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Drillers strike oil; neighbors protest noise

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The Southern Michigan Oil Company's (SOMOCO) six-year battle to drill an oil well in Novi has paid off.

The company hit just under a million barrels or so of oil and gas deposits in a fossil reef west of Echo Valley Estates Subdivision, SO-MOCO vice-president Gary Gottschalk said Friday.

"It's a very good well," he said. The reserves are very good. We could wish it had a little more pay. We're slightly disappointed it didn't have a little more in it."

What it does have will be shared with almost all of the homeowners in the western 20 acres of Echo Valley, who have signed oil and gas leases with SOMOCO. Those who haven't joined up yet will get another offer from SOMOCO in the mail soon, Gottschalk said.

The reserve is believed to sit under 65 homes in the subdivision and under land to the west.

The 24-hour drilling and the installation of casing and the wellhead were completed March 14, not without disturbing some residents

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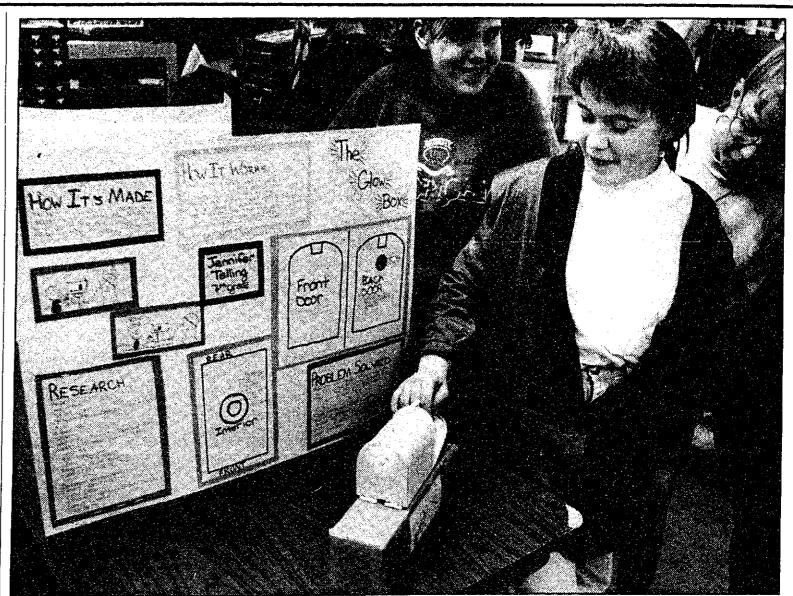
"They're making a racket," said Frank Brennan, president of the Echo Valley Estates Homeowners Association. "If you look back into the record, they indicated there'd be some problems with noise during the drilling process. Last week, it was pretty loud.

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Jennifer Telling demonstrates her award-winning mailbox invention.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Inventors seek to remedy problems

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

street-side mailbox just to find it empty. Telling super-conducting coils, a truck would melt ice designed a pressure-sensitive mailbox with a light. The light, which would be installed facing toward her house, would be activated when mail was placed in the box. Telling's mailbox also can be opened from the back for safety. With a rear-opening mailbox, a homeowner can check the box without walking in the street. Telling's mailbox won second place in the middle school competition. Tim Kushman and Peter Wickman were the school's highest ranking eighth grade inventors. The pair won third place in the overall school competition, and will represent the district in Invent Americal's state competition. They invenied a set of goggles that come complete with a ttached ear mulls.

on Michigan winter mads. The truck also would

for two fuel spills

Firm sanctioned

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Following two recent fuel spills, the Novi Fire Department has told a Grand River Avenue truck rental company to construct secondary containment around its outdoor storage tanks.

Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said Thursday that Suburban Rent-It was issued a violation after 25 gallons escaped into water-filled drainage ditches along the road on March 14 and another 10 gallons oozed out March 18. Rainy weather on March 15 helped spread the fuel.

The fire department filtered the product from the groundwater with absorbent materials and called in the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The fluid appeared to be a mixture of kerosene and diesel fuel, Lenaghan said.

"As far as we can tell, it's coming from Suburban Rent-It," the fire chief said.

They have been put on notice that we want action taken."

DNR environmental quality analyst Tim Jaski, who was called to the site both times, said he is preparing a letter requesting both secondary containment and a written plan from the company detailing an emergency procedure for controlling future spills.

The tanks are small and contain under 500 gallons of fuel, Jaski said.

They need to have them under better control than they have right now," he said.

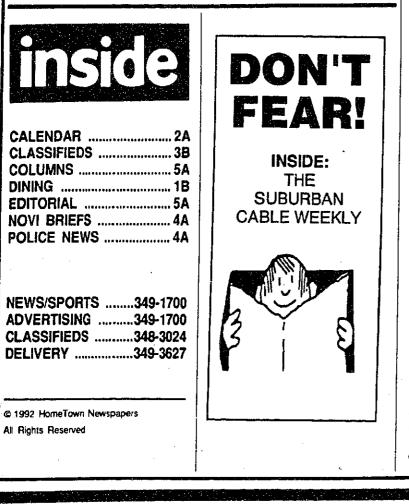
"They weren't leaking. The tanks were okay. It was more likely a spilling from the dispensing hose. They're just sitting in the yard and - bingo - anything that spills quickly washes away."

Jaski said he doubts if the DNR will seek legal enforcement against the company.

"It depends a lot on the company's response. They've been cooperative so far," he said. The drainage ditch is located along Grand River Avenue between

Clark and Lanny's streets. The fire department will reinspect the site within two weeks. The absorbent material contaminated with the fluids was bagged and left for disposal by the company, Lenaghan said.

Jaski was called to the scene by the city because state and federal laws prohibit discharge of pollutants into the groundwater.



Mike Marchak saw an elderly woman using a heavy walker for support.

The Novi Middle School seventh grader also saw a problem he could remedy.

"First of all, the walker was as big as her, and when she got tired she could only stand to rest," Marchak wrote in an essay describing an invention he designed for a school contest.

Marchak won first place in the school's Invent Americal contest for his collapsible walker. The walker collapses into a chair when a handicapped or elderly person needs a place to sit. Marchak's prototype walker was built out of cardbord, but he suggests graphite, aluminum or titanium would be useful for mass production.

The contest is sponsored by the United States Patent Model Foundation, K mart, Binney-& Smith, and Polaroid, Novi Middle School judges were assistant superintendent for Novi schools Rita Traynor, K mart manager David Ha-

luska and local inventor Candy Vanderhoff. Invent Americal was launched in 1987 to encourage creative thinking skills among students. Novi Middle School first participated last year when former seventh grader Sara Blumer took her invention all the way to the national level.

Seventh grader Jennifer Telling participated in the school contest. Telling hates to walk to her

Kushman and Wickman learned the art of sales as well as inventing with their project.

The invention is "created meticulously by hand in the U.S.A. by our skilled workers who slave untiringly to bring you the best possible quality for way under minimum wage," they wrote in a sales pitch that accompanies their goggle display, adding that refusal to purchase their product will send "dozens of hard working AMERICAN families to a life on the cruel, hard streets.

Tying with Kushman and Wickman, Ken Myers won third place overall on the school level for an electromagnetic ice control system. Using drop wood chips to absorb the water and prevent the road from refreezing. Myers said the woodchips are more enviro-

mentally sensitive than the salt currently used to de-jce Michigan roads. The chips would provide ferfilizer to roadside plants.

Seventh grader Marchak, and eighth graders Kushman and Wickman will represent the school in the statewide Invent Americal contest. If they win, they could go on to compete regionally and nationally.

Last year, seventh-grade winner Blumer represented the school with her invention of a new voting system. Blumer's Vote Tech system would allow people to vote by phone.

Blumer took her invention through the state and regional contest. Eventually, Blumer won a trip to Washington, D.C., where her Vote Tech system was scored against other seventh-grade projects.

Because of Blumer's success, this year's Novi school winners will receive certificates, program materials, books for the school library, educational materials and an Invent Americal classroom banner and flag of excellence. Blumer was recognized in a ceremony at Novi Middle School last week.

About 30,000 schools nationwide participate in Invent America! each year.

City delivers pregnancy policy

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

After a labor of three long, difficult discussions the Novi City Council March 16 delivered medical insurance coverage to staff members on unpaid disability leaves, provided the employee is off "probation."

Concerns that a new hire - including an expectant mother could instantly qualify for the extended coverage led the council to limit the benefit to "seniority" employees.

"This is a liberal benefit but in my opinion it's a needed benefit for a special certain group of people." Mayor Matthew Quinn said. "It's not a worker's comp. They are getting absolutely no money. That's the reason we feel we should allow the medical coverage to continue to go to the doctor so they can go back to work.

"I think this is something whose time has come."

Seniority employees are jobholders off probation, which varies from one year to six months, depending on the union contract under which the staff member works, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

Lawsuits brought by Novi police officers Karen Koester and Deanna

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> Nancy Cassis Novi Council Member

assment. Koester's civil suit comes to trial in April.

The policy, which was approved "in concept" by the council earlier this month, passed by a slim margin. Holdouts against adoption were council members Carol Mason, Joseph Toth and Robert Schmid.

The council ruled that the employee must use up all of his or her vacation and sick time before taking the unpaid disability leave of up to six months. A doctor's letter is needed before the employee can take the benefit.

Schmid's concern that the privilege might be inappropriately used by someone new to the staff prompted the qualification that he or she must be off probation. He remained opposed to the new policy. "The city had a very good medical

program before this provision. It's

businesses, including the one I happen to work for," Schmid said. We're becoming a little loose with the taxpayers' inoney because of one incident which has a generated a lot of emotion in the council."

very comparable to many, many

Toth and Mason said they didn't want to support the issue until actuarial figures requested by Toth were brought in by the administration.

"I feel this puts an extra burden on the taxpayer and possibly gives us an open checkbook that may hurt us in the months to come," Toth said.

Mason said the employee should be on the payroll at least three years before such a benefit might kick in: Here we are sitting here handing away the taxpayers' money again and this is not a very responsible thing to do.

Council Member Nancy Cassis, who has earlier called for a city maternity policy, supported the extended coverage.

"I think we're losing something. When you take off for disability of any sort it is no picnic. You want to get back to work as soon as possible because you are not drawing a salary." she said.

The idea came to the forefront after the city hired a new controller. Kathy Smith-Roy, he said. "It's a concept we've been kicking

around a year or so. She brought it up six months ago. She's reviewing all our policies," Klaver added.

The first question that came up in my mind was what impact if any it might have on the litigation. I called the attorney and he said it would have no impact whatsoever. It will have no bearing on the trial." If there is an impact, it would

likely be in the city's favor, he predicted. Koester and Hall have charged

the city pushed them off active duty on the police force while they were pregnant, leaving them with no salary or health insurance. Both have filed lawsuits alleging sexual har-

Hall had nothing to do with the overhaul of the policy, Klaver said.

