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Residents ask schools to replace woodlands

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Residents and a city planning consultant said the Walled Lake Consolidated School District cut protected woodlands to build a fence at the new Hickory Woods Elementary school.

Walled Lake schools Director of Operations Chuck Kisaw categorically denies the woodlands were anything more than scrub.

Hickory Woods is located on Decker Road in a portion of the Walled Lake school district that falls inside of the City of Novi boundary lines.

As some residents see it, a 6- to 12-foot swath of trees was cut through the west end of the school's property when the school installed a fence.

Lake area citizens told officials in a report on their sector of the city that they want the trees replaced.

"We insist that an inspection be performed, a violation be written (if deemed necessary), and corrective action in the form of replanting this area with trees and undergrowth of suitable size be done," the group wrote in a report that was presented to the Novi Planning Commission at its April 15 meeting.

"Good trees make good neighbors," they wrote.

The report said school district architects agreed to protect the trees on the west of the property as compensation for the building's encroachment into woodlands on the south of the property.

But Kisaw, who said he was present for all discussions between the architect and the city, said the architect made no such agreement.

City planning consultant Linda Lemke confirmed the residents' alleged woodlands intrusion by the new elementary school into protected woodlands.

Lemke said the district went through a woodlands review and received a permit which allowed them to design the site in a way that would have a decreased impact on the protected woodlands.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A wild ride

Five year old Courtney Phelps was apparently having a good time on the merry-go-round at the Spring Break Festival, Carnival and Midway at the Novi Town Center this past

weekend. The carnival, put on by Pugh Shows and sponsored by the Town Center, opened Wednesday, April 15 and will run through Sunday, April 26. More photos inside.

Broomfield announces plans to retire

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
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U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, whose district includes Novi, announced Tuesday he plans to retire.

Broomfield has served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 36 years.

Because his district lines were redrawn, Broomfield was facing relocation in order to continue representing the majority of his constituents.

The retirement announcement did not come as a surprise to Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid.

Schmid, like Broomfield, is a Republican. Unlike Broomfield, Schmid is in the majority in her governmental organization.

"I think the feeling in the country is we have a stalemate in Washington," Schmid said. "It must be hard being in the minority for that many years."

Broomfield's address was at his brother's Lake Orion home which is not in the newly-formed 11th district. The district was formed by the courts in a redistricting plan released in March. State Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, lives in the new 11th district, and he planned to run for Congress even if that meant running against Broomfield. Broomfield would have been required to obtain an address in the new district to run.

But it was neither the campaign nor the relocation that prompted Broomfield to announce his retirement.

"I didn't want to go down there for



WILLIAM BROOMFIELD

■ Although David Honigman seems to be the frontrunner in the race to replace retiring congressman William Broomfield, local politicians say the contest is far from over and that the seat will likely be contested. Former county party chair Joe Knollenberg said he will likely get into the running. The story is on page 10A.

one or two more terms and be in the same situation but older," Broomfield said.

He said in an interview Tuesday

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Flood maps affect the insured

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

People who live in a flood plain will inevitably get wet once in a while, spokesperson for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) David Sheen told about 30 Novi residents and realtors on April 16.

And new flood plain maps soon will become the legal reference used by insurance agents and mortgage companies in determining who will be required to buy flood insurance.

Because excessive rain cannot be prevented, FEMA allows a select group of homeowners to purchase flood insurance. Not everyone living in

a flood plain is eligible to purchase flood insurance.

Cities must comply with FEMA regulations before their residents can purchase flood insurance. Novi first adopted a flood ordinance, which regulates development in the city flood plains, in 1978, Sheen said.

"The city must issue permits for every construction down to the placement of manufactured homes," Sheen said.

With flood plain maps changing this year, Novi will be required to update its ordinance regulating construction in flood plains.

If the city did not update its flood ordinance, not only would residents become ineligible for

flood insurance, but also the federal government would not provide Federal Housing Authority and Veterans Administration loans.

The city would also be ineligible for Community Development Block Grants from the federal government. And, in the case of a natural disaster, the city would not be able to collect federal reconstruction funds.

City Manager Edward Kriewall said the city was the first in the state to comply with a federal act regulating flood insurance.

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Home & Garden

Will fund balance affect bond rating?

Novi City Council member Nancy Cassis again proposed Monday night that the budget be sent back to department heads for trimming of five to ten percent.

And her motion to that effect met with a relatively warm reception by council, with several members speaking in favor of the move.

But in the end, a decision on the motion was delayed until next Wednesday when council will again meet in a budget work session.

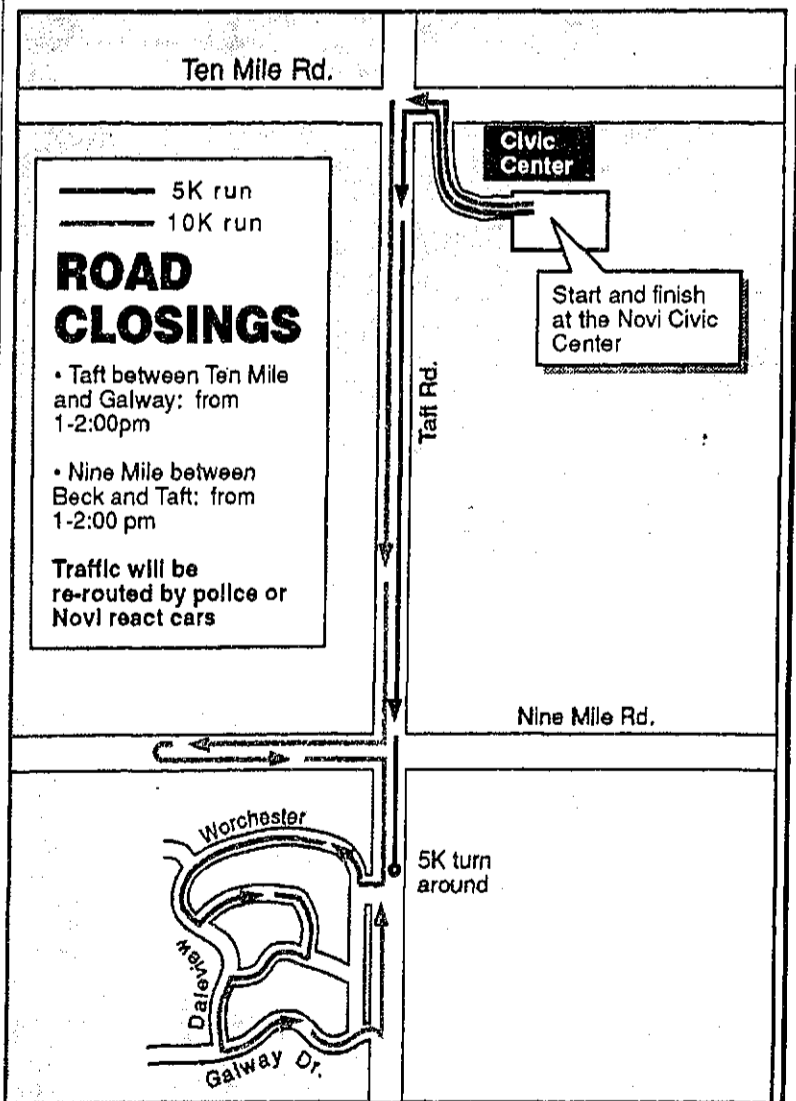
Council Member Tim Pope asked for the delay to allow city finance director Les Gibson time to gather information about whether the size of the city's "fund balance" could affect Novi's bond rating, and if so by how much. Gibson is to report back to the council how much interest rates might be hiked if Novi's fund balance is allowed to dip below ten percent.

Cassis also asked for a report on the city's current year budget. With overspending of \$600,000 anticipated by year's end, Cassis asked for a report of all expenditures over \$1,000 for which orders have not yet been entered or for which orders could be cancelled. City Manager Ed Kriewall is expected to make a report to council on those spending items also in the April 29 meeting.

At the beginning of the budget session Monday, Cassis made the motion to send the budget back to department heads for more trimming.

The move was opposed by Kriewall, who said the budget had already been through substantial trimming. He explained that most of the items now in the budget are fixed costs — salaries, utilities and the

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Providence Hospital run kicks off at Novi Civic Center

An estimated 400 runners will take over the streets of Novi Sunday afternoon when the city hosts the 12th Annual Providence Novi Run.

Registration for the event, to begin at the Novi Civic Center, will begin at 11 a.m. The Fun Run is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. and streets will be blocked off by city police at that time. The 5K and 10K races will begin at 1 p.m. and streets will remain blocked until the race is complete.

According to Novi Public Information Director Cindy Stewart, the city is asking residents who live along the race route for assistance. Specifically, residents are asked to restrain dogs during race time. Although residents will be allowed to drive along the roads to get out of the area, Stewart said the city is asking that travel during race times be limited to emergency situations.

If the weather is warm, residents might consider placing sprinklers in their yards to allow runners to cool off as they pass. But refreshment stations and race officials will be located along the race route.

Community Calendar

Today, 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.

Saturday, April 25

Global relief: In conjunction with Chris Pargoff, forester for the City of Novi, Bill Thiele and Dave Garner will be planting trees in the Village Oaks Subdivision. The planting will begin at 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please bring shovels and meet at the intersection of Cranbrook and Niles, south of Ten Mile and west of Haggerty.

Friends of the Homeless: The monthly meeting of the Active Friends of the Homeless will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville at Eight Mile and Taft roads. For more information, call Ronalee at 427-9063 or Carolann at 349-2325. New members are welcome.

Third anniversary: The Liz Claiborne Store in the Twelve Oaks Mall will be having a "birthday party" for the third anniversary of its store from noon to 5 p.m.

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 12:30 p.m., while the competition races are scheduled for 1 p.m.

Monday, April 27

Senior summit: "Volunteerism and the Senior Experience" will be the topic of a "Seniors Summit" hosted by the Citizens Insurance Company of Howell at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel from 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Speakers will include U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, Nancy Crandall, the Director of the Michigan Office of Services for the Aging, Dr. Barbara Hirschon of Wayne State University, Virginia Graham will be the keynote speaker. Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell will present the Michigan Concerned Citizen of the Year awards.

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.

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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.

Wednesday, April 29

Choir concert: The Novi High School Concert Choir, Novi Singers and the Women's Ensemble and Symphony Band will perform a joint concert at 8 p.m. in the Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High School. The concert will last 45 minutes and is open to the public. The choir will perform the selections with which they will compete in the State Choir Festival in Saginaw on Thursday, April 30.

Budget study: The Novi City Council will be holding a budget study session in the activities room of 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.

Choir festival: The Novi High School Concert Choir, Novi Singers and Women's Ensemble will perform in the State Choir Festival in Saginaw.

Friday, May 1

Flower Power: May 1 is the deadline for orders for bedding flowers and hanging baskets for the Novi Woods PTO's first Flower Power sale. Order forms went out in April. Delivery and pick-up at the school will be May 15-16.

Monday, May 4

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center. Council has scheduled a public hearing on its proposed budget for the coming year.

Teacher appreciation: Teacher Appreciation week, May 4-8, begins at Novi Woods Elementary School today.

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

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Tuesday, May 5

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

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

PTO Meeting: The PTO of Novi Woods Elementary School meets at 12:30 p.m. in the school's Community Room. The PTO will be voting on a change in the by-laws to include three new committees — Fan-out, Parenting workshop, and T-shirt/Sweatshirt.

Wednesday, May 6

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.

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, May 7

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building. A budget discussion will precede the regular meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.

Business mixer: The Novi Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business Mixer at 5:30 p.m. at the Hotel Baronette.

Sunday, May 10

Mothers Day: The Novi Public Library will be closed.

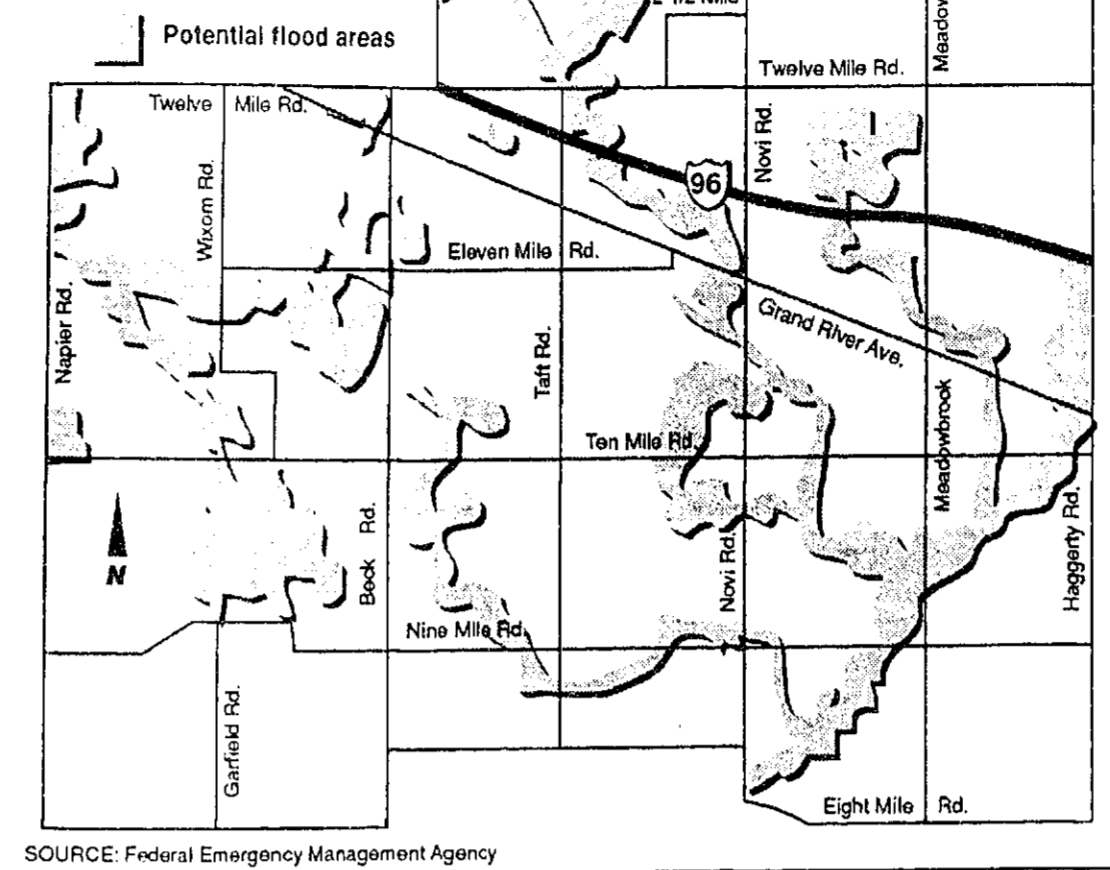
Monday, May 11

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

Library Board: The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

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Flood hazard boundaries



Parking ordinance reviewed

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Flood ordinance will see revisions, manager says

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Kriewall said the city undoubtedly will do whatever it takes to allow building owners to purchase flood insurance. But currently only about 25 percent of Novi residents in the flood plan have flood insurance, according to FEMA statistics.

City estimates show 116 homes in the flood hazard area. About 40 percent of flood claims come from outside the flood hazard area, FEMA reports. From its statistics, FEMA comes to the assumption that only 25 percent of Novi's 49 flood insurance policy holders live in the flood hazard area.

Of the 49 policy holders, three claims totaling \$7,868 have been paid to Novi building owners since 1978. Insurers have collected \$14,617 in premiums from Novi residents during the same time, according to FEMA.

Flood insurance is purchased through an agent, but underwritten by the federal government. Building owners must buy flood insurance if their building is in a flood plain and is collateral or capital used in obtaining a loan, Sheen said.

The maximum required coverage on a Novi home, Sheen said, is \$70,000 coverage, which would cost \$70 a year. But home buyers should not rely on their mortgage companies to tell them if they must purchase insurance. About 20 percent of home buyers in flood plains are never informed they must purchase flood insurance, Sheen said.

And it is the residents who are left with damaged property and no insurance as soon as a large storm hits. FEMA considers property to be in a flood plain if it is likely to flood during a storm so large it statistically will occur only once every 100 years. Such storms have a 1 percent likelihood of occurring in any given year and are called "100-year storms."

The revised flood plain maps were first publicly presented on April 15 when Sheen addressed Novi residents at the Civic Center. The maps now face five months of due process before being sent to local lending agencies. Insurance companies will not be permitted to change their policy regarding insurance sales until they have the new maps.

City administrators will review the maps and 90 days of public input will be permitted. Sheen said residents who feel their flood plain may have changed should check with city officials or wait until the maps are available to mortgage and insurance companies.

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The driver of a Coca Cola delivery truck reported April 15 that his keys were stolen while he attempted to make a delivery at the Kroger store in the West Oaks shopping center.

Striking Kroger workers were picketing at the time.

The driver, who was parked at the store's loading dock area, told police he saw two men walking away from the truck saying the truck "must have shut off" before he discovered the keys were missing.

Although the driver was not sure who the suspects were, he said he saw several strikers near the loading dock.

Novi Police questioned strikers at the scene, who said none of them had taken the keys. Further, they said they believed it was a play by Kroger to make them look bad.

The truck driver eventually "hot-wired" the truck and left without further incident.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A home on Meadowbrook was reportedly broken into April 13, and a collection of one of a kind jewelry stolen.

The homeowners told Novi Police they left the house shortly before 7 a.m. and returned at 10:30 p.m. to discover an upstairs window open. The upstairs bedrooms had been ransacked, police said.

