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## Council buys land despite tax concerns

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Although Council Member Robert Schmid charged that the city is "contributing" to a property-owner's possible "income tax evasion," the Novi City Council agreed Monday to exercise an option to purchase 64 acres of land in western Novi for \$745,000.

In addition, if the owner, Farmington Hills resident Peter Stanaj, approves the option the city will accept another 41 acres as a gift.

Novi has until April 19 to secure the results of tests which will check the land for possible contamination.

The council's original intent had been to buy all 105 acres of the land for the \$745,000.

Several weeks ago, Stanaj asked for the new arrangement, which includes the tax-deductible donation of approximately \$272,000 worth of land.

Schmid said the revised deal "allows the seller to defraud the federal government."

"Be careful of your phrasing," Mayor Matthew Quinn, an attorney, cautioned.

"I agree it's not fraud. It is tax evasion and the city is contributing to tax evasion in this plan," Schmid added.

Saying it was a matter of principle, he was the only council member to vote against the \$25,000 option to purchase.

"There's probably no one's any more interested in parks than I am."

Tune in tonight for what, based on past years, could be the start of some of the wild and woolliest City Council meetings to ever grab the attention of home audiences. At 7 p.m., the City of Novi will televise the first of many study sessions on the budget for fiscal year 1993-94. The story is on page 3A.

I think we should go back and try again. I want a reasonable purchase for Novi. This in my mind is anything but that," Schmid explained.

Clouds of controversy have swirled around the city's more than a year long attempt to gain control of the land at the southeast corner of Napier and Nine Mile roads. Critics, including several parks and recreation commissioners, have argued that the council has been dragging its heels in buying the land, which is needed as a future home for Novi Youth Baseball.

Some council members have speculated that "leaks" that the city was eyeing the parcel may have made the negotiations more difficult. The real estate deal was discussed in closed council sessions which are required to be confidential.

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### The Big Cheese

Mickey Mouse was the hit of the weekend at Twelve Oaks, as the mall presented a special Toontown event Friday through Sunday. For the event, Twelve Oaks commissioned a sand sculpture of the new Toontown display in Disneyland in California. Mickey and Minnie Mouse and other Disney cartoon characters sang and danced for the kids. And of course, the

main attraction was a few minutes to talk personally with the cartoon stars and sit on their laps. Hundreds of kids and parents lined up to see Mickey. And the reason why shows in the face of Zachary Morey, 9 months, and Lindsey Morey, 2. More photos are on pages 10 and 12.

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## Noise rule doesn't sound good to all

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A growing community has been a growing pain for citizens who don't enjoy late hour serenades by earth-moving equipment.

But a noise ordinance adopted by the Novi City Council Monday left at least one of the residents who requested the regulation feeling cheated.

The new ruling limits construction hours to 7 a.m. through 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, except for legal holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Labor Day.

Exceptions include if a homeowner wants to do work on his or her own residence, if the construction is done by a government, or if a Novi building official has determined that the job must be done quickly to preserve the public health, safety

and welfare. This could include repair of a water main.

One more qualification overrides what the residents working with the city's ordinance review committee had requested. The approved version allows construction activity outside of the permitted hours if there is no occupied dwelling within 1,000 feet of the work.

The version dropped by the council would have counted the 1,000 feet at the boundary lines of the property, not at the location of the construction work.

"This is not a happy camper," said Eleven Mile Road resident Denise Holmes, who has been pushing for the new ordinance, adding that the provision of 1,000 from the construction activity negates the purpose of the ordinance.

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## Residents seek signs from city

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Sixteen residents of Westminster subdivision lined up behind spokeswoman Denise Tiso as she took the Novi City Council to task for not agreeing to install traffic control signs there.

The homeowners on Squire Road and Westminster Circle say cars cut through their subdivision to avoid the traffic signal at Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. They asked for a "No through traffic" sign to stop the short-cuts.

This was denied by the council on March 22. Tiso asked Monday that temporary signs be put in place for this summer.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford favored the temporary signs.

"If it doesn't solve the problem, we can talk about it later," he said.

The decision was put on hold until April 12, when the council is expected to have new information on the problem. According to a traffic study, Westminster Circle had 37 cars at peak traffic hours and Squire Road had eight.

The December traffic study conducted by the city pointed out that the Westminster streets were designed with sharp turns to discourage additional traffic.

"It is ironic that the six very turns put there to discourage traffic are what cause greatest con-

cerns. The volume and speed make for some very dangerous situations for the children," Tiso said.

The subdivision is only half-built.

"All the traffic studies stated that it did not warrant any signage. From a purely legal standpoint, it did not meet the standards of the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices," Quinn said.

"No through traffic" signs are virtually impossible to police. It takes two vehicles to police a violation. You need one at each end of the subdivision taking license plates."

Tiso said the residents felt "misled" by the city's Department of Public Works staff members, who she said told them they backed the signs but told the council otherwise.

## Police scrutinizing arson cases

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Novi police investigated two separate arson incidents in the city last week — a number that represents one-quarter of the arson cases investigated in 1992 and all of the arson cases in 1991.

One of the cases took place March 22 in Novi Middle School, where police believe a student set a small fire in a trash can.

The other investigation took place at a home on Leost March 24, where a resident complained that someone unscrewed the gas cap of his 1987 Dodge pickup truck and inserted a

white sock soaked in kerosene, which was lit on fire.

The owner of the truck told police this is the second time his vehicle has been attacked in this manner.

In both cases the suspect fled the scene and the fire went out before any serious damage occurred.

Police said there was some burnt paint around the opening for the gas tank. There is one possible suspect at this time, but police said there is little evidence to link the suspect to the incidents.

The incident at Novi Middle School occurred shortly before 10 a.m. March 22 in a boy's rest

room in the new Instructional Technology Center. The fire in a built-in wall trash can appeared to have been deliberately set, according to Novi Firefighter Don Christensen.

Police noted that someone had also set fire to a toilet paper dispenser.

A teacher in the school told police that one of the students had asked to use the restroom during the time classes were switching, then returned and told him of the fire. The teacher and student returned to the rest room and put out the fire.

Both arson cases remain under investigation. Anyone with information is urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

### A legend comes alive

Students at Novi Woods Elementary got their wish this week — and so did their teachers. After working hard during March is Reading month, the students were rewarded for their efforts. Woods Principal Jackie Lawrence dressed up as a character picked by the kids — Aladdin. Nicole Barndt, 5, even got to rub the magic lamp after receiving her certificate for reading. Barndt, incidentally, did not disclose what her three wishes were.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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### Community Calendar

**Today, April 1**  
**Novi schools:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

**Sunday, April 4**  
**Time change:** Daylight Savings Time begins.

**Monday, April 5**  
**Village Oaks PTO (VOICE):** The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

**Choir Boosters:** The Novi High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the school library.

**Senior Party:** Parents of Novi High School's Class of '93 will meet to plan the senior party at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

**Health tests:** Family Home Care, Inc. in conjunction with Novi Drugs, offers free blood pressure screening at Novi Drugs, 24025 Meadowbrook, from 3-7 p.m.

**Novi Adventurers:** The Novi Adventurers will meet at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy a presentation about biking safety.

**Tuesday, April 6**  
**Novi Jaycees:** The Novi Jaycees will hold a membership meeting at 8 p.m. at the Jaycee House on Sixthgate.

**Seniors meeting:** The Novi Senior Social Club will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Board of Appeals:** The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

**Amateur Radio Club:** The Novi Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Any individuals interested in any aspect of amateur radio two-way communications are invited to attend.

**Wednesday, April 7**  
**Good Morning, Novi!** The Chamber of Commerce breakfast series presents Councilman Robert Schmid who will discuss Novi's sign

ordinance and other issues affecting Novi businesses at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Epicure Restaurant. Admission is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

**Athletic Boosters:** The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

**Planning Commission:** The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Thursday, April 8**  
**Novi High:** Spring break begins with dismissal at 10:25 a.m.

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

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

**T-Ball & Softball:** Today is the deadline for youth T-ball and softball registration.

**Friday, April 9**  
**Good Friday:** City offices and the public library will be closed today.

**Monday, April 12**  
**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

**American Business Women's Assoc.:** The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited to join. For reservations call 478-5048.

**Tuesday, April 13**  
**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in

the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

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

**Wednesday, April 14**  
**Lions Club:** The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

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

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

**Youth baseball:** The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

**Thursday, April 15**  
**Historical Society:** The Novi Historical Society will meet

**Monday, April 19**  
**Band Boosters:** The Board of the Novi High School Band Boosters will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. in the high school band room.

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

**Tuesday, April 20**  
**Garden Club:** The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

**Wednesday, April 21**  
**Planning Commission:** The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Thursday, April 22**  
**Novi schools:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

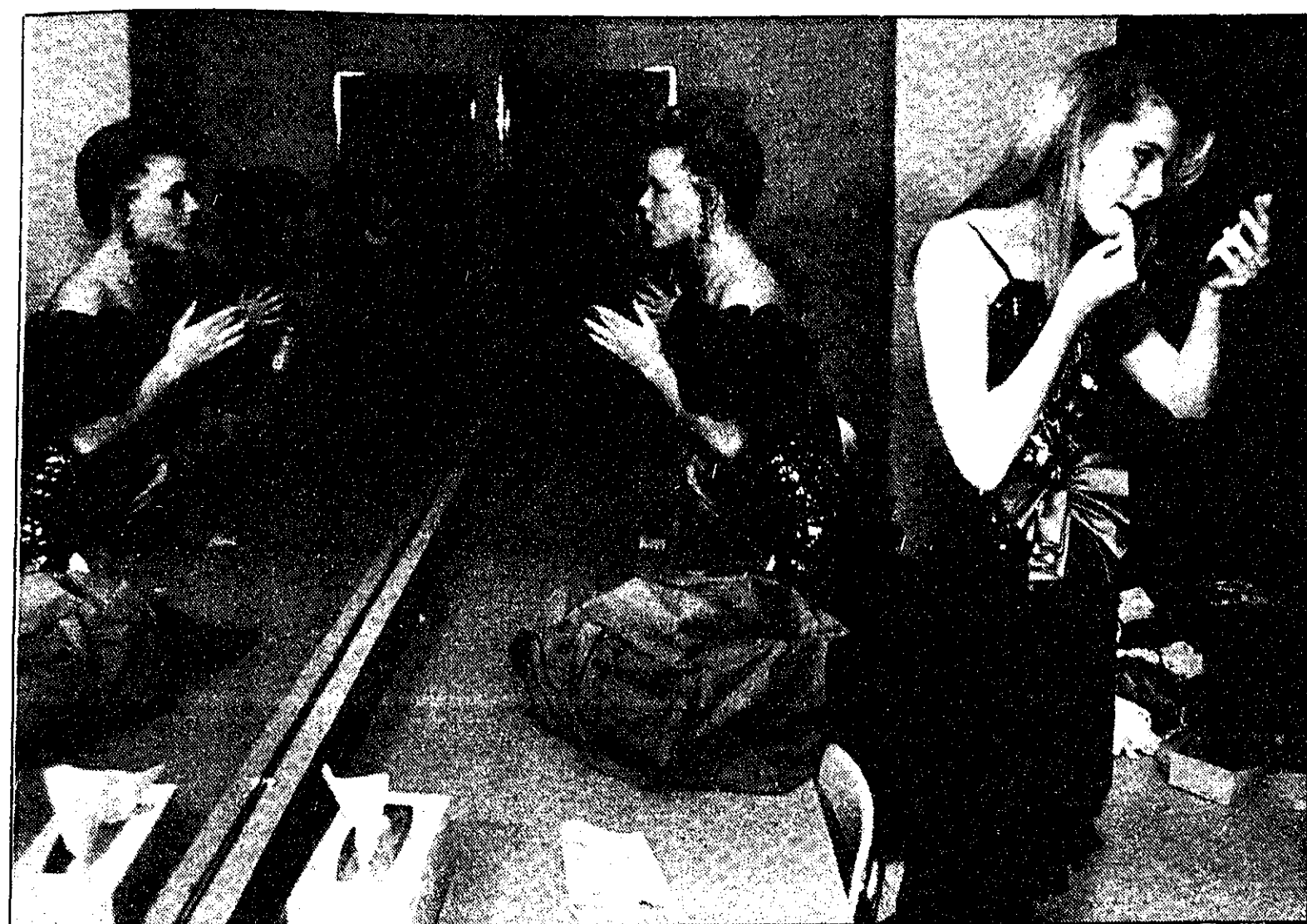


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### Prom Show-biz

Juniors out at Novi High School held a prom fashion show Monday to help raise money for their actual prom next month. The March 29 event featured students modeling the latest in prom chic. Here, Amy Williams applies a final touch of makeup just before the show, as two classmates ready themselves as well.

### Tune in televised budget meetings

By JAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer

Tune in tonight for what, based on past years, could be the start of some of the wild and wooliest City Council meetings to ever grab the attention of home audiences.

At 7 p.m., the City of Novi will televise the first of many study sessions on the budget for fiscal year 1993-1994.

