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Board to pick a stand soon on ballot plan

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Michigan's voters will decide if they want to overhaul the state's system of school financing when they cast their ballots on a new plan this June. The Novi Board of Education will soon say whether it will support that plan, oppose it or sit out the fight.

The board discussed the new plan — which is now a ballot proposal that will become law if voters approve it on June 2 — at its April 1 meeting. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster presented an analysis of how the proposal would affect Novi schools financially if it passes.

That effect would be to put the district some \$258,658 in the hole for next year, Koster said, if all other conditions remain stable. The loss would be made up out of the district's fund equity.

Board members said they would soon take an official stance on the proposal, as the election is less than eight weeks off. Board President Raymond Byers listed the body's three choices: actively support the plan, actively oppose it or remain neutral.

Although no member stated an overt opinion about the matter, several voiced concerns about various aspects of the proposal.

Byers, for example, questioned the lack of any ironclad assurance from the state to school districts ab-

■ Suburban school districts are in for a period of belt-tightening, regardless of voters' action in a June special election on school finance. Hardest hit will be out-of-formula districts with big property tax bases, including Novi. The story is on page 8A.

out funding. Specifically, he noted that revenues from the sales tax increase and lottery proceeds were constitutionally required to go toward school aid. Nothing, however, guaranteed that the state's general fund would cover any funding shortfalls districts may incur once those monies are exhausted, he continued.

Some observers call it a version of the "Lotto scam," where the state guaranteed revenues from the lottery would go to education, and then proportionally reduced its general fund contributions to local school districts.

In the end, Board Vice-President Stephen Hitchcock volunteered to work on a formal draft of positions the board could take for its April 22 meeting.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

New group springs up for an old city church

A new group, calling itself "Preservation Novi," has been formed to promote and encourage historical preservation in the city.

Its first task will be to save the 117-year-old Novi Methodist Church on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

LuAnne Kozma, who will serve as the president; Kathy Mutch, secretary and treasurer; and Tim Pope, board member, announced this week they had filed the incorporation papers to create the non-profit organization. The three signed incorporation forms as the groups' officers.

While the purpose of the group is to promote, raise funds for and provide public education about historic preservation in Novi in general, Mutch explained the top priority will be the saving of the old church.

The first step in that process will be to "firm up a site for relocation," Mutch said. Although she is advocating its relocation to city land adjacent to the library and Old Town Hall on Ten Mile east of Taft Road, the city has yet to agree to that. Once the new site has been confirmed, Mutch said the group will set about raising the \$20,000 it is expected to cost to move the church. No cost has yet been put to restoration of the building, although a number of groups have expressed interest in occupying it, for uses ranging from a teen center to the Novi Players' theater.

The Novi City Council has extended a moratorium on the building's destruction for another six months. Under state law, only one six-month extension may be granted to a demolition moratorium, so the organization will be working against the clock.

Anyone interested in joining "Preservation Novi" should contact Kozma or Mutch, at 345-6774, or write to Preservation Novi, c/o The Novi Historical Society, P.O. Box 751, Novi, 48376. Annual dues will be \$10.

"This won't hurt..."

Maybe it did, but just a little. Providence Medical Center in Novi participated in this year's Health-O-Rama last weekend. Physicians, nurses and other health experts offered ad-

vice on a variety of topics, as well as blood tests. Here, Betty Jean Breen gets hers from nurse Beth Socia.

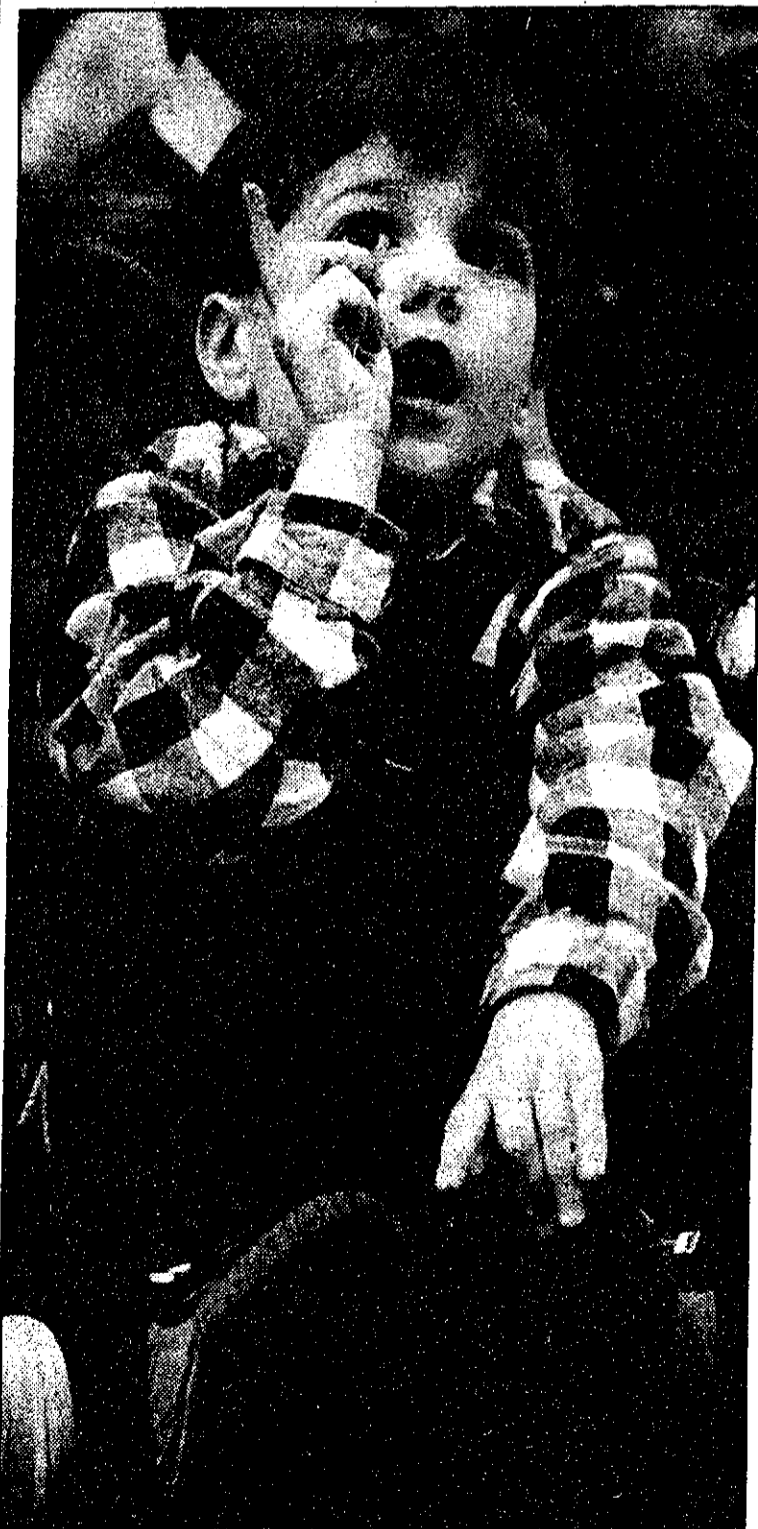


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Music with Mom

The Novi Community Education's preschool music program put on quite a show recently. Kids had the chance to laugh and learn about the joys that music brings as their mothers performed songs for them. Craig Chupinsky's, 3, was intrigued enough that he kept time to the music. More photos of the Musical Moms program appear on page 9A.

Student's lawsuit is set for trial

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Judgment day for two lawsuits involving the Novi Community School District is June 1.

The trial of the two suits, scheduled for that day, will decide if the district did not take appropriate action in 1987 when a 15-year-old Novi High School student alleged that a volunteer athletic coach sexually assaulted her on two separate occasions.

The former student filed her suit on Feb. 9, naming the district as the sole defendant, without any individuals. The second suit, filed by her parents in May of 1989, named the coach, the district and six school officials as defendants.

Both seek tens of thousands of dollars in damages they say resulted from the district's actions in the fall of 1987.

The two cases will be tried together in the Oakland County Circuit Court before Judge Denise Langford-Morris in some seven weeks. Both allege that school officials did not take action when the student told them that Timothy McCoy Pelfrey, a volunteer girls' diving team coach, made sexual advances and later twice sexually assaulted her.

Only after the student told a counselor at the high school were administrators, police and her parents notified, the suits claim.

Pelfrey, who was 23 at the time, pled guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct and was

sentenced to two to 15 years in prison. He has never been represented by the district's legal counsel.

The district's lawyers filed a response to the student's suit last month. In it, court documents indicate, the district denies many of the allegations the suits make, and denies that its actions during the affair were inappropriate.

The student is represented by Detroit attorney Gregory Muller, who also represents her parents in their action; the district by Troy lawyer James Mellon (other lawyers represent some of the officials named in the parents' suit). None returned phone calls to *The Novi News*.

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Readers speak out on teacher salaries

Most Novi News readers feel the increases in base pay handed out to teachers during recent contract negotiations for 1993-96 were "about right," according to the results of an unsolicited survey conducted by the newspaper during the month of March.

Some 48.7 percent of 123 respondents to that survey said the base pay hikes — which ranged from 3.75 percent in 1993-94 to 4 percent in 1995-96 — were "about right," compared to 42.3 percent who said they were "too high" and 9 percent who said they were "too low."

However, a majority of respondents also said the step increases given to teachers were "too high." Some 54.6 percent responded that way, compared to 39.5 percent who said the step increases in pay were

"about right" and 5.9 percent who said they were "too low."

The step scale provides pay increases to teachers as they gain in seniority. In the contract between the Novi school district and its teachers, the 11-step scale provides pay increases which will bring teachers' total salary hikes to about 10 percent. The scale also provides advances in pay for teachers who get more education. Educational attainment increases will bring teachers on the scale total salary increases ranging from 12 to 19 percent.

More than 55 percent of Novi teachers are on the scale. The remaining 45 percent have more than 11 years experience and are beyond the scale.

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In today's issue



An Extra special section

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 soft-ball 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Prebee 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 7:15-9 p.m. in the high school band room.

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

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

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

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

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 Prebee is the golf pro and instructor. Bring your clubs and comfortable shoes.

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

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 4440 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 4440 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.



Photo by HAL GOULD

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.

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 board recommended their approval and adoption in a March 26 memo to the board.
 The textbooks, and the courses in which they will be used next year at Novi High School, are:
 ■ **Architecture: Residential Drafting and Design** by Clois Kicklgher, Goodheart-Wilcox publishing — for Mechanical Drawing I and Introduction to CAD;
 ■ **AutoCAD for Architecture**, by

James Fuller, Glencoe publishing — for Architectural CAD;
 ■ **Home Repair and Maintenance**, by Jack Landers, Goodheart-Wilcox publishing — for Home Improvement Technology;
 ■ **World Geography**, by Baerwald and Crosser, Prentice Hall publishing.
 The first two works 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 aims to teach students basic home repair. The geography textbook is as updated as it can be in this quickly changing world. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Rita Traynor told the board that the book's publisher would try to keep the book as up to date as possible.
 The publisher will offer supplemental handouts to keep students abreast of world events, such as the unfolding events in the former Soviet Union and the former Yugoslavia, she said.
 Kicklgher'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 textbooks, will be paid by the district.
 Fuller's work will cost \$27.99 a unit, the memo said, and Landers' \$16.45 apiece. The system, which Byers said will be the most expensive per unit at \$35.97.
 Board President Raymond Byers said that he hoped the district could one day switch to an exclusively CD-ROM text offering. The system, which Byers said the state of Texas now uses exclusively, puts textbooks and other works to computers. Adding, replacing and updating material can be done both more quickly and more cheaply in the long run, the president indicated.
 For now, 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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It's Spring Time Now...
Watch Out For Children On Bicycles

Portfolios show kids all they can be

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

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 work beyond high school.

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

"This is a place where students can save 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 a copy and put that in," he explained. "A poem, if you did something on the computer, or built something in a woodshop class, for example, we can take a picture of it and put it in your portfolio."

The items aren't just limited to school-related work, Wixom added. "This is a 24-hour-a-day thing," he said. "If a student creates something at home — a story or something — they can bring that in and place it in the file."

The portfolio can help a student identify areas that they're weak in as well, the pamphlet indicates, and allows them to focus on those areas.

The portfolio will contain three types of items, the pamphlet explained:

- Personal accomplishments. Anything a student produces that he or she wishes to be included will be even such things as video presentations, letters of recommendation from teachers or employers, even computer programs on floppy discs, can be part of the file.
- 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, even resumes, can be placed in the portfolio.

Academic accomplishments. Counselors will add records documenting a student's academic progress such as grades, standardized test scores, attendance data and related materials in the student's senior year.

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 here's proof.'"

The future will be dramatically different from the past," the pamphlet says in explaining why the portfolio is important. "Jobs of today and tomorrow will require more reasoning power, group work, team skills and task commitment."

"Without high skills," it continues, "the days of obtaining a well-paying job are over."

That is where the portfolio can help. As part of an overall career planning process, it explains.

"All students will benefit by systematically planning for their future. In order to help Novi High School students gain a competitive edge in the

workplace, all students," it continues, "will continue to develop their portfolios. This will help students organize documentation of their high school progress, and help them strive to develop higher skill levels."

"We think that the portfolio program will really take off as the community, businesses and colleges get into it," Wixom said. "We hope that we'll get to the point where when 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 them," Wixom said.

The portfolio can show what a student can do in real-world activities, he explained. The scores will lose their importance as students move on in life, Wixom said, but examples of good work and talent will remain important and useful.

The main benefit of the entire program, he continued, is to the student.

"I think that the portfolio will let them widen their horizons, expand their vision of their capabilities and what they want to do," he said. "It helps them go beyond just numbers on a page to judge themselves. This lets them see and keep track of what they're capable of."

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.

In order to have his or her name placed on the June 14 ballot, a potential candidate must pick up nominating petitions from the school board offices. The candidate must then get a required number of signatures from registered district voters, and return the petitions by the end of the business day April 12 — just four days from now. After

only two individuals — the two incumbent board members whose seats are up this year — have taken out nominating petitions so far, Board Secretary John Street and Treasurer Craig Foreback are expected to return them by the deadline, putting their names in contention for the two four-year seats.

Novi school district voters will also go to the polls on June 2 to decide if a proposal to reform the state's school financing/property tax system will become law.

If you wish to pick up nominating petitions, or have any questions, call or stop by the Educational Services Building, located on Taft Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads in Novi (344-8390).

Terr Purdue — co-director of the Oakland County Center for Open Housing, which would administer the loan program — said the center expects to receive a \$80,000 grant from the non-profit fund for an Open Society, a Philadelphia-based mortgage fund, to promote stable housing integration.

"We've applied and have good reason to believe we're going to get the \$80,000," Purdue said last week. "We expect to hear any day now."

Initially, the center proposes to administer 12 loans of around \$5,000 each. "There's no question we'll have more loan requests than money," a loan committee will be set up to establish guidelines, Purdue said.

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.

While Detroit has a black population of almost 76 percent, Oakland's population is just 7.2 percent black. Macomb's is 1.4 percent, and Wayne County's, excluding Detroit, is 6.6 percent or less.

Terr Purdue — co-director of the Oakland County Center for Open Housing, which would administer the loan program — said the center expects to receive a \$80,000 grant from the non-profit fund for an Open Society, a Philadelphia-based mortgage fund, to promote stable housing integration.

"We've applied and have good reason to believe we're going to get the \$80,000," Purdue said last week. "We expect to hear any day now."

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Because Oakland County is almost 90 percent white, "any minority move into the county would be considered pro-integrative," Purdue said.

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.

Pro-integrative moves for white families would be moves into Oakland communities with black populations of more than 17 percent. Just a few Oakland communities would be pro-integrative for whites — among them Southfield, Lathrup Village, Oak Park and Pontiac. Southfield's population is about one-third black, and Lathrup's, 23 percent.

In most Oakland communities — including Novi, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Rochester, West Bloomfield and Troy — the size of the black population is 2 percent or less.

Darden, dean of urban affairs programs at Michigan State University, is a longtime advocate of intervention in the housing market in order to overcome racial residential segregation and avoid white flight.

"Data clearly reveals that metropolitan Detroit, of which Oakland County is a part, is the most segregated metropolitan area in the United States... Furthermore, there hasn't

Health Notes

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 Shiawassee (Room 12), Farmington.

Classes will be held in the evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be taught by public health nurses. There is a \$10 charge for attending the series of classes and you are asked to pre-register as enrollment is limited.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting.

