



## Community Calendar

Today, 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. Costs \$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.

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.

**Golf Clinic:** Bavarian Village Ski and Golf is offering a free pre-season golf clinic from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at their store in Novi Town Center south of I-96 on Novi Rd. Dennis Prebce is the golf pro and instructor. Bring your clubs and comfortable shoes.

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 7:15 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.

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Wednesday, April 21

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

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

**Novi Newcomers:** The Novi Newcomers general meeting will be held from 7-8 p.m. at the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College. Master Chef and Director of Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Program, Jeff Gabriel, will be the guest speaker.

Friday, April 23

**Rummage Sale:** Faith Community Presbyterian Church is holding its annual rummage and used book sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 44400 West Ten Mile Rd.

Saturday, April 24

**Rummage Sale:** Faith Community Presbyterian Church is holding its annual rummage, used book and bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon at 44400 West Ten Mile Rd.

Monday, April 26

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

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

Tuesday, April 27

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

**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 28

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



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### Car-train collision

This 1989 Chevrolet sustained heavy damage but the driver, a 21-year-old woman, received only very minor injuries April 1 when she slammed into the side of a train crossing Wixom Road. Wixom Police officer Alan Blashfield said the woman failed to come to a complete stop due to weather conditions and hit the side of the train engine. Police said the train whistle was blowing and warning lights were functioning when the incident occurred. The woman, who was cited for failing to stop, was wearing a seatbelt.

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## School board gives green light to use new textbooks

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

It'll be new textbooks for Novi High School next year.

The Novi Board of Education gave formal approval to the adoption of four new textbooks at its April 1 meeting. The green light was the final step in a process that has taken months.

The four texts cover the subjects of architecture, computer-aided drafting (CAD), home repair and maintenance and world geography. The district's curriculum council, composed of administrators, teachers and parents, reviewed and approved the texts over the past several weeks. The body recommended their approval and adoption in a March 26 memo to the board.

The texts, and the courses in which they will be used next year at Novi High School, are:

■ **Architecture: Residential Drawing and Design** by Clois Kickligher, Goodheart-Wilcox publishing — for Mechanical Drawing I and Introduction to CAD;

■ **AutoCAD for Architecture**, by

unfolding events in the former Soviet Union and the former Yugoslavia, she said.

Kickligher's book will cost \$24.74 each, according to the board memo, with accompanying workbooks \$6.90 each. The costs, as well as those for resource guides and answer keys that go along with the texts, will be paid by the district.

The first two books will deal with architectural design curriculum, especially as it interrelates with computers. The Home Improvement Technology course is a new idea for the coming year, and administrators students began to learn. The geography textbook will be updated as it will be in this quickly changing world, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Rita Traynor told the board.

The board and a Novi High School social studies teacher attending the meeting studied for a moment on how rapidly the world's boundaries are being redefined today. Traynor indicated that the book's publisher may try to keep the book as up to date as possible.

The publisher will offer supplemental handbooks to keep students abreast of world events, such as the

new, however, Novi High School students will have four more textbook alternatives for next year — even if they do have to lug them around in bookbags.

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**BRUNCH PASTORALE:** Music by Guitalist Nancy Squires, Sunday, April 18, 11 a.m.

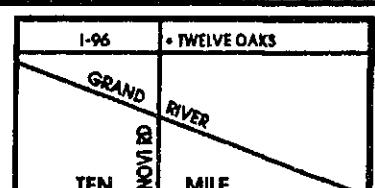
**Eleven-Fun: Come as a PHANTOM TOLBOOTH Character & Enter a Poster Contest Too**  
Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. (Sign Up at Information)

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Sunday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. (Sign Up at Information)

**MEET Caldecott-Winning Artist STEPHEN GAMMELLI** Monday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

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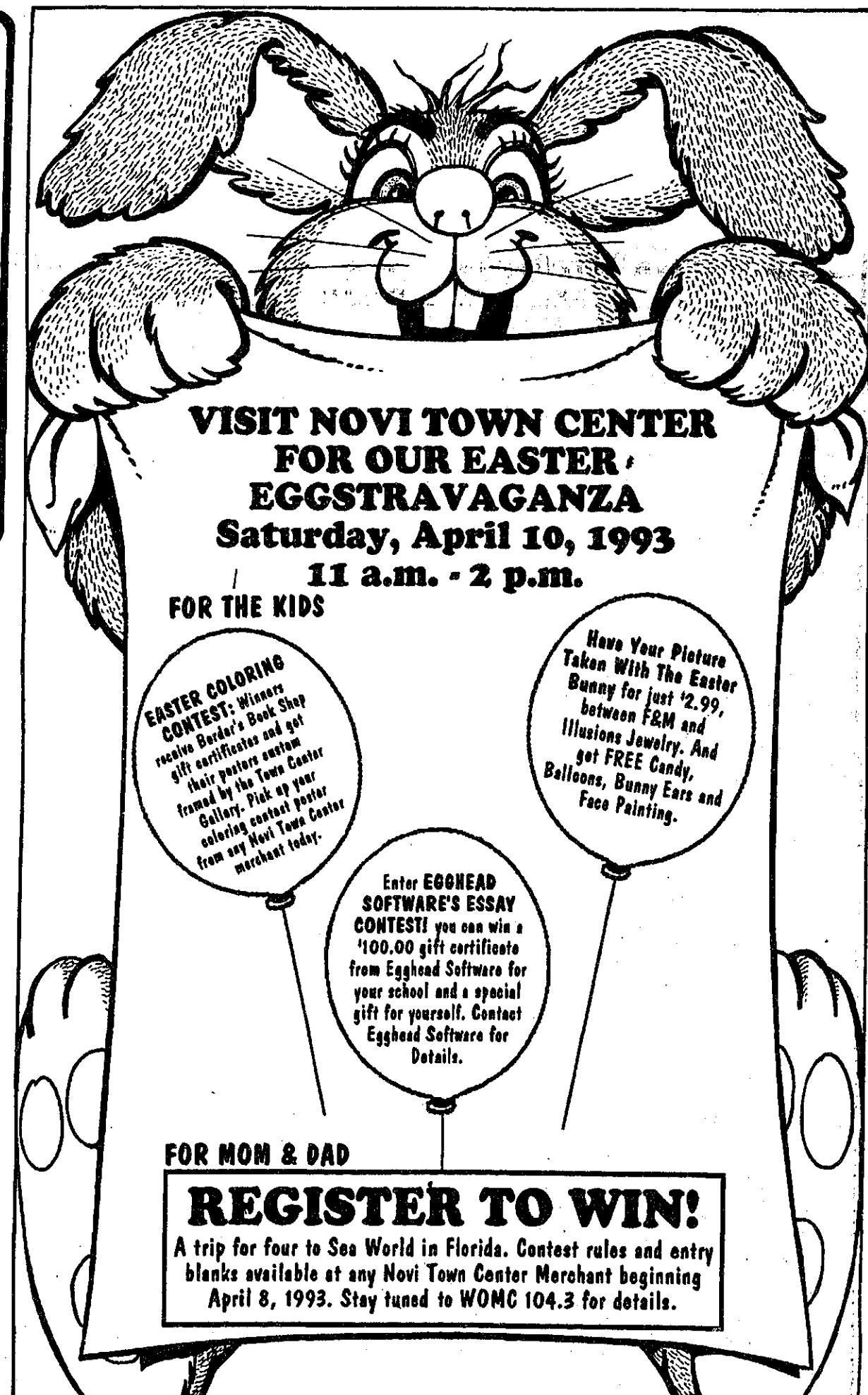


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# Fight leads to assault charges

## Police News

Novi police were called to the Whispers Lounge in the Novi Hilton shortly after 12:30 a.m. April 3 on a fight. The suspect was arrested.

They arrested a man described as "irate and very intoxicated" for allegedly striking another man in the head with a beer bottle. Police said the victim, who was discovered holding a blood-soaked rag to his head, was involved in a fight with the suspect. At least three witnesses told police the suspect hit the victim with the bottle.

An officer who approached the suspect noted that his shirt was covered with blood. The officer asked him for his ID, at which time the suspect allegedly responded with obscenities.

Police reportedly had to help the suspect place his hands on the wall in order for them to perform a pat-down search. The suspect allegedly continued to verbally abuse the officers and denied being in a fight.

Two bar members at the bar told police that the victim started the fight but didn't know who hit who. A companion of the suspect told police he didn't see anything.

The victim was transported to Providence Medical Center, where he received four stitches for a laceration on the top of his head. He was released shortly after the treatment.

DISORDERLY: Novi police arrested a Fraser man for disorderly conduct April 2 after he was found intoxicated in the parking lot of Twelve Oaks Mall.

A Twelve Oaks security officer told police he found the man sleeping in his vehicle in the parking lot near the water tower. The security officer reportedly woke him up and he stumbled out of the vehicle and fell to the ground.

Police reported that, when they arrived at the scene, the man was laying on the ground in the snow, yelling that he fell down and couldn't feel his hands or move.

Novi firefighters and an ambulance were called to the scene. The man's clothes were described as very wet and that he was very cold. He was

reportedly too intoxicated to stand up.

Police said the man was angry and frustrated over a string of bad events in his life, and he continued to yell and shout obscenities until officers arrested him for disorderly conduct.

He was issued a citation and placed in a cell to sleep off the alcohol.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 46-year-old Novi woman for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) April 2.

She was stopped shortly after 11 p.m. on Grand River near Novi Road. She was driving a 1993 Ford.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 30-year-old Farmington Hills man April 3 for OUIL.

The suspect, who was stopped at 2 a.m. on South Lake Drive near Mardini, was driving a 1991 Chevrolet van. He reportedly had a tested blood-alcohol content of .14.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 25-year-old Westland man for OUIL shortly after midnight April 4.

He was stopped on eastbound Grand River east of Novi Road while driving a 1987 Dodge Shadow.

FURNISHING TO MINORS: Novi police on routine patrol April 3 stopped to question two minors walking near Helen's Hideaway with open cans of beer.

Police confiscated the beer and issued both minors citations for minor in possession. Upon further questioning police learned that they got the beer from a man in the bar's storage yard.

Police said the incident occurred between 4 p.m. March 24 and 7 a.m. March 25 when the employees arrived at work and discovered the south gate open and the chain and padlock missing.

LARCENY: A Novi man reported April 4 that someone stole his brand-new stereo from his vehicle while it was parked outside Builders Square.

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Novi firefighters and an ambulance were called to the scene. The man's clothes were described as very wet and that he was very cold. He was

## Novi Briefs

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Novi's 15th annual Easter Egg Hunts will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 10, at the Novi Civic Center. Sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and the Novi Jaycees, this year's hunt will be held outside, weather permitting. Prizes and candy redemption and refreshments will be held inside the Civic Center, along with a special appearance of the Easter Bunny. Times will be 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Ages 5-7, 8-10 (limit 75 per age group). Sorry: 4-under filled. Cost \$1 per child. A prize will be awarded at each hunt for the child who dresses to look most like the Easter Bunny.

**More egg hunting:** Novi Village, a retirement community, is hosting an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 10, at 1 p.m. All children 10 and under are invited. Easter bags, prizes and food are provided, and the Easter Bunny will be there. Novi Village is located at 45182 West Road. For more information, call 669-5330.

**STOLEN VEHICLE:** A Farmington Hills man reported April 3 that someone stole his 1989 Chevrolet Blazer from the parking lot of Vic Tanny in the Novi Town Center.

He told police that he and his wife arrived at Vic Tanny at approximately 5:45 p.m. and parked in the parking lot. When they returned later they discovered the vehicle was gone.

Police found no broken glass or other evidence of forced entry. The owner said the vehicle was locked. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**BREAK-IN:** An employee in the Tree-top Meadows office on Manor Park reported April 4 that someone broke in and stole cash, a radio and an answering machine.

Police said the unknown suspects apparently broke in through a window which may have been unlocked.

At the present time, the council is working on a school facilities usage study and reviewing the policies for public use of buildings.

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## Portfolios show kids all they can be

By RANDY COBLE  
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It's one of those ideas, the saying goes, "that's so simple it should have been thought of a long time ago."

Now, thanks to a new state law, that simple idea is reality. Ninth graders in the Novi Community School District — and across the state — this year have started keeping portfolios.

What's a portfolio? It's a repository for examples of a student's best work — with a view for planning ahead for the world beyond high school.

"It's something beyond just grades and standardized test scores," said Ron Wixom, Novi High School's career education coordinator in charge of the portfolio program.

"The students will have a portfolio that shows all their best stuff to give themselves a total picture of what they can do."

The program began this year with the ninth grade, and will continue in successive years. Today's freshmen will receive their portfolios, added to and maintained by the school for four years, when they graduate in 1996.

As the pamphlet explaining the program puts it: "A portfolio describes your strengths and what you have accomplished. It is a window into how you develop over your four years of high school. It is a collection of selected items that represent what you are learning and becoming."