The owners named a house guest who was knowledgeable about certain details of their alarm system as a

Police News

possible suspect.

VANDALISM: A 1988 Ford Thunderbird parked near Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi Town Center was reportedly damaged by vandals April 14.

The owner of the vehicle told police he parked and locked his car shortly before 9:30 p.m. and returned at 11:30 p.m. to discover his driver's side mirror broken.

MISSING WALLET: A Royal Oak woman reported April 11 that she left her wallet on a counter at The Disney Store, then returned to find it was missing.

The woman told police she set the wallet down while purchasing items at the store and forgot to pick it up. She said when she returned several minutes later it was gone.

VANDALISM: A Detroit woman reported April 10 that she saw vandals splatter her 1986 Buick Skylark with paint while it was parked at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The suspects, who were reportedly driving a dirty blue van with obscene language and comments written in the dirt, may have used a paint pellet gun to splatter the yellow, blue and

DRUNK DRIVING: A 30-year-old Novi man was arrested April 12 for operating under the influence of liq-

orange paint on the vehicle, police said.

VANDALISM: A Canton woman also reported April 10 that her 1990 Grand Prix was vandalized while parked at Twelve Oaks Mall. Her vehicle suffered a punctured tire and key damage to the paint.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 20-year-old Kalamazoo man was arrested April 11 for OUIL. He was driving a 1987 Ford Mustang on Novi Road.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: A Belleville woman reported April 9 that she saw a man masturbating in the movie theater at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The woman reportedly left her seat and alerted a theater manager. When the manager and the woman began to approach the suspect, he reportedly ran away and left through an exit door.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A Mount Clemens woman reported April 6 that someone smashed her driver's side window and stole items from her vehicle while parked at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Reported missing from her 1991 Dodge Shadow were a radar detector and the rearview mirror.

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

Novi Briefs

Best of Michigan: Three Novi restaurants have been named as popular spots by readers in *Michigan Living's* second annual "Best of Michigan" Treasure Awards, which the AAA-sponsored magazine announced in its April issue.

The restaurants are Guernsey Dairy for ice cream, Ah Wok as a Chinese restaurant, and Too Chez as a new restaurant serving nouvelle cuisine.

Statewide, readers of *Michigan Living* responded to a December survey that included 30 categories. Readers were asked to pick their favorite Michigan spots, ranging from parks, outdoor music theaters, summer festivals and golf courses, to family attractions, restaurants, jazz clubs, wine cellars and lodging. *Michigan Living* is circulated to 1.1 million AAA members monthly.

To anyone who was a witness to or has any information concerning the fuel tanker explosion on Interstate 96 in Novi on November 12, 1991, contact Richard Moblo at 355-4141.



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Study shows work needed near lake

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

East Lake Drive has seen a 38-percent decrease in traffic since 1986, according to the results of the long-awaited study of Novi's Walled Lake sector.

The traffic decrease on East Lake Drive is compared to a 8- to 10-percent increase on most Novi Roads each year, said city traffic consultant Rodney Arroyo at an April 15 Planning Commission meeting.

Arroyo and other city consultants presented for the first time phase one of the study. The first phase is fact finding only. A second phase, making recommendations for the area of Novi surrounding Walled Lake, will come at a later date.

Arroyo said traffic decreased when a no-left-turn rule was instituted for traffic coming off Thirteen Mile Road onto East Lake Drive. Traffic decreased again when the rule was lifted.

Residents of Novi who live around Walled Lake suggested the city classify the road as arterial rather than as a collector road. The change would force future developers on the road to install a safety path.

Engineering consultant Deb Gosselin found in her study of Novi's Walled Lake sector many "strange things."

For example, Gosselin found roads where privately owned lots are platted on city maps. Gosselin also found clogged culverts and drainage ditches that could be a problem during a large storm.

She said improvements to the area could be made through special assessment districts and block grants.

"Some of the problems are major and others won't take a lot of money to correct. It's just a pipe here, a pipe there," Gosselin said.

Residents of the Walled Lake sector of Novi commented on the study, saying drainage problems in the area are causing discharge of pollution into the lake.

On the environmental quality of the Walled Lake area, consultant Linda Lemke said a considerable amount of acreage is protected by city ordinance.

Lemke said because Walled Lake sits on the border dividing the cities of Walled Lake and Novi, studies of lake pollution are difficult to perform.

Residents recommended the city toughen up on woodlands and wetlands violations by builders. But new construction is not the only problem in the area.

Blighted structures are found around Walled Lake, Lemke said. Renters and low-income families sometimes cannot maintain their homes. But Lemke said grants are available for the poor.

And City Attorney Dennis Watson said others can be encouraged to maintain their property through a city unkept ordinance. Blighted structures can be cited by city ordinance officers, Watson said.

Residents of the Walled Lake sector in Novi also suggested the city initiate a rent ordinance.

"We want to eliminate the slum lords and the blight they own that (is) so prevalent in the northern area," the residents said in a report on the study.

Planning Commissioner Tim Gilberg said a specific ordinance addressing blight might be necessary.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Hello down there

Left to right, Hiriko Takasaki, 7, Mayuko Okado, 8, and Yukiyo Kuwano look a bit unsure about the height as they sit atop the ferris wheel during the Spring Break Festival at the Novi Town

Center. The show includes both carnival rides and booths, and will continue through Sunday.

Walnut Hill earns nod from planners

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

The proposed Walnut Hill Estates Subdivision received approval from the Planning Commission despite alleged safety concerns raised by two commissioners.

The subdivision, which is proposed for the south side of Ten Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads, came before the commission at its April 15 meeting. The plan still must go to the City Council for approval.

Walnut Hill Estates will have 44 single-family lots on a 18.76-acre parcel.

Commissioner Timothy Gilberg noted one lot has roads on three sides.

"That's a little troubling to me," Gilberg said. Gilberg, who also said the 28-foot road running through the subdivision was too narrow, was the lone commissioner who voted against the plan.

Engineering consultant Deb Gosselin said the lot surrounded by three roads may be difficult to sell, but it does not pose a safety hazard.

Other residential lots exist in the city that border on three roads. Gosselin said. Residents typically plant bushes to block the view of the roads from their backyard, Gosselin said.

And traffic consultant Rodney Arroyo said 28 feet is standard, under city and county regulations, for a subdivision road.

Commissioner Judith Johnson was concerned for approval. Walnut Hill developers will provide an 8-foot wide sidewalk on the subdivision's Ten Mile Road border.

The lots are at least 90 feet wide, and are not required to have sidewalks under city ordinance. But several City Council members and commissioners have discussed possibly changing the ordinance to require sidewalks in larger subdivisions.

Johnson said at first glance she thought the site plan for the subdivision showed sidewalks.

"I think it's unsafe for us to recommend approval, although I know there's nothing in our ordinance to prevent it," Johnson said.

Commissioner Kathleen Johnson asked the developer if he would donate a public easement for a path leading from the subdivision to St. James Church, a building approved for a site to the north and west of the subdivision.

She said children often walk to churches for special events throughout the week. McAllen hoped a path leading to the church would prevent the children from cutting through homeowners' property.

But developer Edward Stulberg declined, adding the church will have sidewalks on Ten Mile Road for pedestrian use.

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Forum spotlights senior volunteers and celebrities

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Healthcare reforms, state services for Michigan seniors, and volunteerism are some of the issues to be addressed at the Senior Summit, an educational forum and awards presentation Monday, April 27.

Luncheon keynote will be Virginia Graham, television, stage and literary celebrity. The event, which carries the theme "Volunteerism and the Senior Experience," runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sheraton Oaks, Novi.

In a telephone interview with the *Novi News* Tuesday, Graham said she is speaking at the event because she is a "strong advocate of volunteerism."

"I was taught by my father that we come into this world rent-free," she said. "Service for the community is the rent you pay for the gift of life."

In addition to writing five books and numerous soap operas and appearing on television and Broadway, Graham is well-known for an almost legendary ability as a fundraiser. A cancer survivor herself, she has volunteered her time to raise millions of dollars for the American Cancer Society.

She has also worked to raise money for many other charities, and her latest project is a hospital for babies born with AIDS.

Graham said her speech is titled "The Joy of Life."

"I have been so many different people," she said. "I've been a housewife, I've been on television and on the stage, I've been a writer, I'm one of the founders of the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, and I've been cured of cancer for 41 years."

"I've had a life full of ups and downs. I've had a wonderful family,

wonderful children and a wonderful husband."

Graham never reveals her age. "If they ask me how old I am, I say don't ask me how old I am, ask me how I feel," she said. "And I feel like tomorrow is the most exciting day of my life."

Her conversation, peppered with one-liners, backs up her promise that she will make the Senior Summit listeners laugh.

Other Summit speakers will include U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, speaking on health care; Nancy Crandall, director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging; and Dr. Barbara Hirschorn, Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, speaking on older people in the workforce.

Broadcaster Ernie Harwell will conclude with the presentation of Concerned Citizens Awards. Jack Wintermute, president of Citizens Insurance, said nearly 350 senior citizen volunteers from across Michigan have been nominated for the fourth annual awards program, and 10 will be honored.

Winners were selected by a panel of judges including Abban, Crandall, Joe Weiner, editorial director, WJLB-TV; Pete DeMaag, *Grand Rapids Press* columnist, and Roy Weisman, former Citizens Insurance president and current board member.

Each winner receives a \$500 prize, with an additional \$500 donated to their favorite charity. The event is sponsored by Citizens Insurance Co. of Howell.

Pre-registration is requested. Attendance fees are \$15 per person general and \$10 each for senior citizens (age 60 and over). To receive an invitation and map, contact Susan Alexy at (313) 540-7557.



Carnival fun

A view of the ferris wheel at the Spring Break Festival, Carnival and Midway running through Sunday at the Novi Town Center. The ferris wheel is always one of the more popular rides at carnivals. And this one, supplied by Pugh Shows, gives riders an all-around view. The show, including carnival and booths, is sponsored by the Town Center. On opposing page, Jill Turner, 13, at right and her sister Lauren, 9, appear to have had just about enough of the spinning on the ThunderBolt ride.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Schools face bigger state aid loss

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Suburban state senators will do battle soon to protect their school districts from an even deeper assault on their state aid.

A school aid bill reported out of a Senate subcommittee Tuesday would make larger cuts than those proposed by Gov. John Engler.

The governor's plan would take \$98 million out of Oakland County in the next two years through deductions of FICA (social security) and retirement," said Rick Simonson, legislative agent for Oakland schools.

This (Senate) substitute, billed as a phase-out, will actually cost 20 out-of-formula districts \$119 million. Under it, six districts lose everything over two years — Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Novi, Troy and Southfield.

"This is worse for those school dis-

tricts than the governor's proposal. Our senators can't live with it. The four senators from Oakland County, the three from Macomb County and (Republican Bob) Geake from Wayne County will have amendments on the floor."

Geake's district includes five out-of-formula districts that get no general state aid because of their strong property tax bases, but do get social security and some categorical aids. They are Clarencenville, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth Canton and South Redford.

The Senate Appropriations Committee was scheduled to take up the bill Wednesday, and the full Senate could vote on it Friday. Party caucuses will precede any floor vote, said Simonson, a former GOP Senate aide.

In Tuesday's subcommittee meeting, Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, was on the short end of a 2-1 vote

to report the Senate substitute to the Appropriations Committee.

"If the governor ever designed a plan to destroy his voter base, this is it. He's hurting mostly Republicans," Faxon said.

Faxon didn't try to fix the bill in the three-member subcommittee, where he has been outvoted consistently by Republicans Dan DeGrow of Port Huron and John Schwarz of Battle Creek. "Offering amendments is like giving a blood transfusion to a dead patient," Faxon said.

A key to the Senate bill is DeGrow's effort to raise \$120 million for education by linking the school aid bill to a sales tax on mail-order sales and interstate telephone calls.

Faxon predicted it would be unpopular.

At the heart of the Senate bill is a set of items called "equity correction" — deductions totaling \$107 million from aid to out-of-formula districts.

Currently those districts lose \$62 million under "recapture."

DeGrow's bill would hike the deductions to \$204 million next year, \$303 million in fiscal 1995 and \$340 million in fiscal 1996.

Faxon warned DeGrow that "any district" can one day be out of formula.

Replied DeGrow: "I hope we are." His farmland Thumb district includes some of the poorest school districts in the state.

DeGrow and Schwarz oppose sending state money to suburban districts spending \$6,000 to \$9,000 per pupil a year when other districts have as little as \$2,500 per pupil.

The Senate bill contains \$3.1 billion in school fund and general fund grants to public schools. That's about \$95 million more than the current year, due mostly to the tax hikes DeGrow advocates.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Georgia Dixon, is requesting a temporary use permit to allow temporary outdoor sale of flowers and vegetable plants, at 1930 Novi Road, for the period May 1, 1992, through July 28, 1992.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for Temporary Use Permit.

This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 30, 1992, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 30, 1992, (4-23-92 NR, NN)

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Gun used in alleged sexual assault

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A woman contacted Novi Police April 14 after a male acquaintance allegedly sexually assaulted her, then pulled a gun on her after she told his girlfriend about it.

Novi police, who withheld the identity of the 18-year-old victim as well as the suspect, his girlfriend, and the location of the incident, reported that the alleged assault took place at the suspect's parents' Novi home.

According to police reports, the suspect approached the victim four times while she was sleeping on a couch in his parents' basement. The victim said each time he woke her up, by either putting his hands in her pants or attempting to do so.

According to the victim's statement to police, she repeatedly pushed him away and told him to leave her alone. He would allegedly respond with statements like "Come on, let's do it," and "I know you want it."

The suspect's girlfriend was also sleeping in the basement at the time. The victim told police that the fourth time when he refused to leave her alone, she punched him in the face. At that time, she said his girlfriend woke up and yelled at him to leave her alone.

The following morning, the victim told police, she informed the suspect's girlfriend about the incident, which led to an argument. The victim said she called a friend and asked her to come pick her up.

At that point, she told police, the suspect approached her and told her no one would believe her if she tried to tell anyone. She said he then pointed a shotgun at her and threatened to "blow her head off."

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Two GOPs line up to fill Broomfield's shoes

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Oakland County Commissioner Kay Seaman joined U.S. Rep. William Broomfield in refusing to endorse anyone in the race for Broomfield's seat just yet.

"It's an open race. I don't think anyone has got it locked up," Broomfield said Tuesday.

Schmidt said she needs to see all the players in the election before she decides who she will endorse.

"I'm leaning toward David," she said. "But when you have an open seat they come out of the woodwork."

Broomfield announced Tuesday he plans to retire from his position at the end of the term ending in 1992.

Former Oakland County Republican Chair Joseph Knollenberg said Tuesday he plans to officially announce his intentions to run for Broomfield's seat.

Knollenberg was the campaign chair for Broomfield. He worked as the county Republican chair until 1986. Since he left in 1986, he has served on the state Republican committee.

Veteran exits Congress 'gridlock'

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He was leaving Congress because the country needs a change. "I think it's the proper time to leave office," Broomfield said.

Broomfield, the ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has been in Congress for 36 years. He said a "gridlock" has seized the Congress.

"This has been a year when there has been inaction when a lot of things should have happened," Broomfield said.

He cited health care and the economy as two examples of problems the Congress has not addressed.

"When 35-40 million don't have health care something has got to be done," Broomfield said.

Broomfield said he is leaving at a high point in his career.

"I really feel I had more support today than I ever had in the past," Broomfield said.

Funding for the coming campaign against Honigman was not what prompted Broomfield to retire either.

Broomfield had built up more

than \$800,000 for the campaign. He said the money will be used to establish a private, non-profit trust to donate money to charitable and educational organizations.

Recent donations will be returned. Those donors who do not want their money to go toward funding the trust also may be able to receive a refund.

"If people don't want me to spend it on the foundation, I would think about it," Broomfield said.

In retirement, Broomfield hopes to spend more time with his children and grandchildren. Broomfield has a home in Maryland, but he plans to visit Michigan and his Lake Orion brother's home frequently.

He said he has no immediate career plans, but he may entertain offers from the Bush administration if the president is re-elected.

Broomfield has worked with eight presidents and ten secretaries of state. His work on the House Foreign Affairs Committee has allowed him participation in many foreign policy matters.

personal bickering and partisan posturing."

Honigman said the Congress needs to work on its civility to reach a consensus on the economy, crime and the deficit.

"I think if you're a nice person in your interpersonal dealings you will

bring some civility to the institution and elections," Honigman said.

Knollenberg said Tuesday he would announce in a day or two his plans to run for Broomfield's seat. Knollenberg said he always had an interest in running for Congress and he was encouraged by Broomfield.

Knollenberg has not run in the past because he did not want to run against Broomfield.

"You live under the wing of a guy like Bill Broomfield and you don't consider running," Knollenberg said.

He said the issue first came up on Friday.

"My wife and family decided this is the time to do it," Knollenberg said.

Knollenberg, a Bloomfield Township native, said he sees several problems in Congress, including the deficit and health insurance.

"I think there's a real problem out there of getting anything done," Knollenberg said.

The 11th District is strongly Republican, Honigman, Knollenberg and Broomfield agreed. The only Democrat to have expressed an interest in the position is Walter Briggs IV, who lost to Broomfield in 1990.

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It's very draining emotionally. There are a lot of indignities." Honigman said he "tried very hard not to run against Bill."

A Republican redistricting plan proposed prior to the court's settlement of the issue would have forced a faceoff between Honigman and Broomfield put him in Bill's seat.

"I refused to run against him. I said I will move from my home to avoid running against Bill," Honigman said.

Instead, Honigman would have moved so he could run against U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell.

