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Race tension boils over in local clashes

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Anger over the controversial acquittal of Los Angeles police officers involved in the videotaped beating of Rodney King may have reached as far as Novi Thursday.

Novi Police logged two incidents stemming from racial tension — a bomb threat and a physical altercation — that day. Normally racial incidents are rare here, said Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

Shaeffer said one of the incidents — a fight between a white man and black man over use of a pump at a local gas station — was a misunderstanding that might have occurred anyway.

However, Shaeffer said there was no question that a bomb threat reported at Bates Hamburgers was related to the Los Angeles trial.

The bomb threat was reported about an hour after several white waitresses and patrons were discussing the rioting that ensued in Los Angeles Wednesday night after the verdict was announced. During the conversation one waitress said she agreed with the officers' acquittal.

The caller told the waitress that she and other black employees at Twelve Oaks Mall "did not appreciate their conversation" and that they would bomb the building.

Police checked the interior and exterior of the restaurant as well as nearby cars and the dumpster, but found nothing resembling a bomb.

A different Bates waitress told *The Novi News* Friday that the restaurant has since received several other disturbing phone calls, and that employees were still in fear. "People should know we don't all voice the same opinions here," she said.

Also on Thursday, the Mobil gas station on the corner of Grand River and Novi Road was the site of a disagreement containing racial overtones.

According to police reports, a black Detroit man and a white Novi man argued over the use of a gas pump. The Detroit man told police he paid for his gas, but before he had a chance to pump it the Novi man drove up to the other side of the pump and began putting the gas into his car.

However, the clerk in the station told police that the Novi man had used his credit card to pay for his gas at the pump. She said the Detroit man was supposed to use the pump next to it.

The Detroit man said he ran out and told the Novi man to stop pumping the gas; that he had just paid for it. The Novi man allegedly called the Detroit man a "nigger" and glared at him as he continued pumping the gas into his car. The

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Detroit man reportedly became enraged and verbal argument led to a physical confrontation.

The men were no longer fighting when police arrived, but both were still "highly emotional and angry," according to the report. During questioning of the two men and witnesses, the Detroit man's father reportedly began yelling at police and said this was a racial issue and that the clerk was changing her story "because whites are looking out for and protecting other whites."

Shaeffer said both incidents were "very unfortunate of course. Any act of violence, any prejudice, is of course wrong, and when it leads to a violation of the law our officers will certainly act on it."

Shaeffer said officers in his department have often discussed the Los Angeles case, and that the verdict would probably lead to further discussion. He said the department has been working on a policy limiting and defining use of force.

An important part of the new policy, Shaeffer said, will be automatic review of any use of force by Novi officers.

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The white Los Angeles police officers beating Rodney King, who is black, were captured on videotape by an amateur photographer in March, 1991. The video has since been shown repeatedly on national television and led to well-publicized criminal charges against the officers.

All but one of the officers were acquitted Wednesday by a mostly-white jury. A deadlock was reached on a charge of unnecessary use of force against the remaining officer.



Novi High names its top '92 scholars

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

A record number of valedictorians and salutatorians will walk across the stage when Novi High School seniors graduate in June.

Ten students earned a perfect, 4.0 grade-point average and will be valedictorians. Two others with 3.95 grade-point averages will be salutatorians for the class of 1992.

Counselor Mary Jane Baird said she attributes the high number of valedictorians and salutatorians to the quality of students in the class of 1992.

"I think it's an outstanding class," Baird said.

Typically two or three students in each graduating class are valedictorians and salutatorians, Baird said.

Valedictorians and salutatorians are chosen solely on their grade point average. Pluses and minuses are not calculated into the averages, Baird said.

Valedictorian Daniel Kim Cho received all of his education from Novi Community Schools. He plans to take his knowledge to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study medicine.

Cho was involved in music and Odyssey of the Mind at Novi High School.

Adam Cox was involved in diving, the Student Advisory Council, the French club and the National Honor Society before his selection as a valedictorian.

Cox recently selected Princeton University as his school of choice. He plans to study mechanical and possibly aerospace engineering and later work for a research and development firm, the auto industry or an aeronautical manufacturer.

Valedictorian Jo Anna Johnson played tennis and volleyball at Novi

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Novi High School's largest group of valedictorians and salutatorians poses atop a sculpture on high school grounds. Pictured are (left to right, front row) Daniel Cho, David Lykins, Kenneth Fenchel, (second row) Raechel Streit, Jo Anna Johnson, Sandra Stine, Niloofer Said, Julie Munger, (third row) Je-Won Hwang, Jeffrey Jon Sugamoto, (back row) Gaurav Rohatgi and Adam Cox.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Cable firm will get council wired

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Just when you've tuned in to Channel 13 to see local government in action, your screen gets fuzziest than a Georgia peach and all those pithy council comments seem to be filtering through 1,000 leagues of bayou water.

Don't touch that dial. Relief may be on the way.

Technical problems in the city's "suitcase" studio are expected to be fixed up soon.

"If you'll give me five days I can send two peo-

ple in here and clean the picture up. The problem is in the wiring in that little room behind council," MetroVision of Oakland County general manager Bob McCann told Novi City Council Wednesday.

"Don't fear you were sold a bill of goods by somebody. You weren't. Your camera's good. They didn't sell you a complete package."

Better yet, the work will be done for far less than the \$10,000 anticipated. It'll be free, McCann said.

Since the council went on air in early 1991, there have been assorted technical glitches. The

city opted for a relatively low-cost, portable "suitcase studio" but now some wonder if this can adequately serve to broadcast city council and planning commission sessions.

"When people touch it at home, you can see video 'noise.' It looks fuzzy and distorted and the colors are out," Novi public relations director Cindy Stewart said.

"The audio was bad but we had it fixed three weeks ago, so it's okay."

At the heart of the difficulties were wires in the

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Carr seeks funding for more city roads

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The Haggerty Connector may not be the only new means of traveling north and south on area roads.

U.S. Rep. Bob Carr, D-East Lansing, is working with local planners and road commissions to provide funding for improved north/south roads.

Carr spokesperson Mark Folsie said last week Carr has encouraged area ad-hoc groups to examine possible road improvements that go beyond the scope of local municipalities.

As Vice Chair of the House Transportation subcommittee, Carr decides where federal discretionary funds go. He has funneled about \$150 million to Michigan in the past 10 years.

Prior to that time, Folsie said, Michigan gave more to the federal government's transportation fund than it received.

The only area north/south roads

project currently in the works is the Haggerty Connector, Folsie said.

Novi Director of Planning and Community Development James Wahl is on a committee with Commerce, West Bloomfield, Wixom, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake and White Lake.

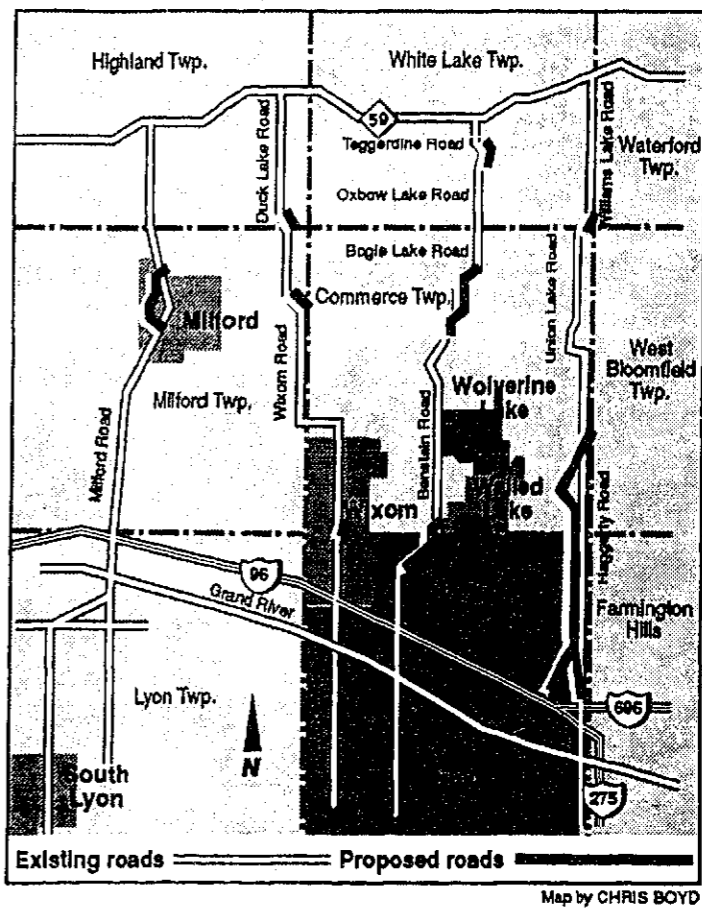
The committee is working with the Oakland County Road Commission to determine possible improvements to north/south roads in the area (see accompanying graphic).

