortable."

City Manager Edward Kriewall suggested that the council meet with the committee and engineers and see if it's time to "sunset" the citizens' group.

"I think there's been some feeling that over time a lot of your charges would be turned over to administration," he said. "There's a lot of change, a lot of evolution. I think it probably needs a fresh look."

Novi's past remains a present concern

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

"We would require that you would wear costumes from 1914," Commission Chair Janice Soszynski said.

The township hall is available for rentals and two weddings have already taken place in the quaint building, located near the Novi library.

The commission is hoping they'll get the funds from the city to build a lighted walkway to the hall.

The commission is also trying to overcome a communications gap. Soszynski said the group was never asked to participate in the Michigan '50s Festival, although local history is their specialty, now that she was aware until that evening that the city's public relations department has an ongoing oral history program.

"Nobody came to us. We put together a document on how to do an oral history," she said.

The commission's goals include working with the other city boards and commissions, pow-wowing with neighboring historical societies and cataloging the Novi Historical Museum's collection.



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Opinions

As We See It

Novi police operated in secrecy in 1991

Perhaps we did not make ourselves clear.

One of the members of the Novi Police Department stopped our staff writer, Cristina Ferrer, while she was picking up blotter items Tuesday to let her know that many officers there found quite humorous our editorial announcement Monday that we had filed Freedom of Information requests for 232 unaccounted for police incident reports. The police officers passed it around and got quite a chuckle out of it, he said. And what he wanted to know is the newspaper's problem anyway?

Perhaps we did not make ourselves clear.

The Freedom of Information Act was voted on and passed by the state Legislature in 1976. It's the law. We don't care whether you like it. We don't care if you agree with it. We don't care if you take it seriously. It's the law. And it seems to us that a law enforcement agency, you ought to follow the law.

We asked politely a year ago that Novi police abide by it. We reminded the department several times over the course of year. Now we are going to insist.

We would expect no less of you, though we suspect you would show less patience.

Tuesday, Novi police released more reports than usual — 99 to be exact. But 165 were still missing and unaccounted for. The Novi News promptly filed more FOI requests Wednesday, bringing to 397 the number of reports now under FOI request. Of the first 232 asked for, none have yet been turned over. The department has until Friday to respond to that first request.

But maybe these raw numbers don't make the severity of the problem clear. After all, it doesn't show what kind of reports — incidents or arrests — the police department has been holding back from the public.

A clearer picture might emerge by comparing the information that was released during 1991 against the department's own totals of criminal activity and arrests in Novi.

This week, we took the year-to-date totals from the department's October 1991 "monthly activity report" — submitted to the City Council in mid-December and therefore count as the latest statistics available — and compared them to the reports the Novi police department had previously filed during the first 10 months of last year. The numbers show severe gaps in the information being made available to the Novi public.

Murder is the only category for which the numbers match the information previously released by the department. The activity report shows three arrests, year to date through October, in Novi.

There was Felipe Planes and Nelson Cobas, arrested as a result of Novi police investigation into the murder of a Detroit man in a drug deal gone bad in late 1990. They were sent up for life. And there was the case of the 45-year-old Novi woman, who beat her father so badly in September that he died of his wounds in October. She is now undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

The numbers regarding criminal sexual conduct cases and sex offenses look downright foreign. Remember that the now defunct "police media relations policy" strictly prohibited the release of information about sex crimes, which was one of the provisions we took to task a year ago as being a violation of the FOI act.

Through the end of October, the Novi police department had released information about two criminal sexual conduct cases and one arrest.

But the monthly activity report shows there had been five incidents of CSC, degrees I and III (the most serious



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categories) and two arrests on these charges. For CSC II, the report shows two incidents and two arrests. For CSC IV (the least serious category) and other sex offenses, the reports shows 38 incidents had been recorded through the end of October and six arrests had been made. No information on these had been released.

■ Robbery statistics in the activity report show nine incidents had occurred and six arrests had been made. Information had been released publicly about only four of the incidents and none of the arrests.

■ Aggravated assault statistics show 23 incidents occurred, for which four arrests were made. Information had been released to the public about only two incidents and none of the arrests.

■ The October activity report showed 152 burglaries had occurred year to date through October, for which there were six arrests. Information had been released about 11 incidents and no arrests.

■ If you read the Novi News' police blotter column regularly, you might not be surprised to learn there were 1,182 incidents of larceny in town for the first 10 months of last year. This is one of the few categories regularly released by Novi police.

What might surprise you is the number of arrests made in this category. Public information about larceny arrests barely reached double digits. In the monthly activity report, Novi police claim to have arrested 202 people on larceny charges.

■ For non-aggravated assaults, the report shows 143 incidents and 26 arrests. Information had been released about two incidents and one arrest.

■ For forgery and counterfeiting, the report shows there were 16 incidents and three arrests. Information was released on none of these.

■ For narcotics, the report shows 49 incidents and 36 arrests. Information was released on one incident and no arrests.

■ Operating under the influence is one of the more interesting categories to examine. Why such reports would be withheld is unclear. There is not likely to be much follow up investigation needed for an OUIL arrest. Nor would public release of such information tip off perpetrators to police investigative procedures. And other departments — Northville and the state police, for instance — release OUIL reports as a matter of routine practice.

It was a lousy way to come into the New Year.

The University of Michigan football team got decidedly whupped in the Rose Bowl by the vastly superior Washington Huskies. And the after-shocks of General Motors' announced plant closings and workforce reductions were still rattling around the state.

UM and GM are traditionally among Michigan's strongest assets. That both should face similar competitive challenges in the future should serve as a cautionary tale.

As to the Wolverines, the suspicion had been growing for years in Ann Arbor that the UM football program, though successful, was a long way from the top national rank.

The best competitive test: the Big Ten's continued record of failure in the Rose Bowl against the Pacific Ten. It wasn't just Bo Schembechler's fault; most football observers say the Big Ten simply isn't in the same league.

Bo had a wonderful run in his 21 years as head coach. But like the corporate momentum built up over the years at GM, his long tenure at Michigan may have solidified habits that were once good but now uncompetitive.

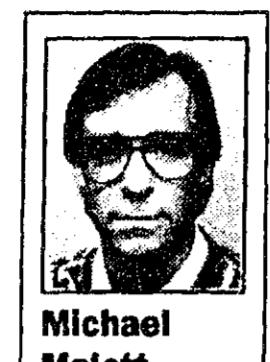
GM faces a similar challenge for similar reasons.

The rise of competition — first from Europe, then Japan — changed the face of the market.

GM looks as bad against the Japanese as the Big Ten in the Rose Bowl. In 1979 GM commanded 46 percent of the American auto market; in 1991, only 35 percent.

Like Bo stubbornly running play after play into the line.

Our concern with Novi police



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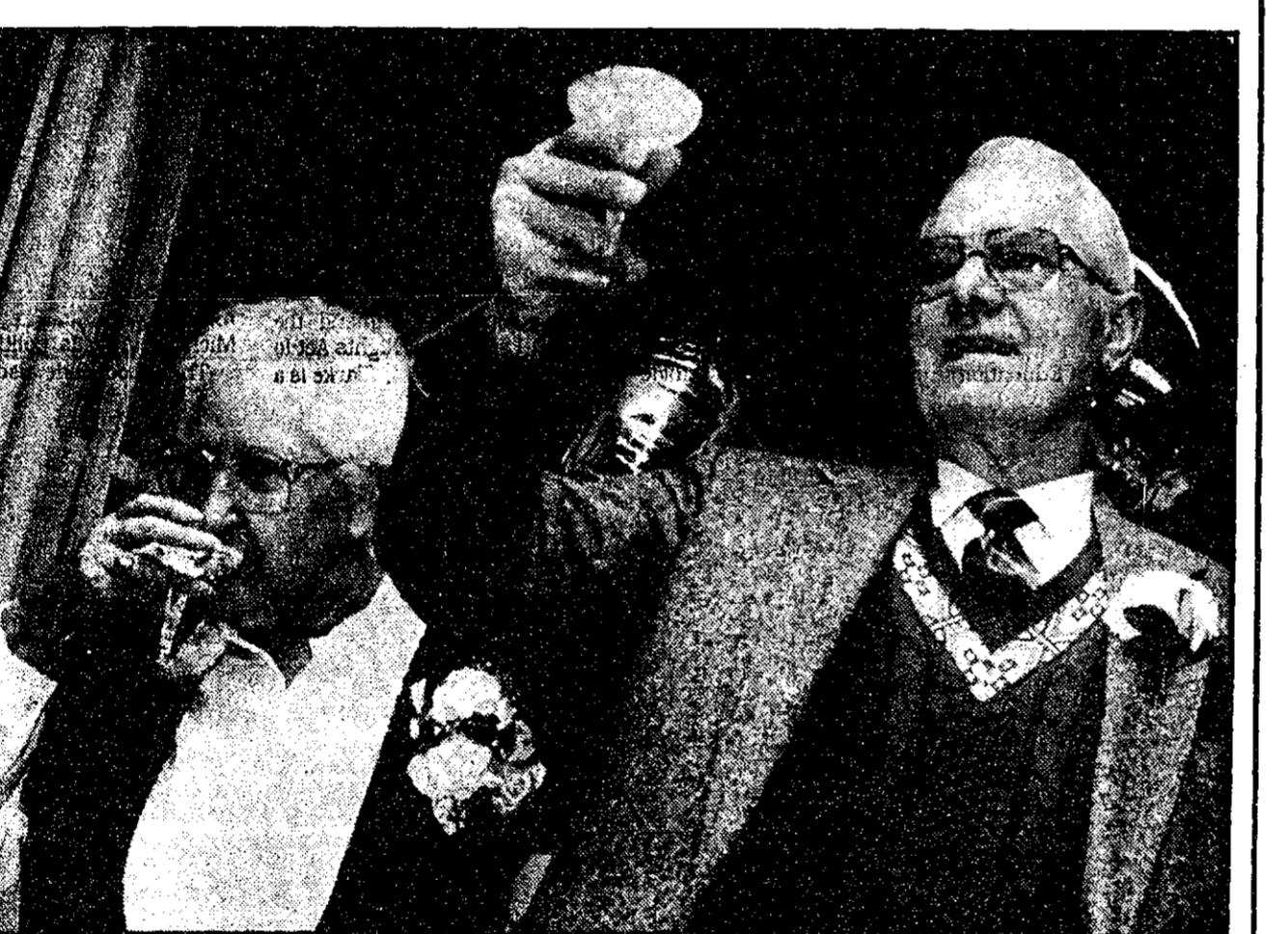
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Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



'Happy anniversary'

Clarence and Catherine Holman
celebrated their 50th anniversary
recently in the Northville VFW Hall

A lousy way to start the year



Phil
Power

the troubles at the same time

GM first tried to solve the competitive problem by a traditional method: Throw money at it. The company spent \$77 million in new plants and equipment to reduce labor costs. But as Fortune Magazine recently concluded, "Nobody spent as much as GM and got so little for it."