But under the redistricting plan approved by the courts in March, Honigman would have had to move out of Oakland County to avoid running against Broomfield in the newly formed 11th District. And Broomfield

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Parents could face fines for drop-out school kids

Legislation designed to keep at risk students in school and promote self-sufficiency for state aid recipients has been introduced in the state House and Senate.

State Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, is a co-sponsor of this legislation in the House of Representatives.

The measures are part of Gov. Enger's comprehensive welfare reform package, which he will present in mid-May.

The proposals would subject Michigan parents to financial penalties for failing to keep their elementary students in school. Children in grades K-5 would have to meet a monthly attendance requirement that would be established after two unexcused absences occur.

A key element that makes the proposal unique is that it affects all families rather than singling out welfare parents. Families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or State Family Assistance (SFA) would lose a portion of their personal needs grant. Other families would lose some of their state income tax personal exemption for the truancy child.

While this may seem severe to some people, Michigan's alarming dropout rate — which is growing — requires some drastic steps. Surveys show that 23 percent of state public school students entering ninth grade do not graduate. In urban areas like Detroit, dropout rates are in excess of 50 percent.

It is a sad commentary on our times that Michigan, Wisconsin and other states are resorting to legislation in an attempt to get parents to recapture responsibility for their children's basic education. However, other programs to reverse the dropout rate simply are not working, and if it takes a financial penalty for some parents to regain supervision of and keep their kids in school, then it is an avenue worth exploring.

The legislation also requires AFDC and SFA recipients to participate in the Michigan Opportunity and Skills Training (MOST) program. To assist MOST participants, a voucher system would provide tokens for public safety transportation systems as well as day care for those with children.

People not working after 90 days and not enrolled in an education program would have to do daily vol-

unteer work at one of the following three programs: a charitable organization approved by the Department of Social Services day-care programs to assist other MOST participants; adult home assistance programs provided by welfare recipients.

Those refusing to participate would face a 20 percent reduction in benefits or lose them entirely for at least 90 days. Subsequent refusal to participate without good cause could mean a termination of benefits.

One of the greatest tragedies of our current welfare system is the large number of recipients who enter the rolls at an early age and become trapped in the cycle of dependency.

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City delays order to cut budget

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like. Capital expenditures have already been taken out of the draft document and council is in the position of deciding whether it will restore any of those items.

Council member Hugh Crawford said he believed the move was premature. He said council should proceed with its budget review process and, if at the end, more trimming is still required, the budget could be returned to department heads for more review.

Both Kriewall and Crawford said they believed another review by department heads would be extra work which in the end might not be necessary. But Cassis explained that if the five to ten percent were trimmed and council felt it could restore

all or some of the money, it had that option. In any case, she said she wanted the input of department heads on where their budgets might be pared. Cassis contended the goal of council should be to maintain a fund balance — essentially left over money — of ten percent of the overall general fund budget. Absent a fund balance of that size, not only would the city face the danger of not having enough contingency in the event of an emergency, it could also harm the city's bond rating. And the second phase of Novi's bonding for road improvements is scheduled for this coming year.

Gibson explained that Novi started the present year with a fund balance \$1.9 million, but since expenditures of \$11.5 million are expected to exceed revenue of \$11.2 million, the city will have to dip into its fund balance.

Left for the coming year would be a fund balance of \$1.6 million. And Gibson said it was the goal of the administration to preserve a fund balance of \$750,000 at the end of the coming year.

But Cassis pointed out that to short of the \$1.1 million that would be needed to meet the ten percent fund balance goal. Further trimming of the budget by five to ten percent would be needed to meet that goal.

Hope questioned Gibson about what the impact of a lowered fund balance would be, both in terms of its impact on the bond rating and what that would translate to in terms of interest when the city does seek its second road improvement bond issue.

Gibson said there would be an impact, but could not specify what that would be.

Obituaries

Barbara A. Dahlbacka

Mrs. Barbara A. Dahlbacka, age 37, died Thursday night, April 16, at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born June 16, 1955, in Highland Park to Daniel and Irene Vogel.

She was married to Daniel J. Dahlbacka in Howell on Feb. 25, 1977 and moved to Novi from South Lyon in 1978.

Surviving with her husband are their daughters, Melissa Sue and Danielle Joyce; a step son, Jason Allen; her parents, Daniel and Irene Vogel of Florida; two brothers, James

Vogel of Novi and Daniel Vogel of New Hudson; two sisters, Bonnie England and Suzanne Poole, both of Novi; her maternal grandfather, Harley Waukegan of Illinois; her grandmother Gwendolyn Vogel of Florida; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21 from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Dahlbacka's name are suggested to the Dahlbacka's Children Educational Fund.

Trees fall, residents protest

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"They cleared a large area where they put the fence in, and I'm not sure why," Lemke said. "We have to get to the bottom of that."

But Kisaw said no ordinance-protected trees were cut down, only brush.

He said the district never agreed to save the trees as part of a trade-off for

woodland intrusions elsewhere on the property.

The district fences every building, and the Hickory Woods fence was part of the original plan, Kisaw said.

Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) member Skip Phelps said in a Tuesday meeting he feels the school district could repair the damage for less than \$1,000.

"If they need volunteers, I know

LARA would be more than happy to help," he said. "That's not the issue. It's more an issue of them violating their word."

But Kisaw sees it differently. "That's absolutely incorrect," he said, adding the district will not replace any trees.

"We didn't take anything that was protected or that we said would remain."

Lions keeps eyes on the blind

Members of the Novi Lions Club will be at area stores and in local shopping malls, April 24 to May 3, selling white cane pins and distributing literature about Michigan's White Cane Law, according to Novi Lions President Bill Maynes.

The effort holds a two-fold purpose. Sales of the white canes serves as a fund-raiser for the club, while the pamphlets are designed to educate drivers about their legal obligations when they spot a blind person crossing the road carrying a white cane.

Funds raised in the event will go to support the Lions Clubs' sight conservation projects. Major projects of the Lions include Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, the Penrickton Center, The Michigan Eye Bank and

Transplantation Center in Ann Arbor, and Welcome Home for the Blind (a home for the elderly blind) in Grand Rapids. The Lions also support many community projects with the funds they collect during White Cane Week. Funding for eye examinations and eyeglasses for the needy is an important service provided by many Lions Clubs.

More than 20,000 Lions Club members across the state, members of the International Association of Lions Clubs, will be soliciting donations at the same time. Governor John Engler has proclaimed April 24-May 3 as "White Cane Week" in Michigan.

The White Cane Law states that drivers of vehicles shall take all

necessary precautions when approaching a crosswalk, or any other pedestrian crossing, to avoid accident or injury to a blind person carrying a cane or being led by a guide dog in harness.

Public accommodation laws require that all public facilities must permit a blind person being led by a guide dog in harness to enter and use such premises.

To symbolize and create awareness of their efforts, the Lions have chosen 21-year-old Rhonda Selba of Lansing as the White Cane Queen for 1992.

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As We See It

Ballfield debate points out parkland problem

It is difficult to know who is right and who is wrong, or what the best course of action should be in the debate over the request from Novi Youth Baseball for the city to hurry in its purchase of parkland in order to provide more ball diamonds for the 1993 season.

By necessity, the city must play its hand close to the vest on land purchases and the current negotiations for parkland somewhere in the west end of Novi are no different. The city is not disclosing the site it wants, nor the price it is willing to pay, nor the progress of negotiations. It can't, because that could well affect the final price. All it has said is that it is interested in looking for land in that section of town.

Nonetheless, John Goodman, the president of Novi Youth Baseball, appeared before City Council recently to complain that time is running out for the purchase of some land. This is the last season Bosco Field on Beck Road will be available for Youth Baseball teams. The owner of the land is selling the land for development after many years of donating it for use for ball diamonds. And according to Goodman, if the city wants to have new fields in usable shape for the spring and summer of next year, it needs to start work now.

Goodman contends that the problem with the parkland purchase is that the city is trying too hard to get its best deal, going back to the present owner to often with new or additional proposals rather than paying what is apparently a good asking price at this point.

As we said, there is no way for the public to tell. When the deal is finally struck, or if it falls apart, only then will the public have an idea of how well the city negotiated for the land.

But the issue and debate points out the problems the city is facing in its effort to provide Novi residents with adequate recreation space and programming.

For one, while the city seeks its best deal on the purchase of new parkland, there could be hidden costs to the city should the process go on too long. Without new fields next year, the 500 youngsters and 40 teams of Novi Youth Baseball will be out looking for alternative places to play their two games per week. They'll probably find fields, either through the city Parks and Recreation Department or through the school district.

But remember that baseball is played on grass and overuse of a ball diamond does not allow it time to recover for the next game. A summer of intensive use of ball diamonds could put both the school district and the parks department in a position where they will have to restore their ball diamonds. How much will that cost?

Recreation

Another option discussed by parks department officials has been the cancellation of adult ball leagues for the coming summer. That may be a solution, giving the youngsters a place to play while easing the pressure on the ballfields. But it is hardly the best solution. The reason those adult leagues are there in the first place is because there is a demand for them.

The third option is to buy the fields, but Novi City Council doesn't have a lot of money to throw around here. Council is already talking about trimming its budget five to ten percent for the coming year. And voters in the past have twice rejected millages for the purchase of new parkland.

Perhaps this serves as an example for Novi overall parkland problem. Heavy use of existing parks facilities could well overburden them and leave them damaged, but the city lacks the funding to buy more park space to ease the pressure.

City Manager Ed Kriewall has suggested that perhaps it is time to go back to the voters with a proposal, either for a millage increase or a bond issue, to buy the parks the city needs. We tend to agree. But we also believe the parks proposal needs to be designed to get clear direction from voters as to what they want to see in additional parkland. If voters have been reluctant to pay more taxes for parks, they need to be given as many options as possible so they can design the kind of park system they desire.

An example of what we are suggesting is to separate the question into several categories. Ask voters if they would be willing to bond for an active recreation sports parks, and ask separately if they are willing to pay more for passive recreation parks in the neighborhoods.

Still, this doesn't resolve the Youth Baseball problem. And a resolution to this problem should be a top priority for the city. If purchase of land is not possible, then the city should set down its plans for alternative ballfield space now, so that the organization and its players can plan for 1993.

And hopefully, anything short of the creation of new ballfields will be temporary at most.

We are very badly governed



Phil Power

We are very badly governed. Most folks I talk with agree with this simple proposition, for the evidence is overwhelming. Three examples:

■ Nationally, we cannot get our fiscal affairs in order. Despite annual realistic claims of good intentions from both the president and Congress, this year's deficit will be near \$400 billion—a record. In Michigan, neither governor nor Legislature has had the guts to tackle the structural annual deficit of nearly \$500 million.

■ We spend twice as much of the national income on health care as the next nearest nation, yet nearly 35 million Americans are without health insurance while the president and Congress continue to argue about how to reform the system.

■ Michigan's schools are plainly failing to educate the workers of tomorrow, yet the governor and Legislature cannot agree on how best to tax to support schools, let alone define and measure what children should learn.

Why is this so? There are a lot of reasons, but one reason is so basic and so simple that it often escapes notice: divided government. When the president is a Republican and the Congress is Democratic—as has been the case in 16 out of the past 20 years—there is no device in the American political system to make them agree on coherent policy.

In Michigan, when the governor is of one party and at least one chamber of the Legislature is controlled by another—as has been the case in 19 of the past 20 years—there is no way to get them to come together and get something done.

Divided government, most often, is the basis for gridlocked government: The president wants X; Congress

wants Y; they lock horns and nothing gets done. To put it less delicately, divided government often produces constipated government.

Remarkably, voters appear to prefer a government politically divided against itself rather than a government united to take action.

How is this possible? Uniquely among the world's democracies, the U.S. Constitution requires separation of powers, dividing our government between executive, legislative and judicial branches. We elect a president to head the executive branch and, separately, the Congress. The Constitution says nothing about how they are to work together.

But as to the form government should take among the states, the Constitution says only, "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of government." (Art. IV, Sec. 4)

So Michigan, for example, could adopt any form of government it wants so long as it is "republican"—i.e., democratically elected.

Therefore, my simple proposal: Amend the Michigan Constitution to eliminate the state Senate and to require that the governor be the majority leader of the party that controls the state House of Representatives.

Result: a governor with, by definition, the votes in the Legislature to enact his or her program for Michigan. No more gridlock. No more shirking responsibility for bad government by pointing the finger at the other party. No more evasion of political responsibility.

Would this be easy? No. Nothing serious ever is. Is it possible? Yes. All that needs to be done is to amend the Michigan Constitution.

Think about it. Then think about just how badly we are governed. Then think again.

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



This group of bikers was out cruising Northville, enjoying the spring weather.

'Easy Riders'

Singing senator wrong again



Tim Richard

The purple prose flowed, mostly from Democrats, when Gov. John Engler vetoed the bill to roll back auto insurance rates 15 percent.

Rep. Nelson Saunders of Detroit said Engler "is far more interested in protecting the insurance industry's profits."

State AFL-CIO president Frank Garrison thundered: "Auto insurance rate increases are the cruelest tax hike of all."

"An outrageous insult to all the consumers in the state," said Sen. George Z. Hart of Dearborn. Hart thinks a California-style elected insurance commissioner would dictate lower executive salaries and lobbying expenses.

The facts are on the library reference shelves in A.M. Best's Insurance Reports, a volume Hart et al. have never been known to quote. It lists every company, rates it from A-C and comments on its operations.

Auto Club Group Insurance Co. of Michigan, based in Dearborn, gets an A-minus (excellent) rating from Best, which comments:

"The consolidated operating results of the pool, while still profitable, have deteriorated in recent years due to increased underwriting costs. The \$110 million underwriting loss experience in 1990 was attributable not only to unfavorable results in the current year but adverse development on automobile liability loss reserves for previous accident years as well . . .

"Loss ratios of the pool have consistently exceeded those of the industry; however, a relatively low level of experience has enabled the overall combined ratio to generally remain favorable to the industry."

Golly, Hart, "the singing senator," must have been looking at a songbook instead of a financial report because the sure was wrong about AAA's expense ratio.

Citizen's Insurance Co. of Howell gets an A-plus (superior) rating from Best, which comments: "Operating results . . . compare very favorably to industry standards. The rewarding operating performance is primarily due to the especially good underwriting results in each of the past five years accompanied by an ever-increasing net investment income."

No indication of excess and lawyers milking it. Farm Bureau General Insurance Co. of Lansing gets only a B (good) rating. Best comments: "Net investment income continued to offset underwriting losses."

In other words, drivers' premiums don't cover payouts. The insurer uses investment income from bonds and stocks to cover the loss.

Best says that's true of many insurers. And as interest rates decline (good for borrowers), insurers will need to charge higher premiums (bad for auto owners). We can't have it both ways.

Best reported two years ago that 50 insurers quit writing policies in Michigan from 1982 to 1988.

Strange. If insurers are gouging us so successfully, insurance vultures should be flocking into Michigan, not departing. Maybe the Saunders, the Harts and the Garrisons are misleading us.

Hart tells us AAA is "notorious for forcing victims into court to collect benefits that they are owed," proving Hart didn't read my column on Bizarre Court of Appeals rulings. In January, I reported how driver Michael Marzonne chased Vernon Oaks home while Marzonne's passenger threw beer bottles at Oaks' car. Oaks emerged from his house with a shotgun, aimed at Marzonne's car and hit Marzonne. Whom did Marzonne sue? Auto Club, his insurer. Somehow an appellate court panel saw this as an auto case and told Auto Club to pay.

That's why Auto Club's legal expenses are high—fighting weird court rulings. The singing senator is dead wrong again.

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

I'll never understand why runners run



Mike Malott

This Sunday, an anticipated 400 athletes will take to the streets of the city participating in the annual Providence Novi Run. The event, in its 12th season, seems to get more popular every year.

I don't know why. My idea of the proper use of a pleasant Sunday afternoon in spring is to plant my rear end in a lawn chair and read a good book. The only thing I use my feet for is to prop them up on the deck railing.

Now, I did run track in high school. And since I'm short with stubby legs, I had to run the longer distances to be competitive (and I wasn't that competitive even then.) But I can still understand why someone would run long distances, like the 5K or 10K races scheduled Sunday, in order to "win" a competitive event.

I also found long distance running to be incredibly boring. So when I hear of events like the Fun Run, the first of the three events Sunday, I think of it as an oxymoron. Why running seems to be getting so popular is just beyond me.

Recently however, putting one of my Sunday afternoons to proper use, I ran across a new theory that may help put marathon running and its popularity in a little bit of perspective.

Intellectual stuff really, but fun to think about. (And a heck of a lot more fun to think about than actually getting out there and running.) Anyway, a new theory in anthropology is challenging our old beliefs about what caused us to evolve into human beings. By the old theory, it was the use of tools and our capacity for language that changed us, enlarging our brains, transforming us from Homo Erectus into Homo Sapiens.

Not so according to Konrad Falkowski, of the Committee for Evolutionary and Theoretical Biology, and Marvin Harris, professor of anthropology at the University of Florida at Gainesville. The theory is outlined in a book called "Our Kind," by Harris.

They argue that it is marathon running that made us human.

Humans don't run very fast, they note, 20 miles per hour tops. That's nothing compared to 45 mph for a horse and 75 mph for a cheetah. But humans can outdistance any other animal.

Falkowski and Harris theorize that that is exactly how Homo Sapiens, evolving on the savannas of Africa, first hunted big game. Rather than surrounding animals and beating them to death with clubs, as we have long imagined early man did, Falkowski and Harris believe Homo Sapiens learned to chase their prey over long distances until the animals reached a point of exhaustion. They note a number of native peoples around the world still use that technique today, chasing their prey for as much as two days before they move in for the kill.

