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City taxes may jump despite belt tightening

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Pennies will be pinched at city hall, City Manager Edward Kriewall said, as a result of a \$300,000 tax refund Novi must pay out with interest over the next three years — but he's not sure a millage increase can be avoided in 1993.

Novi City Council is also tinkering with the idea of bringing in an outside expert who would evaluate local government operations to see if any corners can be cut to save more dollars.

"The task ahead is to maintain the ship of state without cutting jobs and maintaining the level of service the public has come to expect," Council Member Nancy Cassis summed up in a Wednesday special meeting.

"I'm more in a mode of cutting spending than increasing taxes."

The council has the power to levy 1.2 mills more than it has actually chosen to in the past. This would raise another \$1.5 million per year, Finance Director Les Gibson said.

The total millage currently levied is 10.98, just shy of \$11 for each \$1,000 of the state equalized valuation of property.

The city has held the line below the level set by Truth-In-Taxation in the recent past, but may need to reverse that trend, Kriewall said.

"We may have to look at the taxes and say we've just got to raise them. I think the council will do that if you've done everything you can do."

Robert Schmid
Council Member

Truth-In-Taxation is a state law which requires governments to roll back millage rates to offset increases in the assessments, thereby keeping revenues constant. But after a public hearing, the council can vote to go above the Truth-In-Taxation benchmark.

The big paybacks to local businesses, including Progressive Tool, the Frank W. Kerr Company and Lord & Taylor, are the fruits of their successful appeals of their assessments to the state Tax Tribunal. The appeals are based on assessments from the late 1980s, early 1990s.

"I guess we've never seen this

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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

It's a scream, as (left to right) Tina Pawloski, Kim Savela and Wendy Dziobak can attest.

Tollgate barn offers good scary fun

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Ah, Halloween — the crisp night air, the beauty of the turning leaves, the soft glow of the moonlight reflecting off the bared teeth of monsters and a chainsaw-wielding maniac.

Yes, it's time again for that annual October fright fest, Novi's Tollgate Center haunted barn — "13 rooms of gloom and doom."

The annual classic is being presented this year by the Novi and Farmington Jaycees, 4-H and the Tollgate Center, located at the intersection of Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook roads. All proceeds from the barn and its companion facility, Polly Pig's Pumpkin Palace, will benefit the center's handicapped riding program. Both areas are fully handicapped accessible, said Director of Handicapped Programs Cindy Richards.

The haunted barn, located at the Tollgate Center, is open every night except Mondays until Oct. 31. Sundays through Thursdays, it will be open from 7-11 p.m.; Friday and Saturdays from 7 p.m.-midnight.

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Your hosts during a visit to the Tollgate Center's haunted barn.

Stage set for park bond issue hearing

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you or your children are interested in swimming a few laps, hitting a home run, scoring a goal in soccer or just taking a peaceful walk in the woods here in Novi, tonight's the night to speak up.

Or hold your peace until a special election comes up, perhaps in January.

Novi City Council has set aside a 7 p.m. session to encourage residents to share their ideas on the proposed sale of \$9.9 million in bonds to buy over 400 acres of recreational land, including the 190-acre Novi Tree Garden on the shores of Shawood Lake, an adjacent 115-acre tract and another 100 acres in west Novi.

The council Wednesday was given an advance inkling of how some residents feel. Representatives of a 15-member citizens committee presented a petition bearing the signatures of 342 people who'd like the city to splash an additional \$3 million to \$3.5 million onto the bond issue for a community pool.

The signatures were collected in just three days.

Pool committee spokesperson Steve Nicol asked the council to pre-

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sent the entire bonding package to the voters, not break down the issue into two parts as some council members have suggested.

"My personal feeling is that is the best way to throw it together. We're looking for just one community, one vote," he said.

The pool construction estimate does not include the land and parking lot, but the Novi Civic Center is being eyed as a possible site.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said the goal is to have a

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Bullard-Havey face off

Candidates debate the issues in house contest

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Democratic hopeful Robert Havey is seeking to unseat incumbent Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Highland, in the new 38th District of the State House of Representatives.

Bullard has served in the current 60th House District since 1983 representing the areas of Highland, Milford, Lyon, Rose, Holly and Groveland townships. He moved from his home in Highland to run for a seat in the new district.

Havey has been involved in local government in the City of Wixom, where he lives.

The 38th house district includes the communities of Novi, Wixom, South Lyon, Lyon and Milford townships, Milford Village and part of Northville.

The Novi News interviewed the candidates for the district in a debate format. With both candidates present, the candidates were allowed to discuss the issue and rebut their opponent's views.

K. Mark Elscholz, a Libertarian candidate for the district, was invited but did not attend the interview session.

What qualifies you for the office?

Havey: My background is with the Service Employees International Union working on the executive board. I see problems every day you would think can't be resolved and we've been able to resolve them.

I think the voters out there want someone who can get problems solved and that would be my

goal. I'm a great believer in putting aside labels, Democrat or Republican. Let's get to the issues, let's find resolutions and let's find what works for everybody in the state.

Bullard: I feel my background, four years in local government, 10 years as state representative, is the best to continue on the job for another two years. I feel I have a record of accomplishment and my voting record is in keeping with what a majority of people in this area want their representatives to vote for or against.

One of the amendments I authored last year eliminated 18,000 small businesses in Michigan from having to file a single business tax return, saving those businesses \$10 million a year plus whatever it cost to prepare the SBT return, which might be another \$10 million in tax preparation fees.

Just a comment about Mr. Havey's comment about (party affiliations) — it does make a difference. The Democrats now have control, Republicans have a minority. We're hoping to change that in this election — but if you look at the voting records of so-called conservative Democrats in Lansing, they vote they are not so conservative.

Havey: I would just like to add that I have been involved in city government, I've been a commissioner on parks and recreation for the City of Wixom, and after serving there for a period of three years I chaired a Quality of Life committee for strategic planning. So I have been out there and have talked to the people in the community

and I think I know what they want.

I understand that one of the issues you disagree on is the cut and cap proposal. Mr. Havey, why are you against the proposal?

Havey: The No. 1 reason I am against the proposal is, it's going to end up taking \$2 billion from education and right now there's no place to replace that money. To me, education is the No. 1 priority, the thread that goes through all the other issues. You talk about jobs, they talk about education so you can have qualified people for the jobs. You talk about drug abuse, they talk about education. It is in every other one of the issues that is out there and that would be my top priority.

Team 11 is a bipartisan effort to find an alternative funding to education as opposed to just property tax and I'm all for that. I think we need the quality education and I cannot allow that money to go out of education.

Bullard: I strongly support Proposal C. I think we have to look at our property tax payers who are taxed beyond all reasonable limits. We have one of the highest property taxes in the whole country, either third highest or fifth highest depending on which national survey you look at.

The question about \$2 billion, yes, it will be a \$2 billion statewide cut in property taxes but at the end of five years. This is a responsible proposal because the cut will be gradual over the five

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Community Calendar

Today, October 26

Bereavement support: Dr. Michael Meyer will hold his monthly bereavement support group meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The topic for this month will be "A light in the midst of darkness," presented by Deacon Bill Waldman of Holy Family Church. The support group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Call 348-1800 for further information.

Parks hearing: There will be a public hearing in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center at 7 p.m. regarding the recreational land acquisition and improvements bonding proposal. Public is invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, please submit your questions or comments to the Director of Parks and Recreation prior to the hearing. The meeting will be cablecast on Channel 13 of Novi MetroVision.

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet in the council chambers of the Civic Center at 8 p.m. The topic for the meeting will be the Novi Road water main.

Tuesday, October 27

Novi Chamber: The Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

LARA meeting: The Lakes Area Residents Association meets at the new Walled Lake Middle School at 46720 West Pontiac Trail in room 113 at 7 p.m. A representative of the Sandstone project will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

Novi Chorales: The Novi Chorales practice at 7:30 p.m. in the vocal music room at Novi High School. For more information about the group, call Diane Miller at 348-3398.

Youth Assistance: Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

Wednesday, October 28

VCR repair: Bob Brooker of Howell will teach video cassette recorder cleaning and basic repair at a class to be held in the Wixom Civic Center from 7-9 p.m. The class is a hands-on, how-to for VCR owners. The cost is \$35. To register, call (517)546-9630.

Bond meeting: Novi school district voters will have an opportunity to get information and ask questions about the upcoming bond issue, on the election ballot Dec. 15, in a series of meetings being held at various school district buildings. Today's session will be held at 7 p.m. in Novi High School. For further information, call James Koster, assistant superintendent of business and operations at 344-8330.

Parent Meeting: Novi High School will hold a parent/principal meeting at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Parent Conferences: Novi Middle School parent/teacher conferences will be held from 6-9 p.m. in the Middle School.

Seniors business: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

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Friday, October 30

Halloween Carnival: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Halloween Carnival from 5-8 p.m. in the Novi Town Center in the old Children's Palace store. Admission is free. Game tickets will cost \$1 for four. Prizes will be given for costumes. Children can go to store for trick or treating. Carnival games will be available. Coloring and costume contests will be held. Coloring sheets for the contest must be turned in at the Olive Garden Restaurant no later than Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Novi Middle School: There will be a half day of school with dismissal at 10:35.

Saturday, October 31

Absent Voter Ballots: The Novi City Clerk's Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the last day to obtain absent voter ballots.

Sunday, November 1

Open House: Novi Village Retirement Community will hold an open house from 2-4 p.m. Novi Village is located just north of Twelve Oaks Mall at 45182 West Road. Call 669-5330 for more information.

Monday, November 2

Blood Pressure: Family Home Care, Inc. in conjunction with Novi Drugs will offer free blood pressure screening from 3-7 p.m. at Novi Drugs, 24025 Meadowbrook Road.

Choir Boosters: The Novi High School Choir Boosters will hold general and committee meetings at 7:15 p.m. in the school library.

Tuesday, November 3

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Election Day: Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

Novi Jaycees: The Novi Jaycees will hold a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Jaycee House on Sixthgate.