The Health Division advises that you enroll as early in your pregnancy as possible.

To register by April 15 call 424-7042.

Diabetes 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.

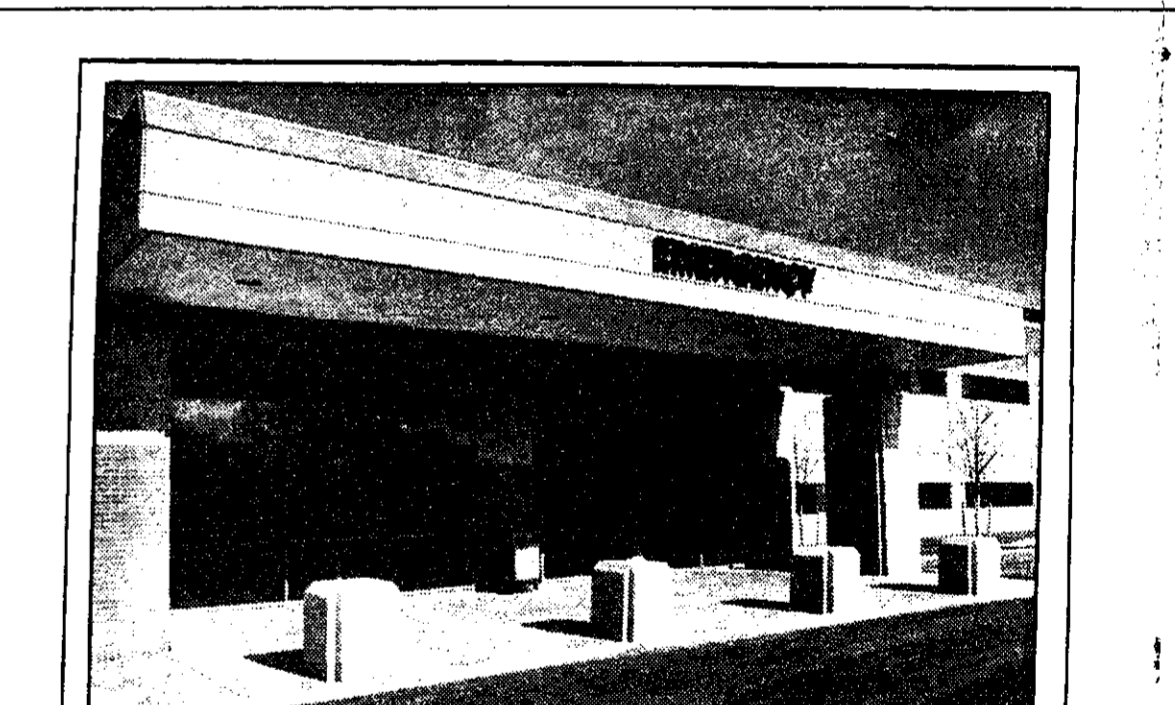
Dr. Howard Kane, podiatrist, will speak on "Foot Care." There is no charge and registration is not required. Refreshments will be served.



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Ballot plan would cost district

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Koster said that if the plan passes — and the district levies the maximum of 27 mills allowable under it — current expenses 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 4 to 6 cents per dollar, and constitutionally reserving that money and state lottery proceeds for school funding;
- capping yearly property tax assessment increases 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 on them);
- 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 \$7,013 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 to 16 mills; 81 districts would see a 7 to 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 the entire in-formula/out-of-formula funding system for districts would be eliminated.

Most observers seem to agree that the school 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.

Lansing OKs ballot plan for June vote

By TIM HARRISON
Staff Writer

Suburban school districts are in for a period of bell-lightening, regardless of voters' action in a June special election on school finance.

Hardest hit will be out-of-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.

"You're getting less, no matter what happens," House Taxation Committee chair Willis Bullard, R-Highland, warned Michigan Education Association members.

"Out-of-formula schools get less. It's like blackmail," said Bullard of the forthcoming referendum on raising the constitutional limit on the sales tax from 4 cents to 6.

Bullard said legislators in April and May would prepare two school aid budgets — one if the sales tax hike passes in June, the other if it doesn't.

Unfunded teachers in high-paying suburbs may face cuts. "There'll be strikes," said Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington.

After a 14-plus hours session, the House early April 3 passed two measures to restore funding equity and work the greatest tax shift Michigan has seen since the first sales tax was passed in the Great Depression.

The House version Senate Bill 166, the property tax cut, was adopted on a 96-0 vote.

House Resolution G, the sales tax referendum, won on a 74-22 vote, one vote more than the two-thirds needed to put it on the ballot. Thirteen members either were absent or left the chamber before final action at 2:30 a.m.

Both measures go to the Senate, where passage may come more easily than in the deeply-divided House.

If voters say yes, here is how taxpayers in area school districts would fare under the proposed property tax cut, with current millage rates shown first, 1994 rate net and net cut last.

- Novi — now 29.2 mills, to 27, cut of 2.2.
- Northville — now 29.9 mills, to 25.19, cut of 4.67.
- Walled Lake — now 36 mills, to 27, cut of 9.

New ballot plan draws praise, fire

By TIM HARRISON
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.

- 21.71 in 1994, cut of 16.06 mills.
- Fowlerville — 34.21 mills now, 18 mills in 1994, cut of 16.21 mills.
- Hartland — 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 2.2 mills.
- Huron Valley — 35.5 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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Faxon's Senate district, Farmington will see a cut of just 4.52 mills, Southfield 7.83 mills and Birmingham less than 1 mill.

Reason: High-spending school districts in the metropolitan area would be allowed to levy up to 9 mills above the 18-mill floor to prevent deep budget cuts.



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Readers speak their minds on teacher salary levels

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Also, a majority of respondents to The Novi News survey, 52.5 percent, said they would not be willing to pay more in property taxes to give pay raises to teachers. The remaining 47.5 percent said they would indeed pay more for those pay increases.

The Novi News conducted the readership survey through ballots published in editions of the paper during the month of March. The survey was conducted after the Novi Schools Board of Education voted Feb. 25 to settle the contract with teachers for 1993-94.

The contract was approved in a 6-1 vote by the school board, with only member Stephen Hitchcock dissenting. He explained that he opposed the contract because he believed a millage increase would be necessary to pay for it.

Board president Roy Byers and member Robert Schram have said they doubt a tax increase will neces-

sarily have to occur to pay for the contract and have supported it as the best contract the district would be likely to get.

In the survey, readers suggested alternative numbers they would have liked to see teachers get, but there was little consensus. Twenty respondents said they believed teachers should have received only base pay increases.

Thirteen respondents said base pay should have been frozen, while three voted for 1 percent, five for 2 percent, two for 2.5 percent, ten for 3 percent, and two for 3.5 percent.

Others offered higher figures for the base pay hikes. Six proposed 4 percent, one said 4.5 percent, five said 5 percent, four said 6 percent and one said 8 percent.

Nine respondents said teachers should have received only the step scale increase. Sixteen said teachers should get no step scale increase. Two respondents said step increases should be 1 percent, four said step

increases should be 2 percent, eight said 3 percent, one said 3.5 percent, three said 4 percent, two said 4.5 percent, five said 5 percent, three said 6 percent, and two said 8 percent.

When asked on what basis teacher salaries should be set, answers ranged widely, but the two most popular categories were "what other employees in the public and private sector are receiving," 41 respondents, and "whatever rate the teachers' union can get in negotiations," 39 respondents.

Since respondents marked more than one category, the total number of responses to this question exceeds the total number of respondents.

But the next most popular category was "what the board of education believes it can afford" and "the rate of inflation," which each got 27 votes.

Fourteen thought raises should be based on the growth of Novi's tax base. Nine preferred the Consumer Price Index as the basis for raises.

Other suggestions for factors on which pay increases should be based included what surrounding districts pay; merit; 4; pro-rated for nine months work; 2; what quality districts pay their teachers; 2; cost of living; 2; the results of student testing; 2; amount of education; 1; what residents decide; 1; responsibilities of the teacher; 1; experience and ability of the teacher; 1; and testing of the teacher; 1.

Most respondents said they believed starting pay for teachers should be in the range of \$20-\$30,000.

On that question, nine respondents said teachers should start for less than \$20,000; 46 respondents said they should start at \$20-\$25,000; 50 said between \$25-\$30,000; nine said between \$30-\$35,000; and three said they

should start at more than \$35,000. Maximum pay for teachers got a wider array of responses, although the most popular answer was \$45-\$50,000. Maximum pay for teachers in the Novi district now is \$58,500.

On the question of maximum pay, 16 respondents said teachers should receive less than \$45,000; 22 said between \$45-\$50,000; 16 said between \$50-\$55,000; 14 said between \$55-\$60,000; 16 said between \$60-\$65,000; 16 said between \$65-\$70,000; and 14 said more than \$70,000.

During the course of the survey, The Novi News received several reports of attempts to "stuff" the ballot box, but only one such incident was found. In that case, multiple copies of ballots, bearing identical handwriting, were submitted to the news-

paper in a single envelope. Those ballots were counted as one.

All other responses submitted on copies appeared to be valid, bearing original signatures in distinctive handwriting.

There was however a significant difference in the vote results when broken out by the type of form on which the responses were submitted. For the question about base pay, 29 of the copied ballots answered "about right." Of the 52 total responses saying base pay was "too high," 51 were submitted on newspaper ballots, clipped directly from the newspaper.

Of the 56 total who said they would pay more in taxes to support teacher pay hikes, 29 were submitted on newspaper ballots. Of the 62 total against paying more taxes, 59 were submitted on newspaper.

District failed student, suit alleges

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In the district's response, court documents show that it denies the two suits claim that Pelfrey was a de facto employee/agent of the district. The district's response also denies: ■ That he was given unrestricted authority as a coach and conducted unsupervised practice sessions with diving team members, of which the student was one;

■ That Pelfrey made sexual advances prior to the two alleged sexual assaults, or that school officials were made aware of those advances;

■ "Any violation of duty" on the part of the district.

The district, documents say, neither admits nor denies the student's allegations of the events surrounding the two alleged assaults, or that school officials were informed.

The response said that any damages the student may have sustained as a result of the alleged incidents

was at least in part her own doing. "The defendant will show," said a statement filed March 2 by the district's attorney, "that the sole proximate cause, or at least a contributing cause, of the damages and/or injuries complained of by the plaintiff was the negligence and/or comparative negligence of the plaintiff."

Also contributing to the negligence surrounding the events of that fall, the document continues, are the actions of "as yet unidentified third parties."

The two suits, however, claim that it was the district which failed to act appropriately in the matter.

The six officials named in the parent's suit were Harold Anderson, the high school swim coach at the time; Meredith Somers, another coach; John Osborne, athletic director; Robert Youngberg, the high schools principal at the time; Milan Obrenovich, assistant principal at the time; and Robert Pivko, then superintendent of schools.

Officials did not properly investigate Pelfrey's background or qualifications, the suits say. They then gave him responsibility for the diving team members, the suits continue, and allowed him, among other things, to conduct unsupervised practice sessions and drive team members from home to school for sessions.

The suits claim that Pelfrey obtained the volunteer coaching position in the fall of 1987 without any sort of application, interview or background check. Following sexual advances he soon made, the suits continue, three of the four divers quit the team within a few weeks — leaving only the student bringing the suit.

The student informed Somers of Pelfrey's behavior, suits say. Somers then told Anderson, they continue, but no action was taken and no one discussed the matter with Pelfrey, school administrators or the girls' parents.

On Sept. 28, 1987, the suits allege, Pelfrey sexually assaulted the stu-

dent in the weight room of the high school. She then told Somers about the incident, the suits continue, who told Anderson, and again nothing was done. Pelfrey was allowed to keep his position and conduct practices, the suits allege.

One week later — on Oct. 5, 1987 — the suits allege that Pelfrey took the student from the high school to a remote area and again sexually assaulted her.

The suits then say that the student told Somers, who informed Anderson, who then confronted Pelfrey. After he denied the allegations, the suits add, no one informed administrators, police or the girl's parents until the student talked to a counselor on Oct. 8.

The student seeks recompense for physical injuries, psychological trauma, emotional distress, humiliation, medical bills and other expenses. Among those are the cost for her to attend Northville schools following the incidents in question — a cost of some \$5,000 per year.

School Happenings

The Novi Board of Education will next meet on Thursday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Woods Elementary. All students will have a half day of school on Thursday, April 8; spring vacation will begin at the end of the school day. School resumes on April 19.

Orchard Hills Elementary: The school's next PTO meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 p.m. April 27 is Orchard Hills safety night, beginning at 7 p.m.

Parkview Elementary: Students will participate in a "Back to Bones" assembly on April 7 — animals with vertebrae will be exhibited and discussed. On April 21 author Valerie Shoo Carey will discuss her stories and the creative writing process with students; parents are also invited.

Novi Woods Elementary: Author Jaque Wuerenberg will make a presentation to parents at 7 p.m. on April 21.

Novi Meadows: The school's next PTO meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 7:30 p.m. A parents' meeting for fifth grade human growth and development is set for April 20 at 7 p.m.

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N'ville HS principal picks the top alumni

By MICHELLE KAISER
Staff Writer

As principal of Northville High School, Thomas Johnson has a lot of tough decisions to make.

In his second year at Northville, he's realizing that one of his toughest decisions is selecting one person to be inducted into the district's Distinguished Alumni Club.

"My first year thought it — being a part of the committee — was one of the most experiences," the principal said. "We have a number of people with tremendous backgrounds, who have graduated from here, who are just fascinating."

Last year, 12 graduates were candidates for the prestigious award. The competition was tough, but Velma Lewis Ward came out the winner.

A descendant of the Lewis family represented in Jack Hoffman's Northville, The First Hundred Years, Ward is a biochemist and anthropologist who graduated from Northville High School in 1949. She has a master of science degree in physiological chemistry from Wayne State University.

Ward has worked as a research assistant in the biochemistry of mental disease at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit. She also served as assistant director of a Detroit area precollege engineering program and recently served as vice president of the Detroit chapter of the Association for Women in Science.

Nominees for this year's award will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from the student body, community, faculty, and central office and high school administration. Serving on last year's committee were Jean Cousse, Bruce Turnball, Jean Hansen, Patricia Dorrian-Sandbolte, Jack Wickens, Dolly McMaster, Barbara LeBoeuf, Chris Ford, Chris Johnson, three students and the principal himself.

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

Five Novi Middle School students were next 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.

At 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.

Winning certificates of merit in the competition were the following Novi Middle Schoolers:

- Christa Dias, ink drawing work;
- Samantha Groeger, acrylic painting;
- Jules Namm, pencil drawing;
- Reiko Narita, acrylic painting.

Gary Boyer, Middle School art teacher, said that the pieces would be on display at the Novi Youth Art Show on May 20.

The board congratulated all the students for their hard work and achievements. Members also thanked district staff for their efforts in education in the Novi school district.