The effect of this hunting technique on man-

kind's evolution was profound. The human body is uniquely designed to dissipate heat, unlike most mammals, whose bodies are designed to conserve heat. Humans have less body hair and more sweat glands than almost any other mammal. These two anthropologists point out, musts for running long distances under a hot African sun. We've retained hair on the top of our heads, which apparently provides protection to keep the sun from frying our scalp and our brains.

And that brings us to the most significant point. Falkowski and Harris argue it was this style of hunting that caused our brain size to grow. The larger the brain, the less likely humans were to pass out from heat stroke on long runs.

That our larger brains were also capable of using language, manipulating tools and building entire civilizations was but a happy coincidence, a byproduct of our ability to run marathons.

So maybe marathon running is a little more important than I have previously given it credit for. And perhaps the runners who participate in events like Sunday's Providence Novi Run do it to "find their roots," as it were. Perhaps they make some spiritual connection with their past as they are out there keeping up the pace over long distances.

And then again, maybe not. In any case, you won't see me out there Sunday. I'll be right back in my chair, contemplating all this important philosophical stuff.

How can city not afford ball fields?

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, April 15, I attended a Novi City Council meeting. The audience participation subject matter was concentrated on baseball diamonds for the kids of Novi and whether or not Novi could afford them.

On that day, I had just finished sitting through two J.V. baseball games at the high school, both of which Novi won. The young men played hard and as a team. You could tell by watching them that their plays were automatic. Each and every young man knew their position and knew how to play it. But why not, they have been playing baseball in youth leagues since they were 6, 7, 8 eight years old. It takes years of practice for these boys to play at that caliber of baseball. Each one knows their job.

The schools do not offer baseball until the freshman year in high school. How will Novi have competitive high school teams if they start teaching baseball in the ninth grade? Our boys would be laughed off the field in every community they played in.

Right now there are over 450 boys in the Novi Youth Baseball League. How many extra police officers can Novi afford? With that many boys on Novi streets at any given time with nothing to do, you are not going to have teams, you are going to have gangs. Boys with a common interest will hang out together. Let's make it baseball instead of boredom.

How many more Youth Assistance people can Novi afford? How much bigger do we want the juvenile court systems? Yes, Mr. Toth,

Letters

you have five children and you know how important sidewalks are for our children. I have four children. But it certainly eases to keep young children out of the streets with their bikes than keep teenagers off the streets and without drugs. Right now I am trying to do both, as I have a child at each level in Novi schools. But to put sidewalks over a baseball program for our boys when our young people have plenty of negative forces coming at them every day?

How can the city of Novi afford baseball fields? At Monday's council meeting the owner of the Expo Center corporation indicated, but would not indicate to the fact, that his ability to retain his business in this building would hinge upon the city allowing this light industrial zoning to remain. Somehow, this seems like having your cake and eating it too, don't you think? A building in the middle of the town center zoning should be town center zoning, and having escaped successfully that arena, should not be able to retain an out-of-zoning light industrial designation when it is being used for Expo Center profits.

Make phone calls, write letters, do whatever it takes to make sure that all property owners and business owners are treated equally when it comes to rights and zoning. Carl A. Mason
Novi City Council

Building should match town center zoning

To the Editor:
Citizens of Novi, pay attention to what goes on in this city. The Building located behind Bob Evans eating is located on a side street, Fonda Drive. When Bob Evans came to town, no measures were taken to direct us to the roundabout way we had to reach the parking lot. Notice that a directional sign, permanently placed on the

main thoroughfare, Novi Road, has been placed with the city's permission for the building that houses the Expo Center.

And how did this building escape the town center zoning? (High rent and tax district to be sure when many other property owners and business owners tried unsuccessfully to stay out of the zoning in past years.) Somehow the city management feels an obligation to retain the zoning of "light industrial" for this particular building, even though it will be used for an Expo Center.

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Bullard says he'll move to run in district

To the Editor:
I am writing to announce to the citizens of the 60th Michigan House of Representatives District an agonizing decision which I have made.

Because of the Michigan Supreme Court decision establishing new legislative districts for the Michigan House for this year's election, I have after much soul searching moved to the new 38th legislative district. I intend to run for re-election this year in the new 38th Michigan House district which includes the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Northville (Oakland County portion), Wilcom, and Walled Lake, the townships of Milford, Lyon and Novi and the village of Milford.

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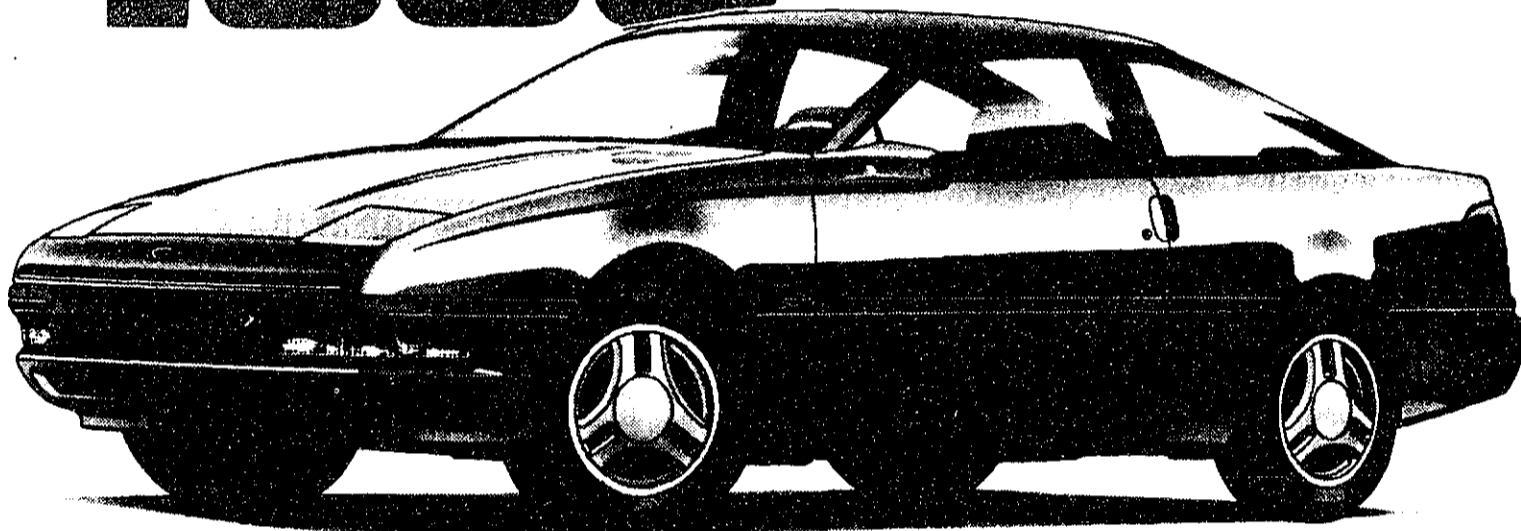
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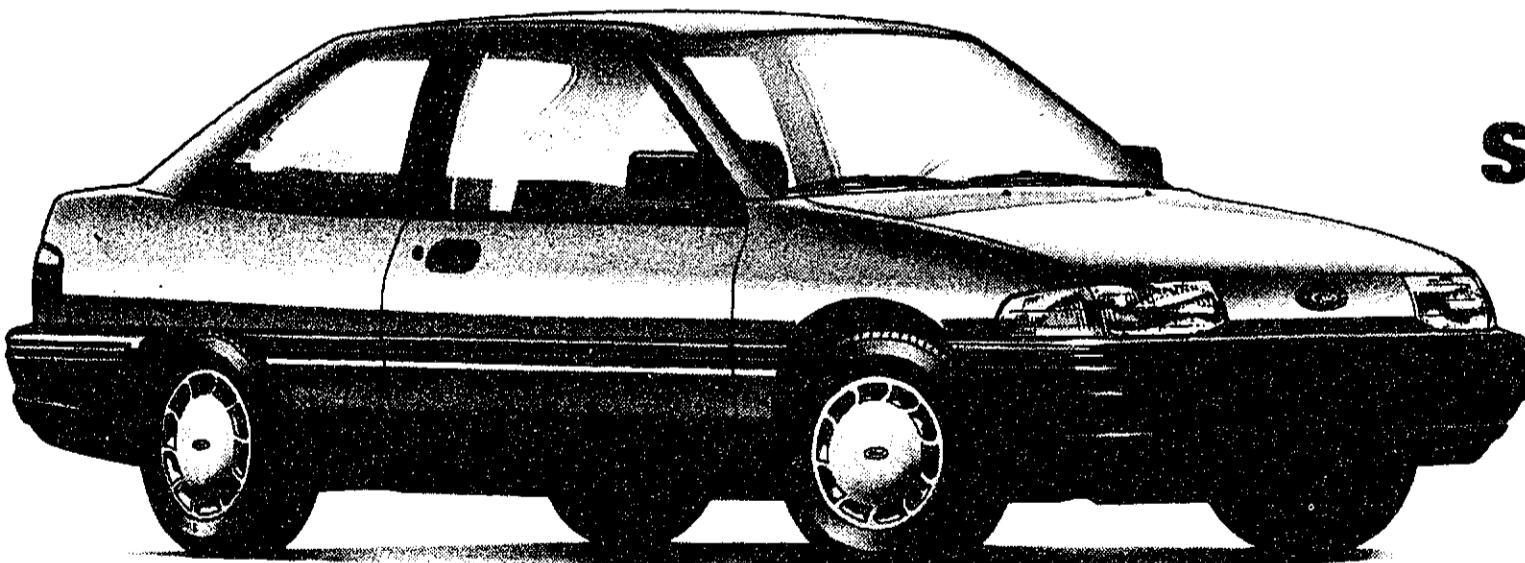
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At Novi High School, an equal number of girls and boys are enrolled in algebra and biology classes, and girls actually outnumber boys in geometry and other sciences.

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Find two random American third-graders — a boy and a girl — and compare them. Though there will be many differences, chances are their level of confidence and self-expression will be similar.

But compare those two children at age 13, and chances are that confidence level has changed. According to recent studies, the girl will show a much stronger loss of self-esteem than the boy.

Further, the studies show that students with lower self-esteem are less likely to do well in math and science, and less likely to pursue professional careers.

Fortunately, in the Northville area the problem seems to be less evident. A local roundtable discussion on the topic, sponsored by the Northville-Novu branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), led members to believe the problem tends to lie outside this community.

At the discussion, Northville High School counselor Nancy Arnold, who is a former math teacher, said that standardized (MEAP) test results for Northville students in fourth, seventh and tenth grade showed basically equal results for boys and girls, and the same was true for local students' PSAT, SAT and ACT scores.

At Northville High School, she said, the numbers of boys and girls enrolled in math and science classes are generally equal with slightly higher numbers of boys in math classes.

Novi High School counselor Kathy Scullen reported that, at Novi High School, an equal number of girls and boys are enrolled in algebra and biology classes, and girls actually outnumber boys in geometry and other sciences.

"In Northville and Novi, the situation is not that bad," said local AAUW President Renee Boving.

"We believe that the community and the schools here are very good. Families in general here are college-oriented, and I think parents here want to lead their children into college."

Boving said she felt pleased with Northville and Novi schools, and foresees bright futures for girls here.

"But that doesn't mean we aren't going to keep working on ways to (help resolve the problem)," she said.

Dr. Barbara Sloat, a University of Michigan professor who also took part in the roundtable, showed that the problem defi-



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Studies show low self-esteem, common among high school girls, leads to poor performance in math and science. But Novi and Northville girls don't seem to fit the trend.

The self-esteem

GAP

Northville/Novu girls buck national trend

nitely exists at U of M. Only 5 percent of the undergraduate students majoring in physics are female. In chemistry, 36 percent are female; in geology it's 30 percent. Other math and science majors show similar statistics.

Studies across the country have attempted to explain the female self-esteem problem. Research by American University education professor Myra Sadker showed that teenage girls tend to be quieter and less demanding in class, and that teenage boys are eight times as likely to call out for attention in class.

Research by the Harvard University Project on the Psychology

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of Women and the Development of Girls showed that girls tend to believe that the culture does not value their experience or the input they have, so many adjust by keeping their mouths shut — not expressing the thoughts and feelings their male counterparts

might share with others.

Sadker's research also found that girls in her study were more likely to be reprimanded for calling out in class. And teachers in the study who were helping a boy with his classwork were more likely to show him how to finish it;

when girls asked for help, the same teachers often finished the project for them.

Last year, the AAUW commissioned a nationwide survey by Greenberg-Lake: The Analysis Group, which interviewed 3,000 school-age girls and boys to explore self-esteem levels, career aspirations and academic interests.

The AAUW poll showed that, nationwide, 60 percent of elementary school girls and 69 percent of elementary school boys say they are "happy with the way I am."

By high school, the poll showed, girls' self-esteem falls 31 points to 29 percent while boys' self-esteem falls only 23 points to

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46 percent. The gender gap on this measure of self-esteem increased from seven points to 17 points.

"The education reform movement has grown out of the urgency to achieve excellence in education," explained the organization in an introduction to the published results. "It has inspired an outpouring of studies, conferences, and proposals for improving public education."

"Unfortunately, more than half the American population has been ignored in the majority of these plans. Little attention has been given to the inequities in our classrooms that inhibit girls from reaching their potential for achievement."

The poll links math and science with self-esteem levels and career aspirations.

"Girls and boys who like math and science have higher self-esteem, greater career aspirations and are more likely to hold on to their dreams," it states.

And it points to a circular relationship between math and science and self-esteem — girls and boys who like math and science have higher levels of self-esteem; girls and boys with higher levels of self-esteem like math and science.

Further, it states, girls and boys who like math and science are more likely to aspire to careers as professionals, and this relationship is stronger for girls than boys.

Yet in many American schools, fewer girls take math and science than boys.

"The problem is that young girls begin first grade with the same skills and ambitions as young boys, only to have those aspirations diminished and limited by their experience in school."

Other AAUW poll findings include:

■ Boys are more likely than girls to say they believe they are "pretty good at a lot of things." Almost half the boys say this statement is always true, compared to less than a third of the girls. A 10 point difference between elementary school girls and boys increases to 19 points in high school.

■ Almost twice as many boys as girls refer to their talents as what they like most about themselves. Girls are nearly twice as likely as boys to mention a physical characteristic as the thing they like most about themselves.

■ Boys are more likely than girls to believe their career dreams will come true. Girls are much more likely to say they are not smart enough or good enough for their dream careers.

Volunteer



KATHRYN HOPPE

Hoppe's presentation promotes good habits

When and how to brush and floss your teeth is part of the 30-minute seminar that Kathryn A. Hoppe, D.D.S. presents, on a volunteer basis, 40 times a year to Northville students from kindergarten through third grade.

"I do pre-school, too," she said. "If the teachers want it."

Her routine goes like this:

"I come into the classroom" — maybe one, two or three classes together, "and I have a small dentist chair with me and also a teddy bear, named Ruxpin. The bear has a cassette tape on his back and he talks about dental health.

"It's an attention getter," Hoppe said.

Then she has a model of teeth, and with a large brush and dental tape, she demonstrates to the students how to clean their teeth.

She shows the children x-rays of teeth with fillings. She also shows them various instruments that dentists use. Next, there's a four-minute

movie on tooth brushing with Charlie Brown.

And at the end there's time for questions and answers.

At her own expense, Hoppe gives each child a tooth magnet to put on the refrigerator door as a reminder to brush regularly, and she gives each one an activity book about teeth and a newsletter for their parents.

For ten years Dr. Hoppe did this — first scheduling with school principals and then with teachers.

Then last year she met Jan Purcell, supervisor of Partnerships for Education, a program which provides a bridge of understanding between schools and the business community. She was asked to join.

For Hoppe, this meant she would continue presenting her program at the schools, but Jan Purcell would organize her schedules for her. Of this she said, "It's nice to work together."

However, "the response from parents" about her seminars "is good," Hoppe said. "The children are brushing regularly."