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Good Morning Novi: The Novi Chamber of Commerce breakfast presents Phil Morosco, Twelve Oaks General Manager, who will speak on Novi as a visitor and tourist destination at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Epicure Restaurant. Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

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.

Saturday, November 7

Christmas Bazaar: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., will host "Visions of Christmas" from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bazaar booths will include the Christmas Booth, Parsn's Attic of Treasures, Kountry Kitchen, crafts, cookbooks, cutlery, stationery, jewelry, coffee, goodies and orders for fresh greens and fruit.

Sunday, November 8

Dedication and open house: The Walled Lake School District will be dedicating the Walled Lake Middle School and its new transportation and maintenance facility. The Middle School dedication is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. and the transportation facility will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m. An open house at both facilities will run from 1-4 p.m. The Middle School is located at 46720 W. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. The transportation facility is located at 46740 W. Pontiac Trail.

Monday, November 9

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Sunday, November 11

Fall Concert: The Novi High School Fall Concert will be held at the high school at 7 p.m. Included will be all choirs from the high school and two middle school choirs. The program will be Great Choruses from Operas and Musicals.

Wednesday, November 18

Senior Citizens Club: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold a combination business meeting and luncheon at noon in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting will include an election of officers for the coming year.

Saturday, November 28

Bake Sale: The Novi High School Marching Band will hold a bake sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The Band Boosters have been given permission by the Novi Arts Council to hold the sale during the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. Items will sell between \$3 and \$5. Those who would like to submit items for sale should arrive at the booth between 8 and 10 a.m. For further information, call 347-6112 or 347-0592.

Arts and Crafts Show: The Novi Arts Council and the Novi Jaycees will sponsor a Holiday Arts and Crafts Show at the Novi Civic Center on W. Ten Mile from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 29

Arts and Crafts Show: The Novi Arts Council and the Novi Jaycees will sponsor a Holiday Arts and Crafts Show at the Novi Civic Center on W. Ten Mile from 12 noon to 4 p.m.



The "Chainsaw Room" is abuzz with activity.

A haunting we will go — at Tollgate

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Adult tickets are \$6, \$4 for children under 12.

Polly Pig's Pumpkin Palace is a new idea in Halloween fun, said Richards. "It's for little kids, say age zero to eight." The palace has eight different game rooms, loaded with Halloween things to do. A witch will be on hand, face painting will be available, and the children can play with baby goats and bunnies as well.

Richards said that there will be prizes for all children, along with games, crafts and the chance to make and eat Halloween cookies. The namesake of the Pumpkin Palace, Polly the pig, will be on hand as well.

"Polly is a miniature pot belly pig," said Richards. "She's very gentle, and weighs about 100 pounds — after the treats she'll get from the kids,

though, she'll probably be up to about 130." Polly's favorite leisure activity, Richards added, is to lay down and have her belly scratched.

The palace will be open this Friday and Saturday (Oct. 30-31), 7-9 p.m. on Friday and noon-8 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is just \$3.

And you can join in the fun! If you have a talent for terror, should fright be your forte, perchance that you are a maven of mayhem, you can volunteer to help out at the barn. On the other hand, if Polly and the kids sound more fun, the pumpkin palace needs volunteers as well, Richards said. Those interested should call 347-3860, ext. 217.

The haunted barn folks are getting an assist from the local Domino's Pizza store in Novi, Richards said. "They're distributing discount admission coupons with the pizzas they

deliver this month," she said. In addition, Domino's will sell its hot slices at the barn site, with 20 percent of the proceeds going to the Tollgate Center.

Proceeds from ticket sales to the barn and pumpkin palace will go to handicapped programs at the center, Richards said. The center runs programs for about 300 handicapped children, some as young as two and a half years, in southeastern Michigan, she added. About the same number of volunteers make the program happen — "this is an all volunteer effort," Richards said.

Tollgate's is the third largest program of its kind in the United States, Running May through October, physically, emotionally and mentally handicapped children get the chance to go horseback riding, assisted by volunteers who guide the horses and walk alongside the riders. The program

has been around about 18 years in Michigan.

"It's our third year at this location," Richards said. Tollgate is an Michigan State University facility, she noted. "It's a youth development center. We have science and environmental activities — all kinds of stuff here," Richards said.

All of the program's horses, stabled at the center itself, are specially trained for the riders. The program is always in need of donations, Richards said — "we look for cash, horses, tack (feeding equipment), and always volunteers."

That's how Richards herself got started in the program. "I got involved as a handicapped rider," she said, "and I liked it a lot. So I stuck around to see it develop."

Come on down to the haunted barn. Gloom and doom, grisly gore and melancholic mayhem await you.

Dispute over bid puts 'air' on ice

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Plans to award a contract for air conditioning installation in the Novi Community Schools District's new Instructional Technology Center (ITC) have been put on ice.

The Board of Education was prepared at its Oct. 15 meeting to give the job to the firm of Long Mechanical, based in Northville. Before the vote, however, the owner of another company that submitted a bid for the work asked the board to reconsider.

Jim Brown, a Redford Township resident, is president of Detroit Temperature Engineers, a Livonia heating and cooling firm. Brown said that his company had not been given a fair examination during the bidding process. "Ours was the low bid" of the six companies that submitted cost estimates to the district, said Brown.

The sealed bids for the project were opened and publicly read Sept. 29. The architectural firm for the project, TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills, reviewed them and interviewed the lowest and second lowest bidders — Detroit Temperature Engineers and Long Mechanical. TMP recommended Long for the job.

Detroit Temperature had the lowest bid, \$107,500. Long Mechanical's price was \$114,500, while the other three bidders were \$126,000, \$129,000 and \$157,000. One company did not submit price information.

David Paterson, of TMP, said Brown's firm "submitted a base bid only." The company, he continued, said it would have to charge an additional \$3,100 for work that would have to be done after school hours at higher wages. Also, Paterson said,

the cost of some needed pipe insulation was not included in the bid and would come to an extra \$2,450.

All told, that would have made Brown's bid \$114,050 — still \$450 less than Long Mechanical's.

Peterson explained his position. "The fact that DTE did not bid per plans and specs makes TMP leery of other items that could surface, if they were selected to accomplish the work," Paterson said.

Brown said that he wanted the board to either overrule the recommendation and award the bid to Detroit Temperature, or to delay awarding the contract while it checks out his firm.

"We're a good company," said Brown. "We're the low bidder, we have references and a good reputation. We've done all the heating and cooling work for the city of Novi since

1984 — they trust us."

The architect involved did not give his firm all the consideration it deserves, Brown continued. "He based his recommendation on his (past) experience with Long Mechanical," he said. "If he had experience with us, it may have been different."

Board Vice-President Stephen Hitchcock, presiding at that stage of the meeting, agreed with board members to pull the vote on the contract from the evening's agenda. "We will discuss it," he told Brown, "and our decision may or may not change. We don't want to second-guess our experts."

The board will hold a joint meeting with the city council on Thursday (Oct. 29). The next regular meeting of the board will be held Thursday, Nov. 5, at which time the matter may be settled and the ITC moves one step closer to climate control.

Residents get first look at Connector

Work is proceeding apace on the Haggerty Connector.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials held an open house Wednesday to give area residents a picture of just how the new highway will cut through some of their lives.

The construction, which has already begun, is expected to be completed no later than 1999. The total project includes 12 miles of ramps and connecting roads.

MDOT does not yet have all the needed rights-of-way for the road, although it is still talking business with landowners along the Connector route up to Fourteen Mile. Negotiations for land north of Fourteen Mile up to Perlatz Trail will begin in early 1993, according to MDOT.

The first half of Phase One is the intersection of Interstates 96/696/275 to Twelve Mile Road. Work is under way and is expected to be finished in August 1994.

Phase One will finish in spring 1995 with the M-5 interchange at Twelve Mile Road, including a bridge over Twelve Mile and the reconstruction of that mile road. The Connector will run under Twelve Mile Road.

Phase Two is the four-mile stretch of boulevard with an 84-foot landscaped median running from Twelve Mile Road north to Pontiac Trail. The road is anticipated to be open for traffic sometime between 1998 and 1999.

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From south of Thirteen Mile Road to north of Maple Road, M-5 will have eight lanes. It will then continue on as six lanes all the way up to Pontiac Trail.

Extensive work will be done at the major crossroads and at Haggerty Road.

Twelve Mile will be reconstructed as a six-lane boulevard with a 60-foot median from just west of Meadowbrook Road to 850 feet east of Haggerty Road. This work, which includes 1.3 miles of crossroad improvements, is funded in part by Novi's 1990 road bond millage.

Haggerty Road will come in for its own share of upgrading, starting 800 feet south of Twelve Mile Road to 1,400 feet north of Twelve Mile.

Thirteen Mile's share of this massive project includes an eight-foot bike path following the reconstruction of the road as two lanes from just west of Meadowbrook Road east to Haggerty Road; five-lane approaches to M-5 with right turn lanes; and a realignment of the road and turn lanes at the Haggerty Road intersection. Novi is also sharing some of the cost of the Thirteen Mile work.

Moving on to Fourteen Mile, this road will be reconstructed as two lanes from 500 feet east of Welch Road to M-5. From M-5, Fourteen Mile will run as three lanes from M-5 to Haggerty Road. The approach to M-5 will be five lanes with right-turn lanes.

One mile further north, Maple Road will be rebuilt as a four-lane boulevard with a 60-foot median from 2,000 feet west of Welch Road to 1,800 feet west of Haggerty Road, just 1,100 feet east of Gaultz Lane.

Welch Road will be reconstructed to four lanes from 600 feet south of Maple Road to 600 feet north of Maple.

Pontiac Trail will be reconstructed as a five-lane roadway from 920 feet west of Big Trail Road to 1,670 feet east of Haggerty Road.