The portfolio, the pamphlet says, "can help you put your best foot forward and create a good impression

with future employers and/or with admissions counselors at college."

To include something in his or her portfolio, a student simply turns it into the school's counseling office and fills out an identification tag for it. The item is then filed.

What sorts of items can go into a student's file? Anything they feel is an example of their best and brightest efforts, Wixom said.

"If you wrote a good speech, we can run it and put that in," he explained. "A poem, if you did something on the computer, or built something in a workshop class, for example, we can take a picture of it and put it in your portfolio."

The student receives his or her portfolio upon graduation. They can use its contents to get where they want to be, Wixom said.

"An artist, for example," he said, "can try to get into a school, or land a job. They can take out something from their portfolio that they're personally proud of and say 'Hey, I'm not just talking here. I can do it, and I did it.'

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■ Career preparation accomplish-

ments. Special career exploration projects — students examining various career paths to see if they have an interest or talent in them — as well as information on job searches, resumes, can be placed in the portfolio to develop higher skill levels."

"We think that the portfolio program will really take off as the community, businesses and colleges gets into it," Wixom said. "We hope that it will get to the point where a kid does something really good in school or at work or at home, people will say 'you know, you should put that in your portfolio.'"

Colleges and universities can have more to judge students on than numbers on a spreadsheet, Wixom added.

"There are kids who are good students who will have a better chance at big schools with something more than a GPA and an SAT score to offer," Wixom said.

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■ Career preparation accomplish-

## No one yet makes school board ballot

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

It's shaping up to be a quiet school board race this spring.

Those who want to run for the two Novi Board of Education seats available this year have until 4 p.m. Monday to fulfill the legal requirements to do so. As of Tuesday afternoon, no one yet has.

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## Home loans aim at integration

A low-interest home loan program designed to spur racial integration throughout predominantly white Oakland County could be initiated as early as August.

Loans would go to blacks and whites willing to move into Oakland communities where their races are considered under-represented.

Joe Darden, an expert in the field of urban residential segregation, told a gathering of residents last Tuesday in Southfield that intervening with this economic incentive could be "the last hope" for racial integration in this county and metropolitan Detroit.

Jim and Laura Paulson, residents of Southfield, praised the proposed incentive loan program. "I hope it gets the financial backing it needs to succeed," Jim Paulson said.

Darden has served as a consultant to Southfield, which established the Oakland County Center for Open Housing three years ago and has been its chief financial supporter ever since.

The center has been working to encourage pro-integrative moves and now has a coalition of endorsements from 43 Oakland communities, including Novi, and financial assistance from 16.

Economic incentives (such as the loan program) will be very effective in creating change," Darden said. Such programs already are in progress in Cleveland, Philadelphia, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Oakland would be the first county in the nation to adopt such a program. "I believe in the county of Oakland and still hope change can occur," Darden continued. "Maybe Oakland can be a pioneer not only in this area but in the nation."

"We moved to Southfield from Plymouth because we wanted to live in an integrated area," Laura Paulson said. "I want it to stay as integrated as it is, and I would like others to have the same experience we've had."

Barry Payne, member of a homeowners' coalition, told Darden: "I have

been any change in that segregation since the 1960s," Darden told the audience Tuesday. "We must find a solution for the problem beyond what's already been done. Traditional methods have not worked. We must have race-conscious intervention to integrate if we're going to get this problem solved."

Darden has addressed audiences and consulted with the center frequently on the residential integration of the county and the metropolitan area. He also has addressed the Southeast Michigan Council of Government, which has never been invited to speak at open housing forums or meetings in other Oakland communities.

"The invitations haven't come, but I'd love to have the opportunity to speak to other communities," he said.

**Expectant Parent Classes:** The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six Expectant Parent Classes beginning on Wednesday, April 21 in the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawsawnee, Novi 48375. Cost is \$10. Call 344-8330.

**Classes Support Group:** St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will hold a Diabetes Support Group meeting for adults 18 and over on Wednesday, April 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium at Five Mile and Levan.

Dr. Howard Kane, podiatrist, will speak on "Foot Care." There is no charge and registration is not required. Refreshments will be served.

To register by April 15 call 424-7042.

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## Ballot plan would cost district

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Koster said that if the plan passes and the district loses the maximum of 4 mills allowed under current express tax and level of service could be maintained with only the \$258,000 loss. That amount factors in the costs to the district, Koster said, of provisions in the plan that cap property tax assessment increases and shifts some educational expenses from the state to local districts.

The \$258,000 would come from the district's fund equity, reducing it from \$1.92 million to \$1.66 million.

The ballot proposal was passed by the state legislature on March 31, and is vigorously supported by Gov. John Engler. Its major features include:

- raising the state sales tax from 6 cents per dollar, and constitutionally reserving that money and state lottery proceeds for school funding;
- a yearly property tax assessment increase at a maximum of 5 percent;
- providing a one-year delay before an owner has to pay taxes on a property's new tax assessment figure (the idea being to provide an opportunity to appeal assessments before paying taxes);
- reducing millage rates to a base of 18 mills (from a current average in school districts of about 35), with an absolute cap of 27 mills;
- requiring voter approval for any millage above the 18-mill base;
- guaranteeing each district a base per pupil spending figure of \$4,800 per year, linked to yearly changes in

revenue growth;

(Districts that levy the 27-mill maximum next year—likely to be the case in Novi—will be guaranteed their current per-pupil figure plus a 3-percent increase.) For Novi, that means about \$7013 per pupil for the 1993-94 school year.

According to published figures, some 244 school districts would see their millage rates drop by 16 mills or more: 200 would see a drop of 10-16 mills; 81 districts would see a 2-10 mill reduction; and 41 districts would see rollbacks of 2 mills or less. Novi currently assesses 29.2 mills for general operations.)

- Categorical expenses—state contributions to employee Social Security and retirement payments, transportation and other operating costs—would be shifted to local

school districts;

(The state would continue to provide money to districts for special education—some \$260,000 next year in Novi's case.)

- State "recapturing" of funds from wealthier districts, as well as formula districts with big property tax base. People's property tax bills will drop the least, and the schools will have to pay their own Social Security and retirement costs out of basic grants.

"Most observers seem to agree that the state financing system in Michigan needs to be reformed, but some question if the ballot plan is the best way."

Some claim that the plan will raise taxes on the average individual; the sales tax increase and losing property tax deductions on federal income tax returns don't offset the property tax cut. Others argue it will be a net tax cut for individuals in Michigan.

## New ballot plan draws praise, fire

By TIM RICHARD

Staff Writer

Some outstate districts would get big property tax cuts—16 to 20 mills—under the sales tax proposal on the June 2 ballot.

That delights Rep. Susan Munsell, R-Howell. "Because we in Livingston County have been levying such high millages, we get bigger than average rollbacks," said the lawmaker many credit with being the prime mover in breaking a 25-year tax reform logjam in Lansing.

But it infuriates Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district stretches across southern Oakland County to Novi. "You're not giving people equal property tax relief and, in fact, you're asking people to approve an increase in the taxes for property tax exchange on the property," Faxon argued as he voted no.

Many Oakland County school districts will see minimal property tax cuts, and their residents actually will pay more if the sales tax hiked from 4 cents to 6 cents on the dollar.

The plan not only is the biggest tax proposal to face Michiganders since the first sales tax was adopted during the Great Depression, but it also will mean a shift of tax money from the metro Detroit and Grand Rapids areas to outstate Michigan.

The proposal squeaked through the House, 74 to 22, after a 14-hour session. The Senate passed it 31 to 4 within a day.

Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Highland, voted yes.

In the Senate it was supported by Rep. Roger Gandy, D-Genesee of Northville. Faxon was opposed.

If voters approve the June 2 constitutional amendment raising the sales tax, here are area school districts' current millage rates, future millage rates and the amount of cut:

■ Brighton — 37.77 mills now,

21.71 in 1994, cut of 16.06 mills.

■ Fowlerville — 34.21 mills now, 18 mills in 1994, cut of 16.21 mills.

■ Hardwood — 39.67 mills now, 19.32 mills in 1994, cut of 20.35 mills.

■ Howell — 34.49 mills now, 18 mills in 1994, cut of 20.45 mills.

■ Novi — 29.2 mills now, 27 mills in 1994, cut of 22.2 mills.

■ Huron Valley — 38.5 mills now, 18.12 mills in 1994, cut of 20.38 mills.

■ South Lyon — 32.28 mills now, 18 mills in 1994, cut of 16.28 mills.

■ Walled Lake — 36 mills now, 17 mills in 1994, cut of 9 mills.

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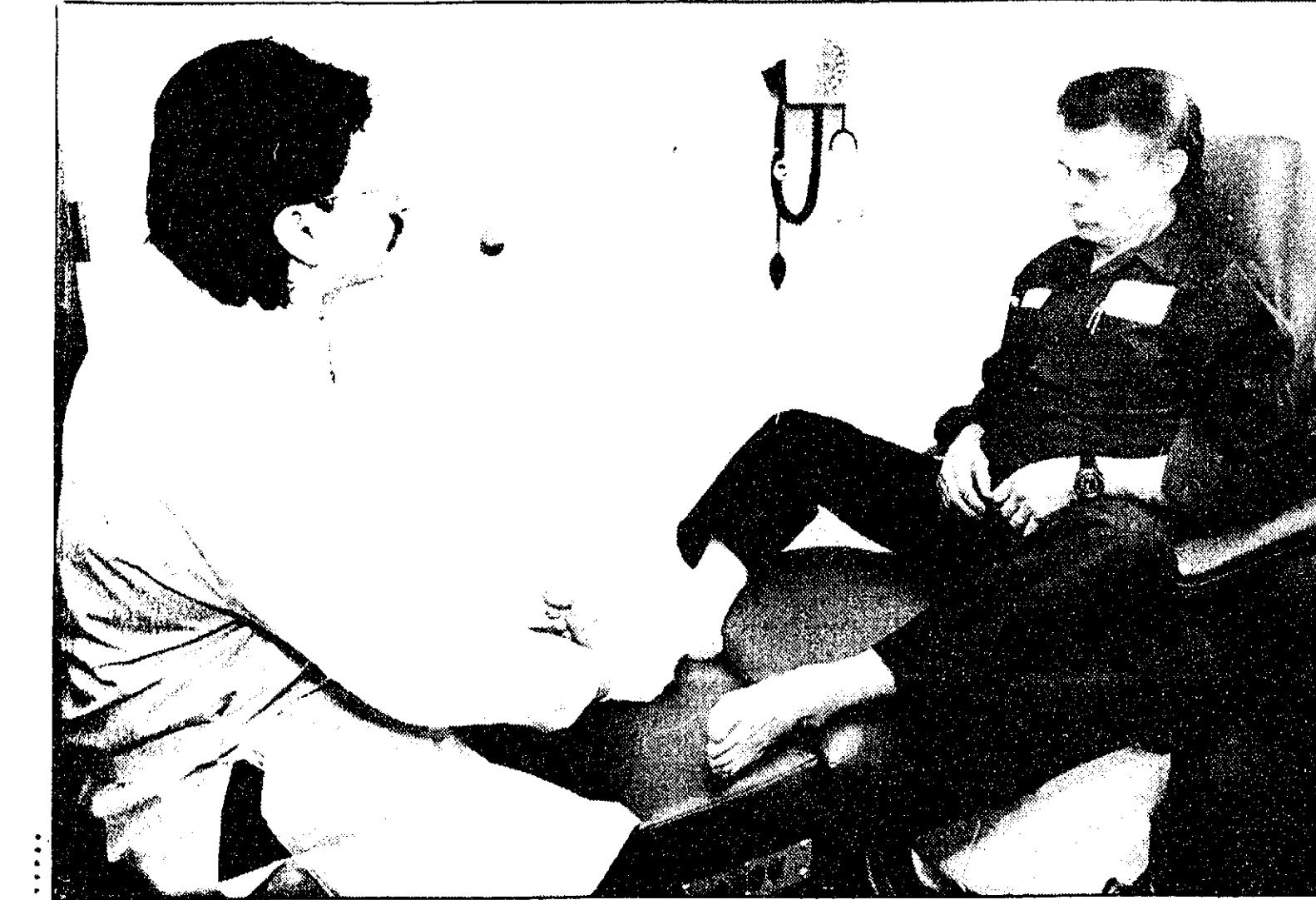
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Footbone's connected to...

Dr. Marc Borovoy, part of the staff of Providence Medical Center in Novi, checks the health of Al May's feet at the Health-O-Rama on April 3. The doctors, nurses and other health experts offered

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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.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 1993, at the Novi Civic Center, 45715 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 15, 1993 (4-8-93 NR, NN).

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR BIDS —  
ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE/  
TESTING PROPOSAL**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Elevator Maintenance/Testing Proposal according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, April 20, 1993, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

**CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48375**

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE/TESTING PROPOSAL" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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

Notice dated: April 8, 1993

(4-8-93 NR, NN)

**Homespun Traditions**

**Saturday, April 17th 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
Oakland Community College -  
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## Board recognizes student standouts

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

This award recognition thing is getting to be a habit—one the Novi Community School District is undoubtedly happy to continue.

