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## RECALL: Cervi files recall petitions against city council's Toth, Cassis, Mason

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

It was a real Friday the 13th for City Council Members Nancy Cassis, Carol Mason and Joseph Toth. Recall petitions targeting the three were submitted to Oakland County that morning by Haggerty Road resident Art Cervi.

"The in-fighting (on council) is getting ridiculous and embarrassing . . . If it does nothing (more) than shake them up and realize that the citizens of Novi come first and not their own personal likes and dislikes, it will benefit the city," Cervi said.

The documents' language categorizes Cassis as an "obstructionist" whose behavior is "degrading, disruptive and destructive; Mason as a "protestor" who won't work with her fellow council members and Toth as a seeker of "power by intimidation," overstepping his role as legislator.

Toth and Mason said they plan to seek the advice of their lawyers. Cassis could not be reached for comment by press-time.

"I think we're just going to take it over to the attorneys. I think it's an attempt (at) a smear campaign.



ART CERVI

There's nothing in there that makes any sense," Toth said.

The county Board of Election Commissioners will meet Dec. 2 in the courtroom of probate court Chief Judge Barry Grant, the board's chairman, to rule if the petition language is worded clearly enough for the targeted officials and the voters to "identify the conduct which is the basis for the recall."

The meeting is mandated by Public Act 456 of 1982, an amendment to

the recall section of the state election laws.

If the petitions are approved, the circulators will need to gather 2,429 signatures to put the recall question on the ballot, said Janet Stuckley, county director of elections. This number is equal to 25 percent of the voters who turned out for the last governor's election.

Threats to recall the three council members were first heard in August, when supporters of the Haggerty Connector accused them of dragging their heels to delay the project.

Cervi said he anticipates that the petition drive will be successful.

Working with Cervi on the recall is Martha Hoyer, a former city council member who retired in 1991.

Both say there are no political motivations or commercial interests behind the recall, as has been charged by some council members.

"There's constant in-fighting and name-calling . . . I'd love it if I could just get out of everything. For me as a former council member, it's embarrassing to watch this council," Hoyer said.

Other participants in the drive, who are organized as a committee,

have not yet been revealed. Cervi says their names may be in the near future.

"There are no developers on the committee. It's just people like myself that are concerned citizens," he said.

Mason said she planned to take the petition straight to her attorney.

"I'm not going to play around with these people. If they have a right to recall, we have a right to know who's involved. Maybe there might be something involved with MDOT. (The Michigan Department of Transportation)," she said.

"We don't know what their part in this is. What is Martha's overall interest? What is Art Cervi's real interest? (Developer) Neil Sosin wanted to buy his (Haggerty Road) property but it was too small. Maybe they're trying to come in within the next five years and have all that rezoned for business. I think they wouldn't want people on the council who will say we won't rezone."

Hoyer denied that any special interests were behind the action.

"I think Art's been very clear in the motivation. It's for effective gov-



The recall petition says Joe Toth's "budget terrorism" has turned into "power by intimidation."

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## City may recycle trash proposal

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

More than glass, plastics and newspapers could be recycled in Novi. The city might pull out and reuse a proposal for citywide waste hauling just tossed away by voters.

In the meantime, the Novi Citizens Solid Waste Committee will recommend Nov. 23 that the city council create a new ordinance mandating all disposal firms working in Novi to provide curbside recycling, spokesperson Nancy Schubring said Thursday.

"We do not want it to be a tax or millage. It would be up to the people to contact waste haulers and get the best price they can," she said.

On Nov. 23, 53 percent of the voters trounced a proposal for citywide trash pickup, mandatory recycling, composting and hazardous waste disposal. The annual fee for single family residences would have been just under \$150.

"In general, I'd say this issue is not dead. We're really convinced that the only way to have a complete recycling program is to do it citywide," City Manager Edward Kriewall said recently.

"We need to do some reflecting for a few weeks."

Kriewall said the city may not have marketed its proposal as actively as its most outspoken opponent and theorizes that the lone local ballot question was "lost in confusion and hoopla of general election."

The Ann Arbor-based Hornbeck Sanitation, a smaller firm, kicked off a vigorous flyer campaign against the city's plan. The firm's owner, Steve Hornbeck, said the loss of over 2,000 customers in the city would put him out of business.

Like the parkland proposal, waste disposal could become a ballot issue with as many lives as a cat.

"I think we could have done more. Sometimes, it'll take two or three more times to educate people. In the end it will pass," he said.

"There was some bad information in those circulars. I talked to several people that were confused."

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## That time already?

Seems like the Christmas season starts earlier and earlier every year. We've barely turned the corner on Halloween, are still a week and a half away from Thanksgiving, and the decorations are going up in area shopping centers and malls already. Of course,

Christmas is the biggest time of year for area retailers, so yes, they are making preparations now. Above, designer Maria Blunt puts up the decorations in Sandies Hallmark shop in the Novi Town Center.

## Board mulls ideas for Fuerst estate

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

Novi school officials are paying close attention to the status and the future of the Fuerst property located next to Novi High School on Taft and Ten Mile roads.

The school district owns the land on which the home of Iva and Ruby Fuerst sits, as well as the house, barn and accompanying buildings. Board of Education members and administration officials are looking at what problems may exist at the site now and what should eventually be done with it.

Iva Fuerst deeded the land to the school district in her will. That is not in dispute in the current court case concerning the will of Ruby Fuerst, who died last year.

Novi school officials, however, are considering what should be done with the sisters' homestead itself. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster has prepared a report on the legalities of the issue at the board's request.

The attorney representing the City of Novi in the Fuerst case, David Fried, added that it will go before a judge in January, with nearly \$1 million at stake. Fuerst's will originally gave most of her considerable financial holdings to the city, conditioned upon its using the money and land it received for certain public projects.

Shortly before she died, Fuerst signed a new will which gave the lion's share of her wealth to the caregiver. The legal battle is over which will is valid.

"The board and the city council haven't held any joint discussions yet. I do think that we should jointly decide what should eventually be done with it. It's a community asset."

Stephen Hitchcock  
School board vice-president

Some have expressed concern over the maintenance and security for the buildings on the site, for aesthetic and safety reasons. In early October, thieves made off with several valuable antique doors from the Fuerst home. Board members took a short tour of the property on Saturday to get a look at it for themselves.

Speculation on what the property's eventual use should be has been rampant. City and school officials have talked about holding meetings on the subject.

"The board and the city council haven't held any joint discussions yet," said board of education Vice-President Stephen Hitchcock. "I do think that we should jointly decide what should eventually be done with it. It's a community asset."

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## Community Calendar

Today, November 16

**Band Boosters:** The board of the Novi High School Band Boosters will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. in the high school band room.

**Arts Council:** The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, November 17

**Chamber Luncheon:** The Novi Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon will be held at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel on Sheraton Drive at noon. Ray Davis, Chamber President, will preside over the annual business meeting, the election of officers and directors and give the President's update of Chamber operations. The cost is \$13 for members and \$17 for non-members.

**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 Tom Sawmiller at 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

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

**Garden Club:** The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearsals 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, November 18

**Planning Commission:** The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**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.

Thursday, November 19

**Historical Society:** The Novi Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

**Craft Auction:** The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors will hold their annual auction of craft items, baked goods, services and much more at Novi Meadows School at 7:15 p.m. Bring a can good for admission to the auction.

**Novi schools:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Friday, November 20

**The Crucible:** The Novi Arts Council will present Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* at the Novi Civic Center at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$6, \$4 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets purchased at the door are \$7, \$5 for seniors and children under 12. For additional information, call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Saturday, November 21

**Craft Show:** Hickory Woods Elementary School PTSA is sponsoring a craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school located at 30665 Decker Rd. between 13 Mile and 14 Mile Rds. Admission is \$1, seniors and children are free. Proceeds will go for PTSA programs for the students.

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**Operation Canned Goods:** Novi area Boy Scouts will be picking up the bags they dropped off to Novi residents. The bags, hopefully filled by residents with canned goods, will go to the Novi Emergency Food Program and other assistance programs.

Sunday, November 22

**Craft Show:** Hickory Woods Elementary School PTSA is sponsoring a craft show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school located at 30665 Decker Rd. between 13 Mile and 14 Mile Roads. Admission is \$1, seniors and children are free. Proceeds will go for PTSA programs for the students.

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Monday, November 23

**City Council:** The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

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**Camera Club:** The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Wednesday, November 25

**Lions Club:** The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Thursday, November 26

**Thanksgiving Day:** City offices and the public library will be closed today.

Friday, November 27

**Holiday Closing:** City offices will be closed today.

**Art & Science Workshop:** A Fun with Art & Science Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center. The workshop is open to anyone interested in making art projects or learning about science. The cost is \$20 per person. Space is limited, register by phone or mail to Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, 48377 or call 347-3896.

Saturday, November 28

**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 West Ten Mile Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Schools seek to teach voters about bond issue

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

Novi school officials are getting the word out to district voters in a big way.

Novi Schools administrators have been engaged in a voter education effort for almost two months, in anticipation of the Dec. 15 vote on a proposed bond issue.

District residents go to the polls 29 days from now to say "yes" or "no" to a \$31.9 million bond issue that will pay for an expansion, renovation and technology program.

"We think that people need to know about Dec. 15," said Dr. Emmett Lippe, superintendent of schools. "They need to know what this bond is and how it will affect their schools."

Lippe and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster have given a presentation on the bond issue to many different groups since the Board of Education decided to ask for the bond issue in September.

"We've spoken to all of the parents' groups," he said, "all of the staff (at district schools), the community education council, the band boosters — a bunch of folks."