The project began in September when Carr met with local planners in Novi. In January, committees began meeting to discuss possible road improvements.

The next step will be for communities to tell Carr what roads need improving and what costs the federal government could fund, Folsie said.

And the Oakland County Road Commission has asked each of the 11 west Oakland County municipalities to pass a resolution supporting the combined efforts.

New Roads Plan



Map by CHRIS BOYD

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Trans-X firm struck by vandalism

An employee at Monte Costello Inc. on Trans-X Boulevard reported several incidents of property damage at the business April 27.

According to police reports, a 1979 Ford Truck suffered smashed windows, a smashed instrument panel and body damage. A 1978 Starcraft trailer reportedly suffered body damage, interior damage, and missing lights. A portable generator also reportedly had a slashed tire and missing air filter.

Police said the unknown suspects climbed the west wall of the yard to gain access, leaving beer cans along their trail.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A resident on Leboist reported April 23 that someone smashed the front passenger side window of her 1986 Pontiac Grand Am and stole the stereo. Police said the window was apparently smashed with a rock, bending the shaft lever. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: Another re-

Police News

CHIEF OF POLICE: A Chevrolet Cavalier station wagon. Police later located the suspect vehicle and identified its driver. When contacted by police the driver reportedly admitted to the theft and turned in his accomplice as well.

STOLEN COIN MACHINES: A maintenance employee in the Waterview Farms apartment complex reported April 29 that 11 coin machines had been stolen from washers and dryers in the laundry rooms.

The boxes were apparently pryed off the appliances, damaging the machines.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A Northville woman reported April 23 that someone stole a portable phone and a pair of men's pants from her 1989 Ford Probe while it was parked near Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall.

The woman told police her vehicle was locked.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A Walked Lake woman reported April 22 that someone stole two cellular phones, several cassette tapes, a pair of headphones and a check from her 1989 Chevrolet Blazer while it was parked at Figgate's on East Lake Drive.

Police said the unknown suspects smashed a window in the vehicle to gain entry.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-8887.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A resident on Leboist reported April 23 that someone stole a mobile phone from his 1987 Ford Mustang, which was parked in his driveway.

Police were uncertain how the vehicle was entered.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Petros reported April 23 that someone stole a leather briefcase from his 1992 Ford Aerostar van.

The resident told police he parked and locked his vehicle in his driveway overnight. He said he woke up around 5:30 a.m. and noticed his dome light was on, but thought his child accidentally left it on.

Later that morning he said he discovered the window in the passenger side sliding door had been smashed, and the briefcase was missing.

He also saw the two suspects running away and leaving in a 1989

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Novi Briefs

Fifties Festival sponsors: The Michigan '50s Festival Committee, at work planning the upcoming fifth festival July 22-26, is seeking businesses and individuals who would like to help sponsor the program. This year, a festival banner with company names will be displayed in the entertainment tent for patron level donors. Patrons are those who donate \$250 or more. The festival offers a variety of membership programs for those donating amounts from \$25 to \$1,000. Anyone who would like to donate time can join the Cruisers, a large group of volunteers that works behind the scenes at the event. For more information, call 349-1950.

Correction: An April 30 article in *The Novi News* incorrectly stated that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners supported a state bill on courthouse placement introduced by State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township.

In fact, County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Nov, says the board of commissioners did not throw their weight behind the Dobb bill. Instead the board failed to adopt a Schmid resolution condemning the legislation which is now pending before the state senate.

Providence opening set: The dedication ceremony for the Providence Medical Center in Providence Park, on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, has been set for June 11. The dedication ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and a champagne reception is scheduled for 8 p.m. Providence intends to relocate its emergency room facility on Haggerty Road to the new medical center, along with doctors' offices and medical facilities planned there. An expansion from the original plans for the site is still under construction. The state government has not yet decided on Providence's request to locate a bedded hospital at the facility.

On the campaign trail

Honigman kickoff: David Honigman, candidate for the 11th District House of Representatives seat, will hold an "Old Fashioned Campaign Kickoff" in the Novi Hilton, Ballroom III, from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. At the event, he will formally announce his candidacy for the position. Honigman is asking for donations of '92 cents in change for change in '92.

Honigman will face off in the August primary against former Oakland party chairman Joe Knollenberg, for the seat being vacated by retiring congressman William Bromfield.

Campaign express: L. Brooks Patterson's "campaign express" continues as it steams along, his campaign office announced last week. Patterson, running to fill the county executive seat now being vacated by the outgoing Dan Murphy, is expected to file his affidavit of candidacy to the county clerk's office at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 7. No other Republicans have announced to run in the August primary for the position so far.

New Edison system to reduce waiting time

Detroit Edison announced April 8 the opening of a new advanced technology communication center that will improve customers' phone contacts with the company by virtually eliminating busy signals and reducing the waiting time for most customer telephone transactions.

Systems linked to the new center will result in speller reports of power outages and quicker restoration of outages resulting from storms.

The centralized customer communications center, combined with a new toll-free phone number for customer service — 1-800-477-4747 — and a computerized voice response system, are part of a \$40 million customer communication improvement program. Plans also include a nearly 50 percent increase in customer telephone representatives and an increase in telephone trunk lines, raising the total to more than 1,500 lines. Both will be fully in place by late June.

The new customer communications center, located in Southfield, consolidates customer representatives from six telephone centers formerly located throughout the utility's Southeastern Michigan service area. Previously, each geographic region of the company used local customer service telephone numbers. The centralized facility allows Detroit Edison to use its resources more effectively, provides more customer representatives to answer calls and results in more timely responses.

These improvements, combining technology with additional telephone representatives, make it quicker and easier for customers to reach Detroit Edison.

When calling Detroit Edison, customers now will hear a recorded voice asking them to indicate the purpose of their calls by pressing — or in the case of customers with rotary telephones — speaking a specified number after listening to a series of choices. By following directions, a customer can report service problems, or emergencies such as downed wires, without the assistance of a customer representative.

The voice response system offers customers the opportunity to call back and learn the status and estimated restoration times of outages affecting their areas. With all transactions, customers also have the option of speaking directly with customer representatives.

Additional to the system later this year will allow handling of some normal business transactions, such as bill payment arrangements and account inquiries, by the automated response systems.

To provide greater protection from downed wires, Detroit Edison has developed a special network to improve communication with police and fire departments. These agencies will contact the company using individual identification numbers to speed direct communication with the company. The identification numbers will be distributed by the end of April. The company also will provide police and fire departments with backup facsimile and paper numbers to contact Detroit Edison in emergencies.

Improvement of Detroit Edison customer communications is part of a broader, nearly \$250 million service reliability improvement program announced last summer. Scheduled for completion in 1994, the program includes accelerating maintenance schedules, replacing power lines, construction of new substations, adding more circuits and intensifying line clearance, or tree trimming, to prevent and minimize the duration of power outages.

Warning: check out all repair persons

A person appears at your door claiming to be a utility employee offering a rebate on your bill or requesting your assistance on a job in your backyard.

Do you help him or check him out? Unfortunately, in a recent incident, a Rochester man followed a so-called repairman to the backyard while the repairman's accomplice sneaked in the house and stole a safe.

Detroit Edison cautions people to be particularly careful in admitting strangers into their homes or property.