The Novi Board of Education took a moment at the start of its April 1 meeting to recognize the achievement of several district students. The body has undertaken that task at several previous meetings this year.

Three students attending the Oakland Technical Center (OTC) were up first.

Each semester, OTC principal John Xenos selects students who have received the "Excellence in Education" award from teachers at the center, for "outstanding qualities in the areas of attendance, attitude and performance."

This semester, the following students received the recognition:

- Eric Lenzki, auto body program;
- Gary Peters, food service program;
- Dan Swickard, CAD engineering program.

Five Novi Middle School students were recently recognized by the board for their artistic talents.

The youngsters were winners in the recent Scholastic Art Contest.

With one student ranked as a national award winner.

Al Tamal won a gold key award for her acrylic painting work, a fantasy painting of a young girl looking into space and looking into "another world."

While the four other winners brought their works to the meeting for the board and audience members to see, Tamal was unable to—her work is currently on display in New York. It will then be circulated to different cities across America as part of a display of national Scholastic Art Contest award winners.

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## Community colleges fight cutbacks

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Community colleges aren't looking for more money. They just want to keep the \$240 million they got this year.

Gov. John Engler recommends \$233 million for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. Reason: Now that Wayne County Community College has its own local property tax after 20 years, the state won't ship \$7 million in extra aid there any more.

"Our lobbying will be to keep the \$7 million," said Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell, after meeting last week with a House ap-

propriations subcommittee.

McDowell and the presidents of 28 other two-year colleges say the \$7 million should be spread to them rather than used elsewhere in Engler's nearly \$8-billion general-fund budget.

"I wish I could say things were going to get better," said veteran Rep. James ONeill Jr., D-Saginaw. "But if you look at the last five or six recessions, we've come back after each recession, but never to where we were."

Added Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis: "ONeill and I don't like taking things away."

"We're 79 years old," said a spokesman for Grand Rapids Junior College, "and this is the greatest growth period in our history."

Of the \$233 million Engler has budgeted for community colleges, Schoolcraft is recommended for \$8.4 million this year, fiscal 1994 and 1995; Oakland Community College, for \$16.8 million for this year and the next two.

McDowell plugged for keeping two special grants — \$3.28 million for at-risk students and \$3.12 million for job training.

"The at-risk money is for students who are not ready for college-level work," he said. "Seventy-nine percent of the new students coming to us need developmental work."

## Volunteer Notes

**Volunteer training:** Hospice of Southeastern Michigan's North Oakland team has scheduled a spring volunteer training course. Three Wednesday evening classes will be held on April 21 and 28 and May 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. Participants must attend all three sessions.

Classes will meet at the Hospice Office, 1695 Woodward Ave., Suite 208, Bloomfield Hills. Anyone interested in being a volunteer is invited to attend. There is no charge, but advance registration is required.

Volunteers help Hospice of Southeastern Michigan provide compassionate care to the dying.

Patient care volunteers help patients and their families by running errands, lending support and being a friend. With optional additional training, volunteers may perform simple patient care tasks such as giving baths, transferring patients and changing linens.

For more information on Hospice volunteer opportunities, call Mary Kay Calvin, volunteer coordinator, at 253-2580.

## Northville group eyes contracts

By MICHELLE KAISER  
Staff Writer

The organization Advocates for Quality Education recently released a position statement regarding teacher contract talks, and there are a number of non-economic issues the group would like to see discussed.

These quality issues, dealing with class size, planning sessions and the district's strategic plan, wouldn't normally be found in a contract, but should at least be mentioned, said Joe Wadsworth, vice president of Advocates.

"We want the contract to be the best contract it can be," she said. "Class sizes is something that's not traditionally part of the contract in Northville."

But it should be, according to the group. Advocates believe class sizes should at least be reduced to the levels prior to this year: 25 students in each kindergarten class, 28 in elementary grades and 29 for secondary classrooms. The group suggests further reductions in class sizes for grades kindergarten through three.

American Elementary currently has one kindergarten class with over 30 students, according to Wadsworth.

"We think class size is really important," she said. "We don't think it's a bad idea to have it addressed in the contract. It might not be popular to do so in these economic times. 'We as a group of parents and citizens, appreciate the school board's efforts over the years to have good class sizes,'" said Jerry Rupley, an Advocate member who worked on the position statement. "Last year was a glaring exception. We're not suggesting a totally inflexible provision. We understand the economic realities. Nevertheless, class size ought not to be the first thing to go up with financial difficulties."

Another quality issue which should be addressed in the new contract, members believe, is that of staff development and collegial planning time. Advocate members feel planning time is essential for the successful development and introduction of new curriculum components and improvement of teaching.

"Thinking of any successful business — they do not neglect staff development," Wadsworth said. "The notion to think that we shouldn't be doing this is crazy. I saw it happen while on the teaching staff. The teachers sat around a table and talked about how to teach."

Said Rupley, "Staff development programs can be used to raise the quality level of the staff. It can make a good teacher better."

Concerning planning sessions, called collegial planning in teacher jargon, Rupley said any professional would be expected to devote a fair amount of time to enhancing his or her skills.

"Teaching in one sense, as we understand it, can be a relatively isolated existence even though you're in a big building with a lot of people," Rupley said.

"Collegial planning is an important opportunity for that collegial work to take place."

In addition to providing for collegial planning, Advocates feel the contract should recognize those teachers who work beyond the 7½-hour day.

"The teachers' contract should recognize (within the current compensation structure) the necessity for teachers to work significant hours beyond the regular school day in order to effectively perform the teaching function," the position statement reads.

Thirdly, Advocates hope that all teachers support the district's strategic plan.

"It's important for teachers to support the strategic plan and that the school district makes sure that plan, down the road, works," Wadsworth said.

In addition to the three quality issues, Advocates members have included a section on accountability in their position statement.

Any school resident wishing to obtain a copy of the Advocates position statement should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Advocates for Quality Education, P.O. Box 241, Northville, Mich. 48167.

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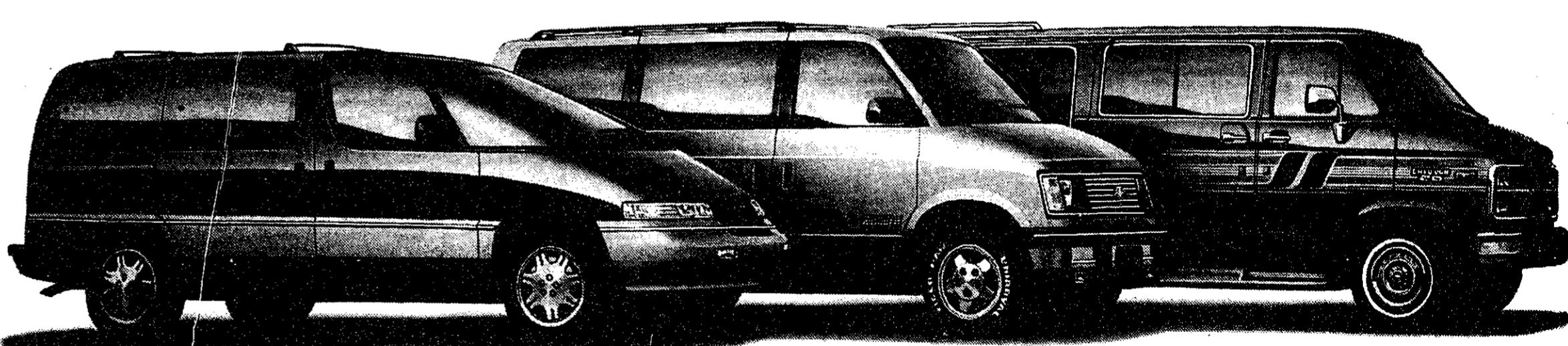
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# Opinions

## As We See It

### Dialogue beginning on sex harassment policy

The good news is that the Novi Board of Education is beginning to get a real dialogue going, is having some real debate, about the proposed student sexual harassment policy.

This is a tough issue and we appreciate that. There is a lot of room for people to disagree about the best way to handle such problems. We appreciate that too. So the fact that the board is showing deep concern about the policy is and testing and examining its provisions is, to us, very good news indeed. And the board deserves credit for it.

Since the policy was first submitted to the board, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources John Swallow has made a number of changes to the verbiage. The one that most interests us is a provision which explains that, when an incident of sexual harassment against a student by a district employee is reported, the police department will be informed, and allowed to participate in the investigation if it so desires.

In the meeting last week, trustee Michael Meyer questioned that provision. He argued that wording which says police will be brought in for each and every complaint might be too inflexible.

This no criticism of Meyer, because his concern is very legitimate. His concern is about fairness to the accused. He wants to make sure the accused gets a fair hearing, and he suggested that reporting complaints to the police each and every time before administrators even know whether the complaint has any merit might not be a fair course of action.

Obviously, Meyer has a good point. We also don't want the innocent to be punished for things they didn't do. The accused must get the fair hearing Meyer wants them to have.

But we want to point out that informing the police of a complaint does not equate to punishment. And the police investigate and review complaints all the time that turn out not to be violations



Education

### Congrats is order for tax plan

Give credit where credit is due. Gov. John Engler and both houses of the Michigan Legislature last week actually faced up to the way we tax and support our schools — something their predecessors failed to do after 25 years of ducking.

The proposal on the ballot for the June 2 special election would:

- Raise the state sales tax to 6 cents from 4 cents on the dollar.
- Cut property tax/millage from a statewide average of nearly 35 to 18, with a top rate of 27 mills for locally passed school taxes.

■ Cut property assessments, which define the valuations on which property tax/millage is applied, to around 3 percent from 4 percent and indexed to no more than inflation in future years.

If passed, this would be the single greatest tax shift — away from taxing the value of property and toward taxing sales — Michigan has seen since the first sales tax was passed during the Great Depression.

And it would mark a decisive turn in the argument about what kinds of taxes we should use that has raged since the latest Michigan Constitution was enacted in 1963.

For years, scholars, politicians and even columnists such as myself have argued that relying on property taxes is inherently unfair.

Consider a column I wrote in 1971 which asserted: "Property taxes are an outdated notion, going back to the days when a man's land and buildings were the only gauge of his ability to pay. Such taxes rest on the idea that assessments can be fair, which is not always so. And they are so complicated that they give the impression that hanky-panky is going on, even when it isn't."

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## Salary survey

The cost of educating children is often considered priceless. However, how much value is really being created by these large pay increases? These large salary increases are now considered "expected" by the teachers rather than "earned." As in the private sector, pay must be tied to performance, and be directly linked to the values created!

Greg Seach

I think *The Novi News* is making much too much concerning the teacher contract. We moved to Novi for the schools, we get what we wanted. We are pleased with the schools and the teachers. Please stop trying to divide the community.

Randall Cunningham

Teachers should be held accountable for their students' progress in learning the subjects they teach. Students should be given standard competency tests in their subjects each year. Teachers' pay (performance) then should be graded on how well their students did on these tests. We currently have no standard to measure if an individual teacher is performing. The recent scores on the MEAP tests for Novi High School sophomores and Juniors was dismal. Does this tell the taxpayers that our teachers are doing a poor job?

Peter Sanolin

I cannot understand why teachers receive both automatic base pay raises and automatic step increases. In the private sector pay increases are based on performance alone, not on the basis of just being an employee.

J.C. Plotrovig

Everyone in Novi benefits from our excellent schools. Every teacher I know puts in nine-hour plus days. They are dedicated and exceptionally qualified. Our schools have been the cornerstone of Novi's population increase as well as home value increases. Teachers contribute directly and indirectly to our community in countless ways. We count on their valuable support. They deserve the same in return.

Judy Williams

The key here is "annual pay" but teachers don't work 50-52 weeks a year. With summer and week-long holidays, (as versus one day off on most holidays), they only work about what, 38 weeks? The pay is more than fair for 52 weeks, but way out of line for actual weeks and hours worked.

Dan Fleeger

If Michigan teachers are the third or fifth highest paid teachers in the USA, why isn't the result of our education the third or fifth best in the USA?

Sharon Smith

I have received a 2- to 2 1/2 -percent pay raise over the last three years and my Novi taxes have gone up from 8 to 15 percent each year.

Sid Rairigh

To keep quality teachers you have to pay them decently. For what they do our teachers are certainly not overpaid. This community is what it is today because of the excellent schools. I'd hate to see what would happen to our property values if we let the school district become mediocre.

Robert Couvin

I would like just once for the teachers to forego just one pay raise. As a taxpayer I must live within my salary. It would be great if the school board could learn to do what we must do, and that is to stay out of the pork barrel. The school board just can't wait to spend our money. I'd like to throw them all out. What we need are people who will think of the poor taxpayer for once, instead of the poor teacher.

