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Expo officials pledge action on complaints

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

An apologetic Blair Bowman, president of Novi Expo Center, came to the Novi City Council Monday to reassure city officials that the chaotic traffic jams experienced over the weekend were part of the new center's "growing pains."

"This thing certainly convinced me it's going to be a premium facility and it's a place where people are going to want to be," he said.

Final attendance figures are not yet in, but Bowman estimated that 50,000 people came to the Builders Association's Spring Home and Garden Show, held for the first time in Novi.

The event itself was "highly successful," he said. The vendors were pleased and an expansion of next

year's garden show is in the offing. However, several council members told Bowman they fielded residents' gripes about the otherwise wildly-popular exposition all weekend long.

"I started getting an earful Thursday last week and it went on every night. The biggest complaint was parking in a muddy parking lot and paying \$3. As a public relations effort, maybe you should cut that down to \$1.50," Council Member Joseph Toth lectured Bowman.

"There's not enough lighting. People were stumbling around in some of the dark areas."

The builders show did put Novi on the map, Council Member Carol Mason pointed out.

"My main concern is we have police personnel there when we should have them elsewhere," she

said.

"The City of Novi really paid to have this traffic directed with four different police cars which belonged elsewhere in the city. I don't want to see that happen again."

One glitch was the heavy and unanticipated attendance rate Thursday, due to a Frank's Nursery distributing up to 40,000 in free passes to the event, Bowman said.

"We were unaware of the magnitude of that giveaway," he explained.

"We take full responsibility for not being prepared. We were expecting limited activity, no more than 6,000 people throughout the course of the first day. We are going to monitor those types of programs very carefully so we don't get into that type of situation."



Photo by JON FREILICH

Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman was on the carpet before Novi City Council Monday night for the traffic problems experienced during the Home and Garden Show over the past weekend.

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Quinn calls for conflict inquiry of Mason

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Council Member Carol Mason is the target of an official investigation for possible conflict of interest, based on her real estate connections.

Mayor Matthew Quinn said he drafted a letter Monday to City Attorney David Fried asking for a legal opinion within 30 days on the issue. Mason's votes on matters relating to Tri-Mount Homes, which is owned by her partner in a real estate brokerage, and The Selective Group are under the spotlight.

"What I made mention of to everybody was that the public rumor mill has been circulating for some time that there might be a conflict with Carol voting in areas dealing with these two entities," Quinn explained.

"I take it as part of the mayor's position to keep track of these things. It's better to bring these things out in the open."

Annual reports filed with the state show that Mason, a real estate broker, is in partnership with Mark Dembs, who is president of Tri-Mount Homes, a construction firm. Furthermore, Mason has sold at least one home built by The Selective Group.

In the 1991 annual reports, Dembs is listed as president of Earl Keim Realty, Carol Mason, Inc. and Mason is the corporation's secretary. Mason's name is not listed as an officer on the annual report submitted by Tri-Mount Homes.



CAROL MASON

Fried said the investigation will center on Mason's voting record and "the whole situation and applying the ethics code to it to see whether it's being followed or not being followed."

Mason says she has handed over the information on the city investigation to her own attorney.

"When I ran for this position, everyone in Novi knew I was a broker and I still work," she said.

"Mark Dembs can own anything else he wants. That in no way influences my behavior."

The connection between Dembs and Mason was raised in public and in a Novi News article when she ran for office in 1991.

One of Mason's actions which will require a close look, according to Quinn, is her April 27 vote to approve a city agreement with Tri-Mount Homes. The pact allowed Tri-Mount to pay Novi \$100,000 to discharge runoff water into the city's storm water system. In return, the developer was allowed to abandon a temporary detention basin in Yorkshire and build two homes on the basin site.

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Schools talking contracts early

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District is in the midst of employee contract negotiations, but officials are tight-lipped about what's on the table.

Board of Education members and school administrators confirm that the talks are taking place, but will not discuss any of the issues under consideration. They would not say whether a salary increase was a possibility, and said that the nature of the negotiation process requires them to keep everything strictly confidential.

"No decisions have been made yet," Board President Raymond Byers said, "but we simply cannot discuss terms."

Just when negotiators might ink any contract is uncertain, Byers said.

"That's not in our court. It depends on when we can have an agreement that's acceptable to the union membership and the board," Byers

■ **Why the rush?** The Novi school board appears to be wrapping up contract negotiations with a number of employees, but school financing is up in the air making it a bad time to sign contracts. An editorial appears on page 18A.

said.

The board went into executive sessions — which are closed to the public and media — at its Jan. 7 and Feb. 4 meetings to discuss the negotiations. State law requires that all business of the board be done in a public meeting, except for certain activities which can be private.

Negotiators "really don't have a specific time frame for completing the process," Lippe said.

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Amoco, city at odds over water taps

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's sweetheart deal with Amoco Oil Co. has turned sour lately.

At issue are the water taps Amoco says it needs if it is to secure a building permit to build a second Novi gas station at Twelve Mile and Haggerty roads.

Some members of City Council are angling for the firm to immediately hand over the right of way on Twelve Mile, promised to the city by contract. The firm is expected to benefit from the improved mile road.

"Amoco on good faith should release the Twelve Mile right of way. I think we have lived up to our commitments," Council Member Nancy Cassis said Monday.

The city council in late January had some harsh words for the company, which in compliance with the terms of its 1991 pact with Novi, refuses to cede the \$250,000 strip along Twelve

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Mile Road until it has the city building permit. Monday, Amoco sent to its defense Daniel Wyllie, an attorney from the Detroit law firm Dykema Gossett.

"Why should Amoco at this point change the terms of the agreement it negotiated with the city two years ago?" Wyllie asked.

"I'm not accusing the city or city council of renegeing or doing anything improper. We have one

more step to accomplish. It's in both of our interests to get this resolved as soon as we can."

Novi is eager for the right of way because the state has a Feb. 23 timetable to go out to bid on the \$6 million Twelve Mile Road widening project. City Manager Edward Kriewall explained. The land is needed for the road widening.

"Amoco will work with the city to find a resolution between now and Feb. 23," Wyllie said. He refuted comments made about Amoco's intentions at the January meeting.

"I've heard some concerns that Amoco was somehow using unfair influence to obtain a transfer of a water tap and was also attempting to use undue pressure," he said.

"Amoco has been working with the city all along trying to accomplish both objectives. I completely reject the concept that Amoco was trying to pressure the city on anything or hold a gun to anyone's head."

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Shake, rattle and roll

They're going to the big dance. The Novi High School pom-pom team will compete Feb. 28 in statewide competition in Saginaw. Here, Margie Householder and the rest of the squad hit the floor for practice last week.

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In today's issue



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Community Calendar

Today, February 11

Orchard Hills PTO: The Orchard Hills Elementary School PTO will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Historical Commission: The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center in the Manager's Conference Room (2nd floor).

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

Monday, February 15

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 16

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, February 17

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

Thursday, February 18

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

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

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

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Snider named editor of Northville Record

Lee J. Snider has been named editor of the Northville Record by Rich Perberg, general manager of Home-Town Newspapers.

Snider, 41, has more than a decade of journalistic experience in both the print and electronic media. He was graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1978 with a bachelor of science degree, majoring in English with a minor in history. He also earned a master of public administration degree from EMU in 1988.

Prior to becoming editor of The Record, he was employed by Heritage Newspapers as editor of The Grosse Ile Camera, a position he held almost two years from January 1991 to November 1992. Prior to that he was employed as a staff reporter at Heritage Newspapers.

Snider began his career in print journalism with The Dearborn Times-Herald where he served as city editor and covered legal and business issues, neighborhood developments and political campaigns as well as city council and school board meetings.

From 1985 to 1987 he worked with Eastern Michigan University's Higher Education Consortium for Economic Development, assisting local municipal governments with economic development projects by serving as a liaison between governments and the five colleges and universities in Washtenaw County.

Snider's experience also includes a four-year stint as a news reporter/newscaster with WOOD AM and FM in Grand Rapids.

Snider replaces Bob Needham, who resigned from the position of Northville Record editor in December. He joins Managing Editor Michael Malott as head of the news team which publishes both The Record and The Novi News.

Philip Jerome, executive editor of Home-Town Newspapers and a former managing editor of The Record, said he was pleased to appoint someone with Snider's experience and credentials.

"The Northville Record has a tradition of excellence that goes back through Bob Needham and Ann Willis to the days of Jean Day, Jack Hoffman and Bill Slinger," said Jerome.



LEE SNIDER

"We wanted to make certain that we found the right person to continue that tradition of excellence; we believe that Lee is that person."

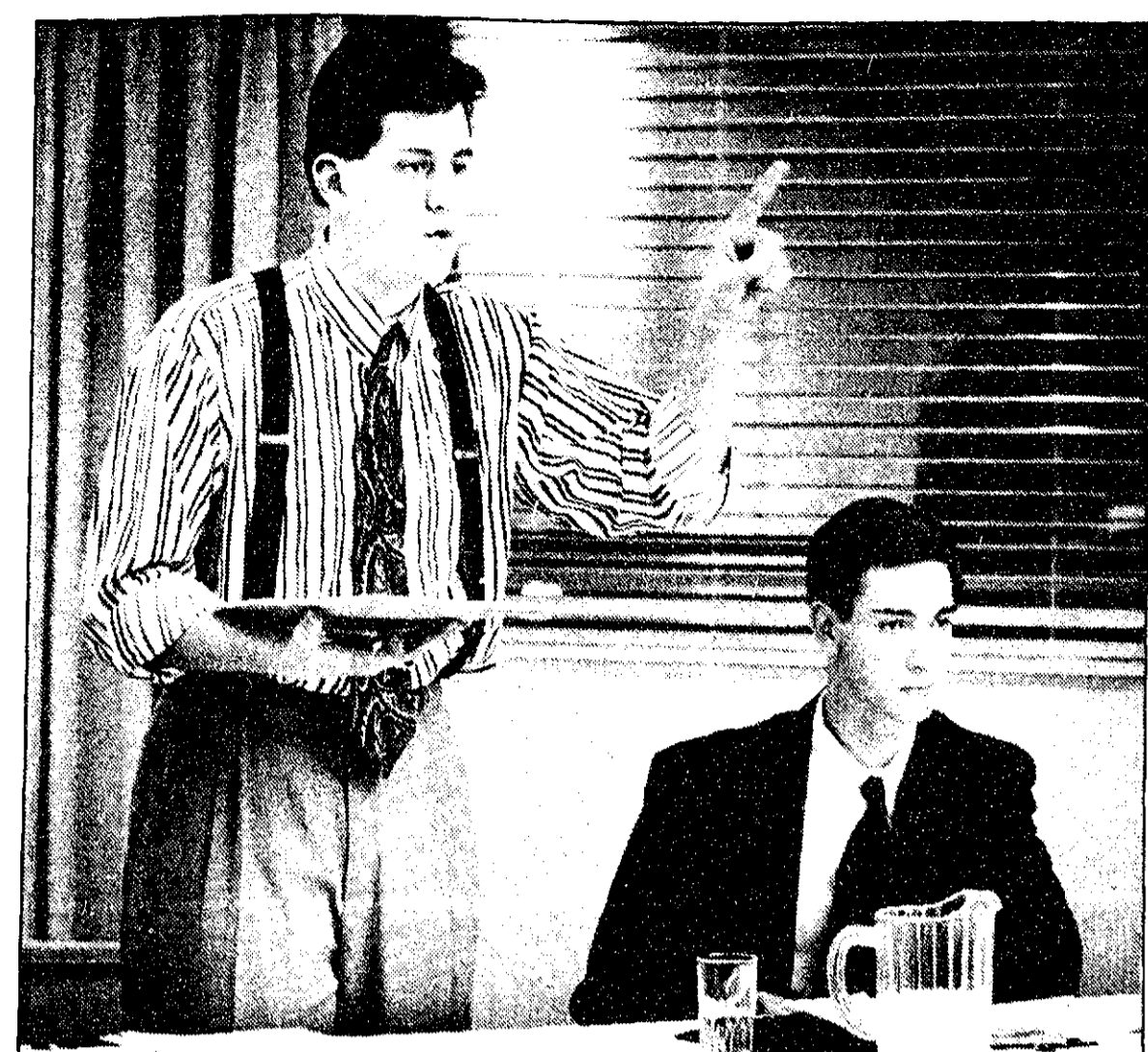
Snider said he was looking forward to his new post.

"It's a great honor to be named editor of a paper of the caliber of the Record. I know the people of Northville and Northville Township are involved in their communities, and it's always more fun to work in a place where the people care about what goes on."

The Northville Record has won the prestigious "Michigan's Best" award in each of the past two years. The award is emblematic of being the state's top newspaper in its circulation classification.

Jerome said an open house will be scheduled in the near future to give Northville residents an opportunity to meet their new editor.

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Ain't no debate

There ain't no debate—the Novi High School team is one of the best. The debate squad placed 11th in the state finals held over the weekend at the Novi Hilton. In addition, Randall Juip, left, and James Kovacs, right, were selected to compete with the best in the state later this month for a shot at a college scholarship later. Congrats, Wildcats!

Novi High senior attends presidential swearing-in

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Better than the anticipation, even better than the moment, one philosopher said, is the memory of an event—because it lasts forever.

Novi High School senior James Kovacs can relate to that. He'll always remember being present during the peaceful transition of power from one U.S. President to another.

Kovacs attended the inauguration of Bill Clinton in Washington D.C. Jan. 20 as part of a national student group. He was one of the estimated 250,000 people who crowded the area to see the new chief executive utter the 36-word oath that was the centerpiece of weeks of activity and anticipation.

"It was fantastic, really fantastic," Kovacs said of his five-day trip. The Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a non-profit, non-partisan education organization, sponsored the trip for 500 high school students across the country. The council, Kovacs said, had a slew of fascinating activities for the students.

The group began listening to the Rev. Jesse Jackson speak, and then took a party on the facility's rooftop terrace.

Inauguration day itself "was really hectic," Kovacs said. "I didn't feel it, though, really. It was mesmerizing."

Speeches from retired Admiral James Crowe, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and from well-known national journalists were also part of the council's program. The group attended a performance of The Secret Garden at the Kennedy Center, and followed that with a black-tie party on the facility's rooftop terrace.

While his spot for the event was quite a distance from the inaugural podium, Kovacs said that nearby television screens and speakers helped him keep up with the action.

Interestingly, the moment that most sticks with Kovacs isn't of the inauguration itself. It's when Clinton arrived at the inaugural ball Kovacs attended later in the evening.

The new president, as well as his vice president, made appearances at

many of the balls being held Jan. 20. Kovacs attended one held in the old U.S. Post Office Pavilion.

"I had to stand about seven hours to keep my spot," Kovacs said, a choice one near the front edge of the ballroom stage. "But I wasn't going to give it up. It hurt after awhile, but I got some great shots."

The Clintons arrived about 1 a.m. at the ball, which some 5,000 people attended, Kovacs said.

"It was great," Kovacs, a self-proclaimed George Bush supporter, admitted. "The moment with the most impact was as he walked up onto the stage. It was unbelievable."

"Some kid threw a sweatshirt up to him," he continued. "And Clinton tied it around his neck, and then he and Hillary danced. He danced with this sweatshirt tied over his tuxedo. The whole room was just full of energy."

Like his fellow students, Kovacs said he was sorry to leave. But he'll be going back soon, he said, to check out D.C.'s Georgetown University.

A reliable source (his mother) confided to this reporter that Kovacs would like to be President himself someday. President James Kovacs? Hmm.

Hey, it worked for Clinton, who met President John F. Kennedy when he was a high school student.

City employees blast change in health plans

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A Novi police officer's wife charged Monday that due to a recent switch in health insurance plans, the city is not living up to its union contract.

La Rita Roder, wife of Det. Max Roder, told the City Council that the altered health plan could impact the welfare of her 16-year-old daughter, who was born with a rare genetic birth defect which has required facial reconstructive surgery.

"We are, if you pardon the vernacular, screwed," she said.

In December, Novi changed the traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield master medical health insurance coverage for employees to a Preferred Provider Option (PPO). The city also offers two Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans.

These plans require users to go to doctors selected by the insurance company.

Not long afterward, all five unions which represent city employees filed grievances. Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said Tuesday. The police department includes three unions, the fire department one and clerical and department of public works field workers belong to the Teamsters Union.

Under the terms of the Novi Police Officers Association contract, the city agreed to provide Blue Cross/Blue Shield master medical coverage with the option of selecting another insurer if the coverage is identical or

better, Roder said.

Roder contends the PPO does not meet the standard of identical, as defined by Black's Law Dictionary.

"This is no way identical," she explained. "It severely limits my own right to choose my own doctor. If I continue to use the doctor my family and I have carefully selected and built up a trust and rapport with, I will be severely economically penalized."

Under the new system, Roder's daughter may not return to the orthopedic surgeon she's been seeing.

Roder said she understands the city made the move to save \$90,000. Klaver said he does not recall the cost savings, but that the new insurance costs somewhat less than the previous policy.

More and more doctors are participating in PPOs, the assistant city manager said. The health care providers agree to standard rates; in return their business is increased when PPO participants are directed to them. The goal is to keep spiraling health care costs down.

"Our recommendation to the unions is that within a few months we'll find out whether there are any significant differences. According to what Blue Cross told us, the coverage is virtually identical," Klaver said.

As Roder explains it, the problem is when your doctor, who may provide specialized care, is not on the PPO list. When her daughter was younger, Roder says she had difficulty finding a surgeon who could op-

erate on her daughter's rare condition. Now, the teen may need additional treatment to her jaw and mouth.

"The city does have a moral, ethical and legal obligation to abide by the contract and stop playing games with people's lives," she added.

"A signed contract must be honored."

Klaver says he will handle the union grievance appeals, and then the cases may go on to arbitration with a professional arbitrator, which could take months.

"It's my hope that in that time, a couple of months from now, the employees will find that the coverage is identical," he said.

But Det. Frank Barabas, the union steward for the Novi Police Officers Association, says the issue goes beyond medical coverage.

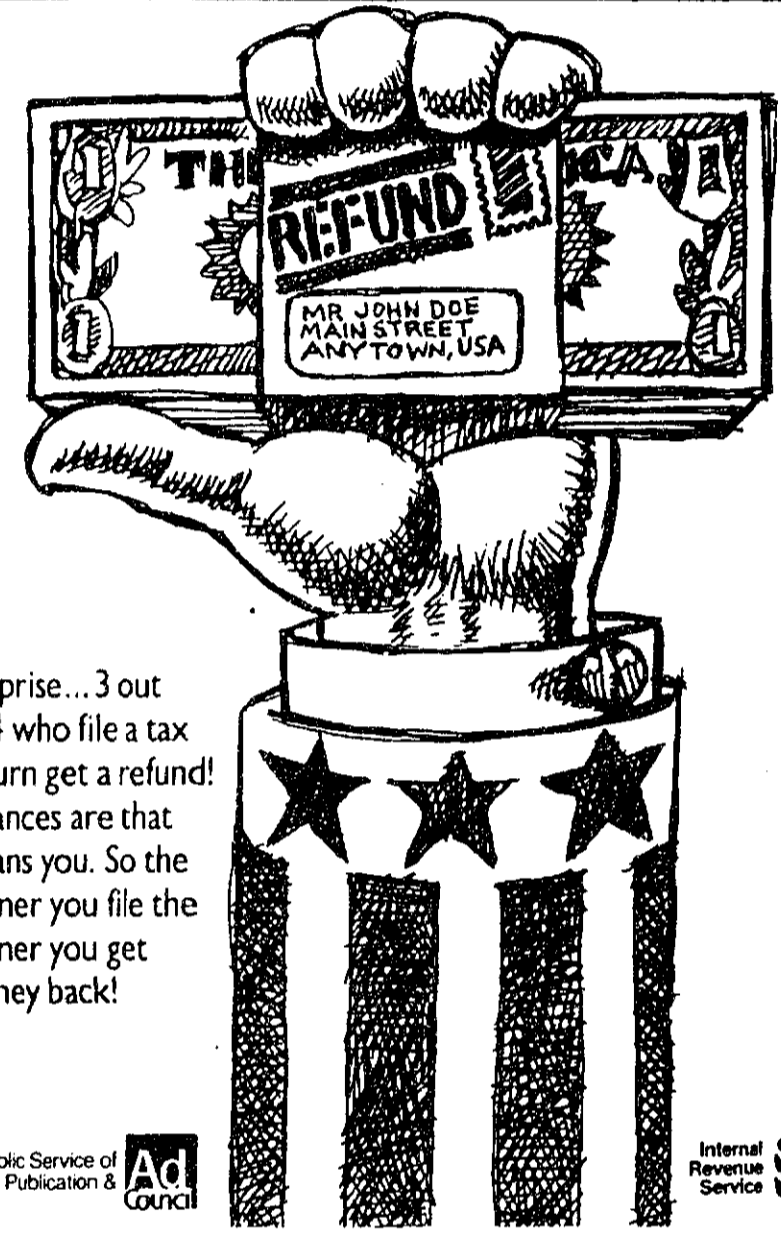
"We interpret it as being a change in the contract. This was a change in the medical insurance without it being negotiated. I took it out of the hands of collective bargaining. We had no choice in the matter," Barabas said.

"It was shoved down our throats."

He added that he's heard complaints from several police officers who are forced to switch doctors and have had difficulty getting their prescriptions filled.

Roder calls it a matter of loyalty; her husband has put in over 22 years on the police force.

"You'd think loyalty would go both ways," she said.



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More than window smashed in fight

Novi police arrested a man after he allegedly got into a fight with two people in a home on Pelston, smashed a window in the resident's home, then drove away intoxicated.

According to police reports, police arrived at the home shortly after 5 a.m. after the fight was over and the window was broken.

The suspect began to drive away when he was stopped by police. He failed a combination of sobriety tests and was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

BREAK-IN ATTEMPT: A resident on Nine Mile reported Jan. 30 that he believed someone tried to break into his home during the night.

Police investigating the scene reported that two storm windows were raised a few inches on the west side of the house, and the cellar doors were partially open when he woke up that morning.

The homeowner also said the windows and doors could have been opened while he and his wife were away the previous evening.

Police News

However, police said other evidence at the scene indicated that the windows and doors were probably not moved by a thief.

WARRANT ARREST: Novi police Jan. 28 arrested a Ferndale man who was soliciting for the Michigan Citizens Lobby.

According to police reports, a resident on Connera called police to complain about the solicitor. Police questioned him and learned that he had a permit to solicit donations, but the man refused to give his date of birth to officers.

A computer law enforcement information network (LEIN) check turned up warrants for the man's arrest out of Ferndale, Livonia and Tpsilanti. He was arrested and turned over to Ferndale police, who then held him for the other two

departments.

STOLEN TRUCK: A Milford man reported Jan. 29 that someone stole his 1992 GMC Jimmy from the parking lot east of Vic Tanny.

The owner told police he parked and locked his car around 7 p.m. and returned shortly after 2 p.m. to discover it missing.

Police reported no evidence at the scene. The owner still had the keys to the vehicle.

MAILBOX DAMAGE: Novi police reported at least six attacks on mailboxes on Cidermill Jan. 30.

In addition, there was vandalism to a 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass along the street, which was covered with eggs.

Police later arrested and questioned a local juvenile, who is sus-

pected of driving through the area and hitting the boxes with a baseball bat. He was reportedly seen leaving the area by a resident who wrote down his license plate number.

STOLEN VEHICLE: A 1991 GMC pickup truck, equipped with a snow plow, salt spreader and a ton of salt, was reported stolen from the Sheraton Oaks hotel Jan. 29.

The vehicle was the property of Sheraton Oaks and was parked in the west lot of the building. Police entered it in the LEIN system as stolen.

BREAK-IN: A resident on Mariga reported Jan. 28 that someone broke into his home and stole approximately \$775 worth of miscellaneous entertainment equipment and other items.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

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

Novi Briefs

Appeals time: The property tax Board of Review dates have been set for March 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 9, noon to 9 p.m.; March 10, noon to 9 p.m.; March 11, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and March 12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Assessor's office conference room in the Novi Civic Center.

The house is coming down: The Novi City Council decided Feb. 11 to go out for bids for the demolition of a city-owned house on East Lake Drive which was occupied for several years by Community Development Director James Wahl. Wahl moved out last summer.

Earlier, there had been talk of using the small building as a police substation. However, the costs of making it accessible to the handicapped were high.

Greetings and Felicitations: Members of the Novi Planning Commission welcomed their two newest members at the body's Feb. 3 meeting. New Commissioners Glen Bonaventura and Bob Mitzel will join the panel's seven current members. They replace former Commissioners Eric Schaefer and Judith Johnson. Bonaventura and Mitzel were formally appointed by the Novi City Council last month.

School decision delayed: The planning commission did not address the issue of a woodlands permit for Hickory Woods Elementary School's two-classroom addition at the Feb. 3 meeting. It is expected to do so at its Feb. 17 meeting. The facility, part of the Walled Lake school system, needs a Novi woodlands permit to proceed, but residents and commissioners have raised questions about the plan.

Fuerst committee starts: The Fuerst Family Farm Committee, called to advise the Novi schools on what it should do with the homestead of Iva and Ruby Fuerst, had its first meeting last week. Committee chair James Fuerst told the board that the body's 20-member board had come up with over 130 suggestions for the site. Koster promised the board that they'd narrow that list down to the requested three best options by the committee's May deadline.

