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## Homeowners see taxes rise

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

If a family of four didn't order all the extras like hot apple pies, they might be able to eat a dinner at McDonald's for the amount of money the average Novi homeowner's taxes will go up this year.

The owner of a \$150,000 home (about the local average) can expect a tax bill higher by \$12.21.

"About a dollar a month. For that, you'll be getting a fairly well financed parks and recreation program that should take care of the community for a good while to come," City Manager Edward Kriewall said Monday in a public hearing on the Novi budget.

When pitching the \$9.9 million parks and recreation bond issue which won voter approval in January, city officials were predicting that the average tax bill would go up by \$60 per year to underwrite this program.

That hasn't happened. And it isn't because city finances are "done with mirrors," Kriewall explained.

Growth in the tax base, good interest rates on the bonds and the past seven study sessions in which the city council kept the budget below Truth In Taxation levels were the reasons he gave.

Truth In Taxation is a state law which rolls back the millage by the same percentage the market value of property increases in the community. In Novi's case, this was an average of seven percent.

The millage levied for 1992-93 was 10.9841. This year, it will be 10.4177. One mill is equal to \$1 per each \$1,000 of state equalized assessment of property, or roughly 50 percent of market value.

For the new parks and recreation

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City of Novi Manager

bond issue the millage to be assessed is .1655 — \$12.41 per year for a \$150,000 home.

The millage collected for the police building construction was paid off last year and will no longer be assessed. Millages for the library, civic center building, drain debt fund, municipal street fund and parks and recreation have been slightly reduced, while the police and fire millage has gone up from 1.48 mills to 1.51 mills.

"Your taxes have been held at the prior year's level because the city council and administration department heads have done a great job of staying attuned to the economy," the city manager said in a televised message.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments says Novi has led the metro area in new housing, Kriewall said. New residents help pay off city bonds.

The growth in the community is absorbing some of this debt. We can count on new residents and the new

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## Novi family discovers a swastika in front yard

By MICHAEL MALOTT  
Managing Editor

Two weeks after Novi resident Alan Feldman first found the swastika burned into his front yard of his Petros Drive home with a herbicidal chemical, police are stymied, Feldman himself is frustrated and his family is fearful.

Feldman is questioning whether the Novi Police Department is taking the situation seriously.

"I was disappointed when I was told by one officer that police weren't watching the house," Feldman said. "They told me at first that they would be watching the house. Then I was told that wasn't true, that they were only doing extra patrols. Well, I'm not in law enforcement, but how do you catch somebody if you are just driving by once in a while?"

Police are indeed doing extra patrols of the neighborhood to keep an eye on the Feldman residence, according to Novi police chief Doug Shaeffer. But he said police are also running out of leads to pursue in their effort to track down the perpetrator.

Shaeffer further said he and his department are taking this very seriously, indeed. Because Feldman and his family are Jewish, the burning of a swastika into their yard could be considered a violation of state and federal "ethnic intimidation" laws. Classified as a "hate crime," conviction on such a charge could draw a felony penalty.

Shaeffer has notified the U.S. Attorney's office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the incident. Since ethnic intimidation is a federal crime, federal authorities could

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Cedar Springs Estates resident Alan Feldman said his family is quite upset over the swastika someone burned into his lawn.

## Firefighters rescue hurt worker

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

A gas line worker excavating near the M-5 construction site suffered severe internal injuries Monday when several large chunks of clay caved in and nearly crushed his chest.

Pat Adams, a contractual employee for Consumer's Power, was rescued by four Novi firefighters who went into the 30-foot-deep hole and pulled him out.

In doing so, the firefighters — Gordon Poyhonen, David McLeod, Steven Heim and Hugh Dye — risked their own lives because there wasn't time to properly shore up the sides of the hole to prevent more clay from falling in.

A spokesperson for Boisford Hospital said Adams, who was bleeding internally and suffered compression damage to his chest, underwent surgery Monday night to stop the bleeding and is expected to recover from the injuries.

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said no home address was listed for Adams, but that he is from outstate Michigan. He was working to divert gas lines to make way for M-5 construction.

Lenaghan said firefighters, who responded to the scene on Summit north of Twelve Mile within four minutes, found Adams lying at the bottom of the deep trench, where large chunks of clay had broken apart from the walls and fallen on top of him.

"He was completely buried by chunks of clay," Lenaghan said.

The ground in that area is comprised of gravel and sand with a large vein of clay running through it.

"The problem was getting him out and into treatment," he explained. "He was in big trouble. When the clay came down it caused internal damage, he was bleeding internally, and it's tough to breathe with all that clay on top of you," Lenaghan said firefighters and construction

workers at the scene were worried about a secondary cave-in. One construction worker moved a steam shovel to the site and dropped the bucket into the hole to shore up the sides while rescue workers climbed in.

That helped somewhat, but there was still risk involved.

"You can never be sure of it if it's that unstable," Lenaghan said of the walls around the trench.

"But we were working against time. He could bleed out if it took too long to get him out of there. There wasn't much time so we used the equipment that we had available."

Firefighters transferred Adams to a stretcher and moved him up to ground level by hoisting themselves along ropes.

"Everyone just kind of held onto the ropes so they had something to hold onto besides the stretcher," Lenaghan said.

Optical Imaging Systems, a subsidiary of Novi's out-going Guardian Industries, is seeking a tax abatement in Northville Township to build a \$100 million plant. OIS would manufacture "flat TV screens" there, to be used as display panels in military and commercial aircraft. The stories appear on pages 18A-19A.

## Guardian goes, but no goodbye present

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Guardian Industries, departing Novi for Auburn Hills, was wished well by the City Council, but the company will not be taking away the farewell present it seeks — an approval for a tax abatement. Under state law, Guardian, a

leading local firm, needs the nod from the Novi city council before Auburn Hills can waive its property taxes. The Novi council majority withheld its approval, saying they were philosophically opposed to the practice.

"It really is a sense of loss to see

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## LARA head expresses anger over behavior

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) president Harry Avagian isn't as hopping mad at the City Council as he was last week, but he still wants to get his point across.

"What I'm basically concerned with is they run as representatives of the citizens and they do owe the citizen respect and the willingness to listen," he said Monday.

Avagian, while addressing the council at an April 29 budget study session, became miffed because Council Member Tim Pope was reading and Council Member Robert Schmid was opening mail while he spoke.



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LARA President Harry Avagian speaks out at city council meeting.

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# Suspect uses dead man's checks

Novi police are circulating warning notices to area merchants about a suspect who is apparently writing bad checks on the account of a man who has been dead for more than 10 years.

According to Novi police reports, the man wrote a check for over \$100 to Reid Lighting on Grand River last Dec. 29. The check was returned to the business marked "account closed," and attempts to collect on the bad check were unsuccessful.

The case was turned over to Novi Police. During a routine LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check, the man whose name appears on the checks was discovered to have died in 1982.

Police contacted the Oakland County prosecutor's office to seek a warrant against the suspect. However, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Sarah Pope told police that the office would not issue a warrant until the suspect was identified.

A similar case is on file with the Novi Police Department dated June

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23, 1992. The name on the checks in that case is the same as this one, and the case was eventually closed because the suspect could not be identified, police said.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'8" tall with short black hair. He reportedly has a stocky build, is in his late 30s or 40s, and "speaks poorly."

**AUTO THEFT:** A resident on Springlake reported April 28 that someone stole his 1990 Chevrolet Lumina from outside his apartment building. The car was later recovered, totally stripped, in Detroit.

The resident told police that he parked there around 8 p.m. or shortly thereafter. He returned at 1:30 a.m. the next morning to discover the car was missing.

Police reported no physical evidence, such as broken glass, at the scene. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**LARCENY:** A resident on North Hills reported April 28 that someone stole two bicycles from her apartment. The two 1993 Trek mountain bikes were taken some time between 6 p.m. April 27, and 1 a.m. April 28, police said.

One bicycle was valued at \$800 and the other \$500.

**LARCENY:** A resident on Villagewood Circle reported April 28 that someone stole the license plate from his 1991 Nissan, possibly while it was parked in his garage.

He told police he left that morning for Louisville, Ky., and didn't notice it missing until he stopped in Dayton, Ohio.

## Novi Briefs

**Speechcraft:** Members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce can now sign up for an eight-session class in public speaking, to begin Tuesday, May 11, and run through Thursday, June 3. The class, known as "Speechcraft" and taught by Alan Moore of the Northville Chapter of Toastmasters International, will be held in the offices of the Novi Chamber of Commerce in the Novi Expo Center at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 11.

In the course, students will learn to construct their speeches and will have an opportunity to practice before the group. Critiques and advice will be given on how to make improvements. Class size will be limited to 12, although Toastmasters may schedule a second course if interest is expressed. The fee will be \$30 and must be paid before the first class. This fee will cover the cost of materials to be supplied by the Toastmasters Club. To reserve a seat in the class, please call the Novi Chamber offices at 349-3743 or Community Affairs Committee chairman Michael Malott at 349-1700.

**New area code:** The proposed new area code for Novi, Oakland County and the surrounding area will go into effect Aug. 10, 1994. Michigan Bell announced this week. Presently part of the 313 area code, the city and county will get the new 810 area code.

On Dec. 1, a transition period will begin in which numbers in the new area code will be reachable by dialing either 313 or 810. On Aug. 10, 1994, the new area code will become official.

According to Michigan Bell, the cost of calls will not be affected by the area code change. For more information, call Bell's new infoline at 1-800-631-8989.

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

## Library lecture's on family fun

Detroit Free Press entertainment and travel writer Mary Kohn will help you discover "Family Fun in Michigan" at a lecture Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at Novi Public Library.

Kohn, an award-winning writer, is the author of the weekly Free Press column, "Family Fare." He will discuss inexpensive things for families to do in the Michigan and Detroit area.

