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Cervi names names of recall group

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Art Cervi, leader of a group seeking to recall Council Members Nancy Cassis, Carol Mason and Joseph Toth, has said all along the low-profile members were not developers.

Monday, he finally released the names of the activists, who are now working on a second set of recall petitions after the first were rejected last year by the county election commission.

They are: former city police officer Bill Charles, Victor Muscat, Roy Wilson, David and Jan Kossick, Angelo Barbera, and Norma and Manley Cox.

Muscat is a lakes area businessman. Cervi, Barbera and the Coxes live on Haggerty Road. Some residents there have been unhappy over what they termed delays in city approval of M-5.

"We're not developer-driven. We

■ Novi City Council, on Monday night, the sat through three-and-a-half hours of what members have referred to as "Engineering 101. The story is on page 6A.

never have been. People are saying something's got to change. That has been our motive all along," Cervi said.

"I'm sure this is going to shoot holes in a lot of people who thought we were a big secret society. We're just homeowners."

Cervi said the recall committee kept a low profile until now because one member did not want to spoil his chances of winning an award in

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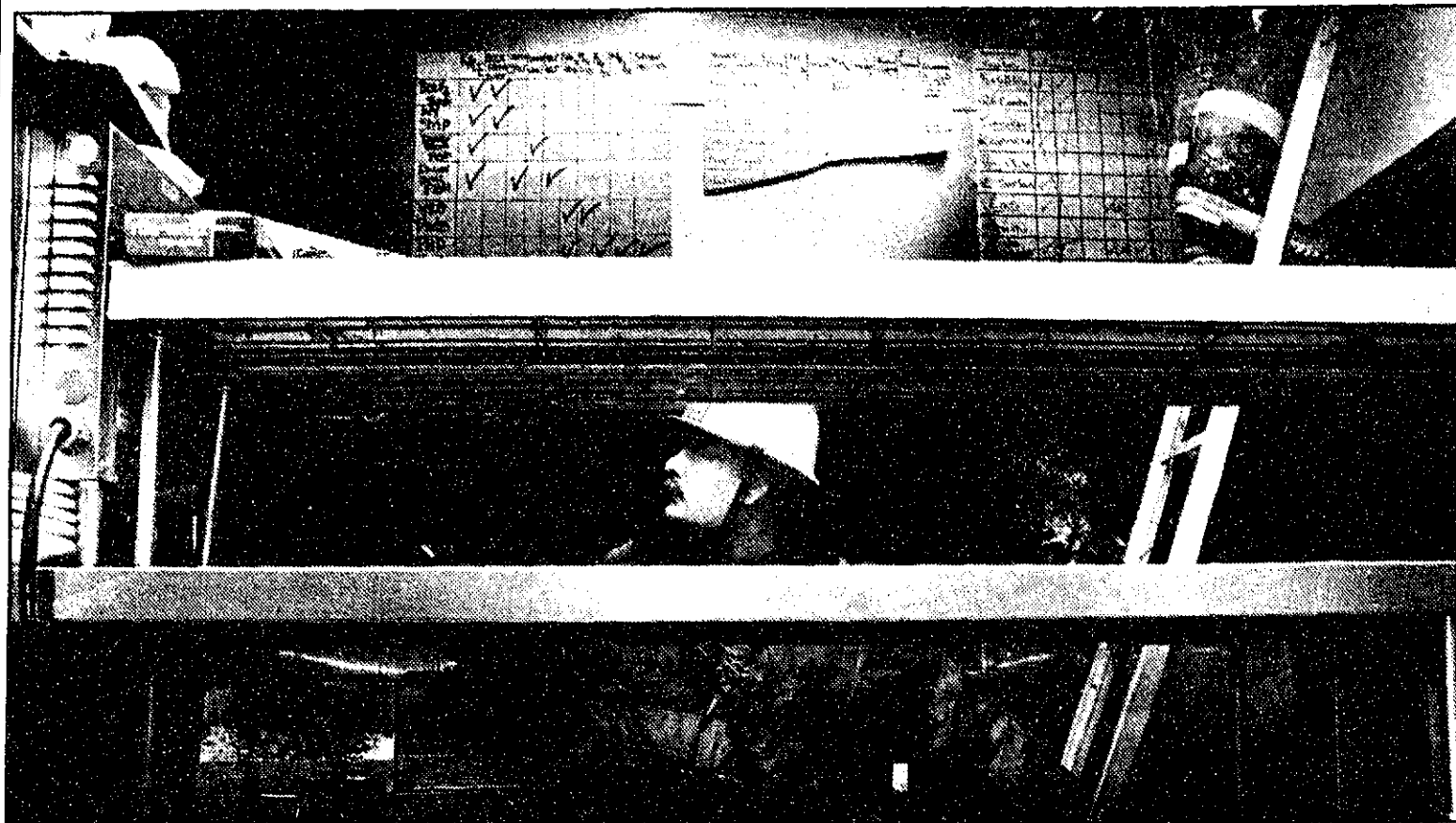


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Asst. Chief William McEwan (upper right) crawls into the ceiling in Ruby Tuesday's kitchen in an attempt to get at the fire still burning in the rafters while firefighter Jeff Chereny holds the ladder.

Goodbye Ruby Tuesday, just for now

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Ruby Tuesday, a popular Twelve Oaks Mall restaurant, remained closed this week following a Sunday evening fire.

The blaze caused no injuries, but did do thousands of dollars in damage to the eatery and surrounding businesses.

"We don't have a formal estimate of the damage," said Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan, "but I'd say a ballpark figure would easily be over \$10,000."

Three of the restaurant's employees complained to firefighters of shortness of breath, Lenaghan said, and were treated for smoke inhalation with oxygen at the scene.

Ruby Tuesday, located on the upper level of Twelve Oaks between Lord & Taylor and Sears, had just closed Sunday evening when the fire occurred.

"We got the call at 8:04 p.m.," said Lenaghan. "The restaurant people said that they had been cleaning the grill in the kitchen. They turned up

the heat to burn off the grease, and it apparently ignited the grease on the stove and on the smoke hood above it."

A dry-chemical extinguishing system located above the grill activated when the fire ignited, Lenaghan said. While it did not put out the fire, it did contain it.

"It kept it from extending further," he said, "and it prevented a lot of further damage."

The overhead water sprinklers did not activate during the fire, he said.

As a precaution, officials evacuated the entire mall, which was not a difficult task.

"There wasn't any problem," said Twelve Oaks General Manager Phillip Morosco, "because so few people were in the restaurant itself."

That was true of the entire mall. Most businesses were closed at the time of the fire. The only open establishments were some restaurants and the theater.

The blaze went from the grill to the smoke hood and up through the chimney, Lenaghan said, igniting surrounding roofing material.

"We had the fire effectively under control in

about 30 minutes," Lenaghan said. "It took about an hour to complete the job," he added, referring to snuffing out any remaining embers.

The fire damaged the kitchen of Ruby Tuesday, and some nearby businesses suffered smoke and water damage as well.

Morosco said that Franklin Quest, a store located next to the eatery, "had some smoke problems and a couple of stores underneath Ruby Tuesday had some water damage, but they all opened up (the next day)."

The restaurant itself, however, will remain closed until repairs are complete. Morosco estimated that might happen — and Ruby Tuesday reopen — as early as the end of this week.

"I assume they'll move pretty quick. The repairs could be done in a couple of days," Lenaghan said.

City building and fire officials will assess what damage occurred and issue permits for repair work to begin, he continued.

"This wasn't a major fire," said Lenaghan. "There's not a lot of structural damage, but they did sustain a fairly substantial loss."

Police to become 'good neighbors'

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

"Community-oriented policing," in which officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods on a permanent basis, is a program designed to bring citizens and police officers closer together.

A reorganization of the Novi police department aimed at instituting community-oriented policing here took effect last year, but is likely to be more apparent to residents as officers become more visi-

ble in neighborhoods and the program goes into full swing in early 1993.

The concept has already gone into effect in Novi's north end, where officers assigned to the area have developed a relationship with the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) and met several people in the area.

It kicked off with Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer introducing the officers assigned to the north

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Green flag drops for sports museum

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Big Three are going to be in Novi for the big one.

Motorsports directors of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler were recently named honorary co-chairmen of the grand opening party and benefit auction for the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America, located in the Novi Expo Center.

And it all happens this weekend.

A slew of activities will take place to celebrate the opening, including a race vehicle show, racing memorabilia auction, and the grand opening party itself on Saturday evening.

Admission is \$40 per person, and includes admission to the vehicle show and remote control car races on Saturday, Jan. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. All proceeds from the event go to support ongoing improvements and acquisitions to at the museum. To order tickets by phone using Visa or Mastercard call 349-RACE.

Michael Kraneffus, director of special vehicle operations for Ford Motor Company; David Hederich, public relations manager of GM's motorsports technology group, and Michael Kane, manager of motorsports operations for Chrysler Corporation will be front and center for it all. Hall of Fame Chairman Ben Schetwe will step aside for the evening.

"This event is important to us because it shows everyone we have a place to call home," said Ron Watson, executive director of the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America. "We've reached

"Now American motorsports, which have spectator audiences as large as football and basketball, have their own national hall of fame like those of other sports."

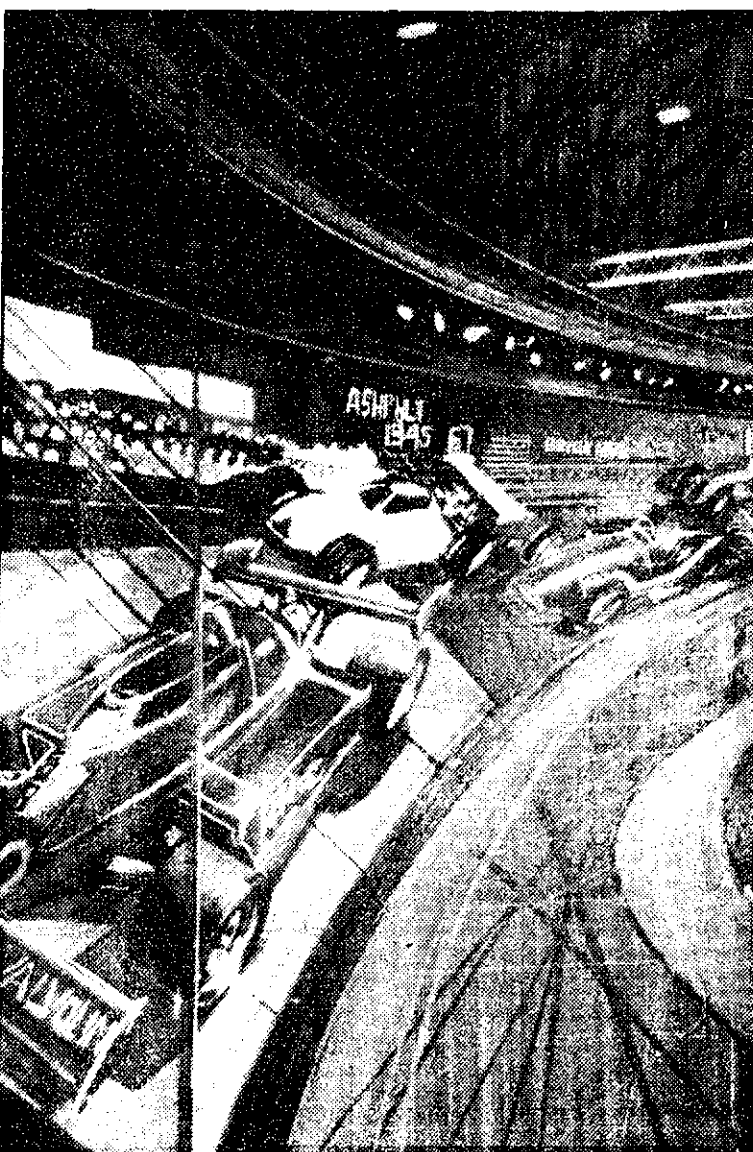
Ron Watson
Museum director

probably our biggest goal to date, which has been establishing the permanent location of the museum that we've been dreaming of and planning for four years."

The idea of a national museum/hall of fame for motorsports to be built in Novi began when the town lent its name to the legendary IndyCar of the 1940s, '50s and '60s — The Novi Special. The dream of yesterday has become today's reality, as the hall has grown into a showcase for all motorsports, automobiles of all types appearing alongside boats, airplanes and motorcycles.

Members of the Hall of Fame include such names as A.J. Foyt, Richard Petty and Big Daddy Don Garlits; boat racer Dean Chenoweth, air racing ace Jimmy Doolittle and motorcycle champion Joe Petrali are also numbered among the honorees.

The Motorsports Museum will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 9 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Jan. 10. A special race vehicle show will take place at the same



An early artist's rendition of the interior of the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame.

time.

Organizers said they expect up to 80 vehicles from various motorsports to roll in for the show. Corporate and private owners will their babies to the two-day show. Vehicles on display will include the Novi Special and other IndyCars, stock and sport cars, motorcycles, a dragster — even hydroplanes. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under.

A memorabilia auction will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Last year's auction included such items as racing helmets, driver's suits and donated books and artwork. It raised over \$22,000, with all pro-

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Park bond election's around the corner

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Jan. 12 is billed by city officials as the last chance residents will have to "rescue" vacant land in Novi before encroaching development gobbles up what could be city parks.

"I don't think the voters want to see us come before them with another issue," Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis, who is also a Novi resident, said.

"I'm going to be asking myself the same same questions: 'Can I afford the tax dollars.' I look at my kids and say 'can I afford not to?'"

The special election Tuesday asks voters to approve the sale of \$9.9 million in city bonds to add another 500 acres to the current parks inventory of 150 acres. Of that, \$8.8 million will go towards buying three tracts of land in north and west Novi, while \$1.1 million

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Community Calendar

Today, January 7

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Monday, January 11

Senior Party: The Novi High School Senior All Night Party information night will be held at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Video viewing and ticket sales available.

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 12

Living Trusts Seminar: John C. Rexford, attorney, will conduct a seminar regarding the use of living trusts as estate planning tools. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 135 of the Crystal Glen Office Center located behind the Novi Hilton Hotel. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call 348-5797 to register.

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, January 13

Youth Baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Citizens will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Thursday, January 14

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

Monday, January 18

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

Novi High School: Dismissal will be at 10:55 a.m.

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 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

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

Tuesday, January 19

Novi High School: Dismissal will be at 10:55 a.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.

Wednesday, January 20

Novi High School: Dismissal will be at 10:55 a.m.

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

Thursday, January 21

Novi High School: There will be no school today.

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

Friday, January 22

Novi High School: There will be no school today.

Monday, January 25

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 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Tuesday, January 26

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, January 27

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

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

Resident says she's drowning in development

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

"I am being flooded off my own piece of property."
Barbara Van Buren
Homeowner

You might think that living on the 30-acre wooded estate behind the imposing green iron gates on Nine Mile Road near Center Street would be a small slice of paradise on earth. But to owner Barbara Van Buren, there's a hellish twist to the story. She and her son Patrick say that since Dunbarton Pines subdivision was built next-door 15 years ago, the property has been plagued by flooding.

"I am a prisoner on this piece of property. This is the largest single piece of residential property left in Novi. I am the highest taxpayer and they just ignore me," Van Buren said. "We would like our property back the way it was or they can buy it from us."

Van Buren, who would like to move to Florida, said she has had offers as high as \$2.1 million from developers, but they back out from the deal when they learn about the water problems.

Rains early this week left Thornton and Miller Creeks, which cut across the Van Buren land, surging over their banks.

Patrick Van Buren said that as a child he used to hop over Miller Creek. Monday, he probably would have qualified for the Olympics if he could have pulled off that feat.

The Van Burens were not the only ones to experience water problems this week. The National Weather Service reported that 1.59 inches of rain fell on the metro area Monday. The weather services posted flash flood warnings throughout the day.

But in December 1978, *The Novi News* reported that William Van Buren, Barbara Van Buren's ex-husband, protested to the Novi City Council that a 27-inch culvert leading from the not-yet-built Dunbarton Pines subdivision drained across his property.

At the time, Van Buren said his land was eroding and the foliage was dying from the water.



Barbara Van Buren looks at flooded Miller Creek.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The family bought the estate, Brookland Farm, from an automotive company vice president in 1968. Barbara Van Buren said they never had flooding until the area around the acreage began to be developed.

Family pictures show a placid stream with a fountain and dam. Van Buren says before Dunbarton Pines went in, the creeks often dried out.

Two years ago, the family presented a damage claim of \$307,000 to the city. This included a calculation from JCK & Associates, Novi's consulting engineers, and the city assessor that the property diminished in value by \$152,000 due to an increase in the flood plain.

At that time, it was found that residents of Dunbarton Pines had boarded up a culvert in the subdivision's stormwater retention basin there which caused the overflow onto the Van Buren property, Joseph Kapelczak, president of JCK & Associates, said Monday.

The city's insurance firm, Risk Management, agreed to a payment of \$20,000 on the \$307,000 claim — provided the Van Burens signed a waiver saying they would make no further legal claims upon the city.

The family refused to do that. "We would be the people liable for lawsuits if we did sell in the future," Barbara Van Buren explained.

"I feel so hopeless and so cheated," Joseph Kapelczak, president of JCK & Associates, says that a study done by his firm and a second engineering company hired by Risk Management, show that the Van Buren land is on a flood plain and that the developments nearby have not increased the water levels.

Novi's 1983 stormwater master plan shows the homestead as an area which has flooding problems, as does the adjacent subdivision, Brookland Farms in Novi Township.