"They've also discussed the matter with the Novi City Council, local realtors and others in the course of business meetings," added Lippe. Others who came into his office seeking information go to hear the presentation as well.

The presentations try to touch upon everything voters want to know about, Lippe said. "We cover the different portions of the project — what's going to happen at each school," Lippe said. "Jim then presents information on the cost factors, especially for the average homeowner."

A question and answer session follows. "The biggest question we're asked," Lippe said, "is 'will it be enough?' People see this community growing, and they want to know if the bond issue will assure that the district has adequate space."

Unfortunately, he continued, they can't give a guarantee as to when another expansion might be necessary. "All we can say is that it will last us for the foreseeable future."

Money is another issue of the bond issue that draws questions. "People want to know how this will affect them, in terms of costs and mills," said Lippe.

"The groups that I've spoken to have all given a very positive response to the presentation and the

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the ballot and absentee ballot information is also included.

The effort is to educate residents and get them to the polls, he continued. "Here's the facts, and be sure to vote on Dec. 15 — that's what we're saying."

Students at Novi High School are planning to make a video on the proposal soon, Lippe added. "They wanted to talk about what the bond issue meant to them. It's also a good learning exercise," he said.

Lippe said that his staff voter education will give residents what they need to make their decision: information.

"People make a judgment when they vote," he said. "We've gone to them and tried to answer their questions — here's the future of our district, what it can look like in the 21st century, and here's what it will cost."

"People can (then) make intelligent decisions on the facts," Lippe said, "and they can go armed to the polls on Dec. 15."

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## Honoring veterans

Last Wednesday was a special day for those who have served in America's armed forces. It was Veterans Day, and vets got together to remember their service years and to honor those

left behind on the battlefield. Above, Bob Hock and Mert Brevik were among the Novi and Northville vets from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post who celebrated the day.

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# Crowbar-wielding man arrested

Novi police filed papers Nov. 1 to attempt to commit a local man to Clinton Valley Hospital for psychiatric treatment.

According to police reports, officers Kevin Heaney and Deanna Hall were called to the scene after the man apparently started a verbal argument with another man outside an apartment complex, then threatened to beat him with a crowbar.

Police withheld information on the location of the incident.

When the officers arrived at the scene, the man approached them with the crowbar still in hand. Heaney demanded that he put the crowbar down, and reported that he had to repeat the command several times before the man finally complied.

Hall then performed a search on the man and found two concealed knives. The report states that during the search, the man became verbally abusive toward the officers.

Heaney reported that he asked the man what the incident was about and he refused to give a statement. Instead he kept verbally abusing them.

At that point, the officers went to the man's apartment and spoke with his wife. She told them that her husband has a psychological problem and should be on medication.

Further, she said his behavior has become more and more abusive, and she is afraid of him.

Police arrested the man for felonious assault. He later agreed to be admitted at Providence Hospital but then changed his mind, so officers filed the papers requesting he be committed.

## Police News

**FLEEING AND ELUDING:** A 35-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested Oct. 31 for fleeing and eluding a Novi police officer.

According to police reports, the man was going 30 miles over the speed limit on Novi Road at 1 a.m. when the officer activated his lights and attempted to pull him over.

Instead of stopping, police said, the man sped up and ran through a red light. He reportedly drove at high speeds without his lights on, and passed other vehicles when oncoming traffic was present.

Near the intersection of Novi Road and Trans-X Drive, the suspect lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a stop sign. He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Station.

**LARCENY:** A manager at the Kitchen Glamour store on Ingersol reported Nov. 1 that someone stole an envelope full of cash and 10 employee payroll checks from a safe in the

store. The manager said the safe was closed but not locked all day. However, she said the office door was closed and locked, and she was the only one with a key.

There are two employees at the business, but neither are considered suspects, police said. There was no sign of forced entry to the office.

The incident remains under investigation.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** Novi police arrested a 19-year-old Novi man for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) Nov. 7.

Police pulled him over after he reportedly drove 70 mph in a 45 mph zone.

The man was also cited for carrying a concealed weapon, after officers found a knife in his pocket.

**BREAK-IN:** An employee at Dress Barn on West Oaks Drive reported Nov. 2 that unknown suspects shattered a glass door and stole several clothing items.

The employee arrived at work at 8 a.m. and discovered the shattered door. He went inside and noted three or four racks knocked to the ground.

## Novi Briefs

**Dacker Road:** There will be an informational meeting held Monday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center regarding proposed improvements to Dacker Road from Thirteen Mile Road to Fourteen Mile Road. Residents who live in the vicinity of Dacker Road are being invited to attend. Staff members from JCK & Associates and the city administration will be present to answer questions and receive feedback from residents relevant to the design, right-of-way needs and the project schedule.

**Museum opening:** The Motorsports Hall of Fame will have its grand opening on Jan. 9, 1993. Volunteers are currently needed to help with painting, cleaning and setting up the museum. Anyone interested should call the museum at 349-RACE.

**Tree farm tours:** Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall is inviting residents to tour his Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon to tour the Novi Tree Farm. Novi's already optioned the 190 acres at 46000 Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road, near Dixon Road. On Jan. 12, voters will be asked to agree to a \$9.9 million sale of bonds to buy this property and several hundred more acres for city parks. At the Tree Farm, a tent will be set up and free coffee will be provided. The site, adjacent to Lakeshore Park, includes hall of Shawwood Lake.

Kriewall said the Lakes Area Residents Association is helping out with the tours, which will also be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 and January 2.

Need more information? Call Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis at 347-0400.

**Lots of class:** The largest group ever of Novi paid-on-call firefighters, 17 in total, was sworn-in Monday by City Clerk Gerry Syp. Taking the oath were Eduardo Bruno, James Duffell, Jerome Hatch, Gerald Kull, Lance Lilla, Donald Meadows, Richard Schulz, Shane Stricklin, Richard Copeland, Jeffrey Feig, Bruce Knapinski, Ray Levos, Scott Loubesthal, Patrick Powers, Douglas Setser, Mark Spyla and Douglas Zenner.

Class work is not yet over for the group. Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said that the men have completed only 50 percent of their studies, which will now include emergency medical training.

Police said the store alarm never went off. An inventory search revealed 12 pairs, seven sweaters and 10 pair of jeans missing.

The unknown suspects used a steering wheel locking device called "The Club" to shatter the glass door, police said. The device was found lying on the floor inside the store.

**BREAK-IN:** A resident on Picara reported Oct. 26 that someone broke into his home and stole several pieces of gold and diamond jewelry as well as other valuables.

The last person in the home that day left at 8 a.m. and returned shortly before 3 p.m. to discover a door had been forced open.

**BREAK-IN:** Novi police reported that someone may have attempted to break into Murray's Audio on Grand River Avenue Nov. 1.

The store's doors and windows appeared secure, and the owner of the store said nothing appeared disturbed. However, when he climbed up on the roof he discovered that the alarm system wires had been pulled out and an alarm siren had been shattered.

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

## Petitions filed with county by recallers

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erment. If Novi just has effective government, everything will be fine," Hoyer said.

Each of the council members is featured in an individual petition. Voters have the option of signing one or all three.

The petition ginning for Toth, a six-year veteran, reads in part that: "The only issue on Council Member Toth's agenda is the administering of the city and his role per city charter is that of legislator, not administrator. . . His performance is disruptive and not constructive not only to the legislative body, but to the administrative staff, city employees and consultants. He professes to be a budget terrorist, but it appears instead to be power by intimidation." His attitude toward not only the budget but other issues is that absent his changes, he will vote no, regardless of the merits of the majority opinion.

The petition states further that Toth showed a lack of respect for residents, the council and the city charter and exhibited "disorderly conduct by leaving a meeting when he was in disagreement with the procedure."

Toth walked out in July to protest a closed door meeting of a handful of city and state officials on M-5, saying the discussion should have been public.

After reading the petition, Toth said that it "seemed like a grade school kid put this thing together. It's not too well constructed."

A second petition asserts that "Councilwoman Carol Mason has proven herself to be a prolestor, not a legislator," the recall petition charges.



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The top votergetter in 1989, when she won her bid for a second term, Cassis was rapped for attacking the competence and motivation of others and for having her "own agenda which frequently interferes with the decision making processes of city council."

The petition to recall Cassis contends she "is a prolestor and an obstructionist, voting no on many issues merely to promote her own image. She opposes issues with no clearly defined reason and is quick to criticize, but refuses to work with fellow legislators toward alternative solutions. Councilwoman Cassis' personal agenda leads to costly waste of taxpayers' dollars with the misuse and abuse of city consultants' and administrators' time."

The county would set a second special election to fill the vacancies. "No one wants a yes council, but as an elected official you have an obligation to do what you were elected to do," Cervi said.

This diverts their attention from carrying out city council policy and attending to city services required of them.

If enough voters support the recall drive, their signatures will be evaluated by the Novi city clerk. The county will have 35 days to approve the petitions and not less than 60 days to set a special election.

Should the majority opt the three council members, city government will not grind to a halt. The remaining four council members will constitute a quorum.

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## Work is under way on M-5 Connector

Area residents will see it rising from the construction rubble: a 60-foot-high bridge that will span Interstates 696, 96 and 275 and become one of the first links to the Haggerty Connector in Novi.

At least that's how Tom Maki, project engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation, describes the 1000-foot-long bridge which will run eastbound on I-96 to the Haggerty Connector, otherwise known as M-5.

"There are other bridges in the area close to that size," Maki said. "But it's still quite a structure."

Another 450-foot-long bridge crisscrosses underneath the superbridge, creating a tri-level structure of existing roadway and the two bridges.