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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:

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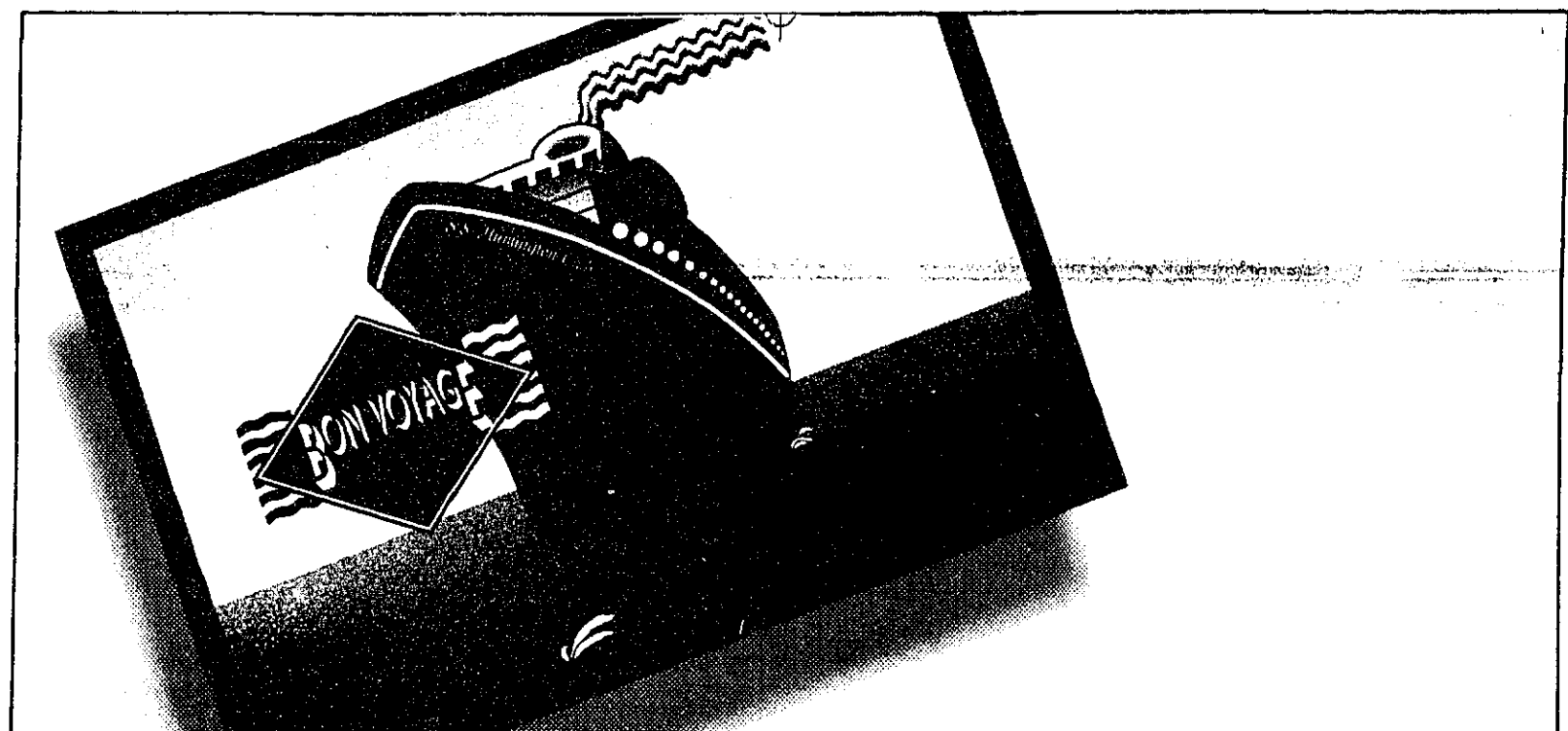
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Suspect may get youth program

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

An Andover High School student accused of involvement in an alleged credit card fraud ring that operated in and around Novi could have all records of his involvement expunged if he is accepted to an Oakland County program for youthful offenders.

A pre-sentencing investigation currently underway and expected to be entered before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard April 26 will determine whether Frederick Binno, 18, is eligible for the program.

Binno and another teen, Daniel Lin, are accused of operating a credit card fraud ring that involved Andover High School students stealing their parents' credit cards and turning them over in exchange for cash or merchandise.

Police believe Lin and Binno would then use the credit cards until they were reported stolen.

Binno currently faces one felony count of fraudulent use of a financial transaction device. Lin, who is facing

seven felony counts in connection with the case, is not currently being considered for the program.

Binno's attorney, Kalem Garrick, petitioned for Binno's acceptance to the program at Binno's March 29 circuit court arraignment, at which he pled mute.

If Binno were accepted for the program he would likely plead guilty to the charge, serve probation, and have the incident expunged from his record after a set number of years. He is currently free on \$1,000 bond.

Novi police began investigating the case in December when two suspects, later identified by a witness as Lin and Binno, escaped after allegedly attempting to purchase watches in Twelve Oaks Mall with a credit card that came up stolen.

Both were arrested Jan. 14 after they reportedly made another purchase with stolen credit cards while under surveillance at the Twelve Oaks Sony Home Theatre store.

The case remains under investigation.

Patterson seeks business input

Local businesses are receptive to the idea of an advisory group to help improve Oakland County's business climate, according to County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

"I've been inundated with companies offering their services," Patterson said Friday while talking about his proposed business roundtable.

The roundtable was one of the campaign promises Patterson made last fall in his race against Democrat Elizabeth "Betty" Howe.

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Education Notes

Cleary College black-tie: Cleary College has announced plans to hold its largest and most ambitious fund-raiser in its 110-year history. "After Hours," an event and auction, will be held on Friday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton Grand Ballroom in Novi. Black tie preferred.

A joint effort by Cleary's Washienaw and Livingston campuses, the event is targeted to raise at least \$25,000 to be used for students' scholarships, classroom renovations, and the College's endowment fund.

The evening will consist of silent and live auctions as well as a light supper. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Local companies and individuals interested in donating an item for auction or who would like tickets or additional information are invited to contact Cleary College's Advancement Office at 483-4400 or toll free 1-800-686-1883.

OCC information night: College Information Night will be Thursday, April 8, at OCC's Highland Lakes Campus. The free-admission event begins at 7 p.m. in the campus Student Center Area. OCC counselors, instructors, financial aid and admissions representatives will be on hand to answer questions regarding all aspects of college life, from degree requirements to available student services.

"This event is the best way for seniors and their parents to become familiar with the procedures for beginning a college career," says OCC Admissions Recruiter Ken Urban. "It gives them the chance to learn about the campus, its programs and the opportunities available in the college system."

More details may be obtained by phoning the college at 360-3135.

The Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Colley Lake Road in Waterford. Ample free parking is available in several lots near the Student Center.

Learn to prevent fire tragedy

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

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Can you make a difference? — just listen to a Song

The following is the winning speech presented in the Novi/Northville Optimist Club Oratorical Contest by Northville High student Andrew Song.

I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I can make a difference. Kids? What can they do? They're just kids. All we kids can do is obey our parents. We must clean our rooms and go to school, but we also have fun, play and just be kids. But we are the future, and we can do much more than many people think. We can write letters to senators and recycle. But what can children do that adults can't?

Well, many children rely on their parents for everything. If you are a parent, you probably understand how much work it takes to be one.

Public speaking brings out cold sweats and jitters for most people, but not for a handful of Northville and Novi high school students.

Eleven young men and women gathered recently at the Novi Civic Center to compete in the Novi-Northville Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest. The topic for the students' self-penned speeches was "I Can Make a Difference."

Among the girls, Kathy Smith of Northville High finished first. Beth Langham and Kristin Martell, both of Novi, were second and third respectively.

Andrew Song of Northville won among the boys. Second place went to Patrick Dunn of Novi High, and Tom Fleming of Northville was third.

The accomplishments of the Northville students are especially noteworthy since the school's speech program was axed in a recent round of budget cuts at the school. Their coach, Cheryl Gazlay, worked with them on their own time.

Following are the winning speeches in the girls' and boys' competition.

But when children grow older they become more independent. Soon, they're off to college. Then they get themselves their own family, and they become parents too.

But what's left for the Mom and Dad. They spent all their energy into raising their kids. When they become

great grandparents they're too old to work. Their children have forgotten them along with all the love they have given. No one has enough time to take care of their great grandparents. The usual solution, they're put in a nursing home. That's what happens when the life of the protective parent ends, and the life of the senior citizen begins.

The first time I realized this was on one unforgettable Saturday. I was going with my Chinese lion dance team to entertain a group of senior citizens. If you're wondering, a Chinese lion dance is a cultural tradition performed at New Years to bring good luck and good health to our audience. It was late. We had already been to one performance at the restaurant. We were all reluctant to dance again.

Afterwards, I volunteered to help serve dinner. The senior citizens lined up, and a few grins and patted me on the back while I placed a serving of vegetables on their plate. I left that day feeling that I had brought spirit into a lonely life.

A week later, I felt compelled to visit the nursing home again. I began helping by cleaning windows and sweeping the floor. But after a while, I began to talk with the senior citizens.

One man taught me how to play with a yo-yo, a forgotten pastime. I had never been able to use a yo-yo before. But he taught me how to spin it using a quick wrist snap. Then, he taught me tricks like baby in a cradle, walk the dog, and around the world. I also joined them in a game of bingo, which I loved playing when I was younger.

I could never forget their faces, and I visited the nursing home often. I grew to know one individual in particular who would greet me with a toothless smile. He would clasp my hand between his hands, hug me tightly, and utter some strange sounds because he couldn't speak clearly. I would simply smile back. I read articles to him from magazines and newspapers and spent a lot of time with him.

I return to the nursing home often and visit the senior citizens, because I'd like to return the love to them that they gave to someone like me.

Speech winner writes from — and about — the heart

The following is the winning speech presented in the Novi/Northville Optimist Club Oratorical Contest by Northville High student Kathy Smith.

I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I was taught to hate Russians. They were the enemy. They were communists. It did not matter if they were advocates of peace. They were terrorists. Or if they signed treaties disarming nuclear weapons. They were not to be trusted. My parents were taught this, just as Russian children and their parents were taught the same thing about Americans.

I remember summer war games in bare feet and using sticks for guns. We were on a hunt for the enemies, for the Russians. How we would laugh and dance when we defeated our invisible enemy. And then go inside for milk and cookies.

This summer I went to England to attend an international scout jamboree. Thirty-one countries attended it as well as a troop from Russia. The theme for the camp was world friendship. South African troops were

camped next to troops from Rwanda, Irish next to English. Do you know what country the Americans camped by? The Italians. One day myself and two other girls were wandering around the camp looking for people to trade patches with when we found ourselves right in the middle of the Russian campsite. The tents were in a horseshoe around a wide open area which we were standing in.

We could see the girls peering at us through the tent flaps. Then, one by one, they crept out of the tents with little bags in their hands and we found ourselves surrounded. My friends and I don't know any Russian, so communicating was a bit difficult. We did a lot of "Americans... no Americans... you know, the ones who pointed nuclear weapons at you?" Ah ha, a breakthrough. The Russian girls were better off than we were. They spoke four words of English. They would reach into the bags they had and pull out a handful of pins. They would dump them into our hands as they said, "A gift for you." It's ironic that many of the pins were of the uniforms of Russian soldiers. Medals given for valor by defeating the enemy. They are worthless to the soldiers now. Not to be done, we great Americans gave the Russians pins, cookie pins, Ameri-

can flags, and the friendship pin. So we traded and told jokes that the other couldn't understand and laughed anyway. After a while we parted with hugs and smiles and the silent promise never again to hate something that we could not see.

I am reminded of Romeo and Juliet. You remember the story. Two warring families brought together by love of children. It is irrelevant that the children died for their love. It is

more important that it shows that individuals can make a difference. In the story, the children had to pay the ultimate price for peace. We don't have to be that dramatic. All we have to do is try.

Oh, I can make a difference. I know I can. You just need to look at my uniform to see that it is covered with Russian pins, just as their uniforms are covered with American ones. I think that all of my troop felt a little guilty that day. We had grown up hating children because of the actions of their fathers. It was fitting, I think, that the camp song that year was the song, "Save the Children." One of the lines goes, "Give them all a second chance to live in harmony," something that our parents could not do. But now, starting with my generation, my troop, starting with me, we will be able to.

Prejudice is ignorance, fear of what we cannot see and it is passed down from generation to generation. It only takes one person to change hate into friendship. And though it is a lot easier to say "I hate you because your skin is darker than mine or your religion is different from mine, or you were born in a different country than I was," it is more appropriate to say to a person, a gift for you.

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Exec mad about hash bash

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The department's "Show Mobile," a sort of stage on wheels, was rented for \$200 by a fellow who uses it as a venue for political speeches at the "Hash Bash," an annual rally supporting the legalization of the herb marijuana.

Patterson was "not a happy camper" after getting phone calls Monday morning from folks who'd seen the county Show Mobile, with its prominent Oakland County logo, in television news coverage of the rally, county spokesman Bob Dustman said.

Patterson called an impromptu press conference Monday to apologize to the taxpayers for what he considers to be the abuse of that Show Mobile and promise that it won't happen again.

Looking straight into two television cameras set up in his office, Patterson, the county's former prosecutor, said, "I'm absolutely furious that

Obituary

DANIEL B. ARLEN

Daniel B. Arlen, 50, of Northville died March 27 at Henry Ford Hospital. He was born April 8, 1942 in Detroit to Rose Roman Arlen and the late Ben J. Arlen. He was a project engineer with

Ford Motor Co. for 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn S. Arlen, the owner of Carolyn's Creations, and his mother, Rose Arlen of Livonia.

Services were Wednesday, March 31 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Msgr. Walter

A. Hurley will officiate. Visitation was March 30 from the Ross B. Northrop Funeral Home, Northville. A scripture service was held Tuesday at 7 p.m. Memorials to the Michigan Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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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.

But 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-

ropriations 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 O'Neill Jr., D-Saginaw. "But if you look at the last five or six recessions, we come back after each recession, but never to where we were."

Added Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis: "O'Neill 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."

"The success rate of these students is phenomenal. The normal retention rate for students to re-enroll is 63 percent. For these (at-risk) students, it's over 90 percent."

Not only do at-risk students get developmental academic work in math and reading, he said, but they also get special counseling and help setting career goals.

Schoolcraft gets \$159,700 and OCC \$123,000 for at-risk programs currently.

As for job training, McDowell said, "Community colleges have been identified by all governors as job training providers."

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 10 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 linen.

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 Joan 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.

Amerman 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.

"Think 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 language arts curriculum. 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 experience 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 7 1/2-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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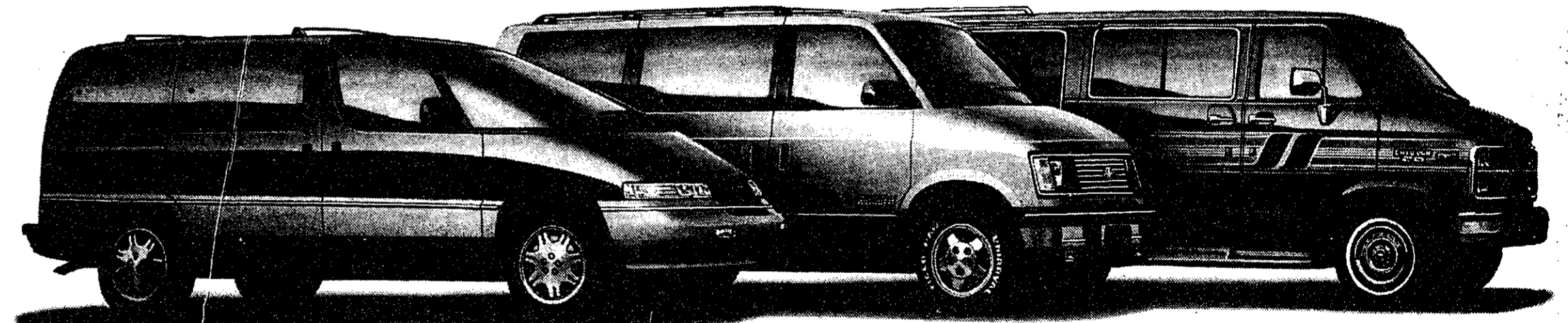
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As We See It

Dialogue beginning on sex harassment policy

The good news is that the Novl Board of Education is beginning to get a real dialogue going. It's 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 and is testing and examining its provisions is, to us, very good news indeed. And the board deserves credit for it.

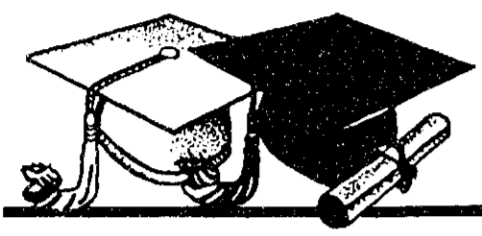
Since the policy was first submitted to the board, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources John Swallow has made a number of changes to the verbiage. The one that most interests us is a provision which explains that, when an incident of sexual harassment against a student by a district employee 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 is 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



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of law. When that happens, they simply do not seek a warrant. In fact, in the case of any complaint which does not have merit, police won't be able to do anything with it. If they try, it will be reviewed by a judge who will have the final say.

As far as we are concerned, bringing in the police each and every time, automatically, does not eliminate the accused's chances for a fair hearing. If anything, it will put expert investigators on the case and increase the likelihood that the truth will be uncovered.

Without that provision — an absolute requirement that police be informed — our fear is that it is more likely incidents seen as minor will be treated too lightly. Keep in mind that most students are minors and most district employees are adults. Legally, a minor cannot be considered to have consented to sexual relations with an adult. So even minor incidents may well constitute crimes. Incidents that, were they to occur between two students or between a couple of district employees, might be only civil harassment cases appropriate for the district to handle internally; but they could well constitute crimes when they occur between employees and students.

If school board members are still leery about adopting an absolute provision requiring the police department be informed, we'd suggest they invite the Novl police chief or a detective to come talk to them about how the department would handle such cases. Perhaps the school district and police department should be communicating on a policy like this before it is adopted and implemented anyway.