Another common scam victimizing homeowners involves two imposters claiming to be utility employees delivering a rebate on the customer's bill. The object of the scam is to gain entry into the

home, and while one person distracts the victim, the other robs the house.

To avoid being victimized, Detroit Edison recommends you follow three basic guidelines before allowing anyone claiming to be a utility employee in your home.

• Ask for identification. All Detroit Edison employees and contractors working for the utility carry identification cards or badges displaying their photos.

• If you are not sure about an employee's identification call Detroit Edison at 1-800-477-4747.

• Detroit Edison employees never deliver cash refunds or "rebates" to a customer's home. All account transactions are handled through the U.S. Mail or at a Detroit Edison customer office.

Novi High names top '92 graduates

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High School. She belonged to the art club, the Student Advisory Council, the Spanish club and the National Honor Society.

Johnson plans to study chemistry at Holmwood College and continue her education in graduate school, studying neuroscience.

David Lykins, also a valedictorian, will study at Notre Dame next fall. He is looking forward to a career in architecture or engineering but is still undecided on a major.

Lykins ran cross country and track and participated in the French club and Students Against Driving Drunk at Novi High School.

Valedictorian Julie Munger was involved in swimming, soccer, the

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Adult career counseling: Where do you go to find out about jobs? How do you know what career you want? Where can you get help developing a resume?

For many Oakland County residents the answer is the Pontiac Adult Career Counseling Center, a free service offered jointly by Oakland Community College and Oakland University. Any Oakland County area adult is eligible who is unemployed, looking for a job change, or unsure of what career path to follow.

Career guidance computer programs and resource materials are available in the center to help men and women learn more about their own interests, abilities, experiences and values. One of the person becomes better informed in each area, job situations can be suggested.

Counselors will assist participants to work on skills they may need to acquire a job. Some program participants are getting help with their resumes, or are practicing interviewing skills.

PACC does not offer job placement, but people who use the service report that they are better able to look for jobs when they know which ones they like and are able to perform.

The Pontiac Adult Career Counseling Center is located on the third floor of the OCC Pontiac Center, 17 S. Saginaw, near the Phoenix Center. Hours through June are Mondays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fridays 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

For an appointment or further information call 340-6793.

'Volunteer' firefighters get a raise

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

In a door-to-door recruitment drive, Novi has netted its biggest batch of potential paid-on-call firefighters ever.

Now Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan wonders if he'll be able to outfit everyone who makes the grade in the proper protective rig.

As part of on-going budget discussions, the city council in a 5-2 vote Wednesday approved a 50-cent-per-hour wage increase for the "volunteer" members of the part-time fire-fighting force who have passed the \$8 per hour entry-level.

"They've got some bad hours. We're tough on them. About the only thing we can do for them is give them a raise," Lenaghan said.

The increase will cost the city about \$10,000 per year and push Level Two pay to \$12 an hour and the maximum wage to \$13 an hour.

"Some of the wages that have come in, I'm not sure I'd run into a burning

building for that," Council Member Tim Pope said.

Pointing to the current budget crunch, council members Nancy Cassis and Carol Mason voted against the pay hike.

"Apparently this wage proposal is a 4-percent increase. I think we need to deal with all the wage proposals at the same time. We need to know the monies were finding that are saved from the current budget," Cassis said.

The budget remains a fluid document. City Finance Director Les Gibson said that as the current fiscal year's salaries are worked out, at least \$100,000 may be found to supplement the 1992/1993 budget.

Lenaghan's aiming to have 20 paid-on-call firefighters for each of the city's four fire stations. The average is now 15, he said, with one station having as few as 12. They'll be on weekend and evening hours when the full-time staff is not on the job.

Out of the new recruits, the goal is

to keep 25 to 30. The last training class yielded six paid-on-call employees. The department typically has a high turnover as firefighters move away, take new jobs or join other forces as full-timers.

"If there's no money, I can't buy them any gear. With no gear, I can't put them to work," Lenaghan said.

The chief says he needs \$15,000 worth of protective equipment for the new hires, as well as 15 paggers for \$6,400. He is also asking for \$36,000 to replace aging breathing apparatus.

As it did with other departments, the city administration whacked off some of Lenaghan's budget requests to keep the overall city budget at Truth-in-Taxation levels.

Drawing on funds from the voter-approved police and fire millage, \$210,000 has been set aside for a new fire truck.

Lenaghan was asked by the city council to prioritize what he needs most. He has reduced his request for

capital outlay from \$215,000 to \$126,000, a bare minimum he says is necessary to keep the department at its current level of service.

As introduced, the fire department budget is \$1.7 million. The council is expected to set final budget guidelines for the entire city this week.

"When I know how much is left, then I have to make a lot more decisions. Everybody wants something," Council Member Robert Schmid pointed out.

Lenaghan says the Novi system of relying predominantly on a part-time force is being studied by other Michigan departments.

He's looking for an average of 20 paid-on-call firefighters per station, less than the 23 to 25 per station in Farmington Hills and the 30 per station in Troy.

"We feel it is a very cost-effective system. We've had people from other communities like Woodhaven come and view the system," Lenaghan added.

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As We See It

Get priorities straight; repeal the 77-day rule

Is drunk driving a serious violation of law? Well, certainly. After all, drunk driving is the kind of misbehavior that can injure or kill someone... and it often has.



Government

Is drunk driving more serious than a financial dispute? Well sure. But then, are we really willing to scrap our entire financial dispute resolution process, our civil judicial system, for the sake of drunk driving cases? Should the resolution of civil lawsuits come to a complete halt until such time as all drunk driving cases have been completed. It seems like a bit over reaction, doesn't it.

According to 52-1 District Court Judge Harold Bulgarelli, he has not been able to hold a trial on a civil lawsuit in four months. For Judge Michael Batchik, the impact has been worse. He said he has been unable to try a civil lawsuit in more than a year. While that precludes the law, it shows the court was already overloaded and getting backlogged before the Legislature added the new deadlines for drunk driving cases.

Nonetheless, that seems to be the effect of a new Michigan law that went into effect Jan. 1, putting emphasis on drunk driving cases. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) pushed for the law last year as part of its continuing effort to crack down on drunk driving.

Of course, the district court in Walled Lake is not the only overloaded court in this state, so we suspect 52-1 District Court is not the only bench experiencing trouble.

What the law does is require that the courts reach a final resolution in drunk driving cases within 77 days of the incident. After that, the charge is dismissed, although the prosecutor can re-drop the charges should the case get dropped. The theory behind the law of course was to get quicker attention from the courts for drunk driving cases, based on the idea that swift punishment is always more effective.

Now, it is likely the Legislature did not expect this effect when it passed the law last year. It no doubt sounded like a great idea. But it is rapidly becoming clear it is not working.

The law also requires that each local judge send a copy of each drunk driving case off to Lansing, with his or her name attached and an explanation of the final resolution. That provision seems to be having less of an impact on the courts than the 77-day deadline, but it is still significant. Similar reporting is not required on any other violation of law — not murder, not rape, not robbery.

State Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, recently said he thought it was too soon to tell whether the law would work out. He suggested the problem might just be that the Walled Lake court is short-handed and needs an additional judge. He said the court might eventually be able to smooth out its load.

Well, how long are we going to wait? How long will it take for the Legislature to decide that a law it passed might not be working? When non-drunk driving cases have been delayed another four months? When they've been delayed another year? Or will we be waiting until 1995 for the new judge that is scheduled to take a seat on the Walled Lake bench?

Sounds a bit too long to us. Sounds like the law needs reviewed and revised right now, and preferably repealed.

As the old saying goes, "Justice delayed is justice denied."

Zingers and lead balloons



Phil Jerome

I'm writing this column on Friday because we go to press on Saturday even though we don't come out until Monday. That's why it's okay to tell you that I'm going to a surprise party tomorrow (Saturday, not Tuesday) at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi to participate in a surprise party for the Rev. Dr. Richard Henderson, who is celebrating 20 years in the ministry.

Henderson was an assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville before founding Faith Presbyterian in the small, but growing, City of Novi roughly 15 years ago.

