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School budget includes a 1.5 mill tax hike

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Taxes would rise in Novi by 1.5 mills under a plan proposed by Novi school administrators Thursday.

Superintendent William Barr told the Novi Board of Education 95 percent of the increase is needed to pay for salary increases and six additional teachers. The salary increases are part of contracts negotiated in previous years.

The proposed expenditures for the 1992-93 school year brings the per-pupil cost over the \$8,000 mark in the Novi district.

Expenditures are predicted at \$25,995,833. The proposed levy is 29.13 mills up from 27.63 mills levied for the current school year.

The budget faces months of discussion by the board and possible revisions as the Legislature and governor finalize education funding plans.

In Novi, the number of district employees remains steady in every area except instruction. Barr's plan would increase the number of teachers from 258 to 266. The number of administrators also would increase by one because Barr has been filling the dual role of superintendent and associate superintendent since former Superintendent Robert Piwko retired last summer. The district is expected to fill both positions for the 1992-93 school year.

Revenues from local sources like property tax are expected to increase by 9.1 percent under the

■ The Novi school board can raise taxes as much as 3.81 mills without a vote, despite a tax freeze holding 1992 assessments at the 1991 level. The story is on page 6.

■ Novi schools has set a series of meetings to consider its proposed budget for the coming year. The schedule is on page 6.

proposed budget plan. Total expenditures also increase by 9.1 percent.

The school district will receive \$2,287,742 more from local sources than it did last year. Revenue from local sources is expected to increase to \$27,441,778 for the next school year.

That increase comes despite a property tax assessment freeze for 1992.

County revenue for the district is expected to increase 24 percent from \$305,285 to \$378,528.

Revenue for the district is expected to increase 15.2 percent reaching nearly \$1.3 million.

Predicted federal revenue shows a slight expected decrease from \$258,960 during the current school year to \$258,600 during the 1992-93 school year.

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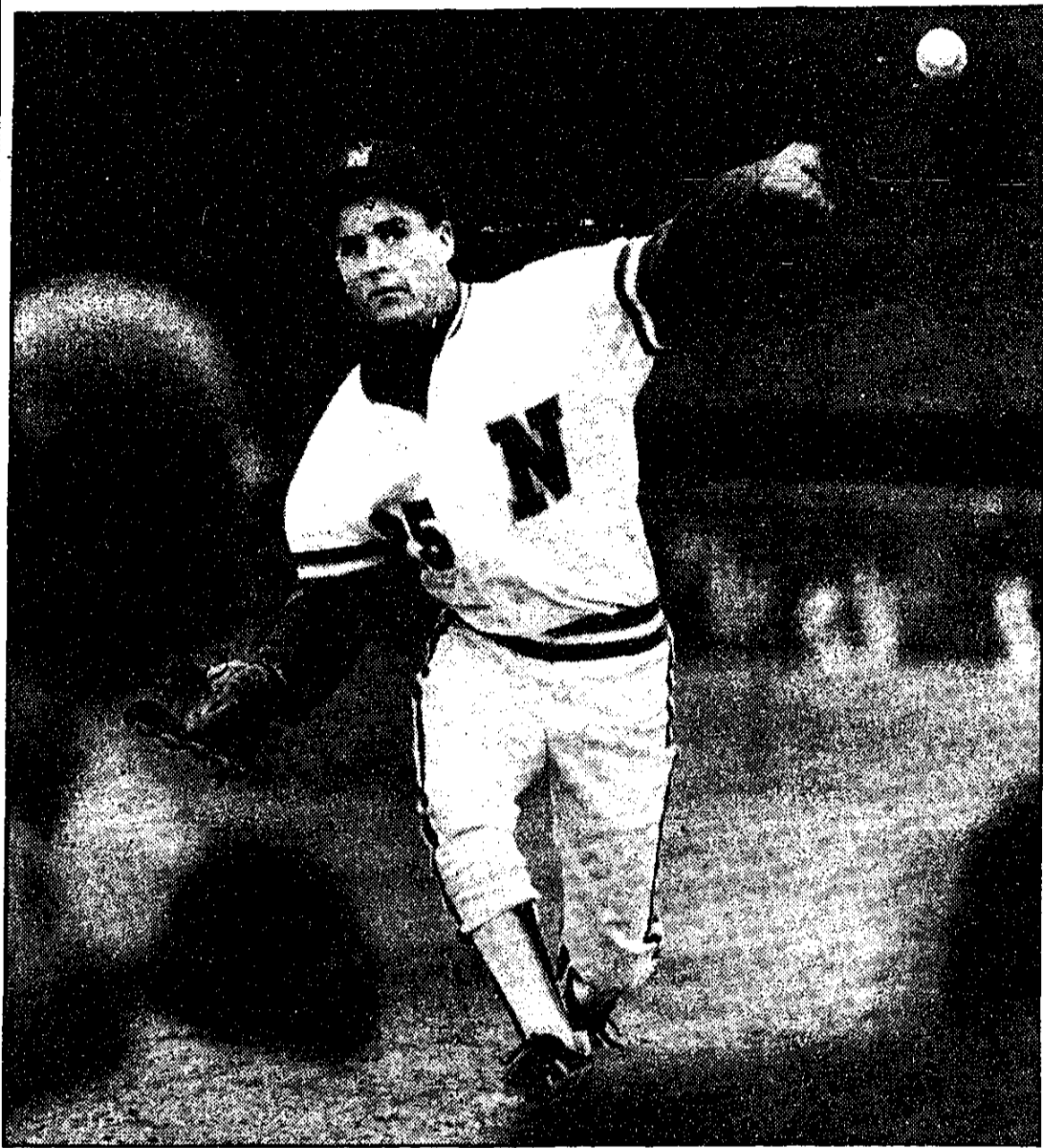


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Play Ball!

Eric Mesner delivers a pitch during Novi's match up with Lakeland Wednesday. The Wildcats fared better in their opening day festivities than the Detroit Tigers by beating the

visiting Eagles twice. The 'Cats will be at home again today for a doubleheader with Howell. Game time is 4 p.m.

Architect picked to design addition

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

A consultant recommended improvements at Novi High School in a report to the school board presented Thursday. Ultimately, those improvements will have to be funded by a voter-approved bond issue.

The board took the first step Thursday by supporting 4-3 plans to begin contract negotiations with an architect to redesign Novi High School.

The move could result in estimates by the end of the school year and a bond issue vote before the Novi electorate in the fall, said Superintendent William Barr.

Childs Consulting Associates Inc. was hired by the district last fall to study the needs of the building. The consultant was hired after a High School Facilities Task Force Committee told the board that the high school needed several improvements.

Consultant John Childs was paid \$90 an hour for the study. The total estimated cost of his survey is expected to be under \$10,000. Childs was unexpectedly absent from the Thursday school board meeting. He is expected to provide a detailed cost estimate before providing further services.

His study made six recommendations (see related story on page 6), and said more teaching areas are needed at the high school.

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Turnout light at area code hearing

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Further input from residents whose communities may be split in 1994 by the addition of a new area code — including Novi — will likely be sought by a Michigan Bell citizens' committee.

Committee chair Joe O'Connor, president of Consumer Market Analysts in Birmingham, said in Novi April 8 that the firm has conducted a random sample of 1,000 customers, with an "oversampling" of municipalities to be divided by area code.

"It's apparent we have to go in and ask new questions of those areas that are being split," he said.

O'Connor spoke at Novi Civic Center in one of 11 public meetings scheduled by the committee this month. Two Novi residents attended.

