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Al Rasmussen, fresh from the FBI Academy.

Officer trained at FBI academy

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Novi Police Lt. Al Rasmussen is lucky to be a part of the program.

He is one of the one-fifth of 1 percent of all police officers in the United States who ever get the opportunity to attend the FBI National Academy program in Quantico, Va.

"It's quite an honor and a privilege to be able to attend it," Rasmussen said. "I don't know if all police officers want to attend it, but most know about it, and most want to attend it at some point in their careers."

The 11-week session, which he attended from September to December, culminated in a graduation ceremony last Dec. 13, which included 145 law enforcement officers from all over the world.

According to information released by the FBI National Academy, the program in which Rasmussen took part began in place since 1935. It offers advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers having a proven record as a professional within his or her agency. On the average, these officers have 16 years of law enforcement experience, and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive level positions.

Rasmussen, who has been in law enforcement for 21 years and has worked for the Novi Police Department since 1975, lived in a dormitory on the grounds of the FBI Academy while attending the session. He took classes with titles like "Fitness and Law Enforcement," "Constitutional Criminal Procedures," "Forensic and Technical Service for Managers" and "Human Behavior in Organizations."

The fitness class was hard work. An optional part of that course included the endurance course portrayed in the movie "The Silence of the Lambs."

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DARE banquet called successful

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A dinner held Feb. 9 raised \$2,500 for Novi's DARE program, said Novi Police Detective Bob Gatt, who teaches the classes in the Novi schools.

Gatt said the money will go toward purchasing DARE hats and shirts, which will be presented to students at a "culmination" end-of-program ceremony the week of May 18. Last year's ceremony featured Sparky Anderson, and Gatt is currently looking for this year's speaker.

However, Gatt said DARE still needs to raise \$1,500 more so that every DARE participant will

get a hat and shirt. He hopes to convince local civic groups to help with the remaining funds.

DARE is an anti-drug program that targets 11- and 12-year-olds. It goes beyond telling kids to "just say no." It teaches them how to say no.

The DARE dinner, Gatt said, was "successful in many ways" in addition to the fundraising aspect.

The kids were the highlight of the evening, he explained. "They performed a song that brought tears to your eyes." The song, titled "I Will DARE," was written by local resident and parent Lois Self. About 100 kids sang at the dinner.

They also performed in some skits and comedy routines that brought the house down. They

received a standing ovation.

"It really gave those kids a boost of self-esteem," Gatt said. "Those kids who performed will never forget those people standing up and giving them applause."

"And my goal is to make them remember this. That's why I want the hats and shirts. Every time they put on a DARE shirt, they gotta remember something about the DARE program."

In addition to the other presentations, to Gatt's surprise, the kids wrote and performed a rap about him.

"He's in our school three days of the week,

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Three sites eyed for district court?

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The word is out on the street that the choice of sites for the new 52-1 Walled Lake district court has been narrowed to three, but a county official working on site selection says that's news to him.

Mayor Matthew Quinn announced during his "State of the City" speech on Feb. 18 that Novi was included in at least one of the top three locations.

Quinn said Friday that developers of the proposed Westbrook office complex — across from the Providence Hospital's medical center — have been told they're a prime contender for the courthouse.

The location is on the north side of Grand River Avenue at Beck Road.

Jack Hays, director of the county's corporation counsel, says

no way has the county culled its choices down to three — yet. County employees are still mapping out and evaluating 13 proposals, he said. All but two are for Novi locations. The others are for Wixom and Walled Lake.

"I haven't even got the comparisons yet," Hays said. "Absolutely not . . . Uniquely not. Nothing's been done in any way, shape or form."

"If there is, I don't know what the three are. I'm going to be the one to give them some recommendations."

Hays said he will present several favored choices to a March 10 meeting of the county board of commissioners' finance committee.

Novi is likely to be a finalist. Hays has said he agrees with the city's assertion that state law requires the courthouse to be in the community with the largest population.

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City ponders maternity benefits plan

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The city council broke a long silence Monday on an issue that has catapulted the community to the attention of the national media — how Novi deals with its pregnant employees.

The request from city administration to extend medical insurance coverage for six months for temporarily disabled and off-the-job staffers — including expectant mothers — was put on hold until more financial data is available.

The initiative was applauded by Council Members Nancy Cassis and Tim Pope. And Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford was ready to support the proposal as written.

"This is a very minimum cost to get this city out of the 1950s and into the 1990s. Even as inadequate as this policy might be, this is a step in the right direction," Pope said. Jamil Akhtar, the attorney repre-

senting Karen Koester and Deanna Hall, two Novi police officers now suing the city for discrimination, said he was pleased by the city's move. Both were denied light duty while pregnant and say they were pressured to leave the force.

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Voters to decide trash fee increase

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi voters will be asked in November if they're willing to tag on their tax bills a fee for citywide trash collection, including recycling.

The unanimous council decision deflected a lawsuit threat leveled by Taxpayers United for the Michigan Constitution, a Farmington Hills-based group led by Richard Headlee.

Taxpayers United has charged that a mandatory recycling fee considered by the city would have been a tax levy banned by the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution.

"Is it a good enough idea to suspend our constitutional rights and not put our tax to a vote? The an-

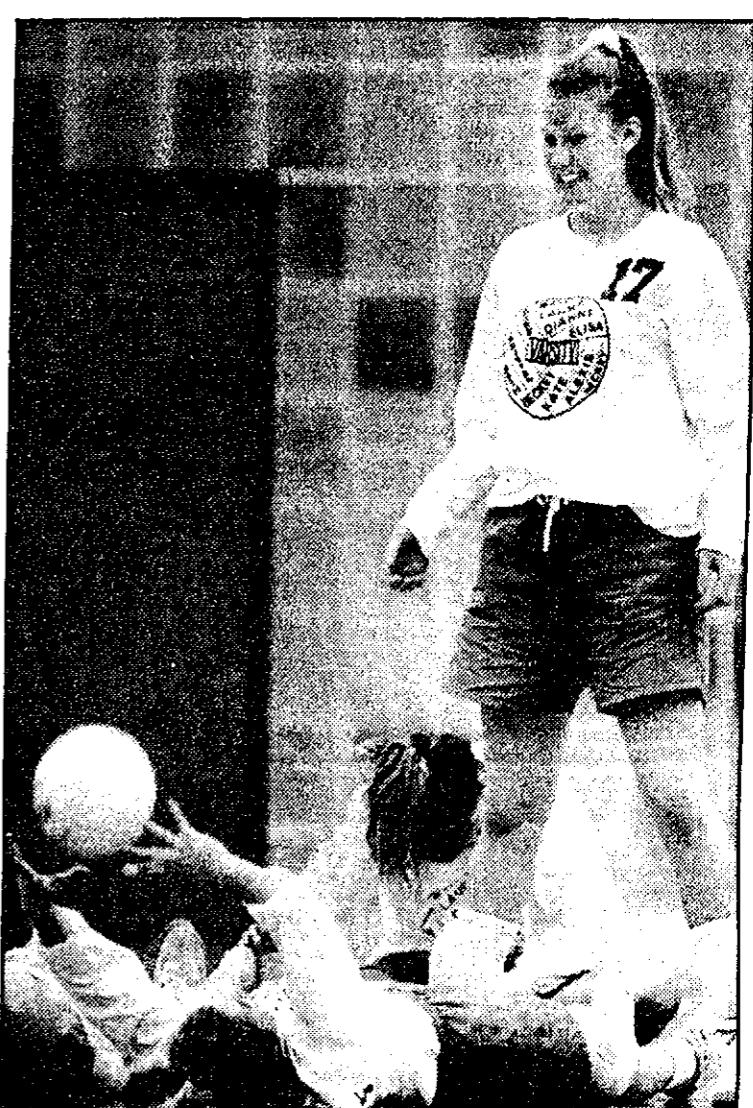
swer is no," Patrick Anderson, a board member of Taxpayers United, said.

Novi's attorney has advised that the assessment is a fee for services, not a tax. But the council unanimously agreed to "democratize" the process.

"Your attorney has called a duck a duck and our attorney has called a cow a cow. Whatever it is, there's no question we're going to put it before the voters," Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

Rather than raise the question during the August primary, when few residents head for the polls, Council Member Robert Schmid's suggestion to hold off until Nov. 3 was adopted. The original plan called for an August election.

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Pre-game warm up

Despite narrowly missing chances of winning the KVC title this year, Novi's volleyball team is on track for its best winning record in years. Above, Kristin Kenny (standing) and Beth Vanderhoff play catch and relax before the game. The story is on page B7.

Community Calendar

Today, February 27

Board of Education: The Novi school board meets in regular session at Novi Meadows Elementary school at 7:30 p.m.

Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Historic district study: The Novi Historic District Study Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, February 28

Novi Players: The Novi Players will present "Shay" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Expo Center on Mohawk Drive.

Property taxes: Today is the last day property taxes will be payable at the Novi city treasurer's office.

Saturday, February 29

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Sunday, March 1

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Monday, March 2

VOICE: The regular monthly meeting of the Village Oaks VOICE organization will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the elementary school building.

City Council: Novi City Council meets in the civic center at 8 p.m.

Senior Parents: Senior Parents will meet in Room 107 of Novi High School at 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, March 3

Center Seniors: Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Board of appeals: The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Jaycees: The Novi Jaycees will hold a membership meeting in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Novi Woods PTO: The PTO of Novi Woods Elementary School will

meet in the community room of the school building at 12:30 p.m.

Middle School PTO: The members of the PTO of Novi Middle School will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school building.

Orchard Hills PTO: The members of the PTO of Orchard Hills Elementary school will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school building.

Parent conferences: Parent-teacher conferences will be held in Novi High School in the Commons from 6-9 p.m.

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Planning: The Novi City Planning Commission will meet in the Novi Civic Center at 7 p.m.

Board of review: This is the last day to submit petitions for appointments to appear before the Novi board of review to appeal this year's property tax assessments. The deadline is 5 p.m.

Debate boosters: The Novi High School Debate Boosters will meet in the library of the high school building at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

Novi Players: The Novi Players will present "Shay" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Expo Center on Mohawk Drive.

Monday, March 9

Community education: The Novi Community Education Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

Planning: The Novi City Planning Commission will meet in the Novi Civic Center at 7 p.m.

Kindergarten roundup: Kindergarten roundups for youngsters to register for kindergarten next year will be held at Novi Woods Elementary school at 7 p.m. and at Parkview Elementary school at 7:30 p.m.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club, sponsored by the Novi Arts Council, meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10

Board of education: The Novi board of education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

Boosters rescheduled: The regular meeting of the Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club has been rescheduled for today at 7 p.m. in room 107 of Novi High School. The high school athletic boosters normally meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Band concert: The Novi Meadows/Middle School band will hold a concert in the Fuerst Auditorium in the Novi High School building at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11

Talent show: Novi Meadows Elementary school will hold its talent show in the Fuerst Auditorium in the Novi High School Building at 7 p.m.

Half day of school: Students of Novi High School will be dismissed from school after third hour at 10:25 a.m.

