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Considering hardships is one hard job

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A divorced mother of two has an income of \$15,000 per year, but owns a \$200,000 home in one of Novi's more expensive subdivisions.

She doesn't want to move. She likes her house, the kids like Novi schools. But she says she can't afford to pay those high property taxes on that \$200,000 house.

If you were on the Board of Review, would you let her off the hook? And if so, is that fair to every other taxpayer?

While the case is hypothetical, this is among the judgment calls the board of review must make this week and early next week.

To make the job easier, the board has recently adopted a new set of guidelines for hardship cases. A state law, Public Act 211.7u allows

"They are coming to the board of review and they should be sitting on their legislator's steps. We are not the bad guy. We are ... trying to help them."

Denise Jenkins
Board of Review Chairperson

review boards to give poverty extensions.

"As a board, we believe it is not fair to all the residents of Novi if some individuals for one reason or

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

City's efforts to buy parkland continues

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Several Novi City Council members took exception Monday to everything from tactful hints to outright charges of heel-dragging over the purchase of parkland for ball fields in west Novi.

"We understand there is some problem. If we can't somehow get this to work out, we won't have ball fields in 1994," John Goodman, of Novi Youth Baseball, said.

"We worked really hard to get the bond issue through, feeling that would be part of it. It was a real shock when we learned it could all fall through."

Novi has already closed the deal on the 155-acre Resco property and is scheduled to close today on the 171-acre Novi Tree Farm, both near Walled Lake. The combined package will cost the taxpayers \$3.44 million.

Wrangling between the council and Peter Stanaj, the owner of 105 acres at the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Napier roads continues. The flat, former farmland has been described as ideal for fields for baseball, softball and soccer.

A purchase agreement on the land was okayed by the city council

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Toontown

Work has been started by Todd Vander Pluym, called "one of the world's expert sand sculptors," and a handful of assistants on a sand version of Disney's new Toontown in center court of Twelve Oaks Mall. The sculp-

tor plans on using more than 100 tons of sand for the project and expects to have it finished by March 26, when the mall will have a special Disney weekend. The story and more photos appear on page 17.

Shooting justifiable, cops rule

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Michigan State Police have ruled that shots fired by a trooper during a Feb. 18 foot pursuit of an unarmed burglary suspect in Novi were "justifiable" because the trooper had reason to believe the suspect was armed.

Police that day arrested Chad Garrison and Keith Sousa, both of whom are suspected in a chain of auto thefts and burglaries around the Detroit area, after a high-speed chase that began in Canton.

The chase ended on Novi Road near Twelve Mile when Sousa, the driver, lost control of the car. He was arrested at the scene while Garrison fled into a nearby wooded area.

Police used tracking dogs to locate Garrison, who was almost to Meadowbrook Road when he was apprehended. At least two shots were fired by a state trooper during the foot chase. None of the shots struck Garrison.

Although Garrison was later determined to be unarmed, Michigan State Police Lt. Joe Koernig said an internal investigation ruled this week that the shooting was justifiable.

Apparently, Koernig said, circumstances came together in such a way that officers believed Garrison was shooting at them during the car chase on I-275.

During that part of the chase, the suspects were throwing stolen merchandise out of their car windows. Koernig said an unknown object hit one of the police cars involved in the chase, causing the officer inside to believe his car had been shot.

Moments before the object hit the police car, Koernig said, the same officer saw what he believed was a weapon in Garrison's hand.

"The passenger in the car was dipping down, and he had some items in his hands during the chase," he said. "They looked like they could have been weapons."

"The officer's car was probably hit by flying debris, but at the time it was hit he heard a loud 'bang' like a gunshot."

Expert in antiques visits Novi Expo show

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Here's the lowdown on the antiques trade from a nationally-renowned expert, author and columnist in the field.

It's ruled by trends. And by the collector's desire to re-create his or her childhood.

Harry Rinker, founder of the Pennsylvania-based Institute for the Study of Antiques and Collectibles, was in town recently to do appraisals as a benefit for the Novi Historical Society. He spent the weekend evaluating local goods at an antique show at the Novi Expo Center.

The editor of the reference book *Warman's Antiques And Their Prices* which is now coming out in a 27th edition, offered a little advice on the market.

Rinker's list of up and coming new collectibles includes: Colonial Revival furniture from the 1920s to 1940s (much of it built to last in Grand Rapids); better glassware, such as Cambridge, Hetsy and Fostoria, from the 1920s to 1930s; 1950s television sets and memorabilia; 1950s jewelry (except for rhinestones); 1950s blond wood furniture; maple Western bedroom suites and formica kitchen tables from the 1950s.

Most of the above treasures can still be purchased at reasonable prices, Rinker said.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Harry Rinker appraises an antique figurine.

Bottoming out, he says, are the recently hot, hot, hot items such as lunch boxes; Disney collectibles; most Depression glass (though rare items are keeping their value); country collectibles; advertising art and all types of goods produced in the 1920s and 1930s.

The expert concedes that it's disconcerting for those who have not yet even hit middle-age to find their mass-produced childhood toys nestled in with the high-priced detritus of the past 150 years.

But as often as not, a baby-boomer with money in his or her pocket wants to bring home that

treasure that mom made them throw out years ago — or the toy that Santa Claus simply lacked the good sense or money to deliver in the first place.

"One of the things people have trouble getting used to is stuff from the past 45-year period is getting collectible," Rinker said.

"A lot of collecting is motivated by people collecting their childhood. Nostalgia is a very big part of it. They buy back the childhood they wished they had."

Besides current decorating styles, demographics therefore plays its role in what is in and out in

collecting. "The 1920s and the 1930s are not as strong as they used to be. The generation who grew up then is dying off," Rinker said.

This means the 1950s is becoming the decade for investment. But it doesn't mean that buyers don't exist for everything from Victorian to Art Deco. But you often do see the inner child surfacing at the point of purchase.

Antiques shopper Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer, who made the round of the Expo Center show,

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Couple readies for a fight with neighbors

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Lexington Green residents Robert and Laura Lorenzo, whose neighbors have protested their feeding of bird seed to wild geese, told the Novi City Council Monday they may take legal action.

"We believe they have defamed our character and good standing in the community and caused us undue stress and we will seek legal

counsel," Laura Lorenzo, a Novi planning commissioner said.

Fifty-nine of the Lorenzo's neighbors petitioned the city last week asking for an ordinance to ban feeding of Canada geese in residential areas.

The letter accompanying the petition charges that the Lorenzos have "ruined the neighborhood" because of the droppings left by the

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Gentlemen, start your ...

The Pinewood Derby is perhaps the most important event of the year in Cub Scout life. Members of Novi Cub Scout Pack 50 gathered at Parkview Elementary Saturday to run off the cars they'd constructed themselves. At left, Andrew Gorman positions his car on the track. Below left, the panel of judges watch closely at the finish to call the winner. Below right, overall winner Michael Mallon proudly displays his trophy. Other first place winners were Joseph Beal, David Ely-Bond and Adam VanBerlo. Second place in their respective categories went to Daniel Betrus, Chris Provost, Matt Magon and Scott Lloyd. Third places were won by Scott Schwarzlose, Jimmy Wardrope, John Hodges and Matt Jarvis.

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Jack's back: N'ville 'Beanstalk' show

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

A children's fairy tale comes to life on the stage of the Marquis Theater in March and April, as a giant and elves roam the aisles in search of a boy named Jack.

The fairy tale, a musical adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk, is based on an adaptation of the Joseph Jacobs tale by Jim Eiler and played to the tune of music arranged by Eiler and Jeanne Hargy.

Last Sunday's performance demonstrated why the play is such a hit with children. Musical numbers with whimsical lyrics abound, and the performers venture into the theater several times throughout the play, making the audience part of the production.

The production, perhaps not coincidentally timed along with the release of property assessments and the filing of income tax returns, centers on the efforts of Jack Sprague to find a golden goose and pay the taxes on his home so he and his mother are not imprisoned by the evil baron.

What Sprague doesn't realize is that the goose is guarded by a giant. Sprague, played by Jeffrey Weiner, comes face to face in the first act with Todd Spencer as the giant, who seems more comic than menacing in his heavily padded outfit, long black wig and Cyrano de Bergerac-like nose.

The stage is filled throughout the play with dancing flowers, a harp who plays her own tunes and, of

course, the golden goose herself who leads the theater in a rousing rendition of "Oh, Them Golden Eggs." The harp, played by Katie Bonny and the goose, played by Kristin Winter, spend most of their time vying for attention from the giant and the audience.

As the young hero and the giant's assistant flee from the giant, they actually crawl behind several bewildered audience members in the front row, drawing peals of laughter from the many kids in the crowd.

Jack and the Beanstalk runs through April 18. Saturday performances are scheduled for March 20, 27 and April 3 and Sunday performances are on March 21, 28 and April 4. Easter break performances will be held all week long between April 13-18.

All performances start at 2:30 p.m. Running time for the two-act play is about 1 1/2 hours. All tickets are \$6, and group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more.

For more information, call 349-8110. The Marquis Theater is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

Jack and the Beanstalk boasts a roster full of local talent. The play's Northville actors include Bondy Winter, Margaret McClintock as Betsy the cow, Brian Wolter, Rachel Conat and Lars Kvalvåg. Actors from Novi include Anne Garrison, Clayton Perry, Ryan Braundmire, Erika Alpert and Frank Kava.



Photo by STEVE KELLMAN

The giant (Todd Spencer) had Jack (Jeffrey Weiner) firmly in his grip during last Sunday's performance.

Open your home to a student far from home

Silvio Venosa of Sao Paulo, Brazil, hopes to come to Michigan in late August, 1993 to live with a Novi area family and attend public high school. Venosa enjoys playing soccer, basketball, tennis and volleyball. He is also a talented piano player who plays on weekends in a restaurant and at parties. He enjoys travel, movies and the theater.

Venosa is a good student, and he has been studying English for nine years. After graduating from high school, Venosa plans to study law. Venosa's favorite subjects are History, English, and Portuguese.

The sociable 16-year-old is hoping that an American family will select him to live with them for the first semester of the 1993-94 academic year. He is a non-smoker and a non-drinker. He would prefer to live in a home with a piano.

Venosa will be sponsored by the Academic Year in America (AYA) Program of the American Institute for Foreign Studies Scholarship Foundation (AIFS). He will have full medical insurance and enough money to cover all of his personal expenses. AIFS will reward Venosa's host family with a partial scholarship for foreign travel, and the U.S. government permits a small tax deduction.

Additional students are also seeking families in the local area who would like to host an exchange student.

For more information, please call Lynne or Gideon Livenbach in Plymouth at 453-8562 or 453-8551.

Police say victim was fit to drive

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Nort police did nothing wrong Feb. 19 when a distraught robbery victim was allowed to drive from Twelve Oaks Mall to her daughter's home in Sterling Heights, an internal investigation has concluded.

"The officers offered her a ride, they sat there with her for quite a while, and they offered to call relatives for her," said Novi Police Chief

Doug Shaeffer. "But she insisted on driving. And neither she nor the officers felt that she was incapable of driving."

The investigation was a followup to questions raised by Novi resident Arnie Rae at a March 1 Novi City Council meeting.

Rae told council members at that meeting that he was disturbed by police actions described in a Novi News article about an armed robbery.

The article reported that the victim, a 51-year-old Okemos woman, was robbed at gunpoint in the mall parking lot. Police who arrived at the scene described the woman as "distraught" and unable to answer questions. She was allowed to leave and drive to her daughter's home in Sterling Heights to calm down, then answer questions later.

Rae's concern was that any person too upset to answer questions was

probably too upset to drive a car. He does not know the victim.

Shaeffer said police officers had no authority in that situation to detain the woman anyway.

"We're not in the position to detain anyone (who is not a criminal suspect), especially the victim of a crime," he said.

"But I'd like to thank Mr. Rae for voicing his concerns. It allows us to recheck our procedures."

500 felines to slink into show ring

The Novi Expo Center will be the cat's meow this weekend.

The Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers Inc. is bringing its 144th International Cat Show, complete with over 500 prize litters, to town on March 20-21.

Housecats, kittens, "altered" cats and championship cats from around the U.S. and Canada will slink their stuff before the judges in the on-going six-ring cat show.

Plain and fancy felines will be featured, including purr-fect Persians, blue Russians and ebony Orientals, as well as the ever-lovable house cats.

Highlighted at the show will be the rare, tailless Manx cat. The unique breed hails from the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. The Manx cat is featured in gold coins issued by the tiny democracy, which is a part of Great Britain.

To makes up for its lack of a tail, the Manx sports a rounded physique which provides proper balancing and longer hind legs for fast running.

If you need a present for the cat curled up on your sofa, this is the place to shop. An "avenue" of cat-related items form around the world will include anything from a 25-cent cat toy to a \$400 cat sculpture on up to a \$1,000 cat tree.

Proceeds from the show will help support a number of organizations, including Michigan Anti-Cruelty, the Morris Animal Foundation, the Michigan Humane Foundation, veterinarian scholarships at Michigan

State University and programs to neuter and spay animals.

The Novi Expo Center is south of I-96 and west of Novi Road.

Hours are Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the show is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for youth. Or, bring along cat food to donate to the local animal shelter and you'll get \$1 off the ticket price.

Just don't bring your dog.

Obituaries

HAZEL H. FISHER

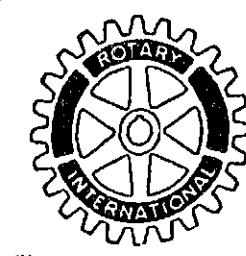
luncheon coordinator.

Hazel H. Fisher, 84, of Novi, died March 12 at Frenchtown Nursing Home of complications from Alzheimer's disease. She was born June 22, 1908, in Detroit to the late Henry Brown and Mary Posner. Her husband, Filmora Fisher, preceded her in death.

She was a manager for Detroit Public Schools and a member of Holy Family Church and their funeral

Survivors include her daughter, Colette and Dee Swain; her son Lonnie; 11 grandchildren; one brother and one sister.

A scripture service was held March 14 at 4 p.m. at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Funeral services were March 15 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Fr. John Budde officiated. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



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Auto insurance reform bill passes

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Many "reform" bills pass one chamber of the Michigan Legislature and die in the other. That's unlikely to happen with the cost-cutting House Bill 4156 amending the no-fault auto insurance law. "It was interesting to see them (Democratic leaders) lose control," said one Oakland County lawmaker.

Passage in the House, which is split 55-55 between the parties, was assured when Republicans remained solid and lured in 11 Democratic votes. Final passage came on a 65 to 43 vote. Area lawmakers followed party lines. Voting yes were Republicans Willis Bullard of Milford (whose district includes Novi), Susan Orimes Mauseil of Howell, Dan Gustafson of Haslet and Jerry Vorva of Plymouth. Voting no was Democrat Kirk Proff of Ypsilanti.

Essentially, the 109-page bill aims to reduce auto insurance rates 16 percent by reducing required coverage, restricting choices in medical care and approach of mandating insurance rate cuts. An average driver paying \$635 would see insurance rates drop by \$100. Michigan ranks 17th nationally in insurance costs. The most controversial issue was "catastrophic claims," usually closed-head or spinal injuries that cost astronomical sums to treat. In less than a decade, \$5 million worth of insurance on this item has soared from \$3 to \$118.56 a year.

The reform bill reduces required coverage to \$1 million but allows consumers the option of buying up to \$5 million. Said co-sponsor Bill Martin, R-Battle Creek: "I'm million covers 99.7 percent of the auto accident victims. That's a good number." Martin argued that even \$1 million is four times as high as most other states require.

The bill is to be taken up this week by the Senate Insurance Committee. And since Republicans have 20-16 control and at least one Democrat supports the bill, prompt Senate pas-

sage seems certain. Gov. John Engler, a Republican, is looking forward to signing it. It would take effect about April 1, 1994.

A reform bill almost passed the House in mid-1992, when 10 Democrats jumped ship to vote with the Republicans. But Democratic leaders Lew Dodak and Pat Gagliardi halted the roll call vote and adjourned the session.

That couldn't happen last week with Republicans presiding. Although personal injury, property protection and residual liability insurances are required, an estimated one million Michiganders drive uninsured. Republicans won a major victory in restricting what juries can decide. Democrats offered 30 amendments during an eight-hour session and lost all but the minor ones.

Some of the major changes:
 ■ Currently, lawsuits for "pain and suffering" require that the injured person suffer death, permanent serious disfigurement or serious impairment of body function. A court ruling leaves decisions to a jury, which in southeastern Michigan have a reputation for generosity.
 ■ The reform bill makes it "a question of law for the court" — a judge rather than a jury.
 ■ The new bill prohibits a person who was more than 50 percent at fault from suing for damages.
 ■ Current law ties suburban rates to those in Detroit. The reform bill eliminates that tie. It prohibits a city from being chopped into different rating zones. It requires that any rating zone contain at least 60,000 registered automobiles.
 ■ AAA Michigan, the state's largest auto insurer, charged last year that auto insurance was being used to subsidize hospitals. AAA said auto insurers were paying 133 percent of actual costs while governmental plans such as Medicaid and Medicare were paying just 80 percent. The new bill caps payouts to hospitals at 113 percent of costs.
 ■ Currently, plaintiffs attorneys collect one-third of the jury award. The new bill caps attorneys' shares of jury awards.



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This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 25, 1993, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ton Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 25, 1993. (3-18-93 NR, NN)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 18, 1993
Permit No.: M 00749

The Michigan Water Resources Commission proposes to reissue State Permit No. M 00749 to Country Cousins Mobile Home Park. The applicant proposes to discharge treated sanitary wastewater via modified package plant to sand beds at a facility located in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R6E, Novi Township, Oakland County.

Comments or objections to the draft received by April 16, 1993 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Groundwater Section, Waste Management Division, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Telephone: 517-373-8148.

Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, and draft may be obtained at the Waste Management Division Livonia District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152-1005. Telephone: 313-953-0241. (3-18-93 NN)

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Rotary International, a group of more than 25,000 international service clubs with over 1,000,000 men and women members, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation in 1992.

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Contract okay near for schools

Marathon bargaining sessions enabled the Walled Lake Consolidated School District and its teachers' union to reach tentative agreement recently on a new four-year contract.

The two sides wrapped up negotiations at about 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, enabling Monday's classes to go on as scheduled, said Lois Lange, director of personnel/community relations and part of the district's six-member bargaining unit. A six-month extension of the old contract was to have expired at midnight Sunday.

"We bargained pretty much the whole weekend," Lange said. "Our goal was to settle it (fast) weekend

and we did."

Before details can be made public, the contract—which is retroactive to last year and extends through the 1995-96 school year—must be ratified by the 641-member Walled Lake Education Association and, subsequently, by the school board, Lange said.

The figures for possible adjustments to compensation have not been released to the public, district officials said, pending ratification later this week.

According to a press release issued by the district, teachers are expected to OK the contract within two weeks with school board ratification "shortly thereafter."

Karen Murray, chief negotiator for the teachers' union, could not be reached for comment.

Although Lange couldn't discuss terms of the settlement, she said a major subject at the table last weekend was how the district could improve the quality of education to meet changing times.

"A great deal of time was spent discussing the changes in education and how to effectively deliver them to the children," Lange said.

Topics included: improving educational strategies at the building and district levels, focusing on "what's taught and how it's delivered" and the possible expansion of a team teaching pilot program begun

two years ago in the middle school.

Besides Lange, members of the district's bargaining team included Thomas Gagne, director of labor relations; Sandra Motz, executive director of business services; Hugh Davies, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction; William Calhoun, Walled Lake Western assistant principal; and Barbara Garbutt, Commerce Elementary School principal.

For the union, Murray was joined by Nancy van Leuwen, Walled Lake Education Association president; secondary school teachers Marcia Smith and Sandra Andrews; and elementary school teachers William Bell and Kimberly Quinn.

Library Notes

Seminar on genealogy: "A Beginner's Guide to Genealogy" will be presented at Novi Public Library on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. by Novi historian and genealogical researcher Kathy Mutch.

Mutch, a member of the Oakland County Genealogical Society, will help participants set research goals and guidelines, teach how to begin the search, and will provide helpful hints for future reference.

To register for this free program, please call the Novi Library at 349-0720.

Adult book discussion group: Searching for Caleb, by Anne Tyler, will be the topic at the Adult Book Discussion Group at Novi Library on Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

Please have this book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group. To register, call the library at 349-0720.

Roll up your sleeves for Novi blood drive

You've got something that's in short supply and high demand—and it's not just that winning personality.

The American Red Cross is experiencing extreme shortages of blood at this time and City Clerk Gerry Slipp is hoping residents will rise to the occasion.

The annual Novi Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, March 23 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call Slipp at 347-0456 on weekdays during business hours and 624-2708 on evenings and weekends.