Reports on tap: Superintendent of Schools Emmett Lippe told board education members at their Feb. 4 meeting of two reports soon due out. The first will be a detailed analysis of the district's MEAP test results, expected to be released on Feb. 25. The second is a consolidation of the district's curriculum council recommendations for textbook selections, due on April 22.

Oratorical Contest: The Novi Optimist Club is sponsoring its annual Oratorical Contest on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center council chambers. This year's topic is "I Can Make a Difference." All young people who had not reached their 10th birthday prior to Jan. 1, 1993, are invited to compete for prizes. A \$200 U.S. Savings Bond will be awarded to the first place winner, a \$100 Saving Bond will go to the runner-up, and \$50 Savings Bond will be awarded to the third place contestant, call Ponto at 348-7445, Karen MacKenzie at 349-8398, or Ruth Vigna at 344-8300.

Chartered in 1989, the Novi Optimist Club's motto is "Friend of Youth." Currently, the 49-member club meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The club president for 1992-93 is Donald Ponto. For more information regarding the oratorical contest, call Ponto at 348-7445, Karen MacKenzie at 349-8398, or Ruth Vigna at 344-8300.

CPK Classes: Community EMS, the ambulance service which serves the Novi area, will host a variety of CPR classes at its Life Support Training Institute, 25400 W. Eight Mile Road in Southfield. Basic Life Support, CPR Course C will be at 9 a.m. on Feb. 19. A first aid class will also be given on Feb. 23 at 9 a.m.

Classes are open to everyone. For information and registration call 344-1990.

Department cuts free funds to pay for police overtime

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department funded nearly three-fifths of its annual overtime budget this year by cutting expenditures elsewhere.

Although the department last year spent approximately \$244,000 on overtime pay — a figure consistent with overtime expenditures of previous years — the city this year funded its overtime at \$100,000.

The budgeted money, which was intended to carry the department from June 31, 1992 to July 1, 1993, has already run out.

However, "we forged many savings in our budget this year, so we overcame the shortage in overtime," said Novi Police Chief Doug Schaeffer.

In fact, the department identified \$334,994 worth of savings from the budget. Schaeffer projects this year's overtime at \$220,000 which will leave an extra \$114,994.

None of the budget cuts will be noticed by the average Novi citizen. The following are some of the major budget cuts already in place.

Police vehicles will be replaced at 80,000 miles instead of 60,000 miles. "Our vehicle expenditures are our second highest expense, after personnel," Schaeffer said. "Replacing vehicles at 80,000 miles will save a tremendous amount on purchase price, and more than compensates for the increased maintenance cost."

Miles logged by police officers during an average shift have been reduced.

Some officers in the department mistakenly believed they were required to log 200 miles per shift to prove they had covered the community accurately, Schaeffer said. "We made them aware that such a policy didn't exist."

In addition, the community-orienting program, which assigns officers to specific, fixed districts instead of the entire community in general, also resulted in fewer miles logged by road patrol officers.

Unused \$4,000 per year telephone

"We forged many savings in our budget this year, so we overcame the shortage in overtime."

Doug Schaeffer
Novi Police Chief

lines were removed.

"When we were working on the communications station (renovations) we found that telephone trunk lines that were not being used, so we had them removed," Schaeffer said. "We were paying around \$4,000 per year in rental charges for those lines."

Schaeffer said the new equipment in that center is also more cost-effective than the old and will result in a savings of about \$80,000 per year.

Most special seminars and conferences were eliminated from the budget, except on a case by case basis," Schaeffer explained. "Some are required to maintain a certification level." For example, officers must attend training sessions to remain certified in the use of a breathalyzer. Also, a federal law requires ongoing training on blood-borne pathogens (AIDS or hepatitis viruses).

Miscellaneous expenses were cut. Other small budget cuts that add up to big dollars were implemented throughout the department. For example, uniforms are now dropped off at the cleaners instead of being picked up; windows are washed less frequently; a seldom-used rented copy machine was removed and office supplies were cut back.

Schaeffer said he has also restricted much of the department's overtime and eliminated the need for some of it by overlapping shifts.

Novi police officers, who earn a base salary of \$35,562 after three

years and \$42,162 after five years, receive most of their overtime pay due to court appearances.

According to union contracts, officers who appear in court when they are not on duty are paid at least three hours of overtime. That means any night-shift officer who appears in court will be paid overtime.

"Half of our officers are assigned to the night shift," Schaeffer said. "And most of the arrests are at night. The harder an officer works, the more he has to go to court."

Twelve hours of overtime pay goes to officers who work on holidays or who come in on days off to replace others who call in sick. Overtime is also paid to officers who attend meetings or other events during scheduled time off.

Overtime spending was highest in the first quarter of the fiscal year (July through October). It was after that first quarter that Schaeffer discovered the problem in the overtime account.

He said overtime use may have been higher during that quarter because of the summer months and more officers taking vacations. However, he believes the overtime also went down after they became aware of the budget problem.

The crackdown in overtime has led to some problems within the department. A union grievance was filed by a dispatcher who requested time off to plan his wedding.

"I denied the request because I didn't want to have to pay overtime for his replacement," Schaeffer said. The case is pending.

In general, he said, he has found cooperation from union representatives about overtime.

"We have a very conscientious workforce, and certainly they work they want to get paid for their efforts," he said. "I don't blame them."

"Most organizations have an eight hour day, with weekends and holidays off. We man round-the-clock. At the same time, our people also serve days off, they get sick, and they need training."

Obituaries

CARMEL STAFFIN

Carmel Marguarite Staffin, 73, of Novi died at Whitehall Nursing Home Jan. 24. She was born July 5, 1919, in Canada to the late Edward Som-

merville and Rose Moquere. Her husband Thomas preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Paulette Steinhoff of Novi and three grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 27 at O'Brien Chapel, Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. The Rev. Jerry Slovinski officiated. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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Billed as Michigan's largest sport and travel show, the event is sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

Weekends at Outdoorama will include family days with seminars on

hunting, wildlife and other outdoor activities. "Wildlife Encounters," an educational display of Michigan wildlife runs throughout the show.

Entertainment at Outdoorama will be provided by "Da Yoopers," a musical comedy troupe who leave behind the 14-foot snowbanks of their hometown of Ishpeming to take the stage daily. Show hours are weekdays at 6:30 p.m.; 12:30 and 6:30

p.m. Saturdays: 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7.

Outdoorama will host the 11th annual Michigan Wild Turkey Calling Classic on Saturday, Feb. 27. Other Outdoorama activities include: Big Buck Night, March 1; DNR Forecast Night, March 2; Hunting Dog Night, March 1; DNR Forecast Night, March 2; Hunting Dog Night, March 3; Bo-

whunting Night March 4; and March 5. Fishing Night.

Outdoorama's new location at the Novi Expo Center allows over 300,000 square feet to be devoted to exhibit space. Displays feature Canadian and Western outfitters, recreational vehicles, sport and fishing boats, and outdoor equipment.

Outdoorama hours are Feb. 26, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; weekdays 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and March 7, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for senior citizens 60 years or older (weekdays only). Children, five and under, are admitted free.

Outdoorama is a non-profit event. All net proceeds from the 1993 show will help support MUCC's conservation efforts and environmental education programs throughout the state.

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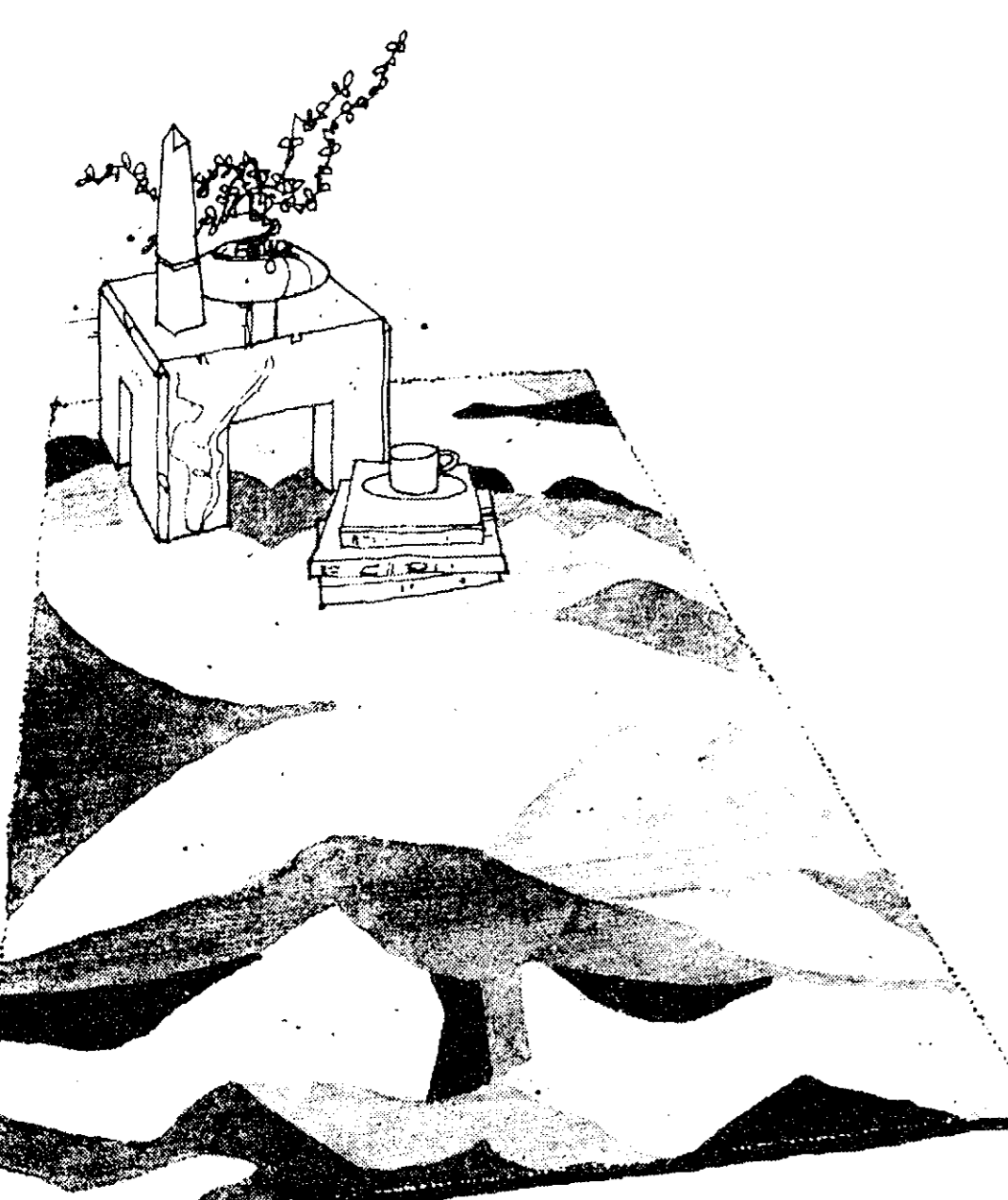
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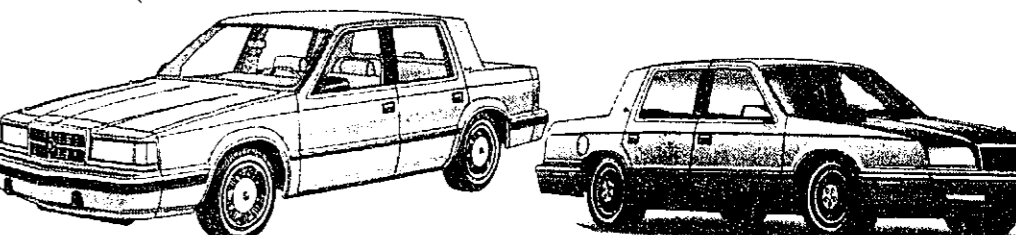
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Board finalizes deal on \$31.9 million bond

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

After more than half a year, the final line is in sight for the Novi school district. The series of legal and financial moves in which school officials have engaged to sell \$31.9 million in bonds should come to an end two weeks from now. The Board of Education is expected to pass the final resolution necessary to seal the deal. "It's the only thing left," Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, James Koster said, "and we expect it to go before the board at their next meeting (on Feb. 25)." The money from the sale will pay for a massive district-wide expansion and renovation program. About one-fourth of the bond issue — some \$7.96 million — buys a technology system. Each school will receive computers and related devices, and all buildings will network with each other and the computers in the new Instructional Technology Center.

The resolution is largely a formality, spelling out various legal aspects of the bond sale. It is required under state law, however, for the record. The school district received the money from the sale last week, Koster said, and matters are proceeding apace. Through the summer of 1992, officials considered a bond issue, examining construction needs and alternatives, as well as estimated costs. As summer turned to fall, the plan took shape. In September, the board called for a special election on the bond sale, which requires voter approval. In the following months, officials completed the legally-required tasks in order to hold the election and to issue the bonds if the vote was a successful one.

Voters gave the district the green light to sell the bonds in Dec. 15 polling — by a 2-to-1 margin. Officials then moved to put the bonds on the market as soon as possible. They did so on Jan. 19, selling the bonds at one of the lowest interest rates in a decade. The 6.03-percent rate, lower than Koster had expected, will save district taxpayers more than \$2 million over the 25-year life of the bond issue as compared to the expected rate.

The focus now shifts to construction matters. The lion's share of the expansion/improvement work will be done over this and next year's summer breaks. Officials say they're shooting for completion of everything by opening day of the 1994-95 school year — some 20 months from now. Finishing up work on Novi High School — where over \$17 million (the \$31.9 million total will be spent — may extend into the fall of that school year, officials add.

Lions to finance police project

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department's request for a new interview room for victims of violent crime has gotten the nod from a local service organization. The Novi Lions Club has agreed to take over the project and, through a combination of fund-raising and donations, make the estimated \$4,500 project a reality.

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer approached the Lions about the project in late January, and they were quick to embrace it. "When we heard about it, it struck home as the right kind of project for us," said Lions President Mike Phero. "Our goal this year is to work locally on some projects that benefit our own community."

In creating the interview room, Shaeffer hopes to make the experi-

ence of reporting a violent crime somewhat less intimidating. It will be set up like a living room with soft lighting, comfortable chairs, and a public camera and other discreet recording equipment in an inconspicuous place where it won't be as noticeable to victims. An area off to the side will contain toys for children to play with.

The room will be set up off the main lobby so that victims do not have to walk through the interior work area of the police station for the interview.

Currently, victims of such crimes must walk through a large area filled with detectives and other police department employees which, Shaeffer said, could make them feel as if they are being talked about. The interview rooms in the department have stark white walls, fluorescent lighting and straight-backed chairs.

Fero said he believes his organization's work will ultimately help many victims get through the difficult process of prosecuting a violent crime. "By the time they get to court they feel like the criminal instead of the victim," he said. "The Lions motto is 'We Serve,' and that's what we want to do here."

Fero said the organization's game plan is to get most of the needed items for the room donated by area merchants.

"We're going to take charge of the project," he explained. "And one way or another we'll get it done, even if we have to write a check."

The Lions are best known for their efforts to provide glasses for the newly and leader dogs for the blind. Phero said the Novi Lions have only filled requests for one or two pairs of glasses per year here because of the general affluence of Novi. Much of

their fundraising has gone out of the community because "we have a whole of a kind finding local projects," he said.

"Our goal is to work locally first, and everything else goes outside," Shaeffer expressed his thanks to the organization for their interest in the project.

"We know those persons who will fall victim to these types of crimes will certainly benefit from their efforts," he said.

Fero said he expects the project to be a success because "about 85 percent" of the Novi Lions are active and hardworking members.

"If we didn't have 50 guys like this, every project would be major. Everyone in the club is local, and about two-thirds of us have been here since the beginning. (Our success is) not because of any one person — it's the club."

Library Notes

During Winter Break, Novi Public Library is featuring three special afternoon programs for children:

Origami: Fun with Origami, on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. will teach children in grades three an up the tricky art of paper folding. To register call the library at 349-0720.

Birds of Prey: Birds of Prey, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. will feature a variety of feathered visitors from the Howell Nature Center. Children in grades kindergarten and up are invited to get a close-up view of some hawks and owls native to Michigan.

Star Lab: Star Lab will be presented on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1 and 2 p.m. for those in kindergarten and up. Cranbrook Institute of Science will provide an inflatable planetarium where you can view the constellations, planets and the Milky Way. Registration is required for this free program.

Personal changes: Adult Program — "Personal Changes: Where Do I Go From Here?" will be featured on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at Novi Library. Returning to present this program is Dr. Lou Thayer of Eastern Michigan University. His lecture will help participants examine changes in their lives. To register for this free program call the library at 349-0720.

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Northville to redraw boundaries

By MICHELLE KAISER Staff Writer

David Boltho is hoping to recommend a school boundary plan at the March 23 board of education meeting, but don't hold him to it.

"That's the plan, unless we come up with some wrinkle we don't see right now regarding the funding proposals," said Boltho, assistant superintendent for administrative services. "If they (legislators) put it off, it could be very difficult for us to make any recommendation."

The questions of how and where the school district will receive revenue for the next school year are forcing school officials to hold their collective breath as lawmakers mull over several school finance reform proposals. The opening of Thornton Creek could be threatened or Moraine Elementary could be closed if the district gets word of a significant cut in revenue.

"There are some real threats out there," Boltho said. "They could have a significant impact on us. We're at

bare bones right now." In the meantime, Boltho continues to research school boundary options. Originally scheduled to present a recommendation at the Feb. 8 board meeting, Boltho decided to delay making a decision because citizen input raised questions that he felt should be addressed.

This week, Boltho was scheduled to speak with Northville Township officials regarding potential growth in their area. He was also planning to speak with each developer in the area and confirm starting dates of proposed subdivisions and get progress reports on existing developments. Although he did learn about a sewer project slated for the area, Boltho now needs to find out how far and how fast it will be constructed. Boltho said he would like to schedule at least one more meeting of the board's facility sub-committee and one more public hearing.

"We don't want to have a situation where we rush into something and don't get the community input and involvement we need," he said.

"We want to process this one as carefully as possible. Ultimately, the decision has to be made."

(In the Monday, Feb. 8 edition of The Novi News, a boundary map in-

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Mayor Matt Quinn discusses the traffic back on Novi Road in front of the Expo Center at Monday night's city council meeting.

Expo promises council improved traffic control

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City Manager Edward Kriewall said that he spent "considerable time" Friday, Saturday and Sunday keeping tabs on the show traffic. Kriewall called a Monday morning staff meeting to address the situation, then pored over for two hours in the late afternoon with Bowman, Police Chief Douglas Shaner, Fire Chief Art Lenaghan, Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki and other personnel to review the traffic problem.

"We look at this as a challenge we can deal with and overcome and make this a positive for the community," Kriewall said.

Warm weather Thursday complicated matters. The unpaved Expo Center parking lot turned to mud. Bowman said the main problem was that the new Expo Center Drive narrowed into the center's one-lane entrance, creating a traffic blockage.

"The biggest issue we saw was getting them in from Novi Road," Bowman said, adding that it generally took a driver up to 15 minutes to exit the freeway and enter the Expo Center's lot.

The center's 600 parking spaces weren't always full, but drivers who wanted to avoid the delays pulled into the parking lots at the nearby Big Boy and Bob Evans restaurants.

They sure did, according to Rod Taylor, general manager of Bob Evans. Taylor said his restaurant sales only went up a disappointing

4 percent last week, while regular customers were kept out by the Builders Show parkers.

"They were just parking like crazy. They waited 30 minutes to go down Novi Road to get there and they see \$3 to park at the Expo Center. They say, 'Hey, why not park for free at Bob Evans?'" Taylor said, adding that he assigned busboys to shoo away Expo Center traffic.

"People didn't care that those busboys told them not to park there. They used vulgar language and kept on walking."

The Expo Center's original plan was for vendors to park at Novi Town Center and take a shuttle in. That got out of hand as showgoers also left their cars in the shopping center lot and crossed busy Novi Road. The Builders Association on Saturday afternoon promised on radio the availability of the free shuttle to the general public, Bowman said.

Bowman said the Novi police told him they were concerned about pedestrian safety as showgoers trooped across Novi Road, which has no crosswalks.

The Expo Center plans to no longer use the Town Center as a vendor parking site and may move instead to the Sheraton Oaks parking lot.

To ease the situation, Progressive Tool allowed the Expo Center to divert traffic to the company's exit onto Grand River. Sunday, there was an emergency run to the center and the ambulance used this route, Bowman said.

He called the weekend a "learning curve."

Member Robert Schmid "very, very disappointed."

"This council sat here week after week and begged you about parking. It was improper and totally inadequate planning. We got some bad information from our traffic planners. This was a bit of a disaster," Schmid said.

"You're not only jeopardizing those who go to the event but those who have businesses and those who traverse the area normally."

The site plan for the Expo Center is expected to be submitted to the city for approval within the next 10 days.

Bowman also outlined a series of improvements planned to ease the traffic crunch.

■ The Expo Center's parking lots will be paved by mid-August and 400 spaces will be added. Until then, an intra-lot shuttle will still operate.

■ The center will expand its entrance to three entrance lanes and two exit lanes.

■ When the police chief deems it necessary, off-duty police will be called in to direct traffic and the Expo Center will pay their wages.

■ Signage will be improved.

■ Generator-powered lights might be used for quick improvements until more lighting is installed along Expo Center Drive.

■ The center will pay for security guards to keep their traffic out of Big Boy's and Bob Evans' parking lots.

No water, no road widening, Amoco says

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The water moratorium imposed by the Michigan Department of Public Health (MDPH) in summer 1990 appears to make water taps as good as gold in Novi. The council is still thrashing out a policy on water taps. A report from City Attorney David Fried is also expected to provide some answers.

Amoco is prepared to pay \$12,500 for the temporary use of water taps earlier granted to Hickory Corporate Park, a light industrial development proposed for, but not yet built, at a Nine Mile Road site. Hickory Corporate Park has already provided the taps as a freebie to a Cookey's Restaurant adjacent to the Amoco site.

because one of the industrial park's developers, Cunningham Lmp, considers the restaurant to be a good customer.

The city council majority is reluctant to approve either transaction. Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford wondered if the problem was water taps or the opposition of today's restaurant to a contract made by an earlier council.

"What was presented tonight seems like a very rational, logical solution to this problem," Crawford said.

"It appears to me it's just another alternative, that we've got you and we're going to squeeze until it hurts."

Amoco could install wells rather than hooking up with city water, Council Member Tim Pope suggested. Wyllie responded that the site plan drawn up by Novi's consulting engineers, JCK & Associates, showed the gas station, which includes a car wash, linking into the city water system.

"I've seen car washes in rural areas that probably feed off a well. It seems to me you can probably get a building permit with a well. Your reluctance to investigate that doesn't show your best efforts," Pope said.

The city has already spent up to \$90,000 in engineering and design costs for this Amoco and an already-

built station at Twelve Mile and Novi roads. Under contract terms, Amoco has already torn down its old station at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

While rezoning the two Amoco sites was not written into the contract, in order for the stations to be built, a business zoning was needed, which the city granted.

The B-3 zoning was a concession worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, Council Member Robert Schmid said, as it increased the value of the land.

"We'll just stop the road one-quarter mile west of there (Amoco) and live with it and I suppose there

will be a lot of lawsuits," he threatened.

Cassidy and Pope questioned Amoco representative Nick LaRose about the source of the water tap purchase idea. LaRose said it was suggested to him by JCK & Associates' Gary Bowman as a way to resolve the water dilemma.

At that same time, Kriewall and other city administrators were telling another developer that transferring a water tap from Hickory Corporate Park was not a feasible solution to the moratorium.

LaRose then approached Cunningham Lmp's Don Kegley. "We didn't have a clue as to how to

what a water tap. There's no precedent I said to him. 'How about \$15,000?' He said, 'How about \$10,000?' That's how \$12,500 was arrived at," Kegley said.

The city taps are all that's needed. According to a city report, the state health department in November 1991 approved Amoco's application to link into the Twelve Mile water main.

"What Amoco asked us to do was uniquely different and had never happened before... I know Mr. LaRose was startled by the council reaction," Pope said.

"That puts it mildly," Wyllie answered.

Mason denies any impropriety

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Most recently, Mason okayed Monday a consent agenda item involving Tri-Mount. The developer asked the city forester to take care of tree planting at Cedar Springs Estate, using \$19,000 of Tri-Mount money Novi holds in escrow.

In Spring 1992, in a newsletter published by The Selective Group, Mason was included in a list of 19 Realtors who sold one of the corporation's homes since January 1992. As a thank you gift, the firm sent her "Nibbles And Nuts," a \$50 goodie basket. Selective Group President Michael Horowitz said.

Mason said she sells \$6 million worth of real estate a year. "When I have a transferee, I'm going to take them to every single new home."

Horowitz said that Mason has sold no more than a handful of the 1,500 homes he's built over the past 10 years.

"I think this is a witchhunt. I just think it's preposterous," Horowitz said.

said. Selling real estate is Mason's livelihood, he contends.

"I've had some kind of business dealings with every council person. I eat at Victor's restaurant (owned by Council Member Nancy Cassis's husband, Victor) frequently. Should I say I'll stop?" Horowitz added.

"I've done some work with the mayor's law firm. The city attorney used to do work for my father. David Honigman (boss of Council Member Tim Pope) asked me for a donation when he ran for Congress."