Community Calendar

Today, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center

Blood Drive: The Novi Community Blood Drive will operate all day long in the Novi Civic Center. For appointments to donate, call the City Clerk at 347-0460.

Thursday, March 26

Board of education: The Novi schools board of education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Woods Elementary School. Saturday, March 28

Band Festival: The Novi High School Band will be performing in the state Band Solo and Ensemble Festival at Eastern Michigan University.

Wednesday, April 1 Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will

meet in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3

Youth theater: The full-length production of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" will be presented by Performance Plus, the new youth theater program at 8 p.m. on the Novi Civic Center stage. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12. Proceeds used for production costs and towards the enhancement of the youth theater program. Tickets are available through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department

Monday, April 6

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE): The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Vil lage Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

Tuesday, April 7

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals

will meet in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April

Youth baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Thursday, April 9

Parks Commission: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Historical Commission: The Novi Historical Commission will

meet in the Old Town Hall, in the Novi city complex to the west of the library building, at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13

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

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Friday, April 17

Good Friday: Novi city offices will be closed today. Tuesday, April 21

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Monday, April 27

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet in the Novi Civic Cener at 8 p.m

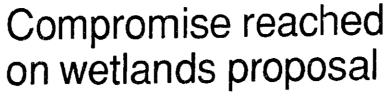
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By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Committee.

Local governments would have E Require local units to decide on an limited powers to control building on application to fill in a wetland within wetlands under a bill before the Mi- 90 days of its submission. The chigan Senate.

"No one's completely happy," said even if the permit were incomplete on Sen. David Honigman, R-West submission. Bloomfield, who won high praise E Limit local units to a two-step profrom most interest groups for engi- cess instead of a series of hurdles neering a compromise.

and fair. I'm happy wetlands will be and zoning appeals board. protected. Developers are entitled to **a** Require local units with ordisome decision (on building permits) nances to adopt a non-binding weton an expeditious basis," said the lands map as a guide. chair of the Senate Local Govenment 📲 Allow an owner who has been de-The panel last week gave the bill reassessment of the property.

5-O approval after two hours of public II Close a loophole under which a comments. Among the yes votes was wetland can be farmed for a year and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn. then developed. Environmentalists were the only Carla Clos – representing the Enunhappy ones, but even they prom-vironmental Protection Council of

ised not to seek amendments on the Oakland Countles. 19 cities and vil-Senate floor. "Given the starting point, this is praised the state-local approach in the least destructive bill possible. The compromise. Local ordinances

said David Dempsey of Clean Water don't halt development, she said. Action and a former adviser to ex "Novi issued four times as many per-Gov. James Blanchard. The "starting point" was Senate

Bill 522 which would have prohibited all local wetlands regulations. Sponsored by Sen. Paul Wartner, R-Portage, and backed by real estate concurrence. and development interests, it cleared another committee and was close to Senate passage when Honigman had said the compromise "went 7-5 it sent to his committee for revision. "It's superfluous. Reject it," said Don Stypula of the Michigan Munici-Elizabeth Chouinard, a Novi resident pal League.

who summed up the position of most environmentalists: Protect all wetlands permanently; no state limits on local ordinances. Don Hoves of Waterford, vice president of the Michigan Lakes and have been done under the circum-

Streams Association, called SB 522 "a scam by development interests to fill in wellands" and Honigman's "We've pledged not to be the first to ofcompromise as a "lesser of two evils" fer floor amendments." technique. We've lost 50 percent of the wetlands in this state. I propose of the Michigan Association of Realwe say 'enough is enough.' " said tors. But he praised the section shift-Hoves. The compromise would:

Require local units to adopt the two acres. state definition of a wetlands. Allow local units to enforce state Vicki Pontz of the Farm Bureau. "We law on wetlands of five acres or more. wanted statewide standards and un-Allow local units to regulate wet- iform procedures."

lands of two to five acres. Require local units to issue per- Commerce supported it. mits for wellands smaller than two "It unnecessarily restricts local acres unless they can show that a home rule," said Jack Smiley of the

wetland function would be impaired Detroit Arthubon Society But the by building. [Environmentalists at- statewide definition is acceptable.

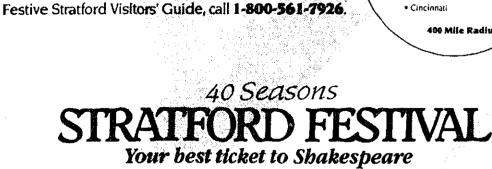
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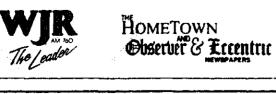
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"This is the best job that could stances," said Rick Moore of Michigan United conservation Clubs

"I'm not happy," said Jack Walker ing the burden of proof to government in protecting wellands under

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such as a wetlands board, a natural "I think on balance it's reasonable features board, the township board

tion, sound effects, a tree or flower that tied all of the reactions together. that shows one or more human char- Novi's engineering team received acteristics, and an eccentric charac- third place. They also received a speter. The "Alice" team will advance to cial award, called a Ranatra, for the State Tournament Saturday, showing exceptional creativity in April 25 at centeral Michigan their depiction of corporate greed and University.

nance than before."

Gene Thornton, lobbvist for the

Lynn Egbert of the Michigan Asso-

Adults who buy booze for teen parties face mandatory \$200 fines under a bill approved 99-1 by the state House of Representatives.

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By TIM RICHARD

Staff Writer

Williamson.

Chief excitement was a Republican-sponsored amendment to require a \$500 fine, which passed 58-40. Lawmakers later reduced the amount to \$200. "We have a major, major problem with teen parties." said Rep. Donald Van Single, R-Grant. "The problem is

reactions including causing some-preparations.

Novi teams top

in state level competition

teams placing first and third.

In Wonderland' fantasy, including into a pan.

Odyssey contest

Novi High School was well repre- thing to change color, making some-

sented at this year's regional Odys thing get physically larger, sorting

sey of the Mind competition Sature eight objects into two seperate

Receiving first place was the "Alice feet into the air and dumping a liquid

an original poem, something that in Along with the engineering as-

creases in size, a manufactured item pects. the team also had to design a

that comes to life, a humorous inven-presentation illustrating a theme

Competing n the Classics problem The delayed reaction teams con-

were: Brenden Best, Erin Florko, sisted of Steve DeRoo, James Kovacs,

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Stine, Raechel Streit and Chris Dan Robinson, Kevin Vicklund and

Novi High School also had a team Novi High School teacher Donald

competing in the engineering prob- Crockett sponsored and coached

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political corruption.

Carrie Wickert.

day, March 7 with the school's two groups, turning on the lights, pro-

The bill goes back to the Senate for concurrence in several House amendments but could wind up in a conference committee.

Opponents argued that the minimum mandatory fine was too stiff. "I have a problem with a \$500 minimum if someone who's 22 gives a beer to someone who's 20." said Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor. "But there are cases where a

The bill doesn't apply to licensed beverage dealers, amendment: who are subject to Liquor Control Commission penalties for selling to minors. The House increased the maximum fine for illegal pos-

session of alcohol to \$100 from \$25 but didn't establish a minlmum fine. One major difference is that the House removed the Senate's mandatory 90-day driver's license suspension for underage drinkers. The District Judges Association

opposes lifting of drivers' licenses for offenses that have

Voting yes were Republicans Willis Bullard of Highland and Georgina Goss of Northville. Voting no were Democrats Clark Harder of Owosso and Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti. Not voting was Sue Munsell, R-Howell, who is paying her own way to Germany to study vocational education. The bill is part of a package sponsored by Sen. James

Barcia, D-Bay City. Supporting it were law enforcement agencies, Mothers nothing to do with driving or misuses of the license. Against Drunk Driving, and retail organizations who Here is how area lawmakers voted on the \$500 fine complained they bore the brunt of law enforcement.



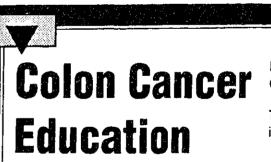
Mission Success

Novi Meadows students practice for "Mission Success," a talent was based on the school's mission statement, hence the name show performed at Novi High School March 10-11. The show "Mission Success."

\$500 fine makes sense. Rep. David Jaye, R-Utica, called the fine "reasonable. the person of age who buys the booze and brings it to the He (Bullard) probably wants a fine like the \$5 pot (marijuana smoking) fine in the city of Ann Arbor." March Tire Co. Goody GOOD YEAR FREE TIRE ROTATION WITH OIL CHANGE, CHASSIS LUBE, OIL FITER COMPUTERIZED WHEEL ALIGNMENT \$ 1 795 1







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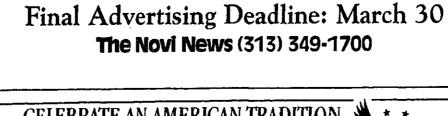
The University of Michigan Health Center at Northville is presenting a program on colon cancer education.

This program will outline who is at risk for colon cancer, its signs and symptoms and suggestions for prevention. Dr. Raymond Hobbs, internal medicine physician and certified gerontologist at the health center will present the program. Preregistration is required. \$3 fee. Call 344-1777.

Monday, March 30 thru Friday, April 3 To aid in early detection, the health center has screening kits for \$7. These take-home kits are easyto-use, painless and can be done in the privacy of your home and mailed to the health center for analysis. Results will be available 3-4 days after the sample is received.

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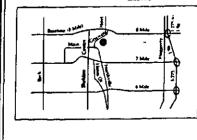
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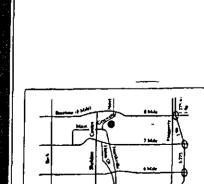


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Bill would halt adults buying liquor for minors



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Police believe Cougar was torched

Not police are investigating the possible arson of a 1991 Mercury Coagar that burned March 11 while parked at a residence on Fountain Park

THE YOUR SEVIS Monday March 23 1992 -

The owner of the vehicle, a Warren soman, was reportedly visiting her - driver's seat. He returned to the vehi- ment, and ransacked some storage boyine net at the residence when they suddenly heard a crashing noise. They told police that when they looked out the window, the car was in-

Police said a burn pattern was visible in the vehicle where gas had apparently been poured over the seats, floor boards and dash. A two gallon jug with gas still in it was found on the passenger side floor boards.

The owner and her boyfriend told police they did not see anyone around the car but a neighbor reported that she saw a suspect run from the our to the southeast corner of the building, then disappear. She decollect the suspect as a white male of medium height, wearing a dark acket, ski mask and dark gloves. Police reported that, four hours later, the woman's boyfnend called and reported that the tire of his car was

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Paramount reported March -11 that someone stole his camera from his 1986 Chevrolet van, which was parked in his driveway.

The resident told police he parked was reportedly broken into March (OUIL). Police said it was at least the his varathere March 10 at 3:30 p.m. and the camera was behind the pects stole stereo and sports equip- also using a revoked driver's license.