In a message to the council Monday, City Manager Edward Kriewall pointed out that as early as two years ago, the city's auditors cautioned that this year's budget would be a "difficult fiscal challenge" as Novi struggles to reconcile inflation and cost control issues with a growing community's demand for a high level of services.

Not that Novi is actually broke. The city's tax base has grown by 12 percent from \$141 million to \$1,304 million. Of this, a taxable \$56 million worth of new construction was built, while \$85 million is based on assessment increases after last year's state-imposed freeze.

But to allow for downward adjustments at the Board of Review and the state Tax Tribunal, the budget will be based on a \$1.270 billion tax base. Here's what the tax picture looks like, according to the budget submitted by the city administration. The city council has not yet had a chance to take a few bites out of it.

Kriewall is proposing a total millage levy of 10.7128 mills, down from last year's 10.9941, even though voters in January approved a \$9.9 million sale of bonds for city parks. Suggested to the council is a combined increase of .3418 mills in the general fund and the police and fire millages.

For the owner of the proverbial \$100,000 home, that would be an annual tax hike of \$17.

Add in mills to be levied for the \$9.9 million park bond package and the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay a total additional tax of \$47.86. This is less than the \$60 city officials anticipated when pitching the bond sales to voters last fall.

Favorable bond interest rates and the refunding of older bonds helped achieve the reduction, Kriewall said.

To comply with a council request to come in with a budget under Truth in Taxation levels, the city department heads pared back the original budget requests by 6 percent. This shave did not eliminate personnel but did do away with items such as organizational memberships and dues; routine maintenance; and most conferences and workshops.

However, Kriewall says it does not appear to be responsible for the city to come in under the Truth in Taxation benchmark, based on need for capital improvements such as dump trucks.

The city's snow plowing service has diminished due to lack of equipment and staff, he added.

The state Truth in Taxation law obligates municipalities to inform taxpayers in a public meeting of any increase in a tax levy from one year to the next, including those increases needed to keep up with inflation.

This year, a general fund millage of 4.3 mills is recommended, which is 2 over the benchmark and below the 6.5 mills the charter allows the council to levy without an election.

About \$284,000 is expected to be raised by the tax increase, to aid the city in balancing the proposed general fund budget of \$12.6 million.

### Drug suspect could be a big fish

A man arrested early last month by Novi police and the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) could be a mid-level supplier of marijuana to dealers in several suburban communities, according to NET Detective Lieutenant Beth Moranty.

Marcial Yves Caceras, 29, of Detroit, was arrested March 3 for delivering a pound of marijuana to undercover NET officers, Moranty said. He could face up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

Caceras was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court on March 12, where he faces one charge of delivery of marijuana. If convicted he could face up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. He was arrested in a local parking lot of Novi Road near I-96. NET officers seized his pager and his 1986 Ford Mustang in addition to a small amount of cash, Moranty said.

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# Two Beck locations burglarized

The Hobo's Chicken store in the Beck Plaza on Beck Road was reportedly broken into March 23 by unknown suspects who smashed the front glass door with rocks.

A total of \$400 in stolen cash and damage was reported.

Police arrived at the scene in response to a burglar alarm shortly before 1:30 a.m.

On arrival, police noted a trail of sales receipts and a small trail of coins leading from the restaurant into the parking lot, as well as the smashed door.

Officers also noted a set of muddy footprints leading from the door across the white tile and behind the counter to the cash register. The drawer to the cash register was missing, police said.

The store owner arrived at the scene and confirmed that the drawer was missing.

Police reported no other evidence at the scene. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**BREAK-IN:** The Hair Crossing on Beck Road was also reportedly broken into on March 24.

The owner contacted police after the owner of a neighboring business called her and told her the front door was broken out. Police searched the business and noticed that the front reception area was disturbed, and that drawers appeared to have been ransacked.

Some cash left in one of the drawers was missing, the owner reported.

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The owner told police she worked until 7 p.m. the previous evening and locked the building as she left. She discovered the damage the next day.

A slipper that the store owner said had been moved was taken into evidence to be dusted for fingerprints. No other evidence was found.

**LARCENY:** A resident on West Oaks Drive reported March 24 that his Discover card was stolen.

According to police reports, an unknown suspect took the card and used it to purchase goods in Novi. The last sale on the card was reported at the Novi K mart on March 17.

**VANDALISM:** A manager in the Beachwalks apartment complex reported March 23 that some suspects who were evicted caused over \$100 in damage to the apartment before moving out.

Police noted "severe and intentional damage" throughout the entire unit. Further, they reported, it appeared to have been done over a lengthy period of time.

Listed damage included large amounts of graffiti on the walls and broken blinds in the living and dining areas. In the kitchen, cabinets had been ripped out and mayonnaise was smeared all over the walls.

More mayonnaise was smeared in the bathroom, police noted, and mayonnaise jars were shoved into the toilet bowl. The toilet itself was reportedly broken, and a hole had been punched through a door.

In one of the bedrooms, police found more graffiti on the walls as well as holes in the walls and a closet door torn from its hinges. In the other bedroom, police found holes in walls and ketchup smeared on the walls and ceiling.

Police also found and collected eight syringes throughout the apartment.

**CUSTOMER TROUBLE:** Novi police arrested a Northville man on an outstanding warrant after a waitress at Denny's complained that he and another man were harassing her.

The waitress told police that both men were verbally abusing and harassing her while they were waiting for a table shortly after 3 a.m. March 23. She told police she wanted the two men to leave.

The men countered that it was the waitress who verbally abused them, and that all they wanted was to eat.

Police ran both men's names through the law enforcement information network (LEIN) computer and discovered the misdemeanor war-

rrent for one of the men. He was arrested and released on bond. The other man left the restaurant.

**SHOPLIFTING:** Novi police arrested a shoplifting suspect at Lord and Taylor in Twelve Oaks Mall March 23.

Police said the woman tried to conceal \$60 in merchandise and leave the store without paying for it. Further, they reported she had prior convictions for shoplifting and was currently on probation for the same offense.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** A 29-year-old Novi woman was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) March 25.

Police stopped her on eastbound Ten Mile west of Hagerty at 1:45 a.m. She was driving a 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

The woman reportedly had one prior conviction for the same offense in 1989.

**BREAK-IN:** An employee of Fendt Transit Mkt on Flint reported March 28 that someone stole the truck tires and rims from two separate storage trailers at the west end of the business parking lot.

Police said the padlocks were missing from both trailers. The incident occurred sometime over the weekend.

Total amount stolen was estimated at \$7,350.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 348-6887.

## Novi Briefs

**Assist in Japan trip:** The planned trip of a group of Novi students and officials to Japan this summer is still in need of assistance from community residents and businesses. Through an agreement with Northwest Airlines, Northwest WorldPerk members may donate their frequent flyer miles to the group in order to defray travel costs. The mileage can be donated in increments of 10,000 miles. If you want to help out, please contact the Novi Community District's Office of Instruction at 344-8330.

**Fuerst Committee reports:** The Fuerst Family Farm Advisory Committee made a report to the Novi schools Board of Education on March 18. The committee is charged with investigating the alternatives possible for the Fuerst homestead on Ten Mile and Tall roads, and making a recommendation to the board. The group has met four times to date, and has narrowed its members' 137 different proposals to about 30. Chairpersons Becky Staab and Sally Dudley reported on the committee's activities to the board at its March 18 meeting; the group is expected to choose three top alternatives by summer.

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Several Novi High School students received state-wide awards for broadcasting Thursday, March 19, at the annual Share-a-thon sponsored by the Michigan Association of Education Broadcasters. The event was held at Plymouth Salem High School.

Gold medals went to Leigh Graves and Amy Sumerton for production. Both are juniors. Silver medals were awarded to Leigh Graves and senior Ann Sopher for interviewing. Senior Randy Naumann took a bronze for newscasting, and a bronze medal went to Ann Sopher for production. Honorable mention awards went to seniors Pat Daly for news and Dan Pembroke for production. All of the students are staff members of WOVI Radio, Novi High School's FM radio station.

The Michigan Association of Education Broadcasters is a state-wide organization of high school and college radio stations. It works to improve the success of educational radio in the community.

## Fashion show will offer help

Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc. will feature fine fashions from the stores of Twelve Oaks at its fourth annual fashion show.

The show, "Lighthouse Shines on Spring Fashion," will be held at the Forest Lake Country Club on Wednesday, April 21. Social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon following at 12:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit Lighthouse. Tickets are \$35 (\$18 is tax deductible to the extent provided by law). Tickets must be purchased by April 12. Valet parking will be provided by Lighthouse. For more information, please call Joy at 540-3530.

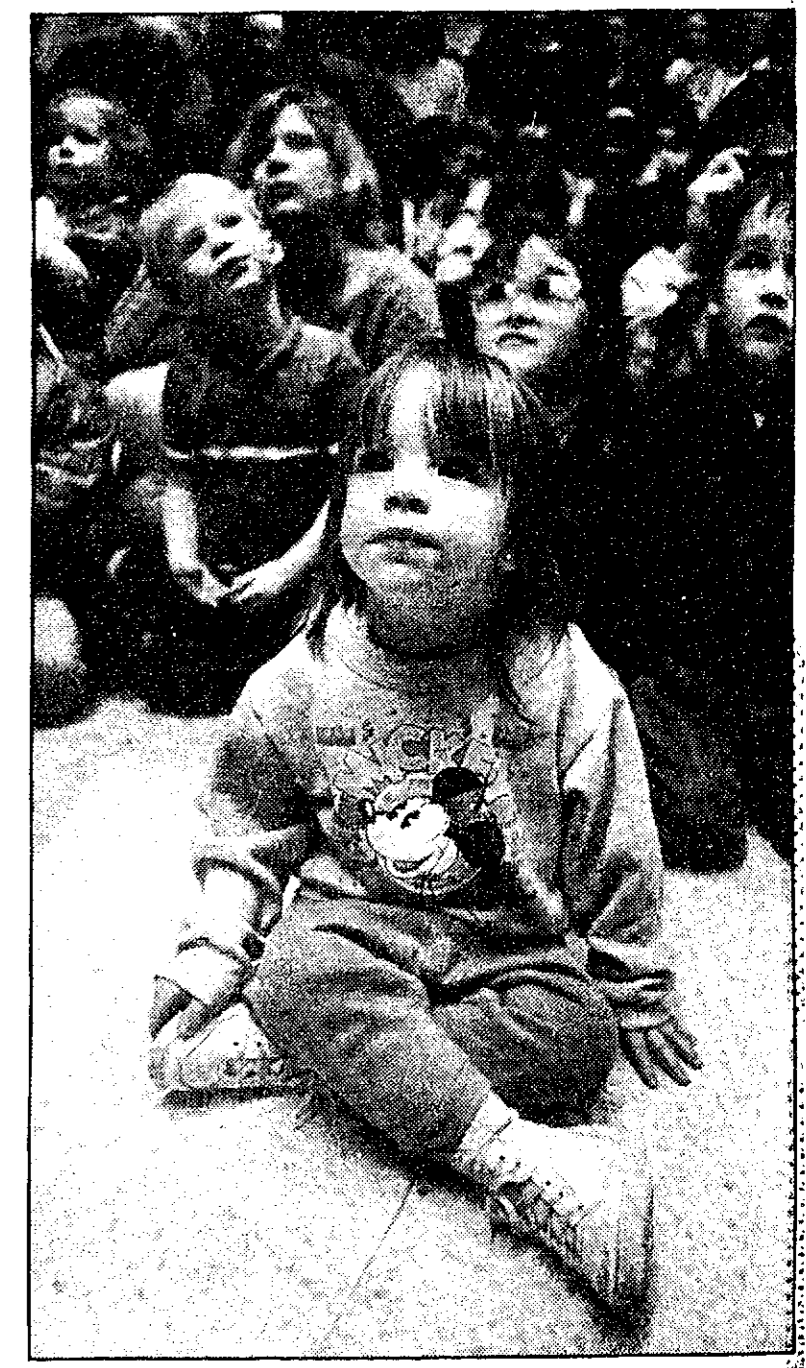
Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc., is a member agency of the United Way of Oakland County. Founded in 1972, the nonprofit emergency human services agency works to empower individuals with the ability to become financially independent. Lighthouse provides food, clothing, community planning, medical and other assistance to Oakland County residents in need.

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## Entranced

Tiffany Docker, 2, watches intently as Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and a host of Disney characters perform on stage in the Toontown show at Twelve Oaks mall over the past weekend. Twelve Oaks had photographers on hand to capture the festivities. The photos will be displayed as part of a photo walk in the mall in April. When parents or children spot their pics, they'll be able to claim the photos when the show is over.



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# House close to vote on latest school finance bill

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

The school finance reform/property tax cut package keeps on bubbling in Lansing in the mean time, school districts and taxpayers like Novis are in limbo, waiting to see what plan ultimately unfolds.

The Michigan House of Representatives was expected to vote sometime Tuesday on the latest compromise proposal. At last report, the House was scheduled for a late night session in which lawmakers hoped for a final vote. If two-thirds of both the House and state Senate approve the plan, it will go before voters this June.

The House is split between Democrats and Republicans, while the Senate is controlled handily by the GOP.