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Chili's 'stung' in decoy beer buy

Chili's Grill and Bar on Haggerty Road was cited Oct. 20 for serving beer in a manner during the Novi Police Department's second round in the "sting operation" using an underage decoy.

In this case, the decoy was an 18-year-old female. An undercover Novi police officer entered the bar and sat near a wall. A few minutes later the decoy entered and sat at the bar, then ordered a beer.

According to police reports, the bartender served the beer without asking for ID. Police confiscated the beer, escorted the decoy out of the bar, then returned and cited the bartender.

FRAUD: A resident in the Beachwalk apartment complex reported Oct. 20 that numerous phone calls he never made appeared on his bill. He said the calls, which occurred between Oct. 11 and Oct. 14, were made while he and his wife were away from home, but there were no signs of forced entry to the apartment.

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An investigation by Michigan Bell showed that the people called from the Beachwalk resident's phone were experiencing similar problems. Police believe unknown suspects may be accessing the phones from outside the building.

VANDALISM: A Northville man reported Oct. 17 that someone threw an object at his truck while he was driving on Eight Mile, and shattered his windshield.

According to Novi police reports, the driver was heading west on Eight Mile, west of Meadowbrook at 2:15 a.m. when he heard a loud crash and realized his windshield was shattered on the passenger side.

There are currently no suspects. Novi police noted that on Oct. 13 a Northville Township police vehicle

was also struck by a rock thrown from the same area.

VANDALISM: Novi Police are investigating two juveniles in connection with the break-in of a 1978 Chevrolet parked in Lakeshore Park Oct. 17. Police said the windows of the left side passenger door were broken out, and a stereo and spotlight were missing from the interior.

In addition the left front tire of the vehicle was flat and the interior vinyl seats were punctured with a screwdriver. Police said the suspects later confessed to the incident with their parents present.

LARCENY: A resident on Pierre reported Oct. 17 that someone stole all four wire wheel covers from her 1988 Chevrolet Celebrity, which was

parked at her home. The wheelcovers, valued at over \$400, were removed some time between 8:30 p.m. Oct. 16 and 11 a.m. Oct. 17.

LARCENY: A resident on Greentree reported Oct. 17 that someone removed an air compressor and leaf blower from his garage. He said the items were taken some time during the past three weeks.

Police said there was no sign of forced entry to the garage doors. The stolen items were estimated at nearly \$350. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

VANDALISM: A Novi woman reported Oct. 17 that someone used an unknown object to scratch the paint on the driver's side door and hood of her 1992 Pontiac Grand Am.

She said she parked in the lot at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 12:15 p.m. to discover the damage.

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

Novi Briefs

Clarification: Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan wants it made clear that the Novi Fire Department does not accept volunteers who are working out sentences of community service following a conviction at local courts.

Chateau Estates resident David Fournier, convicted for a misdemeanor assault and battery of a 4-year-old, told the Novi News he planned to complete his sentence of 50 hours of community service by helping out at the fire department.

Lenaghan said he has not been contacted by Fournier, but that the department only accepts outside assistance from high school work-study students.

Expo update: When it came to the Novi Expo Center, City Manager Ed Kriewall was practically cooing in his September/October monthly report to the city council. Local restaurants "mopped up" during the center's recent grand opening, he wrote.

Kosch's Deli had increased business, it was "standing room only at the Big Boys" and Bob Evans has extended their hours, Kriewall reported.

The three-day grand opening attracted almost 15,000 people. Kriewall noted, adding that parking was not a problem during the event, the 27th Annual Michigan Camper and Recreational Vehicle Show, due to the rapid turnover of spectators.

Raining on the revenues: Lakeshore Park's income was down \$3,000 this year, parks and recreation supervisor Jack Lewis reports. A record-breaking cold and soggy summer led to the dive in beach fees collected, he noted in a recent report to the Novi City Council.

Not as many residents were so eager to rent chairs and paddle boats, but food concession profits were actually up this year by \$2,000. Hot coffee, maybe?

Residents' use of the beach was actually up, but non-resident use plummeted. Non-Resident folks are charged for the beach privilege. The total park revenues this summer hit \$25,000.

On the boards

Town Center: The Novi Planning Commission approved amendments to the city's Town Center district ordinance at its Oct. 21 meeting. The matter is now in the hands of the city council, which has the final say.

City planners said that the changes are intended to foster the sort of atmosphere that people want in a downtown area. The district, the ordinance reads, should be geared to pedestrian shopping, with smaller retail shops.

The amendments limit the types of businesses that can locate in the district, and restrict the size of individual stores. Off-street parking facilities were eliminated, and the maximum height of buildings in the district would be two stories. Buildings could not be set back from the street more than 15 feet, to enhance the pedestrian shopper flavor of the district.

Traffic will be routed around the district for the same reason, to prevent people using it as a throughfare.

The vote was 8-0. Commissioner Robert Taub was absent, and the final decision on the amendment changes now rest with the city council.

Short season

Joe Szpond, 5, and father Thomas look over the offerings at the Meyer Berry Farm on Eight Mile. A short growing season and early freeze makes for short pumpkin supplies now that demand is high due to Halloween.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi council may hike taxes despite city belt tightening

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magnitude before. I guess it's because a lot of these places have been able to shift to the income approach as a method of evaluation," Gibson said.

The city's shortfall in part is due to recession-era economics. Unlike homeowners, businesses are able to win property assessment decreases if they can prove loss of profits.

Council Member Carol Mason, a former long-term member of the Novi Board of Review, said that some large firms send attorneys to appeal their assessments "year after year."

Law firms are now taking this work on a contingency basis. City Attorney David Fried explained.

"You have them out there picking these up and they aren't costing the property owners anything to contest it and they are contesting it," Fried said.

A successful appeal in one category of business, such as that achieved by a major retailer, can have a domino effect as other retailers fight for the same assessment drop. City Assessor James Klausmeyer explained.

"The city started out this fiscal year with a tax base of \$1.164 million dollars. To provide a cushion, the budget was prepared as if Novi had \$8.5 million fewer dollars.

The tribunal appeals have brought the tax base down to \$1.159 million—and dropping, Gibson said. He added that the total potential loss in

the tax base over three years is \$30 million.

Along with \$300,000 Novi will also have to refund about \$24,000 in interest.

New building, primarily residential, is expected to jolt the tax base up this year by \$25 million. Historically, Novi has used its new growth to cover the costs of inflation, Kriewall said.

"We're fairly convinced that next year's budget is going to be difficult," he said.

The assessor's department is now closely checking the assessments of agricultural land and apartments.

"Farm" parcels, which are 13 acres and up, may be undervalued, Klausmeyer said.

"We may have to look at the taxes and say we just got to raise them. I think the council will do that if you've done everything you can do," Council Member Robert Schmid told Kriewall.

The city manager said Novi's department heads have been told to pull their budgetary belts in. But the majority of the city budget goes to personnel costs, which are "driven" by union contracts—and city officials aren't eager to begin a round of layoffs.

"Everybody's trying. Even if we can generate \$100,000 to \$200,000, it's probably not enough to do what needs to be done," Kriewall said.

"It's getting down to the point, what are you going to do about af-

forting the bodies we have."

Shut down small departments and merge them with larger ones. Council Member Joseph Toth advised, adding that the city should hike its fees for permits and various programs.

"If this matter is this bad now, there's nothing that says it can't get worse. You have to be in shape for next year," Toth said.

He also agreed with Kriewall's idea that the city bring in an outsider to help streamline its operations.

"You're too close to it and everybody who works here is too close to it," Toth said.

Schmid suggested the city look at ways to cut costs on telephones, lights and supplies like paper, as well as do some equipment repairs in-house.

Mason volunteered to help the assessing department prepare a report after the March 1993 Board of Review, to give the council an preview of what major Tax Tribunal appeals are likely to happen.

Kriewall says Novi's budget has been kept fat-free. The city recently opted not to buy two new pickup trucks, a savings of \$58,000.

Most of this year's budget of \$12,044 million is spent on the police and fire departments, which are funded by a special millage. Support crew and dispatchers for the public safety departments are not picked up by the voter-approved tax

base, as well as preserve some of the land in its natural state for hikers and picnickers. The Novi Tree Garden is next to the city's Lakeshore Park.

City officials have also suggested that the site could be used for a joint private sector/public sector ice arena, a storage facility for residents' recreational vehicles and a historical park to preserve endangered old buildings.

Winning awards is the easy part

Life would be a breeze, if all we had to do was impress the judges of excellence in journalism contests. The Novi News has won 12 state and national awards for outstanding community journalism this year. In addition to earning the General Excellence Award from the Michigan Press Association, your hometown newspaper has also won two national awards from the National Newspaper Association and two more from Suburban Newspapers of America. The toughest judges of all, however, are you — our readers. Our secret to success? Give the people of Novi the type of paper they have come to expect, and impressing the judges will be easy.



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As We See It

Our choices for county board, representative

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, voters across the country will go to the polls to cast their ballots for the positions of president and on a number of local races. In Novi, voters will be deciding on the candidates for county commissioner, county-wide seats, state representatives and U.S. Congress, as well as court and statewide education seats.

Today, the Novi News begins the process of endorsing the local candidates on the ballot in Novi.

Oakland County Board of Commissioners
17th District

As a matter of practice, Novi should attempt to send to the higher levels of government — the county board and the state legislature — candidates who reside right here in the city of Novi.

Why? If you've been following the fight over the placement of the new courthouse for the first division of the 52nd District Court, the answer should be obvious. Few issues illustrate the importance of Novi having clout in Pontiac and Lansing as well as the courthouse battle.

Incumbent county commissioner Kay Schmid has waged war for months to ensure that the building is built here in the city. She has had to fight that battle despite the fact that state law, as currently written, would already require it to be placed here.

She often carried on the fight single-handedly, but even when she could rally the troops she remained at the lead. Lining up against Schmid in this fight have been an array of community leaders from a number of cities and townships to the north of Novi, other county commissioners and administrators, and state legislators.