"They (the Van Burens) have been complaining about the flooding for ten to twelve years. Dunbarton Pines did plug up that basin. That did contribute to the damage," Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

"None of the evidence supported that claim. We denied that claim. We did make a token offer to settle it," Klaver said he doesn't know if a resolution to the pending claim is in sight.

"We would have to evaluate that," he added. "We asked JCK to look at it based on recent flooding. The report isn't done yet."

The family has a 1990 letter from the city offering to place mesh on the

stream beds, clean out the silt and debris brought in by the floodwaters, repair fencing and clear out some dead trees. That never happened, Patrick Van Buren said.

Because of the fight his family has waged, the college student says he is planning to change his major from accounting to environmental resource management.

"They should slow down and take care of some of their problems as a result of this development," he said. "I can't just talk about it. I have to do something."

Barbara Van Buren has discussed her case with an attorney but hasn't sued the city yet. She says she would

rather not incur the expense of hiring an environmental attorney for \$250 an hour.

"They (city officials) told me I had to wait to complain until the next detention pond is built. I told them I would be dead by then," she said. "I am being flooded off my own piece of property."

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Christmas handcuffs lead to arrest

Novi police arrested a man in the Old Dutch Farms mobile home park on Christmas after he reportedly knocked his girlfriend down, then pounded her head on the floor several times.

The woman told police that she and her boyfriend had had several drinks when she decided to give him his Christmas present — a set of handcuffs. He apparently didn't like the gift and became angry, then the pair got into a verbal argument.

She said he suddenly attacked her and knocked her down, then pounded her head on the floor several times. She was transported to Providence Park Medical Center where she was treated and released.

Police reportedly tried to talk to the boyfriend, but he was "highly intoxicated." A computer Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) check showed an outstanding arrest warrant for disorderly conduct in East Lansing, so the man was arrested. He later posted bond and was released.

CHILD NEGLECT: A resident on Waldon in the Waterview Farms apartment complex reported Dec. 23 that two small children were running through the apartment building hallway, naked and wet.

In addition, she said, the children's mother was not home. When police arrived at the apartment, they reported that the mother was home and both of the children were inside, running around the apartment.

The woman told police she left her children alone "for a few minutes" while they were in the bathtub. She further said she was sending the children to stay with her mother in Aalsbama for "at least six months."

LARCENY BY TRICK: An employee at the Mobil gas station reported Dec. 23 that a customer tricked her out of \$10 from the cash register.

She said she was positive that she gave the suspect \$18 change, which was the correct amount. The suspect started to walk away, then turned around and showed \$8, insisting that was all she gave him.

The suspect reportedly became violent and yelled at the employee, shouting "You're gonna give me my money." The employee reportedly gave him \$10 because she was frightened of the suspect.

An assistant manager at the gas station also told police he heard the suspect yelling at the employee. After he left, he counted out the cash register and found it to be \$10 short.

The suspect was last seen leaving in a tan Oldsmobile Cutlass.

AUTO THEFT: Novi officers patrolling Twelve Oaks Mall Dec. 24 discovered a 1983 Chevrolet Cavalier left running in a handicapped space.

In the back seat were several garbage bags filled with clothing that still had tags and appeared to be stolen.

A check of the car on the computer LEIN turned up clear at 3:30 p.m. Officers watched the car for several hours waiting for someone to return, but no suspects appeared.

When the mall closed and no one appeared to claim the car, officers decided to have the car towed. A second LEIN check at that time listed the car as stolen out of Detroit. The car was reported stolen at 4:50 p.m.

The car was impounded and towed to the police station, where officers confiscated and inventoried the clothing.

THREATS: A resident on Brandon Drive in the Country Cousins mobile home park reported Dec. 27 that she was receiving threatening phone calls from someone who claimed to have a gun and know where she lives.

As police were taking a statement from the resident, they reported that a red Ford EXP occupied by two white males drove past the home several times.

Police stopped them and they said they were looking for a friend who lived in the trailer park, but they were not sure exactly where she lived. They told police the friend's name and they double-checked the story. They found the friend who said she did know them, but not very well.

They asked the woman who was receiving the calls if she knew these men, and she said she did not know them, but was positive that one of the men had the same voice as the person on the phone.

The two men, however, remained adamant that they had not called the woman.

EMBEZZLEMENT: A former Service Merchandise employee faces possible embezzlement charges after she was caught on video taking money from a cash register.

Store management told police they were having problems with cash shortages in the store, so they set up the cameras. The suspect had been hired at the store less than a month before the incident.

LARCENY: A resident on Wimbledon Way reported Dec. 29 that someone broke into his 1981 GMC Caballero pickup truck, which was parked in front of his home in the Woods of Novi subdivision.

Police said the unknown suspects broke out the side window of the vehicle and stole a pair of brown leather gloves, two flashlights, two cassette

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tapes, a collection of assorted compact disks, a set of jumper cables and a pair of stereo speakers.

The owner said he parked his truck at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 and discovered the damage the following morning at 10 a.m.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A resident on Villageood Road reported Dec. 21 that someone stole the \$50 hood ornament from the hood of her 1986 Pontiac Parisienne.

In addition, she said, the trunk lid lock cover, also valued at \$50, was missing.

She told police she parked and locked her car in the south parking

lot of her Lakewood Condominiums home. The car was in the handicapped spot.

LARCENY: A resident on Sarah Flynn in the Strmons Orchard subdivision reported Dec. 23 that someone stole her \$1,000 diamond tennis bracelet from the top of her dresser last June. In addition, she said, a \$100 Hudson's gift certificate was stolen from her dresser in November.

The woman said she suspected her cleaning service. She told police she didn't report the incidents earlier because she didn't want her husband to find out about them.

Novi Briefs

One sick puppy: Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall is in the hospital with a severe case of bronchitis, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said Monday.

Kriewall was rushed last week to the emergency room last week and was placed on oxygen.

"He is, technically speaking, one very sick puppy," Klaver said.

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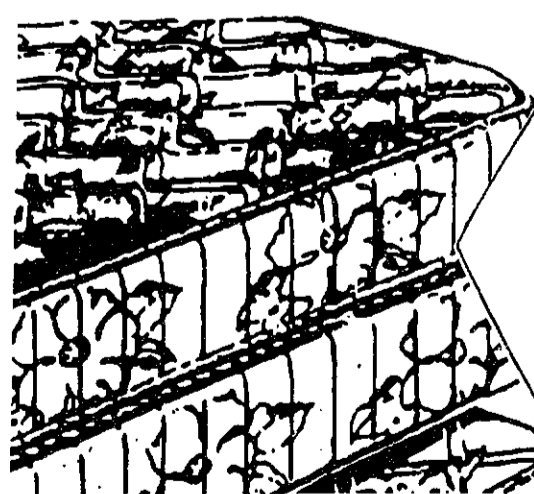
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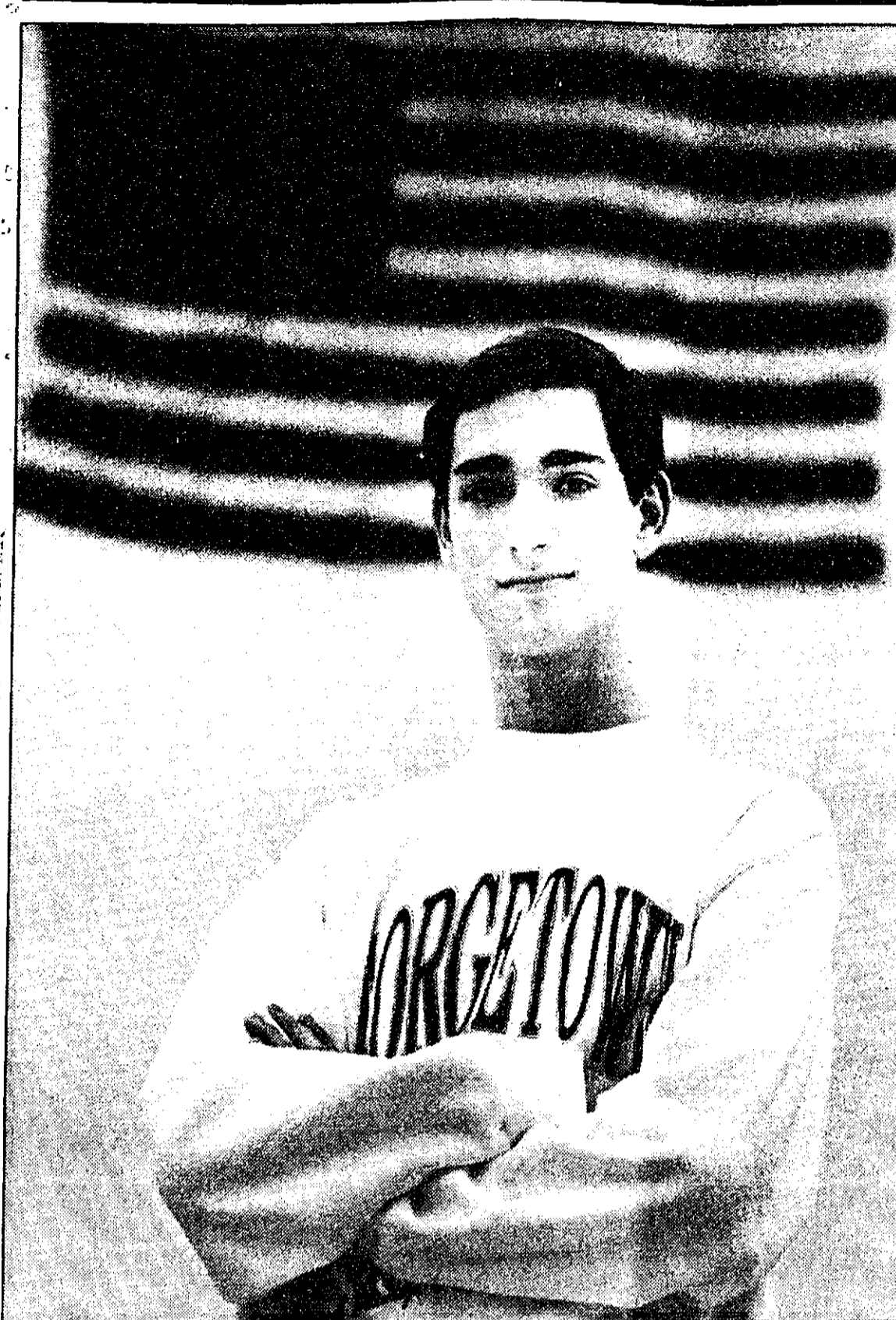


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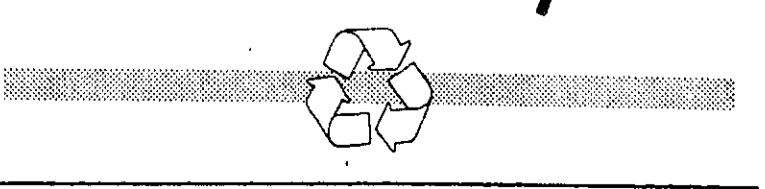
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Council takes engineering class

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

On Monday night, the Novi City Council sat through three-and-a-half hours of what members have referred to as "Engineering 101."

Complete with flow charts, the "refresher course" with consulting engineers JCK & Associates was set up in the wake of the so-called "Watermaingate" controversy to make sure council members are familiar with the processes the firm follows in serving the city.

A closer look will be taken at policy issues when the council's consultant review committee meets this month, said Council Member Nancy Cassis, who sits on that committee.

The new year could herald a turning point in the way the city does business," she predicts.

"We will be looking at introducing competition into the process and at our engineering fee structure," Cassis said.

She added that the council is still awaiting a report on how the Novi Road special assessment district (SAD) will operate. Users of the water main will pay the city back through the SAD.

Several council members have asked if the developers of Mystic Forest subdivision could be assessed additionally for the \$54,000 benefit they are said to have received from the reroute.

"Watermaingate," Cassis's nickname for a controversial rerouting of a Novi Road water main, last fall resulted in JCK paying Novi \$26,000 to make up for the money the city was estimated to have lost when the water line was re-directed into Mystic Forest subdivision.

Both Cassis and Council Member Joseph Toth agreed that the Monday session was helpful.

"I think it was a good exercise. I don't think the problem lies in that area. The problem lies in the area of administrative policy. That's something we need to focus on," Toth said.

"There are still some things that bother me. When you're approving multi-million dollar contracts, I get concerned if they're not as tight as they should be."

Cassis said the session helped the council "look at where the breakdown had occurred."

She questioned the ethical decision made by JCK engineers to re-route the main without informing the council first. She noticed the changed water main path while driving down Novi Road last spring.

"This is a matter of ethics, ethical behavior on the part of consultants representing the public interests. Ethics have to be brought forward. That's something we've all learned," she told the JCK staff.

"I think we all learned it," JCK president Joe Kapelczak responded. The contract for the Novi Road water main was originally bid as a straight shot, then the consultants issued an addendum showing the reroute. JCK Director of Field Services Keith Utunen, who didn't work for the firm at the time, said that ad-

denda are usually made to correct small errors such as typos in a bid package.

"Generally, they are a minor change. Very seldom are they like the Novi Road water main. That doesn't happen very often," Utunen said.

Kapelczak said the procedures presented by the engineers showed how the firm did business with the city for 15 years. After investigating "Watermaingate," City Attorney David Fried found that the problem was not impropriety but lack of policy.

The reroute was okayed by the late JCK vice president Ed Jacobs.

Kapelczak said the engineers and city administrators are working out new policies which will be discussed at the consultant review committee.

"So council can place themselves into the diagram at a critical point."

Toth said he'd like to stop all but minor amendments to the city bid packets. He also said he's looking forward to the consultant review committee, "which he's not on—to 're-ally hammer hard' on the area of policy and procedure."

"I think the basic problem is the city screwing up on a lot of things that are done the way they were when the city was smaller," he said.

Along with Cassis, Council Members Tim Pope and Robert Schmid are on the consultant review committee.

"Policy can't substitute for ethics and good judgment in informing the city," Cassis said.

It was definitely an ethical problem to withhold information from council," Cassis said.

"The consulting engineers veered off their course. We will be looking at policy and a very clear definition of what the expectations will be."

Another area of concern raised by Cassis and Council Member Tim Pope is when projects are planned and bid before most necessary easements are in the city's hands.

"The right-of-way needs to be in place earlier. We've left easements open-ended—we'll get them some-thing—it's a definite problem area," Cassis said.

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Northville board will field phone questions

By MICHELLE KAISER
Staff Writer

Starting Monday, Northville School District residents can reach out and touch their elected school board officials.

A complete schedule will be available next week, however, these are the dates board members will be taking phone calls:

- Jan. 11
- Feb. 8
- March 8
- April 19
- May 10
- June 14

Phones will be answered from 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. Residents can get in touch with board members by calling the Northville Public Schools central office at 349-3400.

Also on tap for Monday night's meeting will include the recognition of board members in observance of School Board Member Recognition Month. The Northville Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to present the board with a plaque for its service. Teachers are expected to honor the board with a presentation at the Jan. 25 board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Silver Springs Elementary, 19801 Silver Spring Drive.

School Board Member Recognition Month, which is designed to build awareness and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of boards of education, is observed each January.

Westbrooke may get a new look

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The developer of a long-awaited business complex got what he wanted at the Novi Planning Commission's last meeting of 1992.

Joseph Gerak, the force behind Westbrooke Place, received encouragement from commissioners to submit his new site plan for the office and commercial complex. Gerak has a new vision for facility, located at the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, which he said was born of economic necessity.

What he wanted to know was if the plan had enough support among commissioners for him to submit a formal site plan. There was, but Gerak hasn't presented it as of yet.

The commission approved in October of 1988 a preliminary site plan for the complex, which lies in an office-service-commercial (OSC) zone.

"At that time," said City Staff Planner Michael Caspo, "the plan called for primarily offices (to be built), a hotel and some retail facilities in the long run."

The market for that type of development, however, is much weaker than in 1988, Gerak said.

"Between then and now," he told commissioners at the body's Dec. 16 meeting, "there's been a major change in the character of the market. The office market is now virtually non-existent."

The developer has received yearly extensions of the site plan approval while he waited for the situation to improve. Since that hasn't happened, Gerak has decided to change the Westbrooke design, chiefly by incorporating a large retail outlet.

"We have in mind a sort of warehouse store," Gerak said. "It will sell everything under the sun."

The retail store will offer a large selection of diverse merchandise, he said.

The first phase will consist of an office building, restaurant and bank. The second phase will have two office buildings, connected with the old Novi courthouse. More office buildings will make up the third phase.

"If you endorse the plan," Gerak told commissioners, "we will present the detailed first-phase site plan. With your approval, construction will begin immediately (afterwards)."

Commissioners asked Gerak questions on several facets of the new plan, including how the warehouse would affect western Novi. Some on the panel expressed concern that the size of the facility meant a regional shopping center, not one to serve the needs of residents in the immediate area.

In the end, commissioners encouraged the developer to submit a formal site plan, and decided to reserve their questions until that time. Gerak has not done so as of this week, Caspo said.

Edison tree limb trimming continues

Detroit Edison's line clearance program, which trimmed 800,000 trees in 1992, will return to Novi in January during the third year of an accelerated program to improve electric service.

The program is part of the company's \$236 million reliability improvement plan to reduce the number of power line outages and storm damage restoration time.

Line clearance is aimed at maintaining a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and wires. A study of areas where line clearance work has been completed indicates a 33 percent reduction in outages.

Accelerated tree trimming and other improvement projects system-wide have reduced the number of outages more than 40 percent in the last 12 months and the length of outages 64 percent.

"There is definitely a correlation between tree trimming and our ability to provide safe, reliable electric service," said Robert J. Buckler, senior vice president, Energy Marketing and Distribution.

"The efforts of the past year have already begun to pay off for our customers in the form of fewer and shorter outages."

