

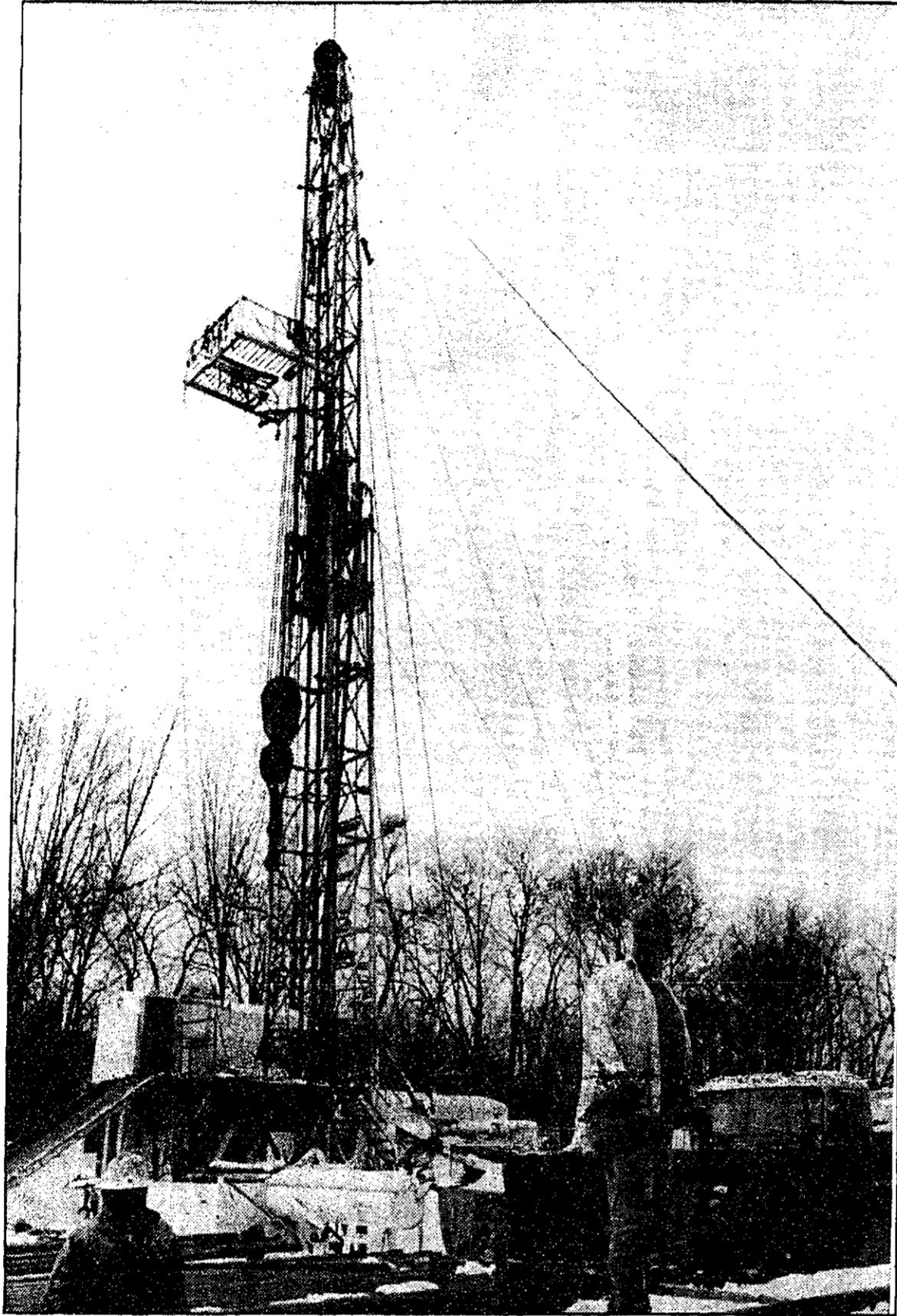
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Packin' up; headin' home

After striking oil and gas at the well site on Ten Mile Road west of Beck, the SOMOCO drilling crew was packing up its rig Monday to head home. The company has sunk more money in the well than it had originally anticipated. Typically, the process of drilling for oil would cost \$230,000, but the legal fees tacked onto the cost of the Novi well led to a \$600,000 bill, according to SOMOCO vice-president Gary Gottschalk. SOMOCO also did not find as much oil as it had hoped. Ninety feet of oil and gas deposits were found. SOMOCO would have preferred to find at least 200 feet of fuel, he said. The company has gone out for bids for the construction of a pipeline, which will take from two to three weeks to build. The pipeline will run along Detroit Edison easements and will carry the fuel from the well site to the company's production facility at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads. Gottschalk said the state-mandated production capacity tests will be run at the site this week, which could lead to some odor escaping from the well during a controlled burning of the gas. He said the tests would take only two days. Meanwhile, residents are not pleased with the noise of the drilling or the condition of the site. All that will remain on the site once operations begin is a fence-in wellhead and a small pole building, according to Gottschalk.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL



Water, sewer rates to increase

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi residents will find the cost of their morning showers or summertime alternate-day lawn sprinklers will go up this year.

The City Council Monday agreed to an upward jump in the quarterly user fees for both sewer and city water rates.

But not as much as anticipated earlier this month. City Finance Director Les Gibson said a subtraction error in a computer spreadsheet led to an overstatement of operating costs and therefore larger projected rate hikes.

The typical homeowner's three months' bill for combined sewer and water use — an average of 32,000 gallons per quarter — will rise from

\$73.25 to \$90.73. The earlier, invalidated projection was \$104.95.

The last hike in user fees was in July 1988. During that time, a deluge of new customers moving in allowed the city to absorb the rising costs, Gibson said. Price increases from the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and the Huron-Rouge Sewer System, as well as the city's own system expenses, led to the rate change recommendation.

"We're losing money," Gibson said.

The new rates will be in place until June 1993.

The user fee covers both operating and maintenance costs of the system. Money collected from fees for tapping into the system and for pipeline extensions are used by the city to pay off bonds sold for extending the sewer and water

system.

The new rates squeaked past in a four-to-three council vote, with council members Joseph Toth, Nancy Cassis and Carol Mason in opposition.

Novi water charges will jump from \$1.11 per thousand gallons to \$1.49 and the sewer use per thousand gallons will rise from \$1 to \$1.14.

The charge per 1,000 gallons kicks in after a minimum fee is paid which ranges from \$17 to \$153 depending on meter size.

This is higher than the \$1.27 the City of Detroit bills Novi for the thousand gallons per water and the 92 cents assessed by Livonia for the sewer capacity.

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Novi officials oppose court legislation

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Local officials are scurrying this week to head off at the pass a new state house bill which could give the county full power to choose a site for a district court.

Under a 1981 law, the Oakland County's new 52-1 District Court would have to be placed in Novi, as the most populous community of the 11 within the court's jurisdiction. The proposed revision deletes the population criteria.

House Bill 5618, introduced

March 5 by State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, was scheduled for discussion and a possible vote Wednesday by the House of Representatives (after the Novi News' press-time.)

"The largest city with the largest number of cases will have the biggest cost. People seem to overlook that. They're looking at it more as a political matter than a private economic one," Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

Quinn said he learned Tuesday

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Council welcomes Detroit counterpart

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The media may portray Detroiters and suburbanites as the feudin' Hatfields and McCoys, but Novi's working to prove otherwise.

The first olive branch was City Council Member Nancy Cassis' invitation to Detroit City Council President Maryann Mahaffey to meet with the council Monday.

Mahaffey then invited the Novi council to Detroit to get together with their big-city counterparts.

"We can learn from you and I suspect some of what we have done can be of use to you — never taking the whole cloth but taking pieces of it," Mahaffey told the council.

"We may have little disagreements, big disagreements, but we're tied together. If we disagree, at least know why we disagree so we can move ahead."

Cassis opened the lines of communications after she met and became friends with Mahaffey at the National League of Cities Conference in December.

■ City Council and the Novi school board met Saturday in their first joint session. Members of the two groups addressed a long list of issues, but the first order of business was to plan to get together more often. The panels agreed to meet twice a year in the future. The story is on page 6A.

Cassis stressed the interdependence of the core city and the suburbs Monday.

"Many residents grew up in Detroit and have moved to Novi but continue to have families that live in the Detroit area," Cassis said.

Mayor Matthew Quinn, welcoming Mahaffey to "greater metropolitan Novi," pointed out that the Novi

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Pregnant Novi officer featured on television?

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Live from New York — was it the Novi Police Department?

Council Member Tim Pope said Monday he got a jolt when tuning into "Saturday Night Live" recently. A March 21 skit on the comedy show featured an eight-and-a-half-months' pregnant police officer on a drug bust.

The officer's uniform — too small

for her condition — was strongly reminiscent of pictures of Novi police officer Deanna Hall which circulated nationally in People magazine and USA Today, viewers said. Hall also appeared on the cable television show "Altitudes."

But whether or not this inspired a national lampoon of Novi couldn't be discovered at this point.

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Community Calendar

Today, 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

Singles Sock Hop: A sock hop featuring DJ Louie Louie will be held at the Novi Civic Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The evening will include a dance contest as well as non-alcoholic refreshments. 50s and 60s costumes are optional. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. For ticket information call Ron Irwin at 348-3588. The event is sponsored by Single Place, a Northville Presbyterian Church-based singles organization.

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 group will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village 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 8

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.

Friday, April 10

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.

Tuesday, April 14

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.

Wednesday, April 15

Planning Commission: The Novi city Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, April 17

Good Friday: Novi city offices will be closed today.

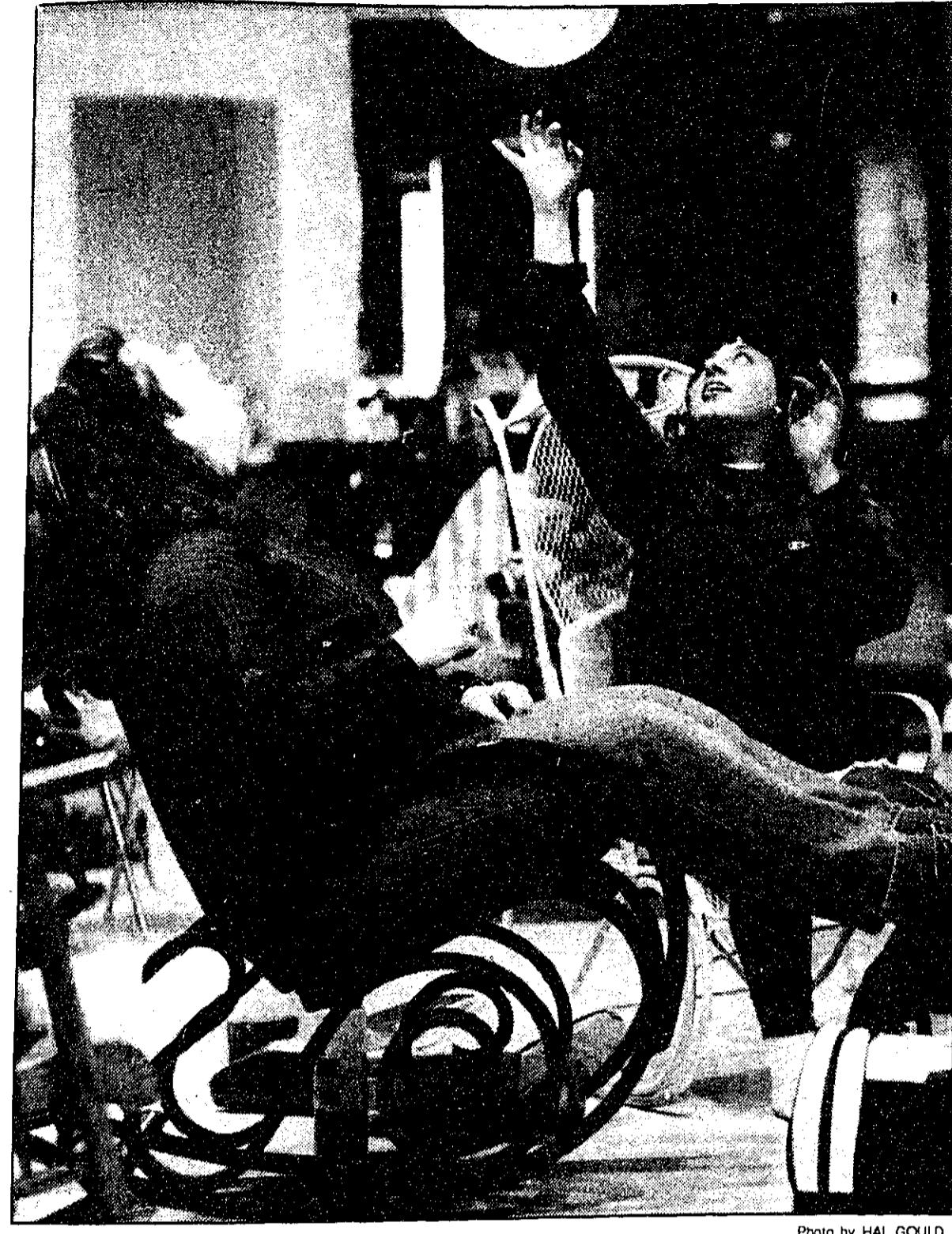
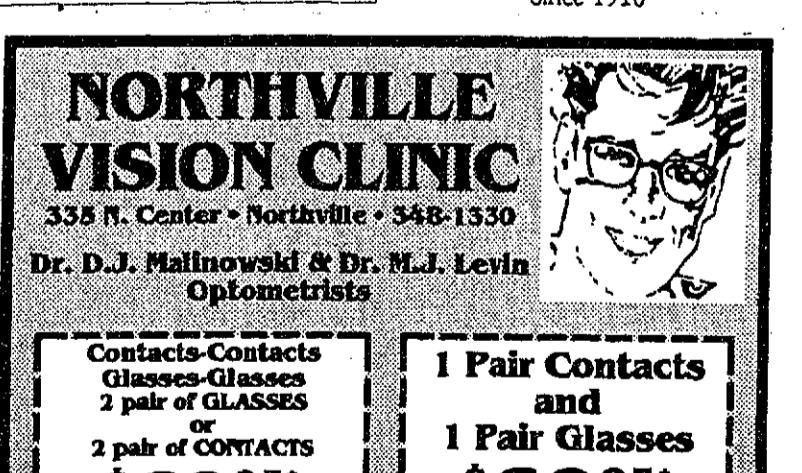
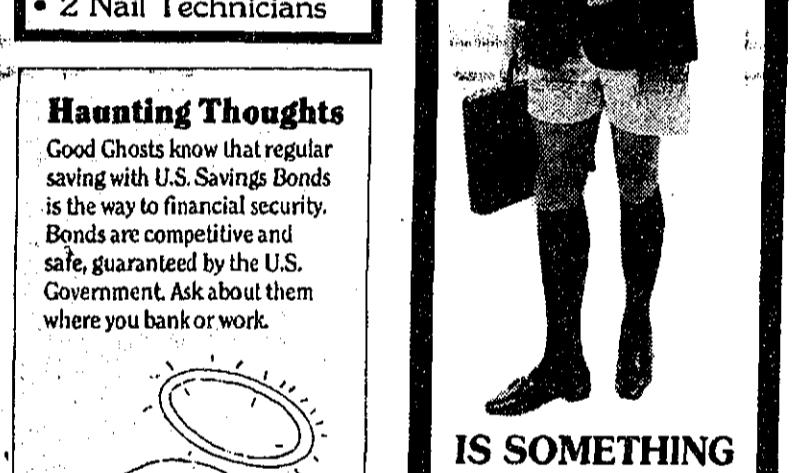
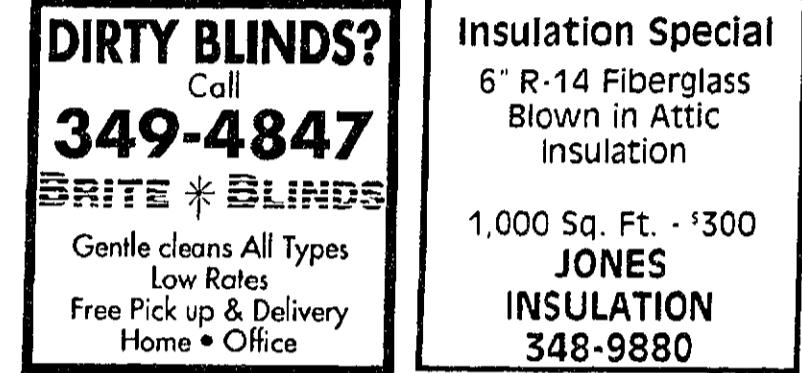
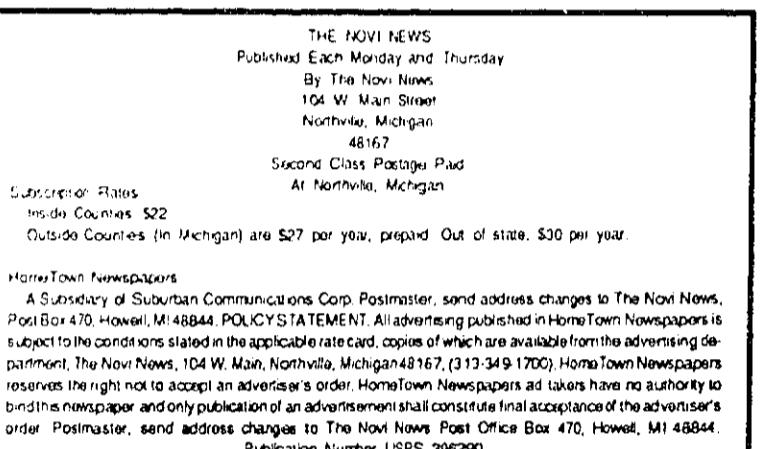
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Monday, April 27