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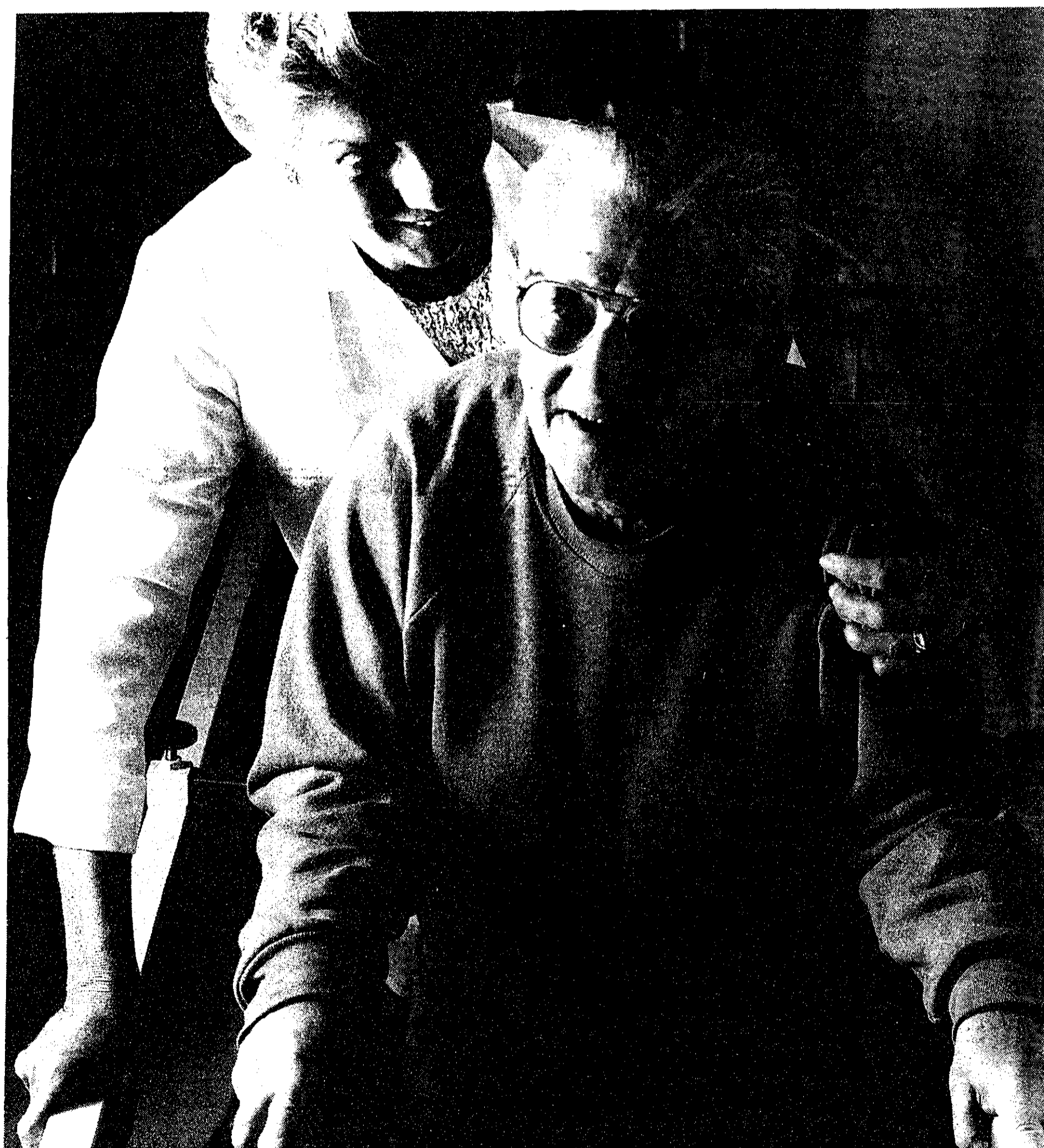
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Woman says she was raped by acquaintance in hotel

Novi police are investigating charges by a South Lyon woman that she was raped by an acquaintance at the Fairlane Motel on Grand River.

The woman told police that she only knows the suspect by his first name. She said she met him about a month ago at Northville Downs.

On March 10, she said, she got off work around midnight and went to

the hotel room where she was temporarily staying. There, she said, she found the suspect waiting for her in his car.

The woman told police that she invited him into her hotel room because she wanted to talk to him about borrowing some money. She said the two of them watched television and shared some food from a nearby

fast food restaurant for two hours. Suddenly, she said, he grabbed her and pushed her to the bed, then raped her as she struggled to push him away.

Then, she said, he got up and left. No weapons were used in the alleged assault.

The woman called police and was transported to Providence Hospital.

Knollenberg plans May visit

Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, has announced plans to complete a series of town hall meetings covering all parts of his congressional district within the first six months of his term.

A town meeting for western Oakland County communities, including Novi, has been set for Monday, May 24, but the location has not yet been set.

The two-month schedule has the congressman appearing in seven town meetings throughout the 11th District beginning on April 3 in Redford Township. The meetings are designed to give constituents a chance to ask questions on legislation and issues facing congress and offer them an opportunity to share ideas and make suggestions.

The May 24 meeting will be for the

communities of Novi, Novi Township, Northville, Wixom, Walled Lake and Commerce Township. Other nearby meetings will be held April 3 in the Don Hubert VFW Post in Redford, April 12 in Room 112 of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, April 24 in the Millford Township Hall, May 8 in the Farmington Hills Council Chambers, June 3 in the West Bloomfield area at a site yet to be announced, and June 5 in the Bloomfield Township Hall Auditorium.

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Deal's still pending for third park site

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"We're really, really ready to go," Council Member Robert Schmidt defended the council's actions. Because the land negotiations are in a closed, executive session, council members are not free to reveal the details. "This city council is doing everything possible to purchase parkland but we're doing it responsibly. Frankly, I'm tired of hearing the (parks and recreation) commission's and other citizens' comments," Schmidt said. "Every delay that happens has been meaningful and saved the city a certain amount of money. I agree the communications have to step up, but the criticism has to step down. We've got so much to be proud of, we should strive to get along a little better."

Joining him was Council Member Joseph Toth, who also rapped what he said was the parks and recreation commission's emphasis on Novi Youth Baseball over the city's own soccer program. "I seem to see the focus on getting ballfields in place. I have a bit of problem with that. I don't necessarily think you should be jumping through hoops due to one or two individuals or groups in the city. I understand they are pressuring you," Toth told the commission.

"To say we are not moving fast enough, you can't move much faster than we have moved. If it takes an extra year to six months, so be it." The commission's emphasis is on all youth sports, Commissioner Nick Valentini reassured the council. Ruyle leaped to the commission's defense.

"I'm not going to get into what you do in executive session. That would be illegal. All of a sudden the north end became the priority for the administration, when we already flagged three sites. Now you're going to chew us out as a commission... This commission has worked hard. Now you're telling us we're not doing our job," he said.

"Hopefully, our concerns are behind us. If there's any additional slipage, we'd have to look at what we could do elsewhere. It doesn't seem fitting to put in temporary fields at Power Park or the north end park."

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dennis Culligan asked that the city council be more communicative with the commission.

"I feel very responsible to give back and work extremely hard to get going on this project. Open minds are going to be very essential in the next year and a half," he said.

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Quiet time?

Jim Harring gets a few moments to himself to practice his guitar in the band room of Novi High School. Harring practices is part of an independent studies class at the high school in which he studies guitar.

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Rules set for hardship appeals

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another cannot afford to live in the area. We understand that difficulties do arise and emergencies happen and we believe that is what this clause covers. However, the rest of the city picks up the cost for those who are not carrying their fair share of the load," Board of Review Chairperson Denise Jenkins reported to the city council Monday.

They're also asking the City Council to add a second board of review next year, to handle the burgeoning case load. Review board members must take at least three weeks off from their regular employment to do the job.

Under the new hardship guidelines, no individual will receive a zero assessment on his or her property tax. The minimum property tax will be granted a "hardship case" no less than 4 percent of the resident's gross income.

While each tax reduction will be based on a case-by-case analysis, the board has established working estimates. For example, a two-member household with an income of \$19,881, would pay a 4.5 percent tax

of \$890 for the year relief is granted. A family of four with an income of \$28,143 would pay a 5.5 percent property tax of \$1,548.

"Hardship cases" would have a three-year limit.

"If they moved here 30 years ago and are on a fixed income and their house has gone up four times in value, we don't want them to leave Novi," board of review member J.R. Attych explained.

"If somebody's overextended themselves and the economy's not good, how many years do you have the rest of the taxpayers pay for them because they bought too big a house?"

Attych added that the aim is not for people to run through their life savings to pay taxes.

"In some cases we have been giving hardships for a number of years and it has become a dependency program," Jenkins said.

Individuals of all ages can qualify for hardship reductions. Council Member Carol Mason, a past member of the board of review, said she didn't like the guidelines, which she termed "outdated."

"Some of our seniors are borderline poverty level. If their taxes are increased, they'll have to leave the community," Mason said.

"We have a middle and upper income community. All of us who are able to work don't mind paying taxes to enable seniors to stay."

The deadline to file such a hardship appeal this year was March 12.

Last year, the review board granted relief to 85 hardship applicants.

But they're far from the only ones seeking relief at the board of review. Nine hundred applicants are expected to address the review board this year and 900 written applications will likely be submitted.

"Many of the people are there to blow off steam," Jenkins said.

"Nobody is happy with taxes the way they are. The state had one year to fix property taxes and they didn't. They are coming to the board of review and they should be sitting on their legislators' steps," she pointed out, adding that complaints about city services are frequent.

"I didn't exactly know what I got into when I got on this board. It's a very difficult position. We are not the bad guy. We are citizens trying to help them."

City urged not to ban geese feeding

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geese. The campaign was started by the Lorenzos' next-door neighbors, Paul and Linda Hullman, who contend that 60 to 70 geese visit the feeding station on a daily basis.

"I am outraged at this defamatory accusation. My wife and I have been falsely accused by the Hullmans," Robert Lorenzo said.

"Wildlife has been plentiful in our area long before homes were built. The Lorenzos urged the city council not to take action on the requested ordinance.

The couple submitted a map to the city council showing their home and the pebbletons' homes on Galway Drive, which are surrounded by wetlands and artificial ponds. They also invited the city officials to visit their home, which backs up to a wetland.

and view the feeding area.

"Any amount of time the geese spend in our backyard is less time eating grass on theirs," Laura Lorenzo said.

The issue could come before the Novi city council on March 22.

As a preparation, Council Member Nancy Cassis asked City Manager Edward Kriewall to list all references to animal control in existing city ordinances, accompanied with an explanation of why the city regulates these aspects of wild and domestic animal life.

Also requested by Council Member Joseph Toth was a report on what ordinances other communities may have passed on feeding geese.

"West Bloomfield, Sterling Heights, Warren and Rochester Hills have a similar problem with people feeding doughnuts and bread to the

neighbors who shoot the wildfowl off their lawns, as he has done on occasion with his neighbors' dogs.

"An ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife would deprive us of other Novi residents of an ornamental fence between their home and the Hullmans' to keep the geese from crossing the property line.

The Lorenzos in their letter to the city said they volunteered to build an ornamental fence between their home and the Hullmans' to keep the geese from crossing the property line.

Whether or not the bird feeders are there, the geese are attracted to the grass, which they eat, Robert Lorenzo told the council. He suggested that

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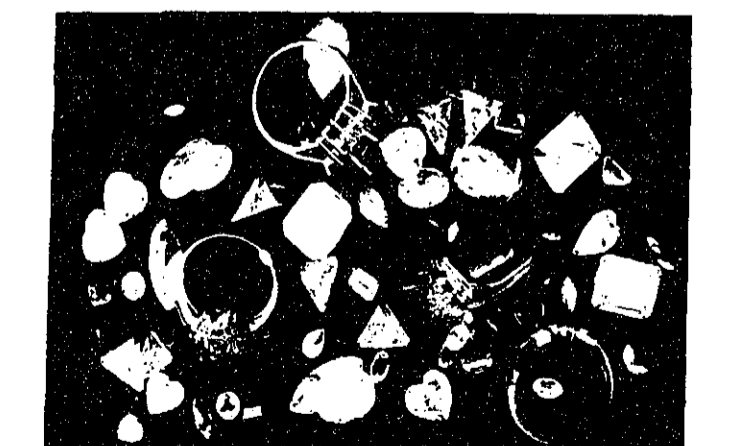
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The purpose of this one-evening workshop is to enlighten parents about the hidden criticisms used in conversation with young children. Participants will learn how to recognize and replace judgmental statements with productive, character-building statements. They will discover how to speak in a manner that will enable the child to appreciate his own strengths.

Providence Medical Center has presented a grant to Wise Mothers Inc. in order to offer the workshop free to the community. Dr. Manny Agah explains, "We sponsored the workshop in order to focus on the additional needs of families, aside from their normal physical health care requirements. The way we speak to children influences the way they view themselves and their well being."

The workshop will be given by Judith Cox, director of Wise Mothers, in celebration of the Month of the Young Child. "Throughout April we have joined with state efforts to recognize the importance of children and their families, by providing workshops for parents who are raising young children," said Cox.

Wise Mothers Inc. is a non-profit organization focusing on value of parenting and the needs of parents.
To register for the free workshop call 380-HUGS(4847). For information about Wise Mothers Inc., or for a free copy of the organization's newsletter, "Priorities," write: 2260 Commonwealth Ave., Auburn Hills 48326-2416.

Nutrition hotline: Health Development Network will sponsor two day-long opportunities for area residents to get clear answers to their nutrition and diet questions by telephone. HDNs "Ask a Dietitian" will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Tuesday, March 23. Dietitians will be on hand to answer an array of commonly-asked questions and offer misunderstood questions about diet and nutrition.

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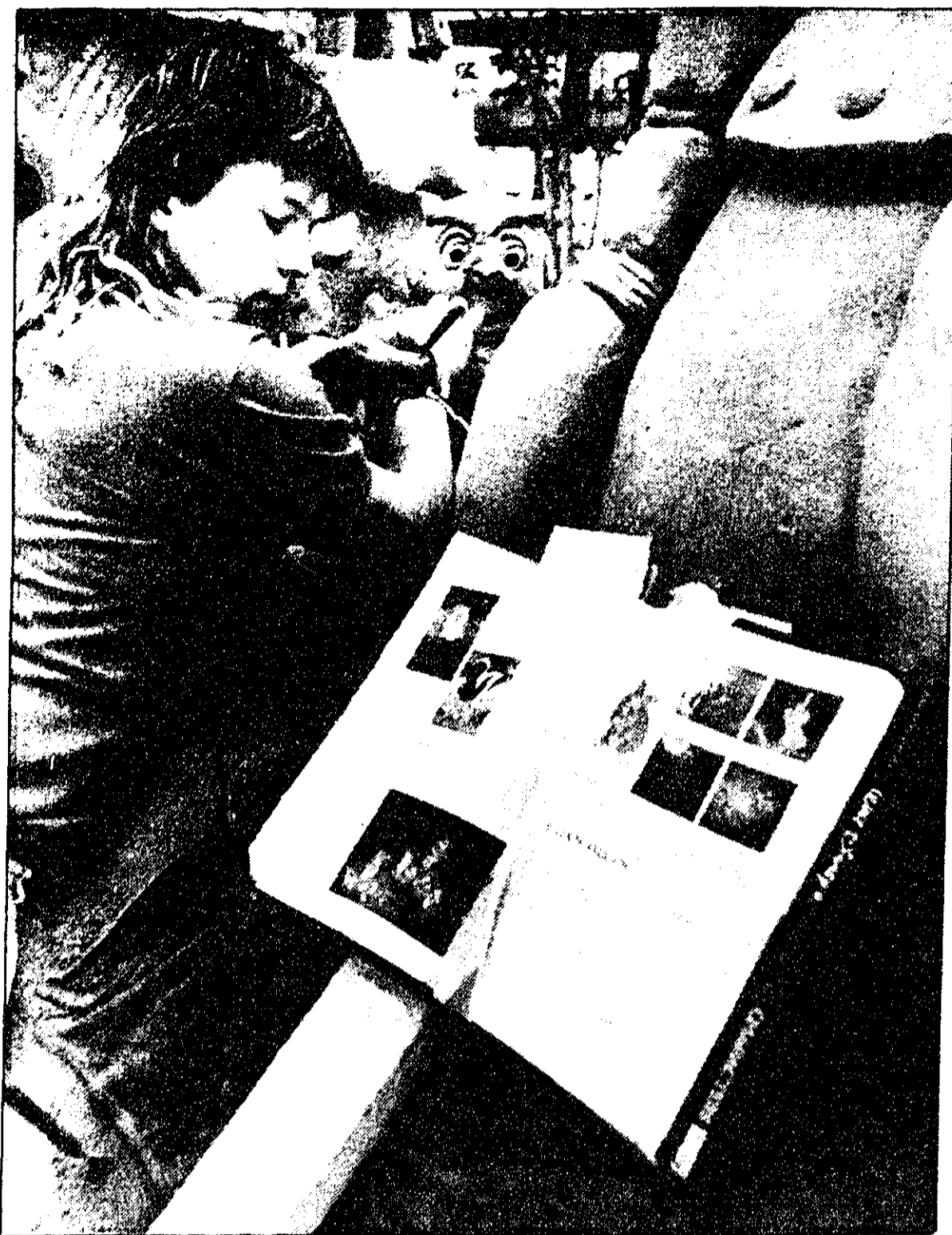
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Sand sculpting is slow, exacting work, as Dan Belcher demonstrates. Working as an assistant to Todd Vander Pluym, who is heading up the project of recreating Disney's new Toontown at Twelve Oaks Mall, Belcher refers to a book (left) before doing the detail work (right) on Owl from the movie *Bambi*. At top right are close ups of Eeyore and Winnie the Pooh as they have been sculpted in sand.

Mall's 'tooning' in to Mickey Mouse

Forget sand castles. How about a sand community? That's what's taking shape at Twelve Oaks Mall, made from 100 tons—yes, that's 100 tons—of real sand. The community, which will occupy much of center court at the mall, will be none other than Mickey's Toontown, the newest glittering addition to the Magic Kingdom at Disneyland in California. Toontown, of course, is where Mickey and his cartoon friends live.

He finishes, he says, he will be on hand for several days to meet with visitors. "Doing a sand sculpture," says Vander Pluym, "is a performance art with a visual echo." He has been at it for some 40 years and has won dozens of sand sculpture championships. Twelve Oaks, at I-96 and Novi Road, is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Tackling the project at Twelve Oaks is sand sculptor Todd Vander Pluym. Twelve Oaks marketing director Elaine Kah Twelve Oaks described him as "one of the world's expert sand sculptors."

This is a return visit for Vander Pluym. Three years ago, he built a sand sculpture version of the "Wizard of Oz" at Twelve Oaks Mall. Working with a staff of four or five assistants, Vander Pluym started work Monday, March 8. He expects to finish by March 25.

The next day, Disneyland's own exhibit of Toontown arrives at Twelve Oaks. Eight exhibits, along with Mickey and friends, will introduce shoppers to the wonders of the latest addition to the Magic Kingdom.

Disneyland's exhibit will be at Twelve Oaks through March 26-28 weekend, while the sand sculpture version will remain in center court through April.

The sand sculpture, which will reach heights of 16 feet, will depict Mickey and his neighborhood, along with other favorite Disney characters. Mickey's house will have a TV monitor that continually shows Disney cartoons.

Vander Pluym says he spent several months at the theme park studying Toontown, photographing and planning his sand sculpture. When

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At our meeting will be the Novi city assessor and several members of the Michigan State Legislature. This meeting will be issue- and process-oriented, and not a forum to express a protest about your assessments.

On behalf of LARA, I invite interested citizens to the meeting — which will be held on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in the media center of the new Walled Lake Middle School, 47620 West Pontiac Trail.

Harry L. Avagian
President,
Lakes Area Residents Association

Seeking support to save church

To the Editor:

The Old Novi Methodist Church on Grand River Avenue is in need of a new home and new purpose. The current owner would like to see the building removed from his property soon or else he will demolish it. A moratorium on its demolition will be lifted on March 21 unless council acts to extend the deadline.

I am calling on all the people of Novi, its civic organizations, and business leaders to come forward and support an effort to save the church, move it to a new location, and give it new life as some kind of community building. Surely someone else in this city cares about this historic building besides me? I would like to hear from you, and city officials need to hear from you.

Two possible uses of the building have been mentioned: a teen center, or a community theater. Several sites have been discussed, including the library property by the old town hall, the Fuerst property, and new Novi parkland. Unfortunately, a consultant's report suggests that the building, because of its height, cannot be moved north of I-96 and the high tension lines there, ruling out the possibility of moving to Novi parkland near Twelve Mile Road.

I've heard a lot of people comment "Something ought to be done" with the church. But no one is making a commitment. It would be a shame to see this building succumb to the wrecking ball when it could be such a valuable, unique resource for all of us. Currently it is an empty shell, waiting for a fire, vandalism, or a child to get hurt.

If you want to see the building saved and used in a new and exciting way, please offer your support. It will take a minimum of \$20,000

to move the building to a new site. That's \$20,000 to raise in about one month. It's a challenge, but I think Novi is a community that can meet the challenge. But it will only happen if a coalition of organizations and individuals come together and offer some assistance, however small. Will you help? Offer your services, your time, and your dollars. Verbal support alone isn't going to save the church. We need a real solution, fast.

LuAnne Kozma

Hoping council will commit

To the Editor:

I wish to commend the Novi city administrative staff and city council for their recent decision to form the Walled Lake Sector Study Implementation Committee. The committee membership consists of area residents, merchants and representatives of city government. I have always been an active ad-

vocate of citizen participation in matters which influence the quality of life in our community. Commensurately, this committee, if permitted to function at its level of potential, will be able to address some of the lakes area's most pressing concerns by studying its needs, and make meaningful recommendations that will carry us into the 21st century. The citizens serving on this committee have made their intellectual and physical commitments known and will do what's necessary to bring about

needed improvements, along with meaningful preservation of our natural resources. During the years that I have worked with LARA-related concerns, I have never observed this level of intensive interest and motivation to work cooperatively through this committee toward the attainment of common goals.