"If people are going to be tainted, I'm very upset."

If Mason's votes are found to be in

conflict of interest, the prospect of any punitive action, being taken is "remote," according to Quinn.

"As for her future votes, she would then be eligible to abstain as far as voting on the issue. I wouldn't expect anything else to be done with this," he added.

"Depending on how strong the city attorney's opinion was, that would be up to the council to determine if it were malfeasance, which is a finding of misdemeanor."

In past years, the city attorney ruled that Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford's votes on pay raises for city employees were in conflict of interest and advised that Crawford abstain in

the future. Crawford's wife Kathy is a coordinator in the city's parks and recreation department.

"The city attorneys have counseled Quinn not to vote on issues relating to Providence Hospital after he was appointed to the medical center's board of directors."

Mason said she was shocked when, during a Jan. 30 City Council goal-setting session, the mayor said he would request the legal opinion.

"I have always stood up for what I believe in. I will not back down," she said.

"I always feel that when people accuse you of something, they are capable of doing it."

School Happenings

All Schools: The school district's mid-winter break begins at the end of the class day on Friday, Feb. 12. All students have no school until Feb. 22.

Novi Middle School: Parents of this year's eighth grade class are invited to a high school orientation meeting on March 3. It will be held in the Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Novi High School: The band boosters will meet in Room 511 at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22. The choir solo/ensemble will perform on Feb. 27. March 1 will see the choir boosters meet at 7 p.m. in the library. March 3 will see the athletic boosters meeting in Room 107 at 7 p.m.

The symphony and concert bands will hold a special concert on March 4 to perform the music they'll put on in a March 6 competition. The March 4 performance will take place in the Fuerst Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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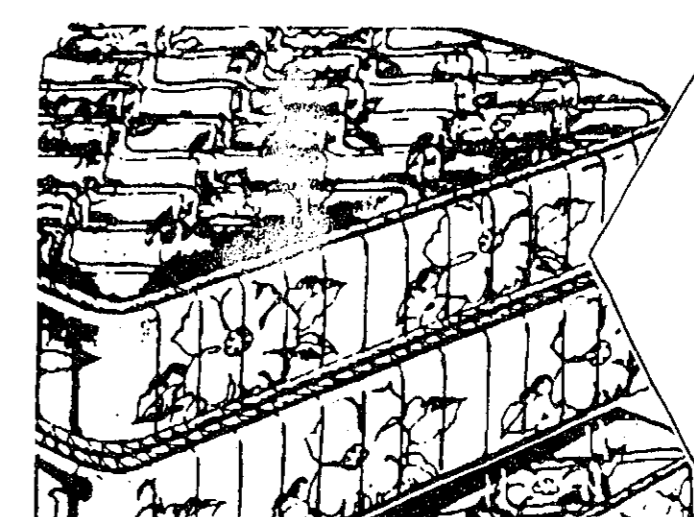
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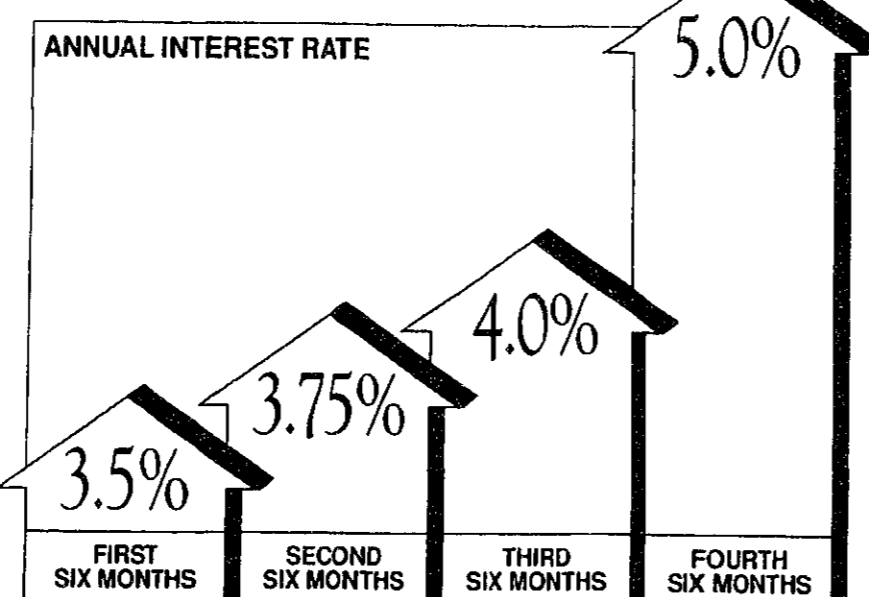
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Schools, unions talk contracts

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Talks began about Dec. 1. Superintendent of Schools Emmett Lippe indicated, and have continued "on and off since then."

Lippe said that board members and administrators were keeping a close eye on Lansing as they considered new contracts. Moves the state legislature and Gov. John Engler are trying with have provoked a lot of consternation among many school district officials across the state.

"I'm certain that what's going on (in Lansing) is in all our minds," Lippe said.

Engler proposes reducing the av-

erage property tax bill by 20 percent over a three-year period. That would potentially hit local districts hard, including Novi. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster said that the district stood to lose \$2.1 million to \$3.3 million in revenues in the first year alone of such a program.

How that possibility factors into the negotiations is something officials will not discuss.

They were also mullin on whether other potential contract fodder, such as provisions for a longer school day or an extended school year.

Teachers currently have a 185 day academic year (181 for stu-

dents) and a school day that includes six and a half hours when classes are held. Teachers, of course, work both before and after the hours when students are in the building.

"The discussions cover a wide range of topics," Lippe said. He added that the district's long-range planning committee was considering such issues as well.

The committee, which was Lippe's idea, includes a cross-section of educators, staff and parents from across the district. It will study various educational trends and issue a report with recommendations to the board

of education, probably in June or July.

Another piece of the puzzle is the possibility that the district will need a new school in the foreseeable future and have to request a millage increase to pay for it.

Some \$1.9 million of the \$31.9 million raised from a bond issue vote that took place Jan. 19 is allocated for various consultant fees and "site acquisition."

School officials confirm that the district is in the market for land for a new school, but the issue is on the back burner as of now.

Education Notes

Multicultural workshop: The WomanCenter and the Association of Black Students of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will celebrate Black History Month with a special workshop Thursday, Feb. 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

Titled, "Communication Between Races," the workshop will explore multiculturalism and offer methods for achieving it.

The presentation will be led by Dr. Schavi M. Ali, faculty member of the English Department at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

The workshop is open to the public and will be held in Building J, Room 303. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. For more information call 471-7802 or 471-7745.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

Supreme Court reviews N'ville woman's suit

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

Northville resident Nancy Lewis has a complaint against the U.S. Navy, and she's taken it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lewis, whose son Richard was killed in the 1989 gun turret explosion aboard the USS Iowa, is seeking damages from the federal government along with the other family members of the 47 sailors who died that day. But a 43-year-old law exempting the military from lawsuits stands in their way.

A recently filed lawsuit, with Lewis

as the lead petitioner, challenges the law known as the Feres Doctrine. The high court placed Lewis' case on its review docket Feb. 2, and will decide whether to hear the case after reconvening Feb. 22.

Richard Lewis, 23, was one of 47 sailors killed when the battleship's Gun Turret II blew up the morning of April 19.

A Navy investigation originally blamed the blast on Gunner's Mate Clayton Hartwig, saying he "most probably" caused the explosion by placing a detonating device in the gun barrel as it was being loaded with bags of propellant.

But the House Armed Services Committee criticized the Navy in 1990 for its handling of the investigation, in which evidence was washed overboard and the scene of the disaster was poorly preserved. The committee charged that the Navy had demonstrated an "excess of certitude," pursuing one theory over all the possible ones.

A subsequent, independent investigation found that the explosion could have been caused by an inexperienced sailor ramming the propellant into the barrel. Several of the sailors in Gun Turret II that morning had never fired the gun before.

The official inquiry into the cause of the USS Iowa explosion remains open, and the chief of naval operations eventually apologized to Hartwig's family for falsely accusing the sailor.

Lewis has kept the Navy investigation squarely in her sights since it began. She attended the Senate and House hearings on the disaster and kept other Iowa family members apprised of the inquiry through a regular newsletter. Since initiating legal action against the government, she has begun publishing a second newsletter to the 34 other families participating in her suit.

The suit, filed last December, follows nearly two years of legal action on Lewis' part. She filed a wrongful death suit in U.S. District Court in 1991, but the case was dismissed because of the Feres Doctrine. A U.S. Court of Appeals case met a similar fate in 1992.

The Feres Doctrine "bars claims against the United States for injuries to servicemen that were incident to military activity."

The latest lawsuit argues that courts should carve out an exemption to the doctrine "when the conduct is egregious, when training is insufficient, and/or the claim is based

on a theory of products liability."

Lewis, wearing a black "Remember the Iowa 47" sweatshirt, discussed Tuesday how the case reached the nation's highest court. She said the case almost ended before it was ever filed when her longtime law firm backed out of the fight late last year, three weeks before the deadline expired for filing with the supreme court.

"I got a fax on Nov. 16 that said they were dropping us," Lewis said. "And that left until Dec. 8 to file."

With time running out, Lewis approached about 40 different law firms and asked them to take over the case.

"Nobody would," she said. "The feedback I got from most of those people was that it was just plain silly, because we'd never beat the government."

Lewis decided to argue the case herself when she could not obtain new legal representation, and sought an extension to prepare her arguments. But the court denied her extension request six days before she had to file her case.

"That was Thursday, and we only had until the following Wednesday," she said.

Lewis finally called attorney Lawrence Nolan in Eaton Rapids. Nolan was already representing the Blakey family, relatives of train operator Walter S. Blakey who had died while manning the turret's electric deck.

Nolan agreed to take the case that Thursday night. His law firm, Nolan, Renckle, Thomsen & Villias of Eaton Rapids, managed to pull the petition together by the next Tuesday but then made the mistake of entrusting it to the U.S. Postal Service's overnight delivery, which guaranteed delivery by noon the next day.

"It didn't show up," Lewis said. "So finally, the law clerk at the Supreme Court agreed to send somebody over to the post office to see if any other mail had come in, and it had. It was finally received at 4:30 in the afternoon, a half an hour before the deadline."

Lewis said she did consider dropping the case when her original law firm backed out.

"It took a lot of soul-searching to decide whether to go ahead with this," she said. "But I quit now. I'm not seeing it all the way through."

She criticizes Navy personnel for conducting "black box experiments," firing unauthorized projectile and propellant combinations from the battleship's 16-inch guns. An unauthorized number of propellant bags and an oversized projectile had been loaded into Gun Turret II prior to the explosion.

"Probably nobody would have ever known about those experiments if it had never blown up," she said. "What I would like to see is some sort of code of ethics that these people would have to comply with before they dream these things up... so they know beforehand the jeopardy they're putting these kids in. And I think the kids should know they're being used as guinea pigs."

Even if the Supreme Court decides not to hear the case, or rejects it after a hearing, Lewis said she will continue fighting the Navy on issues like black box experiments.

"That may stop me here, but it won't stop me from continuing to look for a better way, a safer way for those kids," she said.

"You ask these kids to defend our country, you ask them to adhere to a strict set of rules and discipline, you ask them to represent our country," Lewis said. "The least we should do is take care of them, don't you think?"

Tax relief plan would hit schools very hard

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Gov. John Engler's 20 percent school property tax cut is on its way to the full state Senate after getting a key vote from Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham.

Suburban school districts that are out-of-formula bitterly opposed the Senate Bill 146, which the Senate Finance Committee reported out Wednesday on a 3-2 party line vote.

Now put its first-year revenue loss at a minimum \$2.1 million, perhaps as much as \$3.3 million. Other out-of-formula districts also reported big losses: Northville, \$2.4 million; Livonia, \$6.9 million; and Wayne-Westland, \$5.6 million.

"I have commitments from the leadership," said Bouchard, whose yes vote drew gasps from an audience packed with school officials and parents from Livonia, Birmingham, Bloomfield and other out-of-formula districts.

Bouchard said Engler's office and Sen. Dan DeCrow, chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on school aid, promised to:

- Address the loss of school revenue due to the property tax cuts.
- Avoid cutting school aid in a forthcoming executive order. Engler had reportedly eyed cutting school aid 5 to 6 percent as a means of closing a \$400 million state budget gap.
- Retain state funding of local schools' retirement systems for at least two fiscal years. DeCrow has wanted to cut retirement payments for out-of-formula districts to reduce the funding gap between rich and poor districts. Bouchard said the firm is worth "hundreds of millions" to schools.
- "So we've got some movement," Bouchard told the audience. In an interview, he described himself as "morose between two bricks" - Republican leaders eager to move the bill and his school districts back home.
- Voting yes were Republicans Bouchard, chair Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids and Doug Carl of Utica.
- Voting no were Democrats Debbie Stabenow of Lansing and Virgil Smith of Detroit.
- Another party line vote rejected Stabenow's amendment to require the state to reimburse lost school revenue.
- Enacted, the bill will cut 1993 assessments for school taxes from 50 percent of market value to 45 percent; in 1994, to 42.5 percent; and in 1995 to 40 percent. Assessment increases thereafter would be held to the rate of consumer price inflation.
- The Senate Fiscal Agency staff estimated local revenue losses at \$460 million (or 8.2 percent) in '93, then \$971 million (16.2 percent) and \$1.3 billion (21 percent) in the next two years.
- The State Treasury, however, would save \$82 million the first year and \$254 million the fourth on income tax rebates to homeowners with high property taxes. SFA analyst Jay Worley said.
- Patrick Anderson, economist for Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills, favored the cut, saying it stimulates the economy and home prices. Realtors and the state Chamber of Commerce also favored it.

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Novi inspectors permit a lot of growth in 1992

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

While much of America remained mired in a recession during 1992, a lot of new homes and businesses — with a taxable value of over \$100 million — were built or had construction work performed in Novi.

That's the bottom line of the city's building and safety department annual report. It covers the period of January to December 1992.

The department inspects and issues building permits for all structures regulated by local ordinance. These include new single-family homes all the way through the largest business complexes.

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Department of Building and Safety
Annual report for 1992

and non-residential buildings, especially businesses. All together, the State Equalized Valuation (SEV) of all property which received a permit for some type of building improvements totals \$101.3 million.

Building officials point out, however, that not all permits issued were for major projects such as building new homes or offices from scratch.

City ordinance can require a permit for building something as simple as a shed, for example. The entire SEV for the property involved is included in the report's totals.

Some 456 detached single-family homes received permits in Novi in 1992. Attached one-family homes accounted for 221 more, and 41 more single-family dwellings received permits but were classified as buildings versus homes.

The same situation applied for housing for five or more families, with some 279 total permits issued.

Altogether, residential housing permits — 997 in all — were issued for property that totaled almost \$70.7 million in SEV.

New non-residential buildings accounted for 49 building department permits last year. Most — 26 — were for "structures other than buildings."

Nine were for stores, one for a service station, two for industrial facilities, three for amusement and recreational businesses, one for a new

church, and the remaining seven for other nonresidential facilities.

The total SEV of property for which the department issued permits is almost \$9.8 million.

No permits were issued in such departmental categories as parking garages, hospitals, office, bank and professional facilities, schools, hotels and motels.

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Area judge aims for federal bench

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

You don't run for federal judge. You get nominated for it. Ask Marvin Stempien.

"Gotta keep your name out there," said Stempien, a Wayne County circuit judge, as he circulated his biography in the labor caucus at last weekend's Democratic State Convention.

The president of the United States, Democrat Bill Clinton, appoints federal judges — for life. Republicans have been appointing the judiciary for 12 years. Stempien is seeking to place himself at the head of the line.

Now a Plymouth Township resident, Stempien represented Northville and Livonia for three terms as state representative in the 1960s and '70s before missing a bid for Congress. He did a lot of Wayne County legal work before Gov. James Blanchard appointed him to the circuit court 10 years ago.

"There's one federal vacancy," said

Sheriff Robert Ficazo, himself an attorney. "Bush nominated someone who was never confirmed."

Who decides who is recommended to Clinton?

"Rogge, Rogge, Rogge," said Ficazo, referring to Michigan's senior (and Democratic) senator, Elton Hoan, who is circulating his name as a screening committee. Leon Cohas (Edison attorney and former deputy state attorney general) heads it.

"There are two more federal judges seeking senior status (semi-retired) this year," added Michael Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive and also an attorney. "At least a dozen potentials are out there. It's been 12 years. Practically the entire Wayne County circuit bench would like to move."

Stempien paid his party dues, running for the state Supreme Court in 1988. His reputation as the judge who decided the Dearborn parks segregation case, however, faded in a "name" contest, and he finished out of the money.

"We were used to working with

each other and helping (Congressman) Bill Ford," said Dick McKnight, Livonia school board member and Westland attorney who was elected chair of the 10th Congressional District organization.

The rest of the Unity slate included: Vice Chairperson, Ethel Howard, Ypsilanti Township; Recording Secretary, Eileen Dellart, Westland; Corresponding Secretary, Valerie Wynans, Romulus; and Treasurer, Bob White, Ann Arbor.

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Northville honors academic winners

Seventeen high school students received kudos and certificates from the Northville Board of Education at Monday night's meeting.

The certificates were handed out by Board President Carol Rahimi to students who have recently achieved success. Students honored during the meeting were:

• Kristine Arnold, Lori George, Steven Moore, Ellen Song and Laura White for being named Scholar Athletes. Arnold is currently a semi-finalist from among 1,700 athletes in the state.

• Jeff Schroder, winner of Northville High School's Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by Northville VFW Post 4012 and its auxiliary. Schroder read his three-minute speech to the board and audience.

• Katy Murphy, winner of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) award. Winners are selected on the basis of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

• Scott Lloyd, recipient of the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) award. The HOBY Foundation motivates, trains and develops future leaders, preparing them for positions in their schools and helping them to expand their talents.

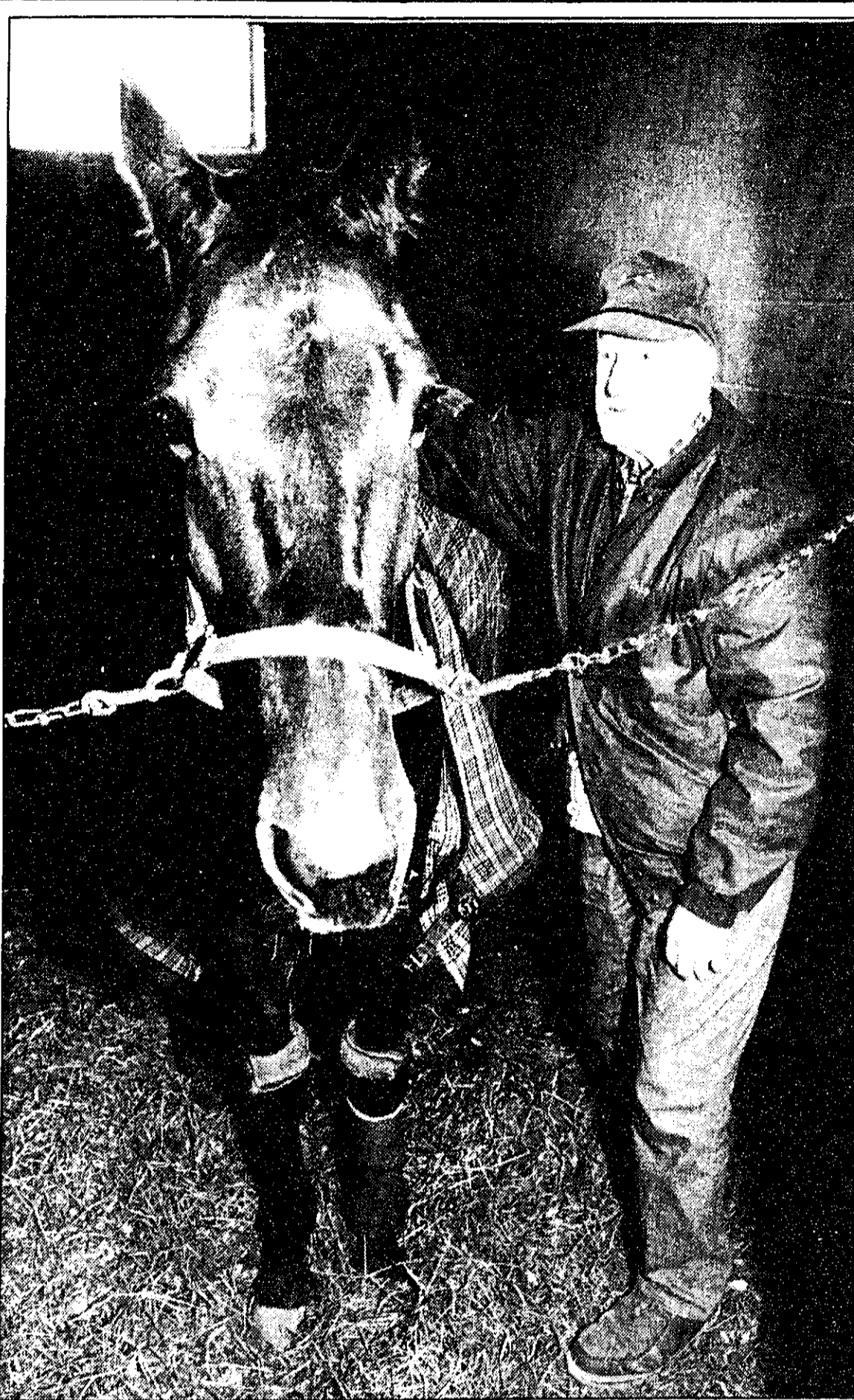
• Emily Kruebes and Parag Parkh. Both have reached the semifinalist stage in the 52nd annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

• David Eckery and Max Sprauer, finalists in the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Competition.

• Lindsay Petrie and Bill Priest, winners of the "Yes I Can" award. Only 25 students from the state are selected to receive this honor.

• Jason Jordan, who attended the National Youth Leadership Forum.

• Eric Abbey, who attained the level of Eagle Scout. Abbey was absent from Monday night's meeting.



Ninety-four year old George Rattenbury checks up on his horse, Chicory Norm, at Northville Downs.

Driver recalls 75 winning years 'in the harness'

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

Northville Downs may be celebrating 50 years of parimutuel racing, but one of its most faithful horsemen has been around nearly twice as long.

George Rattenbury, 94, has been a mainstay of racing at Center Street and Seven Mile Road since 1917, long before the facility was home to parimutuel night racing. He followed his father's footsteps into the family business while a teenager, and has stayed long enough to win induction into the Michigan Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

"All I've ever known was horses," Rattenbury said. "When I was a kid, if you didn't have a horse you didn't get anywhere."

His official debut came at age 19, when his father let George drive in his place. A second-place finish in his first professional race, followed by a win later that day, secured him a permanent job as a driver.

"I've raced a lot of horses over the years," Rattenbury said. "A few years ago we always raced six to eight of our own."

Rattenbury still has his 7-year-old trotter, Chicory Norm, race once a week. The horse has won about \$40,000 in purses in the past two years, since he claimed it for \$5,000.

"He's just a nice, consistent race horse," the proud owner said. "He just races the same all the time."

He said he has no idea how many races he's actually won, because when horses raced at county fairs before the debut of parimutuel wagering, they had to run in three heats before they even qualified for an official race.

"Sowadays, every heat's a race," Rattenbury noted.

Rattenbury said he has seen harness racing change in other ways over the last 50 years. Before 1944, he said, "racing was more of a sport, and now it's a business."

The sport is also more strictly monitored these days, he said. When racing at county fairs, the judging was less strict and the judges themselves changed from track to track.

"If you did something, you'd just go onto Ann Arbor or Milford and have a different set of judges," he said.



These days, judges oversee racing at more than one racetrack, moving on to another track when the season ends at one.

"The judges are pretty strict about you getting into somebody or roughing somebody up in a horse race, or causing interference," Rattenbury added.

Rattenbury compared his lifelong sport to another American pastime, automobiles. "Racing a horse is just the same as driving in heavy traffic, ain't a bit of difference in it," he said.

The secret, he said, is to stay out of the slow lane and make sure that the other drivers maintain the flow of traffic.

"They're supposed to stay on the pace," he said.

Like any longtime driver, Rattenbury said he has been involved in his share of pileups over the years.

"There was one out in California one time. I swore I broke my neck," he said. The problem was a horse ahead of his that "choked down," or stumbled on the track and fell off its pace.

"This horse made a break in front of me, and I couldn't get out, and we ran up on top of this other horse in front of me," he recalled.

Rattenbury was catapulted out of his sulky and onto the track, but he managed to land on his hands and not his head.

Rattenbury still takes the reins himself occasionally, just to maintain his harness driver's license. He noted that he may be the oldest licensed driver in the United States, since he hasn't heard of any older drivers recently.

"Course, most of them ain't dumb enough to keep at it," he said with a smile.

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Chamber Notes

New members were installed in the 1993 Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their annual meeting on Jan. 29 at the Novi Hilton. The featured speaker was Phil Power, chairman of the Suburban Communication Corporation. With newspapers in 65 areas, Powers discussed the role of the community paper.