Detroit Edison will spend \$101 million through 1993 on line clearance to prevent trees from growing into electrical wires, which is a major source of outages, especially during wind and ice storms.

All work is performed by professional line-clearance crews. Trees are trimmed according to National Arborist Association standards, which are designed to protect the trees and keep them healthy.

The utility's reliability improvement program also includes adding lightning protection and new circuits, and replacing worn or damaged equipment. A new customer communication center and toll-free telephone number was started earlier this year.

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Recall backers are going public

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the city's annual Christmas yard-decorating contest.

Also a member of the group is former city council member Martha Hoyt, who has shared the limelight with Cervi. In addition, Cervi said for former city council member Edward Leininger is working on the recall.

While Leininger denied membership in the campaign Monday, his comments about the council were not particularly flattering.

To Toth, Mason and Cassis, the names of most of the recall committee members didn't ring any bells.

"The majority of these individuals I don't recall having any contact with. What their pet peeves are, I don't have any idea," Wilson said.

"There's taken a lot of time to come out. It doesn't sound like a group that is being heavily active in the city," Cassis said she thought the recall movement "had died a natural death."

"If they are going through the minutes, that seems to be a form of political stalking and political harassment. . . . This is not good for the City of Novi. There is no outpouring of dissatisfaction with the three council

members," she said Tuesday.

"Not one of these individuals has ever called me or written me a letter or tried to contact me. If somebody's unhappy with me, I hope they would make that known."

"They don't have anything and they know it."

Wilson said he became involved in the recall after watching City Council meetings on cable television. He called stands taken in summer 1992 by the three council members on the Haggerty Connector issue "very childish."

"I'm not very happy with the actions of Mr. Toth, Nancy Cassis and Carol Mason. . . . During the issue of the Haggerty Connector—I don't always agree with the mayor—the mayor took the bull by the horns and got the job done," Wilson said.

"The other day, when Nancy Cassis and Joseph Toth attempted to fill the Planning Commission without interviewing, it's trying things like that. I don't see that as being good for Novi. When you don't open up the interview process and attempt to keep it closed, you're not doing your job."

Wilson objected to speculation made earlier by the council members that the recall group members might

be linked to development interests.

"I'm not a big-time developer. I'm just a regular citizen. We're not a secret society. I really got a kick out of that," he added.

Leininger said he'd consider signing the new petitions. If they are approved by the county.

"I'm not one of the secret people in the background. I'm embarrassed about my city council. I'm not necessarily going to support it (the recall) for everybody. Some people have less credentials than others. I'm embarrassed to think there even has to be a recall. That doesn't bode well for the city," Leininger said.

"As far as I know, we're back to ground zero in getting the language approved."

"When I watch the television, I get nauseated sometimes. When I watch how they carry on the discussion, the tenor of it gets very abrasive sometimes. It's not like people are speaking to each other. People are making points."

Muscata said he enlisted with the recall committee because he thinks Novi needs a new city council.

"I think they're too self-centered," he said.

While Muscata accused the council

members of "sort of picking on" him in a run-in with them last year over a fence on Iva Street near his property, the key issue prompting his involvement in the group was the Haggerty Connector.

"I disagreed with them 100 percent over that. We desperately need it with the traffic we have in the north end," Muscata said.

Mason also said that she was not acquainted with most of the recall group members. She expressed disappointment that Charles, as a former city employee who returned due to an on-the-job disability, was part of the group.

"That's the way life is. They've never come up with a real reason except for personality. I expected to see more names I knew," Mason added.

"All I say is get a life. You can take that same energy and do something positive for the city."

The recall group plans to meet again this week to work on the new petitions.

"We're very careful, after learning our lesson at the county the first time. Now we're going over the minutes and we will be specific," Cervi said.

Education Notes

Music instruction: Schoolcraft College is offering professional level music instruction in voice, piano, classical guitar, and violin for high school and college students. Professional teaching and peer involvement is offered in a private setting. All classes begin Jan. 9. Register now. Call the Music Department at 462-4400, ext. 5225 for further details. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Tracing roots: Interested in tracing your "roots"? Madonna University will offer this winter a series of lessons on collecting and finding information about family history. Genealogy, offered on Wednesdays, Jan. 20 through March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m., covers entry of information in forms, how to organize the collection of information, sources available in the area, writing for information as well as visits to two area genealogical collections. The cost is \$40 per person, and participants may earn two continuing education units. For more details, or to register by phone with credit card, call 591-5188. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Writing for publication: Madonna University, Livonia, will hold a course on "Writing for Publication" as part of its continuing education offerings for the winter term. Participants will learn to write more effectively for pay or for pleasure with strategic conductive to both fiction and non-fiction writing. Topics include: characterization; setting; dialogue; character tags; setting mood, tone and viewpoint; and how to effectively use life experiences, observations and imagination in writing. The cost is \$50 per person and participants may earn 1.2 continuing education units. Held on Mondays, from 7 to 9 p.m., January 18 through Feb. 22, the

Novi police want to be part of community

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and during a LARA meeting.

"When I introduced the officers, the residents applauded them. Shaeffer said, 'I was expecting a warm reception, but not the applause. It really surprised the officers. But that close warm relationship is very desirable.'

The LARA meeting was followed by a similar meeting with several business owners and other people involved in the city's biggest shopping area — the area encompassing Twelve Oaks Mall, Novy Town Center and the West Oaks shopping centers. Another meeting has taken place with several residents in the Willowbrook subdivision who were concerned about vandalism in their neighborhood.

But the majority of meetings have yet to be scheduled. Novi Police Captain Al Rasmussen said they should be in place by the end of January. The plan is for each homeowner's association to meet with the officers who are assigned to their part of town.

"The meetings give us the opportunity to share with them the police philosophy, that we are here to serve them," Shaeffer said. "And our whole philosophy is to work with the community to solve problems — not to keep responding to the same calls for service over and over, but to look at the requests for police services, determine what is leading to those calls, and bring what is causing the problem."

"Part of the reasons POLICING became more distanced from the people is that we wanted to be so efficient. (But) as we became more efficient, the people in the community would never see a police officer unless they called one. We were behind those shields, those steel doors."

Doug Shaeffer
Novi Police Chief

And doing that, he said, requires a close relationship with the community.

"Most recurring problems in a community can be fixed by changing the source of the problem. For example, it may require an environmental change, such as more lighting; or it may require some targeted enforcement efforts; or it may require educating people in the area about preventing crimes.

"Sometimes prevention involves a very strong educational effort, or planning, or an effort on the part of the people. Sometimes it requires something on the part of the police. And it requires analysis, to determine what is or isn't working.

"Or it could be any combination of such things," he added. "You have to have a triangle for a crime to occur. You have to have a suitable target, a sufficiently unguarded target, and a

person predisposed to commit a crime. If you can change any one of those three elements, the crime is not going to occur."

"Most solutions are not easy," he added. "But usually the solutions are worth the effort."

Shaeffer said that, for years, police have focused on the third part of the triangle — arresting the perpetrator of the crime. But an aspect of community-oriented policing — which is a national concept — is to look in ways to remove the other two ingredients of crime.

In the Willowbrook subdivision, officers have targeted vandalism problems by talking to residents about ways to be more alert. In addition,

they distributed a form so people could easily report any act of vandalism so police can keep track of all incidents.

The department is also at work putting together an informational packet for residents who may decide they wish to fight some type of public nuisance by bringing about a civil action.

Early last year, Shaeffer said, there was a problem with a property owner who allowed large parties to take place on his empty lot. Although officers could repeatedly go to the scene and ask the partygoers to quiet down, they could not make them leave the property.

In that case, officers worked with the local homeowners to keep records of the parties so that, if necessary, residents could start a lawsuit.

"The problem, he said, was solved before any court action became necessary. But that incident is another example of how police can help residents in ways other than making repeated calls to the same problem area.

Residents in Novi's north end seem happy with the system so far.

"We were the first area in the city to experience the positive benefits of community policing," said LARA president Harry Avagian. "Since June our area patrolmen have at-

tended our LARA meetings and made valuable contributions to the dialogue in the meetings. And the officers have been very proactive" in working to stop crimes before they occur.

Shaeffer said LARA's cooperation has been a big part of making community-oriented policing work in that area.

"LARA is very active in trying to gather as much service as they can for their area," Shaeffer said. "And they are very active in setting their own destiny. That is what community-oriented policing is about. We want to make the communities safer, and good places to live."

Avagian said officers assigned to the north end are also having a positive effect on area children.

"The young kids are getting to know their local cops," he said. "I've had kids come up to me and say 'I've had police officer throw the football with me.'"

"And the officers seem to have developed an identity with our people and our problems," Avagian added. "That is most reassuring to me when we are discussing the area. They really seem to care about what's going on here. One officer said to me, 'I can't make this month's LARA meeting, but I can call you and find out what I missed.' I think that's kind of neat."

Shaeffer said he's heard similar comments from north end residents. "I've had people from the north end

tell me that they have conversations with the officers, that they come in and have coffee," Shaeffer said.

"One of the officers was heard saying 'I am the chief of Police for the north end, and if there are any problems here, you come to me. That's how I want the officers to feel. I want them to be very possessive about the areas they patrol — that it's my area, my residences, my businesses. And I want the people to think of the officer as 'my officer.'"

Avagian said he's proud of the officers in his area.

"They are sensing the needs of our people, and we've all had positive responses."

Really, none of this is new. It's the same concept as the cop who walked a beat back in the 1940s.

"Part of the reasons policing became more distanced from the people is that we wanted to be so efficient," Shaeffer said.

"We got our radios, then our computers, and our super lights and sirens. We became very, very efficient at what we did. But the big question is: Were we more effective? Because as we became more efficient, the people in the community would never see a police officer unless they called one. We were behind those shields, those steel doors."

"We still have a strong obligation to be efficient. But what we want now is to be both efficient and create that contact with the people again."

Motor Hall revs up for its grand opening

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needs benefiting the Hall. Event organizers said that this year's auction might surpass that mark.

Among the goodies on the block are a cowboy hat of Richard Petty's, autographed race wear and equipment, paintings, photographs and high-performance driving classes taught by local auto guru Robert Bondurant and Skip Barber.

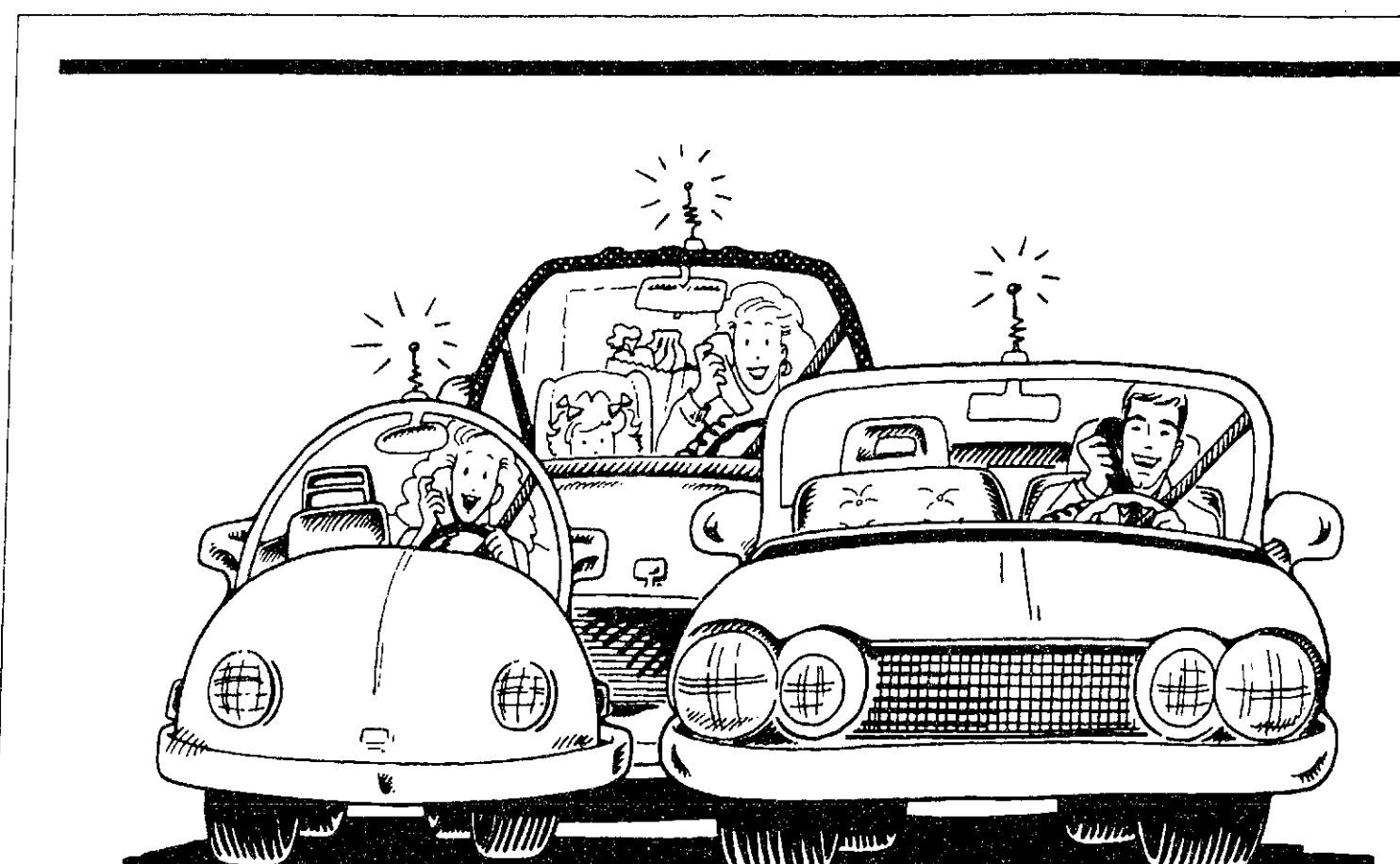
The party will include hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and a cash bar. Several racing celebrities and drivers are expected to attend.

A special feature of the evening will be the announcement of the 10 inductees for 1993 into the Hall of Fame.

A lot of companies and people have given of their time and talents to make the hall a reality.

Ford recently gave a \$25,000 grant to the Hall's construction program. Novi businesses who have donated their products or services include Guardian Industries, Harmon Glass and JCK & Associates. Others included Donald Fee, of Exhibit Works in Livonia, Robert Bedzyk of Bedzyk Brothers in Livonia, and Dunn Electric's (located in Ann Arbor) Joseph Schoenheit. PPG Automotive Finishes of Pittsburgh also participated.

"I really think we're the only racing museum and hall of fame that takes the broad-based approach," said Watson. "Now American motorsports, which have spectator audiences as large as football and basketball, have their own national hall of fame like those of other sports."



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April 26th
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May 10th
June 7th
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July 26th
August 2nd
August 16th
September 20th
September 27th
October 4th
October 18th
November 8th
November 22nd
December 13th
December 20th

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NOVI: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Special Election to be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 12th day of January, 1993, from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m., there will be submitted to vote of the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

RECREATIONAL LAND ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENTS BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Nine Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring lands in the City and constructing and equipping necessary improvements and related appurtenances on said land for recreational purposes for the use of the City?

The above bonds will be payable in not to exceed thirty annual installments with interest thereon at a rate of not to exceed 10% per annum or such higher rate as may be authorized by law. The above bonds may be issued in one or more series as may be determined by the City Council.

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SAID GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY, AND THE CITY IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO LEVY SUFFICIENT AD VALOREM TAXES, IF NECESSARY, FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT.

All qualified and registered electors may vote on the above bonding proposition. The places of voting will be as follows:

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Precinct 6 — Fire Station 1, 42918 Grand River
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Precinct 8 — Chateau Estates Clubhouse, 42000 Carousal Dr.
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Precinct 10 — Fire Station 3, 42785 Nine Mile Rd.
Precinct 11 — Novi Middle School South, 28259 Tall Rd.
Precinct 12 — Holy Family Catholic Church, 24025 Meadowbrook Rd.
Precinct 13 — Holy Woods Elementary, 30655 Decker Rd.
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Sport parents strap on their armor to battle for park bond

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Parents of children in city sports programs are stepping up to the bat for the \$9.9 million park bond proposal.

Novi Youth Baseball alone has donated \$1,000 and volunteer time to promote the issue, which will come before voters in a Jan. 12 special election, spokesman John Goodman said.

While the 500 children, mostly boys, in that private program will lose their playing fields to development at the end of this season, they're not the only young athletes who may be squeezed out if the city doesn't purchase more park land.

Marilyn Hart, a Parks and Recreation Department soccer coach, also hopes the proposed land acquisition is headed for the net.

"We need more land. For one reason, we'll be totally out of soccer fields," she said.

"Parks and recreation only has one field. All the rest are school fields and the school has priority."

The city has 783 boys and girls aged five to 15-years-old in the soccer program, a 20 percent increase over 1991. Three of them are Hart's teen-aged sons.

"They like the camaraderie. My boys like team sports more than individualized sports. It's good for them healthwise. It's a good source of recreation for them," the soccer mom said.

"They like the sportmanship that is promoted by parks and recreation." Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis says that over the last five years, the soccer program has grown from 300 children to over 700. He anticipates at least a 15 percent expansion rate for the city's sports programs, with the biggest growth in the city's youth population expected to be in the kindergarten to third grade age group.

"We track what the school is providing and their numbers as far as the grades, so we know what groups of children are moving up," Davis said.

Department statistics show that the city's youth softball program has zoomed from 748 kids in 1990 to 976 this fall, a 23 percent hike.