To achieve all that, the plan calls amendments to the state's constitution, but would enact all the reforms in a single bill. So, if voters reject a sales tax increase at the ballot box, the entire program would be halted.

Included in the plan are:

- Guaranteeing each district that levies a certain prescribed minimum of mills have at least \$5,000 per pupil per year for general operations. The money the state would provide to meet that goal would be linked to the state sales tax and lottery fund revenues — changing yearly as those two sources change.

The \$5,000 mark would include monies for state contributions to Social Security, retirement, busing and other programs. Those programs are now funded separately, apart from general state aid to districts.

- An increase in the state sales tax from four to six percent, with the additional amount going strictly for school aid.
- Capping the allowable school district operating millage level at 18 mills. Voters can approve up to nine more mills, for a total of 27 mill, if they so choose.
- Limiting yearly property assess-

ment increases to five percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

The plan also calls for a number of new laws which backers say are needed to control school operating costs. Among those proposed are requiring districts to seek competitive bids for health care insurance for employees, reforming tenure laws, examining special education services, and bidding out various support services work (such as driver education).

The plan would freeze property tax assessments for 1994 as well — the point being to give taxpayers an extra year to appeal their assessments.

Backers of the plan say it will bring Michigan's tax burden more in line with the national average, and will stimulate the economy. The plan, they continue, will also reduce the need for school districts to rely on local property taxes for support. Capping the assessment increases would ease the burden on taxpayers as well, they continue.

Opponents of the plan voice concern that it doesn't provide enough security: districts can't be sure that the money they'll lose from the property tax cut will be fully made up by other sources. They argue that this is especially true since the plan shifts the costs for categorical expenses — social security, retirement, busing and others — onto the local districts.

The impact of the proposal for Novis Schools would be cut 2.2 mills from its current operating levy of 29.2. Walled Lake Schools would experience a drop of 9 mills, down from the current 36 mills. Northville Schools would receive a cut of 4.67 mills from the 29.9 mills the district is now levying.

Staff writer Tim Richards contributed to this report.

# Three votes pass auto reform bill

The result was a foregone conclusion, but the Michigan Senate spent a full day reaching it.

The Senate Wednesday approved 20 to 17 the auto insurance reform bill aimed at cutting costs and paring premiums an average of 16 percent statewide.

Rejected were 23 amendments. If House Bill 4156 had been amended at all, it would have had to go back to the House for concurrence — and the four-year debate may have been reopened.

"The trial lawyers almost got away with another one," said Sen. Don Kovisto, D-Ironwood, floor manager of the bill. "For decades they've bottled up a reform, and they almost succeeded again."

The law curbs lawsuits and jury awards. It was bitterly resisted by many attorneys, organized labor, and most Democrats. It was supported by most Republicans and moderate Democrats.

A complication arose when the Senate failed to muster a two-thirds majority (26) to give the bill immediate effect. Instead it takes effect the first of April in 1994. Some lawmakers feared it would give insurers time to raise premiums before being forced to lower them.

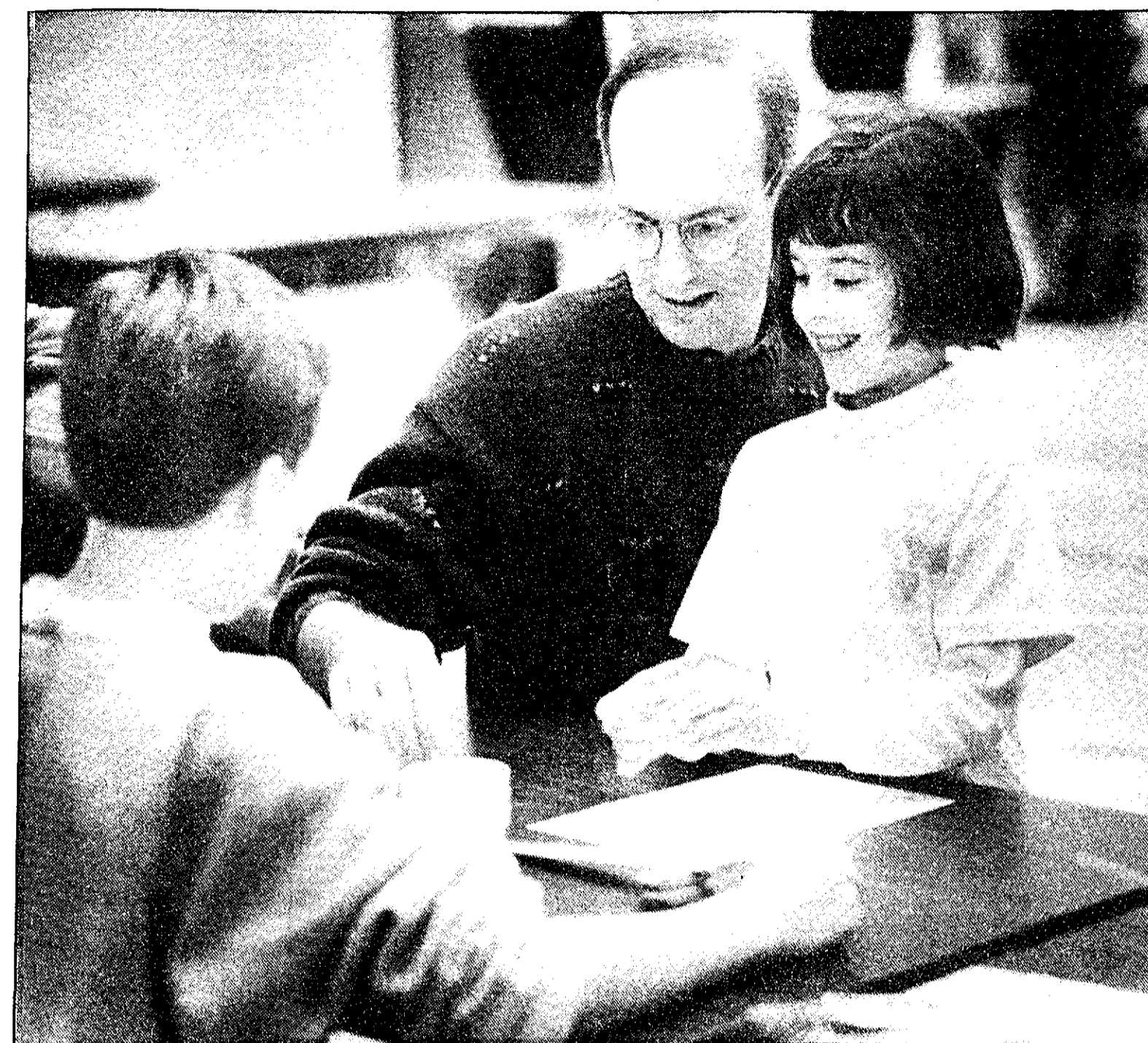
The bill, which Gov. John Engler is expected to sign promptly, was supported by 19 Republicans and one Democrat; opposed were 14 Democrats and three Republicans.

Here is how Observer & Eccentric area lawmakers voted:

Senator Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district includes Novi, voted against the bill. Faxon made a formal objection to the majority's rejection of all amendments: "How shocking! How outrageous! How disgraceful!" he said. "There was not one worthy thought to be found among the entire lot of all of you — 38 members barren."

Both D and HB 4156 aimed at cutting costs. But D contained a \$250,000 floor on catastrophic claims while HB 4156 placed the floor at \$1 million. HB 4156 also contains rules to stimulate competition and more insurance sales in Detroit.

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, objected that the bill "continues discrimination against African-Americans, continues to allow insurance companies to renege and discriminate."



**Science Made Simple**  
Parents and kids got together at Novi Woods Elementary for a school Science Night last week. The event, held March 26, helped everyone to painlessly learn some basic science — and to have a lot of fun. Here, Tom Good and his daughter, first grader Rachel Good, participate in an experiment, helped out by seventh grade volunteer Jim Lee.

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# Curb put on construction noise

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That would be an "unrealistic expectation" for construction in the western half of the city, where parcels are large and the distance could in effect exceed a mile to one-half mile. Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said, "I think it's too restrictive and unrealistic," he added.

Council Member Robert Schmid agreed, adding that 1,000 feet is equal to three football fields and another 100 feet.

"I don't think you could hear a hammer hit from that distance," Schmid said.

Council Members Nancy Cassis and Tim Pope supported the 1,000 feet from the boundary provision. Pope said the ordinance was easier to enforce if the distance was measured from a boundary.

"It's unfortunate we need this ordinance but some builders have been completely insensitive to their neighbors," Pope said.

Last construction season, late night work at the Yerkes subdivision, near Woodland Glens on Eight Mile Road, drove some apartment dwellers up the wall.

The ordinance will likely be enforced by city police officers, as any violations will occur after ordinance officers are off-duty.

"I feel we'll be going into an active development period. I would say that 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. is very liberal. I think people have the right to expect some peace and quiet, especially in the summer months when the windows are open," Cassis said.

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# Schmid: park option is tax evasion

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"I think we started off on the wrong foot when the word got around the city was looking at this property," Council Member Joseph Toth said. "Lots of people knew who shouldn't have known."

"It's a rotten shame somebody in the administration or somebody in the council leaked this out. Whoever did that did a very serious disservice to the City of Novi."

Joseph Toth  
Council member

City Attorney David Fried has been asked to provide a legal opinion on the meaning of executive session confidentiality. A first option to purchase had been approved by the city but not Stanaj prior to the Jan. 12 bond election. Voters then okayed a \$9.9 million bond sale, of which \$8.8 million is set aside for park land acquisition.

"We should have had the option signed before the millage was passed. We stumbled along and stumbled along and then the millage was passed and the seller knew we had the money in our pockets," Toth said. "We got pounded in the press. I had people stopping me in the street saying they knew where the land was."

The property has long been described as ideal for youth soccer and softball fields, as well as for the youth baseball diamonds. In addition, the site may be used to mitigate wetlands lost to the city's 1990 voter-approved road improvement program.

Schmid argued that the city council approved buying the land for \$7,000 an acre, based on its assessed value. By only paying for the 64 acres, the sales price has in essence gone up to \$11,600 per acre.

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"Only after we agreed to that (\$7,000 an acre) did the seller propose this. Let's make a deal. Let's cheat the federal government. I think it's not right to allow him to evade taxes by this method," he added. "It's nice we're buying this for little kids to play on. It's a great lesson."

The new option was the only way Stanaj would part with the land, Fried said. "The seller said he would not sell without the consideration. He insisted on the gift provision," he added.

Council Member Carol Mason approved the option but expressed reservations about the deal. Last year, the council discussed a portion of the deal in public when Mason contended that Thompson Brown Realtors had not listed the property until the city became interested in the land. The listing Realtor at that time denied this.

The seller will pay the Realtor an estimated \$70,000 in commission. Mason also questioned a rise in the property's assessment this year, charging that only land eyed by the city and the state transportation department had major jumps in assessments.

"I don't believe that charge is correct," Council Member Tim Pope said, saying he sat in on recent Board of Review hearings. "Sometimes it's just better to leave things go so the debate doesn't get in appropriate. This clearly is the terms of the contract. The owner could have asked for a higher price."

City Assessor James Klausmeyer said the Stanaj's property's assessment rose gradually from \$185,000 in 1988 to \$217,000 in 1991. In 1992, property assessments were frozen by the state. This year, the assessor's office re-did the assessments of all large parcels of vacant land, doubling and even tripling many of them, especially those near the Haggerty Road corridor.

The Stanaj land rose to an assessed market value of \$756,000. Klausmeyer said he valued the uplands on the parcel at \$8,000 an acre and the wetlands at \$2,000 an acre.

"We have given the seller a tax break for ten years for lowland wetlands, now we are going to get them back as a gift," Mason said. Stanaj's title for the land is clouded, she pointed out. If the title is not cleared, the city is not obligated to buy the land, Fried said.

# Library Notes

**Book discussion:** *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.

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

**Spring specials:** The Novi Library is featuring three special programs for children during Spring break: A magic workshop will be held for children in grades three and up Tuesday, April 13, at 1 p.m. with magician Ming the Magnificent. A \$1 materials fee will be collected at the door.

"Stories From Just About Everywhere," with storyteller Laura Pershin, will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 1 p.m. No preschoolers, please.

"Who Lives in the Rain Forest?" will be presented Friday, April 16, at 1 and 2 p.m. by the Species Survival Center. Children in kindergarten and up are invited to meet some exotic creatures that live in the rain forest. Call the Novi Library to register at 349-0720.