Finally, like Gary Moeller installing a modern diversified offense at Michigan, GM realized it had to fix its uninspired and poor quality product line. In the last two years, it has introduced a record-setting number of new products to uniform raves from the automobile press and consumers.

But with a recession on and the company still 40 percent less productive than Ford, more fundamental steps were required. Hence GM's decision to close six assembly plants, 15 other factories and shrink the labor force by 76,000 plus, and what's more, was still rattling around the state.

That both GM and UM face fundamental problems of succeeding in today's world can be seen from two quotes:

■ UM star offensive tackle Greg Skrepnak: "We definitely need an adjustment to take our game to the next level." Possibly "adjustment" underscores what needs to be done.

■ Japanese Prime Minister Miyazawa: "GM is like the Stars and Stripes to the United States, so it comes as a great shock to Americans that GM has been defeated by Japanese cars." Possibly "defeated" is too strong, but make no mistake, GM's downsizing indicates clearly that the corporation has no plans to regain traditional U.S. market share in the foreseeable future.

Times change. More often than not, the competition improves. And all too often, the old ways that brought past success do little but hinder future accomplishment. Fundamental change is necessary, if only for survival.

Gary Moeller knows this at GM, just as Bob Stempel knows it at GM. Let's all hope for their success in this New Year and the future.

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

Rev. Jackson peddles 'baloney'



Tim
Richard

John Engler, over the General Assistance welfare issue.

Engler contends that the cure for welfare is jobs.

On his recent visit to Engler's Detroit office, a reporter asked Jackson about "welfare dependency."

His floundering reply indicated he didn't know what the guy was talking about.

General Assistance, the program Engler and the Legislature ended Oct. 1, 1991, had been funded by the counties — some of them, anyway — until 1976 when state funding and rules had been created.

About half those jobs were filled by people in the unemployment line. A few were filled by previous AFDC recipients. And a few were filled by those who had been on General Assistance.

In short, Blanchard's "Michigan Miracle" only dented the welfare caseload — which wasn't Blanchard's fault.

Essentially he jugged the programs to maximize federal matching grants. The result of his allegedly conservative action was a \$5.9 billion social services bill — the highest in Michigan history.

The cure for welfare dependency? I don't know. At least some of us know the welfare phenomenon exists. Jesse Jackson doesn't.

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

Letters

To the Editor:

I appreciate Steve Kellman's recent articles featured in the Novi News and the Northville Record regarding the substantial flooding that has been occurring on my upstream property since the construction of "Pheasant Hills" in Northville.

It seems foolish that despite numerous documents, including engineering reports and the minutes of city council meetings that acknowledge and reveal that the culverts in Pheasant Hills were intentionally designed to restrict the

flow of stormwater from high intensity storms, utilizing my property to "store" at least 1.1 feet of stormwater — The City of Northville, Singh Development and their consulting engineers, continue to play the game of "denial and cover-up."

How many letters from agencies of high authority citing inadequate drainage and various violations of floodplain regulations do they need

in order to get the message?

It's common sense that when you purposely create a series of dams downstream — which is exactly how the restrictive culverts function, stormwater will back up and flood property upstream, and common courtesy tells us that it is wrong and unneighborly to encroach upon and use someone else's property without their consent.

Laura J. Lorenzo

If your calculator isn't handy, I'll save you the trouble: a 677 percent increase.

"Anyone who comes to our kitchen six months or more will come the rest of their lives," said Thiel.

Or as the old saying goes: "Give a man a fish, and you make him a slave. Teach him to fish, and you make him free."

Jackson can't grasp that. When Jackson returns Jan. 15, Engler needs to preach to him, not the other way around.

This leaves us in a dilemma:

• God-fearing folks don't like to see others go hungry, so they give. Even agnostics and atheists are known to share this view.

• But the more and longer we give, the more wind up as perpetual clients. To pay for the ever-increasing burden, we short-change our schools, colleges, natural resources and the arts.

Far from being a scissorhands, Engler has replaced GA with a new disability program, EDGE (Educational Design for Gainful Employment), a \$60 million emergency shelter program, and so on.

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Novi library books don't get dusty on the shelves

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi residents are far more likely than the average American to turn to a good book for entertainment.

And they keep their library cards at the ready.

The city library's circulation per capita is 6.46 books.

"Which is an excellent use of the library. This is twice the national average of 3.5 books," Library Board Member James Evenhuis told the Novi City Council Monday during a meeting between the two panels.

Active library cards are held by 16,670 Novi residents — 50.29 percent of the city's population. Inactive cards are purged by the library's computers after three years of non-use.

This is impressive compared to the national average of 26 percent. Evenhuis said. In Garden City, only 8 percent

of the residents have library cards. In Lincoln Park, it's 11 percent. But Farmington Hills just beats Novi, with 50.4 percent of its citizens signed up.

Library use surged upwards after the 1989 remodeling. Evenhuis said.

The library's top goals are to provide a center for both reading for enjoyment and reference work, board chair Paul Black explained.

Novi already has 62,779 books on its shelves — 1.9 books per capita. But that's far from ideal, according to Evenhuis. The library board is aiming for three books per capita — roughly 90,000 volumes.

The turnover rate for each of these existing books is a 3.39 circulation per month.

"The population growth has outstripped our ability to grow a quality book collection," he said.

But Novi's library has made defi-

nite strides. It wasn't so long ago that Novi looked to the Northville library as a role model. Now, Northville residents are checking out the services — and books — here.

In 1979, the Novi library had a monthly circulation of 5,000 books. That figure is now 17,754, as opposed to Northville's 10,553.

Five to six percent of Northville library users came to the Novi library in 1990, Black said, while two to three percent of Novi library patrons take their custom to Northville.

"It sort of spreads around," Evenhuis explained, adding that Farmington Hills residents checked out 329 books in Novi, while Novi residents took home 4,000 books from the Farmington Hills library.

"It's nice to know we've got one of the top flight libraries in the area," Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

Zoning board taken to task

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Tim Pope said the ZBA's ruling on SOMOCO "gutted" the city's defense in the suit, forcing the council to reluctantly approve the operations.

"I thought you were a quasi-judicial board appointed by council to implement the policies of council and the ordinances," Pope said. "I was disturbed because I felt part of the decision was not based on the merits of what was before you. The comment to me was maybe the council made a political decision."

"If the council made a political decision, I feel the ZBA appointed by the council should back the council up."

Council Member Nancy Cassis agreed that the ZBA's stance "hurt" the court case.

ZBA Chair G. Brent Canup argued that the board has a responsibility to make decisions free of political considerations.

"If you would address this thing with reality, you would see the ZBA made the right decision. And if you listened to what your legal counsel had to say, you would see it was in the best interests of the City of Novi," Canup said.

"Quite frankly, I don't think we put the city council in a position where you had no choice."

ZBA member Lisa Foote backed Canup, contending that the foundation of their ruling was laid by the city council and the planning commission.

"The overwhelming criteria of facts supported those reasons for which our board granted a variance," she said.

While Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said he didn't agree with the ZBA's action on the oil well, he thought the board was doing a "good job."

"You're in a very difficult position. I don't agree with all your decisions, but I fully respect your ability to make those decisions. I don't feel the rug was pulled from under me," Crawford added.

Pope asked the ZBA to justify the variances granted to Big A's, allowing the business to be built on a less than

one half-acre lot along Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads. He said the hardship was self-created by the purchaser of the property, adding was "disappointed" by the approvals.

Area residents were opposed to the ZBA decision.

"How can you look at 100 people who say please don't do this, we have a congested area. What's the benefit?" Council Member Carol Mason asked.

From a "realistic standpoint," Canup said, there are few businesses which could fit into the small lot.

"There has to be an allowable use. In my opinion, there could have been a lot of other things in there that would have been a lot more offensive. A quick oil change is a soft use," he said.

"I fail to see how it would help anybody by not granting it. One new person in the neighborhood stirred all this up."

Mason said she felt the council, planning commission and ZBA should work together.

"If you think everybody's going to agree seven-to-nine, even if you change the board, it's not going to happen," said ZBA Member Brian Fannon, who opposed the SOMOCO variance.

"We have never been treated as a board like this before.

"It's like you people feel we did something to hurt you or it's political. We didn't do anything to hurt the citizens of Novi. We live here."

No one on the board has ever gained anything from their decisions, Canup said: "Everything this board does we do with a great deal of thought and as much research as possible . . . If the council is looking for somebody to agree with everything you want, you may as well discharge us."

Mayor Matthew Quinn said that the ZBA understood its job, but that there was a legitimate disagreement.

"I certainly wouldn't ever want a quasi-judicial board like you to function as a mouthpiece for the planning commission or the council," he said.

Crawford seconded this.

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Cristina Ferrier

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The mudslinging television commercials that so endearingly invaded our homes in 1988 haven't started yet, but the Olympic exploitation already has.

Everything seems to be the official whatnot of the 1992 Olympics. The official candy, the official shampoo, the official toilet paper.

But it all pales compared to what I saw Sunday afternoon.

The 3-M Corp. has an advertisement that compares Olga Korbut with Post-It notes.

Have you seen it? It fools you at first into thinking it's not a commercial, so you're sucked into an "Olympic moment" of the 1972 Munich games.

The announcer talks of Korbut's innovation in being the first gymnast to perform a backward handspring on the balance beam, and shows film of her performance.

Then suddenly, the scene gaudily turns to a pile of yellow Post-It notes.

It was that same innovation that allowed the 3-M corporation to invent Post-It notes, the announcer says, with the feeling and sincerity of a Desert Storm soldier saluting the flag.

The beginning of every new year is a time when advertisers seem to become exploitative. If it's not an Olympic year, they still go for everyone's gut feeling that this is the year they must accomplish something. Health clubs and diet centers love the new year.