Donald M. Miner

Considering the state of the economy it should be a major factor in compensation. Teachers think that they should be exempt from the economic conditions the private sector faces. They must realize who is giving the taxes. The golden goose is gone, let the economy be realistic.

Gary J. Erne

As senior citizens who have lived in Novi for 19 years, school taxes are outrageous. My five grandchildren in other school districts in Michigan are deprived, in comparison to Novi with all its technology equipment, lacrosse, etc. Mattawan, skirting Kalamazoo, could not afford a swimming pool in their new high school.

Genevieve M. Burke

In my opinion, the school board and the teachers have always figured Novi residents had deep pocket

ets full of money. They figure that money is theirs for the taking. Some of my children have gone through the Novi Schools and have accomplished varying degrees of success. One couldn't tell you the rotation of months upon graduation. Also, I know of no other business where an employee can double his/her salary in eleven years.

Robert J. Pothman

Salaries should be determined by the value of the employee's contribution to the employer. Reward exceptional teachers and adminis

trators, replace those who do not perform in a professional manner.

Stephen E. Dousurec

I believe most of these women teachers have working husbands making a good living, so you have a two-income family earning more than they actually need to live comfortably.

M. Brennan

I think teachers are very important; however, most employees in the Detroit area have not received this kind of increase in several years. Pay should be performance-

based, and not seniority.

James J. Fahrner

You've gotta be kidding. Most engineers can work for 30 years and not obtain this salary based on equal numbers or months or work.

Cap top pay.

Louis A. Phillips

Let's not forget that a teacher's pay scale is per working only nine months a year. What other professions have it that good?

Robert Foote

It should not be overlooked that

teachers work much fewer hours than other jobs, since they work only six and a half hours for eight and a half months. And I've been at the schools at the end of the day and seen the mad dash by the teachers.

Carol Bagdady

I am a grandparent. Over many years I have seen my three children go through a public school system.

Now my four grandchildren are.

Believe me — teachers earn every cent we pay them. They have children's welfare in their hands for 180

days a year. Some of these children are a handful. Why do you not object to athletes who earn millions for putting in less time?

Mrs. B. Link

Teachers get paid too much for only working 10 months a year. They should be tested themselves every other year, and paid on their skills, for step increases.

Claude Ford

What is the pay of teachers in private schools?

Ralph Snott

Lease payment for a 1993 Max Cougar XR7 with P.E.P. 260A is based on an average capitalized cost of 95% of \$17,438 M.S.R.P. Excludes title, taxes and license fee. See dealer for payment and terms. Average capitalized cost of 24-month Ford Credit Red Carpet Leases purchased in the Lincoln-Mercury Great Lakes Region for the period 9/92-2/93 on Max Cougar XR7. Some payments higher, some lower. Lease payment for a 1993 Tracer with P.E.P. 576A based on \$11,605 M.S.R.P. 24-month closed-end Ford Red Carpet Leases on Tracer. Lessee may have option, but is not obligated to purchase the car at lease end at a price to be negotiated with the dealer at lease inception. Lessee is responsible for excess wear and tear and \$1.11 per mile over 30,000. Lease subject to credit approval and insurability as determined by Ford Credit. For special lease terms, you must take new vehicle retail delivery from dealer stock by 5/3/93. Package savings based on M.S.R.P. of package vs. M.S.R.P. of options purchased separately. Total savings on Tracer based on \$200 cash back and \$1,491 P.E.P. 576A savings and on Max Topaz based on \$500 cash back and \$1,733 P.E.P. 354R savings.

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# Living

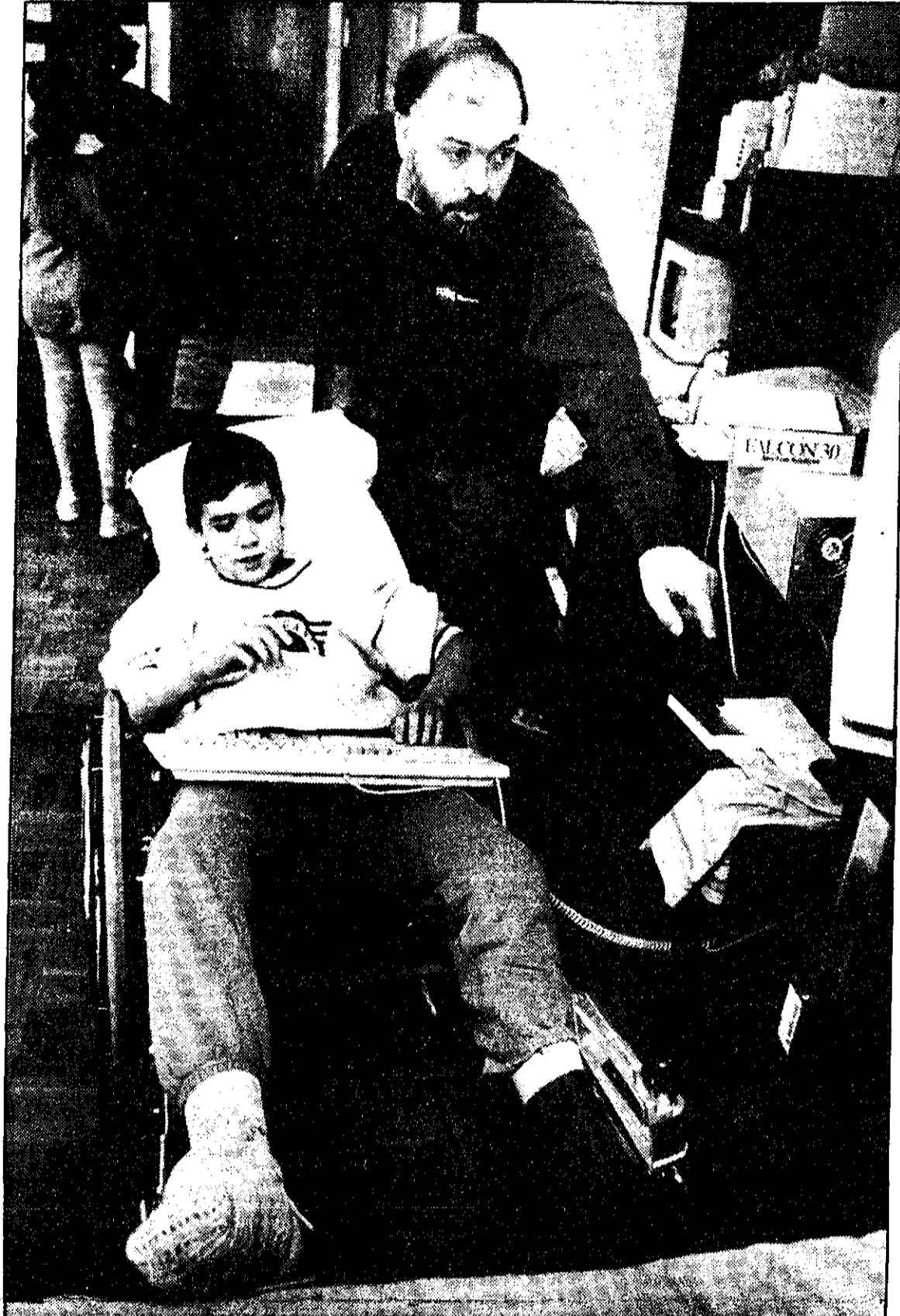


Twelve-year-old Steve King calls up the district's wide area network to see what his classmates have written to him.



Cooke principal Jeffrey Radwanski talks to Steve via the modem that links the two together.

## HI-TEK HOME WORK!



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Mark King, Steve's dad, tells him what prompts to enter to call up the district's menu.

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

It's a good thing Steve King and his family are computer literate and Northville school administrators are user-friendly.

For one without the other might have meant the 12-year-old Cooke Middle School student wouldn't have rebounded so quickly from the accident that left him wrapped in a body cast.

On March 1, Steve was riding with his father, Mark, in the family's minivan en route to an evening scout meeting. The van was struck by an oncoming motorist while Mark was making a left hand turn at the intersection of Six Mile and Sheldon roads. As a result of the head-on collision, the femur in Steve's right leg was severed. The 12-year-old was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital, detained in traction, and eventually wrapped in a plaster body cast extending from his waist to his right ankle.

Steve was hospitalized for four weeks and released last week. Today Steve is recovering at home in a hospital bed. He's in good spirits and for the time being he gets around in a wheelchair.

Steve's mom, Ellen, says doctors first thought her son would be immobilized at home for at least three months, but now, she says he could be up and around

in just two.

Either way it's a lot of missed class time. But Steve's parents, teachers and school administrators have worked out a plan to keep Steve in touch and in pace with his school work.

It was Mark's creativity and Northville school administrator Bill Hamilton's ingenuity, that helped keep Steve on-line with his classmates and with his teachers. They have collectively worked together to link the family's home computer to the school's wide-area network.

After the accident, it was Mark who first approached school officials with the idea of installing a modem in his home that would link the family's computer to the school's system.

"What we've done is we've put the computer the kids are using here at school into Steve's bedroom," Hamilton said. "Steve has now at home is what he has here at school."

Steve had already been communicating with Cooke Principal Jeffrey Radwanski at home through Prodigy, an on-line computer network that allows computer users to communicate with one another via a telephone line. Mark thought it would be easy to spin off on that concept and do the same kind of thing with the school's system.

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## Volunteer



KAREN OVERLY

## Coach helps local girls in meeting of the minds

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

"It was an incredible experience," said Karen Overly about her four months of coaching seven Novi Middle School girls, 11 to 14 years of age, to compete in the regional Odyssey of the Mind tournament.

For four months she met with the girls, one of which was her daughter, in her home one night a week and on Saturdays so they could work on this year's assignment — to create and present a story about dinosaurs. This meant designing one dinosaur, as usually portrayed, and creating a new discovery.

So the girls made a dinosaur they named "Jane" of slate-colored paper mache with an oscillating fan in her head so she moves from side to side. And they created another

named "Blinky," who is made of chicken-wire covered with tin foil and strung with blinking Christmas tree lights.

As coach, Overly said, she helped the girls obtain materials and the knowledge necessary to solve problems, but she wasn't permitted to make suggestions or help with the construction.

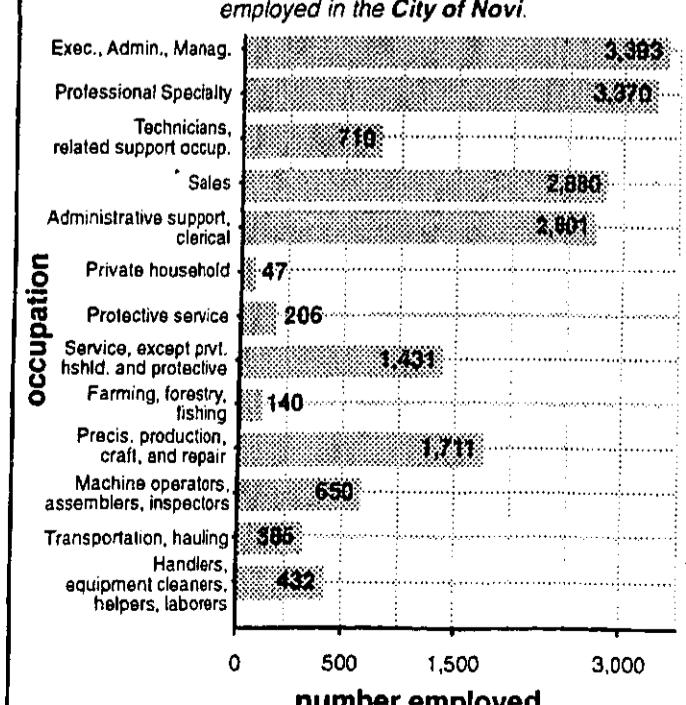
After they had made their dinosaurs, the girls worked on the competition event, which was to have a stage and backdrops against which they and their dinosaurs would enact an entertaining, developmental or invention scene. A time limit of eight minutes was set.

Would Karen Overly do it again? Definitely, yes, but next time maybe with seven boys. Her nine-year-old son may want to be on a team.

## It's A Fact

### Occupation

There are 18,156 persons 16 and over employed in the City of Novi.



## Smockers group holds open house in the library

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

A successful Open House was held by the Michigan Smockers at the Novi Library last Saturday. A trunk show by the present and past presidents of the group made their pieces and those were available for viewing. In addition, many "hands on" demonstrations were going on, showing how to smoke and how to use a pleater. Refreshments concluded the afternoon.

### Novi Highlights

#### SPIRIT OF CHIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Holy Week schedule has already begun with the Procession of Palms last Sunday at Holy Communion. Tonight the church will be celebrating Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. They will be celebrating Good Friday with a service at 7:30 p.m. They will be participating in the Community Ecumenical Service at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church. The Tenebrae Service of Darkness will be at 7:30 p.m. at Spirit of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 11, Holy Communion will be at 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. There will be a special update report on the new computerization system and invited members to stop by the office. He also thanked club members for their assistance in checking the sirens in the City of Novi.