Along with citizen interest and willingness to serve one's community must also come a commitment from the city council to

adequately fund this project so that its work can be performed with the assistance of trained personnel — whose professional recommendations are vital to the eventual success of this project. I am hopeful the city council will make a financial commitment commensurate to the human commitment pledged by our citizens.

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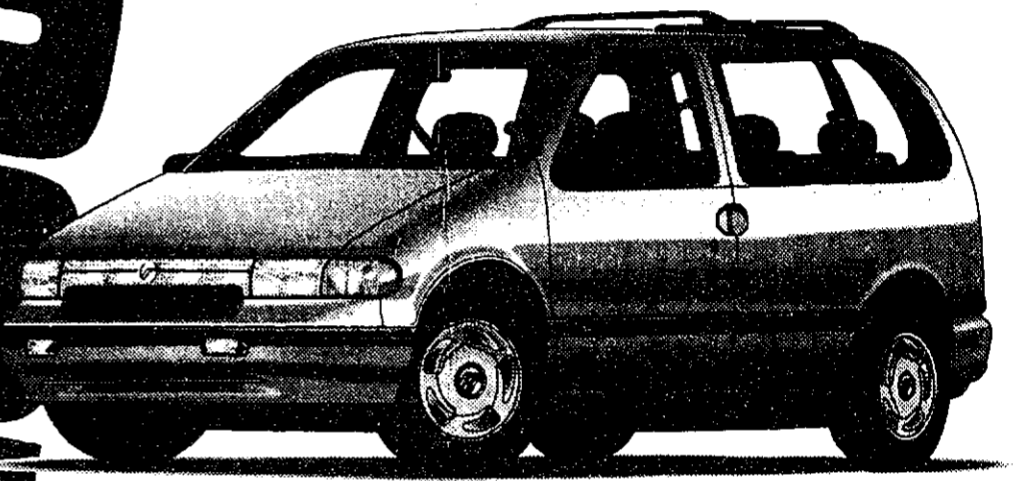
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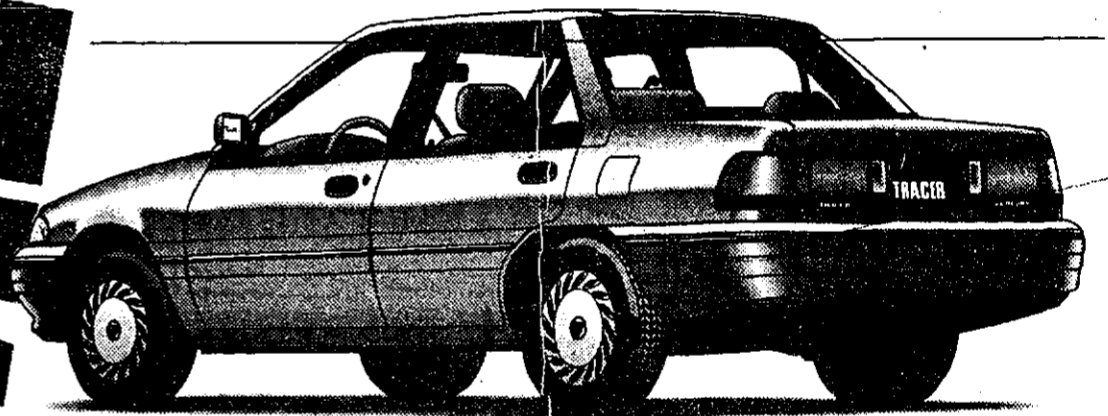
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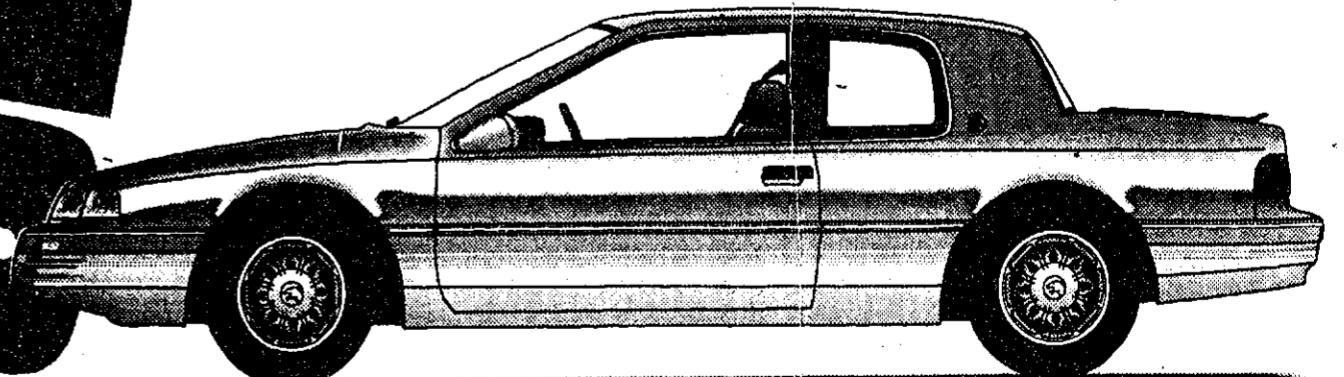
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"I've always wanted to see what I would look like as a blonde."

- Deanna Lang

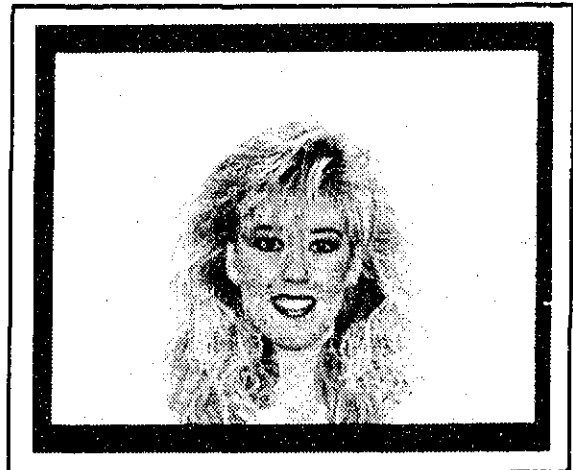


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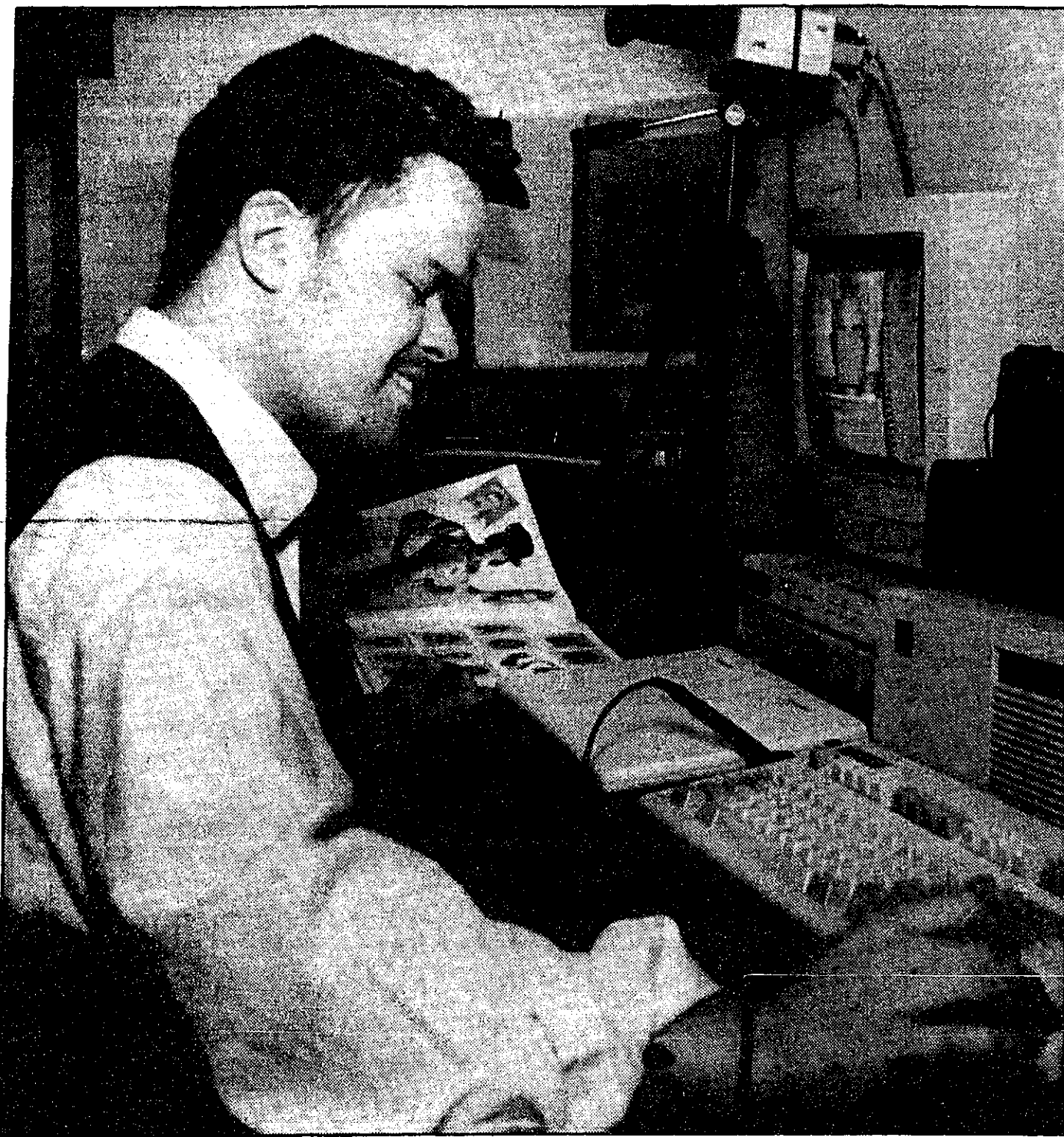
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"I'd rather put the money into this before I would do something drastic."

- Melissa Franz



Blonde Deanna Lang after video-styling.



Video hair-stylist Buddy VanLoon of Salon Hayat in Novi puts the computer through its paces.

SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Deanna Lang never dreamed she could be a blonde bombshell. It wasn't until the mousey-brown haired mother of two found out what she would look like as one that she started to mull the idea over.

"I almost like myself better as a blonde," she said Monday after seeing three or four pictures of herself with the color change. "But my husband would be shocked if I came home as a blonde... Oh he'd kill me."

The 25-year-old Novi resident came to Twelve Oaks Salon Hayat last week for a video hair care consultation. Before she did anything different to her hair, she wanted to see what a new style would look like on her.

"I want to try something blonde," she told stylist Lynnette Cislo. "I've always wanted to see what I would look like as a blonde."

Finally, after five years of trying to grow out her layers, Lang said she's managed to get her shoulder-length hair all one length. With that accomplished, Lang believes she has more options.

Lang chose Salon Hayat because it offers the latest technological advancement in hair styling — video imaging. And thanks to the state of the art system, Lang's curiosities about hair styles and colors were satisfied.

"I just want to see what options I have," she said as she waited for a stylist to walk her through the new video service.

"I've always worn it really long and I've had a perm, but I'd consider something different," she said. "I would really have to think about making a drastic change because it's taken me five years to grow it all out."

Lang said she got wind of the video styling service from sister-in-law Jennifer Lang, who works as a receptionist at the salon.

"The best part about it is it

shows you your options before you do something," Lang said. "I mean that's just it — you don't want to just go into a haircut without knowing it will look good."

Salon owner Heidi Stein said the new service has enjoyed "phenomenal success" since she brought it to the mall in January.

"It takes all of the guess work out," Stein said. "This has been the biggest success. The customer service is where the success is the measured the most. What we are able to offer the client is just phenomenal."

And people are flocking to the salon to use it. Stein said every Saturday the salon is booked solid with clients using the system to explore their own hair style options.

Nineteen year-old Melissa Franz said video imaging gives her more confidence in choosing a new style.

"It gives me great advantages," the Farmington Hills resident said. "I know now that I can't be a blonde. But I would rather see what I will look like before I get anything done."

Franz said even though she's taken a lot of chances on hair styles and colors before, this system relieves a little bit more of the anxiety that comes when she hops carefree into a stylist's chair.

"I'd rather put the money into this before I would do something drastic," she said.

The system uses a video camera and cassette recorder that's linked to a computer. A photograph of the client is taken and then projected on the monitor.

Using a number-coded style book, clients can select 12 or 24 different hair styles that are entered into the system using the corresponding four digit code. Using the photograph of the client as a base, the computer projects the selected styles on the face of the client and shows them their new image or look.

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Volunteer



WENDY GUTOWSKI

Library planning leads to political intrigue

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"If you want something bad enough, go for it," said Wendy Gutowski, and that's just what she did when, as a member of the Northville Library Advisory Commission, she volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to evaluate potential sites for the District Library to serve the city and township.

"It's one of those volunteer experiences," Gutowski commented, "that's exploded into something exhilarating and frightening at the same time. And it's politics, and I hate politics."

She said her most important concerns are, first, making the best decision possible for where the library is going to be — in a reconstructed part of the Ford plant or in a new two-story facility behind City Hall. Secondly,

she wants to show citizens how important the library is.

Both the Northville City Council and the Northville Township Board of Trustees have approved the District Library Agreement, she said, and with the expected approval of the Library of Michigan, this community library will officially be the District Library of Northville.

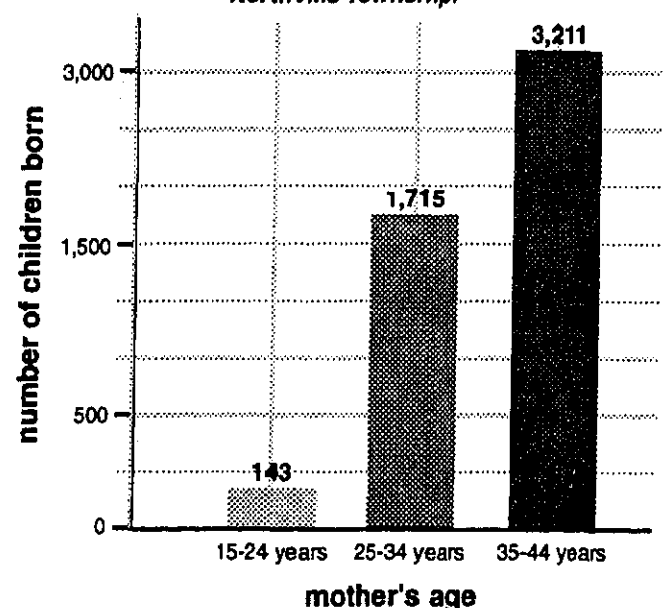
Those concerned — for or against a location, for or against a community library, for or against a millage to provide one — are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Friends of Northville Public Library Inc. on Saturday, March 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

And whether you do or don't attend that, Gutowski said, come to a meeting of the Library Advisory Commission on April 1 at City Hall to find out what's going on and to contribute your input.

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 Northville and Northville Township.



Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Honor Roll at Novi Middle School.

SEVENTH GRADE: Leann Abbott, Drew Able, Michael Albert, Brooke Alright, Pat Alessi, Ashley Arkes, Rachna Arora, Kathryn Bailey, Matthew Bailey, Michael Barone, Matthew Barton, Raymond Benito, Andrea Bertoli, Rebecca Bethel, Michael Bischof, Katie Blessed, Diane Bonner, Kristin Calabro, Rosabel Chang, Shang-Yeu Chang, Denise Ching, Matt Ciancio, Corey Clark, Ty Clark, Allison Cohen, Sam Cole, Dan Colligan, Katie Corbett, Danelle S. Katrina Cowan, Ben Cunningham, Amanda Curly, Peter DeHate, Quinn DeLoughery, Julie Dolken, Cristin Dougherty, Colleen Doyle, Ryan Duffy, Ashley Earl, Sara Ellring, Brett Farkas, Brian Fischer, Robert Florkowski, Douglas Fryd, Matthew Frankish, Zachary Fryk, Melissa Gabrielli, William Galloway, Amy Gibbons, Tiffany Gillespie, Jennifer Glass, Amanda Gold, Stephanie Gordon, Brian Gowling, Michael Gregorich, Jennifer Grigg, Sarah Hamilton, Heidi Hart, Marisa Hermann, Sarah Hensley, Tim Hilliker, Derek Ho, Ryan Honowitz, Ryan Holmes, Michelle Honaway, Bryant Hughes, Katherine Hurt, Neal Ingram, April Kapelansky, Amanda Kester, Andrea Kelly, Jessica Kenny, Thomas Kepler, Richie Kowalczyk, Scott Krause, Nicholas Kronabein, Sean LaPointe, Andrea Laszycza, Nicholas Lau, Jason LeBoy, James Lee, Elizabeth Left, Chad Lewis, Kristin Levin, Andy Lewis, Sophie Luo, Larry Lun, Dean Leudeman, Tricia Lutz, Leontine Lynch, Stephanie Manza, Anthony Marino, Chris Marion, Shaun Marshall, Molly McAllen, Katie McClatchey, Carrie McDougall, Emily McGuckin, Jill McGuigan, William McGuire, Andrew McKinnes, Sarah McKinney, Stephanie McKinney, Kevin McGuinn, Jing Qui Mei, Dawn Meldrum, Joshua Melton, Danny Mercer, Katie Miller, Kristin Miller, Sarah Miller, Carey Minsard, John Mione, Krista Moore, Amanda Munger, Verlon Murray, Sapna Nagar,

Network reporter offers insight on presidency

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

From Shielah Kast's vantage point, the Clinton administration has been full of surprises for both constituents and press members alike. The ABC News correspondent spoke to Northville Town Hall patrons Monday about Clinton's first 100 days in office. She said the newly-elected Democratic president has broken some campaign promises by seeking higher taxes and has liked the Washington media by shunning them at every turn. Kast, who covered the White House during the latter half of President Reagan's tenure and is currently covering economic issues, said her years as a Washington correspondent have shown her some of the sharp contrasts and subtle similarities between the two presidents. Those differences and similarities, she said, range from the way the presidents have handled the press and their constituents to the roles of their wives as First Ladies. "That isn't the case with Clinton, and his first Oval Office speech was proof of that," Kast said. "That speech was put together quickly," she said. "... There was Bill Clinton sitting in a chair that's too big for him... frozen for about three minutes with that deer staring into the headlights look..." But that all changed when Clinton delivered his economic plan to Congress in February. "That whole setting was something Bill Clinton felt really comfortable with," she said. "He ad-libbed a lot of that speech and some of the best lines in it were ad-libbed. He was very, very relaxed." As a reporter, Kast has also seen similarities in the personalities of the First Ladies. Both Hillary Clinton and Nancy Reagan seem to take their roles as First Ladies seriously, although it may seem that Hillary Clinton is "marginally more involved than Nancy Reagan" because she's more open about it. "Both women have wielded tremendous power in the White House and not just in picking floral arrangements or wallpaper patterns." Kast said. "Among those similarities are both presidents' ability to work the crowd and win the support of the people by simply being powerful, down-to-earth speakers." Even though their styles and approaches differ, Kast said each in his own way has managed to court and woo the American people. "Both Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan recognize the importance of symbols in their communication," she said. "Each knows the importance of subliminal messages and the importance of vision. Bill Clinton's 'Reagan knew the importance of vision. Bill Clinton's symbols are less visual. For him it's more important who he is with."