But have you heard the radio advertisement for bartender's school?

Wasn't this the year, the announcer asks, that you were going to really make something of yourself? You know, start a new career that makes lots of money, so you can buy a new house and a new car?

I'm not poking fun at bartending as a career — in fact, I have worked as a bartender myself and found that the money can be pretty decent if you work in the right place.

But over the years I have been doing an informal survey about bartender's school, and I would like to share the results, even though they are incredibly unreliable and unscientific.

Since 1986, when I worked as a bartender, I have asked other people if they have ever worked as a bartender, and whether they went to bartending school.

Every single bartender or former bartender got their job by working in some other position at the restaurant/bar, then switching to bartending. None of them have said they went to bartending school.

I'd be willing to bet all the money in my pocket (which isn't very much) that most bartenders are former waiters or bouncers.

And those who have gone to bartending school?

None of them — not one — have actually worked as a bartender.

So don't listen to those ads. Bartending is kind of fun, but it's probably not going to make you rich. And you don't have to go to school for it.

Instead, you might want to invent the Post-It note.

Volunteer



JACKIE AND BERT JOHNSON

Meal delivery provides companionship as well

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"They have special chairs for us to sit on," said Bert Johnson about some of the disabled, homebound recipients of Meals on Wheels when he and his wife, Jackie, come delivering hot and cold food one day a week. "They need the meal," Jackie said, "but they need the company too. We're the highlight of their day."

Once a week the Jonhsons leave home about 10:30, go to Novi Civic Center, pick up the food for the eight or ten persons on their list, load it into two containers on their car — one for hot and one for cold — and go on their way.

"We have a route, mostly in South Lyon," said Bert. "They're mostly women." Ages? "Some are in their sixties, but most are 70, 80, 90."

The food? "It's a balanced meal," Jackie said.

And how long does it take the Johnsons to make their circuit? "Mostly," answered Jackie, "it de-

pends on how long we stay at a stop — and with a look at Bert, she said, "He likes to talk, and so do I, but we're home about 2:30."

Visiting each stop means meals are not always going to be on time. "But if we're late," Jackie said, "they don't complain. They're more interested in seeing people."

"And if the food isn't hot," Bert said. "They can just heat it up."

Bert's been doing this for ten years. Jackie started just two years ago. At first they did five days a week, and once they had 31 meals to deliver! But now, Jackie said, "they're trying to get more volunteers to handle smaller groups."

Why do this? They both said it is to ease the loneliness of the people who are disabled and homebound. Then Jackie added, "If more senior citizens would realize what it would do for them to volunteer! You meet lots of nice people. You learn a lot. And you get exercise."

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Cindy Todd describes life in Moscow

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

BACK in the USSR Local woman returns to Moscow

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Cindy Todd describes life in Moscow with one word: exhausting.

For the people who have lived there all their lives, it might be described another way: confusing.

Todd, a 1974 Northville High School graduate, has been living and working in Moscow since September. She was home for the holidays last week.

"Life is very hard there right now," she said. "And there's not a lot of hope for things to get better."

But in spite of the poverty that she sees in Russia, Todd said the people there are rich in other ways, especially in their relationships with each other.

"The people are so warm," she said. "They don't have a

lot of material things, but they are very giving. They give of their time and their talents and their personalities."

Only a few years ago, an American in the Soviet Union may have expected to encounter prejudice. But Todd said she has found genuine acceptance from the Russian people.

"Every Russian I have met has been very nice to me as an American," she said, adding that many are interested and curious about American life. Many Russian people are able to get CNN in their homes and "know what's going on in the world," she said.

There is even a Soviet version of "Wheel of Fortune," she added.

The people of the former Soviet Union — who on the average earn only the equivalent of \$3 per month — are finding themselves in a society where the only thing they can count on is change.

That's frightening for most people, she said.

"One thing people there have said, time and time again, is that they know their system is bad, but they don't know any other way. They don't know anything about democracy. They don't know how to operate under a new system. They are very uncertain about how anything is going to work."

Unlike in the United States, where people depend on methods of day-to-day life that remain fairly constant, Russians are fond of telling Todd not to "expect that the way you did something today is the way you can do it tomorrow."

Just taking care of what would here be a minor errand is a major chore in Moscow, she said. People in Moscow shake their heads in amusement at the Americans, who

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Borders to host feminist author

Feminist writer Gloria Steinem will sign copies of her latest book, *Revolution from Within*, on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2-3 p.m. at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center. Steinem is co-founder and consulting editor of *Ms.* magazine and the author of two previous bestselling books.

Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem is Steinem's exploration of the internal struggle — her own and others' — to regain a sense of self-worth and security lost during childhood. She shares the inspiring stories of men and women including Mahalia Jackson, Margaret Mead and Julie Andrews as well as less famous but accomplished people who all underwent spiritual revolutions before coming into their own. The book is published by Little, Brown.

Steinem also wrote *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, a collection of columns and essays, and *Marilyn*, a compassionate view of troubled actress Marilyn Monroe.

Borders will also be the location of a "Sunday Salon" on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Rabbi David Nelson and attorney Corrine Shoop will be co-hosts of the salon, which will focus on the topic "personal ethics vs. the law." Light refreshments will be served, and pre-registration in person or by phone (477-7880) is suggested.

Rabbi Nelson is the leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park and a chaplain for the Detroit Police Department. Ms. Shoop is a litigation attorney with the commercial law firm of Simon, Huskaby, Bodary, Padilla and Morgan.

Sunday Salon: An Evening of Conversation and Ideas is a regular program at Borders-Novi, designed to preserve the lively art of intelligent conversation. Previous salons, devoted to such topics as "How Ideas and Information are Communicated" and "The Relevance of Literature in Today's World" have been hosted by distinguished conversation facilitators including Michigan environmental writer Stephanie Mills, and educator-radio host Matt Wotruba. Host-facilitators invite a small audience to stimulate response and participation by other salon guests, and then a free-wheeling conversation ensues. The popular salons attract participants from all walks of life who want to meet, and talk, with interesting people.

Host families are needed

Have you ever considered hosting an international student in your home? Teenagers (14-18) from Spain, Germany, and Japan are eager to experience life in an American school and family. The students will arrive at the end of August.

They will live with their host families for one or two semesters. The students have enough money to pay all of their personal expenses, including school lunches. The sponsoring organization, American Institute for Foreign Studies, rewards host families with generous scholarships for foreign travel and/or study. Families with or without children of their own are welcome to apply.

Most families that have hosted foreign students in the past say that hosting is fun. For more information call AIFS at 1-800-322-4678 or call the AIFS local representative in Plymouth, Lynne Levenbach, at 453-8562.

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Night Out will be poker time on Jan. 3. The Moms and Tots group will be going to the Ground Round in Livonia Jan. 28 with kids meals at one cent per pound. In February Modes of the Novi Library and Hardee's lunch will be presented.

Out to Diner Group will be going to the Mayflower Steak House Jan. 25. There are additional interest groups as well as special events coming up for members which include the Third Annual Curling Event in

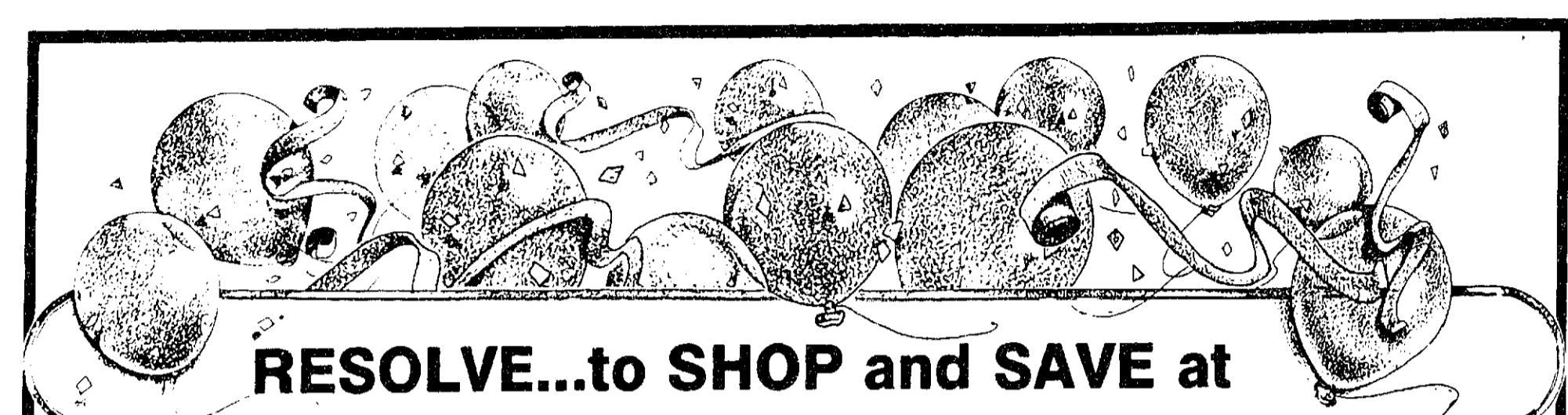
February and the dinner and night at the races in March.

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High bowlers this week included Debbie Lukasiak of the Never a Doubt team with 239 in a 510 series, Lori Selzer of the Never a Doubt team with 206 in a 501 series, Jean Pilon of the Look-N-Good team with 199 in a 531 series, Barb Petron of the Century 21 W team with 198, Karen Kulchinsky of the Adventurers with 194 and Sue Bolton of the Adventurers with 193 in a 512. Rosemary Banish

of the Never a Doubt with 192 in a 553 series, Shirley Sturz of the High Lows with 189 and Marilyn Vallancourt of the Never a Doubt with 183.

