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Light up the holidays

The lighting of the Christmas tree in the atrium of the Novi City Center is a special time for residents. Not only does it denote the start of the holiday season, it is when Santa Claus stops by to be a special guest of the city. Above, Novi Mayor Matt Quinn hands the key to the city to Santa during the ceremony Monday night. At right, the Novi Middle School Select Choir entertains the crowd. More photos are on pages 6 and 7.



Door's ajar for open house sign proposal

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a new home in Novi, don't spend your Sundays cruising for signs to direct you to open houses, yet.

A revision to the sign ordinance to allow the temporary guideposts, fought for by City Council Member Carol Mason since 1982, was put on hold Monday when some of her council colleagues raised concerns that the proposal contained no time limits whatsoever.

Meanwhile, real estate broker Shirley Cash told the council that the city's entire sign ordinance violates the Constitution's First Amendment, which protects freedom of speech.

While Mason said that open houses are typically held for three hours on a weekend afternoon, Council Member Robert Schmid pointed out that one could be held for a week under the draft amendment.

"The way it is written, I can see a 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. open house," Council Member Joseph Toth said.

That's not very likely, according

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to City Attorney David Fried.

"I assume it (the open house) isn't during the nighttime when people are sleeping in their homes. It's not unusual for a city government to adopt an ordinance and see if the ordinance is followed. If the builders and salespeople abuse the ordinance, it can be amended and limited by time," he advised.

The proposed ordinance would allow one 4-foot-in-diameter, less-than-5-foot-tall "Open House" sign at a single-family residence, plus a sign at the entranceway to the sub-

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Decoys cruise Novi for liquor violators

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Two Novi police officers and two underage decoys visited 12 different liquor license holders in the city Friday night.

Two of them failed the test. It was night number three of the department's ongoing decoy program — a liquor law enforcement practice that involves sending underage volunteers into establishments to attempt to purchase alcohol. Officers watch as the establishments either unknowingly pass the test by refusing to sell to the minors, or fail by selling alcohol without checking identification.

And those who fail are ticketed. The seller receives a misdemeanor citation requiring a court appearance, and the owner of the establishment is reported to the state Liquor Control Commission (LCC). The LCC investigates the police report and, unless the violation is successfully appealed, places it on record and may issue a fine to the owner.

As Friday night's activities began, Novi Police Sgt. Bob Gatt and Officer Tom Lindberg briefed the

"There are certain places that we have very strong suspicions are selling to minors and at some point in time we are going to get them."

Tom Lindberg
Novi police officer

18-year-old female volunteers, whose identities remain confidential, on the rules of the game.

They carry no identification so there can be no accusations that they showed a false ID. They carry no money except for a \$20 bill provided by the department. If they are asked for IDs, they are to say they don't have any. If they are asked their ages, they are to tell the truth.

"There doesn't necessarily have to be an exchange of money," Gatt

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\$32 million bond question looms

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

If you want to take the ride, you gotta buy the ticket.

That's the reasoning Novi schools officials argue on behalf of a proposed \$31.9 million bond issue that goes before voters in five days: to provide quality services to students, Novi will have to pay for the facilities and equipment that make it happen.

It's a proposition with which Novi High School Principal Arthur Miller agrees when discussing the more than \$17.5 million in renovations for Novi High School.

"If we want to remain a top-rate district," Miller said, "we have to offer programs that the kids need to remain competitive academically. That's the key — that's what the bond will do. (And) if we're going to do these kinds of programs," Miller continued, "we need the facilities to manage them appropriately."

The special election that will decide the fate of the bond issue is five days away: polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. It will culminate months of debate over the \$31.9 million proposal, which requires voter approval.

The bond issue would pay for a slew of changes at Novi High School.

A new fieldhouse, attached to the existing physical education area, is planned. Three new gyms on one large surface, as well as an indoor running track, classrooms and locker rooms will be built.

"When Novi High School was built," said Miller, "there were 14 athletic teams and 260 student athletes. Last year, there were 44 teams with 840 participants."

All of them have to compete for time in the school's one gym and limited locker room space, he said.

"That doesn't even count intra-mural use and

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Victim's mom has say in court

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A man convicted in August of assault and battery against a 4-year-old boy was resentenced last week after the judge heard testimony from the child's mother.

The parent, Jennie Cain, protested that she was unable to testify to her son Doug's trauma at the first sentencing. Novi's City Attorney David Fried advised the prosecuting attorneys under contract with the city that this was in violation of the 1985 Michigan Crime Victims Rights Act.

The law, added to the state Constitution by voters in 1988, gives the victim — or in the case of a minor, the parent — a chance to discuss the impact of the crime on his or her life.

The law requires the victim to be notified of the sentencing, but Cain was not informed of the court date

Cain said she was glad she got her say in court this time around and that the city prosecutors were made aware that the law applies to serious misdemeanors. Prosecutor Phil Seymour said earlier that the act did not apply to misdemeanors with a sentence of less than one year in jail, such as this charge.

"I'm very, very pleased with that. Before they were totally ignoring that. If nothing else at least I did something to wake up the court system to see what's going on," she said.

"I'm glad the City of Novi has woken up a little bit about acts against children. Hopefully, something was good out of all this."

Cain, a Chateau Estates resident, said her child has had nightmares since the March event. After a fight between her son and Fournier's boy, Fournier was convicted of assault for entering the Cain

home and shaking Doug by the feet and tossing him on the couch.

The major change in the Dec. 2 resentencing was that 52nd District Court, first division Judge Brian MacKenzie ordered the defendant, David Fournier, to take a parenting effectiveness class, rather than perform the 50 hours of community service he originally mandated.

Fournier's original \$100 fine remained unchanged. In addition, he was placed on probation for one year and must pay a \$25 fee per month for probationary oversight, MacKenzie said.

The judge said it was good for Cain to get a chance to tell her side of the story.

"In terms of the principle of justice being done, it was important, I guess," MacKenzie added.

Fournier had no comment on the resentencing.

"My attorney told me not to say

anything to anybody," he said.

While Cain said she would have preferred a two-year probation for Fournier, her next-door neighbor, she was satisfied with the outcome.

"I felt neither the prosecutor nor the court properly considered the facts in the case and they should have taken more consideration in a crime against a child. Doug had suffered great emotional damage. He (Fournier) was given plenty of opportunity to apologize and stated on one occasion that he'd rather take his chances in court," she added.

Cain said she was not pleased that MacKenzie told her not to allow her little boy to play with Fournier's son.

"I suggested it does not seem to make much sense that those two play together given the way the parents treat each other," MacKenzie said.

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Community Calendar

Today, December 10

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Senior luncheon: The Novi Rotary senior citizen luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Novi Middle School.

Sing-a-long: Novi Woods Holiday Sing-a-long will be held at Novi Woods Elementary School at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 11

P.S. Your Cat is Dead: The Novi Players is presenting the comedy P.S. Your Cat is Dead at 8 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center and the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$4 for seniors and children and \$6 at the door.

Saturday, December 12

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

Santa Breakfast: The Novi Jaycees present Breakfast with Santa from 9-11 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

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Sunday, December 13

P.S. Your Cat is Dead: The Novi Players is presenting the comedy P.S. Your Cat is Dead at 2 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center and the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$4 for seniors and children and \$6 at the door.

Monday, December 14

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

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Tuesday, December 15

Bond Issue Election: Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 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.

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 at 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16

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

Players rehearsal: The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, December 17

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

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

Friday, December 18

Winter recess: Winter recess will begin at the end of the day. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 1993.

Monday, December 21

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

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.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Bereavement support: Dr. Michael M. Meyer,

Bereavement Counselor, will hold the monthly bereavement support group meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. A special candle-ritual will be held at this meeting.

Tuesday, December 22

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.

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, December 23

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

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve: City offices and the public library will be closed.

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day: City offices and the public library will be closed.

December 31

New Year's Eve: City offices and the public library will be closed.



Photo by HAL GOULD

A beauty on ice

Saori Hagino, age 4, gets fitted for a pair skates with the help of her mother, Ayako Hagino, during the 12th annual Used Sports and Recreation Equipment (And Other Stuff) sale held Saturday in the Novi Civic Center. This year, the sale was expanded to include "other stuff," making it one of the biggest annual events the city has seen.

Ex-mayor finds city council is more naughty than nice

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A former mayor of Novi took the current City Council to task Monday, suggesting that its collective behavior could cause public faith in the January \$9.9 million parks bond millage election to waver.

"Abuse of each other, of employees and of consultants is a regular occurrence. Others abuse you and your employees and consultants frequently without the record being set straight," Gil Henderson said.

"This kind of behavior results in anger, frustration and added paranoia and monetary costs, not to say people costs, by hampering overall performance."

"People will lose faith in your ability to make rational objective decisions."

Henderson, who served as mayor in 1975-77, told the council he was anxious not to create a "political paranoia" by his statements, but spoke only as one person "who happens to have cared about this town for 25 years."

Three council members — Nancy Cassia, Joseph Toth and Carol Mason — are still targeted by a recall group which has blasted their behavior at the council table.

Henderson said earlier that as a part-time employee for consulting engineers JCK & Associates, he is not a member of the group but has offered them his advice.

Council members did not respond to Henderson's commentary.

The former mayor said he was disturbed that in a recent council meeting a resident ripped into JCK & Associates for the rising costs of a new Fair Road culvert.

"What I was upset with is that out of seven of you, nobody said some of that cost increase was done by policy-setting by the city council," he said.

He also rapped the council for taking too long to reach business decisions.

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Gil Henderson
Former mayor

Henderson said the most important issue facing the elected officials is winning voter approval of the purchase of 500 acres of park land.

"My ultimate hope for you is you can individually say 'I left this City of Novi as good or better than when I found it.' And the best way you can do this is treat each other and the people around you with dignity," Henderson said.

Admonishing the council to behave itself is becoming a Novi tradition, of sorts, especially with the city's "elder statesmen" — and women.

In August, departing planning commission chair Ed Kramer, who was not reappointed by the council, echoed comments made earlier by retiring planning commission chair Chuck Kureth that the Team Novi spirit is disintegrating. In January 1991, Kathleen McAllen, then-planning commissioner and now chair of that board, expressed similar concerns.

One of the leaders of the recall campaign is former city council member Martha Hoyer, who has said that the current council's style prevents effective government.

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Getting high ends up a downer

Novi police in an unmarked vehicle spotted two men sitting in a car passing a marijuana cigarette back and forth Friday night, and cited both for possession.

Police reported they were in the north parking lot of the Novi Hilton on unrelated work when they noticed the men approximately five spaces away from them.

Novi officer Mark Kohls reported that, as they approached the vehicle, the man in the driver's seat tossed the marijuana cigarette out of the window. Police retrieved the marijuana cigarette, confiscated it, and issued court appearance tickets.

NARCOTICS: Novi Police Officer Scott Teves stopped a suspected drunk driver on East Lake Drive Thursday and later arrested him for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL), possession of marijuana and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Teves reported that he observed the 27-year-old Walled Lake man's

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1985 AMC speeding and weaving on East Lake. The driver failed a series of sobriety tests and was arrested for OUIL. During the arrest, police found a wooden case containing a marijuana pipe and paraphernalia, then found other paraphernalia under the seat in the car.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 27-year-old White Lake Township man for OUIL on northbound West Road Nov. 25.

Police say the man was driving his 1980 Ford Fiesta in a weaving pattern on northbound West Road. The officer stopped him and noted a strong odor of intoxicants on his breath and slurred speech.

The man reportedly failed a series of sobriety tests and was arrested.

LARCENY: A resident on Erin Court in the Bradford of Novi subdivision reported Nov. 25 that someone broke into both his 1992 Chrysler LeBaron and his 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass and stole a briefcase from each.

The man told police that both vehicles were left unlocked, and that he believed the incident occurred during the previous night. One of the briefcases belonged to his wife, and the other belonged to him.

He said there was nothing of value in his wife's briefcase, but that his own briefcase held a compact computer, a calculator, and four Detroit Lions vs. Houston Oilers tickets at a total value of \$100.

It's complete. The state Legislature has passed a four-bill anti-stalking law that a co-sponsor called "the strictest law in the nation."

"It has given victims hope they can see an end of their torment," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, as the upper chamber unanimously put the finishing touches on his bill.

"Previously, a victim could be stalked for weeks, months, even years, with very little that could be done to protect them."

Witnesses were mostly women harassed by estranged spouses or ex-boyfriends. Geake praised their courage for testifying publicly.

Geake worked on the package with Rep. Dianne Byrum, D-Leslie. Gov. John Engler is expected to sign them. The laws will:

- Define stalking as repeated harassment designed to frighten another by following, confronting, entering the other's property or contacting by telephone.
- Generally these are constitutionally protected activities, said Geake, but they are unprotected when used in a harmful manner. Penalty for a misdemeanor violation: a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. (HB 5472, Byrum.)
- Define aggravated stalking as occurring in violation of a restraining order, pre-trial release or condition of bond. Penalty for a felony violation: five years and a \$10,000 fine. (SB 718, Geake.)
- Allow the warrantless arrest of a stalker when a police officer has a reasonable belief that a restraining order has been violated. (HB 6038, Byrum.)
- Allow a victim to obtain a restraining order to prohibit stalking. It also allows the victim to sue the stalker for civil damages. (SB 1095, Geake.)

count number on it. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A resident on Galway reported Nov. 25 that someone stole a 1989 Toro snowblower from his garage.

The homeowner told police that she left her garage door open for some workmen she was expecting. When she went back outside to the garage, the snowblower was missing.

The snowblower was reportedly in the back of the garage, in plain view from the street.

SHOPLIFTING: Novi police arrested a shoplifting suspect at JC Penney in Twelve Oaks Mall Tuesday. Police said the suspect picked up \$223 worth of various merchandise, concealed it in a bag, and attempted to leave the store without paying for it.

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

Novi Briefs

Books donated: The Friends of the Novi Library purchased 40 books from Borders Book Store in the Novi Town Center to be donated to the Detroit Free Press "Gift of Reading" program last week. Members selected a variety of books suitable for young children. The purpose of the program is to develop children's interest in reading.

Correction: An article in the Nov. 30 Novi News incorrectly stated that if a plan to obtain federal funding for an Oakland County road improvement plan succeeded, the city would see over \$7 million in road expansions. The figure was attributed to Director of Planning James Wahl. The actual amount involved, however, is \$80.8 million, more than one-fourth of the proposal's price tag. We regret the error.

Under inspection: In a written report to the city council, Building Official Don Saven notes that in October his department performed the highest number of inspections in Novi history. A total of 2,799 inspections were performed, primarily on residential construction, including Wedford Townhouses.

"It is with pride that despite various conditions, the building department staff (clerical, inspectors and ordinance) pulled together to accomplish a most difficult task. Commendations to the staff," Saven wrote in the Nov. 5 monthly report.

The year-long flurry of activity means that the building department's income is consequently up to \$556,000 in the year to date, over last year's \$421,000.

World AIDS Day: Following a Nov. 23 proclamation by Mayor Matthew Quinn, Novi is joining in with communities nationwide to commemorate World AIDS Day. The World Health Organization has set aside the day for increased worldwide communication, education and preventative action to stop the spread of the HIV virus and AIDS. The organization estimates that between 10 million to 12 million people are infected with HIV and that over 1.5 million of them have gone on to develop AIDS.

Stalking ban passes both houses

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Witnesses were mostly women harassed by estranged spouses or ex-boyfriends. Geake praised their courage for testifying publicly.

Geake worked on the package with Rep. Dianne Byrum, D-Leslie. Gov. John Engler is expected to sign them. The laws will:

Define stalking as repeated harassment designed to frighten another by following, confronting, entering the other's property or contacting by telephone.

Generally these are constitutionally protected activities, said Geake, but they are unprotected when used in a harmful manner. Penalty for a misdemeanor violation: a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. (HB 5472, Byrum.)

Define aggravated stalking as occurring in violation of a restraining order, pre-trial release or condition of bond. Penalty for a felony violation: five years and a \$10,000 fine. (SB 718, Geake.)

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Decoy program nets violators

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explained. "If they place that beer down in front of you, you have been served."

"If you're served, the first thing we'll do is grab the beer and escort you out of there."

Gatt said he was actually hoping for a quick evening, with no "busts."

"Our success shouldn't be rated on how many people we bust," Gatt said Friday night. "Our success should be rated on not busting anybody."

The volunteers, both 1992 graduates of Novi High School, said they decided to become involved in this enforcement program because of friends who they say are alcoholics.

"I've been served before, and it made me real nervous," one said. "I'd want to do this because of the fact that I have a lot of friends who are alcoholics and it really bothers me."

The other volunteer said she called the police department and volunteered the first time she read of the program.

"I had heard of places that were selling to kids and I thought this would be a good way to stop them," she added. "If it weren't so easy to buy, my friends wouldn't be alcoholics."

Lindberg said he knows that many underage Novi residents will still obtain alcohol if they want to badly enough. Many will wait outside of a store in an attempt to find an adult to stop these situations when liquor store clerks call in a complaint.

"Normally we get a call from the clerk at the store who says (the underage persons) are out there harassing customers," he said.

Lindberg also said many teens go to Detroit to buy alcohol and added that it was the norm when he was a teenager, too.

"I think no matter what we do in Novi, there are going to be those who find a way to get alcohol. But there are certain places that we have very strong suspicions are selling to minors, and at some point in time we are going to get them. The circumstances just have to be right."

The first stop of the evening was at Shields's Pizza. As they would at every establishment, Gatt and Lindberg entered separately and gave no indication that they were with the decoys.

Each time, they sat or stood somewhere where they could keep the decoys in sight.

At Shields's, the waitress began to write down the girls' order for two Miller Lites, then paused and asked for ID. When they said they had no ID, the waitress told them that she couldn't serve them because the Novi Police Department has a decoy program.

The second stop of the evening was Kosch's Deli. However, the waitress recognized Gatt so they decided to leave without an attempt to buy.

"We'll come back later," he told the puzzled hostess.

At Diamond Jim Brady's and King's Gardens the girls were asked for identification and the bartender refused to serve them when they had

one. The same thing happened at Red Lobster. After they left, the bartender talked about them, commenting on the fact that they looked obviously under 21.

"They said they had no ID," she scoffed. "How did they drive here if they don't have a license?"

At Pizza Hut, which was crowded with teenagers, the decoys again were unable to buy alcohol. Gatt and Lindberg, who loitered near a video game, looked mildly amused when a teenager standing right next to them shouted that the "Novi cops" were driving through the parking lot.

The first liquor violation occurred at Salvatore Scalapino. At this restaurant, for the second time, the hostess recognized Gatt and began to talk to him. However, the decoys had already been seated and had ordered two beers.

When the waiter served the beers, Lindberg confiscated them and the decoys left the restaurant to sit in the car and fill out forms.

"Approximate age of clerk?" They agreed he looked 25. "Short hair. Feathered back?" one said.

"No, it was shaved on the sides," the other argued.

One of the decoys said she was nervous when she realized she was going to be served. The other said she was "perfectly calm."

"I just felt like everybody was looking at me," the first girl explained.

Gatt said the server didn't say much about the ticket.

"There's not a whole lot he can say," he said. "It's like they're trapped like rats." But, he added, the waiter

will probably remember to ask for ID from now on.

"I don't need that for these people at all," Gatt added. "They served up. I don't think Salvatore Scalapino is the major supplier of alcohol to underage teenagers, but they were careless. It cost them a violation."

With this bust complete, Gatt decided it was time to start testing liquor stores. These places, he said, are where most Novi teenagers are getting their alcohol.

The first store they tested was Vintage Party Store, where one of the decoys walked right in and bought a six-pack.

When she took the beer to the counter the woman who was working that night asked the decoy for ID and she said she didn't have any. Then, the woman turned to another man working behind the counter and asked "What do you think?"

He told her to sell it. She did. At first she tried to talk her way out of the ticket.

"I asked her if she had ID and she said she didn't have any. ... he said it's OK, that she's been here before."

Finally, she seemed resigned to the fact that she was going to get the ticket.

"Well, what's this going to cost me?" she asked. "I guess I should be so trusting. ... I asked for ID. I thought that was enough, but I guess it wasn't."

The decoy operation went on to five other party stores that night. At each one, the decoy's purchase was refused.

"We just want a reputation in this city of being very tough, very strict on alcohol-related offenses," Gatt said.

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Lorenzo loses out in battle with N'ville BZA

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

A Dec. 2 Northville city Board of Zoning Appeals hearing turned into a shouting match when the BZA rejected Novi resident Laura Lorenzo's request to overturn city approval of culverts south of her Galway Drive home.

Lorenzo, also a Novi planning commissioner, blames culverts in Singh's Pheasant Hills subdivision for flooding in her backyard. She has pointed to the city's Article 19 which requires that the flood capacity for all altered or relocated watercourses "designed to insure flood carrying capacity" shall be maintained.

City officials have argued that the culvert was installed correctly and that Article 19 does not apply to the watercourse. They also have pointed out that Lorenzo's property can be expected to flood because it lies within a floodplain.

Lorenzo's Dec. 2 hearing, termed "raucous" by BZA Member Roland Stapleton, was her second before the BZA and the latest of many before city boards and commissions in her two-year quest to alleviate that flooding, which she argues is caused by a restrictive culvert installed under Mill Pond Court. Her case has generated reams of official correspondence among the city, Singh, Oakland County Drain Commission, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

She was on the verge of taking her complaint to court in September when an attorney suggested she approach the BZA one last time. That request resulted in the Dec. 2 hearing, at which the board voted unanimously to reject her request.

