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On camera

Novi senior citizens recently taped their version of *The Newlywed Game* to be shown on cable Channel 12. In the game, the players try predict how their spouses will answer the sometimes much-too-personal questions asked by the emcee. Above, Margart Welner, married to Tom Welner for 43 years, attempts to answer the question "What will he say you wash first in the shower?" At right, Kevin Southers oversees the taping of the show for MetroVision. The program was sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's seniors center.



Fundraiser to bullet-proof a dozen cops

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Frank Brennan is wrapping up his one-man campaign to purchase bullet-proof vests for the Novi police department.

Brennan said Tuesday that he plans to hand over the \$3,000 he has collected to date for Protect-A-Cop, a non-profit organization, to the Novi City Council at its March 22 meeting.

After fund-raising for the protective vests for six months, he learned through a newspaper article that the City Council may set aside funds in Novi's 1993-94 budget for the vests.

Brennan said he will remove his name from a special ban account

for Protect-A-Cop, leaving the money in the jurisdiction of the Novi Police Officers Association. The \$3,000 may be sufficient to purchase 10 to 12 Kevlar vests at a bulk rate, he added.

Brennan came short of his goal of raising \$20,000.

"It's not what I wanted. I'm disappointed myself about this, but it's the best I could do in the time I had," he said.

The Echo Valley Estates resident set up the program on his own initiative when learning through friends in the Novi police department that not all officers wear the vests.

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'Buyer beware' is learned the hard way

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Although many "scholarship search" companies are legitimate, it's the buyer who must beware, Novi High School counselor Bill Ayotte said Tuesday.

Ayotte's warning came in the wake of a Novi family's \$220 loss to a fraudulent company called "Scholarship Services."

The family paid the phony company money to do a computer

search of possible college scholarships for their teenage daughter. After their checks were cashed, they never heard from "Scholarship Services" again.

"There are a multitude of different companies that run this kind of scholarship search," Ayotte said. "Because there is such a plethora of them, it is far from me to say whether one or the other is good or bad. I just don't know."

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Volleyball coach faces fraud charge

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A Novi High School coach is facing felony charges in connection with alleged credit card fraud.

Lisa Campbell, who coaches junior varsity volleyball, is scheduled for a March 17 preliminary examination in Farmington Hills 47th District Court on three counts of overcharging on a financial transaction device.

According to Farmington Hills police, Campbell — who worked as a waitress at Matt Brady's restaurant — was fraudulently using the credit card number of a previous customer to charge other meals.

When a customer would pay with cash, she would allegedly pocket

the cash and charge that customer's meal to the stolen credit card number. Police said she did this three times before she was caught.

Campbell, who was arraigned March 8 before 47th District Magistrate James Brady, is currently free on \$600 bail.

Farmington Hills Detective Dave Lowe said this type of credit card fraud occurs "more often than you would believe."

"There is nothing the (cardholder) could have done to avoid this," he said. "It wasn't stolen, she got the number legitimately."

At the time of her arrest, police also noted three other warrants against Campbell. All were traffic-related, Lowe said.

Bond resale could save big bucks

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The possibility of lower interest rates on Novi's outstanding municipal bonds was too appealing a prospect for the City Council to pass by.

Monday, the council unanimously agreed to pursue a re-fund and resale of about \$13 million in 1991 and 1992 bonds which were issued as part of the 1990 voter-approved road improvement bond program.

Probably more than \$300,000 in interest payments over a 14-year time span will be saved by taxpayers as a result of this financial maneuver, Novi's bonding attorney Dennis Neiman told the city council.

Foremost behind the drive to refinance is the present low interest rate in the bond market. "Three hundred thousand dollars is a low number. It's well over \$400,000 today but I'm not sure the rates will stay that low a month from now," he said.

On March 4, the council accepted what has been called a "record-breaking" low interest rate of 4.9 percent for the sale of \$15.9 million in park and road bonds.

The following day, Neiman called Novi Finance

■ Hoping to take advantage of low interest rates and the city's improved bond rating, Novi officials may sell more city bonds to complete the 1983 stormwater management program within the next two years. The story is on page 12A.

■ The Novi Board of Education voted unanimously March 4 to award the first two construction jobs from its recent \$31.9 million bond issue. The story is on page 12A.

Manager Les Gibson and suggested that money could be saved if the 1991 and 1992 bonds were refinanced at such a lower rate. Taxpayers are repaying the debt on these bonds at an interest rate ranging from 6.35 percent to 6.6 percent.

Interest payments stacking up over 20 years are no small sums. Novi anticipates paying \$9.9 million in interest on the \$15.99 million bonds which were sold at the 4.9-percent interest rate.

The recent upgrading one half-notch of the city's bond rating by Standard & Poor's from A to

A+ could also assist in drawing a reduced interest rate.

Council members wanted to be absolutely certain that refinancing was the proper route to take.

Are interest rates at a low now, or will they drop down further, Council Member Nancy Cassis asked.

"You never know it's the right time until you wait a year. If I could know, as much as I love coming to the City of Novi, I assure you I'd be in a much warmer place with a drink in my hand directing my investments," Neiman said.

"Interests are at a record low now . . . Someone once told me, a professor of economics, when you can save money, you do it and don't look back. You put the money in your pocket and move forward."

Council Member Tim Pope asked Neiman about the commission he and the city's financial advisor will realize from a resale of the bonds.

"I never want to be put in a position where the reasons for the advice are in question. I've worked for Novi for 23 years. I can honestly say I don't think I've ever given advice where my stake

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In today's issue



Vehicle left running was stolen

A resident on Wellington contacted police March 5 to investigate a suspicious vehicle parked in front of an apartment building.

The vehicle, which police said was registered to the Bob Saks dealership in Farmington Hills, was parked and running with the doors locked.

In addition, police said there were no footprints around the vehicle in spite of the fact that it had snowed several inches that night.

The resident who reported the vehicle told police he first noticed it at 9 p.m. the previous day in the same spot, parked and running. He didn't think anything was suspicious at first because he thought the owner was just warming it up.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: A Novi woman told police March 5 that someone stole her rental car, which had her photography equipment, film and negatives inside.

The 1993 Oldsmobile Achieva was parked near Motopromo in the Novi Town Center. She was in the process of unloading her equipment. She brought some of it into the store, then returned to the car to find it gone.

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The woman returned to the dealership to recover her equipment, but reportedly only received a few crushed negatives. The incident remains under investigation.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: A Novi woman contacted police March 5 after receiving a suspicious phone call she believed could be related to her granddaughter's stolen truck and purse.

She told police her granddaughter's truck was stolen from the Wayne State University campus along with her purse and its contents.

Since then, she has had problems with someone using her credit cards and checks.

On March 5, the woman said, someone called her home and asked for her granddaughter by her full first name, and said he was a friend of hers from Wayne State. None of her granddaughter's friends call her by her full first name, she said. She suspects that the person who stole the truck and purse may have been trying to see if they

were home in an attempt to break in.

FRAUD INVESTIGATION: The manager of Joe's Tailor Shop on Novi Road told police March 5 that a representative of a Farmington company called Homefront News and Distribution told him a newspaper advertisement, but the business no longer seems to exist.

According to police, the victim paid \$56 for a 3" by 3 1/2" advertisement in a newspaper supposedly published by Homefront News and Distribution. The checks were cashed, but the advertisement never ran.

When the victim contacted the person who sold him the ad, she told him that the company owes her money for wages, police said.

Police contacted the salesperson, who told them that Homefront News and Distribution had been in business for six months. However, several days earlier she reported for work and discovered the business closed without telling employees.

The firm is not connected to Homefront News, which owns The

Novi News

BREAK-IN ATTEMPT: A homeowner on Broquette reported March 6 that someone attempted to break into his home while he and his wife were on vacation in Hawaii.

Police noted pry marks around the front steel door of the building, but the interior appeared to be undisturbed.

LARCENY: A resident on Chestnut Tree reported March 6 that someone stole a snowthrower from the back of his garage.

He told police he believes a family member may have left the overhead garage door open and someone simply walked in and took the snowthrower, which was a Toro model.

EMBEZZLEMENT: Novi police are investigating possible charges against a former Mr. Natural's Pizza delivery person suspected of stealing.

The store manager told police he believes the delivery person collected for several orders totaling \$31, then walked off the job with the money.

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

Novi Briefs

Correction: A March 8 article on a special Lakes Area Residents Association meeting on property taxes incorrectly listed the address of the Walled Lake Middle School Media Center, where the March 23 event will be held.

The correct address is 46720 West Pontic Trail, Walled Lake.

Correction: Dorothy LeGrand, shown holding a Grizzly bear cub in a photograph on the front page of The Novi News March 4, was incorrectly identified as the owner of the animal park from which the cub came. LeGrand, of Ferndale, actually works for the park on a volunteer basis. The owners of the Fawn-Doe-Rosa animal park in Wisconsin are Dick and Jean Hansen.

Expo Update: City Manager Edward Kriewall expressed satisfaction March 1 about how city roads were weathering Outdoorama traffic at the Novi Expo Center.

Cars which can't fit into the Expo parking lot are being directed to the Novi Civic Center and passengers are then shuttled over.

"The new shuttle location worked well. We can handle more cars than we did at the Builder's Show," Expo Center President Blair Bowman said.

"Novi Road traffic was very heavy, but it was not due to the Expo Center." He added that when show-generated traffic gets too heavy, the center is committed to paying off-duty Novi police to direct the vehicles.

The center is discussing a plan with the Michigan Department of Transportation which would call for a jointly-financed landscaping program along I-96 as a trade-off for allowing Novi Expo to use some of the vacant land between its property and the freeway. One hundred more parking spaces could be treated if this plan succeeds.

Antique dealers buy as much as they sell

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Betty's looking a little tired and worn-out at the edges these days. But you would, too, if you'd spent the last 100 years or so mopping floors.

"Busy Betty" is one of Evelyn and Norman Blatt's large collection of 19th and early 20th century windup toys. The molded metal lady with the Gibson girl hairdo can still swing her mop right and left with gusto.

The Blatt's love to buy antiques as much as they love to sell them. They'll be able to do plenty of each this weekend.

The Meadowbrook Glen couple will have a booth at the Novi Expo Center at an antique show produced by Scorpio.

They work with their daughter, Barbara Krukun, and have a permanent stall at that renowned antique's haunt, the Royal Oak Farmer's Market.

Twenty years in the antique business have left their mark on the Blatt home. No room in the house — and few flat surfaces from table tops to walls — remains untouched.

The pair collects, along with toys, glass from the Victorian vases to Carnival plates, porcelain, furniture, Hummels, children's samplers, prints, lamps and kitchen utensils. She has her antique dolls (50 of them), jewelry and handbags. He has 154 wind-up clocks.

Ten years ago, Evelyn Blatt, following her personal tastes for Americana, stumbled onto a gold mine, black memorabilia. At that time, the Aunt Jemima salt shakers and Sambo puzzles were enough to make an average white liberal hyperventilate with guilt.

Today, black memorabilia has become a major collectible. The surge of popularity, especially with African-American collectors, has sent prices skyrocketing.

Most of the items were produced in the 1800s through the 1940s and include tablecloths, dish towels, string holders, sewing kits, toys, prints, Christmas ornaments and jewelry. The collectibles can range from the truly offensive to more realistic and sensitive depictions, such as the Blatt's beautiful 1920s-era black baby doll in a high chair.

A mammoth cookie jar which Evelyn Blatt purchased for \$15 now commands prices in the \$500 to \$800 range. She has 60 pairs of black salt and pepper shakers which are now in such demand that reproductions are rampant.

"It's part of American history... It's varied interests. More and more people are into collecting. A lot of people who have stuff at home, they're not selling anything any more because they know they're collectibles."

The oldest collection he's heard of is swatches from old-time wire mesh fences, like those which were around pig pens and chicken coops. His wife said topping her offbeat list was a man who's accumulating old wrapped sugar cubes from restaurants like Hudson's and Sanders.

Both predict that a collectible of the near future is fast food giveaways and trinkets, like Big Boy watches and Burger King toys.

You may be able to get in on the ground floor in this area, but others are way ahead in accumulating "must-haves" like beer cans, movie magazines, sewing thimbles, swizzle sticks, pipes and Elvis Presley-iana.

Toys, like those the Blatt's treasure, remain enduringly popular.

Buried under the visible results of the Blatt's years of treasure-hunting is a nugget of truth. Norman Blatt, a retired General Motors engineer, says buying and selling old things keeps the couple young.



Norman Blatt won't part with his Admiral George Dewey clock



Evelyn Blatt shows off a Victorian epergne

Taft traffic pulls in crossing guard

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

The Northville City Council has endorsed a study of the traffic flow at Cooke Middle School, on Taft Road just south of the Novi city border, that recommends placing a crossing guard at the entrance.

While the new crossing guard should be in place soon, other recommended improvements may take longer.

The study, by Robert DeCorte of the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, found too few gaps in the traffic to allow students to safely cross Taft.

"Most of the natural gaps in Taft Road traffic are shortened or destroyed by the vehicles entering or leaving the school via the driveway," according to DeCorte's report.

The study was spurred by a petition signed by 65 Northville and Novi residents noting that "the significant congestion created during student pick-up and drop-off times is creating a potentially hazardous situation."

The petitioners, led by concerned

parent J.R. Julow, requested a traffic study and suggested placing stop signs at the school entrance for both north- and southbound traffic on Taft, to create a three-way stop.

Julow submitted the petition to the city Jan. 5, with a letter that noted, "A child is going to be injured or killed at the above mentioned crosswalk. I have personally witnessed several near misses..."

Monday's council meeting. "I just hope something will be done as soon as possible," she said. "My son is no longer walking (to school) because of that, because I feel it's just too dangerous."

Northville City Police Chief Rod Cannon questioned the effectiveness of installing stop signs to cut speed.

"Stop signs cause more problems than they prevent," he said. "In terms of traffic safety and engineering, stop signs are not to be used to reduce speed."

Cannon noted that studies have shown an increase in the average speed on a road after a stop sign is installed, since drivers accelerate after making the stop. Also, many drivers

do not stop at a stop sign installed to control speed, even though children at a crosswalk expect the cars to stop.

But Cannon said he was pleased with DeCorte's recommendations. "We are in full support of them," he said. "They should deal with the situation at hand."

DeCorte's Feb. 24 report recommended several changes, including assigning an adult crossing guard at the Taft Road intersection, revising traffic flow patterns and school parking lot alignment, developing separate school entrances and exits on Taft, installing another streetlight at the entrance, and removing a bush on Larry Drive that obstructs the view of oncoming traffic.

The recommendations were well-received by Northville Public Schools officials, though the schools may not have the resources to implement them all.

"All of these suggestions, I think, are good ones," said Dave Bolitto, assistant superintendent of administrative services.

Bolitto noted that the new 1.5-mile busing plan has increased traffic at all the school buildings, particularly Cooke and Silver Springs.

"When you go from 16 buses to 18 buses, that's a significant number of kids who are now walking or being driven to school who were bused before," he said.

But parking improvements could not be made until after June 30, when the schools' new fiscal year begins. "We didn't plan for any parking improvements for any of the buildings," Bolitto said.

A chronic shortage of crossing guards further exacerbates the problem, he said.

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Two board spots up for grabs in June

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

It must be spring. The snow is melting, the birds are singing, the sun is shining... and it's time for another school board election campaign.

The Novi Community School District will ask its voters to go to the polls this June and select two people to serve on the board of education for four-year terms.

The board at its March 4 meeting passed a resolution setting June 14 as the date for the district election. Two seats will be available. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the district's three voting precincts.

If you are not registered to vote in the district, or are uncertain where to vote or how to become a candidate, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 347-0456. If you are a district resident but not a City of Novi resident, contact your municipality's clerk for more information.



Sophie Liao shows her skill at mathematics.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Math whiz beats out 300 rivals

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

As of yet, however, the field of potential candidates remains unclear.

A district resident who wants to become a candidate must request nominating petitions from his or her city's clerk. A potential candidate must gain a set number of signatures by 4 p.m. April 12 to have his or her name placed on the ballot.

That leaves just over a month for candidates to spring up.

So far, no one has taken out nominating petitions, including the two incumbent board members.

Once the field is set, candidates will have about two months to make their best case to the people.

The Mattel toy company, which produced a Barbie doll that says "Math is tough," obviously didn't talk to Sophie Liao.

And the folks that conduct studies which purport that female students don't perform as well in mathematics as their male counterparts didn't either.

Seventh grader Liao, who attends Novi Middle School, took second place in a special area wide math competition held Feb. 5, beating out nearly 300 rivals.

Liao was one of four Novi school

district representatives who took part in the Country Day Invitational contest, after competing against her fellow middle school students for the chance. Some 297 area students gave it their all at the Country Day meet, and Liao came very close to top honors, helped along by Lynn Serenson and the rest of the middle school math staff.

The Novi Board of Education took a moment to honor Liao for her achievement at its March 4 meeting. After being introduced by middle

school principal Milan Obrenovich, the math quiz whiz received a framed certificate from the board to commemorate the trophy she obtained for her win.

"Congratulations — you deserve it," Board President Raymond Byers told Liao.

"I think we all can tell that she'll be back here to receive some awards many times in the future," Byers added as those in the audience gave the seventh grader a round of applause.

Committee okays court site in Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

More and more, it appears likely that Novi will be the home of the new 52-1 District Court.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' planning and building committee Tuesday endorsed by an 8-2 vote a site at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, just across from Providence Hospital.

"It went really well," City Manager Edward Kriewall reported. "I think that this was the critical point in the county's deliberation. I feel pretty good about it."

The issue now returns to the board of commissioners' finance committee, which must approve the proposal before it goes before the entire board for a final vote.

Kriewall said the finance committee will probably evaluate the plan within the next 30 days. The project calls for the county to lease the building from the R.G. Dryden Co. for \$355,000 a year.