The enthusiasm exhibited by the 1993 board is an encouraging sign of good things to come. Under the leadership of Chairman of the Board J.R. Altyeh (Financial Planning and Investment) and Chairman-elect Victor Cassis (Victor's Novi Inc.) a plan of work is underway to lay out chamber goals for the upcoming year.

And in thinking ahead, the board is developing an ad hoc team, led by Peg Campbell (U-M Health Centers) to gather information from all chamber moves to the position it visions itself being in five years down the road.

The board was restructured this year to more closely reflect other business entities. Connie Mallett's title as chief administrator changed from Executive Director to President. The responsibilities of Mallett's position resemble those of a president in most businesses with responsibilities for handling the budget, supervising day-to-day operations as well as coordinating the work of all the committees and volunteers.

Altyeh, as head of the board of directors, will now be called the Chairman of the Board. Their work of the various committees include:

- Membership:** Pat Webb (Novi Family Dental Center) is leading this group in several projects.
- A perspective member breakfast for industrial sites was held at the chamber office Feb. 4. Membership benefits were explained and tours of the Expo Center were held.
- A regularly scheduled new member breakfast is being discussed.
- A new member referral program with incentives for businesses recruiting new members will continue this year.
- A "Member to Member" discount program is being discussed where chamber members would be eligible for discounts at participating member businesses.
- A member "Hot Line" to keep members informed on labor and employment laws, decisions and legislations is being discussed. Advice would also be available on issues such as legal implications of employee problems. Gary Ankers of the Fishman Group would provide this service.

Ambassadors Group: Ray Davis (Executive Printing Service) past president, is leading this committee to make sure new members get the most out of their chamber membership and feel welcome at functions.

Convention and Visitors Bureau: Phil Morosco (Twelve Oaks Mall) is leading a group to promote businesses with services to offer people visiting Novi and the Expo Center. A brochure touting the benefits of visiting Novi is being published. They are also developing a listing of businesses providing service for conventions.

CEO Roundtable Discussions: The Small Business Committee, led by Steve Myers (Suzuki/Myers & Associates) is developing CEO roundtable discussion groups for various peer groups to tap the knowledge and experience of other business people.

Partnership in Education: George Andrews (TRACC) and the committee are continuing to develop partnerships between schools and businesses and are working on a career day in March. Any businesses interested in participating should call George at 473-5600.

Community Affairs: Mike Malott (Novi News) is developing a survey to obtain information from Novi residents concerning commerce and the business community in Novi.

Special Events: Led by Joanne Zimmerman (Highland Hills Estates), an auction committee is creating teams to develop, promote and host the chamber's biggest fund raiser of the year. The auction will be held at the Expo Center on May 1 and will be a Big Band Dance with a nostalgic look back at the Walled Lake Casino. If you can help organize, collect gifts or have something to donate, call Joanne at 474-0320.

Ongoing committees: Other ongoing committees, looking out for the interests of the chamber members include the Grand River Improvement Committee Mike Gabriel (State Farm Insurance) and Legislative Affairs, Kevin Crain (Crain Chiropractic).

Chamber Monthly Luncheon Meetings: Everyone's invited to attend. It's a wonderful way to meet other chamber business people and let them know about your business. Meeting locations rotate every three months so it's an great way to sample Novi cuisine.

■ Feb. 16—Evaluating Current and Proposed Tax Regulations for Businesses by Joan T. Hursey, C.P.A. of Lee E. Holland and Associates. This program will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. in Novi. It begins at 11:30 a.m. with a cash bar and lunch begins at noon. Advance reservations are requested, \$13 for members, \$17 for non-members. Call the chamber office at 349-3743 to reserve your place.

■ March 16—Secrets of Success by Linda Glowinski of Dan McBride Associates. Program held at the Wyndham Hotel.

■ Morning Novi Breakfast Series
Everyone is invited to attend the breakfast series regularly held at 7:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Country Epicure Restaurant, 42050 Grand River (please park in rear).

■ Feb. 3—Breakfast with Novi Councilwoman Nancy Cassis. Cassis said this is an exciting time for Novi and that she looks forward to seeing the chamber and city council work together. She has proposed the council set up two "Talk to Council Nights," one for businesses and one for residents.

Cassis and the chamber has influenced more moderate signage regulations in the city. She suggested the city can learn a lot from businesses and their entrepreneurial dural creativity to solve tax problems.

"To remain competitive in business, we must plan for future growth," she said. "Careful planning mandates we don't undercut business already here. New growth must be planned managed."

This column is written and compiled by Corrie Mallett, President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, and Peg Campbell, of the University of Michigan Health Centers.

Pennies are pinched at Thornton

By MICHELLE KAISER
Staff Writer

As Northville school officials cross their fingers and hope proposed school finance reforms won't cripple them financially, construction continues on the new elementary school, Thornton Creek.

The 700,000-square-foot school, located on Nine Mile Road between Beck and Tall roads, has seen work delays of three to four weeks due to the weather, according to David Bolitho, assistant superintendent for administrative services.

"I think we can make that up," Bolitho said. "The school is coming together quite nicely."

The assistant superintendent said the input he's received from staff and the community, in terms of building specifics, has been positive.

"The maintenance, transportation and custodial staffs have been helpful in telling us what's easier to clean and maintain," he said. "We feel we're going to have quite a building when it's over."

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Assistant superintendent

Input also led school officials to stray from the traditional flat roof and go with a gabled roof on the building. Bolitho said he believes the move will cost the district less in maintenance.

Another cost savings will be zoned heating and cooling controls. "We can isolate separate wings for heating and cooling," Bolitho said. "We can save energy that way."

Other highlights include a 3,009-square-foot cafeteria and a 3,744-square-foot gymnasium which will allow a physical education class to meet while other students eat lunch. In the district's other elementary buildings, the gymnasium serves as the cafeteria during lunch time.

There are 32 classrooms at Thornton Creek, including 24 general classrooms, two kindergarten rooms and six special classrooms which include special education, music, art and health. There are also two small instructional spaces designated for speech and reading.

A soccer field and softball diamond are also planned for outside the school yard.

If Thornton Creek is allowed to operate a program with the 32 classrooms, the building will be able to house a student population of 650. If budget cuts force school officials to use an alternate plan, special rooms (art, music and health) would be eliminated. Those teachers would operate from carts, and four early childhood rooms would be converted to general classrooms, increasing the population to 884 students.

What plan the district will use, if either, is still in limbo. "It's been the same for the last three years," Bolitho said. "The district has to have its estimated budget by July 1 by law. The state fiscal year begins Oct. 1."

So, if the district anticipates state funding in July and learns in October the money isn't coming due to cuts on the state level, the district will have a significant amount of restructuring to do, according to Bolitho.

"It's October and we've already hired people and already implemented programs," he said. "Now, we have to go back and adjust everything. What do we do, go up to these people we just hired and say, 'sorry, we don't need you anymore.' We've taken the money set aside for maintenance and staff instruction and used that. In all, it makes us look like we haven't planned."

"So, really we've been in limbo for the last three years."

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Cities unite to upgrade Eight Mile

The idea that 13 communities and three counties could cooperate on a plan might seem a pipe dream to many, but it is becoming reality. Farmington Hills became the ninth community to endorse "A Vision for Eight Mile Boulevard," a non-profit organization to redevelop the Eight Mile corridor, and voted to pay a share of dues. Novi is not a member of this organization.

Oakland County planner Deborah Schutt and Farmington Hills staff planner Katie Ulrich presented the group's goals to a recent city council meeting. The council voted unanimously to join in and pay \$6,500 in dues for the first year, based on Eight Mile frontage. Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates and Councilman Jon Grant, who have been paying close attention to the issue, were especially elated with the plan.

At the first meeting, about two years ago, I sensed a lot of reluctance by communities. Bates said, "Now the hesitancy is gone."

Grant said progress has been faster than he expected. "I thought they were going to have a much harder time getting 13 governments to agree on this," he said. The task force goals include protecting and removing residential neighborhoods, eliminating obsolete buildings, reducing the perception and reality of crime, improving transportation systems and initiating economic development programs.

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, said she has been a believer from the start. "I'm an eternal optimist," Dolan said. "This is a very good opportunity for all of these communities to work together on a common good."

The project, which includes all communities along the corridor, could be a benchmark for revitalization of the area, Dolan said.

State agencies, such as the departments of transportation and commerce, are working together on the project, which could ease obstacles to redevelopment and even provide enabling legislation to avoid jurisdictional problems, she said.

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Baron Malow Company, 27777 Franklin Road, Suite 800, Southfield, Michigan 48034

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m. local time, February 19, 1993, on the approved bid proposal forms to James Koster, Associate Superintendent of Business Operations, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan 48374

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Novi Community Schools.

JAMES KOSTER
(2-4 & 2-11-93 NN) ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — CRANBROOK STREET TREE PLANTING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Cranbrook Street Tree Planting according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 10, 1993, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "CRANBROOK STREET TREE PLANTING" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

Notice Dated: February 11, 1993

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
347-0446

(2-11-93 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review meetings will be held at the Novi Assessor's conference room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1993. This year all appearances will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 5, 1993. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

Written protests will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 12, 1993. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a written petition for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the formal petition (available at the Assessor's Office), fully executed along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE:

Monday, March 8, 1993 — 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 9, 1993 — 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 1993 — 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 11, 1993 — 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 12, 1993 — 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

** Thursday and Friday appointments given only if Monday through Wednesday appointment schedules are filled.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 17, 1993.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
TIM GILBERG, SECRETARY
STACIA DeNOYER, PLANNING CLERK

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — CEDAR SPRINGS STREET TREE PLANTING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Cedar Springs Street Tree Planting according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

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(2-11-93 NR, NN)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — PEBBLE RIDGE STREET TREE PLANTING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Pebble Ridge Street Tree Planting according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — SOFTBALL PURCHASE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Softball Purchase according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

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Northville girds to battle Novi

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

When it rains, it pours in the Quail Ridge subdivision. And homeowners there aren't happy about it.

For years, stormwater runoff from developments on the north side of Eight Mile has nearly drowned out 10 homes on the south side of Eight Mile.

The deluge of water that gushes under Eight Mile into the Ingersol Creek has eroded the banks of the creek taking with it beautifully landscaped gardens and elaborate wooden decks. Now it threatens to swallow a swimming pool.

Residents blame the problem on poor planning in Novi and Oakland County and will be asking the City of Novi to pay for repairs.

John Ferrar, president of the Quail Ridge Homeowners Association, said he is lucky he isn't one of the 10 homeowners that has fallen a repeated victim to the creek's curse. He lives across the street from the creekside residents. But as the sub-

division's spokesperson he was chosen to plea his neighbors' case to the Northville Township Board.

"This has really been an on going headache for the subdivision's creek side residents," Ferrar said.

Years ago, stormwater runoff from residents' luxurious homes were protected by a small dam that handled the trickle of water that passed through the creek. But over the years as the city of Novi began to develop its side of Eight Mile, there has been a dramatic increase in the flow of water when it rains.

"They took out trees and soil and built up parking lots and buildings. Now the water goes ripping, literally ripping through our subdivision and it is literally eating away at our property."

"There is one neighbor of mine whose swimming pool could literally fall in the creek if something isn't done," he said. "It's really a flash flood situation and the damage is incredible."

Until now, the property owners have paid for the repairs themselves. One homeowner has rebuilt his backyard deck three times in the three years he's lived there, Ferrar said.

But not any more. With the help of Northville Township elected officials Quail Ridge residents are going to fight Novi city hall.

Residents contend they only have two options available to them. One is to build a retention pond north of Eight Mile, the other is to rebuild the 1,800 feet of eroded banks along the creek.

Engineers have told them building a retention pond is unlikely, rebuilding the banks appears likely. But to do that would cost an estimated \$192,000 that affected homeowners aren't willing to pay.

"The bill for the repair project is about \$200,000 and we believe that the City of Novi and Oakland County should pay the bill because of their poor planning, i.e. by not building their own retention pond," Ferrar said.

"Engineers from both Northville and surprisingly from Novi have both said the problem is north of Eight Mile. I was quite surprised that the

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Parents are required to attend with children at no additional fee. All materials are provided. Bring a small tape recorder.

The class will be held at the Middle School Media Center on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is a \$17 fee.

City borrows from own funds to buy first park land

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi's general fund will be temporarily drained of \$1.1 million to enable the immediate purchase of the first of three optional park land sites.

In early March, the city is expected to accept bids for the sale of \$9.9 million in park bonds. The \$1.1 million will then be returned to the general fund, City Manager Ed Kriewall explained.

The money will be used to buy the 115-acre Resco property, north of Twelve Mile Road and south of Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road. The land is adjacent to another property the city plans to buy, the Novi Tree Farm.

Kriewall said that Finance Director Les Gibson advised that the loan from the general fund would not cause any city operating problems.

The council unanimously approved the fund transfer.

However, Council Member Nancy Cassis said she disapproved of the practice.

"In the future, let's find other mechanisms. We should not dip into it (the general fund) for any reason like that unless it's an emergency," Cassis cautioned.

Kriewall and Mayor Matthew Quinn returned late last week from a brief trip to New York City. Their mission was to seek an upgrade of Novi's already high bond rating from the rating agencies Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

An upgrade as soon after an earlier ratings hike two years ago, when the city began selling 1990 voter approved road bonds, would be perceived as a real coup for Novi.

Quinn said the city hopes to have an answer by Feb. 23. A higher rating could save the city "a couple hundred thousand dollars or so" in interest payments, the mayor explained.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," he said.

"We were able to promote the city and how well we're doing from the

growth standpoint. They were quite impressed."

The final decision on the bond rating will be rendered by a ratings committee at each of the agencies.

Quinn added that the representatives of the rating agency "were very interested in us maintaining our

This could lead to a tough round of budget sessions this spring, as the council has already discussed bringing the fund balance down to \$1.4 million to help ease a financial crunch without raising taxes.

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As We See It

Why rush to sign a new labor contract?

Why the rush, guys?

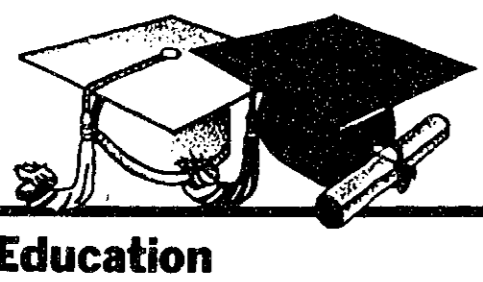
Word filtering out of the Novi Community School district is that the Board of Education is about to sign on the dotted line for a new three-year contract with a number of school district employees — teachers, bus drivers, custodians and clerks. Two closed door "executive sessions" have been called recently at the tail end of regular school board meetings, and the purpose for those sessions has been to discuss "negotiations." Word is that the contract for these school district workers is all but settled, and the contract is expected to come up on the agenda for approval in the board's next regularly scheduled meeting Feb. 25.

But the timing seems funny to us. The current contract doesn't even expire until June. Having a new contract in place doesn't become critical until September, when the lack of a contract might affect the beginning of next year's classes. But the board is preparing to go ahead with a contract six months early.

The timing seems especially funny when you begin to consider all the other matters that could affect school district financing for next year. For one, there is the debate over school finance reform up in Lansing. Both Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Education Association have proposed reforms which would radically alter the fiscal outlook of local schools. Engler's proposal could carry the most severe impact, pairing school district property tax revenues by 20 percent. Engler's plan does face a number of possible amendments, some of them much reducing the impact of that reform on Novi Schools. Interestingly, another of the possible amendments would freeze teacher salaries. Of course, state law could not override a local contract. So if Novi does sign a contract this month, salary increases called for in the contract would be set in stone for three years before such a state freeze could take effect here in Novi.

On the local scene, there is the matter of Tax Tribunal appeals by a number of commercial properties in the city. If any of those commercial properties win their appeals, the school district could face the prospect of having to pay back large chunks of cash to those owners.

So what's the rush to settle on a contract now? Why sign six months early? Why lock in costs when the district's financial condition is in such a state of flux that no one could accurately predict whether the school district will actually be able to afford those salaries next year? Why finalize a contract now when clearly the best course of action, the most fiscally prudent course, would be to wait?



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We don't have all the answers right now since school district officials are playing this one very close to their vests. They won't even say right now what the terms of the tentative agreement are or just how big the wage adjustments might be as a result of the contract.

But we do have our suspicions. The most frequently heard phrase in the educator lexicon might just be "these costs are beyond our control." It is usually followed by an explanation that "... we can't control the cost of utilities, textbooks still cost the same amount, and of course teacher salaries are set by contract ..."

Sign the contract now and the costs really, truly will be beyond the school board's control. And it won't be the employee salaries that get the blame for the financial crisis. It will be those nasty state legislators who tampered with Novi school district funding or those greedy commercial property owners who appealed their assessments to the Tax Tribunal. It will become an instant plea of poverty — an instant need for a tax increase.

Signing the contract now is tantamount to the school board throwing its fiduciary responsibilities to the wind, and relying on voters and taxpayers to bail the district out no matter how bad the financial news may be for next year.

The ironic part is that taxpayers here just showed a tremendous faith in the school district in December, voting to approve a \$31.9 million bond issue for school building improvements. And this doesn't seem to us like a good way to repay that trust. Keep in mind that school district officials have already said they will likely need to build another new elementary school within the next few years. And that will surely cost even more tax dollars.

What the school board should do is set the contract aside until the financial picture for the 1993-94 school year becomes a little more clear.

If district officials decide to gamble and go ahead with the contract, we hope voters will call their bluff and turn down any proposed millage increase asked for during the next three years.

MEAP changes for the better



Phil Power

It has been three weeks since the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test results were released. While it's easy to argue that one test is not a fair indicator of what kids learn, publishing scores has focused a lot of public attention on school performance. Attitudes expressed by school officials seem to fall into three rough categories: "Let's blame somebody else and hunker down." Southfield school officials believe that the heavy number of recent immigrants who do not speak English fluently — some 1,000 students or 11 percent of the student body — skewed the scores downward. According to trustee Ken Timmons, Livonia recently adopted a new reading program called "whole language" which isn't consistent with the MEAP assumptions. Furthermore, why so much emphasis on tests? "In the real world, the graduates will apply real skills, not test taking skills," according to trustee Pat Sari. Bloomfield Hills assistant superintendent Gary Doyle says some of the MEAP questions were poorly worded. He adds that students were not used to the test format and therefore performed poorly. "Teach to the test."

Garden City officials believe that MEAP is a method the state uses to mandate curriculum changes. They are modifying classes in algebra, geometry and calculus. Disturbed by last year's MEAP result, Wayne-Westland

schools have bought new textbooks and instructional materials. A plan to replace "outdated" school materials is in place. Merle Bartley, director of programming for Rochester schools, says districts are "teaching the skills and concepts being tested" so students become more comfortable with the MEAP test.

The Plymouth-Canton district is taking a novel approach in concentrating on bringing up math and science scores for girls, traditionally lower than boys. The district is hosting a seminar entitled "Girls Excel in Math and Science" (GEMS) to do just that.

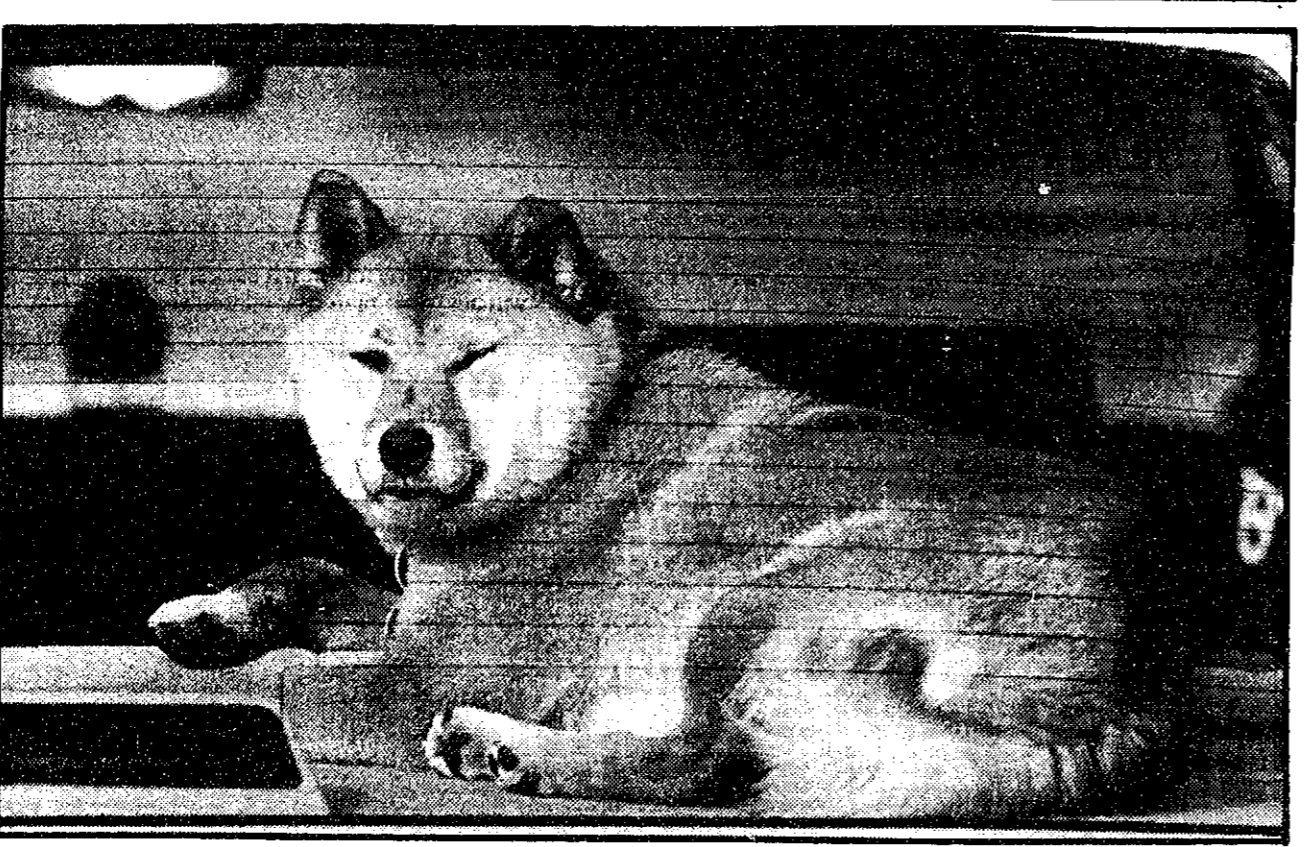
"Don't teach to the test." Walled Lake school board president David Flammer says: "We're real concerned with sticking to our curriculum. You can't look at that indicator [MEAP] alone. It's just one part of what a kid does in school every day. They do a lot of things that aren't reflected by MEAP."

His concerns are echoed by West Bloomfield trustee Bruce Tobin: "I'm not sure it [MEAP] is a good indicator of how well a student will perform in college or the world." While there may be a mixture of good and bad things about MEAP and Michigan's plan to deny a state-endorsed diploma to kids who don't pass the tests, one thing is clear: For the first time I can remember, a lot of people are very concerned about what the schools are actually teaching and what kids are actually learning. That's enormous change for the better.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His telephone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1880.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



This pooch was spotted in the back window of a car, sunning himself.

Scarred, but he's still here



Tim Richard

Weldon Yeager, the retired Republican pol, used to tell a great Don Riegle story. Yeager was a Constitutional Convention delegate, state representative, state GOP secretary, nominee for secretary of state and even a township trustee, in areas ranging from western Wayne and Oakland counties, with a stopover in Gov. George Romney's administration over the last 32 years. Yeager told of the time in 1966 when Riegle, a 28-year-old IBM-type out of Harvard Business School, was running as a Republican for Congress up in Flint.

Riegle bought a ticket to a UAW picnic (Republicans never are invited) and sat down to eat. A burly union guy stuffed the butt in the middle of Riegle's mashed potatoes. "What do you do?" Yeager asked. Riegle didn't dare start a fight, but he couldn't simply take the insult. "So he ate right around the cigar butt, leaving it standing in a small mound of potatoes. That," Yeager concluded, "is real class."

Riegle upset incumbent Democrat John Mackle and went to Congress as a member of Gov. Romney's "Class of '66."

All the other class members are gone from Congress: Sen. Bob Griffin, Reps. Jack McDonald of Redford, Mary Esch of An Arbor, Gary Brown of Kalamazoo, Jim Harvey of Saginaw and Phil Ruppe of Houghton. Only Riegle is still on Capitol Hill.

In the '60s Riegle was "close friends" with Rep. George Bush, R-Texas. They spoke at each other's fund-raisers. (See Riegle's O. Congress, pp. 214-215.)

In 1973 Riegle turned Democrat and then won three terms in the U.S. Senate. He was tainted by the "Prince Don" mud in 1976 and severely damaged by the Keating Five mess over savings and loans. Riegle has a bad reputation for wanting to appear only at functions where there

are TV cameras, in sharp contrast to junior Sen. Carl Levin. But Riegle is out there, at the comparatively young age of 55, seeking term No. 4. And at last week's Democratic state convention, he was getting his strongest support from (of all places) the labor caucus, where nominations usually are determined. "I picked up some scar tissue," Riegle acknowledged. "Nixon's gone. Agnew's gone. Bush is gone. Reagan's gone. I'm still here. Stay with me."