"The real question we were called upon to decide was whether Article 19 applied," Stapleton said. "It seemed clear to me that the article did not apply."

Lorenzo said she was not surprised by the decision, though the board's treatment of her case did disappoint her.

"I found it particularly interesting myself that they didn't hold any discussion before the vote. They just listened to the presentations and voted," she said. "It's just a rubber-stamp operation, and that's not the way it's supposed to be."

Lorenzo's persistence may spur changes in Northville's ordinance faster than replacement of the culvert. FEMA official Janet Odeschoo sent the city a letter Nov. 9 strongly suggesting that the city amend Article 19 to more closely match FEMA's own floodplain management criteria. Odeschoo said Article 19's use of the word "designed" is too ambiguous to allow us to say it means that any watercourse's flood carrying capacity must be maintained.

Odeschoo said FEMA wanted a response within 90 days.

City Manager Gary Word said the city will review FEMA's recommendation and may change its ordinance. But he said that the change would not necessarily support Lorenzo's argument that the city's original decision was wrong.

"I'm not going to concede that they're right or that Laura's right, or even that the city's right," he said, "just that we followed proper procedures at the time."



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Holiday music

Music is always a special part of the holidays. And those who attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremonies at the Novi Civic Center Monday heard a number of special selections from both the Middle School Choir and Bellissima, the bell choir of the Tuesday Musicals of Pontiac. At left, Judy Smith (right) and the members of Bellissima perform their carols.

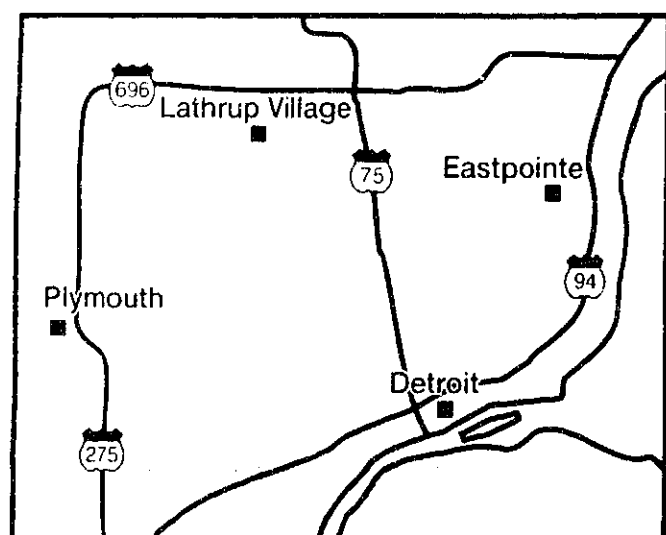


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Central attractions

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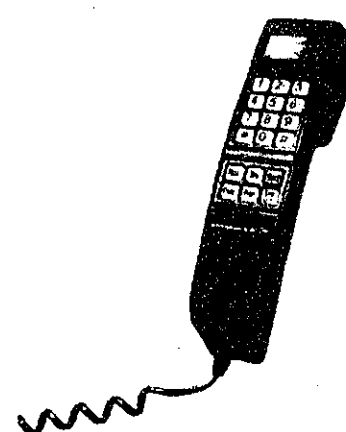
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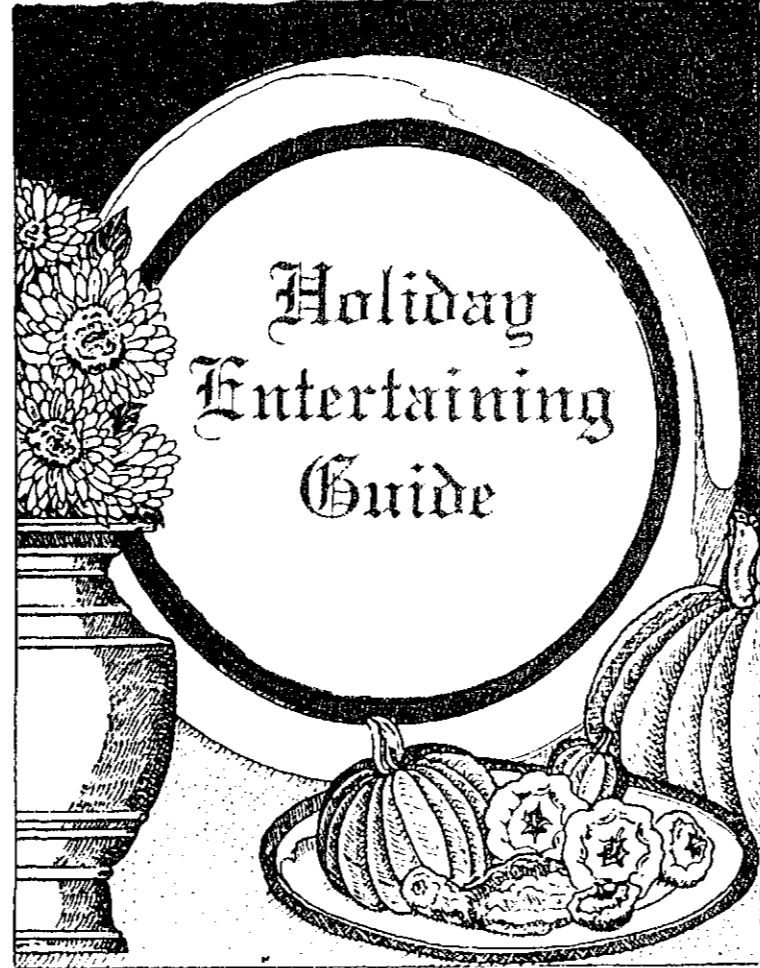
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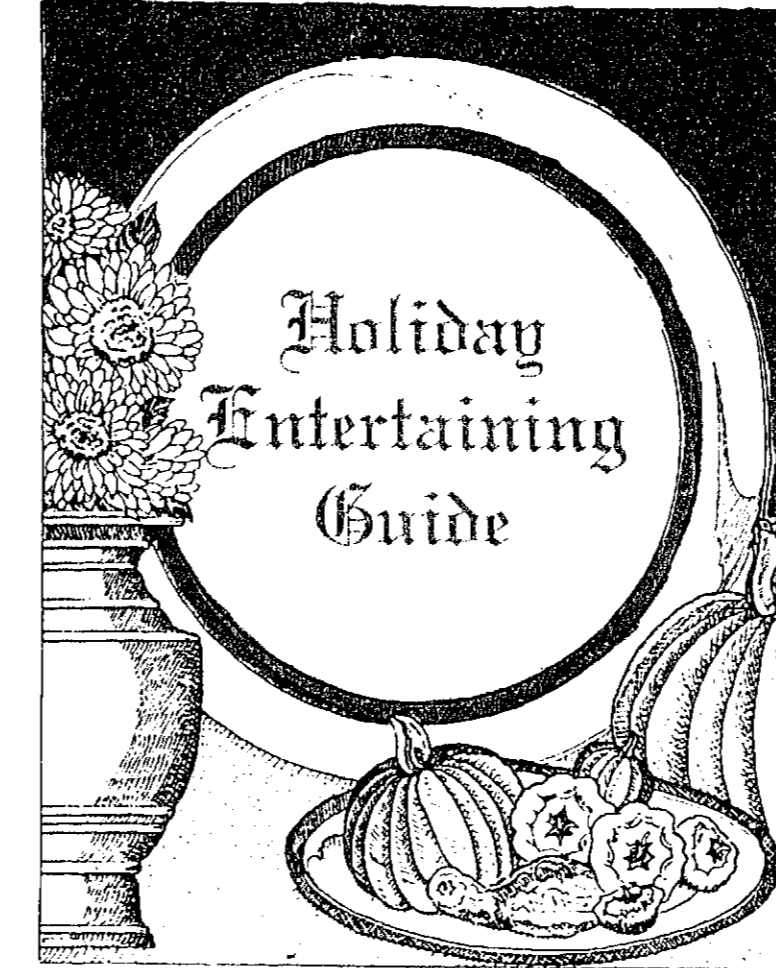
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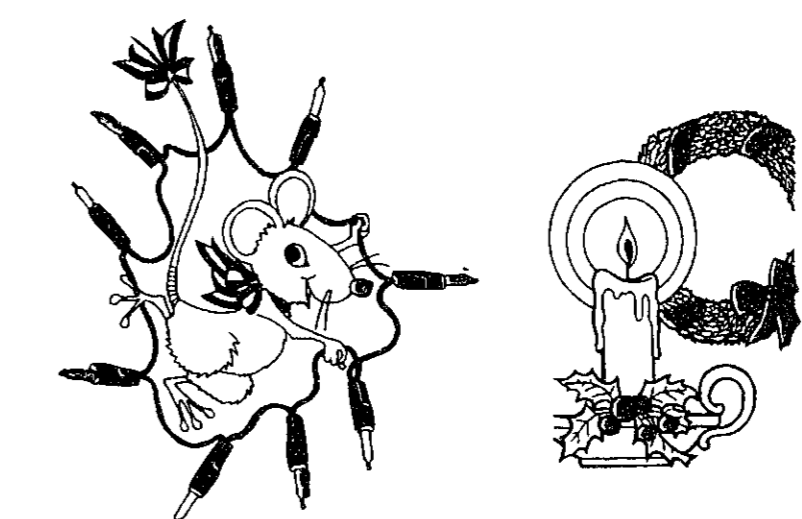
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Chamber News

This column provides news and information on the Novi Chamber of Commerce activities. Today's column features information on the Partnerships in Education Program and the Chamber's 1993 officers, board members and its restructuring.

Partnerships in Education: The Novi Chamber of Commerce Partnerships in Education Committee has been energetically reorganizing and building on the efforts of the previous committee. It accepted a mission statement from the chamber to "Create a forum for business and education to work together to improve the quality of the future work force in America."

To accomplish the mission, the chamber appointed George Andrews as chairman of the committee. Sandy Bulke, MSU Extension Services is the project coordinator. Serving on the committee are Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent, Novi Schools; Thomas Schneider, director, Tollgate; and Connie Mallett, executive director of the Chamber. They have been working hard since spring and devoted time to understanding the needs of one another.

The committee surveyed Novi businesses this fall to determine interest in working with the Partnership program. More than 40 surveys were returned. The committee is now evaluating the results and will begin involving these businesses.

Under the guidance of Joyce Rogers, executive director of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce and Marilyn Goodson, Brighton Schools partnership coordinator, the Brighton partnership program has helped the Novi committee reorganize their program. They will continue to work together until the Novi partnership program is up and running. Rogers was the featured speaker at the Chamber's Dec. 2 Good Morning Novi breakfast series.

1993 Officers and Board Members: It promises to be a banner year for the Novi Chamber with the lineup of officers and directors for 1993. The titles of presidents and executive director have been modified as Ray Davis explained at the November meeting.

Leading the chamber on the Executive Committee are: Chairman of the Board, J.R. Aiyeh, Financial Planning, Chairman-Elect, Victor Cassis, Victor's Novi Inn; Vice Chairman/Membership, Pat Webb, Novi Family Dental Center; Treasurer, Marilyn Kloke, Michigan National Bank; Past President, Ray Davis, Executive Printing Services; President, Connie Mallett, Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Serving on the board of directors are: George Andrews, TRACC; Peg Campbell, U-M Health Centers; Phil Morasco, Twelve Oaks Mall; Dan Grady, Comerica; Kevin Crain, Crain Chiropractic; Michael Gabriel, State Farm Insurance; Blair Bowman, Novi Expo Center; Shirley Cash, Realty World; Mike Malott, The Novi News; Steve Myers, Suzuki/Myers & Associates; Diane Risko, Matt Brady's Tavern; Joanne Zimmerman, Highland Farms.

Continuing to serve as Novi City liaisons are Edward Kriewall, Novi City Manager and Robert Taub, Novi Planning Commission.

The chamber gratefully thanks retiring board members Mary T. Martin, Charter House; Keith Tappan, K.A. Tappan and Associates; and Richard Kern, First of America Bank, for all their contributions during the past years.

Nov. 17 Meeting: Annual Membership Business Meeting. President Ray Davis discussed the chamber structure and the responsibilities of the members, the board of directors, committees, officers and the executive director. Changing the title of executive director to president, and president to chairman of the board more accurately reflects the way the organization operates.

"Although the title changes don't affect the way we operate," said Davis, "it does help bring the chamber more in line with other businesses. The chamber is a business, a professionally run organization with a membership to serve. It is not a social organization."

Davis added that most businesses with a board of directors engage a professional manager to run the organization according to the policies and goals they define. As in business, the chamber board relies on the professional manager to make sure the goals are accomplished and policies executed. The chairman of the board will continue to exercise executive power to ap-

point people to committee positions and chairs. The chairman of the board also presides over board meetings.

Good Morning Novi: The Good Morning Novi Breakfast Series is held at the Country Epicure Restaurant, 42050 Grand River (please park in the rear). Members, \$10, non-members, \$15. Call 349-3743 to reserve your seat.

Dec. 2 Meeting: Forming business partnerships with education. Joyce Rogers, Executive Director of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce, Joyce Rogers has been an excellent consultant who helped the Novi Partnership in Education continue developing. She reviewed the growth and development of the Brighton program saying the partnership program is mutually beneficial to both education and industry. Schools learn more about the needs of industry while industry learns more about the needs of schools. Together they fulfill some of their needs while helping each other with weak areas.

Brighton's program has a strong 30-member advisory board with half the participants from business and the other half from education. A mutual respect between business and education has developed which is a key ingredient to their success.

Jan. 6 Meeting: Protecting Your Business from Employment Lawsuits. Gary C. Ankers, The Fisherman Group, Attorneys Representing Management. This program is a must for people in management. Call to reserve your seat.

Feb. 3 Meeting: Breakfast with Novi Councilwoman Nancy Cassis. Ask questions and share your concerns about business issues with a representative of local government. Call to reserve your seat.

Novi Health Expo: The Novi Health Expo will be March 3-14 at City Hall. The Community Relations Committee is working to make Novi the healthiest community in the country. Watch for details. This column was written by Connie Mallett, Executive Director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Wetlands bill defines state, local turf areas

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A compromise wetlands regulation bill will become law after final passage last Thursday by the House of Representatives.

Engineered by Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, the bill allows local units to regulate wetlands between 2 and 5 acres. Honigman's district will include Novi when the new district boundaries resulting from reapportionment go into effect in January. The state Department of Natural Resources is given sole authority over wetlands five acres and larger.

Many local units in Oakland and Livingston counties have such ordinances.

The final House vote was 82 to 17. Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

All conservation and local government interests had supported the compromise except the Michigan Environmental Action Council.

"The amendments that were passed today all weaken wetlands protection, and that's no compromise," said Dave Dempsey of Clean Water Action.

The original Senate bill, by Paul Wartner of Portage, would have stripped local units of any authority to regulate wetlands. Honigman had the bill sent to his Local Government Committee 15 months ago and worked out the compromise.

"I'm not completely happy," said Don Stypula, environmental staffer for the Michigan Municipal League.

"But compared to a year ago and the original (Wartner) version, I'm a lot happier than I thought I would be."

The original version said, "You shall not enact wetlands ordinances, including being nesting sites, providing water-fowl stopover points, containing fish or providing flood control."

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Nicole Moisan, age 4 1/2, gives Santa Claus a big hug before she talks to him about what she wants for Christmas during the Novi Christmas tree lighting ceremony Monday at the Novi Civic Center.

Jaycee food drive kicks off

The Novi Jaycees are conducting their annual food drive in preparation for their annual Needy Family Christmas project that assists families in need during the holidays. The project involves presenting the families with Christmas baskets containing food and toys on Dec. 19.

"Last year, we were able to serve 60 Novi families and the demand is higher this year," according to Mike Mattingly, Community Development Vice President. "Nothing beats the expression on the kids' faces as we present the baskets at their homes. It's difficult to keep your eyes dry when you see how much this means to people."

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Council says no to no-interview plan

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The brakes were pulled by the Council majority Monday on an attempt by Council Members Joseph Toth and Nancy Cassia to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission without holding interviews.

Toth moved that Roma Ridge resident Glen Bonaventura, a past applicant, be appointed by Mayor Matthew Quinn for the remainder of resigning commissioner Eric Schaefer's term. Cassia seconded the proposal.

Quinn and Council Member Tim Pope took exception to this based on council policy and the city charter. Pope said the council had "no authority" to bring the nomination to the table because the charter reserves this responsibility for the mayor.

"I think our usual policy is not worth breaking at this time. We should go through the usual process of interviewing," Quinn said.

A motion to overrule Quinn failed, only winning the support of three council members, Cassia, Toth and Carol Mason.

Toth said it was a time factor, to get a new commissioner on board before the new year. Only six months remain in Schaefer's term.

"We had extensive interviews not too long ago. Is it really necessary to go through all that?" Cassia asked. She challenged Quinn's ruling that the motion was "improper," contending that the proposed resolution was "advisory."

A field of 14 hopefuls turned out for openings on the commission this summer.

"There may be other people who want to apply for this. There were a lot of good candidates. There may be other good candidates," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

Schaefer, a Browning Ferris Industries employee, accepted a job transfer to Cincinnati. His resignation from the commission is effective Dec. 31.

Bonaventura is on the city's Natural Resources Design Committee, which is working to create a series of hiking and biking trails throughout Novi. He is known for his interest in environmental issues and investigated city research into a high rate of dying trees in a protected woodland in Briarwoods subdivision. The "wet" woodlands is used for stormwater detention.

Have a safe, happy holiday season: don't play with fire

This season be jolly careful you don't set off any fires in your home.

After learning of metro area and national fire deaths in the news, Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said he wants to get a few safety tips out to local residents to deter such an accident from happening here.

"This is supposed to be a season of joy. Unfortunately, it has been marked by these tragic losses of life caused by fire," he said.

"I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday."

Here's a few safety tips from the chief.

If you don't have an approved smoke detector, get one today and install it according to the manufacturer's recommendations. If you already have one, make sure it is working.

Make EDITH a part of the family. EDITH or Exit Drills in The Home is a must, Lenaghan said. Sit down with family members and decide what course of action to take if your home is actually on fire.

As a precaution, sleep with bedroom doors closed.

You need at least two potential avenues of escape from each room of the house. Set up a system for alerting family members of danger by means of smoke detectors, whistles and pounding on walls.

Designate a meeting place outside the house such as the mail box. No one should ever go back into the house, the chief advised.

Call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's phone. Remember, seconds count in a fire emergency.

Best of all, remember fire can be prevented, Lenaghan said. Here's a few guidelines.

All electrical equipment should be UL or FM approved. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for use.

If you have a live Christmas tree, keep it watered. Do not use lighted candles for tree decoration.

Don't hesitate to call the fire department, Lenaghan added. There is no fee for the service and there is no fine for false fire alarms.

The Novi Fire Department is a tax-supported service provided by the city and no one should hesitate to call if they have any concerns about their fire safety," he said.

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As We See It

Additions are needed to school buildings

The proposed \$31.9 million bond issue before Novi Community School District voters on Dec. 15 is a good one, but it could have been handled much better.

The lion's share of the bond issue — \$17.5 million — will be dedicated to improvements and additions at Novi High School. The remaining \$14.4 million in the bond issue would pay for a variety of improvements and additions to other district facilities. More than \$7.8 million would go for a technology system. Parkview Elementary will receive 10 new classrooms under the bond plan, costing more than \$2.2 million.

Three schools are slated for a series of renovations if the bond vote is successful. Total cost would be more than \$2.3 million. That affected schools are Orchard Hills and Village Oaks elementary and Novi Meadows.

Legal and financial fees associated with the bond issue, as well as "site acquisition" money, to eventually pay for land for a new school, total \$1.9 million.

At first glance, the \$31.9 million price tag might send a shiver down the spine of any taxpayer, but district officials say that the cost will be an additional \$75 a year for the average homeowner.

That estimate is based on two factors. The first is rising property values in the Novi area. The second is that interest rates nationally are low now, which is very favorable for a bond sale.

It's obvious to anyone who examines the numbers that the additions the bond pays for are necessary.

Student enrollment in the district has grown beyond expectations. Parkview Elementary holds classes in portable classrooms, just three years after it opened. Novi High School will burst at the seams without more instructional space as the ever-increasing number of elementary and middle school students move through the system. The proposed renovations of the district's older facilities are also badly needed.

About one-fourth of the bond issue will purchase an ambitious program of districtwide technological improvements. This is another sound investment in our children's future.

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The technology will do more than make Novi students computer literate, an absolute essential in today's world. It will bring into each classroom a whole range of instructional materials and techniques to enhance every field of learning. The possibilities that computers and other technologies bring to education justify the money spent for them.

To reiterate, the bond issue is a good plan, and we urge a YES vote in the future, however, voters should have the choice of approving or rejecting various components of the plan separately.

It's been a disturbing trend of late that elected officials have thrown a plethora of items into one big bond issue for voters to say 'yes' or 'no' to.

The Novi City Council narrowly avoided tacking together bond requests for money to buy parkland for an extravagant aquatic community center ("pool," to you more down-to-earth types).

The board of education, though, did decide to combine two separate matters into one bond issue. While it may be economical in terms of time, effort and even money, it's not altogether fair to the voters.

The combination limits voter choice: they can't say yes to the additions and renovations while refusing the technology, or vice versa. As they're paying for them, voters should have the right to pick and choose the distinct projects they want to support.

The bond issue deserves voter support on Tuesday, but the voters deserve the choice to have their say more often in the future.