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

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



Rocking for homeless

Novi High School National Honor Society members Carolyn May, left, and Anne Meyerson amuse themselves playing balloon volleyball while rocking in the school commons area. The

rock-a-thon was a Honor Society benefit for the homeless. Students rocked for nine hours on March 20 from 3 p.m. until midnight to raise money for homeless people.

Main Street, USA

Old-fashioned downtown still remains a twinkle in Novi city planners' eyes

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The Selective Group will not be the developer to build an old-fashioned neighborhood in the southeast quadrant of the Town Center, but city officials have big plans for the land.

The Selective Group recently dropped a \$4 million option to buy 35 acres south of the Novi Town Center shopping mall.

The numbers didn't work to make the development profitable, City Manager Edward Kriewall said at a March 21 joint meeting with the school board and City Council.

"To trigger that development, we're going to have to do something," Kriewall said.

"They're telling us it won't work."

But Planning and Community Development Director James Wahl said so far the project is on track.

At a March 18 Planning Commission meeting, Wahl said he thinks the development remains feasible.

"I'm not convinced the jury is out on this," Wahl said.

He hopes to organize a brainstorming session with economists, futurists, planners and developers to discuss options for the parcel.

Wahl's vision for the land is not something typically found in the metropolitan Detroit suburbs. Developers come to Wahl with plans to fill the land with the typical suburban development.

"We basically tell them, you don't fit the city's development plans," Wahl said.

Wahl's plans for the Town Center parcel would be similar to a growing number of neighborhoods across the country.

Neo-traditional neighborhoods are like small residential villages with a central Main Street lined with old-fashioned storefronts. Of the total 55 acres of land available in the Town Center development, 23 are intended for residential use.

Rather than building the garden-style apartment found everywhere in metro Detroit, Wahl and others hope apartments and other residential developments will be built using an urban, brownstone style and unique architecture.

"We're not looking for the standard apartment complex," Wahl said. "We've got 10 of those already."

The remainder of the land would be used for the makings of an old-fashioned neighborhood. The emphasis would be on providing convenient routes to shopping and entertainment facilities for pedestrians, rather than for automobiles.

And the development would be much smaller than a

"programmatic" town, which would be the 60 acres.

Neighborhoods in the programmatic area have been designed in Michigan, according to an article published on the subject in the January 1992 issue of the *Institute of Transportation Engineer* Journal. About a dozen such neighborhoods are under construction in cities around the country.

Neo-traditional neighborhoods include a neighborhood center within five minutes walking distance for the majority of residents, according to the *Journal's* report.

Other aspects of neo-traditional neighborhoods, according to the *Journal*, include narrow streets oriented for bicycles and pedestrians with an emphasis on aesthetic, public commons areas, and limited building size. On-street parking provides a buffer between pedestrians and cars.

"We're looking to capture some of the design flavor, some of the character, but not necessarily creating a whole neo-traditional town or village," Wahl said.

The character of a neo-traditional development would be witnessed by its brick buildings, decorative street lamps and use of trees and other plant life in public areas.

To get the development of the Town Center land under way, city funded infrastructure may be necessary, Kriewall said. A millage for the Town Center district, or changes in the planned density of the proposed development might help a future developer use the parcel profitably, Kriewall said.

Planning Commissioner Judith Johnson suggested at the March 18 commission meeting that the city might be able to obtain a state or federal grant to preserve the woodlands and wetlands on the land and decrease the cost of land for a developer.

Kriewall also hopes the Expo Center might help spark an interest in the undeveloped portion of Novi's Town Center district.



Dispute leads to assault complaint

Police News

Novi police responded to an assault battery incident March 13 after a local woman refused to allow the suspect to use her car.

The suspect allegedly became angry when the woman would not let him use her car, so he dented the vehicle's right front fender, smashed the windshield and damaged the wiper arms.

The woman said he then went into the house where she was, and punched, kicked and choked her. Police said she showed no physical signs of abuse.

The woman later told police that the suspect had driven the car and he had spent approximately \$2,000 on vehicle improvements.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Novi police and firefighters responded March 15 to a Novi address where a minor was reportedly experiencing severe chest pains and anxiety attacks.

Police said the minor admitted to smoking marijuana, taking LSD, and drinking alcoholic beverages all within the previous 24 hours.

Police further reported that the minor's brother refused to give consent for him to be taken to the hospital, and police were unable to contact his parents or grandparents. The minor was eventually taken to Providence Hospital in Novi where medical personnel agreed to accept him without their consent.

ARGUMENT/VANDALISM: A Novi man reported March 11 that a traffic alteration on I-96 resulted in damage to his 1985 Toyota.

The man told police that he was at

Police News

attempting to merge onto eastbound I-96 from Novi Road when a dark colored Oldsmobile Cutlass refused to allow him to merge into the lane.

He said that when he merged, the Cutlass came to a stop, blocking the driver's entrance lane. He said the driver of the Cutlass got out of his car and walked back to his vehicle behind the Cutlass.

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DRUNK DRIVING: A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested March 15 for OUIL. He was driving eastbound on Grand River in a 1991 Toyota.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 43-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested March 15 for OUIL. He was driving westbound on Pontiac Trail in a 1990 Chevrolet pickup truck.

EMBEZZLEMENT: An employee at Lord and Taylor may face embezzlement charges in connection with an incident March 14.

Police said the employee removed an anti-shoplifting sensor device from a dress that was for sale, placed it in a bag, and later left without paying for it.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 41-year-old Livonia man was arrested March 14 for OUIL on southbound Haggerty Road. He was driving a 1990 Mercury Cougar.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 37-year-old Novi man was arrested for OUIL on southbound Haggerty Road March 14. He was driving a 1990 Pontiac Prix.

RECEIVING/CONCEALING STOLEN GOODS: Novi police arrested a suspect outside Twelve Oaks Mall March 14 after security personnel discovered she was hiding a stolen Hudson's dress in her coat.

The security officer reported that the woman was acting suspiciously and asked her to identify herself. He said when he spoke with her, he realized she was hiding something under her coat, so he asked her about that.

The woman then reportedly produced a dress, with no bag and no receipt, that was later confirmed by police.

The man told police that he was at

store as stolen property.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 26-year-old Novi woman for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) March 13. The woman, who was driving a 1992 Saturn, was driving on Twelve Mile near Novi Road.

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Novi Briefs

McDonald's on Fuerst property?: School board Trustee Raymond Byers joked with the City Council at a joint meeting on March 21 that the Fuerst house should be turned into a McDonald's.

Byers said the school district could use the building to train its students in food service. After everyone finished laughing, City Manager Edward Kriewall said the idea has some merit.

Ruby and Iva Fuerst donated land on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads to the school district and city. The final portion of the land has an old stone farmhouse on it. Kriewall said if the old house was used as a teen center, then a student-run McDonald's on the property would make sense educationally.

"This is a very innovative approach to doing what you want to do, which is building a teen center and McDonald's could be the food service," he said.

Council Member Nancy Cassis said apprentice programs for students are pending in the state Legislature. "What you're talking about educationally may not be here, but it's in the future," she said.

Long ramp to the clerk's window: "So I read in the (Novi News) we're going to have a drive-in window for the clerk's office," Novi City Clerk Gerry Stipp said Monday prior to the City Council meeting. She was referring to an incorrect statement included in a story about the Planning Commission's proposed capital improvement plan, published in the March 23 edition. "The ramps would have to be awfully long, don't you think?" she asked. The clerk's office is on the second floor of the Novi Civic Center. The story should have said the drive-in window would be for the city treasurer's office, which is on the first floor.

Firefighters needed: The Novi Fire Department is looking for individuals to fill openings as paid-on-call firefighters. Those selected will be provided with paid training and compensated per call. City residency is not a requirement. The department is taking applications now. It will also hold an open house Saturday, March 28 at fire station number one from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for prospective firefighters.

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Joint meeting begins with back-patting

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

tuesday meeting was school board hopeful Julie Abrams. Abrams said she plans to run in the June election for a seat on the school board.

Council Member Nancy Cassis said her personal goal this year was to get the school board and council together in a joint meeting.

With that, accomplished, the board and council used some of their three-hour meeting time to praise each other's efforts.

Both groups had a good time, naturally scratching the surface of the more controversial issues that have come between the city and school district in the past year.

The school district has maintained the position that school developments do not need to go through city plan review procedures. Some city officials have disagreed,

although current state law supports the school's position.

The two groups also talked briefly about parking for the Novi Expo Center. A school board meeting earlier in the school year, Byers said he would oppose a special taxing district to cover the cost of the Expo Center, which would "capture" tax money generated from the Expo Center that would otherwise go to the school district.

He asked if the city limits building heights.

"Well, not as far as you people are concerned," Mayor Matthew Quinn laughingly

Kriewall addressed Expo Center parking at Saturday's meeting, but said a TIF was not likely to be established to fund a parking structure for that facility.

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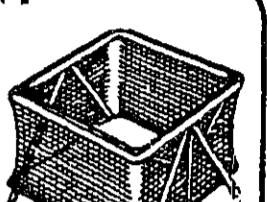
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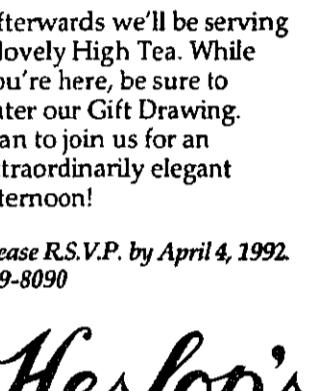
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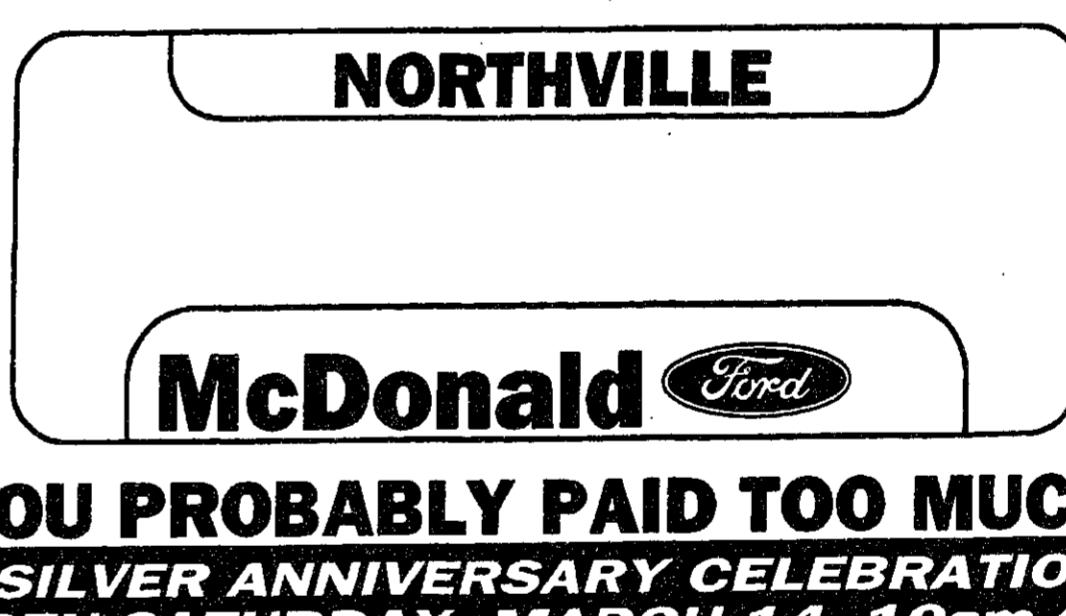