So far, Schmid has kept them at bay and the county has narrowed the list of possible sites to one inside the City of Novi. But it is far from a done deal.

This fact alone would probably warrant our endorsement of Republican KAY SCHMID to be returned to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for another two-year term, but there are others. One of the most significant is that her Democratic opponent does not appear to be running a serious campaign.

He did not elect to participate in our pre-election interviews.

There are still more reasons. Schmid has worked hard at her job. For what counts as a part-time job for most of the rest of the county commissioners, Schmid has made almost full-time work of the position. She's been successful at gaining clout within the county board itself. She's on powerful committees there, like the planning and building committee and general government committee. She has managed to win appointment to the post of vice-chair of the Republican caucus.

Schmid's been involved in a number of other important issues as well. She's been on top of the regional development initiatives through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which aims at ending or curbing urban sprawl — an important issue here in Novi.

And when almost no one else in official circles was concerned with Michigan Bell's proposal to split the 313 area code in such a way that Novi would have been cut right in half, Schmid got involved. She took the numbers — demographic information she had available from her campaigning — and showed how fewer people would be impacted if all of Novi was kept with the rest of Oakland County and placed in the new 810 area code. What was referred to as "the Schmid plan" was eventually adopted by Bell.

Schmid has been criticized recently by members of the Walled Lake City Council. They apparently are concerned that perhaps she cannot represent them as a result of her involvement in the district court fight. The criticism seems a bit two-faced to us. For one, Schmid did not represent Walled Lake back when the battle over the placement of the courthouse started. Walled Lake was added to Schmid's district during the recent reapportionment process.

At the same time, Walled Lake was more than adequately represented in the fight by its state representative and county commissioner, neither of which ever exhibited one iota of concern about being fair to the City of Novi. They seem to want it both ways.

Schmid's worked hard. She's been involved. She's fought for Novi. What more can we say. Return Schmid to the county board.

State House of Representatives
60th District

In direct contrast is the situation in Novi's 60th House district. There, the incumbent Republican is Willis Bullard and he hails from Milford. That became significant in the courthouse fight. He initially stated strong support of Novi's position and pledged to oppose a bill in Lansing sponsored by Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce, which would have allowed the county to place the courthouse outside Novi. Then he backed out of it.

Of course that's not the only issue in Lansing these days. There are many. And on those issues, Bullard's responses to our interview questions were mainly citations of accomplishments he feels have been made in Lansing.

For example, here's what Bullard has to say about the issue of education reform: "If somebody comes along with some great idea to improve the quality of education I'm going to support it, but I think we've done a lot of things to improve the quality of schools in the last couple of years. I think the best way you can have quality education is to hire a good teacher and put him or her in a classroom with students who want to learn."

Thank you, Mr. Bullard.

On to the challenger, Robert Havery. He at least seems to recognize that there are many problems in Lansing. The legislature and state government is in fact a mess. And Havery is concentrating on proposals to resolve those problems.

Havery's level of knowledge about the issues of state government is impressive. He's obviously studied and he's been active in talking to officials in Lansing about the issues and possible solutions.

Although a Democrat, and Novi is traditionally Republican, we think Havery is philosophically attuned to Novi voters. He is for initiatives to control growth and put curbs on urban sprawl. To curb crime, Havery proposes the state make money available to local communities to target high crime areas. He also suggests that improved education and the teaching of job skills would reduce crime.

Havery is pro-choice on the abortion issue. He is in favor of campaign finance reforms to reduce the influence of political action committees (PACs). He also favored legislation which would have curbed insurance rates more significantly than Proposal D, appearing also on the November ballot.

Havery's background includes involvement in Wixom city government, so he understands the local issues and the needs of suburban cities.

In the final analysis, ROBERT HAVERY would clearly be the better choice for the City of Novi.

Talking about great mayors



Phil Jerome

"I thought you'd see it that way," he replied. "You're going to jail."

It wasn't a real jail, of course. What it was one of those fund-raising jails for the March of Dimes. You know, the one where somebody pays 25 bucks to put you in jail and then the cops come to where you work, slap some handcuffs on you and take you before some kangaroo court judge who sets your bail and you have to stay in the hoosegow making phone calls until you raise enough money to cover whatever bail the phoney-balooney magistrate sets.

Obviously I knew it was coming so I had a chance to prepare a list of people who I could call to raise my bond. Then I called the phoney magistrate, who in this particular case happened to be Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, to see what kind of bond he had in mind.

"About \$200," he said. "Just be at the Northville Record building tomorrow morning around 10 and the officer will pick you up."

And so, as Friday morning arrived, I was stationed in the Record office, ready, willing and able to fulfill my obligation to God, country, boss and March of Dimes.

The first disappointment came when the officer arrived

with the handcuffs. "If I have to wear handcuffs, the least they could have done was send a lady officer," I quipped. It was the wrong thing to say because it would show up on my record when I appeared before Judge Johnson.

The Wayne County Sheriff's officer showed me into the back of his car and drove to Northville City Hall where he arrested Joe Atard, the building inspector, then headed to the Chamber of Commerce office to collar Greg Presley, Northville's Citizen of the Year who had come dressed for the occasion as a mafia don.

I learned the charge against me when it came my turn to appear before Magistrate Johnson.

"You're charged with not writing enough things about the Mayor of Northville," he said.

"That can be easily fixed, your honor," I replied. "A big grin appeared across the crooked magistrate's face and for a moment I had the feeling that I might beat the rap by promising to write more things about Northville's mayor."

And then I made another mistake. "Of course, it's going to have to be fair and balanced," I said.

"Fair and balanced baloney?" thundered Magistrate Johnson. "What's needed is good reporting. Good. Good. Good. Forget fair. Forget balanced. Concentrate on good. It's plenty obvious to me that you're guilty of these charges. Very, very guilty."

"I'm assigning you a fine of \$5,000. Of course, I could lower it to \$350 if you think you might write some nice things about the mayor of Northville every once in awhile."

And that's why I'm here today, folks, to let you know how much I respect and admire Mayor Johnson, the finest mayor Northville's had in at least two or three years.

In passing

By Hal Gould



Jane and John Dulmage stroll through downtown. Just looking.

'Window shopping'

A primer on privacy invasion



Rick Byrne

About six months ago I was alone in the office when a call came over our police scanner. Novi Township rescue units were responding to a car accident involving injuries at Six Mile and Haggerty. Since no one else was around, I grabbed a camera and headed for the location.

The scene was already clogged with police cars, ambulances, tow trucks and fire and rescue vehicles, lights ablaze in the dusk. Rush hour traffic exacerbated what was already a very busy-looking scene. In the middle were the two vehicles, a Lincoln and an Escort which had hit almost head-on.

I started shooting with the camera almost the minute I got out of my car. As the camera clicked and I toyed with the lighting, I became very focused on what was happening in the viewfinder. Like a bird dog in a point, I was unaware of anything else going on around me.

As I photographed firefighters tending to the driver of the Escort, I felt a hand on my shoulder. It shocked me out of my trance and made me jump. It was a firefighter, and a pretty young one at that.

"Hey, you're not supposed to take pictures of those people," he said. "Still a little dazed, I said, 'Oh, okay.' But then as the firefighter turned away, my thoughts cleared. No, he's wrong, I thought. I can take pictures of this accident and the victims. As long as the accident occurred on a public road and not on someone's private property, I'm entitled to shoot away. And so I did.

I was reminded of that incident Thursday when I attended a journalism conference at Central Michigan University. A panel discussion turned to issues of invasion of privacy, among other things.

Reporters raised questions about incidents similar to mine, and the panel answered them honestly. On privacy — and other matters, too — the panel agreed that newspapers don't often do a good job of explaining to their readers how they work, and why they do what they do.

Now's my chance to give you a cursory knowledge of privacy as it relates to what we do here at the paper.

First let me point out that invasion of privacy is not a crime. A police officer can't throw you in jail for it. The police can only take action unless if you are physically trespassing on private property, or you can show that you've been harassed or intimidated.

If you think your privacy has been invaded by a journalist or photographer — or anyone else for that matter — you and your lawyer have to take them to court yourselves.

What you consider privacy and the law considers privacy are probably two quite different things. And for better or worse, the law gives journalists and photojournalists a lot of latitude on what constitutes an invasion of privacy. Fortunately, the law is fairly specific on what does constitute such an invasion.

In my example of the accident, the law gives me the right to gather the news, no matter how horrific, as long as I don't cross onto private property to do it. Further, the law also says that the people in the photographs would have to show a loss of stature in their community, or perhaps loss of wages or work, to prove that I had invaded their privacy.

I'll continue with more on this important matter in this space next week.

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Challenger Havey takes on incumbent Bullard

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years. It will be 10 percent in school operating funds the first year, then 5 percent each additional year until at the end of the five years you have the 30 percent cut.

The proposal also is a constitutional amendment. The legislature is mandated to return to the schools that \$2 billion, dollar for dollar. And since it's in the constitution I have no doubt that that will be done.

I know local schools here have borne the brunt of some of the recent proposals that have passed that I opposed: first the tax base sharing, then the recapture.

I opposed those programs but a recent supreme court decision, based on the 4-3 opinion of the justices, is that recapture is unconstitutional. The legislature and governor couldn't use that mechanism to take money away from local schools but they don't have to, as a state, fund reimbursement of social security. That's a \$400 million item and I understand that of that \$400 million, about \$140 million goes to out-of-formula districts.

So for people that say "I'm afraid of cut and cap because we will get less money for our schools," — that can happen even if cut and cap fails. The legislature has the ability, if they want to do it as they have in the last few years, take money away from the out-of-formula districts.

I don't think the out-of-formula districts will be in any worse position if cut and cap passes than they are now. They're vulnerable now. They're subject to the annual appropriations process, and there's no way, subject to maybe a further constitutional amendment, that that's going to change.

Havey: I would like to say I agree with him that the Robin Hood theory, this taking from one district and giving it to another, is not going to work. I think it's pitting one community against another. It's not a positive thing. We've got to bring people back together.