People want government back



Phil Power

Just after last month's vote, I wrote a column in this newspaper arguing that nothing in the election results would change the enduring fact that our political system was in crisis, managed by careerist politicians and dominated by special interest money. I urged political reform right here in Michigan and invited readers to send in their thoughts to start a dialogue. I received a number of sensible and worthwhile responses. Here is a sample:

Carter Lahring, of Gaines, got right to the heart of it: "I think they ought to outlaw the PACs (political action committees). They are just buying votes." Donald Young, of Northville, looked into the same problem: "The problem is that the largest special interest in America — the average working, taxpaying, middle-income American — is not heard, considered, or even represented in the functioning of government. This largest class of Americans is only considered as the source of payment for all government spending for the special interests."

What to do about this? Young suggests: "Sew up the deep pockets. Let campaigns be financed by the people the politicians are supposed to represent — all Americans. Allow only contributions from individuals and/or provide for government funding of candidates at an equal amount for all candidates."

Several people made useful suggestions directed at the role of the news media in driving up the costs of campaigning. Halina Frizzelle, of Pinckney, urged a "free newspaper

section for all candidates with personal history and agenda."

We try to do this regularly at this newspaper, often in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.

Frizzelle also suggested free TV and radio time during campaigns. But she also encouraged candidates to get back to basics: "The campaign should consist mainly of personal appearances at district party functions, city halls or township halls. Mostly leg work."

Dale Jurtsin, a city councilman in Livonia, reflected on the differences between local government versus the politics in Lansing and Washington: "... most municipal officials are accessible to a much greater degree than the state legislators. The advent of cable TV, the many public hearings at the local city halls and the general closeness to the various civic and community groups that a local municipal person has, give much more chance for the citizenry to 'lobby' rather than any special interest group having the officials' ear."

Jurtsin pointed to low turnover rates for state and national candidates. "If the voters don't like what a municipal official is representing, there is a much better chance that the voters will turn them out of office. Just check election results in a number of local units in the area." I was at a meeting last week with Louis Harris, the well-known national polling expert. Harris said, "At bottom, the driver of this election was simple: People want to take back their government."

It's clear what people are saying here in Michigan is being repeated loud and clear around the country. Please send more of your ideas to me in care of this newspaper. Or you can reach me by leaving a message at (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Two-and-a-half-year-old Leah Elmer has a beard about the guy with the beard.

Who is this guy?

Liberals don't know cause



Tim Richard

William F. Buckley's conservative *National Review* had a bit of doggerel that's particularly appropriate to Michigan this year. It purports to be a liberal's definition of "family."

"FAMILY, n. A social unit involving a mother, a father and children; a father, a father and children; a mother, a mother and children; a father and children; a mother and children; children and children; a social worker and children; a lawyer and a child; the Children's Defense Fund, a lawyer and a child; or any group of people who appear together on 'Donahue.'"

In Michigan, the Children's Defense Fund's line is being circulated and supplemented by a Lansing outfit calling itself "Kids Count," a collaborative effort of the Michigan League for Human Services and various offices of Michigan State University.

The point of their poorly done documents is that child poverty is due to societal — particularly governmental — neglect. Naturally, they propose increased federal spending for Job Corps, something called a "children's initiative" and federal support payments when deadbeat parents fail to meet their obligations.

Well, I find the same flaw with the Children's Defense Fund that I've been finding with Michigan's Department of Social Services. The welfare lobby won't point the finger at the cause of rising poverty rates — births to never-married women.

The welfare professionals are slick. They put the issue in terms of children. The truth, of course, is that government doesn't make welfare payments to children. It pays

parents with children.

There are two basic kinds of welfare recipients: divorced or separated mothers who need help for an average of 18 months, then get on their feet; and never-married, never-will-be-married mothers who will raise their children on welfare.

I'm proud our government helps down-and-out people for a while. I'm not so happy about helping permanent "clients" of the system, having child after child as if they didn't know what caused it. The reason is that their numbers just grow and grow and grow.

When times are bad, the caseload goes up. When times are good, the caseload still goes up. You can't blame the economy.

Children's Defense Fund and the welfare lobbyists gloss over this extremely important distinction by referring to "single" parents. They abhor pinning responsibility. Our problem is the never-married group and the males who sire their children, not those who need temporary help.

Welfare lobbyists tell us how poverty in Michigan affects persons under age 18:

- 12.4 percent of whites.
- 48.2 percent of blacks.
- 18.6 percent of the total.

What the welfare lobbyists hide is the census data for births to never-married women. It's 12 percent among whites, 60 percent for blacks and 22 percent overall. Now compare those numbers to the poverty percentages. The correlation is almost one-to-one.

The conservatives, religious right and evangelicals have their cure: Say no to pre-marital sex. Their cure hasn't worked, but at least they know the cause.

The liberals in the welfare lobby don't even know the cause. Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

Second guessing compels this letter

To the Editor:

So much second guessing has gone on since the November election regarding the solid waste ballot proposal, and why it didn't pass, that — as a member of the citizens committee established to research and promote this — I am compelled to write.

Why didn't it pass? Obviously: there was such a "smear" campaign waged by Horbeck, the Ann Arbor company, that the voters received their flyer had no choice but to vote it down. Unfortunately, this flyer was full of misinformation.

This information was talked about, and — as is often the case — details were added or omitted to the point of being humorous. My husband worked at Village Oaks as an election official, and overheard many voters stating that if approved, Novi would be "getting a landfill" or "another city department and union," or "the MRF is coming back." You get the idea.

It's sad that those of us who worked well over a year on putting this proposal together didn't have the luxury of a "big bucks" campaign to spread the word through the press. What press we got was, at times, not always correct, either.

So, we learned from our mistakes. The bottom line is this: garbage is a highly political issue. It will not go away. Because the majority of voters in Novi voted against this proposal only means that we will deal with it again in the near future. Hopefully, we will be able to educate the public better next time. Hopefully, Novi residents will wake-up and admit that we — collectively — have a problem, and it's not going to go away if we ignore it.

Hopefully, we'll vote for a proposal which will give us the control over our situation before the state or federal governments tell us what we have to do to comply with their programs.

The citizens committee is not disbanded. We are waiting to learn what RRRASOC is proposing with the MRF and other communities. Unfortunately, we through we would be able to take the lead, not follow.

Sarah Phelps

'No child without a Christmas'

To the Editor:

Since 1954, the Novi Community Goodfellows, with help and support from local residents and businesses, have fulfilled a very special pledge to children in the City of Novi: "No Child Without a Christmas."

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Please send contributions to: Novi Community Goodfellows, P.O. Box 113, Novi, MI 48376

Dennis Tarrant
Novi Community Goodfellows

Underhanded form of censorship

To the Editor:

The "Oh, by the way..." section of the (Novi News' Dec. 3) editorial was right on the button! Your criticism and dissatisfaction was shared by a number of the Council members and we did attempt to move the "Watermaingate" issue to the beginning of the evening's agenda. Nancy Cassis did have some success in moving this topic up so it was not one of the final items for discussion that night.

Somehow between the time that City Council decided (weeks ago) to continue this Novi Road watermain discussion at the Nov. 23, 1992 Council meeting and the day that we each received our meeting packages (Nov. 19, 1992), the following items were added to the agenda in front of the Watermain topic:

- One street closure discussion.
- One new ordinance.
- Two drainage projects.
- Two subdivision plans.
- Two audience participation sessions.
- One city council break.

"Front-End-Loading" the Agenda with over 14 discussions is a bit too much! One could almost

speculate that there was a premeditated effort to guarantee that the "Watermaingate" issues would not be discussed publicly during "prime time" on Channel 13! Are the Novi residents being subjected to media control? Is this some underhanded form of censorship? I think so.

Joseph G. Toth
Novi Council Member

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N'ville joins joint services hunt

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

A "new bond of cooperation" is being forged among the communities of Northville, Plymouth and Canton, and the City of Novi may also be approached with a request that it join in.

Northville City Council members voted unanimously to adopt a position statement pledging to support more inter-governmental services in order to save money and increase efficiency.

As while the Northville City Council declared its support for the measure Monday, one council member noted that the move leaves out at least one municipality.

"We keep forgetting our neighbors to the north," said Jerry Mittman, representative of the City of Novi.

Novi already provides dispatching services to other communities, and the city and township of Northville are affiliated with the same Oakland County enhanced 911 program that

is used in Novi. Northville City's police department also operates the Mobile Data Terminals in its patrol cars through Oakland County, as does Novi.

The Northville City Council vote follows a recent meeting of local municipal leaders. At Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones' request, the top-level officials from Northville, Plymouth and Canton gathered at Canton Township Hall Dec. 2 to review joint programs already in place and lay the foundation for further cooperation.

The five leaders were Jones, Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, Northville Township Supervisor Karen Baja, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The first fruits of their efforts, a list of "Current Areas of Cooperation" and "Areas To Be Considered For Cooperation," made clear that the municipalities already share many services, but that more opportunities exist.

Shared library, recreation and

youth assistance services between Northville city and township, mutual aid pacts between the five fire departments, and cable negotiations with Onncom are among past and ongoing areas of cooperation among the various governments.

Now the five have pledged to consider building closer ties among their fire and police departments, purchasing plans, ordinance enforcement and refuse disposal programs, and others.

Johnson, who was unable to attend Monday's council meeting, made his position on the proposal clear in a memorandum to the other council members.

"As members of the City Council are aware, the top priority goal of the City has been to work on and develop additional joint services between the City and the Charter Township of Northville," he wrote. Johnson noted that an all-new township board and the election of six new officials to Plymouth Township posts spurred Jones' call for the joint meeting, and

the meeting set the stage for a broader coalition.

"It became apparent to the five communities that we all share a desire to begin working on areas in the public safety area, especially police and fire and providing for joint dispatching of both of these types of services," Johnson wrote.

Mittman, Ayers and Council Member Mark Cyderman all threw their support behind the inter-governmental agreement. Council Member Paul Folino remains away from his seat due to ill health.

By agreeing to the position statement, city officials have pledged to pursue inter-governmental services that cut operating costs, improve service, or reduce taxes. The statement notes that those services can be combined through contracts between the local units or with a private vendor, or through a separate governmental structure established by two or more local units (such as the District Library concept in place in Plymouth and being discussed for Northville).

CRIMESTOPPERS by Chief Doug Shaeffer



Be suspicious if someone offers you an item at a bargain price under unusual circumstances — it may be stolen property. Buy only from bonafide dealers. If you help dry up the market for stolen goods, you help dry up burglary.

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Patterson endorses two local aspirants

Two lawyers — one a Democrat, the other a Republican — drew endorsements recently from L. Brooks Patterson.

Those endorsements reflect Patterson's personal preference, of course. But they also indicate how the Oakland County executive-elect interacts with diverse players in southeastern Michigan.

At a press conference called to announce some appointments, Patterson endorsed Democrat Dennis Archer in his bid to become mayor of Detroit, and Republican James M. Alexander, who's battling to keep his job as the county GOP chairman.

In response to questions, Patterson said he knew Archer from dealings on several levels, including some when Archer was a member of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Archer resigned that post in 1990, amid speculation he would run for mayor of Detroit. Archer, a former ally of incumbent Mayor Coleman A. Young, held a press conference Thursday to announce his candidacy.

"I don't want to tinx his campaign," Patterson chuckled. "But I've known Archer to be a professional" with a high degree of integrity.

Patterson mentioned Alexander the day after a meeting at which some disgruntled Republicans served notice they were not pleased with Alexander's leadership and indicated they would try to oust him as county chairman.

The Nov. 3 general election was successful for Oakland County Republicans, who under Alexander's chairmanship delivered the county to President George Bush and won or retained most important positions.

But his critics have been resentful of Alexander's lack of neutrality in some local elections and his involvement on behalf of favored candidates. They are expected to back a candidate against him in this month's meeting of the GOP executive committee.

N'ville sees a Dickens Christmas

Now to Jan. 2 — "The Merry Christmas Follies," opening production at Genitt's new Sam H. Little Theatre; call 349-0522 for ticket information.

Now to Jan. 3 — "Pinochio," production at the Marquis Theatre, call 349-8110 for ticket information.

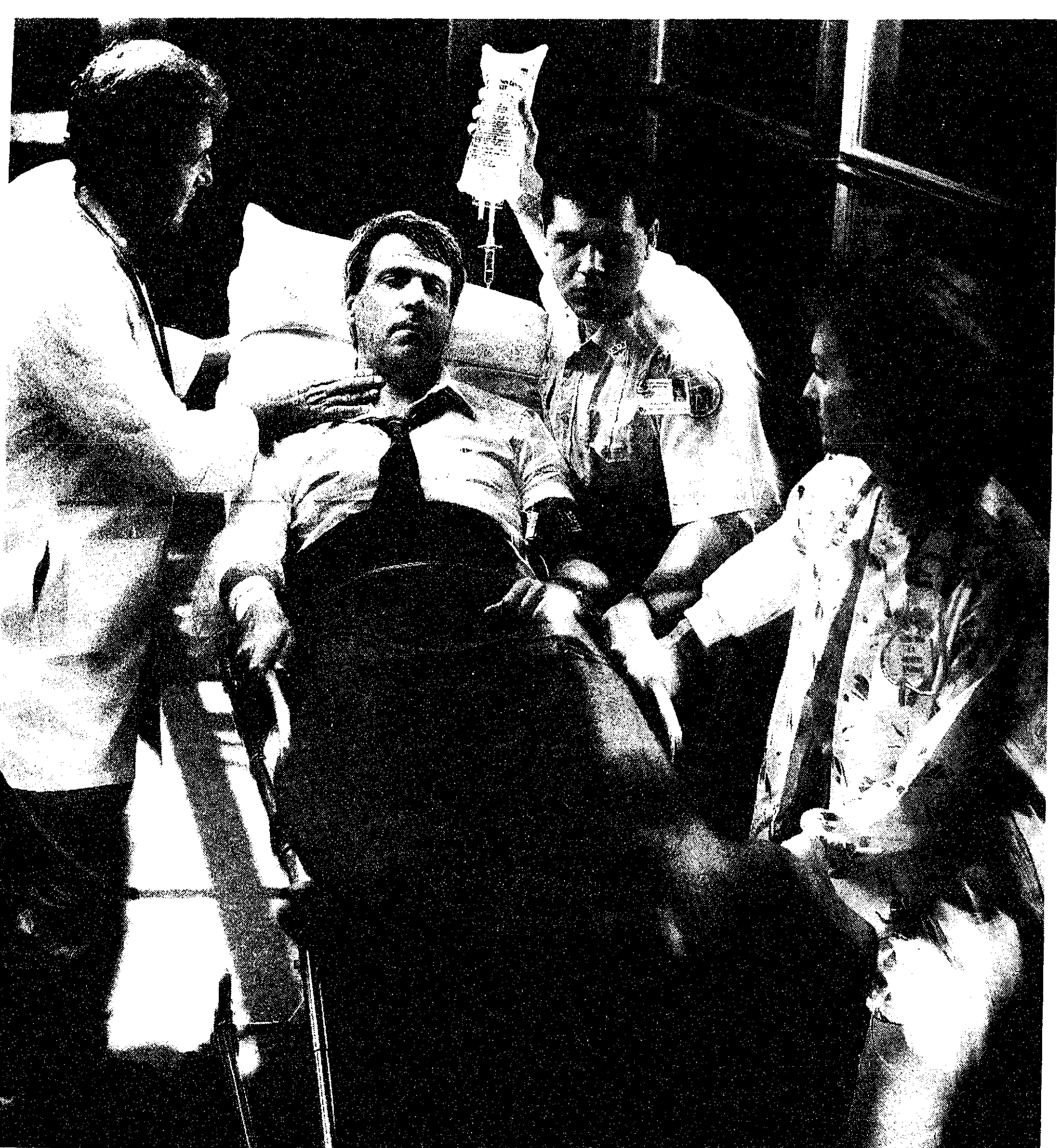
Now to Dec. 20 — "Christmas at Main Street," production at the Marquis Theatre with the Michigan Opera, call 349-8110 for ticket information.

Dec. 10 — Cooke Middle School Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
Silver Springs Elementary School Holiday Musical, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 11 — "Handcrafters" art show at the Northville Recreation Department, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Concert and Workshop at the Guild, featuring the hammered dulcimer, call 349-9420 for reservations.

Sat., Dec. 12 — Can drive continued, collected at St. Nick's house at 101 E. Main St. (photographer available) noon-5 p.m.
Strolling Scrooge handling out coupons for local merchants discounts. Merchants dress in Dickens/Victorian attire.

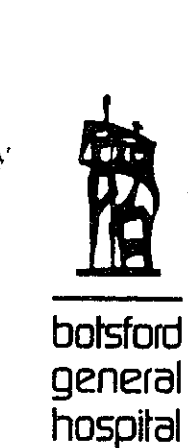
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Right to end life debate goes on

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The battle over assisted suicide will go on another two years in Michigan.

The Senate on Dec. 3 completed legislative action on a law putting an 18-month moratorium on helping another end his or her own life.

"We have time to clarify it before this bill takes effect," said Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, as he battled down a dozen amendments to repair alleged loopholes or send the bill to committee.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign the bill into law this week. It takes effect around next April 1. Neither chamber could muster the two-thirds approval to give the bill immediate effect.

In 1993 four things are likely to happen:

- Dillingham will seek to make the ban on assisted suicide permanent, eliminating the "sunset" date.
- Other lawmakers will seek amendments to protect relatives of the dying, hospice workers, other

caregivers and pharmacists. "A loved one could go to prison for four years for honoring a living will," objected Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing.

A commission of experts will have 15 months to study the complex issue and make recommendations to the Legislature.

■ Attorneys for "Dr. Death," Jack Kevorkian of Royal Oak, vow they will file a constitutional challenge against the new law.

After shooting down amendments for three hours, senators gave the House-approved bill 25-6 approval.

Democrat Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi, voted no. When the House passed the bill 72 to 29 on Nov. 24, Republican Willis Bullard of Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

Dillingham said he worked two weeks behind the scenes to maneuver the bill through the House, even though it was bottled up in the Judiciary Committee by two veteran lawmakers — Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, and Lynn Jondahl, D-Oakemoss.

They refused to let Dillingham's bill outlawing assisted suicide have even a committee vote.

Bullard and Jondahl reported out only House Bill 5041, setting up the 15-month study commission. But on the House floor, Reps. Ken Sikkenma, R-Grand Rapids, and Joseph Palamara, D-Wyandotte, lacked the language in Dillingham's bill on HB 5041. It was the first time in two years House members could vote on banning assisted suicide. When the measure reached the Senate, Dillingham asked that there be no amendments. Any amendments would have to be approved by the House, and he would have to fight his battle all over again. Opponents — and even some friends — battered Dillingham's bill with proposed amendments, but never got more than six to 10 votes.

"RTL owns the Senate," said Faxon. "RTL doesn't speak for Oakland County. People are against what we propose to do now," he said, citing

poll results.

"RTL has a religious agenda at fundamental odds" with popular thinking, said Senator Anna Pollack of Ann Arbor. "It's driven by people who believe that some people are meant to suffer. It's breaking down the walls that separate church and state."

Dillingham read excerpts from a letter by Diane Collins, a friend of the Nov. 23 suicide victim Catherine Andreyev.

"My friend did not wither in agony and torment for six years. . . . She was not bedridden or incontinent. She was ambulatory, though short of breath. She was not near the maximum of pain relief medication. In the days before her death, she had 15 visitors and watched three movies. . . . In a moment of severe depression, she called Jack Kevorkian, who only too eagerly responded. I ask you to make it a felony in the great state of Michigan for Jack Kevorkian or any like-minded physician to prey on another sick, scared, single woman who reaches out for help and is granted only one choice, only one final, definite and irreversible option."

Health Notes

Aerobic Weight Training: Aerobic Weight Training for Women is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) at Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call 473-5600 for more information. There is a \$42 fee.

Circuit Training: Circuit Training is available from 7-8 p.m. at the Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) at Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. A 21-station circuit for both cardiovascular and resistance equipment is used to enhance your overall fitness. It is a great class for busy people with busy schedules. Call 473-5600 for more information.

What to expect: Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery will make the entire experience more rewarding. A childbirth preparation class, based on the Lamaze Method, is held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia to help expectant parents increase their knowledge of the birth experience.

This seven-week course, led by a registered nurse, teaches relaxation and breathing techniques for the different stages of labor and delivery. The class is open to all expectant parents, not only those delivering at St. Mary Hospital.

Classes are available any evening, Monday through Thursday, from 7-9 p.m. There is a \$50 fee. For information on classes, dates and to register, call 464-4800, ext 2297.

Michigan Model critics slammed

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A member of the state Senate committee on the Michigan Model for health education disagreed with every conclusion drawn by chairman Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County, last week.

"For the last 18 months, I have been witness to a senseless and systematic attack on the freedom to learn," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

The Lenawee County freshman, a former mayor, blamed "vocal and well-organized extremist organizations" for the attack on the Michigan Model.

Berryman said DiNello's report used only critical material, much of it repetitious and undocumented.

DiNello, a maverick Democrat during much of his 18-year legislative career, recently switched to the Republican column. He had been the only Democrat to chair any committee in the GOP-run Senate.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, another member of the panel is siding with DiNello.

"We read both reports," he said. "We're revising the DiNello draft, but it's not a significant revision. The general tone will be as you've seen in the original draft. I plan to sign it."

Geake said he could identify three groups attacking the Michigan Model: the DADS Foundation of Kalamazoo, Kraft Bell's study group in Northville, and Bible-based churches. Geake said there were probably "several groups of concerned parents who probably had communication, and read each other's newsletters."