As I understand it, there are going to be a pair of speakers at this august affair. One is the Rev. Lloyd Brause, pastor emeritus of Northville Presbyterian; the other is me. So what might suggest that's like going from the sublime to the ridiculous. But who am I to argue? They asked, and I accepted.

At any rate, I have prepared a few comments to make about Dr. Henderson. And, quite frankly, the remarks I have prepared include a zinger or two. All in good fun, mind you. But zingers nonetheless.

All of which makes me think of *Mad* magazine, which was mandatory reading for any boy worth his salt back in the days when I was in junior high school.

Of all the articles I read in *Mad*, the one I remember best was a suggestion for a party game. I think they called the game "Humiliation."

It worked something like this: You plan a party for about 10 couples and you pick one couple to be "it" — without telling them, of course.

You tell the "it" couple it's going to be a luau party, to dress appropriately and arrive about 6 p.m.

When the "it" couple shows up, they are greeted at the door by the host and hostess who are running around in bathrobes trying to get everything ready for the party. You tell the poor "it" couple there must have been a mistake on their invitation and invite them to come in and wait for the rest of the guests while the host and hostess get ready.

At 7 o'clock, the rest of the guests arrive. Except they're not wearing Hawaiian shirts and straw hats. They're wearing formal wear.

The game goes on and on with all kinds of little flourishes during the evening to further humiliate the "it" couple. For example, at 10 o'clock everybody — except the "it" couple, of course, who knew nothing about it — pulls out gifts for the host and hostess.

By the time the evening is over, the *Mad* article suggested, the poor "it" couple is totally humiliated. I have always thought I would like to host this kind of a party, but could never summon up enough ill will toward anyone I know to actually do it.

So why does the surprise party for Dick Henderson remind me of the game of Humiliation as described in *Mad* magazine?

Because I have this really uneasy feeling that the little zingers I have planned for Henderson tomorrow night (which is really two nights ago because you're reading this on Monday) might go over like a lead balloon. What if I'm up there throwing little zingers right and left, and everybody else is totally gracious? What if everybody else has nothing but wonderful things to say about him? What if everybody gets mad at me for zapping the esteemed guest of honor unmercifully?

If worse comes to worse, I suppose I could always resort to the line I typically reserve for such occasions — "I've been thrown out of better places than this." But I wouldn't really mean it.

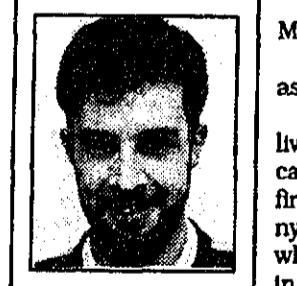
In passing

By Hal Gould



'Take five' Kristina Werda of the Northville girls track team takes a break after being injured in the 100 yard dash

LA problems aren't far away



Rick Byrne

I was there the night Ronald Melnyk was killed. Who is Ronald Melnyk, you ask?

Well, word had it that if you lived in Novi and you liked cocaine, you were probably on a first-name basis with him. Melnyk was a mid-level coke dealer who lived in Westland but dealt in Novi.

He died just about a year ago in the parking lot of the Northville Township Meijer store, shot in his car by undercover narcotics officers as he tried to flee.

Again, the word "outrage" has appeared in newspaper headlines and statements from civic leaders. I agree with them that something went terribly wrong when officers laid into King and struck him 50 or more times. And I also believe justice has not been served in this case, though there are still opportunities.

Were the officers guilty? Probably not of the crime with which they were charged. The assault charge required the prosecution to prove an intent to commit criminal wrongdoing, which it could not — at least not against an officer acting in the line of duty.

Laurence Powell, who delivered the majority of the beating in the now-famous video tape, was charged with unnecessary use of force, and the jury deadlocked, 8-4 for conviction. He may yet be retried, and he may yet be brought up on federal civil rights charges.

But in the eyes of the law, the eyes of the jury and most importantly the eyes of police officers, the behavior of the other officers may not have been all that outrageous.

Was King beaten without provocation? No, jurors who've spoken said evidence on the video tape (part from the bite-size pieces were been fed by the TV news) and in testimony showed that Rodney King acted in such a way that could have provoked the officers. As in the Melnyk case, officers are given great latitude when provoked.

Would they have kicked and beat King so mercilessly if he was a white guy?

Tough to say, but Ronald Melnyk was a white guy and the police killed him. No one blamed him either. No, I would not want to be Rodney King, prostrate on the ground while four big guys with sticks beat me and kicked me.

City looks for historic sites

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The "Cone Zone," a 1940s-era lakeside cottage or that old barn encircled by new homes could be "historic" and now a professional may prove it.

After extensive eyebrow raising over the bid process, the city council Wednesday agreed to hire an architectural historian to survey pre-1950 buildings in Novi.

Robert Donohue, a Commerce Township resident, was recommended by the city's Historic District Study Committee. The committee has been conducting the work on its own for 18 months and recently concluded it needed professional help.

The goal is to designate 100 to 200 Novi buildings as historically noteworthy. Of an estimated 600 sites to be surveyed, the committee has already scoured 200.

"It became clear too in the last month that this is going to be a very difficult and time-consuming process," Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

The two-phase study will run from this spring to November. The committee contacted 14 individuals or firms listed with the state bureau of history. Five responded to the request for proposals.

What caused council concern was that Donohue was the second lowest of five bidders. The bids ranged from \$5,700 to \$23,000.

The committee agreed to discuss the nifty-gitty with the two lowest bidders. The lowest bidder was out of town, so the partners were interviewed over the telephone. The committee met in person with Donohue. Donohue negotiated down some of his charges.

Council Member Joseph Toth protested the procedure as "unethical" and cautioned it could open the city up to a lawsuit.

"This is what you call sweethearting. Quite honorably, you should go with the lowest proposal you received if they met the intent of our proposal," he said.

"I've worked on many, many proposals. I've been instructed by a number of attorneys that you must treat everyone fairly and equally. I don't think you talked to all five of the persons who submitted bids."

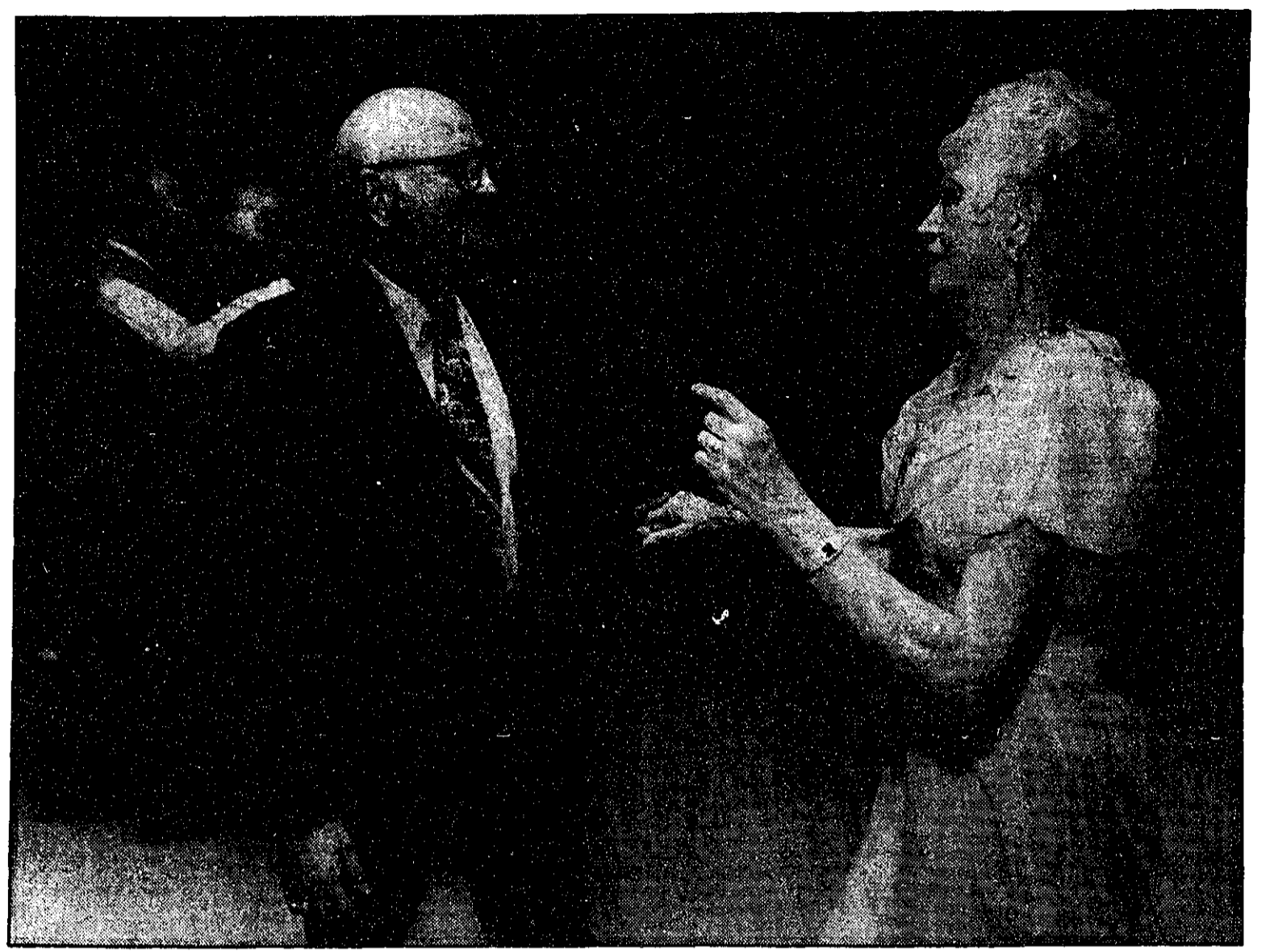
Historic District Study Committee president LuAnne Kozma said they went with "the highest quality proposal."