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## Keep your eyes peeled

Kids at Novi Woods Elementary kept their eyes peeled March 19, watching closely as teachers and parent volunteers helped them to dissect sheep eyes. The activity was one of a variety of

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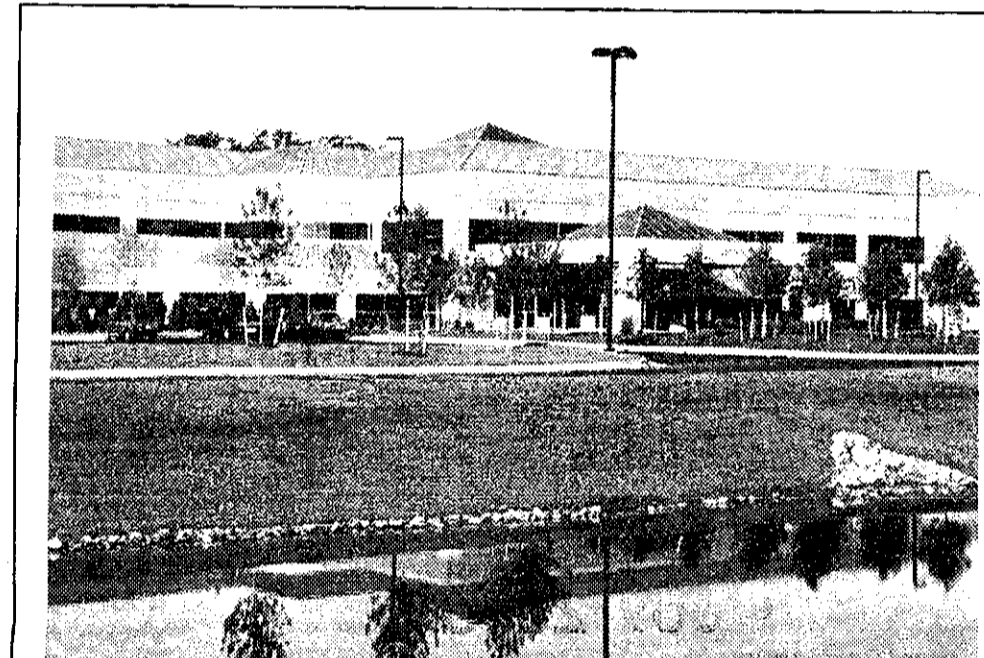
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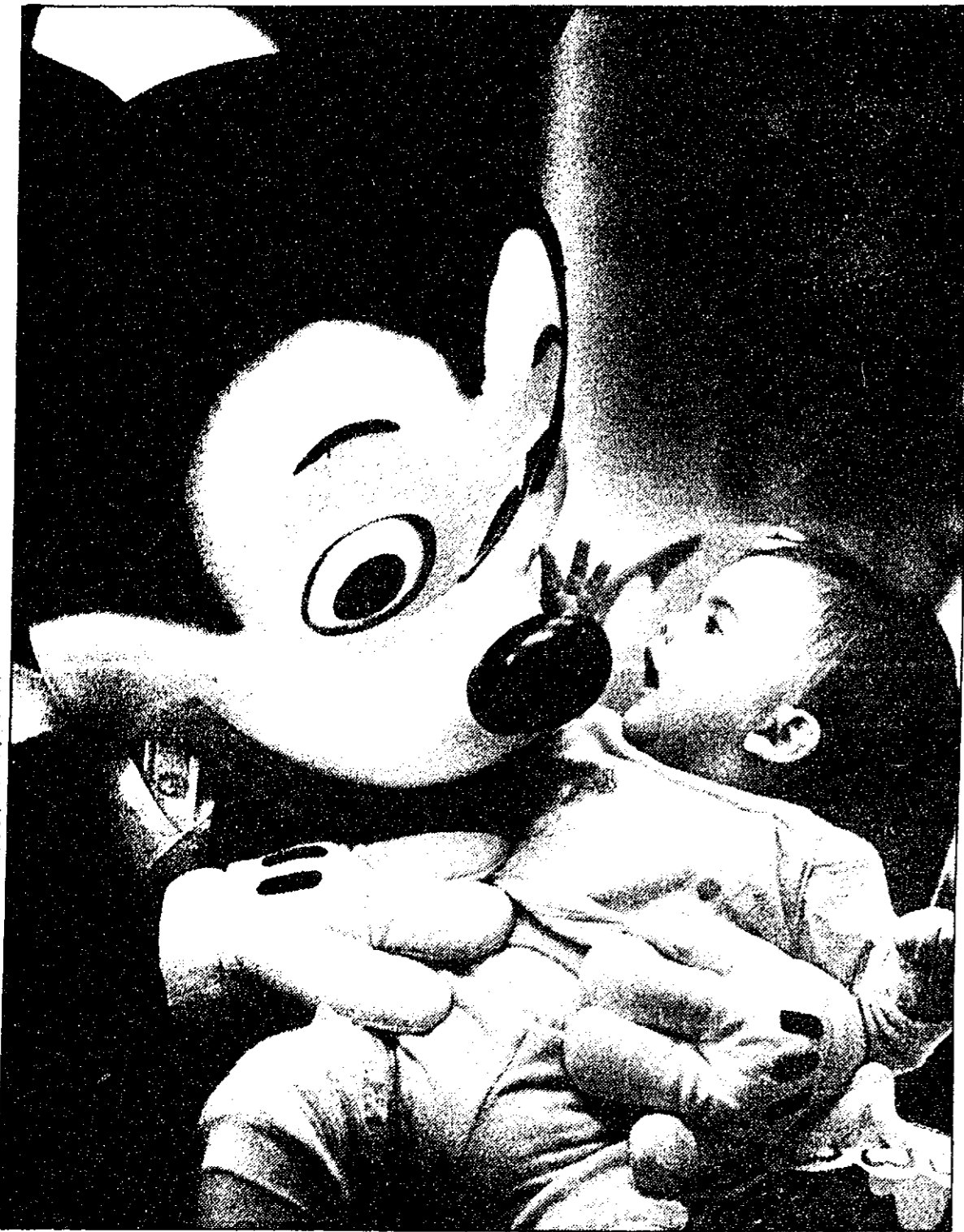
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## Disneyland



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**NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

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## Providence hosts Health-O-Rama

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Project Health-O-Rama, set for this weekend at the new Providence Park medical center on Beck at Grand River, will offer health screenings, lectures, and a chance for the community to become acquainted with the new facility.

"We just want to welcome the community and let them know we're here to serve them," said Providence spokeswoman Amy Punke.

The Health-O-Rama, scheduled for this Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., will offer free health screenings and lectures by Providence staff physicians on various health issues.

"There are still a lot of people who don't know we're in this new location," Punke said. "I think this is a

## Fair features healthy talks

Good way to introduce ourselves and let people see what we have to offer."

In conjunction with Health-O-Rama, a free health fair will take place in the Novi location from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It will offer 17 mini-lectures held by members of Providence's medical staff and will include such topics as "You and Your Heart," "Tumor Talk," "AIDS," "Women's Health," and "Ears and Eyes." Question and answer sessions will follow each series.

The main focus of the Health Fair, Punke said, is to promote education and good health. Members of the medical staff who will participate include Drs. Richard Ng, David Brownstein, Keith Pierce, Edward Rose, David Shurki, Howard Terebello, Mark McGuigan, Edward Treisman, Gregory Karris, Henry

## Schedule of events

YOU AND YOUR HEART: Moderator, Shurki David, MD.  
10 a.m. What is the heart? And how does it function? Richard Ng, MD.  
10:15 a.m. What is a heart attack? What is angina? David Brownstein, MD.  
10:45 a.m. What preventative measures can I take? Edward Rose, MD.  
11 a.m. TPA, angioplasty, open

heart surgery—state of the art care. Shurki David, MD.  
11:15 a.m. Questions and answers: panel discussion.  
TUMOR TALK: Moderator, Howard Terebello, DO.  
11:30 a.m. What are the most common cancers? Howard Terebello, DO.  
11:45 a.m. What is the prostate? Recent breakthroughs in early detection. Edward Treisman, MD.  
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12:15 p.m. What is the colon? How you can prevent colon cancer. Gregory Karris, MD.  
12:30 p.m. Vaginal bleeding when is it abnormal? Henry Maicki, MD.  
12:45 p.m. Questions and Answers: panel discussion.  
AIDS: Moderator, Thomas Madhavan, MD.  
1 p.m. AIDS: Facts and myths.  
1:15 p.m. Questions and answers: panel discussion.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** Moderator, James Kormmesser, MD.  
1:30 p.m. What is menopause? James Kormmesser, MD.  
1:45 p.m. Do I need estrogen? Judith Brysk, MD.  
2 p.m. Questions and answers: panel discussion.

**EARS AND EYES:** Moderator, Jeffrey Weingarten, MD.  
2:15 p.m. The ear: why do we lose our hearing? Jeffrey Weingarten, MD.  
2:30 p.m. The latest techniques and technologies to improve hearing. Jack Kartush, MD.  
2:45 p.m. Dizziness: what are the causes and what can be done? Jack Kartush, MD.  
3 p.m. What is a cataract? When is surgery necessary? Thomas Madhavan, MD.  
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## As We See It

### Why save some trees but chop down others

Residents of Nine Mile Road, between Tall and Beck roads, who point out a rather inconsistent pattern on the part of the city in saving trees during sewer and water main construction have a very legitimate point. And it is one that is sure to try the patience of the Novi City Council and the city Woodlands Appeal Board.



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The residents complained that when construction began recently on the water and sewer main project, many trees were chopped down to make way. Among the casualties were some 90 trees over eight inches in diameter, cut with a permit from the city. Countless other smaller trees were also taken out.

Not all the trees were taken out along the route. Some residents held out for preservation when negotiating for the easements for their property. The works taking place on only one side of the road. And the city did preserve the trees along one portion of the road in order to save a historic chestnut tree, said to be between 150 and 300 years.

But ultimately, because many of the trees were not eight inches in diameter, they did not win protection under the city's woodlands ordinance. They were not designated protected wood lots, so they were eligible to get cut.

Still, the road's canopy was eliminated in areas, and road has the appearance of a place where trees were removed in great swaths.

There is little doubt the lines had to go in. They'll service as many as five new subdivisions being built in the west end of Novi, as well as the Northville school district's new Thornton Creek Elementary. So necessary was it that the developers and the Northville school district agreed to pay for the lines through a special assessment district. There is no way to halt the development in the west end, and it must be supported and serviced.

Yet the incident serves to point out a problem. It seems trees are most likely to be preserved when the landowners themselves seek out the protections. And in some cases, it means woodlands of lesser value are being salvaged while the more worthwhile stands are being cut down.

In the end, the aesthetic nature of the road is lost.

Yes, roads can be aesthetically pleasing. The state government recognizes this through a designation in which some routes are named as "natural beauty roads." When a roadway wins such as designation, the trees and floral along the road are protected from destruction due to construction.

Nine Mile did not have such a designation, but perhaps it might have been eligible before the work began. Still, as the west end of Novi develops and as the anticipated construction boom hits these parts, it seems likely a such problem could crop up again at other locations.

It seems to us the city should consider creation of its own version of the natural beauty road designation. It seems to us, the city should consider whole roadways for preservation, even when portions of the route don't meet the definition of a protected wood lot under the current ordinance.

Now, some preservation is extremely expensive. Tunneling under trees might indeed run the costs up beyond what is reasonable or even possible. But it is also possible that the choice of routes might help. If the lines were put down further back from the road, behind the line of trees, this might go a long way toward a resolution. Of course, that would mean a difference in the easements the city would have to seek from the residents of the area. But it might also find the residents more than willing to accept such a change.

It's certainly worth an effort, to see what can be done to avoid a repeat and preserve some of the aesthetic appeal some of Novi's roadways now have.

## It's between dollars, death



Phil Power

Americans without access to medical insurance. How is such a perverse set of outcomes possible? Among the culprits, consider the astonishing success of medicine itself. Two examples from my own family make the point.

When my grandfather died in 1954 of a burst aneurysm in an artery, there was no such thing as arterial transplant surgery. He just died, and that was all there was to it. By contrast, my mother suffered from cardiac arrhythmia, corrected for 17 years by a pacemaker. She contracted pericarditis, a life-threatening infection of the heart, and survived thanks to literally quarts of antibiotics. She had Parkinson's Disease, slowed and mitigated by a bit of dopamine drug therapy.

The fact that my mother died at the ripe age of 90 is testimony to the amazing ability of modern medicine to keep almost anyone alive, even without the heroic measures of intensive care units.

All this, of course, is very expensive. But we have arrived at the point where it is conceptually possible to make a kind of gruesome tradeoff: money spent versus death avoided, for a while at least.

Soon or later, while talking with any thoughtful physician, you'll hear something like: "And you must realize that approximately 50 percent of all health care expenses are undertaken in the last six months of life."

What's that? The biggest part of our health care expenditure stems from the wholly natural instinct to buy at very great cost another few months of life for our loved ones? This is such a shocking statistic — and so remarkably pervasive among the doctors I have talked with — that I spent considerable time rummaging through a lot of medical literature. I found only two relevant studies.

■ A 1984 study on Medicare services reported that those who died made up 5.9 percent of the study group but consumed 28 percent of Medicare expenses. For patients who died, 46 percent of costs were spent in the last 60 days of life.

○ A 1989 study examined people aged 65 and over, making up 12 percent of the U.S. population. They consumed 20 percent of physician contacts, 35 percent of hospital visits (and nearly 50 percent of hospital days), and 33 percent of national expenditures on health care.