Geake, a child psychologist who spent much of the summer and fall campaigning for Congress, represents Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township, Plymouth Township and Canton Township in the state Senate.

Another member of the panel is Sen. Doug Carl, R-Macomb County, who also is expected to side with DiNello.

Using the catch phrase "concerned parents," many attackers of the Michigan Model have called it anti-family and asked for its abolition.

DiNello's report — released before his committee could vote on it — called for abolition of the State Board of Education, a federal investigation of the Department of Education, sale

of the Michigan Model's publishing rights, and no state curriculum legislation with one exception: mandatory teaching of pre-marital sexual abstinence. He blamed "social engineers" for trying to take over parents' roles.

Berryman said DiNello's report "neither acknowledges nor reports the hours of testimony from physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers, clergy, academicians, parents, teachers, curriculum directors, superintendents, state and local school board members who praised the Michigan Model."

He added: "If our elected local and state officials should not be writing curriculum for public schools, then who should be?"

Berryman hatching the model in secrecy, Berryman said, the state board and a steering committee held repeated public meetings under the Open Meetings Act.

Berryman found a contradiction in DiNello's report. DiNello first says the Michigan Model resulted in "increased adolescent sexual promiscuity" and then said it "has never received appropriate evaluation to determine its efficacy in the classroom."

Moreover, Berryman said, "Michigan Model does teach that abstinence is the best way to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Experts in teenage sexuality, however, repeatedly testified during the hearings that teenagers are not choosing to abstain."

Berryman blamed "overactive and suspicious imaginations" for stories about anti-Christianity, satanism, occultism, New Age and Hindu rituals in the Michigan Model.

"Much of this testimony was repeated by the same individuals and organizations who followed the hearings around the state. Anecdotal testimony was surprisingly repetitive."

"Some of the witnesses, when pressed for details, were unable to supply dates and names. Many admitted they were neither personally involved nor witness to the incidents they described," he said.

Wes Thorp, a DiNello staff member who wrote "every word" of the critical report, said he saw no organized attack on the Michigan Model but attributed it to "pockets of concerned parents" around the state.

Thorp said school administrators were at fault in brushing aside parental questions about, and criticism of, the health curriculum.



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Open house signs open debate

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division and at an intersection to assist in providing directions. No permit would be needed.

At present, to erect such a sign a Realtor needs an approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Past concerns in the city have been that the portable placards would be abandoned in place.

Because a sign costs about \$25 — out of the Realtor's pocket — that's not likely to happen, Mason argued. She said she looked at signs confiscated by the city ordinance officers and saw none left by real estate salespeople.

"We're not going to let a \$25 sign sit around and you have three of them," Mason added.

"Realtors do not like dragging these signs around and dragging them into their cars. It's one of the hard parts of the job."

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford pointed out that the draft was not consistent with the city's political sign ordinance because it allowed open house signs to sit closer to the curb. The political signs' distance from the curb was first proposed as a traffic visibility measure.

"I'm not convinced we need the (open house sign) ordinance in the first place," Crawford said. "We do not have a Xerox machine on every corner but we do have open house signs," Mason responded.

Crawford works for the Xerox Corp. The move to table the proposed regulation, unanimously adopted, came from Council Member Tim Pope.

"I think we're overreacting to this ordinance. Industry procedure is what our guideline should be. I don't think the scenarios that are being

Painted are likely to happen," he said.

Schmid said it was "ridiculous we have to go through this. It should have come back a decent ordinance."

Cash, saying she was speaking for the Novi business people who complain to her about the sign ordinance, urged the city to loosen up its policy in all areas, not just for open houses. She pointed out that she successfully challenged another city in court on the same issue.

"If we don't have signs, we won't have business. You're not giving the businesspeople of Novi enough leeway so they can make a living. They need a sign to the north and you put it to the south," she said.

"The sign ordinance is in violation of the First Amendment. Please don't make me prove it."

Library Notes

Staff recommendations: Come to Novi Public Library for a variety of leisure-reading titles. Some novels recommended by library staff include:

Settling the Score, by Michael Levin. The story of an incompetent but world-renowned orchestra conductor, a newly-discovered mass by Mozart, and a talented but unlucky chorus conductor is told with satire, wisdom and intrigue in this comic novel centering on the world of classical music.

Tekwar, Teklords and Teklab, by William Shatner. In the far future, one who becomes addicted to the mind-altering drug known as "Tek" is known as "Tekkie". Only "Star Trek's" Captain Kirk could get away with that one.

Still, his series of novels featuring space age detective Jake Cardigan is well done. Even without the robotic guards and android decoys, the detective stories in themselves are entertaining and exciting.

School tax reform schemes multiply

Michigan will see a third entry in the 1994 school tax reform sweepstakes.

Educators are expected to meet soon in Redford Union School District to launch a petition drive for the so-called "O/K proposal." It's aimed at increasing state funding for public schools and bringing some equity between rich and poor districts.

"O/K" is named for Detroit attorney David Olmstead, one of the HOPE team recently defeated for reelection to the school board, and C. Philip Kearney, professor of education at the University of Michigan.

Also likely to face voters are: ■ The "KIDS" proposal, to amend the state constitution by guaranteeing "equity" — and thereby allowing a lawsuit under which a court could order massive funding changes.

■ The Group of 12 plan, a bipartisan legislative proposal to eliminate all \$5 billion in local school property taxes for operations and replace them with higher state income and single business taxes. The Legislature could implement it without voter approval, but voters in 1994 would be offered a chance to substitute a higher sales tax for the other state taxes.

The O/K plan has support from both in-formula districts (which receive state aid) and out-of-formula districts (which rely entirely on local property taxes). So far, there is no organized opposition.

Supporters will seek 295,000 valid signatures to bring it to the Legislature. Lawmakers would have 40 days to adopt it. If they don't, O/K is automatically on the ballot.

Kearney said the plan would force both the state and local boards to fund schools properly and cut property taxes. As he outlined his principles:

■ The state would be required to fund 50 percent of all K-12 public schools, with the lottery proceeds as a bonus. "This would bring the approximate percentage of state funding back to the levels of the early 1970s," said Kearney. Currently, state school aid is \$3 billion, and local taxes are \$5 billion.

■ Voters would not be asked to approve a tax increase. The Legislature would be forced to deal with it.

■ "All new state money" would be earmarked for schools and tax relief.

■ Property assessment increases would be limited to the rate of consumer price inflation.

■ Out-of-formula districts, which get no general state aid, would be "held harmless" — they could not lose what they have. State aid for categorical — such as special education — would be frozen at current levels.

"If, over the past several years, the state had assumed a larger share of the cost, we wouldn't be facing this situation," Kearney argued.

Born in Washtenaw County, the KIDS plan was initiated in 1990 but faltered on its way to the ballot.

"We're planning a fresh start," Barbara Ebeling, chair of the Ypsilanti-based group, said in mid-1992. The acronym stands for "Knowledge Is Democracy's Safeguard."

Centerpiece is a constitutional amendment sponsored unsuccessfully by Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti. It calls for "equal opportunity for education for each public elementary and secondary school pupil."

In states with such constitutional language, underfunded school districts have been able to sue for massive equalization in funding. Kentucky, for example, passed \$1 billion in new taxes, lowered the richer districts and increased the poorer ones.

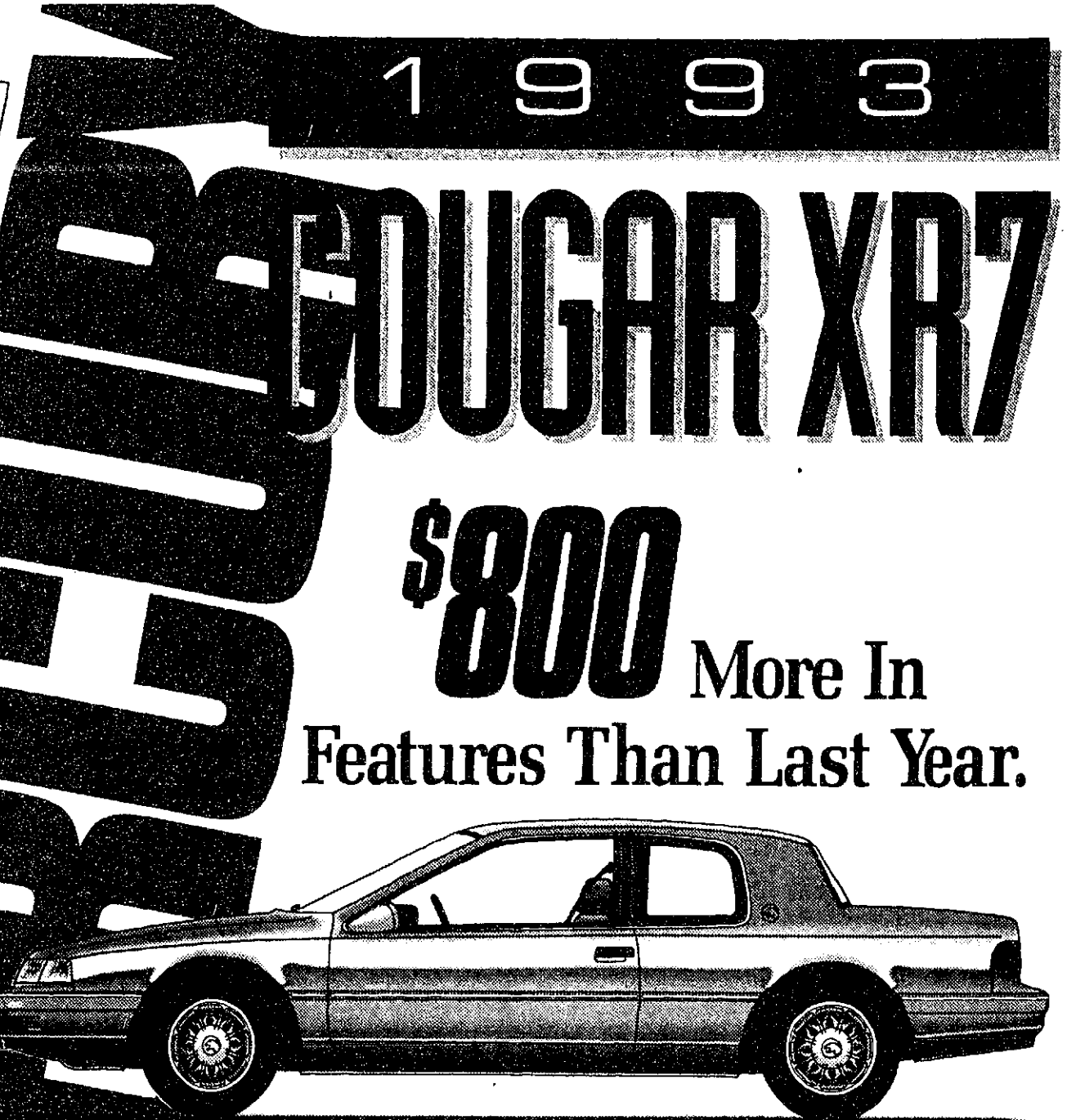
The Michigan State Chamber of Commerce is adamantly opposed. Rich Studley, vice president for governmental relations, calls it "a wolf in sheep's clothing."

The KIDS proposal clearly opens the door for litigation that could easily result in court-ordered levels of government spending — perhaps even court-ordered tax increases," Studley said.

Odds are slim that the bipartisan Group of 12's reform plan will get through the Legislature in its abbreviated post-election session.

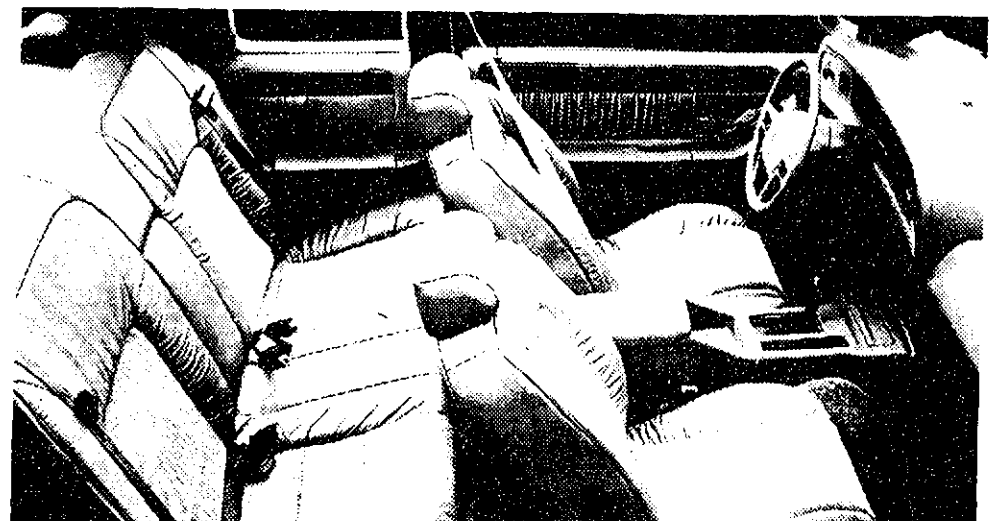
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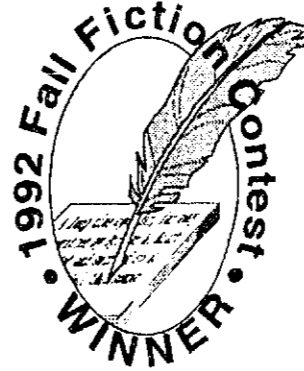
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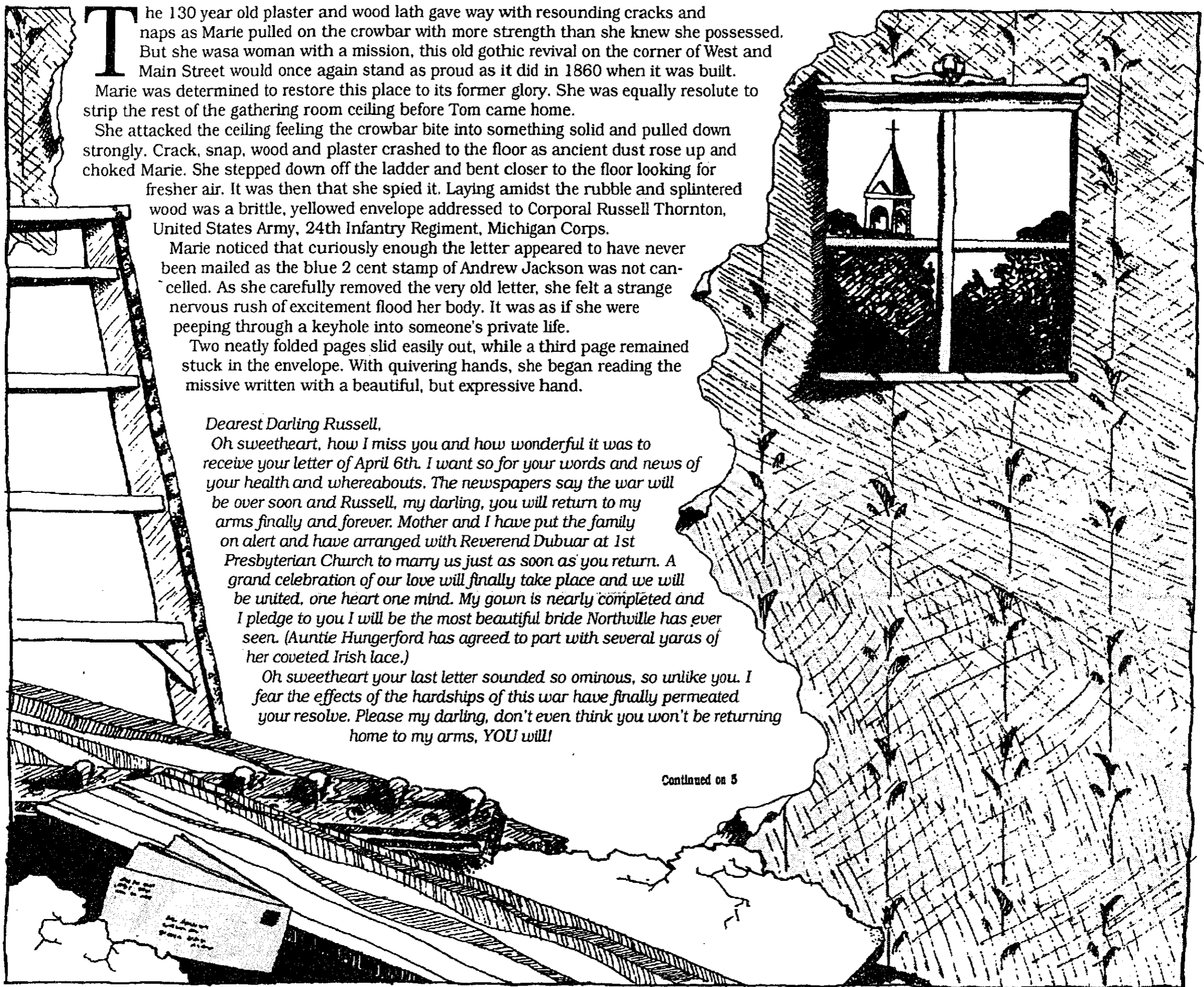
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The Letter



By Michael McCutcheon



The 130 year old plaster and wood lath gave way with resounding cracks and naps as Marie pulled on the crowbar with more strength than she knew she possessed. But she was a woman with a mission, this old gothic revival on the corner of West and Main Street would once again stand as proud as it did in 1860 when it was built. Marie was determined to restore this place to its former glory. She was equally resolute to strip the rest of the gathering room ceiling before Tom came home. She attacked the ceiling feeling the crowbar bite into something solid and pulled down strongly. Crack, snap, wood and plaster crashed to the floor as ancient dust rose up and choked Marie. She stepped down off the ladder and bent closer to the floor looking for fresher air. It was then that she spied it. Laying amidst the rubble and splintered wood was a brittle, yellowed envelope addressed to Corporal Russell Thornton, United States Army, 24th Infantry Regiment, Michigan Corps. Marie noticed that curiously enough the letter appeared to have never been mailed as the blue 2 cent stamp of Andrew Jackson was not cancelled. As she carefully removed the very old letter, she felt a strange nervous rush of excitement flood her body. It was as if she were peeping through a keyhole into someone's private life. Two neatly folded pages slid easily out, while a third page remained stuck in the envelope. With quivering hands, she began reading the missive written with a beautiful, but expressive hand.

*Dearest Darling Russell,
Oh sweetheart, how I miss you and how wonderful it was to receive your letter of April 6th. I want so for your words and news of your health and whereabouts. The newspapers say the war will be over soon and Russell, my darling, you will return to my arms finally and forever. Mother and I have put the family on alert and have arranged with Reverend Dubuar at 1st Presbyterian Church to marry us just as soon as you return. A grand celebration of our love will finally take place and we will be united, one heart one mind. My gown is nearly completed and I pledge to you I will be the most beautiful bride Northville has ever seen. (Auntie Hungerford has agreed to part with several yards of her coveted Irish lace.)
Oh sweetheart your last letter sounded so ominous, so unlike you. I fear the effects of the hardships of this war have finally permeated your resolve. Please my darling, don't even think you won't be returning home to my arms, YOU will!*

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Volunteer



By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

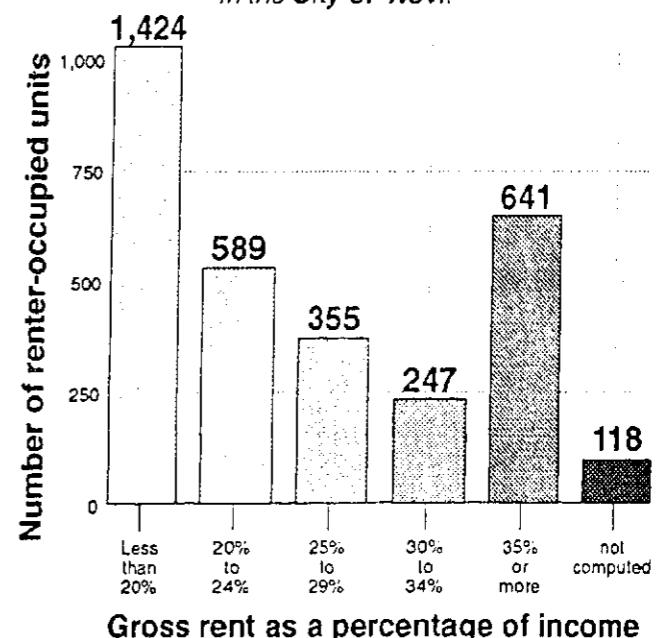
If you want to volunteer, helping provide a monthly evening of fun for physically or mentally challenged young people ages 14 and up — the average age being 20 — Kathy Crawford has a place for you. Crawford is Special Recreation Coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation Department. The place is The Friendship Club, which grew out of a casual conversation she had several years ago in a supermarket with a friend whose daughter was in "special needs" classes in school but had no one to socialize with away from school. As a result there are now 35 young people who meet monthly in the Novi Civic Center from 7 to 9 in the evening for a variety of things like a dress-up dinner dance, a potluck, a crafts session. Or they go out to bowl, play tether ball, and even go on a hay ride.

The parents bring their children, and sometimes they stay to help or socialize with other parents. There is a \$4 membership fee, and a \$2 or \$3 charge for crafts and refreshments, and "the kids expect to pay," Crawford said, "because most of them have jobs." "They don't complain. They don't consider themselves unfortunate. They enjoy their lives. And they're adaptable," Crawford remarked. "They can sing in sign language," for example. They can even bowl from a wheelchair by pushing the ball off a lap tray. "Several organizations have helped us," Crawford said, especially in bowling. "But I need more volunteers. I could use a disc jockey to donate services — and anyone else who has a talent to share." If you would like to participate in The Friendship Club, you may call Kathy Crawford at 347-0400, Ext. 403, for more details.