The city only owns four ball fields at Power Park, but uses fields owned by Novi Community Schools. But as the school district develops, these fields are used, Davis said that the city lost the use of three ball fields and two soccer fields when Parkview Elementary was built.

The city parks department works closely with the school district to avoid duplicating programs, Davis added.

Mayor Matthew Quinn in December announced that if the bond issue does not pass, the city would still use \$745,000 to purchase 105 acres at the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Napier Roads to use for playing fields. But Davis says Novi simply won't have the money to develop this site and would be "land rich" but "recreation poor."

If the city doesn't have voter approval to buy more park land, Hart predicts the impact on youth soccer "will be devastating." The program may have to hold try-outs, instead of its current practice of allowing all children to play on most teams.

"I don't know where we would go to put all the kids in the programs. We'll have to be selective. Not everybody who signs up will be able to play," she said.

But Hart is confident voters will reach into their pocketbooks Tuesday.

"I think it will pass, especially if the people are involved in the programs. They know the crunch we've been having. They know the problems we have trying to get a field," she added.

"Sometimes we have two different

PARKS BOND MILLAGE Annual Cost Based Upon Home Value

Market Value of Home	SEV	Additional Cost per Year	Additional Cost per Month
75,000	37.500	29.25	2.44
100,000	50,000	39.00	3.25
125,000	62,500	48.75	4.06
150,000	75,000	58.50	4.88
175,000	87,500	68.25	5.69
200,000	100,000	78.00	6.50

teams from a couple of different age groups practicing on the same field at the same time. That's really difficult . . . Please vote yes."

For Novi Youth Baseball, the failure of the ballot issue could be even worse, perhaps terminal, according to Goodman. The program's organizers aren't complaining about owner Paul Bosco's plans to develop the Beck Road site, which the "little league" has used gratis for 30 years.

"He's been doing this on his own. He wasn't getting any tax breaks. He's just been doing it for the kids. He's been a real nice guy for along time," Goodman said.

The baseball parents are prepared to move over some equipment from Bosco Field to a new park and are also willing to provide much of the labor needed to build eight new ball fields. They're also planning fundraisers to help finance the development — if the parks bond passes. To Goodman, the need is clear. "As a Realtor, I think it should help property values tremendously. I hear over and over how Farmington and Livonia have parks and Novi doesn't. It's a dire must that we get this passed," he said.

"If not, I don't think there will be baseball anymore."



The Novi Tree Farm is proposed for a city park.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi voters will decide if the price is right for city parkland

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will be set aside to build ballfields and other amenities on the sites.

This is the third time the city has asked its residents to agree to the tax increase, which will cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$58.50 per year.

To ex-Mayor Gil Henderson, the price is right. "My major interest is that the community constantly upgrade its quality of life when it has the opportunity. In my opinion, anytime you can substitute 300 houses with open space that is available to the public for a variety of uses, it's a plus for the community," Henderson said.

His experience in town is that when people are given accurate information, they will usually come down on the side of improving the conditions in town and have a long history of doing that.

"That wasn't the case in 1989 and again in 1990, when residents said no to a half-mill increase which would have paid both for the land purchase and development."

City officials in 1989 speculated that the first proposal failed because the millage wasn't dedicated to parks acquisition. In 1990, the tax was dogged for land. Voters still didn't buy it.

This time around, Davis said that the issue is being promoted more widely throughout the community. He also points out that local voters have been more accepting of the bond system of financing city improvements. In 1990, a proposal for voters to pay back \$18.6 million in city bond sales was victorious at the polls.

Unlike the failed parks and recreation half-mill hike, which would have been a permanent increase, the tax assessed to pay off the \$9.9 million in park bonds and interest will end in 20 years.

"You can approach it from the negative side, what happens if it doesn't pass. You throw your hat in the ring and say there'll be the elimination of youth baseball," Davis said.

"I like to dwell more on the positive. We've missed some opportunities already but we haven't closed the doors on our opportunities . . . You'll attract more positive and more quality development in the community. They'll say you have one of the best school districts in the state, you have one of the best parks and recreation departments in the state."

Novi officials are also being specific on exactly which parcels the city aims to buy. The Novi City Council has exercised options to purchase on three properties.

The Novi Tree Farm: 171 acres on Twelve-and-A-Half Mile Road, next-door to Lakeshore Park. The site, which comes with a \$2.3 million price tag, includes about one-half of Shawood Lake. If purchased, the city plans to continue the Christmas tree nursery for several years. The city has an option to purchase the site.

The Resco Inc. Property: 115 acres adjacent to the Tree Farm. The city holds an option to purchase this land.

The Peter Stanaj Property: 105 acres at the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Napier roads. The city council plans to buy this \$745,000 tract even if the parks bond does not pass. Negotiations are near finalization on an option to purchase the land. The property is flat farmland which is considered to be ideal for baseball and soccer fields.

In addition, Davis says the city is looking at other sites but is not willing to spend the money on more options to purchase unless the parks bonding passes.

After the second park millage defeat, the city council gave Davis the job to scout out suitable sites which might be bought with money the council set aside for land. With the assistance of the city assessor's department, Davis eliminated parcels that have already been assembled by developers. He reviewed a total of 25 tracts.

"There really wasn't all that much land left available of significant size we would want to set aside and acquire," Davis said.

Predictions park millage supporters made in 1990, that development would soon be moving to west of Beck Road, have come true, he added.

Novi didn't pull the 500-acre goal out of a hat, Davis says that the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Parks and Recreation Association have set a standard of ten acres of parks per each 1,000 residents. If Novi reaches its predicted build-out early next century, the population is likely to be as high as 70,000.

NOVI PARKS BOND MILLAGE

Davis says buying parkland can be seen as a growth-management technique. If the 500 acres of proposed parks become subdivisions instead, the city can count on hundreds of new residents who will need more schools and city services, including having all those new neighborhood roads snowplowed.

While the land near Walled Lake contains several wetlands areas, Davis says developer interest is there for the three sites.

The future homeowners — and their kids — are on their way. City engineers Monday announced that plans for 470 single family homes passed through their offices in 1992 and another 475 are expected in 1993.

"The purchase of parkland helps the community overall. It controls growth, it sets aside open spaces. It will help control urban sprawl," Davis said.

"Residential development is the biggest and most burdensome development to a municipality. Homes and people create more demand on

city services."

If voters do agree to the land purchase, the parks and recreation commission will hold a series of public hearings to learn what residents want done with the land. Besides playing fields, possibilities include hiking and bike trails, fitness trails, picnic grounds, a joint public/private ice skating rink and the possible dredging and rehabilitation of Shawood Lake. Much of the small lake is included in the Novi Tree Farm property.

Already planned for the new land are eight ballfields for Novi Youth Baseball, four for the city parks and recreation department's softball program, six parks and recreation soccer fields, restrooms and a concession stand.

But the parks system will cater to residents of all age groups, Davis says.

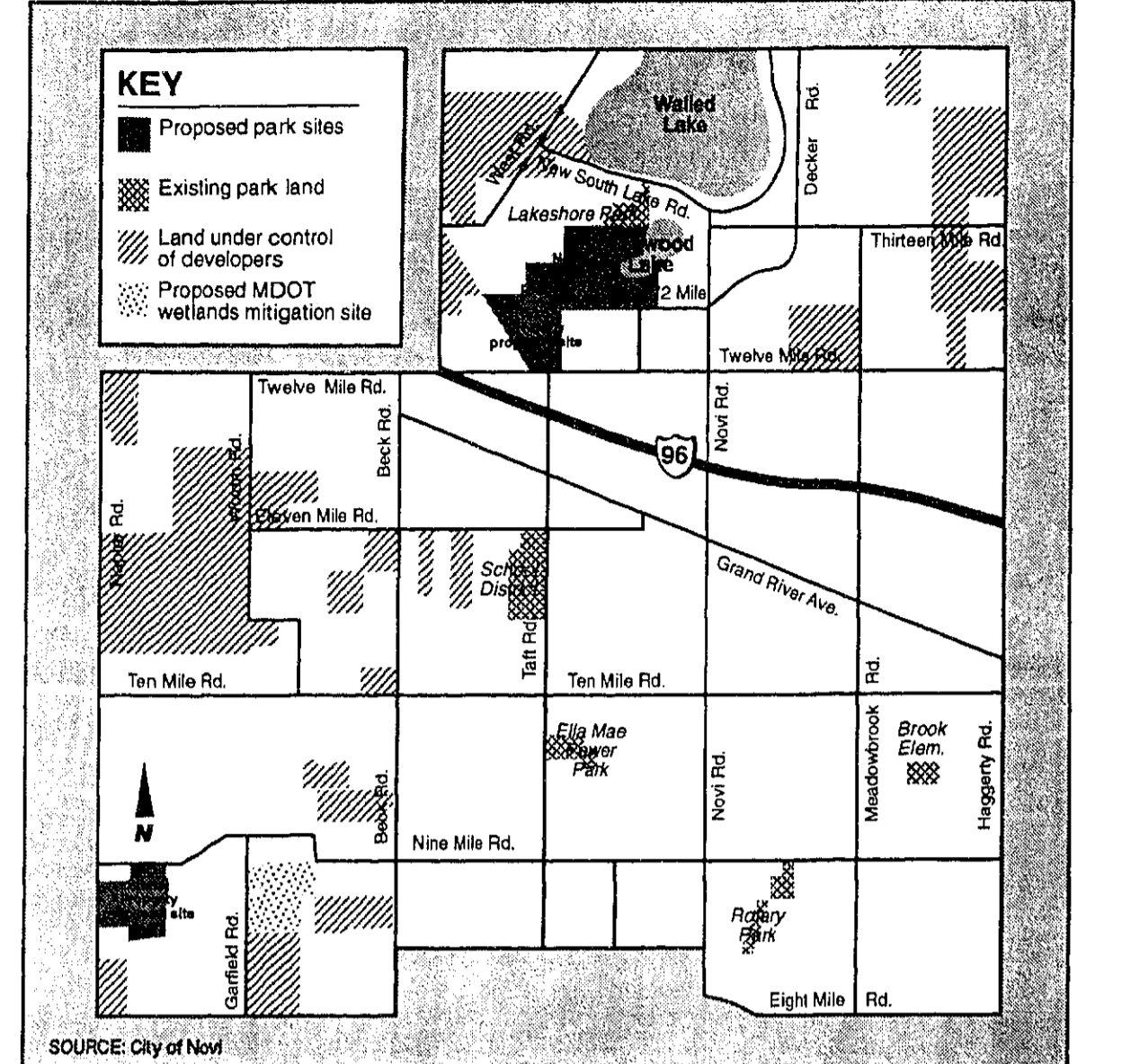
"It's going to be available for children all the way up to senior citizens. The senior growth rate is expanding more rapidly in the next few years. People are retiring early. We see them getting more and more into the use of the facilities."

Henderson, a retiree, says he expects to use the new parks.

"We tend to look at things as sports programs. When you do an analysis of the uses of Lakeshore Park, you've got everyone from toddlers in diapers to great-grandparents using the picnic facilities," he said.

"We have to stay upbeat and say this is good for us as retirees. We might go hiking there. We might have a family picnic there."

City of Novi Proposed Park Land



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As We See It

Novi's last chance for parks comes Tuesday

It's not just hyperbole, folks. Novi's last chance to buy park land of any real size will be Tuesday, Jan. 12.

NOVI PARKS BOND MILLAGE

The city has obtained options on the purchase several parcels totaling 500 acres in northern and western Novi and is putting a question on the special election ballot Tuesday asking voter permission to float a \$9.9 million bond issue to pay for it.

Of that amount, \$8.8 million would go to the purchase of the land itself, while the remainder will be used for some site improvements such as the construction of ballfields and trails in the parks.

Novi administrators and parks officials are billing this as Novi's last chance to buy park land. To skeptics, that might sound like pure hyperbole. But from what we can see, it appears likely to be true. Large swaths of Novi land are already under the control of developers and planners anticipate a push for development within the next few years, in part because the city is simply poised for that development and the economy is expected to break sometime soon.

But so what? What if Novi develops without these parks? What's the big deal?

The big deal is that if Novi misses this chance, it will be doomed to adding to its parks inventory with only postage stamp sized parcels . . . or making no additions to its parks inventory at all.

And that's a quality of life issue. Novi residents and officials have worked hard and fought hard to build a quality community here, one that is more to its residents than just an investment in the value of a home. Novi has fought to build a community that residents will want to live in for years to come, one that is enjoyable and aesthetically pleasing, one that residents will hope their children will want to reside in.

Building a community and then failing to build the necessary parks to go with it may be comparable to a carpenter who constructs a fine piece of furniture, but then doesn't bother to sand it or varnish it. It's still functional perhaps, but it just isn't as nice.

Novi currently is well short of the

Sorry, not 'viewers like me'



Tim Richard

In high school, I was quietly bothered by the version of world history we learned in *Story of Nations*.

In that version, history swept ever westward from the Fertile Crescent across western Europe to Britain and America. Areas like China and the Balkans got "lashback" treatment.

No more. Channel 56 last fall gave us the ultimate in West bashing — a six-hour series called *Legacy*, written and narrated by Michael Wood (no stated credentials). Wood gave an hour each to Iraq, Egypt, India, China, Central America and "The Barbarian West."

That's right — "barbarian. No other civilization was smeared in a title. Wood's treatment of history turned out to be anti-Christian, stridently anti-capitalist, and vehemently anti-Catholic. Well, Channel 56 bills itself as "alternative television," all right. Items:

■ In India, the currents of sacredness run deep indeed, in a land which idealizes nonviolence and the inner life. No mention that three Gandhis were assassinated, or of India's bloody religious strife; no mention that the Brits took over civil government in the 18th century because Indian rulers hired them. In a revealing aside, Wood quotes the Communist Manifesto with Greek democracy and the American Bill of Rights.

■ The first Chinese to see westerners, Wood said, described us as grim, untidy, smelly, lying and arrogant. On the screen flashes a portrait of George Washington.

■ Egypt has been a great civilization since 3000 B.C., Wood says, under every religious influence but one — the Christian.

■ In Central America's cultures, Wood tells us, all was well, even though medical diagnosis was done by "sacred divination" with beans, until Europeans introduced war and pollution, and the Catholic Church systematically destroyed local culture. Spaniards, we are told, practiced

"the greatest genocide in human history." Whoops! Tilt Columbus was met by naked, syphilitic cannibals (the Caribbean is named for them). Native Americans were adept at exterminating each other: check the histories of the Huron and Erie tribes, among others.

Moreover, I would hardly call a religion in which priests ripped out and chewed the palpitating hearts of 10,000 victims in a four-day festival a high point of world civilization.

■ "The greatest catastrophe of modern Guatemalan history," says Wood, was the 1954 "U.S. backed coup which overthrew their democracy." Wood omits a few facts: The regime was Communist; the U.S. promptly provided \$90 million in development assistance; Guatemala's highway construction boomed; its coffee earnings soared; and its tourism returned. Some catastrophe.

■ Wood's characterization of the West is a string of smears, their theme being violence. He ties global war to the West, neglecting the fact that a treaty between Nazi Germany and Japan set the stage; also forgetting the Axis attacked first, also neglecting that the war in the Pacific was occasioned by the Japanese sneak attacks, including one on Hawaii at a time when Japan's diplomats were supposedly negotiating peace.

There is no space to list dozens of other examples of Wood's falsifying of history. One general criticism of his trade needs to be made. He doesn't grasp geography and the impact of natural climatic changes on human civilization, ignorantly blaming all such change on humans messing with the environment. Even from a Taoist or Marxist point of view, Michael Wood does a sloppy job.

The old *Story of Nations* was more balanced. Channel 56 tells us that *Legacy* was paid for by MFS investment service, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and "viewers like you."

Sorry — not viewers like me. America's enemies are entitled to their opinions, but I won't pay Channel 56 to spread them.

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

Moments by BRYAN MITCHELL



A view from Case Benton park in Northville

'Scenic beauty'

A long war is ahead for GOP



Phil Power

At this season the journalistic instinct to predict events of the coming year runs the greatest risk of overwhelming common sense.

OK. So what follows is less prediction and more informed guess.

Michigan politics is teetering on the edge of fundamental change. After many years of Lansing gridlock caused by divided control of the House/Senate/governor (you pick), Republicans are one measly House vote away from full control.

Last year's elections wound up with a 55-55 split in the House of Representatives. That funny sound you hear in the distance is Gov. John Engler and his GOP friends constructing bribes to get some (any!) Democrat to switch parties and so gain control of the House.

My guess is that Engler, if left to himself, is both clever and tough enough to manage this kind of reconciliation. But I don't think he'll be left entirely to himself.

There is a tremendous civil war brewing in the Michigan Republican Party, the fallout from last year's national defeat.

Ordinary "country club" Republicans blame the religious right for driving women and suburbanites away with their exclusionary rhetoric, while "hard conservatives" of the Pat Buchanan variety accuse the country clubbers of betraying true GOP principles. The war for control will be long and savage.

My guess is that Engler won't be able to hold a boiling and festering Republican legislative caucus together. Whether and how he does that will determine in large part what he gets from the end of Lansing gridlock.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1800.

Dan was anything but 'dull'

"Dull Dan," some pundits called him — as if government were a comedy show.

Daniel T. Murphy's career in Oakland County government, however, was anything but dull.

As clerk, chair of the board of auditors and finally for 18 years as county executive, Murphy made county government a premier, effective service agency for people and business.

Murphy didn't shake the rafters with lines like "Give me liberty or give me death." His favorite sayings, not necessarily original, were: "There's no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets credit." "Let's sit down and talk." "Make things happen."

Presidents and governors took credit for good economic times, but it's significant that Oakland in the 1990s saw two-thirds of the office growth in the entire state.