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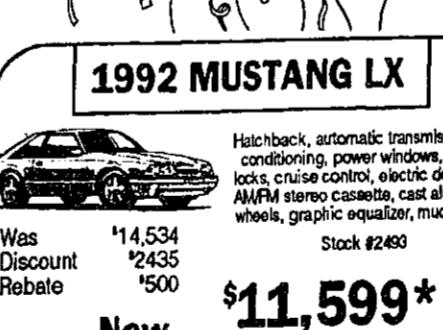
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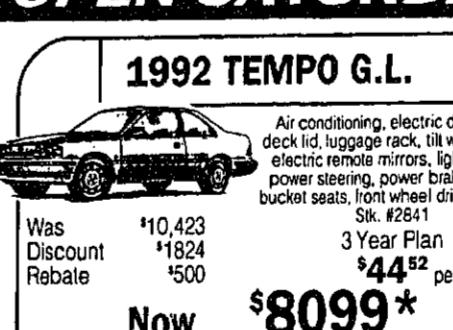
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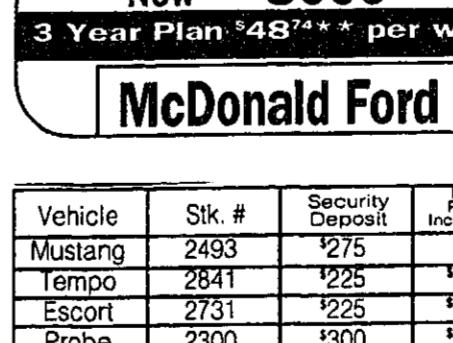
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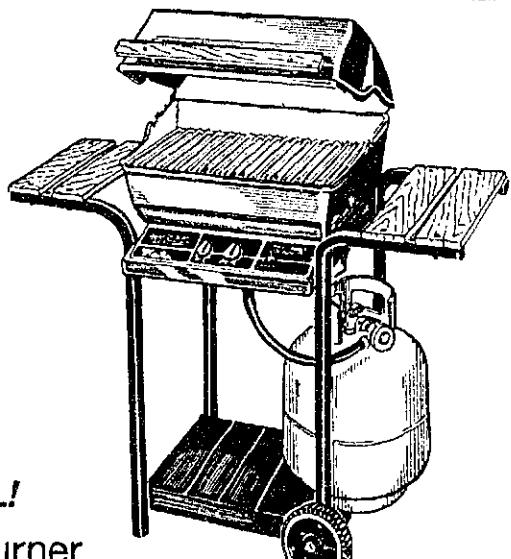
At least, a bluebird would likely think this a particularly delightful place to take up residence. Doug Sciberras showed how a well-designed bluebird box would be opened for cleaning during a workshop, sponsored by the Oakland County 4-H and held at the Novi Public Library

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earlier this month, specifically about bluebirds. The numbers of bluebirds spotted in Michigan in recent years has declined and the purpose of the workshop was to give residents tips on what they can do to attract birds back to the state.

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Bill affects courthouse

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that State Rep. Wills Bullard, R-Highland Township, whose district includes Novi, may introduce an amendment to the Dobb bill delaying the law's impact by more than a year.

"If that does go through, it would make it effective as of January 1, 1994, which is something to get around what is presently going on. Once he [Bullard] gives us a little bit more direction, we will be getting letters out to various subcommittees."

Bobb "emphatically" denies suggestions that she's pushing the legislation to keep the courthouse in Walled Lake. She first became interested in the law, she said Tuesday, when it was discussed at a Walled Lake City Council meeting in December.

It's a local control issue, which hands the power back to the county, she said. The bill is similar to two others which won "overwhelming support" from the House majority, Bobb added. These left locating circuit courts and probate courts up to the county government's discretion.

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Staff Writer

Rep. Barbara Dobb's bill—giving county governments discretion in the location of district court buildings—is stalled through the House Judiciary Committee unopposed March 17.

The major point of note in that committee meeting was that for freshman Rep. Dobb, R-Union Lake, the bill is her first to advance to the House floor since she took office.

"You will make a brilliant legislative career of small reforms and minor adjustments," quipped Judiciary Committee chair Perry Bullard, D-An Arbor.

But the bill will likely face real opposition, said Novi officials who planned efforts to kill the bill in Monday night's City Council meeting.

Dobb told the committee March 17 that the District Court Act was written for rural areas anxious about losing their justices of the peace. That law required judges to sit in the county seat or any city having a population of 3,250.

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South Haven, Grand Ledge and Ishpeming rather than just in the county seat," she said.

But that represents a problem in southwestern Oakland since the planned expansion of the district court bench through the addition of a fourth judge.

"The court sits in Walled Lake, which is not in compliance with the law. Novi and Wixom have larger populations. Commerce Township has 27,000 people and is more centrally located than the state," she said.

Other constituents are served by her colleagues in Pontiac, Waterford, Novi, Highland, Kent and Kalamazoo.

Because this will be her first bill to reach a floor vote, Dobb faces heavy-handed teasing from her colleagues in the days ahead. They may flash a sea of red lights [may votes], ask delays, or demand explanations of obscure questions.

They also will expect 108 gifts—preferably a product associated with her district.

She also faces real opposition from Novi. City officials plan to send letters of opposition to House members. Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Highland, whose district includes Novi, said he plans to offer an amendment to the bill to delay it from going into effect until 1994.

"This was greased and came out of the [House] judiciary committee meeting last Thursday," she said.

The county did not request this legislation.

The unveiling of the 13 proposals for the courthouse has been postponed by Oakland County until April 7.

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School officials wait for connector

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
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The future of the Haggerty Connector still is in the hands of the state, but Novi school officials are among those anxious for the bulldozers to begin rolling on the project. School Superintendent William Barr said at a March 21 meeting between the school district and City Council he would like the M-5 project to get under way.

"What I'd like to see is you get the traffic the hell off Haggerty Road," Barr said.

He said bus stops on Haggerty Road are becoming nearly impossible. After a bus pulls on the side of a road to pick up students, the bus driver has to sit still for a time getting back into traffic.

"It's a real problem," Barr said.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is awaiting a

state Department of Natural Resources permit before it can begin construction of the Connector. At issue is wetlands mitigation. MDOT originally proposed compensating for wetlands lost by the project on state land in St. Clair County. The department now is looking for land in Novi to mitigate the wetlands.

"They're still screwing around Novi trying to find a suitable mitigation site," said Sandra Thornton, who has moved to Novi for its schools, but Thornton had to break the news that Novi schools were not in the woman's future.

MDOT also needs a construction permit. A decision from the DNR is expected by April 3.

Barr said the school district does not typically take a position on political issues. But since most people are supporting the project, the superintendent said, he felt comfortable to speak on the plan.

Speakers at a December public hearing were predominantly against the project, but support for the project continues to grow in Novi and Farmington Hills.

The DNR will continue to see if MDOT has addressed concerns raised at the hearing, a DNR official said. Issues to be addressed include the feasibility of widening Haggerty Road rather than building the connector, the noise level of the Connector, and the impact on plant and animal life.

The woman asked Thornton which of Novi's four elementary schools her children would be attending.

But the woman and her family had moved into a portion of the City of Novi that lies within the boundaries of the Northville Public School District.

"I assured her Northville has excellent schools," Thornton said. But the woman was disappointed, and Thornton relayed the story at a March 21 joint meeting between the Novi Board of Education and City Council.

The two groups discussed the possible options arising from changing school district boundaries. Depending on where they live, residents of Novi attend school in the Novi or Northville school districts, or in Walled Lake or South Lyon.

He said school district lines can be

changed to fit the needs of the

community. Thornton said the Novi Board of Education and City Council will attend the Northville school board meeting on April 13 to discuss the issue.

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State considers SADs for parks

By TIM RICHARD
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Smith, chair of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, also appeared miffed that the bills went through only Honigman's Local Government Committee.

Historically, special assessments

Library Notes

Parenting Through Books: On Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m., Dr. Sheila Ingrossi of Eastern Michigan University will present "Parenting Through Books: Selecting and Sharing Books With Your Child" at the Novi Public Library.

Registration is required for this free program. Call the Novi Library at 349-0720 for information.

Book Group Meets: "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" by Robert Pirsig will be the topic of discussion at the Novi Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group on Monday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Please have this book read before the session and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

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As We See It

Early morning is not time to make decisions



Government

At 9 o'clock in the morning, the most important thing most people are likely to decide is what kind of late night snack to have, or maybe which late night movie to watch.

In fact, at 2 a.m. most people aren't making any decisions at all; they're sleeping.

Yet at about this time Tuesday morning, the Novi City Council was making a decision likely to effect every resident in town; it was deciding to raise water rates.

The average resident's bill for three months combined sewer and water use — based on an average of 32,000 gallons per quarter — will go from \$73.25 to \$90.73. Now, that is lower than they \$104.95 the finance director had earlier calculated, but it still represents a hefty jump.

And Finance Director Les Gibson's explanations of the need to raise money didn't answer all the questions. Yes, fees have not been increased since 1988 and the city has been absorbing rate increases passed on to it by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and the Huron-Rouge Sewer System. Gibson also argued that the city's own expenses for servicing and maintaining the water system have gone up as well.

But at least three members of council — Joe Toth, Nancy Cassis and Carol Mason — weren't comfortable with the numbers. For instance, Mason asked about the city's water and sewer fund, and Gibson said that account had at least \$2 million in it. Normally, that would be reserved for major repair and capital expansions, but a full accounting of what the money is used for wasn't given.

In the end, the rate hike of about 20 percent passed only on a 4-3 margin. Ultimately, it just isn't wise to be

Kudos to city council and the school board

Novi City Council and the Novi school board met Saturday in a historic first joint session. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues which affect them both, to "open the lines of communication," as school board Trustee Michael Meyer put it.

And at that meeting, the first item discussed was the idea they should get together on a continuing basis. Between the two panels, they quickly decided to meet twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall.

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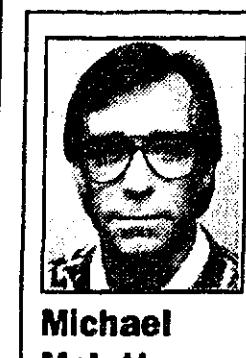
A historic first intergovernmental meeting of a very different kind occurred Monday before the Novi City Council. At the invitation of Council Member Nancy Cassis, Detroit City Council President Maryann Mahaffey came to Novi city and spoke to the council and public. Again, the primary purpose of the meeting was to "open the lines of communication."

The issues between Novi and Detroit are not quite so immediate. Novi discussions likely reap a benefit quite so quickly. To be frank, the traditional antagonisms between suburb and central city run deep.

Nonetheless, it is difficult to know at this point what types of solutions the Novi and Detroit councils might work on together, what types of solutions the two might devise. But then, that's a part of what makes this kind of effort towards more open intergovernmental communication so exciting.

But the issues that arise between two such cities are among the most challenging our society has to face today. The rapid growth experienced by Novi, and many other fringe suburbs, and the economic difficulties confronting Detroit

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**Michael
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number of congressmen and women wrote bad checks worth a whole lot more than \$1,000 and did it for a longer period of time. If you think about it, they too were caught by nailing their accounts in the red for so long.

Avagian was prosecuted criminally. He pled no contest and received a one-year delayed sentencing. But the real cost to him was a great deal higher. He lost his planning seat. He was retired, against his will, from his public job in Livonia schools. He lost a consulting contract with a local ambulance company. He was even sued by the pastor of his church not to participate in church activities.

The Oakland Prosecutor's office wanted Harry placed on an electronic tether while his sentencing was pending. It took his attorney three months to convince Judge Edward Sosnick to overturn that provision.

Tethering, if you remember, was a program created to incarcerate drunk drivers for whom there was not sufficient jail space. The point was to detain perpetrators who might pose a danger to others.

I just don't see where Harry poses a danger to anyone.

■ Nor do I understand why his church would want him out of the choir. I thought the church was the institution that claims all sins are forgivable, and I didn't know credit card abuse was an exception to that rule.

When Novi City Council went on cable, Mayor Matt Quinn expressed a desire to keep those meetings from running too late. And we think his original proposal of calling a halt to meetings around midnight is probably to good idea.

In any case, when meetings do run over, important issues — ones residents are sure to care about — should be delayed when they run too late. Considering that Gibson said the rates wouldn't even go into effect this year, we see no reason this item couldn't have been held over.

And it might be advisable for the council to take another look at the water and sewer rates they just passed. More information about what justifies such a hike is needed.