Police News

cle at 6 p.m. March 11 to discover the cabinets. camera missing BREAKING AND ENTERING: A resident on Seely reported March 11 that

someone stole a collection of baseball cards from her son's closet. According to police reports, someone apparently entered the home be-

tween March 4 and March 6 and took the collection, including several value able cards, from her son's closet. Nothing else was reported stolen.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: Police reported that a Jeep parked in the Pine Ridge Plaza shopping center was broken into March 11 between 5 and 9 p.m. A radio was reported stolen from the vehicle. VANDALISM: The rear window of a 1982 Oldsmobile parked on Duana

was shot out March 14, police said. The damage was believed to have been done with a BB gun.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A home in the Beachwalk apartment complex ating under the influence of liquor 10. Police said the unknown sus- third offense for the man, who was

VANDALISM: A storage area at a residence on Manor Park was reportedly broken into March 8, and several items were damaged. Police said the doors of the unit

were pryed open and Christmas lights inside were cut. Some luggage and a lampshade were apparently slashed with a knife.

MISSING PURSE: A Novi woman reported March 17 that her purse was stolen while she was shopping in the Novi Town Center

She told police she wasn't sure when or where the purse was stolen because her mother drove and made purchases, and she had no use for her purse while shopping. She said she didn't realize it was gone until she got home

DRUNK DRIVING: The driver of a 1983 Ford was arrested on southbound Novi Road March 16 for oper-

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A resi dent on Linhart reported March 16 that her home was broken into.

The resident said she left home a 8 a.m. and returned at 6:15 p.m. to discover that someone had ransacked her bedroom.

However, the woman reported that nothing was stolen.

A neighbor reported that she saw three juveniles at the front of the residence attempting to get the front door open that afternoon. She said when they failed to get in the front, they went around to the back.

She said she did not call police be cause she thought they were babysitting the victim's son.

The suspects were described as three white males, age 14-15, thin, approximately 5-foot-6 to 5-foot-8. with short hair.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A resident on West Lake reported March 12 that she arrived at her home at 4 p.m. to discover many of her valuables missing.

Police said the resident's house is up for sale, and was being shown by various real estate agents that week

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

finally stopped fighting him and told

After the rape the suspect al-

legedly attempted to tie her up with

her shoelaces and a scarf, but she

him to "do whatever he wanted."

Novi Briefs

Mahaffey comes to Novi: Maryann Mahaffey, president of the Detroit City Council, has accepted an invitation from Novi Council Member Nancy Cassis to visit the city during an upcoming council meeting. Mahaffey will appear before the Novi Council at 8 p.m. Monday, March 23 for an exchange of thoughts about the issue of city/suburban relations

A special reception for Mahaffey will be held at 7:30 in the Civic Center Atrium outside the Council Chambers. Light refreshments will be served.

Correction: A March 5 Novi News story should have said the restaurants in a newly-developing restaurant district in the Novi Town Center do not need to seek City Council approval after receiving Planning Commission approval of their site plans. Mobile home destroyed: A short circuit of an electrical outlet which serviced a refrigerator was the probable cause of a noon-time fire at 24705 Charlotte in Chateau Estates mobile home community, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said. The fire fore through the kitchen, dining room and hallway. About

\$22,000 worth of damage was done to the home and its contents. "I would imagine it would be a total loss," Lenaghan said.

Owner Donald Potter was not home at the time. A firefighter was injured when a piece of glass pierced his boot. Scott Quillen had minor surgery on his toe at Providence Hospital Novi Center and was released shortly thereafter.

Answers for veterans: Local veterans will muster on March 25. The Veterans Alliance of Novi is bringing in state service officers from the American Legion, AMVETS and the Marine Corps League as consultants on veterans' benefits.

Ex-servicemen and women are invited to ask the experts questions about benefits including mortgages, education and medical assistance. The open house will be held between 2-8 p.m. at 25850 Novi Road, south of Grand River Avenue in the "Old Novi Fire Hall.

Breaking family patterns: A program for parents who find themselves repeating old patterns learned in their childhood will be offered March 30 at Novi Meadows.

Novi Youth Assistance and Novi Community Education are sponsoring a parenting workshop for adults who find themselves repeating their parents' behavior. The program will be led by instructor SueAnne Magyar-Hill, a clinical psychologist in private practice. The program will be held to recognize Parenting Awareness Week, which is the week of March 22-28. The class costs \$5 and runs from 7-9

p.m. in the Novi Meadows cafeteria. Call 349-8398 or 344-8330, Ext. 13. for more information.

Screening required: Parents planning on enrolling their child in kindergarten next fall must have the child's vision tested before school begins in September.

Michigan's public health code requires vision and hearing screening for kindergarten entry.

The Oakland County Public Health Department will screen all kindergarteners for hearing problems during the school year. But vision will not be tested. So, parents are required to provide evidence of vision screening for

their child to be admitted to school. Oakland County offers free vision screening in June for new kin-

dergarteners. Screening is on a walk in basis, no appointment is necessary Walk-in hours are June 15-18 from 9-11 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the Southfield office of the health department, 27725 Greenfield.

A Pontiac office located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road will be open for esting on June 22-25 during the same hours. Call 424-7070 for more information on vision requirements or free vision screening.

Ex-boyfriend accused of rape

stairs.

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

A woman employed as a night worker at a group home in Novi told police she was raped by her exboyfnend when he broke into the home March 13.

The woman told police the suspect came to the home while she was working, and got into an argument with her when she refused to have sex with him. She said she made him leave the house and locked the front door, but he then came back in through a back door.

By CRISTINA FERRIER

A Novi man was arrested and

tery March 17 after he reportedly

Nine Mile earlier in the evening. Mer-

Stalf Writer

told police, the suspect pulled her 11:30 p.m. About an hour later, she liated by choking her so that she clothing off, forced her to the floor, said she heard noises in the base couldn't breathe, at which point she held a knife to her neck, started ment and went to the states to dischoking her, and finally raped her. cover the suspect crawling up the Police later arrested the suspect, who still had the knife concealed in his pocket. The suspect denied his ex-girlfriend's allegations, saying she willingly had sex with him.

Residents of the home were also questioned about the incident, but were unable to provide any information.

Police said that, according to the tried to scream, before she finally woman's statement, she originally managed to knock the knife out of his

Once he was back in, the woman told the suspect to leave around hand. However, she said he reta-

She said he came back into the liv-

ing room and they began to argue.

which led to a physical fight during

ting the knife to her neck.

She said they sat at opposite ends which he pulled off her clothes, then of the couch until he finally left at 8 knocked her to the floor and grabbed her in a choke hold from behind, puta.m., at which time she called the She said the suspect dragged her The woman, who police described into two different rooms, while she as "extremely distraught," reportedly

escaped

wrapped herself in a blanket and crouched on the floor in the basement until police arrived.

5-year-old daughter, who was also al the scene, was taken to a neighbor's nouse

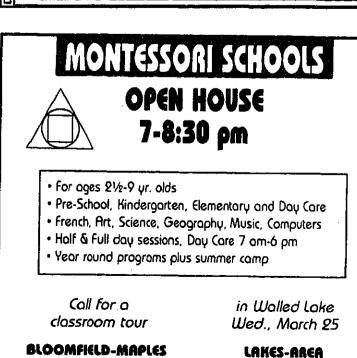
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volved in the accident. Lauria reported that when Merritt answered the door of his home he ap- Merritt responded to police questions issued a citation for assault and bat- peared to be "highly intoxicated." When he asked whether Merritt had punched a Novi police officer in the any knowledge of the accident, Mer-his car would be impounded. Merritt ritt allegedly said he was driving allegedly stood in his front yard and Police said Novi Officer Victor westbound on Nine Mile when a vehi-

Lauria approached Edward William cle crossed the center line and colan accident that had occurred on tinued on his way.

Great Fun

Merritt's home on Sandpoint Way be- lided with his vehicle head-on. He al- lower his voice, Merritt responded

Police reported that Merritt be-

had a couple of drinks, then I drove In addition to the assault and bat-

by shouting obscenities.

When police informed Merrill that ported that when he told Merritt to

Man cited for punching Novi cop tive while officers were examining his vehicle. According to the reports,

came apologetic as he was being taken to jail, stating that he "should have known better than to touch a

velled more obscenities. Lauria re cop." He also allegedly stated "I don't

cause he was helping the Farmington legedly said that no one else stopped with more obscenities, called him a home. I didn't even realize I went left Hills police department investigate at the accident scene, so he con- "punk," and punched him in the of the center line." According to police reports, Mer- At that point Merritt was arrested lery citation, Merritt was also cited ritt's vehicle was believed to be in- ritt became very loud and uncoopera- and forced into handcuffs. His with obstructing a police officer. THE NOVI NEWS ublished Each Monday and Thursday By The Novi News 104 W. Main Street Northville, Michiga 48167 Second Class Postage Paid At Northville, Michigan Subscription Rate DEAI Inside Counties \$22. Outside Counties (In Michigan) are \$27 per year, prepaid. Out of state, \$30 per year

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As We See It

View of money depends on just who's making it

-B.J. Thomas

"People sure act funny when they grab hold of some money. Don't they baby. Yea, they do. People sure do squeal when they grab that dollar bill. Don't they baby. Yea, they do . . .

A curious thing, money. Whether it is good or bad often seems to depend on exactly who is making it.

If we are the ones making the money, we tend to see that as good . . . very good. No doubt, when you are making money, you see it pretty much the same way.

Have you ever known someone to turn down a pay raise? Have you ever known someone to reject a cash prize, lottery winnings or an unexpected inheritance? Have you ever heard of someone not taking money just because they didn't really earn it? Let's just say it's pretty rare.

But if it is somebody else that stands to make a buck, well that would seem to be a whole 'nother matter. Not only is that not as good, many seem to take the view that the prospect of other people making moncy is downright bad. Perhaps it is human nature, but when someone else stands to make the buck. we humans seem to have a capacity to ascribe to them all manner of evil, nefarious intent. At that point, saying someone has a profit motive becomes almost an accusation.

Keep this in mind as the Novi City Council continues its debate over proposed revisions to the city sign ordinance. When four proposed changes to the sign law cleared the Novi Planning Commission, to be sent on to the council for review and approval, ordinance review committee member Eric Schaefer contended that none of the four changes were designed to help businesses, only customers.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce had proposed several changes to the ordinance, contending the problem was that drive-by customers often have a hard time finding the store or business they are looking for because of Novi's restrictive sign rules. And the Chamber's proposed changes were geared toward making it easier for those customers to spot their destination.

That's great. We've already enwe're glad to see the planning commis- at a profit. sion agreed to the four changes.

But what is getting a little bothersome is the view — unstated but apparently present in the debate nonetheless - that it would be a bad thing to pass an amendment to the ordinance based on the idea it would help Novi businesses.

