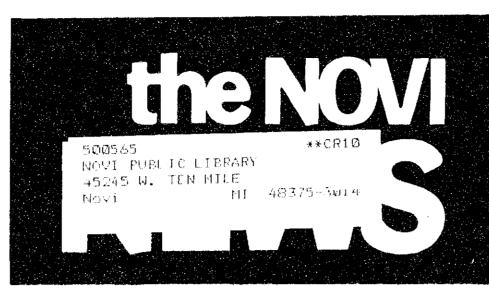
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Novi cops meet the public they will serve

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

Novi police held the second of three community-oriented policing meetings last Tuesday night, and the third is scheduled for tomorrow. Feb. 16.

Last week's meeting, which was held for those who live south of I-96 and east of Novi Road, offered an opportunity for residents to meet and greet the officers permanently assigned to their part of town.

The meetings are another step in the department's implementation of problem-oriented policing, a program designed to identify causes and sources of crime problems and nip them in the bud.

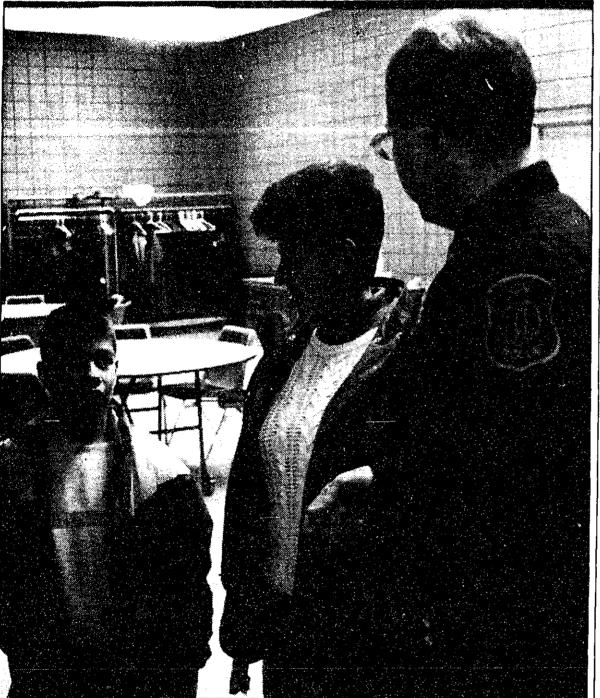
Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said the progam began to take effect last year when officers were assigned to specific neighborhoods on a permanent basis, but these meetings mark the beginning of a stronger effort to make residents aware of the program and "their" officers.

Tomorrow's meeting, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, is for Novi residents who live north of 1-96.

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"The meetings give us the opportunity to share with (residents) the police philosophy, that we are here to serve them," Shaeffer said. "And our whole philosophy is to work with the community to solve problems - not to keep responding to



Tax break may spur seniors developments

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A developer has asked Novi to adopt a new ordinance which would provide a financial incentive to

build senior citizen housing. The Birmingham-based Singh Development Company aims to construct Crescent Pointe Senior Housing, a 200-unit project on land east of Twelve Oaks Mall.

Singh Vice President Michael Kahm asked the Novi City Council to consider adopting a regulation Feb. 8 which would allow a payment of a service charge rather than property taxes for that portion of the housing which was occupied by low and moderate income seniors. The state housing development act gives municipalities the discretion to adopt such an ordinance, Kahm said.

The council decided to take no action on the request until a study is done by the city assessor's office to calculate the financial difference between a four percent user fee and the traditional tax assessment. The city attorney was also asked to evaluate the Singh proposal.

Carol Mason, who sits on a city committee studying senior housing said she needed to see these figures before making a decison.

"As much as all of us want good, affordable housing. I would like to see actual dollars submitted. This is too big for me to put on the books

Singh's proposal will also be reviewed by the city's senior housing committee.

Kahm explained that the company would find it difficult to get financing for the project, except from the federal Housing and Urban Development department and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. This form of financing reduces the interest rate if the developer sets aside 30 percent of the housing at low rent rates and the remaining 70 percent at market rate.

But Novi would have to have the proposed ordinance in place before the firm would qualify for the special loans. Singh has already built this type of senior housing project in Rochester.

The city would review rent rolls to determine how much of the housing qualified for the service fees. The remainder of the housing complex would be assessed for a standard property tax.

The fee would be split proportionately among the city, the school district and Oakland County, based on the percentage each gets of total property taxes collected, Kahm said.

Singh is hoping to build a gra-duated assisted living complex which would include 120 congregate care units, 100 assisted living units and 30 garden apartments. Residents can start out living on their own in the apartments and as

Officer Ken Meier chats

Engler's reforms clear the senate

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

The state Senate passed a bill to cut school property taxes 20 percent last week after Sen. David Honigman was unable to strike a deal softening the blow for schools.

Honigman, a Lakes area Republican, floated a compromise plan that would have raised the property tax cut to 30 percent if voters replaced the lost school revenue by adding a penny to the sales tax.

"If I went too far one way, I couldn't get enough Republicans. If I went too far the other, no Democrats would back it," said Honigman after Wednesday's vote.

Instead the Senate passed Gov. John Engler's proposed 20 percent cut in school operating proprty taxes over three years. The bill contains an amendment promising to replace the lost revenue (\$1.3 billion by the third year), but it contains no funding source to fulfill the hard-hit by a property tax cut. promise.

"We are promising some relief at the expense of many school districts. I don't think it's realistic to expect the teachers to negotiate 20 percent reductions in pay or expect Consumers Power to negotiate a 20 percent reduction in utilities."

Sen. Jack Faxon **D**-Farmington Hills

on Senate Bill 146. All 16 Democrats, joined by Republican Fred Dillingham of Fowlerville, voted no.

Dillingham predicted the bill would fail in the House of Representatives, which will take up the bill this week. "You're creating further gridlock down the road," he warned his party.

But the promise in the amendment looked good to Sen. Robert Geake. R-Northville, whose home base has five out-of-formula school districts - including the Northville school district - that would be

romise. Nineteen Republicans voted yes

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By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

If you're worried about a possible 9-percent increase in your 1993 home property taxes, consider the owners of kingsize tracts of that ohso-valuable Novi land.

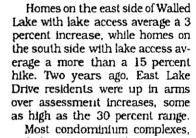
Assessments in the farm category (over 13 acres of land) went up an average of 100 percent this year. Property assessment notices will

likely be mailed to residents on Thursday and Friday, City Assessor James Klausmeyer said last week. Last year, the property valua-

tions were frozen at 1991 rates. Residential tax increases will now hover at an average of 9 percent. Field Assessor Dave Hieber advises homeowners to remember that the figure is an average.

"A lot of times, we have people at the counter who say they read in The Novi News that tax assessments went up 9 percent, 'Why did mine go up 12 percent?" " Hieber said.

Subdivisions with the highest average increases are Salow's Walnut Hills at 21 percent and the Woods of Novi at 20 percent.



including Country Place, Crosswinds and Glen Haven, will see no increase. In Olde Orchard, some home models were reduced as much as 9 percent.

Since the 1991 freeze was im-

posed, 912 single family homes and 503 condominium units have been sold in the city.

Novi's tax base has grown from \$1.2 billion in 1992 to about \$1.4 billion this year.

"We don't know yet what the total figure is going to be," Klausmeyer said.

The assessor's office has been closely evaluating homes sitting directly on the east-west "mile roads" and the north-south roads such as Novi and Taft roads. The average

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Novi Middle School fifth grader Jami Jackson gets a close look at one of the animals during living

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Photo by HAL GOULD

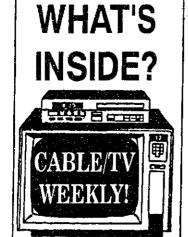
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science day.

Program brings science

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

alive

It was a way to plant — and bring alive — seeds in young minds — nurturing a love of science.

The notion that science is boring and unintelligible — an arcane subject reserved for summa cum laude white-coated researchers who spend their days in sterile labs - didn't take into account the Living Science Foundation.

The organization, with offices here in Novi, brought some very special visitors to Novi Middle School on Feb. 10: animals from Australia and others on the U.S. Department of the Interior's endangered species list.

Foundation members made presentations to all seventh and eighth grade science classes, Assistant Principal Calvin Schmucker said, and let the kids join in the fun as well.