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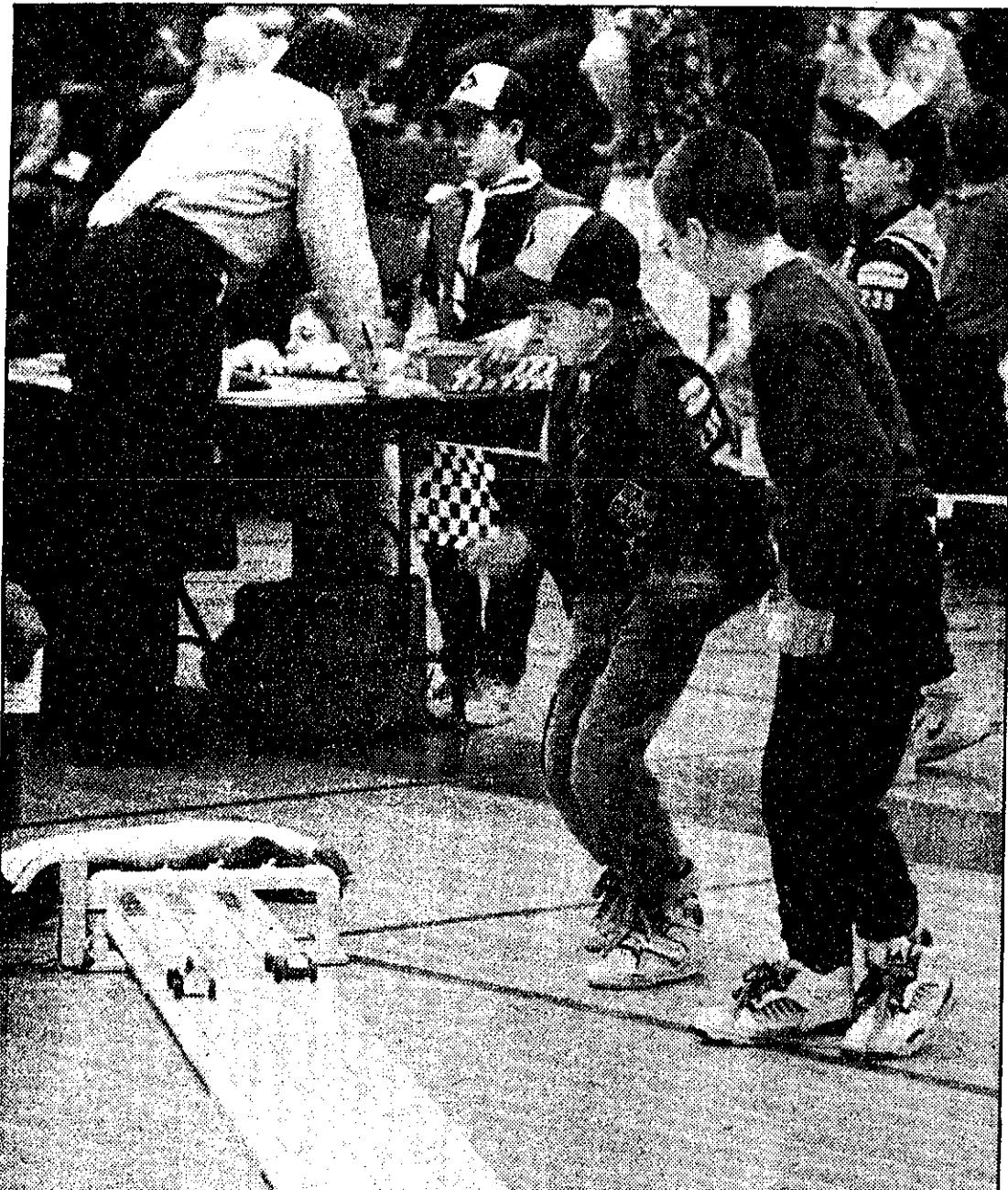
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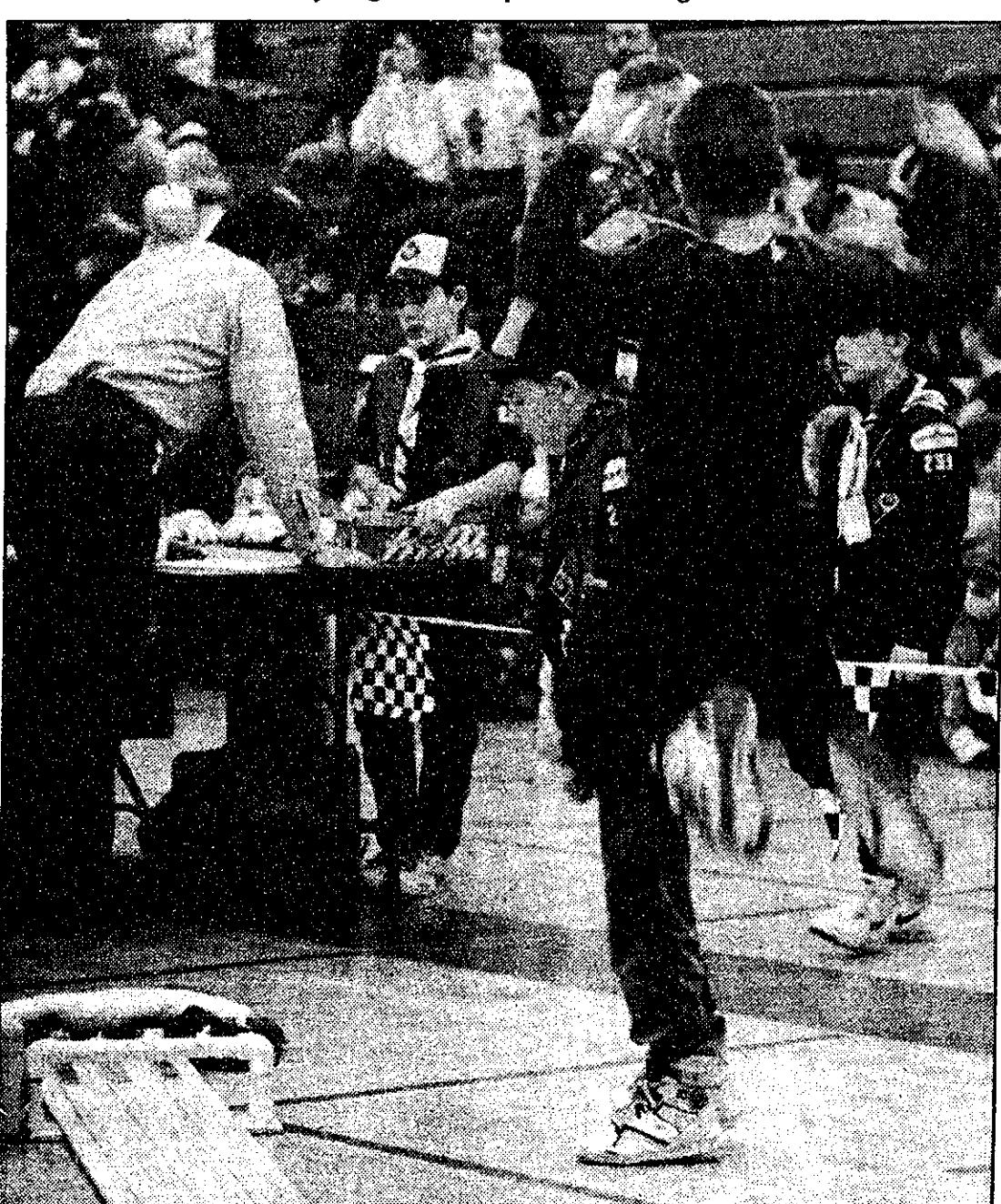
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The intensity of a Pinewood Derby races shows on the faces of John Kohl, left, and John Waymouth as this heat begins ...



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... Kohl adds some body English to help his car along ...



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... But Waymouth wins the day.

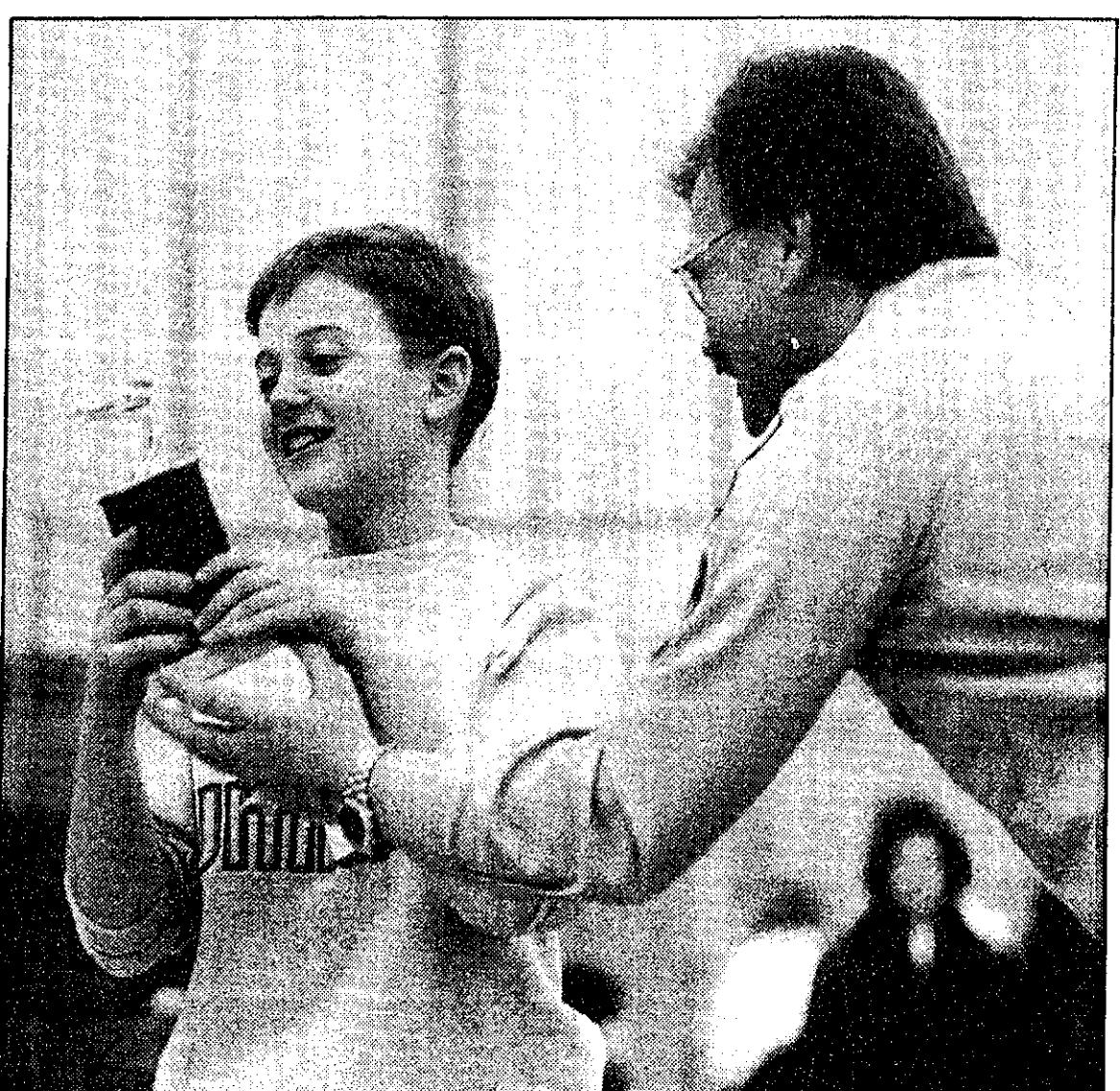
A day at the RACES



Thrill of victory; agony of defeat

Local cub scouts experienced both as they gathered in the Novi High School gymnasium Friday, March 20, to compete in their own Pinewood Derby. The cubs of course must prepare their own cars, according to scouting rules, and then rely on gravity to pull them

to the finish line first. Above, two youngsters show their anticipation at the beginning of the event. Below, Danny Christopherson, who took first place overall in the race, receives his trophy.



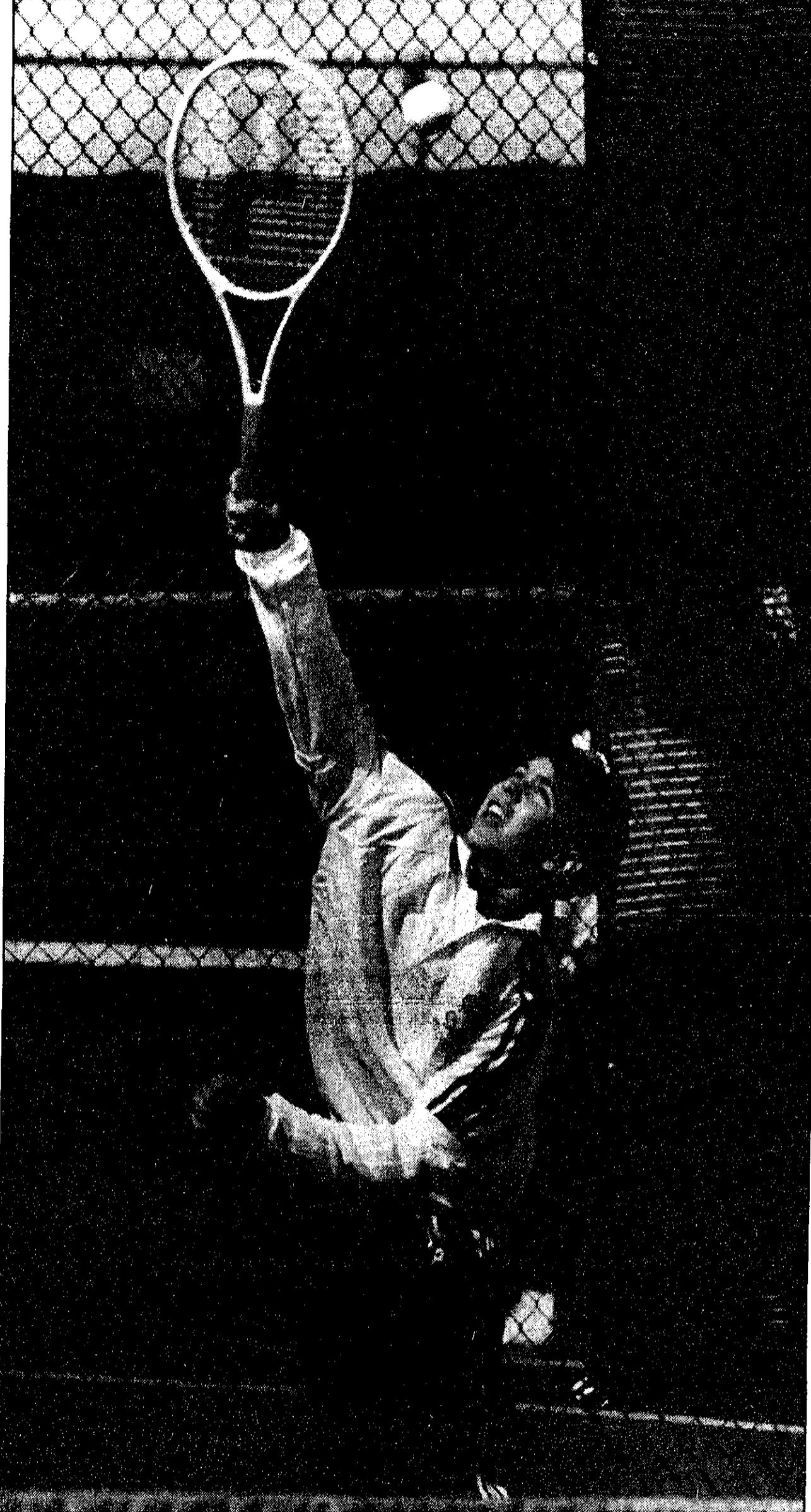
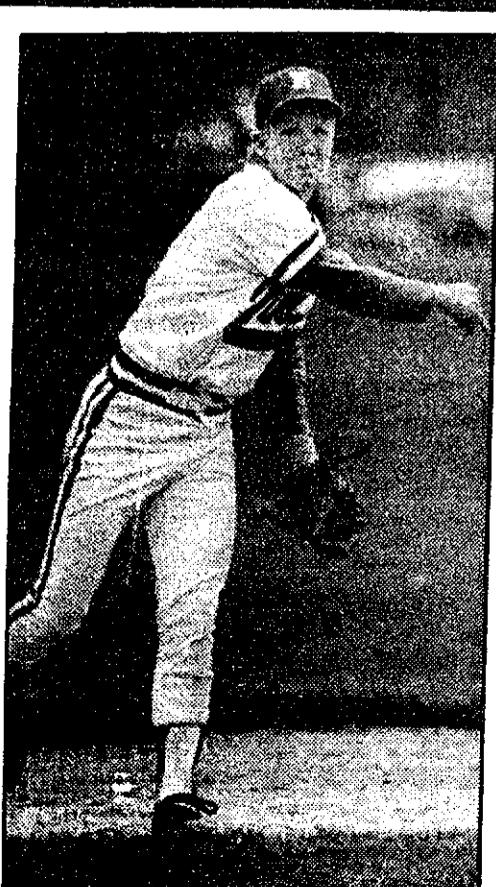
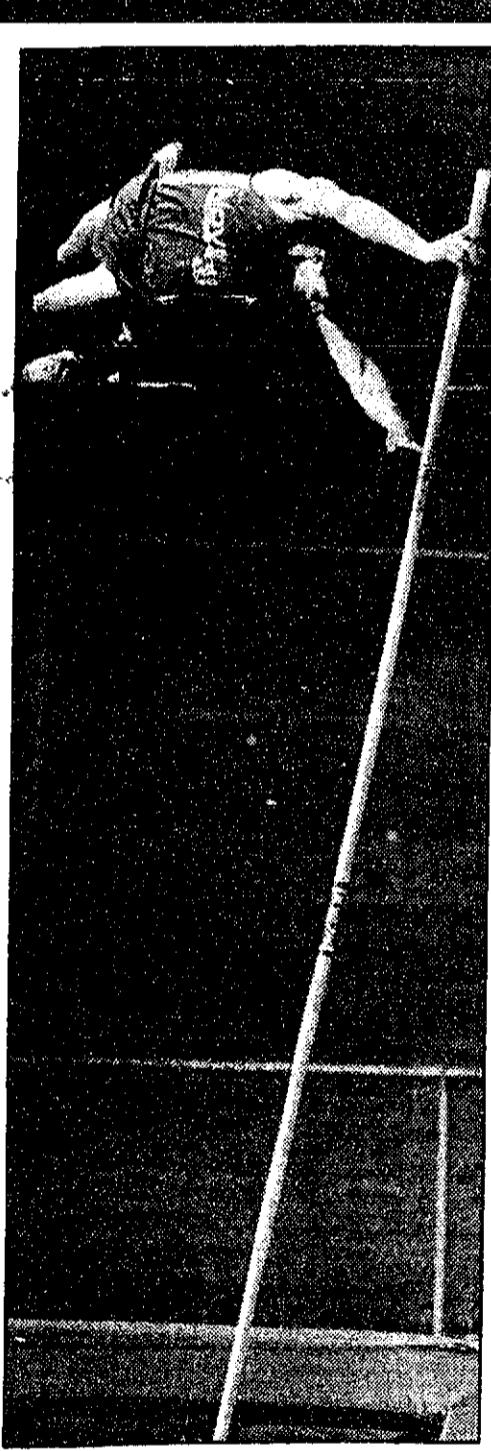
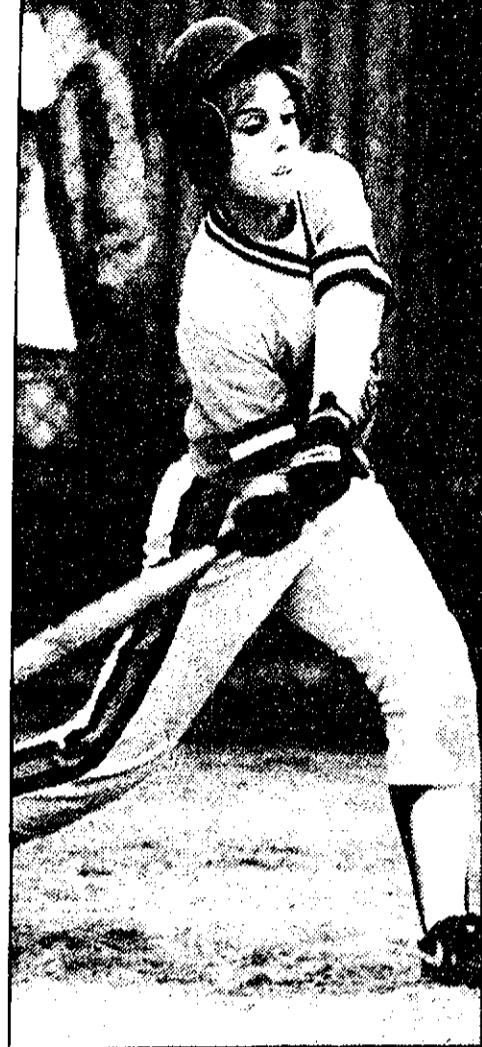
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Novi's Mark McGrew