Novi City Council viewed the proposed sign revisions last week and accepted two, but sent the other two back for more work by the ordinance review committee. The two amendments accepted would increase the maximum size of a business sign from 30 square feet to 40 square feet and would allow



major tenants in office buildings — those who lease 50 percent of the office space in buildings of three stories or more — to put an identifying sign on the outside of the building.

Sent back were rule changes that would have allowed businesses which front on the freeway to have signs that face the freeway, and to allow for directional signs to be posted within shopping centers and industrial parks. Council wanted more work on the directional signs portion of the proposal, after it was pointed out that real estate salepeople in Novi have to get ZBA approval to post directional signs in subdivisions when they hold open houses.

Still, the primary reason given for sending these the other proposal back was that a few council members were concerned that relaxing the sign rules might produce in Novi the same "cluttered" appearance some other communities have along the interstate.

One has to wonder just how aesthetic the freeway is now that we should be worried about cluttering it up?

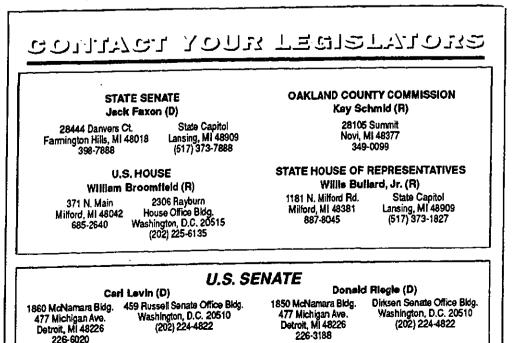
In all seriousness, we can appreciate the concern of some council members and some residents that Novi not be overrun with commercial signs. But we doubt these changes would have that effect. Limitations on size and number ought to address the concern by avoiding the creation of clutter.

Still, one can detect a concern with the question of who benefits from the changes. If it's customers and drivers, then "fine," seems to be the reaction of some. If it's the businesses, some seem to conclude, that reason is automatically bad

What needs to be recognized, in this debate and in general, is that a healthy local business community is in the best interest of the Novi community as a whole. It is not in the best interest of the community to suppress business here, nor to make such restrictive rules dorsed that concept on this page. And that business has a hard time operating

> Only residents who work at lucrative jobs can produce the kind of attractive subdivisions and neighborhoods we have here in Novi. It ought to make sense also that only lucrative businesses can produce attractive commercial areas. And it seems to us those are precisely the kind Novi wants.

In fact, doesn't it seem downright hypocritical for a city, in which so many commute to businesses out of town to get to high paying jobs, to appear so set against the idea of working with businesses here and helping them to make a bit of profit.



Hope fades for Mr. Universe

first two circuits in 16 minutes,

way I had planned.

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100 were going really well. It usually takes about 30 minutes to complete three circuits of 11 exercises with 12 reps per exercise. But I was running ahead of Phil schedule and had finished my

Jerome

leaving a full 14 minutes to finsh the third and final circuit. "Terrific," I thought. "I'm ahead of schedule. I feel good.

Il increase my weights on the third circuit." So that's what I did. I went up 15 pounds on the bench press; 10 pounds on the leg curls, lateral pulldowns and tricep extensions; 20 pounds on the leg extensions and 80

pounds on the toe press. I was feeling a bit tired, but the big challenge was immediately ahead . . . the curls.

Optimistically, albeit somewhat apprehensively, I increaseed the weight 10 pounds, grabbed the bar and set out to do 12 good curls.

Ten pounds is not much on some exercises, but it's a whole lot on something like curls. I could feel the additional pounds on the first rep, but made it through seven reps before I really started feeling it. I got through eight. nine and 10. But then the additional weight began extracting a heavy toll.

Repetition 11 was hard. But I completed it. By now, my biceps were killing me. But what the heck, I thought. I've made it this far. Just one to go. I could do it.

It was as I was starting the twelfth and final curl that the I had the best of intentions. It's just that things didn't go the ill-fated plan occurred to me. Having seen weightlifters on What happened was that I strength but letting out a yell at the crucial moment. was in my aerobic weight-lifting

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twelfth repetition. "EEEEE-yahhhh," I screamed at the top of my lungs. And it worked . . . sort of. The bar shot all the way up. I had completed the twelfth repetition. But the mighty scream scared the living davlights out of everyone else in the room, who suddenly turned around

and started staring in my direction. And that's the good part. The bad part was that I felt something pop in my stomach - like an abdominal muscle maybe --- when I let out the scream. The strain had been too much.

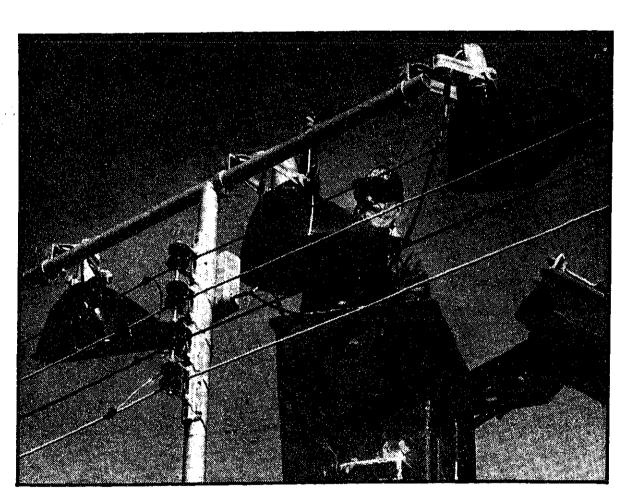
I dropped the bar, fell off the seat and started staggering around the weight room, doubled over in pain, clutching my sides and looking for a good place for a crash landing. I finally found an unoccupied bench and flopped on top of it, still clutching my stomach and howling loudly. It was

agony, pure and simple. Now I hadn't done any of this in hopes of gaining any sympathy. My only objective had been to add 10 pounds to my curls. And it's a good thing, too, because any hopes of sympathy were about to dashed cruelly.

As my walls subsided and my vision cleared. I became aware that my wife was standing over me. Was there a look of concern on her face? Was her voice filled with anxiety about my physical wellbeing? Au contrarie, mes amis.

"Nice going, Arnold," she said, shaking her head in disgust. "Looks like you're not quite ready for the next Mr. Universe contest.

In passing **By Hal Gould**



'Electrifying personality'

Rescuing a family member

be in California. I've gone out there to bring back a family member who's fallen on hard

past couple of years. I should probably explain that George is a 1975 Oldsmobile Delta 88 convertible

George came into our family in March of 1975 when Dad bought him new from Lex Depp Oldsmobile in Morristown, N.J. Dad was always a ragtop man, from his first 1951 Ford to the Cadillac he now drives. I can't remember him not owning one.

But the Olds holds the family longevity record, and though you probably couldn't get him to admit it. Dad has probably hung on to it because it's always been his favorite.

No treatment was ever too good for this car. Dad changed the oil religiously, and kept it washed, waxed and garaged. He knocked out a wall in the basement to expand the garage so he could store the Olds every winter. As far as I know, the car has never seen snow. To this day, it still runs and looks like the day it came from Lex Depp's. Anytime we were going someplace special. Dad would always chirp up with "Let's take the convertible." And at lendham Township's annual Fourth of July parade, Dad

would dress the car up with streamers and carry his fellow members of the school board. I can only remember driving the car three times when I was at home. I had long since left for college when Dad turned it over to the younger Byrnes.

Therein lies George's downfall. Although Chris took good care of the car (and was the one to christen it "George,") Susan managed to smash it twice. Once she claimed to have been "thrown off by a high curb." In truth it was more like a tall skinny one with a light on top of it. Jim had it for a little while, but he associated a certain stigma with taking a hand-me-down from his older sisters.

and bought his own. Kat, the youngest, got it last year, and as the family party animal, she found a convertible just seems to draw a crowd. Unfortunately, it drew vandals at a party Thanksgiving weekend. They put a slash in the top and broke off both side mirrors.

Somewhere along the line, the electric seat has gotten jammed, and the switch for the top has broken off. For months Dad has kept it under a tarp in the driveway. Every time I talked to him, he made noises about selling it, but he never did anything about it.

Finally, I offered to take it and do a ground-up restoration. When Dad said come and get it. I could hear a great sigh of relief over the phone line. "You know what I was really hoping for," he said. "I was hoping it would either go to a family member, or maybe some guy who wanted to fix it up."

Well now, you're getting both. Dad. Just give me the directions to the Fourth of July parade.

By the time you read this, I'll

times.

Rick

Byrne

He's a stout 18-year-old named George who, though he looks fine from the outside, has taken a bit of a beating the

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television, I knew that you can get an extra surge of And so, as the bar reached the half-way point. I decided class last Thursday, and things to let out a mighty scream to make sure I completed that



Ron Wenson, electrician fo Northville Downs, repairs several of the track lights

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Winners of DSAs

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

The Novi Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award (DSA) breakfast, held March 14 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, was a morning of honors for Novi residents and employees who have contributed to the city and its people.

Honored with the prestigious DSA was longtime resident Kathy Mutch. She was honored for a long list of contributions, including active involvement in the Novi Adventurers 4-H club (including "Kinder-Clowns," Folk Patterns, Ingersoll Pioneer Festival and 4-H Exploration Days); many school committees in addition to the Bulldog Aquatic Club and Kensington Soccer Club; organizer of Brownie Troop 481; and president of the Novi Hisorical Society. As a historical society member, Mutch has organized and chaired the Friends of Sally Thornton House and was active in the restoration of the old Town Hall

Winners of Outstanding Service Awards (OSA), given to the other top contenders for the DSA awards, were Gretchen Opperman, Ron Ward and Warren Ledger.

Opperman was honored for her part in a backyard wildlife habitat program at the Novi Library, as well as her work with 4-H club members. Her biggest 4-H project is an older youth clowning project.

Ward was presented with his OSA for helping form the Agape Smiles singing group in addition to his post of district officer of the Novi Rotary Club.

Ledger won a OSA for his work on the Novi Arts Council, for which he arranges and publicizes concerts. He is also involved with the Novi International Festival, of which he is a board member.

Other nominees for the DSA honored at the breakfast were Paul Bosco. Bob Friess, Connie Lake-Noble, Tim May, Robert Pheiffer, Nancy Polcyn, Jelf Russell, Becky Staab, Jacqui Schaefer, Terri Schaefer, Dyann St Clair and Janis Wagner.

A special presentation was given to Connie Lake-Noble for her actions in rescuing 6-year-old Brett Schneider, who was injured last September when he touched a live electrical wire.

Other awards presented at the breakfast included the Outstanding Youth award to Raechel Streit; the Outstanding Firefighter award to Gordon Peters, and the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer award to Victor Lauria. Essay contest winners were Rachel Bissi and Zareen Mistry. Essay contest runners-up were Chip Lind and Emily Parker.



Ron Ward receives his Outstanding Service Award from Jaycees President Sally Dale.