Members of a citizens committee stumping to bring the district court from its overcrowded Walled Lake location to Novi had earlier said they were disappointed more Novi City

Council members had been at previous planning and building committee meetings. This time around, Council Members Robert Schmid and Nancy Cassis showed up to help present the city's side.

Also on hand for Novi were Kriewall, Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer and residents Victor Cassis, Ernest Auluffo and David Ruyle. South Lyon City Manager Rodney Cook also came out for Novi.

The opposition also turned out in full force, including a contingent from Walled Lake and Wixom. Each of those cities wants the courthouse.

Meanwhile, a bill introduced in February by State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township, is in the house judiciary committee. The proposed legislation would amend the State Jurisdiction Act of 1961, which now calls for a district court to be located in the district's most populous community. Novi fits this qualification for the 52-1 District.

The Dobb bill, which was reintroduced after it died in 1992, was requested by district communities which are opposed to the Novi site. The proposed amendment would allow a county the free choice of a court's location.

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Planners discuss altering lot ordinance

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Novi's adjusted lot size ordinance may be in for an adjustment of its own.

At a Feb. 23 joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission, members of both bodies decided to consider revising the lot size ordinance. The process may begin as early as next month.

The adjusted lot size ordinance, on the books since 1986, is intended to be a fair compromise for subdivision developers and the city and its residents.

If the council approves a subdivision plan that incorporates the adjusted lot size ordinance, a developer gets to build homes with smaller lots in return for preserving environmentally sensitive lands. The amount of protected woodlands and wetlands preserved must be equal to or greater than the amount lost by the lot size reductions. Those lands also must be better preserved under the option plan than they would be under a conventional subdivision layout.

In the ideal, the developer gets to build a subdivision that is economically feasible and Novi sees more environmentally sensitive land preserved, and preserved in a better fashion.

Council members and commissioners discussed several proposed revisions of the ordinance at the

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Planning Commissioner

meeting, and asked planning department staffers to incorporate their suggestions into a revised draft of the ordinance. Once it's ready, which could be as early as this week, the commission will schedule a public hearing on the matter. It will then decide whether to recommend that the council approve the new language, which has the final say in the matter.

The members of the council opted not to issue a moratorium on option plan approvals pending their final decision.

One resident who attended the meeting recommended the city scrap the option altogether.

"You really have to call it what it is: rezoning," said Oliver Hayman. "It goes against the zoning plan the city has labored over. If you're going to set a plan, then follow it."

A Farmington Hills development consultant who regularly assists developers in Novi defended the option.

"As a planner, I can see that the adjusted lot size option allowed us to fit a program to a site," said James Ludwig.

"We try to take a developer's plan and fit it to the land," he continued. "With the option available to us we end up with a project that really works for everybody."

Staff Planner Michael Caspo detailed the proposed rezoning for the ordinance that city staffers had drawn up at the request of council members and commissioners.

sizes and widths can be reduced under the plan. Currently an approved option plan can reduce lot size by a maximum of 20 percent and lot width by 35 percent. The new figures proposed call for a maximum of 15 percent and 25 percent, respectively.

No more crediting developers for saving wetlands in an option plan that would be preserved in any case due to state regulations. Currently, developers can count state-protected wetlands (which they cannot build on) in the amount of land preserved under the option plan. Developers can get credit for preserving city-regulated wetlands.

Making a subdivision roughly conform to surrounding subdivisions in terms of lot sizes.

Requiring that the woodlands and wetlands preserved under the option plan which would not otherwise be saved must be "significant."

Some officials offered suggestions to change the proposed rezoning. Council member Robert Schmid disagreed with the requirement of having neighboring subdivisions be the same size.

"Developers say that they can't put them (big and small size lot subdivisions) next to each other, that people won't buy it. Baloney," Schmid said. Mayor Matthew Quinn suggested that the ordinance prohibit granting the option for subdivisions that are built in phases. Some subdivisions that have used the option plan in the

past now have very different lot sizes and appearances, Quinn said, and that it was an unacceptable situation.

One member of the planning board favored eliminating the option from city ordinance altogether.

"The purpose of the option (when passed) was preservation," said Commissioner Richard Clark. "The developers (however) told us that the city council had passed this as a vehicle to compensate them."

"If it was working like it was intended," Clark continued, "no one would be spending the time we have on it. It was a good idea, but it is not working."

Commission Secretary Timothy Gilberg, on the other hand, said that he supported keeping the option on the books in some form. He said that the option plan gave the opportunity for a variety of lot sizes, variety that could add to the city's character.

"If all we allowed were mile after mile of one-acre lots," Gilberg said, "we might not like it when we get done."

Clark responded that he saw a better way to achieve variety. If the option were eliminated, he said, "market forces and consumer tastes will dictate what developers will create."

Commissioner Robert Taub, another proponent of scrapping the option, said that the current law didn't provide enough incentive for

developers to submit their best conventional plans to compare to the adjusted lot size plans. Developers were trying to go to the option too often, he added.

One planner argued that developers had a stake in environmental preservation as well.

"I really believe that a developer these days will leave woodlands alone to maximize their profits," said Commissioner Glen Bonaventura, citing the fact that trees add to property values.

Most of the council saw some merit in keeping the ordinance in some form.

"With the adjusted lot size option you are getting a mix of homes in terms of size, style and shape of lots," said Taub. "That's one appealing aspect of the ordinance."

"The option is a way of rezoning without a (proper) procedure," Council member Nancy Cassis said in citing her reservations about the current law. "We need to keep our commitment to large lots, at least west of Beck Road" Cassis added.

Taub, Clark and Commissioner Lodia Richards, as well as Schmid, Cassis and Council member Timothy Pope all said they'd consider scrapping the ordinance altogether. All other council and commission officials said that they'd prefer to consider revising the ordinance.

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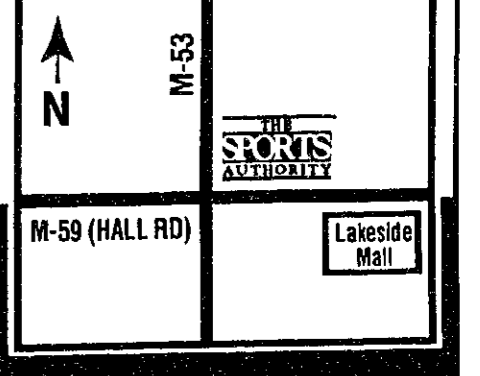
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Voters' okayed it, now work begins

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

What was a sketch on a drawing board almost a year ago took one more small step towards reality last week.

The Novi Board of Education took the district's schools closer to the new look they'll have courtesy of a recent \$31.9 million bond issue as members voted unanimously to award the first two construction jobs from the issue at their March 4 meeting. The first tasks will be installing doors and windows at Orchard Hills Elementary.

The Macomb Fire Door Company, of Roseville, received the contract to install hollow metal doors and frames at Orchard Hills. The company, one of two bidders for the job, will receive \$36,100.

The second award went to Bethal Estimating, of Detroit, for installing exterior windows at Orchard Hills. The firm will receive \$26,500 for its services, and was the lowest of 10 bidders.

District officials said the improvements the bond sale will pay for were necessary and will benefit students greatly. They expect that most of the construction work stemming from the bond issue will take place during this and next year's summer breaks. All work should be completed by opening day of the 1994-95 school year, with some parts of Novi High School a possible exception.

District voters gave the green light to the board to issue the bonds in a Dec. 15 vote. The bond issue's plan-

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ning stage dates back all the way to the early summer of 1992, as board and administration members studied school buildings to decide what was needed.

Over a period of months, they came up with a \$31.9 million package calling for a slew of facility improvements, renovations and expansions. Novi High School's building will change the most, with over half of the bond money being spent on it.

Officials will also spend \$7.8 million on updating and interlocking district technology. Each of the seven K-12 schools in the district will receive computers and other equipment from the bond sale monies, and will be linked with the state-of-the-art Instructional Technology Center. The ITC, which connects Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School, will house the center of the district's new technology network that will link all buildings together.

The two contract bids came after January's sale of the bonds, at a record-low interest rate of 6.07 percent. The deal, according to administration estimates, saved the district over \$2 million for the 25-year life of the issue.

Other work planned for Orchard Hills include new ceilings, lights and corridors, carpeting, air conditioning, connection to city water systems, reroofing, new boilers, painting and remodeling of toilets.

Re-issue of bonds could save money

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or my firm's stake was in question," Neiman said.

"It's a valid question, 'Did you bring this up to raise money?' The bonding attorney and his law firm would make about \$25,000 off of the bond sale, while the city's financial consultant would earn a commission of about \$12,500.

The \$300,000 to \$400,000 is a net city savings, after the commission and a 1.2 percent fee is taken by the bond's underwriter.

City property owners pay back the principal and the interest rate as a debt retirement package.

Olson agreed that the resale of the bonds appears to be an attractive proposition.

City Manager Edward Kriewall and Council Member Robert Schmid wondered how this action would impact the original purchasers of the 1991 and 1992 bonds, primarily financial institutions who were anticipating a payback at the 6-percent-plus interest rates.

"I don't think they'll be mad. I think they'll be disappointed... They'll be disappointed they'll lose the yield," Neiman said.

State law permits a municipality to re-sell bonds only once.

Schmid wondered if the maneuver would keep the buyers from seeking future Novi bonds.

"Assuming they had cash, of course they would bid on it. Does this effect us negatively in the marketplace with institutional investors and underwriters? The answer is no," Neiman explained, comparing the action to homeowner refinancing his or her house to reduce mortgage interest payments.

"They certainly understand why you're doing it. There's no negative reaction to it," he said.

Schmid still had some doubts: "It seems to me if I had a community that every time interest points went up or down a point they reassessed the bonds, you could get a negative connotation."

In October, the council agreed to refinance \$5.6 million in bonds issued by Novi in 1983 and 1985, reducing interest payments by \$207,000. The original interest on these bonds ranged from 7 to 8.4 percent.

The underwriter then was the Detroit-based Honey and Co., which would also handle the proposed refinancing.

The council's request to resell the bonds will be filed Wednesday with the Michigan Department of Treasury. Information will then be mailed to interested purchasers. A final city council approval is then needed.

When the matter comes before the council again, Neiman said he would only advise them to proceed with the resale if the savings are substantial.

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Wrap-up of stormwater plan eyed

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Hoping to take advantage of low interest rates, Novi officials may sell more city bonds to complete the 1983 stormwater management program within the next two years.

Under close scrutiny is a proposed financing method in which a portion of the money already brought in by an existing one-mill tax for the city-wide drain system would be used to pay off bonds. The bonds would be issued to finance construction and buy up land needed for detention basins at today's prices.

Voters could be asked in August to approve this redirection of the millage.

"Can we bond something to get that interest rate? ... It's our theory that low rates like this and land costs are never going to be lower than now," Council Member Tim Pope said in a Thursday special Council meeting.

The city's bond rating was recently upped by Standard & Poor's. The recent sale of park and road bonds has attracted a low bond interest rate of 4.9 percent.

One-third of the stormwater management system remains to be built, primarily in the city's relatively undeveloped west end. Paul Black, chairman of the stormwater management committee, said.

Four or five stormwater detention basins may yet be needed there and land is becoming more difficult to acquire as developers eye properties west of Beck Road.

Council Member Joseph Toth, who sits on the stormwater committee, pointed out that it would be advantageous to shoot for the 24-month completion date, rather than "dragging it out for five to seven years."

City Manager Edward Kriewall is expected to report back in April on the costs of completing the system and how much of the one mill could be set aside to pay off the bonds.

The one-mill bond approved by voters as a city charter amendment has been used to maintain and repair the stormwater system, Kriewall said. The city would likely retain some of the millage money for this purpose.

A mill is \$1 per each \$1,000 of a property's state equalized valuation, but based on the Headlee rollback this \$1 is reduced to about 76 cents.

Other options suggested by the city's bond attorney Dennis Neman did not seem as attractive to the council.

Alternatives include special assessment bonds which would be paid back by the property owners benefiting from the system, purchasing land needed by land contract and imposing a millage to pay off the costs or asking Oakland County to establish a drain district and then assess Novi for the money.

Earlier last week, Black criticized the way the stormwater management committee and program, which operates on \$745,000 in tax money per year, is working.

As an analogy, Black told the city council March 1 "your religious book teaching to three persons in one God, yet everybody works together."

"The trouble is the analogy breaks down because they don't work together. They don't work together for a lot of reasons," Black said.

"Administration knows the city council is not happy with the engineers and they don't know what to do in a meeting and the engineers say one thing and the administration says another thing. It's hard to make a decision."

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Women's History Month celebrated

In honor of Women's History Month, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Northville-Novl branch is sponsoring several activities.

This week an exhibit titled "Achievers in Math and Science" has been set up in Novi High School. It is a traveling exhibit from the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame that presents 18 Michigan women who succeeded in careers requiring knowledge of science and mathematics.

Among them are anatomists, artists, architects, biologists, chemists, historians, nurses, physicians, surgeons and teachers.

On March 15, the exhibit moves to Northville High School, where it will remain until March 19.

Then, on March 20, the Northville-Novl AAUW branch members will meet at noon in the Miles Standish

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The Expo Center and/or its clients must not be allowed to continue to blatantly disregard the above with illegal signage, inadequate parking, and safety hazards — just to note a few. Is the Expo Center going to be requesting and granted special privileges for every function scheduled? Please, deny this request and nip this problem in the bud.

Furthermore, the sign that is located on Novi Road in front of Big Boy should be removed at once! I have been informed that it is on city property. Who else has had such special favors — certainly not Big Boy, Bob Evans, real estate agents, Salon Head West or many, many others.

As a board that is selected to represent the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Novi, you must deny this request and take action with the Expo Center and force them to meet all standards of Novi as all businesses are required.

This private business has become a thorn in our side. Such a project should never have been located at this already-congested location, but since the parties involved chose to do so, they must be responsible to comply with any and all restrictions, regulations and ordinances.

The council, administration and Novi City governing bodies must no longer show further favoritism to this establishment.

Edward Vedro
Delores Vedro

Schools deserve paper's criticism

To the Editor:
The recent editorials criticizing the Novi School District for failing to implement a policy to protect students from sexual harassment

Malpractice reforms may cut health care costs

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Health care professionals are heaping praise on a state Senate-passed bill curbing lawsuits and damages.

"This is an access issue, plain and simple," agreed Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, a co-sponsor. "These changes will make it easier for good doctors to practice in our state and help us attract health care professionals . . . particularly in inner city and rural areas."

Geake cited a study by the state Department of Public Health showing nearly 50 percent of all Michigan-trained physicians leave the state to practice, in large part because of high medical liability insurance rates.

Dismissing Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, accused fellow Republicans of trying to "blindly slam-dunk something" without looking for compromise with the Democrats. Dillingham lost an effort to raise the proposed cap on "pain and suffering" awards to \$1 million instead of the proposed \$250,000.

Passage came last week on a 23 to 11 vote.

Voting yes were 17 Republicans and six Democrats. Geake was the only area senator supporting it.

Opposed were eight Democrats and three Republicans. Local senators voting no were Republicans Dillingham and David Honigman of West Bloomfield and Democrat Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor.

Two senators had excused absences, including Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

Senate Bill 270 would:

- Set stronger caps on "pain and suffering" awards by removing exceptions for death, loss of a vital bodily function, or wrongful removal of a patient's limb or organ. New cap would be \$250,000.

- Restrict "expert" witnesses to those who devote 80 percent of their time in active practice or teaching. This provision is designed to crack down on non-practicing, out-of-state experts who testify on anything for a living.

- Restrict attorneys' fees to no more than 10 percent for an award greater than \$500,000. Currently, many attorneys collect one-third, giving them an incentive to seek astronomical awards, say the bill's supporters.

- Restrict the filing of suits in several ways. A health care professional would have to sign an "affidavit of merit" to weed out frivolous suits. The patient would have to give 180 days notice before filing a suit.

- Require malpractice insurers to reduce premiums by 20 percent.

The bill is tied to 11 other bills designed to tighten discipline of health care professionals.

were right on target. The school board's failure to act is an abdication of its ethical responsibilities. Also, by failing to adopt such a policy, the school board has created the potential for a legal and financial disaster.

If the Novi School District doesn't act to protect students from sexual harassment, it could end up in court and we will all be paying for it. In February, 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that students who have been sexually harassed may sue schools for failing to stop intentional sexual discrimination. The court's decision

covers all forms of sexual harassment, whether by school employees or fellow students. Students may seek monetary damages under Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in schools that receive any federal funding. In cases of sexual abuse, students may also file suit under Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act of 1871. If a student goes into court, the absence of a policy could have disastrous results for the school board.

To protect students from harassment and the taxpayers from

expensive lawsuits, the school district must adopt a well-defined and strictly-enforced policy on sexual harassment. The policy must address both student-employee harassment and harassment of students by fellow students. A strong policy will create an atmosphere where sexual harassment is not tolerated by either students or staff.

The key to preventing sexual harassment is an educational program that will help students and staff to recognize what sexual harassment is and just as importantly, what it is not. If sexual har-

assment does occur, students and staff will be better prepared to recognize it and to properly address the situation. The goal of the educational program should be to prevent sexual harassment from ever happening.

If sexual harassment does occur, the goal of the policy should be to stop it from recurring and, if necessary, to punish the offender. The policy should leave no doubt as to how incidents of sexual harassment will be investigated and punished. This will protect the accused from arbitrary punishments and will enable school employees to en-

force the policy fairly.

The longer the Novi School District fails to adopt a sexual harassment policy, the longer students will be left at risk. The longer the school board continues to shirk its legislative responsibilities, the longer the school district risks potentially damaging lawsuits in the federal courts. To protect the students, employees, the board and the taxpayers, the school board must move swiftly to fulfill the obligations that its members assume on taking office.