We've got to find funding for poorer districts through the state. It may involve the state income tax. Team 11 is looking at that and every alternative they can.

If it involves state income tax, we can get the millage off the homeowners and bring more people into the process. Renters and trailer park residents would pay more of a fair share for education.

But with that you've got to fund education at the proper level for all school districts. I saw an alarming statistic the other day — 80 percent of people in our prisons are high school dropouts. We're spending anywhere from \$20,000 per prisoner and that's got to stop. That's wasted money.

If we can get that money in early stages of development, we can get these children educated. I'm a great believer that with education comes responsibility. If you learn how to do something properly you will continue to do it that way.

Bullard: If cut and cap does not pass I think we are going to be in a terrible situation of getting, in this area, double-digit assessment increases because the legislature put a freeze on for last year.

The next assessment notices will really be market value increases for two years, so I think if cut and cap does not pass we are going to be in a terrible situation as far as assessment increases.

The other part of cut and cap I did not go into was, it does cap annual assessments on each parcel of property to 3 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, and I think we need that relief because we can't keep our property taxes automatically increasing every year.

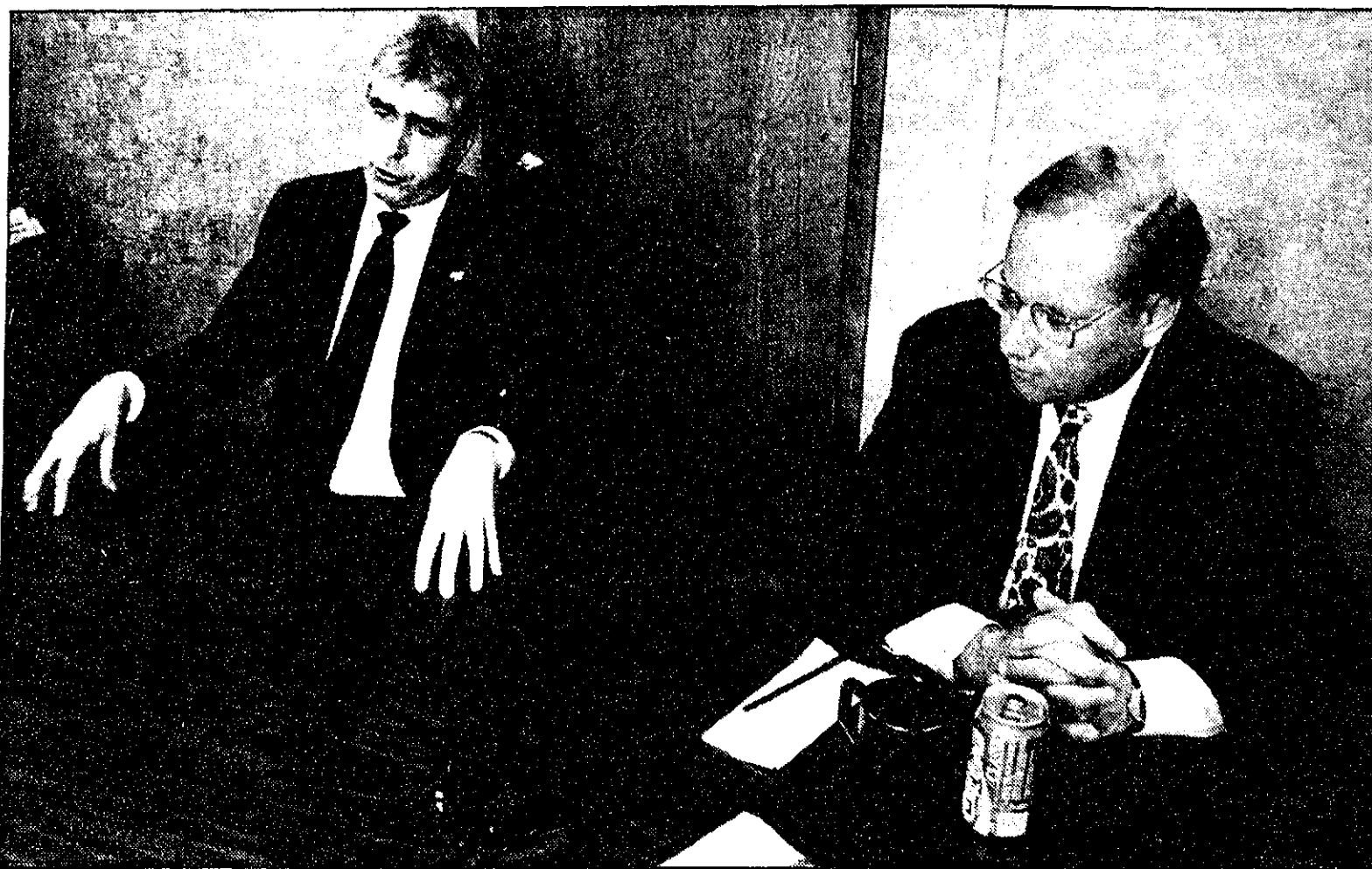
If cut and cap does pass it's my hope that we can address the equity issue. Once you relieve the pressure on the property tax payers then we can go on to the next issue, which is how to restore equity among the schools. Team 11 is meeting in Lansing and a lot of proposals are out there. I'm hoping that once we have the property tax issue solved then we can go on to the equity issue and avoid having the out-of-formula districts penalized for being good school districts.

Do you support any particular actions or have any suggestions for improving the quality of education?

Bullard: We have enacted a number of laws in recent years, school improvement programs and student portfolios, all sorts of things. Core curriculum. I supported all those proposals. I think they're good but we've given the local schools a lot of changes to adjust to. I think we need a moratorium or breathing space.

If somebody comes along with some great idea to improve the quality of education I'm going to support it but I think we've done a lot of things to improve the quality of schools in the last couple of years. I think the best way you can have quality education is to hire a good teacher and put him or her in a classroom with students who want to learn.

I think the state has a limited ability to improve education. I think the local school boards have the responsibility to hire a good staff, motivate students, and I think in that way you'll have quality education.



Democratic challenger Robert Havey faces off against incumbent Republican Willis Bullard.

Havey: I recently read a blue ribbon committee report that examined education and came back with suggestions. Some of those suggestions I wholeheartedly agree with.

To get the business community involved with the schools, addressing where the jobs are going to be. Let the educators know what fields (the jobs) are going to be in and what is required of those students when they graduate.

The businesses can say, look, we've got these jobs here. They've got to be strong in math, they've got to be strong in this area, they've got to be strong in that area.

In an idea of cooperation, I would like to see it where they can have job training programs where the students can actually go out and work in these jobs. Example, travel agency — the student can come to the travel agency and see where these skills are needed. You've got to know geography, you've got to be able to communicate on the phone, you've got to be able to work the terminal to put the bookings in.

That's just one example. The old question when I was in school, when you were doing your algebra, was "when am I going to need this?" Now you get the students involved and they can see where these skills are needed. It would encourage them and I think the cooperation with the business community would be a beneficial, hands-on, real-life situation.

The blue ribbon committee also came up with the idea of, besides having the credits necessary to get out of high school, you would also have a career plan and a list of the courses you would need in the career you are interested in.

What would you do to improve the quality of roads and transportation in our area?

Havey: It's apparent that we have to improve our infrastructure, especially out here because you can see the congestion. You've got to alleviate that.

Then the question is, how much growth do the people want? I've taken the approach of a quality growth. I've sat down and talked with (community leaders) and they agree, we're really a jewel out here. We've got the lakes area, the open space, and we're developing.

I would be willing to work with all these leaders and actively pursue new business, but new businesses that show a track record of filling community needs and cooperation.

Bullard: We have now adopted and the governor has signed what's called the Build Michigan program. Because of new federal legislation, Michigan is going to get more funds than ever before and the Build Michigan program is a way to implement funding and a way to get those construction projects under way as soon as possible.

One of the ways it's going to be done is through bonding money so we have enough state money to build the roads that we need to build.

There was a ceremony the other day commemorating Michigan finishing the last phase of the original interstate program. Now what we need to do is go back and improve secondary roads and also to redo some of those interstate expressways that have come under disrepair lately.

So I think we've got some of the disrepair under way in the road area. Other than that the only thing we can do in the road area to get more money is a gasoline tax increase, which may have to be done in the future. I'd like to see how we can adjust the additional federal money and see how soon we can get those projects on the drawing boards and in construction.

How high of a gas tax would you support?

Bullard: I don't know, I'd have to take a look. I think we're looking at a couple years down the road and we would just see what our needs are — our needs are much in excess of what we can finance through the present financing system.

Traditionally we have financed roads through what they used to call the weight tax, which is a registration fee tax. It's not based on weight anymore, it's based on the dollar value of your vehicle. In a couple years I would consider a small increase in the gas tax if we could make sure that, in that provision, Oakland County gets more of a fair share of those additional tax revenues.

Havey: I think that when Gov. Clinton gets elected, his main strategy is for infrastructure and I think there will be federal dollars available.

As far as the growth out here, do you believe that urban sprawl should be curbed in any way, to preserve some of our wildlife areas?

Havey: When I served as chairman of Quality of Life for strategic planning that is exactly what we looked at. We surveyed our residents in Wixom and I see, glancing through the paper here, that Novi has also done some surveys and the people are concerned about the quality of life and how fast we are growing.

And they are for a slower growth, for a quality growth, because we've experienced rapid growth here in Novi and we have road problems. You can't get from point A to point B.

My feedback from the people in the surveys I've looked at is they want a slower growth, and I agree with them. That's why I moved out here, because of the open spaces, and once you take that away it's gone.

So I am for the slow growth; controlled growth; I call it quality growth so that we can have a strong quality of life and deal with the growth reasonably.

Bullard: When people say urban sprawl they mean it in a negative connotation. But all it means to me is that people are moving out to the rural areas and small towns like Wixom, Milford, Northville, because the quality of life here is better than most urban areas.