Novi Middle School's PTO arranged the visit, one of a number of ways parents and educators are trying to show young people all that science has to offer.



Residents to learn of 9 percent hike

Photo by JON FREILICH

Community Calendar

Today, 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.

Novi Chamber Luncheon: The Novi Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon will be held at noon at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on Crescent Blvd. Joan T. Hursey, CPA of Lee Holland & Assoc., CPA's will speak on tax and business strategies for the 1990's. Cost is \$13 for members and \$17 for non-members.

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

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 Educatonal Services Building. Saturday, February 20

Forest Management: Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service will conduct an educational meeting about forest stewardship from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Clarkston. There will be a \$5 fee per individual or family. For further information, call Chris Webster, Agriculture Agent, 858-0887.

Monday, February 22 Band Boosters: The Board of the Novi High School Band Boosters will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. in the high school band room. Tuesday, February 23

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

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

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

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

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 busness meeting.

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

Thursday, February 25 Novi Newcomers and Neighbors: Novi Newcomers and Neighbors general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Ms. Phyllis Wordhouse, financial planner and educator, will discuss ways to spend and save. All are welcome and invited to attend. Personal hygiene items will be collected at the door as admission and donated to the needy.

Saturday, February 27 Distinguished Service Award: The Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. at the Novi Sheraton Oaks hotel.

Tuesday, March 2

Novi Middle School: The Novi Middle School PTO will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Middle School.



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NEWS



Novi police officers (left to right) Mike Wilson, Ken Meier, Tom Orlowski and Jerrod Hart met with some of the residents of the neighborhoods they patrol on a permanent basis --- those south of I-96 and east of Novi Road --- at a community oriented policing meeting last Tuesday.

Officers meet people on their beats

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the same calls for service over and over, but to look at the requests for police services, determine what is leading to those calls, and fixing what is causing the problem." Doing that requires a close rela-

tionship with the community. the neighborhood cop on the beat. In- and community in making Novi a troducing the officers to the people safe and livable city," the handout ex-

they serve is one way of working toward that goal. Residents who attend the meet-

ings also receive a handout explaining the concept of problem-oriented policing, and how Novi officers intend to work toward its development. "Problem-oriented policing is

Through the permanent neighbor- based on a philosophy which recoghood assignments, Shaeffer hopes to nizes the interdependence and return in some ways to the old days of shared responsibility of the police

strategies designed to create and hood security." sustain a healthy, vital city."

learn problem-oriented policing requires a cooperative effort between the department and residents in preventing crime.

During the meetings, residents

"Solutions to the causes of crime work.

plains. "It is a method of policing do not rest solely with police, but with which encourages proactive partner- the community as a whole . . . soluship that identifies community crime tions must take place with the assisand safety issues, determines re- tance of other agencies and the sources, and applies innovative public by co-producing neighbor-

> If you missed the communityoriented policing meeting for your neighborhood, contact the Novi Police Department at 348-7100. Ask for the names of the officers who patrol your area, and the times that they

Residents want sewer to replace their old septics

By JAN JEFFRES

Glenda Street homeowners are also charges that the city has not hoping the city will soon throw them moved fast enough to solve the a line, a sewer line that is. Ginger Barrons, a spokesperson for the residents, said several of the the process. Maybe we didn't make

tween Novi and Taft roads, have de- move forward," she said. teriorating septic systems, increas-The homes use well water. "The problems are not severe. at its Feb. 22 meeting. They're not finding bacteria in the soil, but we have a lot of neighbors he explained.

who've had failed septic fields. That's not a good sign," Barrons said. "It's not so much a health issue for today as it is for the future."

some of the septic fields. Wetlands there was any delay, it was a question are located in the north end. A number of problems have been inpointed by the city's consulting city were to sell revenue bonds to fl-

engineers JCK & Associates. Glenda Street is split by the city's Glenda to the Novi Heights sewer, the sewer districts, with the south going price tag is an estimated \$260,000. in the Simmons district on Ten Mile Road. The Simmons sewer, built in asked for the sewer special assess-1976, is a county sewer which lacks ment district (SAD) eight years ago. the capacity to serve the 16 homes on The work would have been paid for by the north end of Glenda. These property owners, but the residents houses are in the Novi Heights district.

One option suggested by city engi-"It was going to be too costly. We neers is to reduce the Glenda Street were sort of advised that when devespecial assessment district to cover lopment came along, because it was only those lots to the south which are part of the master plan for sewers, within the Simmons drain sewer the developer would have to put in a pipe. The residents would then pay less," Barrons said. Novi Director of Public Works An-

thony Nowicki has also recommended that the Novi City Council authorize the engineers to study the that when new subdivisions were north end and come up with a construction estimate for several ontions Barrons, who lives on the south

district

than build the new pipe called for in sewer line along Eleven Mile, rather the sewer master plan. Glenda Street was left stranded, she savs

city's list of streets scheduled for a newly resurfaced street to do the job.



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end of the street, said the homeow ners have been reluctant to see the Glenda split into two districts. She

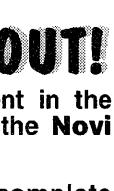
"We don't know how we got lost in 26 homes on the street, which is on the right connections. No one's anthe north side of Ten Mile Road be- gry, no one's upset, we'd just like to Mayor Matthew Quinn said last ing the need for the sewer service. week that the city council is expected to take action on the sewer dilemma

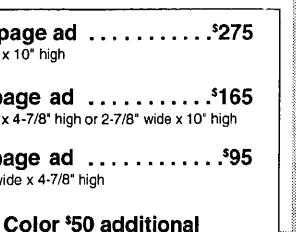
"We wanted the cost breakdown," "I would expect we would make a

decision at that time." Quinn said he wasn't convinced there had been a delay: "It's a little Many of the homes on the street more complicated issue than a lot of are as much as 35 years old, as are other special assessment districts. If of complexity.

The project is a costly one. If the nance the costs of a pipe to link north The Glenda Street residents first decided against it because the price per family was so high.

The problem for Clenda Street is then built near them, Cedar Springs and Jamestown Green, the developer appealed to the city council and was allowed to hook into an existing routine re-paving. That's when the sewer issue again came to the forefront. Homeowners want the sewer to In 1991. Glenda came up on the go in first, rather than tearing up the





Man assaulted with baseball bat

A resident on Willow told police he was assaulted by a man with a baseball bat Feb. 2, but said he did not want to press charges

He reported that the suspect approached him at his home and told him he wanted to talk to him about Mary's Hospital for treatment. his ex-girlfriend. When he told the

said "I'm going to kill you." When the man went inside his his wooden fence with the bat, caus- fen tablets. ing minor damage.

arrested a man for passing a bad check at The Disney Store in Twelve to check on her, and discovered she Oaks Mall Feb. 2, and discovered he had taken the pills. was carrying a concealed weapon.

check on a closed National Bank of her to Huron Valley Hospital. She Detroit account for \$127.92 at The was home alone at the time of the the back of the patrol car on the way Disney Store. He then went on to a overdose. Police attempted to contact to the police station. second store in the mall and tried to her father, who was taking a class at purchase more items with a check. Oakland Community College, but DRUNK DRIVING: A 36-year-old but a clerk there refused to accept the check because the man's ID looked suspicious

During the arrest they confiscated a ongoing basis. 9 mm Ruger pistol found in his waistband.

DRUG OVERDOSE: Novi police and with her children. fire responded to a drug overdose at a residence on Mariga Feb. 2.

Police discovered the victim at consciousness. Numerous medical with him. vials of anti-depressant medication The victim was transported to St.

figures for these parcels were not

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suspect to get off his property, the ANOTHER OVERDOSE: Novi police suspect reportedly pulled out a base and fire responded to another Novi retallation. ball bat, held it over his head, and residence on a drug overdose call Feb. 3.

Police News

A teenage female was found to home, the suspect started beating have taken 20 Tylenol and 20 Ibupro-According to a next door neighbor

who called police, the girl called her CONCEALED WEAPON: Novi police and told her she wanted to say goodbye. The neighbor went to the home Police found her awake and cohe-

were unsuccessful.

count confirmed that the check was lice Feb. 5 that another employee coln Continental. bad, and police arrested the man. there has been harassing her on an

> makes comments about her body into her home and stole cash from and implies that he wants to have sex her dresser drawer.