"He has a very rare background in both historic preservation and planning. That's key to his whole proposal," she said.

While City Attorney David Fried advised April 27 that a letter from the city financial director is needed when the formal bid procedure is waived in a search for professional services, Klaver said April 29 that Fried subsequently concluded this was unnecessary.

While other council members questioned the process on April 27, only Toth voted against the hiring of Donohue on April 29.

"I don't have a problem with the process you went through. I think it was totally proper," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.



Spring is in the air Ted Forfinski and Elaine Quimby trip the light fantastic at the Novi Senior Center's spring dance held April 28. Dances are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center, which is in the Novi Civic Center. A band entertains the 100-125 seniors who typically attend. The cost is \$2. Couples and singles are welcome. Call 347-0414 for more information.

Planners try for bigger budget

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Planning Commission would prefer a \$202,500 budget. But in case Novi City Council finds that too high, they've also set a fallback position of \$150,000 — equal to last year's expenditures.

In a Wednesday study session, the council put commission programs like a master plan update and a second phase to the wildlife habitat study under the microscope. A final determination on what stays and what goes is due this week or later.

The council has been adamant that this region remain residential. The current master plan dates to 1988, when the city had a state equalized valuation of \$400 million, as opposed to today's \$1.4 billion, Rogers said.

Rogers contends that the master plan must be backed up by current data in case the city is sued by disgruntled developers.

The commission also hopes to proceed with a phase two of its wildlife habitat study. The goal is to track the animals and their habits, to convince developers to leave wildlife "corridors" in place. The city already has progressive woodlands and wetlands

ordinances and this would be one more step forward, according to Kramer.

"We need to see a map we can go through. This hedgerow is protected. ABC lives here and XYZ lives there and they're talking to each other," he said.

Council Member Nancy Cassis wasn't certain funds should be diverted for this and expressed dismay about how well existing wetlands and woodlands ordinances have been followed.

"We saw woodlands intruded into and wetlands filled. We saw the habitats where animals lived encroached upon."

But Council Member Robert Schmidt backed the habitat study.

"He's talking about not only saving the woodlands and the wetlands but areas between the woodlands and the wetlands," he said.

"You can't put animals in a little circle and expect them to stay there. They've got to move from one area to another. It's one more tool you've got to work with developers."

The commission would also like to draft a \$5,600 watercourses protection

plan, to preserve fragile areas from "unsuitable development."

This proposal won support from Walled Lake area resident Edward Phelps. "Realistically, living on the lake, the watershed study is one of the most important that could be taken at this time."

The commission has volunteered to postpone a \$9,950 right-of-way acquisition plan and a \$7,000 woodlands map update.

They've also suggested that a joint study with Wixom on a Beck Road/Wixom Road/11-96 corridor improvement plan be underwritten as a special project outside the domain of their budget.

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This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, logic, and taste.

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Readership survey

Dear Reader: We want to know what you think... about your community and about your local newspaper.

Since the second anniversary of the launching of the Monday edition is rapidly approaching, on May 14, we thought this would be the ideal time to reflect on the progress made, not only with our twice-weekly publication, but

by the community.

On this page is a survey asking your opinion of the various issues you regularly read about in the Novi News, and the way we present that information to you.

We hope you'll take a few minutes to consider the items and offer your opinion on them. We'll share the results of the survey in an upcoming issue.

As an added incentive for you to return the form, we'll randomly draw three responses from among those who include their name and address and give them a year's worth of the Novi News for free.

Please return the form to us by May 14 at 104 W. Main, Northville, 48167; or in person; or fax responses to 349-1050. Of course, we're always interested in

what you think; we like to hear from you on an individual basis as well. Our phone number is 349-1700. Thanks for your interest.

Michael Malott
Mike Malott
Managing Editor

THE NOVI COMMUNITY

MAKING THE GRADE

Give a letter grade to the performance of the following city officials/institutions:

	A	B	C	D	E
Novi City Council					
City Manager					
City Clerk					
City Assessor					
Board of Review					
Building Department					
Finance Department					
Fire Department					
Parks and Recreation					
Planning/Department					
Planning Commission					
Zoning Board of Appeals					
Police Department					
Public Services					
Sewer & Water					
Novi Public Library					
Novi Board of Education					
Novi schools Superintendent					
Novi schools administration					
Novi schools principals					
Novi schools teachers					
Detroit Edison					
Michigan Bell (telephone service)					
Metro/Vison cable service					
The Novi News					

complete, according to city officials. Do you favor its completion? Yes No

Do you support the creation/opening of the Novi Expo Center in the town center area? Yes No

To make the town center an attractive place, Novi should add a:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Do you feel safe living in Novi? Yes No

Do you feel safe shopping in Novi? Yes No

Have you ever been the victim of a minor crime in Novi — vandalism, petty theft, etc.? Yes No

Have you ever been the victim of a serious crime in Novi? Yes No

Are there areas of Novi to which you would hesitate to go because of potential threats to safety? Yes No

Why? _____

Have you ever had a fire in your home? Yes No

Have you ever had occasion to call for the fire department? Yes No

Have you ever had occasion to call for an ambulance? Yes No

How would you assess the performance of the emergency personnel? Yes No

To improve emergency response, what would you suggest? _____

(Negative environmental impacts will spur development in the city. Will only bring more traffic. Other)

If the city fixes, repairs, widens or paves one road this year, it should be _____

Does Novi have enough park land? Yes No

If no, what type of park would you like to see created? Check one.