Saturday, March 15

Dance for Heart: The Third Annual Dance for Heart Aerobic-thon will be held in the Novi Civic Center from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The event will be limited to 100 participants. The event is a three-hour fund-raiser for the American Heart Association of Michigan. The event consists of warm-up exercises, an aerobic workout, muscle repetitions and a cool-down with stretches. Those interested may pick up pledge sheets at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Civic Center prior to March 7. For more information, call 347-0400 or 349-2193.

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Anti-Japan vandalism suspected

Police News

A resident on Willowbrook may have been the victim of someone taking the "Buy American" trend too far.

The woman reported Feb. 15 that her 1992 Toyota, which was parked in her driveway, may have been damaged when someone threw a gallon jug filled with dirty motor oil on it. The jug burst on the car, possibly damaging the paint.

Left in her driveway, police said, was a "Buy American" bumper sticker.

The woman discovered the damage at approximately 8:30 p.m.

CHECK ALTERED: A resident in the Waterview Apartment Complex reported Feb. 17 that a check he wrote to his Detroit News carrier was somehow altered from \$1.50 to \$9.50.

The man said that, since the check was written, a different paper carrier has been working the route. He said he does not know the name or whereabouts of the original paper carrier.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: A Novi woman reported Feb. 14 that she had many "hangups" recorded on her answering machine, with one message that stated "Yes, this is the right one." She said those calls occurred around 11:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

Man kills self after overdose, argument

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Novi police investigation has determined a local man's Feb. 18 death

Later, while she was at work, the woman said she received a phone call from a man who asked for her, then said he had the wrong number.

Finally, a male called Novi High School and asked to talk to her daughter, she said. When the school would not interrupt her daughter's class, the man on the phone said to get a message to her to contact her mother, and that there's been an accident.

The woman told police that no accident had occurred, and that she had no idea who might be doing this.

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LARCENY: Novi police said Holy Name Church on Meadowbrook was the victim of a larceny 18.

According to police reports, a church custodian reported the three male teenagers, age approximately 13, wandering through the

church halls. He said that, when he asked them what they were doing, they claimed to be "waiting for their mothers."

Approximately five hours later, at 8 p.m., a different church employee reportedly walked into the church hall and observed someone in the Father Jack Plaza on Ten Mile was broken in several places.

SHOPLIFTING: Novi police arrested a man Feb. 18 after Sears security reported seeing him concealing merchandise on his person and exiting the store without paying.

MORE POP BOTTLE BOMBS: A resident on Brookforest reported Feb. 19 that she heard a loud noise and saw a "funny" smoke coming from a plastic pop bottle in her yard.

Police said the bottle had partially "melted" and that some liquid remained in it.

Police said the bottle was taken to the Novi Fire Department, where the liquid was determined to be "some type of acid."

in his home to be a suicide.

Police would not release the name or age of the victim on any information about where the incident occurred. However, the man apparently died of a self-inflicted shotgun blast to the chest.

According to police reports, the man may have also been overdosing at the time on prescription drugs that he was in an unstable condition.

The man's wife reportedly told police that she left the house shortly after noon that day after the two had been arguing.

She said she went to a store in Novi Town Center to deliver a note about

an unrelated matter to her son-in-law. She told police she returned home about a half-hour later.

Police said the woman drove up to her house and, as she got out of the car, heard a shot ring out. When she walked into the house, she reportedly walked to the back room where he was and could not open the door because he was lying against it. Police said she then dialed 9-1-1.

Police said the man was discovered lying crouched over with a

12-gauge shotgun wedged between his legs. He was pronounced dead several minutes later.

A suicide note, a Bible, and photographs of the man's pets were found approximately five feet from his body.

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Teacher's sex trial begins Friday

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Novi High School's former band director goes to trial tomorrow, Feb. 26, for second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Craig Strain stood mute Tuesday to the felony charges before Judge Harvey Tenenbaum in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

The trial begins at 9 a.m. in Judge Terrance Boyle's courtroom.

Strain resigned from his position as band director and teacher at Novi High School after a student accused him of sexual misconduct. He re-

ceived \$25,000 and retired on Jan. 9 as part of the settlement.

Criminal charges brought against Strain were investigated by the Novi Police Department and later by Livonia officers. The charge of second-degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by 15 years in prison.

The alleged victim in Strain's case told the court she went to Strain's home, which was in Livonia at the time, after a football game in September 1989. At the time, the girl was 16 years old and performed in the pep band, which was under Strain's direction.

Under cross examination, the girl said Strain had kissed her in school on several occasions in 1989. But when questioned in 1989 by school administration, a school lawyer and

Strain drove the girl to his house where the alleged criminal sexual conduct occurred after the football game.

The alleged incident involved "imitating a sexual act on [her] leg," the victim said during Strain's preliminary exam.

The girl said she and Strain had their clothes on during the encounter. She also said Strain touched her breasts.

On the advice of his attorney, Strain declined to comment.

The trial begins at 9 a.m. in Judge Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, 1441 St. Antoine, in Detroit.

Homeowners blast choice of sub site

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Residents of Joseph and Brenda drives were armed with a video tape of their roads when they turned out to protest a nearby proposed development.

The group of about 10 residents told the Novi Planning Commission at its Feb. 19 meeting the development would use their unpaved dirt roads for access endangering their children, and damaging the roads.

Joseph and Brenda drives already are in poor condition, as witnessed by the video tape presented to the commission.

Proposed for development were two subdivisions — Country View and Lone Tree — running north to south between Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road.

Neither subdivision can be reached without traveling on Joseph and Brenda drives until a final prop-

osed subdivision is constructed, providing the necessary link in the area's development.

But in the immediate future, Joseph and Brenda drives will be used by all residents of the proposed subdivisions and anyone else who wants to take a shortcut from Grand River Avenue to Meadowbrook Road.

In spite of the presentation, commissioners gave 4-2 approval to Country View subdivision. The second subdivision, Lone Tree subdivision, which developers hope to build simultaneously from the commission, has no guarantee both will be constructed.

Commissioner Secretary Timothy Gilberg also cited Country View's link with the Lone Tree subdivision as his reason for voting against the former development.

Gilberg and McLallen voted against Country View. Johnson, Commissioner Ernest Arufo, Loda Richards and Steven Gorgas recommended City Council approval of the plan.

Members Kramer, Balagna and Schaefer were absent.

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Opinions

As We See It

City medical leave policy is worth price

We can appreciate the desire of Novi City Council members to see an analysis of the financial impact before making any kind of final decision, but the proposal on the table Monday night to extend medical insurance coverage for six months to temporarily-disabled/off-the-job employees would be a long step in the right direction.

The issue came up as a way to address the problem which led to the ongoing dispute between two pregnant police officers and the city. Officers Deanne Hall and Karen Koester have filed suit against the city over its refusal to give them light duty assignments while they were pregnant. The city administration has contended that light duty cannot be given to the pregnant officers unless it is also offered to all other employees who suffer minor medical conditions. And that could be very expensive.

Although the proposal to extend insurance coverage would not apply to Hall and Koester, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaiver proposed this idea as one way to resolve the problem in the future without instituting a light duty assignment policy. As Klaiver put it, the proposal "would not impact our light duty policy aside from somewhat softening the impact of that policy."

Indeed it could. Jamil Akhtar, the attorney representing Koester and Hall, argues the two were denied light duty while pregnant and pressured to leave the force. Each lost medical insurance coverage from Novi while off work.

As we stated, we can appreciate the

Panels should meet often

Novi Mayor Matt Quinn recently announced that the City Council and the Novi Board of Education will meet in a joint session come the end of March. The time has since been set for 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 21.

We think that's a great idea. And we'd like to propose a topic for discussion—getting together more often. We'd like to propose they get together on a regular basis, perhaps semi-annually.

Needless to say, there are a good many topics for the two bodies to discuss—the construction of the district's TIF facility, the impact of a possible TIFA to support a parking structure at the Novi Expo Center, the need for roads to support school buildings, planning to meet the needs of a growing population, and the list could go on and on.

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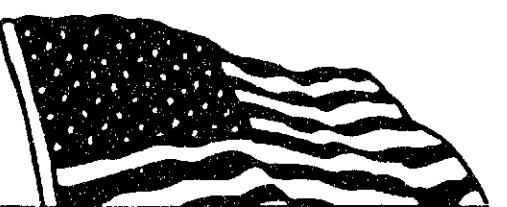
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Judges, lawyers don't get it



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Government

The judges and lawyers don't get it. They simply don't get it.

Michigan's economy is flat, if not shrinking. So is most of state government. Colleges aren't getting an increase. State parks are tightening their belts, maybe closing. Liquor inspectors are spread thin. Last week the attorney general charged a bunch of southeastern Michigan stations with cheating at the gasoline

pumps, and you wonder how many were missed.

So what is the state Supreme Court doing but asking for more Court of Appeals judges. Appellate law rivals welfare as our biggest growth industry. Our 1964 Constitution created the Court of Appeals with nine judges. Today there are 24.

And they want 15 more—a 62.5 percent increase. They want nine this election and six more in 1994. That would make 39—more than quadruple the original gang of nine. The high court administrator says we really need 80.

Chief Court of Appeals Judge Martin Doctrow of Birmingham and Judge Roman S. Cribbe of Detroit got a sympathetic hearing before the House Judiciary Committee last week.

The Court of Appeals is drowning in work," Doctrow cases; today it's 4,500.

"We're aware of the cost involved. That's for you to resolve," said Doctrow.

"What's the story?" asked committee chair Perry Bulard, D-Ann Arbor. "Is the law so unsettled that attorneys have to appeal?"

"Crime and drugs," said Doctrow. There are automatic appeals when a judge departs from sentencing guidelines, but that's not the core of the problem.

The appellate court is trying new ideas to resolve issues more quickly, but mere efficiency can get you only so far. The Michigan Constitution provides an accused in criminal cases "an appeal as of right."

One committee member, Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, thinks that flood should be halted rather than creating more judgeships. His view isn't popular among lawyers, judges and lawmakers, but Nye is right.

Thomas E. Daniels, an Ann Arbor lawyer, writing in the February issue of the Michigan Bar Journal, argues that the quality of criminal defense work is declining in Michigan:

"Because almost 90 percent of all felony defendants are too poor to hire their own lawyer, the ability of lawyers to perform competently is critical not only to their clients but to the proper functioning of the criminal justice system."

What solution does the Bar offer? No. 1, of course, is to pay lawyers more. In their next article, on funding indigent criminal defense, Barbara R. Levine, administrator of the Michigan appellate assigned counsel system, tells us:

"The amount of compensation paid for appointed counsel is widely disparate between counties and shockingly low throughout the state."

The lawyers don't get it either.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



'Shadows in the fog'

Equality wins over learning

declining.

Worst of all, there is no particular reason to believe that the poorer districts are necessarily going to show any improvement in their educational outcomes as a result of getting thinly spread additional money.

This is so because Michigan's totally archaic way of looking at education—that dollars spent, by definition, determine educational achievement—provides us no way of setting outcome standards for money moved by the Robin Hood law.

Indeed, to reduce educational quality in rich districts while showing no necessary increase in others is very close to a classic negative sum game: Everybody's worse off.