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KATHY CRAWFORD

Novi Trackers run for fun, fitness and friendship

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Trackers is a running club for both the serious and casual runner. Members meet twice a week to run. After running, they gather at a local restaurant to socialize.

They meet Saturday morning at the Sundowner Restaurant in Northville at 8 a.m. Both men and women are encouraged to join the club. Ages range from 19 to 60 years. Everyone is welcome, regardless of running ability.

There are usually about 20 runners, although 45 interested members remain on the mailing list. There are \$5 dues per year.

Officials for the coming year are: Hubb Copp, president; Lyle Hamilton, vice president; Ron Maranetti, treasurer; and Larry Molloy, newsletter chairman.

The club is planning a Christmas party for this coming Saturday. The Novi Tracker of the Year will be announced.

Club members have participated in several runs including the Turkey Trot prior to the annual Thanksgiving Parade. Three members participated in the 15th annual Detroit Free Press Marathon.

Family activities include camping with families at Crystal Lake near Frankfort and participation in the Crystal Lake Marathon in August. Call 348-7779 for more information.

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NOVI METHODIST CHURCH

Many plans are being made by the church family for the Christmas Season, including the lighting of the advent wreath Nov. 29.

The church school will present "Hark, the Herald Angel," Dec. 20. The sermon message is "Christmas is Everyday."

There will be a Christmas Eve family worship starting at 7 p.m., complete with carols, music, scripture and a candlelight ceremony. The church has a tradition of having an Advent Family Tree with an ornament of each of the congregation's families on the branches.

Those who have recently started attending services are invited to obtain one of the brass ornaments sold at a local store and placed on the tree.

The church is sponsoring the second year gift tree project. Members will assist 16 needy families in the area, and work with Carol Ann Donnelly, Clothes Closet director for the community in this project.

The Chancel Choir will be visiting the Chelsea United Methodist Retirement Community for its afternoon Christmas carols. They will visit and sing to former church members, who now reside at the retirement home.

The Rev. Jacobs will be presenting the weekly worship service at Boulevard Temple Retirement Home in Detroit, as well as continuing with the bi-weekly worship services at Whitehall Manor.

WHITEHALL NURSING HOME
A busy December is in store for the residents, under the direction of Kathy Israel, activities director. She gives many thanks to her volunteers for helping in so many areas.

Tania Carrett, 16 and Miss Michigan, continues to volunteer at the home. She has put in more than 430 hours of public service in nursing homes.

John Palticinis, 11th grader, and Cindra Zammit, have also joined the volunteers. They come in three times a week to help out.

The residents enjoyed some time with a potbelled pig, "Arnold," brought in by Pete Israel.

Brownies and girl scout troops will be coming to present plays and sing. The Plymouth Canton High School will present its Women's Choral and the United Methodist Church will also be singing carols.

The First Baptist Church of South Lyon and the youth group from Forest Park Baptist Church will be signing and visiting with fruits and cookies.

St. James will be presenting gifts and caroling.

The staff and residents encourage families to bring in canned goods for the needy.

The Agape Singers were at the facility and presented their program, The Low Connection, complete with Joe Sharpy and the Love Bug. The evening included a visit with Yanna, who spun the wheel and asked questions of the residents.

NOVI PIN POINTERS
High bowlers include Barb Pietron of Century 21 W with 189, Carol Irwin of the Bowling Bags with 188, Dorothy Bosc of the Lookin' Goods with 184, Shirley Stuzik of the High Lows with 182, Sandra McCoee of Century 21 W with 182, and Marilyn Vallencourt of the Never A Doubts with 180.

Standings are as follows:
Never a Doubt.....51-35
Adventurers.....50-36
By a Hat.....48-38
Bowling Eggs.....48-38
Eager Beavers.....46-40
High Lows.....44.5-41.5
B and Ls.....39-47
M and Ms.....37.5-48.5
Lookin' Goods.....36-50
Century 21 W.....30-56

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Novi Youth Forum

The Youth Forum consists of community members interested in children and youth. Members had their monthly meeting at the Novi Police Department. Special guests were Marcia Scarr of Hickory Woods Elementary and a counselor from the

same school. They brought the group up to date, describing several programs in which they have participated, including "Hugs." The emphasis is on drug abuse with special guest Larry Thomas, brother of Ishak and McGruff, the crime dog.

They are collecting canned goods for the needy and thank the Novi Jaycees for the painted games on the outdoor courts.

They are also participating in Reading is Fundamental (RIF), a book distribution program, and hope to give three books to each youngster.

They are working with Karen Koester, DARE officer of the police department, and gave a report of her activities in that program.

Kivania will be presenting baby showers for the underprivileged in other countries in the spring. They also discussed ongoing programs at Tollgate.

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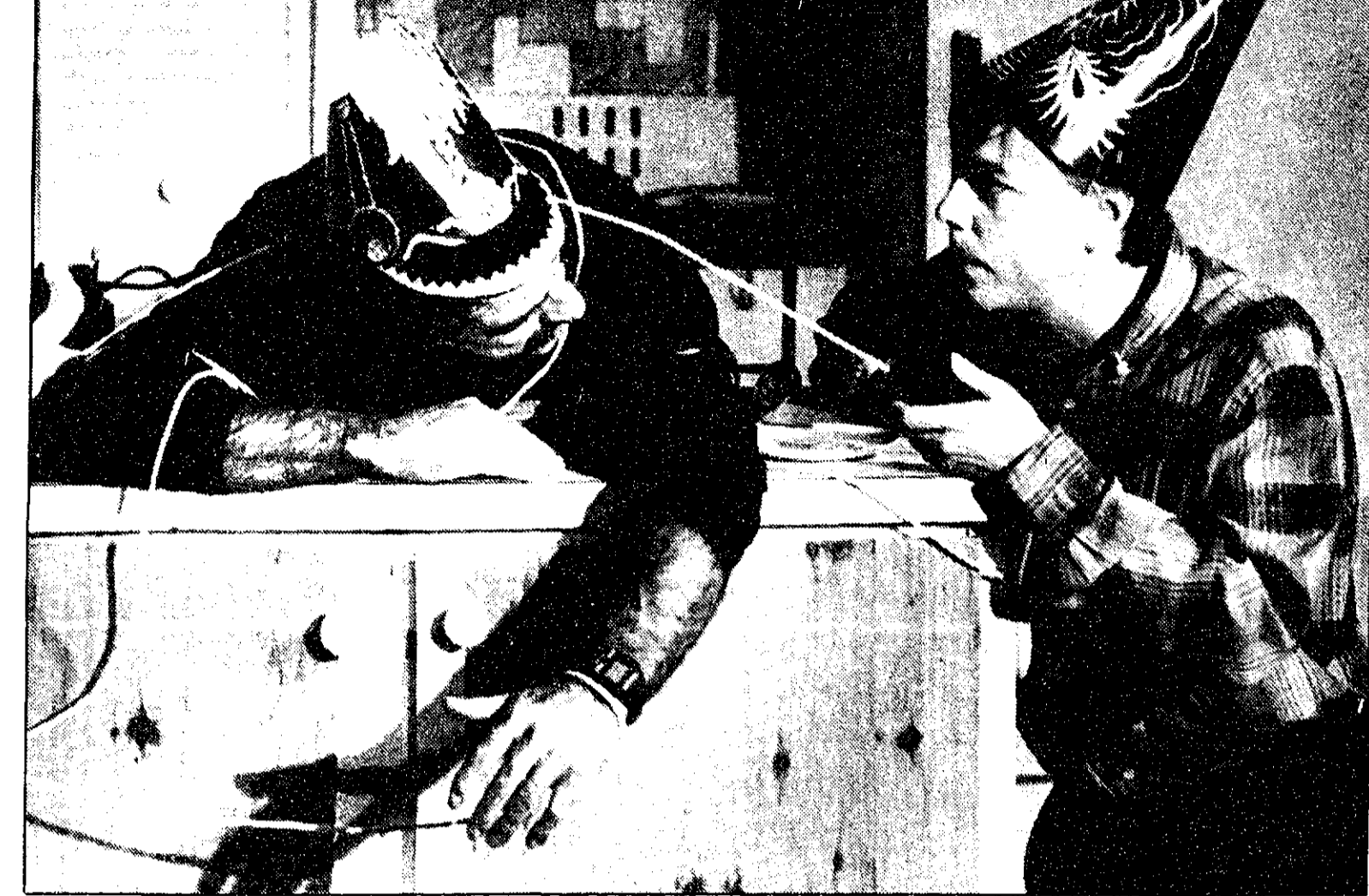
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The Novi Players present "P.S. Your Cat is Dead" weekends through Dec. 13 at the Novi Circle Theatre in the Novi Expo Center. Pictured above are Jerry Salas as Vito (left) and Dan Shoop as Jimmy.

Comedy opens Players' season

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

The Novi Players opened their 1992-93 season in the Novi Circle Theatre Friday night with a burlesque, a stolen manuscript and a dead cat.

It was a performance of James Kirkwood's comedy *P.S. Your Cat is Dead*. The show continues tomorrow night and runs weekends through Dec. 13.

P.S. Your Cat is Dead takes place on New Year's Eve and is described as "a side-splitting play about two losers that become friends." The setting is New York City.

The production stars Dan Shoop as Jimmy Zoole, a down-and-out New Yorker who goes home to discover that his loft apartment has been broken into, his manuscript

has been stolen and his cat is dead. Through that incident he meets Vito (Jerry Salas), who is responsible for the break-in. Unexpectedly, Jimmy and Vito become friends.

Other cast members include Martha Tabacco as Kate, York Griffith as Fred and Bobby Janie LaFleur as Carmen and Cheryl Boland as Janie.

This is the third appearance for Shoop, who is also vice president of the Novi Players. He has previously appeared as Hector in *Honestly Not* and Dr. Bradman in *Blithe Spirit*.

Shoop has lived in Novi for six years. Salas is also a Novi resident, though his previous acting experience is mostly in Northville. He played Sam Shale in the Northville Players' Plaza Suite and has per-

formed with Dore Productions' murder mystery dinner theaters at Genetti's restaurant. Salas has also appeared on stage on the Star Clipper train, based in Walled Lake.

This is also the first Novi Players production for Tabacco, LaFleur and Boland, though all three have previous theater credits. Tabacco has appeared with the Farmington Players, Boland studied with the Flint Youth Theatre and LaFleur once played the Dizzy Princess in a play called *The Princess Who Would Not Marry*.

York Griffith, who spreads himself between two roles, has previously performed in the Novi Players' productions of *Alone Together* and *Crenshaw Family Reunion*, and recently had the starring role in Farmington High School's production of *The*

Music Man. *P.S. Your Cat is Dead* is directed by Genevieve Terry, whose name has been connected to the Novi Players for quite some time. She has been a member of the organization since 1979 and has also directed the Novi Players' productions of *Good-Bye Charlie*, *Romantic Comedy*, *Ten Little Indians*, and *Shay*. She has also performed in eight different plays.

Upcoming play dates and times include Friday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door for \$6 or \$5 in advance. For advance tickets call 347-0400.

The Novi Circle Theatre is located in the Novi Expo Center, which is on Expo Center Drive, just off Novi Road near I-96.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER 1982: Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, Bloomfield Hills, class of 1982, will have a 10+ year reunion on Saturday, March 6, 1993, at the Kingsley Inn in Troy from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100 for information.

SOUTHFIELD 1983: Graduates of Southfield High School Class of 1983 will be celebrating their 10 year class reunion June 12, 1993, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. For information call Reunion Planners at 465-2277 or 263-6803.

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"Our acceptance as a Medicare-certified facility is a testament to the professional and dedicated staff at the Charter House of Novi," said Alexander Spiro, Jr., CEO of Charter Care Corp. "It is a significant achievement, proving that we've established a firm foundation of high quality nursing care over the last two years."

"This is a commendation in our two-year plan to achieve excellence in the areas that provide the basis for quality long-term care: a skilled, highly-

motivated staff, attention to residents' individual needs and a clean, attractive and safe environment," Spiro added.

Charter Care Corp. of Farmington Hills acquired the Charter House of Novi, 24500 Meadowbrook Road, and the 112-bed Charter House of Farmington Hills, 21017 Middlebelt Road, in December 1990.

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'The Great Divide' earns second place honors

"The Great Divide" is the second place winner in the 1992 Fall Fiction Contest. The author, Northville resident Robert Thomas, 63, is also the author of the 1991 Fall Fiction Contest winner, "Remembrance Charlie."

By ROBERT H. THOMAS
Fiction Contest

We were sitting on the railroad tracks, just past the Northville station, where they turn and head out for Wexom, Walled Lake and Noma, Alaska.

Clarence Blackmore picked up a big rock and smashed it against the rail on his side of the tracks. It made a sharp, ringing sound that echoed down the rails like a ricocheting bullet that had lost its sense of direction. When things got quiet again Clarence sat down, straddling the rail. If you sit here long enough and don't pay attention," he said, "a train could come along and cut you in two." In the distance I heard a coal train moving out of the Plymouth Yard under a fall head of steam. Clarence heard it, too.

"That might be the one," he said, as if he and the engineer shared a dark, unspoken secret. "No train'd ever get me," I protested. "I can run a lot faster than any old locomotive pulling a hundred cars of coal uphill."

"It happened once before," Clarence said. "Not far from here. Some old guy was walking home at night in a snow storm. His collar was pulled up around his ears and a train came up behind him. He didn't hear it and cut him right in two."

Fall Fiction Contest

Clarence was in the seventh grade and a year older than I was so he knew a lot more than I did. But to make sure I didn't question what he told me, he added, "You don't believe me, you can look it up. Over at the newspaper office, they keep copies of everything that's ever been printed."

Clarence was probably right, but I didn't like talking about people getting cut in two. I tried to think of some other train stories I could tell. "Ever put a penny on the tracks?" I asked. "The engine flattens them out long and oval like a baby beaver's tail. And Lincoln's face stretches into the longest, saddest face you've ever seen."

I laughed but Clarence didn't seem to hear me. His head was cocked toward the rail he was straddling, listening to something I couldn't hear. I kept right on talking. "Another thing you can do is put rocks on the tracks and watch 'em explode when they get run over." He glanced at me like I'd said something pretty stupid so I tried to make it sound more exciting. "Not just one rock," I said. "You keep putting on bigger and bigger ones until you can't pile on any more." I waited a moment. "On both tracks," I boasted.

Clarence still didn't say a word so I started talking faster, like that train that had cleared the Plymouth Yard and was now rolling over the new viaduct down near Five Mile Road.

"The engineer gets real mad and blows his whistle," I said. "You've got to run fast and hide in case the locomotive rolls over."

I laughed again but Clarence was concentrating on something he heard echoing through the rail. Then he turned his head and asked, "Ever wonder where these tracks go?"

I wanted to say Noma, Alaska, but I knew it would sound stupid. "Somewhere on the other side of Walled Lake," I said, but in a way that came out more like a question than an answer (the same way I answered Miss Bradner's questions in sixth grade history class).

"Father," Clarence said. "Train tracks always connect with other tracks and they go on forever. You never see a railroad sign that says STOP or NO U-TURN or DEAD END. Noma, Alaska, is just one stop along the way, a waiting station. Someone or other, those tracks keep right on going—over to Siberia and India and Europe and before you know it, they come right back here to Northville."

I could hear the train picking up more speed as it climbed the grade between Six and Seven Mile Roads (although I didn't really believe it was on its way back from Siberia). "If you don't believe me," Clarence said, "you can go look it up." I didn't bother to ask where because I knew he'd answer the question for me. "At

the library," he continued. "They've got books about it. Tracks always go somewhere, always together. That's the way things are supposed to be. Connected. That's why I changed my name."

It surprised me. I knew you could change a lot of things, but not your name. That's your own, forever, I said. "Well, if you think I'm going to start calling you Harold or Howard or Lester forget it. That's not your real name. You're Clarence Blackmore!"

"Call me Clarenceblackmore," he insisted. "I just did," I protested. "You're Clarence Blackmore."

"No, say it like one word. Say it real fast. Clarenceblackmore."

I tried it again but Clarence's new name didn't sound any different than the old one.

"Names are like railroad tracks," he said. "They're supposed to stay together no matter where they go. Same for people," he added as he put his ear back on the track to hear if the train had cleared the Seven Mile Road crossing yet.

His ear was still on the rail, listening, which I thought was pretty strange because even though you couldn't see the locomotive, you could hear it rolling past the Northville station.

"Watch, Clarenceblackmore," I shouted as I placed a shiny penny on the track, portrait-side up. But Clarence kept on listening to something inside the rail.

"Clarenceblackmore," I shouted again as the train roared into sight. He didn't move. All I could think about was Miss Bradner's history class, and the hand-colored slides she showed us once about Ulysses and how he sailed across the sea in a ship that was a lot bigger than a steam locomotive. Only it didn't make any noise. It just glided over the water with a big white sail out in front pulling it along.

"That's exactly how the locomotive looked when it came around the bend and straight at us. Smoke and steam had twisted themselves into a big, fluffy ball that lifted the engine and all one hundred coal cars right off the tracks and pulled them toward us, silently, like Ulysses quietly crossing the unknown sea."

"Clarenceblackmore," I yelled as I claved my way up the embankment. Maybe he's forgotten his new name, I thought. "Clarence Blackmore!" I screamed. "Clarence! Come on!"

I looked back once, but he never moved. The last thing I saw was Clarence kneeling over the track with his ear still to the rail. The locomotive and all of those cars just sailed right over him. Well, Clarence was definitely right. If you sit on a railroad track long

enough, and don't pay attention, a train could come along and cut you in two.

A lot of things happened right after that. The police went down to the tracks and took a look. An ambulance came. A reporter and photographer from the newspaper showed up. Then some church people. And last of all, old Mr. Deaver from the funeral parlor on Dumlop Street came along with Mr. Mitchell from the mortuary on the other side of town.

The next day was the saddest day of my life and my face must have been as long as old Abe Lincoln's face on the shiny penny I'd left down there on the tracks. There were two funerals for Clarence that day. His ma had one over at Mr. Mitchell's place. Since there were two caskets, I figured they must have divided up Clarenceblackmore. I don't think he would have liked that.

Some things just shouldn't be split apart, like people and memories and train tracks. But that's exactly what happened: Clarence was buried in Rural Hill Cemetery and the Blackmore part was laid to rest in the Yerkes Cemetery up on Base Line Road.

To this day, whenever I hear a coal train coming up from the Plymouth Yard I think about Clarence. I wonder back home from Noma, Alaska, or China or Paris and London—or wherever else those tracks go.

Anyway, this all happened a long, long time ago and most folks have forgotten about it. But if you don't believe me, you can go look it up!

Home project inspires contest winner

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Northville resident Michael McCutcheon, 39, is the author of *The Letter*, the first place winner of the Northville Record/Novi News 1992 Fall Fiction Contest.

McCutcheon, who was an honorable mention winner in the 1991 contest, was inspired to write this story about a year ago.

"I came up with this idea right after last year's story," McCutcheon said. "I was working as a helper restoring an old house in Northville. My job was to tear up things kept falling on me, like old pieces of a Monopoly game."

"There is so much history in Northville, and I knew quite a lot of people here went away to the Civil War, so the story idea grew from that."

Contest judges who read *The Letter* commented that they particularly liked the surprise ending of the story. "I originally ended the story with the man dying, but then I kept thinking about it for several months, and I decided I didn't like that ending. So, I re-wrote it to make him live."

McCutcheon said his final story ending was somewhat inspired by the movie *The Sting*.

"It's my favorite movie," he said. "I love the end, when they are lying on the ground and you think they are dead... then the music starts playing and they sit up, and you realize it was all a trick."

McCutcheon has also recently completed a children's book, and is currently looking for a local person to illustrate it.



MICHAEL MCCUTCHEON

His other current project involves his own home remodeling.

"I recently became a homeowner," he said. "I just purchased a house on Randolph Street, and I plan to fix it up. I'm absolutely in love with Northville, and the way people work so hard to improve their houses, instead of tearing them down."

"Who knows, maybe I'll find some old letters."

'Woman's Intuition' Northville student's story takes third place

Fall Fiction Contest

By ELIZABETH RIVARD
Fiction Contest

My mom was the first one to discover the article in Thursday's Northville Record. She called us over from the kitchen table where my sister and I were muddling through our homework. What was written in the "Police News" did not shock us...

"A suspicious person approached several girls at the Northville Cider Mill on Friday. The men asked the swim team members to help him look for his lost labrador. He said that it was probably in the woods or river. The girls wouldn't help so he left in his car, without a dog..."

The clipping was correct, but it did not illustrate how threatening the experience was. I was one of the girls there, along with Diane, Sarah and my sister, Marie. The man appeared to be a local person, and we were outside, waiting for the rest of our team to arrive at the Cider Mill. He acted unannounced and I felt uneasy and somewhat disturbed. He continued to chat with us for nearly 40 minutes, and his eyes seemed to bore through me when he looked at me. I felt more nervous with each word he said.

After a while, when he was talking to Diane and not paying attention to us, Sarah leaned close to me and whispered, "Lynn, this guy doesn't have a dog. He's just trying to get one of us to go into the woods alone with him."