So I don't want to discourage people from having a free choice of living in a nice area. I don't feel as a state legislator that it's my role to tell a local community whether it should be slow growth, fast growth or whatever. That's a local decision. All we can do is give local governments more tools to make local decisions that the community wants to make on land use issues.

Attorney Jerry Fisher has, with a professional planner, come up with a series of bills through meetings and they represent a number of communities in west Oakland County. Some of them call for rights where a municipality would be able to negotiate with a developer to build infrastructure as a condition of being able to develop the property.

I think that we as legislators can give local communities tools, such as developers' rights agreements, with which to control growth and then it's up to the local communities to make those decisions.

What can be done to reduce crime and make our communities safer?

Havey: The state can work with communities to make moneys available to certain targeted areas that are having difficulty. I think we can work with the communities to solve these types of problems.

To me, again, it is a core problem to the education that is so critically important. With that, and with the creation of jobs, we would not be experiencing the type of crime levels we are experiencing.

I cannot see why we've got to spend

\$20,000 a year on an individual (in prison). And one question I would like to ask Mr. Bullard is, there was a bill being considered that, when someone was convicted, that the amount it would cost to incarcerate him, on a yearly basis, would be revealed.

He opposed that bill and I don't understand. I think it should be public knowledge and people should be aware of what it is costing them to keep (convicts) in prison.

The fact is that the prisons aren't rehabilitating. If anything, it is teaching them to commit other crimes. That's a system that we have to take a long hard look at.

Bullard: On that last point, I'm not sure what bill he's talking about but no doubt it was a minor part of the bill and there were other things that I objected to so I voted against it.

On the general issue of crime, I think it's generally acknowledged or conceded that at least half of our murders are drug-related and drugs also result in a lot of breaking and enterings and armed robberies and other violent crimes.

One of the ways we can get at drug conspirators is through giving wiretap authority to the state police. The senate has passed that bill a number of times and it's always been bottled up in the House because the liberal Democrats, through Perry Bullard, chair of the judiciary committee, don't like wiretapping in any form.

There are some other things that can be done. One minor thing that I was interested in recently was a bill in the Senate to eliminate the automatic right of appeal when you enter a guilty plea.

Most people don't know this but if you are a defendant in a criminal action and you voluntarily plead guilty, the judges have to go through an elaborate ritual. They ask, "Do you realize you're giving up the right to a jury trial," and the right to a trial by the court if you waive a jury. "Do you realize you have the right to an attorney, if you don't have the funds for an attorney, we'll hire one for you. Do you know you are giving up the right to a confront your accusers, the right to cross examination," a whole list of things.

And they ask, "Are you pleading guilty because you are guilty, tell us what you did," they make them say what they did, indicating the person is guilty.

Those persons still, under the law, can automatically appeal to the court of appeals and they often do so when they don't like the sentence that is handed out after they plead guilty. A bill in the senate would change that to eliminate the automatic right of appeal for entering guilty plea. It passed the senate with 21 votes but it needs two-thirds or 26 votes to get on the ballot. That is an important change in our law that I'd like to see happen some day.

Where do you stand on the abortion issue?

Havey: I'm pro-choice and I believe it's a right to privacy issue. I agree with Barbara Bush. I don't think it has any place in politics. It's a right of privacy and it's a very personal, tough decision for someone to make. It doesn't mean I support abortion, but I do think it's a privacy issue and it should be taken out of our arena.

Bullard: In my years in the state legislature I've voted on three abortion-related issues. The first vote I cast was to eliminate or ban Medicaid-funded abortions because I don't feel government should be involved in the abortion decision either to encourage it or discourage it, and I don't think the taxpayers want to pay for abortions. That was on the ballot and 50 percent statewide reaffirmed that we should not pay for Medicaid abortions.

The second issue I faced was parental consent. I voted in favor of pa-

rental consent because I think a minor under 18 is still a minor and should have either parental consent or go to the probate court to make sure that decision is made intelligently with good forethought so there aren't any regrets later in life.

The third issue I faced is an issue that's still unresolved, although I guess parental consent is still unresolved. We did pass another parental consent bill to remedy a defect that a circuit judge in Kalamazoo found, so I think parental consent will go back on the books.

The third issue I faced as a legislator is the informed consent issue, and there were a lot of little issues but it boiled down to two main issues. I voted for the pro-choice version of the bill.

The difference is, to simplify, in the bill sponsored by the pro-life organizations, there was a requirement that a woman view a picture of a fetus at same gestational age as the one in her body. The woman was to be given information which I believe any fair person would read and say is tilted toward encouraging her against abortion.

So I voted for the bill sponsored by the pro-choice groups because it did not require a picture. I feel it's a very difficult, emotional decision for a woman and her family to have to make and I don't think we should put an added burden by making her sit across the table from a picture of a fetus. I also voted for the version which gave to the woman neutral information that was provided by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to give her factual information about pregnancy and abortion.

Where do you stand on insurance reform, Proposal D?

Havey: I supported the Senate bill that was passed that Gov. Engler vetoed, SB 691, that was the insurance reform act. It had the built-in decreases that you would receive initially under the AAA proposal, Proposal D, but it also had built-in constitutional protections.

When increases were to be sought, there would be a commission that would oversee these raises. The AAA bill, let's put it this way — you have a private company that going out and spending \$14 million to 16 million. Now I've heard as a result, if this bill is passed, they will receive about \$10 million, \$11 million a year, and that will be forever. When a company comes across with that kind of a thing you've got to scrutinize the bill very carefully.

Yes, it would decrease the premiums for a short period of time but I would say you'd see an increase later on and the bill that Gov. Engler, for whatever reason, vetoed.

Bullard: I've taken the position that I'm going to reluctantly support D. I will vote yes. That's probably, of all the propositions, the most difficult one for me because if you look at D there are some good things and some bad.

I'm voting for it because it is a 20 percent average cut in auto insurance premiums and I think that's what people want. The price that has to be paid for reduced premiums is to limit the medical benefits and the no-fault policy to \$250,000.

That's going to take care of 99 percent of accidents, but there's going to be a small portion of people that will come up against that cap and there won't be any more money. They're going to have to go against their health insurance policies or public systems such as Medicare or Medicaid.

At \$250,000, I've agonized over this part of it, you can say it should be unlimited but I don't think we can afford unlimited medical benefits. And only one other state has \$250,000 in their no fault law, most other states have less, like \$50,000.

The other reason that I reluctantly decided to vote for D is that the pro-

fessor at University of Virginia Law School who wrote the first no-fault law in the country, and then co-wrote Michigan's law, has come out in favor of Proposal D and he is the foremost expert on it. He thinks that voting for Proposal D is in keeping with the spirit of the original law that he co-wrote.

Is there any other issue that I haven't touched on, that you feel is a critical one?

Havey: No, I think again the education issue is critical. Campaign reform is a critical issue, too. We've got to get the special interests and PACs to be limited and get the people back into the process.

I think Ross Perot brings up a very good point when he talks about who's running the country. I think we can take it a step further and ask who's running the state.

There's money being put into different campaigns, my opponent has been able to raise \$60,000 with the help of that PAC money. We've got to have campaign reform and we've got to set limits.

Bullard: I don't have any new issues. I think in this area particularly, and all of Oakland County, we've got to resolve the school finance issue and I think the way we can do it is to pass Proposal C, cut property taxes, relieve pressure on taxpayers, then look at the overall system and ask "How can we put more money into education so we don't have to rob the rich districts to give to the poor?" I think that's really the most pressing challenge we'll have in the next couple years.

Campaign finance reform is also an important issue. Both the Senate and House have passed various versions of various bills.

The bottom line problem is this: Under Supreme Court decisions you cannot restrict what a wealthy person spends on himself; you cannot restrict a Ross Perot. So therefore, is it fair to say we're going to abolish PACs and say a poor person cannot go out and raise money to compete with a rich person? I think that would be an inequitable type of situation.

It's really dubious constitutionally whether we can abolish PACs or limit PAC contributions. There still is freedom of speech and freedom of association in this country. It's in the constitution. Despite the fact that several of my Republican leaders like the governor and President Bush have said we'll just abolish PACs, it's probably not a viable thing that we could do constitutionally.

But one idea that we've come up with, that maybe we could try, is to limit expenditures so that for every dollar you spend from PACs you've got to spend \$2 that you've received from individuals.

Havey: I would just like to add on the campaign reform, as far as limiting PACs and so forth, I think the solution there could be a limit set before the campaign — a dollar amount figure for that type of campaign.

This way, after you've spent it, you've got to be out there talking to people, talking to the newspapers, getting involved that way to get your message across.

Would you like to make a closing statement?

Bullard: I feel that my record as a legislator is a good one. I think I'm hard-working and conscientious. I go to a lot of meetings, talk to a lot of people every day on the phone and in person, and I feel it's my job to listen to the people and try to represent their views on legislation in Lansing.

And so far I haven't heard, with maybe a few minor points here and there, that Bullard isn't representing what most of the people in his area believe on the various issues. I feel that qualifies me to continue in office and be re-elected.

Havey: In closing, I guess from the experience I've had in going out and talking to people is that people want change. They want a new direction. They want people to come together.

We've had separation of this group here and this group here, we don't like this group and we don't like that group. We can't afford that anymore, this idea of hate.

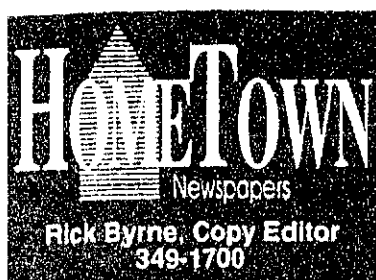
Like the inner city situation, where we're out here in the subdivisions and they're down there — we've got to reach out to them, we've got to begin to come together. We can't afford to hate any more. We've reached that pinnacle. We've got to work together, come together, and there's got to be some change.

One other short note is I was given a copy of a Milford paper from 1988. In that paper, Mr. Bullard said that he thought he had reached his pinnacle and that he would like to serve another term or two.