Registration for this free program may be made by calling Novi Public Library at 349-0720. The library is located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

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### A song for Mom

First graders at Novi Woods Elementary hosted their mothers for a tea on Monday. It was their way of wishing the most important people in the world a happy Mother's Day. The youngsters

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## Board commends youth volunteers

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

It was just a way of saying "thank you and keep up the good work." The Novi Board of Education passed a resolution April 22 commending those involved with the Oakland County Youth Assistance Program. The program is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1953, the assistance program now encompasses all of Oakland County through 26 local-level programs. The Novi Youth Assistance Program, established in 1990, is one of them.

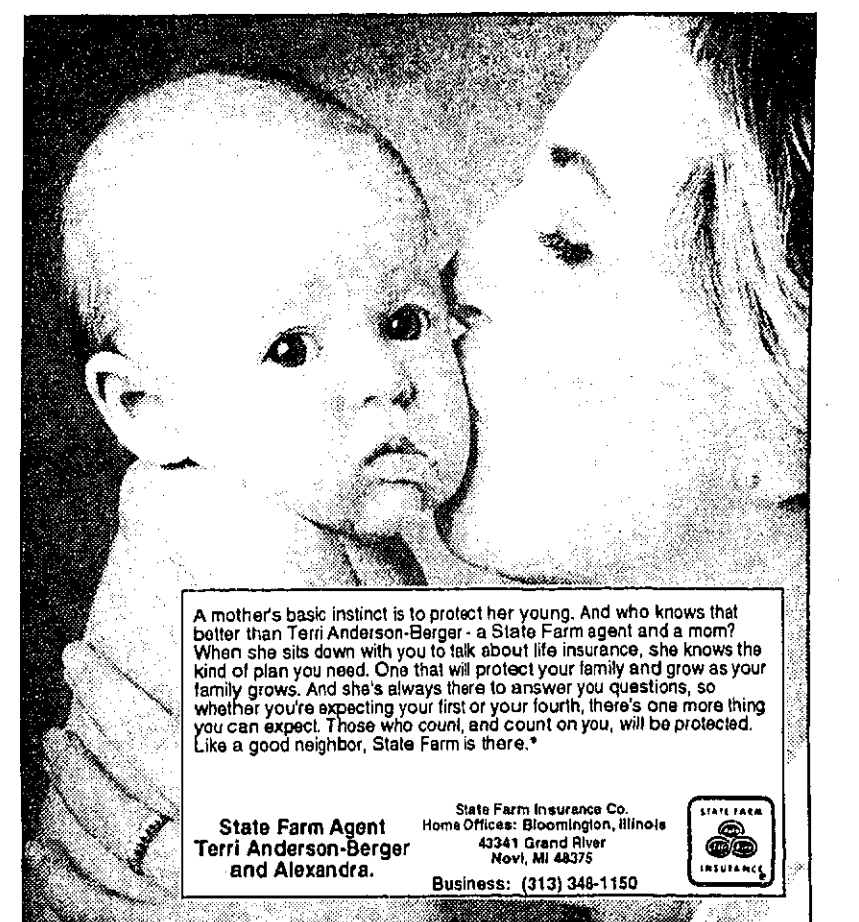
Efforts of thousands of past and present volunteers, the resolution said, make the program a very successful one. Over 80 county municipalities, school districts and the probate court offer sponsorship to the assistance program as well.

Volunteers of the program try to "reduce the incidents of delinquency, neglect and abuse through citizen involvement," the resolution said. It

notes that over 100,000 people and more than 700,000 families in the county have received help over the past 40 years. The efforts of the volunteers, it continued, make the program a nationally recognized model in how to reduce and prevent juvenile delinquency.

The program is celebrating its anniversary in conjunction with National Volunteer Recognition week. The resolution said. It offered these words of praise for volunteers' efforts: "We, the Novi board of education, want to recognize the Youth Assistance Program and the thousands of Youth Assistance volunteers for their interest, time and love for the children and families in Novi and all communities throughout Oakland County."

The board "recognizes and commends the many Youth Assistance volunteers, the many program accomplishments and wishes all involved continued success in serving the residents of our community and all of Oakland County."



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# Students give of their time, selves

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

To paraphrase John Kennedy, the young people that take part in Novit High School's Community Volunteer Service ask not what others can do for them, but what they can do for others.

More than 60 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors at the high school have joined the program this academic year, which began in 1973. The program gives students the chance to offer helping hands to area businesses and agencies. Together, last year's students gave their community 2,418 hours of unpaid assistance.

"This is something different than a co-op program or an after-school job," said Wixom Community Volunteer Service coordinator at the high school, said. "The motivations are different — these kids want to help. I think that's what appeals to them about it. They're not just drifting through life, they're doing it. They have something very important to offer by volunteering."

Students can offer their services in a number of different work environments, Wixom said: offices, schools, city departments, daycare, medical care facilities and more. Some work as tutors, teachers' assistants and a myriad of other opportunities. They volunteer usually from three to five hours per week.

Students tend to perform tasks that free up an office's regular staff — filing, cleaning up and so on.

"They get that extra pair of hands to do the little things," Wixom said, "so they can get the big jobs done."

Students, conversely, get to see how work environments work, he noted, and see daily how particular career fields operate.

Wixom, who has run the program for the last six years stated in a pamphlet that through the program "the community becomes the classroom."

Students can earn one-half of a credit in social studies for accumulating 100 hours of volunteer work through the program during the school year. Repeat students who volunteer an additional 100 hours earn one-half of an elective credit.

Some 50-60 students a year participate in Community Volunteer Service, Wixom noted — some years have seen as many as 80. The young people in the program do not receive pay or transportation money. All students are eligible to participate in it, and can jump into the program at any point during the year, but have to put in 100 hours of work before getting academic credit.

"They're not too concerned about the credit for it," Wixom said. "It's nice, but they're there because they want to be where they are. They're doing the job because they picked it out, and it's something they want to do."

The part that the students tell me they like is that they create their own situation," Wixom continued. "A student wants to learn about something — they want to help out at a vet's office, for instance. It's not like working at McDonald's, where they have you doing what they want you to do."

Students aren't the only ones that benefit, Wixom noted. He put it this way in the pamphlet:

"A large number of people in and around your community really need your extra set of hands to help them get through the day. All you need is the knowledge you already have plus the time, energy and interest in becoming a volunteer."

Other benefits, Wixom continued, include the satisfaction of helping others, increased self-confidence, learning to get along with different people, clarifying career goals and paving the way for the work of work.

"They want to see how it really is," Wixom said. "They know they can cut it academically, but they want to see if it's what they want to do for a career."

"They get to see what happens behind the office doors in the real world," said Marilyn Troshak of Novit's Parks and Recreation Department. She supervises several student volunteers.

NHS freshman David Kovacs is one example of the principle.

"I want to enter the veterinary field," Kovacs said, "and I wanted to learn as much as I can about it. That's why I picked being with a vet."

Kovacs volunteers at the Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads.

"I do a lot of clean-up work," he said, "from cleaning cages to sweeping — just about anything they need."

He also has had the chance to observe veterinarian Dr. Morris Christlieb during examinations and even surgery.

"I'm learning a lot," he said. "I wanted to try a vet's office, and see if I like it. So far, I really do."

"It's a lot easier to try a job this way," Kovacs continued, "rather than go to college and spend your time and money and find out you hate it."

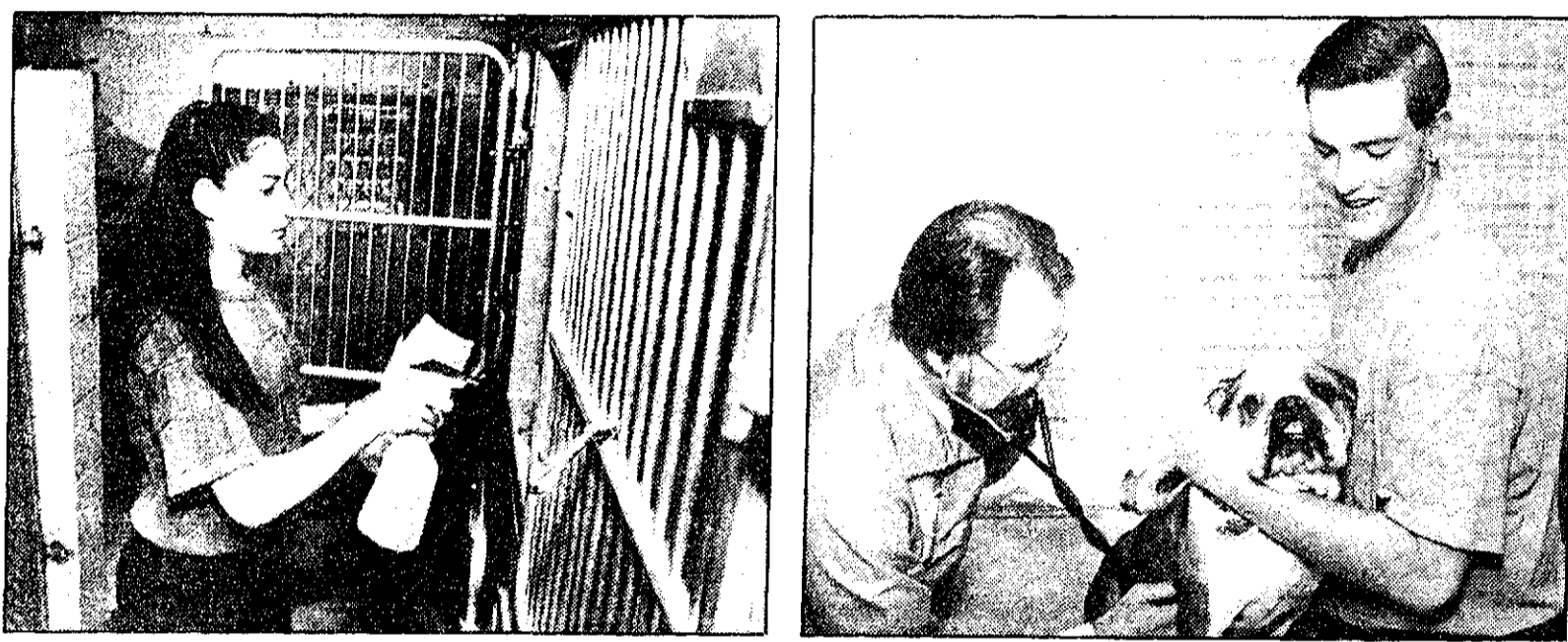
Other student volunteers do something totally unrelated to their career goals — just for the fun of it.