Photo by BYRAN MITCHELL

REACHING for the TOP

When most kids were just learning their ABC's, he was hitting tennis balls. And when those same kids were going to kindergarten for the first time, he was entering tournaments and winning.

By SCOTT DANIEL

Such is the life for Mark McGrew, a virtuoso of the court, a veritable Eddie VanHalen with the racquet. At the tender age of 15 (he will be 16 next month) he is perhaps the finest tennis player Novi has ever seen.

Not only did he win all of his Kensington Valley Conference matches last spring. McGrew didn't lose a game. He has been nationally- and state-ranked by such federations as the Southeast Michigan Tennis Association.

And if you listen to Wildcat Coach Jim Newbold talk about the youngster for awhile, you get the idea his brightest days are still to come.

"He won't have to worry about college," the coach commented. "Somebody is going to give him a full ride. I think he has pro potential."

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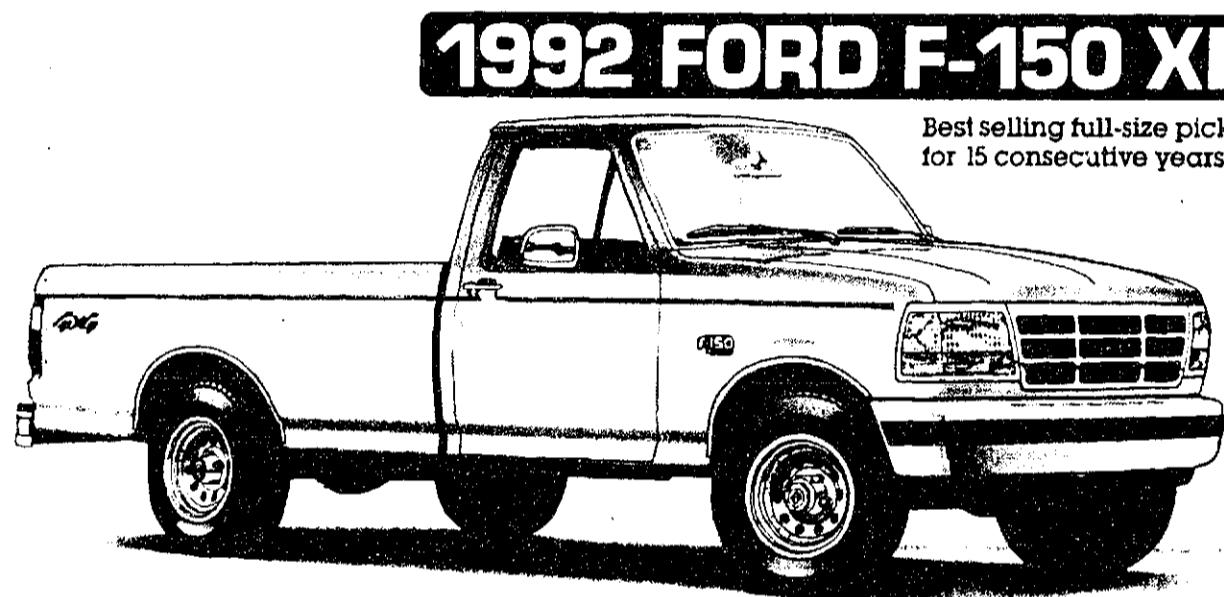
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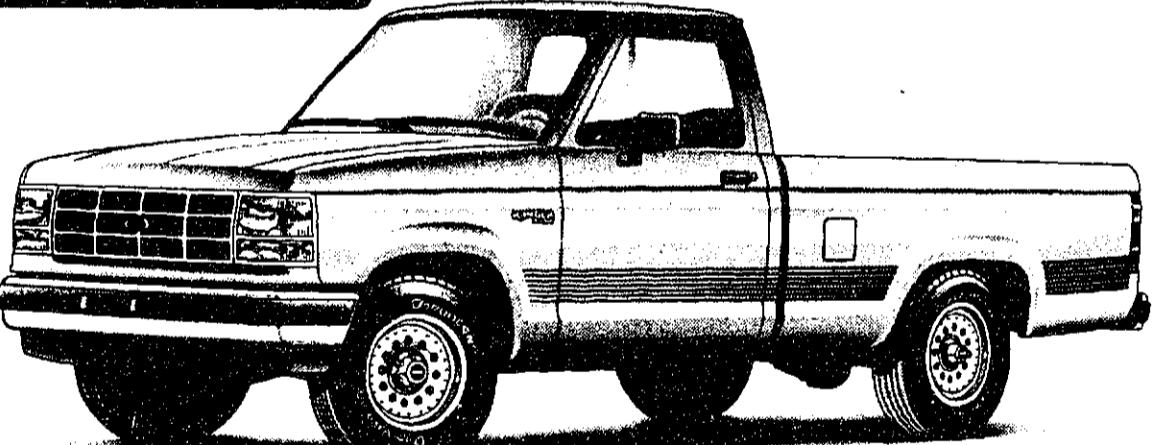
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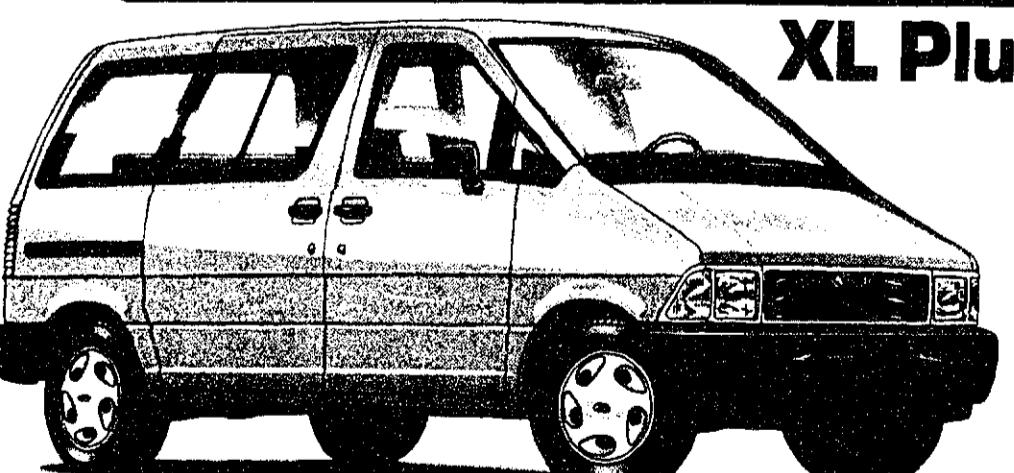
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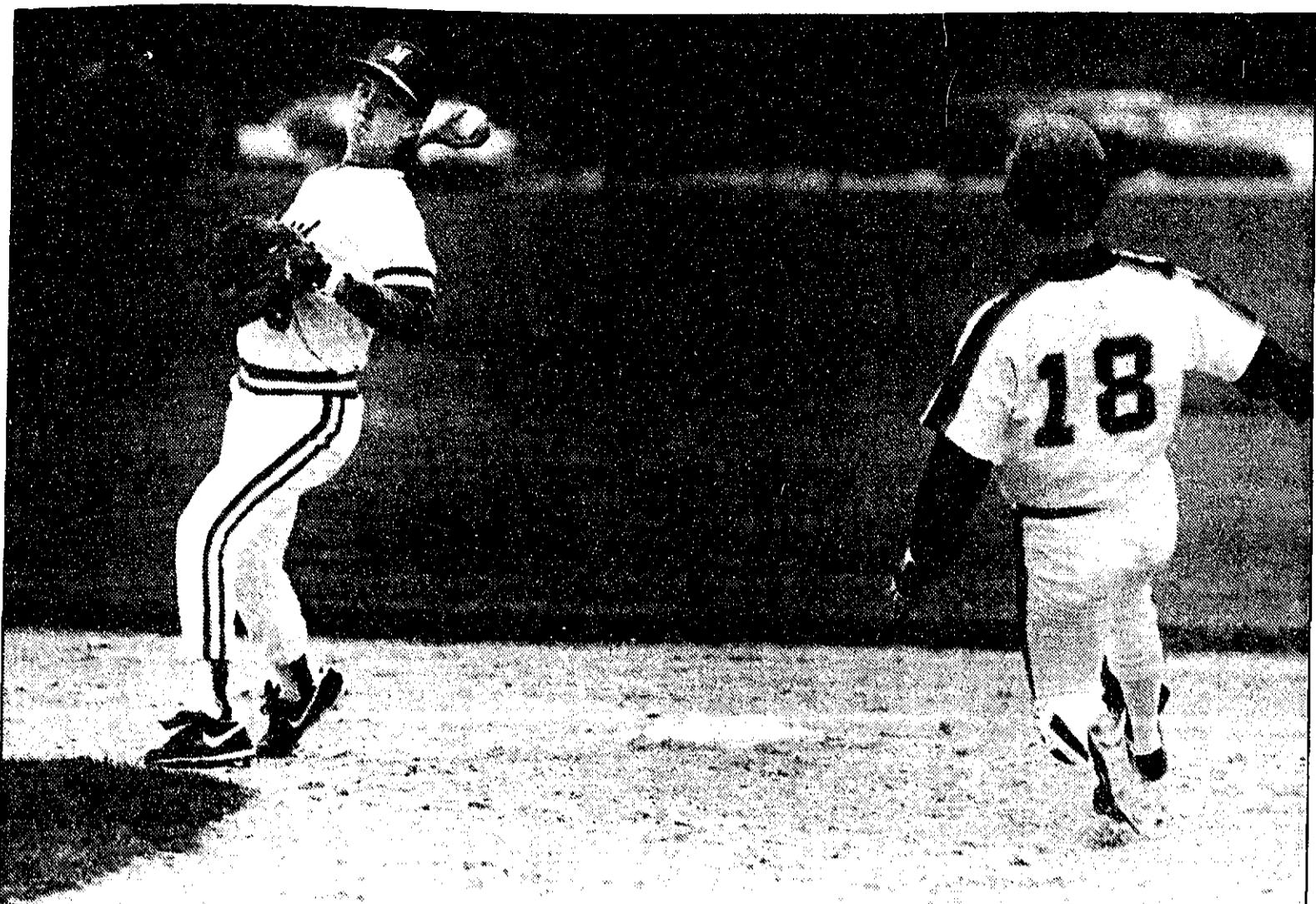
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Tom Grigg will be a key member of the 'Cats this season.