However, the co-worker denied the and found her front door closed, but woman's charges. He told police that unlocked. When she went inside, she she is saying this to avoid working in discovered her dresser drawer open 8:25 a.m. in a state of semi- the bakery section of the business and the cash missing. He told police he is a hard worker LARCENY: A Novi High School stu-

ees suggestions to improve produc- stole his leather lacket from his Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887. **Board readies to hear appeals**

The incident remains under investigation. DRUNK DRIVING: A 26-year-old Milford man was arrested shortly before midnight Feb. 4 for operating under

tion. He believes that the woman fil-

Ing the complaint took offense at one

of his suggestions and did this in

the influence of liquor (OUIL) on northbound Beck Road. Police said a passenger in the vehicle was also intoxicated. Both were taken to the police department where the driver was booked and jailed, and The suspect reportedly wrote a rent, and an ambulance transported the passenger called for a ride home. Police said both men fell asleep in

Northville man was arrested Feb. 5 for OUIL on Beck Road north of Ten HARASSMENT: An employee at Mile. Police stoped him shortly before A security call on the suspect's ac- Dunkin Donuts on Ten Mile told po- 1:30 a.m. He was driving a 1991 Lin-

> BREAK-IN: A resident on Celeste re-She told police that her co-worker ported Feb. 4 that someone broke She told police she arrived home

were found on the kitchen counter. and occasionally gives other employ- dent reported Feb. 4 that someone

ocker. The jacket, which was value at \$135, also contained the student's house keys in the pocket. Police reported no sign of forced

entry to the locker, but the student said he was positive it was locked and that no one else knew his Civic Center. combination.

school weight room.

pects, responded, the suspect May deadline.

Witnesses told police the victim was bench pressing and still holding the weights when they hit him.

shopping center parking lot on Grand River.

According to police reports, the vehicle was parked outside the Office Center store. The owner parked his vehicle shortly after 3 p.m. and went around to the back of the store to make a delivery. When he returned, it was gone,

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the

Appeals time: The property ax 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

Novi Briefs

School decision delayed: The planning commission did not ad-ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A Novi dress the issue of a woodlands permit for Hickory Woods Elementary High School student reported Feb. 4 School's two-classroom addition at the Feb. 3 meeting. It is expected to do so that two other teenagers, who are not at its Feb. 17 meeting. The facility, part of the Walled Lake school system, Novi students, attacked him in the needs a Novi woodlands permit to proceed, but residents and commissioners have raised questions about the plan.

According to police reports, the Fuerst committee starts: The Fuerst Family Farm Committee, suspects walked into the weight called to advise the Novi schools on what it should do with the homestead of room where the viciim was working Iva and Ruby Fuerst, had its first meeting last week. Committee chair James out. One walked up to victim and Koster told the board that the body's 20-some members had come up with called to him by name. When the vic- over 130 suggestions for the site. Koster promised the board that they'd nartim, who did not recognize the sus- row that list down to the requested three best options by the committee's

punched him in the face. The two Reports on tap: Superintendent of Schools Emmeit Lippe told board teens then ran away. of 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 ready on Feb. 25. The second is a consolidation of the district's curriculum council recommendations for textbook selections, due on April

STOLEN VEHICLE: A 21-year-old Home Penny-pinching Network: Council Member Joseph Toth 4 that someone stole his 1976 Ford asked last Monday that Novi's budget sessions be televised on Channel Econoline van from the Cedar Ridge 13. Several residents at a session last week made the same point. "I think that's something that's been requested a number of times. I think it should be given special consideration," Toth said. The issue will likely be discussed at tonight's city council meeting.

> Da bands ta jam: The Novi High School symphony and concert bands will give a special concert on Thursday, March 4 in the Fuerst Auditorium. The bands will perform the music they will play in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Festival to be held March 6. The concert is free and open to the public, and begins at 7:30 p.m.

School Happenings

The Novi schools board of education will meet on Thursday, Feb. 24, in the forum of the Instructional Technology Center and on Thursday, March 4, in the Educational Services Building. Both meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the assessor's office If you're planning to appeal your Orchard Hills Elementary: The school's spring photo day is March 4. Pictures will be taken at 8:45 a.m.

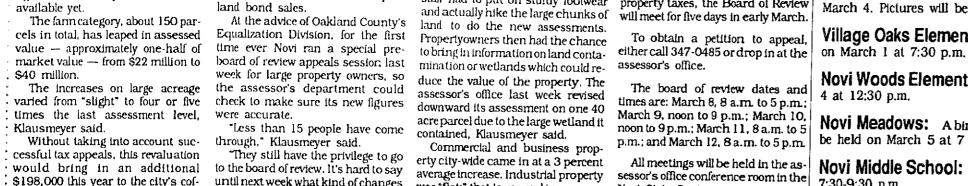
To obtain a petition to appeal, Village Oaks Elementary: VOICE, the school's PTO, will meet

Novi Woods Elementary: The school's PTO will meet on March 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Novi Meadows: A bingo night, courtesy of the school's PTO, will p.m.; and March 12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. be held on March 5 at 7 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the as- Novi Middle School: Feb. 26 is NMS school activity night from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

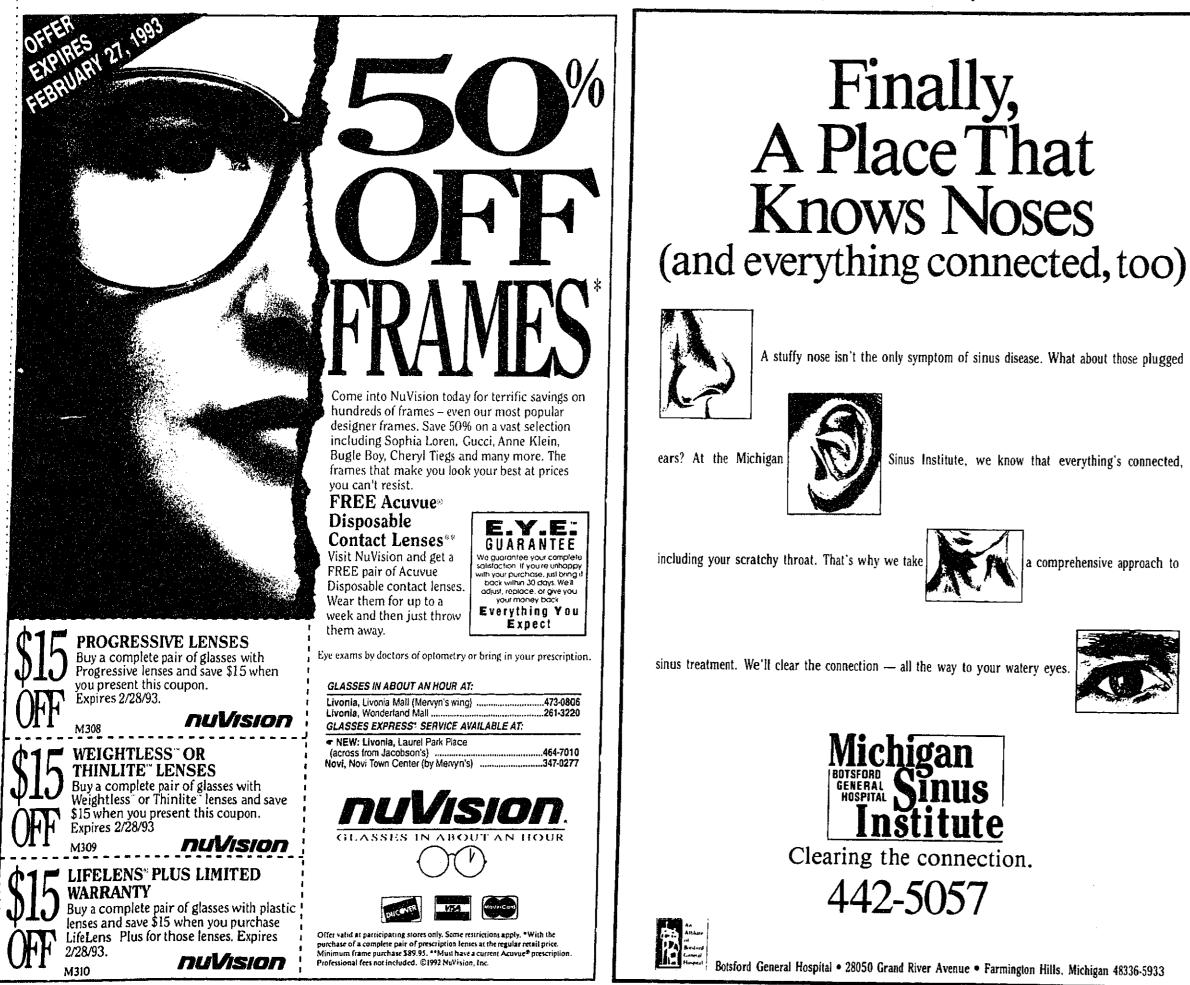
The middle school band will give a concert on March 1 in the Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School; start time is 7:30 p.m. Parents of this year's eighth grade class are invited to a high school or ientation meeting on March 3. It will be held in the Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium at 7 p.m.