"It's really satisfying to me, I like to give back to the community I'm from," said junior Sherry Kemp. Kemp works as an aide at A Growing Place, a child daycare facility in Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church on Ten Mile Road.



From daycare to veterinary services, Novit High School student volunteers offer their helping hands to the community. At left, Jennifer Fox teaches Matthew Kopeika and Olivia Caskey about an ant farm. Below left, Deborah Frelick cleans cages at the Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, while David Kovacs helps out Dr. Morris Christlieb in the examining room (below right). Justin Glick and Sherry Kemp team up at bottom to help Steven Schuler and Courtney Foley make greeting cards at A Growing Place.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL



Students are shown in various volunteer activities, including working at a daycare center and a veterinary clinic.

# Students, employees honored

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education began its April 22 meeting on a high note: recognizing district students and employees who had shown themselves to be extra-special.

The board began by awarding a certificate of recognition to Novi Meadows student Catherine Waller. The fifth grader — a member of Ms. Walnwright's class — received an honorable mention in a recent international writing contest.

"We hope this will be first of many great stories she'll write," Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Rita Traynor said.

The contest, sponsored by the children's magazine Cricket, saw entrants submit short stories about a music instrument. Waller's story, "The Song of Spring," was selected as one of the best.

The board then honored several Novi High School students who work with WOVI-FM, the high school radio station. The students won awards in a March statewide competition sponsored by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters.

Wildcats Leigh Graves and Amy Sumerton received gold medals in the competition for production. Graves and Ann Soper received silver medals for interviewing; Randy Naumann received a bronze medal for newscasting.

Soper also picked up a bronze medal for production, and two students received honorable mentions: Pat Daly for news and Dan Pembroke for production.

Next to be honored was student Peggy Lao. She won a silver award, third level, in the 96th annual Michigan Mathematics competition. The event is a two-part contest with about 19,000 high school students from across the state competing.

Lao received a \$650 college scholarship. She was also one of 100 students invited to attend a special awards banquet hosted by Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. There Lao learned that she was the highest ranking female contender in the contest, winning a graphing calculator for her efforts.

The board also thanked David Armstrong, high school physics teacher, for his coaching of Lao for the competition, and for teacher Jim Whelan's efforts as well.

The board also wished good luck to Lao and her fellow Wildcat David Marquardt in the 1993 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad examinations. The competition, held at the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan on April 23 (the day after the board meeting) saw the two Novi students take the exams to qualify for the national competition.

Lao and Marquardt were among

10 southeast Michigan high school students who participated in the April 23 battle. Each received a certificate, plaque and \$400 prize for their high scores on a March qualifying competition — provided for by Ford Motor Company and the Matilda Wilson Fund.

The two are among 700 students throughout America who took the test. The 20 highest scorers on that exam are named finalists, and undergo further study at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado this June. Four of those 20 students will be selected to represent the United States in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Europe in July.

Next up for special recognition were members of the high school band squads. Some 23 Wildcat musicians participated in the state solo and ensemble festival held last month.

"These students remind us that we educate not only the mind, but the soul as well," Traynor said by way of introduction.

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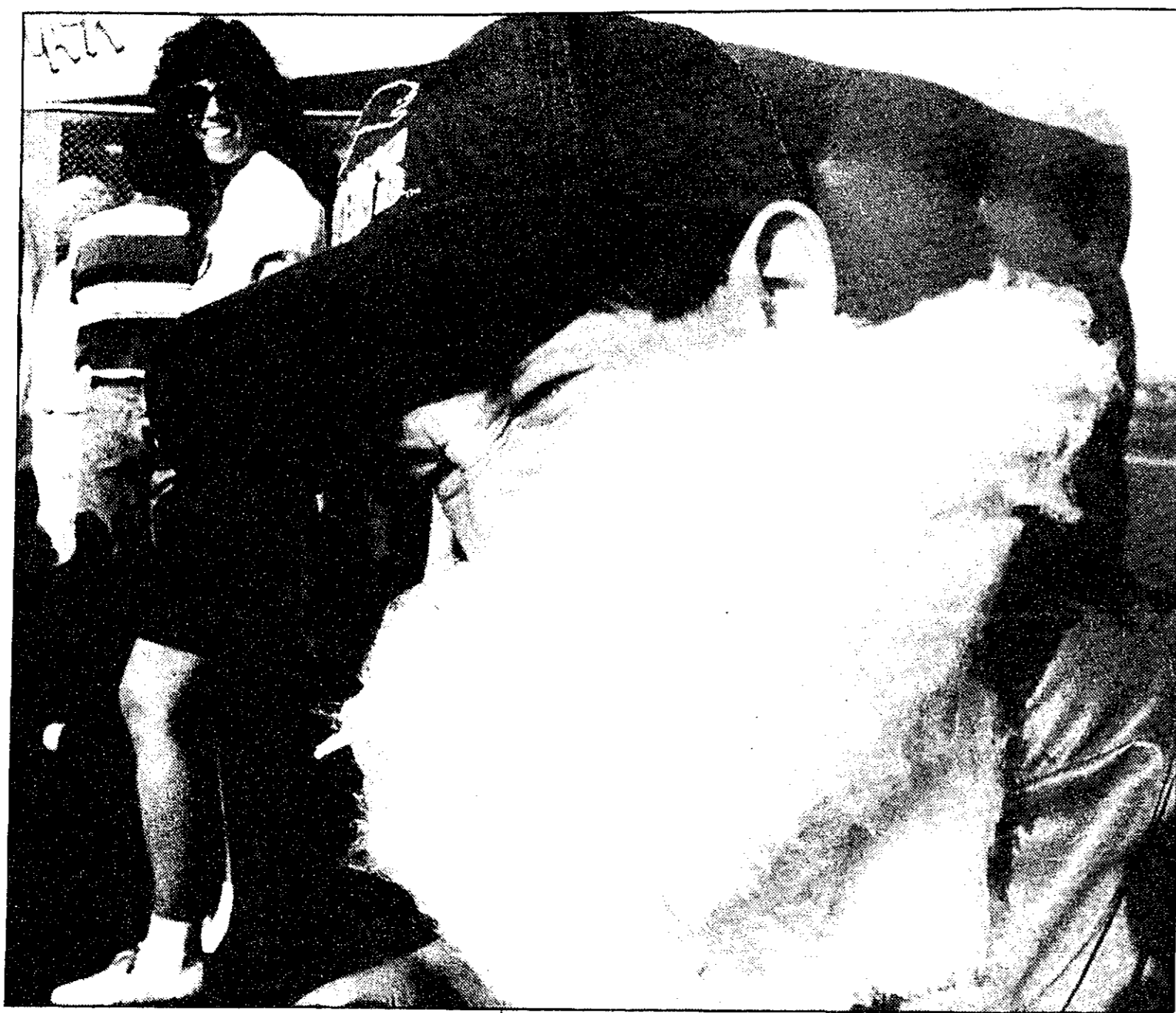
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**More fun than a...**  
Friday saw Novi Woods Elementary hold a fun fair that was, well... fun! More fun than a barrel of monkeys—or even cotton candy, which Bill Carlin and Sally Chandler dish out. Mike Crawford, at right, 9, appreciated their efforts.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Questions and answers on June ballot Proposal A

Here are answers to some questions about Proposal A on the June 2 ballot. Please call your question to (313)349-1700. Be as brief as possible.

**Q.** I'm a senior citizen paying high property taxes, so get a rebate on my state income tax. If Proposal A is passed June 2, my property taxes will be cut. But what about my rebate?

**A.** Your rebate would be cut, too. You may wind up with no net property tax cut at all. You'll have to check your own tax returns.

**Q.** The rebate, sometimes called the "circuit breaker," is an income tax refund to people whose property taxes

are more than 3.5 percent of household income. For example, if 3.5 percent of your income is \$2,000 and your total property taxes are \$2,500, the "excess" is \$500.

Senior citizens get a refund of 100 percent of the excess (in this example, \$500). Others get a 60 percent refund (\$300 in our example).

Obviously if your property taxes are cut by Proposal A, your refund will be, too.

**Q.** Doesn't that mean many of us won't get the full property tax cut you're talking about? Is that fair?

**A.** We've talked it over with Gov. John Engler and state Treasurer

Doug Roberts. Their position is that senior citizens and low income folks already are getting some relief through the rebate. Now it's time to give across-the-board relief.

**Q.** What happens if Proposal A is rejected? Is it business as usual?

**A.** No, says Engler. He is targeting out-of-formula districts—those that get no general state aid but do get categorical aid. He and a majority of legislators intend to cut as much of their categorical aid as possible.

That alternative "will be worse because it's not likely we can continue to subsidize the districts that are

spending the most money in the state," Engler tells us.

Engler cites a horrible example: Bridgman, with a nuclear power plant and lots of money. Its tax rate is only 8 mills, but that raises a whopping \$6,700 per student, yet the state still gives Bridgman \$400,000 a year for categorical aid.

**Q.** Proposal A's supporters say every school district will get a 3 percent revenue boost if A is passed. Why are some districts dragging their feet about supporting it?

**A.** Because their costs will go up, too. They'll have to pay more of their retirement costs and their categor-

ical costs. Ask your local superintendent for details.

**Q.** It looks as if suburban districts close to Detroit are going to get little property tax relief. The big cuts will go to Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and rural school districts. What result?

**A.** Engler says it will benefit older cities by giving them lower tax rates and helping them recruit industry. Detroit Mayor Coleman Young says that won't help enough. Detroit's combined property tax rate tops 80 mills. Even with a 19-mill cut, Detroit still is heavily taxed.