Now Gov. John Engler wants to take yet another step.

Earlier this month, he started most observers by proposing to shift \$466 million the state now pays for teacher Social Security taxes into the school aid fund. Since this would rub salt into the wounds of rich districts (excluded from state aid), he offered as a sop to repeat the Robin Hood law.

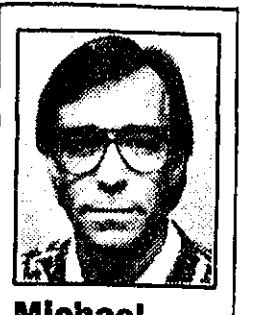
Seeing an opening, Democrats in the Legislature are proposing to move \$450 million in state-paid teacher pensions to the aid fund. And the new superintendent of public instruction, Robert Schuller, has made it clear that further "reforms" are high on his agenda.

All this would be fine if a realistic, accurate and widely accepted way existed to measure just what children actually learn in schools and to make sure that level of learning overall does not fall when people tinker with funding.

Otherwise, all we will have is an amazing and improbable alliance between Engler and the Democratic liberals in a redistributionist theory of school finance that sacrifices real learning on the altar of statistical equality of funding.

For the losing districts, class sizes have increased. Special programs like computer education, music, art and foreign languages have been slashed. Morale is poor and

The FOI, the Novi police and you



Michael
Malott

Still in the process of being rewritten, the Novi Police Department's so-called "media relations policy" is being transformed into a "public access to information" policy.

What that means is that you don't have to have media credentials in order to obtain the information Novi police department.

It also means the media won't be privy to information you wouldn't be able to get yourself, information which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy or would otherwise be considered out-of-bounds for the general public.

That simple change is one of the two revisions to the policy I consider most important. The other is a generally much less restrictive view of what information can and should be released to the public by the department.

My guess is that the policy will likely be finalized sometime soon. I think the result will be very positive.

Although I don't want to go into the details until the policy is finalized, I think I can safely say that the primary emphasis in the rewriting has been to make the policy match state law as closely as possible, including the Freedom of Information Act.

It's an important story. Anyone who believes in participatory democracy must realize that the "right to know" is a fundamental underpinning of that style of government. Unless the public has all the information, it cannot hope to make good decisions about how its government should operate.

There are still places in which we disagree with the city on its interpretation of those laws. Remember that ultimately this is to be the po-

lice department's policy. The Novi News is merely providing its input.

But I do believe the chances of the Novi police getting hauled into court on an FOI violation, by us or anyone else, will be much reduced as a result of this policy revision.

In practice, things are much improved as well. Previously, we had complained that only about 5 percent of the department's incident reports were being released to the public. Today, we get an accounting of nearly every incident.

We still don't always agree with the decisions made about what information is being deleted from some of those reports. Still, when we find information blacked out of a report which we feel is inappropriate, we do get a conscientious review of that decision. And in many cases, upon review, we've been able to get the information in the end.

As Shaeffer once said, this has turned out to be an educational process. And it seems to me that both the police department and the Novi News are learning a great deal about what kinds of police information can and cannot be released to the public. It's a process I sure will continue.

One thing is clear. What we are finding out now is that a great deal more information about criminal incidents and police department actions can and should be public than even we had previously imagined.

In any case, we'll keep you apprised of our progress. And as the policy is finalized, we'll give you a full rundown on what the new document says and how it will affect the flow of information to the residents of Novi.

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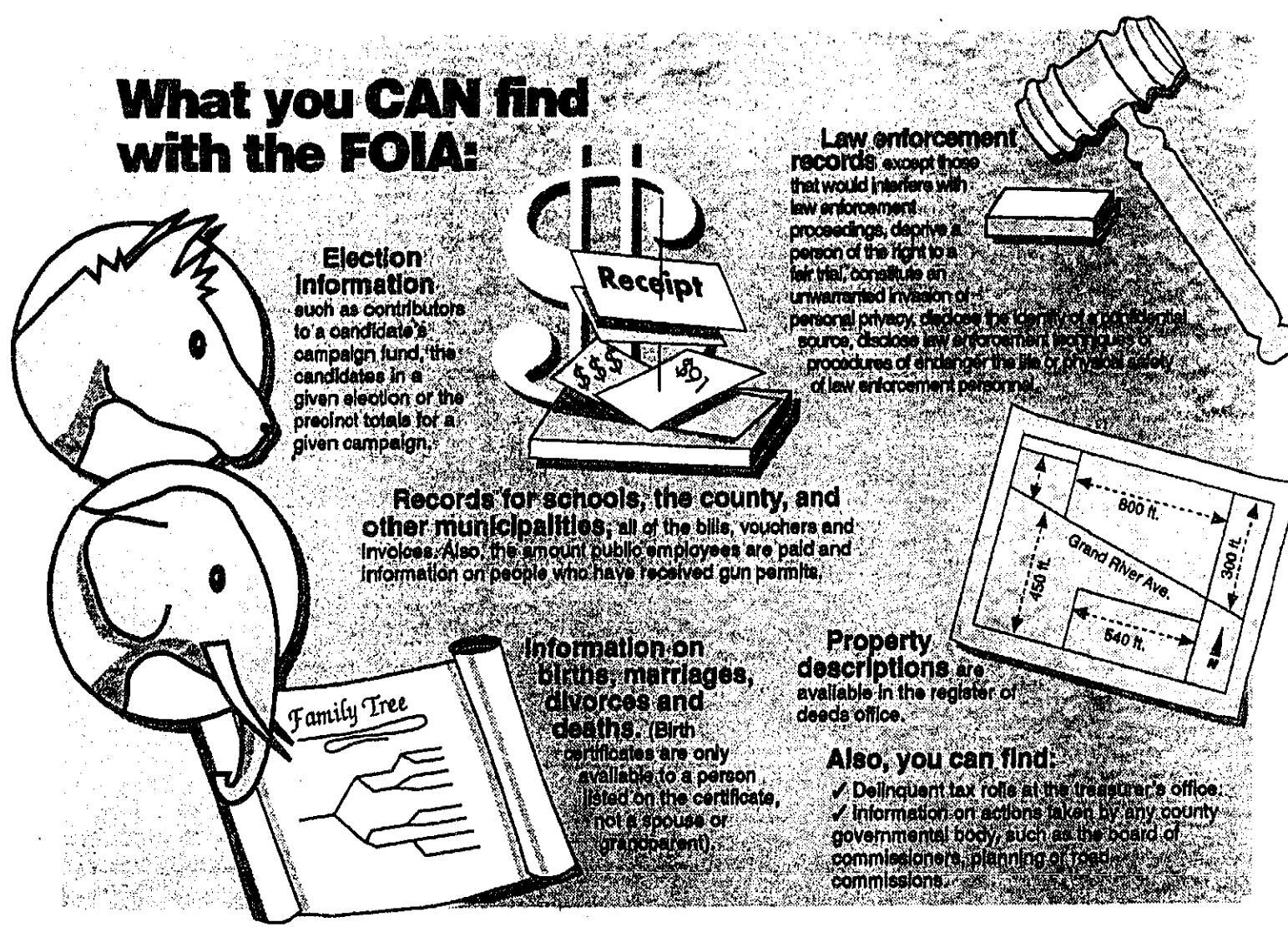
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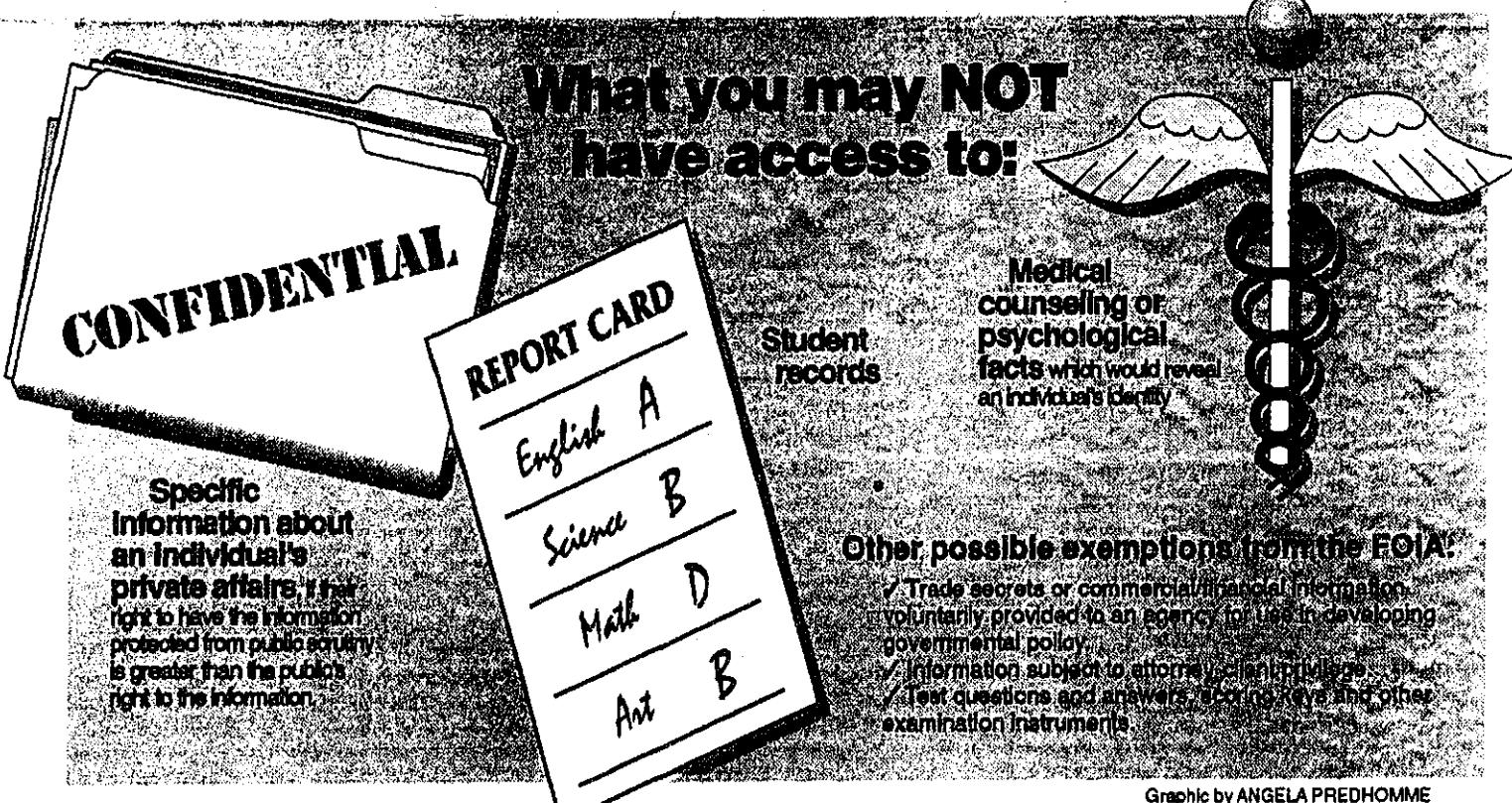
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DONALD SAMHAT

Baseball program aids in child development

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

For an activity outside his law office, Donald Samhat volunteers as president of Northville Junior Baseball, a program in which 800 to 900 children, ages 5 to 18, participate every year.