Andrew Mutch

Lease payment for a 1993 Tracer with P.E.P. 576A is based on \$11,665 M.S.R.P. and for 1993 Max Cougar XR7 with P.E.P. 260A is based on \$17,438 M.S.R.P. Excludes title, taxes and license fee. 24-month closed-end Ford Credit Red Carpet Lease on Tracer and average capitalized cost of 24-month Ford Credit Red Carpet Leases purchased in the Lincoln-Mercury Division Great Lakes Region for the period 9/92-12/92 on Max Cougar XR7. Some payments higher, some lower. Lessee may have option, but is not obligated to purchase the car at lease end at a price to be negotiated with the dealer at lease inception. Lessee is responsible for excess wear and tear and \$.11 per mile over 30,000. Lease subject to credit approval and insurability as determined by Ford Credit.

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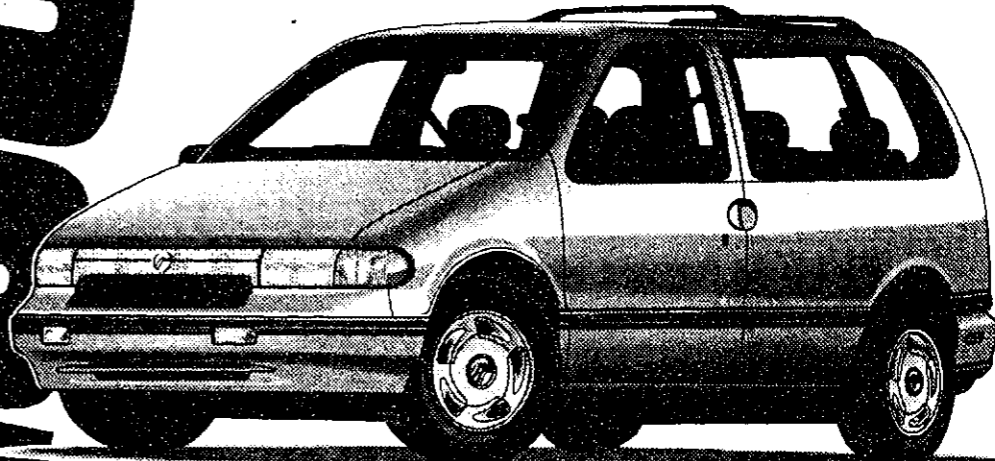
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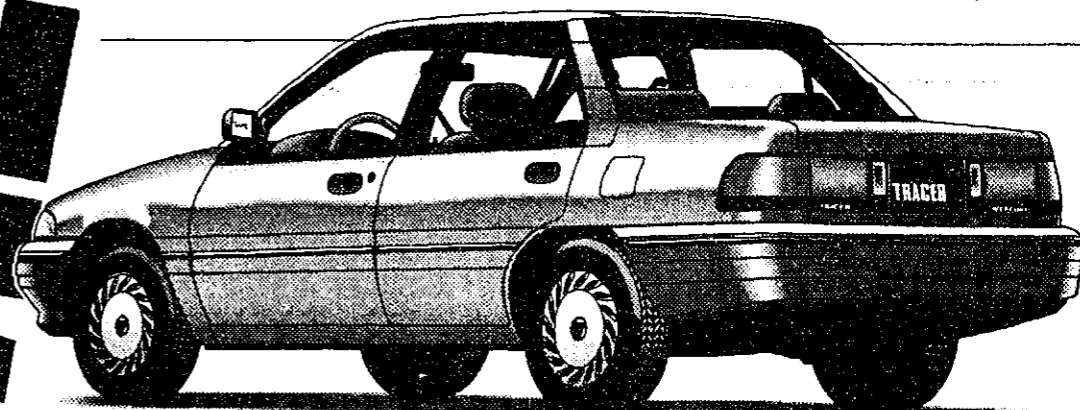
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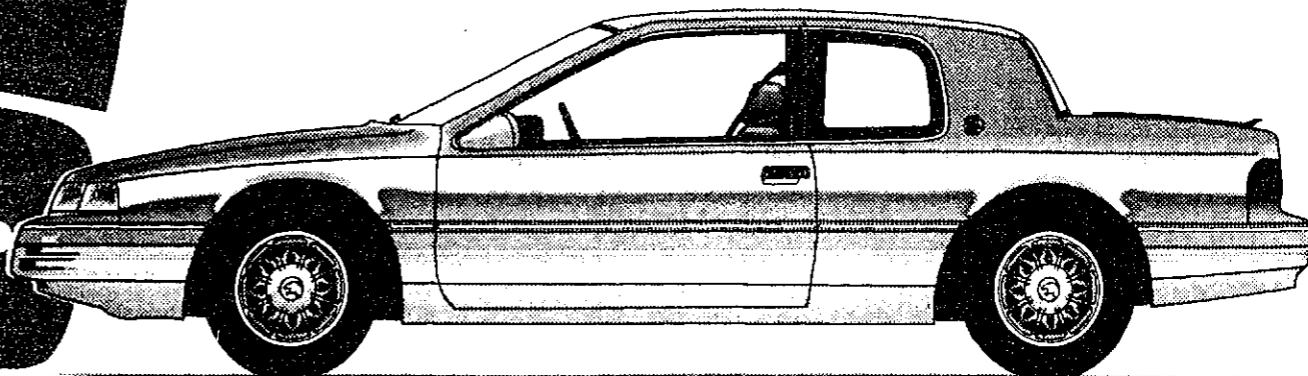
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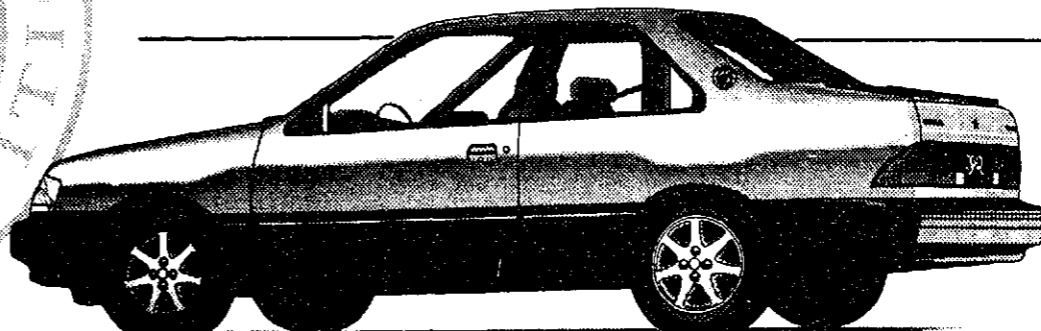
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Keeping traditions alive

What is it that makes the Irish so proud of their heritage that they wear it like a banner?

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

According to a few of those proud local folk, it's that sense of overcoming adversity; a shared heritage; and the knowledge that they come from good stock.

And on St. Patrick's Day, many of those people come together and celebrate. Many follow the area tradition of attending mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in downtown Detroit, followed by a tour of area pubs and gathering places. During the celebrations, shouts ring out around the neighborhood as old friends see each other once again.

Novi resident Terry Jolly is one of those people. He makes the trip downtown an annual tradition and relishes the time spent with those who share his heritage — and those who don't.

"Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day," he said. "If I only had friends who were Irish, I wouldn't have many friends."

"But the Irish are a hard-working, sympathetic people," he said. "There tends to be much

more support to someone who has trouble, be it loss of job, loss of family, or trouble with the law. The Irish are not the kind of people to turn their backs on their fellow man."

Jolly's mother, who was born in Ireland, taught him and his brothers and sisters to work hard and to look out for their fellow human beings. And that, it seems, is a common value passed down through Irish families.

Novi resident Timothy Patrick O'Hara (commonly known as Tim) said his Irish parents taught him four things:

"How to care about God, how to care about people, how to talk to people and how to drink," he said. "Three out of four aren't bad."

O'Hara and his five brothers and sisters are a very close family. He described his Irish ancestors as "simple people that try very hard and don't give up. And they are very kind."

Ten years ago Jolly and O'Hara traveled to Ireland together with

O'Hara's father.

O'Hara described the Irish natives as "kind and caring. They want to meet you and talk to you and have a drink with you — and they don't want anything at all from you."

Jolly said he believes the Irish get their strength and caring from being forced to overcome a lot of adversity.

"Because the Irish are an immigrant group, and because they were basically persecuted throughout history, they don't take anything for granted," he said.

"I think that the Irish have a wonderful history as an immi-

grant group in finding success in this country."

It is really those immigrants who made St. Patrick's Day the celebration it is here in America. In Ireland, it remains a holy day of obligation — a serious day with no rowdy celebrations and no "wearing of the green."

Over the years in this country, it became a day of joyous celebration and pride instead.

But wearing your heritage like a crown? Northville attorney Michelle Kelly would have worn a real one, she believes, had her ancestors remained in Ireland.



"I am a direct descendent of King Brian Borou of Ireland (c. 1400)," she claimed. "I really should be a princess, then."

"Of course, that could just be Irish Blarney."

It's that "blarney" and Irish humor that makes Kelly proud of her heritage.

"The Irish always have the ability to keep a good sense of humor, regardless of the situation," she said.

O'Hara agreed. "The humor is marvelous," he said. "I was brought up in a family with a lot of teasing, kidding around, and a lot of fun and love." It's the ability to gently poke fun at one another without hurting

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Volunteer



NANCY WERTH

Volunteer activities keep Jaycees on track

Reaffiliating the Northville Jaycees, non-existent for six years because of a drop in membership, has kept President Nancy Werth busy with meetings and volunteer promotions.

Meetings, she said — in addition to the local monthly one — are district and regional, with extras like Individual Development seminars on Personal Growth, Financial Management, and Leadership Dynamics.

But the list of Jaycees volunteering runs like this:

- Arranging a visit with the Easter Bunny at the gazebo downtown the Saturday before Easter. "This is a fun thing," she said, "with balloons, candy, and prizes for the children."
- Weeding the median opposite the VFW Hall. "Twenty members went with me, and we weeded for all hours all summer."
- Encouraging people to sign up at a voter registration booth at the Victor-

- ian Festival. "We got almost 40."
- Singing Christmas carols at the Star Manor Nursing Home.
- Ringing bells for the Salvation Army.
- Adopting a family at Christmas and donating clothing, food and presents.
- Answering a Red Cross appeal to set up boxes downtown to collect baby items for victims of Hurricane Andrew. "I sorted the items in my garage, and two other members went with me to a state meeting to deliver them."

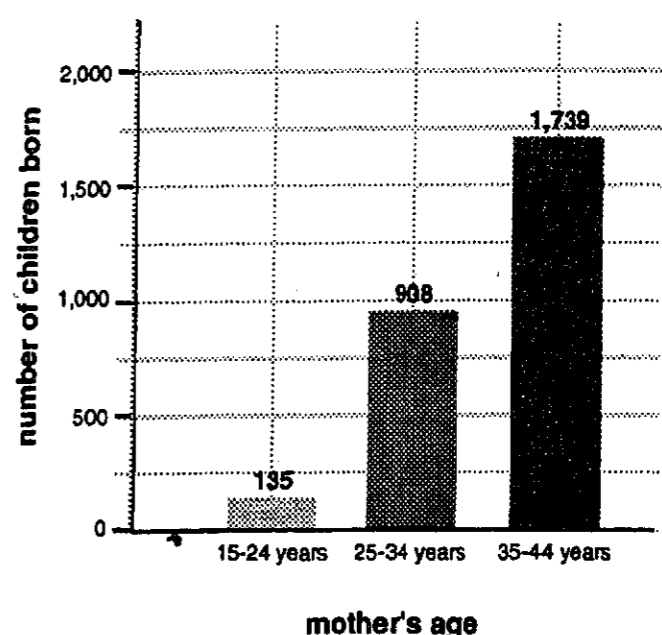
Yes, the Jaycees do more, and so does Nancy Werth. But why do they and she do all this volunteering? Her answer: "It's important to be involved in the community you live in."

Although national and state membership in Jaycees is limited to ages 21 through 39, Northville includes older men and women, calling them "associates."

It's A Fact

Birthrate

Below are the number of children born per 1,000 women within a given age bracket in the City of Novi.



Vegas Night on tap for Saturday On Campus

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Lions Club's Vegas Night is scheduled for this Saturday, March 13, and is headed up by Jerry Coonce. It will be held at Novi Bowl beginning at 7 p.m. The evening's entertainment will include games such as black jack, beat the dealer, poker and more. This is one of the fundraisers the Lions put on for the community. Proceeds will go to a number of Lions projects, as well as several local youth groups.

A new project, The Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, is being organized by the Lions and Lionsesses. The Lions have provided blind children from around Michigan with a summer camping experience. The club now wants to expand its activities in this area.

The club also recently heard from Police Chief Doug Shafer on the need for a special interview room to be used for interviewing child abuse, molestation and rape victims. They need homelike wall covering, soft couches and chairs, tables and lamps as well as special interviewing equipment.

The Lions Club continues to grow in members. One of the latest meetings welcomed two new members, Mike Grech and Dick McGuffin. Grech is employed as Senior Program Coordinator at Williams International. McGuffin works as an accountant.

The Lions have also cooperated with the Rotary Club's project of selling raffle tickets for their restored '55 Chevy at the Novi Expo Center.

Other activities include participation in an International Breakfast held in Rodney, Ontario. Over 360 people were present.

The annual District 11-A2 Convention is to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Toledo, Ohio. Club meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Kim's Gardens. Anyone wishing for more information on the Lions and their projects can contact Mike Fiero, President.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS
Next Thursday, March 18, is the annual potluck dinner. All members are encouraged to bring a spouse or friend. The speaker will be Mayor Matthew Quinn. Those present will be able to ask about projects planned for the future.

The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Village Oaks Club House. You must RSVP.
Reports indicate that the Ladies

Novi Highlights

Escape Weekend to Chicago was very good. There was a super response to another program, "Whirlyball '93". The annual night at Northville Downey March 12, will include a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Spouses are welcome.

The Newcomers will be participating in the Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon March 20. Bowling is important to youth, so being organized by the Lions and Lionsesses. The Lions have provided blind children from around Michigan with a summer camping experience. The club now wants to expand its activities in this area.

Money raised at the event will be donated to scholarships for camp, the Teen Center and more.

Other civic activities include making up Easter baskets for needy children. Candy, small toys or small Easter baskets are needed. Those working on the civic committee include Gail Kruszewski, Carol Tringwall and Mary Turco.

The Newcomers also work twice a month at the Food Bank to help pass food out to needy families of Novi. More volunteers are needed. Workers need to be there at 9:15 a.m. and are usually done by 10:30 a.m.

Several interest groups will appeal to those who like to play bingo with both a daytime and evening group available. Couples are also needed for euchre and pinocle teams each month.

Mom's and Tot's went to the Novi Gymnaseo Center at the Town Center for an outing for children 3 to 4 years old. They have a program scheduled for April 1 at the Novi Library, "Story Time with Miss Mary." The theme will be bunnies/Easter.

Another program, Morning Coffee with Kids, is also available. Call Kathy Long at 348-3737 for more information.

NOVI YOUTH FORUM
The monthly meeting of the Novi Youth Forum of representatives of youth oriented groups in Novi and surrounding areas met at the Novi Police Department with John Zimmerman. The program consists of a networking between the various groups sharing their upcoming activities and needs.

Denise Sepke and Tom Schneider were present. They brought several new programs they will be offering at Tollgate. On March 13 they will offer

paper-making, a folk pattern workshop for children 5 to 12 and their parents. The program will also be offered to children 13-15. Included will be techniques for embossing paper. For more information call 347-3860.

On March 27 is Project Learning Tree for teachers, youth leaders, home-school parents, and teen volunteers 15 and older. Emphasis will be on Environmental Education.

On April 24 will be GET-GEM Ground Resource Education Workshop for educators. In addition, they will be offering "Searches in Science," in one-week sessions throughout the summer.

Clara Porter reported on the award given to the youth selected at the DSA Breakfast through the youth assistance program. She also led a discussion on parenting classes. Many of those present felt there was a need for the classes.

Karen MacKenzie invited all those present to make a team for their various areas for the annual Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon March 20 from noon to 3 p.m.

She also reported on the summer teen center the Novi Youth Assistance will be sponsoring. The camp sign-up day is scheduled for April 3 in the Atrium at the Civic Center.

Becky Staab reported on the Easter plans they have for children in the area March 24 at Village Oaks. Young lives will be presented by Wise Mothers Inc. on television.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A new program, Family Life Ministries, will begin this Sunday night, March 14, at 7 p.m. In addition, other scheduled meetings will be March 28, April 18 and May 23. The purpose of these meetings is so all ages of children can meet their leaders. A parent/child video tape will be provided for parents. The meetings should cut down on the number of trips for the youth groups, making one trip to the church for all ages.

The second annual Hope Church Talent Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to remember the Rummage Sale May 7 and 8. There is a need for everything from clothing to furniture, including toys, jewelry, etc.

The Craft Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at the church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 50 tables and

booths of various types of crafts will participate.

The Senior High will make refreshments available. Proceeds will go toward their trip to Tennessee.

Special retreats are being planned. The Men's retreat is April 15-18, the Women's is April 22-25. On Sunday, March 21 during Family Learning Hour there will be an orientation class to provide newcomers with information on organizations, activities, and functions available to the church family. Orientation sessions will be scheduled for the third Sunday of every month.

A new class for singles is being developed, "Singles Share Groups." It will be held Sunday, March 14. Easter plans are already started with Lenten suppers sponsored by various organizations in the church Wednesday evenings at 6:30. A Lenten vesper service will follow.

There will be Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 a.m. on April 9. Easter Sunrise Celebration is at 8:30 a.m. April 11, followed by breakfast at 11 a.m. and Easter Holy Communion.

CHARTER HOUSE OF NOVI
The monthly birthday party was held today. Entertainment was provided by the Stargate Cloggers. Those whose birthdays were this month were recognized and given a special balloon bouquet from Mr. and Mrs. Spiro.