Several events are coming up at the church, including The Education Committee Meeting April 19 followed by a Sunday Church School Teachers meeting April 28. Information will be available at that time about the "Learning Ministries" workshop scheduled May 1.

The project of feeding the hungry at the St. Andrew/Redeemer Soup Kitchen is Sunday, April 25. They plan to leave the church at 3 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m.

The Women of the ELCA held their meeting Monday with Bible Study led by Elaine Dixon. Reports were heard regarding the clothing and blankets that were brought for the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Baby gifts were given to the "Celebrate

Final plans are being made to attend the Regional Convention in Indianapolis April 23-25. The guild will be sending a chapter basket for raffle at the convention. Each member is asked to bring in a "Michigan Product" such as Vaseline, cherries from Traverse City, etc.

Service projects are also being considered. For the babies that were to be adopted, the Hall had to discontinue this service to the community.

Call the library for more information on the guild.

Those who monitor the sirens call in the results to the Pontiac office. With the start of the tornado season, the Amateur Radio Public Service

team is here to help the community.

Call the library for more information on the guild.

1 Call 1-900-288-7077. Respond to an ad that appeals to you by pressing 1.

The cost is \$1.49 per minute. If the system answers, follow the easy instructions. You will need to use the 5-digit voice mailbox number located in the ad you selected.

2 Or browse through a selection of new and current greetings by pressing 2.

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800 Male Seeking Female

33 YR old, never married, non-smoker, non-drinker. Likes sports, well built, moves, camping & romance. Looking for a female for dating & companion. Seeks an attractive female for humor & a plus. yrs. old. #12068

12 YR old, divorced, father of 2 sons. Likes sports, well built, moves, camping & romance. Looking for a female for humor & a plus. yrs. old. #12068

NEW in town. Independent female, 22 yr, 5'6", 100 lbs. Likes sports, well built, moves, camping & romance. Looking for a female for humor & a plus. yrs. old. #12068

36 YR old, divorced, father of 2 sons. Likes sports, well built, moves, camping & romance. Looking for a female for humor & a plus. yrs. old. #12068

ATTRACTION 29 yr. old. New in town. Likes baseball, working out, LOCAL radio station DJ. 37, 6'2", 180 lbs, very fit, blue eyes, brown hair, medium interest. Seeking female, slim to medium weight. #12068

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## On Campus

A total of 1,023 students at the University of Michigan College of Engineering were named to the dean's list for the fall, 1992 term.

To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average (out of a possible 4.0) for the term. Local students named to the dean's list are: JAMES DRISCOLL, AMY JOHNSON, ELIZABETH KLEBAN, STEVEN KODY and HEATHER SPINDLER.

University of Michigan students named to the Honors Convocation List include Novi natives CHRISTOPHER BRAUE, JOSHUA CASCADE, MARK CHIRGIN, KIM CHO, BARBARA DREILICH, JAMES DRISCOLL, KIERSTEN FOURSH, ROBERT GAINES, HALEY HOOPS, AMY JOHNSON, LAURA KLEBAN, MARY BETH LEIMAY, BRADLEY LEWIS, LISA MCALLEN, HOLLY MC GUIRE, STEVEN MITZEL, HEIDI ROBINS, KEVIN TILTON and RACHEL SOSZYNSKI.

The following Novi students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the winter quarter at Lawrence Technological University: PAUL CLOVER and MICHAEL MORRIS.

To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term and be a full-time student.

RUSSELL ALLEN PLUE of Novi has made the dean's list at Detroit College of Business. To qualify for the dean's list a student must achieve a 3.5 grade-point average at the end of a quarter.

DOUGLAS BOND a teacher at Walled Lake Western High School, was recently honored by Northwood University. Bond was recognized as a "Distinguished Teacher."

He was selected for the recognition by one of his former students. AARON GREGORY of Novi, Aaron was among honor students at Northwood who were asked to nominate the educator who provided the most helpful influence in molding their academic excellence.

## Jazz comes back home

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Wednesday night jazz performances have returned to Home Sweet Home restaurant.

The performances, which met with large audiences last year, were temporarily halted while the restaurant underwent some remodeling. They reopened in January with a new piano, a grave and George Benson to a full room of approximately 100 people.

"We're still in the process of remodeling," said Home Sweet Home general manager Barbara Bell, but the main dining area downstairs is completed.

"We redid the floors and reupholstered the chairs and tables," she said. "In the next few months we will be remodeling other rooms, like the balcony."

Last night's April 7 performance featured the Bizer Brothers — local favorites who offer progressive style jazz and folk. Bell said they have been popular in this area for many years, and are regular performers at Mr. B's Farm and the South Lyon Hotel.

Next Wednesday, April 14, the performer will be George Benson. Benson is one of the top jazz performers in Detroit, Bell said. The following Wednesday, April 21, will feature Calvin Brooks. Benson is already booked to appear every other Wednesday.

Marcus Belgrave, who will be performing regularly at Home Sweet Home, is currently on tour with Wynton Marsalis.

Bell said there is a two-drink minimum per person, but admission is free. Those who eat dinner and choose to stay for the show have no drink minimum.

The room fills up fast on performance nights, so suggested arrival time is between 7 and 8 p.m. Shows start at 8 p.m.

"During the summer this will be turned into an outside concert Under the Stars," Bell said. "We will set up a giant screen which we will carry over to do the garden. It's really pretty, and this type of outdoor event is hard to find in Novi."

Outdoor concerts will be held on the same Wednesday evening schedules and will begin "as soon as we're sure it's going to snow again," she said.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 West Nine Mile, between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

## Novi student honored at EMU

Novi resident Rachael Maya is this year's junior recipient of the Eastern Michigan University annual Golden Key National Honor Society Marwick Scholar's award.

Maya is majoring in geology and sociology and carries a 3.9 grade-point average. She has received the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and the Recognition of Excellence Scholarship. She is a member of the student government and Geology Club.

Golden Key National Honor Society awards two scholarships annually to each university chapter across the country. The scholarship is awarded to the outstanding junior and senior initiate of the chapter based on overall scholastic performance, academic achievement and awards received, leadership and campus activity, civic and community, and work commitments. Over \$700,000 has been given nationally in scholarships.

Golden Key is a national academic honors organization dedicated to excellence.

## School continues for recovering student

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trict's overall technology plan. Refalo said the district had hoped to pursue the idea and implement it sometime this fall, but Steve's circumstances have given school officials a jump start.

"I used to do business this way," Mark said Monday about the modern hook-up. "I just thought it could work. Yeah, I had the idea, but Bill [Hamilton] is the one who made it work."

"Bill is the one who's told me what's possible and what's not," according to Hamilton. It wasn't as easy as tapping a modem into the phone line. It took Hamilton, other school technology support staffers and Mike Refalo from Elan Engineering, the school district's technology contractor, about 80 hours to bring the modern connection on-line through the district's wide-area network.

Working day and night, the team worked with trained system operators at Cooke to get the link on-line. After a few setbacks, the district was able to successfully bring Steve on-line last Wednesday.

Refalo said he was pleased to see that the system was up and running even though the home-school link was well ahead of schedule in the dis-

trict's absence, he said his son really isn't far behind in his school work.

"He's only about a week behind," Mark said. "That's not too bad considering he's been out for five or six."

Hamilton said the link keeps everyone happy.

"This has been a highly effective communication tool," Hamilton said about the electronic mail link.

"This has been a vehicle that's allowed Steve to remain a part of things at school even though he can't be there."

Refalo and Hamilton said the whole situation has also been a learning situation for everyone involved.

"This was all part of our vision for the overall technology program but this case has allowed us to move forward with the pilot," Hamilton said. "We've learned a lot of things from the experience that we knew we could build from." Hamilton said about Northville's wide-area network. "We are now in the process of adding onto it and we knew it would enhance the home-school program."

Refalo said it took commitment from Steve's parents, his teachers and district administrators to complete the project. He said he was pleased that all of Steve's seventh grade teachers were willing to help.

## Travel



By WILLIAM T. TOMICKI  
New York Times Travel Syndicate

**Q:** I've heard that Hong Kong's coins and currency are in the process of being changed. Is this true?

**A:** Yes. Hong Kong's existing coins and currency are gradually being replaced.

The new coins and notes will feature a Bauhinia flower in place of the queen's head, and the words "Hong Kong" will be printed in both Chinese characters and English.

The new \$5 and \$20 coins are currently in circulation and a \$10 coin will be introduced in 1994 or 1995 to replace the existing \$10 bill.

**Q:** I am a big Bing Crosby fan and will be going to Spokane, Wash., his hometown, on business this spring. Are there any places there that display Bing Crosby memorabilia?

**A:** The Crosby Room at Gonzaga University, where Bing Crosby attended high school and college, displays a collection of the singer's illustrious career.

Crosby's friends and agent donated his trophies and awards to the college as part of the Crosby Library in the late '50s.

While a new library has since been constructed on the campus, his collection remains in the Crosby Student Center, located on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

The collection features an exact duplicate of Crosby's Oscar for his performance in "Going My Way" (1944) and all his gold and platinum records, including those awarded for "White Christmas."

Admission is free. Visitors can view the collection anytime the Student Union Building is open. For more information call Gonzaga University, (509) 328-4220.

**Q:** What do you know about Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista, Ariz.?

**A:** Fort Huachuca was founded by the U.S. Army in 1877 to protect settlers and travelers from hostile Apache raids.

The fort is now the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, the Defense Systems Command and the Electronic Proving Ground.

A historical museum is located on the Old Post grounds and admission is free. For more information call (602) 533-6222 or contact your local travel agent.

**Q:** I know about Las Vegas, Nev., but please tell me more about Las Vegas, N.M.

**A:** Las Vegas, N.M., is northeast of Santa Fe, N.M., and was once a stopover on the old Santa Fe Trail.

The town, which was founded in 1835, prospered as a shipping point. After the arrival of the railroad in 1879 it began an active period of rebuilding. Consequently, there are over 900 historic buildings there that date from 1851-1898.

A Ranger District Office of the Santa Fe National Forest is located there. So is the New Mexico Highlands University and the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West.

For further information and brochures for walking tours of the historic districts write to the Las Vegas-San Miguel Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 148, Las Vegas, N.M. 87701; or call (505) 832-5947. More information is also available from your local travel agent.

**Q:** Readers are invited to submit questions to William T. Tomicki, P.O. Box 5148, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105. Although he cannot answer every query individually, selected questions will be included in his column. Mr. Tomicki, who logs over 150,000 miles each year, is the publisher of ENTRÉE, a travel newsletter.

## Michigan's jewel of a national park

Isle Royale — an unspoiled wilderness island in the middle of Lake Superior

By STEVEN STAGE  
Special Writer

After a four-hour ferry ride from Copper Harbor, it slowly comes into view.

The fog that shrouds its shores gives it the look of a floating island. Indians called it "Mnong," literally "a good place to live."

Isle Royale National Park is a wilderness area, the northernmost Lake Superior, 73 miles north of the Upper Peninsula city of Houghton. The park contains the large island of Isle Royale, 45 miles long and nine miles wide, and 200 smaller islands.

The park is open from April 16 to Oct. 31.

Peak season is from late June to late August.

You will not find large crowds on Isle Royale. Most of the time you will have the hiking trails and rivers to yourself.

A one-day round-trip ferry ride from Isle Royale Harbor costs \$35. The ferry is different day in and day out. Thirty-six campgrounds dot the island; there is no fee for camping.

Biking or canoeing the backcountry offers the best opportunities to enjoy the wildlife. There are over 1,600 moose and 12 wolves on the island.

You won't see bear, skunks and raccoons that bother you in other Michigan camp-

grounds, but you will be able to spot beaver, fox, otter and weasels with a little patience.

Isle Royale is also a favorite for inland and coho fishing. A Michigan fishing license is required.

If you are unable to detect the living wonders of the island, the breathtaking views will make up for it. At the top of Greenstone Ridge, which runs along the middle of the island, you can see much of the terrain along with views of the rocky cliffs along Canada's southern shore.

Stewart Croll, Chief of Visitors and Recreation Protection, says the ride to the island is long but rewarding. "You can see miles into the water, crystal clear, and you can see miles into the land," he said. "The views are tremendous."

If you find yourself with nothing to do, just wait. Sitting in camp can be as enjoyable as walking in the woods. People are kind and courteous. They will come back from their hikes with stories of wildlife or breath-taking vistas they had just discovered.

A moose may stroll into camp. A peregrine falcon or bald eagle may soar overhead.

Just doing nothing on Isle Royale promises to be better than camping or canoeing anywhere else in Michigan.

For more information regarding departure times, contact the Visitor Information Center, Isle Royale National Park at (906) 482-0964.

Tenting on Isle Royale

## Calling home from Europe has never been easier

By EVERETT POTTER  
New York Times Travel Syndicate

It trip abroad, it can be more economical to use AT&T's direct service, which is available in 120 foreign countries.