Travel

The war of the travel guides

Berkeley challenges Harvard's 'Let's Go' series for travel guide supremacy

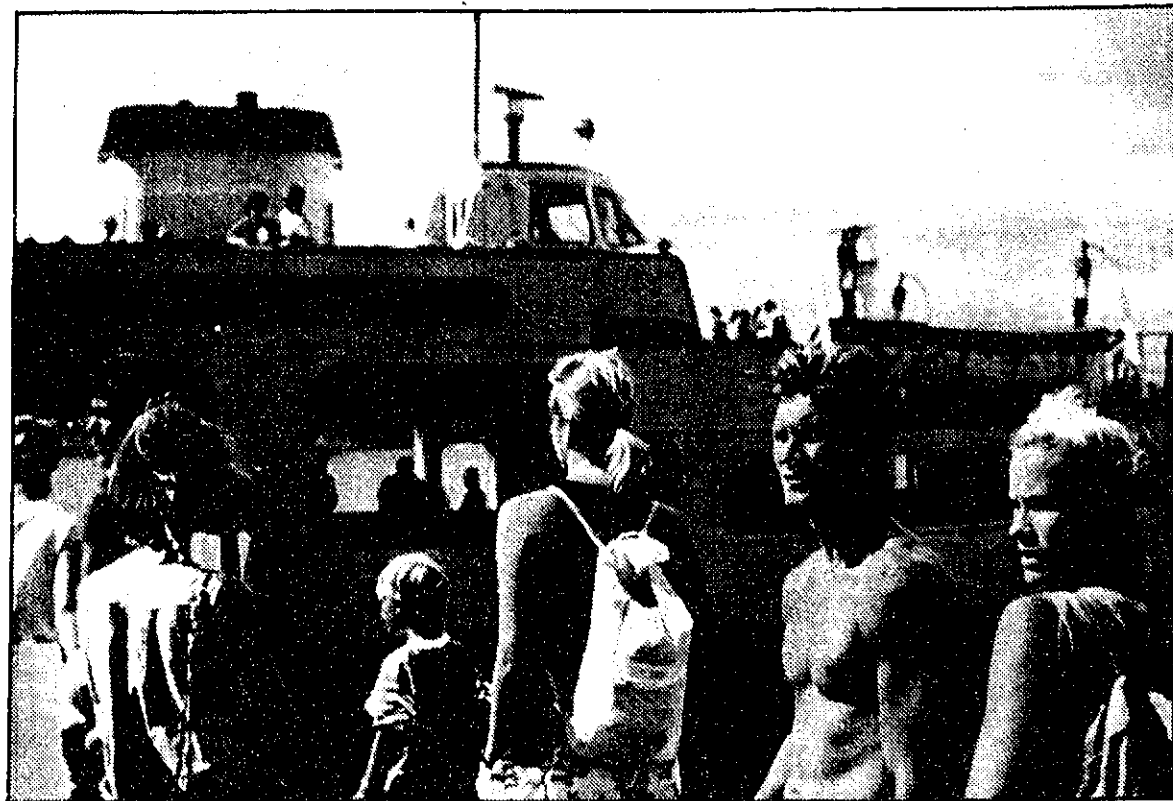
By EVERETT POTTER
New York Times Travel Syndicate

For 33 years legions of college students and other cost-conscious travelers have sworn by the 'Let's Go' series of budget-travel guidebooks. Written by Harvard University students and published by Let's Go, Inc., a subsidiary of Harvard Student Agencies, the books offer advice for travelers seeking safe, affordable accommodations and meals. They also include students' opinions on tourist attractions and cultural activities. "Let's Go" is neither a travelogue nor a telephone book," says Mark Templeton, the 23-year-old Harvard senior who is the publishing director of the series. "We try to balance a witty prose style with real information." The original "Let's Go" guide, printed in 1960, was a 20-page mimeographed pamphlet with tips on European travel. Today the series has 17 different titles covering more than 40 countries. The books, distributed by St. Martin's Press, retail for \$11.95 to \$17.95. For many years the "Let's Go" series had no direct competition. Then, in November 1992, a series of budget-travel books written by students at the University of California, Berkeley, was introduced—and an old-fashioned college rivalry began. "The Berkeley Guides" ("On the Loose" series) is published by Fodor's in cooperation with the Associated Students University of California. "Our guides are aimed at students, of course, but we really are trying to present a philosophy of travel that encompasses people of all ages," says Andrew Barbour, 29, executive editor of the series. "We feel we can help travelers integrate with a culture and get the most out of their trip." The first four guides in the Berkeley series cover California, Mexico, Eastern Europe and the Pacific Northwest/Alaska. They retail for \$14.50 to \$15.50 and, like the "Let's Go" guides, provide detailed information about accommodations, restaurants and cultural activities. Both series call their writers from registered students at their respective universities, but they differ during the spring and then send them out on the road in the summer for about eight weeks. "We send them out the door with an advance and then throw more money their way every two weeks," Bar-



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bour says. "I suppose if we just gave them a lump sum you'd find many of them lying on a beach somewhere." Much has been made of the fact that the Berkeley Guides are printed with environmentally friendly soybean-based ink on recycled paper and that Fodor's has promised to plant two trees in a denuded area of Costa Rica for every tree used in the production of the guides. Templeton of the "Let's Go" series is not impressed. "We've been using recycled paper for several years and we now use soybean-based inks ourselves as of



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Air passes cut costs from a European vacation

By EVERETT POTTER
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Americans are being tempted to travel to Europe again with trans-Atlantic air fares that are too good to ignore. Unfortunately, those fares are often the cheapest part of the journey. The high cost of flying within a European country can make the price of a multi-city vacation skyrocket. One-way travelers can cut costs by purchasing one of the so-called "air passes" that many European airlines offer. These passes come in different shapes and sizes—and many have restrictions, but all can save travelers money if they are willing to do some planning. Some airlines sell passes that allow unlimited air travel within a given period of time. Others offer coupons travelers can use to purchase flights at discounted prices. Here's a roundup of some of the other deals available from European carriers: Air France sells a \$279 Le France Pass good for flights on Air France, its subsidiary airline. This pass provides unlimited air travel for any seven days within a one-month period. Travel need not be on consecutive days. Certain peak-time flights are excluded. For more information call Jet Vacations at 800-LET-0629. British Airways offers a U.K. Air Pass that must be purchased at least seven days prior to arrival in Great Britain. It is sold only in conjunction with a round-trip ticket between the United States and England on British Airways and is good for travel within the United Kingdom. This pass is offered in sectors. Passengers must purchase a minimum of three flight sectors and may purchase a maximum of 12. Any sector that includes London costs about \$75 under current exchange rates. Sectors that do not include London cost about \$60. For more information, call British Airways at 800-AIRWAYS. Finnair sells a \$300 Holiday Ticket that's good for unlimited air travel within Finland for 15 days. For more information, call Finnair at (800) 950-5000. Icelandair offers three different passes. The \$393 Fly As You Please pass provides for 12 days of unlimited travel within one month on all of the airline's routes in Iceland. Only the first of those flights can be booked in advance. All other flights can only be booked 24 hours before departure. The \$290 Air Rover pass is another option. It is sold only in conjunction with a round-trip ticket between the United States and England on British Airways and is good for travel within the United Kingdom. This pass is offered in sectors. Passengers must purchase a minimum of three flight sectors and may purchase a maximum of 12. Any sector that includes London costs about \$75 under current exchange rates. Sectors that do not include London cost about \$60. For more information, call British Airways at 800-AIRWAYS. Finnair sells a \$300 Holiday Ticket that's good for unlimited air travel within Finland for 15 days. For more information, call Finnair at (800) 950-5000. Iberia Airlines has a \$299 Visit Spain pass that provides four coupons for one-way trips within 60 days of arrival in Spain. This pass can also be used for flights to the Balearic Islands. A \$349 Visit Spain pass includes travel to the Canary Islands. Extra coupons are \$50 each. For more information, call Iberia at (800) 772-4642. Aer Lingus has taken the concept of an air pass one step further. Until March 31, U.S. passengers flying to Ireland round-trip on Aer Lingus are eligible for the Euro-Greensaver Pass. For \$99, they can fly one-way to any Irish city or to any of the eight cities in Great Britain that the carrier serves. For \$99, they can fly one-way to 11 other European cities, including Paris. Travelers must purchase at least two flights to be eligible for these fares. The pass must be purchased before leaving the United States. For more information, call Aer Lingus at (800) 223-6537.

Salon focuses on women

Detroit philanthropist Mildred Jeffrey and feminist commentator Tom Swanger will speak on the status of American women at the next Sunday Salon. The topic for this month's Sunday Salon is "Women: Where We Stand," scheduled for March 28 at 8:30 p.m. at the Book Shop in the Novi Town Center. Pre-registration is required for seating. Call 347-0780. Millie Jeffrey, a Wayne State University board member emerita, presides over the philanthropic Michigan Women's Foundation, a Lansing-based group whose mission is to fund programs enabling women to become economically self-sufficient. A former chair of the National Women's Political Caucus, she continues to pursue women's political interests as well. Tom Swanger is a contributing editor and columnist for the Metro Times, and a radio commentator specializing in feminist issues on WDET-FM. One of the founding staff members of the weekly newspaper, she gained her radio experience with the Detroit Women's Radio Workshop, a collective that produced All Together Now, a long-running radio program about women. "Sunday Salon: A Conversation and Lunch" is a program of Borders Now in which participants meet and converse with the authors of community figures on a chosen topic; the featured guests serve as speakers and conversation facilitators. The March 28 topic was selected in honor of Women's History Month.

White-water raft trips available on Idaho's 'River of No Return'

By GENE and ADLE MALOTT
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Dave Warren of Warren River Expeditions has been leading white-water raft trips on Idaho's "River of No Return" (the Main Fork of the Salmon River) for 17 years. He has made the trip his first series-only trip. Mature travelers who take part in the six-day float from Salmon, Idaho, will spend their days rafting downstream through the primitive Frank Church National Wilderness area. (Nights will be spent in lodges along the river's banks.) The raft portion of the trip will end at a place called Mackay Bar. Participants will then be transported back to Salmon via air shuttle or jetboat. Late spring—when the Salmon River runs high and the falls are flowing—is an ideal time for rafting. Wildlife viewing is also at its best during this period. The Main Fork of the Salmon River is known as the "River of No Return" because, in the past, there were no roads leading to it; there was no easy way to leave the river once you were on it. In recent years, however, a few roads have been constructed. The seniors-only trip (for travelers 49 and older) departs May 14 from Salmon and costs \$978 per person. A round-trip shuttle flight from Boise, Idaho, to Salmon is available for an additional \$100. We are planning to join Warren on this special trip, and we will be taking the shuttle from Boise as well.

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The Michigan Classic Ballet Company will perform in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium Saturday and Sunday.

Ballet troupe to celebrate spring

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Saturday heralds the first day of spring. While the flowers are not likely to be blooming and only a few birds may be singing, the dancers of the Michigan Classic Ballet Company will definitely be on their toes to celebrate the vernal equinox.

The West Bloomfield-based dance ensemble will bring their "Seasons of Spring" to Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium on both Saturday and Sunday. The program features a mix of music and dance styles, from classic to the pas de deux from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake to contemporary, a la Je t'adore.

Choreography is by the company's artistic director, Mary Celeste Geiger. The former principal ballerina with the Royal Ballet of Flanders (Belgium), founded the local company in 1989.

The company really serves two essential purposes. Local dancers benefit from the chance to hone their performance skills, which is what ballet is all about. And classical dance is a long-time goal, Geiger said recently. Ballets such as the Nutcracker Suite, which the company has performed in Novi, and Giselle and Coppelia are part of the repertoire.

Intown

Special events

TOP CATS: Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers is holding its 144th championship cat show on March 20 to March 21 at the Novi Expo Center. Over 500 cats (32 breeds) from the U.S. and Canada will compete.

March 20 at Novi Bowl. The event is a 9 P.m. No Tap to raise money 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 Deejay Willie and a photographer will be on hand to capture those special moments.

HOPPE CLASSICS: The 35-member Hoppe College Symphony, just finishing up its East Coast tour, will appear in Novi on March 23. The free concert of Rossini, Bach, Schubert, Kabelevsky and Vivaldi is the introduction to great music for the family.

MUSICAL FINGERS AND FEET: Organist Margaret Martin Kvanme will present a concert of organ music on March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Northville Presbyterian Church. She is the assistant conductor of the University of Michigan Chamber Choir and organist at Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn.

CASTING CALL: Auditions will be held by the Novi Players on March 23, at 7 p.m. for an upcoming production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Seascapes*, by Edward Albee. Two 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.

CASTING CALL: Auditions will be held by the Novi Circle Theater at the Novi Expo Center at Novi Road just behind Elias Brothers.

FOR ADULTS ONLY: Children under 12 will not be allowed in to see the Novi Player's spring production of *Extremities* by William Mastrosimone, the story of a rapist turned victim.

church is in the heart of Northville at 200 E. Main Street. For information, call 930-2616.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: To honor the March celebration, Borders Book Shop in Novi Town Center is featuring a discussion on the status of females in America, "Women: Where We Stand." Detroit philanthropist Mildred Jeffrey and feminist commentator Toni Swanger will lead the March 28 salon at 6:30 p.m.

WHO DUNNITS AND HIGH Cs: Gettzie's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant continues to present its Murder Mystery and Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre productions.

NOVI BOWL: Novi Bowl on Novi Road above Eight Mile offers karaoke every Friday and Saturday between 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

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Kenny makes all-area volleyball first squad



Kristin Kenny made our all-area first team.

While most area teams struggled through the 1992-93 season, talented players enjoyed an ample amount of individual success. The HomeTown Newspapers East All-Area First Team is dominated by powerful offensive players.

A mixed squad of juniors and seniors, the All-Area team spotlights three devastating players who capped their high-school careers as primary offensive weapons.

Bassin moved from a hitting position to blocker this year. Besides blocking, Melvin said her player was adept at serving, usually getting three or four points per game.

Three juniors were also named to the first team, and undoubtedly will be the most feared offensive players in the 1993-94 season. With a summer of work under their belts, these three juniors will be the players to watch next year.

"She had a dynamic season," Montgomery said.

Kristin Kenny
Novi
A middle-blocker, Kenny made tremendous strides in her game this season, according to coach Amy Wagner.

Megan Readler
Milford
A three-sport varsity player, Readler combines athleticism with sheer competitive spirit.

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ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM		
NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL
KRISTIN KENNY	JR	NOVI
VALERIE BASSIN	SR	NORTHVILLE
MEGAN READLER	SR	MILFORD
THEFRESA ERICKSON	SR	LAKELAND
ABUHEY TUCKER	SR	LAKELAND
KAREN SIKORSKI	JR	SOUTH LYON

SECOND TEAM		
NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL
BECKY OPPAT	JR	NOVI
JENNY LOWER	SR	NORTHVILLE
VICKI LAHO	JR	SOUTH LYON
RUTH NASHOLM	SR	MILFORD
JENNY SORGE	SR	LAKELAND
GINETTE PIERRE	JR	MILFORD

HONORABLE MENTION		
NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL
NOVI: Beth Vanderhoff, Alexis Johnson, Kate MacKenzie		
NORTHVILLE: Angie Snyder, Lori George, Krista Howe		
MILFORD: Monique LeGris		
SOUTH LYON: Katie Halfey, Yvonne Blyskal		
LAKELAND: Julie Watts, Lisa Achenbach, Lisa Salczynski		

Oppat on second dream team

Experience and potential. Those are the two qualities that Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Second Team features in 1993. An even blend of juniors and seniors makes up a star-studded lineup that would be tough to beat on any court.

The team finished the campaign at 7-14 this year with a 4-8 KVC mark. Milford wrestled the conference crown away from the Cats for the first time since 1990.

With four starters gone, Novi was forced to rely on younger players and seniors with little playing experience. Shoemaker said he knew it would be a crap-shoot.

"The thing that concerned me was that we had to rely on the sophomores so much," he added. "It was a question mark. Anytime you lose four starters it's a question."

"I feel good about it," Shoemaker commented. "This group worked as hard as any I've had. They represented the high school with class."

The coach was particularly proud of his four seniors. Guard Dave York led the Wildcats in scoring. Shoemaker described the senior as a clutch player recalling a game last season when

courting in skills that complimented her speed and coordination.

According to Mustang coach Laura Melvin, one of the senior's biggest contributions came in the way of leadership.

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"I feel very good about the four seniors," Shoemaker said. "They made great contributions over the four years."

Passing and serving were the senior's best skills, Melvin said. Lower rarely missed a serve and scored a lot of points for Northville.

"She has a very nice serve," the coach said.

"Sometimes a little erratic from the service line, Nasholm more than made up for it when the ball made it into play. With a line-drive ball at the net, Ruth 'The Rifle' was the KVC's most feared server."

"She has an awesome serve," said first-year Milford coach Jayne Clamptitt. "It's very intimidating to other teams. She was our lead-off server because of that."

Nasholm, a 5-foot-8 senior, was a defensive key for the Redskins and provided leadership as well.

"We're going to miss Ruth," Clamptitt said. "She's a wonderful player, very physically quick. I think she's a college-level player."

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Wildcats look to rebound in '93-94

Hard work and dedication. That's what it's going to take to get back to the top of the Kestington Valley Conference basketball standings, according to Novi coach Bob Shoemaker.

After two straight league titles, the Wildcats slipped to fifth this season. Nothing short of a total commitment will send Novi back toward the top.

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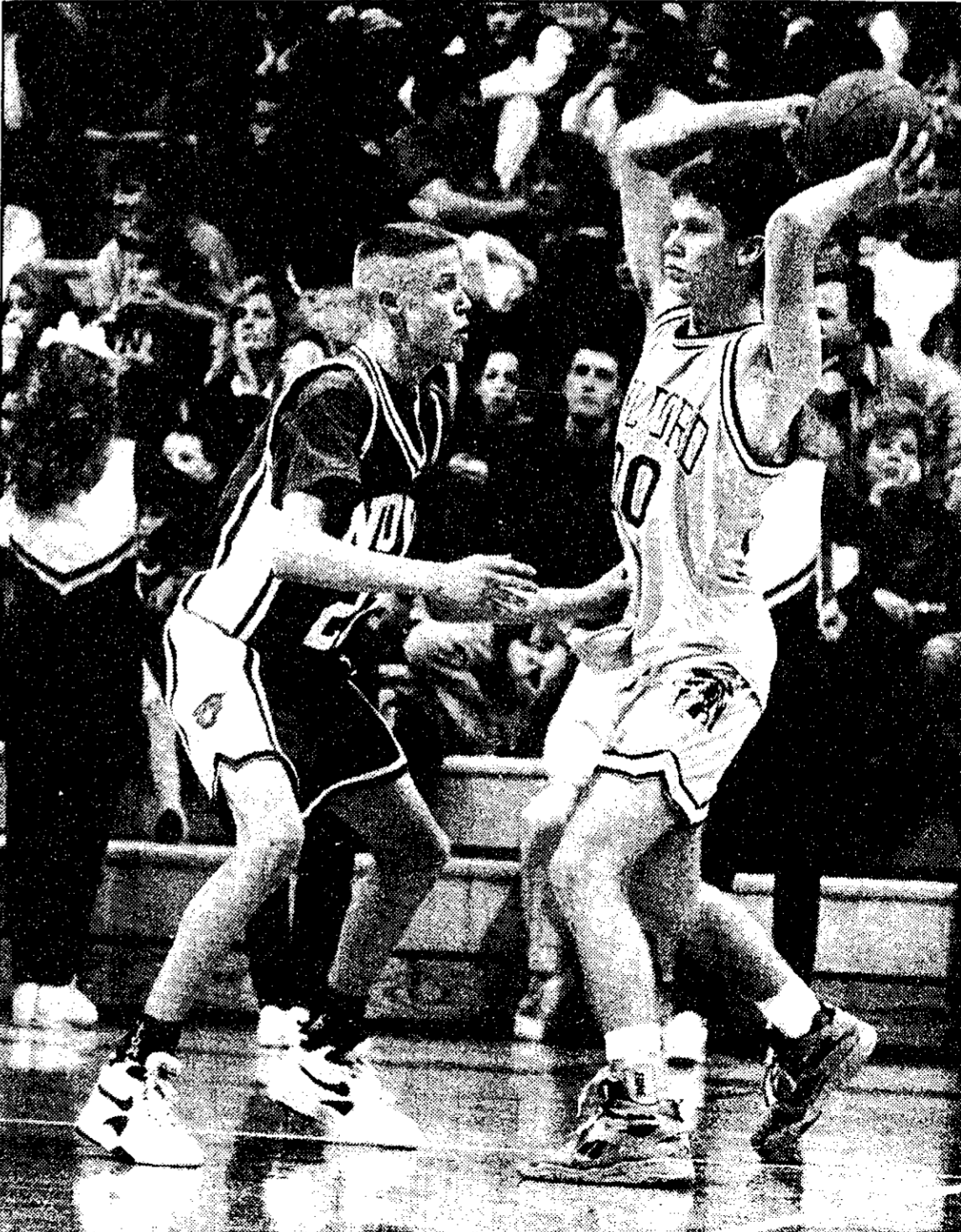
"I feel very good about the four seniors," Shoemaker said. "They made great contributions over the four years."

Tankers do well despite numbers

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Despite very low numbers, Novi High fielded a competitive swimming team this winter.

Only 16 athletes swam or dove for the Wildcats this season—the minimum number allowed before the sport would have been canceled. Even with that handicap, the Cats put together a 5-5 dual meet campaign, including a "Kestington Valley Conference championship" (as a result of a win over Brighton, the only other league school to field a team), and finished four swimmers for the state finals.



Jason Fannon (left) will return to the Wildcats next season.

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Cagers look to rebound in KVC

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"I don't forget the contributions these kids made to the program," Shoemaker commented. "They bought into working hard, playing as a team and being loyal."

The tough year for the Wildcats is sure to pay dividends next season. Novi should feature veteran leadership in the backcourt. Jason Fannon and Jon Wroe will be juniors and Greg Perman a senior.

Fannon showed marked improvement towards the end of this season while Wroe is a consummate team player with point guard skills.

Up front, Rocky Dunlap showed flashes at center. He could develop into the 'Cats' full-time post man while Rob Stawski should see more playing time as a sophomore.

Freshman Chad Dickens will see plenty of action at forward.

"We think he will be a very good player," Shoemaker said.

Shawn Kelly and Brian Csordas should also be back for duty at forward.

"I think next year's team will be more talented," Shoemaker said.

The coach said he will go back to a five-to-eight-man rotation next year. Shoemaker often used more than that to try and find a winning combination.

The coach said players will have to



Jeremy Watkins (left) was a great defensive player for Novi this year. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

earn minutes. No starting position will be etched in stone.

"There is no set lineup or agenda,"

Shoemaker said.

In terms of the KVC, Milford will be favorites to repeat as champs. The Redskins will lose only one player to graduation.

Shoemaker said Howell has to be considered just a shade below Milford. The rest of the league will be up for grabs, he added.

Tankers do well despite numbers

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during the dual-meet season.