Most of Novi is within the Northville telephone exchange and will remain in the existing code, but portions in the north and east will be shifted to the new code.

Neighborhoods such as Village Oaks subdivision would be cut in two by the area codes.

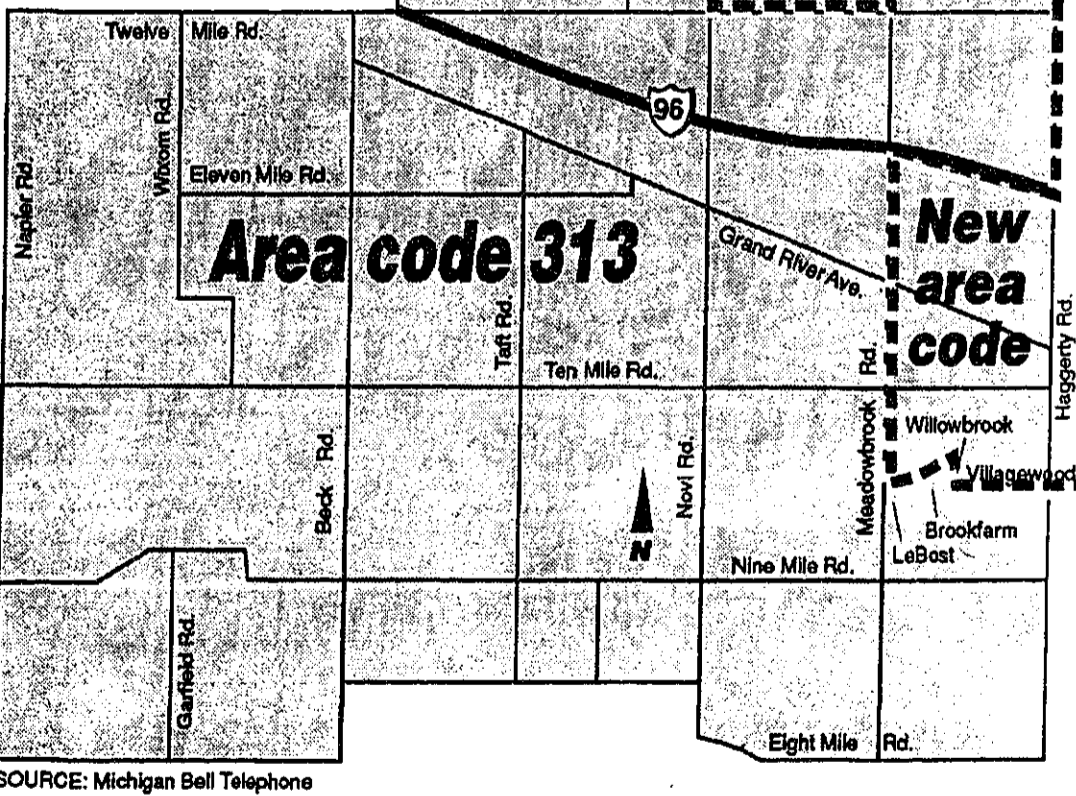
"I wouldn't have a problem if all Novi is treated as a whole. There's a good zip code and a bad zip code in Birmingham. That's going to happen here," Village Oaks resident Mike Hurwicz said.

Targeted for the new code is Novi's lakes area, which is within the Walled Lake telephone exchange. The second segment is in the Farmington exchange. This is a chunk of the city roughly running west from Haggerty Road to Meadowbrook Road, north of Nine Mile and just north Eleven Mile.

To avoid a division by phone exchanges, O'Connor said, residents would have to be assigned new telephone numbers within the Northville exchange.

"People are very, very sensitive about changing their seven-digit

Planned Area Code Change for the City of Novi



SOURCE: Michigan Bell Telephone

Novi News Map

numbers," he said.

Customers within the new area code will need to dial 1-313 to reach places like city hall, Novi Community Schools administration and Twelve Oaks Mall.

Sue Croteau, personnel manager of Clover Communications, attended the meeting because she is less than thrilled about the switch-over. The new phone number will bring additional expenses to businesses and residents with printed stationery.

"We have all our brochures printed, stationery, business cards, mailing labels, shipping labels. We're really concerned. We just did it with a zip code. Here we go again," she said.

O'Connor agreed that the proposed split is not without flaws, but said that without the change Michigan Bell will run out of telephone numbers by 1995. Twelve southeastern Michigan counties will be impacted by the change.

"There's no question there's not a perfect plan. In any case somebody's going to be inconvenienced," he said.

"As an analogy, I compare it to an eclipse of the moon. It's an interesting phenomenon. There isn't much we can do about it, however, because it's inevitable. Otherwise, we'd run out of phone numbers, which would paralyze our communications systems."

Communications with emergency services will not be im-

paired by the area code split, O'Connor explained.

"Wherever you are in Novi, 9-1-1 will go through," he said.

The committee was formed last fall and announced the split in February. A final recommendation will be submitted to Michigan Bell in June.

Redford resident H. Dodge has been following the issue as president of Civic Alliance, a Southfield-based information clearinghouse for property owners and community groups. Livonia is another community to be divided up between the codes.

"People (in Livonia) send kids to school two blocks away and they

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Novi man robbed at bank's night deposit

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A man making a night deposit at the Comerica Bank at Twelve Oaks Mall was reportedly robbed at gunpoint Thursday night, but two suspects were arrested shortly after the incident.

According to a statement released Friday by police, the victim was making the deposit around 9 p.m. when one of the suspects approached him, reached inside his jacket as though he was carrying a weapon, and demanded the victim's money. The suspect was pretending to use the bank's ATM machine.

Police said the victim refused to give up the money, and began to struggle physically with the suspect in an attempt to hold on to the deposit bag. However, the suspect reportedly struck the victim on his head, causing the victim to lose his grip. According to a witness who was

also at the scene, the suspect ran to a waiting vehicle behind a neighboring building. He was carrying approximately \$500 in stolen cash, as well as an unknown number of checks.

The vehicle, which was driven by a second suspect, reportedly left heading east on Twelve Mile. The witness followed them long enough to get a license plate number as well as a description of the suspect.

The witness gave the license number and description to Novi Police, who broadcast the information to other area departments.

Minutes later, the suspects were spotted by Franklin Police near Twelve Mile and Northwestern Highway. They followed them to an area near Ten Mile and Lahser Roads where, assisted by Southfield Police, they stopped the vehicle and arrested the suspects.

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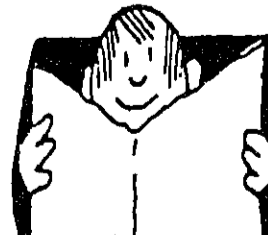
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Community Calendar

Today, April 13
City Council: Novi City Council will meet in the council chambers of the Civic Center at 8 p.m.
Library Board: The Novi Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, April 14
PTO meeting: The Novi Meadows PTO meets at Novi Meadows at 7:30 p.m.
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.

Wednesday, April 15
Honors induction: The National Honors Society Induction Ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the high school media center.
Planning Commission: The Novi city Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, April 16
Flood insurance: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has completed a revised Flood Insurance Study of the City of Novi. This study will be the basis for regulation and the setting of flood insurance rates. A public hearing on the study has been set for 10:15 a.m. in Novi City Hall.
Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Spring break: Spring break in Novi schools begins at the end of the school day today.

Friday, April 17
Good Friday: Novi city offices will be closed today.

Saturday, April 18
Players reception: The Novi Players will host a wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Expo Center. The Players will be celebrating their performance in "Shay" and "Honesty Now" and planning for their next production, as well as showing off their new home in the Expo Center.
Easter Egg Hunt: Novi's annual Easter Egg hunt is set for Saturday at the Novi Civic Center. The event is sponsored through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Sunday, April 19
Easter: The Novi Public Library will be closed today.