Standings are as follows:

Never a Doubt	66-46
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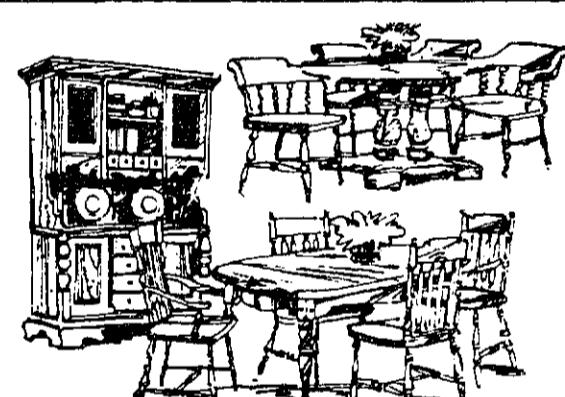
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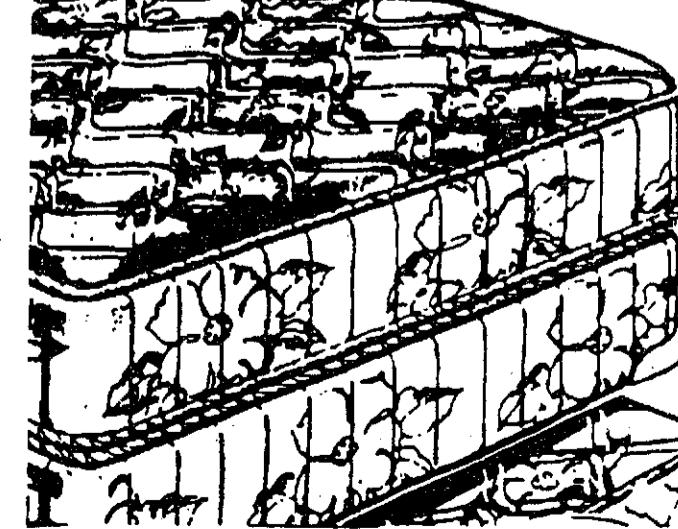
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Travel

Carvings, wine and cheese in Dover

Quaint Ohio town attracts visitors with old-fashioned craft exhibits

By MARY QUINLEY
Special Writer

DOVER, OHIO: On the 24th of June, 1913, Ernest "Mooney" Warther was born.

Sixty-four days later this vision became a reality as Warther's hand-carved "pilars tree" unfolded from a walnut block of wood with 31,000 incisions.

Today, Warther's family shares his carvings with visitors at the Warther Museum in Dover, Ohio, 75 miles south of Cleveland.

The Dover community population 12,000, provides an interesting get-away with a museum, winey, cheese house and more.

A favorite museum attraction is an eight-foot-long carved replica of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train. Look inside the tiny lighted windows. Miniature ebony, ivory and pearl carvings of an eagle insignia, drapes, and coffin commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's death.

A miniature walnut and ivory 18th century steel mill; ebony, ivory and walnut replicas of steam engines; and carved memorabilia commemorating the Civil War highlight the museum's tour.

Small wooden pliers were a Warther specialty. He carved more than 750,000, using them as a symbol of family unity.

At age 20, Warther made his mother a paring knife — thus embarking on another hobby. Today, the Warther cutlery business continues to thrive. Weekdays are especially fascinating for kids and grown-ups alike as the Warther family carves items at work in their shop.

Stroll through the museum's spacious rooms and enjoy the 64 working models of the evolution of the steam engine. Warther exhibited



Master carver Ernest "Mooney" Warther is pictured with a Dover, Ohio, neighbor in this 1947 photo

burning wood from the Amazon River, for the moving parts of his locomotives. The DeWitt Clinton engine, named after the governor of New

York, is an awesome display of 78 years of continuous motion — without a drop of oil.

How did a second grade dropout

with no formal education produce such meticulous carvings?

"My grandfather thought carving was a God-given talent. He always

had time to talk to the kids. Carving came after people," said Carol Warther Moreland, granddaughter of Warther.

The museum is open year round. Call (216) 343-7513 or write Warther's, 331 Kar Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 for further information.

After your museum tour, take a short drive through the rolling Amish meadows to DerMarktplatz. The "purple place," as it is more affectionately known, is a quaint violet structure with a gift shop, deli and wine cellar. Visitors are encouraged to taste the smoked German meats and cheeses.

Amish quilts, cookbooks and good items add to the country store atmosphere. In an adjacent room, travelers are offered samples of Breitenbach wines which include cabernet sauvignon, spiced apple and dandelion.

"We make the largest variety of fruit and berry wines in the country. We average 10 at all times," said Dalton Bicker, owner and wine-maker.

Open year round, DerMarktplatz can be reached by calling (216) 343-3603.

Just a stone's throw away on the opposite side of the bend, sits the Broad Run Cheesemaking Factory. Tours are available by calling (216) 343-3603.

"We are unique because we still make an old-fashioned wheel cheese in a copper kettle. It is the only copper kettle in the state of Ohio used for cheesemaking. We leave all the cream in. This makes the cheese richer with more age and more flavor," John Schindler, General Manager.

The gift shop, featuring Victorian wares and ruffled country curtains, tempts travelers to stay and browse. Broad Run Cheesemaking is open year round. Call toll-free (800) 332-3358 or (216) 343-4108 for brochures and tour information.

Neil Armstrong museum features space achievements

By KATHY WALL
Special Writer

that leads to the domed museum.

The entry hall of the futuristic concrete structure is lined with photographs of Ohio's 15 astronauts. Newly appointed astronauts are added as soon as the poster photographs are available.

The museum is set up chronologically. Beginning with man's earliest attempts to fly, the first gallery contains the Wright brothers' Model C biplane which took off from the Moon River in 1912.

The basket and trophies of Dayton balloonist Warren Rector are exhibited near the dirigible airframe from the Toledo II, which was the first manned and powered flying

Travelers often spot the dome rising out of the hillside just north of Wapakoneta on the west side of I-75 near the Bellfontaine Road exit.

The museum's focal point is Neil A. Armstrong. The F5D Skystreak he flew for NASA and the Air Force in the early '60s stands as a welcome beacon to the museum. It's perched at the end of a long runway, or imaginary "lunar landing strip" complete with blue runway lights.

The Space Flight Gallery emphasizes the Gemini 8 mission. The spacecraft that propelled Armstrong and Maj. David Scott in history's first docking mission in March, 1966, is on view in this, the third display area.

The Astro-Theater, a 56-foot dome screen from the Interstate, a film on "The Conquest of Space" is shown continuously. The 25-minute presentation on three screens includes the sound and visual effects of rockets lifting off and satellites flying overhead.

The tour ends with displays of the space shuttle, today's space food and some space "spin-offs."

The museum is self-guided, but sales clerks and em-

ployees, who are never far away, are willing to answer visitors' questions.

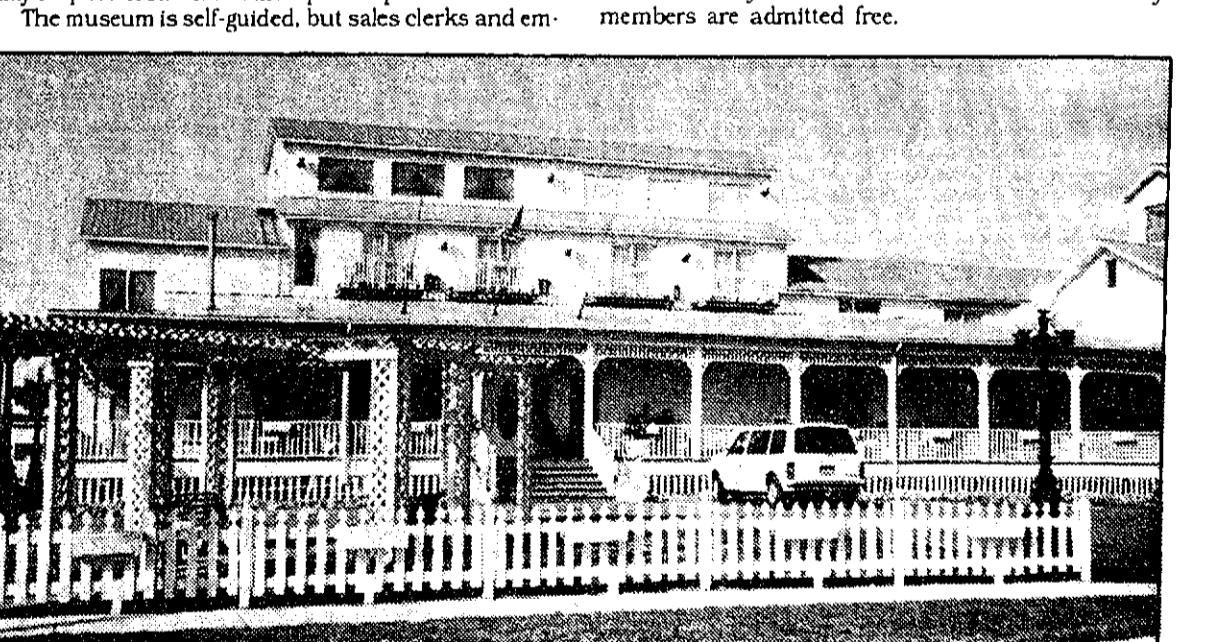
The most frequently asked question is "How do the astronauts go to the bathroom?" The answer may surprise you.

The shop specializes in gifts and books about space travel. The most popular item with children is the space pens.

Visitors should allow at least two hours for a visit. The museum is operated by the Ohio Historical Society.

In mid-July the Festival of Flight celebration is held on the weekend closest to the July 20th lunar landing anniversary, this year July 19-21.

The Neil A. Armstrong Air and Space Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and holidays from 12:30-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults 13 and over, \$1 for children 6-12 and \$2.40 for Golden Buckeye Card holders. Ohio Historical Society members are admitted free.



The Bonnymill Inn is a popular bed-and-breakfast in Chesaning

of the most striking parts of the inn. Along each side of the lobby's long hall are guest rooms, each with its own bay window. Behind each spotless window is a lighted Tiffany lamp hanging over a table and chairs. When a room is vacant, the shades are left open so you can see into the room.

Susan Felice of Warther stayed in one of the bay window rooms. "It was gorgeous," she says. She was, however, that staying in one of the atrium rooms has its risks. "There were people walking through there all the time; everybody wanted to see the rooms." The atrium area also contains tables where you can have breakfast or an afternoon snack.

The rest of the guest rooms are reached by climbing an antique oak staircase which Howard Ebenhoech rescued from a store in Illinois. Each room is unique. Many of the rooms have fireplaces, some have two-person Jacuzzi tubs, and some have old fashioned claw-foot tubs. "I didn't want to make this predictable. Each room

McGrew emerges on top of Novi 1991 tennis squad

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kids and you don't have to worry about getting a point at number one."

McGrew went 19-2 overall and was No. 1 ranking in the KVC. But the freshman wasn't the only talented player on the squad.