\$198,000 this year to the city's col- until next week what kind of changes was "flat;" that is, no real increase or Novi Civic Center.

district. The city figures do not include what will be assessed for park land bond sales.

fers, and \$594,000 to the Novi school we'll make. staff had to put on sturdy footwear property taxes, the Board of Review





As We See It

School shopping list deserves consideration

Before anyone gets offended by the shopping list of items the Walled Lake Consolidated School District has asked the City of Novi to pay for at the new Hickory Woods Elementary School on Decker Road, they should consider one thing ... the students who attend school there are Novi residents, too.

At first blush, it might seem a bit bold of Walled Lake schools superintendent James Geisler to send a list of reguests — or were they demands? — to the Novi city administration and City Council asking for a number of items, like a traffic light in front of the school, street lighting and partial payment for the cost of a school crossing guard. But there does appear to be justification for many, perhaps most, of the requests.

We're not suggesting the city give away the store just because the Walled Lake school district asked for it. There may indeed be room for negotiation in how a number of the items are to be paid for. Nonetheless, the school serves Novi students too. And if the city would be required to pay for it, or would consent to pay for it were the school a part of the Novi Community School District, it should pay for it at the Hickory Woods site as well.

The Hickory Woods Elementary School opened last year. Located on Dearies of the Novi school district are not portion of northern Novi. And the Hicktion of the city.

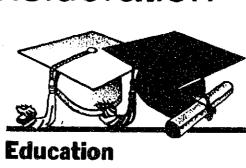
Last month, Geisler penned a letter to Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall explaining that his district expects the city to pick up the tab for a number of items, including a \$30,000 traffic light in front of the school, a street light at the school's entrance, half the cost of the salary of a school crossing guard, provide snow removal for the sidewalks and bike paths leading up to the school along Decker Road, and perhaps even to reduce the speed limits along that portion of a precedent. Decker.

demands, but keep in mind that state law requires the municipality to pay for half the cost of a crossing guard, just as pect similar treatment from the city.

But fairness is important. Pay for it That might sound like quite a set of one place, the city must pay for it in all places. Regardless of which district the students live in, they have a right to ex-

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Geisler requested. The City of Novi has in the past had a practice of providing the street lighting in front of schools in the city. Kriewall said he has protested that decision in the past, but previous councils have gone along with it. The traffic light - if a traffic study shows it is warranted - would likely be funded by the city for a Novi district school.

Still, the city administration and council need to take a hard look at the requests. As Tony Nowicki, director of the Novi Department of Public Works, pointed out, some of these requests could have implications for the future. They could set a precedent. Nowicki suggested that agreeing to clear the sidew alks around the school could result in demands to clear other sidewalks around the city. And of course that would count as a major cost for the city.

But one needn't look that far. Two cker Road, it is the first Walled Lake dis- more schools will likely open in Novi in trict school to be located in the City of the near future. One, the Thornton Novi, Although the city has a school dis- Creek Elementary School in the Northtrict that bears its own name, the bound- ville school district is already under construction and scheduled to open this fall the same as the city boundaries. The The Novi school district has said it will Walled Lake system covers a significant likely add one more elementary school within the next couple of years. In the ory Woods school was built to handle a bond issue the Novi school district put rapidly growing population in that por- on the ballot in December, there was money for the purchase of land for an additional elementary school.

> And certainly if the city is going to pay for any of these items at Hickory Woods, it will more or less be committing itself to paying for them at the other two new schools as well. So consideration must be made carefully here. Not only should the city be concerned with those areas it has not previously spent money on, it might want to go back and review its policy for those items where it has set



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seat belt law. you might say.

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Engler's reforms approved by senate

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"Once the amendment was added. I voted for the bill," he told 75 constituents who had written or called to protest it. Geake said the protests appeared to have been orchestrated by Livonia school officials, who said they stood to lse one-fourth of their \$100 million budget.

But it looked bad to Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi. "We are promising some relief at the expense of many school districts," said Faxon. "I don't think it's realistic to expect the teachers to negotiate 20 percent reductions in pay or expect Consumers Power to negotiate a 20 percent reduction in utilities."

In-formula districts (the 70 percent receiving state aid) would have much of their lost local taxes repaid by the state aid formula. But out-offormula districts would take a straight loss.

Honigman's failed deal called for: Passing Engler's 20 percent cut in school operating taxes (achieved by paring assessments from 50 percent to 40 percent of market value over three years).

Placing a sales tax hike on the August ballot. If voters raised the tax from four cents to five, the money would be used to reimburse schools' lost revenue at \$545 per pupil. Outof-formula districts would be guaranteed state payment of their retirement costs and no cuts in their "categorical" aid (for buses and special education). Moreover, taxpayers would get a 30 percent cut inschool property taxes, instead of the 20 percent offered by Engler.

If voters were to say no, the 20 percent cut, with no reimbursements, would take effect.

"It never got voted on," said Honigman, whose western Oakland district includes homes with soaring assessments and out-of-formula schools.

"The Democrats wouldn't go with that. The Democrats wanted the sales tax in place before the property tax cut," he said.

Democrat Faxon agreed. "We said it (sales tax) had to be in place (before the property tax cut). We offered three senators to negotiate."

"If the money's not there, you can't do it. You can't force the Legislature to appropriate money. It's like having a bank account with no money.".

> Senator Jack Faxon **D**-Farmington Hills

After the deal collapsed, Honigman and others won support for the amendment by which the state promised to replace lost revenue.

That promise was worthless, in Faxon's view. "It says we shall do this.' If the money's not there, you can't doit. You can't force the Legislature to appropriate money. It's like having a bank account with no money," Faxon said.

SB 146 is narrowly drawn to apply only to K-12 school taxes, not city. township, county, community college, library or metropark taxes.

Senate Republicans pushed the bill through in a single day, bypassing the normal procedure of discussing it on "general orders" on day and passing it the second. Faxon protested: "To put this bill

on a fast track serves no one." Dillingham said his GOP caucus

used speed "to meet a political end, not a policy end." Senate Republicans said they

pushed the bill so that the House could take it up in February, when Republican Willis Bullard Jr. of Milford chairs the Taxation Committee. Bullard's district includes the City of Novi. In March the committee will be chaired by Democrat Lyn Jondahl of Okemos, who is unlikely to take it up. Gov. Engler applauded the Senate action.

This plan will cut taxes, create jobs and keep Michigan's economy moving in the fast lane," he said. Engler argues that a net tax cut --- not a shift - is needed to make Michigan's business climate competitive with neighboring states.

A Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing, said Republicans should have learned a lesson last November when Michigan voters rejected Engler's Proposal C (Cut & Cap) because it "devastates schools."

House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, denounced the reimbursement promise as "a sham," adding that, "children clearly are going to be fishing, wildlife and other outdoor achurt.

Senior housing tax break requested

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they age move into the assisted living residences.

The firm has the land, next to Crescent Lake, held in an option to purchase from the Taubman Company.

quality homes are available to elderly people who otherwise might not be able to afford such an option. The state and federal government classify as a serior citizen any individual who is age 62 or older.

Farmington Hills, Auburn Hills The trade-off, Kahm said, is that and Rochester Hills offer such real Road and the Carrington Place

housing.

Farmington Hills assesses a fee of up to four percent of the annual rental rates to the Tapiola Apartments on Eight Mile Road, Freedom Square on Freedom Road just east of Drake

estate exemptions for senior Apartments at the northeast corner of Drake and Freedom roads.

> Council Member Nancy Cassis exressed concern that the focus of the housing might change and be open to "all sectors" and to non-Novi residents and asked that this be researched as well.