□ A large park with a full array of recreation facilities

□ Numerous neighborhood parks spread throughout the city

□ A trail-like park system which would wind its way through the neighborhoods

□ Other _____

Would you be willing to pay additional taxes for the purchase of parkland? Yes No

Is Novi's Recreation department providing an adequate level of programming? Yes No

What would you like to see added to the programming? _____

Does Novi have adequate sports facilities available — ball fields, soccer fields, etc.? Yes No

The sports facility you feel is most needed in the city is _____

This fall, Novi City Council will place a question on the ballot to ask voter approval of the levying of "mandatory user fees" to pay for curbside recycling. Do you favor initiation of the curbside recycling program? Yes No

Do you favor mandatory user fees? Yes No

If no, what alternative method of payment would you prefer? _____

Do you use the city's existing recycling facility behind Novi City Hall? Yes No

What improvement to the facility would you most want to see done? _____

Do you believe you get a fair return in services for the tax dollars you pay in Novi? Yes No

If no, you would be more satisfied if the city/schools added what services? _____

If no, you would be more satisfied if the city/schools lowered taxes by what percentage? _____

What attracted you, convinced you to move to the City of Novi? _____

What do you like best about living in the City of Novi? _____

What do you like the least? _____

What would you name as the number one problem, most in need of attention from city officials, in the City of Novi? _____

GROWTH

What grade or disagree with the following statements:

Development is occurring too rapidly in Novi and the city should seek to slow down the rate of development here. Agree Disagree

Novi should seek to develop as a residential community only. Agree Disagree

Novi should seek to develop enough commercial/retail business to meet the consumer needs of Novi residents. Agree Disagree

Novi should seek to develop enough commercial/industrial/office business to create a tax base sufficient to support schools and local government services. Agree Disagree

Novi should seek to develop enough commercial/industrial/office business to provide employment for all Novi residents. Agree Disagree

Novi should seek to develop as a regional business center. Agree Disagree

A stated goal of City Council has been the creation of a downtown-like town center area for the city. Do you support the creation of a town center area as an appropriate goal for the city? Yes No

Do you believe Novi's town center adequately fulfills that purpose? Yes No

The town center area is an estimated 40 percent _____

EDUCATION

Do you believe Novi schools provides students with a good education? Yes No

Does it prepare them adequately for the working world? Yes No

Does it prepare them adequately for college? Yes No

What additions would you make to the school district's curriculum? _____

What additions would you make to its sports programming? _____

What additions would you make to its community education department? _____

What additions would you make to its extracurricular activities? _____

ISSUES

Do you favor the construction of the Haggerty Connector? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

(Take traffic off of surface roads)

Provide a north-south route through the area. Will bring business and development to the city. Other) _____

If no, why? _____

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School district coverage			
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Feature stories about groups			
Lifestyle coverage			
Photo features/photo pages			
Sports coverage			
Recreation coverage			
Entertainment/leisure time stories			
Other			

OUR MONDAY EDITION

Do you read the Monday edition as often, less often, or more often than the Thursday edition? _____

Why? _____

Have you noticed improvements to the Monday edition during the first two years of its existence? _____

If so, do you like those improvements? _____

How would you change the Monday edition to make it more useful and/or valuable to you as a reader? _____

Do you find the cable T.V. guide useful? _____

IN GENERAL

(Use extra paper if necessary)

What are your favorite parts of the Novi News? _____

Why? _____

What are your biggest complaints with the Novi News? _____

Why? _____

How would you improve the Novi News? _____

ABOUT YOU

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Your occupation? _____

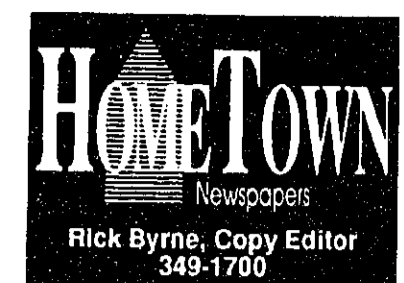
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FOOD CREATIVE DINING

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Lois Thieleke/Nutrition

Batter up: How to make a good pancake

A pancake should be more than a sponge to soak up butter and syrup. A pancake should be tender, slightly moist and moderately dense. A bad pancake tastes like raw dough or cardboard and has a texture that's gummy, tough and chewy. Pancakes lend themselves to many occasions, as an hors d'oeuvre, for breakfast, lunch or dinner; or to glamorize leftovers. Pancakes are very versatile; you can stuff, roll or glaze them.

Making pancake batter yourself is just as easy as a mix: besides, homemade tastes better. If you are interested in lower fat, calories, cholesterol and sodium, make your own batter and leave out the egg yolk, salt, sugar and some of the fat. Use skim milk as the liquid. Buttermilk gives the pancake a little tang and makes them extra tender. Making these changes will make the batter a little thinner but then you will be, too.

No matter what name you use, blintzes, crepes, flapjacks, johnnycake, griddlecakes or batter cakes, they are all made with a thin mixture called a "pour batter." This means that the liquid and dry ingredients are about equal and they are just wet enough to be pourable.

Four batters are usually classified as a quick bread because they do not use yeast as the leavening agent. The exception is the popular Russian blint which is a yeast-risen buckwheat pancake. These are usually made in a smaller size and are topped with sour cream and chutney, sour cream and herring, smoked trout or with butter and caviar.

There are three very important things to have to make the perfect pancake. First, the consistency of the batter is important. Dry ingredients such as flour, baking powder or soda, salt, sugar and other spices are blended together, mix the liquid ingredients together, and quickly add into the dry ingredients. Then just give it a few quick strokes to moisten the dry ingredients. A batter bowl which is a large liquid measuring cup is a very convenient way to make pancake batter as it can be easily poured from this on the griddle.

Forget about the lumps; do not overbeat! For just a basic pancake recipe, for best results mix the dough and then let it rest, covered and refrigerated the night before. If the batter gets too thick, dilute with a little water; if too thin, add a little flour. For a very light and delicate finished product separate the eggs. Add the yolk with other liquids and beat the egg whites to fold into the batter as the last step.

The second important item to remember is the surface of the griddle or pan you're using. If you have a new griddle or pan it may need to be seasoned before using. If the pan you are using isn't reserved just for pancakes and it isn't seasoned, you'll have to add a little oil during preheating.

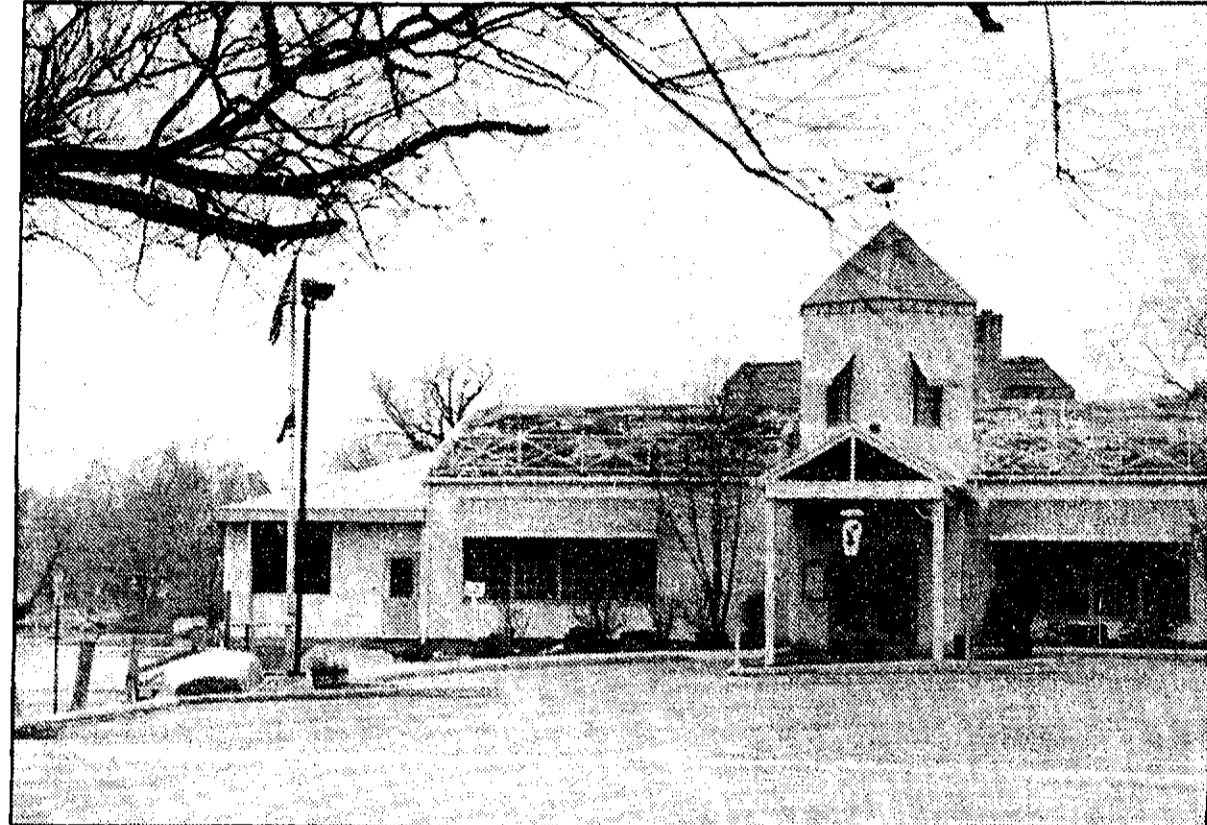
The third important point is the evenness of the heat. Always pre-heat the griddle. Test the griddle by dropping a few drops of cold water, the water should bounce and sputter. If the water sits there and boils the griddle is not hot enough. A pour batter will spread in a wide, thin circle until set by heat. When the bubbles appear on the upper surface, the cake is ready to turn over. If it is bubbling only in one area of the pancake, the heat is not evenly distributed, check your heat source.