Fitness Notes

Fitness Factory: Day and evening classes are offered in aerobics year-round by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Each class offers a warm-up, easy-to-follow routines, muscle toning and flexibility exercises. For schedule of class times and more information call Novi Park and Rec at 353-2885.

Twelve Oaks Walk: People are invited to join the Twelve Oaks Mall Walkers program. Entrance doors open early for walkers at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and at 10 a.m. Sunday. New program participants need to register in the Twelve Oaks Security Office located on the upper level. JCPenney corridor.

The University of Michigan Health Centers and Twelve Oaks Mall provide health education programs as part of the mall walking program. The education series are conducted in the Twelve Oaks Security Office and JCPenney corridor the month of April. On March 10, Colon Cancer Prevention will be presented by Raymond Hobbs, M.D., medical director of the U-M Health Center at Northville. Dr. Hobbs is a certified gerontologist and will discuss how early detection enables 75 percent of people with colon cancer to be cured.

For more information please call 348-9438.

Grand Slam: Jazercise and Jazzerstep are now being offered at Grand Slam USA on Ten Mile in Novi. Jazercise classes are Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Jazzerstep classes are Tuesday and Thursday at 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

For more info call Jull at 426-9096.

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 682-1717.

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

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

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

For more information, call 426-9096.

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

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

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

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

For class description, schedules and more information, call 349-0203 or 348-1200.

Baseball squad led by Ssteller

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

leagues in the state." Howard commented. "Everybody will have good players."

So will the 'Cats. Ssteller was one of the KVC's best pitchers in 1991. The senior right-hander posted an 8-2 record with an earned run average of less than three.

A pair of right and left-handers will join Ssteller on the staff. Whitehead, a versatile junior, will pitch plenty of innings, as will Randy Naumann. Lefty Eric Mesner has a 3-5 record for Novi last year but had an excellent ERA of under three. Junior Dennis Zieliński will round out the mound corps and throw bullets, Howard said.

"If we can get the hitting," he said, "we can win a lot of games."

Novi is coming off an 18-17-1 season in '91. That mark included 11-13 KVC record and a fourth place finish.

Howard said the league, which boasted the nation's number one prep player in Brighton's Ross Hollis, will be very competitive again. Defending champ Millard will be strong, with its top two hurlers back, as will South Lyon and Brighton, he added.

"I think it's one of the better

receiving those pitches will be a pair of Wildcats. John Lahut will split time with Whitehead at catcher. Said Howard: "both show good catching skills."

When they aren't pitching, Zieliński and Mesner will take turns at first base. At the other corner, third baseman Greg Grazioi will take the job.

Howard said Grazioi saw limited action last year but has worked hard over the winter and improved his game.

Novi will be solid up the middle. At second base, Naumann and Whitehead will split time. But perhaps the Wildcats best player is returning sophomore shortstop Tommy Grigg.

As a freshman, Grigg hit at a .358 clip. He also stole an amazing 28 of 29 bases.

The running game will be an important part of Novi's offense, Howard said. He added that the team

stole 180 bases last year, averaging five per game, and will look to do the same again.

"We are faster this year," Howard said.

In the outfield, five Wildcats will

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Wildcats strive to improve on '91 season

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

Outward and upward. That's where Novi softball coach John Peace is hoping his Wildcats will go in the 1992 diamond campaign. His team began practice early this month in preparation for another season in the tough Kensington Valley Conference.

"It's looking pretty good so far," Peace said. "I think we will be talented."

The 'Cats are coming off a sixth place finish in the KVC in 1991. Novi finished with a respectable 20-20-1 season, 9-16 in the league.

Core from that squad are several good players, including Heather Campbell and Jenny Sieradski. Campbell was the Wildcats top batter last year and Sieradski was a fine third baseman.

Replacing those two and others won't be easy, but Peace said, he believes the potential is there.

"We have a good nucleus of seniors," he said. "It was a good year (last season). But we are looking for better this year."

Leading this year's team will be a trio of seniors.

Third year player Kristen Mathias is back at playing centerfield. Peace said the senior, perhaps his fastest player, will be one of the 'Cats leading hitters.

"She makes things happen," he commented. "Through hard work she has made herself a good player."

Mary Yankowski will handle duties behind the plate. Peace said she will supply much of Novi's power.

"She can really crush the ball," he said.

Another junior, Alexis Johnson, will take firstbase. Both Barton and Johnson will see duty on the pitching mound this season, Peace said.

The Wildcats will have several experienced players off the bench.

Juniors Kate Schenkle, Becky Borsos will see action in the outfield. Sophomore Michelle DeWitt will also play in the outfield and catch as well.

Junior Liz Leintinger will be another key player, Peace said.

"Lei will be around the plate," Peace said. "We will battle for first place."

A junior and two freshmen will round out the starting lineup.



Laura Jones will play secondbase this year.
FILE PHOTO

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Softball Coach

ting will be needed.

"I think last year our biggest problem was hitting with people in scoring position," Peace commented. "I think with our experience, that will change."

Defending champ Lakeland will once again field a strong team, he said. Brighton and Milford will also be tough.

"I see the race being closer than last year," Peace said. "If we can be consistent we will be very good."

The team's goal is to play competitively with each team in the KVC, he added. Peace said his squad is optimistic.

"We feel we can beat any team," he said. "I think (the girls) have a good feeling about themselves."

Novi opens the season April 1 at home against Farmington Harrison. Game time is 4 p.m.

"She looks very strong offensively and defensively," he said.

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Air National Guard night planned

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Novi Highlights

The Sixth Gate Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be hosting an Air National Guard Night March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Road. This is open to the public, especially youth from seventh grade to 21 years of age. Adults interested in aviation or aerospace careers are also invited.

The Squadron, which is considered to be an auxiliary of the United States Air Force, will have a guest speaker, General H.W. Rudolph of the Air National Guard. His retirement is from the Air National Guard.

Also on the program will be Sergeant Robert Wydryk and an Air National Guard recruiter, who will answer questions at the conclusion of the program.

This meeting is being hosted by the Civil Air Patrol to inform the public of the benefits of the Michigan Air National Guard. The primary focus of the evening's presentation will be the educational advantages of membership and the guard's responsibility toward the community, state and nation as part of the reserve component of the United States Air Force.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the program. For more information, call Lieutenant Dale or Linda Lamoureaux at 437-1524.

The local Civil Air Patrol unit meets weekly on Tuesdays at the school. It has offices in the teacher's lounge on the south side of the building.

Grades will be receiving special awards for the winning the Michell Award and the Spatz Award, the highest honor a cadet can receive. An applicant for the Spatz Award must take a test administered by a Air Force liaison officer and graded at national headquarters.

Whitetail Convalescent Home
The March schedule at the Whitetail Convalescent Home was planned by Activities Director Kathy Israel. She has many programs planned for the residents. Among them was a traditional St. Patrick's Day party, complete with refreshments and an Irish sing-along. Everyone was encouraged to wear green.

On March 18, several residents visited the Shrine Circus. Tickets were donated by John Wisner, a church member.

The monthly party was held the same week, which included specially decorated cakes donated by Judy Henella. The residents celebrated Pancake Day, "Fat Tuesday," with their own program called "Rhinestone II," presented by volunteer Bernice Frederick.

Weekly games of bingo are enjoyed by the residents on Fridays. On Saturdays, they can go to the Whithall Theatre House. Volunteers, such as Tania Garrant, present programs in the afternoon. Garrant plans to put 340 hours into the program between now and June as part of her commitment of being a Miss Teen Pageant entrant.

In the mornings, the home has a program called "Discovery," in which Mollie Pichtner of the Huron Valley School district works with interested residents. They can also check out books from the library cart, provided once a month by the Novi Public Library. The ice cream cart visits on Thursday, and is a welcome sight.

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Michele Kamish/ Donald Keith Imaizumi



Michele Kristin Kamish of Dearborn, daughter of David and Elizabeth Kamish of Novi, and Donald Keith Imaizumi of Royal Oak, son of Annette Imaizumi of Tamuning, Guam, announced their January engagement.

Michele is a 1981 graduate of Novi High School. She is currently working on a master's degree in Human Resource Administration at Central Michigan University, where she also received her bachelor's degree.

Donald is a 1982 graduate of Central Michigan University, where he was a member of the football team.

Don is a graduate of Novi High School in Novi, Michigan. He is currently working on a master's degree in Human Resource Administration at Central Michigan University, where he was a member of the football team.

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Diversions

Gitfiddler to host concerts

By BOB NEEDHAM

Editor

The Gitfiddler music store in downtown Northville tomorrow night introduces a new series of monthly concerts/workshops for anyone interested in performing music.

The in-store events should offer something for every level of interest - from the casual fan to the student to the practicing musician. Gitfiddler owner Tom Rice said, "Similar to the workshops often offered before the annual Northville Folk and Bluegrass Festival, the new series will combine an intimate concert setting with some basic information and instruction from some of the 35 teachers at the Gitfiddler.

"We've got some just incredible talent here, and we've not done enough with it," Rice said of the new series. "Every one of these teachers is a performer."

The series begins from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. this Friday, March 27, with well-known folk musician Neil Woodward. Rice plans to continue the concerts on the last Friday of each month.

The events will take place in the Gitfiddler showroom, where Rice figures 30 to 40 people can find seating.

He described the idea as "kind of a combination of two things" - a concert and a low-intensity workshop on the particular performer's specialty.

For a musician like Woodward, an accomplished performer on several different instruments, "He'll sit down and probably start things off with a

song, just to break the ice," Rice said. He'll then demonstrate playing techniques for his various instruments, showing what he talks about by playing more tunes.

Rice said the concert/workshop series is ideal for a student looking for "a little kick in the inspiration" for someone who has never played an instrument but enjoys the music and learning about it, or for the expert player who would like to hear what someone else is doing. "Anyone who's interested in string music" should enjoy the event, he said.

But it doesn't stop with string music. Future concerts/workshops may include a vocalist and a horn ensemble.

The Neil Woodward workshop costs \$10 (prices will vary with the program). Woodward plays regular concerts around the Detroit/Ann Arbor area, and has received critical acclaim. The Music Ward is his book. His performances are a fixture at the Northville Folk and Bluegrass Festival each July. He also does theater work, including last year's "Conversations With Irish Pascals" at the Attic Theater in Detroit.

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Neil Woodward opens the new series at the Gitfiddler.

Intown

Music

GITFIDDLER CONCERT/WORKSHOP SERIES: The Gitfiddler Music Store, 302 E. Main, offers a concert/workshop the last Friday of each month. For information or reservations call 349-9420. Each concert runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Schedule includes: March 27, folk musician Neil Woodward, \$10 per person; April 24, Irish folk musician Marianne Skrent, \$6.50; May 29, classical guitarist Ken Peterbaugh, \$6.50.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. During March, Rick & Becki will perform.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

COMMUNITY CHORUS: Join the Plymouth Community Chorus as it searches for Bill Bailey during the spring concerts titled "Destination: Down Home."

In a change for the chorus, the performances will be at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, on North Territorial Road, in a "cabaret" style setting. The concert will include "The Boy from New York City," "I'm a Bop," "Please Mr. Post," "Grandma's Feather Bed," and "Route 66."

Concerts will be Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, at 8 p.m., and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Tickets are limited, and are on sale now at Starting Gate in Plymouth; or call 455-4080.

CHURCH CONCERT SERIES: The First Presbyterian Church of Northville presents its 1991-92 concert series. The remaining schedule is as follows:

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

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WHISPERS LOUNGE: Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilton, is open Monday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Sunday, noon to 1 a.m. Live entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday, March 31-April 1: Intrigue.

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■ **FRIENDS OF THE ARTS:** Caroline Dunphy, a Northville artist and owner of the Painter's Place gallery, will be the featured speaker for the Northville Friends of the Arts meeting April 11. She will discuss her art and show examples of paintings she did while visiting Claude Monet's garden in Giverny, France. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cody. Everyone is welcome. For questions call J. Allingham at 344-9397.

PIANO MAN: Pianist Tom Allenburg is now performing nightly at the Country Eclipse Restaurant, Tuesdays through Saturday. Crowds are welcome to sing along beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

Country Eclipse is located at 42050 Grand River between Meadbrook and Novi roads. For more information call 349-7777.

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

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

Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre are now available for large groups of people any day of the week, day or evening, lunch or dinner time.

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

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

Geniti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 East Main St. just east of Center Street (Sheldon Road).

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and the Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre including the seven-course dinner costs \$25 per person.

Tickets are available at the door, from the Marquis Store, or charge phone at 349-8110.

BROADWAY MELODIES: The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main in downtown Northville, presents singers from the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Marquis Theatre Children in "Broadway Melodies," a review of songs from Broadway musicals including "My Fair Lady," "Cats," "Oliver," "Broadway," "New Moon," "Secret Garden," and many more.

Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. March 27 and 28, 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Tickets are \$10, except shows marked with an asterisk. \$7.50. Seats are \$10 each. For more information, call 347-0911.

THEATRE: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road above Ten Mile, presents a "String 'N' Things Jam" from 8 p.m. to midnight every Sunday night.