Matt Butler went 14-4 overall and 8-1 in the KVC. Andy Anderson and Tom Wheeler also posted strong seasons.

SOCCER: Despite a host of injuries, the lancers came away a 7-6-1 record last year.

Novi finished in third place in the KVC and went 6-5-1. The Wildcats improved upon a 5-12-1 record from 1990. Coach Nick Valenti was pleased with the team's effort.

"We had a good year," he said, "but it wasn't perfect. We had a good group of seniors and we'll have a hard time replacing them next season."

The injuries were a constant problem, especially near the end of the season, but we had a lot of girls who stepped up and did well."

Lisa Gatt and Nicole Burchart, who both made the second team, and Heather Campbell and infelder Mary Yankowski, Jennifer Sternecki and Jennifer Fornwald were also top contributors.

BOYS TRACK: The Cats had an outstanding season in '91, as usual, under the guidance of coach Bob Smith.

With an impressive 30-7 dual meet record over the past four seasons, the tracksters continued their success. Novi posted a 7-1 dual meet record last year and grabbed a share of the KVC crown.

Smith said depth was the key to the season.

"Our depth was a big factor," he said. "We can go three or four in every event, and we had health competition

among teammates. There was no animosity, like in past years when egos got in the way."

Senior Aaron Federspil shattered the existing discus mark by over two feet and pole vaulters Chris Rafferty and Greg Larson equalled the school record.

FOOTBALL: After six consecutive winning seasons, the gridiron couldn't muster a seventh.

Not finished with a 4-5 overall mark, The 'Cats will have 500 in conference play at 4-2, which was good enough for third place in the KVC.

"We were disappointed in the final record," said coach John Osborne.

"We expected to do better than we did. But a lot of hard work and perseverance went into this season."

"We can be very good one game and weak in the next," Peace said.

"We just don't have enough girls who play in the off-season to develop more consistency. We were much more talented than a year ago and we didn't beat ourselves as much as in the past. But we were still good."

The team was paced by pitcher Heather Campbell and infelder Mary Yankowski. Jennifer Sternecki and Jennifer Fornwald were also top contributors.

BASSEBALL: It was an odd spring for the diamond crew.

Coach Brian Howard expected problems in the pitching department and a solid lineup. What he got was the exact opposite.

The team boasted an overall ERA of 3.36, a more-than-respectable statistic.

But Novi hitters posted only a .272 average — down more than .04 points from the previous year.

"Our hitting was disappointing," Howard admitted.

TEENNIS: Coach Jim Hanson's

group fared a bit better than Novi's harriers.

The Lancers swept through the KVC with a 10-0 dual meet mark. With outstanding players such as Nitoo Said, Kristen Patee, Je Won Hwang and Candi Lewis, among others, the team dominated the conference tournament.

All that success led to the school's first trip to the state meet in October.

"Novi has never gone to the state meet, so we're very excited," Hanson said. "We got a little lucky, but we are a qualified team."

SOCCER: The team boasted the program's second best win-loss record in the last 10 years with 10-4-1 mark.

"The 'Cats outscored opponents 40-28 during the fall campaign. Despite losing nine seniors to graduation, coach Larry Christodoulis expects his squad to be even better in '92."

"We're very confident we will be more competitive this year," he said.

Despite the losing mark, the Wildcats had many good performers. Running back Matt Rabe was among the conference's best with 825 yards and 12 touchdowns. Joe Young, Brian Wohlfel and Aaron Oldenburg were also solid.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: The team that led the kickers last fall, led the area in scoring with 16 goals and eight assists. Tony Scappaticci, Whit Neubauer, Kevin Sults and Dave Zyzynski also helped the team as each made all-area honors.

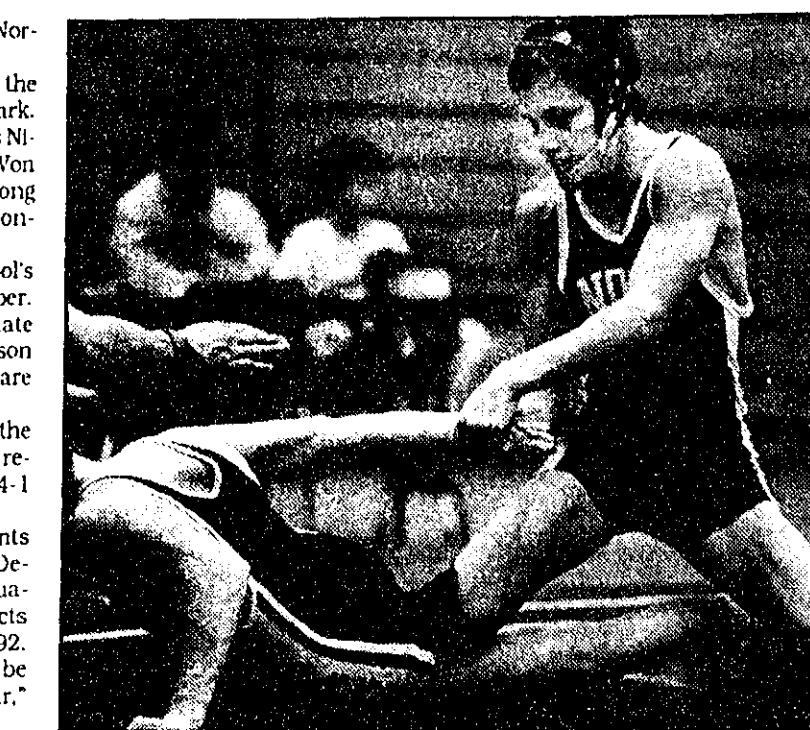
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BASKETBALL: When a team wins less than half of its games it's generally considered a poor season.

But for John Hoffman's hoopers, a 10-11 mark was akin to taking the KVC championship.

"It was a very successful season, the coach said. "I thought at the beginning of the season if we could win three or four games, I would be happy. I just didn't think that we were going to be able to win that much."

Freshmen Jeanette Lucy and



Mike Gowans was Novi's best wrestler last year

Christine Edwards were key parts in the 'Cats' success. Leading scorer Kristen Kenny was probably the team's most valuable player.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY: Coach Bob Smith wasn't shy at calling last year's team the best ever at Novi.

"Last year's team and this year's team were close, but our average times were faster by 15 seconds as a team. We were a better team," he said.

The 'Cats placed fourth in the KVC despite being ranked in the state's Class A top 10. The team was led by Brian Molloy, Ken Fenzel and John Crawford.

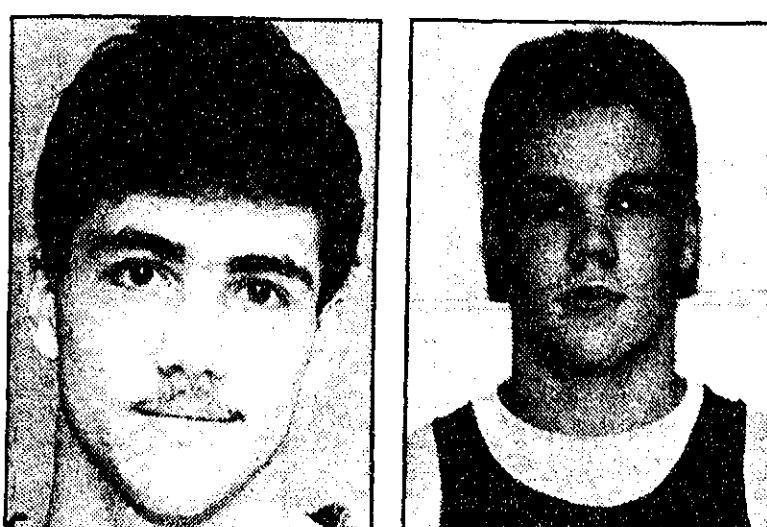
Gourlay led the way. The team also fielded the conference's only female player in boys competition, senior Tanya Shepley.

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Wildcats of the Week



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Spas offer healthy getaway

When mind and body are screaming out for a change of pace, set your sights on a spa — the vacation destination of the '90s.

Perhaps no health trend has the appeal of a spa vacation — those two words can set your heart to racing in anticipation of the healthful, active lifestyle few of us can incorporate into day-to-day life.

We may find time for aerobics but not for relaxation. Or we may allow time for relaxation, but in front of the television set rather than in the hands of a massage.

A retreat to a spa ensures quality R & R time — perhaps the time of your life — if you select a spa designed to meet your definition of recreation.

One spa is quite different from the next, each offering a unique agenda and atmosphere. To pick the right one for yourself, consider carefully your individual needs — on both a physical and emotional level, according to *Working Woman* magazine.

Some spas offer week-long or month-long programs that pack a wallop in the form of regimented exercise, restricted diet and nutrition and fitness education, all in the hopes of altering your lifestyle.

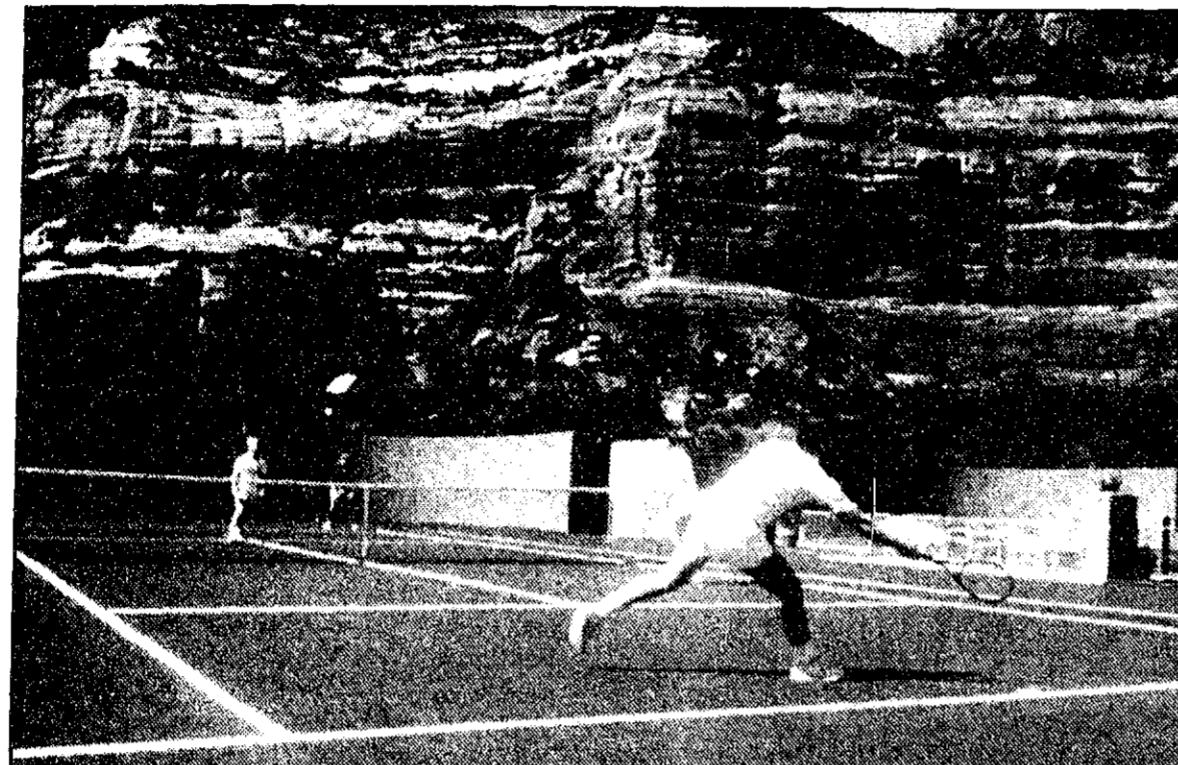
Others cater to the soul for a week or weekend, emphasizing yoga, body wraps and mineral water soaks to give you an escape from reality and time for personal introspection.