"It will be interesting for drivers because as they drive through and see the project during different stages over a period of months, they'll see this structure rise out of the ground," Maki said.

Construction of the Haggerty Connector has already begun. The road will run five miles north of the interchange to Pontiac Trail, parallel to Haggerty Road in Novi.

Construction of the interchange should be complete next year, but not in use until 1995 when the first segment of M-5, between the interchange and Twelve Mile, is finished.

Officials say drivers should not be inconvenienced by the construction. MDOIT will rely on temporary lane closures, usually during off-peak traffic hours, during construction.

Maki said.

## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 2, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SUBSECTION 220.10 TO THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PERMIT TEMPORARY "OPEN HOUSE" SIGNS RELATING TO THE SALE OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 2, 1992.

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During this festive holiday concert, Novi's Community Chorus will perform well-known songs such as "We Need a Little Christmas" and newer Christmas songs such as "Angels' Carol." All of the songs in the

concert have been composed or arranged by John Rutter.

Tickets are \$4 each and can be purchased in advance at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department or from any member of the Novi Chorales or Novi Jaycees. Tickets will be available at the door on the evening of the concert.

The Christmas concert is sponsored by the Novi Jaycees. Proceeds will benefit the Needy Family Christ-

mas Project of the Novi Jaycees. For over 20 years, the Novi Jaycees have provided holiday baskets for more than 75 Novi area families during the holiday season.

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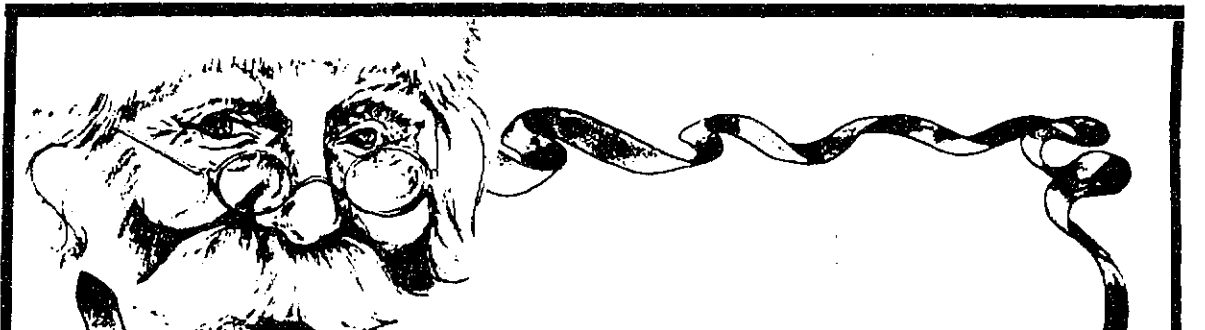
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## As We See It

### Pay what you owe, then go shopping

Novi City Council last Monday voted to withhold payment of \$43,000 to its engineering consulting firm until it can review the fee structure on which the charges are based.

The decision came at the request of Council Member Nancy Cassis, who questioned a bill from JCK & Associates for work done on sewer and water lines along Twelve Mile Road. Cassis pointed out that a 1983 manual published by the American Society of Civil Engineers suggests that the fees charged by engineers should be 15 percent of the total cost of the project. She claimed the amounts being billed by JCK would be more than 15 percent, closer to 30 percent.

Is JCK overcharging the city? It is a fair issue to raise. It is a fair topic for review.

However, we see only two questions that need be asked about the \$43,000: Are these charges based on rates that the city has previously agreed to with JCK? Was the work actually done?

If these two questions net "yes" answers, the city should simply release the payment to JCK and cut the check immediately.

Unless there is reason to believe—not just vague suspicions but actual evidence—that JCK is padding its bill, the city should make the payment immediately. We doubt this is the problem. Council members did not suggest last Monday that they thought JCK was padding the bill. They only questioned the fee structure.

Regardless of whether that fee structure is high or not, the city needs to pay its bills. Withholding payment for work already done at an agreed-to price counts as renegeing on the part of the city government. It's not good business. Yes, we expect the city council and city administration to watchdog Novi's consulting firms. But we also expect them to be fair.

Now, it could still be that the City of Novi is paying more for engineering services than it has to. It could be that the city could get the same work done for a lower price. And that is a fair matter for the council to pursue further. But you pay what you owe even if you are going to start shopping around.

The way to determine whether Novi is getting a fair price and whether it is getting what it pays for is to put the contract for engineering services out to bid. Council could review JCK's rate structure, as was proposed in last Monday's meeting, but we doubt it will resolve the question. Regardless of how JCK sets up its fees, there are sure to be other ways to do it. And that will only lead to more questions and more arguments about which methods of rate setting are most fair to the city.

We fear a review of JCK's rates will only lead to an endless, unresolvable debate. The fairness of rates charged is clearly a subjective issue.

Putting the contract out to bid is the only objective way of determining whether the city could get the service at a lower rate. And we favor periodically going out to bid on all of Novi's contracts. Periodic requests for bids should include engineering consultants, attorney services, planning consultants, traffic consultants, labor attorneys, bonding attorneys and financial consultants—what



## Government

you might call the "brainpower services." Obviously, the bidding process would be a bit different for brainpower services than for, say, office supplies, city automobiles or paper towels. The city could not just take the lowest bid. The quality of the services and the competence of the consultant are factors which must get a great deal of consideration. The city would reasonably pay a little higher price if that means the council would have more confidence in the work being done.

For example, the city council might take bids on engineering services and it might just find that somebody can give Novi a little better price than JCK. If the difference is small, it is probably not worth making the change. For one, JCK has all the background knowledge of Novi's previous engineering work. That's a value, and a big one, that is pretty hard to put a price on. Keep in mind that there would be hidden costs with a new firm, such as city staff spending time digging up the information the new firm needs that JCK would have already had.

There are still two very good reasons to put these contracts out to bid periodically. ■ It is always possible that an equally competent firm could submit a bid significantly undercutting one of the current consultants. If Novi can get a consulting service of equal quality or better for a significantly lower price, it might just save the city a good deal of money in the long run.

■ Even if no firm can give the city a better price, the competitive pressure of a periodic bidding process will keep Novi's consulting firms at the lowest rates possible. In almost any business, nothing seems to contribute to rapidly rising rates like a lack of competition. Keep in mind that Novi already does this to a degree now. Every few years, and whenever there is a rate increase from a consulting firm, the city typically goes out to surrounding communities to take a look at what they are paying for the same services. Past reviews have shown that Novi's consulting firms, and JCK in particular, are well within the norm for what they charge. In fact, the review of surrounding communities two years ago found JCK in the lower-middle range of the pack, and JCK hasn't upped its rates since.

Still, it is fair to go shopping. We've no problem with that whatsoever. In fact, it is wise to do so from time to time. Nonetheless, the city should pay what it already owes, what it has already agreed to pay, regardless of whether the price is high.

And the council should not be trying to assess the fairness of JCK's rate structure. That would be a hopelessly time consuming and unproductive debate.

## Freedom of speech denied



Phil Jerome

"You have to be good," she said. Only she didn't say it nice; it was more like a warning. "These are really nice people we're going out with tonight, and I like being with them. I don't want you doing anything that will mess things up so bad that we never get invited back again."

"Are you talking to me?" I replied, more than a little upset that she was questioning my social skills.

"You couldn't be talking to me. You've got to be talking to somebody else. My social skills are above reproach. Why I've rubbed elbows with some of the finest people around."

"I mean, have you ever been invited to the Inaugural Ball in D.C. like I was a few years ago? They don't invite just anybody to those Inaugural Balls, you know. You've got to be somebody. And, you've got to have highly developed social skills. They don't invite you if they think you're going to drink beer and burp out loud. You don't get invited if they think you don't know how to behave in polite company."

"You heard me the first time," she said firmly. "I'm just telling you up front that you have to behave yourself. You may not discuss politics or sex, and if anybody brings up either subject, I fully expect you to remain totally quiet. These are nice people."

"Besides, if you're so skilled in the social graces, how come you got in so much trouble the last time we got invited to one of these parties?"

"You mean that little chit-chat I was having with Robin? When she was spouting all that liberal nonsense and I told her it was really nice talking with her because I didn't believe anybody over 30 actually believed the kind of things she was saying? Is that what you're talking about?"

"Well, for your information, Robin was asking for it. I think she was doing it on purpose just to goad me on. I was a victim. A Robin victim. It wasn't my fault."

"I'm just warning you to behave yourself tonight," she repeated. "You know who is going to be there from that Detroit paper, and I don't want you starting any arguments with him."

"I don't want you trying to start a conversation about the morality of the JOA, and I definitely don't want you asking why his paper hardly ever endorses Republicans. You can sit around the house watching Rush Limbaugh, ranting and raving about that stuff all you want, but this is a nice dinner party and I don't want you starting any trouble."

"What if he starts it," I asked tentatively. "If he starts it can I jump in?"

"No. Besides, he won't start anything. He has too much class."

"What about Robin? What if Robin starts it, do I have to be quiet then? Do I have to relinquish my inalienable right of free speech as a citizen of the United States of America and listen to her spout that liberal hogwash?"

"Correctissimo," she replied. "You're beginning to understand."

"Okay, so let's recap just to make sure I've got it. I can't talk about politics. I can't talk about sex. I can't talk about the JOA. And I can't talk about why they hardly ever endorse Republicans."

"You've got it," she said. "You're going to be a perfect gentleman. You're not going to start any arguments and you're not going to get into any arguments that somebody else starts either."

"Is there anything I can talk about?" I asked.

"Of course," she replied. "You may discuss the weather all you like."