Well, that would bring us up to '92 and, quite frankly, I'd like to grant him his wish.

Bullard: I'd like to respond. I'd like to see that article.

You don't recall saying that?
Bullard: No.



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German wines break tradition of sweetness

In the mid 1980s, German wines lost their luster with many American wine drinkers when they discovered chardonnay. They considered German wines sweet and they wanted to drink dry.

Today, many chardonnays are produced "sweeter" than German wines labeled "dry."

To encourage you to take a new look at German wines, we are discussing the wines of only one producer, Deinhard & Company. Founded at the end of the 18th century by Johann Friedrich Deinhard, the firm is one of the largest and universally respected private estate owners.

Holdings total more than 250 acres in the most prestigious vineyards of the Rhine and Mosel. Among these are the largest shares of the famed Bernkasteler Doctor and Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyards, as well as parcels in more than 40 other outstanding sites.

White wine grapes account for 88 percent of German wine production. About 20 percent of the grapes are the noble riesling, Germany's second most-planted grape variety after Muller-Thurgau, a lesser varietal. Riesling produces wines that are crisp with fruity acidity and have an almost indefinite aging capacity.

German wines are significantly lower in alcohol than chardonnay and their finesse and breed harmonize them easily to a broad spectrum of lighter foods such as seafoods, cold meats, poultry, veal and pork. They are especially flavorful with stir-fried vegetables and roast turkey.

Germany's Mosel and Rhine winegrowing regions experienced a trilogy of exceptional vintages in 1988, 1989 and 1990. These wines are available and represent good values.

As Americans, we're into over-chilling our beverages. Before serving, remove a German wine from the refrigerator for at least 20 minutes. If served too cold, the wine will not immediately reveal its full bouquet, flavor or complexity.

Cannisseurs frequently refer to Deinhard wines as the first "chateaux" wines of Germany. Deinhard has a complete line of wines from a sparkler (referred to as sekt in German) through elegant, lush dessert bottlings.

Deinhard created its first sekt in 1833, when one of the partners married a member of a leading family of Champagne. The sparkler Lila Brut (pronounced Lee-lah) for the German color violet is produced from 100 percent riesling grapes which give it breed and elegance. It sports a generous, fresh fruitiness and long-lived effervescence. Slightly floral and spicy notes pair it well to hors d'oeuvres and at \$8.25, Lila Brut is bargain-priced bubbly.

Perfect as an accompaniment to appetizers or fresh fruit is the delicate, apple blossom and floral 1989 Bereich Bernkastel Riesling Q.b.A. (\$6.25) from the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer area. It's fresh, clean finish is a great starter wine.

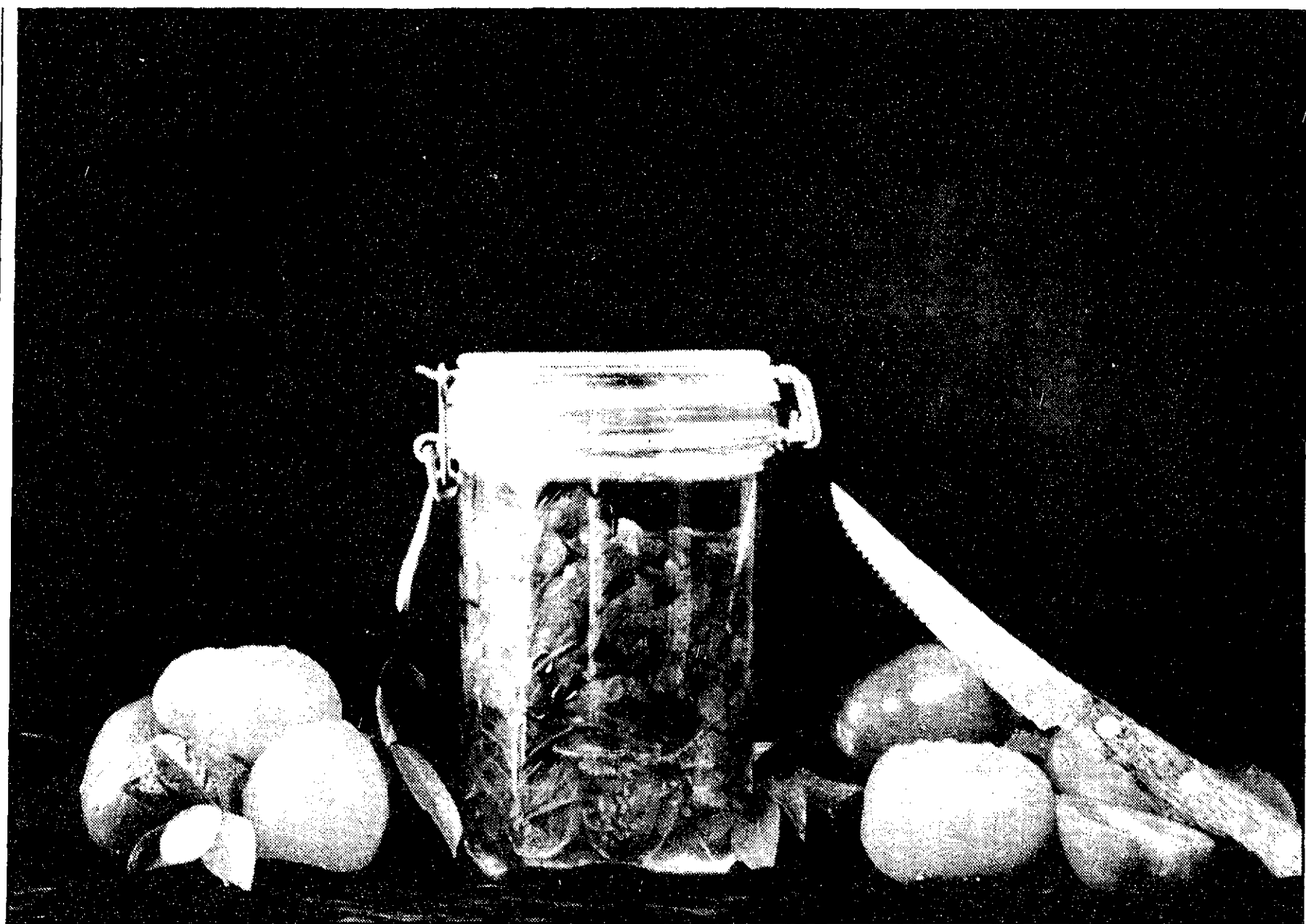
Deinhard's 1990 Riesling Dry (\$7) is 100 percent riesling from the Rheinhessen. With only 11 percent alcohol, its fresh dough and baked apple aromas remind us of fall. Pair it with broiled whitefish or trout and enjoy its fruity crisp edge against the slightly caramelized character of broiled fish.

The 1990 Piesporter Riesling (\$9.50) is fuller bodied than the Riesling Dry. It showcases rich elements and a good finish. It will pair well with roast chicken, poached white fish with a cream sauce or crab legs.

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WINE SELECTIONS OF THE WEEK

Lila Brut, \$8.25; 1989 Bereich Bernkastel Riesling Q.b.A. \$6.25; 1990 Riesling Dry, \$7; 1990 Piesporter Riesling Q.b.A., \$9.50; 1989 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Q.b.A. \$9.50; 1989 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese, \$14.



CUT-AND-DRIED

Tomatoes turn trendy

By CHARLES BRITTON
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Today we're going to pretend to be Sicilian grandmas, getting our larders ready for the winter to come. Or, if the idea makes you happier, we're trendy chefs, thinking up a menu to excite our socially exclusive and gustatorially discerning clientele.

Such is the curious mix of modern cuisine that Nonna and our hero-artist chef might both be thinking of dried tomatoes.

It's an old, old idea in Italy, a bit of native rusticity that has attained high-fashion status in this country. Something that you might find in a traditional household over there ends up in a trendy kitchen here as seeming opposites meet in a kind of culinary Hegelianism.

The link may be the crass matter of price. Many a traditional product originally developed by a peasant culture as a way of tiding people through the winter has become startlingly expensive in the modern market economy.

Thus a jar of sun-dried tomatoes, packed in olive oil like Nonna used to make, can set you back \$5 to \$12 per 8 ounces, and what's costly stands a good chance of being fashionable.

Of course, it helps that Italian cooking reigns supreme today, encouraging importers to introduce us to once-rare products. And we shouldn't overlook the obvious fact that dried tomatoes — at least the kind preserved in olive oil — really do taste good: an intense tomato flavor, augmented by the richness of the oil, a quintessentially Italian taste raised to another order of magnitude.

Dried tomatoes today can be found in two varieties: the kind in oil and the completely desiccated (and much cheaper) type packed in plastic bags. The former have the superior flavor and can be used right out of the jar; the latter need some rehydrating and tend to have a harsh flavor.

For most people, the cost of the oil-packed tomatoes limits their use to the occasional luxury category. But you can

make your own, allowing you to use them with the profligacy of the trendy chef. Drying is mainly a matter of time.

First, though, you have to play the Nonna, preparing the tomatoes and arranging them for them to dry.

Nonna would use the sun to dry her tomatoes, and to this day, travelers in Sicily in August will see red fruit set out in racks on roofs or on strings hanging under eaves.

Here we recommend use of a home dehydrator (available at health-food and some specialty houseware shops), a convection oven or a standard oven. The main proviso for those who would use an oven is that it have a temperature control that can be set to 200 F or less; most modern types qualify.

Otherwise, the main ingredient in this recipe is patience — lots of it. Drying a batch of tomatoes will take all day, perhaps longer. The main work is concentrated in preparing the tomatoes initially, a matter of a few minutes, and at the end, when you have to keep an eye on the tomatoes and remove those that are ready ahead of others.

You will be astonished at how much the tomatoes shrink in this process. Recently I started out with five pounds and ended up with enough to fill a quart jar. This, of course, is the whole idea: You are also concentrating flavor, and that's what gives the oil-packed tomatoes their special quality. Because of the reduction in volume, drying is a good way of dealing with an excess of home-grown fruit.