Still others offer a low-key mix of aerobic activity, relaxation and gourmet cuisine that appeals to the mainstream.

Whatever spa option quickens your pulse rate, here's a rundown of some of the best. For more detailed info on various spas and what they have to offer, check with your travel agent or stop by a bookstore to pick up any of several books on shopping for a spa.

Posh and pampered — if you want the ultimate in luxury and the utmost in personal attention you can get it — if you can afford it.

Cal A-Vie in Vista, Calif., is limited to 24 female guests at any given time and offers such individual attention as a personal trainer, personal fitness schedule, exclusive villa-like guest quarters, reflexology and seaweed wraps.



A few rounds on the court can be relaxing

Golden Door in Escondido, Calif., is limited to no more than 36 guests at once and offers male, female and co-ed sessions. Here you'll enjoy breakfast in bed and an in-room massage each evening, with activities ranging from aqua aerobics to manicures.

■ I want privacy: If your goal is to rediscover private time that gets lost in the shuffle of professional and personal commitments, check out these spas:

Norwich Inn and Spa in Norwich, Conn. This co-ed establishment combines rustic charm with private rooms and allows guests to make their own schedules — nothing is required, although there are personal trainers in the gym and aerobic-workout rooms. Meals can be eaten in the dining room or in the guest room.

Palm-Aire in Pompano Beach, Fla. Meals can be taken in the dining room or on each room's private terrace at this co-ed spa, which offers tennis, golf and swimming and also features a bar. This retreat even al-

lows smoking in some areas.

■ Sporting life: These spas stress athletics and so cater to those already fit — or at least not very overweight.

The Maui Challenge and the Sedona Challenge, based out of Glendale, Ariz., both offer highly structured co-ed programs. Maui's big on water sports such as kayaking and snorkeling; Sedona highlights land sports such as hiking and mountain biking.

Rancho L Puerta, based out of Escondido, Calif., covers 150 acres on Baja California, Mexico. This spa offers more than 30 co-ed sports and fitness options daily for all levels of expertise.

■ Body and soul: Some folks seeking a spa experience are looking for massages and other treatments rather than physical activity.

Ayur-Veda Health Center in Lancaster, Mass., offers co-ed programs in a luxurious mansion. Based on Ayurvedic medicine, which believes that the mind and body are one and must be in balance for healing to occur,

the program centers around meditation, with treatments such as massage and yoga intended to create deep peace.

Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Ariz., is a traditional co-ed spa highlighting activities such as tennis that also focuses on the soul by offering programs such as Chinese herbal treatments, biofeedback and yoga — as well as Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

■ No-Nonsense: These spas say it's time for serious slimming and a lifestyle change.

Duke University Diet & Fitness Center in Durham, N.C., is a medically supervised weight loss program and educational experience for men and women based on low-cal meals, behavior modification workshops, cooking classes, swimming and gymnasium workouts.

Russell House in Key West, Florida, is located in a Victorian house. This co-ed spa features low-cal food, sailing, golf and tennis, but the main focus is daily classes in behavior modification and stress reduction.

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Weight reduction class held Saturdays

Weight loss: Ellie's Weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi on Ten Mile Road. For more information, call 622-1717.

Rent a pool: For those who like to keep fit by swimming, the Novi High School Pool is available for rent. Groups may rent the pool on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. If interested, call the Novi Community Education office at 348-1200 at least one month prior to date requested.

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

The 60-65 minute class includes warm-up, a dance-aerobic segment followed by a cool-down, muscle-

toning and flexibility exercises and a final cool-down.

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

For more information, call 426-9096.

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

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

New Attitude Aerobics: Registrations are now being accepted for Northville Community Recreation's

fitness program New Attitude Aerobics.

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

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

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

Six-week classes run continually throughout the year. Fee is \$36 for two classes per week; \$48 for three

classes and \$58 for unlimited classes. For locations and schedules, call 348-1280.

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

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

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

Open swimming offered: Northville Recreation Department will offer open swimming at the Northville High School pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m. and on Saturdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. A lap swim will also be offered on Mondays and Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 p.m.



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Expert says '92 could be good year for real estate

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

This is the time of year when real estate experts and analysts come up with predictions for the coming year. Most of these reports express a bullish, optimistic view of the 1992 real estate market.

This applies to home sales as well as investment real estate activity. Here is the view of Robert E. Davis, director of real estate markets for Arthur Andersen & Co.:

"The dramatic two-year decline of values for investment real estate is finally slowing and prices should begin to stabilize by the first quarter of 1992."

"Prices for high-quality properties appear to have reached the bottom of the trough," Davis says. "While real estate values may not improve much, they should not get any worse. Prices for quality properties have dropped to the point where the economic rationale for purchasing (real estate) should be explored."

A narrowing of the gap between offered and asking prices of real properties has been the tourniquet that has slowed the bleeding in real estate values, according to Davis. Both buyers and sellers are becoming more realistic in their pricing strategies now that real estate transactions have been at a virtual standstill for the past 12 to 18 months.

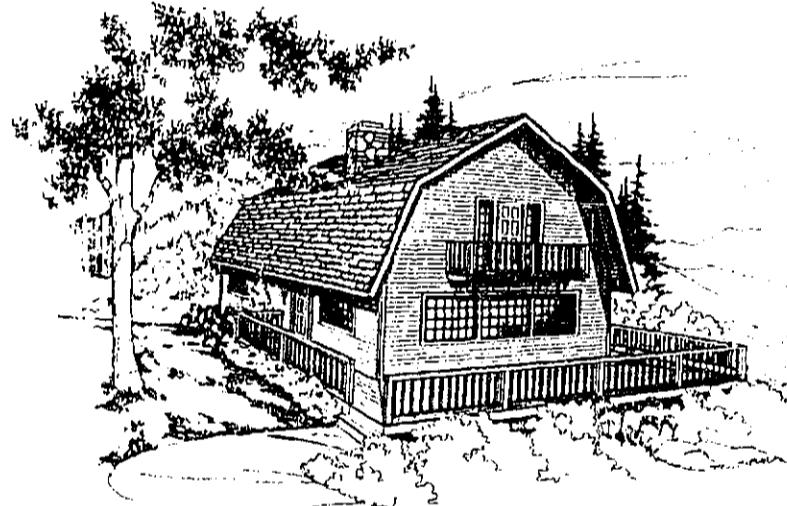
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"Domestic and offshore institutional investors are expected to be most active in the top-tier market investments," Davis said. "These assets are traditionally fully stabilized properties."

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HOME DESIGNS



Petersen mixes country flavor with no-nonsense

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

The Petersen, with its barn-shape gambrel roof, is a no-nonsense vacation getaway with a distinctively country flavor. The compact design helps keep building costs low and maintenance time at a minimum. A deck, which wraps around two-thirds of the home, provides a substantial increase in living space when weather permits.

Unlike an A-frame cabin, where the steep roofline leaves minimal usable floor space on the second floor, the gambrel-roofed cabin loses very little of its upstairs space to the roof slope. Consequently, both upstairs bedrooms are much larger than those usually found in small cabins.

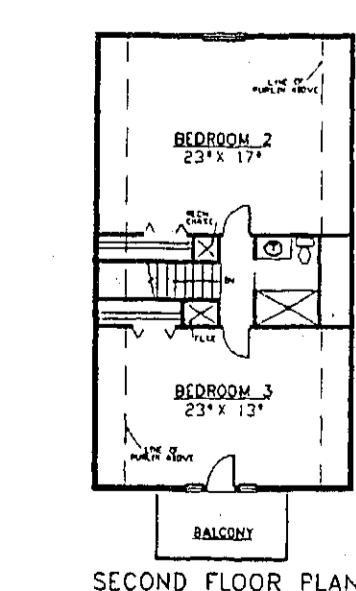
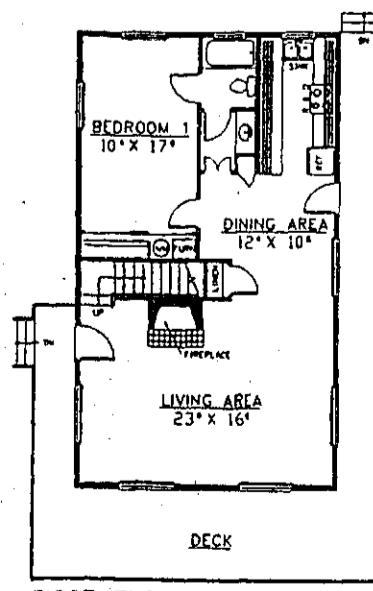
Each of the bedrooms has its own closet, and they share a bath. The one with the balcony is sure to be the favorite. Built in a location with a panoramic view, this perch would be ideal for watching sun-

sets, birds, changing seasons and wildlife or keeping an eye on children.

The living area downstairs is quite large, open and bright. With the fireplace so close to the front door, dirty and snowy footgear can be shucked off immediately after entering and left to dry where it's warm. The stairway is also conveniently close, allowing people to run upstairs quickly for dry clothing.