He presides at year-round monthly board meetings of 12 men and women, who discuss reports from the following committees:

Safety, registration, photography, training and development, umpire director (salaried), financial, equipment (annual replacement) and scholarship fund.

Although Junior Baseball is separate from Northville Community Recreation, Samhat said, "The rec program does supply miscellaneous things," among which are administrative offices, paper work and maintenance of playing fields.

There is something for each age of boy and girl, from T-ball for 5- and 6-year-olds, through softball and

hardball for each age through age 18.

Playing is not done entirely in Northville, he pointed out. Some is done in travel programs and World Series, in which Northville teams compete with those from and in other communities.

Money to maintain Northville Junior Baseball, he said, comes from registration and sponsors. Money also comes from the World Series games — money which is used in awarding two annual scholarships of \$500 each to students who at some time have participated in the program for two years.

Donald Samhat doesn't just sit at meetings. He coaches too. "My wife got me into it," he said. "She got me into coaching," and that led to the board involvement.

Why do it? "I get satisfaction out of teaching kids, encouraging them, seeing them develop." Yes, he has a child of his own in the program.

Interested in helping in the program? Call 349-0203, the offices of the Northville Recreation Department.

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Whitehall director lauds volunteer contribution

By JEANNE CLARKE
Staff Writer

February has been a busy month for the residents of the Whitehall Convalescent Home under the direction of Kathy Israel, Activities Director. She explained that many of her programs are made possible by the volunteers that have offered to work with her. One such volunteer is Tania Garrant, who has entered the Miss Teen Pageant and is giving 340 volunteer hours between September and June on Saturdays and Sundays. She has done many things to entertain the residents, including a dance show and assisting in other ways.

"Discovery" is another program every day at 10 a.m. under the direction of Muller Fichtner, teacher from the Huron Valley School system. She presents a variety of thought-provoking programs along with video. This week, they discussed the history of Detroit.

Lucy French, St. James Catholic Church came to present mass and received a pleasant surprise. The church family at Christmas had been most generous with gifts for the residents, so they made a very attractive "Thank you" quilt wall hanging which contains blue squares that were cut by resident Vera Hansor. All those in the facility wrote their names and it was embroidered as a thank you gift with Ruth Ann Cole completing the project.

The residents have a birthday party once a month with specially decorated cake by Judy Hennella, a family member of a resident. Other volunteers include Kelly Laura who does "One on One" and handles night programs. Mr. Ron Wixom of Novi

Novi Highlights

High School also coordinates members in his alternative education class who come and help prepare things for crafts, deli items, etc.

Mrs. Israel has been at the facility since May and comes highly qualified with a Bachelor's of Science degree, Masters in Health and Physical Education, a Graduate Certificate of In-Service in Gerontology.

The church offers a weekly Bible study for adults, nursery service and ministry for the hearing impaired with singing for the deaf at each service.

They have been holding classes in sign language at the library and have used the library for committee meetings until they get their new building under way.

The youth group is under the direction of David Breyer and recently they are selling note cards as a fund raiser. Recently, they went on a weekend retreat and have on occasion served coffee following the service. Friendship time, the time of Christmas season as they presented a Christmas pageant, served and decorated a lovely tea for members and spent caroling at the nursing homes.

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Preparing for March Madness



If basketball is your game, then March is definitely your month.

The "Madness" gets under way beginning on the 9th.

For Novi, the tournament will be a bangs baseline ral Northville, with host district competition. Joining the border rivals will be Can-

ton, Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

The annual right of spring does one thing for every team in the state — it wipes the slate clean. Regular season records go out the window and each school does indeed have the chance to go all the way.

The Wildcats have now won back to back Kensington Valley Conference championships. Coach Bob Shoemaker has said Novi's top priority all season has been to win the conference.

But, he says, the team has a new goal: to win the state championship. While that probably

isn't realistic, the 'Cats do have a chance to do well in the early stages of the tournament.

The district's four other schools all come from the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Novi has had mixed success against those clubs.

The Wildcats opened the season with a 60-42

thumping of Walled Lake Western. They came back and took a one-point victory from their southern rivals in Northville.

But then Novi took it on the chin against one of the WLAA's better teams, Walled Lake Central, 75-65. The Wildcats also lost to Livonia Franklin.

In a way it's hard to gauge those games.

Shoemaker has a habit of not emphasizing non-league games by using his bench more and more.

Michigan is blessed with a rich heritage of players who have faced that pressure and succeeded.

Magic Johnson, of course, guided his Lansing Everett team to the Class A championship in 1977. Sam Vincent and Glen Rice are two others who have done well in tournaments past.

For players like those three, the state tournament has been a springboard to more extensive basketball careers. For countless others, it has been the biggest chance to grab the spotlight for themselves and their school.

Let's hope the Wildcats can grab a little of the spotlight this March.

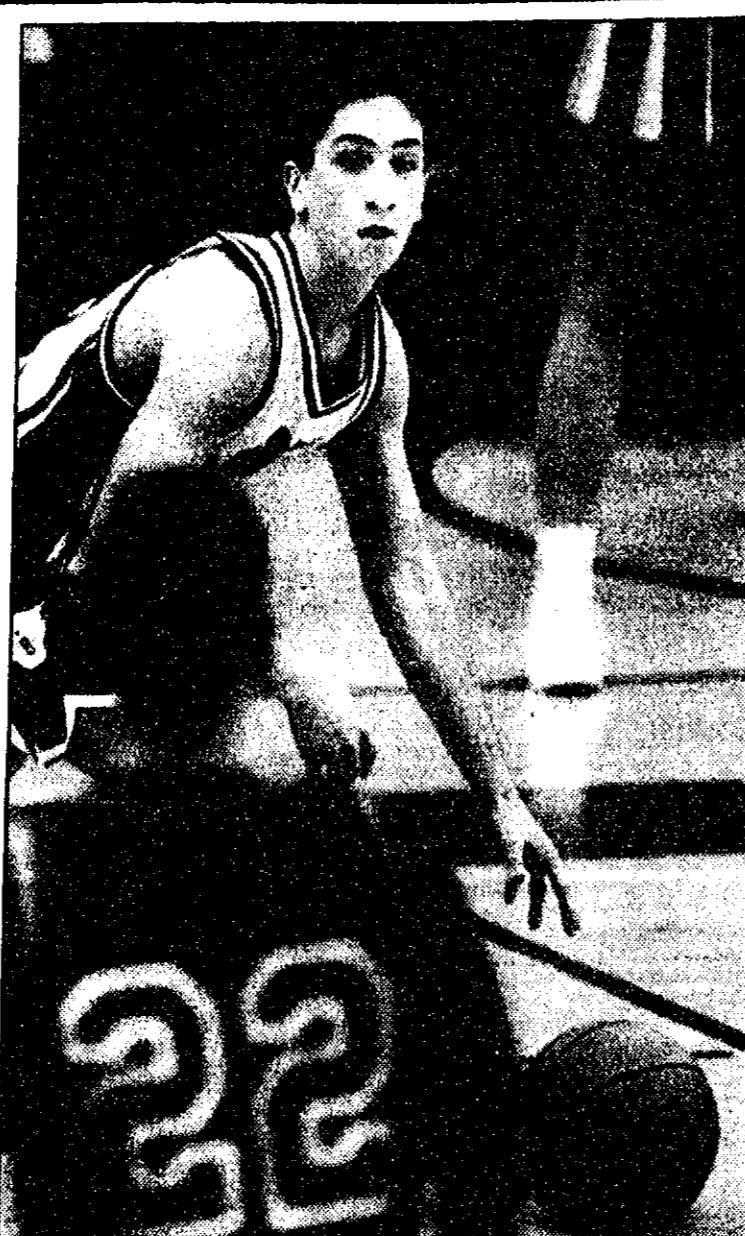


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Wildcats find a way to repeat

By SCOTT DANIEL

Staff Sports Writer

It wasn't supposed to happen. They were too small, too slow of foot and just not talented enough to win it again.

But, proving the prognosticators wrong, the Wildcat basketball team claimed their second Kensington Valley Conference crown in as many years. Feb. 18 against Brighton. The win moved Novi to 10-0 in the conference and guaranteed them back-to-back championships.

Coach Bob Shoemaker agreed with many KVC coaches at the beginning of the year that Howell was probably the best team on paper. But, he

said, the 'Cats had a few things the Highlanders didn't.

"On paper we didn't look that good," Shoemaker said. "But it's a great group of kids. They have a great deal of toughness and character."

Physically, several other teams in the KVC, such as South Lyon and Brighton, had more talent than Novi, he commented. And with the loss of players like Doug Soper, Aaron Fenderspiel and Mike Sunerton, the 'Cats chances were probably even slimmer.

"Physical attributes don't necessarily win," Shoemaker said. "It's what you do with what you have that counts."

Two factors contributed to the re-

peat championship, he added. Shoemaker said his group plays very well as a team and they get the most out of their abilities.

"Nobody is perfect," he said. "But these kids have come pretty close to where they could be. They have worked hard to get where they are."

Without a doubt, Novi has been led by its four seniors this season.

Jason Walker, league MVP a year ago, has upgraded his game. Shoemaker said. The tri-captain leads the Wildcats in scoring, rebounding, assists, steals and three-pointers.

"He's the best player we've had," Shoemaker said, a veteran of 20 high school seasons.

The coach said Walker's biggest

improvements this year have been in the rebounding and ball-handling departments.

He handles the ball well now," Shoemaker said. "That's pretty good for someone who wasn't asked to handle it all last year."

Another senior who has improved is Mike Kramer. Also a tri-captain, Kramer has nearly tripled his scoring average to 16.4 per game.

"He's the toughest kid in the league, pound for pound," Shoemaker said. "He's gone from being average to one of the top five guards in the league."

If the 'Cats have an unsung hero, Matt Roles is probably it. Shoemaker said the senior has provided versa-

ity to the team as a defensive stopper, steady rebounder and three-point shooter.

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Point guard Tony Wise has also done an admirable job, according to the coach. Shoemaker said, "He's gone up his team's chances of winning the district."

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Novi grapplers win districts

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Josh could easily have been second.

At 145, Novi suffered its biggest disappointment of the day. After a win by Borashko over Dan Passerini, eventual champ Craig Larson beat the Novi wrestler 5-0.

Scappaticci swept through the 152 weight division before losing in the finals. He defeated Rob Kardash of Churchill, Dale McLaren of Walled Lake Central and Eric Lockridge of Brighton in his first three matches.

In the finals, Scappaticci went up against No. 1-ranked Mike Reeves of John Glenn. The match went right down to the wire, but Reeves pulled out a 3-2 win.

Brothers Craig and Steve Tapply, at 160 and 171 respectively, each had wins before being dropped from state competition. Craig beat Tom McBride of Central and Steve took Ken Renard of John Glenn. Both were by decision.