I could tell that she was right from the way his description of the dog kept changing and the thought shimmered up my back as an icy chill. I wanted to be as far away from him as possible, but we could not let him suspect that we knew what he was up to because we had no idea if he was violent or how he would react if he knew. So I stood there with my friends wondering where the rest of our team was, and wishing that I could disappear.

Finally he recognized that he was not making any progress and he began to slink away. As he was leaving, he shouted back sinisterly, "Goodbye, Lynn," but I knew I had not told him my name. That is when I remembered that my first and last name were embroidered on the front of my letter jacket. I was trembling as I stared at his retreating figure, and the crisp autumn breeze blew coolly on the back of my neck which was moist with a cold sweat.

He opened his door, but before he entered, he glanced back and saw me watching him. He threw me a menacing glare, got in his car, and slammed the door. My legs buckled

and I became very aware of how empty the house was and every creak that it made. I could feel eyes boring on my back through the family room windows and remembered how it felt when that man at the Cider Mill had stared at me. I knew that I would feel better if I checked outside, but I was afraid to.

I continued on with my homework and soon had nothing to do but the drama. I figured that I could go to bed or get a shoe box from the basement. Either way I was going to have to get out of my seat, which I was too

frightened to do. I finally decided that if I stayed awake I would not have to turn off the lights, so I sprinted to the basement steps and didn't stop running until I was all the way down in my dad's workshop.

"This is crazy," I said to myself. "I'm getting carried..."

The smash and clatter of glass as my feet slipped downstairs interrupted my thoughts. I counted the minutes before my heart beat again, my eyes beginning to fill with tears. I heard muffled footsteps in the kitchen above me, and I knew it wouldn't be long before he found me.

I scanned the room for someplace to hide. In a dark corner of the room was the heater. Careful so not to burn myself on the sides, I crouched down in the tiny space behind the huge stove. I flinched with the creaks of the first wooden step and my hand brushed against something leaning on the cement wall behind me. By the time I realized that I had just found my dad's old Louisville Slugger, the man was already at the bottom of the stairs.

I grabbed the bat with my sweaty fingers and held it over my head, ready to strike. "I'll teach you to crack me down, slicko," I thought to myself as I heard footsteps and the workroom door open. Even though I was armed, I was shaking with fear and the closer the footsteps came, the worse I got.

Slowly, the head of the Cider Mill Man approached around the corner of the heater. Without hesitation, I swung down with a strength that I did not know I possessed. I heard a crack and thought that I had broken the bat, but then I saw the man. He had crumpled to the floor and he had a dangerous amount of blood coming from someplace on his head.

I stared for a few minutes, petrified to my place, until I realized that he was definitely not getting up. Cautiously, I bent over to find his pulse. It was slow and faint through his massive neck, and I was glad that I had not killed him. I ran to the phone in the other room and it was a matter of minutes before the police arrived and EMS were wheeling the moaning man into the ambulance.

"You'll have to come down to the station and answer some questions later, Miss Dravine, but you can wait until your parents get back. There's just one thing I want to know," the policeman said to me as the sirens of the ambulance began to fade away. "How do you know that he was watching you?"

"Woman's intuition, I guess," I replied as waves of relief slowly rolled down my cheeks.

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'The Letter' is top story

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I pray to God that the Rebs will soon surrender before any more blood is shed. Virginia seems so far away, but Russell each night I gaze upward upon the stars knowing that you too see the same ones. I pray that you will be alright and a star will guide me and I know that God has heard my prayer.

Father had good news yesterday. It seems as if the saw mill will be needing to put on more help this winter and he spoke to John Ambler on your behalf. He feels there's a good chance you could catch on at the mill.

Oh my, I nearly forgot. Father is finishing off the last of the upstairs and he has built a beautiful room for us after our betrothal. The sun cascades through the windows and you can even see the steeple of 1st Presbyterian Church to the east.

Well my love I must close now as I promised Mother I would help her with the weaving this afternoon. Oh please my darling, repeat those cut thoughts of impending danger and look toward our future with hope and promise. Our love will endure the ages as it will endure this awful war.

You shall be home soon, my sweet, and I will hold you tightly and never let you go.

Everlasting Love, Rebecca

Marie was awestruck, wait until Tom sees this letter. She quickly remembered there was a third page in the envelope. As she carefully took it out, she noticed the paper was different, more coarse and larger... unfolding it her heart sank.

The Government of the United States of America, regretfully informs you that Corporal Russell Augustus Thornton went down in action in the Battle of Saylers Creek, Farmville, Virginia on April 7, 1865.

Respectfully,
General Phil Sheridan

The notice hit like a sledgehammer and Marie felt crushed as certain as Rebecca must have. Shock and disbelief set in. "It can't be," she cried out, "they were to be married."

The war was in fact almost over, she recalled it ended in April or May of 1865. "Why, why, oh why," she whispered as she returned the pages to the envelope. She felt as if she had really known Rebecca

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Engagement

Lisa Marie McCarthy/ Ian Andrew O'Rear



Lisa Marie McCarthy, daughter of James and Kathleen McCarthy of Novi, is engaged to Ian Andrew O'Rear, son of Kenneth and Ruth O'Rear, also of Novi.

Lisa and Ian are graduates of Novi High School, Lisa in 1988, Ian in 1984.

An Alma College graduate with degrees in EHS and business administration, Lisa is employed by NBD in Illinois.

Ian earned his economics degree at the University of Michigan-DeAnn Arbor. He is a sales representative in the Chicago area for Meer Dental Supply of Michigan.

A March wedding is planned.

In Uniform

Navy Seaman Recruit BRENT M. DENNIS, son of John E. Dennis of Louisiana Ave., Novi, recently returned aboard the tank-landing ship USS Spartanburg County, homeported at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va., from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean as part of Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 9.92.

Elements of the ready group participated in several joint exercises including Display Determination - 92, the largest combined NATO exercise in over four years. Ships from the ready group also participated in Operation Provide Promise, the United Nations' humanitarian relief effort in former Yugoslavia.

USS Spartanburg County supports amphibious operations by transporting and landing amphibious vehicles, tanks, combat vehicles and equipment. The Navy and Marine Corps "sea-air-land" team is capable of a full range of action, from port visits and humanitarian relief to major offensive operations.

Dennis visited ports throughout the Mediterranean during deployment including Almeria, Spain and Mykonos, Greece.

Diversions

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Nutcracker back in the area

The holiday assortment of productions of *The Nutcracker* Ballet includes one in Novi and another in Plymouth.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Reed, in conjunction with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and Artistic Director Dawn Green, will present the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* Ballet as a 100th anniversary celebration.

Over 150 musicians and dancers will stage the childhood fantasy of Clara, her prince and the Sugar Plum Fairy. The title roles will be performed by Dawnell Dwyer, 1991 Junior Miss Dance America, and Michael Piregan, theatre and television dancer and performer. Three performances of Tchaikovsky's best-loved ballet will be held at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$14 for adults, \$8 for students in grades K-12. Tickets are available at Bookstall-on-the-Main, Northville; the GiftDdler, Northville; Betman Jewelry, Plymouth; Evolia Music, Plymouth; Joanne's Dance, Plymouth; and Dearborn Music, Canton. To order by phone, call 451-2112.

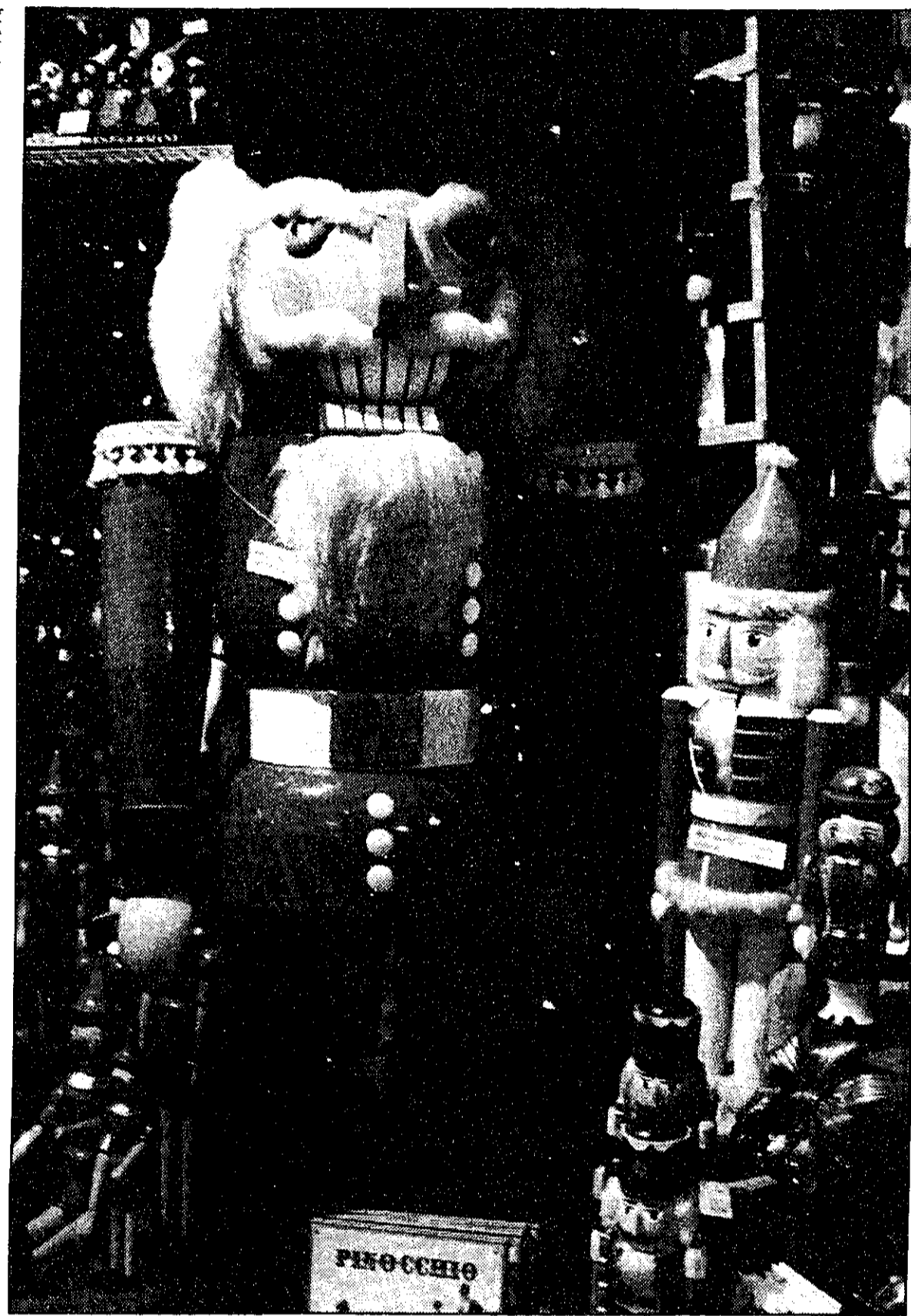
The performances are sponsored by Panasonic Industrial Corp., 44756 Helm, Plymouth, and sponsored in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The holiday spirit comes alive with the music, gaily, and dance of the timeless classic, *The Nutcracker*, brought to you by the Classic Ballet Company, in Novi this weekend.

This production features principal dancers Griff Braun, with the American Ballet Theater; Lynn Arens, dancer with the Feld Ballet; and the renowned Jane Hohnmeyer conducting the full Michigan Classic Symphony Orchestra.

Three performances will take place at Novi's Fuest Auditorium, located at 24062 Tall Road, on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. A special event, The Sugarplum Tea, will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m.

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers including Hudson's, Harmony House, and Sound Warehouse Locations. To charge by phone call 645-6666.



The holiday nutcracker classic will be performed this weekend.

Intown

Music

VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT: The Novi High School Music Department presents a holiday concert of seasonal music, featuring "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten. Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16 and 17, in the Northville High School Auditorium.

Scheduled performers include the Concert Choir, Northville Singers, Girls' Ensemble, Male Chorus, Varsity Choir, Major 7th, Four Seniors, and Symphonic Band.

Tickets are \$3 with reserved seating. For reservations call 344-8420.

GITFIDDLER CONCERT/WORKSHOP SERIES: The Giftiddler Music Store, 302 E. Main, offers a concert/workshop one Friday each month. For information or reservations call 349-9420.

The Giftiddler will present an Acoustic Christmas Concert on Dec. 11 with Mary Lou Batley, Hugh Batley and Chris Wheeland leading the way on a variety of instruments.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

PIANO BAR: Pianists Anthony Lang and James Jewhurst play every Tuesday through Saturday from 7-11 p.m. in the Tara Lounge, in the Hotel Baromette at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The entertainment is provided for patrons of Tara restaurant and lounge.

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

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

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call Mr. B's Farm at 349-7038.

WHISPERS LOUNGE: Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilton, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Performances are by the Buddy Budson Band with featured vocalist Eric Brandon. Often local jazz stars like Ursula Walker and Marcus Belgrave sit in as well.

There is no additional charge for the performances. For more information, call the restaurant at 347-0095.

Theater

NOVI PLAYERS: Novi Players present *P.S. Your Cat is Dead*, a comedy in two acts, Dec. 11, 12, and 13.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the new Novi Expo Center, on Novi Road at I-96. Tickets available at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Expo Center, \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door.

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

Genitti's now has three different production companies performing three different Murder Mystery Dinner Theatres. Every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., separate performances are planned in separate dining rooms. Reservations are required for all shows. Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre are available any day of the week.

Dinner is served. As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to discover who "committed the murder" through clues given out during heated exchanges between cast members. Small gifts are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the murderer.

The "Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre" is now scheduled the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. All areas are performed by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. Special performances are available for large groups. Reservations are required for all shows.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street (Sheldon Road). The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and the Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre including the seven-course dinner costs \$29.95 per person (including tax and tip).

Please phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates are available. Large parties can be accommodated for any performance.

Art

ONE-PERSON SHOW: Local watercolor artist Caroline Dunphy will present a one-person show of impressions of Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France through Dec. 19.

The show will feature watercolors of Dunphy's three trips to Europe this year as well as three visits to Monet's home and gardens at Giverny, France. Paintings include country scenes, views of people in everyday activities, and many of Monet's gardens.

The show will take place at her studio and gallery, Painter's Place, 140 N. Center in downtown Northville. Hours are noon to 5 Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Visit the Atrium Gallery in new, larger quarters. The gallery is now located at 1133 N. Center St. in Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. For more information call 349-4131.

Literature

BOOKSTALL SIGNINGS: The Bookstall-on-the-Main, 101 N. Center in downtown Northville, has another appearance scheduled for an author to sign copies of her book.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, former Northville resident Mildred Peterson will meet old friends and sign copies of her new book, *The Loves of Loretta*.

BORDERS: The following events are scheduled at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center. The mnemonic name for the free children's programs scheduled at 11 a.m. on Saturdays at Borders in Novi. As seating is limited, children should be pre-registered in person or by telephone at 347-0780.

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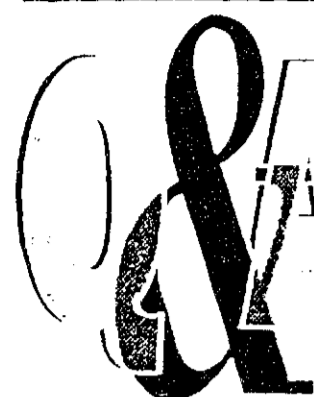
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By WILLIAM T. TOMICKI
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Q: How can we get tickets for the XVII Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway?

A: The Winter Games are scheduled to start Feb. 12, 1994. The sole U.S. agent — appointed by the Olympic Committee and the Lillehammer Olympic Organizing Committee — is Cartan Tours Inc., of Manhattan Beach, Calif.

They expect to sell at least 42,000 tickets. The most popular events will be figure skating, alpine skiing, ice hockey, bobsled racing, luge racing and women's speed skating, as well as the opening and closing festivities.

Individual tickets range from about \$22 to \$175, with an average cost of \$60 per seat. For selected events, discounted children's tickets are available. Package tours can also be arranged, covering airfare, ticket prices and hotel accommodations.

For details write Cartan Tours, Olympic Division, 1334 Parkview Ave., Suite 210, Manhattan Beach, Calif. 90266 or call (310) 546-6101 or (800) 841-1994. Information is also available from your local travel agent.

Q: We're going to be in New York City for a week. Any tips on restaurants to sample?

A: New York has about 12,000 restaurants. Here are four long-time favorites:

For an elegant northern Italian meal try San Domenico (240 Central Park South, 212-265-9959), which features pasta, chicken and fish. At Jim McMillen (1341 Third Ave., 212-861-4700), chef Joseph Trama prepares classic American food and an excellent sashimi tuna.

Allégria (1350 Avenue of the Americas, 212-966-7755) is great for pre- and post-theater dining with Italian meals and a breezy, sophisticated atmosphere. And a good little French bistro is Demarchelier (50 E. 86th St., 212-249-8200), with authentic cuisine, moderate prices and pleasant waters.

Q: Do you know of any ski programs designed exclusively for women?

A: With all female instructors and about five students per teacher, the "Just for Women" class is held at the Squaw Valley Ski School in California.

There are three-day and five-day sessions; classes run from January to March. The program offers lessons, lift tickets, instructional videotapes and a daily luncheon.

The nearby Resort at Squaw Creek is home base. Besides accommodations, the hotel offers ski equipment for sale or rent, a spa, a heated pool and fine restaurants.

For details or an application write Squaw Valley Ski School, Squaw Valley, Calif. 96146.

Q: We'll be driving through Edinburgh, Scotland this spring. What should we look for?

A: Actually, the best way to see Edinburgh is on foot. Find a good walking tour that covers the abbeys, churches and gardens and mingle with residents to learn the local legends.

Be sure to walk the Royal Mile, which is Edinburgh's scenic, historic main road.

Other high points are the Royal Botanic Gardens, the Old Town, the "new town" with charming Georgian architecture and the landmark haunts of writers such as Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Burns.

For details on walks, talks or personal car tours write Robina's Edinburgh Tours, 66 Willowtree Road, Edinburgh EH7 7HA, Scotland or call 011-44-31-661-0125. Information is also available from your local travel agent.

Why not take a working vacation? Environmental groups seek volunteers to clean wilderness sites

By EVERETT POTTER
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Most people who hike a wilderness trail in the United States expect it to be well-groomed.

They anticipate discreet signposts near trees, sturdy bridges over streams and clean campsites at night.

"The fact is, most hikers take trails for granted," says Reuben Rajola, the trails program director for the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). "But the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service alone are each facing \$200 million in backlog trail maintenance."

That's not counting the trails of state and regional parks or areas under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

In fact, America's hiking trails can be regularly maintained only with the aid of volunteers.

To attract them, organizations such as the AMC, the Sierra Club and the American Hiking Society offer low-cost, one-week work trips to wilderness sites around the country. These events have become a popular vacation alternative for thousands of people.

For example, the AMC recruits volunteers for one-day, weekend and weeklong "service trips." Participants pay a modest fee — usually between \$50 and \$200 per person, plus transportation to and from the site.

In exchange, volunteers spend their time removing brush from trails, clearing new paths or rerouting old ones and repairing or building bridges.



Appalachian Mountain Club volunteers take a well-earned dinner break after a day of cleaning up wilderness trails.

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Williams says the most popular events involve ancient sites — for example, a weeklong outing to Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico.

"Volunteers will help park personnel and archaeologists in maintaining the balance between tourism and archeology," Williams says.

In 1993 the Sierra Club will also offer a tour of Alaska's Prince William Sound (\$425 per person) and a trip for women to northern California's Klamath Forest (\$260 per person).

There will be a chance for vegetarians to replant areas of Washington state's Olympic Park (\$265 per person). The most exotic offering is a 19-day jaunt in July to Siberia's Lake Balkal (\$1,705 per person).

Participants must be Sierra Club members. An individual membership is \$35 per year and includes a subscription to Sierra magazine. On most trips volunteers take camping gear; the club provides meals.

"The food on these trips is a big deal," Williams says, "and it tends to be pretty good."

The group size, Williams adds, ranges from nine to 20 people. The average age is 40 and most people go solo. "Typically, volunteers work mornings and have afternoons free."

For further information write the Sierra Club Outings, 730 Polk St., San Francisco, Calif. 94109 or call (415) 923-5630.

Each year the American Hiking Society sends about 350 people on wilderness volunteer programs throughout the country, charging only a \$40 fee for registration.

"Helping Out in the Outdoors," a 112-page guide, was just published by the group. It lists 500 locations for volunteer work throughout America; the cost is \$5.

For details write the American Hiking Society, P.O. Box 20160, Washington, D.C. 20041 or call (703) 385-3252.

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Walled Lake hands 'Cats 81-72 defeat

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi's 1992-93 season got off to a rocky start as Walled Lake Western's Ryan Bolton scored 18 of his game-high 36 points in the fourth quarter Tuesday to lead the host Warriors to an 81-71 victory.

The Warriors, up by just one at the start of the period, used Bolton's hot hand to pull away from the Wildcats in the final minutes of play. Novi trailed by five with less than three minutes to go when the Walled Lake forward scored five straight points to put the contest out of reach.

"We played terrible defense," Novi coach Bob Shoemaker said. "Novi converted only 17 of 35 attempts for the charity stripe — less than 50 percent. A total of 10 players fouled out of the closely officiated game."

"They never let the kids play," Shoemaker said.

Western's second-year coach Pat Adams was overjoyed to get the win. "I give all the credit to the world to Ryan Bolton," said the Warrior mentor. "He stepped up great tonight."

"The kids worked hard. They deserved to win."

"We played terrible defense."