Despite its compact size, the gallery kitchen offers more cupboard and counter space than most cabin designs. The main floor bathroom has safe doors, and a compartmentalized water closet, allowing two people privacy at the same time.

For study plan of the Petersen (208-02), 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.)



OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 24'-0" x 40'-0"
LIVING: 1380 square feet

Basil can flower on kitchen counter

By Patrick Denton
Copley News Service

For the sake of a change and to try something that looked interesting, I grew a different basil this year, one I found in the Johnny's Selected Seeds catalog listed as Genovese or Sweet Italian basil.

I started the seeds indoors and set out about 10 plants next to the staked tomatoes in May. With the summer's heat they bushed out into attractive plants about 18 inches high, clothed in large, bright-green leaves bearing a deliciously strong, sweet fragrance.

One day, as I was gathering some shoots for chopping into a tomato sauce, I gathered extra and set the stems in water in a glass bud vase at the window above the kitchen sink. To my surprise the stems flowered in the vase and developed long roots.

My cut basil stems stayed in beautiful condition in the water until the end of October, when they began to flag somewhat. The nice thing about this long-standing cut basil bouquet was the warm, pungent scent the

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foliage released into the kitchen in the presence of heat from the sun.

I never did pot those water-rooted stems, but cuttings taken in summer rooted nicely in a light soil mix and these new plants have now taken up residence at the kitchen window, the pot set inside a little basket.

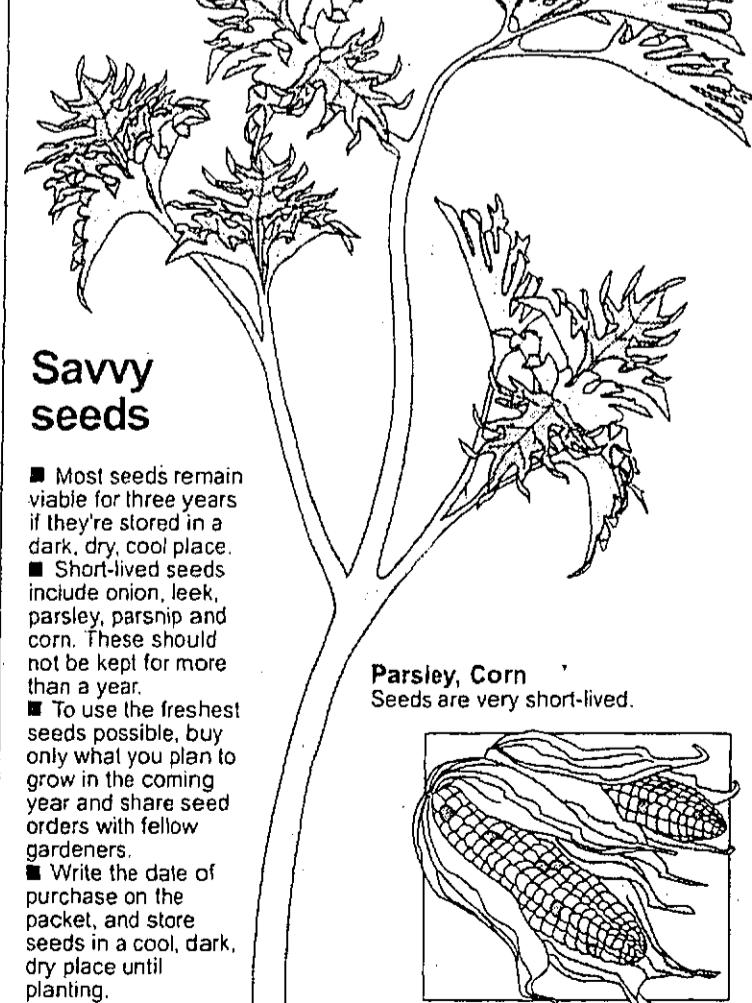
OLD AND NEW SEEDS

Before purchasing new seeds or ordering seeds from the 1992 catalogs, check your store of seeds left from last year to avoid duplication.

Most kinds of seeds, if stored in a dark, dry place at evenly cool temperatures, will remain in good viable condition for three years or more.

Some of the more short-lived seeds include onion, leek, parsley, parsnip, corn and safflower, verbena, salvia, geranium and delphinium. These should not be kept for more than one year.

That is, if you purchase a packet of onion seed one year



Savvy seeds

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■ Short-lived seeds include onion, leek, parsley, parsnip and corn. These should not be kept for more than a year.

■ To use the freshest seeds possible, buy only what you plan to grow in the coming year and share seed orders with fellow gardeners.

■ Write the date of purchase on the packet, and store seeds in a cool, dark, dry place until planting.

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Wood bleach should lift butcher block's stains

By Gene Gary
Copley News Service

QA large area of the kitchen counter in our new house is butcher block for a cutting board. Evidently, the previous owner did not use this surface often for cutting, which has given over five marks on the surface.

But there are numerous other stains, such as mineral stains and an area that looks like it might have been scorched. I am uncertain of how to clean this surface, since water and soap on wood are not usually recommended.

A. Your best bet will be to refinish the entire surface, using wood bleaches to remove major staining.

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than the surrounding wood. I suggest that on the second treatment you treat the entire area so the bleaching of the wood will be more uniform.

There are commercial wood bleaching products on the market, usually in two-part treatment processes, which will also work.

Apply this solution to the stained areas and allow it to set for one hour, then rinse with clear water. For deep stains, you will want to repeat this process. Since oxalic acid is a bleaching agent the treated areas will be lighter.

After the bleaching process, sand the entire chopping block with an electric sander, using a fine-grade sandpaper. Then treat the surface with tung oil, applying the oil and letting it set for an hour before wiping off the excess.

9. We were given a set of black wrought-iron patio furni-

ture that could be attractive if we can restore the original black paint to restore the original look.

After the tung oil treatment, apply lemon oil (oil, not a lemon oil wax). Some people hesitate in using tung oil in a food preparation area (it has some toxic ingredients), although it is an excellent sealer for your chopping block. I find that once the tung oil has cured the wood and lemon oil is applied, there is little chance of burning food prepared on this surface.

However, if you are in doubt use either mineral oil or the pure lemon oil periodically to maintain the surface.

Send inquiries to *Here's How*, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.

Common sense, smoke detectors work

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can be detected and filled in, ensuring a safe season in front of the fireplace.

After common sense, the next thing that has been proven to save lives year-round are smoke detectors.

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Shinske recommends checking batteries regularly.

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• Large 1 & 2 Bedroom

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WHITMORE Lake, 1 br. apt., \$390/mo. plus security deposit, utilities separate, no pets. (513)449-9274.

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PINCKNEY Luxury 2 br., 1 1/2 baths, 2 story townhouse w/attached garage, bsm, patio, a/c, all appliances. \$70 per week. (313)227-2696, after 3pm, ask for Sue or leave message.

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BRIGHTON Female only, house and pool privileges, \$70 per week. (313)227-2696, after 3pm, ask for Sue or leave message.

HOWELL Single month seeks female to share home. \$300 mo. no kids, no pets. (517)546-8577.

NORTHVILLE Highland Lakes Condo Available Nov. 18. 3 Br. 1 1/2 bath, clubhouse, pool, tennis courts, near excellent schools, no pets. \$390 mo. includes everything, but electric and phone. (313)348-2944.

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(313)632-2220.

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An ECT geologist checks soil samples at a gas station near Northville

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

There's a poem that says good fences make good neighbors. In the '90s, to be a good corporate neighbor, you not only have to worry about your fences above ground. You have to worry about what's underground, too. Attention has been focused on many companies that, in the past, haven't respected the environment, and are now paying the price.

For the concerned business operator, companies like Environmental Consulting & Technology are a boon. ECT is an environmental consulting firm which offers a variety of planning, management, scientific and engineering services for companies that must address not only with increasing government regulation, but heightened public concern as well.

"We're a full-service environmental consulting company, doing everything from petroleum cleanup to asbestos studies, hazardous waste studies and industrial hygiene," said Rick Steel, a staff geologist and specialist in groundwater studies. "This kind of thing is very big in the Detroit area right now because of all the old plants out there."

Most often, ECT is put to work by banks and insurance companies, for what is called a Phase I Audit. Any

time land or property is bought or sold, policy issuers and note holders want to know if there will be any problems for which they'll be liable. They call on ECT to ferret out the facts.

"Our clients want to know what is there," said Steel. "We look at the possibility that the facility was contaminated. We check data from the DNR to see if it's possible, and do our own evaluation. Based on the results of the evaluation, we can recommend future action on the site."

Gas stations are a common target for concern, and with good reason. In Florida, where ECT was spawned, the company discovered that even brand new gas stations had leaky underground tanks. From day one, a third of all underground gasoline

tanks leaked.

In recent years, new regulations have put pressure on the industry to take greater care with tank installation. According to Steel, "the industry is better than it was 20 years ago, but before that, anyone could put a tank in."

For any job, ECT will not only compile data and submit a report. The company will take care of all the necessary processing and submittals to comply with government regulations. Such hand-holding can prove important for clients who have no experience with the latest regulations.

"We had one instance where a doctor bought a gas station to set up a

clinic, and didn't realize what he was getting into," said Steel. "It can be a big loss without someone leading you down the right path, and can cost you a big sum."

Underground tanks are just a snapshot in ECT's total service picture, however. The company can do building surveys for lead, asbestos and indoor air quality, ecological studies and jurisdictional wetlands delineations, environmental impact studies and worker right-to-know and safety training. Surface water, stormwater and discharge studies are offered, and ECT can address Clean Air Act concerns for most any company.

The Northville office of ECT (there are four others in Florida and Louisiana) has a staff of 12, and their qualifications run the gamut from hydrogeology and environmental chemistry to land use planning and geotechnical engineering.

"Though our office is small, it offers a pretty wide range of services," said Mona Michaelis, a staff engineer. "The unique thing is that our founders' specialty is in oceanography and wetlands. They're true environmental people, rather than engineers."

Mona Michaelis
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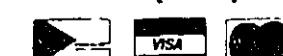


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Business Briefs

THOMAS E. MOHR of Northville has been named branch manager of the Commercial Markets group of AT&T's business services division. Mohr manages salespeople selling long-distance services and discount calling plans to small and medium-sized businesses in Michigan.

Mohr replaces John Viola, who was transferred to Basking Ridge, New Jersey, on special assignment.