Oakland is home to more Fortune 500 companies than any other county in Michigan. His Oakland County Economic Development Group did the job. County offices worked with small villages on downtown plans, with communities bordering I-696 on their turndowns, and with older cities and townships on the southern border to hatch the Eight Mile Boulevard plan.

Murphy was one of a long list of public servants who grasped the notion that no one city dominated Oakland County; that county government could perform, on a cooperative basis, many services that communities couldn't perform as well individually.

Take, for example, the county parks system — an imaginative system of nine parks for day use, camping, golf, water sports and entertainment begun in 1966. No city or township could have done it. No other county has matched it. In good years and bad, voters renewed their tax commitment.

The self-effacing Murphy would be

first to insist that belief in the Oakland ethic is widely held, in both political parties, by many good men and women.

But the rest of us would insist that Murphy was the guy who understood how to budget for it and could manage the nuts-and-bolts work that turned concepts into public services. The cultural affairs office, The Women's Cancer Screening program. The student intern program. The battle for state mental health money. Airport improvements. Public works. And on, and on.

Murphy was the first executive in the state to head a form of government many considered a hydra-headed monster. He plunked for "unified" government, not for reasons of ego, but because he wanted the county to be accountable to the people, not just to courthouse insiders.

His battles to bring the Road Commission and the drain office to heel failed politically, but Murphy won the long-term war to get those offices to "sit down and talk." . . . make things happen. "Early in his career, Murphy disdained the area south of Eight Mile."

Abruptly he saw the light, took a leadership role in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, showed more leadership in public transportation, developed a rhetoric-free relationship with leaders of Macomb and Wayne counties.

As he retires to the Lake Michigan shoreline and former prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson prepares to take over, honors are coming Dan Murphy's way: The "summit award" from the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce. The renaming of the Executive Building in his honor.

We add only one thought.

Any portrait, nameplate or sculpture of Mr. Oakland County should bear the Dan Murphy Creed: "Make things happen."

Vote 'yes' on Novi parks millage

Letters

To the Editor:
Baseball will no longer be available for children to play baseball after the 1993 season. Novi Youth Baseball expects to register over 500 players this year providing a supervised, family-oriented recreational activity to children eight to 16 for much of the summer.

Novi Youth Baseball will be discontinued unless a new location for ballfields is found. The upcoming bond election for parkland acquisition on Jan. 12 guarantees Novi Youth Baseball's future. The cost vis-a-vis the gain is modest.

Novi Youth Baseball is committed to the ideal of enhancing the through recreational avenues. We believe proper outlets for leisure

Letters

activities are essential. All voters are encouraged to vote YES for parks on Jan. 12.

John Goodman
President
Novi Youth Baseball

To the Editor:
As we are all too aware, the recreational facilities in Novi are inadequate to meet the leisure time needs of our growing city. There are too few soccer fields. Novi hockey players have no in town facility and

are increasingly turned away in other locales. Baseball will no longer be offered in Novi after the 1993 season. With the exception of skeetshooting, there is nowhere for a lazy day picnic, a walk, hike or ride on a shady tree under which to read a book.

The city council, in recognition of this service shortcoming, has opted approximately 500 acres of property for active and positive recreational purposes. This can only become a reality by voters casting a YES vote on Tuesday, Jan. 12. By

adding this issue with a favorable vote our recreational needs will be fully met as Novi continues to grow.

Ralph and Alice Polumbo

To the Editor:
Novi voters have the opportunity to decide an important quality of life issue Tuesday, Jan. 12. By voting YES on parkland acquisition residents can be assured adequate land is preserved for all future recreational needs. This will complement our already outstanding schools and city services, making Novi a truly desirable town in which to live. Vote YES on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Scott D. Packard

Downs turns corner on 50 years

By STEVE KULLMAN
Staff Writer

For half a century, the sound of hooves has echoed off the hill south of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

The hillside resounded again Jan. 2 as Northville Downs kicked off its 50th year of racing.

Visitors were treated to half-price concessions, admission and parking during the two-day celebration, and the first 3,000 patrons at Saturday's matinee program received special prizes.

Executive Manager Margaret Zaytli said the crowds were pleased with the weekend, judging from the 11,243-visitor turnout. "We bet over \$1.2 million between the two Saturday programs," she noted.

After 50 years, million-dollar days are no deal at Northville Downs. But the seven-digit figures are a far cry from the track's first short season in 1944, when the nightly handle only averaged \$20,000.

What kept the track thriving after those lean evenings was growing acceptance of the night harness racing that Northville Downs helped to pioneer, a dedicated team of owners and operators, and more than a little bit of luck.

Race starter and announcer Art Putnam played an integral part in the racetrack's survival in those early days, after being lured from another track by Northville Downs' flamboyant first manager and promoter Sam Wiedrick.

Putnam was sitting in the judge's stand starting races at the Mason Fair in Lansing when he first laid eyes on Wiedrick.

"The horses were out on the racetrack at this fair and here comes this great big man, walking with his hands right out wide like a goose coming across the racetrack, and he's pointing up at me and shouting 'I wanna hire that fella. I wanna hire that fella.'"

"Are you talking to me?" He said "Yes," and I said "Well, the thing about it is you're not going to hire me if you don't get off that racetrack, 'cause you're going to get killed."

Wiedrick made it safely off the track and Putnam started working for Northville Downs that same night. Just after it had opened. The fledgling track still had the air of a county fair, he said.

"What they had was two tents out toward Center Street, and they were the paddocks, and horses raced out of those tents. It was all open enough so that people could go right over and talk to the drivers."

To stay warm as the season stretched into the fall, the bettors would stand around metal barrels filled with burning coals placed in

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Art Putnam
Northville Downs announcer

strategic locations under the grandstands. "You could stand up and warm your hands and put your back up to it and read your program," Putnam said.

The county fair atmosphere was also reflected by a critical shortage of horses, Putnam said, which nearly doomed the track to an early death.

Wiedrick and racing secretary Edward Keller had been scouring local fairs trying to lure horsemen to Northville with \$100 bonuses for each horse entered on top of the purse for the winner, but their efforts had only drawn several dozen owners to the track for its first race on Sept. 1, 1944.

"When you only had 60 head of horses to race a five-day race program, hell, the same horses had to race practically every damn night," Putnam said. "The races didn't pay anything because people practically knew who was going to win."

The track's operators soon found a solution in Buffalo, N.Y. "After about the fourth week of racing, my wife Margaret and I . . . went there and brought over a hundred horses back to Northville," Putnam said. They were transported to Northville by train, because few owners had trucks and trailers capable of hauling their horses that distance.

The infusion of fresh horses marked the track's turning point, and the 1945 season was a considerable improvement over 1944. Nightly handles climbed to more than \$100,000 that spring and topped \$175,000 by that fall.

"A lot of people were skeptical about racing their horses, going to a meeting like Northville, because they'd been used to racing at the county fairs," Putnam said. But the track's success changed all that.

"Northville Downs changed the whole racing picture for the state of Michigan and, well, for the whole country."

Putnam, now 78, worked for track partner John Carlo for 15 years, and eventually became a racing announcer on radio and television. He was inducted into the Michigan Harness Racing Hall of Fame last January for his own half-century of service to the sport.

With the renovations have come much plusher surroundings. "In our box seats, where we now have four upholstered seats and a TV, we used to have eight folding chairs. People didn't mind stepping over each other when they got up to bet. . . . Of course at that time, everybody wanted to sit in the front row and they wanted to touch the horses."

The Northville Downs staff now numbers near 250, including admissions, track crew, parking staff and mutual clerks. The judge does not include the 50 odd Sportservice concession staff members.

Horse owners can house their pacers and trotters in one of 400 stalls on the grounds. The Downs used to boast 700 stalls but the need has dropped off as more owners choose to bring their horses in just for a race.

"Those things have changed because the horsemen have their own farms," Zaytli said. "They train on their farms and they ship in."

Even the surface of the track has been changed to allow year-round racing. The original clay and sand

track was replaced with limestone. The trend of most tracks. "I remember years ago when we had a heavy rain they had to stop the racing because the horses would slip and slide in the clay," Zaytli explained. "Most of the tracks now are limestone tracks, particularly if they're into winter racing."

Other changes at Northville Downs have included the addition of matinee races about 10 years ago and the more recent decision to admit seniors free to matinees.

"We have 800 senior citizens that come to the races on Saturday afternoon, now," Zaytli said.

Lou Carlo, the track's current director of operations, took the reins from uncle John Carlo in 1986 when the elder Carlo died. But Lou's perspective extends back much farther to the days when he and his father raced horses at the track.

"I've been around this place since 1938," he said. "Just to see the business transfer from a county fair type of operation to major league, major market business, that's been the biggest thing."

"What I've seen change is the industry itself. Harness racing became a major league sport in the Midwest and in the Detroit area particularly, and it all started right here, and that's not planned."

"This is not a great promotion where a group of guys got together and said 'Let's put a spin on it.' . . . This was a bunch of guys who said 'Let's see if people will accept this and let's see if we can make a go of this.' It's been a hands-on operation all the way through."

While some of the other founding tracks have closed, Carlo said, "This one still keeps thriving."

Carlo also refused to attribute Northville Downs' success to the track's owners and operators, giving much of the credit to the people who raise, train and drive the horses.

"The Michigan horsemen themselves, the people that are the industry, the breeders, the owners, those people are of such strong substance that they weather the tough Michigan racing in winter, they weather the tough training on the farms, and they weather the tough summer fair racing circuits," he said. "They're just as dedicated to their horses as those guys in the NFL are to their ability to catch a pass or run a pattern. They're as professional as they can be."

Northville Downs' future looks as bright as ever, Carlo insisted. He noted that the track's owners recently signed a 10-year extension on their lease with the Northville Driving Club, which owns the property on which the track sits.

"There'll be some changes but hopefully we'll make some adjustments and stay viable," he said. "We plan on staying here."

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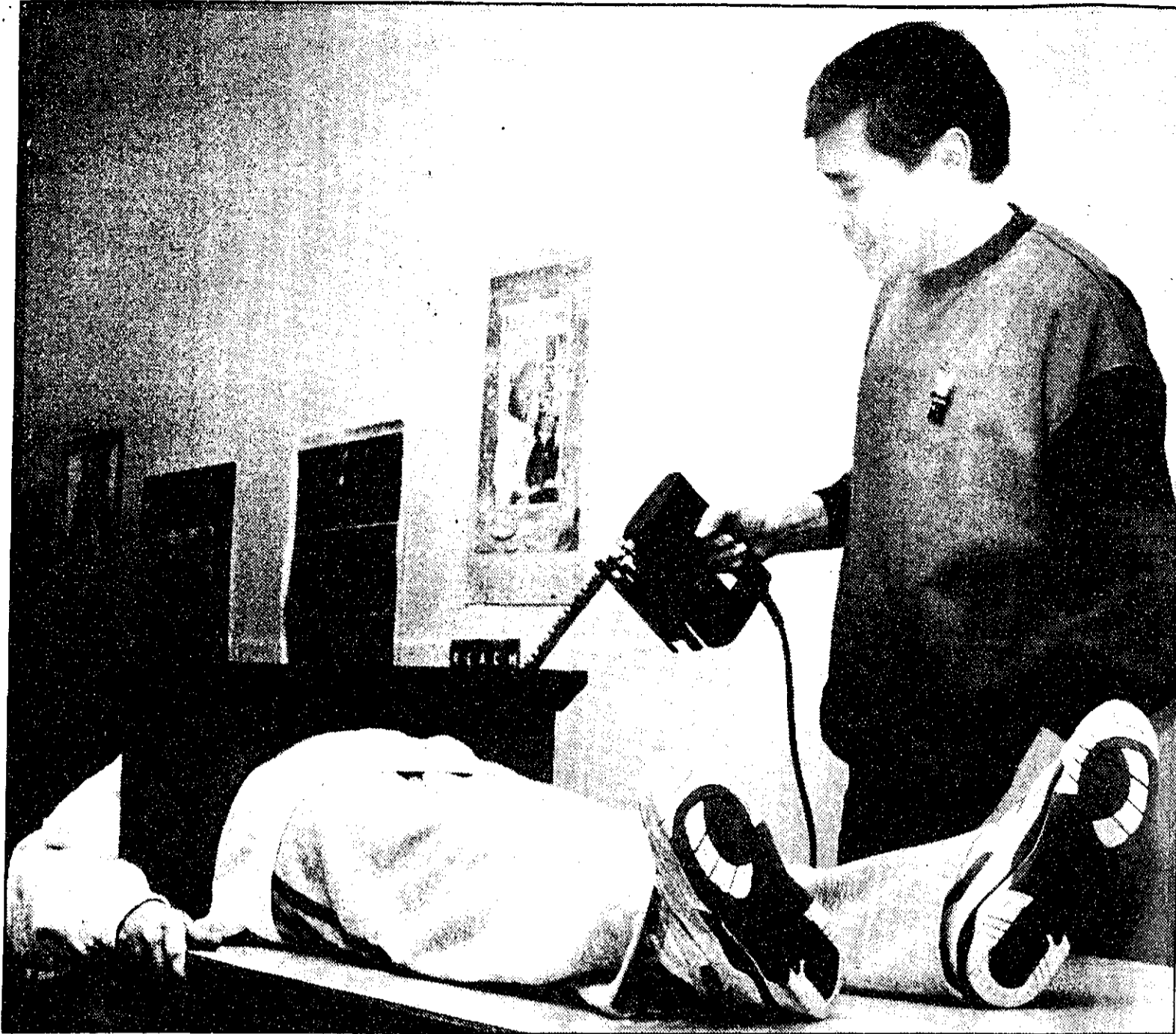


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A power saw!?

Mike Garbocik, 11, would have been understandably nervous as Ming the Magnificent put some added emphasis into the old cutting-a-person-in-half magician's trick. Ming (also known as

Ming Louie) performed magic for youngsters at the Novi Library last Wednesday. Garbocik reportedly survived the encounter.

School board drops policy to search student cars

By MICHELLE KAISER
Staff Writer

When the Northville Board of Education holds its second reading of a policy to inspect student lockers, desks and automobiles, there will be some changes.

Bob Sornson, executive director of special education for the district, said the school district's attorneys advised the board to adopt two policies instead of one. The first policy will allow school personnel to enter the locker or desk of a student for inspection. The other policy would provide guidelines for confiscation of items such as alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, weapons or other dangerous instruments and stolen property from a student's locker, desk or automobile.

The proposed policy reads any of the above items "may be seized, except where prohibited by law, by school personnel and may be used as evidence in suspension, expulsion or legal action."

Sornson said the revisions came after the district had time to review past legal occurrences since the last update of the policy in 1987.

"A lot of things have changed over the last three to four years," he said. "We mentioned the automobile because if we didn't mention it, we wouldn't be able to (confiscate things deemed harmful to the safety, health or welfare to students and the school buildings). Ten years ago, nobody would have ever thought about it."

Although the previous proposed policy was titled "Inspection of Student Lockers, Desks and Automobiles," it stated that school personnel were allowed to enter a locker or desk for inspection or seize items such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs and weapons from a locker, desk or automobile.

At the Dec. 14 board of education meeting, one audience member raised concern over the policy, saying he didn't feel it was right for school personnel to have the right to inspect student automobiles.

Sornson explained students will have to sign a form allowing for their cars to be entered if school personnel have strong evidence the student is violating the student code of conduct of harboring alcohol, drugs, etc. in their vehicle. If a student doesn't agree to sign the waiver, he or she won't be granted a parking permit, Sornson said at the Dec. 14 meeting.

"This doesn't allow us to open a car that is locked," he explained to board members. "If a student refuses, then he can lose his parking privileges."

On Monday, Sornson said this policy by no means allows school personnel to force a door open on a vehicle.

Sornson added that building principals will have to use judgement in determining whether or not there is a need to inspect desks or lockers or confiscate anything from an automobile.

Obituaries

LENORE O. CUMMING

Lenore O. Cumming, 77, of Lawrence, Kans., formerly of Warren, died of heart failure Jan. 3 in Lawrence, Kans. She was born in Detroit to the late Frederick C. Jahn and Ottilie A. Busche Jan. 24, 1915. Her husband since Oct. 22, 1935, John D. Cumming, Jr., preceded her in death in 1970.

She was an accounting clerk for renaldi China Importing Co. and retired in 1979. She worked for Chrysler Motor Corp. Detroit Tank Arsenal in Warren during the fifties. She was a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her daughters, Jean L. Newman of Kansas and Pamela E. Parker of Texas; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and her sister Loma Frey of Saline.

Visitation was at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home Jan. 7. Funeral services are tomorrow, Jan. 8 at 11 a.m. at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Fun-

eral Home. Pastor James Nelson of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints will officiate. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association or a charity of choice.

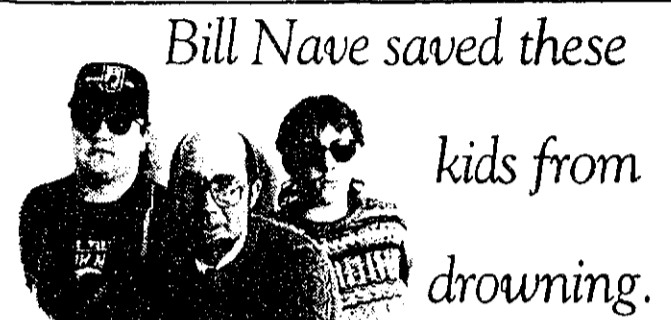
LOUISE E. McGRATH

Louise E. McGrath, 92, of Novi died Jan. 4 at Botsford Hospital due to heart disease. She was born April 11, 1900 in Novi to the late Ralph Devereaux and Estelle Furse. Her husband, John, preceded her in death.