Riegle never runs against the Republican candidate. It's hard to remember the Republicans whom he defeated but easy to remember what he ran against: in 1982, the religious right; in '88, the Japanese. This year Riegle is running against Mexico — cheap labor, lack of union protections, weak environmental rules — and the evil free trade pact negotiated by his former pal Bush and Carla Hills. "The government has to speak out against unfair trade practices and cheating," he shouted above the union leaders' cheering.

Now, many of these union leaders wear business suits, white shirts and stylish ties. But Riegle took off his coat and rolled up his sleeves — a la George Romney in his prime — to speak. He punched the air with a series of right hooks, then with a series of left hooks. Riegle talked of the Hispanics, blacks and women in President Clinton's administration. "That Cabinet room looks like this room. It includes everybody, like the labor movement," he said to cheers. Riegle omitted homosexuals. Practitioners of unnatural sex still aren't popular in union halls.)

AF-CIO president Frank Garrison introduced another Democratic hopeful for his office, but ignored Macomb prosecutor Carl Marlinga, who intends to challenge Riegle in the 1994 primary. "This movement is going to make damn sure Don Riegle is re-elected," Garrison said, without bothering to poll those present.

No more cigar butts in Don Riegle's mashed potatoes.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His office number is (313) 349-1700.

Center working to solve problems



Michael Malott

There were those who had fears about the impact of the Novi Expo Center. I wasn't one of them. I have to admit, but there were indeed detractors who said the center would cause real traffic jams on Novi Road and didn't have enough parking to handle the crowds it was likely to draw.

If you dropped by the Expo Center over this past weekend, for the Spring Home and Garden Show, you already know that all those worst case scenario came true.

From the looks of Novi Road and the parking lot, this had to be the Novi Expo Center's most popular show yet. It was according to Expo President Blair Bowman, who said attendance far exceeded expectations. While he put the figure at about 50,000 Monday, the Southeast Michigan Builders Association which sponsored the show wouldn't even venture a guess.

Crowds jammed local roads and the center's parking areas Thursday as the home show opened for its four-day run. The problem, city and Expo Center officials said last week, was state award the grant it would have the effect of likely the result of all the free admission passes handed out by Frank's Nursery and Crafts prior to the show.

Things seemed better on Friday and Saturday, but when I was there over the weekend, the crowds and the congestion seemed pretty heavy. (One good thing, the unions did not picket the show over the weekend as promised. If they had, I'm not sure exactly where they'd have set up their picket line. If it had been across the driveway, they might have gotten run over.)

Bowman said they actually worked to improve the flow during the four day period, and by the end, things were operating fairly smoothly. According to Nancy Rosen, of the builders association, it that work included the construction of ramp to improve getting cars out of the center's parking lot.

Complaints were heard about the crowds and from those who felt \$3 was a bit much to pay to park in a rough, tightly-packed dirt parking lot.

But don't give up on the Expo Center yet. Repletis coming. And the center's young. No business has all its facilities in shape when it first opens. Cobo Hall was not all as nice as it is today from the get-go.

Already, city officials have applied for a grant to build what amounts to a second entrance for the Expo Center from Grand River Avenue. Actually, it is part of an overall scheme for a ring road for the town center area, but should the city state award the grant it would have the effect of providing that second way in and out of the center. The city expects to hear the results of that grant application very soon. And they are pretty confident they've got a good shot at getting it.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said there is also some talk of creating a third entrance, by adding a ramp directly from the I-96 expressway right into the Expo Center parking lot. Bowman has doubled highway authorities would allow that, but if it happens, it's a little further down the line.

And about that parking lot, Bowman said much of the three bucks you paid to park is being set aside to improve and pave that parking lot. The lot is scheduled to be paved and expanded by some 400 spaces, to a total of 1,600, this summer. The lanes, Bowman said, will also be a bit more spacious.

"We're not trying to duck the issues," Bowman said of the problems over the weekend. "We acknowledge them and we are working to resolve them. They will be resolved."

In fact, most of the money the center is making these days is being put right back into improvements to the facility. Bowman has said the owners of the Expo Center aren't expecting to get any profit out of that building perhaps as much as seven years.

I have to tell you I admire Bowman and the other folks at the Expo Center. Despite the glitches we saw this weekend, they are doing their best to make improvements. The amount of effort they seem willing to put into the facility tells me they are committed to making it a first-rate exposition hall.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Refusal of appointee draws reaction

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To the Editor: I am somewhat disappointed at the reaction of the Novi City Council during its meeting on Feb. 1, 1993. The city council has amended a resolution that read "a member of LARA be appointed to the committee for the study of the future development of 'The Landing Property.'" LARA fully complied with the resolution and offered a candidate for this position (having been nominated and received the majority of the votes). To have a candidate that is (for all intents and purposes) qualified disqualified by changing the resolution at the 12th hour is saddening and frustrating.

If the city council passes a resolution, they should give it full acknowledgment unless they find themselves in a position where they may be in legal or financial jeopardy.

If this is any indication of the treatment of past resolutions, one wonders how the road bond resolution is doing. Has the resolution on this bond changed also? The council state that it is not legally and morally bound by the resolution and, therefore, claim that it does not have to follow its intent? Are there other resolutions that have fallen by the wayside, victims of council action after most of the viewing public has gone to sleep?

If that is indeed the case, perhaps they should pass a resolution not to pass any more resolutions.

Edward W. Phelps, Jr.

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alleviating many of the problems the long-term solution lies with our completing some necessary improvements to the Expo Center property and adjacent entry road. A short summary of those improvements and the issues they will resolve are as follows:

■ Parking: We will be paving our parking areas over the summer. This will result in an expansion of the amount of parking. Increase the efficiencies over the existing gravel lot condition. It will eliminate the unfortunate muddy conditions which sometimes result in the contact of warmer or rainy weather. In the meantime, we will continue to provide an inter-lot shuttle until paving occurs.

■ Traffic and access: Along with the paving, we will be installing additional lanes, expanding the entrance road into the Expo Center to three lanes in and two lanes out. This should eliminate the stacking conditions which occurred on Thursday particularly on Novi Road.

I should explain that on Thursday when we experienced the major delays, there was a free ticket giveaway which resulted in attendance way beyond anything that was anticipated. Once we were able to put into place personnel over the course of the balance of the weekend, while still congested, delays were at least minimized. Again, we intend to eliminate such delays with the institution of the formal improvements.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused to surrounding businesses, residences or attendees of the Show, and with your patience, we are certain the Novi Expo Center can become a premier showplace and a major asset to the community.

If anyone should have any comments or questions or would like to voice their concerns, please feel free to write me at: Novi Expo Center, Inc., 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 101, Novi, MI 48375.

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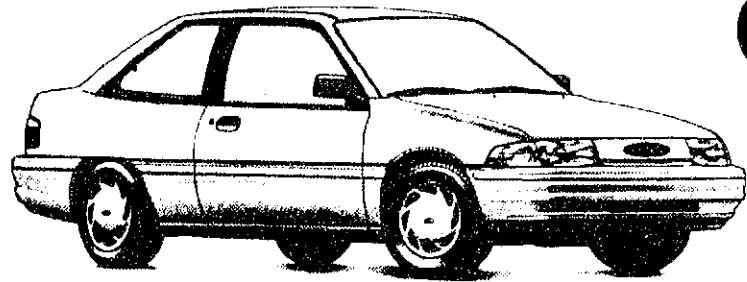
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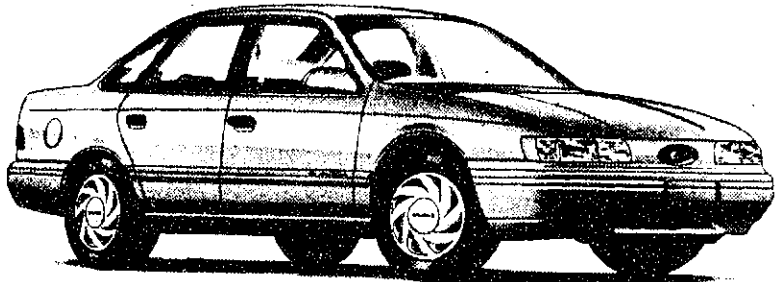
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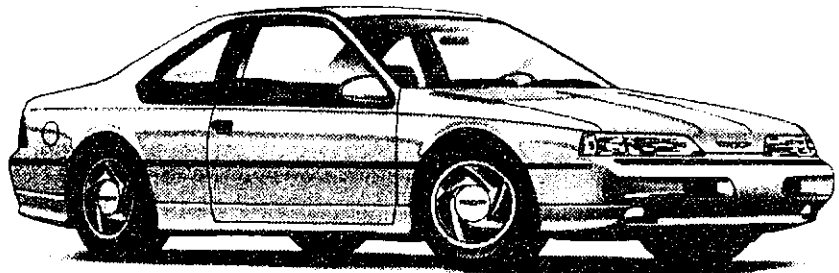
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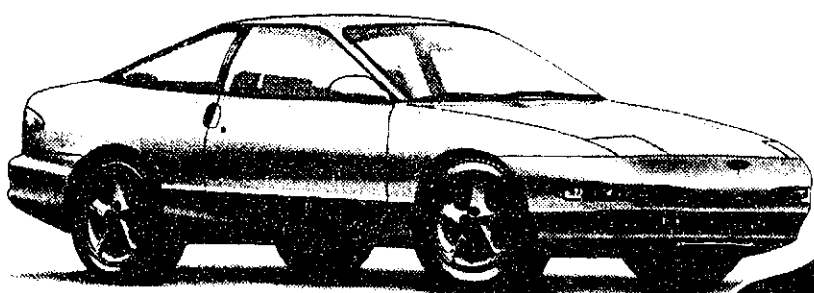
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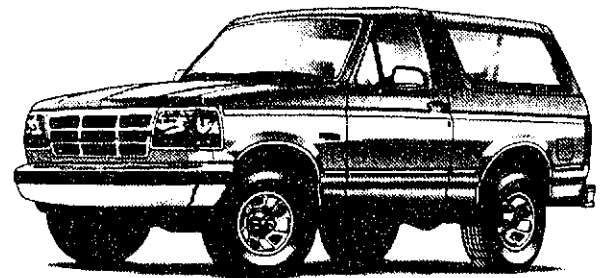
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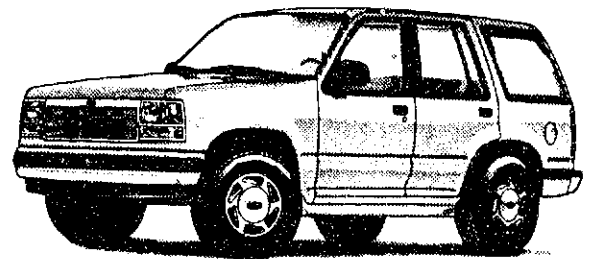
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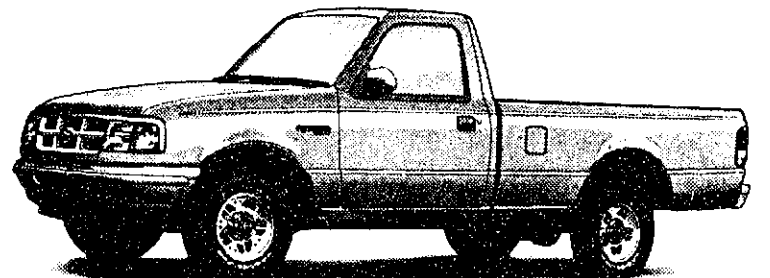
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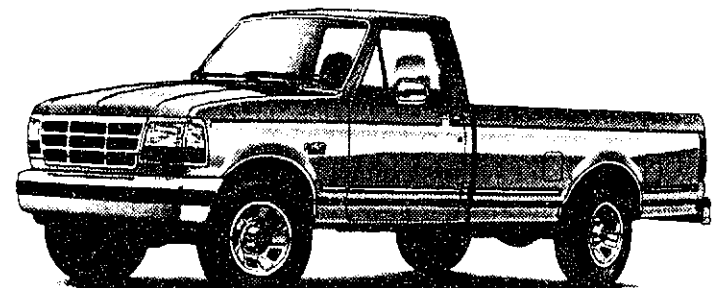
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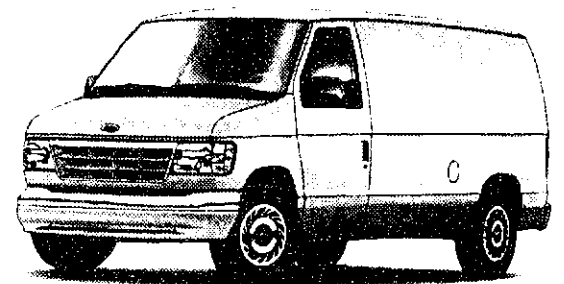
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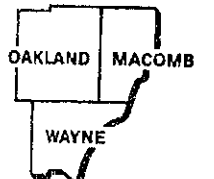
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Romance Tips

for the romantically deprived.
Readers share their Valentine ideas.

Everyone needs a little romance, but some people get more than others. And for the sake of the "romance deprived" — those whose significant others don't really have a clue as to what would turn their hearts to mush — we asked our readers to share some tips.

We asked for true stories of the most romantic things readers have ever done or experienced. And a few people decided to share.

By far the most romantic tale came from Mary Daniels of Northville.

"Before I left for work on the morning of Aug. 9, 1990, my husband told me he had a surprise for me when I got home from work that afternoon," she wrote.

"I arrived home about 1:15 p.m. and found an envelope marked Love Note #1" laying on the kitchen table. Of course my heart began to beat rapidly with thoughts of a romantic weekend with my husband. The note explained that our 1-year-old daughter was in the loving care of my sister-in-law and I was to drive to Metro Airport. "Bring nothing but your luscious body and wonderful smile" were the exact words."

The note also included \$15 and instructions to take herself out to lunch. She ate at Edward's in Northville, then went to the airport and followed further directions in the note.

"I was instructed not to open Love Note #2 until after I had landed in Chicago," she continued. "This note gave instructions to the McCormick Center Hotel. When I arrived I found my husband had already checked in and 'prepared' the room for me."

In the room were a dozen yellow roses (her favorite color) and a hot bubble bath with relaxing music coming from a cassette player. There was also a complete wardrobe, a gift from Victoria's Secret and Love Note #3.

"I began to get ready for this special date," Daniels wrote. "Then 1 1/2 hours later I met my sweetheart in the lobby of the hotel where he was ready to whisk me off to a three hour dinner at Chez Paul and a romantic walk through downtown Chicago."

"The next morning we spent shopping and walking around downtown Chicago. I truly appreciated the time we had together. I will never forget this incredibly romantic weekend and all the thought and time my honey put into this to make me feel so very special."

Not every special romantic event has to be that elaborate. Carol Waldo wrote that her husband Martin simply gives

her a rose every Saturday.

"A rose is a rose is a rose ..." she wrote. "As we fast approach our 10-year wedding anniversary, I sing praises for my romantic husband. Each Saturday since we have been married, he has given me a rose."

"There were a few Saturdays we were apart, yet he still found a way. One time I discovered a rose-shaped candle in my luggage. Another time I found a white chocolate rose, and still another time, a sun-catcher in the shape of a rose."

"Typically, it is a beautiful fresh-cut rose which then graces our table for the week reminding us of our commitment and love."

Alice Norci Mullinger of Novi wrote that simply being with her husband, who has since passed away, was wonderfully romantic.

"One of my most romantic memories was an evening at the Novi Senior Monthly Dance at age 76 with my husband, who was 84. We were celebrating our 12-year wedding anniversary," she wrote.

Among her romantic memories of that evening are the thrill of a new dress and being told that she looked lovely that night. The band played a request by her husband: a song called "Only You Can Make this Change in Me."

"Then while we were dancing he kissed me and said 'I can't help loving you so much.' These I consider melting romantic moments in my life as he has now passed away."

Some men don't consider themselves to be romantic, but their partners disagree. Linda Ducker of Northville wrote that her fiance is like that.

"I am lucky to say that I have one of the most romantic fiances in the world," she wrote. "His name is Bob Hamilton and though he doesn't consider himself romantic, I'll let you decide."

"Our first Valentines Day together he sent a barbershop quartet to sing love songs to me at work. In fact, he's done that two years in a row, except that last year he sent flowers, too."

"For my birthday Bob would not tell me where we were going and we ended up driving to Chesaning where he had a horse drawn carriage waiting to take us on a relaxing tour of the town. This tour included dinner at an historic house and another ride after dinner."

"Unfortunately, when Bob asked me to marry him, he had a really hard time. It was in the middle of summer and the middle of the week when I came home from work in a bad mood. He suggested

that we go for dinner at Little Italy and wanted to walk. We live right in town so it wasn't far, but I was grumpy."

"By the time we got there I was hot and thirsty and wasn't interested in the Asti Spumante that Bob had already ordered and chilled. I wasn't even duly impressed with the cozy table for two that was waiting for us."

"After I'd gotten my iced tea and grumbled a little bit more, Bob pulled the ring box out of his pocket and asked me to marry him, right as our waitress plopped down our salads. Oops! After that, the Asti was welcome!"

"Now, don't you think that this guy who scoffs at being called a romantic is nothing but a hopeless one?" she asked.

But there are still plenty who not only scoff at being called a romantic — they really are not. Marie Rumbley of Northville said her husband is one of them, but she found an unusual way to provide romance for herself.

"I am one of the romance deprived," she wrote. "My husband won't buy me roses because 'they're too expensive and they'll just die.'"

"The most romantic thing I ever did was for Valentine's Day a few years ago. I waltzed into a local flower shop, then down the street to a travel agency."

"My husband was home when the box was delivered — a dozen long-stemmed red roses and a ticket to visit my sister in Boston! I threw my arms around him and said 'Bill, after 10 years you've finally given me the perfect gift!' His response was 'I didn't send those to you. Who did?'"

Rumbley has some advice for her fellow sufferers:

"If you're suffering from romance deprivation provide it for yourself and watch the speculation!"



Volunteer



ANITA SAURER

Spring Fling nets PTO annual spending cash

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Moving \$6,000 in four hours from parents' pockets to the school's PTO treasury is an annual fun project of which Anita Saurer is coordinator this year. The project is called the Spring Fling, a fund-raiser at Village Oaks Elementary School.

On May 7 from 5-9 p.m. the school will be a zoo. In fact, this year's theme is "The Zoo," said Saurer, and the whole place will look like one with make-believe animals ranging from hand puppets to big stuffed creations.

Also there will be a haunted house, places for children to play easy- and high-level skill games and win prizes, and a place where teachers will do face painting, or, said Saurer, "bandage you up as if you've had a rough day."

A kitchen will sell things like

hot dogs, and there'll be a bake shop and sweet shop.

Planning started in September with appointments of chairman — one experienced, one new for each of the half dozen committees.

Then in January crafts sessions started meeting to make prizes for the games — book marks, flying disks, hand puppets, toy parachutes. Cub Scouts and Brownies helped too.

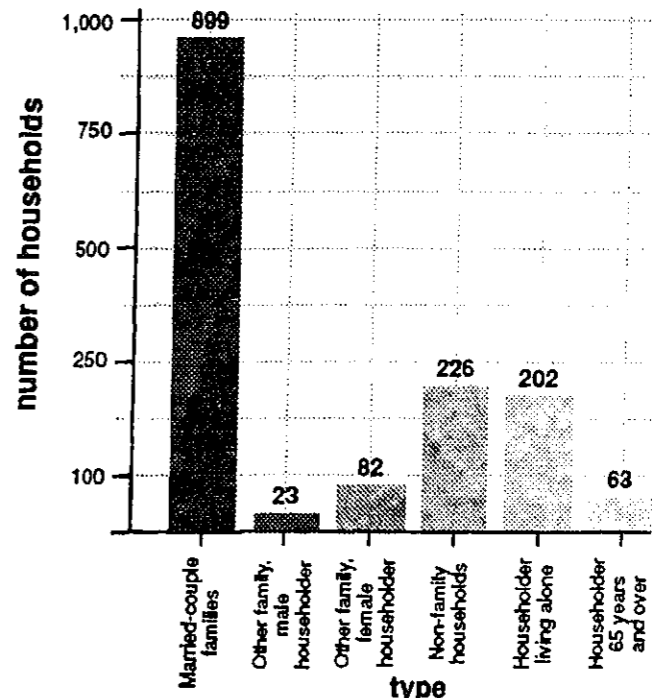
There is no admission charge for Spring Fling, Saurer said, but tickets are sold in advance for \$1 or four tickets for \$1 if bought at the door.

Where does the money go? Saurer said, "The teachers present a wish list," and the parents try to fill it — things like library books, computer software, indoor games for bad weather, playground equipment, teacher storage.

It's A Fact

Type of household

There are 1,230 households in the City of Northville.



Valentines party will feature Knutty Kazoo band

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A Valentine's Day Party will be held Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Charter House. It will feature the Knutty Kazoo Band as entertainment. The afternoon will include the exchanging of valentines as well as opening an old fashioned valentines box, sponsored by the Community Council.

Several groups, including the Community Council, addressed valentines to every resident, as did the Friendship Circle of Ladies at the First Baptist Church and Troop No. 058 of St. Williams School. Children from Hickory Woods made valentines and brought them to be distributed. The Activity Department will be having the monthly birthday party Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m. Melody Moms will provide the entertainment. Any individual wishing to volunteer for a half hour to help serve refreshments can call Sandy at 477-2000 for information.

Last Saturday was busy for the residents. They had their monthly Crunchy Toast and Coffee sponsored by the Community Council. They had their first monthly program, the Pet a-Pet program, sponsored by Jill Tybinka. Local residents brought their pets to visit with the residents. The "One to One" Reading program will start up this month after orientation class held by Pauline Drueschel of the Novy Library. The Community Council is made up of volunteers from the area, as well as residents' families and residents who

Novi Highlights

wish to be involved in planning the activities.

Any individual or representative of a service organization who would like more information about volunteering can call 624-0173.

NOVI JAYCEES

It's the time of year again when the Novi Jaycees help residents in the area to recognize volunteers who work for and with organizations in the area. They began this program in 1972 and called it the Distinguished Service Award. You can nominate someone by calling the Jaycees at 348-3121.

The award is presented to an individual who has volunteered his or her time within the community of Novi during 1992. The forms want a list of any organization or activities the nominee is a member of or has held office in. The nominee is also asked why they feel deserving of the award.

A breakfast honoring all the nominees will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Sheraton Oaks beginning at 9 a.m. The public is invited at a cost of \$7. Forms must be returned by Feb. 12.

The keynote speaker at the breakfast will be Lee BeGole, Chief for the Novi Police for many years. The Jaycees will be sponsoring a trip to Greenfield Village with members and

families Feb. 14. On Sunday, Feb. 28, the Jaycees will be meeting at the Jaycee House at 9 a.m. and visiting a Novi area church.

Office elections will be March 16. On March 20 the Jaycees will participate in a Jaycee State Bowling Tournament. Those interested in being on a team can call Bill or Colleen Klann.

On April 10 there will be a visit with the Easter Bunny at the Novi Civic Center. The event will include over 400 children. If you are interested in helping, call Mike Mattingly.

On Feb. 21 the United Methodist Men will be holding a Bowl-a-Thon at 3 p.m. at Novi Bowl. As they participate in a national fund raising event members are looking for pledges.

The church will be sponsoring the March 6 luncheon at Cass Corridor. The congregation can help provide the groceries. They need servers and transportation.

The church will be sponsoring a 12-hour prayer vigil Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Half-hour segments are scheduled for participants to sign up for continuous prayer at the church or in their homes.

cheese trays, crackers and more, will also be presented.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. Child care will be provided.

Last Sunday the Novi United Methodist Women Groups both the Dorcas and Lydia circles assisted in the service. Alma Edwards of Southfield was the special speaker.

The squadron had a bivouac at the Lemoreaux home in South Lyon. Two other squadrons joined them, the Phoenix and Starfire. At that time they had classes in emergency locator transmitters, direction finders, communications and compass.

In December the squadron was the guest of the Phoenix Squadron in Wyandotte's Christian parade. They were guests at the Civil Air Patrol Sunday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church and were involved that Monday in a remembrance service at Dearborn for Pearl Harbor Day.

The squadron meets at the Novi Middle School every Tuesday night from 7-9:30 p.m. It is open to anyone 13-adult. Call 437-1524 for more information.

ED SYSTEMS, second vice commander, is interested in forming a Post No. 19 Golf League. He needs 12 interested people.