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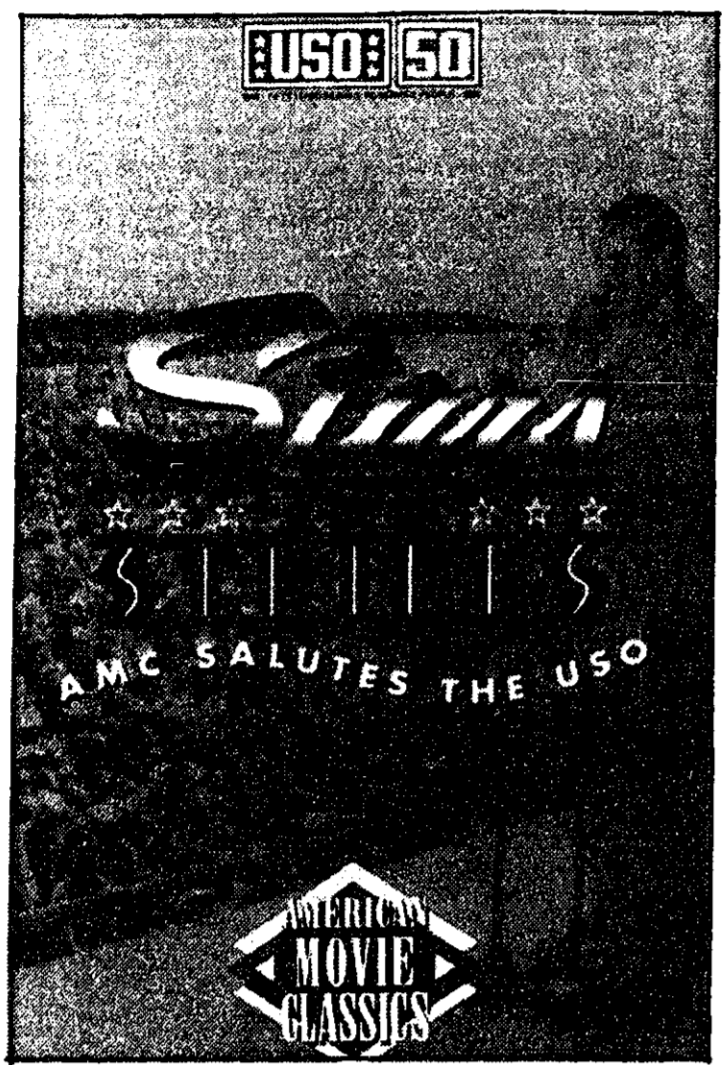
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Free screening of movie honors USO's 50 years

Hollywood Legend Dorothy Lamour will be the guest of honor at a free public screening of the recently restored 1943 Irving Berlin musical, *This Is The Army*, on April 30 at the Ormiston Cabelstein in Plymouth. The Ormiston Cabelstein is sponsoring the screening of the star-studded patriotic classic in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United States Organization (USO). Free tickets for the screening are available by contacting Ormiston Cabelstein at 459-7300. Nominated for three Academy Awards and full of hilarious skits and musical numbers, *This Is The Army* also features Kate Smith's original version of "God Bless America," Smith, Irving Berlin and boxer Joe Louis play themselves in the film. Ronald Reagan is also featured. *This Is The Army* is a classic exam-

ple of how Hollywood supported United States Armed Forces during World War II. More than 75 percent of the profits from *This Is The Army*, which stars actual United States servicemen, went to the Army Emergency Relief Fund, while many people who worked on the film donated their time to the cause. The USO is a voluntary civilian non-profit organization devoted exclusively to serving the human needs of military personnel and their families worldwide. The 50-year old USO has supported our nation's military forces since World War II through the recent Persian Gulf War. Cable television brings classic Hollywood movies, such as *This Is The Army*, to subscribers through the American Movie Classics channel. For more information, call 459-7300.

The screening, in conjunction with American Movie Classics, celebrates the USO's 50th anniversary.



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Music

JOSH WHITE JR.: Folk and blues singer Josh White Jr., known around the world for his powerful voice, brilliant guitar playing, and grass roots music, will perform at Schoolcraft College on Saturday, May 2, at 7 and 9 p.m. in the college's Waterman Campus Center. Influenced by his legendary father Josh White, he began performing at the age of 4 and starred in the Broadway play *The Man* (with his father), and *How Long Till Summer* (with Lillian Gish). He's produced 15 albums, one film score, and has received numerous honors and awards, including Best Child Actor of the Year in 1949 for his Broadway performance with Lillian Gish.

Tickets are \$10, and can be obtained by calling the office of Institutional Advancement at 462-4417. Personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover will be accepted. All proceeds will fund athletic scholarships. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

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 7:30-9:30 p.m. Schedule includes: April 24, Irish folk musician Marianne Skrentz, \$6.50; May 29, classical guitarist Ken Puterbaugh, \$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. 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 concert titled "Destination: Down Home."

In charge 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," "Oklahoma!" "Please Mr. Postman," "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 Sideways in Plymouth; or call 455-4060.

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 Episcopal, D. Frederick DeHaven, conductor, in a concert of English Cathedral Music. Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each. For more information call 349-0911.

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: The Livonia Youth Philharmonic, three separate orchestras including several local residents, plays its spring concert at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors; family rate, \$10. For more information call 453-8887. Local members include, in the Philharmonic Orchestra, Amy Baxtresser and Beth Ganfield; in the Advanced String Orchestra, Lindsay Neuss, Noreen Hughes and Sophie Liao; and in the Junior String Orchestra, Janice Liao.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge.

Sunday is a "Strings 'n' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every Sunday night. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

During April, the lineup is: Monday, Not Afraid, a band from the Sunday Jam; Tuesday, Randy Blzer and Dave Ebersole; Wednesday and Thursday, the Bizer Brothers; and Friday and Saturday, Sittin' In. Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call Mr. B's Farm at 349-7038.

WHISPERS LOUNGE: Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilton, is open Sunday through Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

April 21 through May 2, Heartbeat is scheduled. Monday evening is Jazz Monday from 8:30-11 p.m. at Whispers. Schedule includes April 27, Schunk, Starr, Dryden.

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi. Call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

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

Country Epicure is located at 42050 Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads. For more information call 349-7770.

WEEKNIGHT JAZZ: Home Sweet Home restaurant, on Nine Mile just east of Novi Road, offers live jazz every Wednesday from 8-11 p.m.

Performances are by the Buddy Budson Band with featured vocalist Eric Brandon. Often local jazz stars like Ursula Walker and Marcus Bellave sit in as well. There is no additional charge for the performances. For more information call 349-0911.

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tion, call the restaurant at 347-0095.

Theater

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS: The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, an autobiographical portrait of the playwright as a teenager and his family in lower middle class Brooklyn.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16; and at 6 p.m. Sundays, May 3 and 10. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$6 in advance; \$1 discount for players 62 and over and 18 and under. Advance tickets available at Penniman Deli and Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth, or by mail at P.O. Box 451, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Performances are in Northville at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 Seven Mile. For more information call 349-7110.

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

Genitti's now has three different production companies performing three different Murder Mystery Dinner Theatres. Every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. separate performances are shown 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 areas are performed by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. Special performances are available for large groups. Reservations are required for all shows.

Genitti'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 (including tax and tip).

Please phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates are available. Large parties can be accommodated for any performance. The Genitti's Gift Shop will be open for dinner guests. Valet parking is available during the evening.

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBIT: Theresa Pultowicz Helra and Denise Victoria Catt are among 62 artists and craftspeople appearing at the 24th Westacres Artist Market, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2 in West Bloomfield.

Polioyevs Hires of Northville is a returning favorite to the show. Her watercolors of birds and wildlife are detailed yet softly romantic.

Catt of Novi, new to the show, creates one-of-a-kind clothing. Some of her fabrics she hand-paints.

The Westacres Artist Market is located at the Westacres Clubhouse, Westacres Drive east of Union Lake Road, south of Commerce Road. Free admission. For more information call 360-2182.

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

Literature

BORDERS: The following events are scheduled at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, April 29: "The New Immigrants" — a lecture by Sidney M. Bokosky from his book *Harmony and Dissonance: Voices of Jewish Identity in Detroit, 1914-1967*. (Wayne State) Sign up at Information.

Eleveny-fun: As space is limited, please sign up in advance for all children's programs. The fun begins at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, as follows: April 25, Sign Language Saturday — Tales from the Orient, with Kim and Mary.

April 26, Sunday Funday — Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog and get his paw-tograph.

Karaoke

GETZIE'S PUB: Getzie's holds "Karaoke Nights" on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 9 p.m.

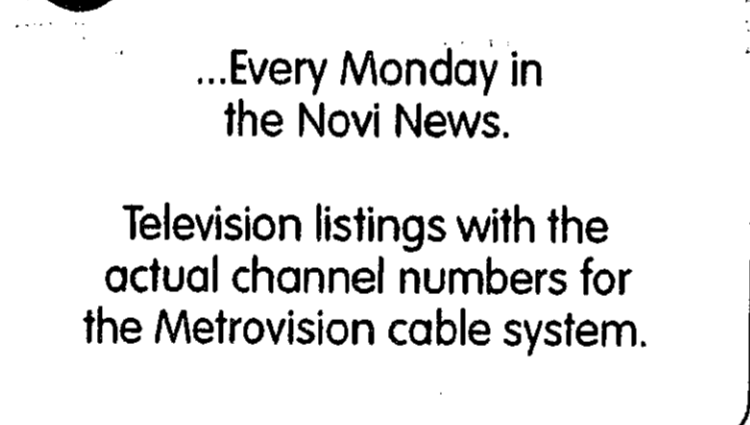
The pub is on Main Street at Hutton.

NOVI BOWL: Novi Bowl on Novi Road above Eight Mile offers karaoke every Friday and Saturday between 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Other

CARD SHOW: The Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main, hosts a card show with dealers from around the area in all types of sports cards. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Admission \$1. Food and beverages available. For more information call 349-0203.

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Tracksters edge Hartland in final races

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

When it came to crunch time, the boys track team came through in a big way against Hartland April 14. Needing at least one win in the final two events, Novi took both. Brian Molloy won the 3,200-meter run and then the 'Cats put some icing on the cake with a victory in the 1,600-meter relay to score a 74-63 triumph.

Coach Bob Smith described the meet as a contrast in styles. He said the schools took turns dominating in different events.

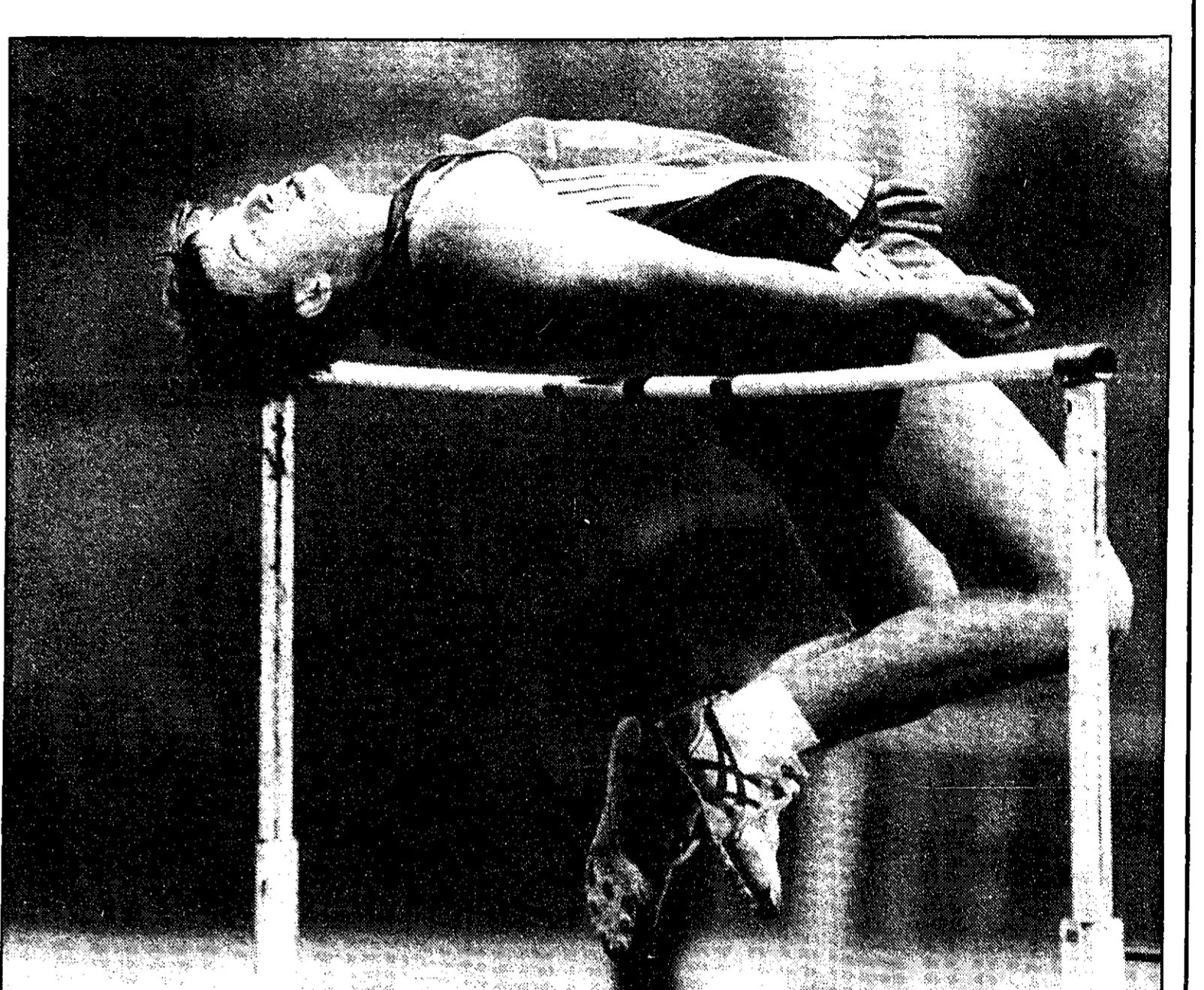
"There weren't too many close races," Smith explained. "It was either lead or famine."

The Eagles illustrated that point in the shot put and discus.

Tom Hanton had the 'Cats top throw of the year in the shot at 37-1/4, but it was good for only a third place finish. Hanton came back with an excellent discus throw of 123-1/4, and that was good for second place.

Novi came right back to sweep the high jump and pole vault.

Chris Williamson cleared 5-8 and won the high jump on the tie-breaker. Andy Beal also cleared 5-8 and was awarded second. Freshman Damon Thompson was third at 5-6.



Chris Williamson won the high jump by clearing 5-8. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Injuries play key role in 'Cats 81-47 loss to Eagles

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

"I thought the kids did a really good job," Ahrens said. "I just want my girls healthy."

Out with assorted injuries were Tanya Frank, Elle Johnson, Je-Hwon Hwang, Chris Patee and Bria Powers. That group features top relay and distance runners.

Novi kept the Hartland meet close through the field events.

Kate Jettie and Becky Oppal tied for second in the high jump. The duo each leaped 4-8.

Kate Mackenzie won the discus with a throw of 69-4/4. Angel Konarske placed third with a hurl of 75-8.

In the shot put, Jettie garnered a second place showing with her toss of 26-1/4. Mackenzie was next with a throw of 25-8.

Novi took second and third in the long jump as well. Erika Strausberg was the runner up as she jumped 14-5 while Oppal was third with 13-4.

"I was pleased after the field events," said Ahrens. "The news wasn't quite as good in the field events. The 'Cats, in fact, won only the 400 and 1,600 relays."

In the 100-meter hurdles, Konarske was the 'Cats only performer to place. She was second in 16.9.

Novi took second and third in the 100-meter dash. Christi Carmichael finished in 13.4 and Claire Sheldon in 13.7.

Lori DeWitt was third in the 1,600 run with a time of 6:35.

The 400-meter relay team of Laura Johnson, Charity

Slanker, Sheldon and Carmichael, Konarske, Slanker and Strausberg won the event in 55.49. Carmichael, Konarske, Slanker and Strausberg placed second in the 1,600 relay in 4:25.

The 400-meter run saw Novi's Strausberg place second in 1:04.70. Konarske was second in the 300 low hurdles with a time of 52.1.

Slanker took a second place finish in the 200-meter run in 29.5 and Sheldon was third in 29.9. Kristen Hoffman placed third in the 3,200 run in 15:33.

Ahrens said on top of missing five athletes, the team was fatigued. It was the 'Cats' third meet in six days.

"The kids were tired," the coach said. "I think it showed."



Pitcher Julie Swineheart got two victories last week. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Kelly Barton has seen time as Novi's second baseman this spring.



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Softballers sweep by Howell

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

It was sweep city for the Novi softball team last week.

The 'Cats opened the week April 13 by taking two from Howell, but fell in a twinbill two days later to Brighton. All in all, coach John Peace came away from the week's action encouraged.

"We are hitting the ball," he said, "and we are starting to get some things done. The kids, as I watch them, are getting better. There is a good feeling on this team."

Novi is now 2-4 overall and in the Kensington Valley Conference. The 'Cats return to action Wednesday against Milford on the road.

The bats were booming early for Novi in game one against Howell. Junior Aledis Johnson tripled in three in the first inning after the 'Cats drew a pair of walks and had a hit batter. Novi scored two more and took a 5-1 lead after one.

The Wildcats scored four more in the third on four hits, including a double by Kate Schenke. Novi led 9-1 after three.

Howell rallied for five runs in the fourth and one more in the fifth. Novi held on for a 10-7 victory.

Johnson led the 'Cats with three RBIs and two hits. Chris Edwards added two RBIs. Pitcher Julie Swineheart got the victory.

The hurler came right back in game two to go the distance and record a 7-3 win. It was, perhaps, Swineheart's best performance of the season as she struck out 10 and yielded only three hits.

The Wildcats got the winning runs for their teammate in the fourth inning. Trailing 3-2, Novi scored four times.

Laura Jones and Schenke were singled in by Kate Shaw. Kristen Mathias singled Shaw home and scored herself on ground out by Ann Soper.

Novi added an insurance run in the fifth.

Shaw led Novi with two hits and three RBIs. Schenke and Mathias each had two hits.

The contest remained close through the first half. Brighton posted a pair of goals in the half at the 6:35 and 25:30 marks.

It went quickly downhill for Novi in the second half.

The Bulldogs scored two more times in the first 10 minutes. Brighton finished the scoring at the 30-minute mark of the second.

Christoff described the 'Cats' KVC opponents as well coached. He said they showed good ball movement and defensive abilities.

Novi was at least 100 percent for the game.

Novi found out last week why Brighton may be the Kensington Valley Conference's best soccer team. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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Softballers get sweep of Howell

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The wins didn't come easy, Peace said. The weather was more than a little foul.

"It's a hard day for the hitters and pitchers when it's cold," Peace said.