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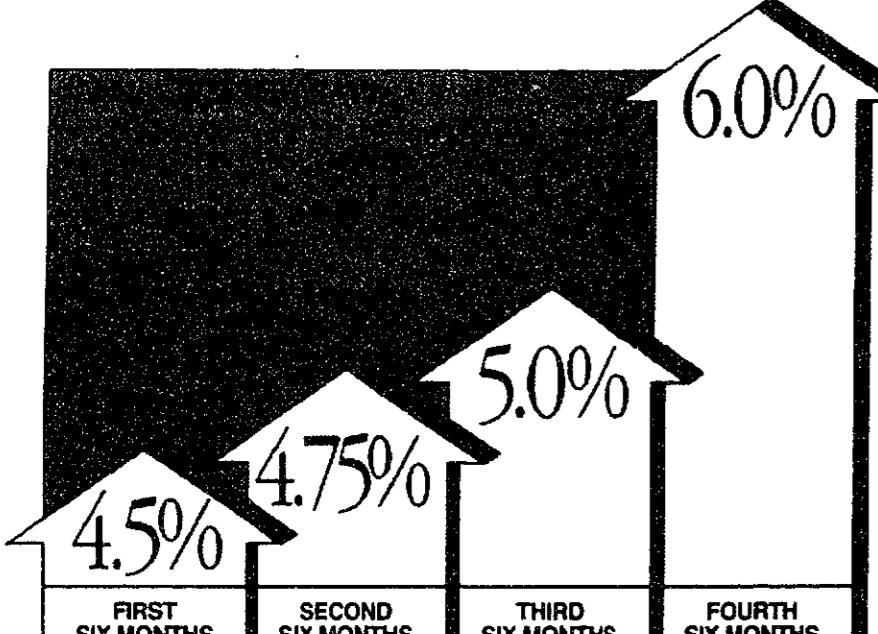
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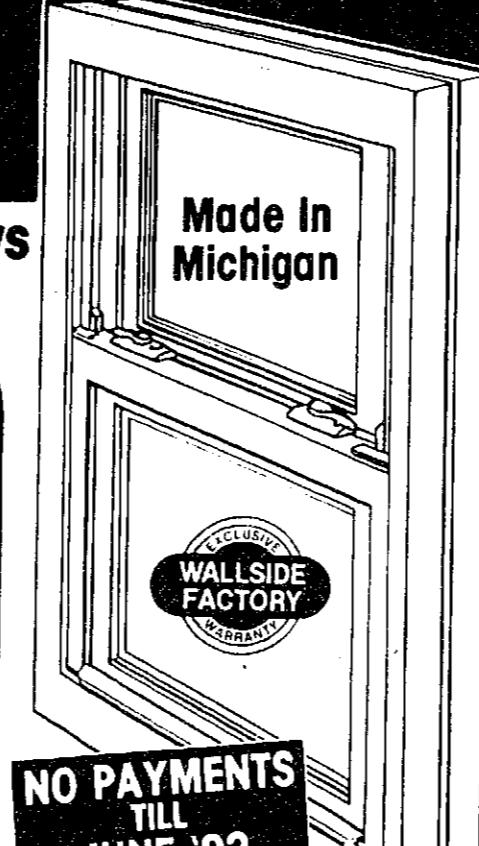
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Fitness Notes

Grand Slam: Jazercise and Jazzerstep are now being offered at Grand Slam USA on Ten Mile in Novi. Jazercise classes are Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Jazzerstep classes are Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. For more info call 426-9096.

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.

Fitness Factory: Now offering courses at Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Call 351-2885 for more info.

Health screening: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of health screening events each week.

One is blood pressure screening for senior citizens. This free service is offered each Wednesday in the Novi Civic Center from 11 a.m.-noon.

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

For more information, call 682-1717.

Jazzerstep classes offered: Juli Huddleston has started Jazzerstep classes in Novi this month. A unique combination of effective exercise, jazz movements and popular music, Jazzerstep 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 3847 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 348-1200.

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 348-1200.

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 Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 p.m. Locker rooms and showers are available

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Department sponsors lacrosse

By CINDY STEWART

If you combine the fast action of soccer, the running and passing of football, the catching and throwing of baseball and the shooting of basketball you've got the hottest new sport to hit Novi — lacrosse.

Novi Parks and Recreation is continuing what Novi Community Education and Coach Don Sill started last spring. The 1991 practice team of seventh and eighth graders has now developed into a travel lacrosse team to play in the Michigan Lacrosse League, Middle School Division and a new lacrosse program for high school students this spring. Coach Sill's ultimate goal is to make lacrosse a regular part of the Novi athletic program.

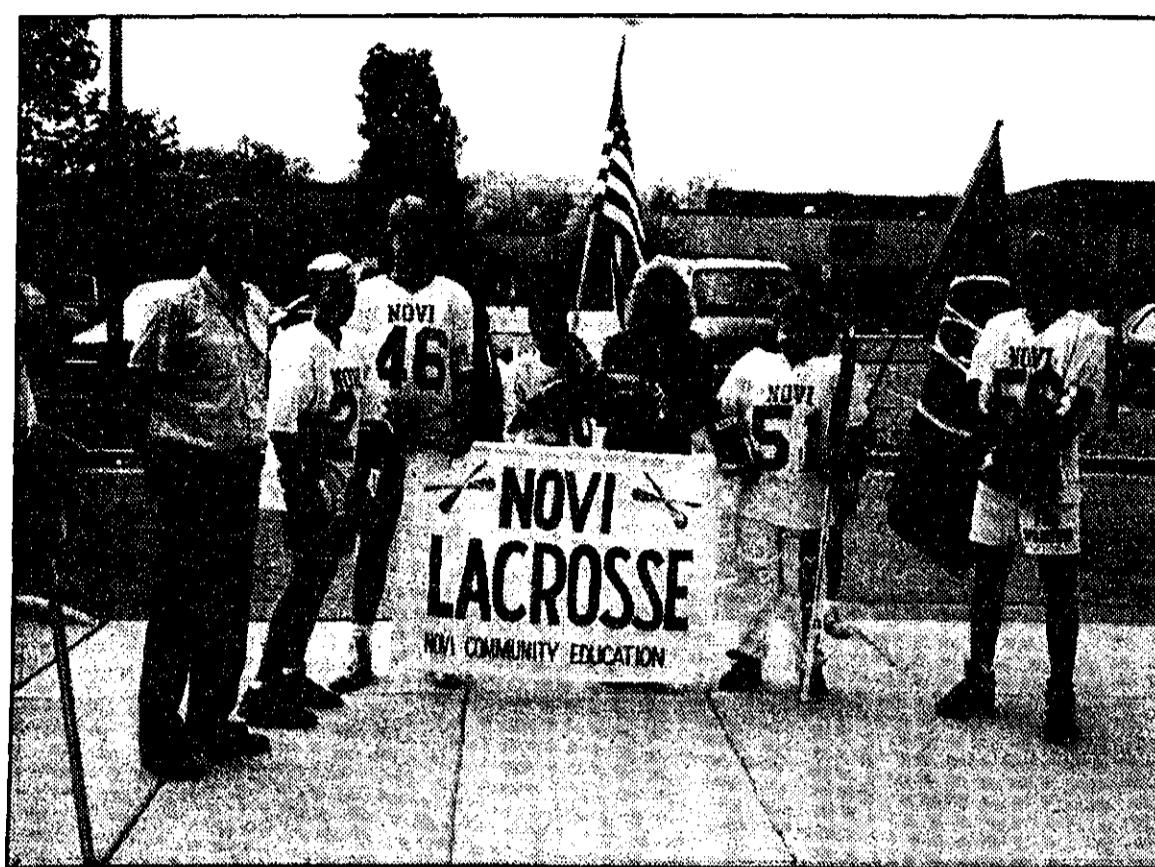
Lacrosse is a truly unique traditional American game that has been played in America for over 600 years. Many historians claim that it is "America's only true sport."

Don Sill has always loved lacrosse. He played all sports as a youngster, but his first love was lacrosse. Now that he is a parent and teacher he has grown to appreciate the sport even more. "The size of a player makes no difference in lacrosse, unlike most of the other sports. Everyone is equal. Quickness and skill are the measures of a good player," said Coach Sill.

Lacrosse is played in almost 20 schools and several colleges and universities in Michigan. There are over 300 colleges and universities with lacrosse teams and over 800 high schools with lacrosse programs nationwide.

The Novi Lacrosse Program began in Novi April 10, 1991, when a group of 30 seventh and eighth graders and their parents met at the middle school library to hear a short presentation and ask questions about starting a lacrosse program in Novi to be organized through Community Education. As a result of that meeting, 23 middle school students signed up for the spring session that met five days a week for seven weeks.

The group worked hard and made excellent progress to the point they



The Novi lacrosse team kicks off its first season this spring.

were proficient enough to play practice games with other schools. Every team that played the Novi team was impressed with the enthusiasm and level of skill the boys had achieved. Because of their remarkable progress, Novi was invited to participate in the Middle School State Tournament held at Cranbrook School in May as an exhibition team.

This year Novi Parks and Recreation will sponsor the two lacrosse teams. The Novi Middle School's eight-game season runs from April 4 through May 23. The Middle School Lacrosse Tournament is May 22-23. The Novi High School team will play in the Junior Varsity Division for the first year. Its 10-game season runs from March 23 through May 23 and the Michigan Lacrosse Tournament is May 22-23. The cost of the program

is \$45 per player and \$54 for non-residents.

Novi Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring a Summer Lacrosse Camp, June 22-26 and a Summer Lacrosse Program, July 6-Aug. 7. The program for grades six through 12 is Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Coach Don Sill always wondered why lacrosse never came to Novi in the past. "I hoped someone would get a program off the ground, but I never dreamed I would be the one to do it," said Sill. "The skills I stress in lacrosse, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship are skills the kids will use throughout their lives."

Lacrosse is a fast-moving, high-scoring game that grabs not only the players but the spectators as well. Lacrosse compliments all of the other sports. Lacrosse has similar strate-

gies to soccer and basketball, and the conditioning helps football and basketball players keep in shape. During a typical lacrosse game, the players may run miles up and down the field. Coach Sill's 14-year-old son, Mark, uses lacrosse to get in shape for fall football.

Both Novi Parks and Recreation Lacrosse teams will have new uniforms this spring. Coach Sill is holding parent's meetings for grades 7-8 on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. and for grades 9-12 on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings are at the Novi Civic Center. If you can't attend the parent's meeting or need additional information, call Coach Don Sill at 349-2388 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Cindy Stewart is the Public Information Director for the City of Novi.

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Players sought for lacrosse travel team

Lacrosse: Novi Parks and Recreation is forming a travel lacrosse team to play in the Michigan Lacrosse League, middle school division this spring.

Cost is \$45 per player and \$54 for non-residents.

There will be a parent's meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more info call 347-0400.

Novi Parks and Recreation is also organizing a lacrosse program for high school students this spring. Costs are the same as above.

Goals of the program are to learn the skills and rules of the game, play inter-squad games, scrimmage other teams in the Detroit area. For more info call 347-0400.