The Auxiliary is headed up by Audrey Blackburn. They are looking for greeting cards of all kinds, including Christmas, get well, birthday, and anniversary. They will be sending them to St. Jude's School in Nevada where the children will cut them up and make new greeting cards out of them to resell.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Rogers
300 Monroe St. 48483
(behind First of America Bank off Ferris Trail Rd)
Wed. 10:30 a.m. Women's
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Nursery Available. All Welcome

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
201 E. Main St. Northville
Worship & Church School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Civ. Service 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Mark A. Am. Minister of Youth
& Church School

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON
2325 1/2 St. 386 S. of Grand River
1800 W. of Farmington Road
Worship School
Sunday 8:30 & 11 a.m. (Nursery)
Church School 9:40 a.m.
Pastor Charles Fox Pastor Daniel Cove
477-6048

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Church School 9:40 a.m.
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SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - E.L.C.A.
4070 W. 10 Mile W. of Hogarty
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.
Church
Pastor Thomas A. Scherger

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
718 Taylor
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education 349-2557

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD)
NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL
On Fort Rd. Near 11 Mile Road
Worship & School 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
2625 Howell Road off 11 Mile
Catholic Mass
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education 349-2557

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Worship by Lutheran Synod
Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Nursery)
E. Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger
913 a.m. Sunday School & Book Class

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
11500 Northville
Palm Court
Church 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
High & Elm Streets, Northville (behind Harco's)
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
11500 Northville
Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
11500 Northville
Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
25455 Orchard Hills
Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21365 Meadowbrook Rd. N. of 8 1/2 Mile
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between 1st & Beck, Novi
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
874 S. Shelton Road
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11700 Farmington Road
Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Weekend Liturgies held in Parkview Elementary School (1 1/2 miles West of Fort Rd.)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
217 N. Wayne
Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. John J. Scherger

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24605 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375
Worship 8:30 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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NOVI JAYCEES Distinguished Service Award 1993 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____ City _____ Zip _____
Address _____
Home phone _____ Work phone _____
Employer _____ Occupation _____
Is the nominee aware of this nomination? Yes No

Name of nominator _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home phone _____ Work phone _____
Nominator's signature _____ Date _____

The Breakfast honoring all nominees and announcing the honorees will be held on Saturday February 27, 1993 at the Sheraton Oaks, Novi beginning at 9 a.m. Nominees and their spouse will receive a complimentary breakfast. All other reservations are \$7.00. Would you, the nominator, like to make a reservation for the breakfast?
 Yes No

Completed forms must be returned by February 12, 1993.
Return to: DSA Committee
Novi Jaycees
P.O. Box 249
Novi, Michigan 48376
Please direct any questions to the Novi Jaycees at (313) 348-3121.

NOTE: One additional sheet of paper will be accepted to substantiate your submission.

The award is presented to an individual who has volunteered their time within the community of Novi during 1992. Please list any organizations or activities that the nominee is a member of, has held office in or has actively participated in during 1992. Please list in order of participation level in descending order.

Why do you, the nominator, feel that the nominee is deserving of this award?

Deadline nears for DSA forms

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

It's not too late—but after tomorrow it will be.

The deadline for nominations for the Annual Jaycees Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is Feb. 12. Do you know of somebody who has contributed so much to this community that they deserve some recognition?

Someone whose selfless donation of time and energy has made Novi a better place for its present or future residents?

Someone whose community involvement stands alongside such citizens as Kathy Mutch, Margaret Schmidt, Victor Cassis, Patricia Gilbert, Fr. Leslie Hartung, Joe Toth, Jeanne Clarke, Carol Anne Donnelly, Ernie Aruffo . . . ?

If you like, you may use the form printed accompanying this story. Winners will be announced at an honorary breakfast at the Novi Sheraton Oaks on Saturday, Feb. 27. Nominees and their spouses will receive a complimentary breakfast.

For more information, call the Jaycees at 348-3121.

Spring Town Hall is on tap

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

ABC Television news correspondent Shlelah Kast will be the next speaker at the Town Hall lecture series.

Kast will be the featured speaker at the Monday, March 8, luncheon lecture at the Holiday Inn West. She will be speaking at 11 a.m.

Kast has covered a broad range of Washington beats for ABC News. In January of 1989, she began covering Congress following a four-year assignment at the White House.

Covering the last half of the Reagan administration, Kast reported on the historic summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Ranked in the top 20 of all network correspondents—and number two among women correspondents—she has appeared on World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, Good Morning America, World News This Morning, The Weekend Report and on ABC's seven radio networks.

Engagement

Marie Elizabeth Gannon/George Deener

Marie Elizabeth Gannon, daughter of Barbara and Robert Gannon of Novi, and George Anthony Deener of Buffalo, N.Y., son of Pauline Beagle and George Deener of Buffalo are engaged to be married.

A Feb. 20 wedding has been planned.

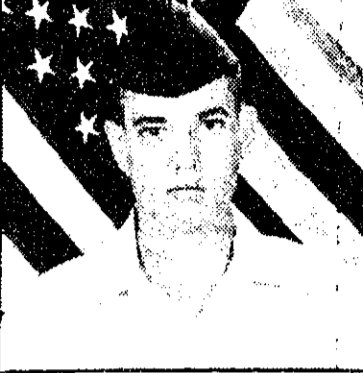
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In Uniform

Alman ANDREW F. KEPLER has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. During the six weeks of training the alman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, alman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associates degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Timothy J. and Marney L. Kepler of Novi. The alman is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School.



ANDREW KEPLER

On Campus

MARY E. CLARK, JOLEEN FILKIN, BETH C. GETTIG, AMY E. LEWIS and DEREK J. OSBORN, all of Novi, were named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University. Students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours are named to the list.

JOHN EWING of Novi was named to the Dean's List at Northwood Institute for the fall term. To receive the honor a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

JILL MOUNTAIN of Northville has been inducted into the Sigma Xi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. She is one of 19 Madonna University students to be inducted into the society. The Kappa Delta Pi is committed to excellence and equal opportunity in the field of education. Members pledge fidelity to humanity, science, science and art. The organization currently boasts a membership of over 58,000 educators on two continents.

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Pooh visits the Marquis Theater

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Ed Lendrum is already plotting his career moves. For the ten-year-old, bringing to life storybook character Christopher Robin in the Marquis Theater's production of *Pooh Visits Storyland* is a step in the right direction.

"It's fun. And it's good exposure. I plan to be an actor when I grow up. I have to get started somewhere," he explained.

Pooh is opening Friday and will run weekends through March 6. The show will give 15 children aged 9 to 16 from Novi, Northville and neighboring communities — all members of the Marquis Theater's Cotton Candy Kids — a chance to show off their acting, singing and dancing skills in an original production written by co-directors Jeffrey Weiner and Cindy Zeltz.

The play was created to fulfill a long-time ambition of Marquis Theater owner Inge Zayt. "She has wanted to take everything she's got in the theater. All the wonderful scenery and costumes put together in one story. She had the right people. Jeff and I crossed her path at the right time," Zeltz said.

She and Weiner put together a world in which Pooh, searching for his honey pot, is swept away into a Storyland world featuring old favorites like Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella and Rumpelstiltskin. They're crisscrossing on the details, to avoid giving the plot away ahead of time.

"Each story helps him along to taking another step to find his way home. We aren't going to give away all the details. He ends up in a castle with an evil step family. That's all we'll tell you," Zeltz said.

One hint is that they're thrown in a little adult humor along the way, to keep their audience's parents alert. Another is that the White Rabbit will lead them through Wonderland with the assistance of Christina Zayt, who put the fly system together.

The Cotton Candy Kids are often alumni of the Marquis Theater's summer acting camp, where they study movement, voice and dance. When these children step onto the boards, they are the latest in a tradition which extends to Charlie Chaplin, Mickey Pardo and Tom Nix — all of whom performed at the Marquis Theater when it was a regular stop for touring vaudeville companies.

"It's a joy to work here because it's so beautiful. The kids love to work here... It's a wonderful launching pad to go on to bigger and better things. A couple of the kids have gone on to Broadway," Zeltz said.

Livonia resident Mike Quinn, 15, has landed the role of Pooh. He hopes to make it as a professional actor and



(Left to right) Carla Freshwater is Tigger, Mike Quinn plays Winnie the Pooh, and Ed Lendrum is Christopher Robin in *Pooh Visits Storyland*.

already has the experience of performing in nine plays at the Northville theater.

"It's something you really wouldn't get from any other just around. It's really unique," he said.

The directors are also devoted to children's theater as their young stars. Zeltz has a bachelor's degree in theater and over eight years of professional experience, including a stint as a publicist at the Birmingham Theater.

Weiner is working on a master's in children's theater at Wayne State University. "I guess everyone has a niche in

something and I think I work incredibly well with children. They're very enthusiastic. I love this theater," he said.

"It's not just the young actors whose skills are cultivated at the Marquis Theater. The school-aged audience is in training too, for a future lifetime of theater-going.

"It exposes them, obviously to the art of live theater, as opposed to television and the movies, with all its wonderful characters who come together. It's to teach them this is a different art that's part of our culture," Zeltz said.

Carla Freshwater, a 12-year-old from Canton who plays the role of Tigger in *Pooh*, doesn't see the theater as her permanent home. She wants to be a doctor someday. But Pooh is her 12th play.

"It's really fun. You make lots of friends. You just have a good time up there," she said.

Through March 6, *Pooh Visits Storyland* will run Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For information, call 349-8110. The Marquis Theater is at 135 E. Main Street.

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Special Events

TRAILBLAZER: A reception to celebrate the first ever published history of Novi, *No. VI On The Trail*, will be held Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at Borders Book Shop in Novi Town Center. Author Barbara Louie will be on hand for the book signing. You can purchase either a hardcover or paperback edition at the Novi Town Center store. For information, call 347-0780.

WORLD OF ART: It's not too late to catch the second and third lectures of Michael Farrell's three-part art series sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission at Genetti's Little Theater. The talks take the audience on a voyage of art and architecture around the globe, traveling a route opposite to the one Christopher Columbus took in 1492. The art historian is known for his style and wit. Farrell's series still includes *The Pleasure Domes of Kubla Khan* on Feb. 17 and *The Children of the Sun* on March 17. Each lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets will be available at the door for \$6. For information, call Joanne Dayton at 347-9664 or P. Dorrian-Sanbothe at 348-8719.

Literary Happenings

SEASONAL SENTIMENTS: Borders Book Shop is going in for Valentine's Day in a big way. Up until Feb. 28, romantic types are challenged to identify the authors of six quotes about love and enter to win a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate.

On the big day itself, Feb. 14, the store will serve an 11 a.m. Romantic Feast brunch, accompanied by

Special Events Nearby

LO-CAL COOKING: Florine Mark, president of the largest Weight Watchers International franchise in the world, will visit Borders Book Shop on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. to introduce her firm's new book *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes*. You'll get a chance to taste some of the recipes. For information, call 347-0780.

COLLECTING BUG: Hooked on antiques? Metro Production's Eighth Annual Toy, Antique and Collectible Show will be held Feb. 14 at the Livonia Holiday Inn on 17123 Laurel Park Drive at I-275 and Six Mile Road. Admission is \$2 for adults, free for children.

BON TEMPS: Celebrate Mardi Gras locally Feb. 19 and 20 at Schoolcraft College. A New Orleans-style meal will be prepared by the college's Culinary Salon Team. The toe-tapping tunes of Bourbon Street will be performed by the Red Garter Band. Harmonica virtuoso Peter "Madcat" Ruth provides some magical jazz and blues, while Schoolcraft College's 5-Cool Jazz Vocal Group will keep your fingers snapping.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Credit cards accepted. Call 462-4417 and "Laissez les Bontemps Roulet."

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STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every

Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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

HOTEL BARONETTE: Pianists Anthony Lang and James Jehuwill play every Tuesday through Saturday from 7-11 p.m. in the Tara Lounge, in the Hotel Baronette at Twelve Oaks Mall.

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

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

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

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

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

Monday evening is Jazz Monday from 9 p.m. to midnight.

For more information call 349-4000.

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

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

HOME, SWEET HOME: Live jazz every Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. is on the menu at Home Sweet Home restaurant, on Nine Mile just east of Novi Road.

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

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

ANTHONY'S NIGHTCLUB: The nightclub at the Novi Sheraton Oaks will feature Heartbeat, playing variety and Top 40 hits the weekends of Feb. 12-13. The same type of music will be performed by Montage on Feb. 19-20. The music begins at 9:30 p.m. and continues until 1:30 a.m.

On Feb. 26-27, there's a change in focus with the Bob Fosse Comedy Show. He'll give two performances each night, at 9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. A comedy dinner show is also available.

For information, call Anthony's at 349-5000.

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MONTE NAGLER: Works by Farmington Hills photographer Monte Nagler will be on display throughout February at Borders Book Shop in Novi Town Center.

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Tankers fall to Churchill 97-86

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Livonia Churchill took advantage of a weakened Wildcat swim team Feb. 2 and won 97-86.

Matt Mutch, Mark Yost and Tim Gibbons were absent from Novi's lineup, which is small to begin with, with the flu. Even so, Wildcat coach Mark Mason thought his team could pull out a victory. But the Chargers got several excellent performances, including a state qualifying time in the 500-yard freestyle, to take the victory.

"We thought we'd do better," Mason said. "It didn't help us that they had a good meet."

Novi beat Churchill last season. Mason said the Chargers had improved since then, however.

"They had some swimmers they didn't have last year," he added. Mason said he had to shift around his lineup to cover the losses. Mike Speersneider, for example, swam two different events he normally doesn't enter.

Novi was able to field its regular team of Eric Kelly, Rob Mutch, Mike and Curt Speersneider in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The group posted a time of 1:51.47 to take second place.

In the 200 freestyle, Mike LaFery was second in 1:50.57. Dennis Suchyta placed third in 2:01.56.

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Dave York saw limited action last week because of illness.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Watkins leads Wildcats past KVC's Eagles

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Jeremy Watkins played the basketball game of his life Friday. The 6-foot senior forward came off the bench for 16 points and seven steals to ignite Novi past Lakeland 62-50 at home. According to coach Bob Shoemaker, Watkins played the best defense he's seen as the Wildcats coach.

"He was a clinic," Shoemaker said. "In doing things we wanted done."

The coach said he stressed playing "defensive" defense against the Eagles, Watkins, and the rest of his teammates, executed to near perfection.

The Wildcats' defensive effort made up for some offensive woes. Novi shot only about 40 percent from the field.

"It was our defense that did it," Shoemaker said. "Had we shot well, we would have won by 30."

The win improved Novi's Kensington Valley Conference record to 3-5. The team is 4-10 overall.

"It was certainly needed," Shoemaker said. "It was a nice house call from the doctor. The patient needed a victory."

The Wildcats dominated Friday. Shoemaker summoned Watkins off the bench early in the first quarter and the senior responded with seven points. Jeff Terski added six and Novi took a 16-10 lead at the

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Bob Shoemaker
Novi basketball coach

first break. Shoemaker said Terski's play is much improved as of late.

"He started to come around," he said of the senior.

The Cats nearly doubled the lead by halftime. Sophomore Jason Farnon had a strong quarter with six points while Watkins threw in five more.

Many of Watkins' baskets came as a result of his defensive efforts. The senior converted layups on several of his steals. Watkins shot 8-of-9 from the field in the game.

Novi put the game on ice in the third. Watkins and Terski combined for 10 points as the Wildcats built a 50-33 lead by the end of the period.

Shoemaker's comment about defensive winning the game is somewhat by the numbers. Novi had 16 steals

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Grapplers fall to two league rivals

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A long season got a little longer for the Wildcat wrestling team Friday with a pair of Kensington Valley Conference losses.

Novi traveled to Howell to take on Brighton and Hartland. Injuries and other commitments once again depleted the Wildcats lineup. Stu Myers, Mike Hay and James Cini sat out with injuries while three others were involved with band activities.

"We may have beaten Hartland with a full lineup," Novi coach Tom Fritz said bluntly. "But not Brighton."

The losses dropped Novi, 1-6, to sixth in the KVC. Milford is in the basement.

Novi fell 60-3 to Brighton to start the tri-meet.

The Bulldogs' Chris Young began the match by pinning Bob Harris, 2-13. Freshman Doug Lee fell to R.J. Diaz in 1:08 at 112 pounds.

Wrestling up a weight, Munnish Bazar was pinned at 3:33 by Nate Bufalini. Tim O'Sullivan got Novi's only win of the match at 125 pounds.

The senior went into overtime to defeat Jamie Huntsman 4-2. O'Sullivan scored a takedown to get the victory.

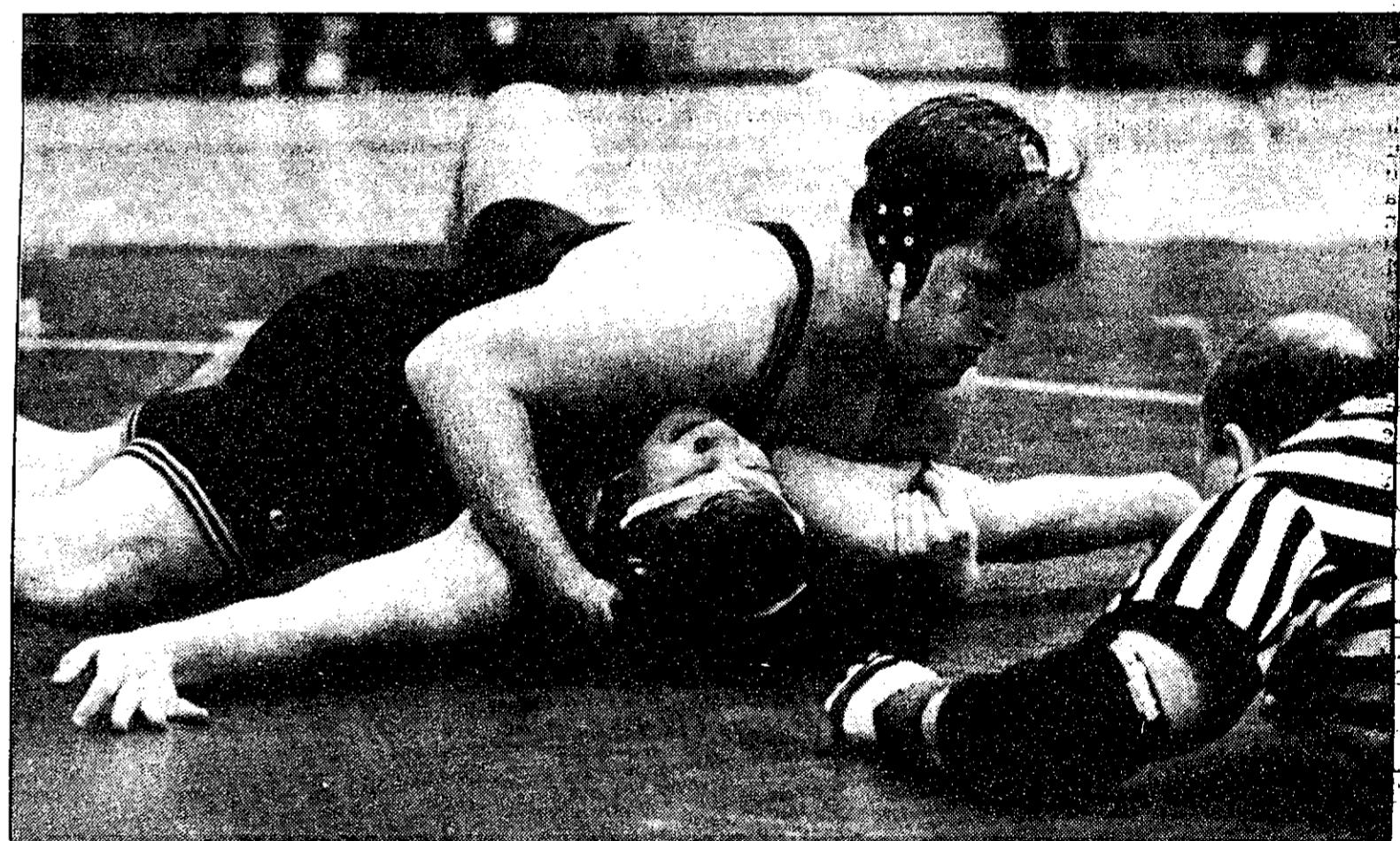
"It's really good to see because he works so hard to get it," Fritz said of O'Sullivan. "If Novi is to compete in the KVC you've got to do it with hard working kids like Tim."

Craig Borashko wrestled well but fell at 130 pounds to Chris Taylor 2-0. Fritz said the junior is a bright spot for Novi.

"Borashko will be a ray of hope if he continues to work," he commented.

At 135, John DeLuca defeated the Wildcats Steve Page 7-3. Freshman Mike Hicks fell on a pin to Ryan Darnell at 140 pounds.

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Jeff Kucmier (bottom) gets pinned by a Brighton wrestler.

Photo by HAL GOULD

KVC showdown set for Saturday

By SCOTT SIGLER
and DENNIS TOPLINSKI
Sports Writers

The 1993 Kensington Valley Conference wrestling tournament in Novi this Saturday will give new meaning to the phrase "coming down to the wire."

As difficult as it is to achieve in a seven-team league, not one, not two, but three teams enter the meet with 5-1 conference records. And when the dust starts flying at 10 a.m. Saturday at Novi High School, wrestling aficionados will be in for the ride of their lives.

Not only do South Lyon, ranked fifth in the state in Class A, Howell, rated 10th, and Brighton have stellar league records, but all three have some of the best dual-meet records in all of Michigan. Brighton has the worst record of the three with a 16-3 mark. South Lyon weighs in at 13-1 and Howell sits atop the record pile with a 14-1 mark.

Novi, meanwhile, is not in the hunt for top KVC finish. The Wildcats are 1-6 in the league, in sixth place, with the team's only win

coming against Milford last month. In the vicious triangle that set up the three-way tie, Brighton beat South Lyon, 32-29, on Jan. 22; the Lions rebounded to upset the then-fifth-ranked Highlanders, 30-27, on Jan. 29 before Howell pounced on Brighton, 39-27, last Friday night.

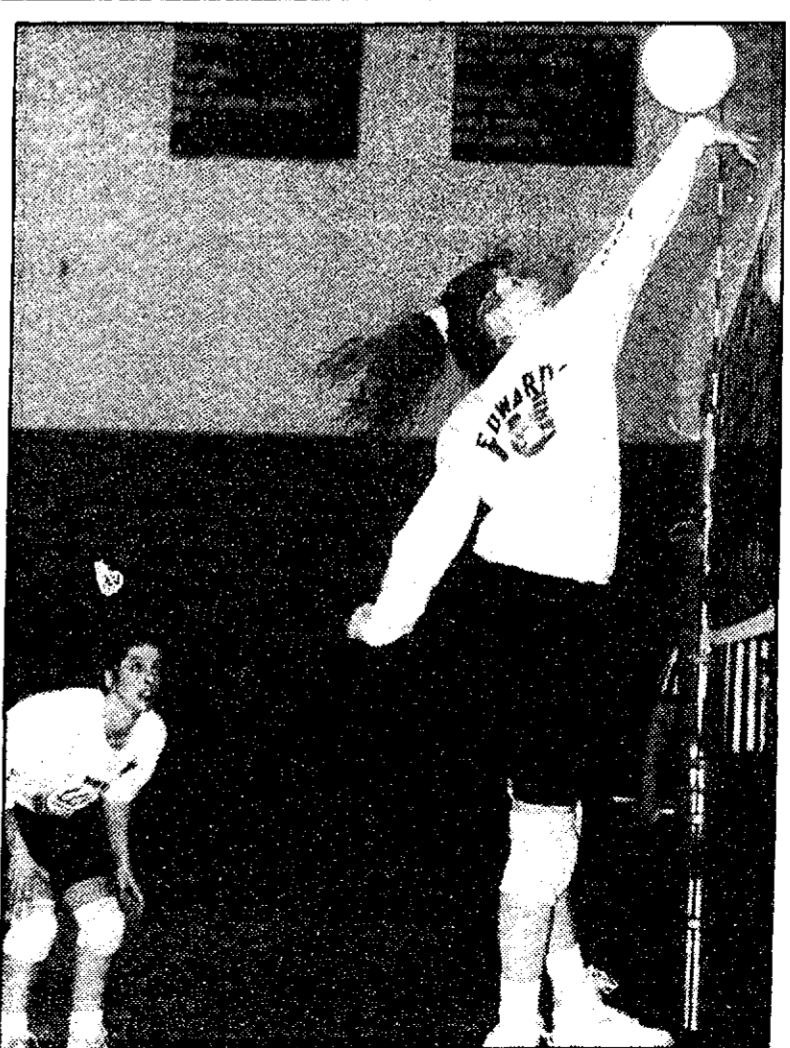
The conference title is decided by dual-meet win points — of which all three teams have five — and tournament finish points. The tourney champ gets six points, second place earns five, third earns four, etc. What that means is the top finisher among those three teams will win the KVC title.

South Lyon 189-pounder Mike Moll put it best.

"It's between Howell, Brighton and us," he said. "Whoever wins the tournament wins the KVC — and we're going to win the tournament."

Of course, the Bulldogs and Highlanders will have something to say about that on Saturday. For now, neither of those coaches would make any predictions.

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Christine Edwards leaps to tip a shot.

Photo by JON FREILICH

Lakeland grabs victory over spikers in three

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

In a match of momentum swings Monday night, visiting Lakeland got hot last week and walked away with a three-game victory over the Wildcat volleyball team.

Novi led 3-0 in the rubber game, but the Eagles' Julie Watts served for eight straight points — a hole the Cats couldn't dig out of. After falling in game one, the home team easily won the second.

Novi coach Amy Wagner said she thought momentum from that game would carry her squad to victory.

"Usually if you can get a second-game win it carries over to game three," she commented. "It's a feather in Lakeland's cap that they were able to come back and win."

The loss dropped the Wildcats to third place and 4-4 in the Kensington Valley Conference. A win would have put Novi in second place instead of Lakeland.

The teams showed how evenly matched they were in the early stages of the opening game. Trailing 2-1, Novi rallied for the

lead. Kate MacKenzie rocketed a serve for an ace and the tie. Christine Edwards then moved the Wildcats ahead with a kill shot.