## In passing

By Hal Gould



Charles Jackson special care with his lawn, because it doubles as a putting green



Grounds keeper

## It really was Friday the 13th



Rick Byrne

You know, I never have been much of a superstitious person. Black cats? Pieces of cake. Reporter Steve Kellam owns one, and I often cat-sit when Steve and his wife go out of town. The worst thing I can remember happening when Claude was around was when he knocked over a glass of red wine. The stain came right out with some good carpet cleaner.

Broken mirrors? I see them as a recycling opportunity. I rescued one out of a trash container a couple of years back and took it to a glass cutter. He made me a wall mirror, and three make-up mirrors for my significant other of the moment.

Walking under ladders? I do it all the time and never get so much as a paper cut.

Between my own racing team and the people that I know at the Motorports Hall of Fame, I hang around with a lot of auto racing people. They're some of the most superstitious people I know. No green race cars. No peanuts in the pits. Don't race a car with a number that's the same upside down as it is right side up, like 11, 88, 96, etc.

I drive car number 00, and I scoll at 'em all. But after last Friday—Friday the 13th—I'm a believer. Like the Detroit Lions' defense, I got hit hard and often. It started before I was even technically awake. The

phone rang at 7 a.m. and I got up to answer it, stubbing my toe on a bookshelf in the process. It was a wrong number. I also felt robbed because I had another 15 minutes of sleep coming to me, and I wasn't going to get it. I did spend most of that 15 minutes shivering, however, because I'd inexplicably turned the heat down to 60 degrees the night before.

While I was making breakfast, I spilled coffee grounds all over. In the time it took me to clean up the mess, my eggs got cold.

Then when I finally got to work, the fun really began. It was deadline day. Editor Bob Needham had already called in sick. So had one of our reporters, and another was on vacation. That left me and one reporter to put *The Northville Record* out by ourselves.

The last thing we needed was breaking news, but we got it. The fire engines went flying down Main Street. Fortunately it was just a medical call and didn't necessitate sending out a reporter.

But then we heard from the Northville Township police. They were ready to arraign a car theft suspect, who by the way, just happened to be a walkaway from the psychiatric hospital.

About that time I went to the boss and put in for a vacation day for the next Friday the 13th. I have plans to spend the entire day hiding under my bed.

As I write this, we're approaching deadline, and things have been calm for, oh, 20 minutes or so. How much worse could it get on this Friday the 13th, you ask?

I have a blind date tonight. Enough said.

## Hickory Woods up for expansion

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

A planned expansion of a Walled Lake school district elementary in northern Novi is under review by city officials. No obstacles, however, are on the horizon.

Hickory Woods Elementary, part of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools District, is located on Decker Road in the City of Novi. The district has decided to add two new classrooms to the facility to accommodate increased enrollment.

Dr. James Geisler, superintendent of Walled Lake schools, asked Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall last month for an administrative review of a proposed addition to Hickory Woods Elementary.

While state law exempts them from having to gain city approval for the plan, school officials have asked Novi officials to review it as a courtesy.

"We haven't received a response from them yet," Geisler said. They recently received more information on the project.

"Our rapidly growing enrollment necessitates the addition of two classrooms," Geisler said. He added that school officials expected them to be ready for use in August 1993. To achieve that, Geisler said construction must begin next month. He added that he felt the district could start seeking preliminary bids on schedule in December.

State statute doesn't demand that the district submit their plans for Novi approval, the superintendent said, "but we want to maintain cordial relations."

City officials, however, wanted the district to abide by local ordinances that protect woodlands in Novi. Walled Lake school officials have agreed to replace the small number of trees that will be cut down.

The two-classroom addition will impact the woodlands surrounding the southeast corner of the proposed structure, Geisler said. City of Novi Forester Chris Pargoff, who went over the site, said about 12 trees would be affected. "They're too large to be moved," he added, "(so) they'll just be replaced."

District officials and the city's woodlands consultant reached an agreement over the tree replacement. East Lake Drive residents, whose homes abut Hickory Woods' property, had accused the district of cutting down trees and brush it had promised to save to build a fence around the school. Geisler said that the

had not received any further complaints from any residents. "I believe they came to an agreement," he said. "We've gone through the plans."

Novi Staff Planner Michael Caspo. "They're very early along in the project." He added that the city will examine the new information and respond to the school district in a timely fashion.

"There's not a great deal of work being done on the site," Caspo said. "Not a lot of trees will be disturbed."

The planner added that his office had received no complaints from residents about the project.

Can Walled Lake have the school ready for next fall? "That's really up to them," said Caspo. "It depends on how quickly they can get their bids out and make some decisions. There's no reason they couldn't."

Services were Friday, Nov. 13 from O'Brien/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Rev. Richard Elmer, CSCB, officiated the service. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

George Weinert, 87, of Novi died at St. Mary Hospital Nov. 6. He was born Oct. 17, 1905, in Hungary to Anton Weinert and Karoline Kline. His wife, Margaret (Peg), survives him.

He worked in inventory control for the automobile industries. Surviving with his wife are many nieces and nephews and his sister, Barbara Albertson of Arizona.

A memorial service is to be held Sunday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. The Rev. Richard Henderson will officiate. He is to be cremated.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Faith Community Church Organ Fund or the Memorial Gardens Fund, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, 48376.

## Obituaries

Anna Eileen Burton

Anna Eileen Burton, 92, of Novi died at Botsford Hospital Wednesday, Nov. 11 of heart failure. She was born July 10, 1900 in Marquette, Ontario to Edward Norris and Ellen Dulin. Her husband, Percy, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Leo; her daughter, Delia; 11 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and her sisters Selma, Agnes, Delia and her brother, Edward.

Services were Friday, Nov. 13 from O'Brien/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Rev. Richard Elmer, CSCB, officiated the service. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

George Weinert

George Weinert, 87, of Novi died at St. Mary Hospital Nov. 6. He was born Oct. 17, 1905, in Hungary to Anton Weinert and Karoline Kline. His wife, Margaret (Peg), survives him.

He worked in inventory control for the automobile industries. Surviving with his wife are many nieces and nephews and his sister, Barbara Albertson of Arizona.

A memorial service is to be held Sunday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. The Rev. Richard Henderson will officiate. He is to be cremated.

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To rezone a part of the NE 1/4 Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcel 22-23-25-015 more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at a point located N 89° 58' 54" W 29.50 feet along the E-W 1/4 line of said Section 23; thence continuing N 0° 17' 15" E 283.13 feet along the westerly line of said parcel 22-23-25-015 to its intersection with a line 273.38 feet southerly of, parallel with and at right angles to the northerly line of said parcel (also being the southerly R.O.W. line of Grand River Ave.); thence S 70° 39' 32" E 790.58 feet along a line 273.38 feet southerly of, parallel with and at right angles to the northerly line of said parcel; to its intersection with the easterly line of said parcel 22-23-25-015, thence S 0° 12' 02" W 283.28 feet; thence N 70° 39' 32" W 791.04 feet to the point of beginning.  
This description being the limits of the existing RM-1 zoning within the subject parcel.  
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TO: B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18,508  
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 508  
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 2, 1992.

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# Chamber wants eased alarm rules

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Novi's false alarm ordinance has affected only a small number of homeowners, but Chamber of Commerce members feel it has placed an unfair burden on businesses in the community.

The concern has led to a series of meetings with Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer to discuss Chamber concerns and possible ways of addressing them.

Shaeffer said the ordinance has led to a 37 percent reduction in false alarms, which he said waste officer time and resources.

"We had an average of 174 false alarms a month before the ordinance," he said. "In October, we had 109 false alarms."

But Chamber Executive Director Connie Mallet said the ordinance has led to a high number of fines for some businesses in the community. She said members have no desire to press for a complete repeal of the ordinance, but hope the meetings will lead to some changes.

"We don't think they should do away with it altogether," she said. "We just think it should allow more

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Kevin Crane  
Chamber member

for accidents."

The ordinance allows police, during a 12-month period, to assess a \$50 fine for the second false alarm at a building; \$150 for the third false alarm, and \$500 for the fourth. It has affected very few homeowners, Shaeffer said.

Chamber member Kevin Crane, who is among those meeting with Shaeffer, said the Chamber is hoping for some changes to eventually go before the City Council. The changes,

he said, would fit into national standards for alarm companies and help give businesses more leeway.

"When the original alarm ordinance came out, it is true that there were some businesses that had problems with their alarm system and it was supposed to spur those people to go out and fix it," Crane said.

"But there are particular types of businesses that may have more than one alarm, and there are so many things that can go wrong. You could

have a new night manager, and he could lock up for the night then realize he forgot something, and go back in and set off the alarm," he said.

"And there have been cases where there's been a false alarm and the business owner has called the alarm company and they've come out and said there's no problem. Then the next few nights, he has three or four more false alarms. The business owner was really a good guy — he tried to fix it — but the alarm company didn't fix the problem."

In a case like that, it is still the business owner who would have to pay the fine.

Shaeffer said the department has waived many fines since the ordinance went into effect.

"We've been giving out waivers for a variety of reasons. We don't fine people when there's a big storm coming through," he said.

"And we've had several people who went on vacation and the alarm malfunctioned and went off several times while they were gone. We can't very well fine people for every alarm when they don't even know about the problem."

# Fundraisers wrapping up for Novi elementaries

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

Fall fundraising at local elementary schools will soon wrap up, so to speak.

Novi Woods Elementary on Wednesday will distribute wrapping paper sold by students to raise money for improvement projects. Novi students hold two fundraisers during each academic year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Elementary students have sold wrapping paper this year for their autumn efforts.