Softball: Many leagues will be offered by Novi Parks and Recreation for both men and women this year. The men's resident league will allow only five non-residents per team, while the men's Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, women's open and men's 35 and over leagues have no residency rules.

Registration is going on now at the Novi Civic Center. Spring/summer registration ends April 1.

Refs needed: Soccer referees are needed for

the spring season. Call Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more info.

Coaching Schools: For all prospective coaches — become a championship coach. The ASA Junior Olympic sponsored event will teach crucial details and fundamentals, as well as common errors your players will make and how to correct them. Feb. 29-March 1 in Howell. Call Dennis Troshak at (517) 546-0693.

Senior Golf: Novi's golden retrievers golf league will begin play on the week of May 11 at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Choose from either the Monday or Thursday leagues. Novi residents can register now at Novi Parks and Recreation.

Senior Dances: The Senior Sweetheart Dance will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 1-3 p.m. in Live band and refreshments. Cost is \$1.50.

A "Senior Wearin' O' the Green Dance" will be held March 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. Wear your green and dance to the live band for a cost \$1.50.

Gymnastics: Discover or develop your child's talent in gymnastics. Pre-beginner/beginner no experience required. For advanced beginners prior lessons are required. Intermediate

must be adequate in performing cartwheels, back walkovers and tumbling stunts. Register through April 3 at the Civic Center for spring classes.

Banquet: The 5th annual "Sportsmen On and Off The Field" awards banquet will be held at the Novi Hilton March 6.

This year's award winners include Desmond Howard, Dennis Archer, Jeff Bender and Tirrel Burton. Cost is \$65 for singles and \$120 for couples.

The banquet is sponsored by Wolverine Human Services. The non-profit agency serves more than 300 troubled adolescent males ages 11-17.

Novi Youth Baseball: Registration for all levels (ages 8-16 by July 31, 1992) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center March 11 and from noon to 3 p.m. March 7.

Fees range from \$40-\$50 per player, with a \$100 maximum for those families registering three or more players. Birth certificates are required.

For more information call 348-9456 or 349-6983. If you would like to volunteer for Novi Youth Baseball call 349-2543.

Causes of hypertension discussed



Raymond Hobbs, M.D.

High blood pressure occurs when the average pressure in the blood vessels is higher than normal. It is similar to that of an over-inflated tire. In both cases there may or may not be noticeable problems, although the performance of each will decrease with time and life span may be shortened. With high blood pressure everything may appear to be normal and one may feel fine while serious damage is being done to the internal organs. The organs at greatest risk of damage are the heart, kidneys, brain and blood vessels themselves.

The consequences of this prolonged damage are stroke, heart failure, heart attacks, blood

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vessel disease such as atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and kidney failure. Although these problems can be treated if discovered early, they are frequently irreversible if discovered late.

The causes of hypertension are not fully known, in spite of intensive medical research. In fact, only about 5 percent of cases can be fully explained. Known causes include narrowing of the arteries to the kidneys, kidney disease in general, certain rare tumors and glaucoma problems, medication and very rare conditions, such as consuming huge amounts of black licorice. Of the remaining 95 percent of cases, certain conditions such as high salt intake, obesity, race and sex have been shown to be associated with the disease, although the direct cause has not been proven.

Since the 1940s the treatment of hypertension has changed with the development of more than 50 drugs of varying potency, cost and mechanism of action. With such a wide variety of medications available, physicians use different

drugs to avoid unwanted side effects that may occur in certain patients. Other non-drug therapies such as weight loss, lifestyle modifications and decrease in salt intake should also be used.

In summary, several conditioning facts and refutations are important:

■ Although hypertension can be a devastating disease, it is easy to diagnose and treat.

■ People with early hypertension may feel perfectly fine in spite of continuous slow damage to their organs.

■ For most people hypertension is a life-long disease that must be continually treated since true cures are infrequent.

■ Since people are different and different causes of hypertension exist, the theory must be tailored for each individual.

■ Finally, and most importantly, hypertension is treatable if it is diagnosed, the proper treatment prescribed and the therapeutic plan followed by the patient.

Raymond Hobbs, M.D., is medical director and internal medicine physician at the University of Michigan Health Center in Northville. This series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the U-M Health Center staff.

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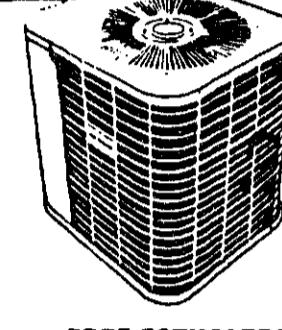
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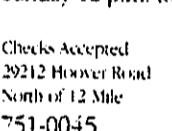
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Saleswomen add impact in real estate

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Josie Ralstin has been an active real estate saleswoman since 1979. She is now a member of her brokerage firm's Multi-Million Dollar Club and has been netting annual sales commissions from \$75,000 to \$100,000 for several years.

Ralstin is one of an increasing number of women who are becoming leaders in real estate sales. And they are rising in the ranks of high officeholders in major real estate organizations.

"I often put in a 15-hour workday, but I still make sure there is quality time with my husband and 12-year-old son," she said. "I'm home every afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. to help my son with homework take him to basketball practice or a zillion other things. It all has to be carefully scheduled."

Ralstin, married for 16 years.

handles her real estate and domestic activities like a master juggler.

I really love the real estate business. It brings you into a working relationship with all kinds of people. And that's what I enjoy most about it.

In addition to her real estate brokerage work and family responsibilities, Ralstin finds time to serve on the Grievance Committee of her local Board of Realtors.

Today, about half of the real estate sales associates and brokers who are members of the National Association of Realtors are women. That proportion is up from 18 percent in 1975, according to NAR.

A recent survey by Women's Council of Realtors, an affiliate of NAR, revealed that 28 percent of their members have ownership interests in the broker-

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HOME DESIGNS



It's a mansion, it's an estate, it's the Fairbanks

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Call it a mansion, or call it an estate, with more than 10,000 square feet of living space, the Fairbanks clearly is a high-class home. The combination of colonnaded entrance and rough-hewn stone exterior puts one in mind of the unpretentious solidity of a Roosevelt-era hunting lodge.

The breathtaking 20-foot-wide circular foyer, vaulted to the second floor, serves as a hub offering five choices of direction, and it could take hours to explore all of them. Nothing is little here. Even the hallways are 5 feet wide.

One of the most unusual features is a 27-by-44-foot recreation room, larger than some homes. It includes a row of skylights, a wet bar at the far end and a recessed fireplace that punches out one side. Fill it with bright lights and twirling dancers and you've got a ballroom. A huge skylit spa, with convenient bathroom, and a half-oval-shaped study complete this wing.

Each of the family living areas gathered together at the opposite end of the Fairbanks has its own unique features. The oddly shaped living room has a fireplace and a bay window, and the formal dining room is a perfect oval. The free-form kitchen has both a

cooking island and an eating bar with a vegetable sink.

Light from another row of skylights makes the nook an ever cheery space, and a fireplace provides additional warmth in winter. The utility room includes a pull-down ironing board.

Each of the three bedrooms downstairs has its own private bathroom, and two have walk-in closets. These rooms could easily be used as guest or servants' quarters.

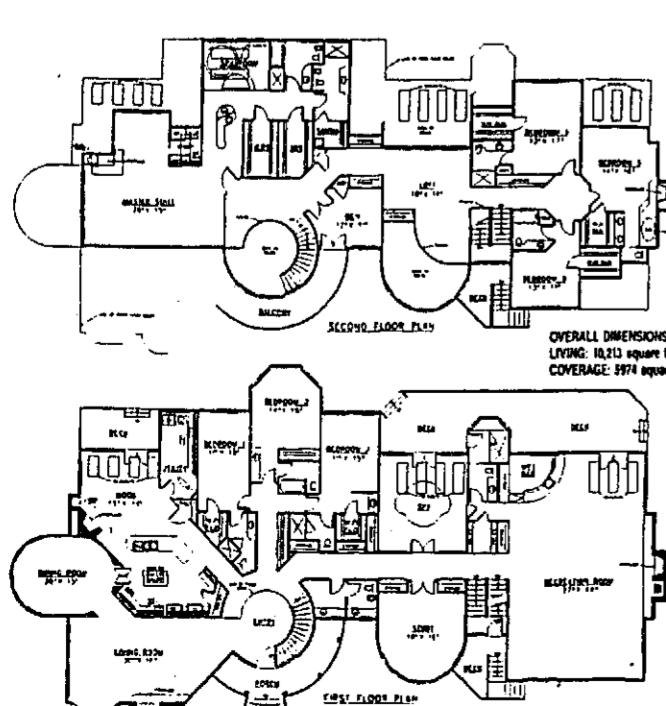
Three equally lavishly outfitted bedrooms are upstairs (one with a fireplace), along with a small den and an enormous master suite—a home in itself.

In addition to a sleep space, the suite includes a sitting room, with adjacent small kitchen, his-and-hers bathrooms (each with a bidet), and his-and-hers closets.

A novel vanity island has a double-sided mirror with basins beneath each side.

Twelve-foot-wide sliding-glass doors open into an elevated spa, and a small sauna adds the final luxurious touch.

For a study plan of the Fairbanks (209-13), 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.)



One of the homes in Edinborough of Novi.

TOP SHELF

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

When it comes to quality home developments, Edinborough of Novi holds all the aces. A prime location, an ideal setting, and an exquisite building quality combine to make this new custom home development perhaps the most luxurious ever in Novi.

"Novi really never has had as nice a luxury development as this," said Phyllis Lemon, a Realtor for the Michigan Group who is selling the homes. "The homes will start at around \$400,000."

When developer and landowner Len Wasczewski started the project, he knew from the beginning he wanted to go top-shelf on everything. After all, the property itself seemed to demand it. The 23-acre tract, located off Beck Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads, is blessed with a wealth of trees, and a large wetland area along the eastern border which creates a buffer from the traffic on Beck Road.

When so many housing developments are sacrificing wetlands and woodlands, this one takes pride in its surroundings and tries to make them a selling point. Seven of the 23 acres have been dedicated as natural-habitat parklands. The remainder of the property, when complete, will feature 17 homes on lots ranging from 1/2 to 1 acre.

Wasczewski chose his builder carefully. He wanted one that would be in stride with what he had in mind. The homes would all be custom-designed and built. He settled on the team of Frank "Tony" Bauss and Al Spicer, well-

known for their work on homes in the Northville area, with a combined 63 years of experience between them.

"I met with Frank and Al. I liked their workmanship, and we got together," said Wasczewski.

Bauss said the entire development will be controlled by the partners from beginning to end, to ensure the highest level of quality. Though there will be a separate land cost calculated into the final price of an Edinborough home, Bauss and Spicer will be the only builders. A buyer can choose any architect, but the design must be approved by an Architecture Committee.

"We knew we wanted tight control over the quality and the architecture that went in," said Bauss. "Rather than sell the individual lots to someone who might build something that doesn't fit in, we have complete control."

"We want to do custom homes. Nothing will be duplicated."

There is no "model" home here. Each one will be one-of-a-kind.

"If you have 70 homes with only five different styles, they may look wonderful on their own," said Bauss. "But when there are so many, it doesn't work."