If my research is any guide, the factual basis for rational discussion of health care policy is largely lacking. On one hand, we have hopeful politicians saying we can cut enough health care costs to extend coverage to those who lack it by slashing paper work, waste and so forth. On the other, we have many, many doctors who assert as a fact that getting at health care costs will require us as a society to face, for the first time in human history, the complex moral tradeoff between dollars spent and death avoided.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that publishes this newspaper. He would be pleased to hear from readers who have additional information or other insights on this complicated subject. To leave a voice mail message by touch-tone phone, call (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

## Following the crowd

Mother used to ask: "If everyone else was jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge, would you jump off the Brooklyn Bridge?" Sheepishly, we'd answer with a quiet "no." Well, she'd go on, "just because everybody else is doing (fill in the blank), that doesn't make it right."

Novi Community School officials are taking great solace these days in the fact that the Walled Lake schools Board of Education has also recently wrapped up its contract negotiations with teachers, handing out raises of 3.5 percent for each of the next three years. Although the scale is slightly lower, Walled Lake's step system is almost identical to Novi's. Walled Lake did not make that decision months before the expiration of its old contract, as Novi did, rather teachers there have been working on an extension

of the old agreement for the past six months. Nonetheless, without a budget in place and without the slightest idea of what those guys up in Lansing are going to do in the way of school finance "reform" this year, the Walled Lake board of education has committed taxpayers to cost increases for the next three years.

Like Novi, the Walled Lake district is gambling it will be able to cover the costs when the time comes. And like Novi, the Walled Lake board of education is counting on property taxpayers to cover its wager if it turns out to be wrong.

We can almost hear Momma now: "Just because everyone else is abdicating their fiduciary responsibilities to taxpayers, doesn't mean you have to."

## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



'Eek! A giant mouse!' Not everyone was happy to see Mickey Mouse at Twelve Oaks Mall

## If press didn't tell, who would



Tim Richard

The incident, Willis F. Dunbar, author of the landmark Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State, never mentioned it. F. Clever Bald, in Michigan in Four Centuries, missed it off in a fraction of a sentence.

■ In 1927, when a maniac blew up the consolidated school at Bath, Clinton County, killing 38 pupils, Senator (James) Couzens paid for a new building, and money from the Children's Fund was used to help care for the injured. Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised. History books also slide past the fact that 23 Michigan legislators were convicted in 1945 of taking bribes, giving the murder of state Sen. Warren Hooper a sentence or so.

■ Newspapers bring up the Bath school explosion in Sunday features from time to time. I'm told, but somehow I always missed the articles.

■ The matter was brought to my attention by a Christmas gift from Gundella the Witch, a lady who has occupied a corner of Michigan for 62 years and taught school for 20 of them. Gundella never had heard of the Bath tragedy until she bumped into Mayday, The History of a Village Holocaust in Okemos on an autograph expedition for her book of ghost stories.

Keheo was an expert mechanic, and other farmers sought his help in blowing out stumps. He had access to the school basement, and no one raised an eyebrow when he purchased large quantities of dynamite.

I said Keheo was embittered. He didn't think Bath needed to consolidate, build a high school, try to meet University of Michigan accreditation standards and raise taxes — particularly when the farm economy was going to pot as Europe recovered from the Great War. Note well: Every single one of those problems exists today except the need for more school construction.

Keheo timed two explosions to go off simultaneously on a Wednesday morning — one under the school, the other on every building on his farm. Apparently he killed his wife the night before. Unable to sell or give away two horses, Keheo blew them up, too.

Then he drove his Ford truck to town as rescue work was going on and blew up himself and the hated superintendent.

Author Grant Parker's painstaking work, much gleaned from newspapers, reads like a mystery novel. The explosion occurs halfway through, and the remainder is flashbacks into the twisted psyche of Keheo, his wife and other main characters.

From a newspaper friend in Clinton County, I hear Parker's book is considered less than top notch in Bath, though I am too inept to know why. Parker published it himself — unfortunately, because virtually every page has a spelling or grammatical error. Nor is there a word biography of the author.

Two thoughts from the perspective of a journalist: ■ No one spotted Keheo's tragic potential in advance. In part, perhaps, because the Bath school board held all its meetings behind closed doors. That was in the days before the Open Meetings Act, now under great attack. ■ The Society of Professional Journalists circulates public service ads which say: "If the press didn't tell you, who would?"

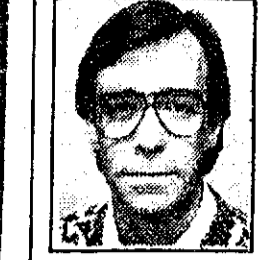
Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His office phone is (313) 349-1700.

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## It would be mistake to think I'm cured



Michael Malott

"My name is Mike Malott, and I'm a disorganization-aholic."

I'm not an organized person. I never have been. Like the alcoholic who trying to stay sober, I can never make the mistake of thinking that I'm cured. No, the best I can do is wake up every morning and say to myself: "Today, I will not be disorganized."

Make the mistake of thinking that I'm cured, and sure enough I'll succumb to the temptation to leave one little file sitting out somewhere, on my desk perhaps or on top of the filing cabinet. Just one little file. It won't hurt. I can handle it.

Pretty soon I'll find I have a taste for it again and I'll be leaving "just one little file" here and there. Soon I'll be sneaking files, hiding under my papers in my desk drawers so that no one will know I've fallen off the wagon.

It won't be long before I'll be on a full-fledged disorganization bender. I'll wake up a week or two later under some desk somewhere, surrounded by dozens of empty manila folders.

Suburban Communications Corporation Vice President John Reddy dropped by my office last week with a HomeTown Newspapers Executive Editor Phil Jerome in tow. After an exchange of pleasantries, Reddy noted the relatively clean state of my office. And it was in pretty good shape, by newspaper editor standards. You could, for instance, see the top of my desk. There were no falling-over-stacks of unsorted papers sitting on the chairs or floor.

"This is the most business-like state I have ever seen this office in," Reddy commented. Turning to one of its former occupants, Phil Jerome, he said pointedly, "Bar none."

Now, I had visited Phil in his office a couple of times while he was still here and I know what John was talking about. But I can't look down my nose at him because the office I had at the time looked pretty much like his did. I had stacks of paper all over the place, and although I would swear up and down that despite appearances I really knew where everything was and knew what was in each one of those stacks, finding any single document required a search of at least an hour.

The crisis came about two years ago. I'd just moved to this office, so it really shouldn't have been too bad. It was budget time and Phil had sent the work sheets over and set a deadline for their return about a week away. I set the papers aside and decided I'd take care of it a little later.

But when I returned to get that paperwork, it was gone. I knew right where I'd left it, but it was no longer there. I searched my office high and low, but no amount of looking produced results. I looked around the building. I asked everyone in the office if they'd seen my work sheets. I searched my home. I searched my car.

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I spent countless hours fruitlessly rummaging through desk drawers and stacks of paperwork. The papers stayed missing for a full week and a half. Of course, I blew the deadline, even though I would have had plenty of time to do the work had I actually been able to do it instead of spending all that time looking around. And of course, all during that time, I was able to think of almost nothing else.

When the papers finally showed up, it turned out they hadn't gone far. They'd simply gotten caught in a paper clip and were attached to the back of some other paperwork.

Never again, I vowed. I went out and bought a book about how to organize your paperwork. This one was Conquering the Paper Pile-Up, (Writers Digest Books) by Stephanie Culp, but I'm sure there are other good ones.

Anyway, I made a determination that I would learn those basic filing skills that they teach every clerk and secretary who ever takes a high school or college business course — the skills we "news executives" and "creative types" insist we don't have the time for.

John suggested I should write a column about my two-year long struggle to get and stay organized and explain how I did it. He thought it might serve as an inspiration to others who suffer the same tentacles as I toward disorganization.

But just like the reformed alcoholic who is trying to stay sober, I've never really gotten over it. I doubt anyone truly does. As to how, like everything else, "It's just one day at a time."

## Have the grit to stand up for owners

To the Editor:  
Re: Quall Ridge  
Should Novi be held responsible for the real estate development that affects neighboring homes, property or possible health hazards? Certainly, because these homes were here first. The developers screwed up. These people should not have to suffer for someone else's mistakes. All of the board members gave their approval to the letter to Novi expecting them to foot the bill. I commend the board members for taking such action to preserve and protect the citizens of Northville Township.

I feel confident that our board members will support and defend the rights of hundreds of homeowners in the Park Garden sub who have also fallen victim to the developers and poor planning that had a devastating effect on our environment, our health and safety. You see, I live in Park Gardens on Park Lane, a gravel road. In the 23 years I've been in this area I've seen developers like Greenspan that built

## Letters

Northville Colony Estates begin to build from Six Mile Road, but soon the new homeowners were very disturbed over having his heavy equipment thundering by their new homes so he began to open dead end streets off Five Mile in Park Gardens to bring in his gravel and cement trucks and continued for a couple of years, destroying the base of our road. Who authorized the opening of this road? Developers are still building dead end roads in the Township. With no turn arounds some of these roads back up to Northville State Hospital. We have two newer subs, Northville Colony Estates and Country Club Village right beside each other, yet have no roads joining them together.

Stand on the corner of Whitehaven Road and Whitty Road, look east in Northville Colony Estates. You'll see a dead end street with a new home built across the end of the road. Now talk about poor planning, check that one out.

Just as the Quall Ridge residents have chosen their place to live would we treat them the same way as the Park Garden residents have been? Would anyone dare to suggest a special assessment area for the Quall Ridge residents to correct the damage done by poor planning and development?

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## Parents urged to plan fire escape routes

Because home fires already have claimed the lives of 20 Michigan children this year, homeowners are being urged by AAA of Michigan to develop an effective escape plan to help prevent further tragedies.

"The most important step a family should take is to remove any barriers in the home that would prevent quick evacuation in a fire," said AAA Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. "We strongly advise against placing security bars over windows unless they can be easily opened from the inside, especially by children. Use of security bars means greater emphasis on smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and family evacuation planning."

Children under 12 account for 20 percent of Michigan's fire victims annually and should be given special instructions to avoid fire dangers. Families should practice evacuation drills in the home since the steps taken immediately after a fire breaks out may mean the difference between a safe exit and no exit.

"Smoke detectors are the best protection in a home fire because family members have about three minutes to get out of the house from the first alarm to get out safely before being overcome by smoke and gases," Basch said.

Two-thirds of residential fires involving a fatality occur between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. when occupants most likely are sleeping.

The following are steps that can be taken to avoid tragedy in a fire emergency:

- When smoke is present, crawl under the smoke to the nearest exit.
- Interior doors should be touched with the back of the hand. If the door is cool, brace the knee against it and slowly open it. If the hallway is free of smoke, crawl to the door and escape.
- If the door is hot to the touch, use a secondary exit which could be a window or other opening to the outside. If the window can't be opened, use any available object to break it and clear glass from the frame. If the home is more than one story high, use an escape ladder.

■ Meet other family members at a predetermined spot outside the home to make sure all have escaped.

Home fires caused by heating equipment are more common during the winter months. To avoid home heating fires, homeowners should keep portable and space heaters a safe distance from combustibles.

clean solid and liquid fueled appliances regularly, be sure vents and chimneys are constructed in accordance with all manufacturer's instructions and appropriate building codes, and turn appliances off when not in use or when the family is not at home.

Gas and kerosene fueled space heaters should only be used in rooms that allow for proper air circulation. Smaller rooms, such as bedrooms, should not be used with these types of heaters. Fuel should be stored outdoors.

## Learn the FCC rules along with us



Lark Samouelian

No, this isn't a committee meeting. It is really an opportunity to get together and have fun; to meet others involved with television, share camaraderie,

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Bob Lichtman will host the first meeting, April 19, Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the studio at SWCC. Chuck Cook will present the bylaws that he and several other people have put together over the past year, about how the club will best work.

Mark your calendars and be sure to be there.

Meanwhile, changes each day are taking place at the federal government level. The Federal Communications Commission is developing policies and final regulations governing the cable industry. The months of March and April will find local governments, as well as the cable industry, learning about how busi-

ness will be handled.

The FCC issued regulations on the following subjects:

- Carriage of indecent programming on leased access channels.
- Home wiring.
- Over-the-air television signals — contractual agreements.
- Customer service standards.
- Anti-buy through the basic tier of service.

Rather than go into lots of detail, please call me, Lark Samouelian, if you would like to learn along with us.

Lark Samouelian is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which oversees the operations of the MetroVision cable television firm.

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"I like it because it's so fast-paced, and you can hit people."

—Mike Sill  
freshman lacrosse player

## THE NEW SPORT IN TOWN

### Novi's lacrosse team begins a new tradition

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

**N**ovi High's newest sport is a blast from America's distant past. Played by the Iroquois before Columbus landed, lacrosse will make its way from history book to the athletic field this spring. The Wildcats will field a boys' varsity team for the first time this season, and, all indications are that the sport will be a smash hit with students.

"I like it because it's so fast-paced," said freshman Mike Sill, "and you can hit people. There's so much action."

Lacrosse's introduction into the Novi School District is largely the work Mike's father, Don. The elder Sill began his crusade two years ago because he felt the district needed another athletic option in the spring for middle school students besides baseball.