Program makes science come alive

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"The presenters talked about Australia, the endangered species list and about the animals (they'd brought)," he said, "and they let the students touch them and even hold a few.

The Living Science Foundation

does many similar presentations all over the area, enriching students' educational experience and sparking their curiousity as well.

"It was a rare opportunity," said Schmucker. Some of the kids got to hold a boa constrictor, for example. That's not something everyone gets

Among the animals that were part of the presentation was a baby kangaroo from Down Under.

"I'd never touched one," said Schumucker, "and I got to. I'm sure the kids were excited, too."

Living Science also visited other schools in the district this year, as they have in the past.

They'll likely be back next year as well, Schumucker added. "I'm sure that the students enjoyed it, and we're looking forward to doing it again in the future."

Use of childseats reduces injuries

keeps your child living.

To remind parents to "Buckle Up for Love" by using child safety seats or safety belts whenever they transport children, AAA Michigan is participating in Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Feb. 8-14.

In Michigan, 21 passengers under the age of 5 were killed and 2,636 injured on state roads four years of age use child restraints, but the older the child, the lower the percenteage of compliance. In fact, a recent University of Michigan study indicates that young people age 4 to 15 have one of the lowest safety belt use rates (39.3 percent) of all age groups.

The leading cause of death among children is automobile crashes," said Jerry Basch, Community Safety an approved safety seat wherever Manager for AAA Michigan. "More they are seated. If under 20 pounds,

erly secured in safety seats or wearing a safety belt."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), as many of 49,000 injuries and 455 deaths could have been prevented in the United States during 1991, if every child five years or younger had been correcutly secured in a child safety seat.

Currently, each of the 50 states has some type of child restraint law. In Michigan, all children under 16 must wear some kind of restraint when riding anywhere in a vehicle. Specifically, the current Child Passenger Safety Law (enacted April 1, 1991) requires that:

Children under age one must be in than 70 percent of these deaths could they should face the rear of the seat.

Children age 1 to 4 must be in an approved safety seat in the front seat. When riding in the back, they must be protected by an approved safety seat or safety belt.

Children ages 4 to 16 must also be protected by a safety belt, wherever they are seated.

Regardless of the make or model, a safety seat must be used correctly if it is to provide adequate crash protection.

"Michigan studies have shown that up to two-thirds of the time, child safety seats are used improperly," said Basch. "It is important for parents to read the safety seat manufacturer's instructions, as well as the rent or loan child safety seats. Costs car manufacturer's instructions to guarantee maximum crash protection. It is equally important for parents to determine if the safety seat they are using has been recalled, es-

pecially if it is a hand-me-down or second-hand seat."

If a second-hand scat is used, Basch cautions parents to make sure it was manufactured after Jan. 1, 1981, when child safety seats were required to meet federal safety standards. For information regarding recalls or defects in child safety seats, call the NHTSA "Auto Safety Hotline" at 1-800-424-9393 between 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

AAA Michigan, in conjunction with the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), maintains a list of agencies across the state that will range from free to \$25 a year. Nearly all agencies require a deposit (\$6-\$35) which generally is refunded when the seat is returned. For more information call 336-1410.

Outdoorama slated for Expo Center

A host of family activities join the traditional lineup of outdoor recreation events at the 1993 Outdoorama, Feb. 26 through March 7 at the Novi Expo Center.

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

Weekends at Ourdoorama will include family days with seminars on tivities. "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

Sunday, Feb. 28; and 1:30 p.m. Sun- efforts and environmental education day, March 7. 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 p.m. Saturdays; 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. help support MUCC's conservation (517)371-1041.

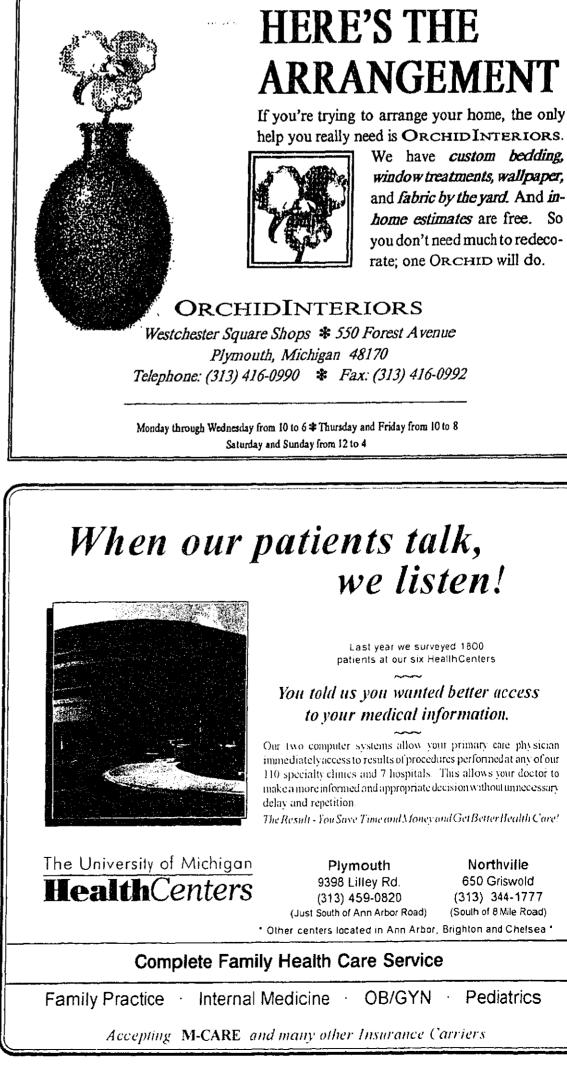
programs throughout the state.

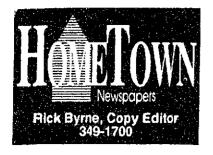
MUCC is a non-profit federation of sportsmen's and conservation organizations.

For information on Outdoorama '93, contact MUCC at

It's the Valentine's Day gift that be prevented if children were prop-







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Glasses raised for rose-colored bottle of bubbly

Rose (pronounced row-zay') or pink champagnes are not new. The House of Veuve Clicquot is historically acknowledged as the first to have produced a pink champagne in 1777. In the past, the popularity of pink champagne has ebbed and flowed with each generation. Recently, this has not proven true. It's in to stay.

Pink champagne is in vogue, as much for its distinctive color as for its superior match with food. Colors range from pale onion skin to sal-mon or copper color, and on to cherry red. This bubbly is fruity, with more robust flavors and more tannin than golden bottlings, and works well with appetizers, hearty entrees, fruit desserts and rich, tangy cheeses.

The major portion of rose champagne is consumed by the French and the English. Roughly 3 to 4 percent of all champagne imports to the United States are rose. Although quantities are small, virtually every well-known champagne house has one, and many have two. Some houses produce rose champagne only in vintage years.

In an earlier time, the pink color became associated with frivolity and even a symbol of wild and dissolute living.

According to one legend, rose champagne was created for an important wedding when the bride requested a wine to match the satin slippers and long dresses chosen for her bridesmaids. Another popular version relates that pink champagne was blended to honor the coronation of a young queen. It was loved by the Victorians and Edwardians. In the 19th century, pink champagne was commonly called oeil de perdrix (eye of the partridge) for its distinctive color, distinguishing it from its goldencolored relative.

Most likely, pink champagne was an accident of nature during an unusually sunny and warm growing season in the champagne district. That year, the red champagne grapes, pinot noir and pinot meunier, had darker pigmentation. During pressing, this color entered the juice and a pink tinge resulted in the wine. Rose champagne is difficult to produce. By

PARTY POLITICS MacKinnon, locals serve Town Meeting feast

By RICK BYRNE Copy Editor

Some people have it as their life's goal to meet a president.

To prepare dinner for one would be beyond their wildest dreams. But when President Bill Clinton came to Detroit last week for his nationally televised Town Meeting, the one preparing dinner for the gathered VIPs was Tom MacKinnon, chef/owner of MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville.

While the president fielded questions from a live audience at WXYZ-TV studios in Southfield, about 100 dignitaries gathered in an adjacent room to watch the event. The room was filled with heavy hitters from Michigan and the Detroit area: U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Don Riegle, Congressmen Sander Levin and John Dingell, former Gov. James Blanchard, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, Detroit Police Chief Stanley Knox, Attorney General Frank Kelley, Secretary of State Richard Austin, a host of judges and chairmen of companies like Stroh's, Art Van, K mart, Ford and General Motors.