"The way it seems to go is that the postseason is when we qualify people," Mason commented.

With greater competition of a league sanctioned from the KVC (only Novi and Brighton have swimming teams in the seven-school league), the coach said more swimmers would have qualified. South Lyon may begin a swimming program in the next few years, Mason added. The league requires that six member schools offer a sport before it will offer sanctioning.

Novi will not be able to compete until late this year because of a serious neck injury last summer. Instead, the senior missed just a few meets at the start of the season.

"Just being able to come back was quite an accomplishment," Mason said.

Lafferty was this year's top pointer for Novi. He earned nearly twice the number of points needed for a varsity letter. Lafferty will likely continue his career as a freestyler for Eastern Michigan University next fall, Mason said.

Suchyia overcame a slow start to reclaim his spot on the 400-yard freestyle relay team.

"He had a decent season this year," Mason said.

Both Yost and Gubert specialized in diving. Mason said both performed well for their experience levels.

While those Wildcats will be missed, Novi will have several solid returning swimmers.

Rely will lead the way. Just a sophomore, Mason said he has a lot of potential.

"He's a gifted athlete," Mason commented. "He will definitely be the best athlete on the team for the next few years."

Matt and Rob Mutch will add experience to the Novi lineup. Jason Black will work in the breaststroke and freestyle events.

Sports Shorts



Doug Soper (middle) will play for Madonna University later this year.

Former 'Cats: Two Novi High graduates have made all-academic teams at Alma College. Shelly Wasiko made the grade as part of the Alma swim team while Ken Fenchel earned the same honor as a member of the track team.

Doug Soper, former Novi High basketball standout, has transferred to Madonna University in Livonia from Central Michigan University. Doug will play on the 1993-94 Crusader basketball team and major in marketing.

Lacrosse: Novi High's newest team will begin play a week from tomorrow. The Wildcat lacrosse squad, which will be coached by Kelly Kroll, opens on the road against Grand Rapids Forest Hills. Novi's first home game will be April 2 against Grosse Pointe North.

Fitness Notes

Colorectal cancer screening: Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States. If discovered early, the potential for cure is much greater than other types of cancer, more than 75 percent of colorectal cancers in early stages can be cured.

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The Northville University of Michigan Health Center will be offering colon cancer screening kits (stool blood tests) through April 2. Stop by the health center located at 650 Griswold to pick up your kit during regular office hours. The kit is \$7 and can be mailed back to the center.

Remember, screening is for asymptomatic people. If you have any changes in your bowel habits or bleeding, let your physician know as soon as possible. The time for screening is while you feel well.

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Basketball

KVC STANDINGS

Milford	10-2
Howell	9-3
Brighton	8-4
South Lyon	6-6
Novi	4-8
Hartland	2-10

ASSISTS

Tropae (South Lyon)	49
Bache (Brighton)	44
Stawski (Lakeland)	44
Fraser (South Lyon)	40

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

Clayton (South Lyon)	570
Season (Howell)	325
Stawski (Lakeland)	320
Wakins (Novi)	480
Stawski (Lakeland)	460
Chocher (Brighton)	448
Stawski (Lakeland)	444
Bache (Brighton)	443
Harris (Brighton)	438
Blue (Milford)	430
Free-throw percentage:	
Novi (Novi)	803
Clayton (Brighton)	810
Nash (Hartland)	780
Bellefleur (South Lyon)	770
Dufresne (Lakeland)	760
Fraser (South Lyon)	750

TEAM OFFENSE

Brighton	68.5
Howell	60.0
South Lyon	56.8
Lakeland	56.0
Hartland	55.6
Milford	54.9
Novi	54.3

TEAM DEFENSE

Milford	45.8
South Lyon	55.6
Howell	57.5
Novi	57.5
Brighton	61.4
Hartland	62.0
Lakeland	69.1

TEAM DEFENSE (Cont.)

O'Sullivan (Novi)	27.8 (771)
Smades (Lakeland)	33.12 (733)
Schroeder (Howell)	26.11 (703)
Connolly (Brighton)	21.11 (677)
Hurtman (Brighton)	27.18 (600)
Novi	54.3
Adity (South Lyon)	32.9 (775)
Wangat (Hartland)	19.8 (704)
Gover (Howell)	20.9 (689)
Arnold (Howell)	14.11 (560)

Volleyball

KVC STANDINGS

Brighton	12-0
Lakeland	8-4
Hartland	6-6
Milford	5-7
Novi	5-7
South Lyon	3-9
Howell	1-11

BASKETBALL 35 AND OVER

Paramount	7-0
JCK-1	5-1
Huron Sales	4-3
One Step	4-3
Moose Preserve	4-3
Brick Layers	3-4
Aces	2-5
Star Boys	2-5
Dunbar	2-5
Kings	2-6
The Spunks	1-6

RECREATION

Recreation	1-1
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KVC STANDINGS (Cont.)

Milford	165 (762)
Novi	33-14 (702)
Archay (S. Lyon)	20-13 (626)
Ward (Novi)	15-11 (577)
Gole (Brighton)	23-17 (579)

KVC STANDINGS (Cont.)

Stansack (Howell)	47-0 (1,000)
Esper (Howell)	24-10 (706)
Chapye (Milford)	24-11 (586)
Newstead (Howell)	15-8 (366)
O'Sullivan (Novi)	27-8 (771)
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RECREATION (Cont.)

Morrison (Hartland)	26.4 (865)
Explosion (Lakeland)	14.4 (777)
Howell	23-9 (763)
South Lyon	5-1
Hay (Novi)	19-13 (594)
Hubert (Brighton)	15-15 (500)
Hartland	2-4
Novi	1-5
Milford	0-6
Young (Brighton)	27-11 (711)
Foghorn (Hartland)	18-9 (666)
Steil (Novi)	22-11 (699)
Osborn (Lakeland)	22-12 (697)
112	112
Das (Brighton)	33-12 (739)
160	160
McKernan (Howell)	40-8 (833)
Ja. Brown (S. Lyon)	31-8 (789)
McBride (Novi)	15-10 (600)
Dunn (Hartland)	22-18 (550)

Kenny makes all-area volleyball top team

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first-year Milford coach Jayne Clamptt. "She doesn't care who we are playing, she wants the team to do the best it can.

"She starts out as a hitter, but she can play every position," Reader said. "She can play defense and she's one of our top servers."

Reader's attributes go beyond her

spiking and defensive skills. The junior has also proven to be a team asset, helping to improve the play of those around her.

"Every coach wants a player like her on the team," Clamptt said. "She's very smart and she's a good role model for the younger players."

KARIN SIKORSKI
South Lyon

The best player on the South Lyon squad, this junior captain played a role usually filled by seniors.

"She's a great leader," said South Lyon coach Ed Baldwin. "She always does more. She bugged kids to stay after practice and do more, playing peeper or doing wall sits to improve leg strength."

Sikorski's dedication to undoubtedly turn into domination next season. An all-around player, the 5-foot-11 Sikorski should be one of the Kennington Valley Conference's premier players.

"I'm really happy to be having her

back next year, she's going to be a real force," Baldwin said. "She's strong in the front and in the back. A lot of big kids drop off in the back but she doesn't."

AUBREY TUCKER
Lakeland

A mainstay of Lakeland's powerful offense, Tucker came on strong at the end of the year. Named All-KVC and second-team All-Region, Tucker complimented offensive punch with

a balanced repertoire of skills.

"She's a good middle blocker and a good defensive player," Montgomery said. "She played all the way around and she's good on the serve."

Tucker, a senior, gave her coach peace of mind that she would get the job done.

"She works hard and she understands the game," Montgomery said. "She's very dependable and a good competitor."

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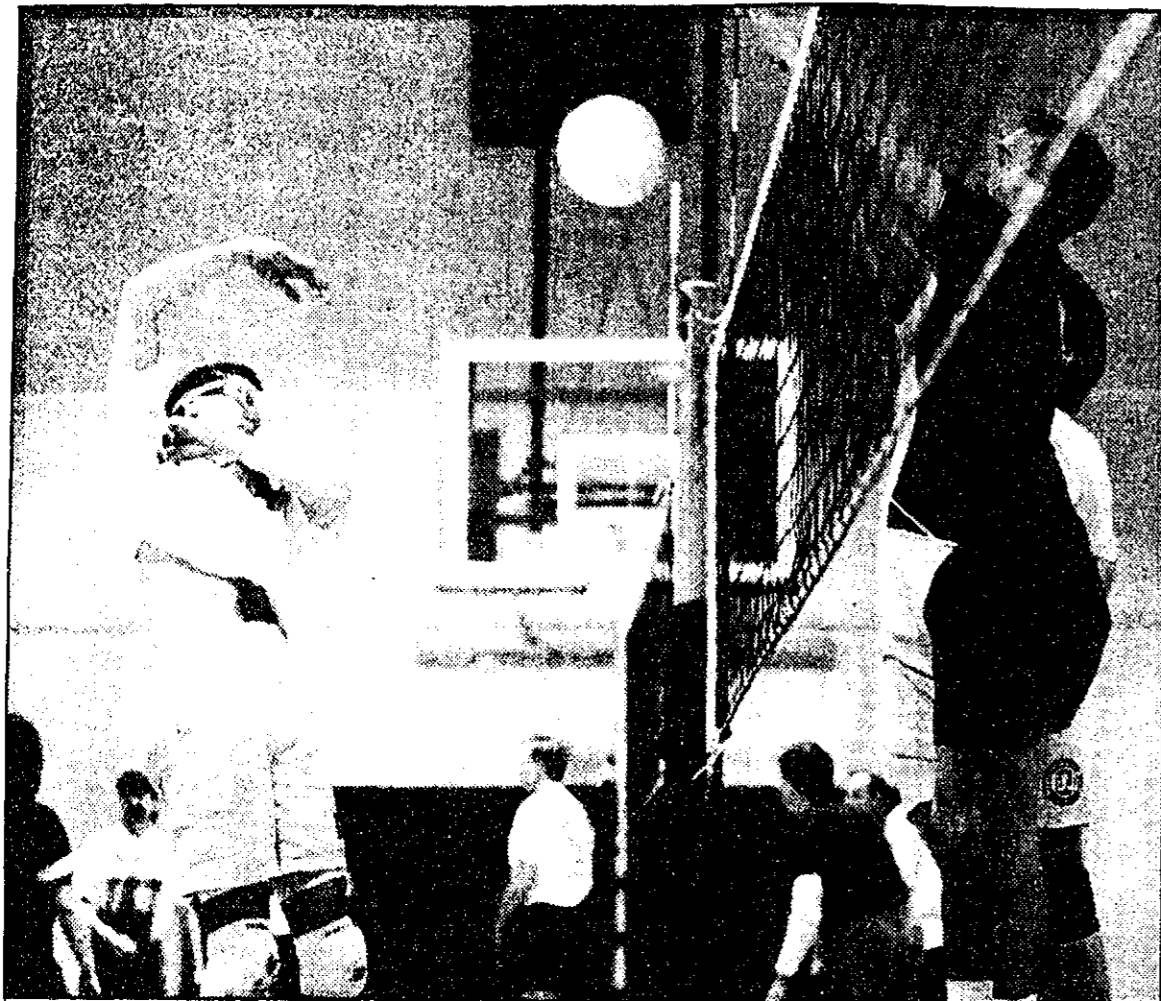
By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Most of Novi's teenagers are back from their winter trips to Florida, but still dreaming of sun and fun. Maybe it's time to start planning for some summer fun now. How about signing up for the Novi Parks and Recreation 4-on-4 Teen Sand Volleyball Teams. Registration has just started, but from the looks of it, the teams will fill up long before the May 28 deadline.

The 4-on-4 Teen Sand Volleyball League is open to all high school-age teens, freshman through senior years. The league offers three different divisions — co-ed, men's and women's. It begins the week of June 21 and ends the week of Aug. 2.

Eugene Wang and Darren Ho, Novi High School students, approached Recreation Coordinator Deanne Adaschik about starting a summer volleyball league. They had started an intramural league this year with the approval of Principal Art Miller and Athletic Director John Fundukian and wanted to continue a league through Parks and Rec this summer.

"I like to play volleyball, but there are not really any teams for guys in this area," said Eugene Wang. "Most high schools only have girls varsity volleyball teams. We started a small intramural league with four teams and play at the middle school one afternoon a week."



Volleyball will move outdoors this spring in Novi. FILE PHOTO

Deanne Adaschik was very happy to help Eugene and Darren set up the summer volleyball league. "The teen population is definitely one we want to target for more programs. The intramural teams use the nets we already have set up for our adult leagues which play at Novi Middle School. It gives the students a place to play and they're finished before my leagues begin."

"When Eugene and Darren asked about the possibility of a summer

league at the Middle School, I suggested using the new sand court we built at Lakeshore Park last summer," she said. "They were very excited about the idea. Now they hope we build more courts."

They set up a format for the league based on what Deanne said was possible so the summer Teen Sand Volleyball League was born. Individuals may register at Novi Parks and Rec for co-ed, men's or women's divisions.

Each division will have eight teams (five players per team) and rosters will be composed by lottery, except for the co-ed division. Co-ed teams must register as a team (five individuals per team). Games will have referees, follow the U.S. Volleyball Association Rules and will be played during the day as follows: men's, Wednesdays; women's, Thursdays; and co-ed, Fridays. Matches will last one hour and range from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Child abuse can be subtle or covert



Jacquie Downs

While reading the book *Cry Out!* by Peter Quinn, a story about his violent childhood, I started thinking about how many family secrets are behind closed doors. The violence Quinn portrays in his autobiography is blatant but hidden from outsiders.

Because children are sometimes viewed as property, many parents take unspoken liberties with their children that violate the child's sense of self. John Bradshaw stated it succinctly in his book *Creating Love*: "Violence occurs when a more powerful and knowledgeable person destroys the freedom of a less powerful person for whom he or she is significant."

Bradshaw suggests that abuse can often be covert and subtle. Bradshaw describes violence as when parents choose to bring children into the world and cause them to witness any form of physical violence and don't protect them from older siblings or school and neighborhood bullies. Violence is teasing children about their bodies, demanding unreasonable things, ex-

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posing them to any form of sexual behavior, using them as a scapegoat for a parent's anger, and shaming them to take away the parent's disappointment and sadness.

Most of all, it comes down to parents refusing to settle their unresolved issues from the past and forcing all of their personal hurts onto an unsuspecting bystander — their child.

In the substance abuse field, we see thousands of people who have hidden most of their true feelings throughout their childhoods and into adulthood. The substance (work, alcohol, prescription drugs, rage, for example) works so well because it helps numb the uncomfortable feelings people won't allow themselves to feel.

How did it start for them? It started when their parents treated them with little respect as people. At the time when their parents had full control over them, they had no choice but to accept whatever was done to them and hide their own hurts, fears, rage or possibly even excitement.

It brings to mind a situation I noticed with a family at a rest area along the expressway last

summer. Some kids were having a great time, climbing on a wooden fence and scooting across it. Their giggles were playful and excited but their fun was instantly stopped when their dad yelled out to them. "This isn't a place to clown around and have fun. Get off there right now you little brats, and get into the car until Mom comes out of the restroom." Their harmless frolicking was quickly thwarted by their father's remarks. Smiles turned to frowns as they slowly walked back to the car.

Was this abusive or violent behavior on the part of the father? Maybe not outwardly so, but natural, fun, and joyful play was replaced with sour, sad looks. The children could have been told more gently, "Kids, two minutes before we take off. Let's hop down and see who's going to get into the car first."

Continual punishment and demeaning of a child can only help create a person with low self-worth and potentially addictive personality. It's important to remember that our children are our treasures, not our property.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is a prevention coordinator for the Community Commission on Drug Abuse in Livonia, funded by SEMSAS of DCC. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell of U-M Health Center staff.

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Golf league to tee off at Links of Novi

Golf League: Novi Parks and Recreation will sponsor a new adult golf league at the Links of Novi this spring. This mixed league will play on Mondays with tee-off times between 4:30-5:30 p.m. The league begins play on April 18 and runs for 18 weeks. Registration is \$36 for residents and \$42.20 for non-residents, which includes awards, weekly prizes, raffle prizes, a site supervisor and banquet. Greens fees are \$15 per week for a total cost of \$306. The league is limited to 32 golfers and registration is on a first-come first serve basis. For more information call 347-0400.

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 Carone 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

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

Horseback Riding: Learn "English Style" riding at Haverhill Farms indoor facility in Novi. Classes range from beginner to advanced. Register at Novi Parks and Recreation office. Call Haverhill Farms at 624-5554 on class availability. The fee is \$85 for residents and \$114 for non-residents. For more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

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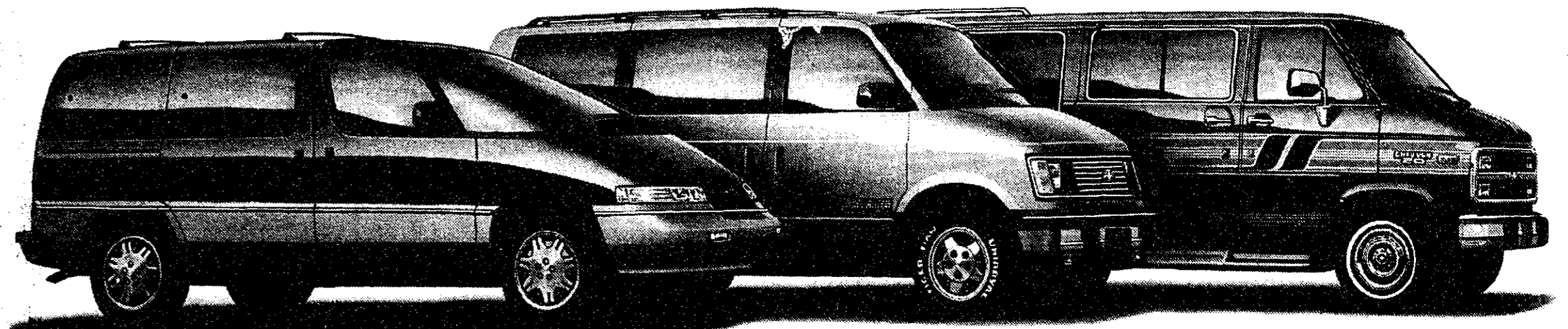
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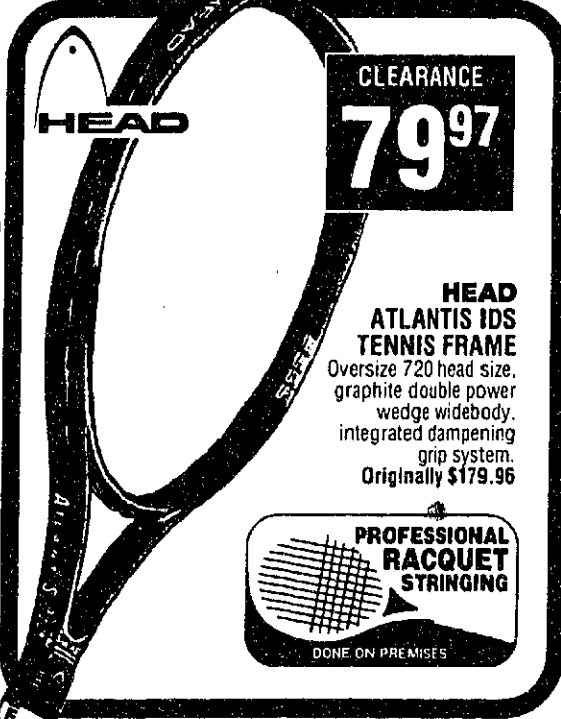
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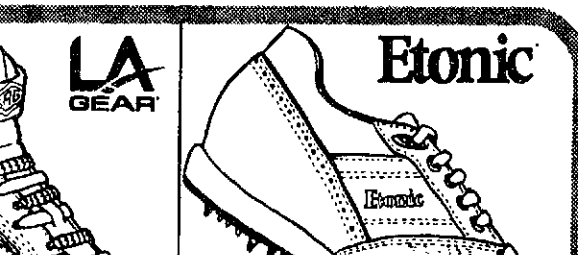
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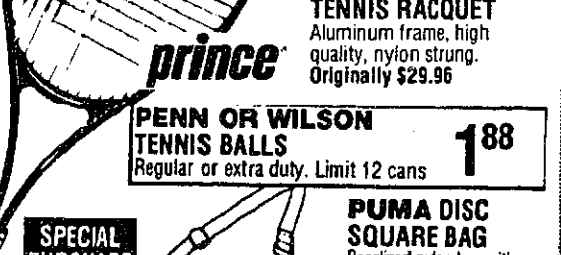
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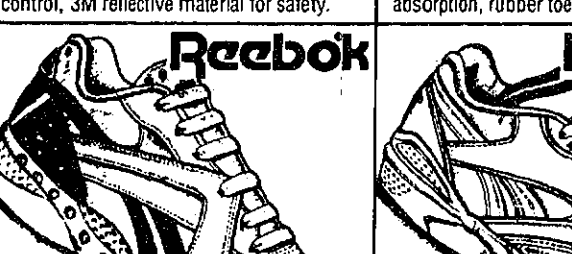
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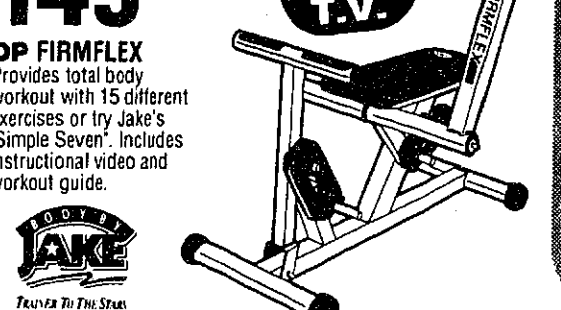
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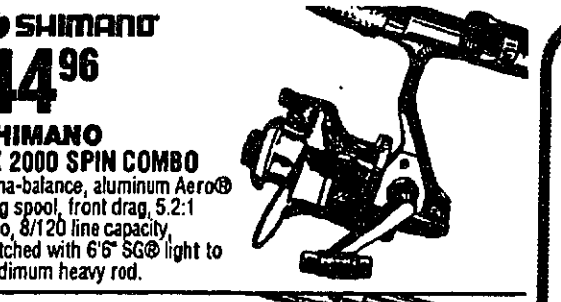
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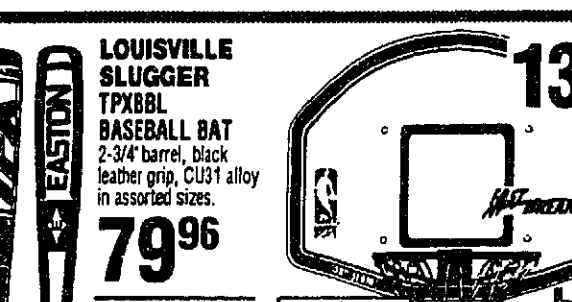
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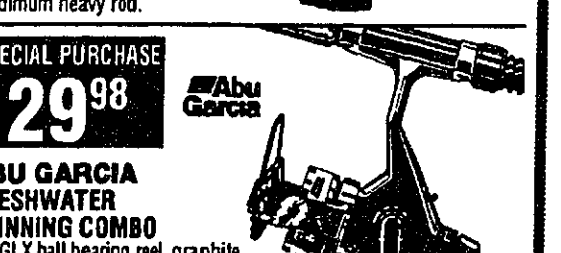
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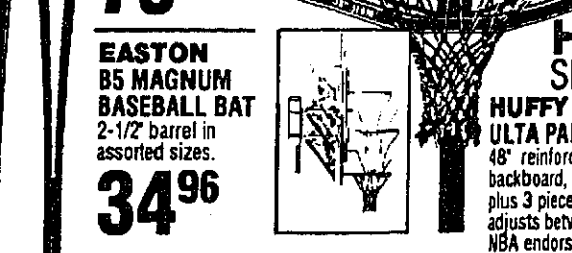
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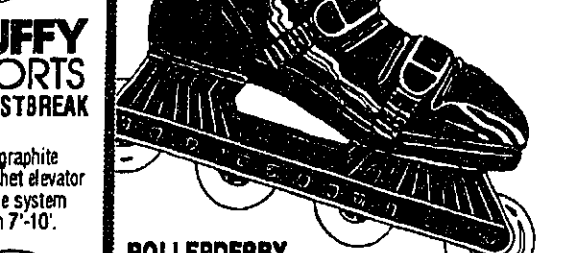
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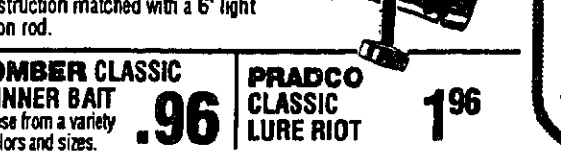
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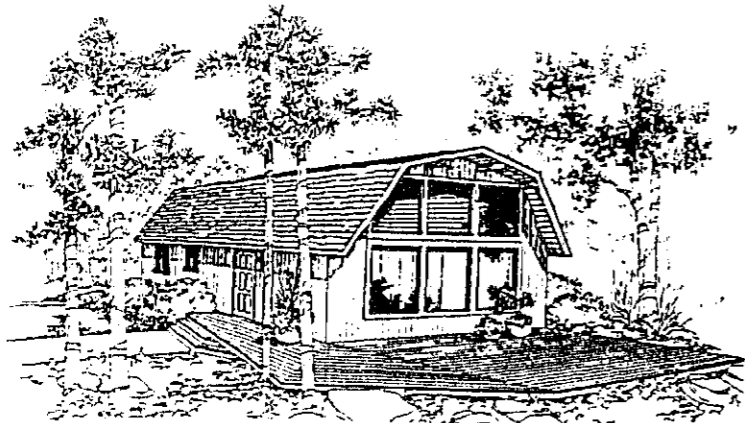
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HOME DESIGNS