The school is the last of the four elementaries to complete the process. Parents and residents who ordered paper can pick it up from 2:30-6:30 p.m. in the community room at Novi Woods.

"Last year, the money helped pay for some playground equipment, which we desperately needed," Woods PTO co-president Chris Heffernan she said. "This year, nothing's been earmarked yet."

"Most of the paper is Christmas-oriented," said Heffernan, "and the rest is all-occasion — the bows and boxes and all that good stuff comes along with it."

"It's gone very well," said Carol Elfring, president of the district's inter-school council. "We've had good success," she added, speaking of the fall efforts at all elementaries and Novi Meadows, home to the district's fifth and sixth graders. Meadows students this fall sold magazines to raise funds, Elfring added.

"Each school goes about it independently," said Elfring. "They decide what to sell and set their own timing. They also sit down, teachers and parents, and figure out what they need (to spend the money on)."

Spring fundraising will include school carnivals and family nights, Elfring added. The events, which will take place in April and May, "are like a family fun night," said Heffernan. "It's a good time for everyone."

# Schools mull ideas for Fuerst estate land

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Koster said that the board wanted to include everyone in the project. "There's a lot of different views, a lot of strong emotions there," he said. "They want to find a way to tap all the sources of that to decide what's best (to do)."

Many people see a great number of possibilities for the site, everything from senior housing to a petting zoo have been suggested.

"It's questionable if it's big enough for senior housing," opined Hitchcock. "There's just not enough land there, unless you go high-rise." Another suggestion for the site, he added, was a petting zoo for children.

"The city recommended forming a committee," said Director of Parks and Recreation Daniel Davis, "a sit down with representatives from the council, the school board, the teen center committee, the historical people and others."

Among the suggestions he's heard, Davis said, were ideas to turn the site into a location for a teen center and a facility for local theater groups. Others have advocated using the property for a new ice rink or swimming facility.

The plan "sort of went into limbo this summer," Davis said, because the school district had new personnel coming on board, including Koster and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Emmett Lippe.

Now that that is past, Davis said, "there's been renewed talk of getting together for a brainstorming session. We haven't set anything yet," he added.

"We want to look at the possibilities," he said, "and see what's out there — how practical it is, and what would be required to see them come through."

# City may bring back trash issue

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They thought it was a city (department) position."

Kriewall says a citywide contract could be cheaper for residents, based on the economy of scale.

The citizens committee proposed Novi hook-up with another small firm, Duncan Disposal. That may be history as the major national corporations swoop in to get a lock on the business.

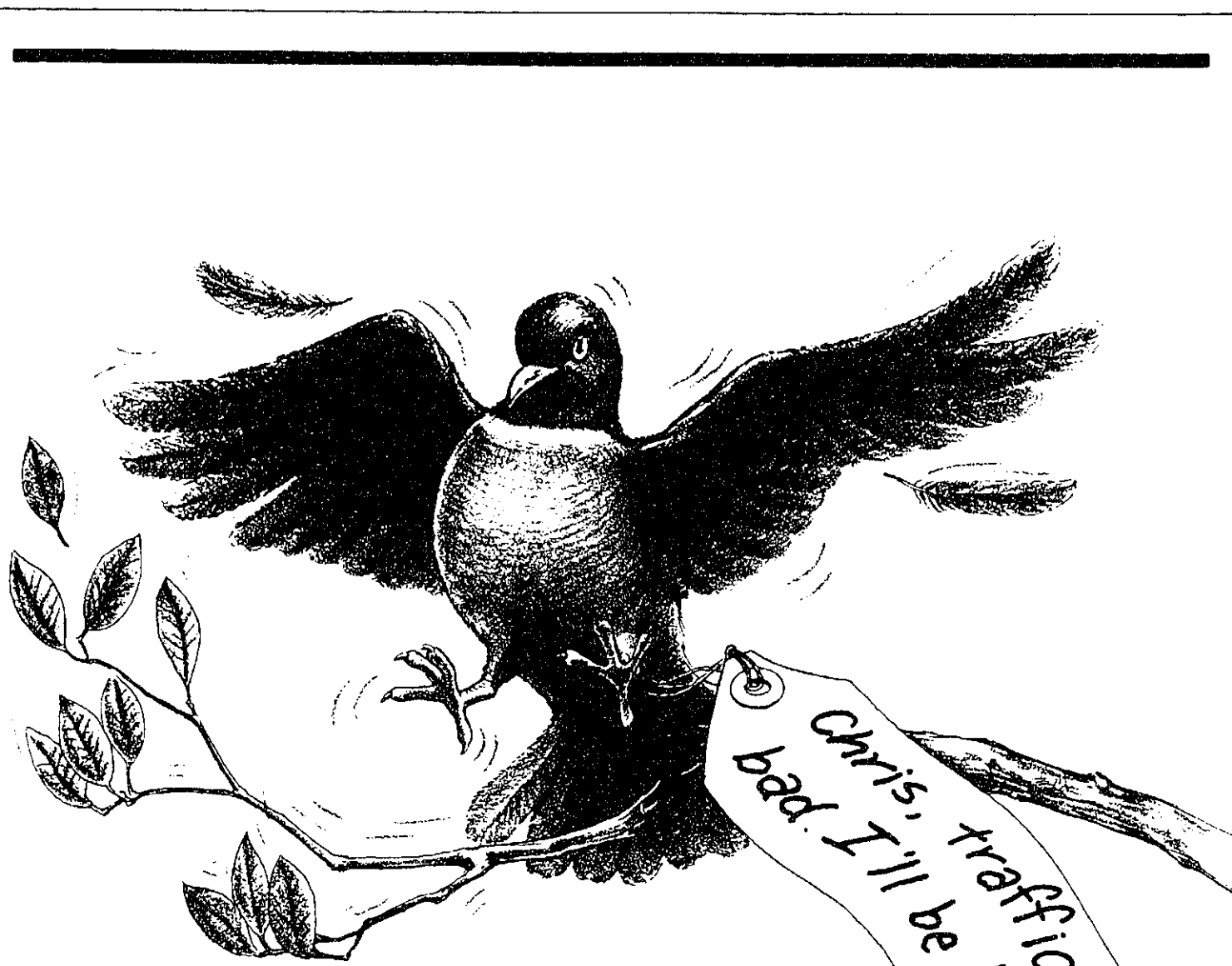
City officials are looking at joining a contract now under consideration by the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC), Kriewall said.

RRRASOC members could use the pick-up services of Waste Management Inc., which would include the mega-corporation's own landfill. In addition, Waste Management may build a joint venture materials recovery facility (MRF) with RRRASOC in Southfield.

"We've been made aware we might get a less expensive proposal through RRRASOC," Kriewall said.

Waste Management would offer homeowners a \$124 per year contract, with a 3.5 percent cap on increases for 15 years.

The Novi-based RRRASOC originally considered building its own MRF here. Local opposition was staunch.



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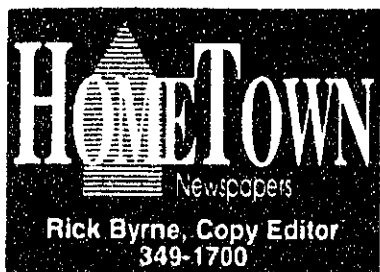
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# FOOD CREATIVE DINING

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Lois Thieleke/Home Economist

## Cutting the fat calls for new ingredient lists

If a muffin weighs heavy in your hand, and has a sticky surface, it is likely to have as many calories and as much fat as a cupcake or doughnut.

Many bakery or deli muffins have more hydrogenated oil, sugar and eggs than oat or wheat bran. A sign of a high fat content is a dense and moist product, like a baked carrot cake or banana bread. If you change, modify or clean up your recipes this need not happen. Food can still be delicious if the fat, sugar and salt are reduced in favorite recipes.

To reduce sodium in your diet or recipes be on the look out for: baking powder, baking soda, soy sauce, brine, garlic salt, onion salt, monosodium glutamate (MSG), sea salt, sodium chloride (table salt), sodium citrate, sodium nitrate, sodium phosphate and sodium saccharin.

Read the labels on packaged foods. In most home recipes cut the amount of salt in half, the exception would be yeast bread. You will soon adjust to the less salty flavor.

Instead of using salt, substitute herbs, spices, lemon or lime juice or a combination of these. Some herbs and spices to consider are dill, oregano, basil, rosemary, thyme, cumin, chili powder, curry powder, and paprika. Ketchup and mustard are virtually fat free but are high in sodium. Make your own mustard by using dry mustard powder, add milk, vinegar or water and mix to desired consistency.

To decrease saturated fat and cholesterol, use vegetable oils instead of solid fat. Use about one-fourth less oil than the recipe calls for. Substitute apple sauce in equal amounts for the oil in a cake, brownie or muffin mix.

Most standard recipes call for more sugar, salt and fat than necessary. Use half the amount of sugar called for in baked goods and desserts. Every one-fourth cup of brown or white sugar adds nearly 200 empty calories. This lesser amount of sugar is best for quick breads, cookies, pie filling, custard pudding and fruit crisps.

Increase the amount of vanilla or cinnamon for recipes that you have decreased the sugar. This will give the impression of sweetness. Eliminate additional calories by replacing frosting with just a light dusting of powdered sugar.