Planners submit their equipment, facility requests

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

Novi city department heads hope to fund parks, audio / video equipment, sidewalks and soccer fields through a capital improvements plan that will go before the council tonight.

Also on the list are automatic weapons and a firing range for the police department, a new voting system, and a drive-through window for the city treasurer's department.

The Novi Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan at its March 18 meeting.

A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is required by state law for any municipality with a planning commission. Capital improvments suggested by Novi department heads are listed in the plan.

A committee of Council Members Nancy Cassis and Hugh Crawford, Planning Commissioners Edward Kramer and Eric Schaefer and Department of Public Service Director Anthony Nowicki worked on the report, which addresses possible capital improvements.

Capital improvements are defined as expenditures over \$5,000 on "real property" with a life expectancy of at least five years or expenditures over \$20,000 on "personal property" with a life expectancy of at least 10 years.

Funding for such projects could come from the general fund, which is limited this year, according to the report. Funding could also come from grants, bonds, the private sector or from Special Assessment Districts.

Staff planner Mike Csapo said, although the items listed in the reports are considered necessary by department heads, the city budget may not be able to accommodate everything.

CIP committee members put park land acquisition at the top of their list of important capital improvements. The proposed cost is \$600,000 spread out over five years. The 1992-93 budgeted amount would be \$120,000 under the committe's plan.

No. 2 on the committee's list is funding for audio / video equipment for the council chambers. The expected cost is \$31,000 to be funding through the 1992-93 general fund budget.

The committee's third priority is funding for sidewalks and safety paths. They recommend \$746,506 spread out over six years for the project. Commissioner Ernest Aruffo said he hopes additional money is spent

to clear city-owned sidewalks of snow in the winter.

"It might help some people say, 'gosh, this year we can walk on the sidewalks,' " Aruffo said.

Fourth on the committee's list of capital improvements is \$50,000 in funding for Power Park soccer fields. The committee reports show the money coming out of the 1992-93 general fund budget.

Other proposed expenditures include a \$15,000 drive-through window for the city clerk, a \$105,600 voting system, police and fire department improvements totaling more than \$1 million, road improvements topping \$16 million and building improvements.

In all, the committee report recommends \$29,700,608 in capital improvements over the next six years.

The police department submittal for new weapons would allow Novi officers to move from revolvers to semiautomatic handguns. The department asked for \$82,445 out of the 1992-93 budget to equip officers with semi-automatic handguns and related equipment and to form an equipped Special Response Team for action during special situations like hostage crises and drug raids.

A firing range requested by the police department would cost \$135,500 out of the 1994-95 budget. But the department's report said the local firingrange could increase Novi officers' time on the range and save money in overtime and training sessions.

The department currently uses a range at the Farmington Hills Police Department for training, Police officials estimate \$22,500 to \$23,800 could be saved in overtime and training session costs with an in-house range.

The CIP committee also asked the council to consider "special needs" projects that the budget may or may not be able to accommodate.

"The idea is to give priorities to council, which can decide on dollar amounts for each," explained commissioner Kramer.

Included in the special needs section of the committee report is funding for road improvements, a Town Center parking deck, a new fire station and wall partitions for the community center.

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Gretchen Opperman is presented her plaque.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The council-meets tonight at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center's Council Chambers. The Capital Improvements Program will be on the agenda with the city's budget.

SOMOCO strikes oil, but drilling noise raises ire

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"It seemed like they would start around 4 in the morning and it would run most of the day."

Gottschalk said that statemandated production capacity tests will be run at the site early this week, which could lead to some odor from a controlled flaring of the gas. After that, the well will be closed until a pipeline along a Detroit Edison easement can be built to carry the fuel from the Ten Mile Road site to the company's production facility at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads.

"Hopefully, folks understand that if they even catch a whilf, it's a temporary, two-day thing." Gotschalk said.

Ninety feet of oil and gas deposits were found in a 300 foot Niagran reef. SOMOCO would have prefered to find 200 feet of the fuel. Gottschalk said.

Based on calculations of the drop in pressure as the petroleum is pumped and the number of barrels taken out, it will take 18 months to two years of operations to determine exactly how much black gold is down there.

Oil prices in Michigan have remained stable at about \$19 a barrel since the company began pursuing the petroleum but gas prices have sunk to a real low. If a million barrels of oil alone are waiting underground, leaseholders could have \$19 million to share.

Initial predictions from SOMOCO that the royalties would pay each homeowner's property taxes were off base. Gottschalk said, because the firm's Illinois-based partner didn't realize taxes were higher here.

"Let's put it this way. What they will receive in royalty income should help to offset if not fully finance all their heating bills for a lot of years to come." Gottschalk said.

Brennan said the contracts had more generous terms than those originally offered by the Traverse City based-firm six years ago and also contained an agreement to abide by all operational requirements set by the Novi City Council.

"If they're going to take our reserve,' individual homeowners should make the decision whether they want to be included or not," Brennan said.

After the Novi City Council refused SOMOCO permits in October 1990, the firm sued the city two months later. In November 1991, the council released the permits.

Council Member Tim Pope said recently he's concerned that the lawsuil has not been rescinded. Now that the well is in, the firm's attorney is proceeding to withdraw the case, Gottschalk said.



Play by play

Live coverage is not just the province of the networks and the big-league basketball stars. Novi students Matt Pierle, left, and Nate Hurt gave play-by-play coverage to the Novi Wildcats ba-

sketball team over the high school radio station, WOVI, during a special game during the season, the recent face off with the 'Cats Northville High School rivals.

Business expo scheduled for high school this week

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

A host of local eateries, some familiar, some new, will offer samples of their finest fare at the second annual Business Expo this Wednesday at Northville High School.

The list of eateries participating in the expo has grown nearly twofold over last year's premiere event, said Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, the sponsor of the event.

Good Time Party Store, Juan Carlo's. The Rose Cottage Tea Room and Sundowner Restaurant are on the list of restaurants debuting at the expo along with a host of old favorites like Genitti's, Crawford's and Crawford's Bakery Connection. Little Italy. Papa Romano's, Edward's Caterer, Heavenly Bakery and Subway.

"The purpose of the expo is to allow people to realize and understand the multitude of businesses that are in Northville." Marrs said. "There are a lot of people who don't know about many of the businesses here in the community."

This year, in addition to area businesses, the expo will feature a number of non-profit organizations that offer auxiliary services to the community.

Some 18 non-profit organizations have reserved booths at the expo in an effort to gain exposure and recognition in the community. Civic groups like the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, Northville Action Council, Toastmasters, ACORD (A Community Organization Recognizing Diversity), American Association of University Women, and the League of Woman Voters, are among a list of non-profit booths scheduled to appear at the expo.

"There really is quite a diversity of business being represented," Marrs said. "We have attorneys, photographers, child-care businesses and florists."

Marrs said since businesses will be offering free demonstrations, samples, and giving away promotional packages.

"There is nothing for sale. It's really nice you don't have to come with your pockets

full. Everything is free," she said. After the expo's debut last year, Marrs said the Chamber of Commerce realized there was a need for additional space and decided to move the event to the high school

to accommodate the demand for additional

space.

In planning for the event the chamber sent out notices to the 450 businesses in the community advertising the expo. More than 50 business responded and reserved booths that filled the limited space the chamber had planned for the annual event. A waiting list with additional businesses still interested in wanting to reserve space is still pending on Marts desk.

"We had limited space," Marrs said, "but that was quickly filled. We had so many requests we had to start putting booths up in the hallways."

The response for booths has prompted Marrs to start making plans for the third such event even before the second one takes place.

"We already have a waiting list for next year's expo," she said. She expects attendance records to mirror 1991's total and may even surpass the 600 people who went to the first expo.

"Over 600 people attended the first one. We expect that many or more at this one," she said.

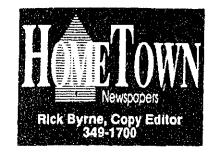
There are many incentives for people to attend the expo. excluding the \$5admission price. A bunch of give-aways, promotional packages, and free samples are just a taste of what's in it for patrons.

Raffle drawings for valuable prizes — including color televisions and jewelry — will be called all evening long.

The Networking Northville Business Expo is Wednesday, March 25, at Northville High School from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, \$4 for seniors. For more information call 349-7640.

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FOOD **CREATIVE DINING**



Eleanor & Ray Heald/Wine

There's more to Ireland than just green beer

Who invented the green beer served on St. Patrick's Day? Not the Irish. There are only two Irish beers (and they are not green) readily available across the United States. They are Harp Lager and Guiness Stout.

Harp Lager is amber-golden in color with intense barley aromas. It's a medium-weight brew that's fully flavored with a solid finish. Guiness Stout is a very dark, very malty tasting ale. Both the flavor and color come from the addition of roasted barley to the brew. Its appeal is the refreshing, slightly bitter finish.

The term whiskey is Gaelic in origin and there's no doubt that the Irish make some of the most distinctive. There is a common misconception that Irish whiskey is a potato whiskey. The Irish do refer to moonshine as poteen, but this word refers to the small, easily dismantled pot still, not potatoes.

Similar to Scotch whisky. Irish whiskey is distilled from a fermented mash of grains such as malted and unmalted barley, corn, rye, wheat and oats. By Irish law, it must be aged for a minimum of five years in previously used cooperage (such as sherry casks).

However, it is usually aged for seven or eight years and up to 12 years or 15 years for the heavier distillates requiring extended time to achieve roundness, and the essential smoothness.

Prestige Irish whiskeys are pot still single malts with a small amount of single grain whiskey added to enhance the malt character. They are distilled three times as compared to the double distillation used to make Scotch whisky.

Since 1608, in the small village of Bushmills, Ireland, the art of whiskey distilling has flourished in the Old Bushmills Distillery, home of both Black Bush and Bushmills Irish whiskeys. While they have the same home, they are different and appeal to different audiences.

If you are unfamiliar with either, our recom-

Pear-ing off

Sweet fruit makes the most of meals

By TRISH BARR Copley News Service

A pear a day keeps the doctor away. Wait a minute. A pear? No fooling. "If eaten daily, pears and other fruits containing pectin help prevent high blood pressure and atherosclerosis by preventing the uptake of dietary cholesterol from other foods." the Encyclopedia Americana tells us.

One medium-size pear contains only 95 calories, no cholesterol, and is virtually fat- and sodium-free. Each pear provides 23 grams carbohydrates, 194 milligrams potassium and 6 grams dietary fiber.

No one knows the origin of the pear, but Greek poet Homer described the fruit as "A gift from the gods." Ancient Greeks believed pears had medicinal powers; the Romans introduced them throughout Europe. European royalty and the wealthy grew pears - indeed. French emperor Charlemagne ordered his subjects to plant pear trees in their gardens.

California. Oregon and Washington state produce 95 percent of the commercially grown U.S. pear crop. Varieties include the Bartlett, California's premier pear, and its cousin, the Red Bartlett; the Anjou, Bosc, Cormice, Nelis, Forelle and Seckel pears.