BRIGHTON 4, NOVI 2; BRIGHTON 10, NOVI 2: Poor defense was the name of the game in the April 15 twinbill. The Cats committed

nine errors in the two game set. A 4-2 loss in the opener was a bit hard to take. Peace said. Three Novi errors led to three Bulldog runs in the fifth inning.

"The Wildcats had the game 2-1 heading into Brighton's fifth," Novi scored in the first on a triple by Mary Yankowski. Mathias, who had reached first on a single, scored the run.

"Their final run came in the top of

the fifth as Barton doubled, stole third and scored on a single by Schenke. Brighton got the winners in the bottom of the inning.

"It was a tough one to lose," Peace said. "The kids took it pretty hard."

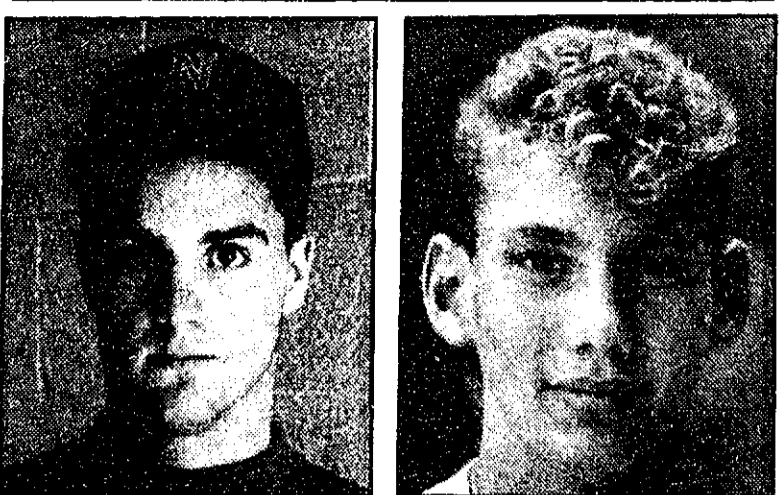
"I felt we were in control of the game," he added. "We hit the ball real well. It was just a couple of errors that killed us."

Novi was never in game two.

They trailed 5-0 by the end of the second inning. The Cats cut the lead to 5-2 after the fourth inning, but Brighton rallied for three in the fifth and two in the sixth to end the game 10-2.

"It wasn't a good game for us," Peace said. "I think a lot of it had to do with the first game. It ended on a down note and carried over to the second game."

Wildcats of the Week



ERIC MESNER: Mesner continued his excellent early season with a complete game win over Howell 5-2 on April 13. He gave up just five hits while striking out six. The win moved his record to 2-0 on the season with an ERA of 2.65.

BRIAN MOLLOY: Molloy owned the 3,200-meter race against Hartland this week and helped his team to victory. He won the race in 10:14.30. He was part of the 3,200-meter relay team that won in 8:25. Finally, Molloy won the 1,600-meter run in 4:39.77.

Tracksters nail Hartland in final two races

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Novi took first and third in the 1,600 meter run. Molloy's time of 4:39.77 won while Vince Meehan's 4:57.97 was good enough for third.

Crawford won the 800 meters with a time of 2:04.50. Molloy filled in and attained a third at 2:15.58.

He owned his more customary race, the 3,200 meters. Molloy won in

10:14.30 and sealed a Novi victory over Hartland.

The 1,600 relay team of Jeremy Watkins, Crawford, Meehan and Sumac won in 3:49.10.

Smith said it was an important victory heading into the team's Kensington Valley Conference showdown with Howell April 28.

"I gave us some fuel to get past

Howell," he added.

DEARBORN RELAYS: A total of 13 teams participated in Saturday's meet. Novi placed eighth, with a skeleton crew, and scored 15 points.

Detroit Catholic Central won with 52 points. Plymouth-Canton was second with 45 points and easily out-distanced third place finisher Dearborn, which had 29.

Novi scored its points in the long jump, which it won with a combined total of more than 56 feet, vault, high jump and the 1,600-meter relay.

Six of the Cats' top performers missed the meet. Smith said it was a beneficial trip nonetheless.

"It gave the youngsters a chance to compete," he said. "We learned a few things and that's what it's all about."

Golf Notes

Great Lakes Tour: The Great Lakes Amateur Tour is getting ready for its third year of competition. The steady rise in popularity of the GLAT reflects the national rise in popularity of golf in general. The game is enjoying an annual growth rate of 5 percent.

The GLAT was started in 1990 to give more golfers an outlet for desired competition. The tour is meant to mirror elements of the PGA Tour with qualifying school and a series of 18-hole tournaments played throughout the season culminating in a tournament of champions in October.

Brighton defeats Wildcats

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Several of the Cats were suffering from muscle pulls, Christoff said. A number of athletes were out of town for the game as well.

"Nonetheless, one or two people

don't make a team," Christoff said. "Things just didn't fall into place."

Novi will get another crack at Brighton. The Cats play the Bulldogs at home May 8.

"I'm sure our performance will be better than the first time," Christoff said.

The coach said he hoped his team would come back from Easter vacation ready to play.

"We need them to get a little more focused and committed," Christoff said. "Hopefully, we will have that in the second half."



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Wildcats get sweep of KVC's Howell

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer



Good pitching and timely hitting characterized Novi's sweep of Howell April 13 at home.

Eric Mesner continued his excellent early season with a complete game win over the Highlanders 5-2. In game two, Paul Roma was overpowering and the Cats scratched out enough runs to give him a 3-2 victory.

Much of the action in the opener occurred in the first few innings.

After Howell began the contest with a pair of runs off Mesner, the Wildcats evened it up. Randy Naumann led off the first with a single. A pair of Howell passed balls and a walk then led to two Novi runs.

The Cats got the winning runs in the second.

Novi loaded the bases on two walks and an error. Naumann then delivered a two-run single to give his team a 4-2 lead. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the sixth.

Mesner closed the door after the first.

"He settled down," said coach Brian Howard, "and when he does it's hard to beat him. He throws strikes."

Mesner gave up just five hits while striking out six. The win moved his record to 2-0 on the season with an ERA of 2.65.

The nightcap went just five innings.

Roma turned a performance to equal Mesner's as he gave up just three hits and one walk. He struck out nine.

Trailing 2-0, Novi rallied in the bottom of the fifth to get Roma his first win of '92.

Matt Guyot started the uprising with one out as he doubled. A dropped flyball off the bat of Roma scored Guyot. After a hit batter, Mesner singled in the two winners.

The sweep of Howell wasn't a big shock for Howard.

"I'm not surprised," he said. "But I am pleased. I knew the pitching we had would be good."

Novi scored twice in both the third and sixth innings.

Despite this foul ball, Dan Sveller has had good luck at the plate.

BRIGHTON 7: The pitching wasn't nearly as good against the Bulldogs, but the Cats had enough hitting to take a split on April 15. Novi is now 5-2 overall and in the Kensington Valley Conference.

A terrible fifth inning by Novi in the fifth, in which they gave up nine runs, led to a 12-4 Brighton win in the opener.

"It could go wrong if it did," Howard said. "You name it, it happened. We literally self-destructed."

Novi scored twice in both the third and sixth innings.

The Cats got their runs in the third with only a single by Roma. Two walks, a stolen base and a Brighton error led the way for both runs.

Going into the bottom of the fifth, the game was knotted at two. With the aid of several Novi errors, the Bulldogs scored nine runs to blow the game open.

A Tommy Grigg double scored Naumann and Mesner in the sixth for Novi's final runs.

The Cats fared better in game two as they built four-run cushion and held on to win 8-7. Naumann got the win by pitching three innings of relief.

The winning run came in the fifth inning. Guyot walked, stole second and scored on a single by Greg Grazioli.

The game wasn't particularly well played by either side, Howard said. The teams committed 11 errors between them.

Despite the split, Howard said he is optimistic about the team's chances this year.

"We are in a position to make a run," he added.

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Elinor Holland (right) has been a vital ingredient in the garden club.

Garden Club springs up once again

Novi Parks and Recreation always tries to offer something new for its residents. There are classes, programs, leagues and special events, but what about clubs?

Depending on your interests, the Recreation Department has a club for you... camera, running, bike, garden. If not, the Parks and Recreation staff is always receptive to new programs. That is exactly how the Novi Garden Club came into existence exactly one year ago.

Elinor Holland is a very active Novi resident. She's always been interested in gardening and is a member of the Farmington Garden Club. Last

year, the Farmington Club suggested that Holland start a Garden Club in Novi. They would help her organize the club and sponsor it, along with the Livonia Garden Club. A new club needs two sponsors in order to become a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

"I approached Marilyn Troshak from Novi Parks and Recreation about the possibility of getting help for a Garden Club," said Holland. "I knew there would be interest here in Novi and I was anxious to get the club started."

"Novi Parks and Recreation is always receptive to new projects and

programs for our residents," said Marilyn. "For the Novi Garden Club, we provide meeting rooms, office support, informational flyers and anything else they may need. It is important that we offer programs that our residents are interested in. That is one of the goals of Novi Parks and Recreation — something for everyone."

The Novi Garden Club meets at the Novi Civic Center, on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Prior meeting topics have included Ikebana-Japanese Gardening, dried flowers and herb wreaths. Thanks-

giving arrangements with pumpkins, and composting. They are always looking for speakers to address the group and also hands-on gardening experience. Garden Club Secretary Elizabeth Turner has recruited her husband, William, to talk to the group about composting and the use of worms and ladybugs in gardens.

This year, the Garden Club started going to other flower and garden shows and they are planning a few field trips. Holland entered a display of live flowers and plants in the Farmington Garden Club Show and won an honorable mention.

Adult tennis leagues forming in city

Adult Tennis: Sign up now for adult tennis leagues: singles, mens and womens; doubles, mens and womens; mens and womens over 40; and mixed doubles. Call Novi Parks and Recreation for more information at 347-0400.

Novi Bike Club: Cyclists who are good with people, organized and who are willing to coordinate the organization for the club are being sought. The club was formed last year to support safe cycling. Primarily a recreational club, they intend to provide rides throughout the season to accommodate all levels and ages of riders. Call Marilyn at 347-0400.

T-Ball Clinic: Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Novi Power Park Field for 5-7 year olds (coed). The clinic is limited to 50 participants. Cost of the program is \$6 for residents, \$7.20 for non-residents. You must bring your own mitt. Registration deadline in May 8 at 5 p.m. or at limit.

Rec Briefs

Softball Clinic: This clinic will be held May 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at Novi Power Park Field for 7- to 15-year-olds (coed) and noon-1 p.m. for scrimmage. Limited to 100 participants, the cost is \$12 for residents and \$14.40 for non-residents. Bring your mitt. Registration deadline is Friday May 15th at 5 p.m. or at limit.

Plant-a-Tree: The Novi Parks and Recreation department offers the Plant-a-Tree program. Eight trees are being sold at wholesale prices now through April 23. Trees available are: Norway Maple at \$105, Red Maple at \$135, Sugar Maple at \$135, Little Leaf Linden at \$125 and a Honey Locust at \$130. All the trees are

about 10 feet tall. Those interested can look at the trees behind the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0400 for more info.

Parade: The Novi Memorial Day parade and related activities are being finalized for Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m. If you are interested in submitting a float entry or participating, please contact Dan Davis at 347-0400.

Tournament: Competitors from most of the Detroit Metro Korean Karate Clubs will vie for first, second and third place trophies in weapons, forms and sparring. Several hundred trophies will be awarded at the event on May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Demonstrations by masters in various martial arts disciplines are planned.

Youth Baseball: Tryouts for Novi Youth Baseball will be held April 25 at Bosco field on Beck Road. The seniors will tryout at 10 a.m.,

Is fluoride your mouth's best friend?

Kathryn Hoppe is a dentist with offices in the Northville Professional Park. This series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the University of Michigan Health Centers staff.



Dr. Kathryn Hoppe, D.D.S.

fluoride's primary benefit isn't that it stops decay from forming, but that it stops decay from progressing. This takes place through a constant process of remineralization.

Everyone has many small spots of early de-

Health tips

cay somewhere on their teeth all the time. But, thanks to fluoride this early decay heals before it develops into a full-blown cavity. As small spots form, fluoride repairs them. Dentists monitor this early decay and hope that through the use of fluorides (plus proper brushing and flossing) the tooth will remineralize itself and the decay not progress further.

Our teeth receive fluoride in two ways: systemically and topically. We receive fluoride systemically (taken into the body) when we eat foods or drink liquids containing fluoride. This fluoride (a mineral) is then deposited in our teeth (from within) making them decay resistant. The other method of receiving fluoride is topically, by applying it directly to teeth. Topical forms of fluoride are the very concentrated

fluoride applications we receive in dental offices as well as fluoridated toothpastes, mouth rinses, tablets and gels.

Cavities are not exclusive to young people. We remain susceptible to decay as long as we have teeth. Also, adults whose gums have receded are more prone to cavities in the root surfaces of their teeth. Fluorides are a great benefit in these situations.

People often wonder if they are getting enough fluoride in their water supply. In the United States, community water supplies that are fluoridated have a fluoride concentration of between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm (parts per million). This is the range for maximum decay prevention. People with well water can obtain a water analysis kit from their local Public Health Department. The Michigan Department of Public Health will analyze the water and provide a printout on fluoride content (plus other minerals) which would benefit from fluoride supplements. Supplements can be obtained through a prescription from a dentist or physician for the fluoride (tablets or liquid).

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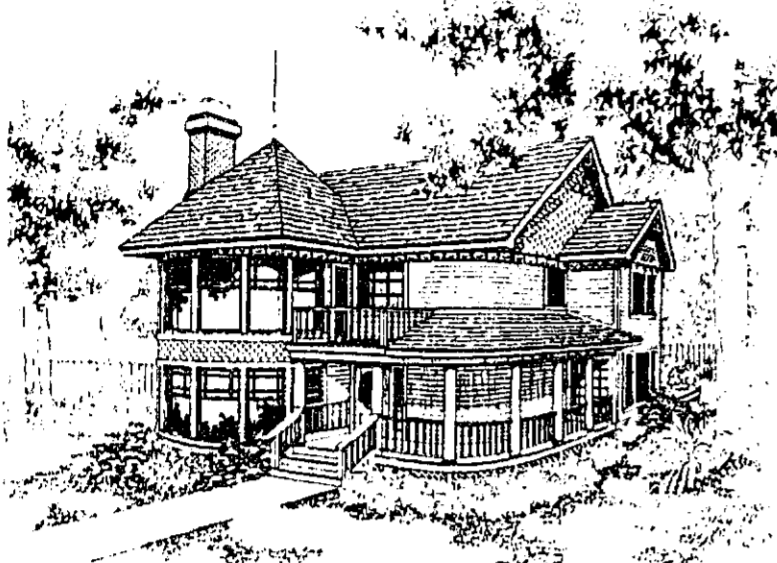
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HOME DESIGNS



Contemporary home lies inside Westmont's facade

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Inside the Westmont's charming Victorian exterior lies a contemporary home with creatively shaped rooms and all the modern amenities.

Old-fashioned windows, custom cedar shakes, a spacious columned veranda and a captain's walk above the door all add to the Victorian charm. Oval glass in the front door provides the finishing touch.

Very few of the rooms are rectangular. Rows of antique-glass windows curve across the oval-shape end of the living room, as well as the master suite located directly above it.

Fireplaces, optional for both rooms, are vented through a double chimney.

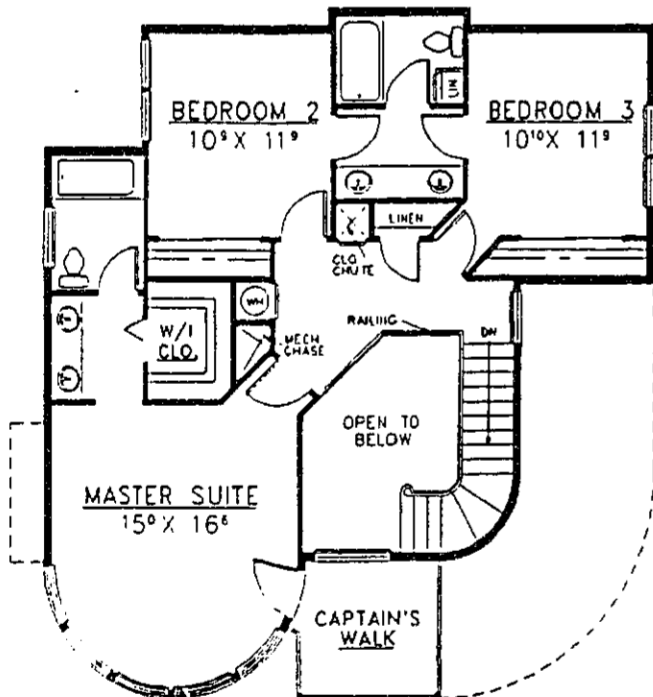
One side of the dining room, also graced by a wall of windows, is decidedly octagonal. A wide, U-shape kitchen is conveniently located between the dining room and a nook/family room combina-

tion. These rooms also are richly windowed.