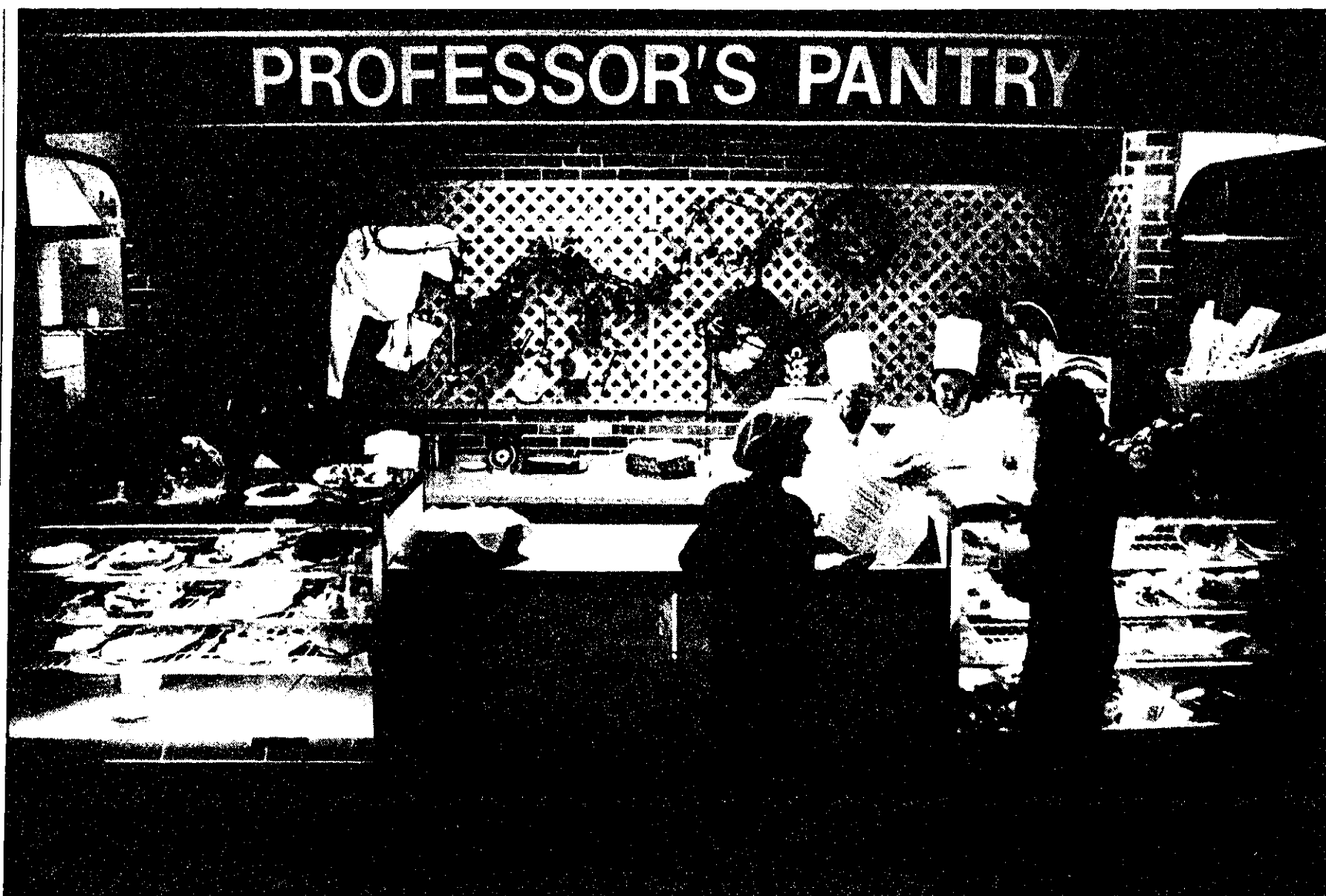
Choose and cook meat the low-fat way. The leanest beef is: top round, eye of the round, round tip, sirloin, top loin and tenderloin. These cuts of meat can be made tender by marinating them in an acid-base liquid such as vinegar, citrus juice, tomato juice or wine.

Most salad dressings, creamy or oily, get 90 percent of their calories from fat. However they may also contain eggs, cream and cheese. Make your own dressing to avoid the fat. When making a vinaigrette use less oil and more vinegar.

For a new flavor in a palatable low-oil dressing, use a flavorful walnut oil and a mild balsamer or rice vinegar, add a little garlic, a few herbs, and Dijon mustard. You'll be amazed over the delightful creamy dressing you can make from plain non-fat yogurt, onion, dill, oregano or basil and pepper. Mayonnaise is about 100 percent fat with little cholesterol. A better choice would be to make your own version by diluting a low-fat or light mayonnaise with non-fat yogurt, lemon juice or vinegar.

For good health reasons, maybe you'd like to consider a semi-vegetarian diet. This is a diet of fresh vegetables, grains, legumes, fresh fruit and dairy products with an occasional moderate serving of beef, poultry or fish. Generally four ounces of uncooked trimmed meat without bone will yield three ounces of cooked meat. A three-ounce cooked serving is about the size of a deck of playing cards.

Healthy eating does not mean boring or unappealing. Clean up your recipes by reducing the fat, sugar and salt in them, and reduce the fatty foods you choose. You'll feel better and it certainly will be better for you.



Chef Sylvia Hayes (back left) and student Jennifer Crist tend to customers at the Professor's Pantry.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## CHEF'S SECRET College's retail store emphasizes quality

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

A lot of people don't know that we have one of the finest culinary arts schools in the country right here in our midst.

Schoolcraft College consistently is rated among America's top culinary arts programs. But fewer people know that they can put some of the best the school has to offer right on their own dinner tables tonight.

They're the ones who've never tried to purchase anything from The Professor's Pantry, the retail outlet for the items created by students in Schoolcraft's program.

The "professor" behind the Professor's Pantry is Chef Sylvia Hayes. She presented the idea several years ago when she was about to graduate from the culinary arts school herself. She was hired soon after, and the Professor's Pantry has been hers ever since.

"In my opinion, it's the best kept secret in town," says Chef Hayes. "People who come here like the service. The products are prepared daily, and there is a variety of items to choose from. Of course, the standard of the department as a whole is to provide the finest products we can. That's the thing we emphasize, is that these are quality products."

Creation of a retail outlet was a natural for Schoolcraft's culinary arts department. With all the work students did in the kitchen, there was a lot of fine food being made, and the school cafeteria couldn't handle it all.

On any given day, students turn out products from butchering, charcuterie (sausages and their like), baking, pastry-making and catering classes.

"This gave the students, staff and the community a chance to purchase food through the culinary arts department," says Chef Hayes. "We started on the cafeteria line, and then moved to our own counter."

Nowadays the bulk of the customers oohing

and aahing over the glass cases at the Professor's Pantry come from the adjacent office buildings.

"We use the money we make to buy new things," Chef Hayes says.

You probably shouldn't go to the Professor's Pantry expecting to find a bargain. You won't find discount prices here. But then, where else can you find exquisitely prepared cakes and pies that will make your family and guests want to take pictures?

And we dare say you won't find better tasting sausages, smoked meats and pates anywhere in Southeast Michigan than the ones at the Professor's Pantry. They're ground, prepared and smoked right in the kitchen under the direction of Schoolcraft's chefs and instructors. Fresh breads and rolls come fresh from the oven, too.

The pricing, says Chef Hayes, is competitive, and most items are actually less expensive than you might pay in a store for gourmet-quality products. Sound business and marketing practices are, after all, part of the lesson that students are supposed to learn while working at the Professor's Pantry. And lesson one is that quality costs.

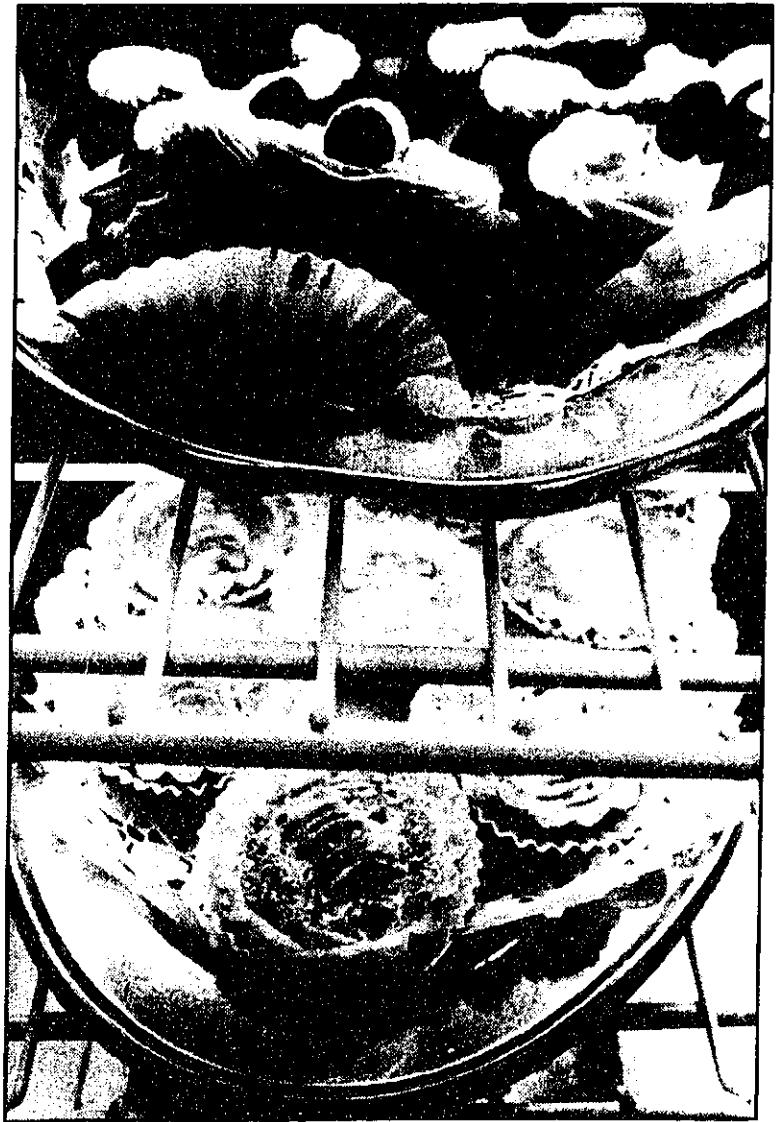
"It's an instructional aspect of the program," Hayes says. "It teaches them retail and marketing skills."