Congrats is order for tax plan



Phil Power

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 this year (from a statewide average growth of more than 10 percent) and indexed to no more than inflation in future years.

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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:

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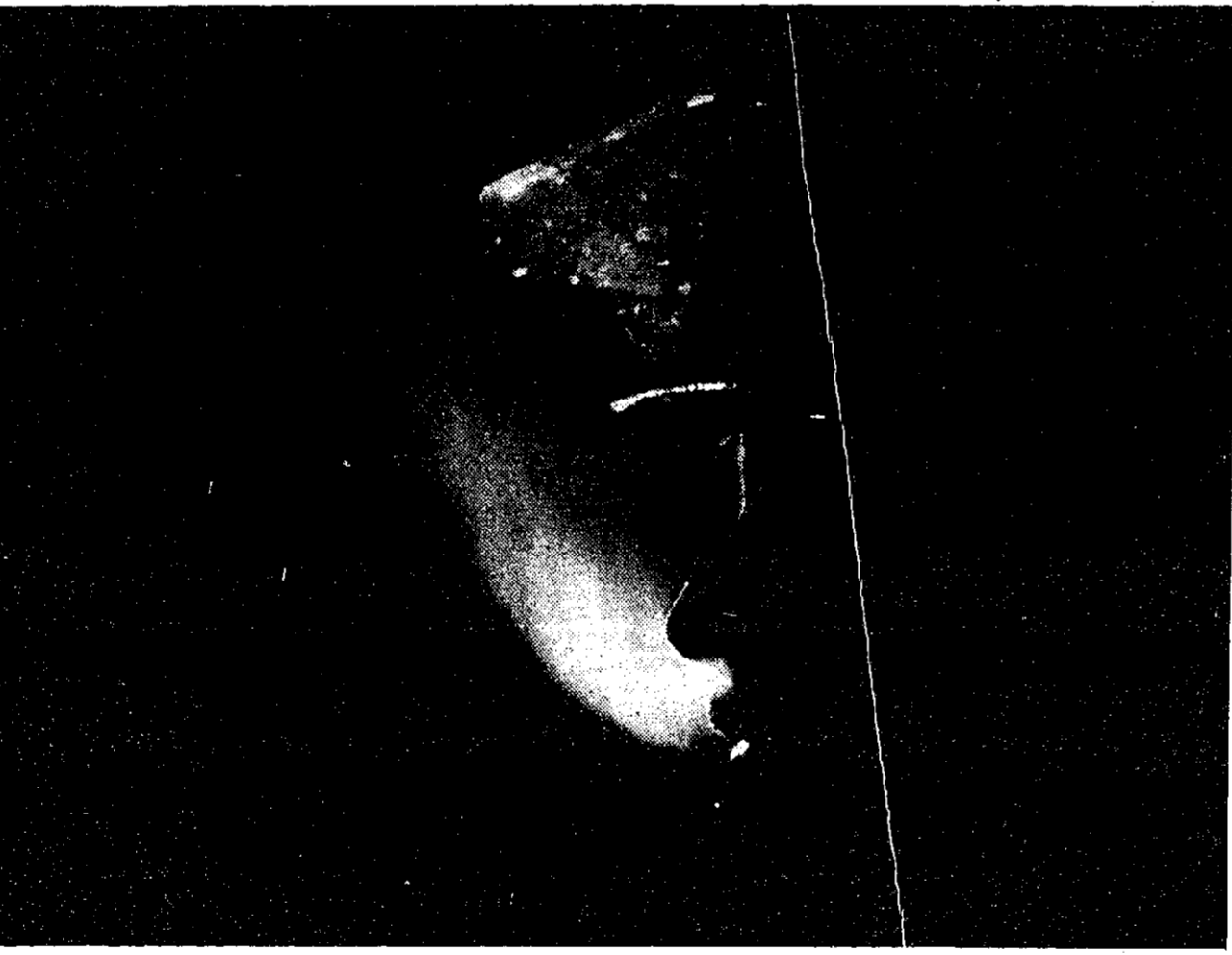
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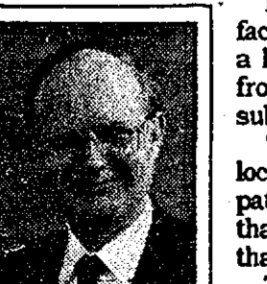
Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



'Frosty air' A Novl firefighter on scene on a cold winter's night

The false god of local control



Tim Richard

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The state Senate has approved 36 to 1 a bill by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, allowing a state receiver to take over where the locals can't provide 180 days of classes.

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■ U.S. District Judge John Felkens appointed a czar to run the Detroit water and sewerage department during a political lawsuit.

Kalkaska School District, facing a state takeover, is getting a lot of undeserved sympathy from schools folks in our suburbs.

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■ Louis Schimmel was appointed receiver when the City of Ecorse went bankrupt.

■ Phil Runkel, state superintendent of public instruction, wound up running Wayne County Community College during the worst of its many crises.

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Revenue producers may carry a cost



Michael Malott

Over time, I've come to have a great deal of respect for Novl Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

Regular readers know that we've had our little disagreements. In fact, we've had a few out-and-out battles. But I've always walked away from those scrapes feeling very good about the way Shaeffer handled himself. For one, he shows a real sense of responsibility to the public he serves and, for another, he has a high level of integrity.

Personally, I can think of no higher compliment to a lawman. Policemen are supposed to be tough, so you can't expect them to always be pleasant and agreeable. Honesty and integrity are standards by which cops should be judged.

So I've come to think quite highly of the chief. And that's why I found the conversation he had with the Novl City Council last week about the police department budget so disturbing.

Shaeffer is trying to get the best allocation for his department from the council that he can. Despite the fact I happen to think Novl has one of the best funded police departments around,

that's not really my concern here. I can appreciate Shaeffer's arguments for more money. I approach my news department budgets exactly the same way. I'm sure the Novl police could indeed do a better job with a bigger budget.

But Shaeffer also talked about how he was considering launching several new programs that would produce more revenue for his department. Among those programs were adding a weighmaster to enforce truck weight limits in town, increasing traffic enforcement, getting a drug sniffing dog, getting more in payment for police coverage of special events, and increasing efforts to collect fines levied for violations of Novl's new false alarms ordinance.

Now, I find that disturbing. I happen to think the motivation for law enforcement programs and crackdown efforts should be to address some law and order problem, not to make money. If Shaeffer were arguing, for example, that a weighmaster was needed because there are a lot of overweight trucks on Novl's roads breaking up the pavement, I could buy that.

But the idea we should have a weighmaster because he or she could write lots of tickets to truck drivers and make lots of money for the city is one I find downright distasteful.

I'm thinking I should take Shaeffer to see the movie *Robin Hood*. Perhaps he's already seen it.

Historians of course doubt there really was a Robin Hood, but they believe the story is based on an accurate description of the political situation in England in that period. While the king was away on a Crusade to the Holy Land, the operation of the government at home fell to the Sheriff of Nottingham. The Sheriff used the color of law to extort payment from the peasantry. That the Sheriff demanded so much that it pushed many into absolute poverty and eventually caused the people to take up arms in revolt is only a matter of degree.

I doubt Shaeffer would carry it to that degree, but when law enforcement officials target otherwise law-abiding citizens and start extracting from them payment in lines simply to make money for the government, they are taking a dangerous course. The public is not easily fooled and can tell the difference between legitimate efforts to control behavior and excessive ticket writing aimed at making money for the city.

Be warned: when Novl voters agreed a few years back to pay more in millage for police department staffing, one of the key selling points was that their subdivisions would be better patrolled in order to protect them from break-ins and burglaries. If they now find that their support is just resulting in their having to pay more in lines for minor violations, they're less likely to be supportive in the future.

The point is, chief, that you may find that these revenue producers will carry a cost for the police department, which is a diminished public respect for the law.

Common courtesy says not to cause undue nuisance to your neighbors. Wouldn't it be great if a creative way of feeding wildlife without feeding the geese was used for residential areas? A nice compromise from people wanting to feed geese would be to do so at a public park. Isn't it easier for geese to pack up their belongings and move their household than for me to do the same?

John R. Carbutt

Isn't it easier for the birds to move

Letters

1985-86 created a man-made pond a couple hundred yards away and thus provides a continuous water supply. A certain Woodland Glen resident has faithfully supplied food for at least the past four years.

My quality of life has decreased. Because of the large number of goose droppings in the area I'm embarrassed to invite guests over and compel them to wade their way to my front door, check their shoes

and remove if necessary. I have reported the number of outside residential and social gatherings at my home. I limit the number of visits from my young nieces and nephews because I'm concerned with their safety and don't feel comfortable inviting them around this undesirable mess and potential health hazard.

The quality of life for geese is being put above people's quality of life in our residential areas. It's not the

geese I dislike, it's the goose droppings in the area of our homes that I strongly dislike. I agree that people should be able to feed wildlife, but I'm against the nuisance of goose droppings on our front lawn.

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Readers comment on teacher pay

Salary survey

I am flabbergasted that our school board, without any public meetings, would raise the salaries of all workers so high. Novl is one of the highest paying districts in Michigan and also one of the greatest systems to work within. This should be the "LAST" raise for five years. If they choose to strike, they other capable teachers for much less money who need to work, with lower present step!

Ed DeBribe

My taxes are too high now. Novl, since the election, has had two tax increases. Since the two increases they have had only 4 to 6 percent of the voters voting.

Dale C. Schaefer

Today's public schools aren't producing the good students as when I went to school and graduated in 1969. The discipline when I went to school isn't in public schools today. Back then the teachers cared for the students, instead of their paychecks. Today it's a fact that teachers care more for their paychecks than teaching the students in public education, so they aren't worth even half of which I mentioned above. And that's most of the faculties in public education.

Joseph P. Canter

Teachers like others in the "workplace" should EARN their salaries. Recent poor testing grades indicate (to me) the Novl teachers are failing to provide students with math and reading skills. When I worked as an administrative secretary, I was given an annual salary increase based on a performance evaluation. Are Novl teachers evaluated?

Mary A. Riley

Too much pay for only 180 days of school. Most of us have to work a full year for that kind of wage. Very unhappy taxpayer.

Charles M. Chastney

I agree that these raises should have been lower in light of the dub-

ousness of the situation in Lansing.

Mary Ann C. Weber

Compensation should be tied to performance and not seniority — performance should be better evaluated and rewarded. The way to do this would be to have interested citizens of the community randomly picked from a hat of many) plus peers (other teachers) evaluations weighted equally. A consensus on wage could then be made based on performance.

James Utley

We understand that being a teacher is a very important job, but we feel they are very appreciated for nine-month job. Salary should be based on performance, not tenure.

Jim and Pay Schobani

Why should teachers, who only work nine months a year and have excellent fringe benefits, be paid more than office workers with greater responsibility who have to put in a full year of work, suffer pay freezes or take concessions and whose job security is always in question? Michael Malott was correct in his critical editorial questioning the Board of Education employee contracts. Keep up the good work.

Robert W. Croff

I, too, am tired of hearing teachers complain about how poorly paid they are. New graduates in my field, (veterinary medicine), have an average starting salary of \$27,000 after seven or eight years of college. Plus, we work all year long, have terrible hours, and no pension plan. Pity the poor teachers? Not me.

Gary Weins

This is a very negative survey. You seem to want the results to be negative. I can't believe the percentages for list. I didn't think the Novl teachers got a 14 percent plus 3.75 increase.

Robert Waite

School teachers can buy a car or a home without worrying about sales or their company moving out of town or the country. And for that security they should work for less. You can bet if their salary was cut in half they would not quit and give up that security.

Wayne Ruona

Should not have base and step pay increases. Where in industry does that occur? Don't these board members live in Novl? What good does it do to work for lower property taxes only to have elected officials give more tax money away? I had been, (and still am) appalled at the salary given to the superintendent (\$106,000) . . . for one high school, four elementary, and one middle school? A small system, and he is aided by an assistant superintendent and how many principals? Too much!

Joan Papouh

I whole-heartedly agree with the recently published editorials concerning both the size of the pay increases and the short sightedness of negotiating multi-year contracts without full knowledge of possible budget constraints. The teachers in this district are already very well paid, and can certainly be asked to make the same kinds of sacrifices that businesses and other public agencies are making given the economic climate, state policies under Engler and pending property tax reform. I am employed in the non-profit community mental health field, where starting pay for a master's degree professional is \$20,000 and top pay is under \$30,000. We will not receive pay raises this year at all. Pay raises for school personnel should be negotiated on an annual basis, at least until the school finance reform is achieved.

Debra Kade

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State-of-the-art learning on cable



Lark Samouelian

At its March 25 meeting, the South- Oakland Cable Commission decided to grant a regular agenda line item for education.

Flanagan will determine with the other representative bodies of our community who will be ongoing appointed educational liaison for the representative bodies of Farmington schools, Novi schools, Clawsonville, Walker Lake, Oakland Community College and private and parochial schools. All these entities received recognition through the years of our cable franchise.

In the past year both the cable industry and the telephone industry have made nationally

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The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission looks forward to moving into the future with increased strength of our community and salutes Mr. Flanagan for his progressive outlook.

Lark Samouelian is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which oversees the activities of MetroVision cable service.

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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 Samolin

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. Piotrovic

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 Couvlin

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 pockets full of money. They figure that money is theirs for the taking. Seven 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. Pohlman