On March 17 there will be a St. Patrick's Day Party. Special guest Bob Dalton, who brings a special "Sing along" screen with the words to familiar music, will be available.

Special occasions are always recognized at Charter House. Last month there was a very successful Valentine Party, complete with an old-fashioned Valentine Box stuffed to overflowing by many civic groups such as scouts, church and 4-H clubs.

Residents are working hard on several projects to help groups in the community. They are collecting used greeting cards of all kinds to be given to a local group. The cards will then be sent to St. Jude Home For Children in Nevada. Anyone who would like to donate cards can drop them off at the activities department. They would be most welcome.

They will also be helping Novi Youth Assistance to fill "goodie bags" for articles for bowlers participating in the Bowlathon March 20.

Call Sandy at 477-2000 if you can help in any area.



Novi native David Evenhuis (right rear) will perform with Jonathan Brink (left) and Brian Capps (front) next Wednesday at Hope College.

Give these Midwestern guys berets, put them in a smoke-filled Manhattan coffeehouse, and they'd feel right at home, quite comfortable, totally at peace.

From the soles of their tapping feet to the rhythm of their pounding hearts, the practice and performance of jazz music for three Hope College students—David Evenhuis, Brian Capps and Jonathan Brink—are delights of the soul. In fact, in many ways, jazz music defines who they are.

"Jazz is my true love," said Evenhuis, a sophomore percussionist from Novi. "It's how I feel most comfortable, it's just natural to me."

Brink, Capps and Evenhuis, as well as more than 200 other Hope student-musicians equally dedicated to their own brand of music, will perform in the fifth annual Musical Showcase on Wednesday, March 17 at 8 p.m. at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids. A "college" concert, musical showcase features all of Hope's major performing groups and ensembles, vocal and instrumental.

Musical Showcase—a two-hour concert with intermissions—was modeled after an event at the University of Michigan. The format offers a change of pace from Hope's other concerts, which generally feature one or two groups performing several numbers each.

ABWA selects Ross as Woman of the Year

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Achievements in the mortgage lending field helped Loretta Ross earn Woman of the Year honors from the Novi-Northville branch of American Business Women's Association.

And Ross, who has been a member of ABWA since 1956, said it was her membership that has led to those very achievements in the work force.

As chief loan underwriter for Federal Mortgage Corporation, Ross supervises FHA and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans, Broker and Closing packages. She presents packages to the Board of Directors of banks and other investors nationwide.

The honor, Ross said, has been "wonderful... I was very surprised." She believes her work as chair of the exhibits committee of the 1992 regional ABWA conference also led to the award.

"I had to take care of all the exhibits," she said. She managed to gather \$250,000 in prizes for those who attended the exhibit, and was in

charge of about a fourth of the entire conference. She has also been involved in many other ABWA fundraising events.

The conference was one of 12 held throughout the country.

She has plenty of work experience that came in handy for such a major project. She used to own and operate the now-closed Fashionables Inc. boutique at Twelve Oaks Mall. She also has several real estate licenses, including mortgage broker, real estate broker and appraiser. She sits on the board of the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association.

As the Novi-Northville chapter's Woman of the Year, Ross is now eligible to compete for the 1993 Top Ten Business Women of ABWA and the American Business Woman of ABWA awards. Announcement of the national award recipients will be made at ABWA's 1993 convention Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 in Indianapolis.

Ross said ABWA has allowed her to grow both as an individual and as a businesswoman.

"I've been able to network with

other women and go to the national conventions," she said. "It helps promote you in whatever you are doing."

"I'm a better person and more aware of other peoples' needs because of my involvement with ABWA," she said. "And I'm more able to help other people."

She said the networking has been a definite plus in moving forward in her career, too.

Women involved in the Northville-Novi branch of ABWA are a highly diverse group. They range in age from 25 to well past retirement.

"We have a doll groomer, people who work in dentistry and in insurance, business owners, people who work for the State of Michigan, and people who are self-employed," she said. "And they are at all different (corporate) levels."

"As long as you have a job, you can benefit from ABWA. We have members who are retired, too, but you must have a job to join."

For information about joining, call Bettie Johnson at 478-5048.

Organization offers scholarship

The American Business Woman's Association (ABWA) offers an annual scholarship program for women seeking education for a business or professional career.

The scholarship, said ABWA member Linda Lerner, is based on financial need and good scholarly standing.

"Basically, we're trying to target

the so-called displaced homemakers," Lerner said. "The women who have been out of the workforce for a while and want to get back."

Applications for the scholarship are available at Schoolcraft, Oakland Community College and Madonna University financial aid offices. They can also be requested by writing to ABWA care of D. Watroba at P.O. Box 801, Northville 48167.

Send a request and an ABWA member will mail you an application. Last year the group gave out \$700 each to three local recipients.

Scholarship funds can be used toward tuition at any university, college, or training school. Applicants are required to provide three character references, transcripts, and a biographical statement.



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Loretta Ross is the Northville-Novu ABWA chapter's Woman of the Year.

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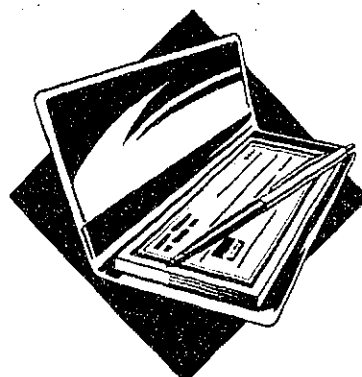
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Novi • Saturday, March 13, 12 noon-2 p.m.

Michael J. Dania, Corporate Historian for the Stickley Furniture Company, will be at Scott Shuptrine Furniture to conduct a seminar on the Revival of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Stickley's reissue of their historic Mission Oak furniture has produced

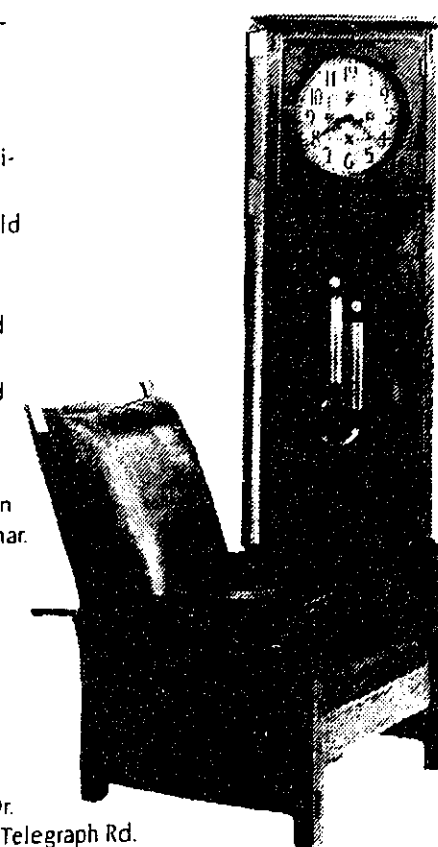
overwhelming excitement throughout the country. Collectors have paid thousands of dollars for the original, simple designs of Gustav and Leopold Stickley. Learn more about the Arts and Crafts Movement and see Scott Shuptrine's collection of reissued Stickley pieces.

A Boxed Lunch will be served at the afternoon Bloomfield Hills seminar.

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Reunions

MILFORD 1973: Milford High School Class of 1973 will have its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, July 31, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100 for information.

FARMINGTON 1983: Graduates of Farmington High School, Class of 1983, will be celebrating their 10-year class reunion on July 17 at the Hotel Barometre in Novi. The committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information call or write: Reunion Planners, Box 291, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046, 465-2277 or 263-6803.

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

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

CHIPPEWA VALLEY 1983: Graduates of Chippewa Valley High School Class of 1983 will be celebrating their 10-year class reunion on Sept. 25, 1993, at Zuccaro's Country House in Mt. Clemens. For information call Reunion Planners at 465-2277 or 263-6803.

UTICA HENRY FORD 1983: Graduates of Utica Henry Ford High School, Class of 1983, will be celebrating their 10-year class reunion on Sept. 18, 1993, at Zuccaro's Country House, Mt. Clemens. For information call Reunion Planners at 465-2277 or 263-6803.

EAST LANSING 1973: East Lansing High School Class of 1973 will have its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 14, 1993, at the University Club in East Lansing from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100 for information.

GRAND BLANC: Grand Blanc High School Class of 1983 will have its 10-year class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1993, at the Holiday Inn in Grand Blanc from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100 for information.

GARDEN CITY 1983: Garden City High School class of 1983 will have its 10-year reunion Friday, Nov. 26 at Hawthorne Valley in Westland. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100.

FERDALE 1973: Ferndale High School, Ferndale, Class of 1973 will have its 20-year class reunion Nov. 27 at Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100.

COOLEY 1968: Cooley High School, Detroit, Class of 1968 will have its 25-year class reunion Saturday, June 19 at the Marriott Hotel in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy at 380-6100.

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CLASS REUNIONS PLUS: Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 1171, Mt. Clemens, is planning the following reunions. Call 824-8550 for more information.

April 24, 1993 — **Servite High School**, Detroit, Class of 1973 — Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores
June 12, 1993 — **Grassie Pointe South High School**, Class of 1973 — Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores
July 10, 1993 — **St. Clair High School**, Class of 1973 — St. Clair Inn, St. Clair

Sept. 25, 1993 — **Highland Park High School**, Highland Park, classes of 1942, 1943, 1944 — Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.
Nov. 26, 1993 — **Seaholm High School**, Birmingham, Class of 1973 — Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy.



Local residents share Irish pride

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Passing the teddy

Novi Jaycees member Mike Mattingly presents a teddy bear to Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer in honor of the Jaycees' recent contribution to the city. The organization purchased and donated several cases of the fluffy little fellows to the police department. The department will in turn give the teddy bears to upset or frightened children in an attempt to comfort them. Children likely to see the bears are those involved in car accidents or victims of crimes.

Travel



By WILLIAM T. TOMCKI
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Q: I plan to go on a cruise and would like to know if there are any going to Cuba.

A. Currently, Cuban cruises for American tourists are not offered. The U.S. travel embargo, however, is soon expected to be lifted.

One travel company, Vacations at Sea, already is publishing a newsletter, Cuba Cruise Watch, that tells about Cuban attractions, customs, food, entertainment, the weather and money matters.

Vacations at Sea also plans to schedule Cuban cruises once the travel embargo is removed.

For more information write to Vacations at Sea, 4919 Canal St., New Orleans, La. 70119; or call (800) 749-4950.

Q: Can you recommend a Southern city we can visit that has an authentic antebellum atmosphere?

A. Woodville, Miss., in the far Southwest was selected by Harvard University as the town "that best typifies the antebellum South."

First settled in the 18th century, Woodville grew steadily and became the seat of Wilkinson County. It is the home of the Woodville Republican, the oldest newspaper and the oldest business in Mississippi.

Today Woodville has a population of about 1,400 and is home to many beautiful 19th-century houses plus some of the state's first churches. Rosemont Plantation (1810-1811), the home of Jefferson Davis and his family, is located in Woodville.

For more information call the Woodville Civic Club at (601) 888-3998 or contact your local travel agent.

Q: My husband and I are planning a trip to Germany but will be traveling on a budget. Are bed-and-breakfast establishments an economical option? Are they common? How do we contact them ahead of time?

A. Bed-and-breakfast inns are indeed an affordable lodging option in Germany as well as a wonderful opportunity to get to know the people of the country.

The German National Tourist Office publishes a guide to bed-and-breakfast inns and private homes.

The guide features about 500 towns and villages throughout Germany, including the five former eastern states. Most host families and managers speak English.

For a copy of "Bed & Breakfast in Germany '92/'93" write to the German National Tourist Office in New York at 122 E. 42nd St., 52nd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10168-0072, or call (212) 681-7200; in Los Angeles, 11766 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 50, Los Angeles, Calif. 90025, or call (310) 575-9799.

Q: There is a city in Massachusetts we always drive through called Fall River. What is the history of this city and why do people say it has a grisly past?

A. Fall River, Mass., was settled in 1656 and was named in 1834 from a translation of the Indian word "quequechan."

Bangkok is still a buyer's market

Thailand's leading city knocks down prices to win back tourists' dollars

By PHILIP SHENON
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Thailand's tourism industry is still staggling, eight months after a political crisis dealt a blow to the business world billions of dollars a year to the nation's economy.

Large numbers of foreign travelers canceled vacations in Thailand after seeing the news coverage last May, when a riot in Bangkok opened the fire on Thai demonstrators demanding a more democratic government.

For weeks after the violence Bangkok's grand hotels along the Chao Phraya River were filling only 20 percent of their rooms.

Many of the city's best and best-known restaurants were empty, as were the jets landing at the city's Don Mueang International Airport.

The political situation has since calmed. The military-dominated government that was held responsible for the street violence was replaced last fall by a civilian prime minister and a new Parliament chosen in free elections.

But Bangkok is still a buyer's market, knocking down prices to win back tourists.

Several new luxury hotels are scheduled to open this year, with nearly enough guests to fill them. Ask and you will find that prices are negotiable.

For tourists willing to put up with dirty air (the worst in Southeast Asia) and traffic congestion (arguably the worst in the world), the rewards of a visit to Bangkok are ample, for no other city in Asia has quite the same talent for turning the routines of daily life into an exotic celebration.

The most oppressive heat arrives in April, and the start of the lunar new year is a riotous and — for tourists willing to get wet — entertaining festival, known as Songkran.

During Songkran, April 13 this year, all sculptures (images of the Buddha are "bathed" and passers-by are "blessed" with buckets of water.)

The Siam Society, at 131 Soi Asok Sukhumvit telephone 258-3491, was founded to encourage Thai artistry and welcomes non-members to performances of Thai music and dance and lectures by scholars. The society is known for its excellent guided tours.

The Erawan Shrine, at the corner of Rongkiet and Rajadam Road, is known as a granary of wishes, and worshippers line up with garlands of jasmine and bundles of incense.

The shrine has its own classical dance troupe that performs, free of charge, every afternoon and into the evening.

SIGHTS AND SHOPS
Within the Inner City, the area along the Chao Phraya River where King Rama I established Bangkok as Thailand's capital in 1782, are the Grand Palace and several glittering Buddhist temples that are, for many tourists, the most recognizable sight.

For a chance to make some contact with residents, and to take advantage of Thailand's substantial shopping bargains, head to the open-air markets where Thais buy clothes, furniture, medicine, plants, pets, Buddhist amulets — everything — and do their socializing.

The largest is the Chatuchak Weekend Market, open all day and much of the night on Saturday and Sundays. For tourists it is the best source in Thailand for inexpensive handicrafts. The merchants at Chatuchak expect to haggle over prices.

For grander handicrafts — and fixed prices — try Rasi Sayam, 32 Soi 2, Sukhumvit Road, 258-4195, which has an extensive selection of beautiful things and is run by a young American, Jonathan Haxton, dedicated to preserving traditional handicraft artistry.

He sells eye-catching restored Thai looms, \$40 to \$100, used to display Thai silk wall hangings that the shop also stocks. Two blocks away, L'Arcadia, at 12/2 Soi 23, 259-9555, has a fine selection of ceramics, furniture and antiques.

Every corner in Bangkok seems to have a shop hawkling Thai silk. But what is described as genuine silk or tussah isn't, and instead of taking a chance, even some longtime foreign



Elaborate costumes add to the spectacle of performances by the Siam Society, which was founded to encourage Thai artistry in Bangkok.

visitors who want a more picturesque setting for dining are willing to pay more for the experience will enjoy Lemongrass at 5/1 Soi 24, Sukhumvit Road, 258-8677, set in a strikingly pretty Thai house. A meal for two, without wine is about \$30.

Some residents describe the decor at the Spice Market, the Thai restaurant in the Regent Hotel, as Disneyesque in its attempt to recreate an old food, a Thai warehouse. But the food is authentic and delicious — if pricey, about \$45 for two.

The restaurant's coconut custard, served in a young coconut, may be the best dessert in Bangkok. The hotel is at 155 Rajdamri Road, 251-6127.

The trendy Spasso restaurant, all high-tech design and low lights, in the new Grand Hyatt Erawan, 494 Rajdamri Road, 254-1234, serves good Italian food. About \$35, without wine, for two.

There is delicious Indian food, especially the butter chicken, in the pale yellow dining room at Mrs. Balbir's Restaurant at 155/18 Soi 11, Sukhumvit Road, 253-2281. About \$15 for two.

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The new Grand Hyatt Erawan, with rooms from \$175, has the city's best health club. (To these and other hotel rates add a 7 percent tax and a 10 percent service charge.)

The Shanghai-La Hotel at 89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, 236-7777, fax 236-8579, down the river from the Oriental and preferred by some well-traveled travelers because its curvaceous, modern architecture permits spectacular river views. It has a helicopter service from the airport to help guests avoid the nightmare traffic.

The helicopter cuts to 10 minutes what can otherwise be a three-hour drive. The drawback is the price: \$140 per person one way; there must be four passengers. Room rates at the hotel also begin at \$140 a night.

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Snowshoeing emerges as winter's hottest sport

By EVERETT POTTER
New York Times Travel Syndicate

What is this winter's hottest sport? While aged 20-year-olds seem to be hooked on snowboarding, people of other ages are focusing on a 2,000-year-old activity: snowshoeing.

On an recent Saturday morning in Waterbury, Vt., 250 people gathered at the rustic headquarters of the Green Mountain Hiking Club (GMC) for a symposium on snowshoeing. Slipping hot cider and munching maple donuts, they were anxious to learn all they could about the sport.

For many, snowshoeing conjures up images of a rugged trapper slipping through a grizzled terrain on shoes made of wood and rawhide. But today's snowshoers are more likely to wear Lycra suits and traveling on a sleek pair of aluminum-frame shoes with plastic deeks. These new shoes have bindings that really hold the foot in place and crampons that enable snowshoers to climb mountains, stroll through the woods or even race each other.