Unlike many other fruits, pears do not ripen on the tree and must be harvested green, though mature. (Maturity is determined by testing for appropriate natural sugar levels.) They then are held in cold storage to prevent ripening before reaching the supermarket.

When choosing pears, select wellformed fruit free of cuts and bruises and complete the ripening process at home. To do this, place pears in a loosely closed paper bag or ripening bowl and leave at room temperature for several days.

Check the fruit daily; at the proper stage of maturity, pears will yield to gentle pres-



mendation is to start with Bushmills. Drink it neat in a snifter. It's lighter and gentler with an elegant, finesseful finish. Once you've gained some experience, try Black Bush served the same way.

You'll notice the bigger, bolder aromas and flavors, many of which originate in the handpicked sherry casks used during the aging year. If you like cognac, armagnac or single malt scotches, you'll take to Black Bush immediately.

Enhance the aroma appreciation of both of these whiskeys with a few drops of water added to the snifter after the whiskey has been poured. Irish whiskeys may also be served on the rocks.

The big difference in taste between Scotch whisky and Irish whiskey stems from the fact that in Scotland the barley is dried over peat. The smoky or peaty character of Scotch whisky is absent in Irish whiskey.

irish Mist is a blend of spicy-flavored Irish whiskey and heather honey liqueur from Tulloch Mhor. In 1692, the tale goes, the original recipe was lost during an exodus of warriors. Some time later, it was discovered in Austria and returned to Ireland.

Today. Irish Creams originating in Ireland are very popular as after-dinner pours. Fresh cream is blended with whiskey and stabilized so that it does not need refrigeration on the shelf.

Bailey's is the original Irish Cream. After it was first released, it was so popular that new cream liqueurs were developed. They were made with imported spirits, mixed with American cream and bottled in the United States.

Besides Bailey's, there's Saint Brendan's, Emmets, Carolans and O'Darby. Our favorite for its excellent chocolate malt, white chocolate and toasted coconut character is Saint Brendan's, easily recognized in the flagon-shaped bottle.

"Ireland sober is Ireland free!" James Joyce wrote. While this column speaks only of the Irish in terms of their famous alcoholic products, we maintain that the best celebration of St. Patrick's Day is one that enjoys the spirits of the Irish in moderation.

sure at the stem end. [Color changes do not always indicate when a pear is in the best condition for eating.)

Ofice they've ripened, store pears in the refrigerator, where they will keep from three to 14 days.

Pears pair beautifully with cheeses, for appetizers as well as desserts. Some cheeses that go particularly well with pears include blue, Brie, cheddar, Gouda, Gogonzola and Swiss. Other quick treats include:

Broiled Bartletts: Halve and core fresh pears, sprinkle cut sides generously with orange juice and small amount of brown sugar; dust with ground ginger and dot with butter. Broil until browned and bubbly.

Quick Salad or Dessert: Fill cavities of cored pear halves with seedless grapes. Top with plain low-fat yogurt mixed with a bit of honey. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Toast Toppers: Spread hot toast with a

small amount of chunky-style peanut butter and top with thin slices of pears. The Sweet Sandwich: Soften cream cheese or Neufchatel cheese with orange

juice. Spread on date or brown bread. Cover with thin slices of pears and sprinkle with ground nutmeg or ginger. Pears to Go: Halve and core fresh pears

and pack cavities with cream cheese or Neufchatel cheese; place halves together, cover with plastic wrap and carry in lunch boxes or knapsacks. A reminder: When cooking with pears,

the fruit should be firm.

FRESH START

1 medium Bartlett pear, peeled and sliced

1 tablespoon lemon juice

- ¹/₄ teaspoon lemon peel
- 1/2 cup crushed ice
- 2 eggs 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Dash ground nutmeg

Pears can be eaten alone, but the pair well with elegant dinners as well

Yields 4 servings

onions are tender.

substituted.

3 ounces frozen apple juice concentrate, undiluted, defrosted (half a 6-ounce can)

³/₄ to 1 cup milk

Yields 2 breakfast drinks Blend pear, lemon juice and peel in blender until smooth. Add crushed ice, eggs, spices and apple juice concentrate; blend. While blender is running, add milk on high 7 to 10 minutes or until chicken and blend until foamy.

CHICKEN AND PEARS WITH MUSTARD CREAM SAUCE

11/2 pounds chicken breast, skinned and boned

salt, pepper and paprika to taste

- 2 firm Bartlett pears, cored and sliced
- (see note) water
- ¹/₂ cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped basil or 1

teaspoon dried, crushed 1 chicken breast, skinned, boned and 2 tablespoons flour cut into 1-inch cubes ½ pound fresh Chinese pea pods or 1 cup half-and-half 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

Season chicken breast to taste with salt,

pepper and paprika. Arrange with pears in

microwave-safe dish. Microcook, covered,

Pour juices from chicken into 4-cup

microwave-safe measure: add water to

microcook on high 3 to 4 minutes or until

mustard. Microcook on high 3 to 5 mi-

nutes or until thickened. Adjust season-

LEMON CHICKEN WITH PEARS

ings. Pour over chicken and pears.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Blend in flour; stir in half-and-half and

Note: Bosc and Anjou pears may be

tests done and juices run clear.

green beans 3 green onions, green parts only, cut into 1-inch lengths

2 fresh Bartlett pears, cored, sliced Cooking Sauce (recipe follows)

Yields 4 servings.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in wok or large skillet. Add chicken and stir-fry over high equal % cup. Add onion, butter and basil: heat 2 minutes or until chicken turns white. Transfer chicken to plate. Add remaining oil and stir-fry pea pods 1 minute . over high heat.

> Reduce heat to medium, add cooked chicken, onions, pears and Cooking' Sauce. Stir-fry until mixture is heated through and sauce is glossy, about 3 minutes.

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Chef Mary Brady

Culinary team learns the value of practice



"We need to report to Schoolcraft Wednesday morning." he said.

This was three days earlier than first planned. Needless to say, I was a bit put

The phone call out. How could I possibly leave the restaurant for four days? It was bad enough that I had to be gone over the weekend, our busiest time.

> I tried to negotiate a later starting time, but to no avail.

> "Make your decision. Mary," he said. "You knew it may come down to this when you made the choice to be on the team." Well, enough said. When the coach feels the team needs more practice, then so be

Tuesday was a scramble, tying up loose ends at work. Things like schedules, orders, payroll and bill-paying were all done in one day. My organizational skills were put to the test. Then I packed up my tools,

and food to take with me.

Finally at 10 o'clock Wednesday, I said farewell to my employees. All had been instructed what to do if this or that happened. They promised to hold down the fort, and I pledged to call at least once a day.

That day, the team worked until 12:30 a.m. I quickly understood why our coach, Dan Hugelier, wanted us all together. First. I got more accomplished in ten hours than I had in the last week. I had no interruptions - none. What a relief.

Second, the quality of work greatly improved over what I had done while dodging questions and phone calls at Brady's. And, most importantly, the other team

members offered their support and backing. Still, while driving home, I felt that there was so much more to do. And there was.

On Thursday the pieces I had made Wednesday were cut into and checked. Each item was "run by" Chef Dan for his suggestions and approval. Many were made over, and then over again. Each time they got better. My techniques became more refined.

Organization is very important while competing, so we make lists of things that need to be finished within certain time frames. Part of the "fun" is to cross off everything on your list for that day. Anything not finished is put off until the next day.

and consequently you start off behind.

Part of the list is for helpers. or apprentices. They are at our beck and call to do what ever we need. Chopping vegetables. washing pots, making batters. Each day, as a labor of love, they work through their own lists, never complaining, and staying there to the end for us.

At the end of Thursday, about half of my work was completed. Already 35 hours had been devoted, and the hard part hadn't even started vet.

Friday was another long, long day. We were starting to get tired, but the excitement was on override. We couldn't wait to

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The Refrigerator Door

TASTE OF SPRING 2:: The Community Center in Farmington Hills announces the arrival of spring with its "Taste of Spring 2" fundraiser on April 4 at 7 p.m. This is your opportunity to become acquainted with the world of wines as John Jonna of the Merchant of Vino presents a well-rounded assortment of wines for tasting accompanied by a wide array of foods specially prepared to compliment each wine

While you are sampling, enjoy the music of the renowned Jazz ensemble The Sieve Wood Trio, Cost is \$35, and is tax-deductible. Proceeds will go to The Community Center. Call 477-8404 by March 27 to reserve tickets.

RECIPES WANTED: A new feature is appearing in the Creative Dining section of this paper. Known as HomeTown Cooking, it will feature recipes contributed by readers. With that in mind, we'd like to take this time ask that anyone with a recipe that they'd like to share with all their neighbors in the Northville/Novi area please send it, along with your name, address, and phone number, to Home Town Cooking, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Any recipe will do. Perhaps you have a dinnertime favorite, or a recipe for bread that's been passed down through your family for generations, or maybe just a good, fast work-night cost-cutter. Send it in, and we'll feature it on these pages

CLASSES AT SCHOOLCRAFT: Schoolcraft College's awardwinning Culinary Arts Department is offering several classes this winter and spring:

The Nutrition Cuisine for Health and Filness seminar will explore innovative cuising for the '90s. Instructed by Certified Chefs Gabriel and N. Mercer, meal preparation will be supported by lectures on nutrition and its relation to heart disease, cholesterol levels and body metabolism. Ten hours of independent study are required. The five-week course will begin Saturday, April 11, meeting from 8 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$200.

To register or obtain further information, contact Continuing Education Services at 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

WINE TASTING: Wednesday's Wine Bar at the Rattlesnake Club In Detroit continues 5:30-7:30 p.m. at \$15 per person for six wines and whimsical appetizers; no reservations required. March 25: French wines from Gascony, the Loire, Alsace and Bordeaux.

MICHIGAN CULINARY TEAM PRACTICE: Before the Michigan Culinary Team enters the World Culinary Art Salon in Frankfurt, Germany, next October, it will have to hold some practice sessions. As such, chefs on the team will host practices, and display and discuss them with guests. The practices are open to the public at a cost of \$30 per person, or \$25 per person when purchasing four or more lickets. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The proceeds will be used to raise funds to send the team to Frankfurt. Sessions will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the following schedule:

• Monday, May 4, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 884-2500. Monday, July 20, Renaissance Club, 259-4700. • Tuesday, Nov. 10, Victory Celebration, Detroit Athletic Club,

963-9200 To purchase tickets, call the numbers listed above at least seven days in advance.

AMERICAN HARVEST OPEN: Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant, featuring gourmet specialties prepared by Schoolcraft's Master Chefs and Culinary Arts students, Is now open for lunch, Tuesday through Friday Noon to 1:30 p.m. A variety of entrees are offered, with prices ranging from \$6 to \$10. On Fridays, a gourmet buffet is offered for \$8.25. Reservations can be made by calling 462-4448.