With many new long-distance services available to travelers calling home from the road has never been easier. The only difficult part is deciding which of the three major long-distance carriers to use: AT&T, MCI or Sprint.

The operator helps complete the call, and the call is then charged to a traveler's Calling Card.

AT&T trumpets its Calling Card as the most efficient way to call home from abroad — while elsewhere — while on the road. Calls charged to the card are billed to a traveler's phone number.

A surcharge of 60 cents is added to each direct-dial call between to more than 40 foreign countries through an English-speaking operator. Calls can be billed to a traveler's phone number.

"If you've ever called direct from your hotel to your home, you know that hotels usually keep a telephone line for the convenience of their guests," says Mark Siegel, director of marketing for AT&T.

"We find that most travelers in the U.S. who use AT&T use our Calling Card from their hotel telephones."

Calls charged to the Calling Card are also much less expensive than collect calls, Siegel says.

"Any call that utilizes the service is going to cost more," he explains.

When traveling overseas, however, it's best to dial a direct-dial number to get the assistance of an operator.

For more information about AT&T services, contact AT&T, 295 N. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, N.J. 07006; telephone (800) 222-0300.

■ MCI also has a variety of personal services for the traveler, including personal 800 numbers and the MCI Card.

■ Sprint offers a Fonecard that allows callers to place long-distance calls while traveling and have the calls billed to a credit card on their Sprint Account. A 75-cent surcharge is added to each direct-dial call.

When they are abroad, customers who want to call the United States can connect to Sprint Express to be connected to an English-speaking operator. The service is available in 60 foreign countries.

The calls are billed to the client at a flat rate of 25 cents per minute, no matter where the calls originate.

"There's a 20 percent to 40 percent surcharge for calling from abroad," says Andrew Burroughs, vice president of global marketing for Sprint International.

"The telephone customs can be confusing and awkward, especially if you don't speak the language. So we find that many people use the Global Calling option to call across town in the city they're staying in. That call is relayed back to the U.S. and then to the party in the same city."

"It's not cheaper than calling direct, but it's more convenient when you're jet-lagged and tired."

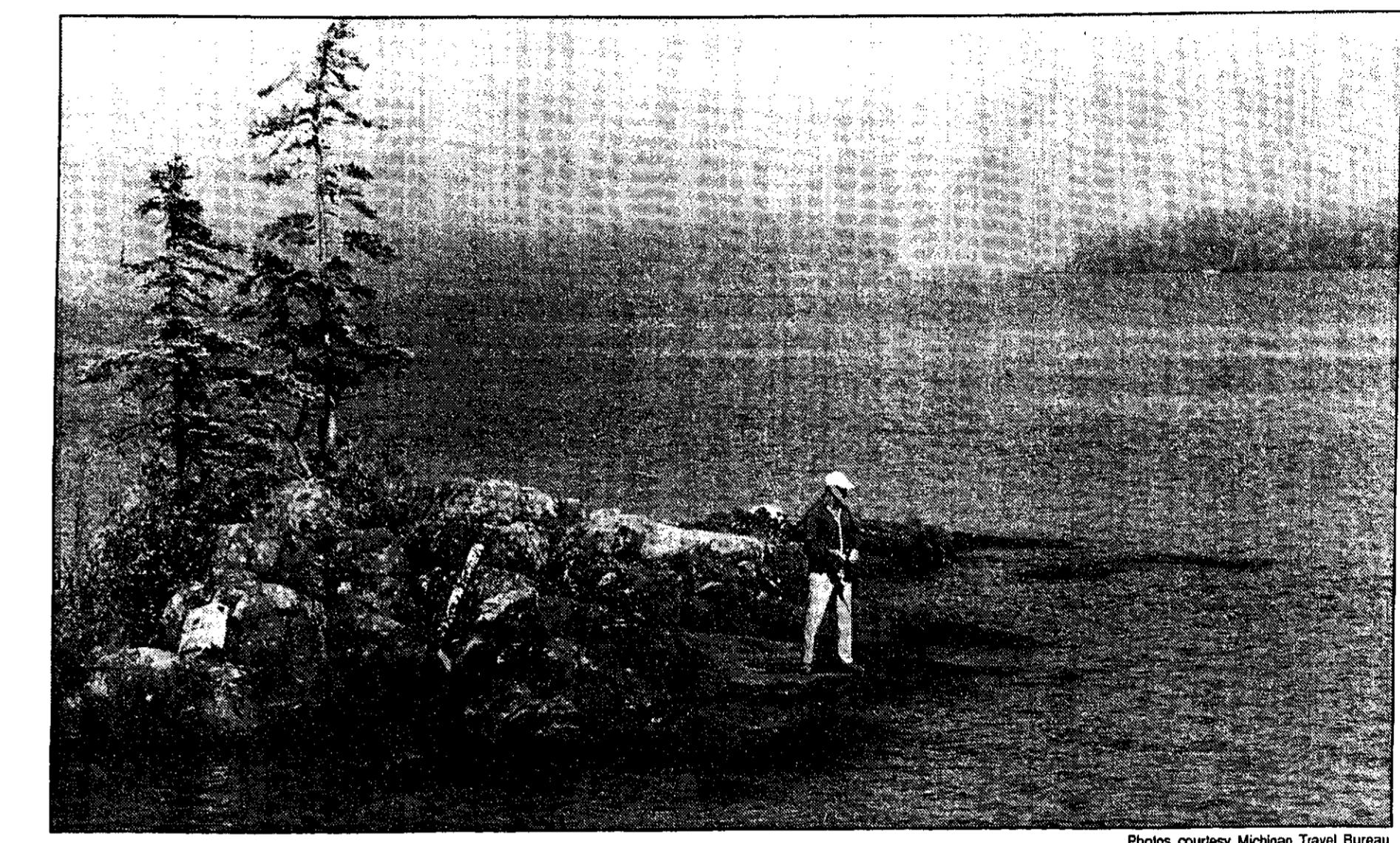
For more information about Sprint Services, contact Sprint, 10000 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Va. 22096; telephone (800) 877-4646.

The calling cards for all three companies are available to any qualified applicant regardless of the primary carrier they have designated for their home or office telephone.

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## Emmett Kelly Jr. to appear in Novi

He's been a clown for 32 years. At 68, he's an institution, when a legion of fans around the world and an animated Christmas special in production.

Emmett Kelly Jr., perhaps the world's most famous circus clown, will be appearing in Novi April 25 to sign autographs, meet with his fans and promote a line of porcelain figurines made in his likeness. Kelly will be appearing at Churchill's in the Twelve Oaks Mall from 1-4 p.m. that Sunday.

Kelly was born Emmett Leo Kelly, Jr. on Nov. 13, 1924, in Dyersburg, Tenn. His parents were also circus acts. His father Emmett Sr., actually originated the name of Wearsie Willie and his mother Eva May Moore Kelly was an acrobat in the same company as the John Robinson Circus.

Kelly quit touring with his parents when he was old enough to enter school. At age 9, his parents divorced, causing his life to become as nomadic as the circus life his parents had led. But early on, Kelly didn't want to be a circus clown. He wanted to be a Greyhound Bus driver. Kelly admired the drivers because they were always nice to him as he traveled between the homes of various relatives.

When he turned 16, there was no more living with relatives. His father told him to go to work, so he waited tables in Lafayette, Ind., for \$14 a week. He worked a variety of other jobs until April 1943, when he was drafted.

In 1944, Kelly was stationed in Fort Lauderdale. He got a 72-hour pass to visit his father in Sarasota, but got stranded in the middle of Florida. A woman who picked him up that evening had a 15-year-old niece in Miami. Kelly arranged to date her on his way back.

Although Kelly transferred to Camp Bradford, Va., and New Orleans, he continued to correspond with the Miami girl, Dorothy. Shortly after, Kelly took a leave of absence and went to Columbus, Ga., to be married.

During the rest of his stint in Novi, Kelly was one ship that participated in the invasions of both two Jima and Okinawa. He was discharged on Dec. 19, 1945.

He worked a variety of jobs—some for the railroad—until 1960 when he made his clown debut as Weirld Wille. In the summer of 1962, he took a six-month leave of absence from the railroad and toured with the Hagen-Wallace Circus of Florida as their star.

Following Hagen-Wallace, Kelly clowned at birthday pageants, hostessing, wherever he could get work. In 1964, Kelly gave up traveling for a year to work for Kodak at the World's Fair Pavilion in Flushing, N.Y. Dur-



"Sweeping up the spotlight" was Emmett Kelly Jr.'s best known act. Kelly will be appearing at Churchill's in Novi Sunday, April 25.

ing that time he set two world's records. It was estimated that more than five million photos were taken of him, making him the world's most photographed person. He was also the subject of the world's largest photo—a 30 by 30-foot picture that hangs in the Hotel Pavilion.

Four years after the close of the World's Fair, Kelly continued to act at Kodak's Ambassador of Goodwill Pavilion. He is an active member of a group called the Tombstone Vigilantes—a non-profit civic group that donates

80 percent of its income to charities and other local causes.

The city honors him with Emmett Kelly Jr. Days—an event featuring a Main Street parade, bands, antique fire trucks and of course, clowns, Kelly among them.

These days, besides touring to promote his collectibles line, Kelly is a resident of Tombstone, Ariz. That is, he is an active member of a group called the Tombstone Vigilantes—a non-profit civic group that donates

## Intown

### Special events

**ATRIUM GALLERY:** In April, in honor of Michigan Glass Month, the work of Birmingham glass-blower Stan Megdall will feature at the Atrium Gallery. Megdall creates rainbow-colored, tortoise shell or "sea foam" wrap perfume bottles, vases and bowls.

And '93 will be "for the birds," as Northville artist Bill Thielan will present his new line of steel bird sculptures for the yard and Millford artist Dee Segula will show her artistically appointed bird houses. You can meet them from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 109 N. Center St. in Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 349-4131.

### Kid stuff

**HOP TO IT:** Next in the Eleventh Fun series is a program in honor of the 100th birthday of Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit. The April 11 a.m. party will include stories about the naughty bunny.

For information, call 347-0780.

### Theater

**TOP OFFICIAL EXPOSED:** The popular musical version of an old classic, *My Empress*, Nov. 26, will be revived by the North Box Players during April and May at the Samuel H. Littie Theater in Northville. The show will be presented each

Saturday until it closes on May 8. Performances are at 1 p.m. with lunch available next door at Genitul's Hole-In-The-Wall Restaurant. Tickets are \$6 for children, \$8 for adults and it's just \$2 for lunch. Group rates available.

### Music

**STARTING GATE:** The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

**HOTEL BARONETTE:** Plaist Wilbert Peagler is now performing at the Country Eclipse Restaurant, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

**COUNTRY EPIRIC:** A jazz duo featuring pianist Wilbert Peagler is now performing at the Country Eclipse Restaurant, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**THE SOUP OPERA MURDERS:** Plaist Wilbert Peagler is now featuring "The Tears of Our Life" as the program.

As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to discover who committed the murder.

Performers are asked to perform roles in the play. Guests are invited to those who correctly guess the identity of the murderer.

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

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

349-7038.

**ANTHONY'S NIGHTCLUB:** Anthony's provides a steady diet of entertainment, both musical and comedy. Performances are available for large groups. Reservations are required.

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

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

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## Novi favored to take baseball crown for second straight year

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As for bat strength, look for Gibbons to rack up a sizable number of homers. Schill is another leading hitter. Last season, he hit .368 and had four homers and 24 RBIs. Zamonski, Molnar and King are among the team's other first hitters.

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Now, with seven varsity starters back in the lineup, Coach Mark Carroll's Brighton team appears primed to get back into the KVC and post-season hunting.

In a sport in which the pitching mound is so important, the team's hurlers gives Carros something to breathe easily about.

Indeed, senior Brad Denman returns after having led Brighton with a 9-0 record in 1992. Senior Spencer Micunick also saw varsity pitching action toward the end of last season.

Those two hurlers will be joined again by seniors Brad Weller and Matt Bees.

In addition, junior lefthander Steve Hornberger — a transfer student from Cincinnati — also lends a potent arm to the rotation, as does junior Mike Stockman.

Defensively, the Bulldogs appear to be very solid. Senior Ryan Peavey returns to lead the team in centerfield. Will start in left last season and junior Clint Copenhagen saw plenty of action in rightfield. The senior fielders as well as strong hitting.

In the infield, then, junior Judd Ayers will hold down the catching duties with backup from junior Mike Bickell and sophomore Steve Kelder. Seniors Bees and Jeff Mason both played at first base in 1992 and will continue to switch off there this season. Hornberger and Mike Geathers can also play the position well.