Monday, April 20
Band Boosters: The Novi High School Band Boosters will meet in room 511 of the high school at 7 p.m.

Arts Council: The executive board of the Novi Arts Council is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, April 21
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.
Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Chamber luncheon: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly luncheon at noon at the Red Timbers Restaurant on Grand River.

Wednesday, April 22
Seniors Club: The Novi Seniors Club holds its monthly business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Community Center in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, April 23
School board: The Novi Board of Education will hold its regular session in the Educational Services Building. The budget will be on the agenda. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 24
Novi Players: The Novi Players begin a 3-day run of the show, "Alone Together," in the theater in the Novi Expo Center. The show will run Friday through Sunday.

Sunday, April 26
Providence Run: Registration for the 12th Annual Novi Providence Run will begin at 11 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The Fun Run will begin at noon, while the competition races are scheduled for 1 p.m.

Monday, April 27
Spring break ends: Spring break in Novi schools ends today as students report back to class in the morning.

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

Tuesday, April 28
Small Business Day: Entrepreneurs from across the state will have an opportunity to learn about critical small business issues during a day-long series of workshops, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Novi Hilton. An awards banquet will also be held in the evening, in which the 1992 Michigan Private 100 will be recognized. Tickets are \$65 if purchased before April 16; \$80 after that date. The event is co-sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Michigan Department of Commerce, the Small Business Association of Michigan and other groups.

LARA meeting: Novi and Walled Lake residents are being invited to the monthly of the Lakes Area Residents Association at 7 p.m. in the Walled Lake Junior High School cafeteria.

Youth Assistance: The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, April 30
Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers are scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
 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 204 Main Street, Northville, 48167.

M-5 get mixed reviews in other locales, too

Mixed feelings about the Haggerty Connector aren't just found in Novi. West Bloomfield officials describe the proposed M-5 as a "bad news, good news" situation for their township.

The good side of the coin for West Bloomfield is that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is considering the township for development of new wetlands.

MDOT is also prowling around Novi and Commerce Township for mitigation sites.

The bad news, according to West Bloomfield Township supervisor Sandra Drauer, is that the \$90.6-million connector highway — to which the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently gave the conditional go-ahead — probably would severely affect the township's existing roads and services.

"My feeling is, it's going to have a dramatic impact on West Bloomfield," Drauer said last week. "It will put a strain on our services."

The DNR issued its wetlands permits for the project with the proviso the 46 acres of wetlands lost to the Haggerty Connector be replaced within a 10-mile radius.

Earlier plans called for replacing most of these wetlands on state land near Algonac.

The new boulevard would be built west of existing Haggerty from 12 Mile Road north to Pontiac Trail, cutting through Novi, Commerce Township and a portion of Farmington Hills.

Farmington Hills manager William Costick applauded word that the Connector project is moving forward, saying it will alleviate the overload of traffic on surface roads and I-996 in that city.

Costick said more than 30,000 vehicles travel the two-lane Haggerty Road every day and that the six-mile stretch of I-996 in Farmington Hills has only one interchange, at Orchard Lake Road.

"We've always been fully supportive of it," Costick said. "We're delighted... and we want it to proceed. It's a very important project for us."

Meanwhile, a source of concern for Drauer is how the Connector would abruptly stop at Pontiac Trail. Novi residents opposed to the project share these worries.

Drauer said that the Connector of probably between 6-8 lanes would dump traffic onto the two-lane Pontiac Trail just a few hundred feet west of West Bloomfield's border.

"It'll be the same thing you have at the corner of 14 Mile and Orchard Lake," she said. "My concern is this road goes nowhere."

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 Supervisor
 West Bloomfield Township

Although Drauer clearly opposes the Connector project — she unsuccessfully tried to persuade the township board to reconsider a resolution supporting it — she would welcome the construction of new wetlands in the township.

"I'd like (the state) to replace them in West Bloomfield, as much as we can get," Drauer said. "But it's all in negotiations."

Feasibility of such work might be the primary stumbling block.

According to David Mekarski, West Bloomfield's planning and environmental director, there are two possible sites in the northeastern section of the township for wetlands construction.

What MDOT is looking for in prospective sites, Mekarski said, are upland areas with high existing water tables and coarse, grainy soil suitable for reuse to road construction.

That would help keep down the cost of wetlands creation, he said.

But Mekarski said the transportation department, when all is said and done, might choose against building the wetlands in West Bloomfield because property generally is more expensive than other targeted areas.

"Both sites have pending or planned residential development, so it's more than likely the cost of those sites may be prohibitive," said Mekarski, adding he has spoken with MDOT's Larry Alber, who is heading up the wetlands mitigation project.

Alber could not be reached for comment.

West Bloomfield's longstanding emphasis on maintaining the environment could help MDOT's decision, Mekarski said.

"I think the bottom line is, West Bloomfield is highly interested in working with the state on any kind of mitigation project," Mekarski said. "The township, unlike other townships, can provide a proven track record and can play an active role in managing, enforcing and protecting the environment."



Photo by STEVE KELLMAN

Food, glorious food
 Cookies and more cookies were shown by exhibitor Red Scott of the Grand Rapids-based Redi-Bake at the Novi Expo Center. The center hosted a Meisel Sysco wholesale food show for restaurateurs. Goodies on display included Black Forest tortes and apple-stuffed chicken.

State assessment freeze lighten review board's load

How does a board of review work during a property tax freeze year? Hard, but not as hard as usual.

With assessments locked at the Dec. 31, 1990, level by Michigan Public Act 135 of 1991, the board only heard half the number of appeals this March that it heard last year.

If the assessment figures do not reflect a shift in market values in Novi, they do show that recession or not, building is continuing.

Mayor Matthew Quint's 1991 state-of-the-city prediction that last year would be characterized by more "houses, houses, houses" has been borne out.

The state equalized valuation of Novi real estate — one half the estimated market value — has zoomed way past the billion mark now to \$1,051,033,750.

Only new construction, property improvements and losses such as fire damage could be evaluated this year.

Last year, the SEV for real estate totalled \$1,007,604,900.

The residential SEV hit \$581,015,850 in 1992, up over \$38 million from 1991's \$542,851,600.

Commercial showed an SEV growth of \$5,076,900, coming in at \$328,800,400. In 1991, the figure was \$323,783,500.

Industrial real estate, pegged at \$116,576,500 last year, shifted upwards less than \$2 million to \$118,724,950.

Novi farms, or at least agriculturally-zoned land, accounted for \$22,432,550 of the SEV, down from last year's \$24,393,300.

In addition, personal property held by Novi businesses, including equipment, was given an SEV of \$111,645,550.

This brought the total SEV up to \$1,119,250,450.

In 1991, 1,200 property owners appealed to the board of review. This year, 635 filed petitions.

"We were only open three days and they weren't all filled. Normally we go a couple of weeks. There really wasn't a whole lot to talk about," City Assessor James Klausmeyer said.

"A lot of them were hardships. We did not keep track. We will them back every year. We have them come back in a year, their lifestyle could change. They get jobs. Things happen."

Residents granted "hardship" relief one year must reapply the next year.

New telephone codes would divide Novi neighborhoods

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having a precedent already set by Los Angeles, Atlanta, New York, Boston and Chicago. Booming California has acquired four new area codes in five years.

Deputy County Executive Joseph Joachim, who served on the committee, said all types of splits were investigated to avoid crossing municipal and county lines — but that anything other than the Eight Mile division would have created confusion.