Some believe Proposal A will encourage "urban sprawl" into unde-

veloped rural suburbs. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has deplored urban sprawl but hasn't studied the impact of Proposal A on sprawl.

Engler says Proposal A will actually relieve sprawl by taking pressure off owners of rural land to sell to developers. He says this is so because of the "cap" on assessment increases.

The counter-argument is that low rural tax rates will lure developers to build in greenfields, woods, lake shore and wetlands, and they'll simply persuade owners to sell. Opponents see Proposal A as a big inducement to developers to abandon older areas.

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## Council tables phone store plan

By JAN JEFFRIES  
Staff Writer

Novi's leading corporate citizen took a browbeating Monday before City Council, as members inched out at a plan to place a Cellular One Sales and Service Center on a peripheral site at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Telephones and other equipment would be sold at the proposed store and installed in customers' cars at six service bays.

Council Member Robert Schmid said he was "disgusted" that the Taubman Co., which owns the mall, would propose such a facility.

It amazes me that Twelve Oaks is willing to put in this kind of development, a garage with six bays. That would be like Tully Muller, Schmid said.

"Are you telling me that a six-bay garage next to a high-class furniture store is harmonious? I hope you take this as a huge step down in the quality of this community and Twelve Oaks."

At his urging, the council tabled the issue for 30 days until more research is done by planning consultants and the city attorney.

The city's regional center zoning ordinance, which covers this site, calls for 50,000 square foot buildings. But a Taubman representative says a building of that size would not fit into the less-than-two-acre site. Instead, a 6,900-square-foot store has been designed, along with a 48-vehicle parking lot.

Requested is the use of the planned development option (PD-3), which would permit the smaller facility. Approval of this was unanimously recommended to the city council by the planning commission.

The proposed \$1.035 million Cellular One building would have a brick facade, a marble and limestone atrium and a tower, as well as the multi-level service bays. Designs follow a prototype set up by the owner of the Ohio-based firm and plans call for the construction to begin this month.

As many as 50 equipment models would be on display in the store, including in-car facsimile machines. Along with the 2,000 square feet of installation bays, a customer education center is planned.

Cellular One representative David Ross said the company selects high-profile sites for its outlets.

Taubman spokesperson Cheryl Williams defended the firm.

"The Taubman Company has not decreased our development standards. They do not see this bay area as a garage. There are no lifts, no power tools, no cars with hoods up. It's very high tech, very clean. People drive in with their expensive cars," she said.

"This is the new wave of communications. This is the '90s," says Engler. The Cellular One boys would face the automotive garage at the Sears

department store in the mall.

"In my opinion it would be compatible to what you have in the ring road environment," planning consultant Brandon Rogers told the council.

"I frankly can't see how a 50,000 square foot building could look more attractive."

City Manager Edward Kriewall agreed: "It appears to be a very attractive building. It looks better than the Sears store."

Mayor Matthew Quin urged the council to approve the PD-3 option. "McDonald's on one side, Drexel Heritage's on the other. If anybody's entitled to relief for a PD-3, it looks like this property. Unless I'm missing something, I don't see the use is something we have any control over. If it's something that can be put in a regional center mall, we can't veto this because we don't want a Cellular One service center," he said.

Council Members Tim Pope and Nancy Cassis threw their weight behind Schmid.

"It's refreshing to be back together and agree on things. Troy is going to have a Nordstrom's (a West Coast-based department store chain along

the lines of Hudson's) come to their mall and the Taubman Co. brings us a garage," Pope said.

He pointed out that the PD-3 option requires "alternative development to create a desirable environment providing for the harmonious relationships between land-use types and architectural and functional compatibility between said uses."

Rogers explained that auto uses are not allowed in regional center zoning, but that the PD-3 option, which calls for restaurants, offices and stores, doesn't expressly prohibit such a use.

"You and the Taubman Co. are asking us to read into the ordinance something that isn't permitted," Pope said. "I feel very strongly we are trying to build an identity in Novi. Regardless of how hard we try to build an identity, our identity is Twelve Oaks Mall. This use is not permitted. I'm disappointed with the Taubman Co. and I'm disappointed with Mr. Rogers."

Cellular One's Ross said he was led to believe in a Novi planning concepts committee meeting that the

store would be acceptable to the city council.

"We have substantial dollars invested in this project. There is no way to sell products without cars coming in. This will come and it will come in the near future. We would never have gone ahead with this project if we didn't have the blessing of some members of this council previously," Ross added.

Schmid took exception to those statements.

"It's a concept meeting. You should not invest any more money that you should invest. For you to suggest this upsets me further," Schmid said.

"I'm thoroughly disgusted with Taubman and I'd tell him that. We ought to meet with him."

He accused Rogers of "not doing his homework" and upbraided the mayor and the developers favoring Cellular One's design for six service bays doors when the mall already has upscale retail stores and is likely to attract more.

"Once in a while, I wish our planners would have a little more class," Schmid added.

## New N'ville state cop commander selected

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

Northville's Michigan State Police Post will have a new commander at the helm next week.

First Lt. David Warner will assume the top spot on Sunday, May 9. He takes the reins from Lt. Stephen Kraffl, interim commander since April 21, when former post commander, Lt. Jack Moulik, was suspended.

Warner, who is currently directing the department's Detroit post, has 23 years experience with the State Police. He was first appointed a state trooper on Nov. 8, 1970.

Warner has been commander of the Detroit post since Jan. 22, 1989. Prior to that, he was assistant commander at the same location.

Moulik remains at home, assuming responsibilities for the I-96 corridor including the Novi area, houses a detective bureau, the state crime lab and the central dispatch for all of the Detroit metropolitan area.

Capt. Tony Phillips of the department's district command said, "The matter continues under investigation, and there won't be any change in the information we release until it's completed. Hopefully that will be soon."

When the investigation is complete, the results will be reviewed with the state attorney general's office to see if formal charges should be filed.

Moulik has also requested retirement from the department, but his request has not yet been processed. The 25-year State Police veteran became eligible for retirement on April 15.

Moulik has directed the Northville Post since Jan. 1, 1987. The Northville Post, in addition to patrol responsibilities for the I-96 corridor including the Novi area, houses a detective bureau, the state crime lab and the central dispatch for all of the Detroit metropolitan area.

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# Arts Council to enliven atrium with performances

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Novi City Council audiences will soon be greeted with music... or dance... or drama... or even poetry and comedy.

But it's not a plan by councilmembers to take center stage. It is a program by the Novi Arts Council that will showcase local performing talent.

The Performers Showcase, which is a branch of Arts Council Vice President Ann Oberts, will begin before the May 10 City Council meeting if plans go as hoped.

Oberts got the idea four years ago — the first time she walked into the Civic Center and saw the atrium.

When she saw it she flashed back to her studies at Interlochen, where dancers, musicians and other performers would put on impromptu performances outdoors and in other open-air places where people were gathering or passing through for a given event.

"Just walking into that beautiful atrium, I thought how nice it would be to see performers there."

And she said, the evenings before council meetings begin would provide that impromptu audience as people gathered for the meeting. There are also people coming and going in the atrium as they attend classes at that time.

Right now the plans for performance location include only the atrium, but there's a possibility that future performers could be featured on cable television as well.

"Most performers will be in the at-

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Ann Oberts  
Vice President, Novi Arts Council

rium, but this may evolve to where we put people in front of the MetroVision cameras," she said.

"We hope to get it going this month. We have all loved the idea, but to really implement it is another thing."

Oberts, who is an instructor at Eastern Michigan University, plans to devote her time to pulling the project together now that she is on hiatus for the summer.

Helping to organize are Arts Council members Paula Joyner Clinard and Becky Prost.

Application forms are available in the Civic Center at the Novi Arts Council display. They are also available in the Parks and Recreation office.

"We are looking for quality performers, whether they are quality beginners or more advanced," Oberts said. "And performers of all ages are encouraged."

Performers must be able to concentrate, she added, as the environment would only be "somewhat" controlled as people walk in and out, and may or may not stop to watch the performance.

Oberts, who is a keyboardist, said she remembers people actually com-

ing up and sitting next to her on the bench when she performed in such environments at Interlochen.

It is open to anyone at this point, but if the Arts Council is flooded with applications it will give preference to Novi residents.

"We are certainly open to other performers from other communities, but if we do have more applications than we can handle we will choose Novi residents first," Oberts explained. "Right now we are definitely not flooded, so that's not a problem."

Performing artists are encouraged to provide a tape if possible.

"Right now I have one or two tapes at home and maybe a few more that I haven't picked up yet," Oberts said. "We are just starting out."

The Arts Council is looking for all types of performers — from the "basic" performing arts of music, dance and theater to the less common forms of poetry readings, dramatic readings or comedy routines.

"We don't need just the classical arts," she explained. "A lot of the time people stay away from the arts because they think it's uppity."

"This has the potential to be a lot of fun."



Novi Arts Council members Becky Prost, Paula Joyner Clinard and Ann Oberts are setting up the Performers Showcase series in the atrium of the Civic Center.

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# Northville may shut old school to open new one

By MICHELLE KAISER  
Staff Writer

The Northville School District's new elementary school will open this September, but the opening might come at the expense of a building that is presently being used.

Northville Board of Education members voted Monday night to open Thornton Creek Elementary for the 1993-94 school year, but are still examining costs of keeping five elementary buildings open.

Two residents presented the board with plans they've devised, both of which recommended Moraine Elementary be closed at least temporarily.

Jane Gardner passed out a two-page proposal to board members, estimating enrollment and building capacities for each elementary building.

She figured a 343-student enrollment increase within the next five years, bringing the elementary student population to 2,358. According to her projections, four schools (including Thornton Creek but excluding Moraine) would be able to handle a maximum of 2,416 students. If music, art and health teachers were put on carts, then that would allow space for 2,808 students.

Gardner said she hoped the district wouldn't completely close down Moraine, keeping it open for special

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Jan Hansen  
Northville school board president

education, early childhood and possibly renting space to the Northville Pre-School Cooperative.