That Edinborough will only have 17 homes, each with a minimum frontage of 120 feet and a lot depth of 250 feet or more, makes it an intimate little neighborhood.

"Building the large homes on a small lot wouldn't look good," said Bauss. "This doesn't have the feeling of a large sub. People here will all know each other."

To demonstrate the quality that will be the hallmark of the development, Lemon points to Spicer's own home, the first in the subdivision to be completed (another

is nearing completion, and two more are in the planning stages).

Details, details and more details fill Spicer's 7,000-square-foot home. Shelves of the Homearama dream mansions come to mind.

From the door jambs to the crown mouldings to the wainscoting in the formal dining area, wood trim abounds.

"The trim is all custom millwork," said Bauss. "We can do custom millwork in oak, cherry, ash — whatever the customer wants. I'm doing one right now that's all mahogany."

Interior doors are all solid oak, as are the kitchen cabinets. French doors in the great room and dining room feature beveled and leaded glass in oak framing. Hardwood floors appear in practically every room. A study on the first floor is finished entirely in cherrywood.

There are four working fireplaces in the home, including one of stone in the great room. The use of classic materials like stone and hardwoods hint at the tastes of the potential buyers.

"They tend to stay," said Lemon.

"There's nothing in here that they won't still like in 10 years. It will still be 'in.'

The bathroom adjoining the airy master suite features a tub with jacuzzi, a shower, two sinks, a vanity and access to an outdoor deck. Adjacent walk-in closets are furnished with built-in storage spaces.

There are five other bathrooms in the home, and three bedrooms. One of the upper level bedrooms, currently occupied by Spicer's daughter, is a suite with a sitting room.

On the lower level is a family room, and plenty of recreational space. A hot

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When to plant

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

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For some reason, some people haven't the slightest idea when to start seeds. If there is a warm day in late February, people get all excited and planting never sets in! They go out and buy seeds and plant everything—squash, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, beans, etc.—without figuring out when they can get them out in the garden. Then the problems begin!

Rule of thumb: Simply think ahead to when the plants are going out in the garden. If you start too early, you end up with weak, spindly plants, too frail to adjust to outdoor life.

You can use the last frost date for your area for timing, but watch out: Your garden may be warmer or colder. You really should plan according to your own experience of when the frost is out of the soil and the ground becomes workable.

Because crops can go outdoors at different times, and because they all germinate and grow at different phases, it's important to plan for each one, not to try to set them all going on the same day. I divide my crops into hardy, half-hardy and tender.

In my area, I plant seeds

outdoors around May 15, and unless we have an unusually cold spell, they get off to a good start. Of course, if you are lucky and have a cold frame to harden off your seedlings (which you started indoors in March), you may be able to get these tougher seedlings into the garden a week or so earlier than that. However, if there is a cold spell, give them some protection.

For best results, when you're ready to start planning your garden, consult a calendar and locate the approximate date on which each crop can go to its bed in your garden.

For example, broccoli can go out a week or two before the last frost date. If that's May 15, you can plan to have your seedlings ready for the first week of that month. Count back 40 days and you'll find out you should start broccoli seeds indoors during the last week of March.

On the other hand, squash only takes three weeks to get ready and should go out only after all danger of frost is out

Calculating planting dates

■ Crops go outdoors at different times, so figure a planting date for each.

■ Use a calendar to calculate planting dates, and leave enough time to start seeds indoors. Use the last frost date in your area to figure the timing.

■ Divide crops into hardy, half-hardy and tender. Hardy crops generally take longer from germinating to planting than tender crops.

■ Don't forget to harden off seedlings before transplanting them outdoors. Use cold frames or simply open the window to let seedlings get a mild draft.

■ Days to germinate, transplant size and days to garden are all in days.

■ Days to germinate: 10-15 days for hardy crops; 14 days for half-hardy crops; 7-14 days for tender crops.

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'Tamperproof' screws key to removing locks

By Gene Gary
Copy News Service

QI have a problem that concerns the window locks and deadbolt door locks that were installed with "tamperproof" screws. Is there any way to remove this hardware so that the cylinders can be replaced?

AIf you are replacing the locks, they can be removed in the following manner. If the screw heads are flush with the hardware, use a power drill with a drill bit that is slightly smaller than the screw head.

Drill a pilot hole in the center of the screw head. Then insert an easy out, corkscrew type of tool that when placed in the pilot hole, will tighten as you turn it counter-clockwise and back the existing screw out.

If the heads on the one-way screws are not flush, you may be able to get a firm grip on the heads with

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locking pliers and back them out that way.

A good hardware store will have the proper materials and should be able to provide additional instructions.

If you are just interested in having a change in the keying, contact a locksmith who can come to your home to do the work. This does not require removal of the lock hardware itself.

I am having a constant problem with mildew along the rainy season. The problem is basically along one wall where mildew starts at the baseboard and creeps up the wall. We have used household bleach and trisodium phosphate to remove this staining and have repainted the wall, but the

condition has begun again. Do you know of a way to solve this problem without extensive wall preparation and repainting yearly?

A It is important to find the source of excess moisture, which causes the mildew. First inspect the ground area around the foundation. Be sure the ground slopes away from the foundation and provides for drainage away from the house.

Inspect the roof gutters; make sure they extend beyond the house and empty where the ground slopes away from the foundation. If you have a crawl space underneath the house, inspect this area for condensation problems.

One method of preventing excessive moisture from this area is to cover the ground with heavy plastic or roofing paper. Be sure to overlap the seams of the material you use to cover the ground. Use bricks to hold down the material along the overlapping seams, or use roofing cement. This should prevent moisture

from the ground seeping through the foundation and the flooring.

In addition, you can use a waterproof sealer applied to the interior side of the exterior walls. And be sure to use a mastic additive to a quality paint for the final interior finish.

Adequate ventilation is a must. Too much moisture trapped inside the house will add to your problem. You can get window ventilators or even install small vents in the side of the house.

If moisture has a way to get out, it won't condense on cool surfaces. Sometimes, just opening windows a crack will solve the problem. An alternative is to invest in a dehumidifier, which will trap moist air.

Send inquiries to Herie's How, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0191. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.

Saleswomen become more active in real estate business ownership

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age business in which they are licensed. Increasingly, women are becoming more active in real estate business ownership as well as positions in organized real

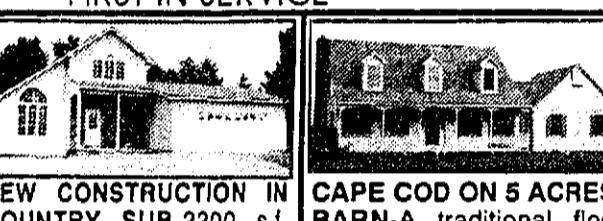
estate. Another significant milestone is the election of the first woman president of the National Association of Realtors, Dorcas T. Helfant, an active residential saleswoman

since the mid-1980s, became the first woman to serve as regional NAR vice president in her area. And now she's president of the National Association of Realtors.

"Women have been doing well in residential sales for a long time," Helfant said, "but one of the changes I have observed recently is that we don't view sales as just a way to make money. Many more women have an entrepreneurial attitude about the business."

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Sold on snacks New Highland store has snack food galore

By TERESA BERTUZZI
Special Writer

Paul Kaczmarek, owner of Snack Attack in Highland, says he wants to become more involved with the community.

Along with the new store Snack Attack, which opened in October, Kaczmarek also owns the Eye Care Connection, located just two doors down in the same shopping center, Highland Corners.

He said he's owned the eye care shop in Highland for about three years, so when he heard of another opening in the shopping center he thought it would be a great place to open another shop.

"I found there was a need in the area," he said. "We carry just snack food items. Eventually, I would like to carry every snack food available."

The store now carries about 500 different items. Kaczmarek said he hopes to expand the store to offer a total of 800 snack foods.

Not only is Kaczmarek sold on snacks, he's gotten his whole family in on the Snack Attack idea. His sister, Mary Anne Williams, is manager and his two nieces, Julie and Melissa, work at the store on the weekend.

"Mary Anne's more of a partner rather than just simply someone who manages the store," he said.

The employees all work together to decide on merchandise and the best way to run the shop.

The snack shop hires students from Lakeland and Milford High Schools also.

Kaczmarek said he also participates in the community by donating merchandise and gift certificates to local causes.

The store has donated to several local schools, churches and community organizations. It recently donated a gift certificate to a local Cub Scouts troop, to be used as a door prize for its blue and gold banquet.

More area families with small children are spending time together at home, said Kaczmarek. He said he thinks that may be beneficial to his new business.

"People often go out to buy snacks to bring home," he said. "This is a fun place for families."

Although the store doesn't cater specifically to children, kids seem to especially like the novelty items.

The school helped us spread our name. Children talked to each other about the neat candy store on M-59," said Williams.

She said some children like the store so much that parents use it as a way to encourage good behavior.

"I've heard mothers say, 'If you're nice to your sister, you can go to Snack Attack.' Parents are using it as a reward for children," Williams said.

One item that is popular with children is the Tear Jerker Gumball. Since the store opened, it has sold about two tons of the gum.