The Tonapah is an ideal vacation home for singles

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Bright and cozy, the Tonapah is a cabin with a gambrel, or barn-style, roof and an open-beam ceiling. Although the home is designed for use as a vacation getaway, singles and couples with no children or grown children may find it spacious enough for year-round living.

Rectangular in shape (24 feet by 36 feet), the Tonapah has approximately 1,200 feet of living space, fits on a small lot and is economical to build.

Six huge windows—three above and three below—brighten a great room that occupies the front half of the home. Open to the roof beams, this combined living room, dining room and kitchen has a wide-open feeling that invites you to shuck off the cares of the world, settle into an easy chair and relax. A wood-burning stove could be included in either the dining or living room to provide additional warmth and cheer.

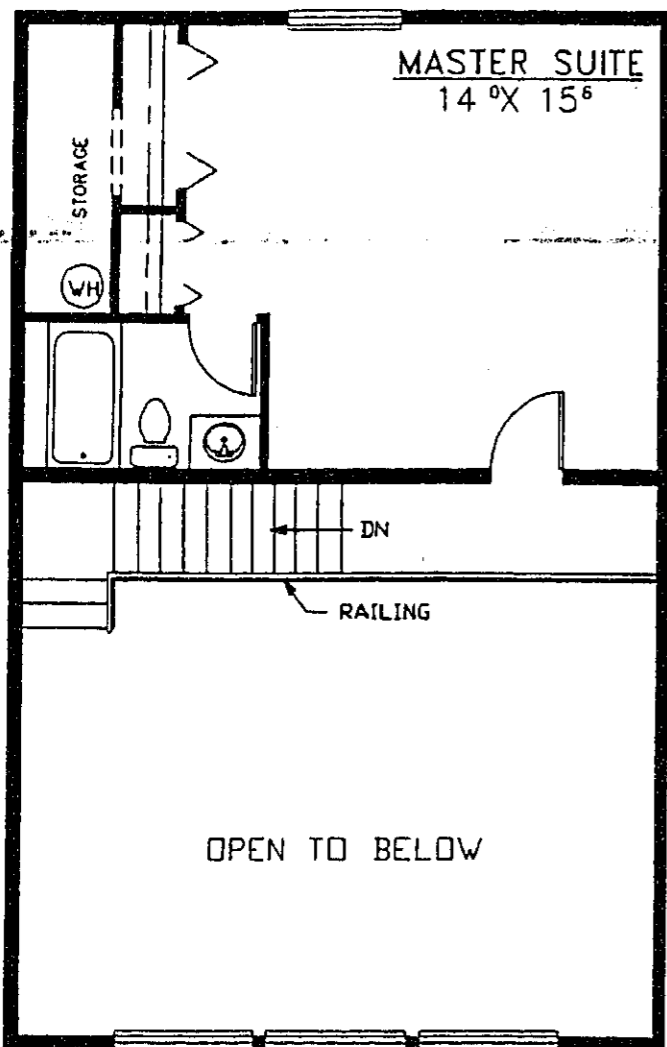
The kitchen is compact but has plenty of cupboard and counter space. One of the counter extensions could be outfitted as an eating bar.

Total privacy is available in the master suite—the only room upstairs. Lying in bed there gives the owners yet another opportunity to appreciate the strong, clean lines of the exposed roof beams. The suite has a private bathroom and two closets. Additional storage space is behind.

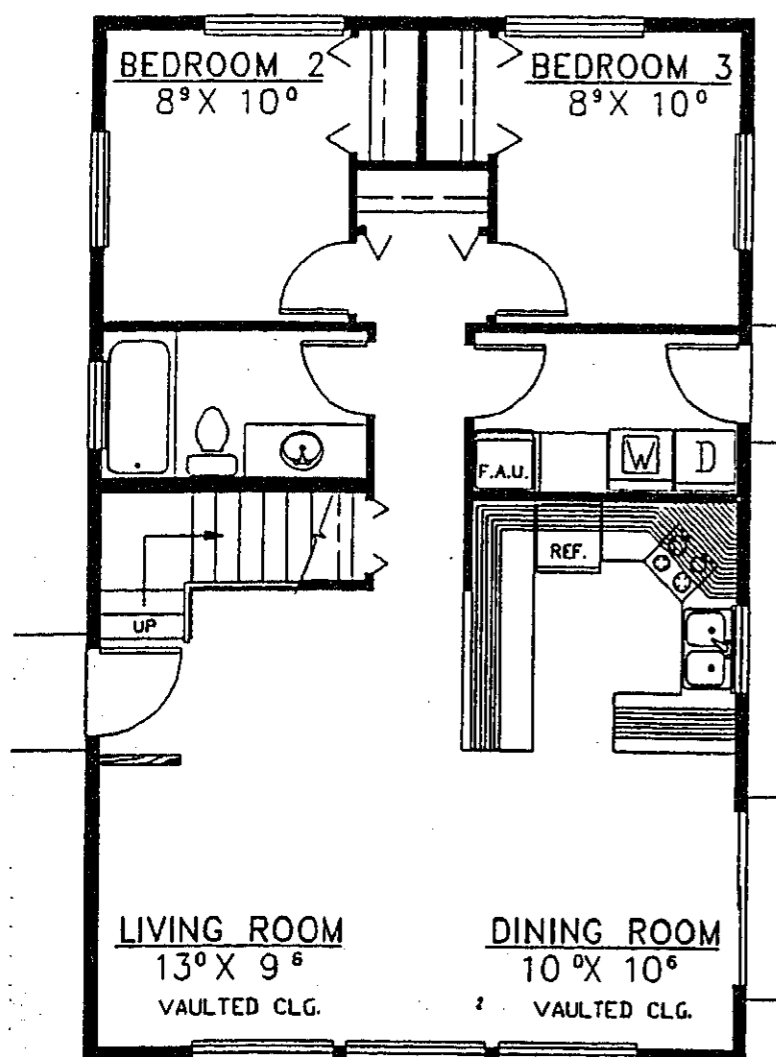
Two small bedrooms, another bathroom and an average-size utility room are below, at the back of the cabin.

The utility room has an outside door, allowing people to remove muddy or snowy footwear before entering the rest of the house.

For a study plan of the Tonapah (400-44) send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



UPPER LEVEL



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The Loneragan's 1,750 square-foot home is situated on about 1-1/2 acre in White Lake Township.

FIRST TIMERS

By Marilyn Herald
Special Writer

By today's standards the new home of Laura and Steve Loneragan in The Manchester Estates subdivision in White Lake Township is not a mansion, but to this couple who've only been married four

years, it's a dream come true. Laura bubbles with enthusiasm as she points out the features which made them choose this 1,750-square-foot home on a one-and-a-half acre lot with that

woody view out the rear windows. Never mind, she says, that the front porch is utilitarian and small, it's the location of the lot and their plans for building a large deck in the back that sold them. Full-length glass doors open out to that area.

"We like to do a lot of outdoor entertaining in the summer and this will be ideal," Laura explained. "We're even looking forward to putting in the yard the way we want it."

The Lonergans were living in a condo in Walled Lake when they began house hunting. After a good deal of searching and having two other house deals "fall through," the Lonergans met builder Gordon Wallace who is affiliated with Gentry Realty in Highland/Milford and discovered the house they soon began calling "home."

"We were lucky we didn't get either of the other houses," Laura admitted. "We feel we got the most for our money here. We wanted open space inside and out. We have a lot of gatherings outside."

Designed with a central, open living/dining/kitchen area, the ranch-style home has a large mas-



Laura and Steve Loneragan stand in their central, open kitchen area

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Nature's perfect package

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

The seed: An amazing curiosity that holds the secrets of life. Of course, some aspects of the seed and its means of survival still remain a mystery. Learning more about the seed can help you improve your own germination success.

When you look at a seed, for instance, you are looking at the seed coat, a distinct "fingerprint" for the plant species. Many garden seeds can be identified by their size, shape and seed coat. Variations of the seed coat may include some that are hard and thick, while others are papery and thin.

Like those of us who wear coats for protection against harsh weather, seed coats perform the very same task: protection against entry of parasites or mechanical injury and, in some cases, protection against unfavorable high or low temperatures.

Inside the seed coat is the embryo, an immature plant with all the parts of the adult plant. A close peek shows leaves and a root, not the "true leaves"; the root may be a mere speck, but it is the beginning of a plant.

Germination is a finishing process. Watching that tiny seedling emerge from a dry,

wrinkled seed, observing its growth and transformation, is seeing the mystery of life unfold.

It starts with "digestion" since a growing embryo uses only water-soluble food. The first sign of germination is the absorption of water, and lots of it! This activates an enzyme—the seed is alive and growing. Soon, the embryo becomes too large for the seed coat; it bursts open and the growing plant emerges, first with the top of the root. That young root is first for a good reason. Not only will the seed be held in place securely, but also the embryo cannot absorb water and materials from surrounding soil before there is a stem.

I've talked about the seed and how it comes to life, but before it germinates, it is either in a state of quiescence or dormancy. They both refer to a living seed suspended for a period of time in a sheltered place, waiting for the proper time for the conditions to be right to come forth, grow and change.

Quiescence is caused by external conditions, such as lack of oxygen or moisture.

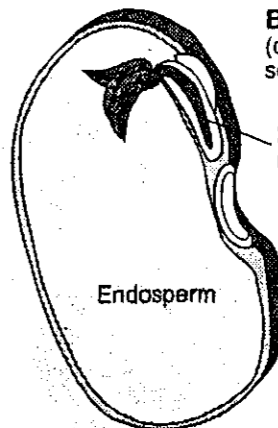
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Seed mysteries

- Seed coats offer protection from harsh temperatures and parasites.
- The embryo is the immature plant, complete with all the parts for the adult plant.
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- Quiescence is a period of dormancy, when seed growth is suspended until the proper conditions to continue growth occur.

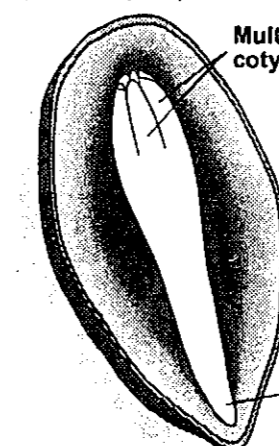
Seed types

A seed consists of an embryo plant and some, or no, stored food for it (endosperm). Most seeds fall into three seed types:

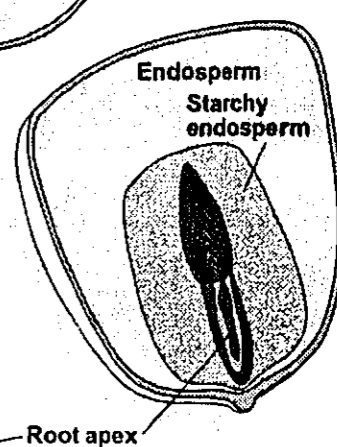


Bean seed (dicotyledon, two seed leaves)
Root (radicle)

Conifer seed (no endosperm)



Corn seed (monocotyledon)



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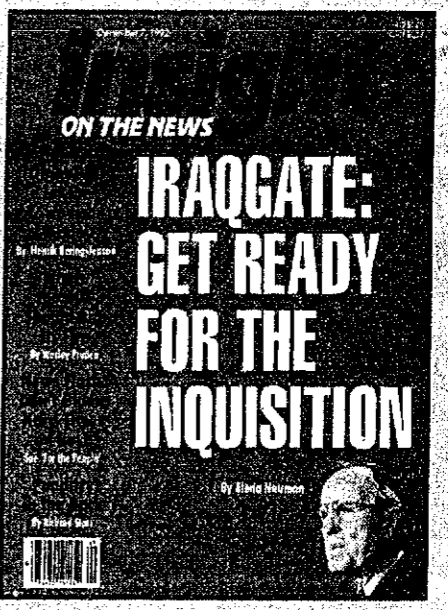
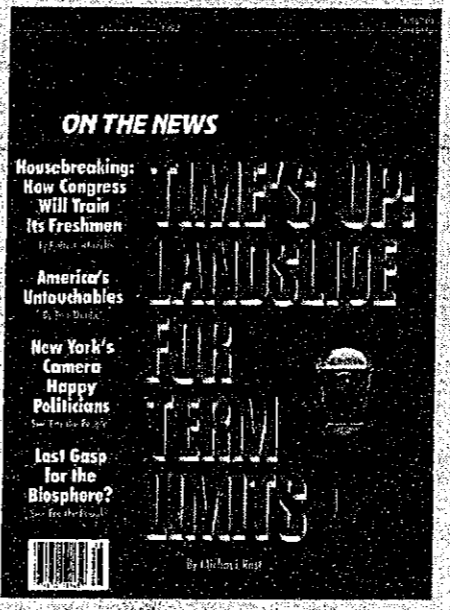
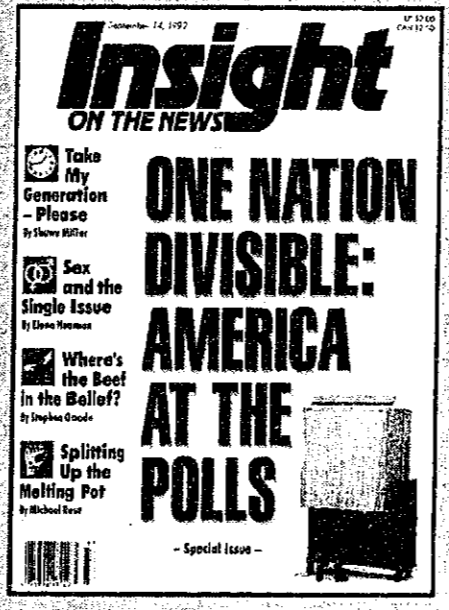
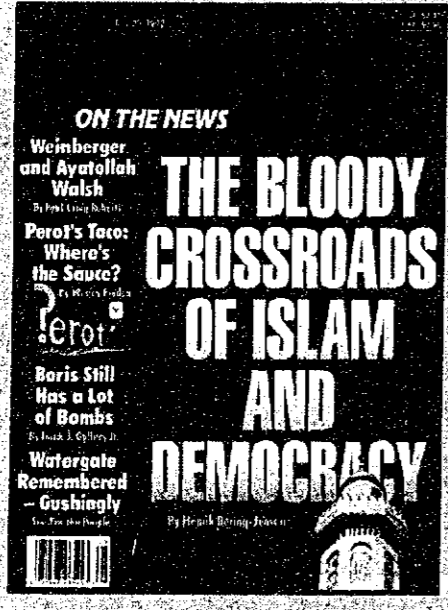
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By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

When you have an emergency, you probably call 9-1-1.

When ad agencies, public relations groups or publishers have an emergency, they call Emergency Printing Network.

"We are the 9-1-1 of graphic arts," said Shelby Fox of Novi, who along with brother Larry owns the Farmington Hills-based service.

Emergency Printing Network provides a toll-free 800 number that's manned 24 hours a day to connect people who need fast printing of flyers, catalogs, promotional materials and the like, with keyliners, printers and graphic artists. And those hurry-up, need-it-yesterday jobs are all that EPN does.

"We don't need or want to be your regular supplier," said Fox. "If Joe has been your printer for 20 years, then by all means keep using him. We're there for an emergency or an overflow, and we're reachable 24 hours a day."

To step into the Emergency Printing Network office, you'd have no idea of the urgency of the work that comes over the phone lines. There's no frantic yelling, no running around. Just people quietly answering phones. That, too, is part of the plan, Fox said.

"Emergency is just a matter of perception," Fox said. "We try to put the customer at ease. We tell them to rest assured that it's going to be done, no ifs, ands or buts. To them it may be a unique situation, but to us, we're set up to handle it."

When a call comes in to 1-800-666-9088, the person at the other end of the line is genuinely qualified to discuss print and graphics, too. That person can talk the customer through a job from design, to comprehensive drawings, to final artwork — anything at all that's printed, embossed or embroidered. If it's after 5 p.m., you might actually talk to Shelby himself, as he comes armed with a 24-hour pager.

"You can call us and talk to someone who knows what you're talking about," said Fox. "You'll talk to someone who's been in the business for years. They're not just a clerk, and they're not just a salesperson."

"We're so vastly different from the quick printers like Kinko's or whoever. They serve a need. But we serve a different need."

After the job has been evaluated, EPN will arrange to have the work picked up from the customer's office, and taken directly to one of a dozen or so suppliers that the firm has retained just for these specific kinds of jobs.

"Each has promised to get the job done, even if it means getting into their plant in the middle of the night," said Larry Fox, a 40-year veteran of the graphic arts business.

The suppliers each have a non-competitive specialty. Though they're all capable of providing emergency service individually, EPN can step in and coordinate a job that draws from more than one creative specialty. In many cases, the work can be done within 24 hours.

When the job is ready, EPN will have it delivered wherever it's needed.

Just what qualifies as an emergency? Shelby Fox tells the story of an area candy-maker that had printed up 40,000 direct-mail brochures, printed on both sides with full-color photos, and folded. Just when they were ready to be mailed, the company decided to change its name.