Mohr has been with AT&T since 1966, most recently as branch manager of Ohio Commercial Markets, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

PLANTE & MORAN, an accounting and management consulting firm, has announced that Dawn M. Thomas, a certified public accountant and resident of Novi, has been promoted to associate.

Thomas joined Plante & Moran in 1986 as a member of the accounting staff. She specializes in serving municipalities and not-for-profit organizations and is based in the firm's Southfield office.

Thomas earned her bachelor's degree in economics and business management at Albion College in 1986 and is currently attending Walsh College in pursuit of her master's in finance. She is involved in community and professional organizations including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Professional Woman's Network.

Founded in 1924, Plante & Moran is a Michigan-based accounting and management consulting firm that specializes in serving small and medium-sized, privately held businesses. The firm serves its clients through offices in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Cleveland, Coldwater, Kalamazoo, East Lansing, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Mount Clemens, St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, Southfield, Traverse City and Troy.

CLOVER COMMUNICATIONS INC., a network integration firm headquartered in Novi, recently demonstrated more than 40 networking products from over 20 vendors, including AT&T, Chipcom, SynOptics, Wellfleet, and Wollongong to name a few.

Active connectivity was accomplished by several types of communications media: fiber, broadband, twisted pair, baseband and air. The network (encompassing an entire building) was designed, installed and maintained by Clover to show that multiple vendors and protocols can communicate over different media using the leading industry standards.

The showcased demonstration network operated flawlessly over a two-week period, which culminated in an open house event. During this time frame, Clover hosted more than 400 visitors, representing a diverse group that ranged from the automotive, manufacturing, corporate offices, educational, financial, and medical fields.



THOMAS E. MOHR

DAWN M. THOMAS

abilities to meet this goal in today's marketplace."

DR. NICHOLAS S. SELLAS, and his wife, Catherine, of Northville, attended the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) 96th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar held recently in New Orleans.

More than 3,000 osteopathic physicians received Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits for attending clinical sessions at the convention. Osteopathic physicians are required to earn 150 CME credit hours every three years to maintain AOA membership. AOA convention sessions help attendees stay current on the latest techniques in patient care and expand their knowledge in specialty areas.

Across the nation AOA, which represents more than 31,000 osteopathic physicians, promotes the public health, encourages scientific research and acts as the accrediting agency for osteopathic hospitals and colleges.

MARIA A. MARANTONIO, Northville resident and vice president of creative services/sales for Farmington Hills-based Visual Communications Inc., announced the firm has been retained as marketing/communications counsel by the following clients: Southfield-based Excalibur restaurant, KeyTours of Canada and Livonia, and Lason Systems in Livonia, a national leader in the field of direct mail marketing.

Visual Communications Inc. is a full-service marketing/communications firm and creative/production house for training and business presentations. VCI was founded in March 1986 by Thomas Lastra, former manager of the 3M Company, Visual Communications Inc. publishes Solutions, a monthly package of direct-response cards targeted at business-to-business advertisers.

VCI also specializes in the printing of plastics — overhead transparencies, static cling materials, various polyester and vinyls — and is one of the only firms in town to print offset full-color transparencies for overhead projection.

Manufacturers were also suitably impressed. The office, plant, campus and wide-area applications represented a highly diverse connectivity that made this network demonstration really stand out. Because of Clover's standards-based approach, attendees were able to communicate across many different networks to simulate office-to-plant connectivity.

Clover's vice president of sales and marketing, Jim Duffy, gave a short presentation that briefly covered the history of Clover (dating back to 1952); highlighted present capabilities and vendor relationships; and spoke about Clover's future goals.

As a financial advisor, Miller provides clients with advice and programs for college education planning, retirement planning, lump sum distribution, investments for tax advantage, estate planning, charitable gift giving, preventing individual financial trauma. VCI recently produced Linsco/Private Ledger's cable television commercials.

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All of this is necessary to help banks evaluate your overall credit-worthiness in both the personal and professional sense. As a retailer, your chances of obtaining merchant status generally are quite good. But companies in industries with a high incidence of fraud have a much harder time. For companies that have resistance or are turned down, there are still several options available.

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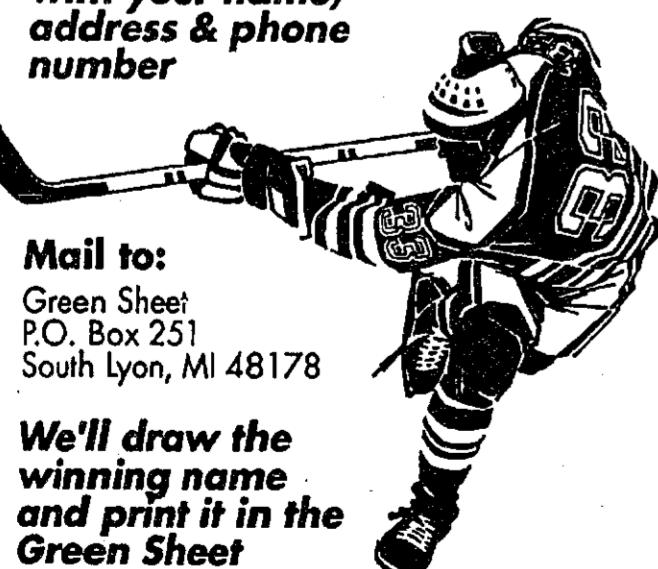
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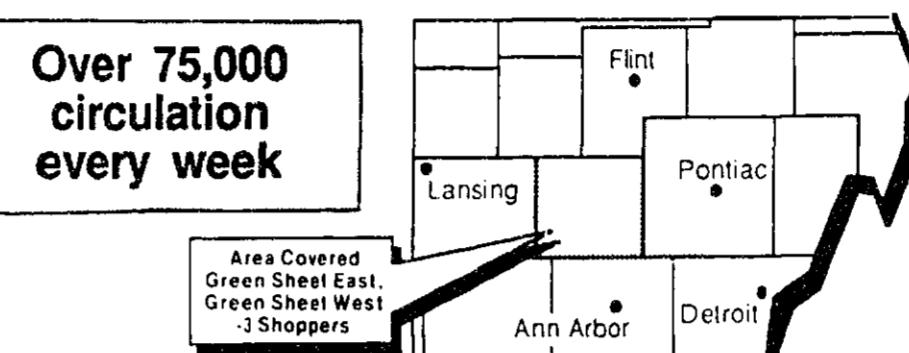
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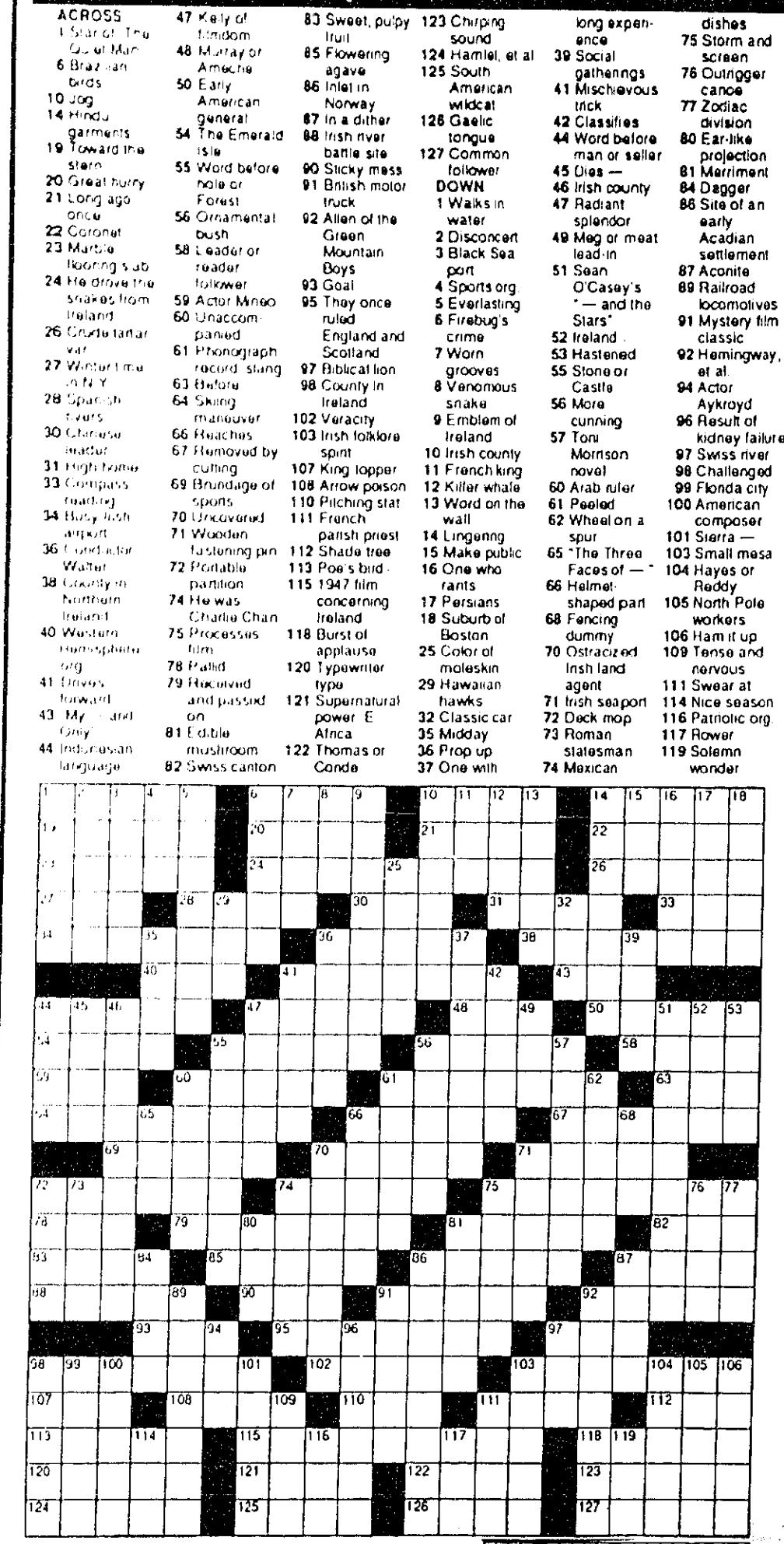
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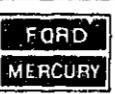
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