Novi couldn't hold the lead, though. Aubrey Tucker put the Eagles up 6-5 on her serve, a lead the visitors didn't relinquish.

Lakeland won the game 15-6. The Wildcats committed eight service errors by either hitting into the net or out of bounds.

"Serving killed us in the first game," Wagner said. The momentum changed quickly in game two.

After numerous side-outs to start, MacKenzie burned a shot past Lakeland on a kill shot to give Novi the lead. Becky Oppat then put the Wildcats up 3-0 on her serve.

Both Vanderhoff returned to action and served for four more points, including an ace. Novi led 8-4 when Edwards came on to serve for four points.

Michele DeWitt came off the bench to close the game at 15-7. Novi played a solid second game, with improved serving and tenacious defense.

Wagner was particularly pleased with Oppat.

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Novi honored by state

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

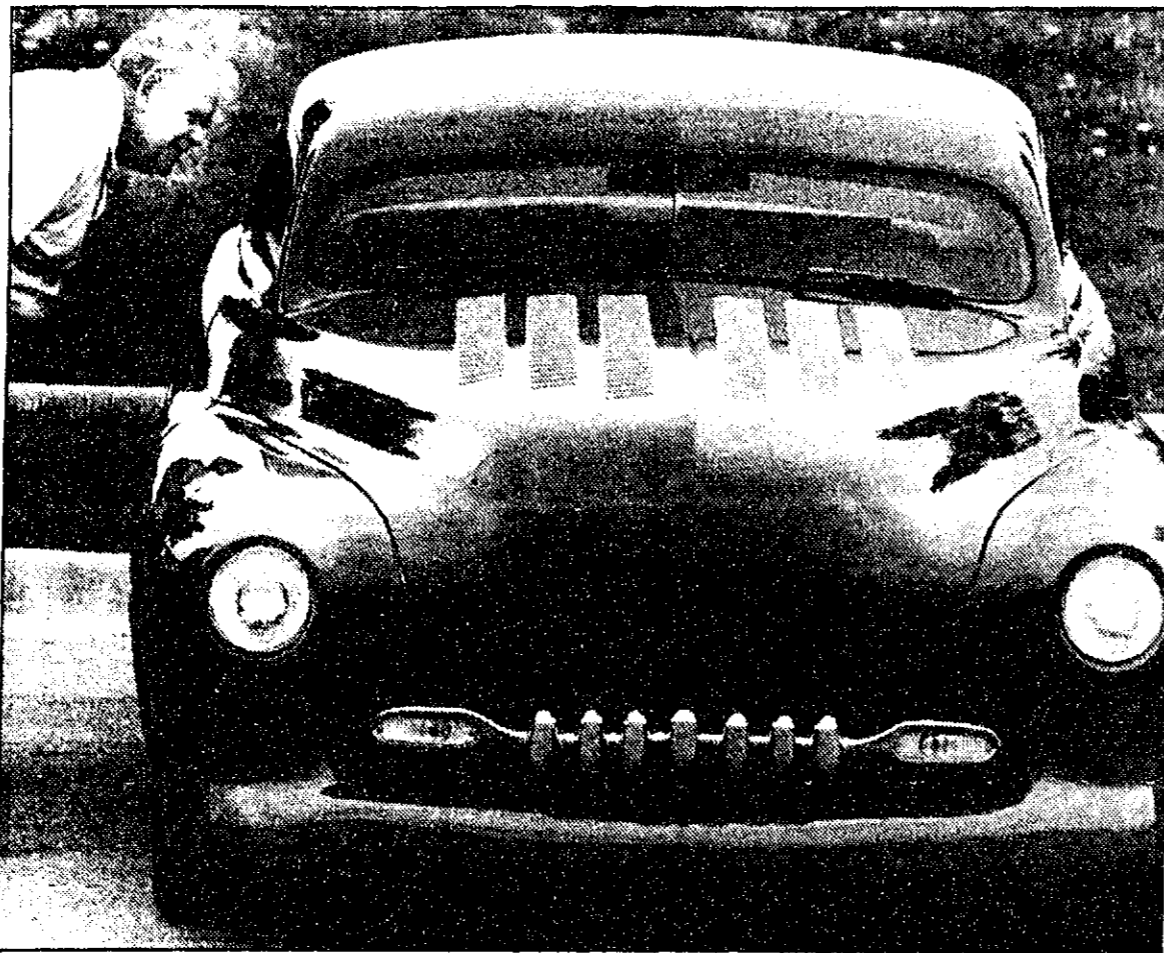
Novi Parks and Recreation offers so much for the residents of this community, and it's nice to realize those efforts do not go unrewarded.

Each year the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association recognizes various cities for their outstanding contributions in the field of recreation and parks. This year Novi received awards in both the Innovative Rec Programming and the Community Service categories.

This year's Innovative Rec. Programming Award was for the Novi Parks and Recreation Youth Theatre. This program began in the fall of 1991 with the Performance Plus program. Performance Plus offers on-stage performing plus the educational experience that accompanies each production. Performers, who are 12 and older, not only rehearse their individual roles in the play, but also learn how to develop characterization, as well as other aspects of the production such as promotion, set design, lighting, costumes and make-up.

This innovative program is the brainchild of Novi resident Linda Wickert. She is the guiding force of Performance Plus and the true reason for its success. Recreation Coordinator Marilyn Troshak is always open to initiating new activities and programs for the Novi Parks and Rec. Troshak was honored last year for the 1991 MRPA Program Leadership Award, and the "MRPA Innovative Programming Award" for her Mobile Recreation Program.

Youth theatre director/instructor Linda Wickert has a bachelor's degree in performing arts from the University of Detroit and is presently working on a master's in theatre at Wayne State University. She has been



Novi's recreation department was honored, in part, for its role in the annual '50s Festival.

teaching and directing for over 20 years.

Wickert's educational approach to the theatre offers a "theatre experience" to each individual beyond the mere memorization of lines. Performance Plus students have already performed in *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Crucible*.

"Anyone fortunate enough to see our last performance of *The Crucible* knows what a wonderful program Novi has," said Wickert. "I received letters from professionals on our tremendous performance of *The Crucible*. We performed a special matinee and the students who came from Ferndale, Novi and Harrison High School were very impressed. It is a play not usually attempted by students from 12 to 18 years old."

The Performance Plus Spring Production is *A One-Act Festival* consisting of three one-act plays from the works of Kurt Vonnegut Jr., William Faulkner and D.H. Lawrence scheduled for April 23-25. The Youth Theatre program is becoming so popular that students had to be turned away. It shows that Novi Parks and Recreation continues to offer innovative recreational programs year after year.

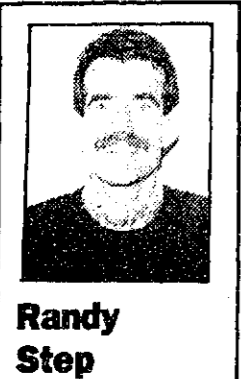
The Michigan '50s Festival won one of the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Community Service Awards. In 1992, the '50s Festival Board of Directors wanted to share the festival's success with the Novi community and decided to designate a portion of the profits to purchase a mobile recreation stage. This stage will benefit residents of all

ages by being used for outdoor summer concerts, Chilly Willy Winter Festival, sports tournaments and other special events held within Novi's Parks and Recreation Department.

Thanks to the MRPA Innovative Programming Award and the Community Service Award, we can give statewide recognition to Linda Wickert and Novi Youth Theatre Plus, and the Michigan '50s Festival. It takes cooperation from our Parks and Recreation staff, residents and community service groups to continue developing unique and well-rounded recreation experiences for our community. Novi... what a great place to live and raise a family.

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

Don't forget fitness resolutions



Randy Step

We are just getting started in month two of 1993. For most of us, this is about the time our New Year's resolutions (at least the unrealistic ones) fade to just a memory.

Do not get discouraged! February is the time to regroup, re-evaluate our goals and become more realistic. You will notice that the Clinton administration is going through the same problems, so don't feel alone on this one. Maybe some day we will learn not to mention our resolutions until they actually become part of our lives.

Health Tips

Where to start? Most fitness resolutions require a lifestyle change. Lifestyle changes come hard. You need an organized, goal-oriented system with realistic goals. For instance, say you started off the year promising to walk an hour everyday. Let's say five days a week sounds possible. This means three days might be realistic. Think about it. If you do get out and walk three days each week for five weeks in a row, you'll feel successful and might be motivated by your accomplishment. If you promised to walk five days and only walk four, you have a feeling of failure. Now if you goal was three days and you

end up walking four, you are a hero.

Keep a log. I seem to mention this in every article I write. Without a log, it will be very difficult to stick to a program. The log shows your progress and keeps you focused. When you enter a zero in the log, it kind of stares back at you. When you enter a good workout, the log compliments and motivates you.

For a fitness program to survive a Michigan winter, a decent piece of exercise equipment helps fill the holes in your program and keeps you consistent. The variety of outdoor and indoor exercise can add to the enjoyment of your fitness program.

Last but not least, the most inspiring of your New Year's fitness resolutions will come when you can show off your body this spring as the winter clothes come off. We can only hope the economy looks as good as you will this summer.

School district has coaching vacancies

Coaching vacancies: The Novi Community School District has a pair of openings. A ninth grade baseball coach is needed at the high school from March 1 to June 15. Those interested should apply in writing to Arthur Miller, principal, Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi 48374. The application deadline is Feb. 25. Novi Middle School needs two seventh grade football coaches for the fall season. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 25 by Milan Obrenovich, principal, Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Road, Novi 48374.

Adult softball: Registration for the Novi Parks and Recreation spring softball leagues begins is running now through Feb. 25. For more information call 347-0400.

Novi Youth Baseball Registration: Registration for all levels (ages 8-16 by July 31, 1993) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held: Feb. 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 27, noon to 3 p.m., and March 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center. Fees range from \$40 to \$50 per player, with a \$100 maximum for those families registering three or more players. Birth certificates are required. For more information call 348-9456 or 349-8983. If you would like to volunteer for Novi Youth Baseball, call 349-2543. Tryouts are April 24 at Bosco Field.

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.

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

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and \$114 for non-residents. For more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Volunteers Needed: Novi Youth Baseball needs volunteers for the 1993 baseball season (the last year at Bosco Field).

The league needs an Activities Director. The Activities Director is in charge of awards, team pictures, team picnic, etc. If you would like to be a part of Novi Youth Baseball for the upcoming season, call 349-2543 or 348-5637.

Novi Trackers: Membership in the Novi Trackers Running Club is open to all interested individuals regardless of age, sex or skill level. More information about membership in the Trackers is available by calling the Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 or President Hub Copp at 348-7779.

Pool Schedule: Open swimming at Novi High will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The pool may also be rented on Friday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Swimming lessons, swimnastics and scuba diving programs will also be held. Call 344-8330 (ext. 71) for more information.

Novi Bike Club: For information on bike club group rides call Gordy Gray at 349-4235 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Senior Spotlight: Novi seniors host a feature-oriented half-hour show on cable Channel 12 Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Topics featured on the show have included health issues, Novi sports leagues and many others.

Early Morning Jog & Swim: Class meets at the Novi High School gym each day of the week. For more information, call Novi Community Education at 344-8330.



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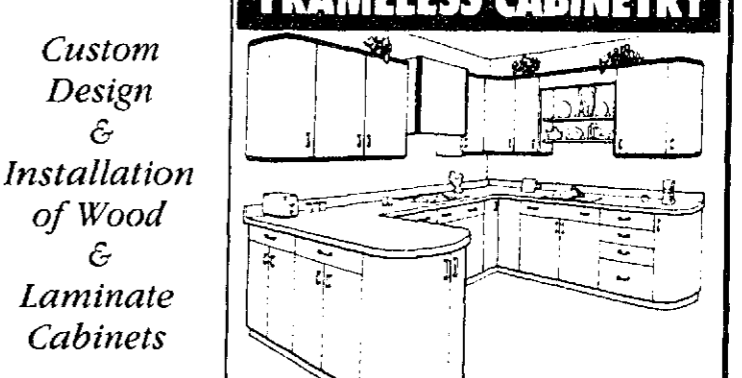
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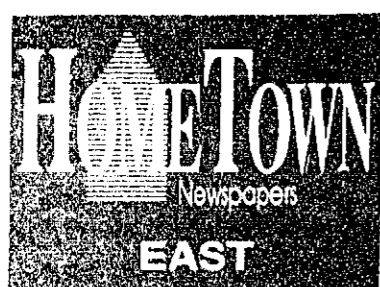
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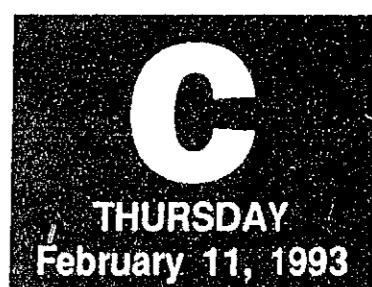
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REAL ESTATE

Auctions a popular way to move real estate

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Auctions, as a real estate marketing technique, have become a major industry at points throughout the country.

A few years ago, auctions were primarily used to dispose of hard-to-sell land and certain commercial-industrial properties. Today all types of real properties are sold at the clap of an auctioneer's gavel, including many residential properties.

"It's a very fast, efficient and effective way for builders to sell their newer units," said Pat Fredericks, president of a regional Association of Realtors. "But, surprisingly, auction buyers seldom get a bargain. Many times the auctioned properties are bid up to the full asking price."

In a recent auction, 17 new townhomes were auctioned at the San Alicia development near Thousand Oaks, Calif. Sales totaled

\$3,729,000. Final auction prices averaged \$219,353 — 72.8 percent of the asking price and 118 percent of the announced minimum selling price.

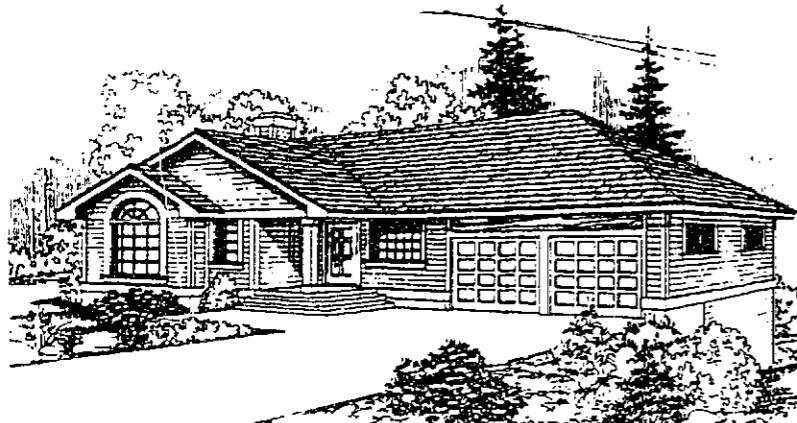
One international auction company, Kennedy-Wilson Inc., sold \$890,929,000 in real estate auctions last year. That's up from \$87.2 million in 1988, reflecting the increasing interest in marketing real estate via auctions.

"A distinct trend in early 1993 is an increasing number of commercial properties being auctioned, as well as residential properties," said Brooke Lauter, senior vice president of Kennedy-Wilson. "Also, more properties owned by major financial institutions are being auctioned. And more real estate auctions are taking place in foreign countries."

Real estate auctioning has grown to the point where the National Association of Realtors

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HOME DESIGNS



Shelley inclined for construction on a slope

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

From the front, the Shelley looks like a single-story home. Step around to the back and you find yourself standing outside a lower level, looking up at the main floor.

Designed for construction on a slope that falls off to the back, the Shelley's main floor includes a garage, master suite and family living areas. Two more bedrooms, a bathroom, utility room, family room and huge storage area are below. A large family that needs more bedrooms could easily convert the storage space into one additional large bedroom or two small ones.

A wide window bay brightens the formal dining area of the combined living/dining room, adding a touch of elegance. Informal dining takes place in the sunny eating nook at the far end of the kitchen. Both eating areas are designed to take

full advantage of a vista to the rear of the home.

Other features in the kitchen include a large walk-in pantry, built-in dishwasher, range, oven and a desk. A window in front of the sink overlooks the open stairwell.

Amenities in the luxurious master suite include a walk in closet and two vanities, one in the water closet and another in the dressing area.

A small half-bath is located just inside the entry, allowing kids quick access when they're playing outside.

The garage includes extra space for storage or a small shop.

For a study plan of the design mentioned in this article, 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.)

Your home and the 1040

1040
1992

By Marsha Blasco
Staff Writer

Homeowners mow lawns, rake leaves, paint walls and spend money on repairs throughout the year.

Renters sit back and relax. But during tax season, homeowners gain the advantage — tax deductions.

It's very difficult for renters to meet the requirements to file schedule A, according to area tax accountants, leaving most deductions to homeowners.

So, attention homeowners. Local tax accountants outlined these general rules of tax deductions for the 1992 tax year.

Have the 1992 tax laws on deductions changed?

Not dramatically, said Stella Lang of STATS Accounting and Tax Service, at 3588 Hartland Road in the village of Hartland. But there has been a significant change in the rules governing tax deductions for a home office.

A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling stated that, to take the deduction, a homeowner must spend most of his time and conduct most of his business from the home office.

For example, a salesperson who maintains an office in his home but spends most of his time outside the home on sales calls would no longer be able to claim the deduction, according to Lang.

"The major portion of the work

has to be performed at the home," Lang said.

What taxes and interest are deductible?

On schedule A, most taxpayers are aware that they can deduct state and local taxes withheld or paid during 1992, Lang said. But don't forget the taxes you paid in 1992 for the previous year, like the taxes you paid for your 1991 state or local income tax return.

Taxpayers can also include real estate taxes paid for owned property not used for business.

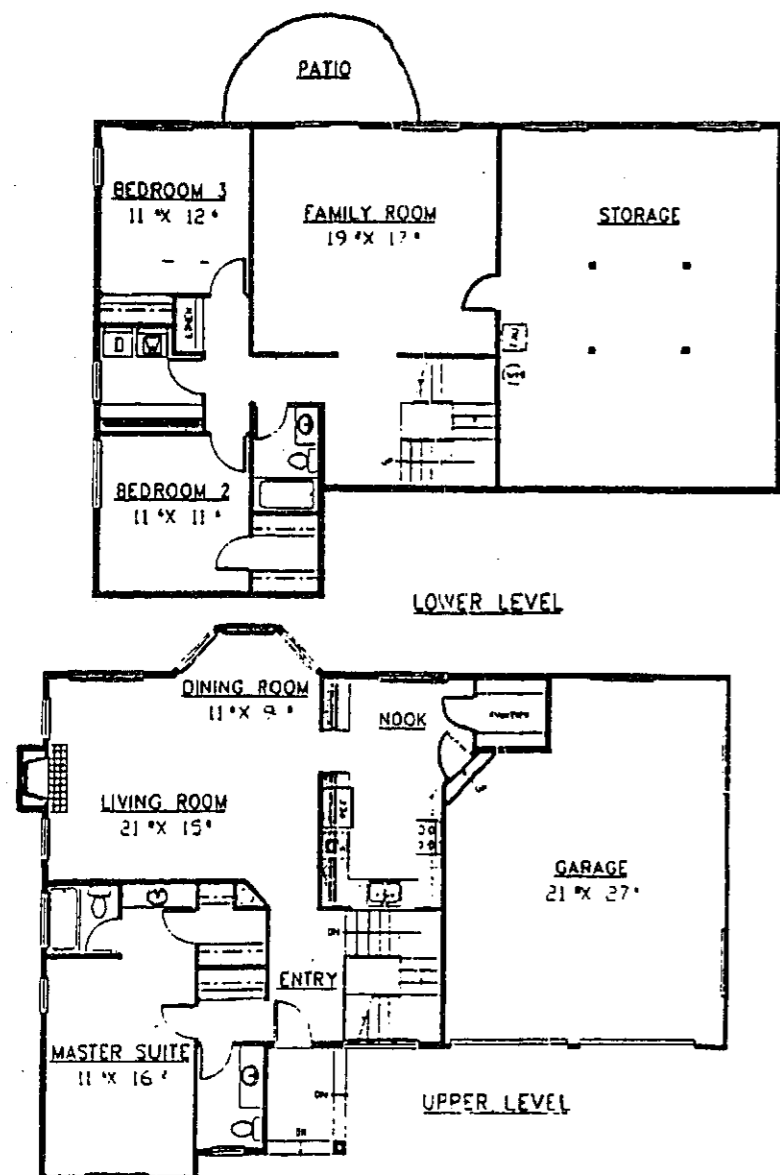
Interest on personal loans was phased out in 1991, except for loans used to acquire investments that pay income, according to Chris Heim of Rolland C. Heim, C.P.A., 223 W. Grand River in Howell. Heim mentioned stocks and bonds as an example, explaining that the interest is deductible up to the amount of earnings of those investments.

In addition, taxpayers can deduct interest on home equity loans, regardless of the purpose for the loan. The interest is deductible if the amount of the loan does not exceed the original basis of the home by \$100,000, Heim said.

Did you buy your home in 1992?

New homeowners can deduct the total points paid on a home

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OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 56'-0" X 41'-6"
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Starting seeds

By CZ Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Many gardeners enjoy getting a head start on the planting season by starting seedlings indoors. It pays to be an early bird.

There are several advantages to starting seedlings indoors. It allows the self-reliant gardener to be involved with planting while it's still too cold to work outside. Even more important, it allows the gardener the choice of selecting varieties of vegetables best suited to his or her own growing conditions.

You must always garden for the area you live in; most seed packets have the growing zones clearly defined, so read the labels carefully. By perusing garden catalogs for disease-resistant, short-season, low-maintenance or space-saving varieties, the gardener can tailor the planting plan to perfection.

Don't start seedlings indoors too early — bigger isn't necessarily better. Check your plant calendar for when you normally would plant outdoors and count back six to eight weeks. This is the correct timing for starting seeds indoors.

Q. What are insecticidal soaps?

A. Insecticidal soaps, as well as soaps in general, are made from the salts of fatty acids. The fatty acids come from the oils and fats found in plants and animals. Most of the Environmental Protection Agency-registered insecticidal soaps available on the market today are composed of potassium salts of several fatty acids, water and alcohol.

There are several popular products on the market: Safer™ Insecticidal Soap and a new one from Ortho, Orthoganic R Insecticidal Soap.

Keep in mind that some products mix soaps in combinations with other kinds of pesticides, so it's best to read the label carefully and examine the list of active ingredients before buying and using the product.

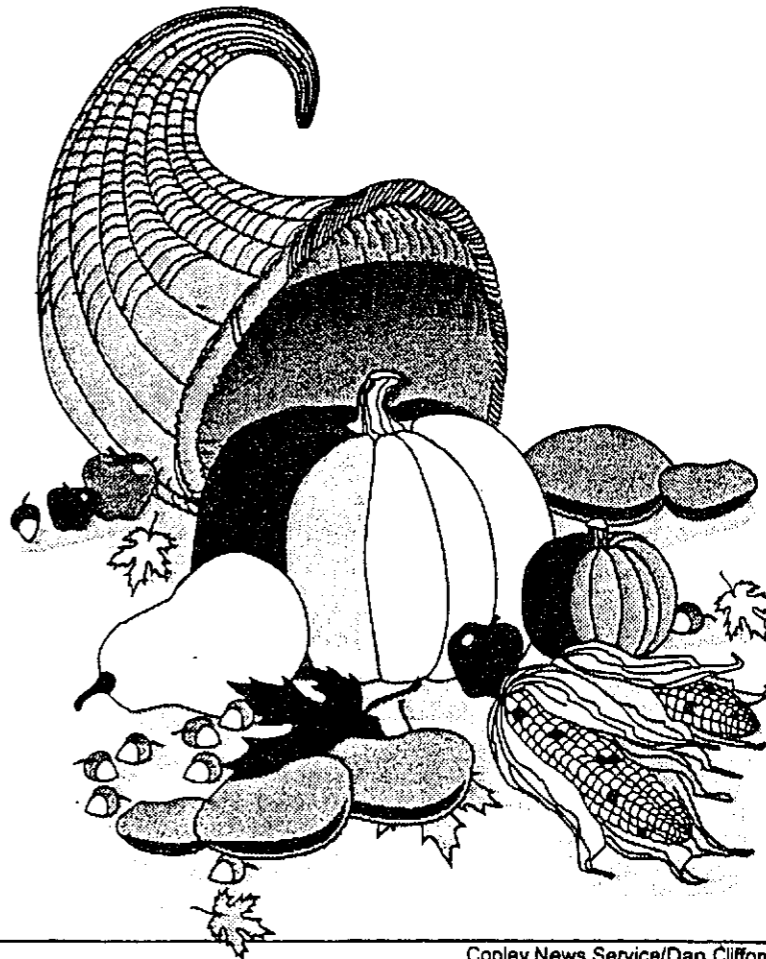
A few words of caution: Some plants are sensitive to soaps, so avoid soap sprays on gardenias, bleeding hearts, lantana, nasturtiums, sweet pea, Japanese maples and Easter lilies.

If a treated plant shows signs of wilting within a few hours of treatment, gently

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Vegetable season

- Select seeds for your growing zone.
- Choose seeds to suit your needs, such as low maintenance, short growing season or space-saving.
- Don't start seedlings indoors too early; bigger isn't always better.
- Start seedlings six to eight weeks before you would normally plant outdoors.