Instead of swallowing the loss of the brochures that had been printed with the old name, someone in the firm called Emergency Printing Network.

The company came up with a supplier who would unfold the 40,000 brochures, print the new name and logo over the old with an opaque ink, re-fold them and deliver them on time.

Shelby said the job was done in 2½ weeks, with a savings of \$25,000 to \$30,000 to the customer, "and nobody could tell the difference on the brochures."

Said Larry, "Each job has a story." Customers pay a small premium for EPN's service, though no retainer or membership fee is needed. When compared with the cost of failing to complete a job on time, Shelby said, customers find Emergency Printing Network cost-effective.

"The feedback we get from people in the industry is, 'What a great,

novel idea. Where were you when I had to do . . . blank,'" he said.

Currently, there are 512 firms on the EPN's customer list. And that number grows all the time, mostly by word of mouth.

"We just got a call from someone who needed our service," Shelby said. "He knew a designer who had given him our Rolodex card."

The EPN concept started quite simply. Larry Fox had owned and operated Fox Printing in Farmington Hills for some 15 years. Then about four years ago, Shelby realized there was an unmet need for emergency work, even though there was available technology to get the work done in time.

"At the beginning, we realized that in the '90s, people were getting more and more time poor," said Shelby. "We started evaluating that, and found there was a need."

"During the last couple of years at

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Larry (left) and Shelby Fox of Emergency Printing Network review some of the hurry-up jobs they've done.

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MICHIGAN SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS earned an outstanding \$55.8 million for the third quarter of 1992, continuing a banner year for Michigan thrifts. According to the Office of Thrift Supervision figures released, the U.S. thrift industry also enjoyed a great third quarter, posting profits of \$1.27 billion.

Combined with profits of \$101.8 million the first half of 1992, Michigan savings institutions' third quarter earnings complete an impressive year-to-date total of \$157.6 million. This number easily surpasses the \$110.5 million earned the first nine months of 1991. Similarly, the nation's savings industry posted record year-to-date profits of \$4.05 billion, beating the 1978 first-three-quarter earnings record of \$3.9 billion.

This marks 37 consecutive profitable quarters for Michigan savings institutions with only one exception. For more than nine years, Michigan thrifts have registered consistent profits. The U.S. industry is marking its seventh consecutive profitable quarter.

Michigan's 34 savings institutions hold approximately \$29.6 billion in assets and \$17.8 billion

in deposits. Mortgages and mortgage-backed securities make up 75 percent of Michigan thrifts' assets. Michigan ranks near the top of the industry in profitability, assets size, capital growth and minimizing nonperforming assets.

Donald F. Wall, President of the Michigan League of Savings Institutions attributes this consistent success to the fact that "Michigan saving institutions have always concentrated on making loans for family homes in our communities rather than more speculative commercial loans in distant markets. This conservatism strategy has paid off for our institutions and our communities."

"Even before the recent drop in interest rates," Wall added, "Michigan thrifts were concentration on making affordable home loans and providing personalized service to our communities. We look forward to continuing this strategy for success into the 21st century."

O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS INC. announces the transition of its presidency from John R. Loveland to Cornelius B. Murphy Jr. O'Brien & Gere operates an office at 39500 Orchard Hill in Novi, and has corporate headquarters in Syracuse, N.Y.

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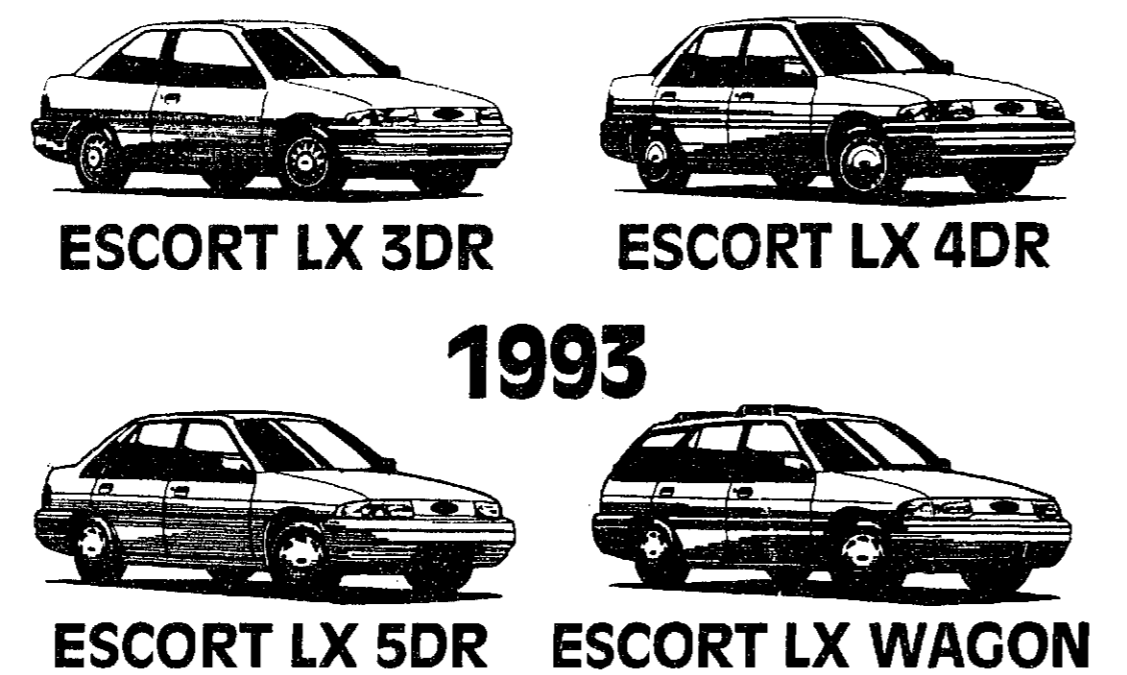
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Money Management

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What's more, depending on your income and other factors, you may be entitled to deduct all or part of your IRA contribution. It's not too late to take advantage of this deduction on your 1991 tax return. You have until April 15 to either fund an existing IRA or to set up and contribute to a new account.

Who can set up an IRA? Essentially anyone under age 70½ who has compensation — or earned income — from a job or self-employment is eligible for an IRA. This is true regardless of how much you earn. For IRA purposes, earned income includes wages and salaries, tips and sales commissions, bonuses, net self-employment income and alimony.

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Generally, if you and your spouse both work you can each contribute up to \$2,000 annually into your IRAs. If only one spouse is employed, you may set up a special spouse IRA and contribute up to \$2,250. To do so, you must be married at the end of the tax year and file a joint return. Additionally, your spouse must be under age 70½ and must receive no compensation for the tax year.

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It was a simple matter to set up a system to put the customer and the supplier together, and most importantly, to do it "comfortably, quickly and cost-effectively."

Emergency Printing Network holds its suppliers to the highest standards, too.

"We're very picky. We want nothing but the best," Shelby said. "If they won't do it that way, we won't use them. We're constantly reviewing new technology, and we have so much backup, it's unbelievable."

With no shortage of must-have work, it's no wonder that the Fox brothers foresee EPN growing into a national franchise organization.

Said Larry, "Everyone has a doctor. If you cut yourself, you go to the doctor. We've become the emergency room of graphic arts."

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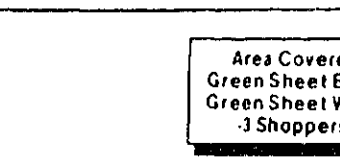
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109 Lawn, Garden Snow Equipment

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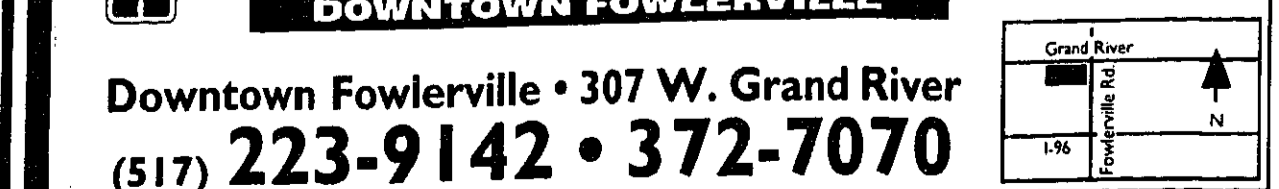
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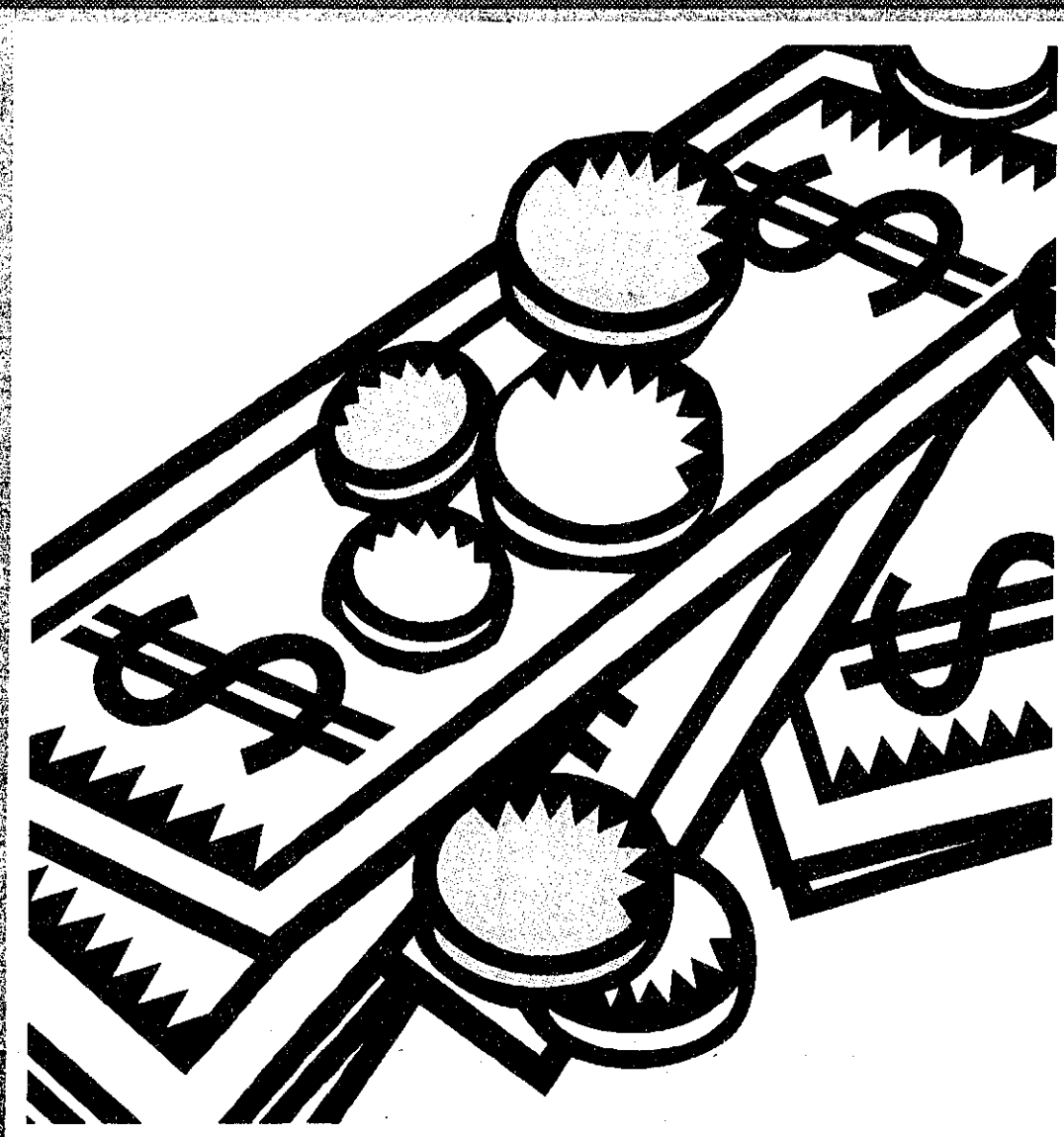
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TAX TIPS

by H & R Block

EARLY IRA WITHDRAWALS

Q I wanted to start withdrawing money from my IRA, even though I am just 55 years old. Is there any way around the 10 percent penalty?

A Generally, unless you are disabled, you must pay the penalty if you withdraw money from your IRA before reaching age 59½. There is, however, one further exception to the penalty. You can escape the penalty if your withdrawals take the form of a lifetime annuity. Payment must be based on your life expectancy or the life expectancies of you and your IRA beneficiary, made in substantially equal amounts, and distributed at least annually. If you later change the method of payment, the penalty may be imposed retroactively.

PROPERTY SALES

If you sell property at a gain and receive payments over a number of years, rather than all at once, you may be able to report the sale using the installment method. This means that the tax on your gain is paid as you receive the payments; thus, the tax is spread over a number of years. In some cases, you may pay part of the tax at a lower rate. The use of the installment method of reporting your gain is not, however, mandatory. You can report the entire gain in the year of the sale even if you will receive some payments in later years.

If you sell the property during a year in which your income is unusually low, you may prefer to report the entire gain in the year of sale. Because current tax rates are the lowest in years, paying the full tax at the current rate may prove to be a smart thing to do. If you need to decide which way to report a property sale, your nearby H&R Block office can help you determine the tax treatment more favorable to your situation.

WORKING PARENTS ENTITLED TO CHILD CARE CREDIT

A substantial credit — up to \$1,440 — is

available against the income tax liability of working parents who must pay child care expenses in order to be gainfully employed.

A child care credit can be claimed for the care of dependent children under 13 years of age, older dependents who are mentally or physically incapacitated, or for a taxpayer's disabled spouse. In the case of divorced parents, only the parent having custody of a qualifying child for the longer period during the year may claim the credit.

The rules allow a maximum credit of \$1,440 for child care expenses along with other employment-related costs — those expenses incurred to allow the taxpayer (and spouse, if married) to work — incurred in the taxpayer's home. Costs for a maid or household services performed, such as those of a babysitter, are eligible employment-related costs if the services are performed for a qualifying individual.

The amount of expenses that may be taken into account for purposes of the credit may not exceed \$2,400 for one qualifying individual, \$4,800 for two or more qualifying individuals, or the taxpayer's earned income (or the lesser of the taxpayer's or the spouse's earned income, if married). The \$2,400 and \$4,800 amounts must be reduced by any employer-paid dependent care benefits. The credit ranges from 20 to 30 percent of child care and employment-related expenses, depending on adjusted gross income.

UNMARRIED HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES SPECIAL TAX BENEFIT

A special tax filing status called Head of Household is often overlooked by unmarried taxpayers who may benefit from a lower tax bracket if they qualify.

An unmarried taxpayer who provides a home for a son or daughter is one of the most common examples of a taxpayer who qualifies as Head of Household.

The child must reside in the home for over half of the year. Temporary absences of the child due to illness, school, or vacations will not deprive the taxpayer of the Head of Household status, as long as the parent continues to

maintain that household during the child's absence.

H&R Block also points out that the taxpayer must pay over half of the costs of maintaining the home where the taxpayer and child live.

Household maintenance includes such expenditures as property taxes, mortgage interest, utility charges, rent, upkeep and repairs, domestic help, property insurance, and food consumed in the home. The cost of clothing, education, medical treatment, vacations, life insurance, and transportation is not included.

60 DAYS TO ROLLOVER

Funds withdrawn prematurely from an individual retirement plan (IRA) may be fully taxable in the year of distribution and may be subject to a 10 percent penalty. You can, however, deposit the proceeds in another IRA within 60 days of receiving the funds. You will have "rolled it over" and neither tax nor penalty will apply. The IRS has ruled that the 60-day limit cannot be extended for any reason, so make sure you complete your rollover as soon as you receive the funds.

DEPENDENCY EXEMPTION FOR CHILDREN OF DIVORCED PARENTS

Special IRS rules determine which of the

divorced parents may claim the dependency exemptions for their children.

In general, under current rules, only the parent with physical custody for the majority of the year is entitled to claim the children as dependents.

A noncustodial divorced parent can, however, claim the children as dependents if he or she contributes at least \$600 per child in support and a pre-1985 divorce decree or other written statement gives him or her the dependency exemption, even if the custodial parent provided over half of the child's support. The only other case in which a noncustodial parent may claim the exemption is when the custodial parent signs a statement giving the exemption to the noncustodial parent. The noncustodial parent would have to attach the statement to his or her tax return.

For these rules to apply, the divorced parents together must provide over half the total support of the children. The children must be in the custody of one or both parents for more than one-half of the year.

H&R Block points out that if you are a divorced parent who was entitled under IRS rules to claim a dependency exemption in prior years but did not do so, you may file amended returns and take the exemption in open years.



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MONEY & FINANCE

Unusual investments, from posters to toys

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service

Is there gold hidden in the back of your closets or the corner of your garage? Maybe. Collectors and investors have long known that coins, stamps, jewelry, art and antiques are smart places to stash their cash. But those with an eye to the future know that today's junk could be tomorrow's pot of gold.

How about a Popeye Pez dispenser for \$30? Or a Cap 'n Crunch cereal box for \$50? These are just a couple of contemporary items that have increased in value in recent years. If you hate to throw anything away, you just might find that it pays to be a pack rat.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

But how does a novice learn to separate the junk from the treasure? Before you buy or sell, do some research by attending auctions and flea markets.

Then start reading. Most collectors have special-interest publications, and, of course, clubs.

Special-interest books also are a must. For a general rundown, pick up "Kovel's Antiques & Collectibles Price List" by Ralph and Terry Kovel (Crown) or "The Official Price Guide to Antiques and Collectibles" by David P. Lindquist (House of Collectibles).

For more specific interests, there are books like "Collecting Coins for Pleasure & Profit"

by Barry Krause (Betterway Publications) and "Stamp Collecting: The Complete, Easy Guide to the World's Most Popular Hobby" by Charles F. Adams (Dell).

A little education will make you a savvy shopper when you visit flea markets, auctions and garage sales. When you need more guidance, consult an expert who specializes in your area of interest. For example, if you collect antique garden accessories, find a dealer who specializes in that.

COLLECT FOR LOVE

Chances are, a special interest has sparked your desire to collect. One man in San Diego has the biggest collection of Barbie dolls in the world; experts speculate that his horde is worth more than \$1 million.

But can you afford to indulge your desire? If you love baseball, maybe not. Last year, Lou Gehrig's 1938 Yankees jersey was auctioned for \$220,000. Baseball cards can command upward of \$100,000.

Of course, movie buffs will pay top dollar for anything from Madonna's bustier to the red shoes from "The Wizard of Oz." Movie posters have real cache—a finequality poster for "Casablanca" brings \$6,000 to \$7,500. Horror movie buffs will have to plunk down at least \$15,000 for a poster from the 1931 version of "Dracula" starring Bela Lugosi. If your checkbook doesn't stretch to those

Shopping savvy

By Alison Ashton
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These days, who can afford to throw away money? A lot of us, according to Linda Bowman, author of "Free Food & More" (Probus Publishing Co.).

That's because most of us ignore abundant opportunities to save money and still enjoy the good life. Here are some tips from Bowman's book on making your money stretch a little further.

• **Clip coupons.** Bowman says we throw away \$38 billion dollars in unused coupons every year. That's more than \$2,000 per family, per year.

Coupons are a great deal, and you can make them even better by shopping at stores that offer unlimited double coupons. Call through the daily and Sunday papers, as well as direct-mail promotions, to find bargains

on national brands, as well as items at local stores.

• **Use refunds and rebates.** Mailing for rebates can save you as much as \$10 on some items.

• **Be smart about where you shop.** Membership-discount stores like the Price Club or Costco allow you to buy in bulk and save on everything from food and garden supplies to appliances and compact disks.

For clothing, shop at thrift stores and outlet centers. To save on fresh produce and flowers, look for farmer's markets and flower marts.

• **Shop for special promotions.** Upscale cosmetic manufacturers have long had excellent "gift with purchase" offers that make the high prices of their merchandise a lot more reasonable. Also ask for free samples whenever you buy something at the cosmetics counter.

limits, look to more contemporary items. Political memorabilia is a popular collectible, and one that's relatively affordable. Calvin Coolidge pins start at about \$100. Interestingly, according to Robb Report, objects for losing candidates command more than the winners.

Keeping an eye on headlines also helps predict what contemporary items will increase in value. Smart collectors of political paraphernalia saved their Ross Perot pins, posters and bumper stickers. Prices for Pee-wee Herman dolls shot up after Paul Reubens' scandal last year.