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

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

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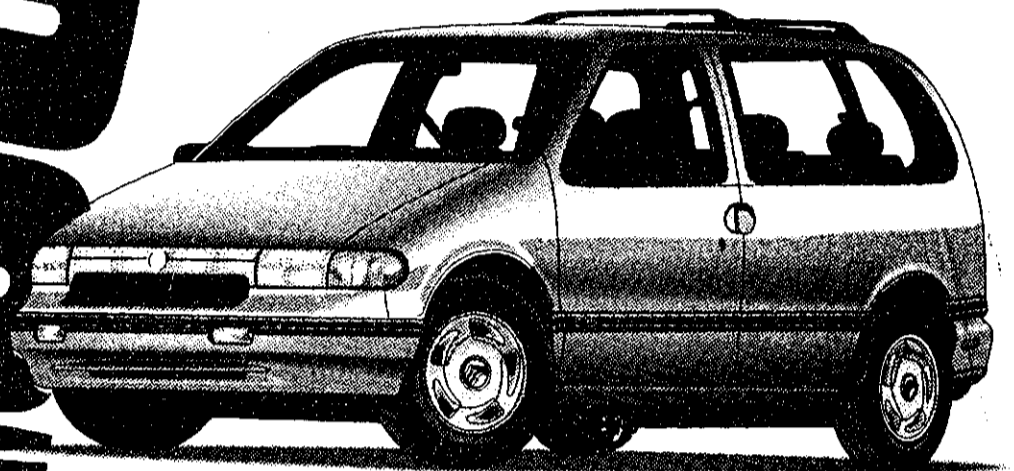
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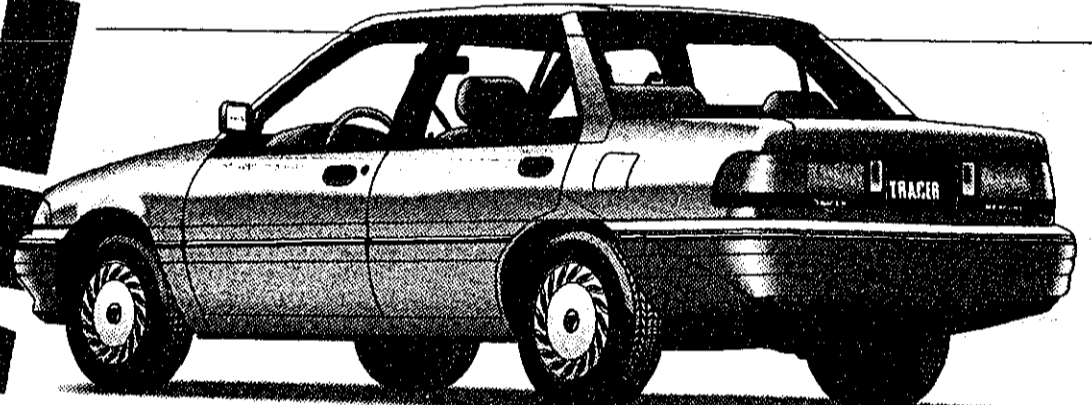
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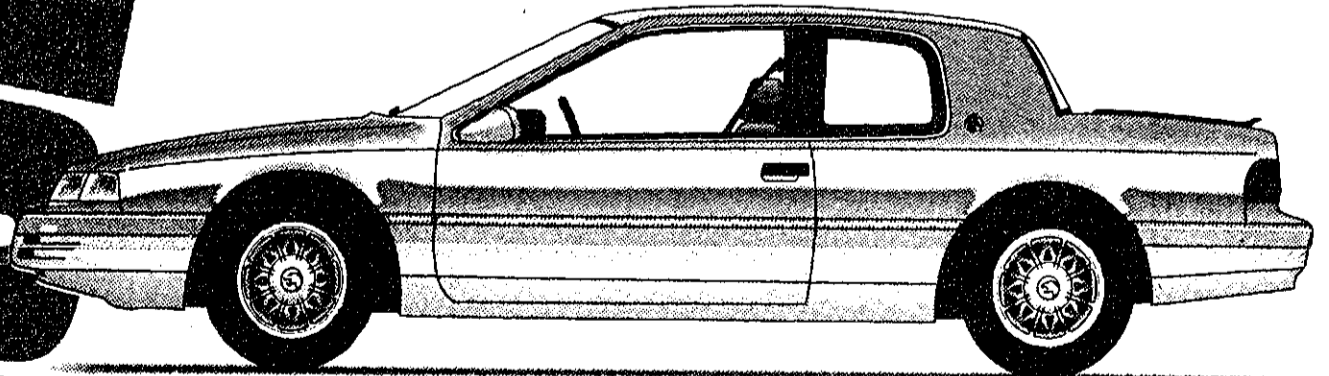
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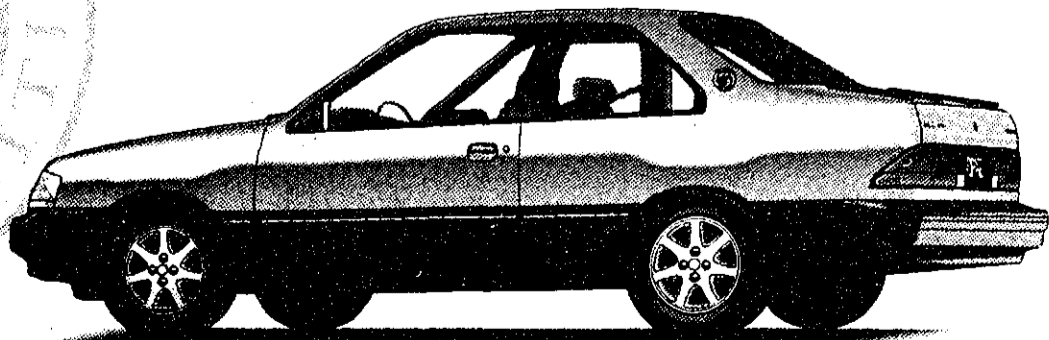
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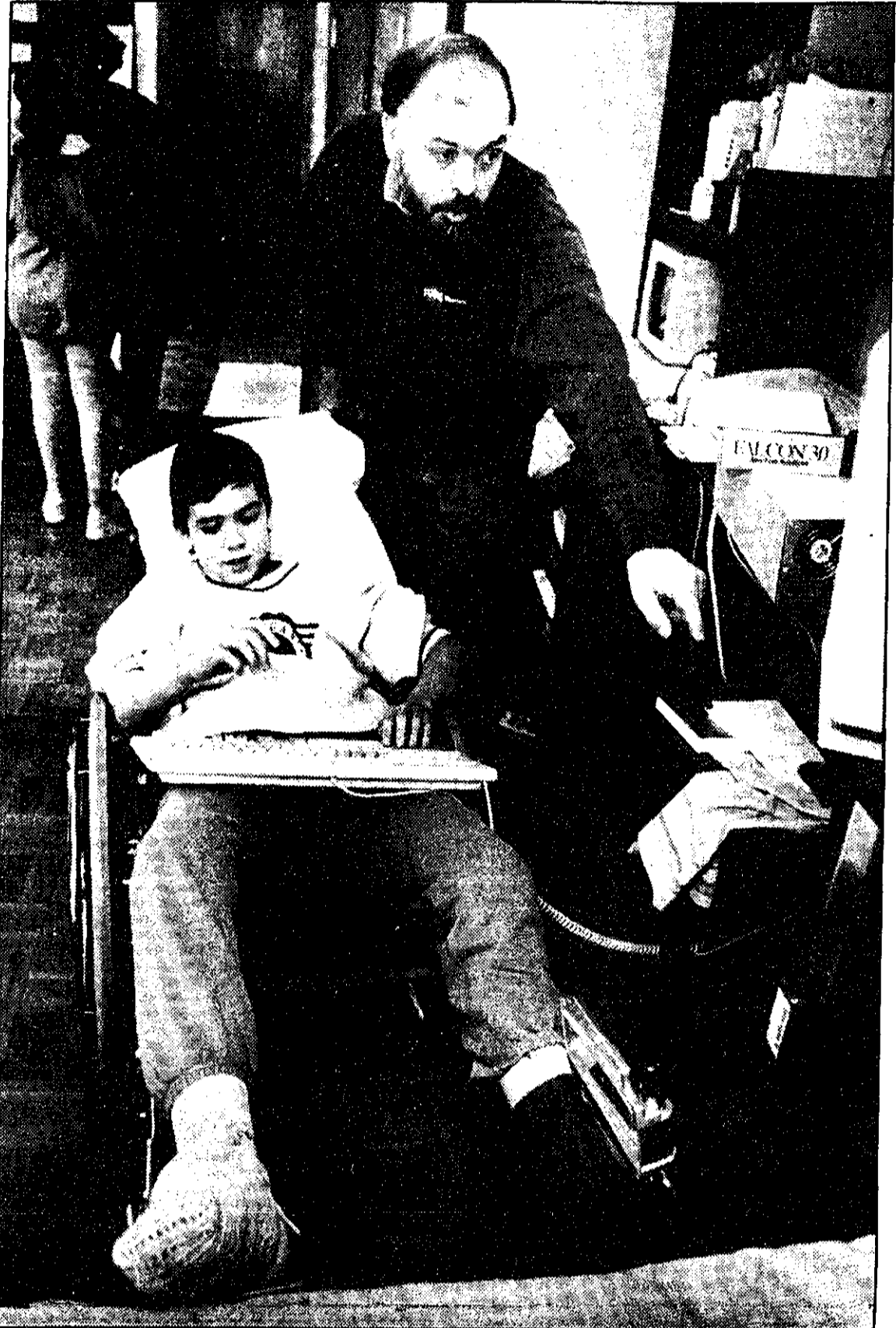
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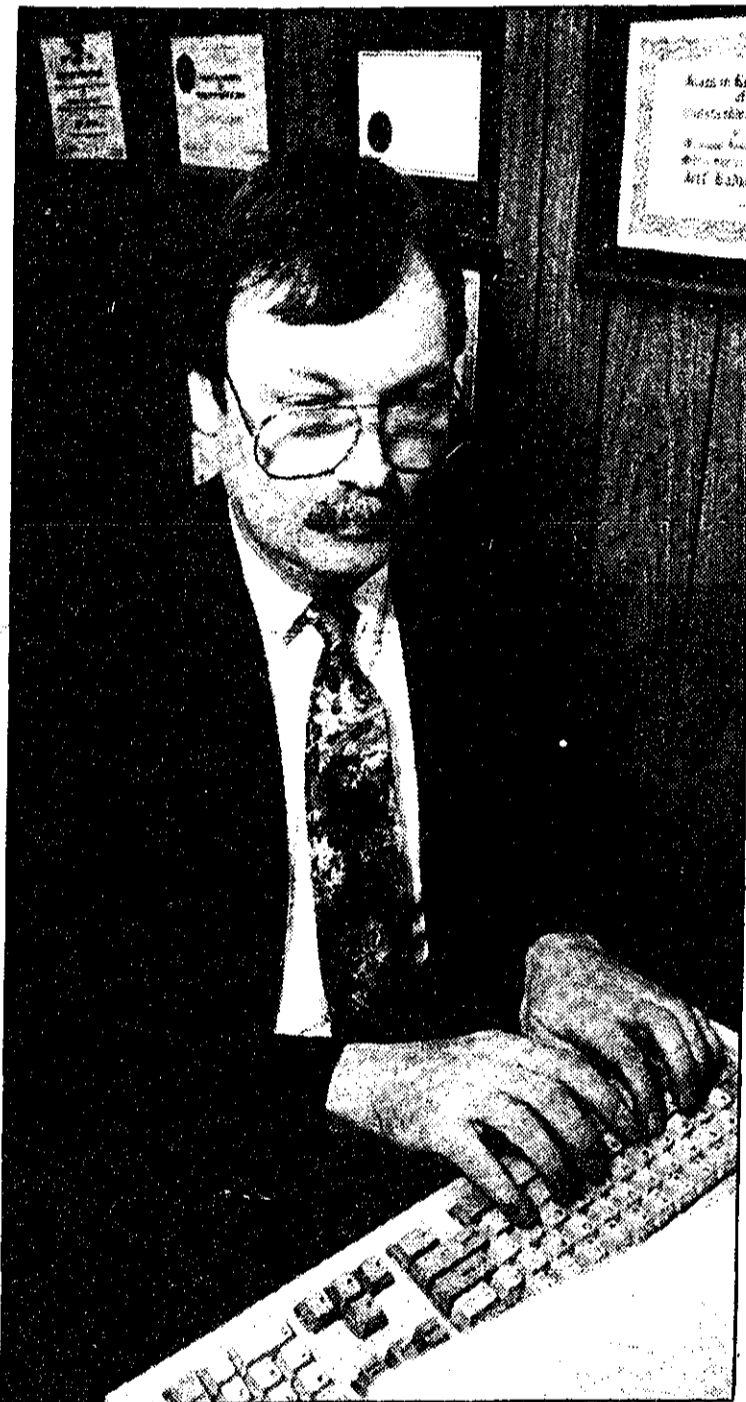


Twelve-year-old Steve King calls up the district's wide area network to see what his classmates have written to him.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

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



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

HI-TEK HOME WORK

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. "What 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

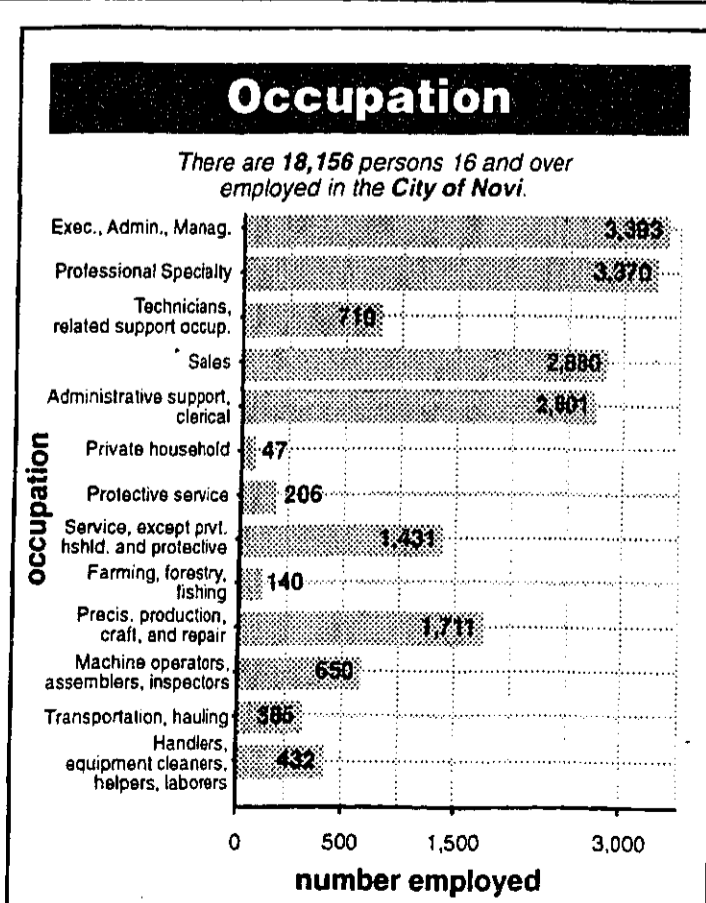
named "Blinky," who is made of chicken-wire covered with tin foil and strung with blinking Christmas tree lights.

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 back-drops against which they and their dinosaurs would enact an entertaining, developmental or inventional 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



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 those present and a display of projects members made throughout the year 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. "Samantha" found a new home. She is a beautiful doll that has been on display at Novi Library recently with just a few of her over 24 gorgeous outfits handmade by members of the Guild. She came complete with hair bows to match her outfits and storage boxes made especially for her.

Last Monday, the evening group finished the smocked baskets they had started with Jane Rost last month. They meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the library.

The morning group will be meeting April 15 for "Baby Girl Show and Share" day. The members will be bringing in a favorite baby girl and demonstrating how to make it. Final plans are being made to attend the Regional Convention in Indianapolis April 23-25. The guild will be sending a chapter basket for raffie at the convention. Each member is asked to bring in a "Michigan Product" such as Vaseline sticks, cherries from Traverse City, etc.

Service projects are also being considered. For the babies that were adopted, the Hall has had to discontinue its service to the community. Call the library for more information on the Guild.

Novi Highlights

SPIRIT OF CHRIST 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 by participating in the Community Ecumenical Service at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church. The Tenbrae 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. at 10:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday School because of Easter Breakfast, served from 8:30-10 a.m. The breakfast will be coordinated by Kevin Westfall, other volunteers and youth of the congregation.

Several events are coming up at the church, including The Education Committee Meeting April 19 followed by a Sunday Church School Teachers meeting April 25. 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. Monday and return by 7:30 p.m. The meeting of the ELCA held their Women's Day 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 girls were given to the "Celebrate

Life" project which will help children going into foster care. The ladies are looking for old towels, sheets, plastics off dry cleaning and masking tape, and items for the rummage sale April 24. Items can be brought in beginning April 19.

NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
The club meets once a month for a meeting at the Civic Center. At the last meeting over 20 members joined to hear Dick Wolf, an assistant emergency coordinator from the Oakland County Office of EMS and Emergency Management Division. He gave an update report on the communication 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.

The tests are held the first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. beginning in March. Members make arrangements to monitor the eight sirens now in Novi. They are located throughout the city with one at the Novi Police Department and others at 13 Mile and Farmington, and one in the north end of South Lake Drive. There is a siren at Grand River and Novi Road and at Village Oaks Elementary School, Eight Mile and Meadowbrook Area. Wixom Road and Eleven Mile, and at Meadowbrook and Grand River.

Those who monitor the sirens call in the results to the Fire/ice office. With the start of the tornado season, the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps is bringing to everyone's attention the Skywarn classes that are available beginning April 22 through May 18. Classes will be held at the Emergency Operating Center and will be at various times, such as morning, afternoon or evening, making it possible for everyone who would like to attend to find a suitable time. Call 858-5300 for information.

Whitehall Home for the Aged

The residents joined with the residents of Whitehall Nursing Home on Ten Mile and went to the circus. They had a great time with director Marylou Becker. They will also be going to Kensington Park to see the Farm Animals as soon as the weather is better. They have lessons each week with June Fetters. She expects two of the residents to graduate in June. Joe Simonski and Clara Tull. The residents have a number of friends from various churches who help celebrate birthdays, including Holy Family Catholic Church, and Our Lady of Sorrows, who joined in having a singalong and help with Bingo.

Hoping Lutheran Church on West Twelve Mile near Haggerty, has been sending a group of women for the last 25 years to visit the residents the second Wednesday of the month. They feel like family to the residents, as some do not have family nearby. The ladies visit them regularly.

Church family brings in items

The church family brings in items such as bananas, sugar free candy-bars and cookies, cupcakes, napkins and plates, as well as small times like hand lotion and Kleenex, for the residents. Sandy Wallace of the Country Epicure visits them the last Thursday of the month and brings beautiful cakes and gifts.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church, with pastor Ken Stevens, brings church services every Monday morning. First Baptist Church of Novi makes the church available for anyone who wishes to attend Sunday School and church.

Clubhouse with those attending

Clubhouse with those attending asked to bring a hot or cold pasta dish. The cost is \$5 per person for the other parts of the dinner. All members are encouraged to bring prospective members to this event. Reservations can be made at 348-NOVI.

In addition, the date is set for the Special Person's Night, April 25. The Michigan Jaycees Annual Meeting will be on Mackinac Island the weekend after Mother's Day. On Arbor Day they will be giving free trees to a local elementary school. In early June the group will begin planning for the third annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, which they co-sponsor with the Novi Arts Council. Call the 348-NOVI if you would like to help.