Phil Phillips also approached the board with a proposal regarding the opening of Thornton Creek. He projected a 48-student increase in the kindergarten levels through the 1997-98 school year and 230 additional students in grades 1-5 in the next five years.

"My conclusion would be to not open Thornton Creek at all would not really be a good idea," he said. "To open Thornton Creek in addition to Moraine, you would have additional class increments without any benefits for five years."

"This is an extremely, extremely difficult issue," Trustee Jan Hansen said. "I've been waffling back and forth on the issue. I keep thinking about can we open the fifth school in 1993-94 without having to make any

Brookland Farms would be transferred to Thornton Creek.

On the other hand, if the district had decided not to open Thornton Creek, it would have been faced with increased building capacities for each school. School officials believe the children are already shoe-horned in.

"We simply have large class sizes," said Kenneth Pawloski, Silver Springs Elementary principal. "Every classroom is being used. It is very tight."

Dolly McMaster, assistant superintendent for instructional services, appeared agitated when discussion centered on increasing building capacities.

"Big people are always concerned about the quality of their work environment," she said. "... We can't put kids in sardine cans. Sure, we can run music classes (from carts) and hold our teachers accountable for MEAP scores."

She asked how did people think those kids would concentrate if the next classroom over was having music and all they could hear were the sounds of xylophones.

"Do we value our children and the environment we put them in?" she asked. "Now it's a dollars and cents issue, too."

Also in need of consideration are the costs of keeping a school building closed. If Thornton Creek were to re-

There is the potential to recoup an additional 25 percent space in existing elementary schools," she wrote. "I have excluded kindergarten rooms and small instructional spaces from my figures."

"To the previous board's credit, we will need an additional school, as present population growth indicates. Neither the board nor the administration would have predicted a recession in the economy and a millage deficit."

"I have observed an extreme stretching of manpower time, energy and resources this past year as administrators and board members dealt with many diverse and unexpected issues. I believe a delay in opening Thornton Creek would give the district an opportunity to build the infrastructures of the Northville School District."

She asked that a no vote be entered on her behalf for the resolution to open Thornton Creek. However, since she was not present, Custer negated her voting right, said Carol Rahimi, board president.

Treasurer Robert McMahon said if the board does consider closing Moraine it should be a decision made within the next month.

"No decision has been made on Moraine and whether it stays open or closes," summarized Richard Brown, secretary of the board. "However, I would recommend the administration take a look at these figures."

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## Adult ed. board seeks volunteers

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

The Novi Community Education Advisory Council needs new members — and they'd like you to apply. The Novi Board of Education reappointed member Helen Stabler and appointed Julie Lupo to the advisory council at the board's April 22 meeting. Two members of the advisory panel will soon leave, however, and their seats will be available.

The advisory council's goals to assess and identify the needs, interests, resources and problems that relate to community/adult education in the Novi school district. It makes recommendations to the board on community education objectives and programs to fulfill those needs. The council also continuously evaluates those programs' effectiveness.

Another important function of the advisory council is to maintain the lines of communication with and among community agencies to help avoid unneeded duplication of programs and services.

To that end, the advisory council is working on a "school facilities usage study" and is reviewing the public use of buildings policy. The council is

working with school and community personnel to improve public use and access of school and community resources. The group is participating in a community survey to measure use of city and school district athletic fields and facilities.

Council members serve for three year terms. When a member's term expires, the board can reappoint the member if it wishes. It can also request the advisory council conduct interviews for new members and make recommendations on a new appointee.

Three advisory council members' terms will soon expire — those of Cheryl Bass, Patty Konedra and Stabler. Bass and Konedra have informed the council that due to other commitments they do not wish to serve another term.

Stabler, the senior member, decided to ask the board to consider her reappointment. Lupo, a City of Novi resident, received her appointment at the same time as Stabler's reappointment.

Anyone interested in applying for the two vacancies, or seeking more information, may contact Clara Porter, director of community education, at 344-8330.

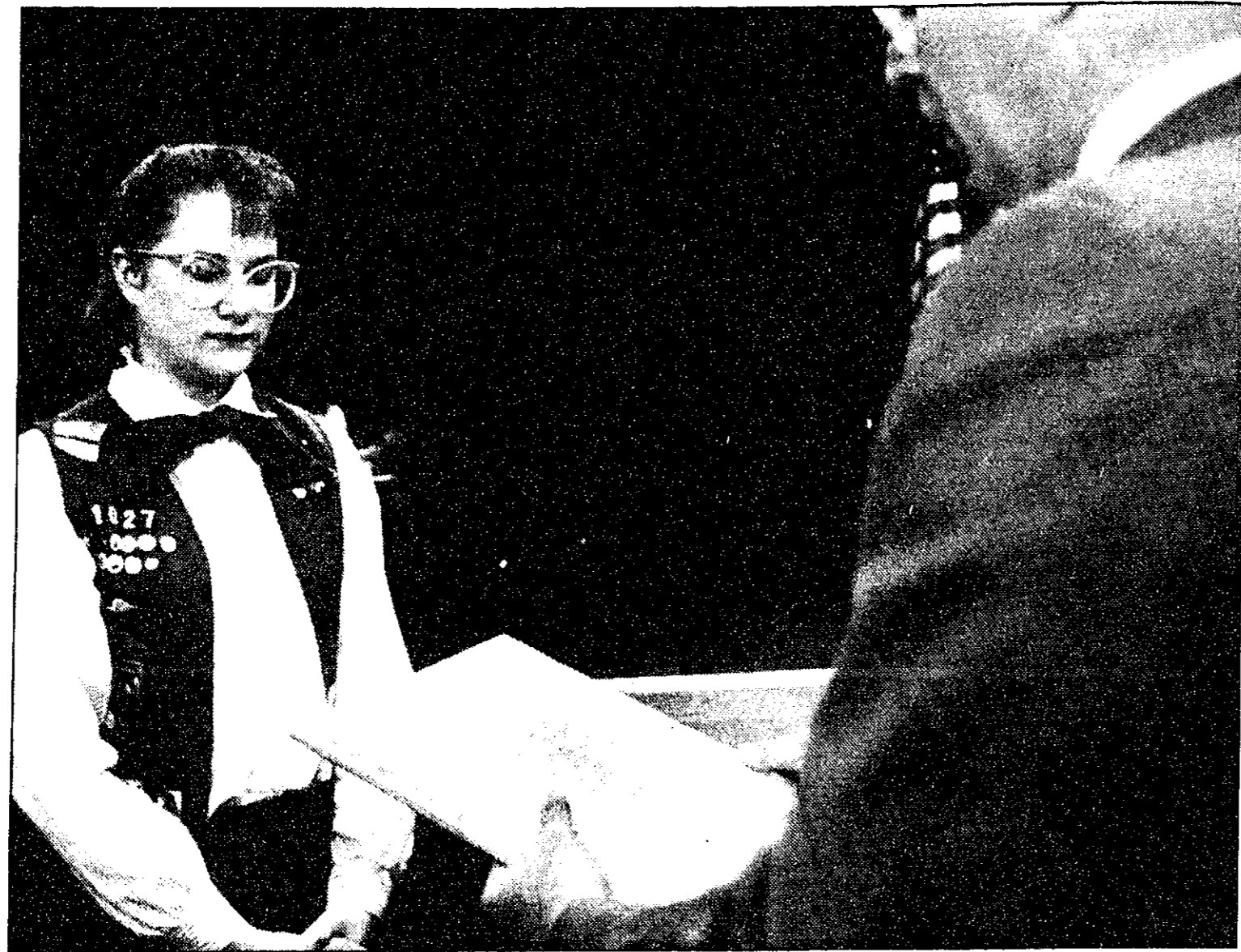


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### A scouting first

Sherry Ruth Kemp received an award from Novi Mayor Matt Quinn in the recent City Council meeting for being the first Girl Scout in Novi to earn a "Gold Award." Quinn explained that the Gold Award is comparable to the Eagle Award in Boy Scouts.

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## Senate expands victim's rights

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Parents would have more financial responsibility for juveniles' crimes, and prosecutors would have more crime victims looking over their shoulders, under a new wave of anti-crime legislation.

The state Senate last week passed eight new crime victims' rights bills and sent them to the House of Representatives.

Prosecutors would be required to

consult with a victim before plea negotiations with the criminal are finalized," said Sen. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison, author of the package and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Courts, prosecutors and police would be required to give crime victims more notification of legal actions involving the perpetrator. These would include "plea bargaining" between prosecutor and defense attorney, notice that a juvenile offender is

being considered for release, and notice that a prisoner has escaped jail.

The lead bill, SB 137, would require the criminal to pay restitution out of his or her own money rather than from the Crime Victims Fund.

According to a staff analysis, "This goal may be accomplished by:

• "Holding a parent of a juvenile offender responsible for paying unlimited restitution to the victim.

• "Allowing the court to order a wage assignment or garnishment of the offender's property.

• "Requiring that a percentage of any cash bond posted be used" to compensate crime victims.

The Senate added an amendment by John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe, to add "homemaking and child care services" to the list of items for which a convicted person must compensate a household victim.

All area senators were present to support the package — SB 137-139, 469-470 and 472-474. They now are before the House Judiciary Committee.

## Walk aids county hunger prevention

Lighthouse of Oakland County will hold its 11th annual Hunger Walk on Saturday, May 15. The walk is a 10 K (6.2 mile) course through Pontiac and Waterford Township. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church parking lot (next to Lighthouse) at 109 Williams St. and Orchard Lake in Pontiac. All proceeds will go towards Lighthouse's efforts to prevent hunger and homelessness in north Oakland County.