Bob Shoemaker
Coach

Novi held Walled Lake's Brent Mackowiak, who Adams called his best offensive player, to just seven points. One of the Wildcats' main offensive threats, Jeff Teraki, sat out with a twisted ankle.

Sophomore Shawn Kelly filled in for the senior and led the 'Cats in scoring with 18 points. Senior Dave York added 14.

"The highlight of the game was the play of the young kids," Shoemaker said. "Kelly played very well."

The Wildcats opened the game playing tentatively. Western took advantage and jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Brian Cordas got Novi on the scoreboard with a short jump shot at the 6:47 mark.

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Novi guard John Wroe (right) prompts an offensive foul from Western's Jon Woodward Tuesday night.

Spikers try to continue winning ways

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Building on success.

That's exactly what the Wildcat volleyball team is hoping to do in the 1992-93 season. Novi posted its first winning campaign in years last winter at 10-8 and topped it off with a trip to the district finals.

According to fifth year coach Amy Wagner, the 'Cats are set on repeating those achievements and perhaps bettering them. She said her team has been impressive thus far in workouts.

"The team looks really good," she said. "I think they're bound and determined to hold up what we did last year."

"We are hoping for at least .500 and it would be great for us to have another winning season."

Novi High School eclipsed the 500 mark in the Kensington Valley Conference with a 7-5 record and took third place overall. The Wildcats fell in district finals to Livonia Stevenson.

Conference champion Brighton will be difficult to dethrone. The Bulldogs went undefeated in the KVC and return most of their lineup.

Dianne Bassett and Laura Jones head the list of Novi's graduation losses. Bassett was a first team all-area performer while Jones, who is working as an assistant coach this year, was a steady, deter-

mined player. "Losing Dianne's experience will hurt," Wagner said. "We will have to work even harder."

The coach said she believes the Wildcats have the desire to overcome the losses. "They're fighters," Wagner commented. "I think they are ready to get out there right now."

Novi will have an experienced team, nonetheless. Senior Beth Vanderhoff returns as the setter. The co-captain will carry the responsibility of running the Wildcat offenses and defenses. Vanderhoff is also an excellent server.

"She knows how to place the ball and look for the holes," Wagner said.

Another senior, Kate MacKenzie, will be Novi's top server. Wagner described her as a power server who is capable of scoring lots of points.

"We are looking for a lot from her," she said. Three of MacKenzie's teammates from the basketball team will join her.

Kristin Kenny will play middle hitter and looks to improve substantially from a year ago, according to Wagner. Christine Edwards, a sophomore, and Michelle DeWitt also join the team.

Alexis Johnson is the Wildcats' second co-

captain. The senior will be an outside hitter. Becky Oppat and Barb Loves are back. Both will work as hitters.

Two newcomers to the squad are juniors Kelly McAllen and Julie Swinehart. Both will likely serve in a reserve role.

Wagner will carry 10 players until midseason when she plans to bring two up from junior varsity.

"It keeps everybody in the rotation," she said. "Ten will be perfect."

The coach described her team as a tight-knit group. "They play well together and like each other," Wagner said.

She said while Brighton is definitely the top KVC team, the rest of the league is up for grabs, who is capable of scoring lots of points.

"The other six teams are about equal in talent," Wagner said. "I think we will contend with everybody else. It could be anybody's year."

Novi opens the season in South Lyon Saturday. Wagner said it may take a few matches for her team to gel.

"I think it will take a few games to get into it," she added. "But if we can keep a positive attitude, I think we can do it."



Kristin Kenny is back for another volleyball season.

Grapplers face rebuilding year

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High wrestling coach Tom Fritz makes no bones about it: Howell will win the Kensington Valley Conference this winter barring major catastrophe.

"I look for Howell to win it," he said, "and be in contention for the state title."

While the coach acknowledges Howell and Brighton as the league's top teams, he still believes the Wildcats will be competitive. Novi High School will battle Milford and South Lyon, among others, for a KVC top-half finish.

"The rest of us are going to fight it out," he said.

The team is coming off an up-and-down 1991-92 season. Novi finished fifth in the KVC and posted an 11-10 overall dual meet record.

Top wrestlers like Tony Scappato and Josh Riggs have graduated from the program. The 'Cats may not be as talented as a year ago, but Fritz said the team does have some hard-nosed competitors like Munnish Bazzaz, Tim O'Sullivan and Ron Kane.

"I think outside of our league we'll do well," he commented. "But inside its going to be tough. The KVC is definitely a tough league."

Novi's strength this season will likely be in the lower weight classes. At 103 pounds, freshman Doug Lee will battle for the Wildcats' DeWitt

Junior John Streit checks in at 112 pounds. Nate Kushman will also wrestle at 112.

Bazzaz, at 119 pounds, appears ready for his best season. "He's really come on this year for us," Fritz said of his senior.

O'Sullivan is Novi's wrestler at 125 pounds. The coach said his senior is "as tough as nails." Jason Armstrong, a junior, and senior Paul Burton add depth in the division.

Junior Craig Borashko is battling Kane for the 130-pound slot. Fritz said it's likely Kane will be moved up to 135 to strengthen the lineup. Freshman Mike Hicks will also see action in the 135-pound division.

Fitness Notes

Jazzercise and Jazerstep: These classes are being held at Grand Slam USA on Ten Mile Road in Novi. Both classes are great for giving you more energy and reducing stress. They'll help you feel better about yourself and your body. Both are aerobic, fat-burning workouts but Jazerstep really concentrates on your lower body. Jazzercise classes are Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. Jazerstep classes are Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 5:45 p.m. New students can start anytime and can get 16 classes for the price of eight. Call Juli at 426-9096 with questions.

Know More Diet: No more calorie counting. No more hunger pangs. Learn how to eat sensibly using the Jazzercise philosophy of fun and fitness. The Know More Diet will help you make it through the holidays without adding extra weight. Two two-week sessions: Nov. 18-Dec. 2 at 5:45 p.m. and Dec. 4-16 at 10:45 a.m. at the Farmington Hills Jazzercise Center, Orchard-12 Plaza at Orchard Lake and Twelve Mile roads. Preregistration is preferred but not required. Call 426-9096.

Twelve Oaks walking program: The University of Michigan Health Centers and Twelve Oaks Mall present health education programs as part of the mall walking program. The programs are held in the center court on the second Tuesday of the month from 9-10 a.m. On Nov. 10, "Controlling Your Cholesterol" will be presented by Kate Maddox, an adult nurse practitioner from the University of Michigan Health Center at Northville. Healthy refreshments are served.

The mall opens early daily for walkers. All entrance doors open at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. New program participants need to register in the Twelve Oaks security office located on the upper level, JC Penney corridor.

Also available is the "Fitness over 50" program which is a low-impact aerobic session designed by the University of Michigan Physical Education department and presented by a certified instructor on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m.

For more information, please call 348-9438.

Children's fitness classes: The "Fit-n-Fun Club," for boys and girls (grades three to five), is now being offered by Northville Parks and Recreation and New Attitude Aerobics, at the Northville Community Center. Designed for the younger set, aerobics, games and activity stations help to strengthen the heart and major muscle groups, plus develop and increase flexibility, strength and stamina. For class or registration information, call 348-3120 or 349-0203.

Fitness Factory: Fitness Factory is offering a one-hour high/low combination aerobic/muscle toning class at Village Oaks Clubhouse in Novi. Classes will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be available for the morning classes only at a minimal cost. Price for one day a week is \$30, two days \$49, three days \$59 and unlimited at \$64. Courses last for 10 weeks. For more information, call Kathi at 349-7928 or Village Oaks at 349-0510.

Gymboree: Registrations are being accepted for Gymboree classes in Novi at the Novi Town Center. Gymboree is a play program for parents and children three months through 4 years old, designed to enhance the development of motor skills. Classes are offered Monday through Saturday mornings and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For class descriptions, schedules and information call (313)737-2888.



Brian Molloy, a 1992 Wildcat graduate, earned all-american honors at Oakland County Community College this fall.

Runners toast fall campaign

The Novi High School boys cross country team recently held its annual awards banquet.

A total of 11 awards were presented at the ceremonies, held at Faith Presbyterian Church in Novi. Former Wildcat standout runners Brian Molloy and Rob Rasmussen were the featured speakers.

The Wildcats finished their season last month. Novi was third overall in the Kensington Valley Conference. John Crawford won all-state honors while Vince Meehan also participated in the finals.

Sophomore Rob Mutch received the first award of the night as the team's Top Sportsman. Mutch won

the award for his outstanding attitude towards teammates and rivals alike.

Joe Leahy received the Teamwork honor. The senior co-captain played a vital role in team unity throughout the fall.

The 'Cats' Hardest Worker was freshman Ryan Henderson. Coach Bob Smith said he could become Novi's next great runner.

The Student Athlete award goes to Tony Kozadinos. John Scherger, a sophomore, won the Most Improved Athlete honor.

The Leadership award went to Brendan Best who led by his words and example, according to Smith.

The Oil Can award, given to the athlete who keeps the team loose, went to Jason Everett.

The runner with the most enthusiasm was senior Brian Grems. He won the Wildcat honor.

The team's Most Valuable Player was senior Meehan. The award is given to the athlete that shows the most spirit, leadership and greatest work ethic.

Tim O'Sullivan is Novi's Iron Man. The senior rose to the occasion several times to fill in admirably for injured teammates during the campaign.

The final honor was given to Crawford. The senior standout was voted

Most Dedicated Athlete.

As a team, the runners were outstanding academically.

The juniors had the highest grade point average at 3.23. A total of 13 of 22 Wildcats were on the all-conference academic team.

Smith said the team enjoyed speeches given by Rasmussen and Molloy.

Molloy, a 1992 NHS graduate, recently made All-American as a freshman cross country runner at Oakland Community College. He finished ninth at the national championships held in Arizona.

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REAL ESTATE

Real estate escrows made simple and basic

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

"Real estate escrows are very mysterious to many home buyers and sellers. Some seem to view them like a fatal disease. But they are an essential part of a real estate transaction."

Wanda Borer an escrow officer and president of a regional escrow association, used those terms in describing the confusion that prevails in many people's minds about escrows—or other forms of closing a real estate transaction.

"It really shouldn't be that way," she said. "The escrow process is quite a simple and basic service."

Escrow services are now used in many states to close a home sale or other real estate transaction. In some states, attorneys or lending agents normally handle the closing process. But the confusion and concern this process often causes for buyers and sellers is similar in all states.

"As an escrow officer, we serve as a disinterested party that works for all participants in a transaction," Borer said. "We prepare documents and take care of the many necessary closing elements."

"It's also important that we develop a good line of communica-

tion with the principals. They often have many questions about the closing process and documents. Some we can answer. Others, particularly legal matters, we cannot."

One state's Escrow Law defines an escrow as a deposit of funds, a deed or other instrument by one party to the delivery to another party upon completion of a particular condition or event.

That's the legalistic description. As a practical matter, the escrow process generates the needed documents and handles all details required before a deed can be recorded and funds disbursed.

When you buy or sell a home, you want the assurance that no funds or property will change hands until everything has been properly taken care of. Otherwise, there could be big problems down the road.

The escrow holder has the obligation to safeguard the funds and documents while they are in their possession. Then the holder must disburse the funds and convey title when all provisions of the escrow have been satisfied.

The first step, after providing needed information for the escrow officer, is usually to prepare and sign-off on escrow instructions. Read these instructions carefully

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Photos by CHARLIE CORTEZ

This 4,500-square-foot contemporary home owned by Lisa and Angelo Guido in Milford Township's Berwyck on the Park.

MAJOR MANOR

Milford couple seek and find home to fit their big ideas

By Pamela Dear
Special Writer

Lisa and Angelo Guido had two prerequisites in mind when they shopped for a new home. She wanted walk-in closets and he preferred a larger than 2-1/2 car garage.

After looking for about 7-1/2 years, this couple finally found their dream home. In September of this year, they moved from West Bloomfield into a spectacular contemporary ranch at Berwyck on the Park, a new residential equestrian community in Milford Township.

Their 4,500-square-foot home has three bedrooms, five baths, large kitchen and eating nook, pantry, Great Room with a wood-burning fireplace, den, lower-level family room with a walk-out and a first-floor laundry room. The house also features vaulted ceilings, an abundance of large windows, a womanized deck located off the kitchen, central air and an in-ground pool.

This inviting country manor, on almost one acre, is adjacent to scenic Kensington Metropark. Its rear windows offer a grand view of Kent Lake, as well as the horse bridge path which circles the grounds of this private community. "It does feel like going to a cot-

tage," Angelo said. "It has the right kind of setting."

"We love it," Lisa added. "We like the atmosphere. Angelo works about six days a week, so we are not able to get away for a weekend. We thought this house was bringing the weekends to us."

The house's exterior is a handsome beige-tone Inner Seal wood siding with the use of stone as an aesthetic detail. Energy factors include R-30 ceiling insulation and R-11 wall insulation.

The home was designed by architect Michael Gordon of Molisev-Gordon and Associates in Royal Oak. Although the house is new, the lower-level foundation was originally the site of Oak Knoll Farm, a farmhouse built before the turn of the century.

According to Norm Finkelstein, a partner with The Irving Group, the developers decided to do a major renovation of the old farm. They gutted the entire interior and rebuilt the structure, but consciously kept the style in harmony with the surrounding atmosphere.

"We really like the house," Lisa stressed. As residents of the Berwyck community, the couple have access to the equestrian facilities at the Berwyck Saddle Club, a clubroom, fitness center and

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Glass blocks and a skylight assist in allowing light which reflects off the white ceramic tile and white fixtures in the bath area.

HOME DESIGNS



The Routh is ready for active retired couple

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Designed with the needs of an active retired couple in mind, the Routh is basically a one-story home. Everything needed for day-to-day living is on the first floor while the spacious guest suite upstairs, complete with private bath, stands ready to accommodate guests.

The skylit computer room home office offers a space for running a retirement business but could just as easily be used as a sewing room, art studio, library, exercise room or whatever fits the couple's lifestyle. It could also be outfitted with a folding couch to accommodate additional guests.

A wide window bay brightens the master suite, adding space for a sitting area. The suite also has its own private deck.

Small skylight provide natural illumination in both the master bathroom and the guest bathroom. The two bathrooms are separate, but each opens on a shared tub

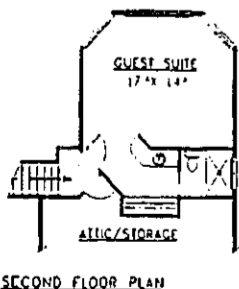
and shower compartment.

Closets line the hallway, providing ample storage space. Half of the closet in front of the entry serves another purpose. Open to the family room at the front, it houses stereo equipment. Closed to the entry hall by a sliding door at the back, it conceals the tangle of cords that bristle from the back of stereo equipment while providing easy access. An additional 9-by-13-pool, storage area is located behind the utility room.

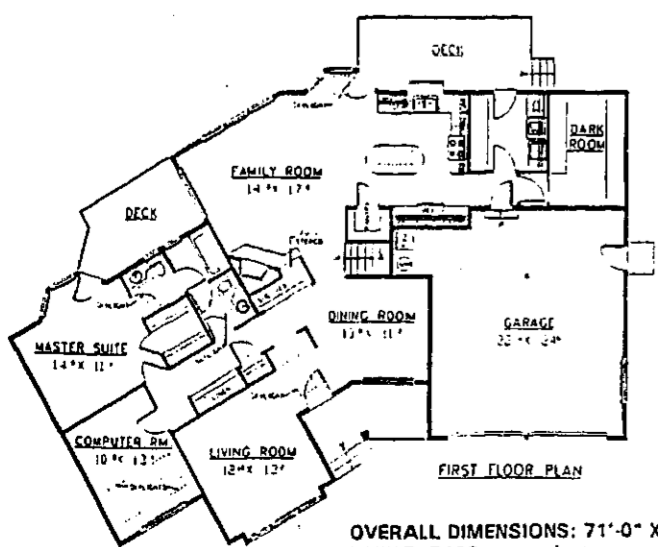
For the most part, day-to-day family living and informal socializing take place in the huge kitchen/family room. A fireplace adds warmth and color. Notable kitchen features include a sunny eating nook, a central work island, a step-in pantry and a garden window in front of the sink. A large utility room, complete with generous counter space and a sink, is close at hand.

A skylight illuminates the entryway, and a high, arched window, flanked by multipaned windows, adds elegance to the living room. Ceilings in both the living room and the dining room are vaulted.

For a study plan of the Routh (400-50) to send \$5 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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Chrysanthemums are kings

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Chinese, who believed chrysanthemums had the final power of life, made the plants a part of their everyday culture.

Boiled roots relieved headaches, sprouts and petals made salads, and brewed leaves became a drink for gala celebrations. The city of Chushien (Chrysanthemum City) was named after the plant.

Discovered in Japan around in the eighth century, the plant was adopted wholeheartedly by the Japanese. The chrysanthemum became the crest and official seal of the emperor, and prominent families today still use some type of mum on their seals. The country also celebrates National Mum Day—the Festival of Happiness.

In 1753, the Swedish botanist Linnaeus illustrated and named a small, yellow, daisy-like flower, "chrysois," meaning gold, and "anthe-mon," meaning flower. Forty-five years later, a U.S. scientist imported "dark purple," the first mum to arrive in America.

Ancient growers probably wouldn't recognize today's mums, with more than 50 different flower types, because hybridizers in England,

France, Japan and the United States have developed a phenomenal number of shapes, colors and sizes that have increased the popularity of the mum — and cleared the way for a blooming future.

Today, chrysanthemums are hardy plants that flourish profusely in gardens all over the United States as well as inside and outside the house.

Normally classified by plant shape — upright or cascade — chrysanthemums are easily divided by flower form. Many people concentrate on the "anemone" and "daisy" cascade varieties, since they provide the abundant flowering that's necessary for fabulous arrangements.

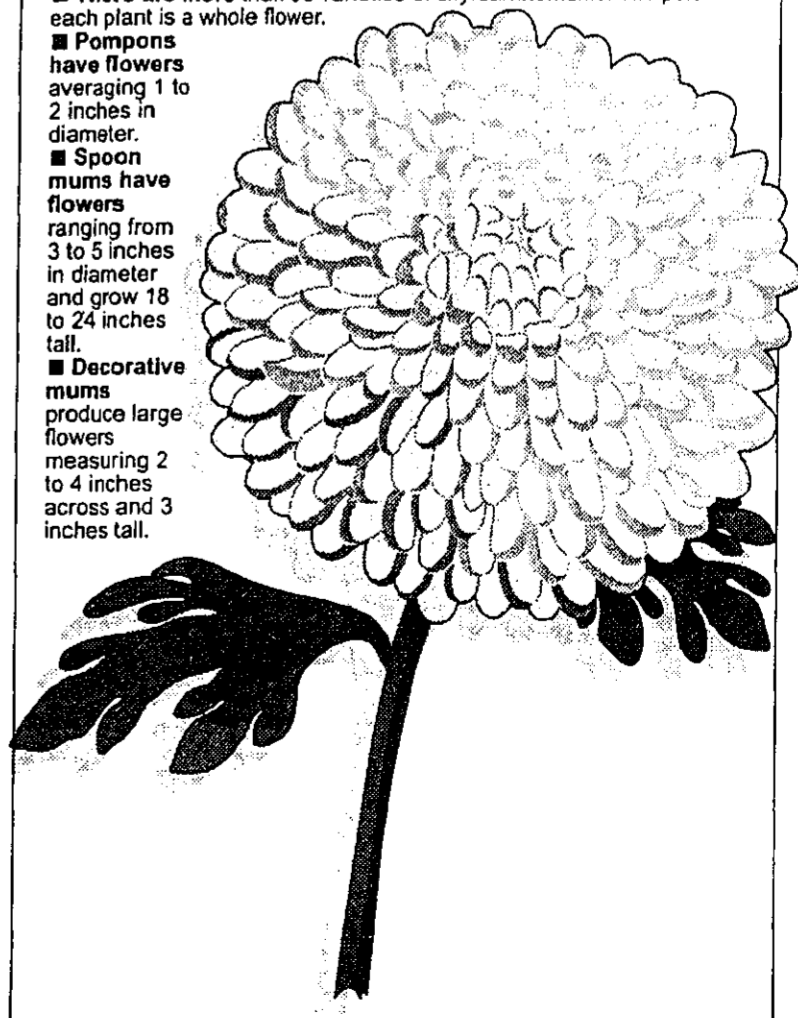
Each petal of a plant is actually a whole flower, complete with stamen, pistil and seed. Think of it, the cascading varieties grown in 7-gallon pots produce more than 1,000 blooms, producing more than 1,000 times that number of flowers!

Although there are more than a dozen types of chrysanthemums, the most popular are listed below.

• Pompons have profuse clusters and blossoms. The disk of each flower is yellow.

Chrysanthemum's the word

- There are more than 50 varieties of chrysanthemums. The petal of each plant is a whole flower.
- Pompons have flowers averaging 1 to 2 inches in diameter.
- Spoon mums have flowers ranging from 3 to 5 inches in diameter and grow 18 to 24 inches tall.
- Decorative mums produce large flowers measuring 2 to 4 inches across and 3 inches tall.



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Milford couple seek country comfort in country manor

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Angelo is an engineer and Lisa is a vehicle export coordinator. Both work for Ford Motor Co. Lisa said that once they get settled in and have more time, they hope to take advantage of riding the horses or taking lessons. "I really like horses and I like being around them," she said.

Meanwhile, Lisa and Angelo have been busy unpacking and they have taken great care to decorate their new home with distinction. Lisa's penchant for the color white is visible with her choice of white walls and carpeting which lends a more spacious and cheerful look.