NOVI PINPOINTERS
High bowlers were Rosemary Banish of the Never a Doubts with 213 in a 584 series, Jan Legal of the Adventurers with 185, Lynn Zwar of the B and Ls with 183, Minnie Legal of the Eager Beavers with 177, Marilyn Vallancourt of the Never a Doubts with 176 and Shirley Thorpe of the Hi Los with 171. Team standings are as follows:

Never a Doubt.....125-68
By a Hair.....109-82
Adventurers.....109-82
Eager Beavers.....97-94
B and L.....95-98
Bowling Bags.....89-102
Hi Los.....86V-102V
Century 21 West.....88-105
M and M.....83V-107V
Lionel Goo.....78-113

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1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:30 p.m.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
4155 St. Ives Road
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.
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4171 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook
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AAUW works to improve science among local girls

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Despite the many attempts to rid schools of gender bias, surveys continue to show that girls shy away from science and math.

It is a tendency that leads young women away from higher-paying technical careers. So as part of an ongoing project to heighten the interest of middle school-aged girls in science, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Northville-Novu branch is planning science workshops this spring at Tollgate Education Center.

AAUW has been involved nationally in projects to help equalize the development of girls. In February, 1992 it published a report titled "How Schools Shortchange Girls." It was the result of the AAUW Educational Foundation's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund award to the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. The report was presented a year ago at the National Summit on Girls in

Washington, D.C. and is a review of 1,300 research articles and publications on girls and education.

Among its major findings were that girls tend to receive significantly less attention from classroom teachers than do boys; that sexual harassment of girls by boys is on the upswing; and that computer technology and science classes have been particularly strewed with gender bias in favor of boys.

The Tollgate workshops scheduled for May 8, "Excited About Science," involve two separate sessions for girls in grades 5-8. The cost of the workshops is \$5 with matching funds provided by AAUW.

The two sessions, which are limited to 15 girls each, will offer hands-on learning experiences in science. Activities will include: ■ The study of plant and animal communities in the pond, meadow and forest habitats. ■ Recognition of plants as food factories. ■ Understanding the work of a scientist.

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The instructor, Betty Hancock, is an educator with a graduate degree in the sciences from the University of Michigan. She applies a creative interdisciplinary co-operative learning approach to her science workshops.

Another upcoming AAUW Northville-Novu activity, also designed to address the need for science education among girls, is set for Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. David Bydowski, president of the Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association will speak at the Silver Springs school library, 19601 Silver Springs Drive in Northville, on the topic of "Female Friendly Science and Technology."

Bydowski holds a B.S. and M.S. in biology from Eastern Michigan University and is certified as Education Specialist in Science Education from Wayne State University. He has taught science at several schools and universities in the area and participated in conferences and workshops dealing with science education. Currently he teaches at Stevenson Junior High and at Madonna University. He has been the recipient of grants and awards, and most recently he received the 1992 Wayne-Westland Teacher of the Year award.

The talk focuses on eliminating gender bias in science education.



Seventh grader Elizabeth Newton discovers science with instructor Betty Hancock. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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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 CHIRGWIN, KIM CHO, BARBARA DREILICH, JAMES DRISCOLL, KIERSTEN FOURSHIE, ROBERT GAINES, HALEY HOOPS, AMY JOHNSON, LAURA KLEBAN, MARY BETH LAMAY, BRODLEY LEWIS, LISA McALEER, HOLLY MCGUIRE, 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 day term 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 March 31 with Marcus Belgrave 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 bathrooms."

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 and friends. Benson is "the top jazz performer 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 Wynnton Marsalis.

Bell said there is a two-drink minimum for the show, 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 added. "We will set up a grill out back where we are currently re-doing 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 isn't 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 Mays is this year's junior recipient of the Eastern Michigan University annual Golden Key National Honor Society Marwick Scholar's award.

Mays 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, scholastic honors and awards received, leadership and campus activity, civic and community activity, and work commitments. Over \$700,000 has been given nationally in scholarships.

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School continues for recovering student

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Mark hoped it would keep his son up to speed on his missed class work, an idea Hamilton had envisioned for the district years ago.

"I'm used to doing 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 90 hours to work the modern connectivity on-line with 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 district'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.

Now thanks to their efforts, Steve has access at home to the same software that's available to the seventh graders at school. He's also able to communicate with Radwanski, his teachers, and classmates through an electronic mail system.

"It's fun," Steve said. "It's very fun." He responded when asked to elaborate on the issue. "I can write to teachers and to the kids there."

Steve admits he spends most of his time reading the files of messages he's been getting back from teachers and his classmates at Cooke. Last Friday, he said it took him nearly two hours to read them all.

His mom says that even though he spends time monitoring his electronic mail, he does get around to doing his homework.

"That's his favorite thing, checking for mail" she said. "But he's kept on top of his homework," she said.

Mark said in spite of the length of

his absence, he said his son really isn't that 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 system. "This has been a vehicle that's allowed Steve to remain a part of things at school while he was laid up at home," Hamilton said.

Hamilton, who is the district's director of instruction, said having the modern in place makes Steve's situation more convenient for everybody involved. He said it allows the student to work at home on his class assignments and then print them out at school while he was laid up at home.

Radwanski 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.

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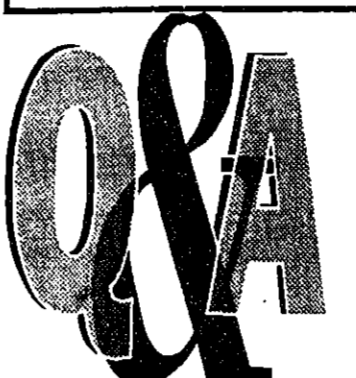
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Travel



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 \$2 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 Crosbyana Room at Gonzaga University, where Bing Crosby attended high school and college, displays the history of the star'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" (1946) 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) 928-4220.

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 Information 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) 533-2922 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 1878 it began an active period of rebuilding. Consequently, there are over 900 historic buildings here 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 Americas West.

For further information and brochures for walking tours of the historic districts write to the Las Vegas-San Miguel, N.M., Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 148, Las Vegas, N.M. 87701; or call (800) 832-5947. More information is also available from your local travel agent.

Readers are invited to submit questions to William Tomicki, P.O. Box 5148, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93150. Although he cannot answer each query individually, selected questions will be included in his column. Mr. Tomicki, who logs over 150,000 miles each year, is the publisher of ENTREE, a travel newsletter.



A solitary fisherman finds a perfect place to cast his line of the Isle Royale coastline.

Photos courtesy Michigan Travel Bureau

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 surrounds its shores gives it the look of a floating island. Indians called it "Mingong" literally "a good place to live."

We call it Isle Royale.

Isle Royale National Park is a wilderness archipelago in northwestern 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 Headquarters in Houghton costs \$35. Travelers on tight schedules can see some of the island in a four-hour stay.

For the person with more time, a one-way ticket aboard the ferry can be purchased for \$25 during the off-season, \$40 in peak-season. The boat leaves from Houghton four days a week.

You can also fly from Houghton to Rock Harbor for \$150 round-trip, or hire a private charter for \$350.

Ferry prices aboard the Isle Royale Queen, which docks in Copper Harbor, are \$60 round-trip in the off-season and \$64 around trip during peak-season.

To really enjoy Isle Royale's beauty, it's advisable to stay more than one day. There's a lodge on the island at Rock Harbor. It costs \$83 per person, based on double occupancy. Three meals are included in the price. Housekeeping units, or cabins, are also available. They cost \$51 per person based on double occupancy; meals are not provided.

For the true outdoorsman, Isle Royale offers 1,670 miles of hiking trails. There are no motor vehicles or horses on the island so the only way to get around is on foot or by canoe. The terrain is often rugged. High bluffs, rocky slopes and wet marshes slow travelers, but the views are worth the effort.

With more than 570,000 acres of park land, the scenery is different day in and day out. Thirty-six campgrounds dot the island; there is no fee for camping.

Backpacking or canoeing the backcountry offer the best opportunities to enjoy the wilderness. There are over 1,600 miles 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 coastal fishing. A Michigan fishing license is required.

Even 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 Resource Protection, says the ridge is a special place to go. "With skies crystal clear, you can see miles into Canada," 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 have just discovered.

Amoose 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 at (906) 482-0994.

Another option for travelers is the MCI Card, which permits users to place long-distance calls when they are away from home and charges the calls to their MCI accounts. A 75-cent surcharge is added to all direct-dial calls.

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MCI's World Reach program allows customers to call between 35 foreign countries via an English-speaking operator. Calls are billed at the Call USA rates plus \$1.25 per minute.

Discounts on some of these services are available to callers who belong to MCI's Friends and Family program. For more information, contact MCI, 1200 South Hayes Street, Ar-



Tenting on Isle Royale

Calling home from Europe has never been easier

By EVERETT POTTER New York Times Travel Syndicate

With the 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.

Here are highlights of some of the plans offered by the big three companies:

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

A surcharge of 80 cents is added to each direct-dial call billed to the card, but this is usually less than the charges most hotels add.

"If you've ever called direct from your hotel to your home, you know that hotels impose steep surcharges," says Mark Siegel, district manager, media relations 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 services of an operator is going to cost more," he explains.

When traveling overseas, however, it often pays to get the assistance of an operator.

With some European hotels charging 200 percent to 300 percent over the cost of direct call, more than one traveler has had a rude awakening at checkout time. To call the United States during a

trip abroad, it can be more economical to use AT&T's USA Direct service, which is available in 120 foreign countries. By dialing a toll-free USA Direct access code, clients are connected to an English-speaking operator in the United States.

The operator helps complete the call, and the call is then charged to a traveler's Calling Card. Per-minute charges vary from country to country. A \$2.50 surcharge is added to each call.

AT&T's World Connect Service is a godsend for anyone who has ever been intimidated by language barriers when trying to call between foreign countries. It allows users to place calls between more than 40 foreign countries through an English-speaking operator. Calls can be billed to an AT&T Calling Card.

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What if you need to call someone in a foreign country, but you don't speak their language and they don't speak English?

You can try AT&T's Language Line, a service that connects users to interpreters who stay on the line while a call is made to facilitate communication.

The interpreter service costs \$3.50 per minute (plus the price of the call), but clients who bill Language Line calls to their AT&T Calling Card get a 10 percent discount.

For more information about AT&T services, contact AT&T, 295 N. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920; telephone (800) 222-9300.

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

Patty Profers, who oversees these two special services for MCI, says personal 800 numbers are used most often by parents of children who are traveling (in the United States) or are away at camp or school.

For \$5 a month, clients can get their own private toll-free 800 number. They can then receive calls on that line from any phone in the United States.

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"There's a 20 percent to 40 percent savings using a personal 800 number over calling collect," Profers says.

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"Local 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.

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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 character of Weirte Willie and his mother Eva May Moore Kelly was an aerial act for the same company, 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. The man 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 the Navy, Kelly was on a ship that participated in the invasions of both Iwo 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 Weir Willie. 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 beauty pageants, hotels, and 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. During that time he set two world 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-36-foot picture that fit the side of the Kodak Pavilion.

Four years after the close of the circus, Kelly continued to act as Kodak's Ambassador of Goodwill—visiting more than 2,400 children's and veteran's hospitals.



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

Kelly eventually started his own circus, the All-Star Circus. It was the only circus to perform at the White House and it played there twice—in 1972 for Tricia Nixon Cox and in 1973 for the White House Easter Egg Hunt.

These days, besides touring to promote his collectibles line, Kelly is a resident of Tombstone, Ariz. There 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.

The collectibles Kelly is promoting were developed by Flambeo Imports and produced by EKJ products, sold through Churchill's.

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Wildcats even season record with shutout

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat lacrosse team evened its season record with a 8-0 triumph over Lansing Waverly March 21.

Steve Wells led Nov to victory with four goals, all in the second half. Wildcat coach Kelly Kroll said it won't be the last big game for the sophomore.

"He played a wonderful game," Kroll commented. "We expect Steve to score quite a few goals."

Nov is now 1-1 Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association.

The Wildcats played a strong game despite less than ideal conditions in Lansing. Kroll said the field was wet, and temperatures hovered around freezing.



KELLY KROLL

Tracksters shoot for record books

Helmick, Stimac go after Novi High legends

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Many people couldn't tell you when the Civil War was even when the Great Depression led most Americans destitute. But ask those same folks what year Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs and they'll tell you it was 1927 or they'll mention that the Tigers won their last championship in 1984.

For sports fans, statistics are the measure of an athlete's greatness or mediocrity. And as generations pass, the numbers change—what was once considered a world record is now just an average performance.

Perhaps in no other Wildcat sport do records fall so quickly as track and field. Out of 17 events only five records remain from the 1970s and none from the 1960s.

Pat Boyer is one of those record holders from the days of Nixon and Watergate. The Wildcat graduate holds the mark in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.2 seconds in 1972.

Sophomore Damien Thompson may have the best chance of breaking that record, in time. Smith said Thompson could challenge if he continues to make a "natural progression."



CHRISTY CARMICHAEL

"You can see his talent," he added. "I think Thompson is a diamond in the rough."

The 100-meter dash record has a more contemporary flavor. Maurice Richardson set the mark in 1989 with a time of 10.91 while Oscar Merino, a teammate of his that year, is a close second in 10.97. Senior Troy Helmick has a chance to break into the top 10 of the event if he can run around 11 seconds, Smith said.

If any records are to be broken this year, the coach said it will happen towards the end of the season. Smith explained that runners train to peak at the Kensington Valley Conference meet and at state regional competition.

"We try not to concentrate on records until the end of the season," he commented. "We train for too many meets."

Richardson also notched the record in the 200-meter dash in 1989 with a time of 22.30. Helmick is already No. 2 on the all-time list in 23.3.



Rob Rasmussen is second on the all-time list of the 1,600-meter run.

"I could see him nudging into second place," Smith said, which would dislodge Andy Fitzpatrick's 1988 time of 22.90.

Richardson's third record might be the toughest of all to break. In 1989 he posted an incredible 40.50 in the 400-meter hurdles.

Current team members Jesse Barrons and Nick Terzes are in the top 10 for the event but a distant four seconds behind. Smith said sophomore Eric Brandon could move past both those hurdlers and onto the charts this season by running a 42-second race.

"He will have his hands full to beat 40.50," he added. "He doesn't have Maurice's raw speed, but he's got two years to improve."

Novi's great 1989 team also holds the standard in the 400-meter dash. Jeff Jefferson ran the mid-distance race in 49.4. Smith said Jason Stimac, a senior, could improve his eighth all-time mark of 52.6.

John Crawford is another that likely will move up. He's currently fifth in the 800-meter some four seconds behind record holder Tommy Merritt's 1978 mark of 1:57.10. Fellow senior Vince Meenan might also challenge the record.

The 1,600-meter record is owned by Jeff Johnston with a time of 4:27.50 in 1978. Rob Rasmussen, one of the greatest Novi runners of all-time is second on the list with a 4:29.80 in 1989.

Crawford and Meenan are this year's best hopes in the event. Smith said there are chances of challenging Johnston and Rasmussen will depend on how many other events they run in dual meets.

"It's a matter of where I put them and when I put them in," he said.

The coach said the same will hold true for the 3,200-meter run. Rasmussen set the mark in 1989 in 9:35.80. Crawford is currently around the 10-minute mark.



Shortstop Tommy Grigg will lead Novi in the KVC this spring.

KVC baseball race heats up

The 1993 Kensington Valley Conference baseball race is shaping up to be one of the best in years. Howell, Brighton and Hartland should challenge defending champ Novi for the crown. The following takes a closer look at each of the Wildcats six KVC rivals:

SOUTH LYON
The Lions are coming off an 18-16 season and appear headed for another average year.

The team is dominated by juniors, eight of whom make up the bulk of the 14-man roster. Dayne Copeland is the only returning starter. Jon Hatton will be a fixture at third base and Bill Taubee will anchor the team at second base.

Senior Kris Adler joins Ken Nelson and Copeland in the outfield. Josh Tropea, the only other senior on the squad, will be switching with Taubee at second or shortstop.

The Lions pitching staff is the big question. Sophomore Brian Siegwald is the only pitcher who saw varsity time last year. Hapton and sophomore Bob Mason are keys to the rotation.

Juniors Mike Fisher and Matt Malik and sophomore Jason Hoorn will also see time on the mound.

Most coaches usually won't come right out and predict how well or how poorly their teams will do during a particular season.

Novi High baseball Coach Gregg Merians, though, the third-year coach is making no bones about where his team will finish in the KVC—in first place.