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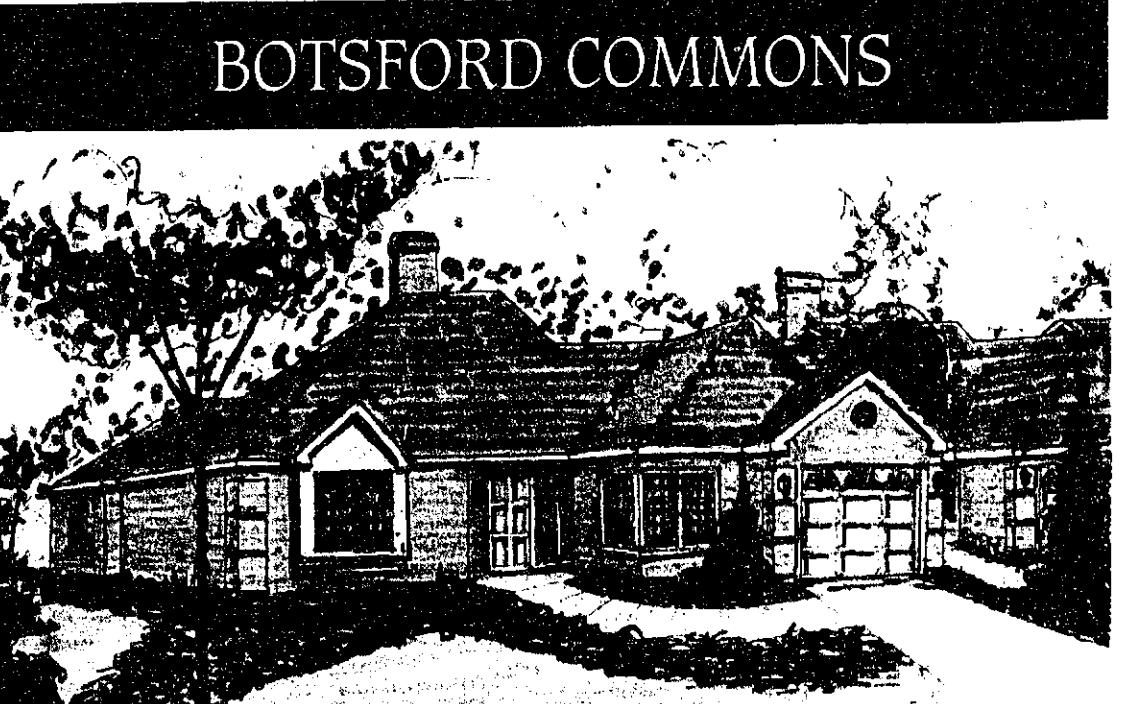
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## Class offers dancing fun

By CINDY STEWART  
Special writer

If you think our Novi seniors have all the fun . . . you're definitely right.

Novi Parks and Recreation provides a wide variety of daily activities and the staff is always willing to try new programs — like the new line dancing class offered on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to the Civic Center to "learn while you burn." Instructor Eleanore Malchie teaches terrific line dances that you can do without a partner. The Tuesday class has been well attended by the "young at heart" from ages 55 to 80. It's a great way to get in shape and stay in shape.

"I have been line dancing since 1979 and love it," said Malchie. "When Kathy Crawford and Jan McAlpine asked me to teach a class I was thrilled. It is so much fun and it is good exercise."

Wanda Diebold has been line dancing for 10 years and comes every week to help Malchie with the class.



Learn while you burn by line dancing.

While Malchie is on the stage demonstrating the steps, Diebold is on the floor helping one-on-one with the participants. Together, they know about 60 to 70 line dances.

The line dance that Malchie teaches are performed to a variety of music which appeals to about everyone. Songs include "Achy Breaky

Heart," "The Hustle," "12th Street Rag," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Cabdriver" and the "Irish Jig."

Line dancing is fairly easy to learn and the class only costs 50 cents per week. Men and women are invited to drop by every Tuesday, regardless of age. The class has been averaging 20 participants.

"It's great exercise," Malchie said.

"A great way to keep young. Before each lesson we begin with stretches and the dances include kicks, reaches and lifts making it a good total workout. I dance five days a week in Novi, Farmington and Walled Lake."

## Sterilization provides safety for patients



Dr. Kathryn Hoppe, D.D.S.

Today's dental office atmosphere is rapidly changing for some, and for others it has already been a matter of daily routine. Dental offices all over the country have installed specific procedures for sterilization of dental instruments and preparation of the dental treatment rooms before each patient's visit. Dental professionals are very committed to the importance of protecting their patient's health, and as a result, the dental office environment has become more sterile.

There are many "behind the scenes" procedures done for each patient before a dental visit. The daily schedule is prepared a day in advance and the dental team prepares and readies the necessary instruments/handpieces and supplies needed for each procedure. Dental in-

### Health tips

struments are vibrated in an ultrasonic solution, rinsed, placed in a milk bath (optional), placed in packages and are heat sterilized (autoclaved) or chemically/heat sterilized (chemclaved) for complete sterilization.

Some procedures may require as many as six or eight packages of sterilized instruments and each dental procedure also has many disposable items that are used. The items that cannot be adequately sterilized are called disposables and are discarded after one use. Some examples of disposables are the rubber polishing cups used in cleaning teeth, fluoride trays used for fluoride treatments, needles, anesthetic cartridges and saliva suction straws.

Many dental supplies are now pre-packaged in unit doses which saves time and ensures that sterile supplies are being used for each pa-

tient. Examples are cleansing paste for polishing teeth, anesthetic, filling materials and cements.

The dental treatment room is also sterilized between each patient. Counter tops are wiped with an antimicrobial spray and each portion of the equipment that might be touched during a procedure is either wrapped, wiped or sprayed.

The dentist and staff providing direct dental treatment wear face masks, protective eye glasses or face shields, protective clothing (scrubs and lab coat) and gloves. This is for the safety of the staff and patients.

If you are interested in learning more about sterilization procedures in the dental office, please ask questions or request an office tour. Dental health is a must and regular care is a requirement. Dental professionals want everyone to be relaxed and have confidence that your health is our primary concern.

Dr. Kathryn Hoppe, D.D.S., is a dentist in private practice in Northville. This series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the University of Michigan Health Centers.

## Easter Egg Hunt on tap this weekend

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

**Golf Clinic:** Bavarian Village Ski and Golf is kicking off the new season with free golf clinics. Bavarian Village would like to welcome area golfers to join us every Wednesday from now until April 21. Clinics start at 7:30 p.m. and last an hour. The store is located in the Novi Town Center. For more information call 347-3323.

**Novi Youth Baseball Tryouts:** Tryouts for the Novi Youth Baseball league will be held April 24 at Bosco Field on Beck Road. Tryouts are for all players at the senior division level, as well as all other players that are new to the league or are in a new division. Senior tryouts are at 10 a.m., Majors will follow at 11 a.m., Ponies at 12:30 p.m. and Minors at 2:30. For more information call 349-2543.

**Baseball players wanted:** Players are wanted for an 18-and-over baseball team based in Pontiac. Players must have college experience. Call Novi resident Brian Slavens at 380-0218.

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

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

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

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

### Rec Briefs

**Aerobic Exercise:** Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace.

The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

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

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

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

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

Call 344-8330 (ext. 71) for more information.

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

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

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

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

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## REAL ESTATE

## Apartments are a good investment nowadays

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

If you're having a home affordability problem, you might consider buying an apartment building.

That's how four families recently solved their housing problems. They teamed up as one buying entity and purchased a nice fourplex building. To finance their purchase, they each chipped in equally for the 10 percent cash down payment—\$7,250 per family.

The total cost per unit (per family) was only \$72,500. That's less than a quality condo unit would cost in many areas. Their combined monthly principal-interest payment amount is \$2,043, or \$511 for each family. Taxes, insurance and maintenance cost also are divided equally.

It not only provides low-cost housing for the buying families, it's also a premium investment. The vacancy factor will always be "0 percent" and appreciation (increasing value) in future years should be substantial.

"Apartments are probably the best of all real estate investments, considering current market conditions," said Dawn Dyer, senior investment consultant for Thomas Associates, an investment real estate brokerage firm.

"An exceptionally large number of people and businesses are now moving from one area to another. And during periods of transition, people usually seek out an apartment for their residence," Dyer said.

"Also, in today's market a large proportion of people—singles, couples and families—can only afford to live in an apartment. And, let's face it, some people pre-

fer renting an apartment for their residence.

"Another important consideration is the lack of new apartment construction. In most areas it's just not feasible to build new apartment buildings in today's market. Even developers are now seeking and buying existing structures."

The increasing potential in purchasing seasoned apartment buildings is catching the eye of investors and real estate analysts nationwide.

"Apartments offer the best current investment opportunity of any real estate today as the cycle starts to turn up," according to a report from the research and accounting firm of Kenneth Leventhal & Co. "Now is one of the better times in a number of years to invest in apartments in selected market areas."

Ernst & Young, another research and consulting firm, pointed out that construction of new apartments has dropped to a quarterly rate of 37,000 new unit starts per quarter. By comparison, the quarterly production rate in 1986 averaged 121,000 starts.

Many recently purchased apartment buildings are now generating a return of at least 10 percent on their invested cash, Dyer said. As the rate of return increases, prices will also rise.

"Not all apartments will generate the same types of return," Dyer said. "Larger buildings are generally a better investment than smaller ones, based strictly on cash flow. There are many reasons for this, primarily the fact that fewer people can afford to buy a 20-plus unit

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The home of Mark and Jane Heintz is reminiscent of the late 1800s era

Photos by HAL GOULD

## Milford subdivision offers 1800s style homes

By Marilyn Herald  
Special Writer

Mark and Jane Heintz fell in love with the Victorian fashion of homes on Mackinac Island years ago and still return there annually for special vacations.

It's no coincidence then that their new home in Milford Heights, on South Millford Road, high above the village, has a definitely Victorian style.

"We saw this design as one of the models, and we loved it for its Victorian look," Jane said enthusiastically.

The wide front porch and tiered second story are indeed reminiscent of the late 1800s era, yet inside are all the modern amenities.

The master bedroom located at the right front on the second floor incorporates the turret area. It provides a cozy place for relaxation as well as a vista for viewing.

"This house has everything I ever wanted in a home," Jane explained. "It has an open staircase going up from the foyer, and the master bedroom is located on the opposite end of the upstairs from the other bedrooms."

Mark added that they were pleased to have the opportunity to select the large 115-by-140 lot from among the 81 lots included in the subdivision. "We had several models of homes to choose from, and we were able to select the siding, roofing and brick as well as the interior finished."

The Heintz family members were not expecting to purchase a house when they took a ride last year from their former home in Redford Township to look up friends who were buying in Brighton. It wasn't long, however, before they found themselves visiting various new subdivisions in the general area.

"That's how we happened to look in Milford," Mark recalled.

"We didn't think we could afford a house in Milford Heights, but we liked the house style so well we went home and figured everything and decided we could do it," Jane added.

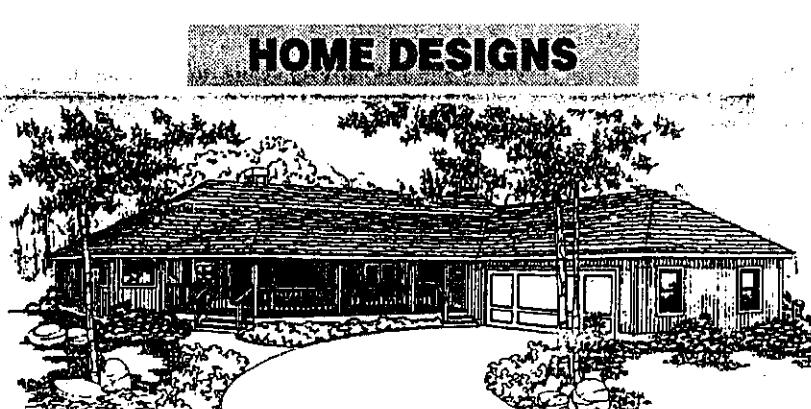
Inside, white lace curtains of modern design carry out the Victorian look in most of the rooms, and Jane has used a variety of colors to accent the white walls.

"We especially like the French doors to the back yard opening from the family dining area adjacent to the kitchen," Jane and Mark said. "We had a picture window installed in the family room instead of a door wall there."

The 17-by-20 foot family room includes a brick fireplace and is the gathering place for everyone when sports are slated on TV.

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## VICTORIAN, VILLAGE & VISTAS



## Energy efficiency is the summit of the Hilltop

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

Putting out to the rear like the prow of a ship, a vaulted family room dominates the core of the Hilltop. Living room and dining room are also at the center, facing the street.

Bedrooms are located on both sides, with the master suite to the left, two bedrooms and a utility room to the right.

Energy efficiency is a primary concern in this plan. Windows, high and low, make up most of the prow-shaped rear walls of the family room, creating a bright environment on even the darkest of winter days. In fact, these rooms are so naturally well-lit that electric lights will rarely be needed during daylight hours.

An eating nook, adjacent to the kitchen, is illuminated by a side window. Plants will flourish here as well as in the garden window, in front of the sink.