"It's light and airy," Lisa said. "We didn't want anything heavy and formal."

In the kitchen, for example, unadorned windows, white ceramic flooring, and stark white walls have visual impact. Lisa selected white laminate Richwalk cabinetry against a grey Corian countertop. White-on-white appliances, such as a Sub Zero built-in refrigerator, overhead microwave, built-in dishwasher and disposal, range with a countertop grill and a white portable television contribute to the sleek style and convenience of this kitchen.

The foyer is noteworthy. Double doors with etched glass, an archway with architectural detail and an overhead polished brass and glass chandelier provide a perfect first impression to guests. The Guidos chose

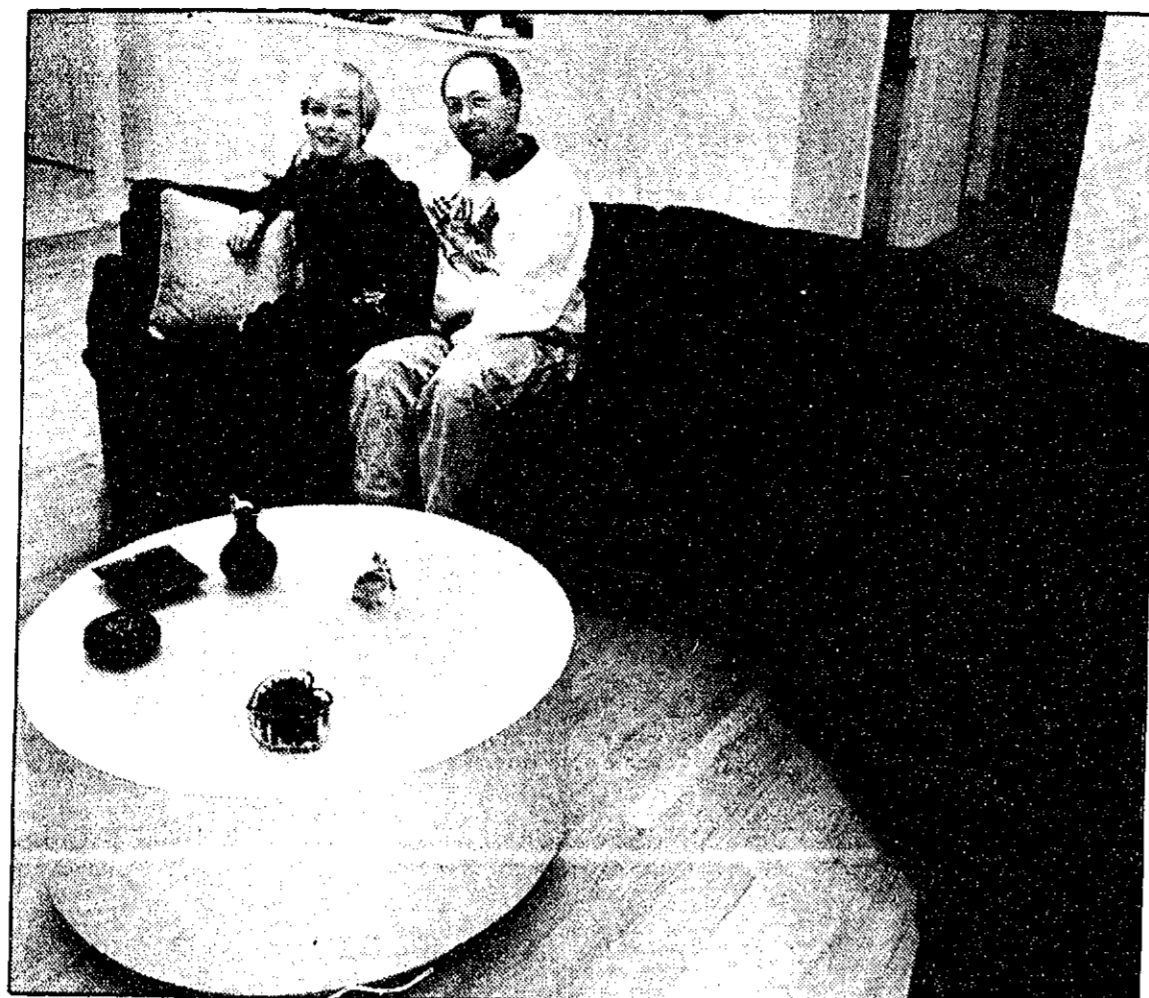
the German Villeroy and Boch custom line of ceramic tile for this inviting area.

The master bath is luxurious. It contains a Jacuzzi, lots of mirrors, and an extra-large built-in closet with sturdy shelves. "This bath is always bright and cheerful," Lisa said. Glass blocks and a skylight assist in allowing light which reflects off the white ceramic tile and white fixtures. Angelo said his favorite aspect is the shower stall with its seating bench.

Lisa and Angelo have traveled extensively around the world, and their souvenirs are incorporated into the furnishings. Wedgewood, David Winter cottages, Cathness paperweights from Scotland and more artifacts from such locales as South Africa, Australia, Spain, Italy, Hungary and France are displayed throughout the home. Angelo collects pelicans in either ceramic, glass, wood or pewter mediums, while Lisa collects teapots.

Other touches worthy of note include Lisa's expertly detailed cross-stitched canvases and the collection of framed art, particularly two paintings by Charlevoix artist Susan Boi.

This sophisticated home is beautifully designed and equally decorated with exquisite taste. By the way, Lisa now has one roomy walk-in closet, plus several other closets and storage areas, while Angelo is enjoying a 3-1/2 car garage.



The Guidos relax in the living room of their country manor.

Real estate escrows made basic and simple; landscape planning

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before signing them, and be sure you understand it all. When signed by all principals and delivered to the escrow officer, these will be the legally binding instructions the escrow officer must follow in closing the transaction.

If a real estate broker is involved in the transaction, he or she normally provides the escrow officer with the information needed for the preparation of the escrow instructions. But changes could be made before they are signed.

For example, the buyer might change his mind about how the title is to be vested (joint tenancy vs. tenants in common).

Every escrow, like every real estate transaction, is very different. There are special provisions and contingencies involved in every case. Most escrow officers are familiar with a variety of special situations, and know how to deal with them professionally.

Keep in mind your escrow officer is not a broker or attorney. Don't expect the officer to give you legal advice or tell you whether you've got a good deal. That's not their role, and most of them wisely make it a point to stay out of these subjects.

A California Escrow Association printed piece describes the basic duties of an escrow holder as follows:

Following the escrow instructions, the officer will handle the funds and documents in accordance with instructions, paying all bills as authorized, responding to requests from the principals, closing the escrow only when all terms and conditions have been met, distributing the funds and providing an accounting for same in the closing or settlement statement.

The escrow company is normally selected by agreement between the principals. An involved broker often recommends a particular firm. Ideally, it should be a company, and escrow officer, who is seasoned in the field, competent and has experience in handling the type of transaction and escrow at hand.

Escrow fees vary widely, depending on the type of property transaction and dollar volume involved. In a typical case where a home is being purchased for \$145,000 and an institutional mortgage loan is used to finance it, one firm quotes a fee of \$485.

The fee is normally split equally between the buyer and seller. At

least, that's the case in about 95 percent of escrows. In a few cases, the purchase contract calls for the buyer or seller to pay the entire escrow fee.

A typical escrow will take from four to six weeks to close. But this also varies, depending on complexities of the escrow. The escrow processing time generally ranges from two weeks to two months.

Q. Where can I obtain good, practical information on creating a landscaping plan for a home?

A. Public libraries are a good source of information. Also libraries at some local boards of Realtors offices have books on the subject. And, of course, you

can obtain localized information by contacting landscape architects or suppliers in your area.

A unique form of information on this subject will soon be available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This agency is now developing a CD-ROM (compact disc/read-only memory) product that will specifically address residential landscaping.

The CD includes 1,000 color images and an audio guide to plant names, plant descriptions and 24 landscaping designs to cover any yard size. It contains information on which plants grow best in the various climate zones, covering nearly 1,000 plants.

A preliminary version of the disc

was recently released to 200 land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension Service offices nationwide for evaluation purposes.

Home landscapers can now use the disc at these locations. A final version of the disc will be completed and ready for distribution in January.

For information, write National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses will not be given.

Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

Hang on to Howdy Doody and Hopalong Cassidy

By James G. McCollam
Copley News Service

ANTIQUES

Q. I am enclosing a picture of two plates from childhood that may be of value. The Howdy Doody plate was made by Taylor, Smith & Taylor in East Liverpool, Ohio, and the Hopalong Cassidy plate was made by the W.S. George Co. in Kittanning, Pa. I would appreciate any information you can give me.

A. As you know, these were made in the 1950s. Either one might sell in the \$35 to \$45 range.

Q. Can you provide some information about my porcelain pitcher. It is about 8 inches tall and 3-1/2 inches in diameter. It is cylindrical in shape and decorated with stylized fruit designs in cream-colored panels with dark blue borders.

A. This pitcher was made by the Ceramic Art Co. in Trenton, N.J., between 1889 and 1906, when the company was renamed the Lenox Co.

This would probably sell for about \$125 to \$135.

Since reading your column in our local newspaper, I have become aware of an item that has been in our family for a long time. It is a cookie jar. It is in the shape of a young lady; the part from her waist up forms the lid. On the bottom it says, "Hand Painted - Pottery Guild of America."

Could you please tell me if this has any value as an antique.

A. Your cookie jar was made by the Pottery Guild in New York between 1937 and 1946. It would probably sell for about \$65 to \$75 in good condition.

Q. I have some sterling-silver teapots engraved with the letters "K.G." the initials of my great-grandfather's first wife; she died in the early 1870s. The silversmith's mark is "J.H. Clark."

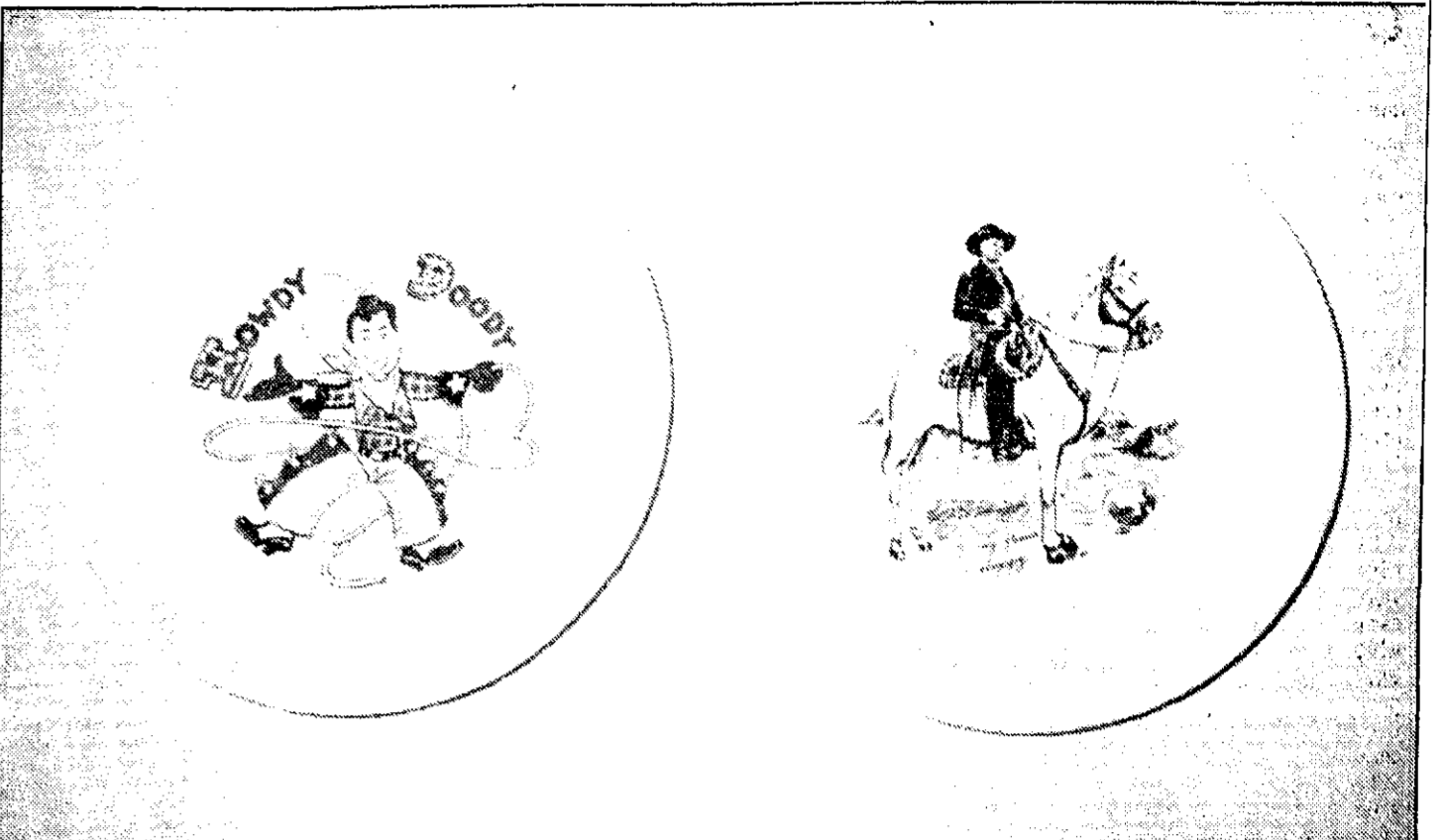
Can you tell me when and where these were made, and their value?

A. J.H. Clark is known to have worked between 1812 and 1815 in Portsmouth, N.H. These spoons might sell for about \$35 to \$45 each.

Q. I have a bowl that is 11 inches in diameter and 3-1/2 inches deep. It has lilacs in the center and around the sides. It has a satin finish and gold trim. On the bottom is a star over a wreath and "R.S.-Prussia."

Can you provide some information about this?

A. This bowl was made in Germany by the Schlegelheim brothers about 1900. It might sell for \$265 to \$285.



These plates were made in the 1950s and might sell in the range of \$35 to \$45 each.

BOOK REVIEW

"Wedgwood: A Collector's Guide by Peter Williams, (Wallace-Homestead Book Co., an imprint of the Chilton Book Co.) is a

concise history of the company founded by Josiah Wedgwood. To this is added many spectacular color pictures of some of the finest examples of Wedgwood ceramics.

This book is highly recommended to dealers, collectors and everyone with an

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

Chrysanthemums are the flower kings; gift for avid gardener

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or at least distinct from the surrounding petals. Flowers average 1 to 2 inches in diameter. Plants are compact, ranging from 15 to 24 inches tall.

• Spoon mums have spoon-shaped petals with flowers ranging from 3 to 5 inches in diameter. Plants usually grow 18 to 24 inches tall.

• Decorative mums produce larger plants with flowers measuring 3 to 4 inches across and nearly 3 feet tall.

• Single-flowered mums have daisy-like blossoms with a single row of petals surrounding a prominent center. Petals are long and slender; flowers are approximately 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

POINSETTIA POINTER

Poinsettias are relatively easy to care for. They prefer a sunny, cool spot and should be watered just before they dry out. Fertilize lightly once in January and once in February and once every two weeks thereafter.

Many people enjoy the challenge of keeping them the following year and attempt to get them to bloom once more. I don't discourage this, but I do think freshy grown plants are far superior.

Poinsettias' color is stimulated by the length of the day and most people will interrupt the dark period the plants need by inadvertently turning on a light in the evening near the plant. This changes the cycle of the plant in the early

stages.

Q. I'd like to buy a gift for an avid gardener. Are there any special tools you'd recommend?

A. These are what I consider the essential tools for indoor gardening. Put them in a basket, tie on a cheery bow and you have the perfect present.

• Hand fork for loosening soil around potted plants.

• Tweezers for pulling tiny weeds out of packets and catching pesky pests.

• Alcohol and cotton swabs for hairy-leaved plants and to control mealybugs.

• Sponge for cleaning foliage.

• Safer Agro-Chem's insecticidal soap for controlling whitefly, spider mites, aphids, mealybugs (use only on ornamental houseplants).

• Twist-Ems for tying and staking.

• Plant markers for identifying varieties.

Remember, clean and wipe your tools with an oily cloth after using. Then store in a high place away from thy hands.

C.Z. Guest is a gardening authority whose work appears in *House and Garden* and author of numerous books and videos, including *Five Seasons of Gardening* (Little, Brown and Co.)

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Sports shop finds a winning combination

By ANNE SEEBALDT GOGOLIN
Special Writer

Like many stores in slow economic times, the owners of Pro Team Sports had to re-evaluate their retail strategy.

Dean Bastionell, co-owner and manager of Pro Team Sports, said the store's August relocation and changing with the times has revitalized its business.

In addition to moving to a new location—327 N. Main St. in Milford—the store has a new selling emphasis. Previously, the store was entrenched in extensive retail stock and sales.

"The retail stuff wasn't taking us anywhere and the team (sales) weren't enough to support us," Bastionell said. In June, he and co-owners Tom and Beth Reaume considered two options: Closing the store or finding a new and less costly location. At the same time, they "decided to drop (most of) the retail and just keep the team (stuff)," he added.

The move and change of focus has paid off. Overhead dropped by 200 percent. The limited retail stock the store carries includes sports cards on consignment as well as Lions and Red Wings sports jerseys. In addition, accessory equipment such as mouth guards, hockey pucks, laces, cups, protective gear, braces and supports are available on site.

"Everything else (in the store) is samples for orders," Bastionell said.

Pro Team Sports also is a major area supplier of varsity jackets for local high school teams, including Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, and

Waterford. Bastionell noted that about one in every 20 orders is from a graduate of the local schools.

The store also supplies T-shirts and sweatshirts for class boosters and fund-raisers to the high schools, he said. In fact, these items are the most popular with the students. Varsity jackets run a close second.

Supplying school sports uniforms accounts for a large part of Pro Team Sports' business. Bastionell explained that the team orders serve as the store's "bread and butter." As a result of the increased focus on team goods, Bastionell said, he now spends about two to three days per week on the road giving presentations about the store's supplies and services. Previously, he spent only one or two days traveling on a bi-weekly basis.

That increased time has paid off. Since the move and the new focus of the business on team goods, all sales have increased, including the major clientele of schools, teams, groups, and businesses.

"I knew if we could concentrate on our bread and butter (teams), I could make it work," Bastionell said. "It's really starting to come together."

Custom designs and customer satisfaction are the store's specialty, he added. He said that he makes every effort to satisfy customers and obtain repeat business.

What makes the job easier is the recent addition of a heat-seal machine, Bastionell said. The machine "allows us to do single-item letter transfers . . . while they wait." The



Dean Bastionell (l), owner/manager of Pro Team Sports, gets a hand from employee Chris Elliott.

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procedure takes less time than either silkscreening or embroidery (although both are offered there) and re-

duces customer costs. "We take small orders and large orders," Bastionell said. "The guy that

wants just one varsity jacket, we're willing to accommodate him and customize it."

Pro Team Sports can be reached at (313) 685-7227 for questions or orders.

Money Management

Identify deductions now

If you are reluctant to spend time tracking your tax-deductible expenses, here's an incentive to get your records in order: According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, carefully tracking miscellaneous expenses can translate into substantial tax deductions when it comes time to file your tax return.

If you itemize on your tax return, you can generally deduct the portion of your miscellaneous expenses that exceeds 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. There is one important caveat for high-income taxpayers: Under a recent tax law, individuals earning over \$150,250 are subject to limitations on their itemized deductions. These high-income taxpayers must reduce their total itemized deductions, including miscellaneous expenses, by 3 percent of the amount by which their adjusted gross income exceed \$150,250.

There are basically three categories in which miscellaneous expenses fall: unreimbursed employee business expenses, investment expenses and tax-related expenses.

EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES

The tax law helps to minimize the burden of business expenses by allowing employees to deduct such un-

reimbursed costs as union or professional organization dues, subscriptions to job-related publications, and work clothes and uniforms.

You can also generally deduct 100 percent of your allowable travel and lodging expenses and 80 percent of the costs for business-related meals and entertainment. For qualified travel in your automobile, you have the option of claiming 28 cents a mile for the business use of your automobile or the actual cost of operating your car for business purposes.

Education expenses, such as tuition, books, supplies, and lab fees, are deductible, as long as the educational program is necessary to main-

tain or improve your present work skills, or is required by your employer or the law to keep your present job.

The cost of preparing and printing a resume, traveling to and from a job interview, and even long-distance phone calls made as a part of your job search can also be added to your list of qualified miscellaneous expenses.

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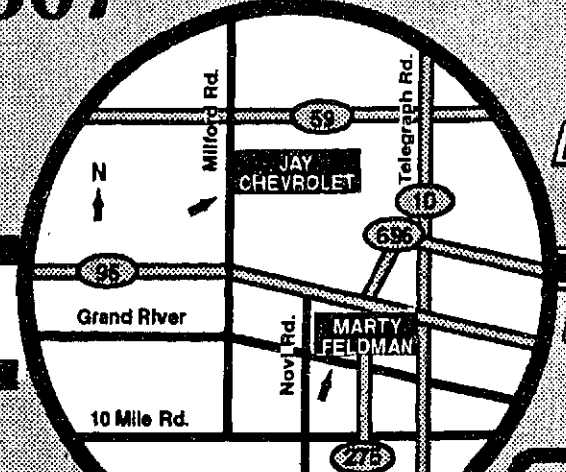
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