After opening the 1992 season at 3-13, the Highlanders really picked up steam in the latter half of the campaign and went on to win the Class A district title. They then advanced all the way to the regional finals before finally ending their run.

Howell finished 1992 at 16-20-1 overall.

Much of that success was due to some strong pitching from juniors Bernie Gibbons and Ben Way. Gibbons, who has a rocket for an arm, posted a 9-4 record, a 1.53 earned

run average and struck out 60 batters in 71 innings.

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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.

April 27 will be "for the birds," as Northville artist Bill Theisen will present his new line of steel bird sculptures for the yard and Milford artist Dee Segula will show her artistically appointed birdhouses. 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 349-4101.

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 10, 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 Emperor's New Clothes,' will be revived by the Lunch Box Players during April and May at the Samuel H. Little 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 Gentili'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 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville. The entertainment is provided for patrons of Tara restaurant and lounge.

HOTEL BARONETTE: Pianists Anthony Long and James Jewhurst play every Tuesday through Saturday from 7-11 p.m. in the Tara Lounge. In the Hotel Baronette is a jazz quartet, featuring some of Detroit's finest vocalists.

Country Epicure is located at 42050 Grand River between Mesquite and Novi roads. For more information call 349-7770.

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 Novi Road.

Performances are by the Buddy Hudson Band with featured vocalist Eric Brandon. Often local jazz stars like Ursula Walker and Marcus Belgrave sit in as well.

There is no additional charge for the performances. For more information, call the restaurant at 347-0095.

NOVI HILTON: Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilton, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Monday evening is Jazz Monday from 9 p.m. to midnight. For more information call 349-4000.

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

Sunday is a "Strings N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

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

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Novi favored to take baseball crown for second straight year

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Highlanders don't return starters are catcher and second base. Junior Rich Dell, however, has a strong arm behind the plate while senior Derek Sewell brings talent to second base. As for bat strength, look for Gibbons to rack up a sizable number of homers. Schild is another leading hitter. Last season, he hit .368 and had four homers and 24 RBIs. Zamonski, Molinari and King are among the team's other fine hitters. One week from today, Howell will begin its path toward the KVC title when it plays at Brighton in a big league matchup.

BRIGHTON While the Howell High baseballers are being touted as the team to beat in this spring's Kensington Valley Conference campaign, the Bulldogs of Brighton are sure to be right there banking at the Highlanders' heels.

A year ago, Brighton capped the league campaign at 12-12 (fourth place) and finished 23-14 overall. Toward the end of the season, the Bulldogs and Highlanders really got rolling. Both teams wound up facing each other in the Class A district finals and Howell found itself on top. Now, with seven varsity starters back in the lineup, Coach Mark Carrow's Brighton team appears primed to get back into the KVC and post-season hunts.

In a sport in which the pitching mound is so important, the team's hurlers give Carrow something to be excited about.

Indeed, senior Brad Denman returns after having led Brighton with a 9-0 record in 1992. Senior Spencer Micunec also saw varsity pitching action toward the end of last season. Those two hurlers will be joined again by seniors Brad Willey and Josh Bees. In addition, junior left-hander Steve Hornsberger—a transfer student from Cincinnati—also lends a potent arm to the rotation, as does junior Mike Stockman.

Denselvis, the Bulldogs appear to be very solid. Senior Ryan Peavey returns to lead the team in center-field. Willey started in left last season and Junior Clint Copenhaver saw plenty of action in rightfield. All are excellent fielders as well as strong hitters.

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

At second base, Sean Murray is the likely starter while Junior Matt Burskey is a capable backup. Junior shortstop Mike Martin, meanwhile, returns for his third straight season. Martin beefed up some over the off-season and can throw the ball even harder than before.

Over at third base, Willey, Bees, Mason and Denman can all play the corner effectively. In 1992, Peavey led the Bulldogs with a .450 average, had 30 RBIs, 26 stolen bases and scored 43 runs. Willey, along with Copenhaver, belted four homers to lead the team. Willey also hit .395, led the KVC with 40 RBIs, stole 28 bases and scored 38 runs. Martin, meanwhile, drove in 34 runs and scored 39 times.

HARTLAND If there's a dark horse in the 1993 KVC baseball campaign, it may live at Hartland High.

The Eagles had a rough season last year, finishing in last place with a 7-17 mark. This spring, however, with seven varsity returners back—including a healthy Lee Gardner—Hartland will be looking to make some waves in the KVC.

One of the Eagles' greatest strengths in 1993 may be in their pitching. Gardner, a junior, was set back by injuries for much of last year but he appears healthy now and his fastball is smoking. Senior Ryan Herrst, meanwhile, returns as another strong hurler.

"I think one of the best things about this year is it looks like we have a strong 1-2 punch with our pitching," Koch said. "We haven't had that in some time."

Other pitchers include Junior Scott Storey, senior Ryan Muir and maybe Junior Geoff Nash. In addition, senior Pat Brennan is a fine reliever. If the hits do get past the mound, Herrst is confident the team's veteran fielders can stop balls from getting too far. Herrst and Junior Nate Williams will share time at first base, juniors Kevin Burgess and Ryan Wehner will see action at second, Gardner is an excellent shortstop and Brennan and Storey are top-notch third basemen.

Behind the plate, senior Brian Morrison returns with plenty of talent. Among Hartland's better hitters are other utility players include Nash and juniors Jason Miller and Jason Felch.

As for the outfield, senior Kevin Komar returns to lead the team in center. Komar has excellent speed and a strong arm. Juniors John Dechem, Mark Lutz and Wehner are others who will see outfield duties. Among Hartland's better hitters on the roster are Gardner, Morrison,



TROY HELMIK

Wildcats shoot for individual track records

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be a couple of seconds behind that mark. The 800 relay is another story. The team of Jeremy Watkins, Helmick, Stimpac and Todd Pejakovich could come close to bettering the time of 1:31.57 set in 1989.

"That's a real good event for us," Smith said.

Shady Sardy, Meehan, Crawford and another 'Cat runner may take the 3,200-meter relay as well. That record was set last year in 8:08.40. Novi could have several record-breakers in field events as well.

Tom Hanton is looking to take the discus record. The senior is ranked fifth on the all-time list now and trails No. 1 man Aaron Federspiel 1991 toss of 145-7 by less than 10 feet.

"I could see Tom going right up to Aaron's number," Smith said. "He's really consistent. That's a plus for him."

In the long jump, Andy Ruddland leaped 22-4 in 1977. Stimpac may replace Richardson's No. 2 jump of 21-3.

"I think he's capable of doing that," Smith said.

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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 "Achey 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 reads 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 (chemoclaved) 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.

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

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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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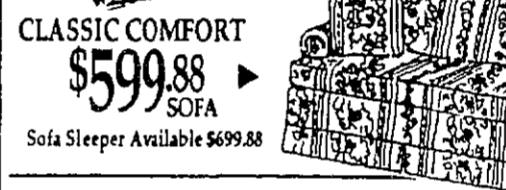
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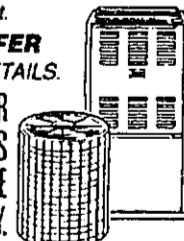


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REAL ESTATE

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 four-plex 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 Milford Road, high above the village, has a distinctly 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 turreted 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."

VICTORIAN, VILLAGE & VISTAS

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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HOME DESIGNS



Energy efficiency is the summit of the Hilltop

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Jutting 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-

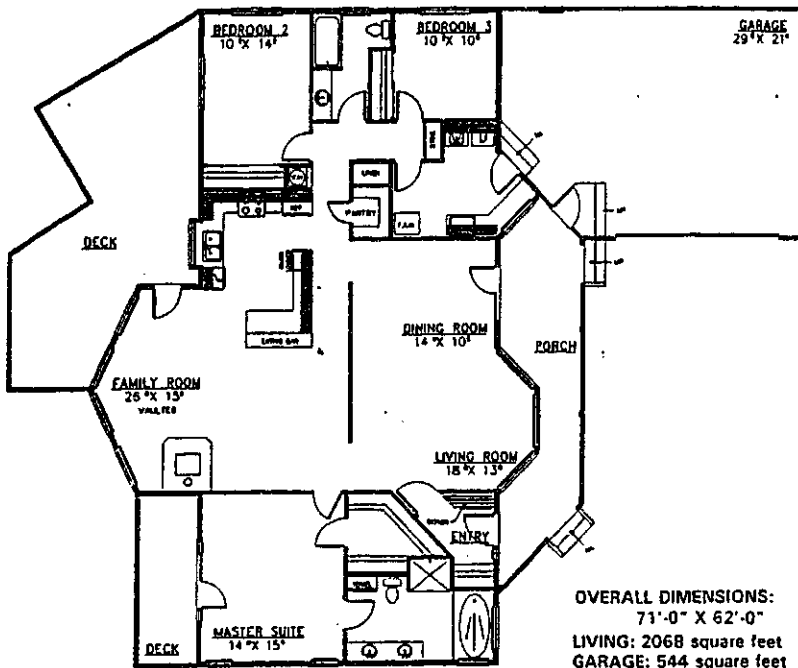
dow, which looks out across the yard. But here, and in the living and dining rooms, the light is softer, muted by a covered porch.

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

Double doors in the master suite open onto a private deck, one of two 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

GARDENING

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 with leaves stays 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.

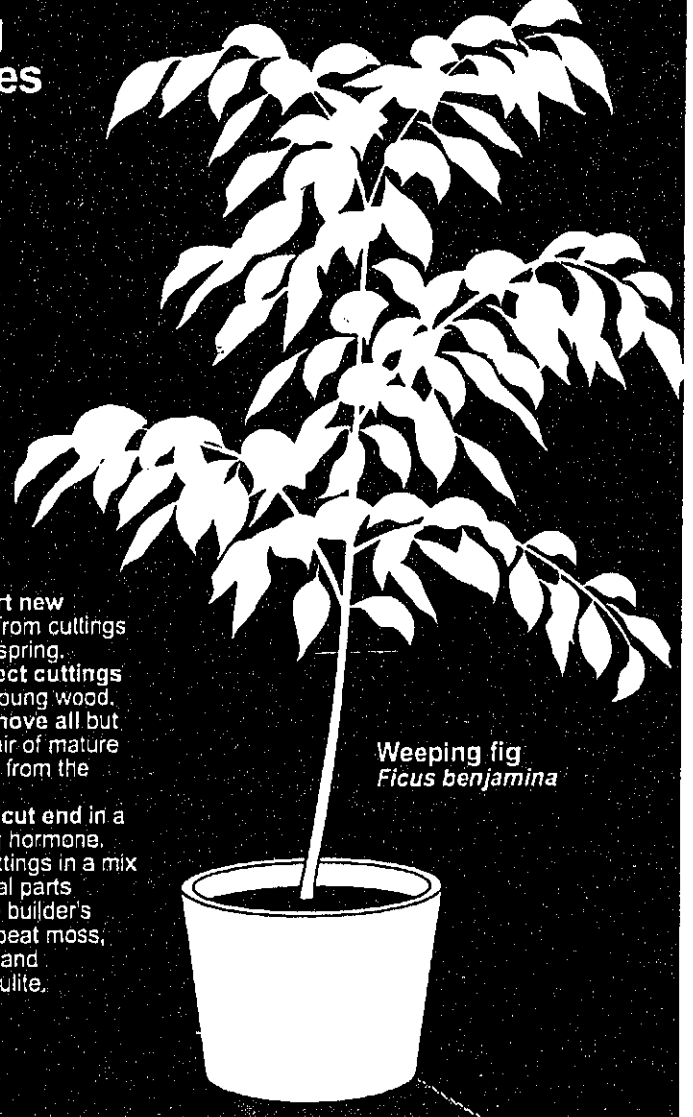
A. I think it's best to teach young children not to put random pickings from the garden into their mouths. Keep in mind one part of a plant may be OK to eat, but the other may not!

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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Fig trees



Weeping fig
Ficus benjamina

- Start new trees from cuttings in the spring.
- Select cuttings from young wood.
- Remove all but one pair of mature leaves from the stem.
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Beware of 'lien sale' provision in contracts

By Gene Gary
Copy News Service

Q. I recently had some concrete work done, which included a patio and walkways. The job was not finished satisfactorily. The entire surface was to have been textured and the contractor left it in a mess. I notified the contractor that I was withholding payment until the job was corrected. Instead of redoing the surface, the contractor started foreclosure proceedings. I had to pay the contractor for losing my home. I fail to understand how this

can legally happen. Can you explain, and warn others about this possibility?

A. The contract you signed with the contractor must have included a "lien sale" provision, which is not uncommon. This clause allows a contractor to foreclose on a house if the customer fails to pay his bills. It is often abused, however, by dishonest or incompetent contractors. Before hiring a contractor, a homeowner should check on the contractor's reputation and previous customers, and with the Better Business Bureau. You also can demand the addition of a lien

release clause to the contract.

Q. I am remodeling my kitchen and plan to install new flooring. I would like to use a vinyl, but I am concerned about dents from our breakfast table and chairs on this type of flooring. That happened on the old floor, which was vinyl. Do you have any suggestions on how to prevent this?

A. Most floor covering or hard-wear stores, or even furniture stores, sell a variety of furniture glides that attach to almost any style leg. These will help protect your new flooring.

In addition, the type of vinyl you purchase is important. Often, the more resilient (cushiony) the floor covering, the more subject it is to dents and spike-bed marks. Occasionally, the underlay or improper installation is to blame. An exception is the newer cushioned vinyl that actually has a springy foam layer on the underside. This flooring, although more expensive, is very comfortable and also resists dirt better, and many of the no-wax varieties live up to their name, requiring damp-mopping with a mild detergent as their only

upkeep. **Q. I have some parquet flooring that was removed when a friend decided to replace it with a tile flooring. I would like to reuse these wood tiles in my own home. Do you know of an easy way to remove the mastic on the backs of the tiles, so I can reinstall them?**

A. Finding the right solvent that will remove the mastic is the answer. I suggest that you take one of the tiles to a large paint dealer in your area, so you can experiment with different solvents.

Another technique would be to use rubbing alcohol. Pour it over the mastic and let it sit for a couple of minutes before scraping it off. Or you can try freezing the individual tiles to make the mastic brittle, then use a stout scraper or broad chisel to remove it. **Send inquiries to Here's How, Copy News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.**

Democrats and the real estate market; low mortgage rates

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building. Thus, sellers must be more competitive in pricing their product for this market. Even with two properties of the same size, there can be a significant difference in cost per unit. As in other types of real estate, condition and location are the key factors. Before making an investment decision, it's vitally important for individual investors to clearly identify what is most important to them — their investment priorities.

A. Here's the view of David Liniger, founder and chairman of Re/Max International, a real estate franchise group. "I think you'll see very little change occur in the real estate market in the next 12 months. Over a longer period of time, I would anticipate increased taxation, especially in the middle- and higher-income tax brackets. Also, I anticipate that the Democrats, controlling all three branches of federal government, will eliminate the income tax deductibility provision of mortgages over \$150,000 or \$200,000. And with the deficit being the size that is, I think you can anticipate there will be a lot of pressure to keep interest rates as low as possible."

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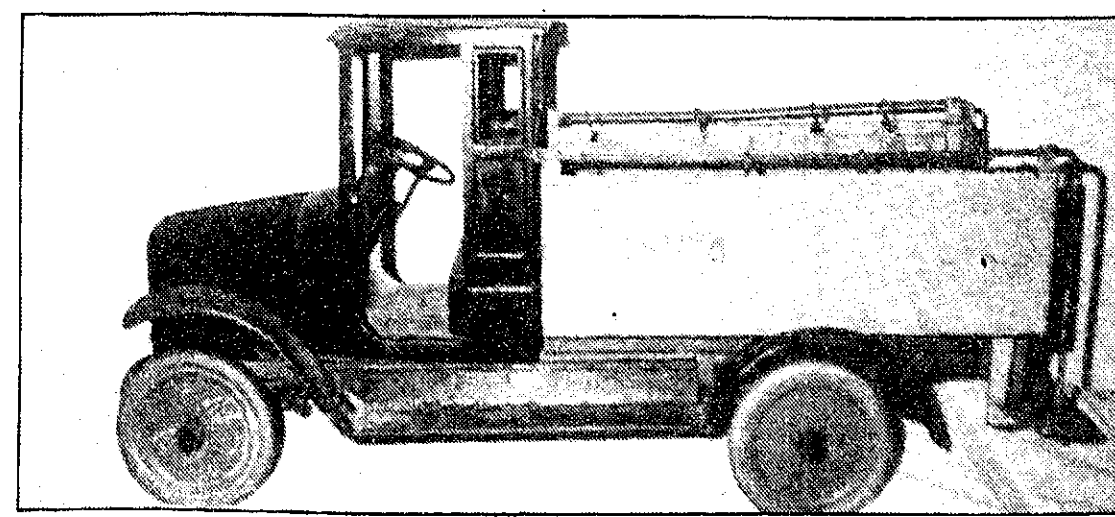
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Buddy 'L' ice truck named for owner's son

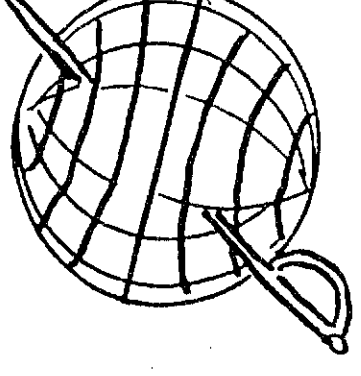
By James G. McCallam
Copy News Service

Q. Enclosed is a picture of my Buddy "L" ice truck. It is 25 1/2 inches long and 12 inches high, and has a canvas cover in the rear.