"There's a tendency for those who are serving to preserve a county boundary. Let me tell you, we've drawn a lot of lines," Joachim said.

Keeping a community together is also an expensive process. When 2,500 Boston region residents agreed to new telephone numbers to stay within an area code, the cost was \$9.2 million, O'Connor said.

"We all know if they put out \$9 million for changes, they didn't dig it up out of the ground. They charged the customer," Joachim said.

"There's a handful who say, okay, I'll change my number. And other people say, 'What do you mean, I've had that (number) for 20 years.'"

Another public meeting on the area code split will be held in Wixom on April 23 at 7 p.m., at the Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail.

Dodge remains dubious about the value of the meetings, arguing that Bell has the technology needed to keep communities intact.

"This is a public relations stunt. I feel it's a done deal," he said.

Other communities to be divided are Wixom, Farmington, St. Clair Shores and South Lyon.

In adding an area code, the Detroit area would be fol-

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Woman reports obscene phone call

An employee at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall reported April 7 that she received a phone call from a man who said he was going to rape her.

The woman told police she received the call shortly before 9 p.m. while working in the store's infant department. The caller reportedly identified himself as "Mr. Phillips" and asked the woman if she was of medium height, medium build, and with medium brown hair.

The woman told police she responded by telling the caller that she was wearing a half of the people working there.

"This might bother you and you can hang up if you want," he allegedly replied, "but I'm going to rape you."

The woman said she hung up immediately and called police. She reported that she sounded like an adult male with no accent. She said she did not recognize his voice and was sure it was not someone playing a joke on her.

BB GUN COMPLAINT: A mother on South Lake Drive reported March 30 that a neighbor boy shot at her two sons with a BB gun. She said she saw him shoot the BBs, then place the rifle in a window and leave his residence.

When questioned, the neighbor boy told police that the two boys were telling him to shoot at a bird. He said that when he refused to shoot at the bird, they began to tell him his gun wasn't real. He said he then fired the gun in show them it was real.

SHOPLIFTING: Novi police arrested

Police News

a shoplifting suspect at Sears April 7 after she was allegedly caught stealing two bathing suits.

According to store security, the woman was seen removing four bathing suits from a sale rack and entering a fitting room. She then allegedly left the fitting room with only two of the suits.

The suspect was reportedly apprehended as she left the store, and the suits were found crumpled in her clothing.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 19-year-old South Lyon man April 7 after he was reportedly discovered to be operating under the influence of liquor [OUIL]. The man was headed west on Grand River in a 1986 Pontiac 6000.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 29-year-old Yp silanti man was arrested April 7 for OUIL on southbound Beck Road. He was driving a 1979 Ford Mustang.

VANDALISM: The two left tires of a vehicle parked on Bashian in the Applegate condominium complex were reportedly slashed April 2.

Police said the incident occurred between 10 p.m. April 1 and 8:30 p.m. April 2. The owner said he did not hear or see anything suspicious during the night.

LARCENY OVER \$100: A resident in the Woodland Glen apartment complex reported April 2 that someone stole various personal items during a home. It is currently free on a \$5,000 cash bond. His wife, Nargis Vahdy, requested at his preliminary examination that he be allowed to return home.

But the day of the arrest, she told police that her husband attempted to strangle her, and that he was physically abusing her oldest son.

Shahid Vahdy denied her allegations, and later pled innocent in court. He said they were arguing, but he did not hit his wife or his children.

Browning, who reportedly claimed he was molesting the girl because he wanted to educate her about sex, was employed as a prison guard at Jackson in the late 1970s.

According to a police report, Browning repeatedly invited the girl to come over and wash his feet for him, for which he would pay her from \$2 to \$6. However, after several months the girl informed officials at her school that he had been sexually

assaulting her on a regular basis. The girl's parents reportedly thought Browning had been paying their daughter to do household chores for him.

According to police, Browning admitted to most of the girl's allegations, but claimed he assaulted her fewer times than she said he had.

Browning also reportedly told police he did not know that sexually molesting an 11-year-old girl was illegal, in spite of his previous work as a prison guard. He allegedly claimed that he knew it was "socially unacceptable," but was not aware that it was "a serious crime."

He also reportedly told police that, while he was "showing her what sex was all about," he told the girl that she should save it for marriage.

"Even though I know that's old fashioned," he allegedly said, "I still believe in it."

Tree City USA: Preceding the regular Novi City Council meeting on Monday, April 27, council members will plant a tree in front of the Civic Center at 7 p.m. The event will include the presentation of a 1992 Arbor Day flag and plaque.

Novi has been named a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a city tree ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

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

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Novi Briefs

Flood insurance: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has recently completed a revised Flood Insurance Study of the City of Novi. This study provides base flood elevation information and delineates areas subject to significant flood hazards. This information will be used by the City Council to regulate new construction in flood hazard areas. Banks and insurance agents will also use this information to determine where flood insurance is required and the cost of insurance coverage. Realtors will need to be aware of flood hazard areas when selling or buying real estate.

These and other issues relating to the National Flood Insurance Program will be discussed at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 10:15 a.m. in Novi City Hall.

Issues to be discussed include floodplain management and permit requirements, flood insurance, floodplain mapping, leader's responsibilities and construction techniques.

All interested persons, especially those living in or near areas of special flood hazards, are encouraged to attend.

Tech Center moves forward: The Novi School District's Tech Center should be open for business by fall. Superintendent William Barr said the addition joining Novi Woods and Novi Middle schools should be completed by September.

Barr had predicted the building would not be finished until the middle of the 1992-93 school year. Thursday he said the project is moving along and should be ready for the first day of classes.

Schools get tough on parking: Those illegally parked cars on Novi school grounds better watch out. Novi school administrators are asking police to begin ticketing cars illegally parked on school grounds.

Trustee Raymond Byers said cars parked illegally on an access road to the district's Taft Road campus could be a safety hazard. An audience member at a Thursday school board meeting added that cars parked in the bus turn-around at Novi High School also could cause problems. Superintendent William Barr said he is working with police to begin ticketing the illegally parked cars on all school grounds.

Earth Day in Novi: Novi's second annual Plant a Tree for Earth Week program has been expanded.

Trees can be purchased and planted in Novi on city property. The trees can be planted in honor of relatives or friends or in honor of a special event. This year, trees also can be purchased for planting in your own yard.

Anyone purchasing a tree for use on public land will have his or her name inscribed on a plaque. They also will receive a certificate.

Trees for sale were selected by Novi forester Chris Pargoff. A variety of 2-year-old evergreens are available and individually poited for transplanting.

Trees cost \$5 with all proceeds benefiting Novi High School band activities.

Tree order forms are available at the Novi Civic Center. Tree pick up will be April 25 and May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekdays April 27 through May 2 from 4-7 p.m. Call Doug Thomas, 348-7069 for more information.

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As We See It

Schools should have sought bids

We understand why the school district wants to have the same architect who worked on the projects design the additions to the high school and Parkview Elementary. The architects are familiar with the projects and, in the case of Parkview, the architect won awards for the building.

We also understand that the school district is not required by law to seek bids for professional services. For example, the school district budgeted \$50,000 for legal services this year without taking bids from law firms. The district can do that, the same way it can hire an architect to work on building additions without taking bids.

But we also believe the district is missing a golden opportunity. The architecture field is severely depressed. The school district might have been able to save thousands of dollars by asking for bids from architects interested in designing additions for the two district buildings.