Kaczmarek said, "We're like an

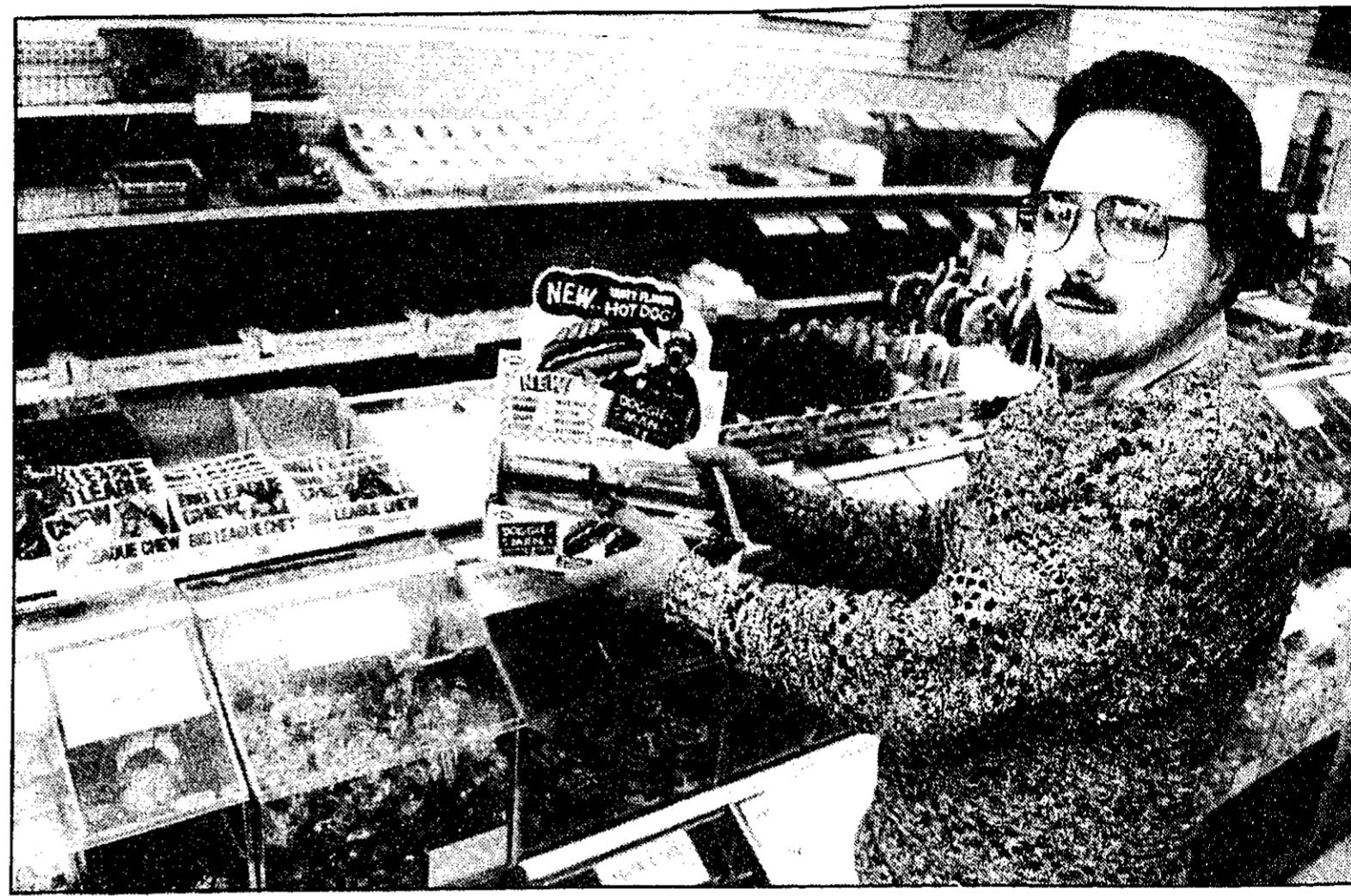


Photo by CHARLIE CORTEZ

Paul Kaczmarek is the owner of Snack Attack, a modern version of the old penny candy store in Highland

old-fashioned candy store gone rampant."

The old-fashioned ceiling fans and friendly employees make the store seem old-fashioned. Items like Candy Buttons, Giant Jawbreakers and Mary Jane candies bring back a lot of memories to older customers, too.

"We have people come in and say, 'I haven't seen these things in years.' They are happy to see the candy they had as kids," said Williams. "Some people come in and you can see their eyes open up really big and their jaw drops open."

Kaczmarek said, although he has gotten to know people in the area as a result of owning the eye care center, that having another store has

enabled him to get to know more people.

The shop has a lot of repeat customers and some people that come in almost every day.

Kaczmarek also belongs to the Highland Business Association and said he hopes to meet more local residents through that organization.

"I really like the people here," said

Williams.

In addition to Highland residents, some customers live in Waterford, Clarkston, Davisburg, Holly and other surrounding communities.

"We want to keep the small-town feel," said Kaczmarek. "We want to be the corner snack shop."

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COUGAR CUTTING PRODUCTS & SUPPLY INC. has been appointed a "Full Service Dealer" by the Homelite Division of Textron, Inc. for the service repair of Homelite equipment. It was announced by Martin M. Schmitt.

To be eligible as a "Full Time Dealer," the company must meet specific standards set by Homelite. The criteria ensure that customers will receive the highest quality repair work and servicing of the full line of Homelite products.

The select designation means that Cougar Cutting Products & Supply, Inc. has agreed to perform all warranty repair work on Homelite products regardless of where purchased; that service personnel have attended specific training schools and dealer meetings; and at least one Homelite trained mechanic is on duty at all time. Martin M. Schmitt points out that "Full Service Dealer" also must have adequate parts inventory, a well-equipped shop and labor rates approved by Homelite.

Cougar Cutting Products & Supply, Inc. was located at 25100

Money Management**Now's the time to explore refinancing**

With interest rates currently lower than they have been in more than a decade, now is the time for homeowners to consider the opportunities of using the low interest rates for creative refinancing of debt.

"Interest rates may decline even further. At present, they are relatively low so it may make sense to change your current financing," says Allen Ziegler, CPA. Ziegler is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants' (MACPA) Personal Financial Planning Committee.

Like all personal money management, she says, this type of strategy not only has tax and financial ramifications, but also involves individual goals and philosophy.

Consider the following possibilities:

- If you have an adjustable-rate mortgage at a higher rate of interest, consider changing to a fixed mortgage at a lower current interest rate.

• Explore the possibility of refinancing your present mortgage at a lower rate. If your goal is to lower your monthly payment, shop for the best loan terms and calculate how long you would have to remain in the home to offset the new fees and closing costs. If your primary goal is to lower the overall lifetime costs of the mortgage, the best method might be to refinance for a shorter term at a lower rate, assuming you can afford the new monthly payment and desire an earlier termination of your mortgage loan.

- If your present investments are not generating an after-tax rate of return higher than your current after-tax mortgage interest rate, consider repayment of your mortgage. You are, in effect, investing the cash at the

rate you pay on the mortgage. This strategy would only be effective if you have the cash to repay the mortgage and you are not likely to need it for living expenses in the foreseeable future.

If total repayment is not possible or desirable, preparing a portion of the principal on your mortgage each month, or periodically, can be beneficial. Unless you can find a low-risk investment that is yielding more than your mortgage interest rate, preparing some of the principal provides a guaranteed investment at that interest rate. "Remember you are locking up the cash until the end of the mortgage term and you must consider possible prepayment penalties imposed by the lending institution," says Ziegler.

Some of these strategies may fit your personal situation, but cash flow, tax, potential fees and penalties, and comparative interest rates must all be considered before taking action. Your CPA can give you advice that is individually tailored to your needs and can help you decide if any of these planning strategies would fit well with your overall financial objectives.

Now in its 90th year, the MACPA maintains offices in Farmington Hills and serves more than 12,000 CPAs in Michigan through its educational and professional programs.

Sales of homes rise in this area

Home sales, generally considered a good indicator of economic trends, suggest that local consumer confidence is much higher than reported in recent years.

Metro M.L.S. the state's largest multiple listing service covering major areas of Wayne, Oakland and Livingston Counties, recorded a 1991 sales increase of 5.1 percent over 1990 with total unit sales reaching 17,157, compared to 16,321.

"Undoubtedly, the drop of mort-

gage interest rates to a 14-year low and a broad choice of homes on the market encourage more families to make long-term commitments at this time," said Ruth Clevens, president of the 4,200-member Realtor organization.

Housing affordability is now reported at its most favorable level since 1974 and we think will continue to attract buyers into the market. Our local index shows a family with median income has 134 percent of that needed to qualify for a conventional, 20-percent down loan on a median-priced home in this area.

Clevens said the median price for a home in the Metro M.L.S. territory was \$84,500 in 1991, a 6.2 percent gain over the \$79,900 reported a year earlier.

"This reflects both the retention of value in homes here and an increased number of newer, higher-priced homes entering the market," she said. "Nearly 39 percent of homes here now sell for more than \$100,000, while the number at the lower end of the price scale continues to drop."

Novi Road, but moved to a new, larger location Feb. 1. The location is at 46845 12 Mile Road, (at Beck).

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The select designation means that Cougar Cutting Products & Supply, Inc. has agreed to perform all warranty repair work on Homelite products regardless of where purchased; that service personnel have attended specific training schools and dealer meetings; and at least one Homelite trained mechanic is on duty at all time. Martin M. Schmitt points out that "Full Service Dealer" also must have adequate parts inventory, a well-equipped shop and labor rates approved by Homelite.

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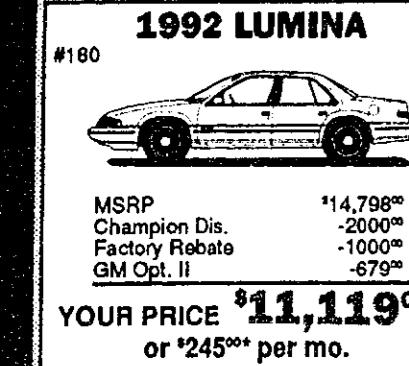
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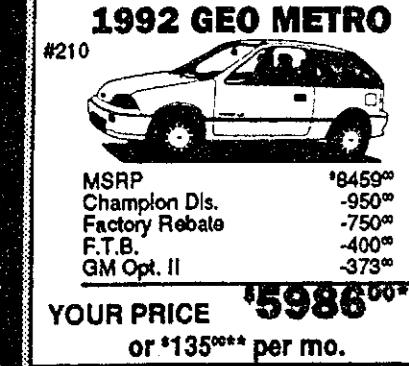
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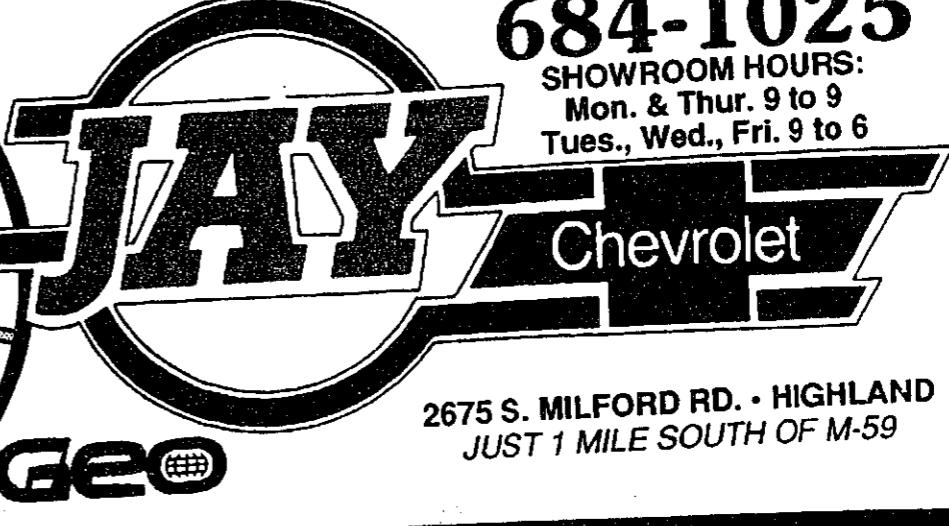
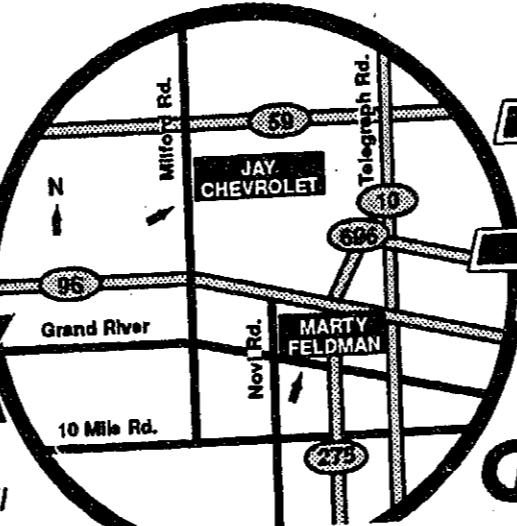
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