A. Your truck was made between 1926 and 1931; in very good condition, it might sell for \$325 to \$335.

Buddy "L" toys were first manufactured by the Moline Pressed Steel Co. in Moline, Ill., in 1921, and were named for the son of the owner, Buddy Landahl.

The early toys made between 1921 and 1932 are the most valuable.



Q. This is quite a find! The California Perfume Co. was the original Avon Co. Your baby powder can is worth about \$125 to \$135 in good condition.

Q. I have a Royal Doulton cake plate with handle holes. The mark is "C. Tiesch-Germany." It is decorated with lilies of the valley and violets with gold trim. Please tell me when it was made and the value.

A. Carl Tiesch operated a porcelain factory in Altswager, Germany. Your cake plate was made about 1900 and would probably sell for \$35 to \$45.

Q. I have an 11-inch-diameter cake plate with handle holes. The mark is "C. Tiesch-Germany." It is decorated with lilies of the valley and violets with gold trim. Please tell me when it was made and the value.

A. Carl Tiesch operated a porcelain factory in Altswager, Germany. Your cake plate was made about 1900 and would probably sell for \$35 to \$45.

Q. What can you tell me about a can for talcum powder, marked "Baby Powder" and "California Perfume Co." It has a picture of toy soldiers on the front.

A. Your celery dish was made in Baltimore, Md., by the Edwin Bennett Pottery Co. about 1890. It might sell for \$50 to \$60.

Q. I recently cleaned our attic and found a watch I had when I was a little girl. It is a

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Victorian sub offers vintage vistas

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All the Heintz family enjoys sports. Amanda, 16, plays volleyball for Milford High School while her brother Nick, 13, is on the seventh grade basketball team at Muir Middle School.

The family's one lament about their move to Milford is that until more homes in Milford Heights are occupied, they will not be able to have cable TV. Twenty-one of 81 lots have been sold but only four houses are completed and occupied at this time.

Their own master bath and two walk-in closets is also a plus.

All the family bedrooms have walk-in closets, and there are two coat closets in the main floor foyer. The two upstairs bedrooms and the downstairs powder room also have linen closets.

Over and bunnies cavort in the backyard which has yet to be seeded.

"Once we moved in in October we have one growing season (according to subdivision regulations) to put in the lawn and landscaping," Mark explained.

We have lots of rocks up here, so we are planning some stone garden walls and will get started as soon as the weather turns to spring."

Although moving to Milford meant Mark has a greater distance to travel in his daily commute as a senior engineer at General Motors Tech Center, it has only added 10 minutes to his drive. "I only have one traffic light (at Milford Road and I-96)

before I get on the freeway. It makes the first part of my trip much quicker than from Redford."

For Jane, who has been employed nearly three years at Kennedy Industries on Pontiac Trail in Milford Township, the commute now is much shorter. "The company is very generous with working out our hours so that employees can enjoy family activities. When I hired in the children were younger, of course, and it was even more important to work for a family-oriented company."

Milford Heights is being developed by Timour Co. with a selection of 13 different floor plans and 30 (front) elevations. Prices range from \$140,000 to \$197,000, according to Michelle Chaklos, project coordinator.

At the entrance to Milford Heights, four 10-unit apartment buildings are also being constructed along Milford Road in what is known as Milford Place.

Shamrocks and luck with transplants

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Q. Can you give me any information on the shamrock?

A. The shamrock is a member of the clover family. It is the national emblem of Ireland and is said to have been used by St. Patrick to explain the nature of the Trinity. Leaves divided into three were used as emblems of the Trinity.

Q. I haven't had much luck in raising my own transplants, so if I decide to buy plants this year, how do I pick good ones?

A. Always look for healthy, green plants. Stay away from light-green, spindly ones with yellow leaves, as they may be undernourished or dis-

ease. Look, too, for obvious insect problems.

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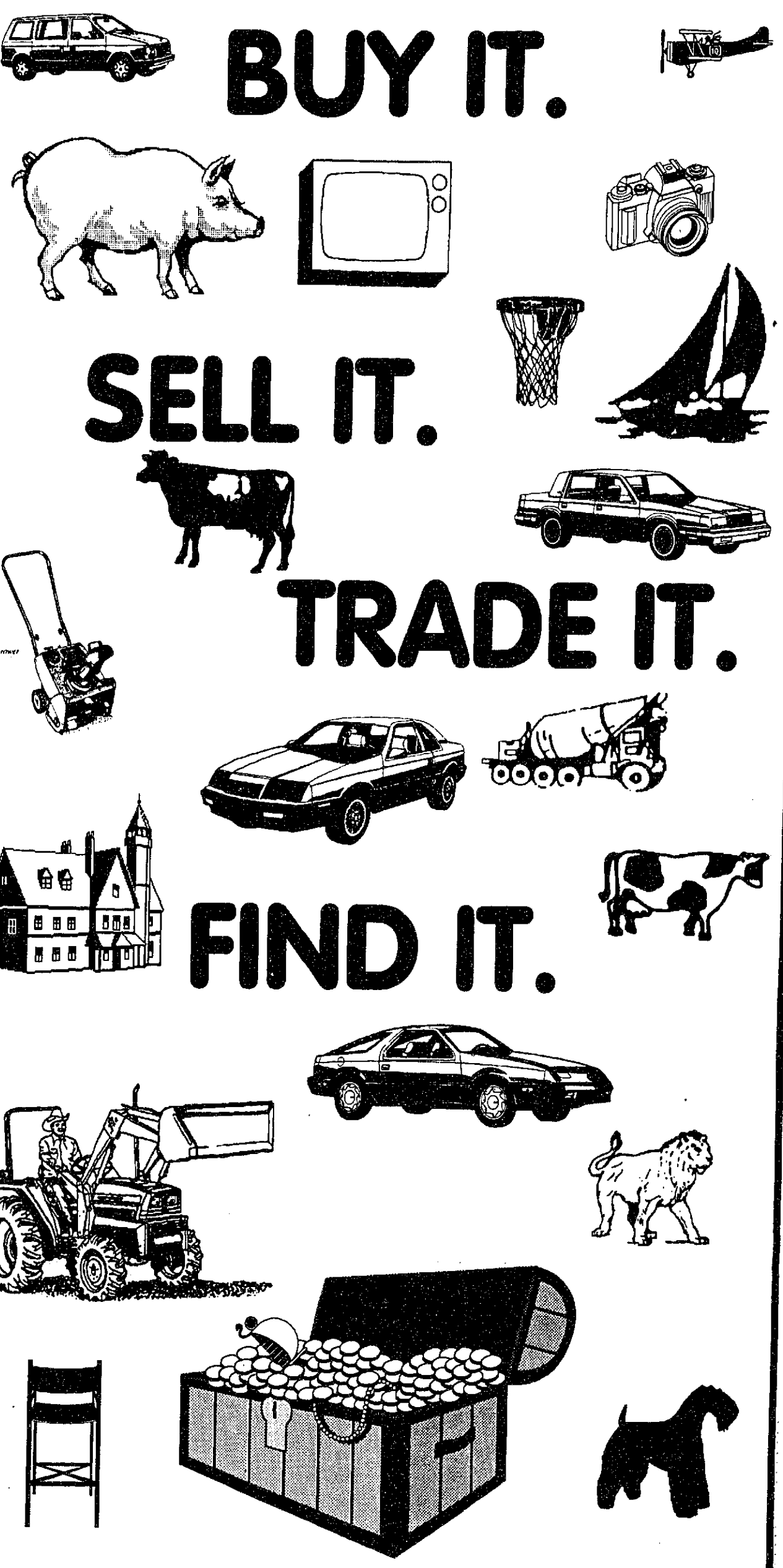
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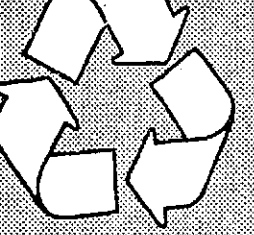
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Crawfords' restaurant is a family fare affair

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 for the waitstaff.

"We'd like to think our dining room is kind of quaint," Sue said. "Our purpose was to make people think they're sitting in their own 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 and pay to eat here. Now that's a big compliment."

With Dick and Ruthellen back in the fold, some big changes have taken place. For one thing, Crawfords' is now open on Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in addition to Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

They've also initiated a senior citizens' discount of 10 percent at all times. The breakfast special of egg,

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 1/2 cup and 3/4 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 Willerer 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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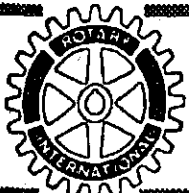
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Business Briefs

O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS INC. announces the transition of its presidency from John R. Loveland to Dr. Cornelius B. Murphy. This management change at the Syracuse, New York-based firm became effective Dec. 27, 1992.

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 leadership for the 500-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.

JEFFREY C. CLARK has been appointed a registered agent for The Equitable's Hobbey Agency, headquartered in Troy. The appointment was made by Donald N. Hobbey, agency manager. Clark is assigned to the agency's Melin District. As a member of this district, he is licensed to offer the full range of financial services available through The Equitable.

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 belonging to the Troy and Greater Detroit chambers of commerce.

As a fully licensed agent with The Equitable, Clark looks forward to working with local individuals and business owners. His office number is 641-3532.

HUNGRY HOWIE'S PIZZA AND SUBS INC. has opened a new store in South Lyon, announces Steven E. Jackson, president of the Livonia-based company. The store, owned and operated by franchisee David Platt, is located at 226 Lafayette. Platt also owns stores in Brighton and Ypsilanti.

Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs Inc. is the 13th-largest carry-out/delivery, two-for-one pizza franchise operation in the United States (Pizza Today/1992). Hungry Howie's has over 230 store locations in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio and South Carolina. The company's first international location in Windsor, Ontario, opened in January 1993.

The company offers subs, salads and "Fruzza" Dessert Pizza, and is the innovator of "Flavored-crust Pizza." Flavors are original, sesame seed, buttered, garlic, poppy seed, rye, butter cheese and cajun.

The South Lyon Hungry Howie's is open from 3-10 p.m. during the week; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight and Sunday from noon-10 p.m.

MICHAEL STEVANOVIC recently opened Soundcrafters, a car audio and alarms business, located at 222-A Lafayette, South Lyon. Assistant manager is Aaron Michael Johnson.

The new business sells a long line of brand names including Clarion, Sherwood, HiFonics, Lanzar, Ultimate, Excaltur, Hornet, Craig, Majestic, and Mobile Authority.


For the customer's convenience, a display board with a "Music Fills the Air" theme shows items available in the shop. The business is fully certified and offers custom installation.

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If you were thinking about having a facelift or hair transplant, think again. Since 1991, the cost of unnecessary cosmetic surgery has not been tax deductible. Only surgery for a deformity caused by a congenital abnormality, a disfiguring disease or an accidental injury is deductible. While deducting unreimbursed medical expenses has become more difficult, it may not be as far out of reach as you think. To deduct medical costs, your unreimbursed expenses must total more than 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. Before you decide that the 7.5 percent floor rules out the deduction, review this list of deductible medical expenses provided by the Michigan Association of CPAs.

THE BASIC MEDICAL EXPENSES
Payments to a family doctor, dentist, nurse, chiropractor, psychiatrist and podiatrist all qualify as deductible medical expenses. Laboratory tests and prescription drugs qualify too. Additionally, just about all hospital-related charges are deductible — from intensive care nurses to blood transfusions.

While you may no longer deduct the cost of cosmetic surgery, other surgical treatments that affect the structure or functions of the body remain deductible. The same holds true for supplies or special aids purchased to correct a physical defect or

furnish relief from an ailment. Included in this category are crutches, contact lenses, hearing aids and special telephone equipment for the deaf.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS/TRAINING PROGRAMS
One relatively unknown medical deduction is the cost of attending special schools or training programs for a mentally or physically handicapped person — as long as the main purpose for attending is to relieve the handicap. While the school curriculum must focus primarily on treating the handicap, it may also include regular educational programs.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS FOR MEDICAL CARE
Generally, the cost of improvements made to your home, prescribed in writing by a doctor, can be deducted. However, an improvement that increases the value of your home is considered a capital expenditure. In this case, your deduction will be limited to the difference between what you pay and the increase in the value of your home. On the other hand, the cost of certain home improvements made for handicapped individuals, such as widening doorways to accommodate a wheelchair, generally do not increase the value of a personal residence and are therefore fully deductible.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES FOR MEDICAL CARE
If you drive your car to the doctor's office or hospital, you can deduct 9 cents a mile plus the cost of parking and tolls, or the actual cost of gas and oil, plus parking and tolls. If you use public transportation, your bus, taxi or train fare is deductible. In addition, if, on the advice of a doctor, you or your child seek medical treatment away from home, your lodging costs of up to \$50 a day per person can be included in your deductible medical expenses.

PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE
You may deduct your costs for medical insurance coverage, as well as any Medicare fees you pay directly. If you are self-employed you may be able to deduct 25 percent of what you pay for medical insurance for yourself and your family as an adjustment to income rather than as an itemized deduction. The other 75 percent of your premiums is added to your other medical expenses and are subject to the 7.5 percent floor.

To ensure that you are taking full advantage of all the tax benefits to which you are entitled, the Michigan Association of CPAs advises you to consult your CPA.

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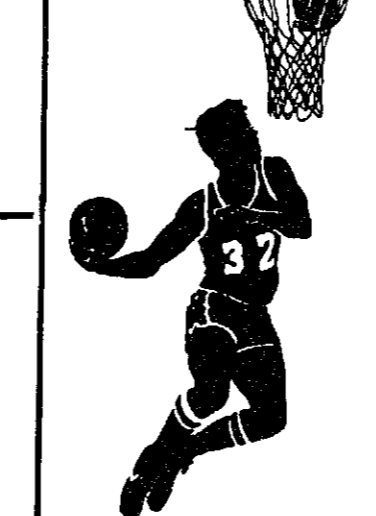
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BRAD O'REAR of Milford has recently joined the work force of Advanced Mechanical Inc., 1139 S. Milford Road, Highland. He has 15 years of plumbing and heating experience.

FRED RICHTER, a Northville Realtor and Tax Accountant, is a national director of the National Association of Residential Property Managers and presently holds their PPM designation.

At a recent board of directors meeting in San Antonio, Texas, he was awarded the prestigious PPM designation, one of only eight in the United States awarded to date.

gers, realtors and real estate boards, and has been an adjunct instructor at Schoolcraft College for many years.

MORE THAN 88 DETROIT EDISON ENGINEERS in February will share their enthusiasm for energy and help enlighten math and science students at Wilson Middle School and hundreds of other Southeastern Michigan youngsters.

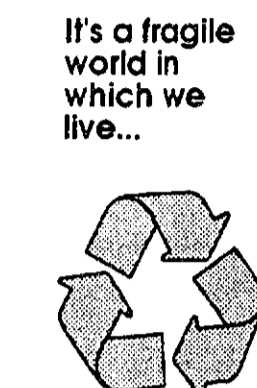
Detroit Edison's Paul Beckwith and Peter Kohler, both of Northville, will speak Feb. 17 at Wilson Middle School as part of the engineer's annual student outreach effort, Discover "E."

CHARISSE LUCKEY of Novi has been named director of business planning and control systems, North America, for Diversy Corp. of Livonia.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Cincinnati. She was previously the director of national account services for Diversy Corp. and formerly vice president of operations for DuBois Chemicals of Cincinnati.

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