"There was a lot of interest right away," Sill said. "We had 23 kids sign up the first year."

Community Education sponsored the program at Novi Middle School in its first season. Last year, both the middle and high schools offered lacrosse with Novi Parks and Recreation acting as sponsor.

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### A primer and some history for the sport of the Iroquois

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Enthusiasts claim lacrosse is "the fastest sport on two feet."

While some folks may beg to differ, one thing's for sure: lacrosse is the most unique sport on two feet. The ancient game combines aspects of basketball, hockey and soccer into an action-packed 40 minutes.

"It's like all the sports, really," said Novi High freshman Mike Sill.

Lacrosse has been played in North America for centuries, first by the Iroquois and later by settlers. The modern version of the game has been played for years in eastern schools and universities. Only recently has lacrosse made it to the playing fields of Michigan.

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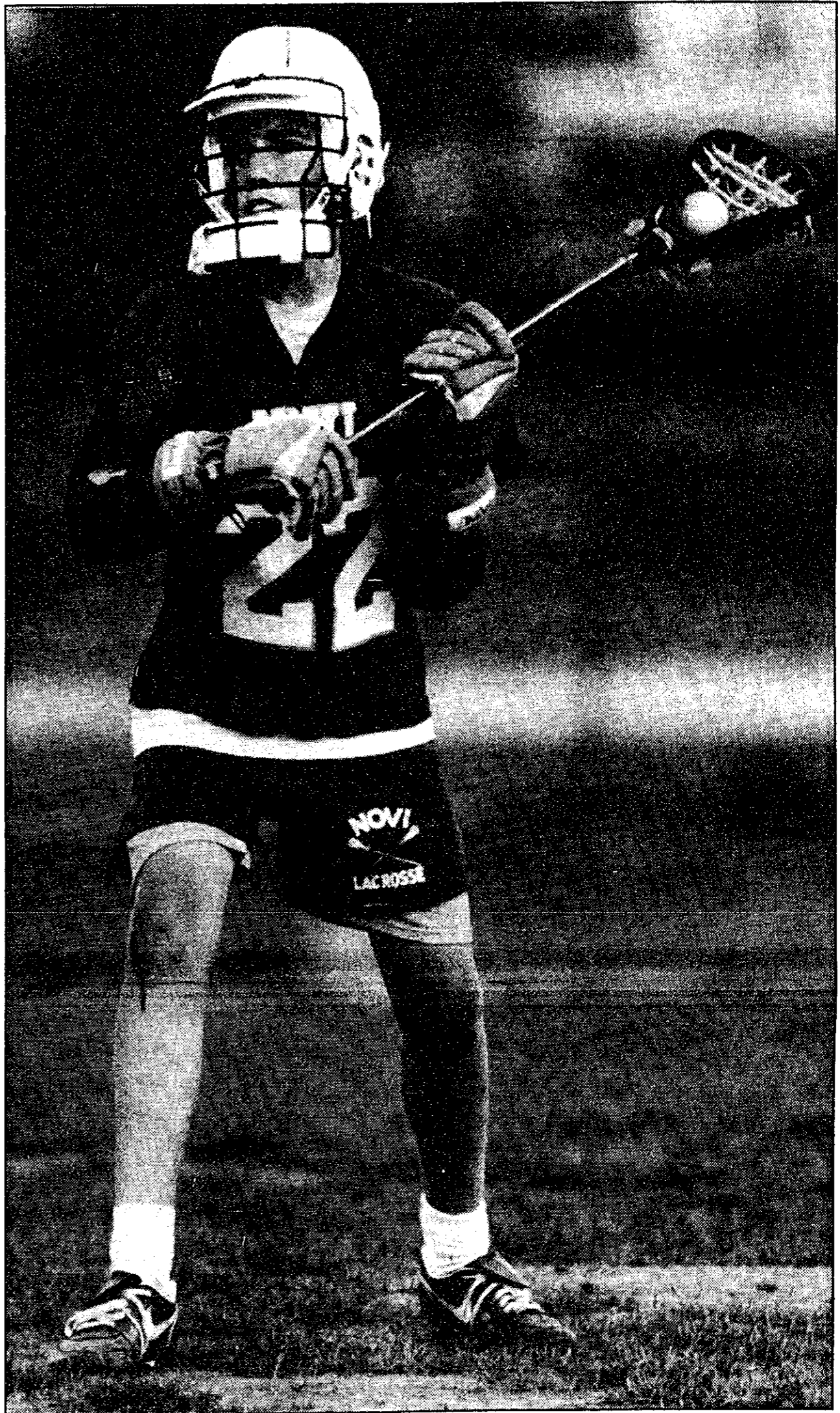
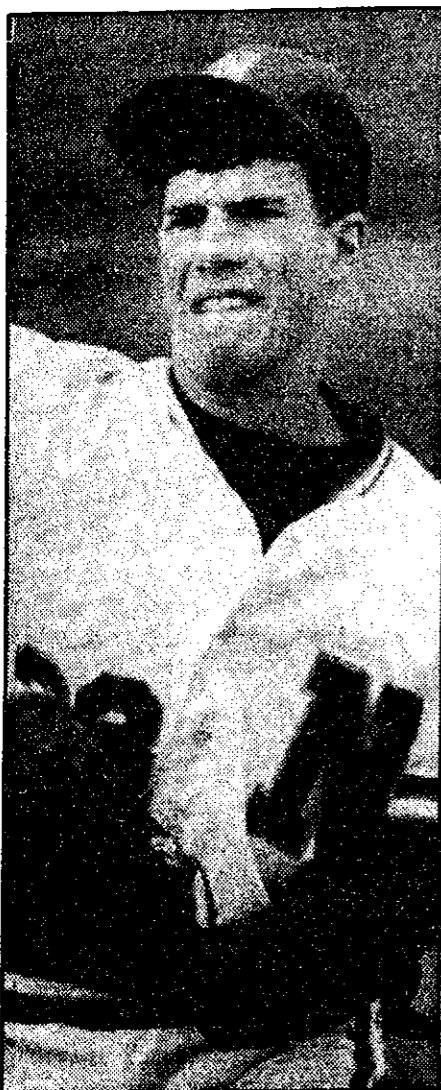


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Freshman Mike Sill will be counted upon to put the ball in the net.

**BASEBALL**



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**BOYS TRACK**



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**SOFTBALL**



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**TENNIS**



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## Ducks Unlimited dinner set

The Northville Meadowbrook Area Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is planning its sixth annual dinner party and auction, slated for Thursday, April 29.

Tickets are already on sale. The schedule for the benefit includes cocktails from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; dinner from 7 to 8; and an auction from 8:30 to 10. There will be a cash bar.

The evening includes a live and silent auction, with various prizes of particular interest to people who enjoy the outdoors.

For tickets, contact chairman Fred Borchert at 348-7195 or treasurer Tim Glock at 347-4277. Or purchase tickets at Northville Camera & Video, 117 E. Main, 349-0105.

Ducks Unlimited is a national organization of duck hunters and outdoors people which buys land to help preserve the duck population.

## ABWA offers scholarship

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

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

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

Applications for the scholarship are available at Schoolcraft, Oakland Community College and Madonna University financial aid offices. They can also be requested by writing to ABWA care of D. Watroba at P.O. Box 601, Northville 48167.

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

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



Photo by HAL GOULD

Dawn Kukuzki demonstrates the modeling talent that landed her a spot on the pages of a national magazine.

## Novi teen makes 'Teen magazine

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

It was over a year ago that Novi High School freshman Dawn Kukuzki sent her photo in to 'Teen magazine's model search contest.

She'd pretty much forgotten about it, since she hadn't heard from the magazine and so much time had passed.

That was before the March issue came out. To the surprise of Kukuzki, 14, it had her picture as one of the local finalists in the contest.

"It's kind of weird," she said. "I didn't expect it at all, and at first when I looked at the picture I hardly even recognized myself."

Dawn's mother, who is a principal at Fisher Elementary School in Redford, knew about the picture before she did. One of the students in her school approached her and showed it to her, asking if it was her daughter.

"I came home from school and my mom told me about it," she said. "It wasn't even out (on the newstands) yet. Only the subscribers had it."

Dawn said she has wanted to be a model since she was very young, because her older sister did some modeling and she always thought it looked like fun.

This photo was the fifth she had

sent to a model search program at various magazines over the past three years.

"I usually send in a picture just to see what will happen, and because I've always wanted to get into modeling," she said.

She has attended the Barbazon modeling school in Southfield, where she learned about things like makeup, clothing, style, posing for a camera and walking on a runway. The classes lasted about 6 months, and when she graduated at age 11 she received an award for being the hardest working model.

Today she is listed with several Detroit-area modeling agencies including Affiliated, Milane and Christina Roberts. Since her photo appeared in 'Teen she has received a call from an agent, who invited her to an open house.

Her favorite part of modeling is showing clothes on the runway, but Dawn said she has developed as a person through modeling as well.

"Modeling boosts my self-esteem," she said. "Before I got into it I really didn't have any. It's taught me to like myself."

"I've changed a lot since I started. I'm not sure how, but I've changed ... for the better."

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**REAL ESTATE**
**Getting the right price when selling your home**

 By James M. Woodard  
 Copley News Service

"How much is my home really worth in today's market?"

That's the most frequently asked question by homeowners when they are thinking about selling. It's an important question. If the home is expected to sell within a reasonable time for a fair price.

If the list price is too high, the property will probably remain on the market for a long time. Some current listings that fall into that category in many areas of the country have been listed by one or several brokerage firms for more than a year. And the longer the owner persists in asking for an unrealistic price, the more widespread will be its reputation within the local real estate industry as an overpriced property.

On the other hand, if the price is too low, the owner could lose thousands of dollars that rightfully should come to the seller family. It will probably sell fast (often to an investor), but the potential loss could be substantial.

Determining the right asking price involves research. It often starts with a "market analysis

report" prepared by a broker who has or wants the property listing. This includes a list of prices and basic data about comparable homes that have sold, usually culled from the regional MLS computer database.

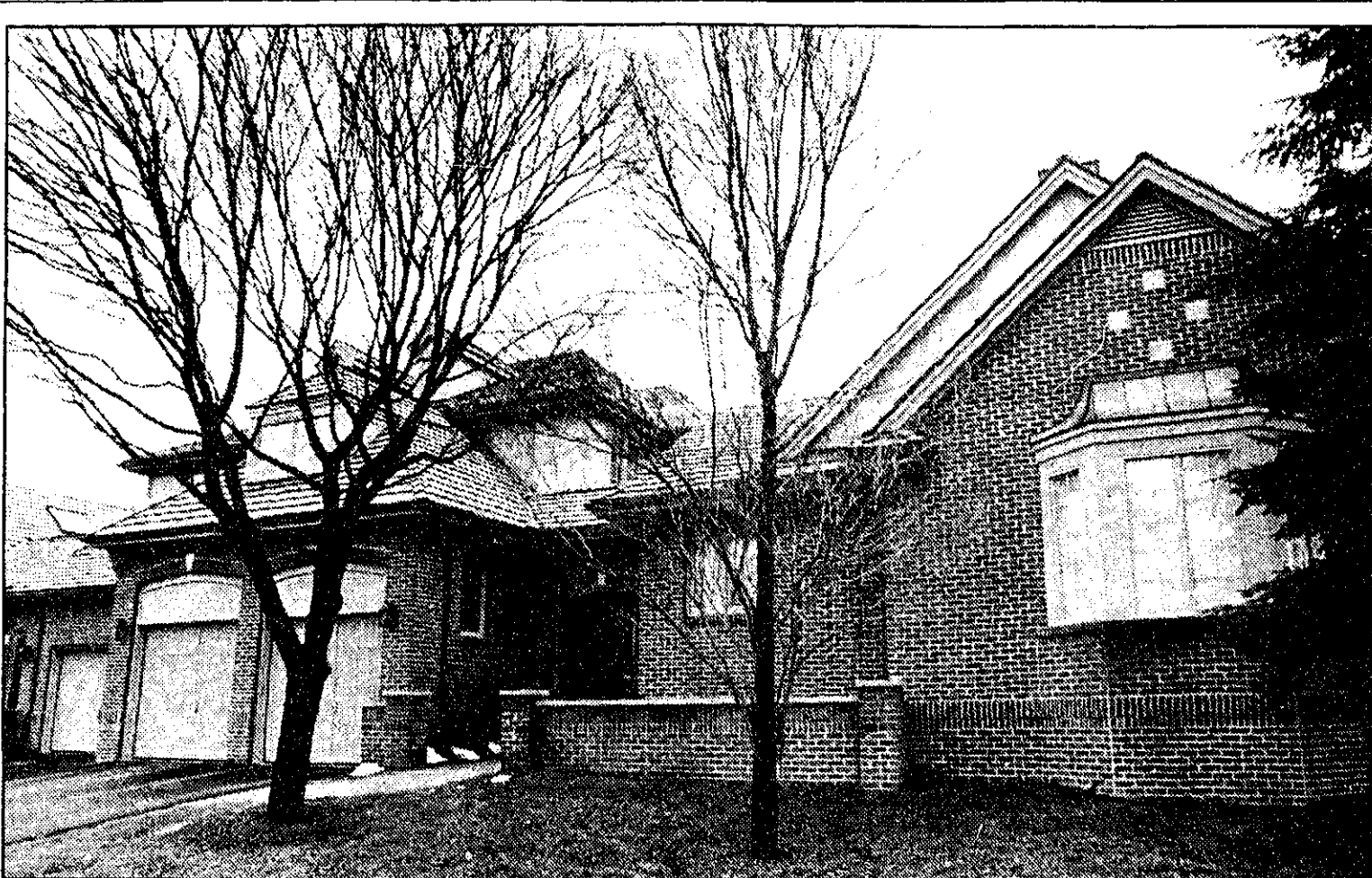
These listings should not be taken at face value. The properties and related transactions may not really be comparable. Look at each "comparable property" as a professional appraiser or institutional lender would consider it.