Lighthouse encourages the community to become involved by walking, sponsoring a walker or volunteering to help on the walk day. In keeping with this year's theme, "It's Tough Living on a Shoestring," walkers who raise pledges of \$20 or more will receive a free pair of Lighthouse shoe strings courtesy of Consumers Power Company.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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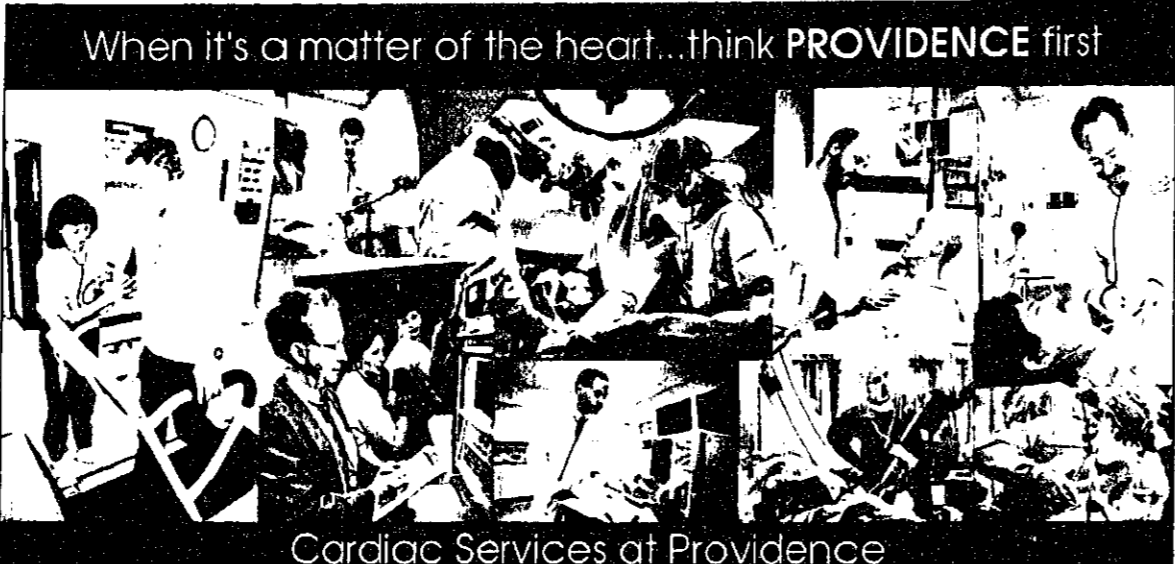
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# Schools prep to upgrade with new bond money

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

The new look Novi Community School District is getting closer and closer every time you turn around. The district's board of education has taken further steps to implement the \$31.9 million in Improvements voters approved with a bond issue in December. Board members gave the green light to the design plan for one elementary school's improvements, and awarded contracts for work at three district schools as its April 22 meeting.

Board members at the meeting approved the formal design and development drawings for Orchard Hills Elementary. The school will receive a number of improvements, some of which require changing the existing facility.

On top of Orchard Hills are new ceilings, lights and corridors; carpeting, air conditioning and a link to city water lines; a partial reroofing of the building; new windows and boilers; a paint job and toilet improvements. The total cost is budgeted at \$1.4 million.

The board awarded the contracts for the partial reroofing, as well as the completely new roof for Village Oaks Elementary. The two jobs will go to the firm of Newton & Crane of Pontiac for a total cost of \$162,900.

Newton & Crane was the low bidder of the nine firms that submitted bids. The highest bid was \$226,391.

Village Oaks will also receive air conditioning, carpeting and repair of its interior courtyard from bond issue monies. The total budget for that school's improvements is \$894,000.

Kitchen renovations for Novi Meadows—new freezers, to be specific—were the subject of a second contract. The board awarded the work to the Farmington Hills firm of Hickson-Costigan for \$63,700.

Hickson-Costigan was the low bidder of the eight firms that submitted bids. The highest bid was \$93,750.

The district's summer break begins June 17, and that's when construction and improvement work should begin in earnest.

Novi High School will see most of the bond issue money—about \$17.5 million—for a slew of classroom and physical education additions and overall renovations. Parkview Elementary will get 10 new classrooms for \$2.2 million. Monies for costs related to the bond issuance and for possible land purchases total \$1.9 million.

District officials say they hope that all bond issue work will be done in time for opening day of the 1994-95 school year—some 16 months from now.

# Obituaries

**NINA A. REHFELD**

Nina A. Rehfeld, 76, of Green Oak Township died April 18 at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born Sept. 25, 1916, in New York, N.Y., to the late William Schroeder and Mary Jane McCabe. Her husband, William C. Rehfeld, preceded her in death. Surviving are her children, Carole Luther of South Lyon and Lorraine McKaye of Texas, and five grandchildren.

She came to the community in 1985 and was a retired travel consultant. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi.

A memorial service was held April 21 at Casteline Funeral Home, Fr. John Budge of Holy Family Church, Novi, officiated.

The family would appreciate memorials to the American Cancer Society.

**OLLIE R. MCLAUGHLIN**

Ollie Roberta McLaughlin, 82, of Novi died April 26 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. She was born Jan. 19, 1911, to the late Thomas Jefferson and Mary Anna Williams Lee in Bonne Terre, Mo.

She was a homemaker living in the Novi area for many years.

Surviving are her children, Gary Stuegler of Centerline, Robbie Stuegler of Farmington Hills, Linda McGowan of Novi; her sisters Eva of Missouri, Myrtle of Missouri, Leona of Missouri, Orene of Missouri; her brother Amos Lee of Wayne; and her grandchildren Stephanie Stuegler and Stacie and Julie McLaughlin.

A prayer service was held Friday, April 30, at the Northrop Funeral Home, Northville. An 11 a.m. service was held following the service at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, Novi. For Holland Lewis officiated the service with burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials to the First Church of the Nazarene, Novi, would be appreciated by the family.

**OLIVE C. ANDERSON**

Olive C. Anderson, 88, of Farmington died Thursday, April 22, at the home of her daughter in Enfield. She was born in Ivoryton, Conn., Nov. 6, 1904, to the late Joel Lundegren and Ida Lindell. Prior to retiring, she was an executive secretary at the Royal Typewriting Co. in Hartford for 15 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty Canton of Enfield and Adrienne Parsons of Novi; her son Robert E. Anderson of Millard; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at the Aherm Funeral Home, Unionville, April 26. A 10 a.m. service followed at Grace United Church, Farmington with the Rev. Jack Hazlett officiating. Burial was in Centerbrook Cemetery, Centerbrook, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund at Grace United Church, 110 South Road, Farmington, Conn. 06032.

**SYLVIA R. JAGLOWSKI**

Sylvia R. Jaglowski, 79, of Novi died April 26 at Providence Hospital, Southfield of cardiac arrest. She was born April 3, 1914, in Detroit to the late August and Frances Kuczewski. Her husband, Stanley J., survives her.

Surviving with her husband are her children, Sandra Encelowski and Christine Yezack; and her grandchildren Richard, Michael, David, Stephen and Pamela.

Visitation was held at O'Brien Cemetery/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. A 10 a.m. mass was held at Holy Family Church April 29. Fr. John Budge officiated. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

**WILLIAM I. STEWART**

William I. Stewart, 72, of Wixom died April 26 at Botsford Hospital after a brief illness. He was born May 28, 1920, in Dundee, Scotland, and since June 21, 1952, Emma A. Stewart, survives him with his brother, Douglas Stewart of Wisconsin.

They came to the community 22 years ago and William worked as a precision tool grinder. He was a member of the American Legion in Farmington Hills.

Memorial services are pending. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

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### Senate kills effort for 'potty parity' bill

The problem exists in larger facilities, said Posthumus. Despite Dillingham's demands, he didn't reveal who wanted the change or what kinds of buildings might be affected. "There's a certain amount of hysteria," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, another supporter. "Next we can expect a repeal of the 19th Amendment (women's vote). There's no end of feeling threatened around here. The gentleman who authored the amendment clearly never had to stand in line (outside a women's room in a theater or stadium)." ... On nearly a party line vote, state Senate Republicans Thursday amended the House passed bill to apply only to public buildings "with occupancy of more than 300."

## Tax break eyed to lure Troy firm

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer  
Now that county, state and federal officials have done their part to bring a Troy-based firm to Northville Township, it may be up to township trustees to seal the deal with a tax abatement. Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said Tuesday she wasn't absolutely sure if Troy's Optical Imaging Systems' (OIS) plan to build a \$100 million manufacturing site in Northville Township rests on trustees granting a tax break. "I don't really know if it all hinges on a tax abatement or not," Hillebrand said. "But it was my impression that after talking with Wayne County's Bill Wild that, yes, it hinges on the abatement." Hillebrand said Wild intends to file the necessary paperwork for the abatement later this week. The request comes on the heels of Wild's request last month to schedule a public hearing on an abatement for the 30-acre parcel of land that would house OIS' new plant. "That public hearing is set for 7 p.m. on May 13, one half hour before the board of trustees' regular meeting. The hearing is the second step in the tax abatement process. Trustees have already granted the county the industrial development district zoning it needed to proceed with the abatement process. Baja, Hillebrand and Britton all said they hadn't favored tax abate-

## \$1 buys 30 Northville acres for Guardian spin-off

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer  
Now that the federal government has awarded a grant to Troy-based Optical Imaging Systems (OIS), Wayne County officials are revealing their plans to develop 30 acres of county-owned land in Northville Township. For months, the county has declined to name the prospective developer until a deal was struck. But now with funding almost guaranteed, OIS, county officials, and township trustees are all celebrating the deal — a deal that could put Northville Township on the cutting edge of a technological eclipse. County, state, and federal govern-

## Guardian leaves without Novi's tax break blessing

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Buying land in Novi would be an added expense in building the new headquarters, Walters told the council. Guardian, the Palace and the Detroit Pistons are among the holdings of a sole owner, William Davidson. The Novi headquarters employs 170 in the front portion of its office building and leases the rear two-thirds of the facility to its subsidiary Qualex Inc., an overnight photolithography business. Qualex will stay in town. Davidson is also the majority owner of the Frank W. Kerr Co. and Kerr Chemical Co., which has 170 staff members in the building next door to the Nine Mile Guardian Headquarters. Guardian has no plans to move the Frank W. Kerr pharmaceutical company. For Guardian to qualify for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, Novi must consent to the transfer of jobs to Auburn Hills. Auburn Hills must then agree to waive taxes. The certificate is submitted to the Michigan State Tax Commission. Walters said the firm had not yet asked the Auburn Hills city council for the abatement, but anticipated that it would be granted.