The turnout at the GMC seminar was "truly phenomenal," says Carl Helman, known to many as the snowshoeing guru of the Northeast. Helman was one of the principal speakers, has been a snowshoeing enthusiast for the past two decades. In addition to leading snowshoeing and conducting seminars, he handcrafts some of the most coveted wooden snowshoes in the country.

Helman says he has seen a steady increase in the sport's popularity in recent years.

"Twenty years ago I'd always be the first up a mountain, even as much as two weeks after a snowfall," he says. "Now people go up while the storm's still blowing."

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Shows cater to antique lovers

Spring cleaning season is almost upon us. Promoters of these upcoming events would be delighted if we grabbed that opportunity to clear out your attic or basement and recycle those unwanted goods.

Just to make room for more stuff. That's because they're antique dealers, who thrive on the constant circulation of used household goods, jewelry, knick-knacks, books or whatever. Junk or treasures, it's all a matter of semantics — and price tags.

First on the calendar in March is Scorpio Productions' Antique Show at the Novi Expo Center March 12 to March 14. One hundred dealers are expected to converge on a show that insiders predict could become a popular annual event.

Nationally-renowned antique expert and author Harry Rinker will be on hand to verbally appraise your goods for \$3 an item. This fee will then be donated to the Novi Historical Society to help in its restoration of Novi's first fire truck, a 1930 REO-Boyer.

For items too big to carry in, provide Rinker with a clear photograph. If you are only interested in the appraisal, you do not need to pay any entrance fee for the show.

Admission to the show itself is \$4.50.

The Novi Expo Center is just south of the I-96 exit on Novi Road. Show hours are March 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and March 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also this weekend, fans of late 19th century and early 20th century furniture won't want to miss a free seminar Saturday on the Arts and Crafts movement and master designers Gustav and Leopold Stickley, Michael Dantel, corporate historian for the Stickley Furniture Co. will lecture from noon to 2 p.m. at Scott Shuptrine Furniture in West Oaks Shopping Center in Novi.



A display of Victorian and Art Nouveau treasures.

While the goods aren't antique, Shuptrine is carrying a special line of the classic Mission Oak furniture retailed by Stickley.

In the past several years, Arts and Crafts furniture, pottery and other specialties have become increasingly popular with collectors and prices have soared correspondingly. The movement was sparked by British designer and poet William Morris (1834-1896) as a reaction against the florid, overfurnished Victorian look. The show is given by Helen Metzel, who has had an antiques store in

Novi since the late 1950s. Metzel is emphatic that the goods will be antiques not collectibles.

Technically, an antique is an item 100 years old or older, but Metzel says she won't disqualify a piece of fine glass which has managed to survive intact for 80 years.

Dates and times for the Novi event are March 19, noon to 9 p.m.; March 20, noon to 8 p.m. and March 21, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person. For information, call 349-9339.

pure, simple lines. Seating at the seminar is limited. For reservations, call 349-0044.

Last on the calendar for local antique-lovers is the 18th Annual Northville Antiques Show on March 19 to March 21 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Forty dealers will have their wares on display. Antiques will include jewelry, furniture and silverware. Food for hungry antiquers will also be on sale. The show is given by Helen Metzel, who has had an antiques store in

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Special events

STRIKE FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Novi Youth Assistance will hold its 10th Annual Bowl-A-Thon at 12 noon March 20 at Novi Bowl. The event is a 9 p.m. Tap and Shuffle to fund youth assistance programs. To sign up as an individual or team, call 347-0410.

MOTHER DANCES BEST: The Annual Mother-Son Spring Hop will be held March 19 and March 20 at the Novi Civic Center. Music is by DJ Jay Willie and a photographer will be on hand to capture those special moments.

* Tickets are \$9 per couple for Novi residents, \$9.50 non-residents and \$6 for additional son, \$4 for residents and \$4.80 for non-residents. For information, call 347-0400.

For the dinner catered by Chef Benson of B & B Catering, it's \$88 for resident sons, \$93 non-residents and \$6 for sons, \$7.20 for non-residents. For information, call 347-0400.

For Adults Only: Children under 12 will not be allowed in to see the Novi Player's spring production of *Extrêmes* by William Mastromauro, the story of a rapist turned victim.

Novi News reporter Randy Coble plays the sex offender, Raul, who breaks into the home of roommates Marjorie (Jodi McLean), Terry (Shelly Childs) and Patricia (Lynn Varga). The women don't get mad, they get even.

Caution: *Extrêmes* is not for the easily offended, the language is explicit.

John Alwardt directs the local production; the assistant director is Cathy Collins.

Showtime at the Novi Expo Center is March 25, 26, 27 at 8 p.m. and March 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The \$6 per person tickets are available at the door.

TIGHTS OF SPRING: The Michigan Classic Ballet Company of West Bloomfield will perform four diverse works in "Seasons of Spring." The performance at the Faurst Auditorium at Novi High School includes the Pas de Cinq from *Swan Lake* and choreography to music by Jethro Tull.

Showtime is 7 p.m. on March 20 and 3 p.m. on March 21. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$7 for children and seniors. For information, call 661-4349 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

male and two female actors are needed for the story of a middle-aged couple who stroll down a deserted beach and meet up with two sea creatures.

The try-outs are at the Novi Civic Theater at the Novi Expo Center at Novi Road just behind Elias Brothers.

NIMBLE NEEDLEWORK: Michigan Smockers, a local chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America, will host an open house and trunk show at the Novi Public Library on March 20. The show will feature "Little Memories," work by Suzie Peterson. In addition, smockwork by guild members, including gowns, will be on display.

Refreshments will be served at the free event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Novi Public Library is at 45245 Ten Mile Road.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: The musical adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk by Jim Eiler and Jeanne Bargy will be presented at the Marquis Theater.

Tickets are \$8. Performances dates and times are Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. on March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Easter break performances are April 13 through April 18 at 2:30 p.m. For information, call 349-8110. The Marquis Theater is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

WORLD OF ART: Coming up on March 17 is *Children of the Sun*, the final lecture of Michael Farrell's three-part art series sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission at Genitt's Little Theater on Main Street. 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.

The 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-Sanboto at 349-8719.

Music

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 Jewhurst

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.

ANTHONY'S NIGHTCLUB: Anthony's provides a steady diet of entertainment, both musical and comedy. For information, call Anthony's at 348-5000.

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.

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi. Call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

Master of the Hammond, Mallett charms her audiences at Victor's with such favorites as "Misty," "New York, New York" and "Moonlight Serenade."

COUNTRY EPICURE: A jazz duo featuring pianist Wilbert Peggler is now performing at the Country Epicure Restaurant, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Friday and Saturday, the entertainment at the Country Epicure is a jazz quartet, featuring some of Detroit's finest vocalists.

Nearby

HANDWORKS: Schoolcraft College's Spring Craft Show will be held March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the college's Physical Education Building. Admission is \$1.50.

For information, call 462-4417.

"CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON": The Hotel Savartine Society Orchestra, which specializes in the look and sound of the late 1920s, early 1930s dance bands, will perform March 12 at Oakland Community College's Royal Oak Campus. The group has performed about town at places like Greenfield Village and the Fox Theater.

The campus is at 739 S. Washington. Admission is free. For further information, call 544-4903 or 544-5588.

Theater

FUNNY STUFF: *The Curious Savage*, a comedy in three acts by playwright John Patrick will be presented by Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Theater Guild.

Performances in OCC's Smith Theater in Farmington Hills are on March 12, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7, \$6 for students and seniors. But the \$6 March 13 matinee is open to all senior citizens free of charge.

Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 471-7566.

Art

ATRIUM GALLERY: Visit the Atrium Gallery in new, larger quarters.

The gallery is now located at 113 N. Center St. in Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. For more information call 349-4131.

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

Karaoke

Performances are by the Buddy Hudson Band with featured vocalist Eric Braden. 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.

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Cagers nixed from playoffs by Northville

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor



SHAWN KELLY

Novi got a quick boot out of the state basketball playoffs Monday night as Baseline rival Northville whipped the Wildcats 80-50.

Five Mustangs scored in double figures en route to the romp. Playing at Plymouth Salem, Northville dominated the district game from beginning to end leading by as many as 21 in the first quarter.

"We were due for a blowout-type game," Northville coach Larry Taylor said. "We've been playing well but playing a lot of close games. It's nice we could get a large margin of victory."

Novi coach Bob Shoemaker pulled no punches after the game. "We just couldn't handle their height," he said. "We thought we'd play better but we didn't."

The Wildcats finish the season at 7-14 overall and 4-8 in the KVC. Northville moved on to the second round against Livonia Churchill last night.

The tone for Monday night's game was set early. After a pair of Northville baskets to start the game, Novi's Jason Fannon scored on a baseline drive at the 5:12 to cut the lead to 4-2. That's as close as Novi got the rest of the game.

The Mustangs went on a 13-0 run to blow it open after Fannon's hoop. A full-court press by Northville caused several Novi turnovers and gave the designated home team easy baskets. It was 25-7 by the end of the period.

"That surprised me," Taylor said. "I thought it would be a lot tougher game. But we made our shots and kept them out of their offense."

Northville got excellent play from its big men in the second quarter. Josh Williams, who started the contest as a result of his improved play lately, responded with seven points on an assortment of tip-ins and short jumpers. Kieran Williams came off the bench and played aggressive offense, scoring six.

"It was by far Kieran's best game," Taylor said.

Novi senior Jeremy Watkins did his best to keep the 'Cats in the lead. He came away with seven points in the period and nine in the half.

Northville went into halftime with a 45-21 lead.

The Mustangs led by as many as 31 in the third quarter. Both squads substituted heavily in the late stages of the period and throughout the fourth as Northville cruised to victory.

"They're a good ballclub," Shoemaker said. "They outplayed us in every phase of the game."

Novi was led by Shawn Kelly's 12 points. Watkins finished with 11 and Dave York had eight in his last game as a Wildcat.

John Farrar led Northville with 15 points. Josh Williams and Rick Biermann each had 13 while Kieran

Williams and Mike Maschek each had 10.

MILFORD 43, NOVI 32: The Redskins captured the Kensington Friday Conference outright Friday night with an easy win over the Wildcats.

A Milford loss and Howell win Saturday would have meant a tie between the two schools. But the Redskins came out and took the crown from two-time defending champion Novi, largely on the strength of an excellent first quarter.

Milford took advantage of some sloppy Wildcat play early and led 12-0 after the first quarter. The Redskins finally got Novi on the scoreboard at the 5:10 mark with a short jump shot.

The Redskins continued their choking man-to-man defense and led 21-5 by the end of the period. Glenn Kushtner scored eight in the quarter for Milford, including a pair of three-pointers.

Novi's sluggish first quarter performance wasn't surprising.

The squad hadn't played a game for 10 days. Shoemaker said with districts looming Monday his team wouldn't pull out all the stops against Milford.

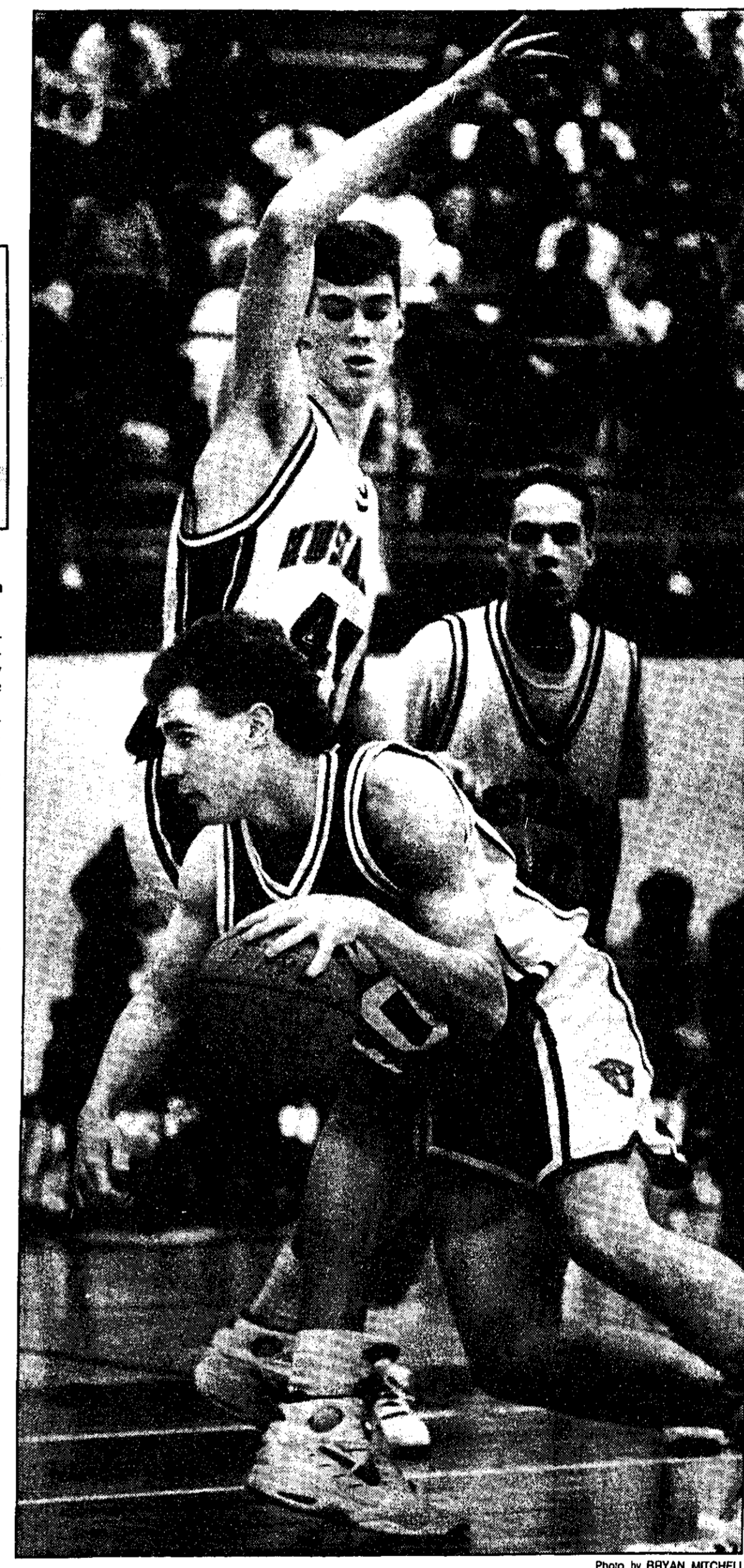
The Cats began to shake the cobwebs in the second.

Fannon nailed a three-pointer while Greg Perman and Kelly added consecutive baskets to cut the lead to 24-12. Novi was still behind Milford's lead to 29-18 by halftime.

Jeff Teraki scored on a baseline drive to cut the home team's lead to nine at the beginning of second half. But that's as close as Novi could come the rest of the way.

Milford went to its trademark patient offense in the fourth quarter. Ahead by 14 to start the period, the Redskins spread the floor offensively to take time out of the clock and force Novi to foul.

The strategy worked. Novi was unable to get the ball away from Milford to mount any comeback and scored just six points in the fourth.



Brian Coordas makes his way around Northville's Josh Williams.

Injuries sink grapplers in KVC

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Injuries were the story of Novi High's 1993 wrestling season. No fewer than five Wildcat wrestlers missed all or part of the year with injuries. According to coach Tom Fritz, competing for a Kensington Valley Conference championship would have still been out of reach with a health lineup.

But instead of finishing with a 13-17 overall record, Novi would have been more competitive, he said.

"I thought we'd be a real nice balanced team," Fritz commented. "And we would have been."

"Injuries did us in."

Run Kane, Craig Tapley, Mark McBride, James Cini and Stu Myers were all sidelined for periods with injuries ranging from a dislocated elbow to knee problems. Fritz said his team would probably have finished a little above 500 and a notch or two higher than sixth in the KVC.

"Nobody would have blown us out of the water," he added.

Despite the injuries, the coach said a number of other linings emerged out of the campaign.

Tim O'Sullivan was one of Novi's biggest surprises. The senior won nearly 30 matches and placed second in the KVC championships.

"To do what he did this year is a complete surprise," Fritz said.

Myers, before getting hurt, was having a top year as well. Fritz said the 171-pounder demonstrated his commitment to the team by moving up or down weight divisions.

"He never complained," he said. "He did it because it was better for the team."

Fritz said Kane's return for districts from a serious elbow dislocation showed that Wildcats determination.

"He shouldn't have even been back," he noted.

While injuries took their toll this year, graduation may hurt Novi's 1994 KVC chances.

O'Sullivan, Myers, Mike Hay, Kane and Muntash Bazzaz will all move on. Solid performers like Craig Borashko, Doug Lee, John Street, Cini, Ben Wendt, Kyle Bailey and McBride will return, however.

"We will be better," Fritz said. "But we need depth. You have to have the numbers. Numbers just make you better."

The longtime coach, who will likely step down to be replaced by junior varsity coach Brad Huss, sees South Lyon as the team to beat next year. He added that Brighten and Howell will be tough to dislodge from the other top spots.

To be competitive, Novi will have to "improve tremendously," Fritz said.

One area the Wildcats don't need a lot of improvement in is academics. The team sports a grade point average well over a "B."

Fritz set to resign position

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

After 10 years of guiding the Wildcat wrestling team it appears Tom Fritz will resign.

"It's pretty much solidified," he said in an interview Monday. "The only way it won't happen is if [the job] doesn't go to Brad Huss."

Huss is currently Novi High's junior varsity coach. Fritz said he would be meeting with athletic director John Fundation shortly to discuss the future of the program. The AD will have the final say on the head coaching slot.

"It's so time-consuming," he commented. "You've got to practice on Saturday and Sunday."