Ask these questions: Are the homes similar in size, age and features? Are they in the same neighborhood? Values can be different for similar homes on opposite sides of the same street.

Did the comparable properties sell within the past few months? Lenders usually insist on recent sale comparables. Is the financing method comparable? Homes where the owner carries the mortgage loan and only requires 5 percent down payment can sell for more than a home financed with an institutional mortgage loan.

For a professional approach to determining the current market

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The Cranbrook Chase condominium development in Bloomfield Hills.

Photos by HAL GOULD

**DOIN' THEIR**
**HOMework**

Northville architect is part of team that wins national award

 By RICK BYRNE  
 Copy Editor

Architects come from several of schools of thought, but rarely does an architect take an actual school as his inspiration for designing a home.

Rarer still is the architect who earns national recognition for forays into such frontiers. Walter Coponen, of Coponen Architects Inc. in Northville was recently honored for his work on Cranbrook Chase, a condominium development in Bloomfield Hills. Cranbrook Chase earned the ninth annual "Best in American Living Award," sponsored by Professional Builder & Remodeler magazine and the National Association of Home Builders.

Sharing the award with Coponen were the builders Holtzman & Silverman and The Fisher Group; interior designers Brian Killian & Co.; and land planners John Grissim & Associates.

"We do a lot of housing — condos and apartments. We did Blue Heron Pointe in this area, which won two awards in the state of Michigan," said Coponen. "But this is a national award, which makes it kind of exciting."

Such accomplishments don't come easily, but Coponen felt from the begin-

"The problem is that every architect starts with a project that has the prospect of being an award-winner, but there are so many influences that come along to compromise it."

 —Walter Coponen  
 Coponen Architects, Inc

ning that this project would be something special.

"The problem is that every architect starts with a project that has the prospect of being an award-winner," said Coponen. "But there are so many influ-

ences that come along to compromise it." Cranbrook Chase was different though. The developer didn't want any compromises.

"They really wanted to do a quality project," said Coponen. If the unit exteriors look vaguely familiar, that's because they're styled to look like the Cranbrook School. Thanks for the influence can go to The Fisher Group, which is owned by the Fisher family, great supporters of Cranbrook.

But the similarity to Cranbrook School goes far beyond the facade, Coponen said.

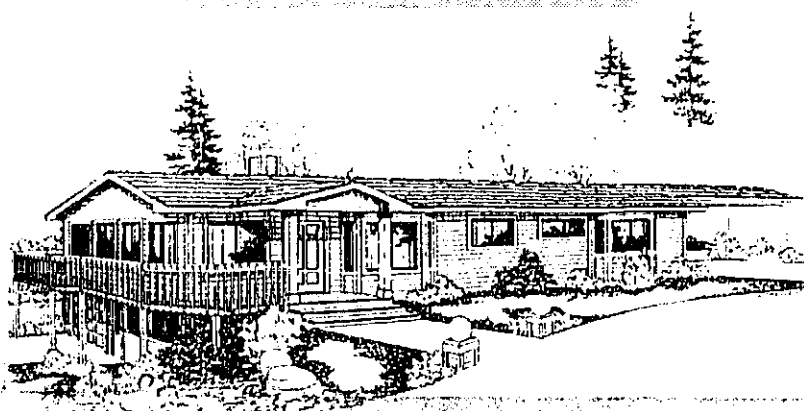
"We researched Cranbrook, the materials that were used for it, and how they used the materials," he said.

The Eero Saarinen-designed school with its brick exterior walls and slate roof is mimicked by Cranbrook Chase, though wood shakes were used as roofing material.

"Wood shakes are the closest thing in appearance to slate," said Coponen. "There aren't too many artisans doing slate roofs anymore."

The old meets the new on the inside, however. Weather-vane created windows that imitate the original. Yet in the

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**HOME DESIGNS**

**The Mairanna offers much more than meets the eye**

 By James McAlexander  
 Copley News Service

From the front, the Marianna looks almost like a ranch-style home with two bay windows and a gabled front porch. But what you see is only half of what you get.

This floor plan is designed for construction on a lot that slopes down at the back and to the left. All of the family living space is on the main floor, the portion of the home that's visible from the street. But there's also a full daylight basement below. One section of it is a garage and workshop; the rest is unfinished and can be used, as is, for storage. But plumbing and wiring are already in place for further development when needed.

A wide deck wraps around three sides of the house, inviting outdoor living when weather permits and offering multiple vistas to the left and the rear.

The living room is also richly windowed to take advantage of these same views. The far end of the room is warm and bright, with skylights providing additional illumination and a wood-burning stove radiating heat during the chilly seasons.

The large country kitchen faces

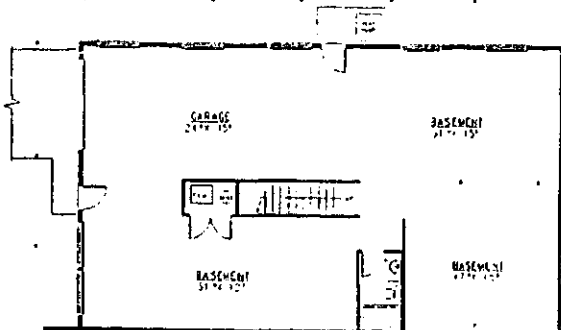
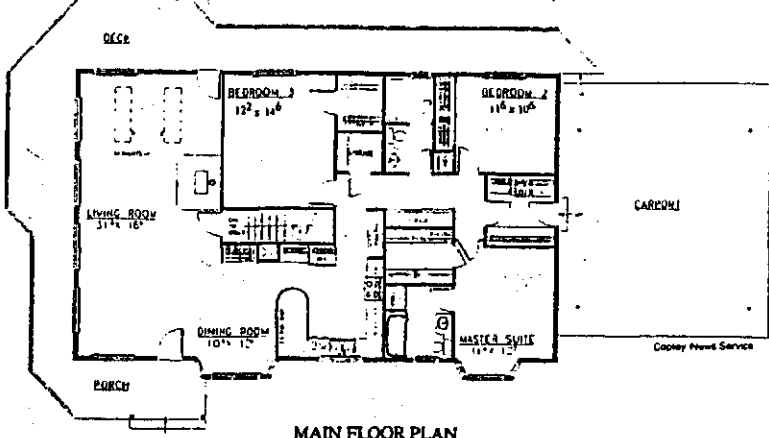
out toward an eating area expanded and brightened by a bay window. An eating bar provides separation and doubles as a buffet on special occasions. The kitchen sink faces the street, allowing parents of young children to keep an eye on the neighborhood during meal preparation and cleanup.

Bedrooms are clustered together, another feature appreciated by parents with little ones. The master suite has a bay window, private bath and large walk-in closet. One of the other two bedrooms also has a walk-in closet.

In fact, generous storage space is spread throughout the home, with a closet in the dining room, a large walk-in linen closet and an additional closet in the hallway.

The utility room, tucked between the master suite and a bedroom at the right end of the house, also has an exterior door that connects with the carport.

For a study plan of the Marianna (400-05) send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)


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MAIN FLOOR PLAN

**Houseplants from seed**

 By C.Z. Guest  
 Copley News Service

**GARDENING**

The key to good production of garden plants indoors is to begin with a very good soil mix. The potting medium should have adequate drainage, good water-holding ability, ample fertility and should be sterile so that it is free of possible disease, seeds or insects.

You can buy very good medium mixes — everything is prepared for you and ready to go into containers.

Starting houseplants from seed isn't any different from starting garden plants. Provide ample light and moisture, as well as correct temperature, and you will have very few problems with your baby seeds.

Most seeds sown as houseplants can be started at any time of the year. However, you'll get best germination results when you start during the spring. The effect of the natural lengthening of the day aids the germination process.

Some common houseplants can be purchased as seeds from catalogs, including many cactus and cactus mixes, African violets, geraniums, impatiens and begonias, to name a few. Many of these are annual plants, which will eventually fade.

Good care and periodic pruning will help extend the life span of these garden houseplants. Seeds from these plants can be bought through garden catalogs and on seed packet racks in garden centers.

Of course, the pride one feels when admiring a well-cared-for plant is doubled when that gardener remembers that it was once a tiny seed in the palm of her hand! (With Graphic—Garden Tips: Houseplants From Seed)

**LASTING BOUQUETS**

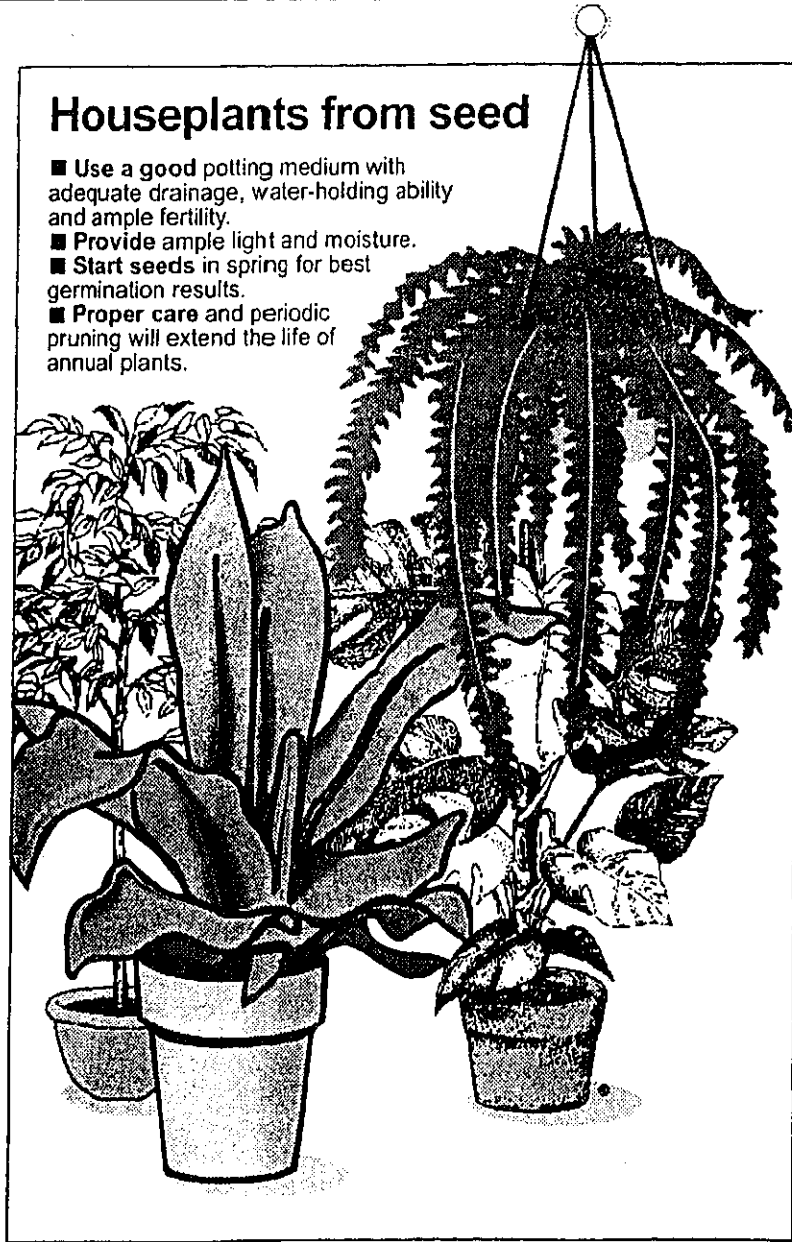
The most effective way to prolong the life of cut flowers is to arrange them in a clean vase (in lukewarm water) that has been disinfected with household bleach.

After the vase has been washed and all soapy residue rinsed off, pour bleach to an inch or two in depth and fill the vase with water. Allow it to stand for several minutes, rinse again, and you'll have a fabulously clean, bacteria-free vase ready to be filled with a fresh bouquet of flowers.