But the school board voted to allow district administrators to negotiate a contract with architects who worked on the high school in 1976 and on Parkview in 1989. The architects will design a plan

Let's build court now

We can appreciate the Oakland County administration's desire to be light with a buck. That is, in large part, exactly how it has earned the reputation it has for being a low-tax, financially well-managed county. In fact, we wish more governmental units were as frugal as Oakland County.

Nonetheless, when it comes to the proposed construction of a new courthouse for the 52-1 District Court in Walled Lake, it seems to us the desire to pinch a penny may well be counterproductive. Right now, it seems to us that there is no good reason to hold back. And the process of finding a new building has progressed quite far.

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Phil Jerome

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Sharon Rose said she didn't know. "It must have been whoever invented the typewriter," she offered. "Why don't you ask people to send in ideas if you can't come up with anything better to write about than who invented the asterisk?"

Cheryl Gazlay also guessed the guy who invented the typewriter. Either that or the guy who invented the Dewey Decimal System.

Things weren't going real good so I decided to give it one more try and dialed up my old friend Dick Henderson, former assistant pastor at the Northville Presbyterian Church and now pastor at Novi's Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

"How come you're not at work?" I asked when I reached him at home after getting a recording at the church.

"Friday's my day off," he answered. "Who invented the asterisk?" I asked.

"What?" he replied. "Who invented the asterisk? I have no idea. Where did you come up with a question like that? Don't you have anything better to do than sit around and think up stupid questions?"

"I was just trying to write a local column," I apologized. "You don't have to get mad just because you don't know the answer."

"Who invented the lead pencil?" This time it was Henderson with the question.

"It was Henry David Thoreau," he said, without giving me a chance to answer. "And he purposely didn't copywrite it so other people could copy his idea and use their own pencils to write with."

It was an interesting bit of information, and I thanked him for sharing it with me.

"So who did invent the asterisk?" he asked.

"I haven't the foggiest," I replied. "And I'll be damned if I'm going to call up anyone else to ask."

In passing

By Hal Gould



Kayin Haplopy making faces at the "Real Pig" during Charlotte's Web at the Northville Library

Signs, everywhere signs



Rick Byrne

How did that Five Man Electrical Band song go?
"Signs, signs, everywhere signs."
The Five Man Electrical Band obviously never did a gig in Novi. The city has one of the most restrictive sign ordinances I've ever heard of.

I won't bore you with the details of this convoluted snafu of over-legislation, but I'll try to hit some of the highlights.

A large office building with one major lease holder can't display the name of that signature company on the outside (like the Alexander Hamilton Life building that you see in Farmington Hills when you drive east on I-696).

I can't even begin to tell you how many times I've gotten lost in industrial parks trying to find a specific business. Usually it means parking the car and walking around for a while.

That's why I have no sympathy for the City of Novi after hearing that the city fathers ran afoul of their own stupid law. It seems the someone got a look at the snazzy sign out in front of the Southfield Civic Center, and decided to bring something similar to Novi.

Unfortunately the sign is in violation of the ordinance, and the city will have to get a variance to erect it. What's even funnier is that the new sign will replace one that is also illegal.

Well, pardon me for being all bent over like this, but my gut hurts from laughing so hard.

The only way I could get a bigger laugh is to hang a "Kick me" sign on the backs of everyone at the next City Council meeting.

But then that would be illegal.

Man faces trial in assault case

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A Novi man who allegedly beat his wife and oldest son, then forced the two younger children to also beat the son, faces a bench trial in 52-1 district court Friday.

Shahid Musher Vahdy will face trial on two counts of assault and battery and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Vahdy, who was arrested Feb. 13 after police were summoned to his

home, is currently free on a \$5,000 cash bond. His wife, Nargis Vahdy, requested at his preliminary examination that he be allowed to return home.

Nargis Vahdy reportedly told police that her husband was intoxicated during the evening when he returned home, and she went upstairs to avoid a confrontation.

However, she said he went upstairs and sexually abused her and her son repeatedly until she finally called the police.

Among the offenses she alleges include that he kicked and punched her son, attempted to strangle her, and threatened to kill her. She also

alleged that he told her son to have sex with her.

Two times that evening, he allegedly forced the two younger children to punch, kick and hit their older brother and pull his hair.

The night of the arrest, Shahid Vahdy allegedly stated that the police wouldn't do anything to him because he was a taxpayer and he paid their salaries. He also told his wife that when he got out of jail he would "get even" with her.

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

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: A resident on Meadowbrook reported April 5 that he had a verbal disagreement with another person, who began throwing things at his vehicle.

The resident reported that at least \$100 worth of damage occurred to his vehicle due to the incident.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 36-year-old Livonia man was arrested April 3 for OUIL. He was driving east on Grand River in a 1982 Mercury Lynx.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 21-year-old Novi man was arrested April 3 for OUIL. He was driving north on Meadowbrook in a 1985 Dodge van.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 34-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested April 4 for OUIL. He was reportedly headed eastbound on Nine Mile in a 1992 Ford Escort.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 31-year-old Highland woman was arrested April 8 for OUIL. She was driving westbound on Grand River in a 1978 Ford Fairmont.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: The spare tire attached to a Dodge Ram van was reported stolen March 30.

Police said the vehicle was parked at a residence on Pheasant Run at the time of the incident, which occurred between 10 p.m. March 29 and 9:30 a.m. March 30.

VANDALISM: The two left tires of a vehicle

Take hike included Novi school budget

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Proposed expenditures are expected to increase in most areas. In structural costs are up more than 9 percent, while employee benefits are up 11.3 percent.

Community education expenditures are proposed to increase 3.6 percent.

The largest increases are expected for capital outlay. Capital costs for the elementary school are expected to increase 33.3 percent with secondary capital costs increasing 17.2 percent. Capital outlay costs for business services are expected to increase 22.2 percent to \$110,000.

Barr said the district also is considering the purchase of three 84- to 92-passenger buses, and one 22-passenger special education bus. He also is pricing costs for four 64-passenger buses. All of the bus costs are included in the proposed budget plan, Barr said.

The administration's budget plan does not include any additional programs. But Barr said he would recommend the district add Japanese courses if it were increasing programs.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Hearings on budget scheduled by board

The Novi school board will meet to discuss the proposed budget through the month of June. Meeting dates approved by the Board of Education Thursday follow:

- Budget discussion** — April 23, 7:30 p.m. Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.
- Budget work session, public comments** — May 7, 7:30 p.m. Educational Services Building.
- Budget work session, public comments** — May 14, 7:30 p.m. Educational Services Building.

Freeze doesn't block millage rate increase

By SUZANNE HOLLIVER
Staff Writer

The Novi school board can raise taxes as much as 3.81 mills without a vote, despite a tax freeze holding 1992 assessments at the 1991 level.

Superintendent William Barr said he recently learned that the Headlee Amendment is in effect, regulating millage levels.

Late last year, Barr proposed a tax increase because he was unsure if the assessment freeze would preclude the district from raising its levy during 1992.

The school board rejected the increase. Barr's budget, which was introduced Thursday, includes a 1.5-mill increase.

The Headlee Amendment limits millage increases to the current proportion of personal income. Headlee requires voter approval to create or increase taxes and requires a reduction in the millage if the tax base increases faster than inflation.

Novi schools can levy as many as 30.81 mills without an election and still meet the requirements of the law.

But if the board leaves over 27.63 mills, then it must hold a Truth-in-Taxation hearing. The law requires local governments to hold public hearings on increasing tax rates if the increased tax rate will yield increased revenue for the school district.