At 49 years old, Fritz said he just doesn't have the energy to give the head position all the attention it requires. To have an excellent program, he added, is a year-around commitment.



Meagan Barton played well in her varsity debut last weekend.

Spikers fall to Salem

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Sometimes the bottom line doesn't indicate how well a team actually plays.

That was certainly the case Saturday as the Wildcat volleyball team fell in two games to Plymouth Salem in the finals of the state district tournament. The Rocks won 15-8 and 15-8.

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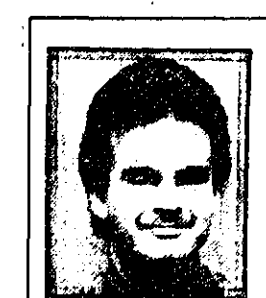
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Season's end is hard on York



Scott Daniel

Dave York's eyes were swollen and heavy with tears Monday night as he walked out of the gym at Plymouth Salem High School.

His career as a Wildcat varsity basketball player had just ended minutes before. There was no moment of glory, no championship to revel in as every senior hopes there will be in his last game.

Novi absorbed an 80-50 defeat at the hands of Northville Monday night in the first round of state district playoffs. It was, in many respects, a humbling end to a bad season.

The Cats hopes of a third straight Keston Valley Conference title vanished early this year. It became evident a few games into the season that graduation losses couldn't be overcome.

So the focus shifted from the regular season

to the state playoffs. It would be, after all, a fresh start, a chance to take away the sting of surrendering the KVC crown.

But it wasn't meant to be. Somewhere along the line the losses took their toll and zapped much of the fight out of the Wildcats.

Northville burst out of the starting gate Monday. Jumpshots, putbacks, drives to the basket — the Mustangs seemed to be in a different gear than Novi.

With the game less than six minutes old, the Wildcats trailed 17-2. Northville used a full-court press throughout the first quarter to disrupt Novi's offense.

By the time the Cats got untracked it was too late. They fell behind by 18 at the end of the period and never threatened Northville the rest of the way.

In fairness, the Mustangs held a huge size advantage. They boasted a front line that wouldn't have been out of place at the college level, at least in height.

But I've seen the Cats play the role of David more than once. The difference this time was determination.

Northville players simply outscraped Novi.

When loose balls were on the floor, the Mustangs dove after them. When rebounds had to be fought for, Northville got them.

"That really surprised me," Northville coach Larry Taylor said. "I thought it would be a lot tougher game."

The coach said it may have been a difference in attitude that produced a lopsided win for Northville.

"I think they were too uptight," Taylor said. "We were very loose for the game."

I went into the Wildcats locker room after the game to talk to head coach Bob Shoemaker. He didn't mince words.

"They're a good ballclub and they outplayed us in every phase of the game," he said. "They play well together."

"You thought they were flat?" Shoemaker said. "That's exactly what I thought, too."

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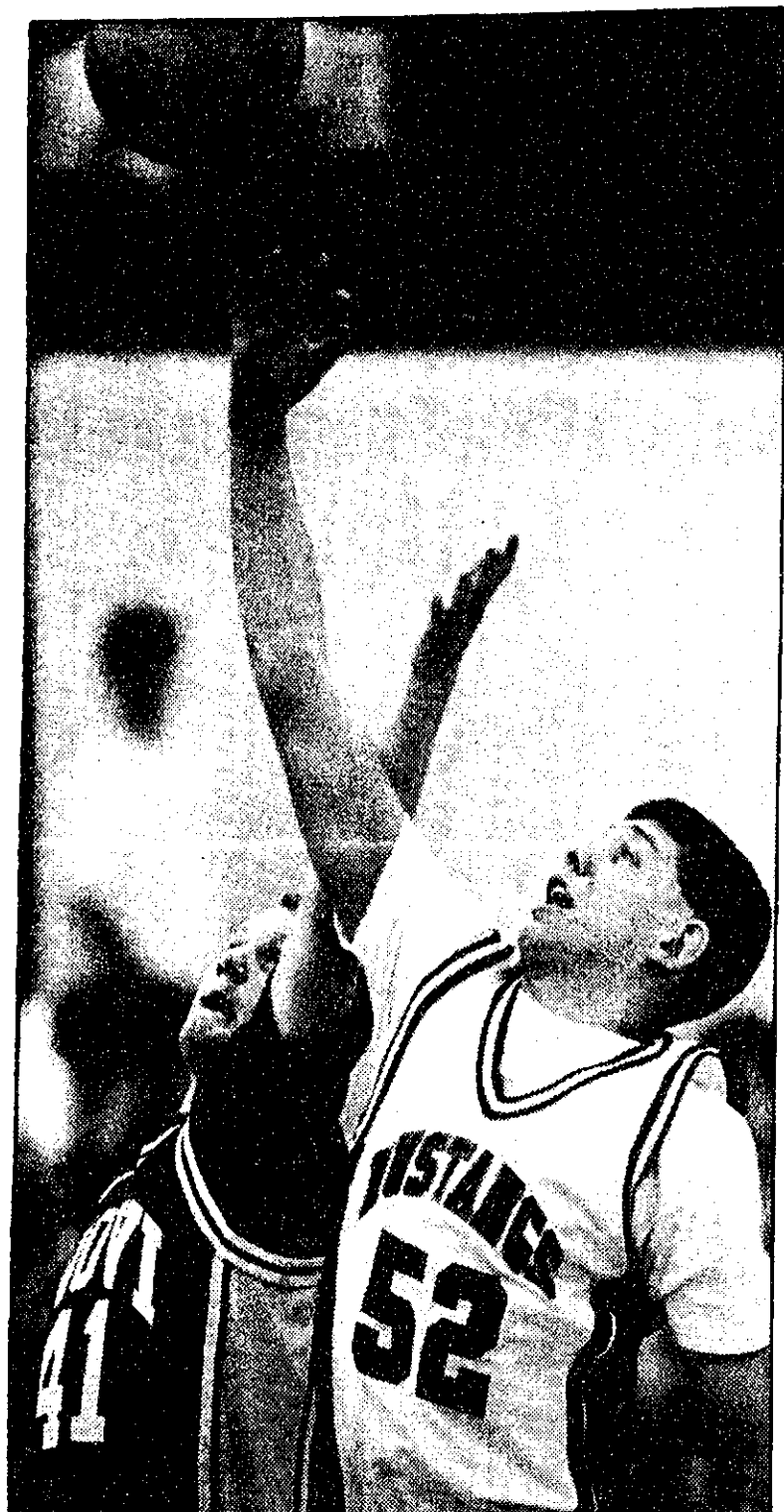
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"I want a young person to have it," Fritz said. "Huss" seems to be the man to do it."

That doesn't mean he will be leaving the school or the sport for that matter.

Fritz said he would like to move into the junior varsity position. He said it would allow him to concentrate on simply coaching instead of paperwork and other distractions.

"Paper-pusher," Fritz added, "the last couple of years, that's all I've been. That's exactly the way I felt."

Besides Novi, he has coached at Belleville, Riverview and New Boston Huron. Fritz said he has been thinking about the move for the last five years. He explained that he wants to spend time on the mat working with the kids instead of behind a desk.

"The way I coach, I'm so physical, so tactile, I've got to be on the mat to show the kids," Fritz commented, "to make them feel it."

"All I have to do (now) is coach kids. I can take individuals and make them better. Coaching a team is much tougher than coaching individuals."

The longtime coach said he has many wonderful memories. Fritz said, hearing from his former wrestlers is one of the most rewarding aspects of the job.

Working with great wrestlers like Mike Gowans also made coaching fun, he added.

"He was beautiful," Fritz said. "They don't come any better than him."



Tom Fritz said working with wrestlers one-on-one is what makes coaching fun.

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Wildcats of the Week

JEREMY WATKINS: The senior gave it his all Monday night in Novi's district basketball defeat to Northville. Watkins scored 11 points for the Wildcats and was the team's lone offensive threat for much of the game.

TOM FRITZ: No, he's not a Wildcat player. But the longtime varsity head wrestling coach is deserving of the honor. After 10 years of dedication to his school and his wrestling students, Fritz is stepping down as head coach. He'll likely return, however, as JV coach next winter.

Fitness Notes

Twelve Oaks Walking Program: Learn to cut calories, fat and cholesterol when dining in restaurants at the March 9 Twelve Oaks Walker's program at 9 a.m. in Center Court.

The University of Michigan Health Centers and Twelve Oaks Mall present health education programs as part of the mall walking program. The programs are held in the mall's Center Court on the second Tuesday of the month from 9-10 a.m. Coffee and bagels are served.

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

Mall entrance doors open at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday for walkers. New walkers need to register in the Twelve Oaks Security Office located on the upper level, JC Penney corridor. For more information, please call 348-9438.

Open gym: The Novi Meadows gymnasium is open now through April 28 for Novi school district residents grade nine through adult for a \$1 fee. The open gym is held from 8:30-10 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. Identification must be presented.

Rent a pool: For those who like to keep fit by swimming, the Novi High School Pool is available for rent. Groups may rent the pool on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. If interested, call the Novi Community Education office at 344-8330 (Ext. 13) at least one month prior to date requested.

Aerobics Fitness Co.: Step classes, multi-level aerobics and strength training classes are offered by the Aerobic Fitness Co. An exercise physiologist and certified instructors are on staff. Morning and evening classes can be combined to fit into your busy schedule. Excellent child care is available. For more information call 348-1280.

Health screening: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of health screening events each week.

One is blood pressure screening for senior citizens. This free service is offered each Wednesday in the Novi Civic Center from 11 a.m.-noon.

Jazzercise: Jazzercise is now in Northville. A free introductory class is offered for the class, which is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Plaza Dance Company in the Northville Plaza Mall on Seven Mile Road. Babysitting is available. For registration or more information call Dawn at 347-3335.

Weight loss: Elite's Weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi on Ten Mile Road.

For more information, call 682-1717.

Open swimming offered: Northville Recreation Department will offer open swimming at the Northville High School pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. A lap swim will also be offered on Mondays and Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 p.m.

Locker rooms and showers are available. The fee is \$1 per person. For more information, call 349-0203.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

KVC STANDINGS
Final KVC
Milford.....10-2
Howell.....9-3
Brighton.....8-4
South Lyon.....6-8
Novi.....4-6
Hartland.....3-9
Lakeland.....2-10

KVC LEADERS
SCORING
Cochran (Brighton).....19.3
Strocker (South Lyon).....17.2
Sexton (Howell).....15.3
Sauterac (Brighton).....15.3
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Bachwin (Lakeland).....14.5
Gordon (Hartland).....13.5
York (Novi).....12.7
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Hicks (Howell).....11.7
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Coleman (Hartland).....10.0
Klen (Howell).....10.0
Frazier (South Lyon).....9.7
Bue (Milford).....9.0
Rolley (Milford).....8.9
Hort (Milford).....7.9
Teraso (Novi).....7.8

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Gordon (Hartland).....11.5
Sexton (Howell).....11.3
Strocker (South Lyon).....9.4
Saxe (Lakeland).....9.0
Bue (Milford).....8.2
Bacha (Brighton).....8.2
Harris (Brighton).....6.6
Hort (Milford).....6.1
Bachwin (Lakeland).....5.7
Sauterac (Brighton).....5.5

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Tropes (South Lyon).....4.9
Bacha (Brighton).....4.4
Izzard (Lakeland).....4.0

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Kushner (Milford).....3.2
Hicks (Howell).....3.0
Jacobovich (Howell).....2.5
Fannon (Novi).....2.4
Cochran (Brighton).....2.2
Kofahl (Milford).....2.2
Belsley (South Lyon).....2.1

STEALS
Izzard (Lakeland).....2.1
Jacobovich (Howell).....2.0
Bacha (Brighton).....1.8
Tropes (South Lyon).....1.7
Sauterac (Brighton).....1.7
Cochran (Brighton).....1.3

THREE-POINTERS
Kushner (Milford).....49
Sauterac (Brighton).....45
Hicks (Howell).....45
Kofahl (Milford).....39
Jacob (Howell).....38
Gordon (Hartland).....32
Cochran (Brighton).....32
Jacobovich (Howell).....16
Bachwin (Lakeland).....16
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Cernis (South Lyon).....13
Frazier (South Lyon).....14
Tropes (South Lyon).....13
Gordon (Hartland).....13
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FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE
Watkins (Novi)......585
Clayton (South Lyon)......570
Sexton (Howell)......526
Strocker (South Lyon)......510
Saxe (Lakeland)......480
Kofahl (Novi)......468
Cochran (Brighton)......460
Sauterac (Brighton)......443
Bacha (Brighton)......438
Harris (Brighton)......430
Bue (Milford)......430

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE
Cochran (Brighton)......610
Hort (Milford)......787
Hick (Novi)......777
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TEAM OFFENSE

Howell.....68.5
O'Sullivan (Novi).....27.8 (771)
Snades (Lakeland).....33-12 (733)
Schroeder (Howell).....25-11 (703)
Connelly (S. Lyon).....21-11 (672)
Milford.....54.9
Novi.....53.4

TEAM DEFENSE
Milford.....45.8
South Lyon.....55.8
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Mother-son dance on tap for Novi

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Since all the Novi dads and their daughters had a terrific evening at the Valentine's Dance, it's time for all moms and their sons to kick up their heels at the fourth Annual Mother-Son Spring Hop, Friday, March 19, or Saturday, March 20.

After the first Daddy-Daughter Dance held at the Novi Civic Center in 1989, Novi moms demanded equal time for a special evening out with their sons. The Novi Parks and Recreation Department gives moms a chance to spend quality time with their sons, dancing and enjoying one another's company.

The annual Mother-Son Spring Hop has now become as popular as the Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance. The event includes the same Friday evening dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the Saturday evening

dinner-dance. The elegant buffet dinner is provided by Chef Richard Benson, (Chef of the Year for 1991-92) of B & B Catering with the dance immediately following until 8:30 p.m. Moms and sons also have the option of attending the Saturday dance without dinner.

Eight-year-old Steven Duda looks forward to the Mother-Son Spring Hop every year. "We've gone since Steven was 5 years old and will keep going until he loses interest," said Susan Duda.

"We go with a group of neighbors making it a fun, annual event for everyone. My husband has taken our 4-year-old daughter Lauren to the Daddy-Daughter Dance since she was 14 years old. We enjoy all of the parks and rec activities offered throughout the year."

This is the third year for JoAnn and her 9-year-old Jimmy. "This is also a great tie-in with St. Patrick's

Day and a fun way for mothers to spend time with their sons," said JoAnn.

"We always go with some of our friends and make it a very special evening for the boys. The biggest hit with our group is the 'Chicken Dance.' I'll keep going as long as Jimmy wants to."

Marilyn Troshak, recreational coordinator said, "We're always looking for new ways to improve on our popular activities. We want to try new twists on old themes to encompass the changing status of today's families."

"Surveys may be sent out to Novi families to check out their interest in new dance ideas for different populations such as older sons and moms, older teenage daughters and dads, or even single parents and their children. We want to be able to include everyone, regardless of their family situation."

Cindy and Jon Uglow have enjoyed the Mother-Son Spring Hop for the past three years. "This is a great day that holds wonderful memories for Jon and I," said Cindy.

"Our lives are so busy with work, school and sports activities. It's nice to have a special evening for moms and sons to spend quality time together," Cindy continued.

Tickets are now on sale at the parks department at the Novi Civic Center. The cost is \$9 per couple and \$4 per additional son. Dinner is \$8 for moms and \$6 for sons.

It's a special event neither Mom nor son will soon forget. If you've never been, it's time to start building those quality memories for years to come. And don't forget, it's always fun doing the Hokey-Pokey and the Chicken Dance.

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

Depression should be treated



Raymond
Hobbs, M.D.

Depression is one of the most misunderstood conditions physicians treat.

Some people feel there is a stigma to it. Others believe they may be thought of as being weak if they are depressed. Many do not or will not see a physician for this problem. Instead, they put up with depression and suffer in silence. Sometimes people do not recognize they are depressed and blame their feelings on some other condition.

These situations are sad because depression can be treated and great improvements made. However, people must first realize what is actually happening.

Depression affects about 10 percent of the population at any time. Among patients seen in general practice, about 30 percent may be depressed. These are clearly staggering figures, yet depression remains a condition many people will not talk about.

Depression is an important condition which disrupts lives, jobs, marriages and can lead to suicide.

Health Tips

Reactive depression is when a person becomes depressed in reaction to something bad. This could include loss of a job or relationship, moving to a new place, change in health, loss of loved one or other stressful condition. This type of depression can be expected when a major change takes place. Reactive depression will usually go away as the stressor lets up, or as new and better coping behaviors are learned.

In depressive neurosis (dysthymic disorder), the patient is prone to developing frequent episodes of depression because of primary personality disorders which make it more difficult for the person to handle stressful situations. Counseling and antidepressant medication are useful in these cases.

Major depression refers to a profound depressive episode that continues to worsen in spite of changes. Sometimes a major life stress occurs in the beginning but then the condition seems to take on a life of its own. The patient feels guilty, inferior, useless, and hopeless. They feel more fatigued and lose interest in hobbies and friends. A person may either lose or gain weight, feel like sleeping all the time, have

insomnia or have trouble concentrating.

Therapy rests on counseling and often the use of antidepressant drugs. Antidepressants have had a profound effect on the treatment of depression. They can frequently get a patient functioning earlier and feeling better quicker than counseling can alone.

There are many different antidepressant medications on the market. They have different side effects and work in various ways. Not all of them are effective for everyone. This may cause the physician to change or modify the dose of medication the patient receives. An important thing for patients on antidepressants to remember is the drugs do not work overnight. Many times the patient has to be on the drug for weeks before the full benefits occur. This fact needs to be stressed since many patients have quit the drug too soon.

The most important thing for the patient to understand about depression is that it is a health problem, it is not a sign of weakness and very good treatment is available.

Raymond Hobbs, M.D., is medical director and internist at the University of Michigan Health Center in Northville. This series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the U-M Health Center staff.