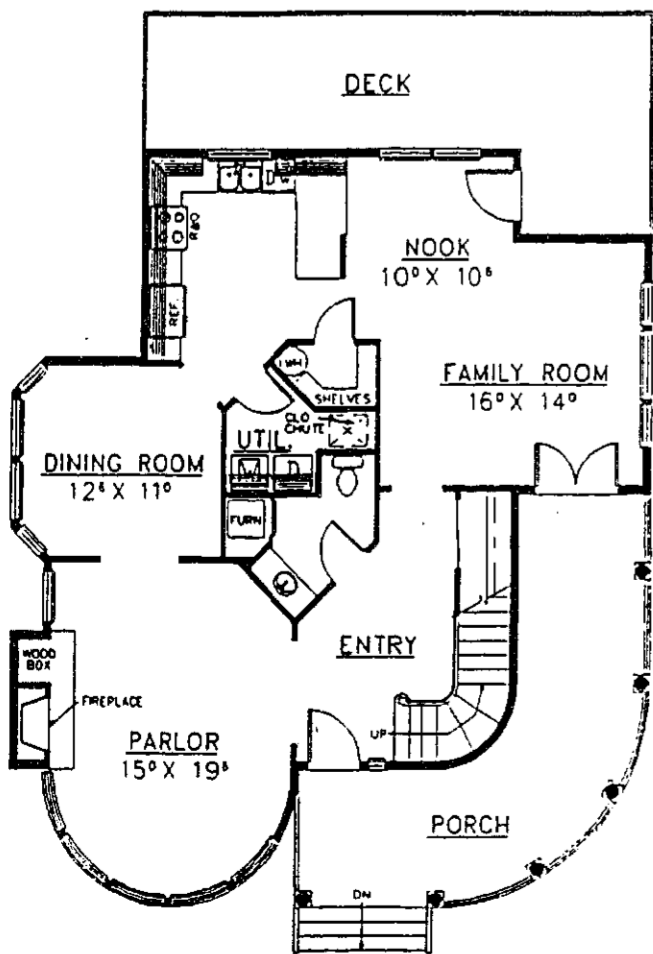
Clustered in the center, surrounded by the family living areas, are a pantry utility room and half-bath. While each of these rooms is too oddly shaped to describe, the combination makes an efficient use of space.

An open staircase curves up the side of a wide foyer to the master suite and bedroom on the second level. The master suite has a generous step-in closet, and both the master bath and the other bathroom feature double vanities, separate from the water closet. This arrangement eliminates steamy mirrors and increases family harmony.

For a study plan of the Westmont (400-18), send \$7.50 to c/o Home-Town Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.) Designers, Architects and readers with plans they would like to see featured are also invited to contact Landmark.

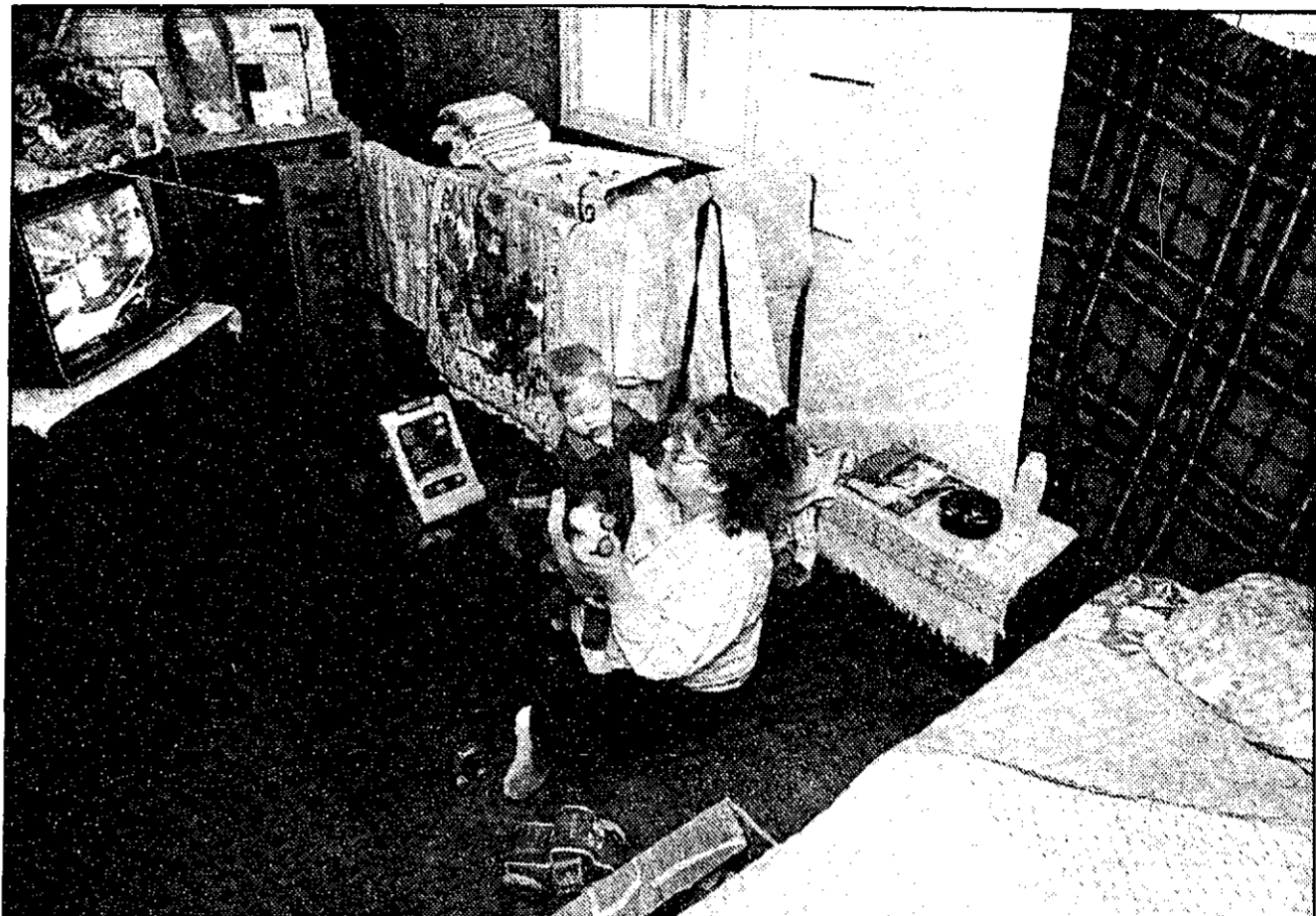


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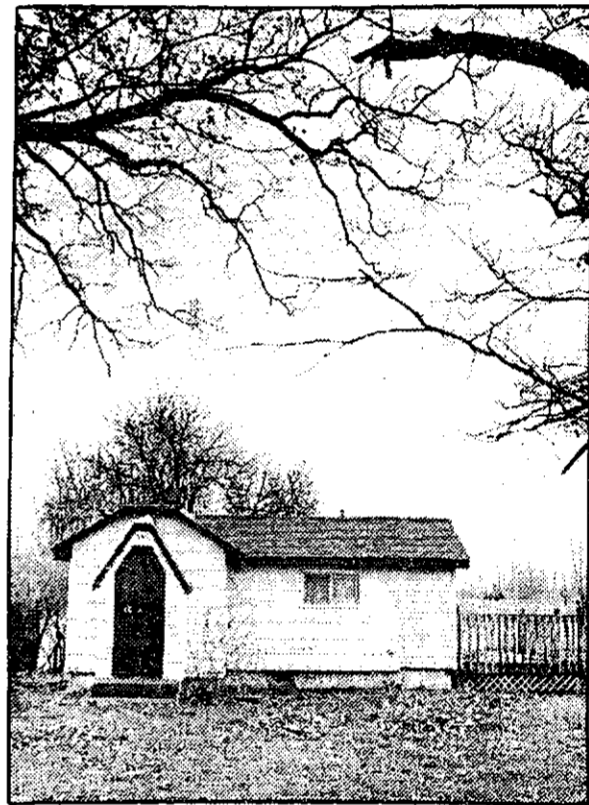
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Mickey Lawson and 10-month-old son, Cody, play on the floor of their combination living room-bedroom-nurse

A little bit of HEAVEN

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Lawson's home could fit inside many garages.

By DENNIS TOPOLINSKI
Staff Writer

The smallest room in the world might be a mushroom, but Mickey Lawson's home runs a close second.

The 20-year-old Howell resident is renting a home outside the city limits which measures approximately 300 square feet. That's roughly the size of a living room in an average-sized home.

It's not a converted garage or utility shed, either; it's a regular house, complete with a driveway, lawn, shingled roof, porch, basement, furnace, stove and basic appliances.

Lawson lives in the home with her 9-month old son, Cody. She said she knew

the home was small when she called the owners about renting it but didn't realize how small it was until after she moved in.

"When I first saw it I thought there would be more room," she said. "It's not as big as I first thought. I've gotten used to it now, though, so I plan to stay for a while. It's really not that bad."

The house is divided into three obviously smaller rooms—a kitchen/dining area, a bedroom/living room and a bathroom. The bathroom is equipped with a shower but no bathtub. Lawson said she doesn't use the basement, which is accessible by a hatch opening. A staircase leading downstairs would take up a lot of space from the main level.

Lawson said she doesn't have a lot of people over to visit, but those that do drop by say they like her tiny abode.

"People will say, 'God, it's so small,'" she said. "But it's still cozy. It's not so bad for two people to live in."

In most cases, a new dwelling the size of Lawson's home would not meet the current building standards required by many townships. Existing structures which don't meet those guidelines operate under grandfather clauses.

"Every township and city has their own building codes," said John Wright, deputy building official for the Livingston County Building Department. "My guess is that if

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Passion flowers

By C. Z. Guest
Copley News Service

Q. I was enthralled with the description of the passionflower in your column recently. However, in the part about the 10 petals referring to the 10 Apostles, I was under the impression the number of Apostles was 12.

A. The inflorescence of the passionflower is said to be symbolic of aspects of the Passion of Christ. The 10 petals were seen as the 10 good Apostles (excluding Peter and Judas), or, according to other views, the Ten Commandments.

The five upper petals were linked to five main events (birth, suffering, death, interment and hell). The three-colored corona represents the seamless linen cloak. The stigma, the sponge and below the stigma are the five wounds.

The cross of the stigmata symbolizes the three nails with which Christ was nailed to the cross and the stalked ovary, the Lord's goblet.

GARDENING

Q. Recently, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus was in our town. I saw advertised at the end of the circus that exotic manure ("zoo doo") was being give away free to anyone willing to wield a shovel.

To your knowledge, is there anything more beneficial in using zoo doo than using regular manure fertilizer?

A. Scientifically speaking, I haven't analyzed the digestive juices of wild animals. But when you consider that elephants and giraffes eat almost the same grasses as a horse or cow, you would figure that the manure would be somewhat similar. However, lions and tigers are meat eaters, so that manure would be completely different.

Speaking from personal experience, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus was in my town several years ago. Being the game person that I am, I grabbed my shovel and filled several sacks with zoo doo. I must say the results were fabulous. The following year, my garden was superb.

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In praise of toads

- Toads are good gardeners because they feast on ants, beetles, moths, slugs and other plant pests.
- Attract toads by sinking broken clay pots upside down in a shady, cool section of the garden.
- Choose an area where water tends to puddle after it rains.
- Toads also like to sit in shallow plates of water in a cool area.



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Farmland attractive as investment property

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Farmland is becoming a hot investment property in most regions of the country.

The popularity of farmland as a potential investment has grown dramatically among pension funds and other institutional investors during the past two years, according to Murray R. Wise, president of Westchester Group, Inc., a farmland marketing consulting and management organization.

"Several of the country's largest pension funds have recently invested in farmland," Wise said. "Fund managers who once thought investing in farmland was a really silly idea have taken note of these properties have done in recent months and years and

are now investing millions of dollars in farmland."

"Land values can be much higher than normal if the land is located in an area that might be commercially developed within the next five to 10 years, or if the property is primarily being acquired for a home site," said Don Petty, a seasoned land broker and farmer in California.

"For example, I sold a 10-acre land parcel with a good growth of avocados for \$75,000 per acre. It was a super-view property. The buyer was primarily motivated to purchase the land for his home site, not for the production of avocados. Basically, it was a 10-acre home site purchased for \$750,000.

Petty noted that most of the farmland acquisitions by institutional investors are large land

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parcels. And there are very few land offerings in many areas. Wise pointed to the record income and low price-earnings ratio as major factors in making farmland a more attractive investment option throughout the country. Recent annual returns from income plus appreciation (value increases) are generating total returns in excess of 10 percent, he said.

"Farmland provides many benefits, such as reasonable cash flow, appreciation potential and diversification," Wise said. "Also, farmland has a minimal downside risk. Its values rose dramatically in the '70s, based on investors' perceptions of rising commodity prices.

farm income and inflation rates. But by 1982 a stronger dollar and a highly competitive world market had cut into U.S. farm exports. Farmland fell 50 to 70 percent.

"Since then, farm debt has been reduced from \$192 billion in 1983 to \$134 billion as of 1990. And farm exports have returned to more stable levels and commodity prices have recovered."

Wise is bullish on the current and future market for farmland. "The '90s are shaping up to be an excellent time to invest in farmland. While most other investments are more volatile, farmland values have increased every year for the past four consecutive years. From every indication, that trend should continue."

The trend is particularly apparent in Iowa. Land values there have

increased 46 percent since 1986, according to a survey by the Iowa Farm and Land Chapter of Realtors Land Institute. The survey reveals a 4 percent increase in values during the past six months.

Q. When is full recovery expected for the commercial real estate market?

A. A recent pessimistic report from Arthur Anderson Real Estate Services Group states that "commercial real estate may languish for another three to five years behind the general economic recovery expected this year."

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increased 46 percent since 1986, according to a survey by the Iowa Farm and Land Chapter of Realtors Land Institute. The survey reveals a 4 percent increase in values during the past six months.

Q. I was interested in your recent column on brokers' commissions. Do some of the new plans include a flat fee paid up front?

A. Yes. Some brokers now offer full or partial marketing service for a flat fee. Some offer a combination of up-front fee and commission.

For example, the 60 offices affiliated with the recently organized Why USA broker franchise group offer sellers the option of paying a \$495 fee, reducing the regular

Circus offers much more than just fun

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I also had a letter from an 80-year-old gentleman who lived in upstate New York and reported to me that when he was a boy, his father had a small circus in Times Square. The circus' elephant, Dolly, became famous in his town in upstate New York for supplying the region's fertilizer. As the story goes, the

vegetables fertilized by Dolly were the biggest and best that anyone had ever seen.

So my advice to you is: Whenever the circus comes to town, grab your shovel and take advantage of the free offer. Please keep me informed as to your results.

TOAD TIP

For years, I've been collecting toads in

early spring from nearby ponds. To make them feel welcome, I save broken clay pots and sink them upside down in a shady, cool section of my garden where water tends to pool after a good rain. I also leave shallow plates of water out for my toads to sit in.

Every garden needs a good toad because they eat odds of insects, such as ants, beetles, moths, caterpillars,

slugs and squash bugs. The male toad has a lovely song from late March to early November, helping to keep my garden pest-free all season long.

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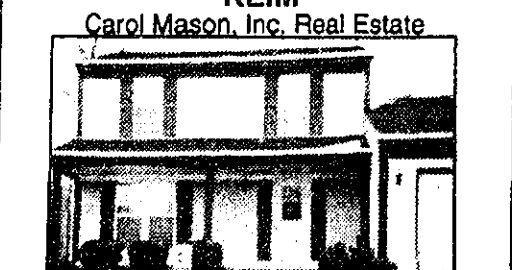
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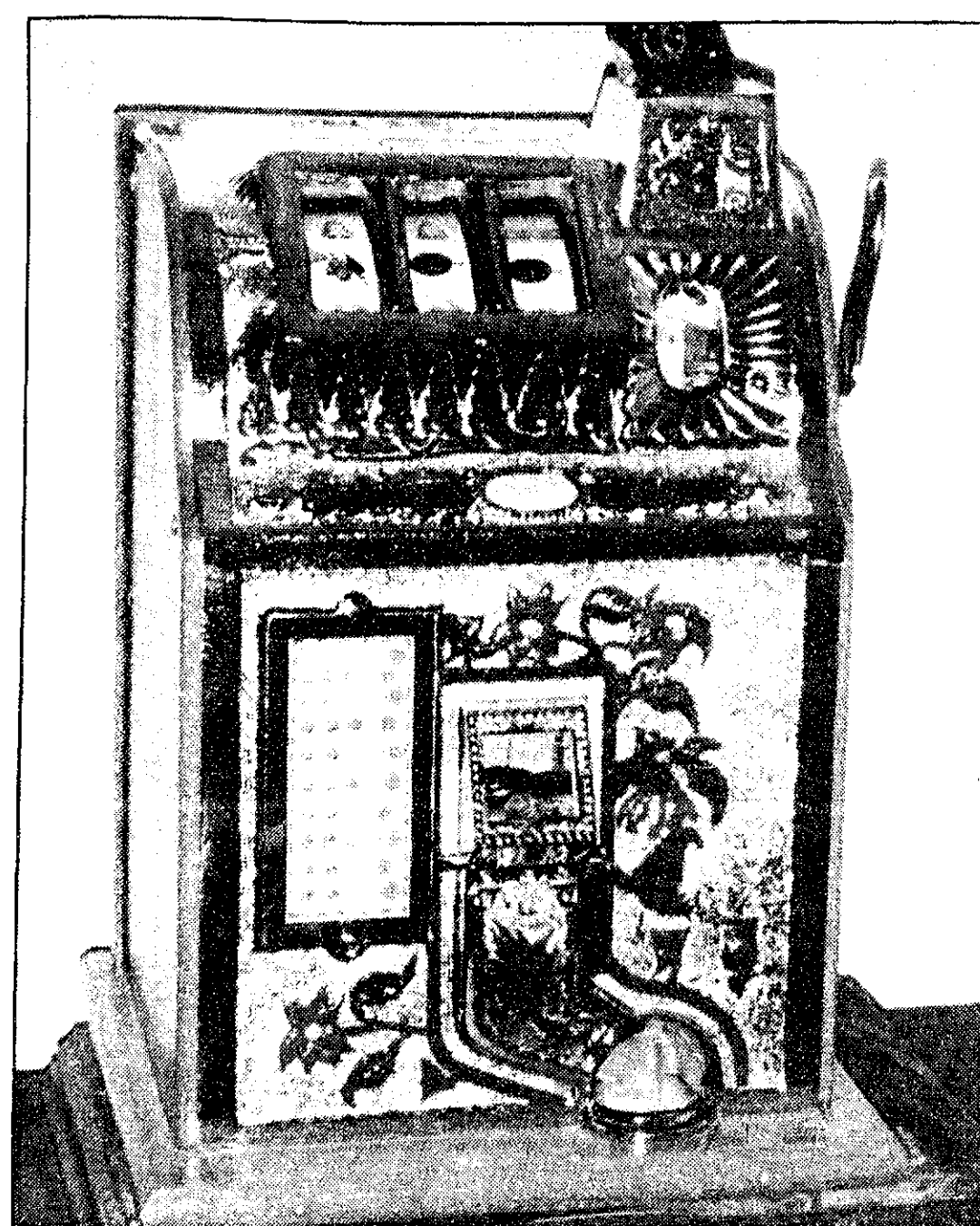
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This slot machine would probably sell for \$2,500 to \$3,000 in good condition.