In the past, few to no voters have turned out at Truth-in-Taxation hearings in Novi. But last year, about 20 voters turned out to express support and to criticize the district administrator's plan to increase taxes.

A Truth-in-Taxation hearing is tentatively scheduled on the current proposed tax increase for June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

Signs of spring

Forget about robins and buds on the trees. For many a sport enthusiast, the true sign that spring has arrived is a smooth baseball diamond. School districts and recreation departments across the area are doing the work now to get the fields ready for springtime play.

Architect picked for school addition

Continued from Page 1

Superintendent William Barr said Childs used the course selections and enrollments at Novi High School in the past several years to find trends in student interest.

Childs did not look at the physical education needs of the high school, but the architect will use recommendations made by the facilities task force to determine possible changes in athletic facilities, Barr said.

School board Trustee Sandra Thornton said she wanted to wait before negotiating a contract with the architect. She said the Facilities Task Force Committee should review the consultant's report before the architect begins work.

Barr said the architect would not begin work before the contract was approved by the school board. The contract is expected to be on the board's April 23 agenda.

Trustee Raymond Byers said he felt "rushed." The consultant's report was introduced to the board Thursday, the same day a vote to hire the architect was held.

"I think we're rushing for the sake of two weeks," Byers said. "I don't want to go down a street that I don't know how it's paved yet."

Board Vice President Robert Schram said he wanted to get the process moving.

"We're not spending anything with this motion," Schram said, adding that the architect might choose to charge a percentage of construction costs rather than a set dollar amount.

But Byers said he did not want to enter "pre-negotiations" before the community and staff had a chance to provide input.

Byers, Thornton and Secretary Craig Foreback voted against beginning contract negotiations with the architect.

The architect and engineer chosen by the district are the same people who originally designed the high school in 1976. They both are willing to work on the project, Barr said.

The 3-year-old Parkview Elementary on Eleven Mile Road also is need of expansion.

Barr said Parkview does not have enough rooms to hold all of the students who will arrive in the fall. He said plans could be made to move all Parkview fourth graders into the Tech Center classrooms between Novi Meadows and Novi Woods. The center is expected to be opened by September, Barr said.

Or the Parkview district could be redrawn, sending some children to Orchard Hills Elementary.

A third option would be to move some relocated classrooms to Parkview. The trailer-like buildings could be used to accommodate some overcrowding.

Barr said all of the solutions to Parkview's population problem would be temporary. Parkview was built with additions in mind, Barr said he would contact the school's original architect in the near future about the project.

Recommendations for school additions

Consultant John Childs provided six recommendations to the school district for its high school facilities. The study is expected to cost the district close to \$10,000. Those recommendations, and their sub-recommendations, are printed below.

1. We recommend immediate review of the high school facility for renovation and reconstruction. This work initially should be completed by an architect and engineer. To support current state of the art educational technology, extensive electrical system and low-voltage wiring system changes will be needed. The end result of such an analysis should provide for:
 - Increasing the number of fully functional teaching stations.
 - Installing an electronic cabling support and access system throughout the building.
 - Wiring all active teaching and administrative space for flexible voice, video and data communications equipment.
2. The Novi Community Schools should create a specific five-year educational technology plan for
 - the high school. This plan should:
 - Involve all high school staff and include some middle school and elementary staff.
 - Provide participation of representatives of the community and particularly business employers within the community.
 - Complete the five-year plan statement by September 1, 1992.
3. Based on the initial work on a long-range technology plan, the estimated costs for the educational technology required to achieve the five-year plan should be developed.
4. The process of developing a specific technology plan should also provide estimated costs for staff development and support staff. This is a frequently omitted component of educational technology plans.
5. Methods must be developed to budget for ongoing technology costs. The planning effort should develop estimates for ongoing maintenance, replacement and use of educational technology.
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Introduced to the U.S. in late 1991, Pincepessa Cavi Vigna Regale (\$20) comes packaged in a very dark bottle to protect the delicate contents.

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Marianis take Banfi upscale with new line

The corporate profile of Banfi is straightforward. Banfi entered the winemaking field in 1978 after achieving its mark as an importer. Founded in 1919, the company introduced the American palate to many of Italy's classic wines and what now may be called the phenomenon of Runito Lambrusco, which in its mid-1980s stride turned over more than 13 million cases annually.

While Runito was capturing the palates of many as a young, fresh, fruity pour, Banfi's owners, Americans John and Harry Mariani, were making a huge investment in Tuscany's Montalcino region. They had a dual purpose: to expand their wine line with Banfi produced world-class Italian wine and to impact the movement to modernize the Italian wine industry.

Today, within the shadow of the medieval fortress town of Montalcino, the Mariani brothers are harvesting rewards from their 7,100-acre Tuscan estate. A broad spectrum of Banfi wines are produced in one of the most modern wineries in the world. It's not just high-tech, it's super technology from computerized crushers to the latest refrigeration units.

Crowning the estate is a restored medieval castle, now called Castello Banfi. Origins of the castle can be traced to the Longobards, a people of Viking descent who occupied the area in the 9th century.

Winemaking is in the able hands of Dr. Ezio Rivella, one of Europe's most respected winemakers. "The Marianis gave me only one job," contends Rivella. "Their stipulation was to produce the best wines in the world and prove that the Italians can match the finest of the world can offer." Rivella does admit to an occasional sleepless night!

Banfi's Montalcino location puts it in the winemaking heart of Brunello di Montalcino, one of Italy's most prestigious red wines. Only 10 percent of the estate acreage is devoted to brunello. "There's no chance that we'll flood the market," Rivella maintains. Knowing that this wine retails with a \$38 ticket, you can better understand this statement.

Banfi owns another winemaking estate in Italy's Piedmont. Wines produced there carry the Banfi Cellars label, while those produced in Montalcino are labeled Castello Banfi.

We recently tasted through the complete Banfi product line and found the following bottles especially interesting. Like all things Italian, whether it's shoes, leather or wine, the price tag is steep, but the quality is impeccable.