She was a clerk and worked with the payroll at an insurance company. She was born in Novi and her father was a blacksmith here.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. Carpenter Devereux, and several neices and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. until noon. Services were at noon with Rev. Jerry Slowinski officiating. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery.



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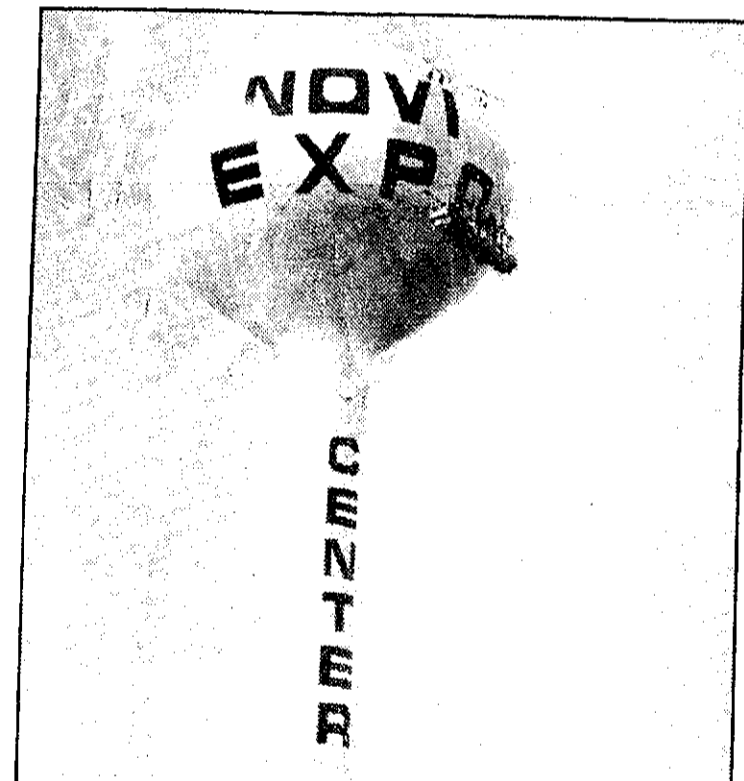
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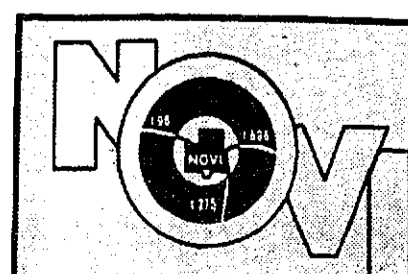
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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Whether it's a quick burger at Bates (above) or fine dining at MacKinnon's (below), there's plenty of food in Novi/Northville.



Our 4th Annual RESTAURANT POLL

We can't believe it, either. Another year has passed us by. And it's time, once again, to give credit to our favorite institution that has helped us through the challenges of 1992.

Food.

If it weren't for the food we ate in the past year... well, we'd all be dead.

Of course, not all the food we ate in 1992 was good. Some was just so-so, but some was incredibly tasteful.

So once again, let's give credit where credit is due. Let's let everyone know which restaurants are the best.

This is the fourth year of our annual restaurant poll, and each year we get a bigger response. Everyone has opinions, and we want to hear yours.

Here's your chance to let others know where to find the best: the best hamburgers, the best atmosphere, the best pizza, the best deserts... etc.

Once again, we're keeping it local. Only restaurants in Novi and Northville are eligi-

ble for this poll.

Tell us, as soon as you finish reading this page, where you go for the best breakfast in town. Let us know who has the best seafood, ethnic food or steaks.

Categories in our poll include best overall restaurant, best service, best breakfast restaurant, best sandwiches, best desserts, best atmosphere, best pizza, best burgers, best seafood, best ethnic food, best fast food, best soups and best steak.

There's also an opportunity for comments, in case you want to elaborate. At right you'll find your official ballot. Following are a few rules to keep in mind:

- Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the poll.
- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be accepted. These restrictions are de-

signed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing.

- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.
- Read the ballot carefully for additional rules.

Upon completing the entry form, mail it by Jan. 29 to: *Northville Record/Novi News* restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms also may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results of the poll and publish them in the Feb. 25 issues of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

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RESTAURANT POLL

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

1. Only restaurants in Northville/Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot.
2. To help us avoid ballot-box stuffing, each ballot must include your name, address, and phone number. Ballots without this information will be thrown out.
3. Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will be thrown out.
4. Restaurants may not hand out ballots.
5. Mail your completed ballot by Jan 29 to: *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Or drop it off at our offices.
6. Poll results will be published Feb. 25.
7. One ballot will be selected at random, and the winner will receive dinner for two at the Novi/Northville restaurant of his or her choice. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner)

The Categories

Best Overall Restaurant _____

Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____

Best Service _____

Best Breakfast Restaurant _____

Best Sandwiches _____

Best Desserts _____

Best Atmosphere _____

Best Pizza _____

Best Burgers _____

Best Seafood _____

Best Ethnic Food _____

Best Fast Food _____

Best Soups _____

Best Steak _____

Comments _____

Please note: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be thrown away.

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DANIELLE McCLUSKEY

Tollgate worker wants to help own community

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Walking alongside a young horseback rider who is physically, emotionally or socially disabled was Danielle McCluskey's first involvement with the Exceptional Equestrians program at Tollgate 4-H Education Center on Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

"I had read about it in *The Novi News* and because I ride extensively as an amateur in both the United States and Canada," she said, she decided she wanted to help out with the program.

Then last year in order to help raise money to build an arena and a stable so that the program can be operated year-round, the board decided to have a polo match for the Tollgate Challenge Cup.

So — Danielle McCluskey said, "because they knew I'd had experience with fund raising, they asked

me to take charge of it."

And the venture was so successful that Tollgate and McCluskey repeated it in August 1992.

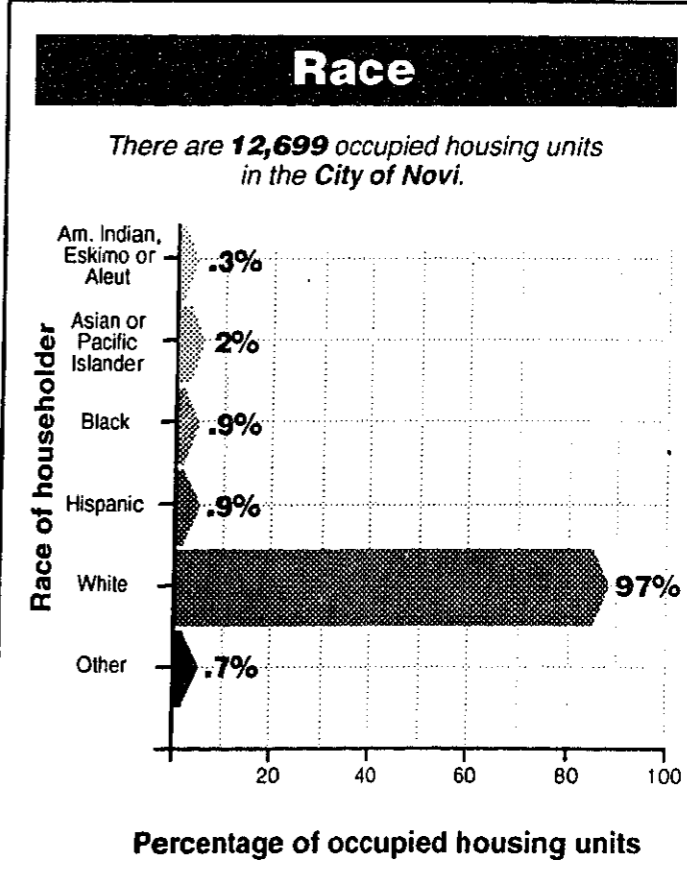
This time, she said, "we had well over 1,100 attending, and we netted \$20,000," the total money coming from entrance fee, auction and corporate sponsors.

It's a lot of work, putting it all together, she admitted, but with seven committee chairmen working under her and about 50 regular volunteers, and "my main stay of help, Cindy Richards," the program chairman, "we managed to handle it."

Why has Danielle McCluskey, a lawyer, gotten herself so much involved in Exceptional Equestrians? "It's a cause I believe in in the community I live in," she answered.

If you, too, want to fund a place for yourself in Exceptional Equestrians, call 347-3860 and ask for Cindy Richards, program director.

Its A Fact



the NOVI NEWS Sports

Wildcat spikers set to challenge Brighton

By SCOTT SIGLER AND DENNIS TOPOLINSKI Staff Writers

With holiday break over, the Kensington Valley Conference volleyball season is set to heat up. Defending champion Brighton is once again loaded with talent but will face a stiff challenge for the title from Novi.

The Wildcats are off to a quick 2-0 start and kick off their league season tonight against South Lyon. Cavanaugh is a key element in the Bulldog attack in that she can read the game and anticipate plays very well. She's also an outstanding passer and a proven point saver in the back row.

Indeed, after Brighton's middle and outside hitters, senior Theresa Richardson may be the finest setter in the league. Richardson combines speed and athleticism with a sound mind for the game. That alertness helped her rack up 690 assists and a mere 2 percent setting error in last year's campaign.

Needham, likewise, shared in those same honors after finishing as the Bulldogs' top blocker (60) and point killer (18). At 6-1, the middle hitter is even more versatile this season, according to Brighton Coach Jennifer Murray.

Novi travels to Lions den

By SCOTT SIGLER AND SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writers

The Kensington Valley Conference launches its volleyball season tonight as the Novi Wildcats travel to South Lyon for a 6:30 p.m. contest.



Kristin Kenny (left) will be counted upon tonight in South Lyon.

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Jason Walker led the Novi High basketball team to its second KVC crown last March.

Titles abound for Novi in '92

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

A year of firsts. That's exactly what 1992 was for Novi High School in the Kensington Valley Conference. The Wildcats won their first-ever boys tennis title and their first girls basketball crown for the second consecutive year.

Novi wins the Jug. What were the other top sports stories of '92? The Novi News attempts to answer that question this week. See if you agree with our selections for titles listed in order of importance:

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Novi set to battle Brighton

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LAKELAND The Lakeland volleyball squad may lack that one dominating player that can win games practically by herself, but it does have something even more effective.

Teamwork. Coach Dave Montgomery has watched as this talented group of individuals has melded into a cohesive unit, a machine where the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts.

"The kids feel that they're a team," Montgomery said. "In the games they've done well, they recognize they played as a team. In the games they haven't done well, they've worked hard but haven't played together."

"We're team-oriented, and we're hoping to beat some teams we might not beat if we played as individuals." Lakeland, off to a 5-5 start, is a fairly young squad with only four seniors. One of those seniors, Aubrey Tucker, is a key to this year's potential.

"She's our best all-around player," Montgomery said. "She's a good outside hitter/middle blocker, and she's very consistent in her play."

Tucker, 5-foot-9, provides a myriad of talents for the Eagles' squad. Julie Watts, a 5-foot-7 senior, will serve as the main setter for Lakeland High School.

A pair of seniors, Theresa Erickson and Jenny Sorge, join Tucker to bring spiking power to the Eagles' front line. Erickson, 5-foot-7, and Sorge, 5-foot-8, focus on hitting from the outside while Tucker kills from the middle.

Beth Trimark, the only junior expected to start this year, is another all-around player.

A surprise strength of the lineup comes in the form of a pair of sophomores. Lisa Achenbach (5-foot-7) and Lisa Salczynski (5-foot-6).

Novi coach Brian Howard said, "When you get the kids to work together, Novi coach Brian Howard said, 'It overcomes any minor deficiencies. And we didn't have many.'"

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Wrestlers fall at Trenton

Kiss that last start good-bye. The Wildcat wrestling team's quick start this season came to a crushing halt Dec. 23, as they dropped four of five matches at the Trenton team tournament.

A depleted Novi lineup managed to defeat only Lincoln Park on the day, while falling to Ypsilanti, host Trenton, Gibraltar, Carlsbad and Dearborn. The Cats went into the tournament with a 4-0 record.

"It was a lot of wrestling for one day," Novi assistant coach Bob Farrugia said. "Everybody wrestled tough, but we were just outgained most of the time."

The Wildcats squared off with Ypsilanti in their first match and fell 35-20. John Strett started the match with a 9-3 decision victory at 103 pounds. Farrugia said the team is making great strides toward being the offensive threat for the Lions next to compete.

White Sikorski is the chief weapon for the Lions. It's clear that she can't do the scoring by herself.

South Lyon High School also has some height in 5-foot-9 junior at forward Yvonne Byskal. Byskal has seven kills this year, but Baldwin said she has to do more.

"She may become our best all-arounder next to Sikorski," Baldwin said. "She's making some errors and mistakes right now, but when she gets her game under control she could turn out to be a real force."

"I think we will have to continue communicating and play as a team," Wagner said. "No one person will win the whole play," Wagner commented, "pass, set and spike."

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Books provide outdoor info

By ALISON ASHTON
Coplay News Service

Planning a trek through the Himalayas? Want to find out what's hot and what's not in camping gear? Ready to brush up on your golf swing?

There's probably a book, magazine or video to come to the rescue. People are spending more time outdoors. That means there is more to read or watch about the outdoors, whether it's adventure, travel or tossing a mean Frisbee that interests you.

Bookstores are only one place to look. Sporting goods stores, outdoor outfitters and emporiums offer plenty of special-interest publications, maps and tips.

Home Run

Baseball fans love history, trivia and stats almost as much as they love watching the game.

Baseball in America is part of Collins Publishers' "Day in the Life" series and features the work of 50 photographers celebrating baseball on all levels, from farm team training to charity baseball in North Dakota.

Donald Honig's *Baseball: The Illustrated History* (Crown) celebrates the game's legendary players. The video *The Baseball Time Capsule: A Journey Through the Barry Halper Collection* (Cabin Fever) features Halper's extensive collection, as well as tips on collecting baseball memorabilia.

For baseball fanatics who love stats, there is *On a Clear Day They Could See Seventh Place: Baseball's Worst Teams* by George Robinson and Charles Salzberg (Dell). Former major league player and owner of the San Diego Padres Bill Starr looks at the legends of baseball in *Clearing the Bases: Baseball Myths and Misconceptions* (Michael Kessend).

Prophet of the Sandlots: Journey With a Major League Scout by Mark Mont, New York and Pennsylvania.

Cycling books from Countryman Press include *Keep on Pedaling: The Complete Guide to Adult Bicycling* by Norman D. Ford, *Weight Training for Cyclists and Fit and Fast: How to Be a Better Cyclist* by Karen Bory and Thurlogh Rogers.

Coffee-table books offer lush photos of nature at her best. *The Yosemite* (Sierra Club Books) com-



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Baseball books and magazines from A to Z can be found for fans.

bines photographs by Galen Rowell with text by John Muir.

Also from Sierra Club Books are environmental books *Into the Amazon: The Struggle for the Rain Forest* by Augusta Dwyer and *Wasting Away: An Exploration of Waste* by Kevin Lynch.

For a look closer to home, try Wiley's *The Naturalist's Year: 24 Outdoor Explorations* by Scott Camazine, *The Urban Naturalist* by Steven D. Garber and *Nature Nearby: An Outdoor Guide to America's 25 Most Visited Cities* by Bill McMillon.

The Home Planet edited by Kevin W. Kelley (Addison-Wesley) is a full-color celebration of the planet. Photos are accompanied by narratives by astronauts and cosmonauts from 18 countries.

The Mountainers Books specializes in outdoor titles. It offers a myraid of hiking and canoeing books (divided by region), as well as a com-

prehensive list of snow-sport titles. *Backcountry Skiing and Snowshoeing* are just two. Outdoor safety books from Mountaineers include *Hypothermia, Frostbite and Other Cold Injuries and Mountaineering First Aid*.

Lyons & Burford has a comprehensive catalog of hunting and fishing books (as well as other outdoor titles). *Duck Decoys, Hunting Firearms Safety Primer and The Sporting Clays Handbook* are just a few of the titles. Anglers can try *American Fly Fishing, Angling Ento-Winegardner* (Prentice Hall) tells the story of maverick baseball scout Tony Lucadello.

For fundamentals on improving your game, Best Film & Video offers *Baseball* as part of its Sports Clinic series. It features Gary Templeton on infielding and Kurt Benavaca on outfielding. The video also offers "Rousserie League Baseball," a game

that shows you how to build and manage your own major league team.

A for Angophiles, there is *The Cricketer Book of Cricket Days* compiled by Chris Rhys (Lennard Publishing).

Magazines

If you want a regular dose of outdoor info, get a subscription to a magazine. Magazines are also a good way to get a glimpse at a new sport or outdoor activity, as well as a source of new product information.

For hunters and anglers, there are *Angler's News, Field and Stream* and *Outdoor Life*.

Outside magazine covers a miriad of outdoor activities, from mountain biking to windsurfing (often in exotic locations). It also tackles environmental issues. For a narrower focus, try publications such as *Backpacker, The Walking Magazine* or *Cross Country* for nordic skiers.

Renewed interest in preserving the environment has spawned a number of special-interest periodicals. *E and Garbage* are two that offer non-nonsense features on global environmental issues, as well as tips on how all of us can help.

Outdoor appreciation

Just appreciating the outdoors has become a respectable activity for the masses.

The Countryman Press has a "Fifty Hikes Series." Each book covers a different region, including West Virginia, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont or L.L. Bean Fly-Fishing Handbook.

On video, Best Film & Video offers *Deer Hunting Made Easy, Duck Hunting Made Easy, Bow Hunting Made Easy* and *The Art of Turkey Calling*.