Late baseball registration planned

Novi Youth Baseball: Late registration will be held at the Novi Parks and Recreation office, in the Novi Civic Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Openings are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. There is an additional \$5 late fee and birth certificates are required. Late registration ends March 26, 1993. If you would like to volunteer for Novi Youth Baseball, please call 349-2543.

Providence Novi Run: Due to survey response and the desire to provide Novi with a more safe, efficient event, the format of the Providence Novi Run will be changed this year. The run will be split into two events, a one- and two-mile walk/run, as well as a 5k run. The event will be held April 25 at Providence Park (corner of Grand River and Beck Road). For more information call 347-0400.

Coaches Needed: Coaches are needed for Novi Youth Baseball's new travel team, which will consist of 17- and 18-year-olds. If you are interested, please contact Angelo Carcone at 348-9196.

Easter Egg Hunts: Novi's 15th annual easter egg hunt will be held on April 10. The hunt will be outside, weather permitting. Prize and candy redemption and refreshments will take place inside the Novi Civic Center along with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hunts will be held at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. The cost is \$1 per child. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Tennis Lessons: Classes for beginners to adult intermediate will be conducted by Novi Parks and Recreation this spring. Cost is \$42 for residents and \$50.40 for non-residents. Session I registration deadline is April 21 and Session II registration deadline is May 19. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Basketball: A general information meeting will be held April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center for the summer three-on-three league. Leagues are offered for teams of men and teens. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Novi Trackers: The Novi Trackers is a running club whose members range from the casual jogger to serious competitor. The Trackers meet twice weekly and all runners are invited to join any of the club runs. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Novi High School and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Sundowner Restaurant parking lot, across the street from the Northville Post office. For more information, please call Hub Copp, Club President at 348-7779.

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic exer-

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ercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

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

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.

Pool Schedule: Open swimming at Novi High will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. Lap swimming is held from 8:30-9:30 p.m. 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.

Handball, Racquetball: If you enjoy handball, racquetball or paddleball, open court time is being offered by Schoolcraft College. Courts can be scheduled for doubles play. Gloves, paddles, racquets, balls and lockers are furnished. For more information, call 462-4413.

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REAL ESTATE

Realtors join anti-drugs fight with song and force

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Realtors are singing a new song to future home buyers—those who will be purchasing their first home in about 20 years. It's part of an emerging trend for Realtors and their local associations to become more actively involved in community services.

"Sing No to Drugs" is the theme of a special program Realtors are presenting to first-graders at elementary schools in a growing number of communities.

The idea was started by a board of Realtors in Arizona. After the information was shared at a meeting of the National Association of Realtors, other boards launched the program.

The half-hour presentation includes the viewing of a 10-minute video in which six songs are performed stressing the impor-

ance for kids to say no to drugs. Two volunteer Realtors usually participate in each classroom session. After showing the video, the Realtors discuss the subject with the students and answer questions. Each student is then given a small packet of materials, including an audio cassette with the songs performed on the video and a musical coloring book.

"It's an excellent program and the kids really respond to it positively," said the chairman of one Sing No to Drugs Committee of a local board of Realtors.

The special project is one of a growing number of community service programs planned by regional boards of Realtors.

"Sing No to Drugs is one of our new activity programs this year and it's shaping up as a real winner," said Judy Maloy, Committee Services Committee chairwoman of a California board of Realtors.

HOME DESIGNS



The Maddux: No-nonsense design for a narrow lot

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Designed for construction on a narrow lot, the Maddux is a no-nonsense duplex with 828 square feet of living space on each of its two identical sides. Each also includes a one-car garage wide enough to accommodate a washer and dryer.

Placement of the garages in front of the units allows them to serve an additional function—that of a sound buffer. This feature is especially useful if the home is built on a busy street.

When two families live in such close proximity, the overlap in sound environments can sometimes create problems. This floor plan gives maximum privacy to the bedrooms by placing them on the outer perimeter, as far as possible from the shared wall.

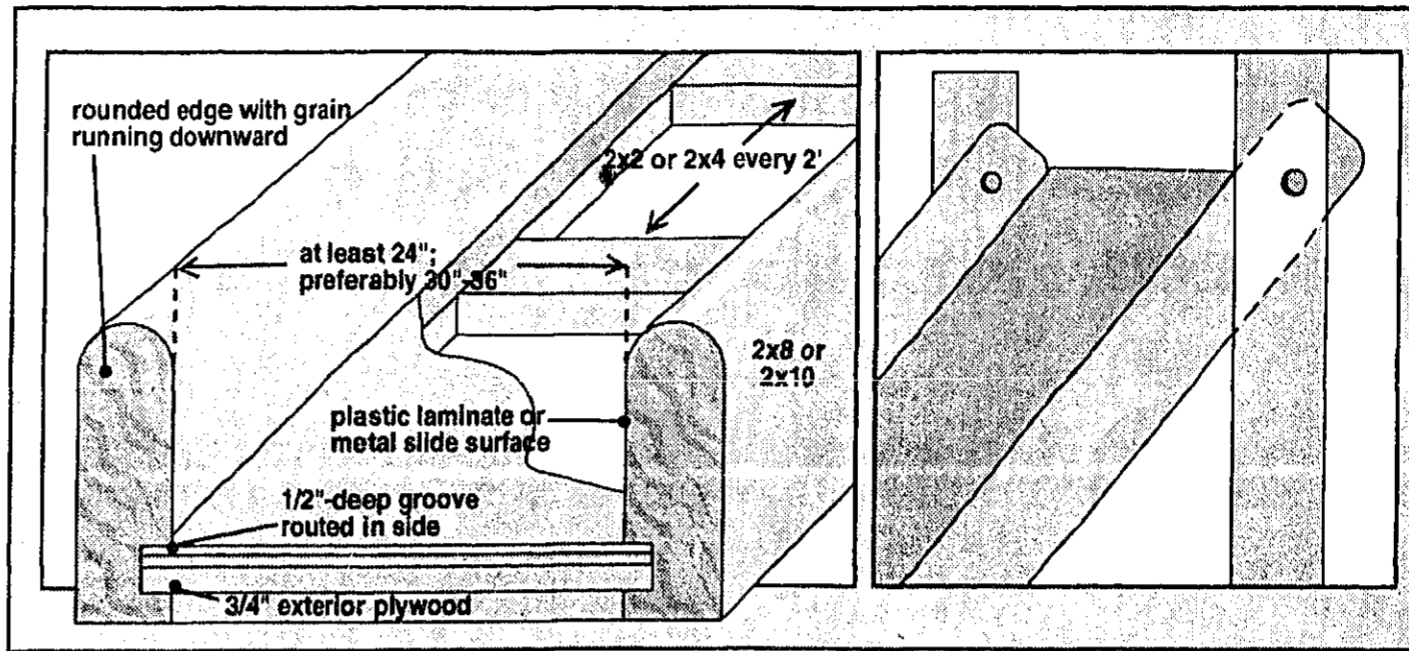
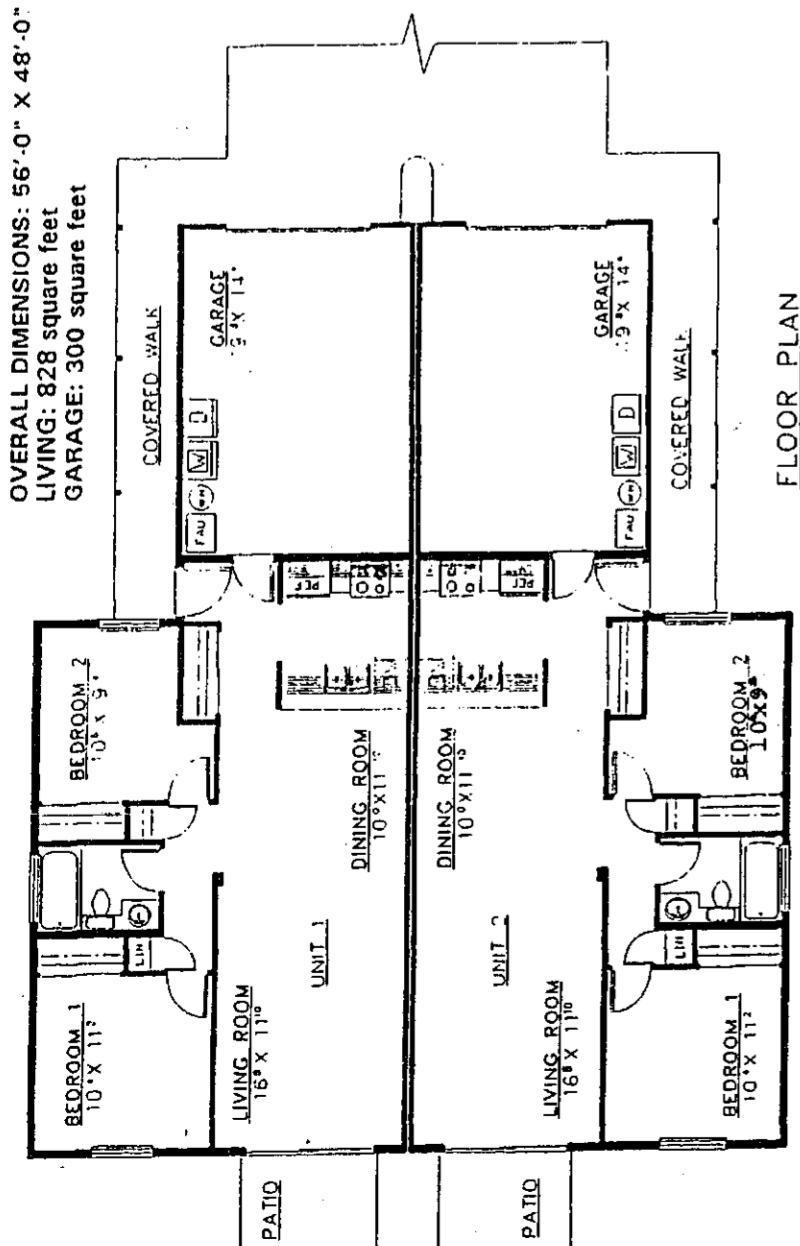
A covered walkway runs alongside the garage to a front door that

opens near the small kitchen. Filled with colorful pots of flowers and planter boxes of greenery, this colonnade sends a message of welcome to visitors.

Another entrance, through the garage, is handy when parking the car at night, or carrying in groceries. As in any small residence, counter space in the kitchen is minimal. But the long eating bar offers room for expansion when needed. It also provides partial separation between the kitchen and the daily living area, a combination dining room/living room.

Sliding-glass doors at the far end brighten the space and allow access to a small patio.

For a study plan of the Maddux (207-01), 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.)



Slide is constructed from 36-inch-wide plywood, then covered with plastic laminate, which is cooler than metal.

SLIDIN'
into spring

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

As the spring thaw sets in, it won't be long before the ground softens enough to begin planting.

And while you're at it, why not plan a backyard play area for the kids. Outdoor play in the summer is a natural for children, and helps them grow stronger and more coordinated.

You may want to sit down and have a talk with your kids about what kind of play equipment they would like. Then, working within your budget, you can decide what you can accomplish.

The subject of a slide is bound to come up.

Have you ever watched kids on a slide in the park? It seems like the one piece of equipment that they can't get enough of. They'll wait in line to go down one at a time. The ride only takes a second or two, and it always starts and ends in the same place. But they'll leap up, run around to the ladder and go again. And again, and again.

If you think a slide might be part of your kids' game plan, your local library or bookstore has books with plans and projects for the do-it-yourselfer. Here are a few pointers to keep in mind, culled from books by Lane Publishing.

• Most municipal and school playgrounds use galvanized steel as the construction material of choice, primarily because it offers longevity as well as

Tips for soft landings

You know what they say about learning to ski: the hardest part is the thing you land on.

The same can be said of sliding down a slide. So if you're designing a slide as part of your backyard, consider the landing pit material as an area of concern.

Several factors come into play when deciding what to use to cushion the blow.

• **Safety!** You want something that won't cause injury, obviously. Hard surfaces can lead to abrasions and bruises, but as anyone whose ever done aerobics on a concrete floor can tell you, they can also lead to stress injuries over a period of time. Young feet slamming onto a hard surface time after time will spell trouble, even without the occasional spill.

Some people consider wood chips a good landing surface, and certainly it has its advantages. Wood chips hold up

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wood may rot after a number of years. If you have any doubts, use your own weight to check for structural integrity periodically.

• While you can frame a slide in wood, the material of preference for the sliding surface is still galvanized steel. One piece of 26-gauge sheetmetal ought to do the trick.

• When choosing a site for the slide, consider psychology. Preschool age kids feel safer when their play areas are closer to the house. Older (and thus noisier) kids can be accommodated by choosing someplace farther away, which will give them a greater feeling of independence.

• A wooden sliding surface is not necessarily out of the question. There are some slick plastic laminates on the market now that can get the youngsters zipping along when applied properly. The beauty of the plastic is that it will stay cool to the touch, even in blazing sunshine, unlike metal which holds the heat. You must, however, use a high quality exterior plywood and sand it smooth with fine-grit sandpaper.

• If your sliding surface is metal, it will stay cooler if you face it to the north.

• When planning your slide, make it wider and shorter if you have a lot of young ones. Older kids prefer a slide that's long and narrow. Your design should be aimed a year or two beyond your child's

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Gardeners and the planet

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

I have found that individuals who grow fruits and vegetables, as well as flower gardens, have also been affected by news reports on the environment.

Among the 34.5 percent of gardeners who compost, more than one-third reported doing so because they were influenced by the media and fellow gardeners.

Recent news reports say that gardeners who are using fewer chemicals are using fewer of these products because of these reports.

The greatest concentration of gardeners changing their behavior was in the Eastern part of the nation; they are simply using fewer chemicals to help the environment.

The safety of the environment also caused many gardeners to completely eliminate chemicals from their growing practices. Among those gardeners surveyed, 52.2 percent of those who completely eliminated chemical use said they did so because they knew it was detrimental to the environment.

Happy, more and more people are becoming aware of the serious dangers posed by chemicals in our everyday lifestyle. It's nice to see that

their instinctive response is to eliminate those hazards in their lawns and gardens.

One area where there has been little change over the past several years is among those individuals who are conserving water. The survey finds, for example, that only 14.6 percent of those questioned started conserving water in 1990, and an almost identical amount (14.1 percent) started in 1989. An important consideration to think about. Start now!

FLOWER TIPS

Plan before planting. The success of growing plants depends on several factors. Some of the most important factors to consider are site, soil preparation, plant selection and, of course, maintenance.

Preparing the soil correctly for growing flowers is the key.

Both annuals and perennials will thrive in a well-drained soil improved with generous amounts of organic matter. For most garden flowers, a slightly acid soil (pH 6.0-6.5) is best for good plant growth.

Before selecting your plants, evaluate the site and deter-



Choosing flowers

- Plant flowers in well-drained soil improved with organic matter.
- Most flowers thrive in slightly acidic soil.
- Evaluate the planting site for wind, sun exposure and interfering tree roots.
- Select flowers that will thrive with a minimum of maintenance.

Oxeye daisy

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Get everything in writing when remodeling

By Gene Gary
Copley News Service

Q. My mother owns a house in an affluent residential section. She has offered to share this with our family in a single residence, with part of the living area converted to a private apartment for her. This will require major remodeling, possibly to the extent of reconstruction.

Who do we consult to get this project started and be sure everything is handled in a timely, legal fashion?

A. Your first step is to thoroughly think through the project as to how you plan to use the area and what are the important factors for your family activities. A remodeler can transform your ideas into reality by using his or her professional expertise and knowledge, but only based on how much information you supply in the beginning.

Having a clear idea of what you want and need before any plans are drawn or work begins will help avoid costly changes and assure the success of your project.

Since the scope of your project is major, you will need to consult with a design/build contractor or an architect to develop precise plans. A design/build firm combines architectural capability and construction know-how under one roof.

In contrast, an architectural firm is hired to draw plans that are then implemented by a contractor. The homeowner has the option of hiring a contractor himself or using the architect's recommendation. Many consumers find it convenient to work with a design/build contractor because they only have to deal with one company.

On the other hand, an architectural firm can often develop more design alternatives. Whichever you choose, it will be important to keep the lines of communication open during construction when many unexpected things can come up.

Working with a professional to design the project will be easier if the major steps in the design process are simplified.

The first step is programming and consultation where you will need to fully discuss ideas, budgets, schedules and fees with the designer. During design development, preliminary sketches are created and final design decisions are made.

The next step is the development of blueprints or working drawings. These are construction plans drawn to scale and used to build the project. At this stage, you will probably have to submit the plans for approval.

As a general rule, a building permit is required whenever structural work is involved. Choosing an architect or design/construction firm will require some thorough investigation on your part. Be sure that you acquaint yourself with the work done by any professional you consider. Inspect some of their projects and get a list of clients. Use this checklist when hiring a contractor:

- Ask if the contractor is licensed and insured.
- Request a copy of the certificate of insurance or the name of the carrier to verify workers' compensation, property damage and personal liability insurance. Call the Better Business Bureau to check for any existing complaints.
- Get everything in writing. Your contractor should specify the responsibilities and obligations of both parties, including the quality and quantity of materials, styles and brand names of products, and a firm price for the work and a payment schedule. If you intend to do some of the work yourself, that should be in writing as well.
- Ask for at least two references. Get the names, addresses, phone numbers and nature of the projects completed during the past year. Visit at least one project.
- Never hire a contractor who wants the entire payment up front. A reputable contractor will schedule payments at monthly or weekly intervals. The contract should include the total price, where payments should be made and whether there is a cancellation penalty. You should expect to make a down payment representing about one-third of the total price. Except for this initial payment, avoid making payments for work that has not been completed.
- If a warranty is offered, get it in writing. Who will honor the warranty — one that will repair or replace the product within a certain time frame or a limited warranty — one that covers only certain repairs, refunds and replacements.
- Investigate different sources of funding. Although your contractor may be able to help you secure financing, research will ensure you are getting the best rates and terms possible.
- Protect yourself against liens in the event your contractor does not pay his subcontractors by either adding a lien release clause to the contract or setting up an escrow account for payments to be released upon verification of work completed and subcontractors paid.
- A helpful consumer guide, "The How-to-Guide to Remodeling," produced by Home Owners Warranty, call the Building Industry Association in your area.
- Send inquiries to *Here's How*, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.