"This has been the biggest night of my life," said MacKinnon as he reclined in a chair after the event. That's quite a statement coming from a man who toured with Paul McCartney and the Wings in 1976, and has served meals for numerous Detroit celebrities.

It was on the recommendation of the general manager for Channel 7, who frequents MacKinnon's Restaurant, that MacKinnon got the call to prepare dinner for the presidential party. MacKinnon made no secret of the fact that he tried to emphasize Michigan elements in his meal.

Gracing the buffet table were freshwater favorites like salmon cakes, salmon and spinach terrine, and smoked trout and mushroom terrine. Mini Michigan meat pies with dried cherries were also on the menu. Michigan's famous morel mushrooms turned up in violin-shaped puff pastry wrapping. In maintaining the musical theme, there were miniature saxophones as a tribute to Clinton.

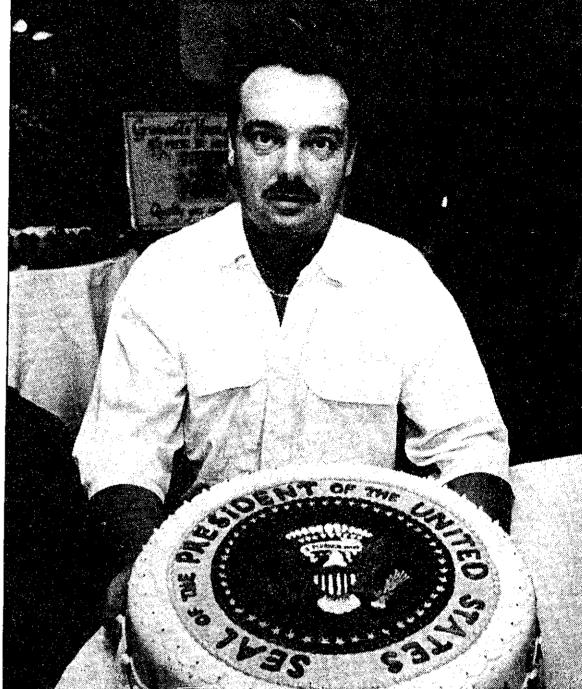
"The saxophones are done in puff pastry, and the keys are sliced peppercorns," said MacKinnon. "My bartender helped me with that."

MacKinnon also indulged his own fancy for game meats with a confit of duck in whole wheat phyllo pastry, and apple stuffed mallard breasts.

I get all my game same-day fresh from a place in Chicago," MacKinnon said. "It's very high quality."

Another big favorite that kept the crowd coming back for more was the miniature beef Wellington, with sauce

Bordelaise. MacKinnon wasn't alone in service to his country,



French law, three methods are permitted, two of them risky and require skillful winemaking practices.

The older, more difficult method, allows the skins of pinot noir grapes to remain in contact with the juice after pressing. The second method employs the addition of still red pinot noir wine from the village of Bouzy of Ambonnay to the blend prior to the second fermentation in the bottle.

The third and least desirable practice in terms of a lasting pink color, adds a small amount of red pinot noir wine to the bottle before it is corked.

Because color results are unpredictable, producers make rose champagne less frequently than they do golden bottlings. Since quantities are limited and greater production care is required, rose champagne is more expensive than the golden. You can expect to pay between \$40 and \$95 for these special bottlings.

Always serve champagne well chilled. Place the bottle in a bucket filled with half ice and half cold water for about 30 minutes.

Use caution when opening the bottle. Remove the wire cage with the bottle facing away from you. Using a towel, slowly rotate the bottle

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WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK

When seeking rose champagne, try these: 1986 Louis Roederer Brut Rose, Non-vintage Taittinger Cuvee Prestige Rose, 1986 Perrier-Jouet Fleur de Champagne Rose, 1985 G.H. Mumm Brut Rose Millesime, 1985 Pol Roger Rose, 1985 Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin Rose Reserve, 1986 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Rose.

Master Chef Dan Hugelier, who teaches ice carving (among other things) at Schoolcraft College, carved an American bald eagle out of ice to serve as a centerpiece for the buffet line.

Vassel's catering of Southfield ran the bar, which was stocked with Stroh's beer, and Old Detroit beer from Frankenmuth Brewerles. Michigan wines were showcased as well. Leelanau Wine Cellars, Premier Cellars Winery, Tabor Hill and Bowers Harbor supplied some of their most popular bottles. St. Julian's non-alcoholic sparkling wines also proved popular.

There were a couple of ringers behind the bar, though. There was one bottle each of a white Chateau Clinton and a red Clos de Clinton, which were actually a relabeled California chardonnay and a French red table wine.

MacKinnon also got a big assist from Jim Ankofski and his staff at the Pastry Palace in Novi. "We do quite a bit of work with Tom McKinnon," said

Karen Ankoiski, Jim's sister. "We help on some of his big jobs, like for Bob Seeger and some of the newscasters' weddings."

The Ankolskis supplied a variety of small pastries petit fours, mini canolis, swan-shaped cream puffs. But the highlight was a 16-inch torte with the Presidential Seal on top. Jim himself worked overnight Tuesday to create it.

Other local merchants chipped in too. Crawford's Bakery Connection in Northville dealt up some Michigan-shaped biscuits. Country Epicure of Novi lent some of its home-baked combread, which was in the shape of an ear of corn. Grunwald's House of Fudge in Plymouth contributed huge slabs of fudge, and scrumptious chocolate-covered potato chips. Even McDonald Ford of Northville played a role. They gave MacKinnon a deal on a rented truck to transport all the Items.

But MacKinnon had more in mind than just serving a meal. When Clinton arrived in the VIP suite, MacKinnon was one of the first people he greeted.

"He always goes and talks to the workers first,"

MacKinnon said. MacKinnon siezed the opportunity to take Clinton up

Photo by HAL GOULD

Jim Ankofski of Novi's Pastry Palace created a torte with the Presidential Seal.

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on a statement the president made more than once during the Town Meeting: "If you've got any ideas I'd like to hear them."

Shaking Clinton's hand, MacKinnon handed him a folded up flyer which described two of the community service projects MacKinnon is involved with. MacKinnon and Computer Training and Support Corp. of Livonia have teamed up in a pilot project that provides alternative sentencing programs through the Department of Corrections, the City of Detroit and Detroit Public Schools. Convicts are offered culinary arts employment as part of their rehabilitation.

MacKinnon and CTSC also are teaming up to open a culinary arts program, and a food preparation and food distribution center which will serve and train the homeless in Detroit. This will be a collaborative effort with Mother Wattles, the City of Detroit and the Ford Foundation.

"It is our intent to use culinary arts as part of an overall program to provide employment opportunities to those in need," the flyer says.

"I handed him a couple of flyers and said, 'Mr. President, some ideas for you," " MacKinnon said. "He took them and handed them to an aide and told him, Take these, and we'll read them on the plane.' And he said it like he meant it.

"He really connects with people."

Chef Mary Brady Family brings reminiscences of former meals

my grandmother will be 91. I have been so

lucky. Until mv late teens all of my grandparents were alive and healthy. Thankfully, none of them suffered, and

they passed away fairly quietly. Old age was the culprit. The bodies went, but the minds were strong to the end.

Each of them taught me valuable life lessons. My mom's parents, Elizabeth and

In six days Tom Edick, raised 10 children. And this during the Depression. Talk about crazy ... I can't imagine feeding 12 mouths during a time when food was scarce. But

both were great cooks and could make do with a minimal selection.

Those were the days when bacon fat was saved and used instead of oil for frying. A stock bucket was kept for onion peels, elery ends, carrot scraps and meat trimmings. Throw in a good bone or two and volla, soup for a few meals.

To this day I can remember with relish their soups. A bit of bread, some butter, a big kitchen table and lots of people. Always, a houseful. Most of the time you would be handed a quart to take home. The Edick's were inherently superb

that the most important part of the soup is brown bones. Most significantly, their home was a meeting place for brothers and sisters and their families, my cousins. All were welcome, and the more the merrier.

And it wasn't pot luck. They handled all the cooking. More than an adoration for simple, hearty foods was learned in this abode. Life-long ties started here and continue years later.