American Harvest is displaying artwork of painter Saundra Weed and 13 of her watercolors and those of painting students. Weed is an art instructor in the College's Continuing Education Services division. Her students have created landscapes, still lifes and fantasy art. The artwork can be purchased by calling the Office of Institutional Advancement at 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia

EGG CONTEST FOR KIDS: The Michigan Association of Poultry industries in cooperation with the American Egg Board is sponsoring its eighth annual Michigan Egg Cooking Conlest. The contest, which is limited to students in grades six through 12, requires entrants to produce a main dish entree using a minimum of four eggs or one per serving. Top finishers in the contest will earn \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third place respectively. The winning Michigan entry will be sent to the national contest, which has a top prize of \$4,000. Deadline for entry is June 1. For more information. contact Carl C. Hoyt, project coordinator, 3658 88th Ave., Zeeland, MI 49464.

BEEF COOK-OFF: Enter your favorite beef recipe in the 1992 Alchigan Beel Cook-Off. There are three areas in which to enter indoor, outdoor barbecue and microwave. The cook-off will be Saturday, April 25, at the Meridian Mall in Okemos, First-place winner receives \$500 and expense-paid trip for two to compete in the National Beef Cook-Off in Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 17-19. Other prizes include \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place. For a complete set of rules write to Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos 48864

FOOD GUIDE: Bring on Healthy Food Choices! Oakland County Health Division has updated the American Red Cross Food Wheel for healthful eating. The revision is the work of the Health Division's registered dieutians. The colorful one page handout features plenty of grains, fruits and vegetables.

Are you confused about fats? Where are they hidden? How to make trade offs? The new Food Wheel will show you how. A special section describes fat serving sizes.

The guide is based on the new U.S. Department of Agriculture and Health and Human Services Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the American Cancer Society recommendations. The daily plan is easy to follow. It show suggested numbers of servings from each food group for different ages.

For your free copy, if you're an Oakland County resident, send a self addressed stamped (29 cents) business envelope to: Food Wheel, Materials Center, Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield 48076.

NUTRITION INFORMATION: The Food Marketing Institute, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Dietetic Association recently launched a nationwide nutrition campaign aimed at encouraging families with children ages two to six to make better food choices. Four free booklets offer information concerning reducing fat and cholesterol, avoiding arguments about food and healthy food choices. To obtain free copies of the brochures, you must include the brochure code in the address where indicated. The codes are Good Nutrition, Healthy Foods, Food Hassles and Cholesterol. Send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Department C--- (Brochure Code). PO Box 927. Elk Grove Village, IL 60009.

"The Refrigerator Door" is a list of coming events and short notes about food and drink. If you have an event planned or a brief an nouncement you would like included here, send it care of this newspaper, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

Sandwich is pocketful of flavor

Springtime freshness provides a bountiful flood of floral color, including fruits and vegetables. One of this season's most popular meats is fresh American lamb

The concept of seasonal spring lamb is no longer applicable, but the shrooms, onion, herbs and feta tradition is enjoyed year-round with cheese. Quantilies can be made easfresh American lamb.

Many people are choosing to add this tender, lean and healthy meat to orful fruit salad and lots of iced tea their menus and are always looking for a variety of new ways to prepare lamb. With only 176 calories per three-ounce cooked serving and ample iron, protein, niacin, and Bvitamins, lamb is an excellent nutrilion source.

Whether you like to grill, broil, roast or microwave, there is no better time for trying today's lamb.

Now available in a larger variety of Lamb Filling: cuts than ever before, choose from inexpensive shoulder cuts, shanks, ground meat. Denver ribs, strips for faiitas and stir fry to the more upscale style of cuts including sirloin, racks and sliced

This versatile and easy to make sandwich can be prepared conven- tionally or in the microwave. "Mediterranean Pocket Sandwiches" are filled with a flavorful combination of ground lamb, spinach, muily to create a serve yourself springtime buffet or picnic. Serve with a collaced with fresh mint.

MEDITERRANEAN POCKET SANDWICH

Topping:

I cup chopped tomato 1 cup diced cucumber 2 tablespoons Italian dressing

1 tablespoon olive oil ¹/₄ pound lean fresh ground

American lamb - ½ pound mushrooms, cleaned

l teaspoon Italian herb blend

¹/₄ teaspoon garlie powder 4 teaspoon red pepper flakes 3 pita pocket breads, cut in half ¹/₄ cup chopped onion 1 package (10 ounces) frozen

chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry 4 teaspoon lemon pepper 1 cup (4 ounces) feta cheese,

crumbled To make topping: In small bowl

combine tomato, cucumber, and Italian dressing: set aside. Conventional preparation of filling: In large skillet with cover, heat and stir in feta cheese; cover and set oil. Add onion and saute until well browned. Add lamb, stirring to crumble lamb and saute until no lon- for 30 seconds to soften. Stuff with ger pink; drain well. Stir in spinach, mushrooms, Italian herb blend. garlic powder, and red pepper flakes; mixing to blend well. Cover and cook 8 to 10 minutes; stirring occasion ally. Add feta cheese mixing well, allow to melt slightly. Warm pita bread

to soften. Stuff pita with hot lamb fill- 2.4 mg.; carbohydrates, 199.; choles-



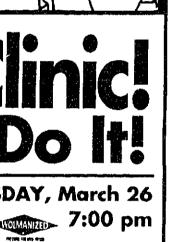
wich halves.

In 2-quart microwave-safe dish combine onions and lamb (eliminate oll). Microwave on high power for 4 minutes, stirring several times to crumble lamb. Drain off excess liguid. Add spinach, mushrooms, herb blend, garlic powder, lemon pepper and red pepper flakes to lamb mixture. Stir to blend. Cover with plastic wrap, venting edge and microwave on high power for 3-4 minutes stirring twice, until heated through. Uncover aside. Place pita breads on paper towel land microwave on high power hot lamb filling and garnish with tomato topping. Serve. Makes 6 sand-

Microwave preparation of filling:

Nutritional Analysis: Calories, 312; sodium, 412 mg.; protein, 16 g.; iron,







Location: Elks Lodge





AVOCADO SALAD

½ pound cooked tiny shrimp meat Dressing (recipe follows) 2 fresh Bartlett pears l avocado lemon juice

1 large head butter lettuce

Yield 4 servings.

Marinate shrimp in dressing in re- around shrimp. Serve remaining frigerator for about 1 hour. Halve, core and slice pears (to get about 2½ cups]. Cut avocado into lengthwise slices. Coat both pears and avocado with lemon juice to prevent browning. Shred crisper (center) leaves of

leftuce and put into center of 4 salad teaspoon sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, ¾ bowls lined with large outer leaves. teaspoon crumbled basil, and $^{\prime\prime}$ Spoon marinated shrimp onto let- teaspoon pepper in a jar. Shake to tuce and arrange pears and avocado combine.

Pears appear in main courses dressing on the side.

> Dressing: Combine 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 4 ta-

blespoons Worcestershire sauce, 1

SPRING POTPOURRI

cup lemon verbena leaves

1 cupmixed yellow flowers, i.e., tu-

2 teaspoons ground coriander

4 drops vetiver essential oil

A few whole dried yellow chilies,

Measure petals, flowers and leaves

Add drops of essential oil and mix

again. Put mixture into paper bags,

loosely seal and place somewhere

cool and dry to cure for 4 to 6 weeks,

shaking occasionally. When pot-

heads or cinnamon sticks for decora-

pourri is ready, add chiles, marigold

Note: The fixatives and essential

oils can generally be bought at craft

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoons powdered orris root

1 cup chamomile flowers

cup marigold petals

Betty Crocker makes potpourri plans

the winter. They have already logs as their ticket to a sunny outlook.

Cooking Sauce: In small cup, mix

3 tablespoons water, 2 tablespoons

soy sauce, 1 teaspoon lemon zest, 2

tablespoons lemon juice, 2 teas-

poons sugar, 2 leaspoons coms-

tarch. 2 cloves minced garlic, 2 teas-

SHRIMP, PEAR AND

poons minced or grated ginger.

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Although many garderners have strong ideas of what they want to put into the ground, there are the more accommodating types who ask what other members of the family might like. That is the moment to think ahead, and a recently published book can be a big help.

Betty Crocker's Book of Flowers by Jane Newdick (Prentice Hall) is brimming with ideas of how to enjoy your flowers inside the house as well as outside. No purchased flower ever has the aroma of those grown in your own garden, since you pick each bloom at its peak of perfection. Now, then, is the time to decide what to

plant for eventual indoor enjoyment. The Book of Flowers is full of inspiration. There are clear instructions of how to pick and dry flowers, cooking with flowers, decorating with flowers, flowers for special occasions and making your own polpourris. The lush photographs provide good

graphic guides. The suggestions are not so chic and difficult that you need a florist's training and tools to accomplish the

By CAROL CUTLER

Copley News Service

Winter may not have

But we don't have to wait; we can make it hap-

pen. Just announce that you are having a Spring

Dinner. This is the opposite end of the spectrum to

the Farewell-to-Summer parties that have become

What makes a Spring Dinner? A spring menu,

of course. This means foods that come into abun-

dance in the spring. These are predictable pro-

ducts, so give a clever twist to your dinner with one

springlike - a matter of color and presentation.

and shad roe are beginning their peak season right

now. There are people who can't get enough of

them, and then there are others who would rather

Sauteed shad and its roe are often served with

crisp bacon, a pairing I find strange since the roe is

quite rich, and so is bacon. Small steamed pota-

toes (plain please, no melted butter) complement

lamb. the most traditional of all spring meats. This

is when the flavor is mildest. That, of course,

means fresh spring lamb which, alas, is not al-

not, thank you. Know your guests.

or two dishes that give the impression of being

Begin by deciding on the main course. Shad

get on with spring.

so popular.

Real gardeners never feel cold in look at everything with a fresh eye." easy to do: "Put a tiny flower in each A surprisingly modest assortment section of an ice tray. Half-full each plunged into spring with seed cata of flower containers are used for the section with water and freeze solid. arrangements — pitchers, tumblers for small postes, tureens, baskets. fish bowls, even metal milk cans from the farm. In short, if it can hold water,

it can hold flowers It is instructive to see how in some cases the flowers are massed together for dramatic effect. In others, a few flowers of a single color are chosen for their complementary

shapes. One white example com bines lilies, tobacco flowers and foxgrove in a white pottery pitcher. Flowers appear more and more on the table in both trendy restaurants

and adventurous home kitchens. In bold-face type the book warns that one should beware of poisonous flowers. But instead of citing them, suggests the reader turn to a reliable reference book. Flowers to be eaten should never be sprayed, another very good reason for growing those blooms that will be taken into the kitchen.