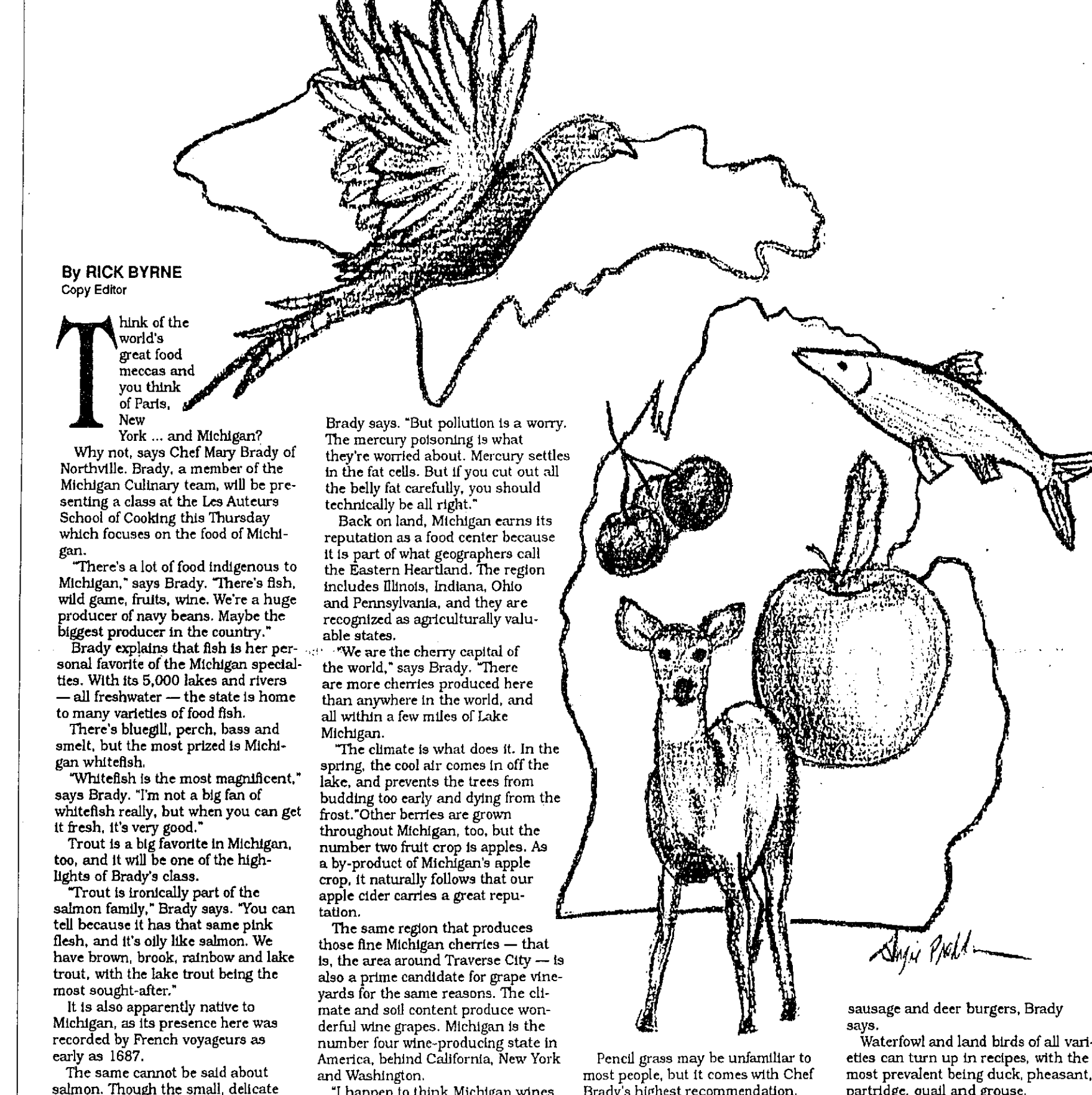
1986 Banfi Brut (\$22.50) is produced by the classic Champagne method from 55 percent pinot noir, 40 percent chardonnay and 5 percent pinot blanc. The latter grape varietal adds grape notes and seems to hold the other two varietals together while contributing a charming bouquet with roundness and richness. It's fruity, dry and elegant.

Introduced to the U.S. in late 1991, Pincepessa Cavi Vigna Regale (\$20) comes packaged in a very dark bottle to protect the delicate contents.

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Wolverine Cuisine



By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Think of the world's great food meccas and you think of Paris, New York ... and Michigan?

Why not, says Chef Mary Brady of Northville. Brady, a member of the Michigan Culinary team, will be presenting a class at the Les Auteurs School of Cooking this Thursday which focuses on the food of Michigan.

"There's a lot of food indigenous to Michigan," says Brady. "There's fish, wild game, fruits, wine. We're a huge producer of many beans. Maybe the biggest producer in the country."

Brady explains that fish is her personal favorite of the Michigan specialties. With its 5,000 lakes and rivers — all freshwater — the state is home to many varieties of food fish.

"There's bluegill, perch, bass and smelt, but the most prized is Michigan whitefish."

"Whitefish is the most magnificent," says Brady. "I'm not a big fan of whitefish really, but when you can get it fresh, it's very good."

Trout is a big favorite in Michigan, too, and it will be one of the highlights of Brady's class.

"Trout is ironically part of the salmon family," Brady says. "You can tell because it has that same pink flesh, and it's oily like salmon. We have brown, brook, rainbow and lake trout, with the lake trout being the most sought-after."

It is also apparently native to Michigan, as its presence here was recorded by French voyagers as early as 1687.

The same cannot be said about salmon. Though the small, delicate cold and big, tasty chinook can be found in Michigan waters, they were introduced here, Brady says.

"This is something I didn't know before I started doing my research for this class," Brady says. "They were originally a saltwater fish, brought from the West Coast and stocked in Crystal Lake, but they couldn't live there."

Later, salmon stocking proved successful, but only through the introduction of another non-native species which now makes good eating in Michigan. Smelt were brought to the state to feed the salmon, and only then did the salmon survive.

"When I think of preparing some huge trout or salmon, it's exciting."

Brady says. "But pollution is a worry. The mercury poisoning that they're worried about. Mercury settles in the fat cells. But if you cut out all the belly fat carefully, you should technically be all right."

Back on land, Michigan earns its reputation as a food center because it is a part of what geographers call the Eastern Heartland. The region includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and they are recognized as agriculturally valuable states.

"We are the cherry capital of the world," says Brady. "There are more cherries produced here than anywhere in the world, and all within a few miles of Lake Michigan."

"The climate is what does it. In the spring, the cool air comes in off the lake, and prevents the trees from budding too early and dying from the frost. Other berries are grown throughout Michigan, too, but the number two fruit crop is apples. As a by-product of Michigan's apple crop, it naturally follows that our apple cider carries a great reputation."

The same region that produces those fine Michigan cherries — that is, the area around Traverse City — is also a prime candidate for grape vineyards for the same reasons. The climate and soil content produce wonderful wine grapes. Michigan is the number four wine-producing state in America, behind California, New York and Washington.

"I happen to think Michigan wines are great," Brady says, noting that Michigan wines have both their critics and their devotees.

More mushrooms are what Brady calls "the ultimate mushroom."

"They're in season right now, but don't go picking them without a guide who can separate them from the poisonous 'false morels.'"

Many garden vegetables are farmed in Michigan, and the state is well known for corn, potatoes, squash and relatives, beans, tomatoes and cucumbers. In season now, though, are the many varieties of asparagus.

"Asparagus is out right now, and it's wonderful," Brady says. "There's the teeny-tyne pencil grass, and the white asparagus is up now, too."

Waterfowl and land birds of all varieties can turn up in recipes, with the most prevalent being duck, pheasant, partridge, quail and grouse.

Rabbit is popular among Michigan's families of German heritage, but other small animals are hunted for food as well.

"Surprisingly, squirrel and opossum are eaten in many of the communities in the Upper Peninsula, where they depend on hunting to supplement their groceries," Brady says. "They make a Booyaw Staw, which probably came from the French word bouillon. It's made with meat from the kill, and onions and carrots, but past that there's no set formula. Everyone's is different."

To learn more about Michigan cuisine, you can enroll in the Les Auteurs class for \$25. Call (313) 545-3400 for more information.

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Chef Mary Brady Meetings are for learning? She'll drink to that



It doesn't seem possible that Easter is around the corner. Wasn't last week Christmas? Didn't we just open? We celebrated our six-month anniversary with a waitress meeting. This was the fourth.

These meetings are a mixture of education, instruction and feedback. Unfortunately, the best time to hold our rendezvous are Sunday mornings. After a grueling weekend about the last thing any of us wants to do is go to work at 11 a.m. instead of 3 p.m.

But since our goal, as a team, is to provide the best possible service, we plunge in full force. Everything from nuts to bolts is touched upon. Particulars that are important to Tom or me are voiced, and vice versa. For instance, a never-ending sentence is "side-walk."