My father's parents were on the opposite end of the spectrum. My grandfather, Alfred, married Isabelle when she was in her early 20s and he, his early 40s. They had two children. Grandfather was a fine educator, loved to study and speak French, wrote beautiful letters, worked cooks. A touch of lemon juice to bring out with masonry, and was a lifelong army

flavor, a dash of tabasco. And don't forget man. He retired as a colonel and served in two world wars and each summer in the reserves.

> He also loved my grandmother's cooking. In this family too, food was a big part of our gatherings. Grandmother was a registered nurse and worked in a doctor's office for years. As children, we got our shots and medicines from her with tender care. I would spend many of my weekends at their home.

> It was here that I learned the proper setting of a table for elegant meals. I ate three squares a day and grandfather and I looked forward to each one anxiously. The time in between was spent reading and visiting. A Vernor's float or hot fudge sundae sent us off to bed.

When my father was transferred to De-

troit, it broke my grandpa's hear. His seven grandchildren kept him young and active. It was very lonely for him to have us leave. We looked forward to their visits at Christmas and Easter. And then, it was too hard to travel.

On Sunday my dad and I will drive to Buffalo to celebrate the birthday of his mother and my grandmother. Already, we are talking about what food we'll treat ourselves to. The french fries from the stand in Brantford, Ontario, and the lean Canadian bacon sliced thick for breakfast. I'm sure Aunt Betty (mom's sister) will have a few wonderul treats. Maybe some soup. Happy birthday Gram.

The Refrigerator Door

KITCHEN GLAMOR CLASSES: Novi's Kitchen Glamor store hosts a series of drop-in classes Tuesdays at 1 and 7 p.m during the next several weeks. The fee for most of the classes is \$3. With all of the classes, recipes are provided free, and there will be small portion tasting. Everyone is welcome.

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

MARDI GRAS DINNER: Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia also has two special evenings planned. The college is presenting a Mardi Gras Celebration featuring the Red Garter Band and School Jazz, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20 with New Orleans cuisine prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department. Tickets for this event are \$30 per person. The dinners will be in the Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. For information, call 462-4417.

STAR CLIPPER RIDES RAINBOWS: With any given reservation on the Michigan Star Clipper dinner train during the months of January, February or March, the reserver's name will be put on an honor roll list. This will automatically enable an oncology patient from Children's Hospital to come to the railroad in July for the Christmas in July celebration with Santa Claus. July train rides will be funded by the Coe Railroad, organized by the Rainbow Connection.

OLGA'S: Olga's Kitchen has decided to sell its popular salad dressing in 12.6-ounce bottles. For each bottle sold for \$3.29 in any of its restaurants, Olga's Kitchen will donate 25 cents to a local food bank in the Detroit metro area.

DUNLEAVY'S TURNS 60: Congratulations to Jack Dunleavy owner of Dunleavy's Pub & Grub which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

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

AMERICAN HARVEST OPEN: Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant is open for weekday lunches. The oncampus restaurant, which features gourmet specialties prepared by Schoolcraft's Master Chefs and Culinary Arts students, is open to the public from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday's meal is a buffet. Cost is \$8.25 per person. For more information, call 462-4488.

KNOW THE FOOD PYRAMID: Want to know what you should eat to stay healthy? "The Food Guide Pyramid, beyond the Basic Four," a new brochure, helps answer this question. The brochure condenses the information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) booklet "The Food Guide Pyramid" and features the new food guide graphic on the elements of a healthy diet.

The brochure was developed by the Food Marketing Institute in cooperation with the USDA. For a copy: send a check or money order for \$1 payable to the Superintendent of Documents, to Consumer Information Center, Department 159-Y, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

RECIPES WANTED: A new feature is appearing in the Creative Dining section of this paper. Known as HomeTown Cooking, it will feature recipes contributed by readers. With that in mind, we'd like to take this time to ask that anyone with a recipe that they'd like to share with all their neighbors in the Northville/Novi area please send it, along with your name, address, and phone number, to

HomeTown Cooking, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Any recipe will do. Perhaps you have a dinnertime favorite, or a recipe for bread that's been passed down through your family for generations, or maybe just a good, fast work-night cost-cutter. Send it in, and we'll feature it on these pages.

INTERNATIONAL DINNERS: Say goodbye to winter blues and treat yourself to a special evening. The City of Southfield's Community Relations Department is featuring three international dinners and entertainment

An Evening in Israel, 6:45-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 will feature a traditional Israeli menu and performance by Hora Aviv Israeli Folk Dance Troupe.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$14 per person per event, or \$37.50 per person for a series of three. For more information. call 354-4854.

PRETZEL SNACKS: Borden has introduced Snacking Turtles Pretzel Snacks. Bite-sized pretzels that provide a low fat alternative to regular chips. The 10-ounce family size bag, suggested retail \$1.29, is available in supermarkets.

NEW SALSA: Enjoy the just-made fresh taste of Sonora Valley salsas, cheese sauces and dips, found in your grocer's refrigerated case. Sonora Valley Authentic Recipe Salsas mix the garden-fresh crunch of zesty peppers and savory onions with the richness of red ripe tomatoes to create a fresh taste and just the right amount of spice. New Sonora Valley Guacamole is made with 100 percent California black-skinned Hass, the finest avocado available. The Sonora Valley family of Mexican foods also includes nacho Cheese Sauce. Chili con Queso Dip, Bean and Cheese Dip, Fajita Mix and westernstyle Pico de Gallo-type salsas. Look for them at A&P, Farmer Jack's and Kroger.

AUNT JEMIMA BISCUITS: Detrolters are among the first in the nation to taste the new fresh baked, Ready-To-Eat Aunt Jemima Premium Biscuits. Available in both Premium Buttermilk and Cinnamon Raisin, the biscuits contain real buttermilk. The biscuits need only be reheated in an oven or microwave. They are sold in packages of six with a suggested retail price of \$1.29.

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FOOD GUIDE: Bring on Healthy Food Choices! Oakland County Health Division has updated the American Red Cross Food Wheel for healthful eating. The revision is the work of the Health Division's registered dietitians. The colorful one page handout features

plenty of grains, fruits and vegetables. Are you confused about fats? Where are they hidden? How to make trade offs? The new Food Wheel will show you how. A special

section describes fat serving sizes. The guide is based on the new U.S. Department of Agriculture and Health and Human Services Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the American Cancer Society recommendations. The daily plan is easy to follow. It show suggested numbers of servings from each

food group for different ages. For your free copy, if you're an Oakland County resident, send a self addressed stamped (29 cents) business envelope to: Food Wheel. Materials Center, Oakland County Health Divi-

sion, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield 48076. "The Refrigerator Door" is a list of coming events and short notes

about food and drink. If you have an event planned or a brief announcement you would like included here, send it care of this newspaper, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

Winter veggies have inner appeal

The best thing you can say about winter vegetables is that they're unpretentious. The worst thing you can say is that they're drab and unattractive. Their very name prompts a lifted eyebrow. Who could become enchanted across a crowded produce aisle with something called "rutabaga?" And doesn't "parsnip" put you in mind of

"Edward Scissorhands?" But, like many plain people, winter vegetables are beautiful inside, and are packed with fiber besides. Often, rutabagas, parsnips, celery root and their country cousins are found languishing in an obscure corner of the produce section, upstaged by glamorous Chilean imports. Look for them -- their earthly flavor adds character to soups, stews and roasts, comfort foods

that steam kitchen windows and make winter tolerable "A few years ago, winter vegetables sold mainly

to older customers," said Nino Salvaggio, owner of Nino's Strawberry Hills in Farmington Hills. "But that's changing. There's more emphasis on traditional cooking, generally, and the glossy food magazines have started featuring turnips, parsnips,

Throw some parsnips, rutabagas or celery root certainly unattractive enough, said Greewald. But in the pot with your potatoes, and mash them underneath its thick skinned exterior, jicama together when they're cooked. It's a simple way to (pronounced Hee-cah-mah) is crisp, slightly give potatoes more flavor and food value, and a sweet, and tastes a lot like water chestnuts. Jigood way to acquaint your taste buds with unfa- cama is delicious raw, and is wonderful in salads. miliar vegetables.

Rutabagas are a very good source of vitamin A. Cut up some parsnips and rutabaga, and put them in the roaster with carrots and potatoes when you roast a chlcken.