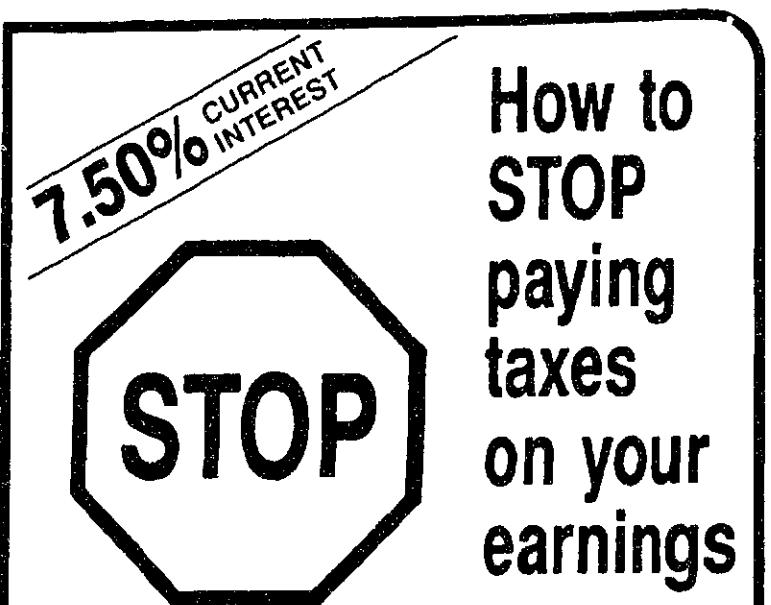
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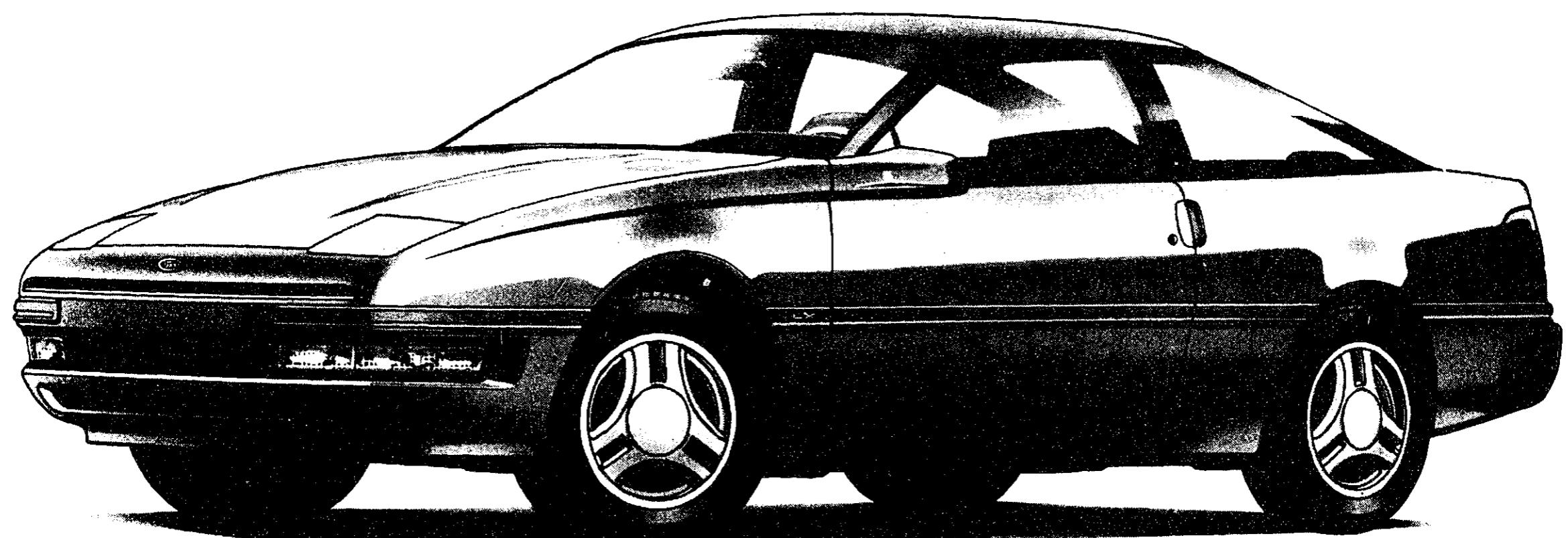
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REAL ESTATE

Real estate appraisers now must be licensed

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

The real estate appraising field is experiencing a major transition this year. And the resulting change will be healthy for future property buyers and sellers.

For the first time, appraisers will be required to be state licensed or certified before they can be professionally involved in any federally related property transaction. The requirement will, in effect, spread over the vast majority of real property appraisals.

To be licensed or certified, an appraiser must meet certain educational and experience requirements. The process will screen out many unqualified and possibly incompetent appraisers and motivate others to take additional courses and sharpen their appraising skills.

Accurate appraisers are vitally important in a real estate transaction. It directly affects the number of dollars that flow from a buyer and to a seller in a sales transaction. It determines the amount of available mortgage financing in both a sale and refinancing of a property. And it's often a key factor in determining if a buyer qualifies to purchase and finance a property.

"Raising the professional level of real estate appraisers by requiring a state license or certificate is a good idea," said Dan Goodwin, owner of an appraisal firm. "We've been pushing for this type of legislation for a long time. It will definitely benefit qualified appraisers and their clients."

Federal law requires that all states institute a licensing and

certification program for appraisers by the end of 1992. It was scheduled for full implementation by the first of the year but was delayed to allow more time for appraisers to obtain needed education and take their test and receive their license or certificate.

Some states have already imposed the license-certificate requirement. Others are planning to implement the program this summer or fall. In California, for example, the law probably will be in effect by July, according to a representative for the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

This agency, as in other states, recently established an Office of Real Estate Appraisers to process applications and handle other functions associated with appraiser licensing and certification.

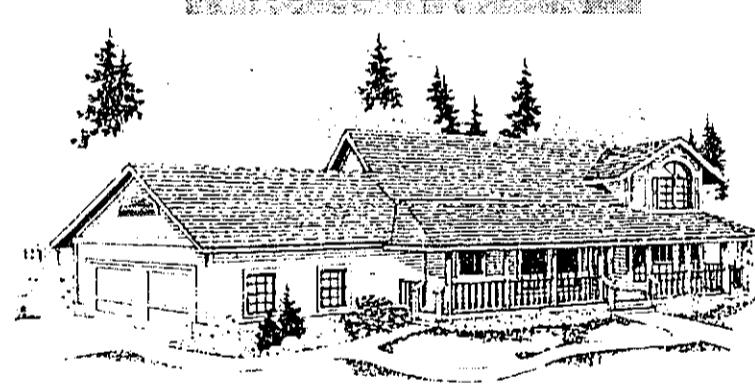
There are four categories of appraiser licensing and certification: general residential license, provisional residential license, residential certification and general certification.

Each involves different education-experience requirements and authorizes the appraiser to participate in different levels of property appraisals.

The provisional license is the easiest to obtain. It is available to appraisers who would otherwise be eligible for a regular license but have not fully completed one of the critical elements of education or experience.

The general certificate is the most difficult to obtain. It allows the appraiser to participate in all real estate transactions without regard to property value or complexity.

HOME DESIGNS



The Lanett adapts to changing lifestyles

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

The sprawling country-style Lanett is equally well adapted to meeting the needs of a family with older children or empty nesters who like to keep space available for grandchildren and other guests.

Placement of the master suite on the main floor provides privacy while the kids are still at home and allows the homeowners to confine their living to the ground floor after the kids move on.

And what a sumptuous master suite it is. Luxuries include a long, L-shape walk-in closet, a private spa, an oversize shower and double vanities. The sleeping area easily is large enough to accommodate a desk and a couple of easy chairs, in addition to a queen or king-size bed.

A vaulted ceiling adds to the sense of overall spaciousness that pervades the rambling family room/nook/kitchen combination. A U-shape open stairway juts out

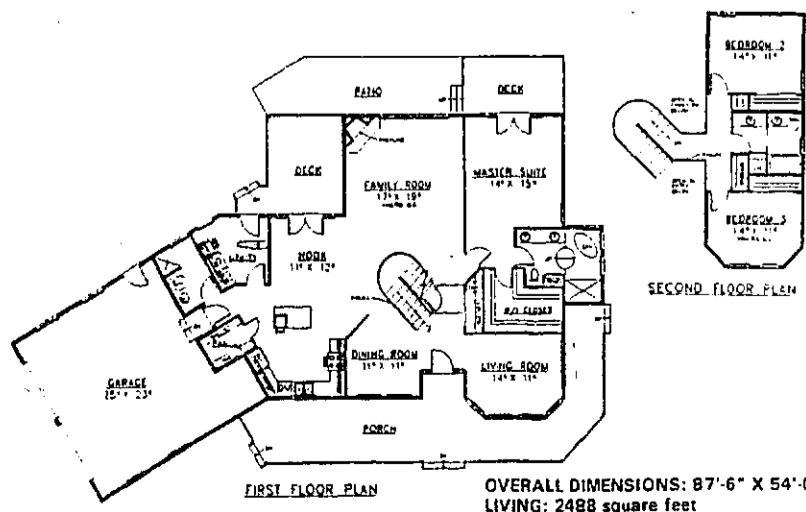
into the room, providing a perfect vantage point for viewing the scene below or making important announcements.

Place a wide-screen television placed on a swivel, and it can be viewed from anywhere in the room.

The open space beneath the mid-flight landing is open. Shelving it would create an attractive display area for family treasures.

The open kitchen is roomy enough for several cooks to combine efforts without getting in each other's way. A vegetable sink is located in the work island, a large walk-in pantry is off to the side, and a utility room with built-in ironing board is but a few steps away.

For a study plan of the Lanett (400-19), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o Hometown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



ROOMS with a VIEW

Story by Laurie O'Dell

Photos by Charlie Cortez



The Soublys' 5-year-old home is a 1-1/2 story modified, contemporary ranch on the north side of Dunham Lake.



hat a view. Those are the words that first come to mind when one enters Jim and Peggy Soubly's great room.

An abundance of windows gives the Highland couple an incredible view of Dunham Lake. Their lawn gently slopes to the water's edge where two wooden porch swings allow Jim and Peggy to spend quiet moments together.

Their home, located on the north side of Dunham Lake, is only 5 years old. Its design combines unique features from a number of different homes.

"We copied ideas from houses that we walked through," explained Jim. "We took advantage of the view."

Across the lake from the Soublys home is a greenbelt area along the edge of the lake.

"No one can build right on the water," explained Jim. "An association owns the greenbelt area. It serves as a buffer zone."

Because the homes are set back from the water 150 to 250 feet and surrounded by lots of trees, the surroundings give homeowners a feeling of privacy. A no motor rule on boats and a walking path on the south side of the lake add to the desirability.

Although there is no similar rule on the north side of the lake where the Soublys live, homeowners have maintained a greenbelt area voluntarily.

"We own land up to the water on this side but we abide by the greenbelt rule," said Jim. "We're very environmentally-minded."

The natural feeling of the area is one of the main reasons the Soublys built their 2,100-square-foot home on the lake.

"It feels like a lake up north," said Peggy. "It looks like there are no houses on the lake. It's private and there isn't a public access, of course."

The couple also enjoy the "amazing amount of wildlife" around the lake. Watching and listening to owls and foxes provides a great pastime.

Because of the narrowness of the lot on which the house sits, Jim said he had to be careful about the width. Five years ago builders were required to leave 25 feet on each side of the house. Now the rule is 50 feet.

The Soublys have neighbors on either side of their home. Although

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Tips for the novice

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

While experience is the best teacher, you can always learn from others. Some tips for those just starting out:

- Start small. The first year or two, plan a small patch, no larger than 12-by-12 feet. Plan to raise a few varieties of flowers and vegetables that you can sow directly into the garden.

It's best to start with favorites. If you don't care too much for carrots, you'll find greater satisfaction in growing peas than carrots! If you enjoy eating peas, plant several rows.

- Know where your water source is located and plan your garden close by. A very common mistake of beginning gardeners is to establish the garden patch too far away from the water source. Who wants to carry buckets of water or drag a hose out to the garden?

- Choose high-yielding and easy-to-grow varieties, such as lettuce, carrots, radishes and summer squash, for your first garden vegetables.

For flowers, consider marigolds, zinnias and alyssum. They are easy to grow from seed and produce reliable, colorful blooms for

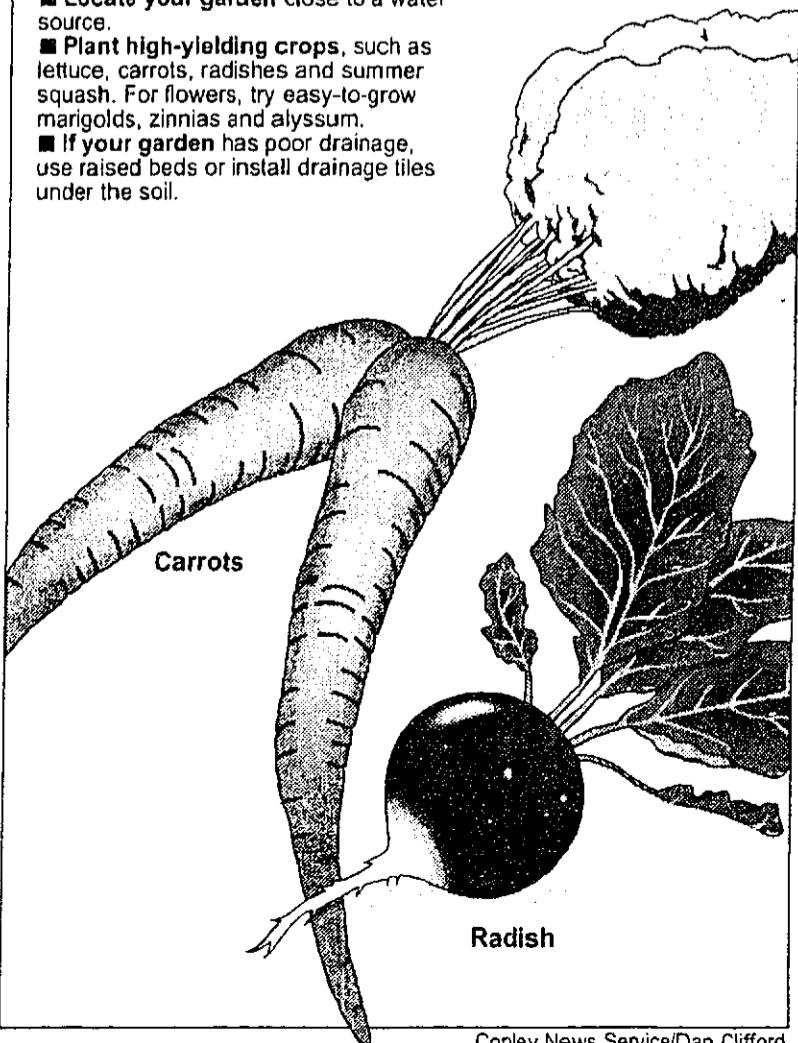
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If your garden has poor drainage, use raised beds or install drainage tiles under the soil.



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GARDENING TOOLS

If you are planning your first vegetable or flower garden, you'll need only a few basic tools. Tools valued by avid gardeners are listed below:

Copley News Service/Dan Clifford

Highland couple build the home of their dreams

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they enjoy their privacy, they chose not to erect a privacy fence. They solved the problem by planting large white pine and spruce trees which provide a natural screen.

When Jim and Peggy built their home they had two main goals. They wanted to have a view of the lake from almost every room and remove the need for central heating.

"Originally the windows were only a couple feet tall," said Jim.

"Those had to be modified in order to obtain a better view from the upstairs loft area."

"Almost every room has a view of the lake," said Jim. "Even the bathroom. When I took my first shower in the house it was so neat to see the

lake."

Understanding the couple's concern about preserving the trees, their builder was careful to remove as few as possible.

"I was over here almost every day," said Jim. "I was worried the trees might be damaged. A lot of them were planted in the 20s and 30s by the Civilian Conservation Corps."

Designing to build their own home proved to be a challenge for them.

"We'd never done it before."

"We had a basic design, but we had to pick out everything. We also had to live within a budget. Building a master bath can either make or break a marriage."

"It's hard to cut costs but not take away from the beauty of the neighborhood," explained Jim.

The Highland resident joked that compared with the two

homes on either side of his lot, his home is the "baby bear."