Each wait "person" (I hate that word) is assigned a cleanup duty at the end of the shift. A headwaitress, or "babysitter," makes sure that it is done before they may leave. Good servers (if hate that word, too) consider their station a business for the time they are at work. Whether coming on

or leaving, it is their responsibility to check their tables to be sure all is ready. Are the tables, chairs and floors clean? Napkins and silver rolled? Desserts, condiments and soups rolled? Butter cut? And on and on.

Many of the tasks are tedious and never noticed by anyone other than ourselves. Especially if the job is not done. For example, rolling silverware is a BORING, MIND-LESS chore. But if we run out at any time during business hours, there is a scramble. The system breaks down. On weekends one person stands and rolls during peak hours.

A valid suggestion came up at the meeting: buy more silver and roll ahead of time.

So the next order that came in included mucho bucks in utensils. Problem solved. Life was a little bit easier for all.

The word "station" is somewhat ambiguous. Technically it consists of a number of tables that one is responsible for. My goal is to develop a crew that considers the restaurant as their station. We are on the way. I receive 99 percent positive comments versus the negative for my team. That's a fine compliment to all.

There is always fun built into these affairs. Recently we implemented an extensive fun menu, so a representative from our distributor explained the new additions. Beer is as complex as wine in many ways.

Speaking for myself, I never realized the extensive range of flavors. Being a wine drinker, I've always shunned beer, thinking that "Lite" was as good as it got. What a mistake.

Twenty samples were sipped. All had their own merits, which made for a nice treat. A tool was provided for us to impart our knowledge to our guests. We had fun comparing notes and will continue to do so for days to come.

Happy Easter to a wonderful staff. You are the greatest. And thanks to everyone that makes our jobs worthwhile.

Northville resident Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi.

The Refrigerator Door

THE COMMUNITY CENTER: The Community Center, 24705 Farmington Blvd., is offering a variety of cooking classes this spring including Cooking for Singles, Fun for Company, Hurry Up Supper. Call 477-8404 for information.

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 to 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 HomeTown Cooking, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

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

CHEFS' GALA: Cranbrook Schools, 550 Lane Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, will celebrate spring by presenting for the 14th consecutive year, La Gala de Cuisine, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in the school's Elie Saarnin-designed Quadrangle.

Working amidst thousands of spring flowers and colorful plants, chefs representing Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association will cook up hors d'oeuvres, entrees and desserts.

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Oatloaf has Southwest flair

One first prize winner in the second annual Quaker Oats "It's the Right Thing to Do" Recipe Contest gave a healthy new twist to an American classic — oatmeal.

Ellen Barry from Inno, Mass., was determined to make a oatmeal that even her husband would enjoy when she created Zesty Zuni Turkey Loaf. The Pueblo Indians were the inspiration for this good for you oatmeal. Barry starts with a mixture of ground turkey, picante sauce, and acid spicy seasonings, adding egg whites rather than whole eggs and oats instead of bread or cracker crumbs.

Whole grain oats stretch 1 1/2 pounds of lean ground turkey to serve eight while adding fiber and contributing to the loaf's moist and tender texture.

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Barr's original recipe while carrying out the Southwestern theme.

ZESTY ZUNI TURKEY LOAF
Loaf
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup picante sauce or salsa
2 egg whites, slightly beaten
1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
1 seven-ounce can whole kernel corn, drained (about 1 cup)
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
4 teaspoon ground sage
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
2 tablespoons toasted sunflower seeds (optional)
Sauce:
1/8 ounce carton nonfat or low fat plain
1/4 ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro
1 teaspoon lime juice
Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 8x4-inch loaf pan with no stick cooking spray or grease lightly. For loaf, combine oats, picante sauce, egg whites, turkey, corn and spices; mix lightly. Press into prepared pan. Sprinkle with sunflower seeds, pressing lightly. Bake 1 hour or until cooked through. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. For sauce, combine yogurt, green chiles, cilantro and lime juice; mix well. Serve with turkey loaf. 8 servings.

Or, substitute peitas (shelled pumpkin seeds).

Nutrition Information: Each serving (1/2 of recipe) Calories 220, Protein 20g, Carbohydrate 17g, Total Fat 7g, Cholesterol 60 mg, Dietary Fiber 1g.

All wines in the Hagafen portfolio to which we only mentioned two are certified kosher for Passover and the remainder of the year by Rabbi Dr. J.H. Bahag of New York and bear the Triangle K symbol. They are available locally. If your wine shop does not currently carry Hagafen wines, they can be ordered by your wine merchant from the distributor Vitano Imports. Delivery can be made in day or two.

heighten the lively fruit, the wine finishes crisp with a hint of oak.

The connoisseur wine, newly introduced by Castello Banfi, is the 1989 Colliarlo (1983.75). The interest in wines produced from 100 percent syrah has heightened worldwide.

Banfi's is the first Italian syrah to enter the fray in the competitive U.S. market. If you're familiar with the red wines of the northern Rhône, compare with 100 percent syrah, companion with the intensely colored, deep flavored, peppery, spicy Colliarlo in its order.

Banfi has come a long way

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date nature of this white wine with damaging ultraviolet light. This Piedmont white is produced 100 percent from the cortese grape in the Regale vineyard within Banfi's principessa estate. With a slight spritz of

Kosher wine for Passover

Hagafen Cellars produces well-made kosher wines in California's Napa Valley. In time for Passover this year (April 17-23), Hagafen has released a dry Red Table Wine. Available at \$7.50 per bottle, it is flash pasteurized and designated mevushal.

Red Table Wine follows in the same tradition as the other Hagafen wines which are designated "kosher."

The 1991 Hagafen Pinot Noir Blanc (S6) is a flavorful, off-dry rose style wine, for those preferring a touch of sweetness.

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3.98 PER LB
APPROX. 6 - 8 LB
BONELESS & FULLY COOKED

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CABBAGE ROLLS

2.39
14 OZ

Tender cabbage leaves rolled around seasoned ground beef and fluffy white rice simmered in a tomato sauce with diced celery, onions and garlic.

MACARONI & CHEESE

1.89
10 OZ

Macaroni in a smooth sauce made from real cheddar cheese for a homemade flavor and appearance.

BEEF STEW

2.48
10 OZ

A hearty stew packed with tender beef cubes, potatoes, crinkle cut carrots, sweet peas, sliced onions and celery in a rich brown sauce.

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2.39
7.5 OZ

Tender marinated strips of beef with water chestnuts, red peppers and broccoli florets in spicy Szechuan sauce. Served on a bed of white rice.

MEAT LASAGNA

2.79
10 OZ

Hand layered lasagne noodles are combined with large pieces of ground beef, rich Italian seasoned tomato sauce and five natural cheeses. Ricotta, mozzarella, Monterey Jack, Parmesan and Romano.

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2.18
10 OZ

Hand layered lasagne noodles are combined with four natural cheeses, chopped spinach and julienne cut carrots, topped with a rich, zesty tomato sauce.

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN

2.39
9 OZ

Chunks of tender, all white chicken and pineapples surrounded by bamboo shoots, red and green peppers and water chestnuts in a delicately balanced sweet and sour sauce. All over a bed of white rice.

ALMOND CHICKEN WITH RICE

2.39
8 OZ

Tender chunks of chicken combined with bamboo shoots, straw mushrooms and water chestnuts in a delicately seasoned sauce with almonds. Served on a bed of white rice.

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9.48
6 X 6 OZ PER BOX

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6 X 6 OZ PER BOX

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3.39
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SAVE \$1

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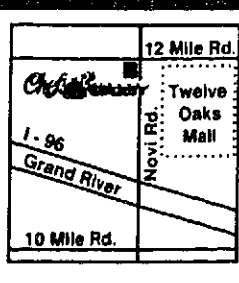
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