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Auctions a popular way to move real estate; view of 1993

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not only recognizes it as a growing marketing technique, but has formed a National Real Estate Auction Committee to track and, when possible, capitalize on the trend.

"Real estate professionals are discovering that auctioning is an efficient way to sell property," NAR stated in a recent report.

"The consensus among real estate practitioners who are involved in auctions is that the business is growing steadily," said Deibert Ludlow, chairman of the National Real Estate Auction Committee.

"According to an NAR study, about 30 percent of all properties sold at real estate auctions are single-family homes. 24 percent are condominiums or town-

homes and 4 percent are multifamily buildings or complexes. Undeveloped land is still the largest segment (37 percent) of properties sold at auctions.

Nationwide, 81,676 properties were offered for sale at auctions in 1991 (the last full year of available data). Of those offered properties, 68,026 were sold.

For a perspective on the growing trend, consider that 22,846 properties were sold at auction during the fourth quarter of 1991, while 3,936 properties were sold during the first quarter of 1990.

"The growing auction trend tells us two key things," Fredericks said. "First, auctions can be a workable tool in marketing real estate. And it shows that there are a lot of qualified people out there with cash in hand who are motivated to buy properties."

"Perhaps auctioning is opening the window of buy-

ing opportunities for many people now entering the market."

Fredericks started in the real estate brokerage business 17 years ago, working with the first firm to be associated with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Service.

Q. Do most real estate experts take a positive view of the real estate market in 1993?

A. Yes. Most experts tend to view the year positively. One exception is KPMG Peat Marwick, a national tax service, research and consulting firm.

"Despite recent encouraging signs that the general economy is on its way toward a healthy recovery, the current conditions in the real estate industry are expected to persist for some time," a KPMG report stated. "Though the outlook is certainly more positive

than a year ago, the real estate industry is facing a long-term problem that has no short-term solutions."

KPMG is positive about two segments of the 1993 market - real estate investment trusts and the apartment market.

Q. Won't the requirement that appraisers be licensed or certified create a serious shortage of appraisers throughout the country?

A. A National Association of Realtors' study concluded "there will continue to be an adequate supply of qualified appraisers nationwide."

Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

Hardy annuals to sow on snow; new plants from old seeds

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rises with clear water. If you're not sure about the sensitivity of one of your plants, just test the soap spray on a small part before treating the entire plant. Be sure the plants you treat are well watered and healthy.

Plants under stress from drought and other factors may be

sensitive to soap sprays, especially if it's above 90°F and in full sun. It's best to spray early in the day during the summer.

Q. A friend of mine told me that a certain variety of annuals could be planted on snow and the seed would nestle down into the soil and germinate as the snow melts in spring. Is this true, what seeds do you suggest?

A. Yes, it's true. The hardy annuals to sow on snow are bachelor's buttons, sweet peas, larkspur and Shirley poppies. These annuals can be sown now either on top of snow or open ground now. You can also sow these seeds in the fall.

CHECK THE DATE
Check the dates on an old seed

packet of flowers and vegetables before throwing them away. Of course, some seeds can last several years. However leftover seeds should have been stored correctly in a cool, dry place.

You can safely store seeds of holyhock, gourds, sweet peas, and snapdragons for up to five years and still expect at least half of them to flower.

The same results from seeds of marigolds, petunias, alyssums and snapdragons will last stored properly from three to five years. Unfortunately, seeds of foxglove, begonias, pansies and phlox will last only one to two years.

If you don't know how leftover seeds were stored, forget it. Fresh seeds from garden centers and cat-

alogs aren't that "dead" and offer you immediate results.

CZ Guest is a gardening authority whose work appears in House and Garden and author of numerous books and videos, including "5 Seasons of Gardening" (Little, Brown and Co.)

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Original finish would add value to chair

By James G. McCollam
Copley News Service

Q. Enclosed in a picture of a hand-decorated antique chair that has been in our family for generations. It was redone a few years ago. Please advise us to when it may have been made and what its value is today.

A. This half spindle-back side chair was made in the third quarter of the 19th century. With its original stenciled and hand-painted finish, it would be worth about \$200.

Since the decoration has been redone, it would sell for about \$175.

Q. The attached mark is on the back of a 9-inch plate. It is heavy china decorated with vividly colored floral. It looks like some Quimper plates I have seen. I would appreciate your opinion as to the identity of the maker, the vintage and value.

A. Your plate was made about 1800 by Antoine Fouque in Toulouse, France. It is typical of the

earthenware made in southern France 200 years ago.

A plate such as you describe might sell from \$100 to \$200 depending on condition.

Q. This inquiry is about what appears to be a dessert set consisting of a cake plate and six individual dessert plates. On the face of each plate is a border of 22-karat gold; in the center is a picture of three women and a tree. On the back is "Atlas China—Made in the U.S.A."

Would you be able to comment on the company that made this set, its age and approximate value?

A. The Atlas China Co. was a manufacturer of moderately priced dinnerware. Your dessert set would probably sell for \$35 to \$45.

CAPO-DI-MONTE
"Capo-di-Monte" is a term that is widely used and widely misunderstood.

Capo-di-Monte originally was a soft-paste porcelain made in a factory owned by Charles III, king of Naples. Capo-di-Monte was the name of the king's castle. The mark used was a crown over an "N" from 1740 to 1759.

In 1759, Charles became king of Spain and moved his porcelain works to Madrid. He called this "Buen Retiro" in honor of his new castle. The mark used was Charles' monogram. He continued operations until 1808.

Meanwhile, back in Naples in 1771, King Ferdinand of Naples revived the original Capo-di-Monte factory and operated it until 1821. The mark he used was a crown over "RF."

In 1834, the factory was taken over by Carlo Ghiori and moved to Doccia. The mark of the crown over "N" was reborn.

In subsequent years, this mark was used by many companies, including the Società Ceramica Richard in Milan and Ernst Bohne & Sons in Rudolstadt, Germany.

The porcelain produced by Charles m and King Ferdinand was made for royal use. Today, most of these early pieces are found in museums. What little appears on today's market sells in the \$2,000 to \$25,000 range.

Twentieth century Capo-di-Monte porcelain usually sells for less than \$100 to \$500 or \$600.

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

Some answers about your home when the tax man cometh

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Can home improvements be deducted?
Home improvements are not deductible. Heim said. But, just like some closing costs, homeowners can add these costs to the basis of their home. Improvements must be "real" improvements, however, like landscaping, adding a paved driveway, wallpapering or adding blinds that will stay with the home. Costs for painting, carpeting and other general maintenance are not eligible.

Heim said there are exceptions: When a new owner must recapture the entire home at the time of purchase, the IRS considers this to be part of the home's acquisition cost.

What type of receipts should be saved?
The rule of thumb regarding receipts is: Be a saver. "Maintain receipts for any real improvements on your home, for the life of the home," Heim advised, "for work inside and out."

Did you refinance your mortgage in 1992?
Many homeowners went back to the banks this year to take advantage of lower interest rates. According to Susan Daugherty of Advantage Tax Services, 9880 E. Grand River Ave. in Brighton, taxpayers can deduct only a portion of the points paid on the new loan.

For example, if the homeowner paid \$2,000 in points and refinanced for 15 years, they must divide the dollars by the years to calculate their annual deduction. In addition, if the owner refinanced in November, only a two-month portion of that annual deduction may be taken in the first year. Daugherty said.

Other fees, although not deductible, may be added to the basis of the property. Keep copies of the refinancing papers, Daugherty said.

If you had enough equity in the home, you may have received a check when you refinanced. It's not earned income, Daugherty said. You will pay taxes on any gains when you sell your home, however.

(Advantage Tax Services is run by Daugherty and partners Susan Green and Geraldine Sorvan.)

What about medical and dental expenses?
It's an area to review, the accountants said, but reaching 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income is difficult for most taxpayers. For state taxes, however, Daugherty said that taxpayers can get a state property tax credit for any insurance premiums they paid. This does not refer to insurance deductibles paid during the year.

What about other state tax breaks for homeowners?
The other two tax credits apply only to low-income homeowners. For the state home heating credit, taxpayers receive vouchers to help pay their heating bills. The prescription drug credit—also for low-income taxpayers—is paid from a state fund.

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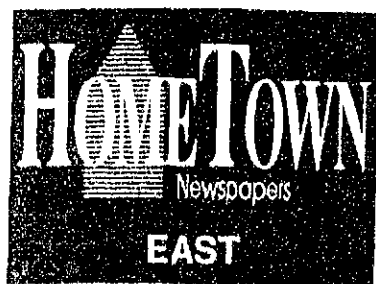
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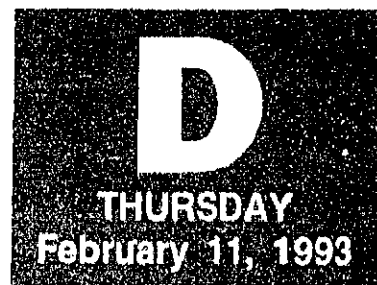
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A stitch in the mall saves time at this store

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

If you're like most people who need their clothes altered, you probably waited too long to have it done.

That pair of pants that needed to be hemmed a week ago would be perfect for that party you have to go to tomorrow. And where is Mom when you need her?

The fact of the matter is, you don't (Sorry, Mom). A new business called Tailor, Needle & Thread has opened in the Twelve Oaks Mall, and promises simple alterations in as little as two hours.

"Very often people are in a hurry," said Katie Roxy who, along with Amy Skotzke, manages the store. "But that's been our concept from the beginning to have same-day service. We always have someone here to do the work, and it's all done on the premises. It's not sent out."

In fact, the Tailor, Needle & Thread store at Twelve Oaks was the very first store in a national chain, based in Chicago, that now includes six stores. All of them offer speedy alterations, and are located in large malls, for the benefit of customers.

You drop off what needs to be mended, Roxy said, then go shopping. When you're done, so are your alterations.

Mall locations also help bring referrals from customers who purchase clothes that need to be taken in here and let out there for a perfect fit.

"We do a lot of referrals from the stores," said Roxy. "They can send people down here, the customer can go have a cup of coffee, and they can come pick the garment up."

There's practically no limitation on the alterations and repairs that Tailor, Needle & Thread can do. At any one time, there are from two to five staffers working at the in-store sewing stations, and each has his or her own specialty.

"I can't think of anything that we can't do," Roxy said. "We have different people who do a lot of different kinds of things."

Roxy said the typical customer is simply someone in a hurry who needs alterations. It can be as involved as taking out the seat in a pair of pants, or as simple as sewing on a button.

"We do about 50-50 men's and ladies' clothes," said Roxy. "You'd be surprised at the number of people who don't know how to do that kind of thing anymore. But it's a time thing for people, too. You just don't have time anymore."

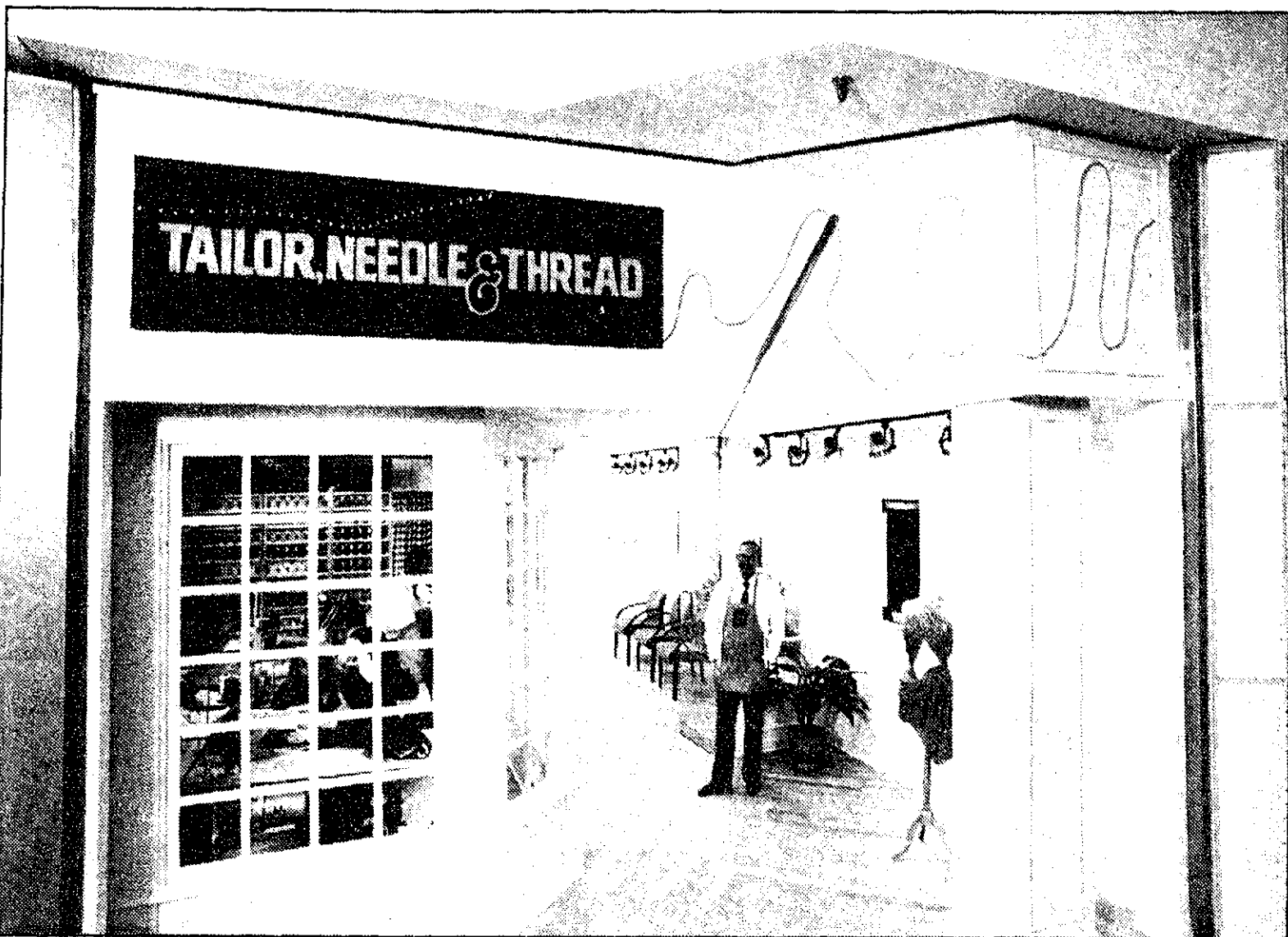
Surprisingly, after less than a year in business Roxy has found that she's acquired some regular customers. The store opened in April of 1992.

"Business has been good and we've been real pleased," she said. "We have an awful lot of people who've tried us once and then cleaned out their closets. They bring us stuff they haven't worn in a while and needs a little work."

Customers have been pleasant to deal with too, Roxy has found.

"In the service business if you take good care of your customers, they're happy," Roxy said.

Tailor, Needle & Thread is open seven days a week during all of the mall hours. For more information, call 347-7840.



The Tailor, Needle & Thread chain operates a quick alterations shop in the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

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Business Briefs

JOSEPH F. CLARK, a Northville resident, has been named vice president of business and finance at University of Detroit Mercy. The announcement was made by University President Maureen A. Fay. In his new position, Clark will be responsible for financial affairs, human resources, facilities and security.

Prior to the appointment, Clark had held the position on an interim basis. He previously had a 29-year career in management with Ford Motor Company.

Clark serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees at Great Lakes Christian College.

TRACY POLASEK of South Lyon has been selected as marketing planning coordinator for McPherson Hospital in Howell, an operating unit of Catherine McAuley Health System (CMHS).

"Since the merger with CMHS in 1991, McPherson Hospital and the system have actively pursued changes that will assist us in continually improving the quality of care we provide to Livingston County residents," said Dr. Robert Carbeck, chief executive officer for the hospital. "Tracy is certainly a valued and welcome addition to the McPherson family."

Prior to joining CMHS, Polasek was a marketing and public relations consultant for several different companies. Polasek also has served as a copywriter for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, was a marketing program coordinator for Michigan National Corp., coordinated advertising and public relations for SekelCare and served as a programming assistant for the University of Michigan.

Polasek received a master's of business administration from Michigan State University and her bachelor's degree in communication and psychology from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Direct Marketing Association of Detroit.

McPherson Hospital is a unit of Catherine McAuley Health System, a not-for-profit health care provider based in Ann Arbor.

ENTERTAINMENT CONSULTANTS OF AMERICA INC. has moved into larger facilities located in the Metro West Industrial Park's Spinaker Center.

Entertainment Consultants of America Inc. is the production company for the Mr. Wizard Show on cable television's Nickelodeon channel. The program, geared for children in the elementary and junior high school age range, features educational concepts about the laws of nature and scientific principles.

Mr. Richard has reached thousands of students for the last three generations by visiting schools across the United States. Entertainment Consultants has been producing the show for television audiences for the last 10 years.

The company's new address is 44800 Helm St., Plymouth, 48170.

The Metro West Industrial Park, located in Plymouth Township, is developed and managed by the R.A. DeMatia Company.

SUSAN SCHMELZER of Novi was promoted to Senior Director of Credit Union Development for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL), the primary trade association representing credit unions in Michigan. The MCUL recently changed its organizational and service delivery structure to meet Michigan credit unions' foremost service expectations faster, better and most effectively.

Schmelzer has been assigned increased organizational and strategic responsibilities as Senior Director of Credit Union Development. In her post, she works with the Michigan Congressional Delegation, federal regulators, and credit unions on legislative and regulatory issues which impact credit unions. Schmelzer is also responsible for overall direction of the education and research and information areas within MCUL.

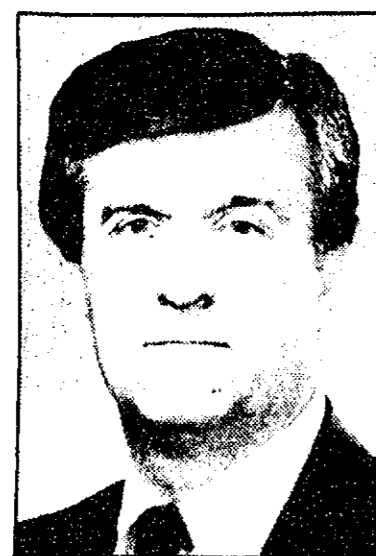
Prior to joining the MCUL in 1990 as Director of Congressional Issues, Schmelzer worked for 10 years in various positions at the Credit Union National Association and its affiliates, the principal trade association for credit unions in the U.S. which is headquartered in Madison, Wis. She has also worked for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and the Majority Leader of Wisconsin State Senate.

JAMES G. DAVIS, president of Davis Auto Care in Northville was recently honored by the Automotive Service Association of Michigan. He was the recipient of the "Albert Valle Distinguished Service Award" for 1992. Davis received his award at the Annual Awards Dinner in December.

This award is presented to the person in the Automotive Service Association of Michigan who has done the most during the year to advance the automotive service industry. Davis, who is also the Mechanical Division Director of the ASA, was chosen for this honor from among over 700 members.

Jim and his wife, Denise, reside in Northville and have operated their automotive service business since 1979. The facility has expanded several times, now comprising 15 repair bays in their location on Doherty Drive in the Northville Industrial Park. Jim is also a past president of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce.

INDUSTRIAL VIDEO PRODUCTIONS INC. of Northville has



JOSEPH P. CLARK



TRACY POLASEK



SUE SCHMELZER



JAMES G. DAVIS

been contracted by Mercy International Health Services of Farmington to produce a video documentary to increase awareness of the need for global health care for the poor.

Norm Frankell, executive producer for VIP Inc. will accompany MIHS staff to the Marshall Islands in the Pacific and to the Eastern African countries of Zimbabwe and Tanzania.

Primary focus of the video will document MIHS role in: managed care for nuclear testing exposure in the Marshall Islands; staff training, the AIDS epidemic, and the need for improved hospitals in Tanzania; and assistance for hospitals to become locally sustained in Zimbabwe.

Other areas of focus will include long term healthcare needs in Eastern Europe, Australia, Saudi Arabia and many Pacific Rim areas. The video program will take six to nine months to complete.

TOWN CENTER GALLERY'S opening in Novi was more than a business move for owners Larry and Judy Campine—it was the culmination of a lifelong love of art. The Campines fell in love with art—and each other—at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit in the late 1960s. Both went on to successful careers in commercial art, and have been collecting originals and prints ever since.

Town Center Gallery has prints, drawings, and paintings in a wide range of styles. They have the most popular limited editions, museum prints, and originals by local artists. The gallery's unique features include a design area, with professional design service, an extensive publishers catalogue library, creative matting, and a complete in-house framing production service.

"We enjoy what we are doing," Judy says. "We sometimes are afraid if collectors know how much fun we have they wouldn't take us seriously." The Campines, however, take themselves and their role very seriously. Larry adds that individual care goes into the presentation of the art. Phyllis Wilson, a certified professional framer, was recruited as manager, to insure the proper mounting and framing of investment art.

Town Center Gallery is located near I-96 and Novi Road at 43267 Crescent Blvd., in the Novi Town Center, phone 380-0470. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

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Money Management

Knowing miscellaneous deductions can cut tax bill

Deducting miscellaneous expenses has become more difficult in the last few years. Most miscellaneous itemized deductions are deductible only to the extent that the total exceeds 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. Passing the 2 percent floor can be difficult, says the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, but it is not impossible. Here are some tips on how to maximize your miscellaneous deductions.

EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES

Business expenses are deductible only if you pay them out of your own pocket—not if they are reimbursed. Following are some of the more common employee business expenses:

- Travel and lodging. When business takes you away from home, you may deduct 100 percent of your allowable expenses—including the cost of traveling to the location and your lodging expenses.
- Meals and entertainment. The law allows 80 percent deduction for business-related meals and entertainment expenses as long as you discuss business during or immediately before or after the meal or entertainment event.
- Subscriptions. The cost of subscriptions to job-related publications and trade journals is generally deductible.
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- Tax planning books, publications and videotapes.
- Phone calls to the IRS.
- For more detailed information on the

types of deductions you may be overlooking, you should contact your CPA.

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You may also be able to deduct some of the costs that are associated with investments that produce taxable income.

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- Transportation and travel. The cost of travel to look after investments or to confer with your attorney, accountant or investment counsel qualifies for a deduction.

Downpayment remains big hurdle to home ownership

A weak general economy, lower mortgage rates and a slimmer, more efficient housing industry all have combined to ease the average American's house-buying burden.

Those who bought houses in 1991 paid less per month, on average, than their counterparts in 1990, while monthly income rose. The result was a smaller share of income required for homebuying.

The building industry's greater emphasis on affordable houses kept the average price of conventionally financed new houses within 1 percent of the year before.

These are some of the findings of U.S. Housing Markets in its annual survey of the costs of housing in America. U.S. Housing Markets is a research publication of Lomas Mortgage USA, a Dallas financial firm.

"When figures come in for 1992, we will see a continuation of these trends," said Michael E. Patrick, president of Lomas Mortgage USA. "U.S. housing has indeed become more affordable—for those who can clear the downpayment hurdle. The initial outlay in the homebuying process continues to rise, even as monthly payments become easier."

U.S. Housing Markets reported that the average buyer in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area in 1991 (including both new houses and resales) needed

23 percent of income to meet the monthly payments. That was down a single percentage point from 1989.

The buyer's initial outlay, including customary closing costs, was up \$120, from \$25,700 in 1990 to \$25,820 in 1991. This coincided with the average house price that was up slightly in 1991 when the average price was \$116,500. In 1990, it was \$116,700.

Despite the bump in price of houses, the average monthly payment in the Detroit-Ann Arbor market was reduced in 1991 to \$1,080, down from \$1,120 in 1990. Monthly income rose to \$4,650 in 1991 from \$4,580 in 1990.

Figures were based on a 20-percent-down, 30-year fixed rate conventional mortgage.

Nationally, prospective buyers discovered that entry to the new home market, in 1991, relative to 1990, was much easier. The average up-front money requirements were less, and the monthly payment load was a bit lower than the year before.

Financial requirements for the average new home purchaser loosened a little more for resale shoppers so that the economic gap between new and existing home deals narrowed slightly in 1991.

The report said the slide in new house sales since the mid-1980s, overlaid with last year's general economic weakness, put considerable downward pressure on builder profit margins and prices. The average new home financed with a conventional mortgage sold for \$155,200 last year, compared to \$154,100 the year before. That represented a rise of less than 1 percent.

The U.S. homebuyer's initial out-of-pocket expenditure on the average new house deal actually declined by a few dollars in 1991. For a 20-percent-down purchase of the average new home, the initial outlay (including most customary closing fees) dipped to \$33,710—down from \$160 the year before.

Because of a decline in the fixed rate mortgage contract interest rate, the average monthly payment on a new house purchased in 1991 went down by \$50 from the comparable figure the year before. A new homebuyer making the average deal in 1991 saw a monthly mortgage payment of \$1,240 compared to \$1,290 for a similar new homebuyer in 1990.

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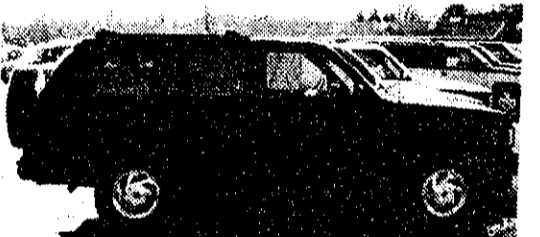
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