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Slot machine hits jackpot

By James G. McCollam
Copley News Service

Q. Enclosed is a picture of a Mills' Jackpot Bell slot machine, also known as the Poinsettia or Reserve Jackpot. I understand that these were made between 1928 and 1932. I think that this one might have been made about 1929. Can you evaluate this for me?

A. Your date probably is correct. Sales records indicate that these slot machines are selling in the \$2,500 to \$3,000 range, depending on condition and market area.

Q. The attached mark is on the bottom of a German beer stein. It is also marked "SL" and "731." It is in the shape of a bear; the head forms the lid and is hinged to the main part of the stein. Can you tell me anything about the origin, vintage and value?

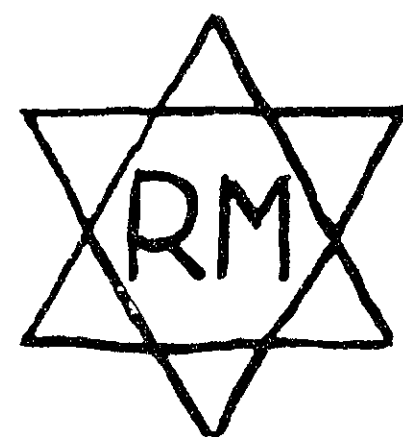
A. Your 1/2-liter stein was made in Hohn Grenzhausen, Germany, by Reinhold-Merkelbach about 1900. It would probably sell for about \$325 to \$335.

EAST LIVERPOOL POTTERIES

The rich clay and coal deposits along the banks of the Ohio River near East Liverpool, Ohio, became the source of the growth of china manufacture that has thrived for more than 150 years. At one time or another, there were almost 50 potteries producing a variety of ceramic products, from simple pottery to semi-porcelain china.

The Dresden Pottery operated

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under various names from 1876 to 1925. Their greatest claim to fame was that collectors are prone to believe that their "Dresden" china is the more valuable German Dresden Actual y they produced mostly ironstone toilet and dinnerware.

The well-known Homer Laughlin set up operations there in 1868 and is still in business. The most universally known product was the popular Fiesta Ware that was made from 1936 to 1973. In addition, they made hundreds of patterns of semi-vitreous china. Today, it is one of the largest potteries in the country.

The most prestigious of the East Liverpool potteries was Knowles, Taylor & Knowles, operating from 1875 to 1931. In addition to the common white ware produced by all the potteries, KTK created a fine Belleek-type porcelain called Lotus Ware. It is avidly sought

by collectors and commands prices equal to the finest European porcelain. Prices generally range from \$500 to more than \$5,000.

It was produced briefly in the last decade of the 19th century. Most of their production consisted of the common white ware produced by other potters in the area.

Some of the other potters whose names are familiar and readily recognized as collectible are Hall, Harker, McNeil and Seves china (frequently confused with French Seves).

The Great Depression of the 1930s and foreign competition have eliminated most of the original potters and only a few remain in East Liverpool today.

BOOK REVIEW

"Wallace-Homestead Price Guide to American Country Antiques, 11th Edition" by Don and Carol Rayercraft (an imprint of the Chilton Book Co.). The scope of this guide extends beyond "country"—it covers a very wide field of antiques in an informative and humorous way. I don't think that there is another price guide that will identify and evaluate a wrought-iron hearth spinner broiler.

This is a fascinating book, even if you are not a collector.

Letters with pictures) are welcome and may be answered in the column. We cannot reply personally or return pictures. Address your letters to James G. McCollam, P.O. Box 1087, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

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Today's building contractors typically construct homes averaging 1,200-square feet. A spokesperson from Gunyon Building Co. in Brighton said the smallest home the firm constructed lately was a 1,450-square-foot dwelling while EBI Incorporated in

Brighton recently built an 864-square foot ranch home.

"It used to be that you could build a house on a smaller plot of land," said Arlene Rackow of EBI, "but now you're finding more and more that people are having to take bigger acreages in order to be

able to build a home. The restrictions are getting a lot stricter."

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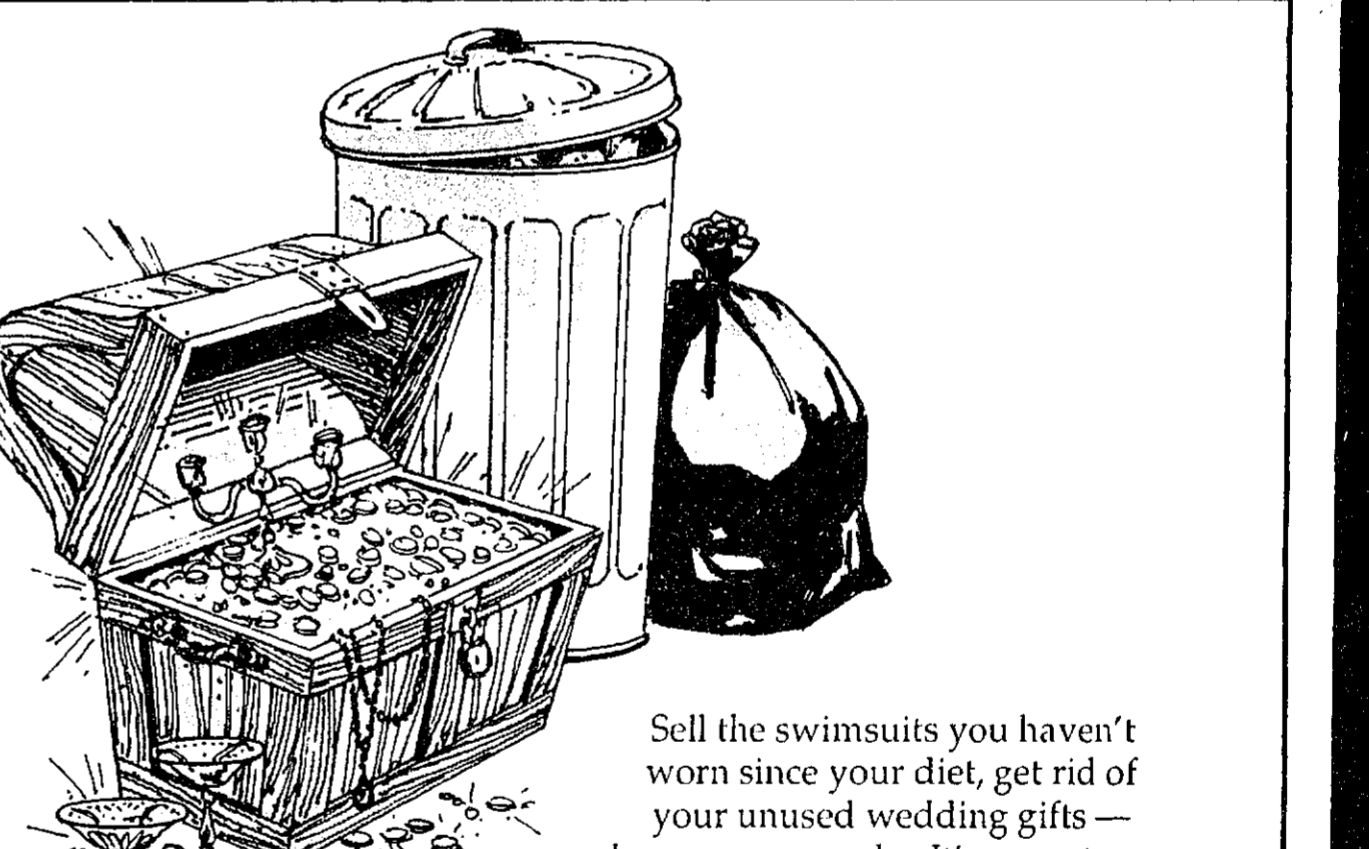
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Chamber rolls out red carpet for decorator

Relocation gives designer more room

By ANNE SEEBALDT GOGOLIN
Special Writer

Pat Guy and Co. Home Interiors has moved from its previous location at Cabbage Rose Antiques in South Lyon to share office space with the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Manager Dee Ludwig said the move will allow Pat Guy and Co. to serve its clientele better than ever before.

The new location will quadruple the space in which the company was operating, Ludwig said. The move from a work space of approximately 12 feet by 20 feet to the new site which measures 1,000 square feet will enable Ludwig to expand the store's stock of retail items, including furniture.

The seven-person design staff includes Ludwig, who also serves as the studio manager; Michelle Kokkales, an interior designer and artist; interior designers Julie Boyce-Janes, Sherry Zadony and Janet Ash; artistry painter Jill Slavinski and architectural consultant Lyn Forester.

The staff at Pat Guy and Co. help people make decorating decisions on both small and large scales. The staff also helps find special items for clients' homes.

Ludwig said that most decorating jobs of any size begin with an in-home consultation. At that interview, the designer or designers involved in the task will take any necessary measurements, discover what the client would like done and determines a price range for the redecorating.

After that, the design staff returns to the studio to draw up any needed floor plans and to begin selecting samples of furniture, carpeting, upholstery, accessories, wall hangings, paint — including color and pattern — to present to the client.

A second consultation is held to ensure the design plan and other

ideas on which the designer is working are what the client desires. At this point, the client and studio sign a contract for the work.

The studio coordinates design services — such as space planning — and subcontracts services like dry-wall installation for the job, Ludwig explained. This saves the customer from making separate arrangements, putting that task into the designer's hands. The studio designers also will purchase any items needed to complete the project.

Ludwig said calling in an interior designer is the best decision to make by someone building a new home or redecorating their current home.

"We take a lot of steps out of doing your home," she said. "We can eliminate time and mistakes."

And the design service is practical and affordable, she added.

"It is a functional as well as an aesthetic process," Ludwig said.

The advantage an interior design studio has over the average consumer is that more design materials are available to a studio at a lower price than to the average individual. In the long run, customers may save money by spending no more than they want to on a design project, Ludwig said.

"If you're thinking of adding on or building, it helps to have an interior designer in before blueprints (are done)," she said, adding that designers can tell clients if the plan they would like is feasible from the beginning, saving costly blueprint changes later.

Guy emphasized that the studio will take on a decorating task of any scale. Ludwig agreed, adding, "We do everything from just consultation to a full design concept."

Pat Guy and Co. Home Interiors is located at 214 S. Lafayette in South Lyon. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 486-5321 for more information.



Settling into the new home of Pat Guy & Co. Interiors are Jill Slavinski, Michelle Kokkales and Manager Dee Ludwig.

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Business Briefs

RE/MAXBROKERS/OWNERS. Rudolph and Joseph Durso were recently inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame.

Joseph Durso, broker/owner of RE/MAX West Inc. in Livonia was recently inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame, the company's highest lifetime sales recognition.

RE/MAX West, Inc. is located at 15350 Farmington Road. The phone number is 261-1400.

Owner/owner of RE/MAX West since 1980, Durso was one of the first Realtors to buy the RE/MAX franchise in southeastern Michigan.

Durso lives in Livonia with his wife, Bonnie and their two children. He is a member of the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors, the Michigan Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

Durso holds his Graduate Realtors Institute (GRI) and Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designations. He also authored the cover story for the November, 1991 issue of the Michigan Realtor magazine.

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TWO UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN INSTRUCTORS have been chosen to receive the 1992 Distinguished Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities (MAGB).

The awardees are Bruce Maxdm, associate professor of computer and information science in the School of Engineering; and Aruna Na-

dasen, associate professor of physics in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters.

Maxdm, a resident of Northville, was the recipient of the 1990 UM-DeARBORN Distinguished Teaching Award and the 1991 State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award.

Maxdm joined the UM-DeARBORN faculty in 1985. Prior to that he held academic appointments at UM-Ann Arbor as well as community college and high school teaching posts.

He holds bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics education from UM-Ann Arbor, and is a member of the Xi Upsilon Pi Epsilon and Pi Mu Epsilon academic honor societies.

Maxdm and Nadasen received their Distinguished Faculty awards at the 11th annual MAGB honors convocation in Lansing on April 6.

Each received a certificate from the MAGB, and a proclamation from Gov. John Engler.

The MAGB represents the governing boards of Michigan's 15 public, four-year universities. Two faculty members, as well as two undergraduate students, from each institution are honored at the annual convocation as part of the MAGB's continuing campaign to promote higher education in Michigan and to recognize distinguished faculty and students as critical resources for the state.

Money Management

Review car budget to trim expenses

Although operating a car consumes a large part of the average family's annual expenses, few car owners could tell you how much it actually costs them. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants offers the following guidelines to help you calculate just how much your car costs you and how to cut some of those expenses.

To obtain a realistic estimate of your annual operating costs, you must take into account expenses associated with registration, licensing, inspection fees and insurance. The last item is especially important. Insurance costs include the premiums you pay for liability, comprehensive and collision insurance. The price you pay for auto insurance depends on a number of factors including your age and sex, where you live, your driving record and the type of car you are insuring.

There seems to be no end to the rise in auto insurance rates, but there are some steps you can take to reduce the cost of your insurance. First of all, you can buy the right car. The model you are insuring has a big impact on how much you will pay. Basically, your premium is affected by how well your car can withstand a crash, how expensive it is to repair, how likely it is to encourage speeding. Because small cars don't hold up as well in a crash, they generally cost more to insure than large cars. Foreign cars require a higher premium than American cars because foreign parts cost more. Sports cars and luxury models are the cars of choice for thieves, so expect to pay higher premiums if your tastes lean toward those models.

Another step you can take to reduce your insurance costs is to raise your deductible. Raising your deductible from \$200 to \$500 can result in a lower premium. You might also consider dropping collision coverage on older cars.

In calculating the cost of owning a car, be sure to consider depreciation, the amount by which your car's value will decline during a specific period. To determine depreciation, subtract the trade-in value you project for your car from its purchase price. Divide the difference by the number of years you plan to keep the car.

The amount you spend for gas is related to how much you drive and the kind of car you drive. For an exact accounting of your costs, for each record the amount you pay each time you buy gas. Divide your total monthly miles by the number of miles per gallon your car gets and multiply this figure by the average cost for a gallon of gas.

When you calculate your costs for maintenance and repair, include major repairs, ongoing maintenance such as oil changes and the cost of any service required under your new car warranty.

To lower the cost of driving your car, driving experts suggest you follow your car manufacturer's recommended tune-up program. Keep a log

of gas mileage and when it drops, have the car checked. Keeping your tires inflated properly, and accelerating slowly and smoothly can also save you money.

CPAs add that, depending on where you live and work and how you drive your car, tolls, parking and even traffic tickets may also represent significant expenses and should be factored into your annual car costs.

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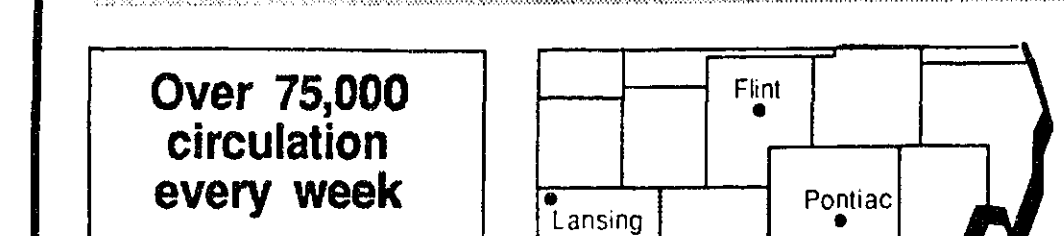
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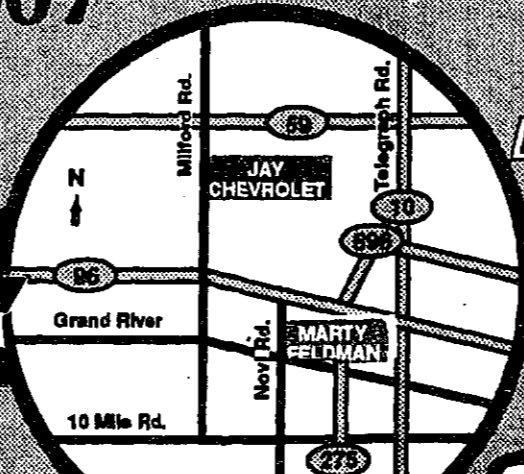
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