Video is another way to enjoy the beauty of nature. NorthWord Press has a series of videos by late canoe and conservationist Bill Mason. Titles include *Waterwalker, Path of the Paddle* and *Song of the Paddle*. Other nature videos from NorthWood are *Penguin Odyssey, The Grand Canyon* and *Maul Whalewatch Experience*.

The sounds of nature can be very soothing. Some of the videocassettes and compact discs put out by NorthWord feature the *Songs and Sounds of the Humpback Whale, Listen to the Loons and Seascapes*.

Insomnia effects 35 percent of Americans



Sara Erickson

If you have suffered from insomnia you are not alone.

Up to 35 percent of Americans sometimes have difficulty sleeping, and half of these report serious sleep problems. Insomnia is defined as a condition of insufficient or non-restorative sleep despite adequate opportunity to sleep — in other words it's an inability to either fall asleep or stay asleep when you want to. The duration of insomnia can vary from episodes of poor sleep at stressful times to chronic inability to sleep for weeks.

Transient and short-term insomnia are the most common types of insomnia and are often caused by an identifiable factor. These factors include loss of a loved one, school examinations or other work or social stress. Flights across time zones can also cause insomnia. Other contributing factors include use of stimulating drugs such as caffeine and nicotine. Withdrawal from certain sedating medications can cause or contribute to insomnia.

Chronic insomnia lasting three weeks or more is sometimes caused by medical problems ranging from heart diseases, lung diseases, gastrointestinal disorders, chronic pain syndromes and sleep apnea. Certain psychiatric disorders can cause sleep disorders. Alcohol

Health tips

and other substance abuse can also play a part. Alcohol in small amounts is a sedative, while larger amounts can disturb sleep cycles. Withdrawal from alcohol can also contribute to sleep problems.

Sufferers of insomnia can use several strategies to help alleviate their problem. Most sleep disorder experts recommend practicing good sleep "hygiene." Good sleep hygiene practices include: going to bed and walking at the same time every day, even on weekends; using the bedroom only for sleeping — do not read or watch television in bed; going to bed only when sleepy; avoiding stimulants such as caffeine and nicotine in the evenings, and avoiding alcohol. Regular exercise, three to four times a week, may also help. However, avoid exercise in the evening if it interferes with sleep. In addition you should avoid naps.

Once in bed, if you have trouble falling asleep, get up and move to another room. Stay up until you are definitely sleepy, then return to bed. If sleep does not come easily, get up again. Repeat this step as many times as necessary. The goal is to associate your bed with falling asleep quickly. Set your alarm and get up at the same time everyday no matter how much sleep you have gotten over night. These guidelines help the body acquire a constant sleep-wake cycle.

Most over-the-counter sleeping medications are not very effective. Prescription medications are often not helpful for chronic insomnia and are often associated with many side effects and thus not often used in these disorders. Occasionally, "sleeping pills" can be helpful for short-term or situational insomnia.

If you are suffering from insomnia and do not find relief with these sleep hygiene suggestions or if you have a chronic health problem, you may wish to consult your physician. Your physician will evaluate you for medical causes of your insomnia. If specific medical conditions are found, treatment may be prescribed. You may be referred to a sleep laboratory for further evaluation of your sleep disorder. If a specific sleep disorder is found, such as sleep apnea, the treatment can be prescribed. Your physician will also review your sleep habits and may identify examples of poor sleep hygiene which can be corrected. In addition, your doctor may identify hidden stimulants contributing to your insomnia. As mentioned earlier, medication is occasionally useful in certain situations and your physician will be able to prescribe medication if it is needed.

Sara Erickson, M.D., is a pediatrician and internal medicine physician at the University of Michigan Health Center at Northville. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the U-M Health Center staff.

Weight training course offered by city

Weight Training: Learn how to burn fat and excess calories and receive a general knowledge of all workout machinery while firming up and improving cardiovascular fitness. Light weights are used with less resting time. Co-ed ages 16-70. The fee for the program is \$50 and registration will be held at the Novi Parks and Recreation office. Session two deadline registration is Feb. 12. For more information call parks and recreation at 347-0400.

Youth bowling: This program includes two weeks of instruction and nine weeks of league bowling. The last nine weeks includes instructional tip of the week by division. One instructor per division. Registration deadline is Jan. 15. For more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Pee Wee Bumper Bowling: The purpose of this program is to interact with other children and develop strength and coordination. This is a non-instructional, parent supervision, parent dependent program.

Parents may team up, but there must be a minimum of one parent per team. Youths are informed on safety and how to bumper bowl. Program includes bowling, shoes, balls, t-shirts, awards and banquet. Cost of the program is \$11 for residents and \$13.20 for non-

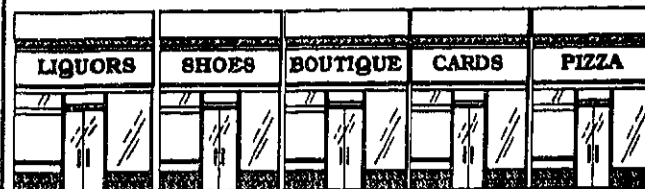
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residents. The program runs from mid-January to mid-March. Registration deadline is Jan. 14. For more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

Horseback Riding: Learn "English Style" riding at Haverhill Farms indoor facility in Novi. Classes range from beginner to advanced. Register at Novi Parks and Recreation office. Call Haverhill Farms at 624-5554 on class availability. The fee is \$95 for residents and \$114 for non-residents. For more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

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REAL ESTATE

Now is the time to make real estate tax plans

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Near the end of one year or the beginning of the next is a good time to evaluate and plan your tax strategies for the coming year. And some of those taxes are tied to your home or other owned real estate.

One action that could save you tax money is to pay that second installment of your property tax before the end of the year, thus making it a deductible item on your next income tax return.

Personal tax planning is important. And it should be reviewed by a competent tax adviser. Whether to take standard itemized deductions is a decision that should be made early in the year, according to Richard Best, an accountant for 27 years.

"This is a good time to generally review personal finances and plan for next year," Best said. "There is also pending legislation affecting taxes that some property owners might want to actively support or fight."

One proposed bill would reduce the current estate tax exemption

from \$600,000 to \$200,000. Currently, only about 3 percent of Americans pay estate taxes. But lowering the exemption to \$200,000 would mean most families would be subject to estate taxation.

For example, a middle-class family with an estate worth \$400,000 could be hit with a \$67,000 tax. An estate worth \$600,000 would pay \$138,000.

Other currently proposed tax-related laws would:

- Allow penalty-free withdrawals from IRA accounts for first-time home buyers.

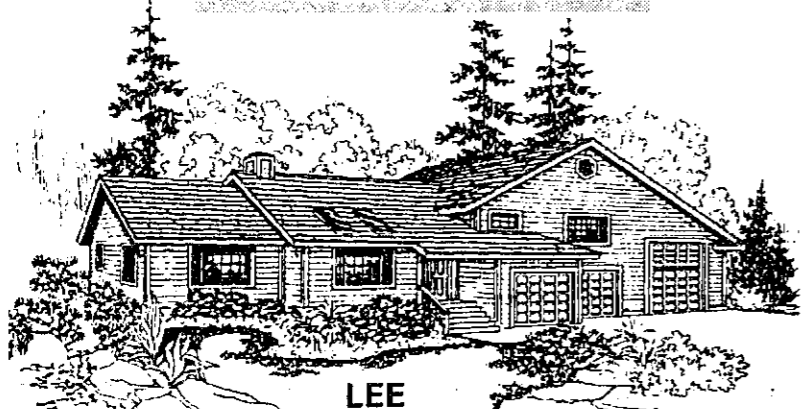
- Reform the passive loss rules so that all taxpayers whose primary business is real estate can deduct rental property losses from a category of income known as "active income."

- Create permanent extensions of the mortgage revenue bond, mortgage credit certificate and low-income housing tax credit programs—all designed to make housing more accessible to low and moderate income families.

- Provide new tax incentives for pension funds to invest in real

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HOME DESIGNS



LEE

The Lee affords ample space for hobbies and entertaining

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

The country-contemporary Lee is designed for a lot that slopes gently to the rear. With minimal excavation, the home also could be built on level ground. This plan is well-suited to a couple that wants space to spread out for hobbies and entertaining.

It's a split-level plan that puts utilities, a workshop and parking for two cars and a recreational vehicle on the lowest level. The generously sized utility room has counter space, cabinets and a deep sink. A small bathroom is easily accessible from the back yard.

Public spaces and the owners' suite—all bright, airy rooms with vaulted ceilings—are at midlevel, half a flight up from the garage. The comfortable kitchen has a garden window and counters on four sides. Conveniences include a pantry, built-in dishwasher, range and oven, and lazy Susan shelving in the corners.

Sliding-glass doors brighten the

dining room and provide easy access to a railed deck for outdoor meals and appreciation of the view.

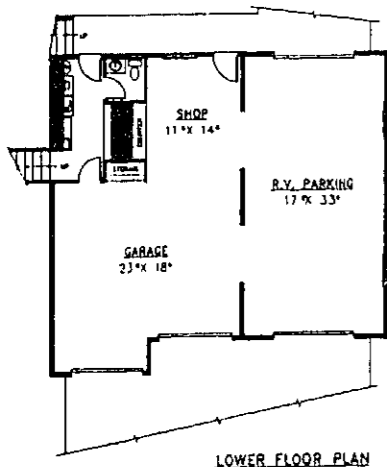
Skylights add to the illumination in a living room with a corner wood-burning stove that serves as an additional source of heat in the winter. Brickwork behind and beneath the stove radiates warmth into the dining room, living room and master suite long after flames turn to embers.

The master suite is large enough for a desk or sitting area in addition to a bed and dresser. A skylight brightens the huge walk-in closet and the master bath has a Jacuzzi tub, oversize shower and enclosed toilet.

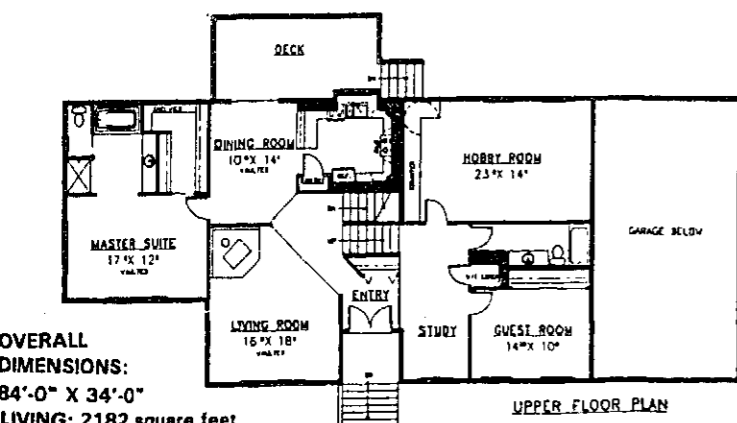
The hobby room, guest room and study/loft are a half-flight up from the main floor. A large linen closet and skylit bathroom serve this level while the skylit loft overlooks the living room. The front-facing guest room has a large closet.

Built-in cabinets line two walls of the huge hobby room, ideal for an artist or craftsman. It's easily large enough to accommodate a sewing machine and quilting frame or weaving loom, but could also be converted to bedroom, recreation room or office space, if needed.

For a study plan of the Lee (401-63), send \$7.50 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.)



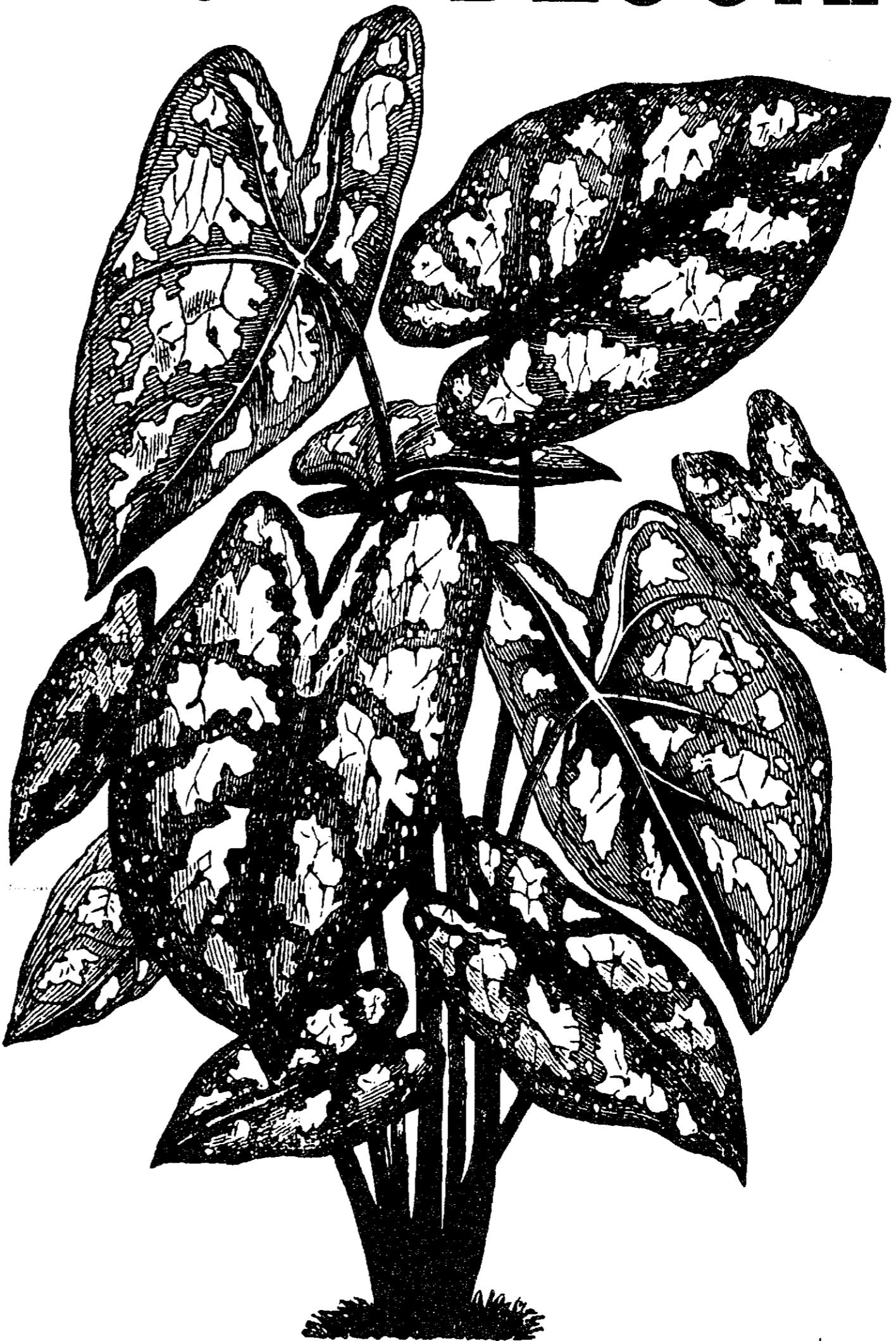
LOWER FLOOR PLAN



UPPER FLOOR PLAN

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FLORA DECORA



By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

A green plant is probably the most useful and least expensive item one can put in a room. Plants brighten the indoors, refresh the air we breathe and generally improve the quality of our lives just by their presence.

They are especially nice for apartment dwellers. You can use plants as accents and room dividers, in place of wall hangings or curtains and to frame an entrance or soften a harsh angle. You can even grow your own fancy salad greens and culinary herbs indoors.

When using plants indoors, take a tip from Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging and display plants in odd-numbered groups.

Two or four plants together can have an unnatural, staged appearance. But three or five of varying heights, colors and textures will make a harmonious grouping.

Remember that dark greens tend to recede while lighter shades leap out of the background. Combine glossy-leaved foliage with softer, fuzzy-leaved plants for an interesting effect, or better still simply let your imagination run wild!

Poor lighting conditions have discouraged many an apartment dweller, but there are a number of attractive plants that don't need bright light. Try broad-leaved dumb cane (Dieffenbachia picta), palmlike dracaena (Dracaena marginata), leathery cast-iron plant (Aspidistra elatior), Chinese evergreen (Aglaonema commutatum), or the old favorite, snake plant (Sansevieria trifasciata).

Many ferns also will tolerate deep shade.

Most plants, especially large ones, come from the store in temporary-looking pots. These can be set into a larger clay container or straw basket that complements your decorating scheme.

Group several smaller plants in a single basket and cover the tops of the pots with sphagnum or Spanish moss (sold in packages at the garden center) for an attractive arrangement.