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

Equipment: I use a counter-top convection oven with two 12x18-inch racks; together, these hold about five pounds of tomatoes. The tomatoes go directly onto the racks. In a standard oven, the grid is too wide to allow this — because they dry and shrink, the tomatoes may fall

through. You will have to add something to prevent this, for example, some clean, wide-mesh screening.

Tomatoes: This recipe calls for the pear-shaped Roma tomatoes, now widely available. The more unusual yellow type add variety and work just as well. Try to select small fruit (which dry faster), all of the same size so that they will be finished more or less together.

Although I have never tried them, you might also use cherry tomatoes, which should dry fairly rapidly. I understand that you can use regular tomatoes cut in slices 1/4-inch thick, but I can't vouch for this from personal experience.

Ripeness: The tomatoes you choose for drying should be thoroughly ripe.

Timing: The drying process takes many hours — 12 in the case of the last batch I made. Once drying starts, it needs only the most cursory attention, but you have to be active at the end, taking out the tomatoes as they reach the right stage.

No matter how carefully I select fruit of a like size, they never get done all at once. I generally start a batch around 8 a.m., which means that the process should be completed before too late at night.

Quantity: Because a large quantity takes about the same work and exactly the same time as a little, you may as well make as many as possible. This will depend on how many drying racks your apparatus will hold.

As noted, my convection oven can hold about 5 pounds worth, and so the recipe has been set up for that amount.

HOME DRIED TOMATOES

5 pounds Roma tomatoes, preferably small and of uniform size

Salt

1 1-quart canning jar with a tight-fitting lid (we use the French type with a rubber gasket) or 2 1-pint jars, cleaned and dried

2 sprigs fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried (optional)

About 2 cups olive oil (you may need more, depending on the size of your jar)

Yields 1 quart

If necessary, prepare racks to hold tomatoes. Do not use cookie sheets or containers; air must circulate all around tomatoes.

If using a standard oven, place flame-proof tray on bottom of oven to catch drips from tomatoes, or use aluminum foil for this purpose, making sure not to block vent holes.

Wash tomatoes; drain. Cut each tomato lengthwise almost but not quite in half. Spread tomato open, butterfly fashion. Cut each half almost in half again, spreading tomato open. Arrange tomatoes on racks, flesh side up. Sprinkle each tomato with little salt.

For a dehydrator: Follow manufacturer's instructions. In a dehydrator at 125 F, tomatoes will be ready in 16 to 24 hours.

In a convection oven: Place racks in oven; set temperature to 200 F, at which drying process will take perhaps 8 hours.

Recently, I tried using a lower temperature, but that lengthened the time greatly. Exchange rack positions once or twice during drying to help the tomatoes come out evenly.

In a regular oven: Place racks at different levels in oven; set temperature at 200 F. The process may take longer with a convection oven.

When done, tomatoes have shriveled and shrunk considerably. They no longer are juicy when prodded. During the drying process, I lightly press tomatoes from time to time to bring juice to the surface and, so I hope, hasten the drying. The tomatoes should not be completely desiccated and leathery; rather, they should have the consistency of dried fruit, such as prunes or apricots.

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Chef Mary Brady

Sandwiches still staple for lunch crowd



Lots of new "foody" things are happening around here.

Finally, after a year, we have a lunch menu that is as creative and varied as the evening fare. This was no small feat, due to the noon-time clientele.

Time restrictions of one hour dictate that many items cannot be used. Never could we do a pot pie or beef Wellington. Instead, chicken strudel and beef stir-fry fill the bill.

When we first opened I had grandiose

ideas of gourmet luncheon fare at fair prices. Well, it could have worked if anyone else had wanted it. Full meals at lunch are not the norm. Salads, salads and more salads are. Add a cup of soup and *voilà*... a satisfying meal.

And sandwiches. There is little that can compare, for me at least, to a great sandwich. Given two pieces of bread or a roll I can make a good meal with very little. Right now one of my kitchen favorites is a simple tomato, lettuce and onion number sprinkled with salt and pepper. Nice and filling. Also, very "clean."

As much as I may like this sandwich, I don't think that it would go well on a menu. Vegetarian items are still slow movers. So instead we've got a Philly steak sandwich. Lots of lean roast beef, grilled

onions and peppers, topped with melted provolone on a grilled onion roll.

Or, the ham, cheese and broccoli stromboli. Fresh bread dough wrapped around all of the above and baked until golden and oozy.

Interesting enough, self-enclosed sandwiches were invented for lunch boxes. The pasty is an example. Miners would wrap the just-from-the-oven pockets in newspaper and have a hot lunch hours later. A neat idea in my book.

And, finally, 365 days plus later I have relinquished to the "perceived" demand for a plain turkey sandwich. Until today the turkey has been part of a California club. Basically, a club with guacamole in pita. It wasn't a best seller.

I'll bet that the turkey is. And I know

why. Just beautiful white meat that is roasted in our "own little oven", served on white toast. Simple but satisfying. A "just-what-the-doctor-ordered" type of lunch.

It will be interesting to see just how popular turkey is. The latest nationwide poll states that tuna salad sandwiches are the No. 1 choice. Turkey follows. Not in this restaurant. Chicken salad with dried cranberries and walnuts is the favorite here.

Other happenings include the change over of summer to winter appetizers and desserts. Oysters Rockefeller and a Mediterranean plate of hummus, tabouleh and roasted garlic replaced the mussels and salmon cakes. A giant grilled cremini mushroom, a.k.a. a portabella, edged out stuffed shiitakes. And, gone is the chocolate shortcake in favor of tiramisu, the Italian dessert of lady fingers soaked with

brandy and espresso and layered with a delightfully light "cheese custard." One of my favorites.

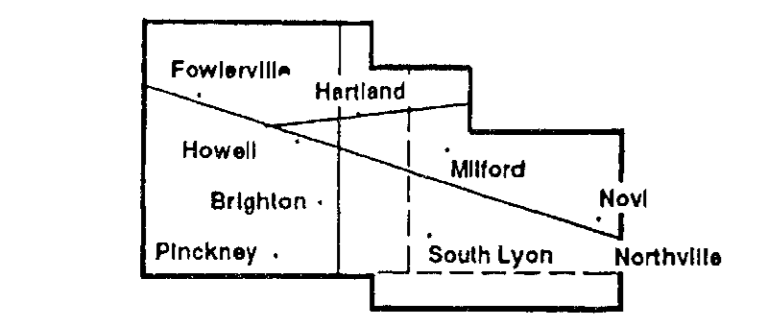
Still to come, are the changes in the dinner entrees. You see, in my old age I've gotten smart. Changing menus means much more than cranking up the laser printer. Order sheets must be redone, prep lists revised, station set-up charts amended and recipes tested and corrected for use in a commercial kitchen. So, this time I'm making the transformation in stages.

My staff is much more involved in the developing of new items. Questionnaires were handed out for your input. The responses are enlightening and helpful. Still, there are hours upon hours involved in this transition. But it is well worth it. We get to hone our skills using new foods. You get to eat them.

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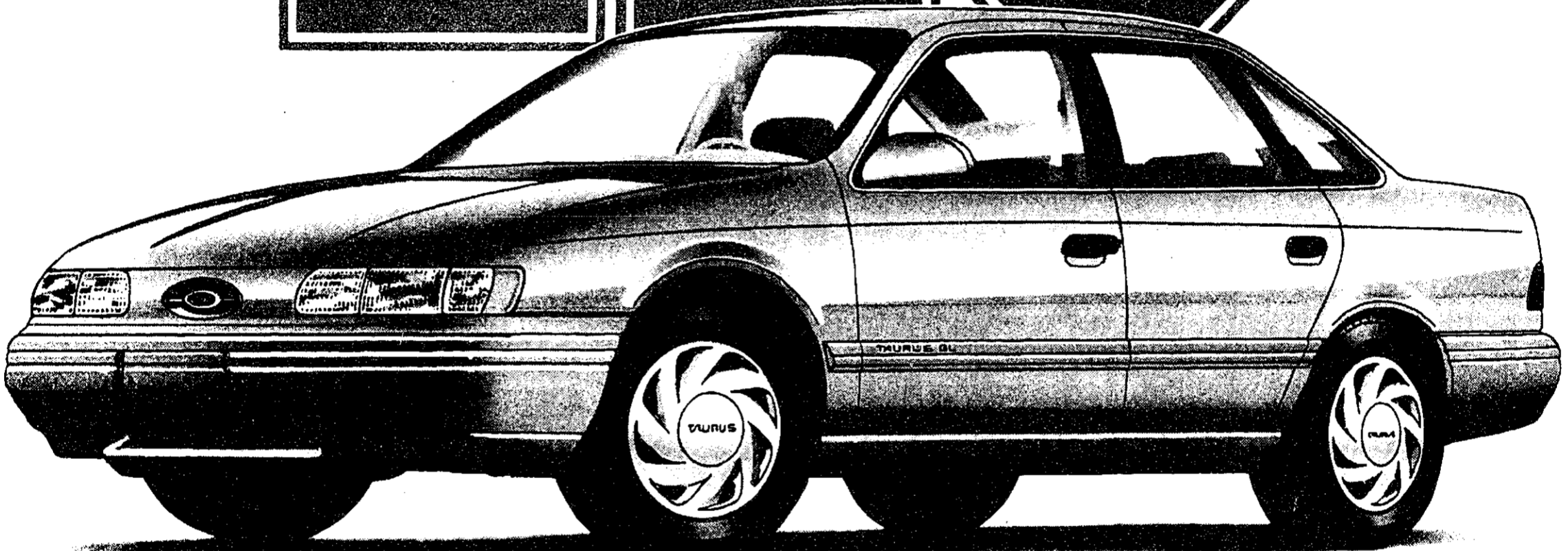
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THE TERMS

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