Jennifer Crist, a student working at the Professor's Pantry points out, "It teaches us customer relations, too."

Says Chef Hayes, "They learn to deal with the various holidays, running specials and setting up platters. They learn which products are marketable."

Crist, a second-year student from Livonia, has formed her own opinions on that during her stint behind the counter.

"We had a banana torte last week that was awesome," she says. "Pastries. That's what I really want to go into. But then, that changes ev-



Continued on 2 Just a sampling of the Professor's Pantry's wares

Chef Mary Brady



Last Sunday I called Aunt Betty in Buffalo to chat and check up on everyone's well being. We always end up talking more about food than anything else.

On this occasion, I had phoned to say that my cousin John and his new wife, Joan, had been in for dinner the previous evening. To have visitors from Buffalo without a wedding is a big deal for us. Joan's brother lives in Sterling Heights so

hopefully we will see them in this neck of the woods more often.

Just by chance my parents and two sisters were also eating so we had a fine family reunion. A great time was had by all. But, back to the phone call. Aunt Betty informed me that Puehn's Meat Market was closing its doors Saturday, going out of business.

You may recall, in a column this summer, I wrote about my Uncle George and Aunt Georgia. Until two days ago they were the proprietors of this market. Grandpa Puehn started the business 70 years ago and Uncle George made a career of butchering.

He raised a family of seven on his "draw," working excruciatingly long hours. Butchering is not easy and is an art

that is becoming lost to our generation.

Now it consists of breaking down quarters or parts of the carcass versus the whole thing. There is little specialty work required. When is the last time you asked your butcher to do something special for you? We just don't anymore.

Instead, we'll go to a huge, giant market that sells everything from diapers to beer and pick up whatever steak or chicken happens to be in the counter at the time.

Our demand for quality has diminished drastically. We are much too accepting. Granted, time is a factor. It is hard to make 10 strips instead of one. So, we'll sacrifice quality and taste for convenience. It's a shame.

For the last few years my aunt and

uncle have struggled to keep the business viable. My Aunt Georgia makes the most incredible soups in the world. Really, really, good, earthy, fantastic soups.

Her turkey sausage is the best I've ever tasted. There are no preservatives or nitrates. Only fresh ground turkey meat, sans fat and other body parts that sometimes find their way into the store product. Her way is much more expensive but she only made what she'd feed to her family. That's one of the differences between a giant super and a small shop. I'm lucky. I've got the recipe and sometime soon will venture into sausage making.

Visiting their shop was a treat, one of the highlights of a Buffalo trip. Here try this. "Take some spaghetti sauce to your

grandmother." "How much bacon do want to take home?" and all the while, customers coming and going.

Some have been regulars for decades. Others are sons, daughters or grandchildren of the forerunners. Names are used. There is no need for taking a number. These are patrons they have known for eons. There is mutual respect.

But no longer. Uncle George will go to work for a friend. Aunt Georgia will close up the shop, getting ready for a new tenant. They will be sad. It would be impossible not to be. Their lives have been devoted to an honorable and respectable profession. I'm very proud of them and their dedication and feel sorrow for the end of an era that can never return.



### The Refrigerator Door

**CORRECTION:** A recipe in the Oct. 12 edition of Creative Dining for Raspberry Cheesecake required 2 eggs, information which was inadvertently left out of the recipe. Also the recipe called for strawberries to be used in making the sauce. This information was incorrect. Raspberries should be used. We regret the errors.

**WINE TASTING:** Robert M. Parker Jr. will lead a tasting of 1990 Bordeaux at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 28999 Joy Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh Road in Westland.

The event will commence at 5:45 p.m. with an hors d'oeuvre reception. A sit-down tasting of 16 Bordeaux begins at 6:30 p.m., and a four-course dinner prepared by the Golden Mushroom, featuring the wines of Chateau Pichon Lalande starts at 8:15 p.m.

The inclusive price is \$120 per person. For reservations, call the Golden Mushroom 559-4230.

**KITCHEN GLAMOR CLASSES:** Novi's Kitchen Glamor store hosts a series of drop-in classes Tuesdays at 1 and 7 p.m. during the next several weeks. The fee is \$3. On Nov. 17, Nancy Eyer, popular caterer from Plymouth's Cozy Cafe/Gourmet Connection will lead a demonstration titled "Holiday Cookie Tray," helping you create holiday traditions in cookies.

Two no-fee classes will follow. On Nov. 20, at 1 and 7 p.m., there will be a demonstration of holiday techniques with Cuisinart products. On Nov. 24, Toula Patsis and Julie Makris will teach "Chocolate... Truffles... Molding and More," step-by-step techniques for chocolate-making.

With all of the above classes, recipes are provided free, and there will be small portion tastings. Everyone is welcome.

Kitchen Glamor is located in the Novi Town Center. Call 380-8600 for more information.

**O.C.C. GOURMET DINNER:** The Ridgewood Cafe & Bakery, the dining room of Oakland Community College's culinary arts department, will present the Wassail Feast, a special holiday dining experience on Thursday, Dec. 3. Gourmet buffets will also be offered on Nov. 25, Dec. 16, Jan. 21, Feb. 9, Feb. 24, March 18, April 6 and April 21. The college bakery offers pre-ordered holiday and specialty items as well. The college is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, call 471-7780.

**HOLIDAY FOOD WORKSHOPS:** The Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service is offering two healthy holiday workshops. The workshops will be at the Cooperative Extension Service North Office building, Instruction Room, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. To register, call 858-0904. Healthier Holiday Cooking will meet 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Holiday food poisoning prevention will meet 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cost \$4 for both workshops, \$2 for one.

**OLIVE OIL HOTLINE:** If you've ever wondered about the "heart-healthy" benefits of olive oil, call the International Olive Oil Council hot line. The hot line is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Eastern time, call 1-800-232-6548.

**ISIAH, STROH'S TEAM UP:** Detroit Pistons Star Isiah Thomas, and Stroh's Ice Cream Co. are launching a line of flavors of ice cream that they created together, for the kids and adults of Michigan. It marks the first time that a sports celebrity has been involved in the creation and marketing of ice cream in America. Stay tuned for details.

"The Refrigerator Door" is a list of coming events and short notes about food and drink. If you have an event planned or a brief announcement you would like included here, send it care of this newspaper, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

## College store is well-kept secret

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ery time I get into a different class rotation."

Chief Hayes says that, like any good college, Schoolcraft wants to turn out a well-rounded graduate, not just another good chef.

"Our concept of culinary arts is to give students enough skills so that they have marketable skills in all areas of culinary arts," she says. "So they do some work in retail layout and design, as well as baking and charcuterie. We strive to make sure that they get a quality education. There's a lot of hands-on work. Not just theory."

The only retail principles that don't apply at the Professor's Pantry are supply and demand. In other words you can't make any special orders, with the exception of deli trays. The Pantry stocks only what the classroom will bear, so if you like the looks of that triple-chocolate torte, you'd better snatch it up. They may not be making it next week.

What you can find regularly, though, are many different cuts of meat, products of the butchering classes, as well as the vast array of sausages, breads and rolls mentioned above. The Pro-Pan Express also offers already-prepared lunches to take to the office or out on a picnic.

And at the various holidays — Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter — the students also prepare entire holiday meals for sale through the Professor's Pantry.

"The Fresh Turkey Feast, which you can order now through Nov. 20, comes complete and ready for your Thanksgiving table without you doing all the work.

For around \$60 you'll receive a



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Northville's Dan Angelo (left) and James Bell (right) take a lesson from Chef Sylvia Hayes.

feast fit for a king prepared in the Schoolcraft kitchen. It includes an irresistible 14-16 pound fresh turkey, (not frozen), 4 pounds of savory stuffing, 4 pounds of fresh vegetable medley, 4 pounds of candied yams, 1 pound of branded cranberry-orange relish, and 1 quart of giblet gravy. Extra side orders and assorted bakery

items, such as rolls, will be available at an additional charge.

"Our cranberry sauce, for example, takes three weeks to make, because it has to ferment."

Call the Professor's Pantry now at 462-4491 to order your feast. All orders must be received by Friday, Nov. 20.

Just heat up the other items.

"You get the experience of having the smell in the house, and having the windows steam up from having the oven going all day," says Hayes. "But you don't have to do all the preparation. You cook the turkey and

## Celebs deck out for chocolate fund-raiser

"Chocolate and Stars" is the theme of the Seventh Annual Alzheimer's Association's Chocolate Jubilee.

The benefit, to assist Alzheimer's victims and their families, will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn. Over 30 premier chocolatiers will be displaying their finest creations and offering free samples.

In keeping with the "Chocolate and Stars" theme, over 25 celebrities will be present to lend their support, including Rich Fisher, Huei Perkins, Diana Lewis, Ray Lane, Roger McCoy, Jerry Hodak and Eli Zaret. When asked to participate, Eli Zaret confided "November 22nd is our 10th

wedding anniversary, and my wife and I would be pleased to spend part of our special day with the Alzheimer's Association for this very worthwhile cause."