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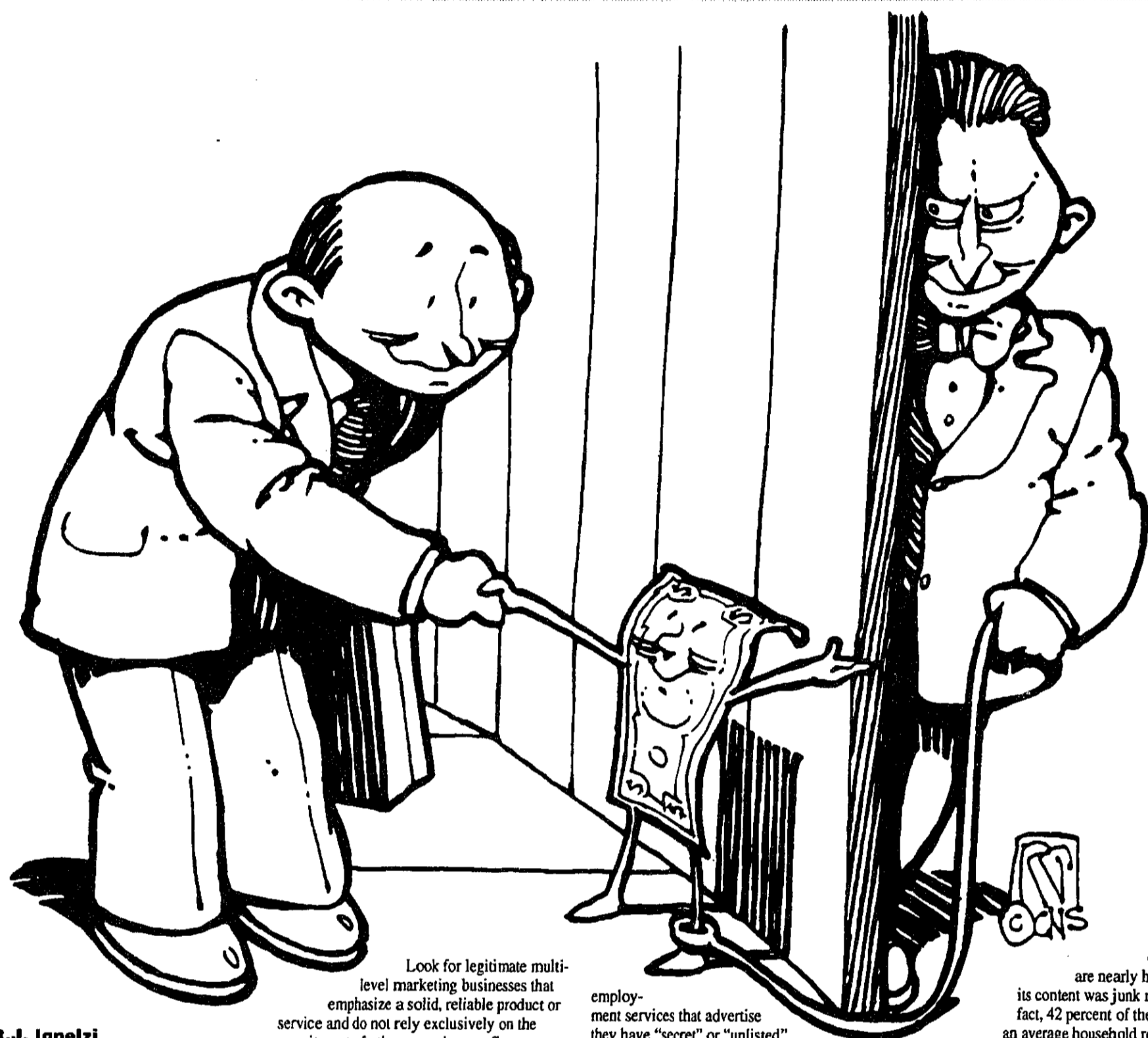
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By R. J. Ignelzi
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Some economists say the worst of the recession is over. However, judging from the number of ripoffs reported to the Better Business Bureau, nobody has bothered to tell the scam artists.

Some swindlers are tailoring their scams to people facing financial hardship. Here are some ripoffs to watch for:

• **Advance fee loans:** If you need to borrow money, beware of the company that charges you in advance for the promise of easily available, low-cost loans, often through foreign sources. Also, be cautious of advertisements offering loans of large amounts regardless of your credit history or collateral. Brokers of the advance-fee loans are acting as money finders for you but your payment usually goes into their pockets—and they don't bother to look for a loan for you.

• **Business opportunities:** Don't jump hastily into a business opportunity without investigating it thoroughly. Pyramid schemes—chain recruitment plans that sell a product or service to new recruits, who, in turn, recruit others—are the kind of fraudulent business "opportunity" that leaves investors broke.

Look for legitimate multi-level marketing businesses that emphasize a solid, reliable product or service and do not rely exclusively on the recruitment of others to gain a profit.

• **Credit repair:** If you've filed bankruptcy or had problems paying bills and your credit record needs help, ads for quick credit relief may be tempting. Try to resist. You can save yourself a hefty fee by challenging your credit report and having inaccurate negative information removed from your credit record at no cost. However, when it comes to accurate negative information, only time can erase that—usually seven to 10 years. No credit repair clinic, no matter what their promises or their price, can help remove your bad credit history.

• **Work-at-home schemes:** The promise of hundreds of dollars for a few hours at home stuffing envelopes, assembling toys or breeding small animals may sound like the perfect working situation. However, the Better Business Bureau has found that too often these offers are only come-ons to get you to buy information on how to set up a business.

• **Job listing services:** Beware of these

When you opened your mailbox yesterday,

employment services that advertise they have "secret" or "unlisted" job information they will sell to you for several hundred dollars. Often the only thing they have to sell are stale, worthless job ads they've copied from old newspapers and trade magazines. You can find authentic, up-to-date job ads and information for the price of a newspaper.

• **Postal Service survey.** Any time you give your name and address—whether you're subscribing to a publication, registering to vote, getting your driver's license, placing a credit card order, entering a sweepstakes, ordering through the mail, joining an organization or donating to charity—you are providing someone with the means to solicit you later.

The good news is you can put an end to the paper flood. The bad news is it takes time and patience. A new publication, "The Stop Junk Mail Book" by Dorcas S. Miller (Georgetown Press), helps speed the process. Miller's book tells readers how to reduce junk mail and outlines ways to return mail to the sender or the post office. And it offers 32 preprinted postcards tailored to removing your name from direct mailing lists.

As a junk-mail recipient, Miller says you have two very effective tools at your disposal—your buying power and the considerable cost of doing business through direct mail.

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chances are nearly half of its content was junk mail. In fact, 42 percent of the mail an average household receives is advertising, or mail you didn't ask for and don't want, says a U.S.

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AVOID FINANCIAL SCAMS

Protect yourself

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few ways to do that.

You can reduce national advertising mail by at least 75 percent by registering with the Mail Preference Service. This mail-cancellation service is offered free by the Direct Marketing Association, a trade group representing more than 3,500 organizations and businesses, including publishers, catalog firms, list brokers, advertising agencies and other groups that use direct marketing.

By registering with this service, your name will be removed from major U.S. mailing lists for five years. Most national direct-mail firms, including giants such as L.L. Bean, Lands' End and the National Wildlife Federation, all use this service. Registering with this service, however, does not affect mail from local or regional fundraisers or businesses.

To register, send your name and address, plus all name variations under which you and members of your household receive mail, to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861.

Be patient. The service sends an updated mailing list to participating businesses and organizations only four times a year, so you may not see results immediately.

As long as you are contacting the Direct Marketing Association, you also may want to register with the Telephone Preference Service. The association will put your name and phone number on a list distributed to participating

members, so you will not receive unsolicited sales calls from them.

To register, send your name, address, area code and telephone number to Telephone Preference Service, at the Direct Marketing Association address listed above.

You are probably on an in-house mailing list if you are a member of an organization, have bought merchandise from a mail-order company or if someone has given you a mail-order gift. Contact these companies and tell them to remove your name from their in-house list. Be sure to specify that either you want all mailings from them stopped or you want to continue to receive their materials but want your name removed from lists they rent or trade.

First contact national companies and organizations, which give out your name more frequently; then contact regional, state and local businesses and groups.

You can cut down on the number of catalogs you get in the mail by specifying how many you want per year. A growing number of catalog companies are letting consumers set the limit. Simply complete and return the card inserted in most catalogs.

If you get mail from a company or organization with which you do not do business, the group has probably rented or traded for your name. Write to them or call their toll-free number and tell them you do not wish to receive their mailings.

Give out your name and address only when it is absolutely necessary, and then request that it not be given to anyone else.

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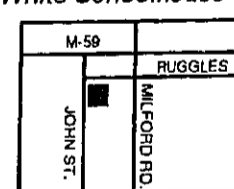
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You're never too busy to invest wisely



By Jason Zappe
Copley News Service

Everywhere you turn people are telling you to save, save, save. But how can you spend the time investigating investment ideas if you're part of a fast-track, dual-career family with only enough free time for a couple of smooches and howdy-dos?

According to tax attorney-turned-investment-guru-author Mary L. Sprouse, there are plenty of ways to invest your hard earned money without having to invest your hard earned spare time.

She outlines her investment guide for two-earners with no time for investing in her book "Sprouse's Two-Earner Money Book" (Viking).

And it doesn't take long to breeze through the "seven speedy investments" she lists.

• **EE savings bonds.** Sprouse says these

bonds, once sold for patriotism, are now designed for the sophisticated investor and offer competitive, variable rates. But she says that's not the real reason they're a great catch. It's because of their safety and simplicity factor. They're backed by the federal government and are sold at 50 percent face value. A \$1,000 bond sells for \$500.

The bonds pay a variable interest rate adjusted every six months to keep in step with inflation. And the interest is exempt from state and federal taxes until you cash them in.

To find out more about the series EE bonds contact your bank or credit union.

• **Certificates of deposit.** This is low-maintenance investing. Many institutions offer CDs with variable interest rates and length of deposit and minimum opening balances.

When you're notified your CD is about to expire, you can simply tell the bank to roll it over and you're off investing again.

• **Money market mutual funds.** According to Sprouse, this is the spot for your money if you're interested in yield, liquidity and safety. She recommends when shopping for a money fund, look at its yield over the past 12 months.

The minimum initial investment usually is about \$1,000. You can add to this at anytime without penalty. And you can conduct all transactions by mail or phone.

• **U.S. Treasury bonds.** Here's another risk-free investment like the EE Bonds. With Treasury bonds you can invest \$1,000 for bonds that will mature from one to 10 years and pay

to be lower than with other investments.

INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES

In addition to her "seven speedy investments" she also includes "seven quick investing techniques."

Sprouse says these techniques are to saving and investing what fast food is to eating out.

• **Automatic payroll deduction plans.** This one is easy and painless. Money is deducted out of your check before you even know you had it. You decide the amount and how often you want it deducted. This can be arranged through your employer, bank or credit union.

• **Deferred pay (401k) plans.** This is a non-taxable way to insure savings through your company. Also, your savings grow tax-deferred and most employers will put in a matching amount to your contributions.

• **Company profit-sharing plans.** Earnings are tax-deferred, but don't invest until you know for sure how well the company is doing, has done and is predicting to do, advises Sprouse.

• **Employee stock purchase plans.** You can easily invest in your own company's stock by having it deducted from your paycheck. And you are not taxed on any gain or loss until you sell the stock.

• **Company savings plans.** Opting for this plan, Sprouse says, you give authorization to your employer to invest part of your salary in a stock or bond fund. Your employer may make matching contributions. Each company has different rules on this plan, so check with your employer.

• **Dollar-cost averaging.** This technique works best with no-load mutual funds. According to Sprouse, you invest a fixed amount like \$100 a month. She says the best way to do this is to arrange an automatic transfer between your bank and a mutual fund.

Over the long term, she says, you end up buying stocks at a median rather than high or low price. But you have to go with a fund, because the commission on small purchases of stocks would take most of your money.

• **Dividend reinvestment plans.** Sprouse calls this the laziest way to increase a portfolio. All you do is have the company you've invested in reinvest your dividends in additional shares.

Most of Sprouse's easy to do investments and techniques make good financial sense in these higher-than-average tax times.

The best ones, and the easiest ones, are those that allow automatic deductions from your paycheck, since you save on the taxes. And if you hold out long enough, you will be able to take advantage of the tax breaks when you're of retirement age.

They may be good, but she says the only real appeal is tax benefits because returns tend

fixed interest rate twice a year. The length of maturity determines the interest rate. The longer the maturity, the higher the interest rate.

• **Blue-chip stocks.** Sprouse calls these the "aristocracy of stocks."

The reputation comes from their trustworthiness and proven earnings records. But they aren't cheap to get into.

Some of the more notable companies are Coca-Cola, AT&T, Bristol-Myers and General Motors. What makes them good catches is that they pay high dividends consistently.

If you have the cash these are great long-term buys. You receive good dividends quarterly and the chances are better than average that the price of the stock will go up.

However, you are playing the stock market, which takes time in the beginning to find the right stock. But once you've chosen, you can sit back and reap the divvies.

• **Stock mutual funds.** Investing in this mode allows you to play the stock market but in a passive manner.

When you invest in one of these funds you place your money in a company that pools money from thousands of investors to buy and sell securities.

Sprouse says these are clear winners over individual stocks because of the diversification and minimum of effort required on your part outside of the investment.

She recommends holding the fund for at least five years to allow for rebounds and downturns.

• **Single-premium life and universal life II insurance.** Sprouse says these allow busy investors to build up tax-deferred earnings. Because these two are primarily investment vehicles, she advises you don't buy them to meet your life insurance needs.

Savvy strategies for taxing times

By Sharon Achatz
Copley News Service

Despite all claims to the contrary, it's more complicated than ever to file an income tax return. "Simplified" forms notwithstanding, tax time means it's time to stock up not only on scratch paper and calculator batteries, but also aspirin.

While folks with a mind for figures and relatively simple financial situations probably can complete the forms on their own, few people today actually plan and manage their tax situation alone.

People with any doubts whatsoever about their return—or ways to minimize their taxes—would be wise to seek the assistance of a qualified financial expert. A tax adviser can help maximize tax savings for last year, a financial planner can help plan for tax-saving opportunities in the future.

What follows are additional suggestions for taming the annual taxing ritual.

FILING FINESSE

• **File as early as possible** if you expect a refund. The earlier you send in your tax return, the sooner you'll get your money out of the government's coffers—where it earns nothing—and into your own savings account or investments.

• **Consider taking the standard deduction** occasionally if you have only modest write-offs. That way, you can bunch payment of deductible expenses into a subsequent year when it will be more to your advantage to itemize.

• **If you're married, consider filing separate returns.** Joint filers typically pay less tax, however, separate filing can save if one spouse has a much lower adjusted gross income than the other and a relatively large sum of deductions based on the size of the AGI, such as medical.

• **If you're single or divorced and contribute to the support of a child who lives with the**

other parent, consider filing as head of household. You'll get a higher standard deduction and pay at a lower tax rate.

• **File a return even if you owe no tax.** The IRS cannot be sure whether taxes are due or not until the return has been prepared and filed. Also, a parent may be eligible for earned income credit, which means he actually may receive money even if no taxes are owed.

• **Double check forms before mailing to the IRS—even forms prepared by a pro frequently contain costly errors.** Also, check all documents, such as W-2 and 1099 forms, against your year-end pay stub and other records for accuracy.

TROUBLESHOOTING TOPICS

• **If you can't pay in full the amount of taxes due, don't ignore the filing deadline.** Double-search for ways to raise the funds, making sure you don't overlook assets such as savings bonds, stocks or loans taken out on a cash-value insurance policy, 401(k) plan or home-equity line of credit.

• **If you still come up short, pay what you can and the IRS will bill you for the rest.** Penalties for failing to file are worse than for failing to pay, and borrowing to cover a tax shortfall will cost less than paying the IRS penalties.

• **If you have a frustration to vent with the government, think**

twice before using your tax return to make your point. The law imposes strict penalties for filing a frivolous return.

• **Not all tax preparers are honest.** Red flags indicating that a tax preparer could be setting you up for an audit or ripping off your refund: asking you to sign either a blank form or a return filled out in pencil; requesting that the refund be sent directly to the preparer, promising a refund without having seen your financial information; taking as his fee a percentage of what he saves you by preparing your return.

• **If, after filing your return, you find a mistake, file an amended return.**

YEAR-ROUND STRATEGIES

While most folks wait until year-end—or even April 14—to think about taxes, there is plenty that the tax-savvy can do year-round to ease the tax burden.

• **Adjust withholding.** If you regularly receive a refund, you're making interest-free loans to the government. To increase your take-home pay and

put some of that money to work earning for you year-round, ask your company payroll office for a W-4 form. Complete the form's worksheets to calculate the correct number of withholding allowances so that the amount withheld will more closely match your tax liability.

• **Contribute to a 401(k) plan.** These plans not only allow you to save for retirement, they also help reduce current taxes since the money contributed is added on a pretax basis.

• **Many people save money all year in tax-able savings accounts in order to make one lump-sum contribution to their IRA at yearend.** They're missing out on months of tax-deferred earnings that could be realized by making several deposits throughout the course of the year.

• **Pay child care with pretax dollars through an employer-sponsored dependent-care reimbursement account.** Under such programs, employees can set aside up to \$5,000 pretax dollars each year to pay for child care.

• **Organize a tax record-keeping system.** One simple system: Label envelopes with the various categories of deductions recommended by your tax consultant. Each month when you reconcile your checkbook, place your month's receipts in the respective envelopes until the end of the year when you tally them and bring the totals to your accountant.

A tax consultant can tell you what you need for essential record keeping and what can go in the trash.

While the IRS generally can audit back only three years, most tax preparers advise keeping records for six to seven years.

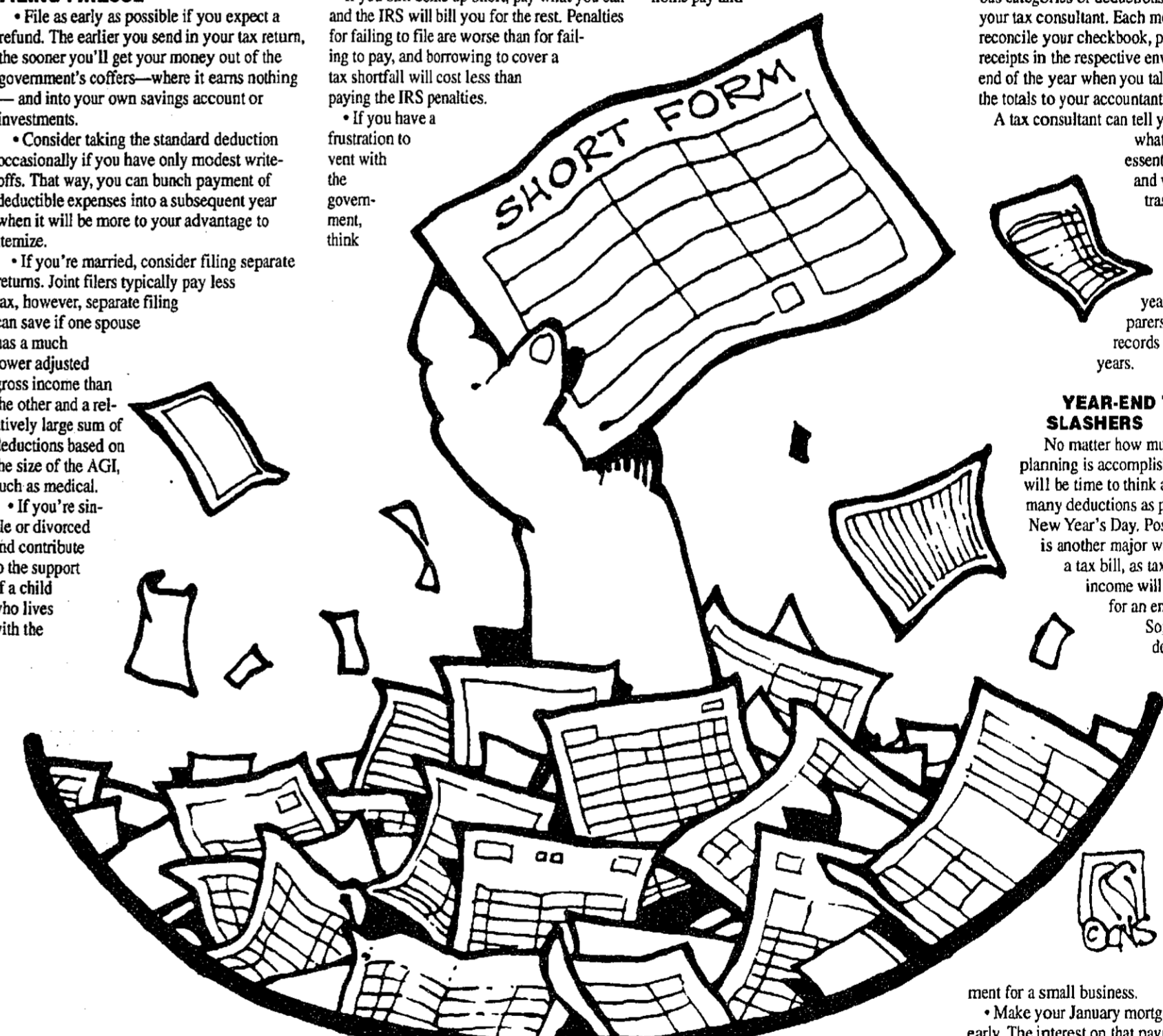
YEAR-END TAX SLASHERS

No matter how much year-round planning is accomplished, year-end still will be time to think about grabbing as many deductions as possible before New Year's Day. Postponing income is another major way to cut down on a tax bill, as tax liability on that income will be pushed back for an entire year.

Some last-minute deductions to consider:

- Make charitable contributions.
- Sell losing investments.
- Invest the maximum amount you can in an IRA.
- Pay early any state, county or property taxes due early next year.
- Buy equipment for a small business.
- Make your January mortgage payment early. The interest on that payment can be subtracted from this year's income.

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