The Soulys' home may be a bit smaller than those nearby, but it has plenty of charm.

One of the unique features is a narrow floor-to-ceiling fireplace which looks like Michigan fieldstone. Peggy explained that the fireplace was added after the home was built.

"We didn't have the supports for a real stone fireplace," she said.

The couple describe their home as a 1 1/2-story modified, contemporary ranch. The upper story is 700 square feet, while the lower level encompasses 2,100 square feet.

While the lower level encloses a 100 square foot room,

which stretches from floor to ceiling. Actually the cabinet is a closet located directly behind the fireplace. The shelves are narrow, but ideal for toiletries and other items.

They designed the house for their 8-year-old daughter Leah in mind. When they built the house she was 3 years old. That's why her bedroom and bath are just steps away from the master bedroom.

"When she becomes a teenager we'll move it up to the master bedroom and bath upstairs and we'll convert her present room into the guest room."

The house is designed to change as our needs change," explained Peggy.

The unique features in the master bath are a whirlpool tub, which the Soulys say adds to the overall livability of the home.

teal green, rose and beige can be found throughout the house, whether it be a carpet, placemats, accent pillows, a picture frame or a vase.

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This bust was made by the Dux Porcelain Factory.

Porcelain bust is Austrian

By James G. McCollam
Copley News Service

G Enclosed is a picture of a statue that stands about 21 inches tall. I have been told it is more than 100 years old and possibly made in England. It is marked with an "E" in an acorn within a triangle and "Royal Dux - Bohemia."

Please tell me something about its age and value.

This bust was made by the Dux Porcelain Factory in Dux, Austria, between 1900 and 1918.

There is a similar bust listed in the Antique Trader Price Guide at \$3,850, but I think that is unrealistically high even if the condition is perfect.

G The attached mark is on the back of a cake plate. It measures 11 inches in diameter and is decorated with hand-painted grapes, pears and oranges. It has open handles and gold trim.

Can you provide any information about its origin and value?

A. This was made by the Hutschenreuther Co. in Selb, Germany, during the late 1800s. It would probably sell for \$80 to \$90.

HUMMEL FIGURINES

During the 1930s and early 1940s, Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel, at the Franciscan convent in Seissen, Germany, achieved recognition for her talent as an artist. She specialized in pastel drawings of small children at work and play.

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The first mark, a crown over the monogram "WG," indicates that the figure was made between 1935 and 1942. There are five additional marks covering production up to the present.

The naturally the ones with the first mark are the most valuable.

The most valuable is probably the "Advent Group With Black Child." This is a candleholder consisting of the infant with two white

angels and one black. The number is 31, and if one should turn up today, it would be worth more than \$10,000.

In second place would be an almost identical "Silent Night," No. 54, which is worth between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Fortunately, all Hummels are not so expensive. There are hundreds to choose from at \$100 or less.

Those who have serious interest in Hummels can contact the Goebel Collectors Club, 105 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591, or The Hummels Collectors Club, P.O. Box 257, Yardley, PA 19067.

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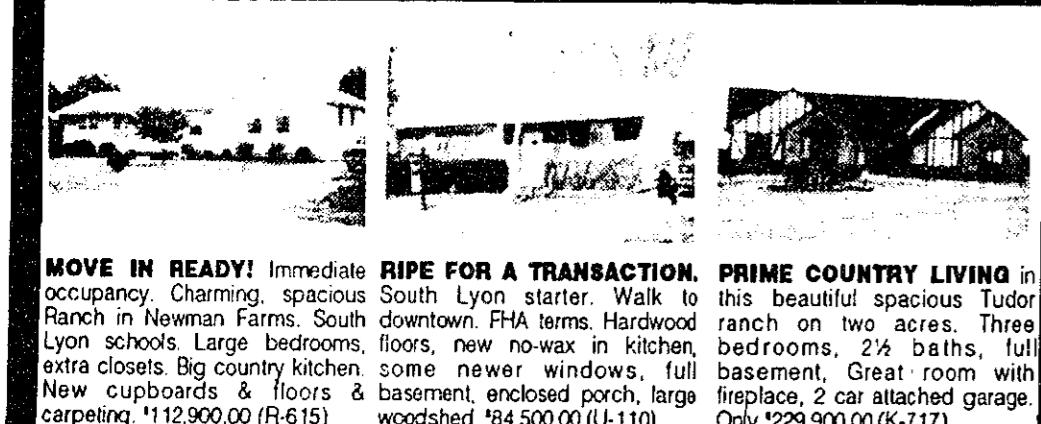
"Warmant's Antique American Games — 1840-1940" by Lee Dennis (Wallace-Homestead Books, an imprint of The Chilton Book Co.) is a complete price guide and reference to board and box games that beguiled us and our ancestors. There are more than 600 detailed photographs of games, many in color. It is fully indexed with an extensive bibliography.

It is interesting to note that a fine example of the boxed board game, Game of Baseball, made in 1886 by McLoughlin Bros., is worth \$2,500.

Letters with picture(s) are welcome and may be answered in the column. We cannot reply personally or return pictures. Address your letter to James G. McCollam, P.O. Box 1087, Niles, Ohio 44460.

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• Garden rakes come in different widths and teeth that can be long or short, straight or curved and widely or closely spaced. If you plan on having a big garden,

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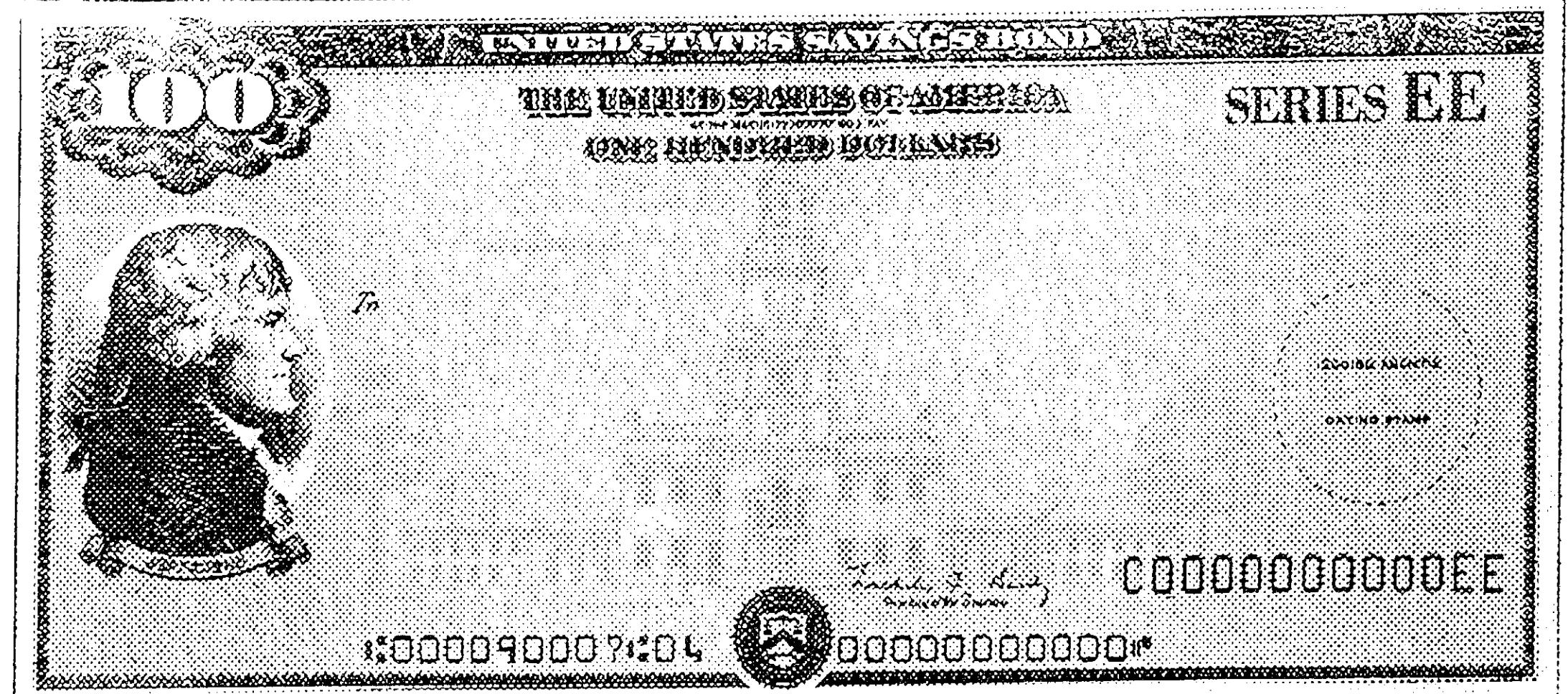
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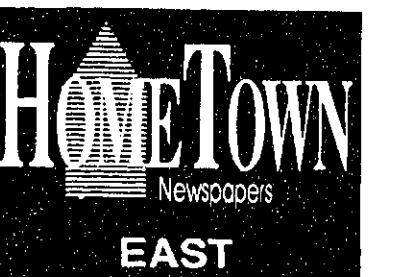


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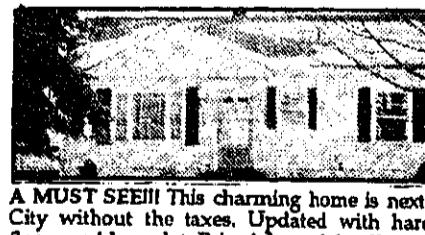
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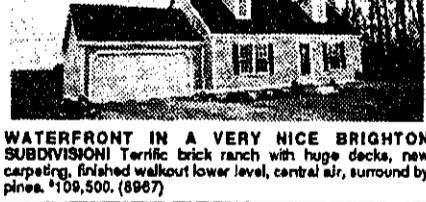
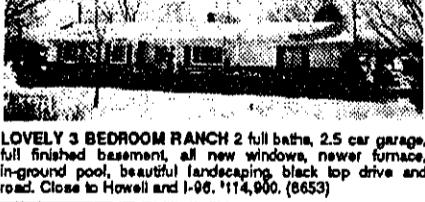
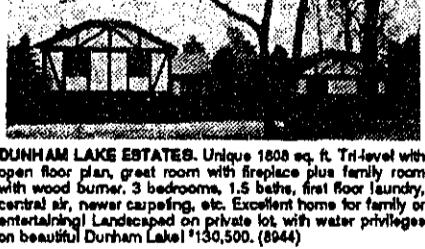
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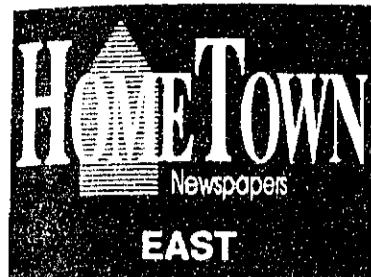
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New pizza, new owner at franchise

By Teresa Bertuzzi

South Lyon's Domino's Pizza, located at 294 N. Lafayette, now has a new kind of pizza on its menu. The chain franchise also boasts a new pizza store owner.

Steve Anderson said when he heard that RPM Inc., the nation's largest Domino's franchiser, was selling the location, he decided to buy it.

Anderson said he took over as owner of the store in October. He formerly worked at the South Lyon Domino's Pizza location as a manager for about three years.

Anderson, 37, said he always liked working in South Lyon and when he managed the location, he was very involved with the community.

"I enjoy the small town character of the area and the people," he said. "I always liked it here. I helped out with the Pumpkinfest when I worked here. It's also a growing area, and that's appealing to me as a businessman."

He belongs to the South Lyon Jaycees and Kiwanis Club and plans to help with this year's Pumpkinfest.

Anderson is married and has three children. His wife's name is Rose. Their children are Sean, age 7; Jennifer, age 4; and Justin, who is 6 months old. His wife is a graphic artist and she designs advertisements for the store.

They currently live in Ypsilanti, but plan to move to the area soon.

"I am here to help and support the community wherever I can," he said.

Hours are 4-12 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 12 noon-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m.-12 a.m. on Sunday.

Anderson said he's excited about his new position, and his new pizza.

The new pizza offers a 20 percent thicker crust, 45 percent more cheese and an increased amount of toppings.

Pepperoni pizza is the store's biggest selling item.

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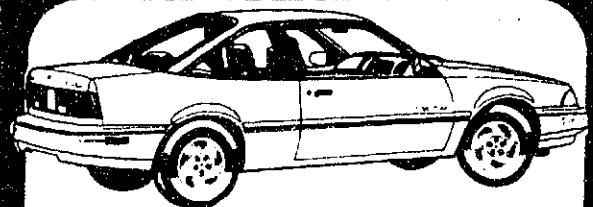
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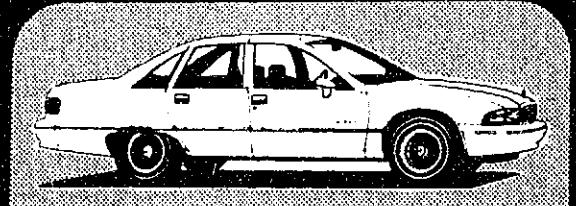


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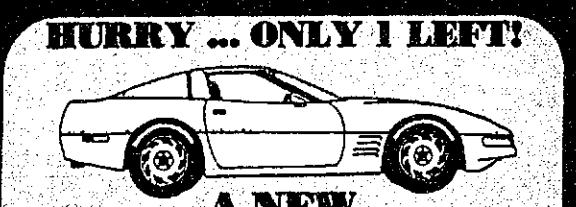
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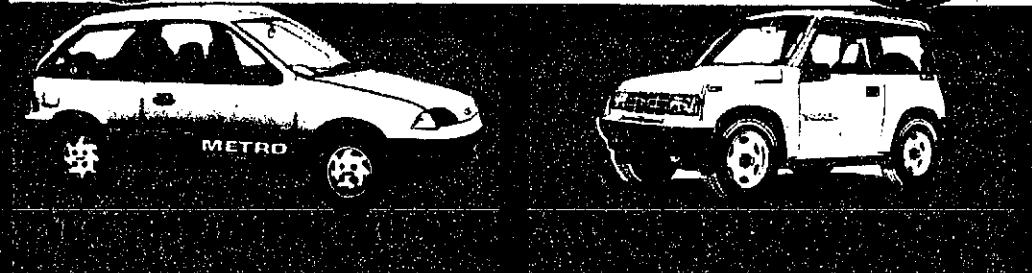
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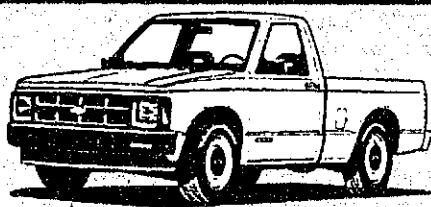
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Factory Price *22,666
Preferred equipment -1200
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