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# Doctors prescribe malpractice bill

By **TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

A bill to curb medical malpractice lawsuits and costs is good but "not a panacea," said one of its major supporters.

"It's an important step in bringing down costs. But we have a long way to go in other areas," said state Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, after the House passed the measure 72-29.

A coalition of many Republicans and some Democrats passed Senate Bill 270 last week after attorneys in both parties failed to weaken it.

It's aimed at cutting medical malpractice costs 15 percent by capping "pain and suffering" jury awards, raising standards for "expert" witnesses, and requiring 182-day notices before suing.

The House Thursday fell seven votes short of the two-thirds majority (72) to give the bill immediate effect. The vote was 65-33. That means it

will take effect in April of 1994 rather than as soon as Gov. John Engler signs it.

The Senate must concur in House amendments. Jamian, chair of the House Health Policy Committee, hoped the Senate will concur so that the bill doesn't have to go to a conference committee.

Jamian said the bill is legally tied to a package of bills his committee produced to speed up and tighten regulation of health practitioners. His House-passed bills are now before the Senate.

Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted yes on the final bill and to put the bill into immediate effect.

The bill emerged almost unscathed after two full days of debate on amendments. The only successful amendment was a 59-37 Republican effort to raise the cap on pain and suffering awards from \$250,000 to \$280,000.

A separate cap of \$500,000 remains in place for more serious cases.

The bill lowers the age at which children may sue for birth-related damages to 8 years. Democrats lost several knock-down, drag-out efforts to raise that age to 13. Sponsor Tracy Yokich, D-St. Clair Shores, argued that some medical complications don't show up until a child is older.

Yokich's amendment lost, 48 yes to 52 no. Bullard voted against the Yokich amendment.

The bill was backed by hospitals and medical practitioners, whose survey showed 74 percent of graduating orthopedic surgeons and 53 percent of graduating obstetricians were leaving Michigan to practice. They blamed Michigan's malpractice insurance costs, third highest in the nation.

Their arguments convinced some small-town and rural Democrats that malpractice suits had to be

curbed to prevent a "brain drain" of specialists.

Detroit and suburban Democrats denounced the bill.

Nick Ciaramitaro of Roseville: "In today's med-mal debate, you are faced with an effort to again blame the victims. . . It is a package which will only serve to raise insurance company profits."

Nelson Saunders of Detroit: "the most vicious attack on consumers by this legislative body since the passage of the auto no-fault reform bill." The bill "will further insulate health care professionals and institutions from responsibility for their negligent acts."

Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti: "It is obvious from the debate that some members of the medical community are confused as to whether they want to earn a living as health care providers or insurers. . . It is unfortunate that the physicians in this state are being so manipulated by the insurance interests."

# School Happenings

The Novi Board of Education will next meet on May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building. The facility is located on Taft Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

The Spring Festival of the Arts 1993 — which will feature a youth art show and choral concert — happens May 20 in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

There will be no classes held in the district on Monday, May 31, in honor of Memorial Day.

**Orchard Hills Elementary:** A roller-skating party at Bonaventure is set for May 12. The school's talent fair/ice cream social will be held on May 21 from 6-8 p.m. The next PTO is set for May 25 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Parkview Elementary:** The Fun Fair will be held May 14 from 6:30-9 p.m. The school's next roller-skating party is set for May 24 at Bonaventure.

**Village Oaks Elementary:** A roller-skating party is set for May 17 at Bonaventure. The school's PTO elections of officers and ice cream social will be held on May 25.

**Novi Meadows:** ADARE assembly will be held at the school on May 12. May 18 is student roller skating night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The next PTO meeting is set for May 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Novi Middle School:** Activity Night is set for May 14 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Novi High School:** A parent/principal meeting is set for May 19 at 7 p.m. in the media center.

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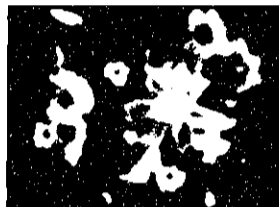
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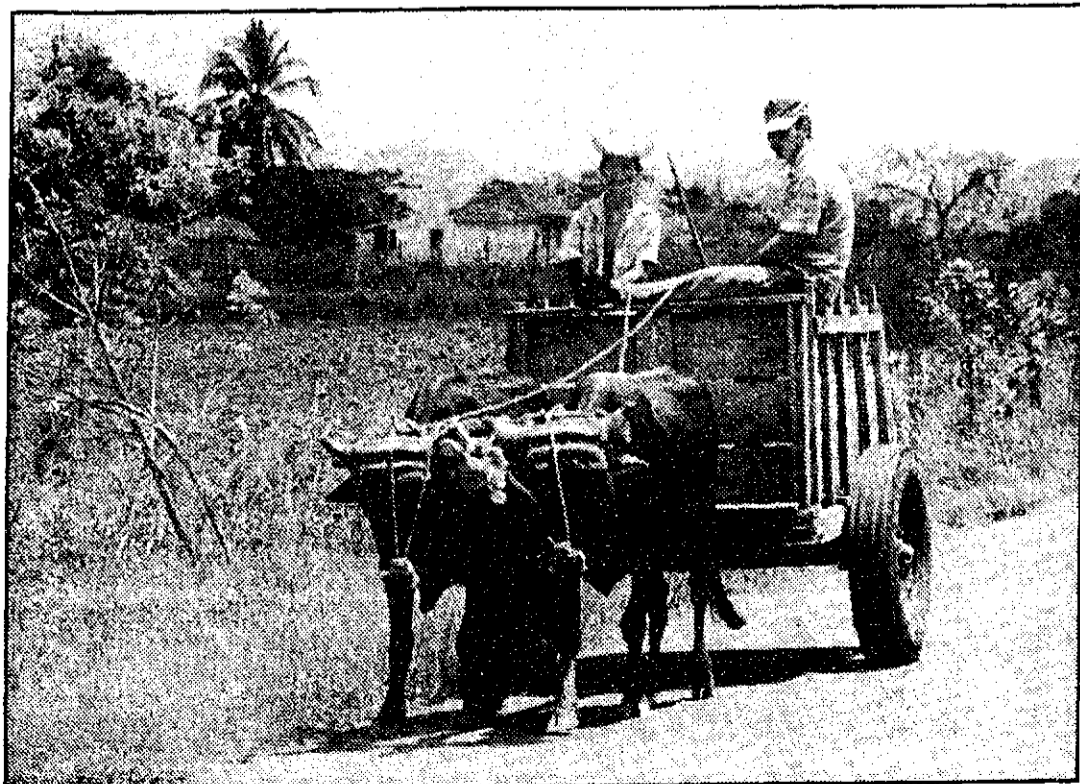
Cruise to Cuba combines physical, political dangers

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Above, ship's captain Skip Lembright hands candy to the children that quickly gather when the crew's tourist van stops in downtown Havana. The van, one of the few new vehicles on the island, draws a crowd wherever it goes.

At right, Two farmers on the highway outside Havana pilot one of the more popular forms of transportation in a country facing critical shortages of fuel and nightly black-outs — the ox-drawn cart.



It seems like we're aboard the S.S. Minnow at times, if not the Edmund Fitzgerald.

We cast off from Key West's Oceanside Marina two hours before dawn on April 18, our destination Cuba. But a few hours into the voyage, I begin to wonder whether we'll arrive at all.

Thirty-two years earlier to the day, a U.S.-backed Cuban invasion force was fighting a losing battle against Fidel Castro's soldiers at the Bay of Pigs, following a pre-dawn landing on April 17, 1961.

Our mission is a more peaceful one, to reconnoiter the island as sightseers aboard the 42-foot Newfie Bullet, and report our findings in various publications upon our return. Publishing stories is one way around the 32-year-old U.S. trade embargo that forbids United States citizens other than journalists, researchers or politicians on assignment from spending any money in Cuba.

The motorboat's owner, Stewart Oldford, Sr. of Northville Lumber, along with Northville restaurateur John Genitti and seven others, had originally planned to make the crossing with a flotilla bringing medical supplies and humanitarian relief to the beleaguered island nation. But when the flotilla's departure date was pushed back a week at the request of Cuban officials, we decide to sail alone, a sort of unofficial advance party for the fleet.

Our mission seems ill-fated from the start. The crew had failed to seal a slow leak in the 15-year-old ship's inflatable dinghy the night before our departure, and a depth finder on the flybridge broke down. One hour out of the harbor, as the lights of the Key West skyline slowly sink into the dark horizon, an

electrical fire breaks out on the bridge. Quick action with a fire extinguisher by passenger Harry Brown, and a few repairs by captain Skip Lembright, and we're on our way again.