English boxwood needs cover

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mine how many hours of sun the site receives.

- Is the area prone to wind?
- Are there any interfering tree roots?
- Is the area in dense shade?

Defining the growing conditions at the site is important in choosing plant material that will do well there.

Try to choose flowers that thrive with a minimum of maintenance, such as watering, spraying for insects, weeding and fertilizing.

Some of my favorite perennials that perform marvelously well in a sunny spot with little care are coriopsis, rudbeckia, sedum 'Autumn Joy' and Russian sage. Name a few.

Q. Why does the growth on my dwarf English boxwood start thriving in early spring, but after a few days, it withers and dries up?

A. I recommend protecting your plants during the winter months with a burlap screen. Leave the burlap in place until temperatures start to warm up.

Many American boxwood varieties and cultivars will tolerate cold, sometimes to temperatures as low as 15 F, but the English varieties, I've found, aren't really hardy and need proper protection, especially in Northern areas.

Warm spells are probably forcing your boxwood to break dormancy one to two weeks too early.

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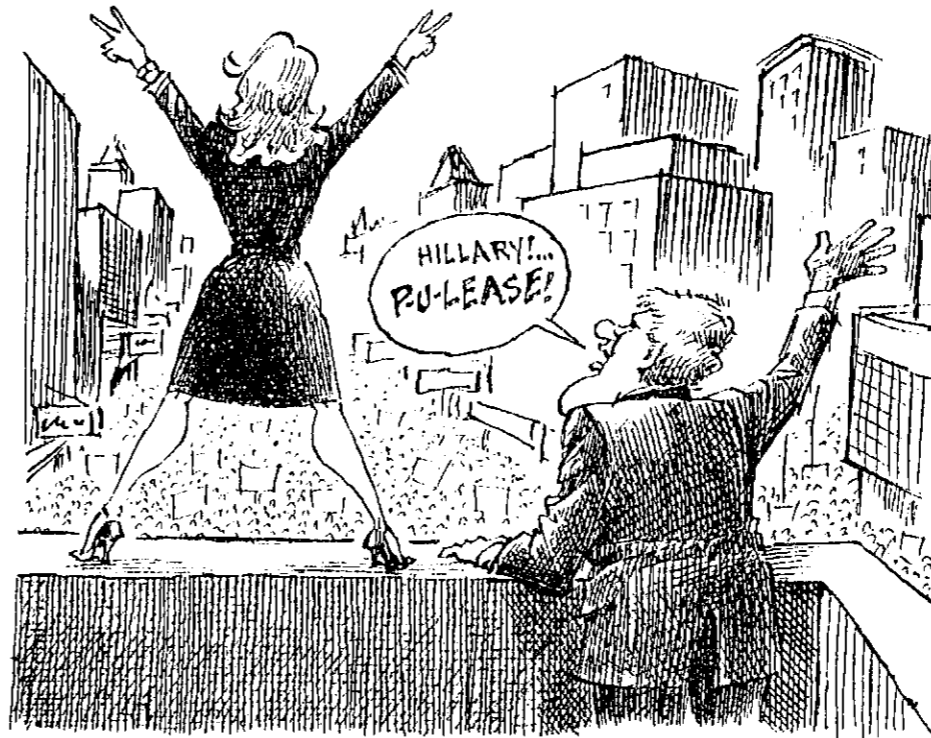
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New store is boxed up and ready to go

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

If small business people expect to stay in business, they need to give their customers good service.

Mike Ladwig knows that because he's one of them. Ladwig recently opened the Northville franchise of Mail Boxes Etc., a national chain of stores that provide business support services like shipping, copying and faxing.

Ladwig's store is located in the MainCentre Building, and will be hosting a Grand Opening this weekend. There will be giveaways, door prizes and special discounts on services. The first 50 customers on Saturday will receive 50 free photocopies.

Opening Mail Boxes Etc. was the fulfillment of a dream for Ladwig. After working for many years with a retail chain, he decided he wanted to strike out on his own.

"I did everything with Crowley's except be president," he said. "I worked in eight stores and the corporate office.

"I just felt it was time to be the one who gets the rewards for what I put into my work. I wasn't into the politics of a big organization. I think if I do something right, I should get the credit for it."

Now that he's working for himself, Ladwig can write his own rules about what constitutes good customer service.

"I can do things now that within the corporate structure I couldn't do," Ladwig said. "For example, I had

a woman come in here the other day that wanted to package a TV for shipping. She asked me if I could carry it in from her car for her, and it was no problem. If I was working for a big company, it would be a problem."

Just what can Mail Boxes Etc. do for its customers? It's a mighty long list that includes, but isn't limited to, money transfers, packaging, answering service, mailbox rentals, mail service, shipping, stamps, photocopying, key copying, passport photos, overnight deliveries and sales of packaging and office supplies.

"We're one-stop shopping for business," Ladwig said. "We have the convenience that a small business person needs."

Ladwig noted that 60 percent of his customers are business people. They are traveling salespeople, carpenters, plumbers and people with small home-based businesses. Others are small storefronts that need support services.

"For people like that, this is their 'desk,'" Ladwig said. "It's their post office, it's their fax machine, it's their copying machine."

"There's a big trend now toward small businesses. We're there for the small business owner who doesn't want a big capital outlay, or someone who has a business on the side and doesn't need, say, a fax machine."

Business people on the go like the convenience of having a place where their packages can be delivered and their phone messages can be received.



Continued on 3 Mike Ladwig (left) gets help from son Eric in recycling some foam packaging materials.

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RUNNING A SMALL BUSINESS today is complicated. Once upon a time, it was enough to just know your customers and give them what they wanted.

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Friends and neighbors for 15 years, McKernan and Pratt have decided to put their heads together in order to help small businesses in Western Wayne County. McKernan has set up the Michael D. McKernan accounting practice with offices at 1176 South Main Street in Plymouth and has affiliated with Leadley, Gunning and Culp/General Business Services for business counseling.

Pratt, of Novi, has also joined him in his practice. Both men recently spent two weeks in intensive training at the LCC/GBS Home Office in Columbia, Md. McKernan and Pratt will receive continuing training and support from the LCC/GBS Home Office and more than 600 LCC/GBS colleagues in the U.S. and Canada.

Both Pratt and McKernan bring strong business backgrounds to this new venture. McKernan has held various positions in the retail industry, including chief financial officer, controller and manager of accounting and taxes. He has worked for F & M Distributors, Borman's Inc. (Farmer Jack Supermarkets) and others. He has degrees in accounting and finance from the University of Detroit. Pratt has extensive experience in accounting and finance in the manufacturing and wholesale distribution industries working in progressively more responsible positions at McCraw-Edison Co. and United Technologies Corp. Most recently Pratt served as the vice president of finance and treasurer at J.H. Bennett & Co. in Novi. He holds a degree in accounting from Bowling Green State University.

"Our goal is to offer local businesses quality help at affordable prices," McKernan said. "We want to enhance local businesses and help them raise their profit margins," added Pratt.

Anyone desiring more information regarding LCC/GBS can call McKernan or Pratt at 459-1323.

DR. MUNE GOWDA, a specialist in hand and microsurgery, and Dr. Robert A. Forte, an oral surgeon and craniofacial specialist, have joined the staff of the Institute for Craniofacial and Reconstructive Surgery in Southfield.

Dr. Gowda received his medical degree from Bangalore Medical College in Bangalore, India. He completed his residency in general surgery at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, a fellowship in surgery of the hand and microsurgery at Harper-Grace Hospitals, and further training in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Wayne State University-affiliated hospitals.

Dr. Gowda is board-certified in general surgery, plastic surgery, and in hand surgery. He is a clinical instructor with the Department of Surgery at Wayne State University.

Dr. Forte originally trained as a dentist and oral surgeon, receiving his degree from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry. He

went on to receive his medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean, later specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Forte is certified by the American Board of General Surgery, and he recently completed a fellowship in craniofacial surgery with the Institute for Craniofacial and Reconstructive Surgery.

The Craniofacial Institute is affiliated with Providence Hospitals and offers a complete range of services, including a cleft palate clinic, craniofacial reconstruction, aesthetics and general plastic surgery. Under the direction of internationally recognized surgeon, Dr. Ian T. Jackson, the Institute has become a resource for patients and referring physicians who need the advanced skills available there.

The Institute is located in the Fisher Center, Providence Hospital, 18001 W. Nine Mile Road, west of Greenfield Road, in Southfield, 424-5800.

Drs. Jackson, Gowda and Forte will also have limited office hours at the new Providence Medical Center—Providence Park, Suite A-115, 47601 Grand River, Novi.

When holiday bills piled up in January, Detroit Edison's 1.9 million customers got a pleasant surprise.

Electric service will cost 5 percent less in 1993 than last year, thanks to a \$174 million rate reduction that will save the average residential customer \$2.16 a month, or nearly \$26 a year. The savings are based on average customer usage of 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month.

"At a time when the cost of most goods and services continue to rise, Detroit Edison is able to pass its savings to its customers," said Larry G. Garbending, Detroit Edison executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Those savings have resulted from lower fuel costs and are reflected in a recent fuel adjustment settlement agreement with the Michigan Public Service Commission, the Michigan Attorney General and other interested parties.

In addition, the rate reduction reflects the elimination of an expense included in a rate settlement negotiated in 1988.

KIRK R. FREEMAN has been appointed executive chef at the Livonia Marriott Hotel. As executive chef, Freeman will be working directly under the hotel's Food and Beverage Director, Joe Hemerka. He will be responsible for development and implementation of new restaurant menus for all meal periods. As well as banquet menus, training of staff members and food production for the entire hotel's food outlets.

"I'm excited about developing menus that help regionalize the tastes that are specific to Michigan and bring about the abundant flavors that are available here in this area," said Freeman.

One such item is the new house salad at the Garden Court Restaurant within the hotel, which is field green salad with dried Traverse City cherries, Gruyere cheese and topped with a Raspberry vinaigrette. Prior to coming to Livonia, Kirk Freeman was the specialty restaurant chef and banquet chef at the Dearborn Inn, a Marriott Hotel. Freeman

brings to his latest position the experience of working and studying in Europe for 10 years. While there he had full responsibility for a la carte restaurant and a hotel in Gaeta, Italy. In addition to his restaurant work, he also headed up monthly cooking classes "Cooking with Kirk" which demonstrated techniques of preparing choice Italian cuisine.

Freeman graduated from the Culinary Institute of America with an AOS Degree in Culinary Arts.

The 226-room Livonia Marriott is owned and operated by Marriott Corp., one of the nation's leading hotel chains. Livonia Marriott is located at 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, attached to Laurel Park Shopping Complex, at the intersection of Six Mile and Newburgh Roads in Livonia.

USMAINTENANCE CORP. recently announced the appointment of Michael A. Vallejo as product manager for its Etkin Equities account.

The Etkin Equities account is comprised of 17 buildings totaling over 2.5 million square feet. As project manager for Etkin Equities, Vallejo is responsible for all cleaning operations at these buildings. On call 24 hours a day, he manages 75 employees, seven days each week.

"We are pleased to welcome Michael to our management team," according to USMaintenance President Mike Mních of Northville. "Michael brings 10 years experience to USMaintenance with an excellent track record in designing, coordinating, and implementing quality housekeeping programs for commercial, industrial, and health care facilities."

From 1983-1988, Vallejo was employed as director of environmental services for ServiceMaster Company in Downers Grove, Ill. His primary responsibility was to administer housekeeping programs for all service-master health care facilities. In 1988, Vallejo joined GMARA (General Motors Industrial Cleaning) as a plant analyst. In this position, he developed housekeeping programs for General Motors and non-GM facilities located in the east coast and mid-central states.

USMaintenance Corp. is a janitorial contractor headquartered in Southfield. The company was founded by its chairman, Rick Brenner, in 1971. USMaintenance currently employs over 1,500 individuals and is responsible for cleaning over 40 million square feet of office space throughout Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

Vallejo has a degree in business with special emphasis on public relations from University of Kentucky.

TRUSTEES OF THE MASONRY INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN have returned chairman Roy Seelbinder and three others to office for 1993.

Seelbinder is president of R.A. Seelbinder Construction Co., Troy. He has served as chairman since 1990.

Also re-elected were: Vice Chairman Mariano "Skip" DiGiovanni, president, Central Masonry & Cement, Inc., Rochester Hills; Secretary John Rowovitsky, president, Robovitsky Construction Inc., Southfield; Treasurer Charles Wilson, vice president, Monte Costella Co., Novi.

Business service shop is ship-shape

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But Mail Boxes Etc. isn't just about service to businesses. Some 40 percent of Ladwig's customers are just residents who walk in to make a photocopy, rent a mailbox or package something to be shipped. There's very few limits on what Mail Boxes can ship.

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"I stress customer service in an attractive environment," he said. "There are other business service stores, but Mail Boxes uses a little bit bigger space."

The company stresses service to the community as well. "Just about everyone knows that plastic foam packaging chips aren't accepted by municipal recycling facilities. 'Popcorn,' as it's called, doesn't break down in landfills either."

Fortunately, Ladwig's Mail Boxes store will take your used popcorn and reuse it. The store also accepts foam lunch containers and other plastic

Money Management

Don't be an April fool this tax season

Here are some tax stories provided by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants that demonstrate how taxpayers fared when dealing with the IRS and Tax Court on various matters. Pay close attention to the outcomes. They may prevent you from being an April Fool during this tax season.

NO TAX CREDIT FOR PLAYING GAMES

A manufacturer of children's games tried to claim a research credit for the development of a new adventure game. The game involved role-playing, where the players imagine that they are characters involved in adventures that take place in various historical settings. To ensure the success of the game, the manufacturer contended that it was necessary to spend substantial time researching technical and historical facts and to devote staff time to play-testing. For these reasons, on three

years' tax returns, the manufacturer claimed research credits of more than \$450,000 based on employees' research and game-testing activities.

The Tax Court didn't agree with the manufacturer's position, saying that the research wasn't aimed at making a technological breakthrough. Moreover, the court pointed out, the manufacturer didn't play-test the game to determine the validity of a scientific or technological hypothesis, but rather to determine levels of enjoyment. No tax credits are allowed for this. (TSR Inc., 96 TC No. 44)

AGE HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

A captain employed by a major airline was barred from holding any position in the flight deck crew when he reached age 60. The airline's policy differed from the Federal Aviation Administration which barred persons 60 and older from serving as captains or first officers, but did not bar them

from serving as second officers. The captain sued the airline, claiming that the company's refusal to allow him to serve as a second officer constituted unlawful age discrimination. As a result, the captain received a settlement of \$120,000. The IRS claimed that the entire settlement was taxable. However, IRS position was overturned by the Tax Court which said that the entire amount was excludable from gross income. Thus, the captain did not have to pay taxes on the money he had received. (Burns Downey, 91 TC No. 10)

IRB GAMBLES COULD JAR GAMBLER'S BREAK
One gambler in North Dakota spent up to six hours a day, five days a week, engaged in pulltab gambling. This kind of gambling enables the player to purchase tickets from a cookie jar, once the player receives the tickets, the tabs are pulled to deter-

mine whether it is a winning ticket. If the player purchased a losing ticket, the common practice is to throw this ticket on the floor.

The IRS allowed the cookie jar gambler in North Dakota who hadn't retained his losing tickets to deduct only \$500 in losses for two years. During those years, the gambler had won \$46,000 and \$32,000 respectively. The Tax Court, however, substantially increased the gambler's allowable deduction to pulltab gambling and the odds against buying a winning ticket, he must have had expenses higher than \$500. Cookie jars may once again entice this gambler. (Randy G. Doffin, TC Memo 1991-14)

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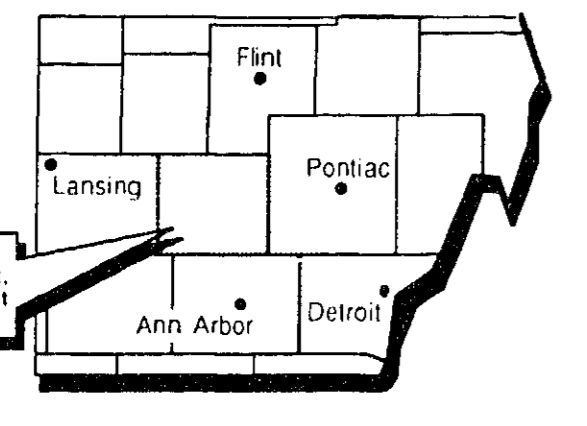
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4 "Lama Ding Dong" (Shakes)	54 Balgoun summer resort	89 With comms	4 Call for a	45 Unlaid crowd	83 Salkor's drink
5 Wedge-shaped lever	55 Gargoyle or croons	90 Dutch comms	5 Sufficient	46 Pedestal	84 Salkor's drink
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7 Kimono	57 Without principles	92 Priced past	7 Last woman's needs	48 Hawk parrot	89 Italian epic
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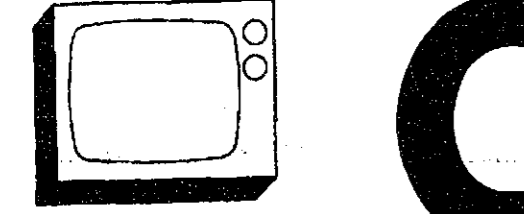
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