Fox 50-10 o'clock news anchor and public affairs director Amyre Makupson, is this year's Jubilee Chairperson. She has announced that a patron lunch will be held at noon. Patron tickets, which start at \$100 per person, include lunch and first taste at the Jubilee.

The Chocolate Jubilee will be held from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited to see and meet the stars, to sample all types of candies, dessert items, drinks, ice creams and chocolate novelties and

most importantly, to help support the programs and services that assist people stricken with this mind-stealing disease. Beautifully packaged confections that would make elegant holiday gifts will also be available. Admission to the Jubilee is just \$25 per person.

To make your reservations, send your check to Alzheimer's Association, 17251 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076. Call 557-8277 for additional information.

Ninety-three percent of all funds raised directly support vital services provided to Alzheimer's victims and their families.

## Wildcats dump Waterford Mott 57-46 on road

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

A larger, more skilled Wildcat basketball team took an easy 57-46 road victory over Waterford Mott to close the regular season Thursday.

Kristin Kenny scored 16 points and Kelley Barton added 11 to lead Novi past the Corsairs. According to coach John Hoffman it was one of the rare times this fall his team has had a height advantage.

"Their size really hurt them," he said.

The Cats posted Kenny and Barton near the basket much of the evening. Waterford, despite their aggressive and physical style of play, could do little to stop either.

The Wildcats need Barton's scoring to do well in districts, Hoffman said. "We need her to make those shots if we are going to be successful," he said.

Novi opens the state playoffs at home tonight (7 p.m.) against Farmington Hills Harrison. NHS edged the Hawks in September 54-46.

"We are playing much better than the first time we saw them," Hoffman said.

The Wildcats proved that point early on against Mott. Novi led 8-3 lead in the first three minutes. Barton scored the game's first hoop, Kelly Kearney, Kenny and Christine Edwards followed with baskets off of set offensive plays.

Waterford called timeout after Edwards basket and came back much more aggressive. Angie Gudzniski scored seven of Mott's first eight points in the quarter. She cut the Novi lead to 12-8 at the 2:50 mark.

Behind six from Barton and Kenny, who picked up three quick fouls, the Wildcats held an 18-13 lead at the end of the period. Novi doubled that margin by halftime.

After a Corsair's basket to start the quarter, the Cats went on a 10-0 run. Waterford's Jamie Vickers hit a three-pointer to end the streak and cut Novi's lead to 10 at the half.

An 8-0 run to start the third period put the game on ice.

Kenny hit a pair of free throws and then a fast break hoop to start. Barton and Shelle Clark then added baskets to push the visitors lead to 40-26. The quarter ended 45-28.

Novi pulled most of its regulars at the 5:57 mark of the fourth. The Wildcats didn't letdown, however.

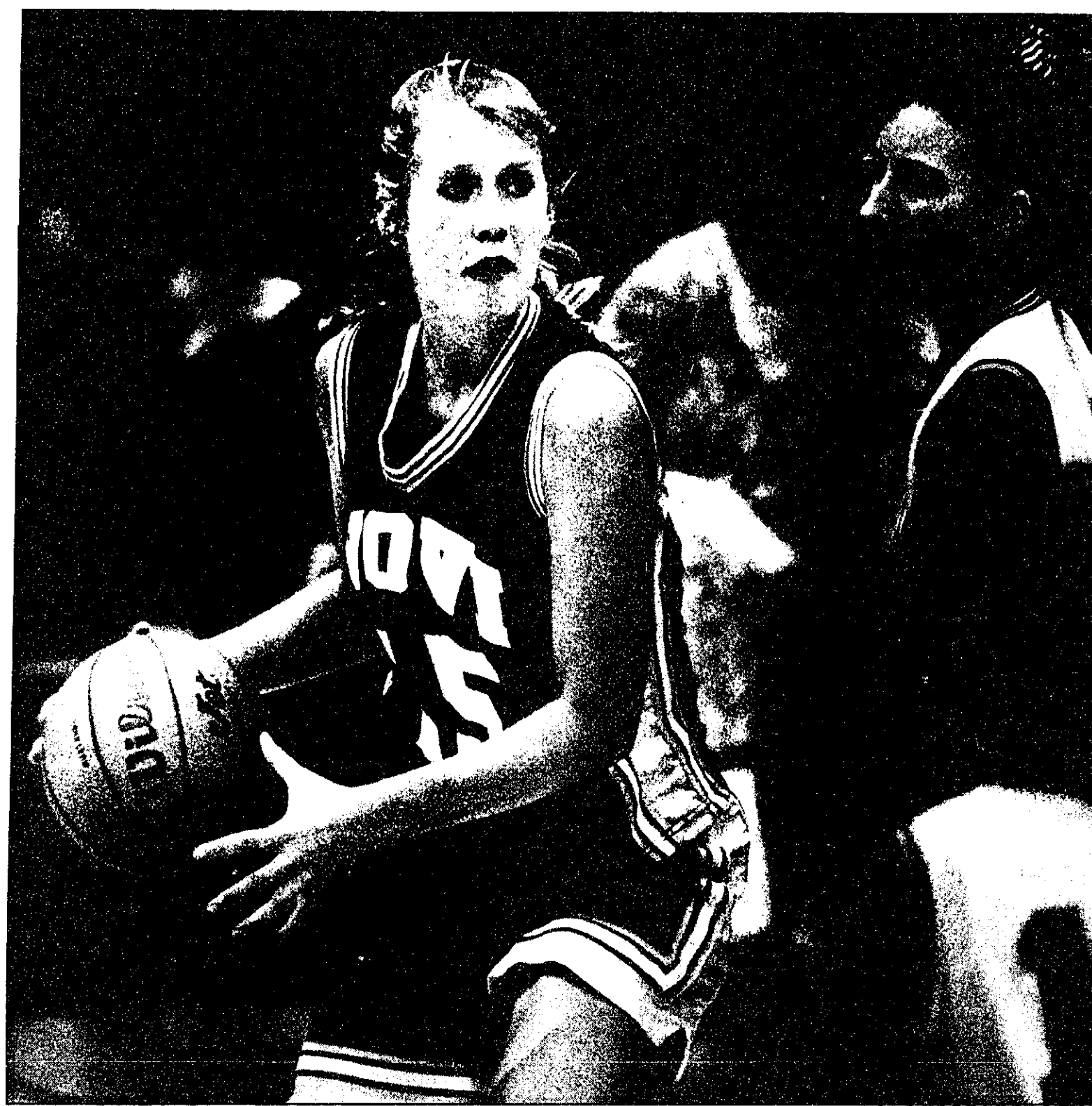
Liz Leininger, September Schubert, Clark, Kate MacKenzie, Alison Quinn and Becky Pylar all played well in relief. All six got in the scorebook and kept Waterford at a comfortable distance until the final buzzer.

MacKenzie finished with 10 points for Novi.

"We looked sharp," Hoffman said. "I thought we played really well defensively."

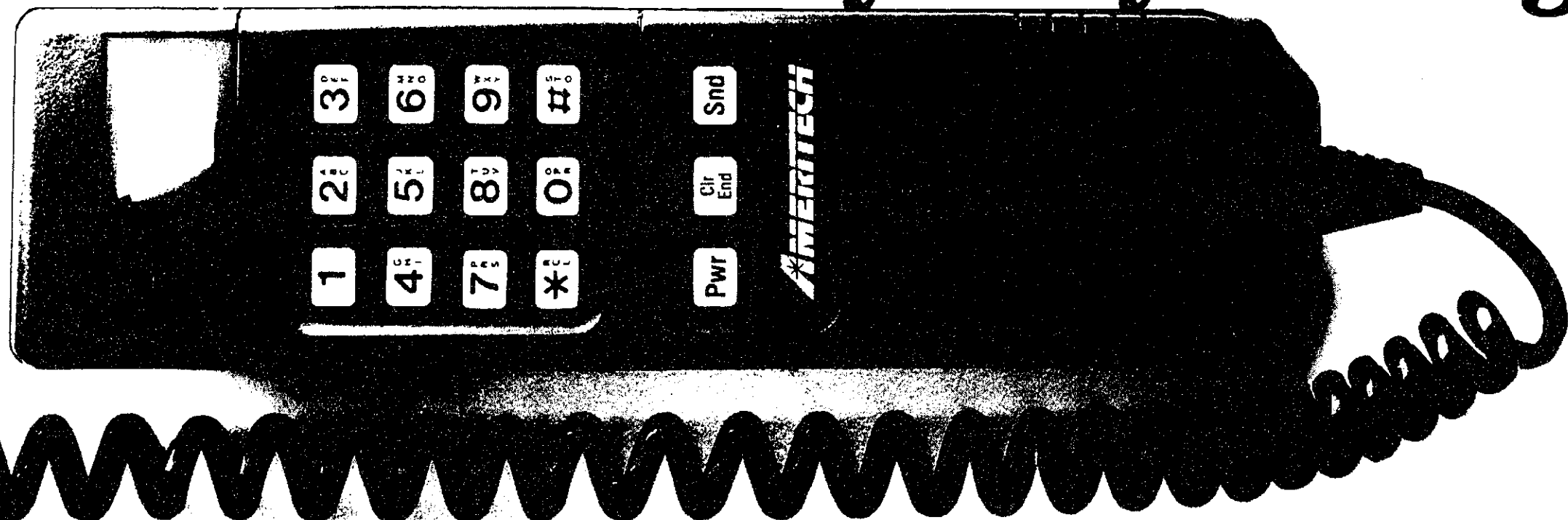
"It's a good tune-up game."

A win over Farmington Hills Harrison in the district opener would send Novi to the second round.



Kristin Kenny led Novi with 16 points.

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