Root vegetables are much more a part of the European cooking tradition than the American. "Anybody can make spectacular dishes if they have a bucketful of fois gras or a huge black truffle," said Elwin Greenwald of Elwin's Tu Go in Royal Oak who teaches French Peasant Cooking at Kitchen Clamor stores. "But for real home cooking like you find in the little bistros in France, you can't do without peasant vegetables like turnips or

rutabagas or parsnips. "I love to puree these vegetables separately.

actually improves the flavor." Celery root is knobby and misshapen, but and stews.

There's so much you can do with these vegetables once you get past their rough exterior," he said. "They can be pureed, creamed, sauteed. used in soups or stews, combined with other veg



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It isn't usually served alone, but is perfect combined with other vegetables in slir-frys. "Give a European the smallest plot of ground

and he will plant a garden," said Swiss-born Chef Leopold Schaeli who teaches at Schoolcraft College. "Root vegetables are ideal for the small garden because you can leave them in the ground until you want to eat them. In some cases, freezing

Shaeli said it's a favorite with Europeans. It has the delicate flavor of celery, to which it's related, and adds a lot of depth and mellowness to soups

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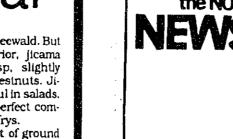














Tankers edge Fenton in last race Thursday

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Talk about your close swimming meets It took a first- and fourth-place finish in Thursday night's final event. the 400-yard freestyle relay, for the Wildcats to knock off Fenton 94-91. Novi trailed much of the evening but

rallied to win the last four races for competition in relay events. the triumph. "It was a great victory for us," Wildcat coach Mark Mason said. "Coming on our relays because of the flu."

back with a different lineup, that was really quite a feat." Mason was forced to juggle his li-

because of flu. and Mike Speerschneider and Mike ins were fourth in 2:06.25. Lafferty made up for Kelly's absence

3:30.22. Matt Christopherson, Tim senior won in 1:51.51 while Suchyta Gibbons, James Galford and Brian was third in 1:58.35. LeRoy were fourth in 4:17.49. Novi's chances of qualifying for state fifth in 2:35.70.

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> Mark Mason Swimming coach

healthy swimmers to clip the Tigers. third in 1:55.85. In the 200-yard medley relay, Mike sence. The freshman was sidelined Mutch and Jason Black placed sec- brother Rob was third. Lafferty was ond with a time of 1:49.53. LeRoy, second in the 100 freestyle in 52.25

The team of Dennis Suchyta, Curt Galford, Rob Mutch and Eric Watk- and Suchyta was third in 53.27. Lafferty got Novi's first win of the the 500-yard freestyle in 5:14.11. by winning the 400 freestyle relay in meet in the 200-yard freestyle. The Galford was third in 5:43.58.

Mike Speerschneider was second Mason said the flu bug has hurt in the 200 IM in 2:06.37. LeRoy was

In the 50-yard freestyle, Matt "Right now," he said, "with our Mutch swam to a 23.95 victory. team, we keep losing a good person Black was third in 25.68. Novi's lone diver for the evening Fortunately, Novi had enough was Marc Yost. The senior placed Matt Mutch took second in the neup because of Erich Kelly's ab- and Curt Speerschneider, Matt 100-yard butterfly in 58.75 while

Senior Mike Speerschneider won

"He is making a lot of improvement," Mason said of Galford. "It was one of his higher finishes."

The team of Lafferty, Matt Mutch, Black and Suchyta won the 200-yard



Mike Lafferty got Novi's first win against Fenton in the 200-yard freestyle.

were third in 1:47.35. Rob Mutch came back to win the Black was third. 100-yard backstroke in 1:06.66 while teammate LeRoy was third in close meet. Fenton, he noted, beat at Pinckney at 6:30 p.m.

freestyle in 1:38.46. Rob Mutch, 1:09.40. Curt Speerschneider swam Brighton. Henry Newton, Yost and Walkins one of his best races of the year to "With Erich Kelly being out we take the 100 breaststroke in 1:06.19. thought it would be tricky to get a Masons said he knew it would be a Novi's next dual meet is tomorrow

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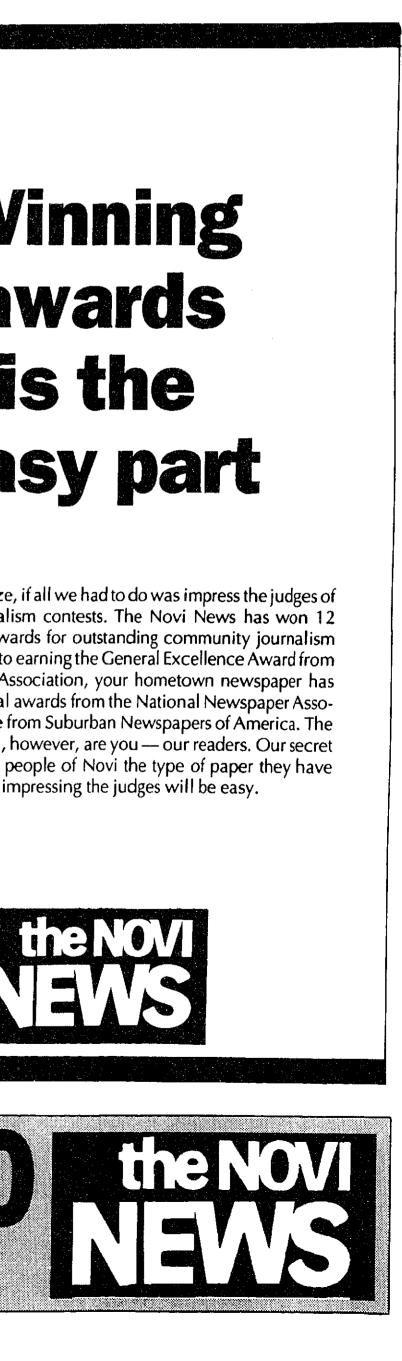


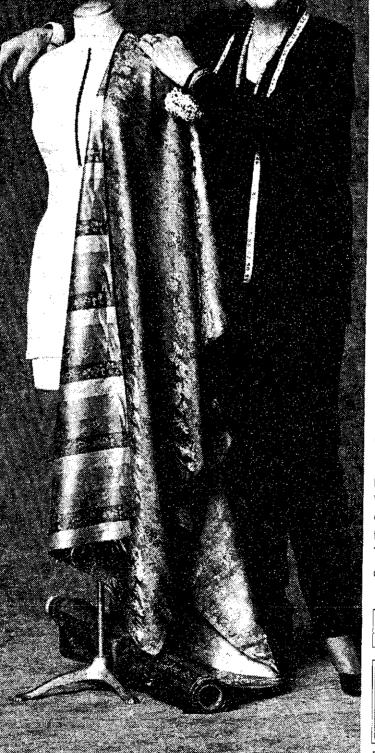
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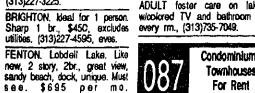
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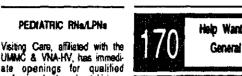
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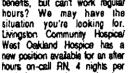


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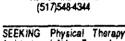
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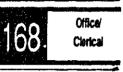


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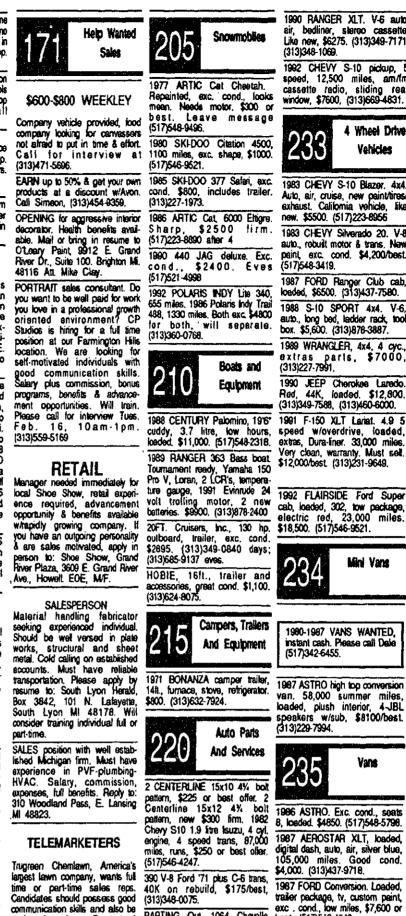
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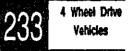
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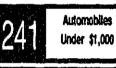
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