Even the utility room has a win-

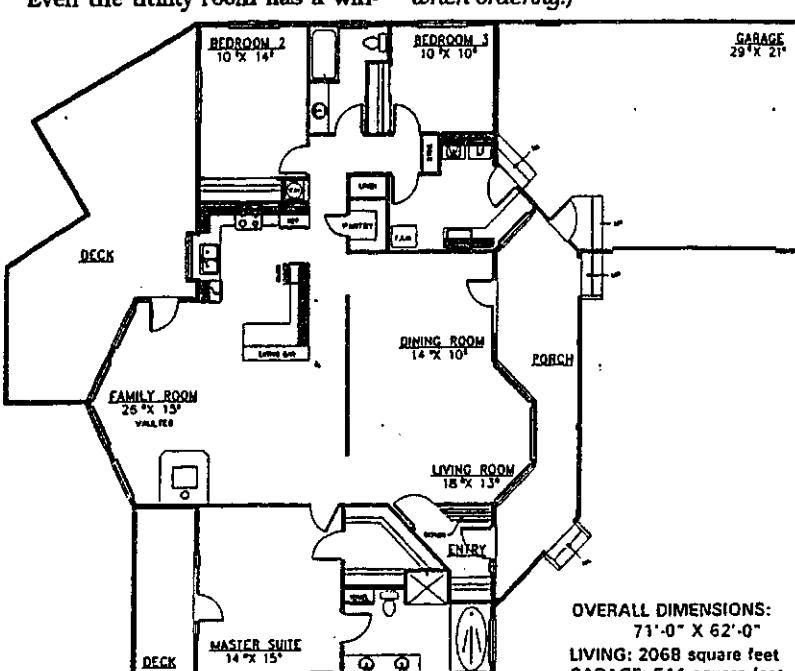
dow, which looks out across the yard. But here, and in the living and dining rooms, the light is softer, muted by a covered porch.

Another energy-conservation feature is an air lock entryway with a built-in bench for removing muddy or snowy footgear. Boots and shoes can then be stowed in the rear.

Double doors in the master suite open onto a private deck, one of the at the back of the Hilltop. Other features in the master suite include a large walk-in closet and a private bathroom with twin basins and a glass-enclosed spa tub.

A utility room with a deep sink is accessible from the garage as well as the bedroom wing, and the hallways are lined with linen and storage closets.

For a study plan of the The Hilltop (401-03) 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.)



## Cuttings from fig trees

By C.Z. Guest  
Copley News Service

Q. I'd like to know the best time to collect cuttings of fig trees and root them into new trees. How long does it take, and what is the best type of soil to use?

A. New trees can be started in the spring from cuttings or "layering," a process that is used widely to reproduce rhododendrons. It involves bending a branch of the mother plant earthward and making a slanting cut halfway through it, about 9 inches beyond the top. Remove all but one pair of mature leaves from the stem.

After applying a rooting hormone to the cut, insert a splint to keep it open, bury the treated area (still attached to the parent) about 4 inches deep—the top few inches of leaves stay above ground. Provided the ground remains moist (not soggy), roots should begin to emerge from the cut in four to six weeks. The best time to do this is in warm weather.

If you wish to make cuttings, they should come from young (new) wood, in its second or third year.

Remove all leaves or buds except the topmost so that the future tree will be less apt to

produce suckers near the base. Pot the cuttings in a mix of equal parts builder's sand, peat moss, perlite and vermiculite. To speed things up, dip the cut ends in a rooting hormone.

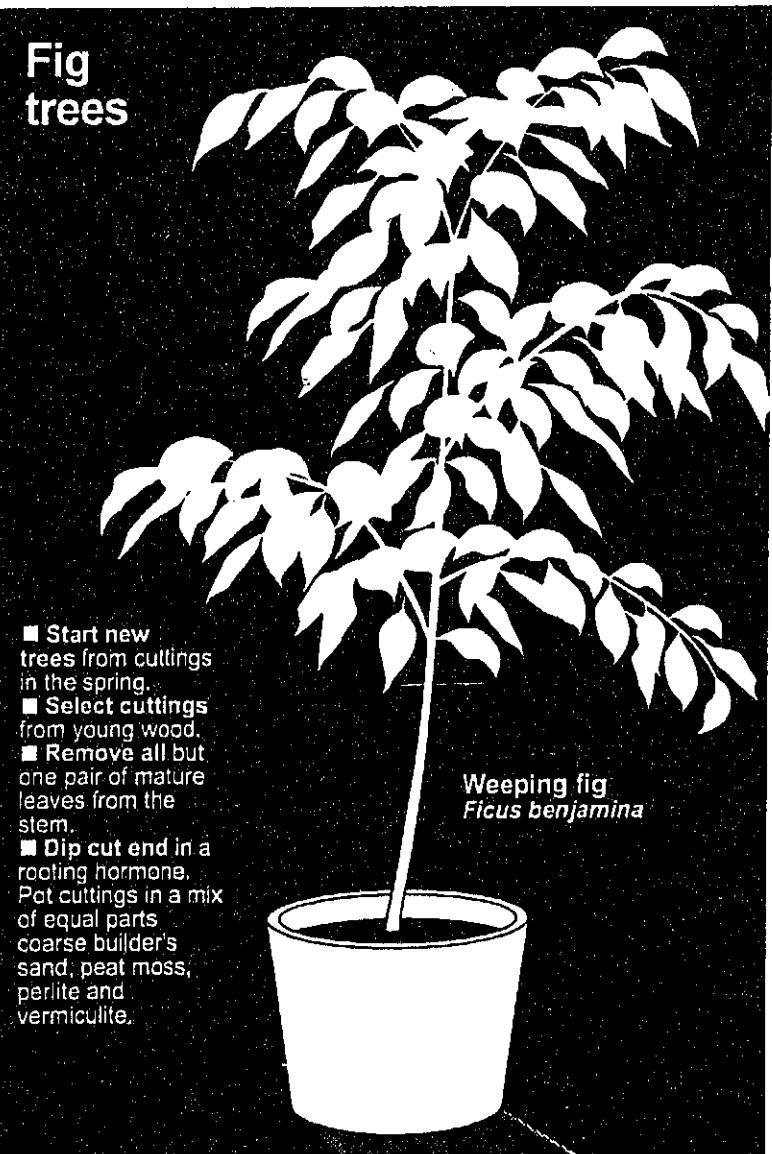
Throughout the rooting process, the cuttings must stay moist, so cover the pots with plastic bags, leaving small air holes. In about six to eight weeks, the cuttings will be ready to be potted.

Q. Do you have a list of poisonous plants? I have young children around so I need to be careful.

A. I think it's best to teach young children not to put random pickings from the garden into their mouths. Keep in mind one part of a plant may be OK to eat, but the other may not!

Potentially dangerous plant parts include azalea leaves and flowers, clematis leaves, the flowers and leaves of rhododendron and mountain laurel, English ivy berries, leaves and flowers of the herb tansy, to name a few.

Q. Can you give me any



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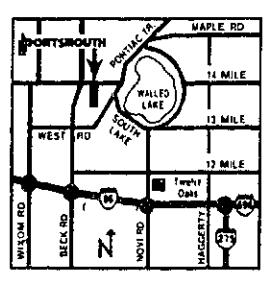
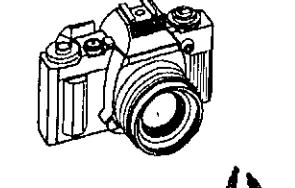
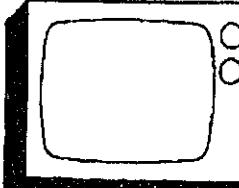
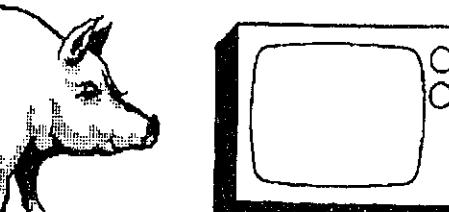
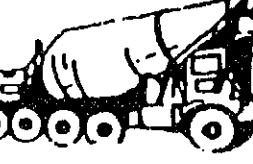
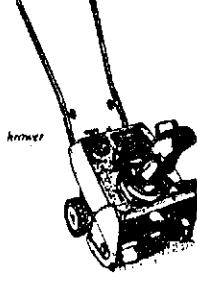
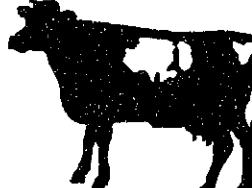
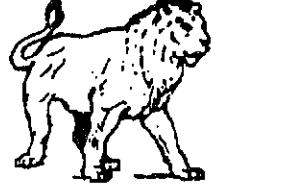
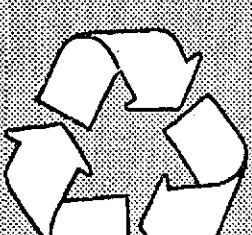
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## Crawfords' restaurant is a family fare affair

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

Some people just can't get enough of a good thing.

At Crawfords' Restaurant in Northville, it's been five years since founders Dick and Ruthellen Crawford had a hand in the day-to-day operations.

To the delight of many of their old fans and friends, they've returned to assist daughter Sue Poster in running the popular eatery at 160 E. Main St.

"I can't get 'em to slow down," Sue said. "Mom took over the waitstaff, and Dad is in here every day, taking care of the books."

Dick and Ruthellen opened the restaurant in July of 1984, but retired just four years later, leaving the restaurant in the hands of Sue and her two brothers. But as the men lost interest in the restaurant business and found other pursuits, Sue decided she needed some help.

"We went from five partners down to just one," she said. "So this just kind of evolved."

Indeed, Crawfords' has been a family place from the very beginning. Sue's son, Terry Poster Jr., worked there the day it opened, when he was just 12 years old.

"We had just sold our house in Wayne and moved here," Sue said. "With him working until 10-11 o'clock at night, he didn't do too well in school that year."

Today, he's running the kitchen and all the food preparation. After graduating from Northville High School in 1990, he took over as day cook. With training in Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program, he's got some great new recipes to pre-

sent, along with Crawfords' favorites. Sue still runs Crawfords' Bakery Connection at 123 E. Main, which she has done since opening the bakery in 1989. The bakery is the source not only for Crawfords' famous desserts and dinner rolls, but now all of the restaurant's breads too.

"We serve good homemade food," said Sue. "And we make the stuff the way we did at home. We don't open boxes and cans, and we try to give the customer a good value for the dollar."

The atmosphere is homestyle too, with lots of soft, indirect lighting, and family photos on the wall. There are no service stations in the dining room or a friend's dining room."

It's easy enough to find a familiar face at Crawfords'. While some restaurants may change waitstaff as often as they change the tablecloths, Sue says the average stay for a Crawfords' waitress is five years.

"We have one woman who started with us as a busgirl in high school," Sue said. "She just came back to work for us, and she's got a 3-year-old daughter already."

"We have employees who come in

to toast, meat and coffee for \$1.75 is quickly becoming a favorite for those in their golden years.

They've kept some of the old traditions in place, too. Dick still makes the salmon loaf, and if they're out of it, it's because he's gone out of town for a while. Dick does the books and the food buying, too, jobs he just can't seem to give up.

"Figures are not my thing," Sue said. "I can do  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup, but I'm no mathematician. Dad was also supposed to train my husband to do the buying, but he enjoys going down to the Eastern Market. And he's down there every single morning."

Sue can't blame her mother and father for wanting to stay involved. She said operating a restaurant in Northville offers unique rewards, unlike any other community.

"The restaurants in Northville all seem to work together," she said. "Whenever somebody's running low on something, there's always another restaurant willing to share, loan or trade."

Indeed, Rich Willer from Heavenly Bakery on Seven Mile invited the whole Crawford family over for a Thanksgiving dinner at his shop. They closed at 6, he closed at 8. It was a natural.

Northville's restaurants are also donating food for the Taste of Northville, a sit-down dinner on May 1 to benefit the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission.

"It's neat the way the restaurants have all come together," Sue said. "Everybody's donating something, and the menu is fabulous. The tickets are sold out already."

At Crawfords', pitching in is what it's all about.



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Dick and Ruthellen Crawford came out of retirement to help run Crawfords' restaurant.

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Neil Murphy was elected to his new position by the company's board of directors in November 1990, allowing time to effect an orderly transition of the 50-person, employee-owned firm. In these interim months, Loveland and Murphy have worked closely with senior management to plan the transition throughout the seven-company O'Brien & Gere Limited organization. Initial management changes that were put into place in mid-1991 redistributed responsibilities that allowed Murphy to assume full leadership of O'Brien & Gere Engineers by the end of 1992.

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Clark was in the restaurant industry for over 20 years. He was owner of a restaurant in the Waterford Township area for eight years. His formal education includes a degree in hospitality and management from Oakland Community College. He has also attended Ferris State College in Big Rapids.

Clark resides in Highland Township with his wife Denise and two children. He is involved in many community activities, including being a member of the Troy and Greater Detroit chambers of commerce.

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