For your easy information, note that among the most common flowers, the toxic varieties are African violet, begonia, bleeding heart, buttercup, daffodils, delphinium, larkspur,

bet on it. But when March is on the calendar, we all skinny French baguette loaf. Once sliced, these

begin to get lichy to move on to the next season. small rounds of pale meat have a delicate air that

Top up with water and freeze again. Doing the freezing in two stages means that the flower will end up in the middle of the ice cube, its natural tendency being to float to the top of the water.

The section on making your own potpourris will prove especially helpkinds of potpourri, moist and dry.

The moist is not very attractive. though its scent is much longerlasting. For this reason, the dullcolored mixtures are put in containers that allow the aroma to escape. This no doubt explains the name pot pourd, which is French for "rotted

result.

The basics of combining various Dutchman's breeches, foxglove, hy- flowers, spices and herbs into a finished arrangement. In the chapter drangea, iris, lily of the valley, luine, deeply scented blend are explained, on decorating with flowers, one is en- azalea, rhododendron, star-of- and the pages of beguiling photocouraged to "forget those great, hotel Bethlehem, sweet pea and wisteria. graphs of potpourts will inspire you fover set pieces put together like a The photograph of flowers frozen to have your gardener plant plenty of painting by numbers. Instead, in ice cubes will inspire many to the sweetest blossoms there are, you might also check with your florist simply use what you have and try to prettify their drinks this way. It is Here is one selection to consider.

mimosa, daffodil

ful. It is explained that there are two marigold heads or cinnamon sticks, for decoration

into large bowl. Add fixative (orris root) and ground spices, plus any other dry ingredients. Mix them very well with your hnands or a wooden

Newdick explains that commercial potpourris often stint on fixatives. which are costly but vital for a good

"Many ready-made potpourris are nothing more than pretty mixtures of tion. The potpourri will then be ready flowers and leaves with essential oils added for fragrance."

shops or shops that specialize in scented products, such as Laura Ashlev or Crabiree & Evelyn in Twelve Oaks Mall. With the current vogue for dried floral arrangements,

Pork, because of its mild flavor, would also work that covers it has a pale creamy tone, then the very well at a spring dinner. An especially attrac- sprinkled egg adds a sunny color note. An extra tive cut is the tenderloin. The long, thin strip of hard-cooked egg yolk could be used to emphasize Winter is not going to go out like a lamb, you can meat is usually no larger in diameter than a the sunshine.

SUNSHINE CAULIFLOWER

t large head cauliflower, trimmed

I teaspoon salt cup mayonnaise

to use

% cup plain yogurt

1½ tablespoons prepared mustard

Juice of ½ lemon Salt and pepper I hard-boiled egg

Bring large quantity of water to a boil while preparing the cauliflower. Add sait to water and plunge in cauliflower. Cook until cauliflower is rather soft, but do not overcook; about 15 to 20 minutes. Drain at once and cool in cold water. Drain thoroughly and refrigerate.

Prepare mustard sauce by beating together mayonnaise, yogurt, mustard, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Push hard-boiled egg through a sieve to reduce it to small pieces. To serve, place cauliflower in deep serving bowl

and spoon sauce over it. Spread sauce with rubber spatula, then sprinkle with sieved egg.

Carol Cutler is the award-winning author of eight cookbooks. "Catch of the Day," published by pearance in the following preparation. The sauce Consumer Reports Books, is her latest.

Chefs make perfect at practice session

Put some spring into entertaining

svery litting for the light mood you want to creat

could be served along with the pork tenderloin or

lamb. If it's a shad dinner, serve the asparagus as

fruits are still holding in there, and local berries

are a few months away. Of course, now that we

have become used to berries the year-round, the

But let's face it, berries that have been picked

underripe and shipped long distances just don't

hold a flavor patch to regional varieties picked at

But taking berries or other soft fruits and turn-

ing them into sherbets gives a very refreshing and

delicious twist to these not-quite-ready species.

Garnish the pretty scoop of sherbet with some si-

Believe it or not, that old standby cauliflower

can make the perfect first course. No, it's not espe-

a delicately speckled coating, it fits the March bill

Simple cauliflower takes on a rather floral ap-

iced fruit or dribble on a fruit liqueur, preferably

the clear distilled liqueurs such as kirsch, which is

March is not a great fruit month. Winter citrus

a separate course following the fish.

old seasonal rules don't seem to apply.

their full sweetness

made from cherries.

If you feel more comfortable with meat, think of cially springlike in itself, but when presented with

of fare.

Just now, asparagus is coming into its glory. It

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ways available.

the fish perfectly.

see the end products. We all swore This meant that each component of that we'd leave early Friday night. Saturday was an "all-nighter." The day before a competition, sleep is unheard of. We spend the entire night each and every piece three times, and then arranging it on plates and

platters. thority on platter presentation and come together so beautifully. The col- lin flowing it could have been bottled. assisted each of uus on the setup of ors were soft and subtle. The ultimate

our workmanship. We were to be ready when called. the platter must be layed out on sheet trays, neat and clean. My turn came at 4:30 a.m. I was the fifth of six.

As I rolled my cart into the freezing slicing food into perfect sizes, glazing cold demonstration lab, my heart beat wildly. Was my work acceptable? It looked somewhat dismal, all lined up with no direction. At then This time we were to have expert - end of an hour, my platter was done. help with the layouts. Dan is an au- Never have I seen individual parts worth it. There was so much adrena

question that must be answered is, "Would I eat this?" Yes, yes, yes. By 8:30 Saturday morning we were unloading at the Hyatt in Dear-

born. All of our labors would be on display for the public in just a few short hours. The food itself must be beautiful, but so too, the total table display. Again the maestro lent his artistry

awestruck. All of our toil had been Many obstacles were overcome

last week. New directions pathed out. The first practice with two new members and a new coach had been a success

Most of all, we realized a great reie for putting up with the ungodly tion. We're looking forward to the

ORTHVILLE ELEMENTARIES

egetables.

March 27: Sticker Day! Cheese pizza, brunch for lunch: Belgian affle sticks, sasuage pattie; assorted fruit and vegetables.

By the time it was all done, we were next time

pect for Chef Dan Hugelier. He is a otally devoted, kind and unselfish

person. Also thanks go to his wife Ka-

certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi.

uits and vegetables. nours that he put in over school vacaand vegetables.

Northville resident Mary Brady is a

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March 23: Baked chicken nuggets with barbecue sauce and oll, roasted turkey dog on a bun, chefs salad with roll, mixed vegitables, choice of fruit, milk. March 24: Spaghetti with Italian meat sauce and bread, baked hamburger on a bun, chef's salad with a roll, green beans, diced March 25: Burrito with cheese sauce, baked pepperoni and cheese pizza, chef's salad with roll, garden green peas, diced pears, milk. March 26: Bagel Day: Soft bagel sandwich with turkey, cheese and lettuce; baked hamburger on a bun; chef's salad with roll; veggle sticks with dip, mixed fruit; milk. March 27: Cook's choice, roasted lurkey dog on a bun, pasta salad with roll, tossed salad with dressing, pears, milk

peaches, milk, Lucky Tray Day.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

March 23: Baked chicken nuggets with roll; soft bagel sandwich with turkey, cheese and lettuce; mixed vegetables; choice of fruit; milk. March 24: Spaghetti with Italian sauce and bread, miniubmarine with turkey and cheese, green beans, diced peaches, milk. March 25: Deli Soup bar: \$2.20 Kaiser roll with choice of stacked meat, cheese and trimmings; french fries, assorted fruit or juice: milk March 26: Soft bagel sandwich with turkey, cheese, lettuce and omato; chili dog on a bun, french fries or tossed salad with dressing;

assorted fruits or juice, milk. March 27: Pizza bar \$1.50: Fiestada pizza, cheese pizza boat. pepperoni pizza, french fries or tossed salad with dressing, assorted fruit or orange juice, milk.

MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 23: Pita sandwich with turkey, cheese and veggies; chef alad; tossed salad; spinach salad; french fries; assorted canned fruit; apples, oranges, fresh fruit in season; milk; roll, chili. March 24: Dell sandwiches, chef salad, tossed salad, spinach

salad, french fries, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh fruit n season, milk, roll, homemade vegetable soup. March 25: Baked potato with choice of cheese sauce, broccoli and bacon bits; chef salad; spinach salad; french fries; assorted canned fruit; apples, oranges, fresh fruit in season; milk; roll; famous

ecipe bean soup. March 26: Submarine sandwich, chef salad, tossed salad, spiach salad, french fries, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh fruit in season, milk, roll, cream of broccoli soup. March 27: Grilled chicken sandwich, chef salad, tossed salad, pinach salad, french fries, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh fruit in season, milk, roll, tomato soup.

COOKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

fruits and vegetables.

fruits and vegetables.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

vegetables.

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March 23: Potato bar: Baked potato with choice of chili, broccoli and cheese sauce, nacho sauce with beef, diced ham, bacon bits, grated cheese, yogurt or sour cream; assorted fruits and vegetables.

March 24: Mexican Bar: Choice of taco with crisp shell or soft shell, taco salad, nachos with cheese and meat, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, chopped onion, salsa, guacamole, sour cream; assorted

March 25: Pasta Bar. Spaghetti with meat Sauce or alfredo sauce, macaroni and cheese, Italian sausage bites, parmesan cheese, breadsticks; assorted fruits and vegetables.

March 26: Mexican Bar: Choice of taco with crisp shell or soft shell, taco salad, nachos with cheese and meat, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, chopped onion, salsa, guacamole, sour cream; assorted

March 27: Deli Bar: Choice of sliced turkey, ham, roast beef, American or swiss cheese, shredded lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles. condiments, kaiser bun; grilled cheese sandwich; assorted fruits and

March 23: Ravioli, chili, tossed salad, assorted salads, french ries, vegetable du jour, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh fruit in season, milk, roll, cream of broccoli soup. March 24: Italian sub, tossed salad, assorted salads, french fries, vegetable du jour, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh

fruit in season, milk, roll, chicken noodle soup. March 25: Baked potato with sauce, tossed salad, assorted sa lads, french fries, vegetable du jour, assorted canned fruit, aples, or anges, fresh fruit in season, milk, roll, split pea soup. March 26: French dip, tossed salad, assorted salads, french ries, vegetable du jour, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh uit in season, milk, roll, cream of potato to soup, March 27: Fish nuggets, turkey fajita with tortilla, tossed salad.

ssorted salads, french fries, vegetable du jour, assorted canned fruit, apples, oranges, fresh fruit in season, milk, roll, tomato soup

March 23: Pizza with pepperoni, chili with crackers, assorted March 24: Chicken nuggets with sauce, corn, roll with butter nini sub with salami, bologna, cheese, lettuce, tomato; assorted fruits

March 25: Northville hot dogs on a bun, potato rounds, noodles nd chicken, peas, alfredo, com muffin, assorted fruit and vegetables. March 26 Chicken nuggets with sauce, mixed vegetables, roll vith butter, turkey fajita with fortilla, mexican rice, assorted fruits and









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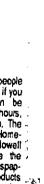
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