The proper care of flowers freshly picked from the garden begins at the moment you pick

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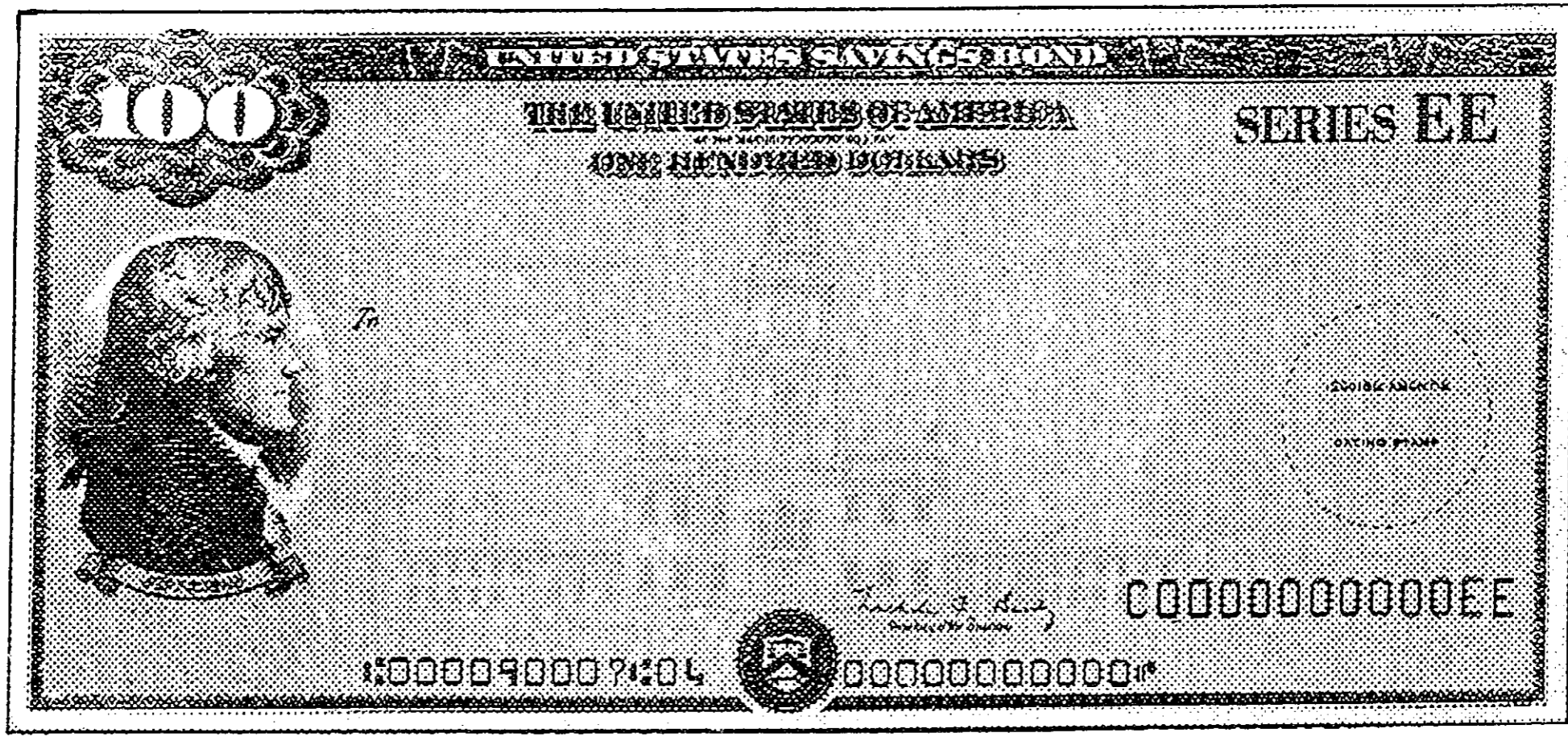
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# Bakery wakes up the taste buds

By Marilyn Herald

If you're wide awake at 4 or 5 a.m. and don't know what to do, the owners of the South Lyon Village Bakery think they have the answer. Come down to their shop at 222 S. Lafayette and join other local residents for coffee and doughnuts or any other "sweet thing" that turns on your taste buds.

Traffic at the bakery begins early and lasts throughout the day.

"This is the news center of this end of town," laughed regular customer Bob Mitchell of Centennial Farms as he enjoyed an afternoon coffee break. "It's always friendly here."

For 14 years this hometown business has grown steadily under the loving guidance and dedicated efforts of owners Bill and Lepa Stevanovic of Green Oak Township.

In fact, the Stevanovics marked March 1993 as their 14th anniversary in business, although there is a running joke between them as to the exact date the bakery was established. Bill holds out for a starting date of March 15, 1979, because that's the date on the license displayed on the bakery wall. Lepa staunchly states that she knows she was open Feb. 29, 1979.

Chief baker Lepa works the midnight shift, arriving at the witching

hour six days a week and opening the door to customers at 4 a.m. Monday through Saturday. By 9 a.m. weekdays, 30-40 dozen doughnuts and sweet rolls, along with numerous cups of coffee, are handed across the counter to regular customers. Saturdays, the total is upped to around 60 dozen.

Just how much their business has multiplied in the past 14 years was proven to the Stevanovics on the recent "Fat Tuesday," the day before the beginning of Lent and its fasting.

"By 10 a.m. that day we were sold out of paczki (the favorite filled Polish pastries)," Bill recalled. "Our daughter Susan, who manages the store, took orders for 20 dozen more in a half hour so we started making them again. We sold over 500 dozen in one day."

"Our first year, we sold six dozen and last year it was over 400 dozen. We had eight people making paczki from 4 p.m. Monday until 1 a.m. Tuesday and then we went back and made lots more," Bill noted.

By the way, Lepa said raspberry filling was the top best seller this year.

"We have the original Hamtramck mix recipe, not a doughnut mix," she pointed out, adding that she made nine filled varieties and one batch of plain paczki for those who didn't want filling.

When the Stevanovics moved to their Dixboro Road home in 1977, Bill continued his work as a machine repairman for General Motors Corp. in Livonia and Lepa still helped her dad at his Westland bakery.

"I was driving home from work one day when I saw this building was for lease," Bill recalled. "I went home and asked Lepa how she'd like to open her own business. We worked it out to pick up the baked goods from her father and sell them here."

It was a busy time for the family, with Lepa still baking in the early mornings with her father and hurrying back to South Lyon with pastries to please her customers at the Village Bakery.

After Lepa's father died two years ago the family decided it was time to expand the business and do their own baking. A year ago in January, they moved the bakery right next door to the original store, more than tripling the space. The 2,000-square-foot building at 222 S. Lafayette allows them plenty of room to produce their customers' favorites such as sweet rolls, bagels, cakes, pies, cookies and bread, including pizza bread. Wedding cakes, by advance order, are Bill's specialty. "He does the baking of cakes and the decorating," Lepa said with a wide smile.

"We're going to use the center room here for a display of cakes and

decorations so that people can come in and select what they want to order," Bill explained.

Lunch favorites at the bakery are sandwiches made up of Kowalski meats tucked neatly between slices of Lepa's breads. The featured soup of the day is also made in the bakery kitchen. Customers can eat in or carry out.

Always looking for new ways to please the palates of the public, the Stevanovics recently added Lepa's handmade pasties to the long list of baked items and sandwiches available. Thursday is pastie day.

"I use a pastry recipe for the pasties that I got from the Upper Peninsula where pasties are so popular," Lepa said.

"We use all fresh vegetables and chop them up here, like rutabagas, potatoes, onions and celery," Bill added. "We have fresh ground meat in them too."

Although it seems the Stevanovics would have no time for hobbies, Bill has coached high school soccer in South Lyon for several years and Lepa has a flower garden that draws lots of admiring comments every summer.

"Right now I'm here from midnight until afternoon every day but when the weather warms up, I'll be with my flowers from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.," Lepa added.



Photo by CHARLIE CORTEZ

Lepa Stevanovic and daughter Sue show off some of the daily delights.

## Sales point to strong market for coming year

Local sales of previously owned homes in January closely paralleled increases reported nationwide, according to the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, the state's largest realty association.

This compares to a 14.9 percent national increase and ranks above the 11 percent reported for all of the Midwest.

"Early indications point to continuation of a strong market through the year," said William Deacon, WWO-CAR president.

"While a broad choice of available properties will remain, buyers will not have as many to pick from as a year ago. During the past six months, the number of listings has dropped six percent and we think this trend will continue."

The median price in January, with half selling for more and half for less, was \$84,500, down from \$86,000 during the same period a year ago. Compared to the national median of \$103,700 in January, this area remains among the most affordable in the country.

Deacons said he expected that the recent announcement of property tax increases may serve to delay some purchases, particularly among first-time buyers, but will not be a strong impediment to sales growth.

"Part of the increase will be offset by declining mortgage interest rates and an additional portion by increased deductions on federal taxes and higher returns from the state's homestead property tax credit," he said.

Deacon said increased sales activity is stemming not only from more first-time buyers, but from added numbers of homeowners ready to move up the housing ladder.

"Favorable market conditions for the spring selling can be expected to attract more sellers into the market and we plan a special program to assist many of them," he said.

On Thursday, March 25, WWO-CAR had a panel of experts discuss all aspects of the home-selling process in a free seminar at the Holiday Inn Livonia-West. Attendees were asked to bring a donation of canned food as a contribution to the Salvation Army.

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Martin says she works independently or in con-

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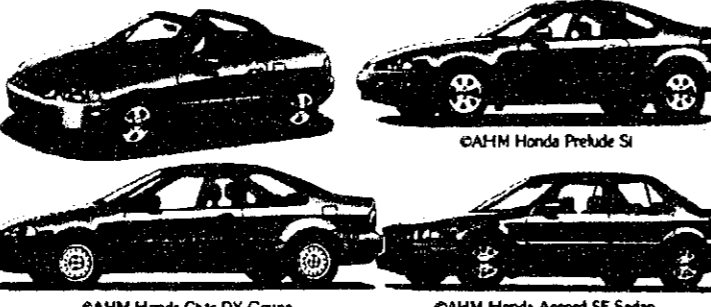
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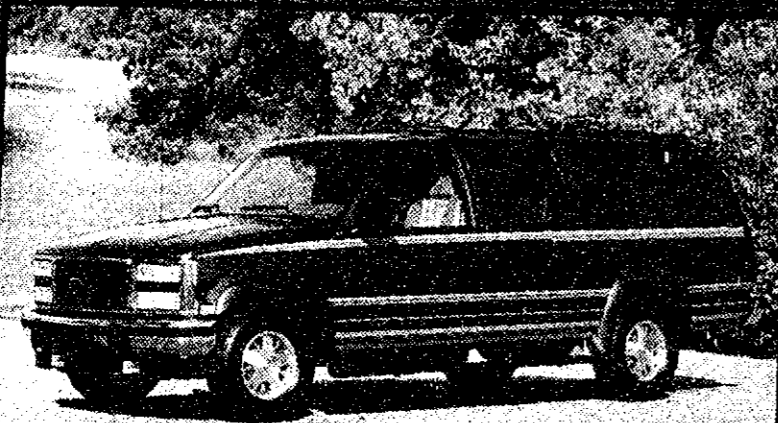
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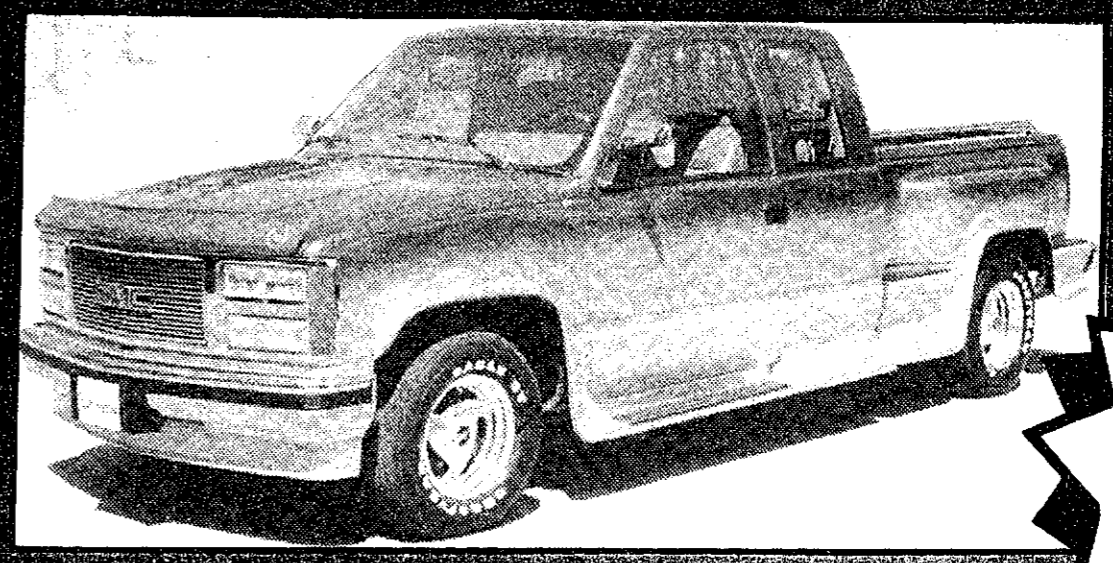
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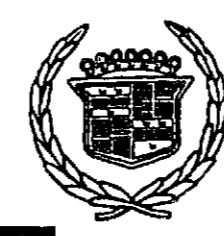
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