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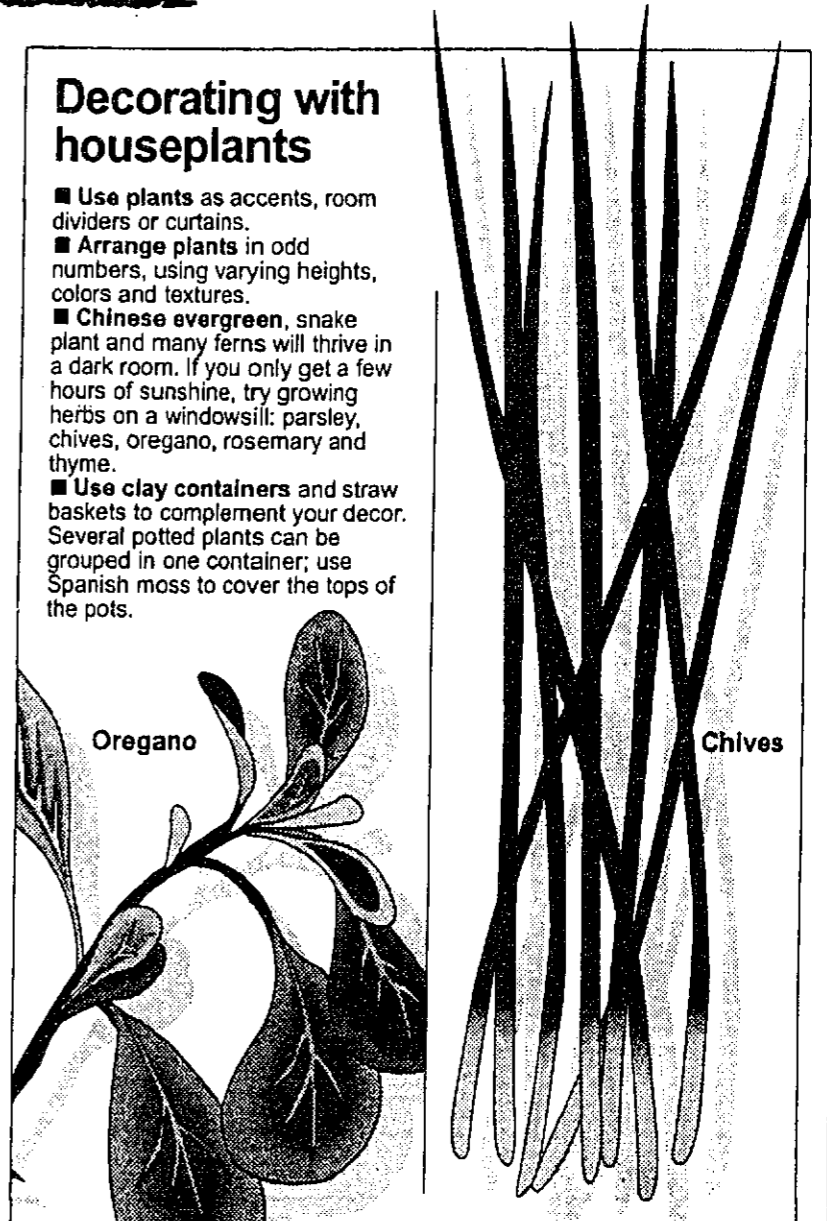
Decorating with houseplants

- Use plants as accents, room dividers or curtains.

- Arrange plants in odd numbers, using varying heights, colors and textures.

- Chinese evergreen, snake plant and many ferns will thrive in a dark room. If you only get a few hours of sunshine, try growing herbs on a windowsill: parsley, chives, oregano, rosemary and thyme.

- Use clay containers and straw baskets to complement your decor. Several potted plants can be grouped in one container; use Spanish moss to cover the tops of the pots.



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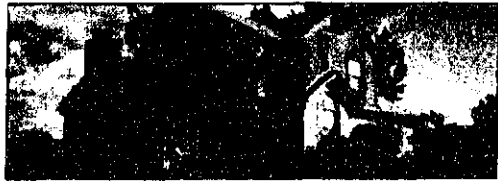
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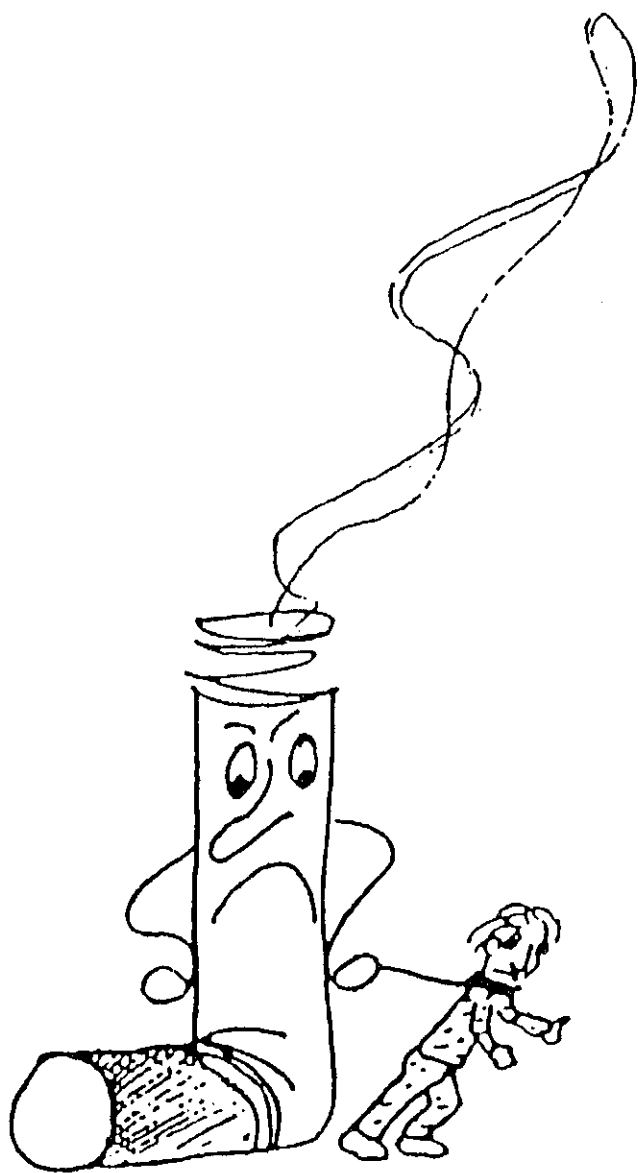
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Whimsical purchase dishes up family fare

By ANNE SEEBALDT GOGOLIN
Special Writer

For Debby Charlick, providing high quality, health-conscious, reasonably priced food in a cozy country atmosphere is top priority.

The former waitress and restaurant manager now owns and operates Debby's Diner, located at 1095 S. Millford Road in Highland Township.

The restaurant is situated on the former site of the Viking Sub Shop.

Charlick said that the concept of a reasonable, sit-down dining facility that also serves dinner has been on her mind for some time. She has 22 years of restaurant experience and is presently doing most of the cooking in the diner due to a lack of experienced cooking help.

"We really try to be a step above (at the same price)," she said. She uses no additional oil on her grill and fries items in 100 percent vegetable oil.

Although she has thought about the idea for a while, she added that she actually purchased the diner impulsively.

Charlick heard the sub shop and its equipment were for sale, put in an offer, and purchased the shop within two days. On Nov. 16, two weeks from the date she started this process, Debby's Diner was open for customers.

"This was a whim," she said. "I had no idea (before) that this place was for sale."

Charlick and family members worked long, hard hours to make the new venture ready. The work included extensive cleaning, painting, having new carpet installed and moving equipment around. Eventually, Charlick said, she would like to further renovate the present seating arrangements and buy comfortable booths to permit more seating. The diner currently seats 50.

"We're trying to make it more of an old-time country diner. Our dinners, we're hoping to keep in the \$5 range," she said.

In fact, dinner menu prices range from \$3.85 to \$5.75 and entrees include soup, salad or coleslaw, choice of potato, vegetable and roll. Hamburgers, grilled chicken, fish and chips, ham and veal cutlets are featured entrees. Various subs, burgers, sandwiches, cones, side orders, salads, and soups round out the lunch and dinner menus.

Breakfast items range in price from weekday specials, such as \$1.99 for biscuits and gravy to \$3.25 for a western omelet. Side orders, such as toast (50 cents), muffins (60 cents), and ham, bacon, or sausage (\$1.45) help to complete the breakfast menu. Pancakes, french toast, and other egg dishes are available. And when you order a cup of coffee at Debby's Diner, you receive an entire heat-insulated carafe.

"We're just trying to make it a friendly atmosphere where you can come and relax," she said.

Charlick said the business is doing well overall, adding that dinner hour still seems to be slower than breakfast or lunch. She said she would like people to know that a sit-down restaurant is now in Highland and serves dinner Tuesday through Friday. Furthermore, Charlick said, people should be aware that an additional 20 parking spaces are available at the rear entrance to the diner.

In the future, Charlick said her hopes are that the diner "would bring more business to my surrounding businesses here. I would hope it would improve their business along with mine."



Debby Charlick opened Debby's Diner in Highland on a whim.

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The projects and resulting savings have spurred Catherine McAuley Health System to evaluate each piece of equipment as its service contract comes up for renewal as part of the health system's cost containment efforts.

The award recipients' names will be added to the department's recognition plaque. In addition, recipients received checks and restaurant gift certificates for their efforts.

Catherine McAuley Health System is a not-for-profit health care provider based in Ann Arbor.

RICHARDS S. CLAY, assistant actuary with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., has been named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA).

Clay earned the FSA designation by successfully completing a series of examinations administered by the Society.

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THE MICHIGAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION has announced that Gayle E. Ode of South Lyon was named Hygienist of the Year.



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Ruth Stenman owns the new Flower Depot in Novi.

The Year by the Washtenaw District Dental Hygiene Society. Ode is employed by Plymouth Dental Associates in Plymouth.

ASSOCIATE-BROKER FRED SMITH has recently joined the real estate office of RE/MAX 100 Inc. in Novi to form a husband and wife team.

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Unemployment down at year's end

The 1993 job outlook is tempered by continuing cutbacks in Michigan's automotive industry, said F. Robert Edwards, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Forecasters predict modest job growth for the state during 1993, and slow but continued improvement in the jobless rate through 1994.

More Michigan workers held jobs. And a record number of people were in Michigan's labor force either working or looking for work in 1992.

Based on the state's recent unemployment pattern, it appears Michigan's unemployment rate should average 4.8 percent in 1992, down from 1991's 9.2 percent rate.

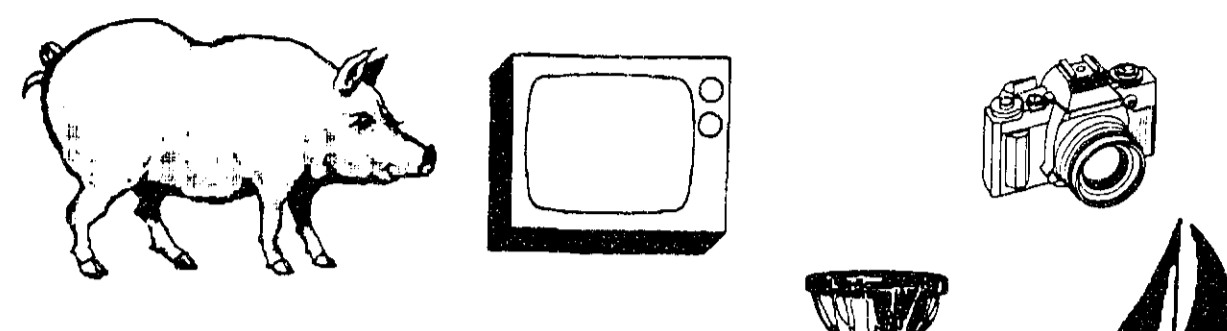
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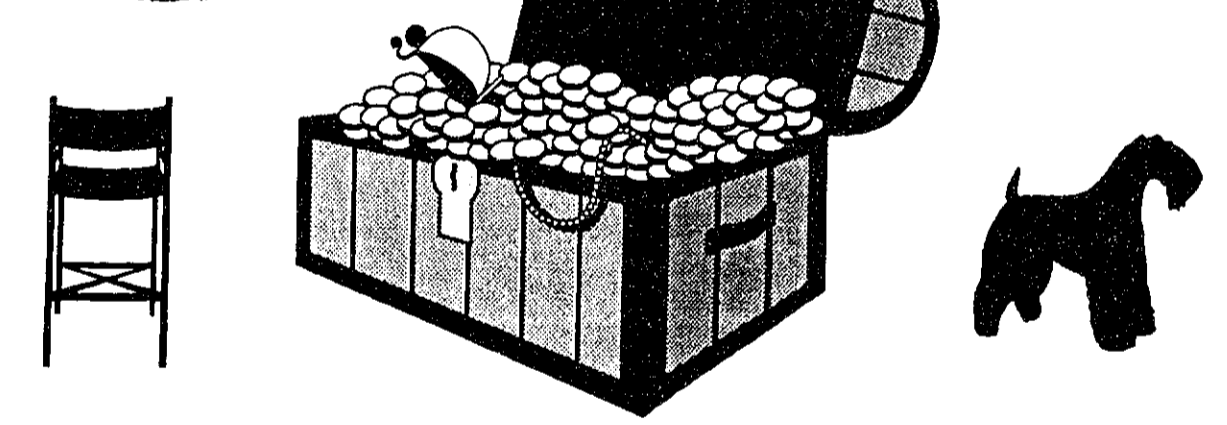
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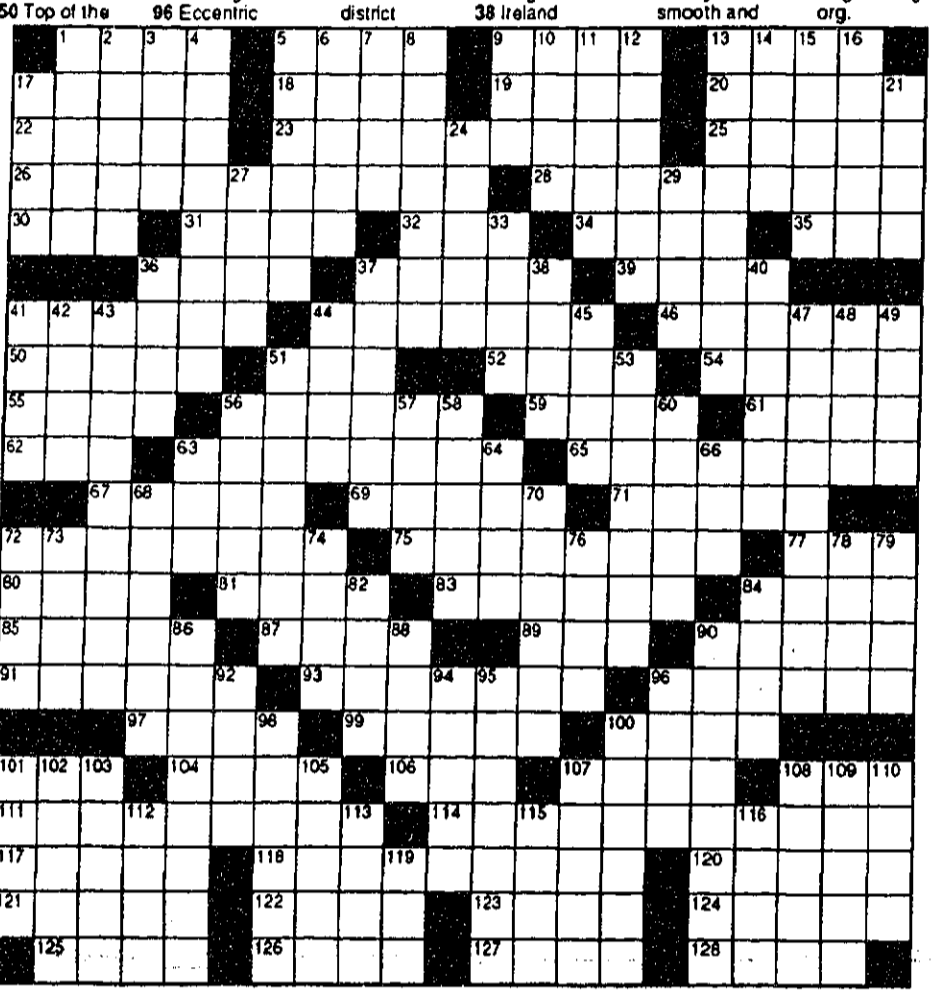
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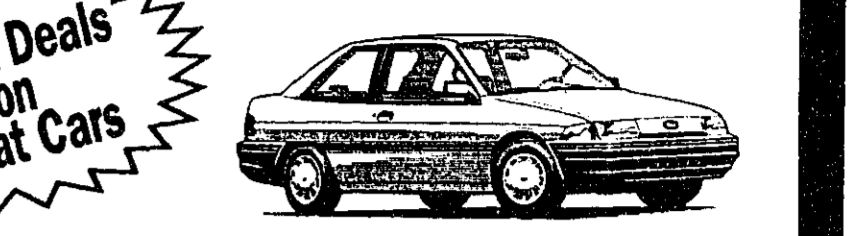
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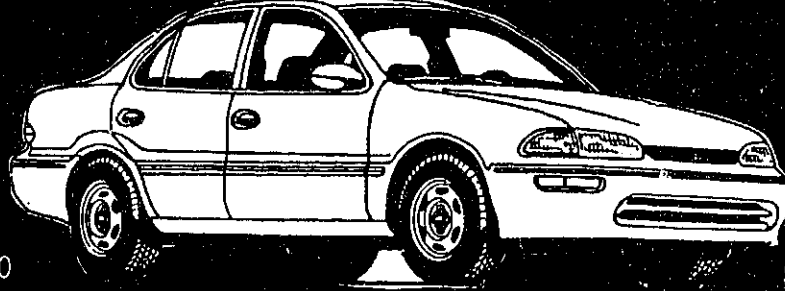
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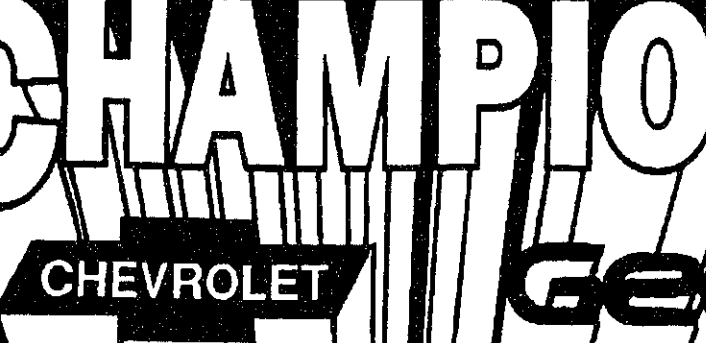
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