Pancakes are turned over once. Serve them at once, but if this is not possible put a towel on a cookie sheet and make sure the pancakes are separated. Place in a 200-degree oven until ready to serve. Don't stack them on top of each other without a cloth between or the steam

Continued on 14



Named to the Michigan Living "Best of Michigan" lists were (right) Key Largo for its outdoor dining (right, below) Ah-Wok for Chinese food, and Guernsey Farms, where owner John McGuire likes to sample his own stock (above).



LOCAL TREASURES

AAA members cite area's four stars

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Auburn Hills has the Palace, Birch Run has its outlet mall, and Northville and Novi have... food?

There are a number of small communities around the state of Michigan with well-known destinations, but until AAA's monthly magazine, Michigan Living, announced its second annual "Best of Michigan" awards, never thought of food as the drawing card for our town.

Readers statewide responded to a December Michigan Living survey that included 30 categories, and the results were released just recently. 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.

The top five vote-getters in each category were published.

Bating played a big role in the survey, with 16 categories devoted to food, chefs and restaurateurs.

While some cities with big reputations for eateries — Birmingham, Royal Oak, Detroit — were splashed throughout nearly every category, the Northville/Novi area scored mentions on four lists. That ranked our area on a par with hot spots like Ann Arbor and Traverse City.

Local eateries that earned spots in the hearts of Michigan Living readers were Guernsey Farms for ice cream, Ah-Wok for Chinese food, Key Largo for outdoor dining, and Too Chez as a top new restaurant.

It's also worth noting that Mr. B's, with a location in Novi, was honored in the "Non-chain burger" category — even though it's a small regional chain with several locations.

Key Largo, for "Al Fresco Fare" or outdoor dining, Key Largo in Walled Lake was the top vote-getter.

With an outdoor deck perched right on the waters of Walled Lake, Key Largo is the quintessential warm weather getaway where an afternoon or evening can substitute for a weekend up north. Whether they come for the restaurant or the bar, people come from all around to pack the place.

Our bar's primary market is Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Farmington, Novi and Southfield; those areas," said Bob Kazanowski, CEO of the company. "Key Largo is definitely a destination restaurant. You can see that at 5:30 in the summer when the deck is open."

Though Kazanowski formed a limited partnership to run the business, he and his partners aren't in it for the buck. Kazanowski worked with Chuck Muer of Muer Restaurants fame, and was an avid sailboat racer on the side. He and his partners, who were also boat racers, found a way to combine work and play.

"We're all America's Cup freaks," said Kazanowski. "With the setting, the water, the lake and the Caribbean-type motif, we put the whole thing together to end up doing something we really like. We figured if we like it, others will like it. It's definitely a labor of love."

Too Chez: A winner as one of the top new restaurants was Too Chez of Novi. In a uncanny coincidence, the editors of Michigan Living gave the new restaurant category the tongue-in-cheek title "Nouvelle Cuisine." Though Tom Wisna's restaurant has been open less than two years, the catchline is an accurate description for Too Chez's menu.

Executive Chef Ed Janos uses his diversified training to create a menu that is as schizophrenic as the restaurant's decor. Janos prefers to call it eclectic.

"Too Chez is a good total package," said Janos. "Achille at the front door makes you feel good. If you come more than once, he knows your name. He takes good care of the regulars and makes them relaxed."

"The atmosphere is fun, you can be dressed up, you can be not dressed up, and you don't stand out because it's so vivid a decor you just fit in."

"The food is also good, and the service is good. Finally, I think people think it's a local crowd."

Guernsey Farms: A Northville institution, Guernsey Farms was honored for its ice cream.

Guernsey's has been a family operation in Northville since John McGuire purchased the former Red Rose Dairy at 125 N. Center St. in 1945. Today, he's still the boss, though son Marty now oversees day-to-day operations in the dairy.

With an eye for detail, the McGuire family has produced a rich and creamy line of ice creams at the modern dairy on Novi Road. The product has earned the dairy regional and even national recognition.

"Our emphasis is on quality," said Marty. "We try to make it the best, and we constantly taste test all our stuff. Even with the ice cream, the flavoring companies might change their flavors, so you have to see if it's good or if you want to change it. We look for quality. Price comes second."

In addition to the recognition prompted by Michigan Living readers, Guernsey's butter pecan was judged fifth-best in the country by People magazine in 1984, and Guernsey ice cream was named "Best in Detroit" by WJLB-TV Channel 2 last summer.

"And I go to all ends to procure quality ingredients."

As the AAA survey illustrates, customers go to great lengths to visit Too Chez as well.

"We're aware of that," said Janos. "We get a lot of people from Ann Arbor and from the west. Our dinner crowd draws from all over the Detroit area. It's definitely not just a local crowd."

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Chef Mary Brady

Michigan chefs honor the best of the best



Several weeks ago I was fortunate to be a "tasting hall." Excellent food and beautiful surroundings.

The purpose of the ball was to announce the Chef of the Year winner. It was also a nice time to spend with friends and talk "shop" in a relaxed atmosphere.

After the meal Lou Decillis, owner of Savino Italian Ices, acted as the master of ceremonies. Lou is a superb speaker, fast, articulate and interesting. He started out by honoring the 10 previous winners and awarding them plaques for their commitment to the MCCA.

Chef Miles Chelka was the first called to the podium. He is the founding father of our association and has done more to promote the culinary field than any other single person in Michigan. Lou describes him as the "EcoChef" of our time. I agree.

Chef Leopold was then introduced. He is now serving as president for his second term and has held each office two or three

times. I guess he does a good job. His example of dedication, hard work and excellence are appreciated by all that know him. He is a kind and caring man who encourages each and every one of us.

Chef John Vanderwey was one of the original members of the MCCA. He too has helped build upon the substructures that make a great organization. His friendliness and helpfulness are true virtues. Ann to make it better, he lives in beautiful Northville.

Then there is our team manager, Chef Dan Hugelier. What a terrific inspiration to us. He was unable to be present because of surgery. We miss you, Dan, and our thoughts are with you.

The list goes on. The Club Association corporate chef of the Club Association of America (Skyline, Renaissance Center) was introduced. He was captain of the last Michigan team that went to the Olympics.

Finally it was time to announce the win-

ner. The men above have devoted much of their lives to the betterment of their profession. They are to be much admired for their efforts. Each of them has given tremendous amounts of time to the Michigan Chefs De Cuisine.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive the nomination. Ray Hollingsworth, a teammate, and Tom Rencinella, chef of The Heathers Club were also nominated. As excited as I was to be "in the running," both of the other nominees have contributed much more than myself to the group. I show up at meetings. They run them, and the association.

So it was with great satisfaction that the new Chef of the Year was Ray Hollingsworth. He deserves it. Congratulations.

Northville resident Mary Brady is a Certified Executive Chef, and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's in Northville.

The Refrigerator Door

WINE APPRECIATION COURSE: Northville Record/Novi News wine columnist Eleanor and Ray Heald will offer a five-week wine appreciation course devoted to educating both the neophyte and experienced taster in the art of tasting world-class wines as a connoisseur would.

Six premium wines of the world will be discussed and tasted at each session. The five sessions (cost \$95/person) are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m., May 6 through June 3 at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. Call 471-7561 for more information and registration materials.

BENEFIT BARBECUE: Word of Mouth Foods/Porterhouse Meats is holding a benefit barbecue, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Porterhouse Meats, 1058 S. Main in Plymouth, 455-6770. Event proceeds will help SCAMP, a non-profit organization, provide a summer day camp experience for special education youth.

"Free-will donations will be accepted at the barbecue, and will go directly to SCAMP," said Jack and Kristin Trabue, owners of Porterhouse Meats and Word of Mouth Foods.

Sample homemade hand-stuffed sausages hot off the grill, bratwurst, Italian sausage, fresh Polish, Cajun sausage and smoked kielbasa. Sample Word of Mouth's new barbecue sauce, "Call it Spicy."

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

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

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

Sessions will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the following schedule:
 • Monday, May 4, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 884-2500.
 • Monday, July 20, Renaissance Club, 259-4700.
 • Tuesday, Nov. 10, Victory Celebration, Detroit Athletic Club, 963-9200.

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

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

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

Area eateries draw fans

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The award-winning quality brings customers from miles around. During warmer months, car and motorcycle clubs hold informal get-togethers there, and families gather on the lawn.

"We had a fellow just come in this morning from Oil City, which is up near Traverse City," John said. "He said every time he gets down this

way, he picks up a case of something."

■ Ah-Wok: In the "Fine China" category, Ah-Wok was honored as one of the favorite Chinese restaurants in the state.

Located at Meadowbrook Road and Ten Mile in the Novi Plaza, Ah-Wok has earned a regional reputation through write-ups in such publications as Detroit Monthly and the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

Ah-Wok captures the flavors of the Cantonese and Mandarin styles of Chinese cooking, and has drawn great praise for its stir-fries.

What separates Ah-Wok from the horde of Chinese restaurants in the western suburbs is the menu. While familiar fare like beef with snow peas and almond chicken are available, there are some unique vegetarian entrees and bird's nest (actually fridre noodles) presentations.



Chef Ed Janos

What makes your batter taste better

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they produce will make them all flabby.

French pancakes or crepes are served as a snack, for lunch, a supper dish or a dessert depending on the flavoring. Mixtures for crepes include chopped tomatoes and onions, sausage and cheese, grated cheese and crumbled bacon, asparagus or thin sliced smoked ham or turkey, or spread with just plain jelly and butter. A crepe needs to be beaten until smooth, rest the batter for at least one hour, reblend batter and cook until set, turn over cook until done. Do not stack until completely cooled. After they are completely cooled, stack, wrap in foil refrigerator or freeze for later. Frozen crepes should be thawed in a cool oven.

Blintzes are a more lengthy process; however, they can be made a day ahead and when you're ready to serve, brown quickly and serve hot. They are also higher in calories since they are browned on one side, filled and fried again to brown the outside.

The batter can be seasoned or add chopped nuts, candied fruits, wheat germ or flaked bran. Let the cereal or fruit rest in the liquid for about half an hour before cooking for best results. A lower calorie batter is very easy to do, and also cut down on the butter an syrup when eating. No matter, whenever you eat pancakes make sure they are perfect and a real taste treat, something different for dinner.

Try out salad for starters

Watching your weight and looking for a new warm weather breakfast or brunch idea? Try a breakfast salad.

The breakfast salad got its start in California where an abundance of fresh produce is readily available year 'round. Colorful mixtures of fruits and vegetables drizzled or tossed with a sweet or savory yogurt-based "dressing" make a cool and low-calorie way to start the day.

Instead of croissants, breakfast salads call for a ready-to-eat cereal either sprinkled on top or used as a base for the fruits or vegetables. Puffed wheat and rice cereals are smart choices because they're low in calories—just 50 calories in a generous one-cup serving.

Save time by slicing, dicing, shredding or cubing the fruits and vegetables the night before; store tightly covered in the refrigerator. The dressing can be made ahead, too. In the morning, pour the cereal into a wide shallow bowl, arrange the fruit or vegetables on the cereal, and top with the dressing. Add juice and coffee, and you're ready to go.

To help get you started, the Quaker Kitchens have created two breakfast salads using Quaker puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal. In addition to being low in calories, the cereals are fat-free, sugar-free, sodium-free and contain no preservatives.

If the savory flavors in huevos rancheros or a vegetable-filled omelet are to your liking, try Garden Patch Salad. Red bell pepper, green onions and shredded carrot complement the

wholesome puffed wheat or rice cereal. The savory Peppercorn Dressing is plain low-fat yogurt flavored with garlic salt, onion powder and freshly ground black pepper.

Traditionalists or those who prefer something a little sweet in the morning will love the Orange Banana-Rama Salad. The colors are as bright as sunshine, and the flavors will leave you feeling refreshed. Creamy spoonfuls of nonfat vanilla yogurt blended with frozen orange juice concentrate top the sliced fruits and cereal.

For additional low-fat, low-calorie recipes and dieting tips, write for your free copy of Diet Smart, a new brochure from The Quaker Oats Company. Send your name and complete address to: Diet Smart, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60607. Offer good while supplies last.

GARDEN PATCH SALAD

1 cup puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal
 2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
 2 tablespoons sliced green onions
 2 tablespoons shredded carrots
 2 tablespoons Peppercorn Salad Dressing

Pour cereal into medium bowl; arrange vegetables on top of cereal. Top with Peppercorn Salad Dressing. Serve immediately. 1 serving.

Nutrition Information: Per serving, Calories 85, Protein 4g, Carbohydrate 15g, Total Fat 1g, Cholesterol 2mg, Dietary Fiber 2g, Sodium 140mg. Per-

cent of calories from fat: 8.

PEPPERCORN SALAD DRESSING

One 8-ounce carton plain low-fat yogurt
 ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 ½ teaspoon onion powder
 ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine all ingredients; mix well. Refrigerate until ready to serve. 1 Cup.

Nutrition Information: 2 tablespoons—Calories 20, Protein 1g, Carbohydrate 2g, Total Fat 0g, Cholesterol 2mg, Dietary Fiber 0mg, Sodium 130mg. Percent of calories from fat: 21.

ORANGE BANANA-RAMA SALAD

One 8-ounce carton nonfat vanilla yogurt
 4 teaspoons orange juice concentrate
 2 cups puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal
 2 medium bananas, sliced
 1 medium orange, peeled and separated into sections

Combine yogurt and orange juice concentrate in small bowl; set aside. Pour cereal into medium bowl; top with fruit. Spoon yogurt mixture over fruit. Serve immediately. 2 Servings.
Nutrition Information: Per Serving, Calories 310, Protein 10g, Carbohydrate 69g, Total Fat 1g, Cholesterol 5mg, Dietary Fiber 5g, Sodium 80mg. Percent of Calories from fat: 3.

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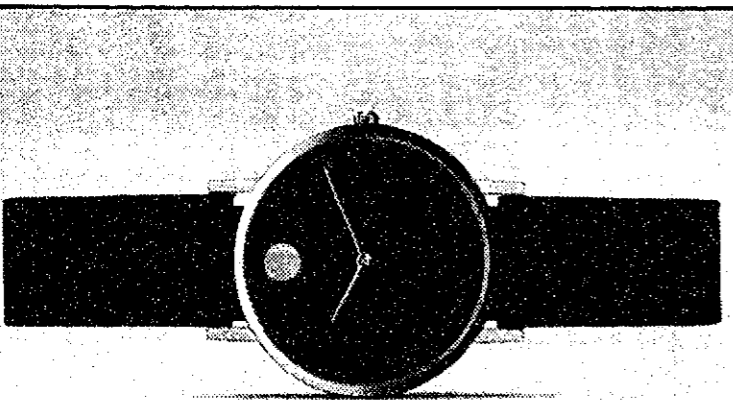
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