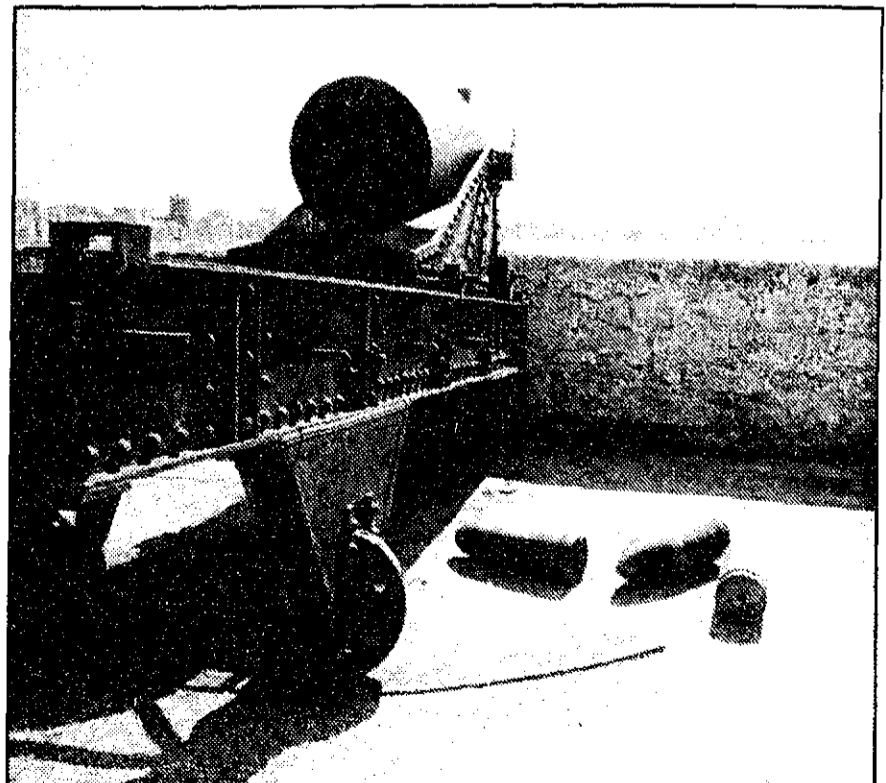
But it isn't long before a more serious problem develops. As we make our way across the 90 miles of open ocean in the Florida Straits, just outside the capital city of Havana, the port engine sputters and dies. It starts back up, reluctantly, and continues to run erratically as we keep heading south toward our destination at Marina Hemingway.

As the skyline begins to brighten off our port side, so do our spirits and our luck. The skipper sets two fishing lines and leaves the rods sitting on the flybridge, waiting for a strike, and by late morning Oldford has reeled in a two-foot mahi mahi that struck the starboard line and set the reel clattering as it pulled out the line. First mate Kellee Tartanis quickly turns it into a spicy fish stew which she serves with hunks of thick, buttered Bahamian bread left over from the ship's last port of call.

This culinary feat is made all the more impressive by rough seas encountered throughout the crossing. We have a following sea, which means the four- to six-foot swells are coming at us from behind. The Newfie Bullet, a seaworthy boat but slow, rolls backward over the swells as they head south faster than us, raising the stern first as the boat surfs briefly down the front of the wave, and then lifting the bow as the mounds of water race ahead. The boat seems to pause as it slides down the back



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A cannon at the heavily-fortified Morro Castle, built in 1710, overlooks Havana Harbor. In the distance is the skyline of Havana.











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## Recreational cycling booming

The most efficient way to propel yourself forward is aboard a bicycle. It's also an excellent way to enjoy fresh air and scenery while getting a good workout.

The popularity of recreational cycling has boomed since the early '80s, largely because of improvements in bicycle technology. Today's bikes are more comfortable, and versatile enough for a wide variety of activities.

### MOUNTAIN BIKES

According to the Bicycle Institute of America, approximately 50 percent of bikes now sold in the United States are mountain bikes, compared to 5 percent just five years ago.

Mountain bikes have wide tires, 15 to 18 speeds, and straight, upright handlebars. They're easy to pedal uphill and allow a comfortable riding position.

"Fat" tires take to rough and bumpy dirt roads as easily as paved surfaces, absorb lots of vibration, and have fewer flats than "skinny" high-pressure tires.

### BIKE HIKING

The popularity of mountain bikes has spawned a new sport.

"Bike hiking" involves riding — and sometimes walking — a mountain bike along quiet trails and logging roads. The sport is expected to become the cycling craze of the '90s.

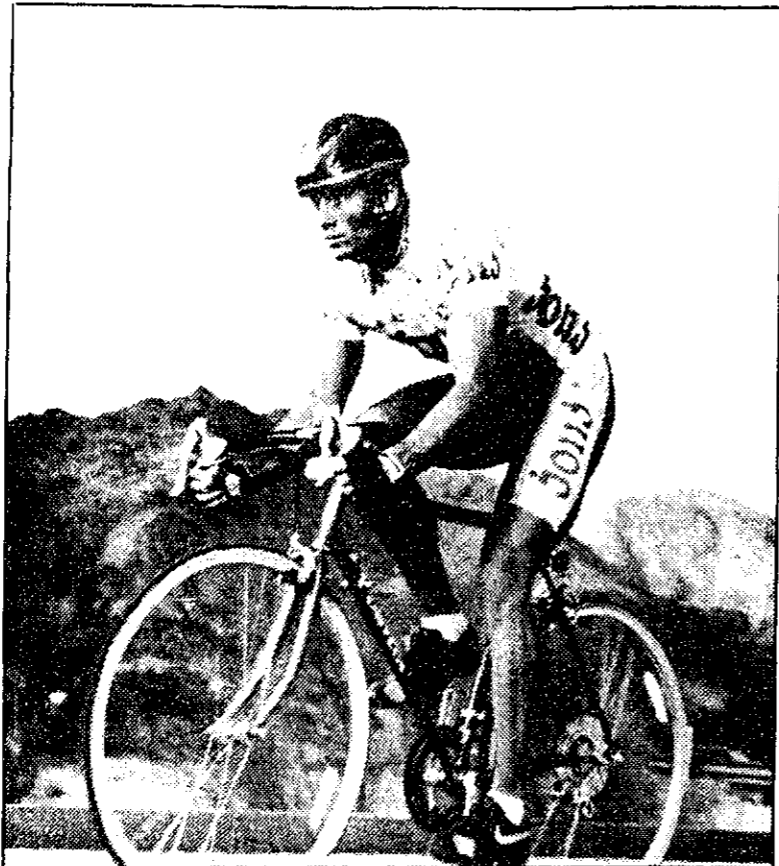
"The mountain bike was specifically designed to handle off-road conditions," says BIA executive director Bill Wilkinson. "But it has taken nearly 10 years for the majority of mountain bike riders to discover the joy of going on when the pavement stops."

Enthusiasts say the best part of exploring back-country trails is the opportunity to view terrain few people have discovered yet — as well as the absence of vehicles.

### SPORT/TOURING BIKES

If you anticipate long rides on pavement, either for recreation or as a part of your daily commute consider a bicycle built for touring.

With their down-turned handle-



Cycling is a great way to exercise.

bars and 14 to 21 speeds, sport/touring bikes are glorified versions of yesterday's 10-speed. They resemble racers, but have heavier frames, lower gearing, and more stable wheelbases.

In addition, sport/touring bikes usually accommodate racks, which can hold various types of gear — a convenience if you plan to tote camping gear, a picnic basket, a backpack or briefcase.

### BIKE RACING

Nearly 200,000 adult Americans ride in competitive cycling events annually, and another 80,000 younger BMX (bicycle motocross) riders complete on some 700 dirt tracks across the country.

Among the races that are popular with today's competitive cyclists are

velodrome racing (on a specially built banked track); road races (held on streets and rural roads); time trials (individuals compete against the clock); criteriums (held on a closed loop of city streets); stage races (multi-day events); triathlons and mountain bike races.

Racing bikes are at the cutting edge of bike technology. They're featherweight and have razor-thin tires to minimize wind resistance.

Frames are made of lightweight alloys, their upright design provides greater comfort, less fatigue and better performance.

Aerodynamically styled handlebars increase efficiency, comfort and speed. They're positioned to put on rider in a "tuck" position similar to that of downhill skiers.

"Twist" shift levers are located at

palm positions so hands never leave handlebars; new step-in pedals eliminate old-style toe clip and strap, providing easier entry and exit.

### EQUIPMENT EVOLUTIONS

Click this button and you'll shift up. Click that button and you'll shift down — automatically, and to the right position every time. If new models on display at bike industry trade shows are any indication, it won't be long before push-button and twist-type shifters replace levers.

The reason? A bicycle tour operator observes, "I typically see lever-style shifters frozen in place for lack of use. Newcomers to bicycling are afraid to shift gears."

As a result, he explains, they're depriving themselves of the full enjoyment they could get from cycling. "Any improvement that makes shifting gears easier will help the sport."

Computer technology also has impacted cycling. New "cycloputers" monitor altitude, exertion and pulse rate — as well as miles covered and pace maintained.

In-place bicycling "trainers" with electronic chips and display screens have become commonplace. Video tapes let you "tour and train" in exotic locations without leaving your living room.

Also newly developed or in the works: composite frames, disc wheels, aero-bars, teardrop-shaped helmets and automatic transmission systems.

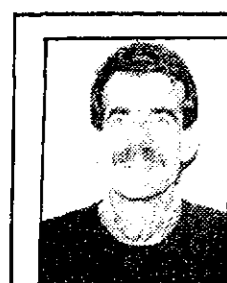
### THE WELL-DRESSED CYCLIST

Bicycle shorts and fanny packs, in neon and black, bold beach colors and tropical prints, have become the look in warm-weather active wear.

Thanks to the new cycle chic, knee-length Lycra shorts are an accepted alternative to traditional athletic shorts, and tights have replaced baggy sweatpants for running and jogging.

Authentic bicycle shorts have a padded seat, the padding increases the rider's comfort by absorbing moisture and pressure.

## Thoughts on open heart surgery



Randy Step

It was a year ago on April 6 that I had open-heart surgery — a 10-hour process in which two of my valves were replaced with transplanted human valves. The surgery was to correct a birth defect that I was not aware of until recently. I would like to share some of the thoughts and feelings I have had since the surgery.

In the hospital, I was warned that many people, especially men, experience depression after cardiac surgery. What they did not tell me was the basis for this depression or how to deal with it when, and if, it occurs.

The days of recovery immediately after surgery went well. I had some bad days, but in general I could see my recovery progressing and was encouraged by this advancement each day. It seemed that I had escaped any depression.

Once I returned to work and my normal hectic life, it hit me like a ton of bricks. Not necessarily depression but many negative feelings. I felt angry. I thought, why me? I have always lead a fairly healthy life, why am I now a heart patient at 35? I don't deserve a life of constant monitoring and regular trips to the cardiologist

### Health tips

for follow-up. I had feelings of guilt, somehow I had let my family down. I was responsible for what they had gone through. I had watched as they worried, cried and prayed for me. I felt sorry for myself. In those days after surgery I spent hours hashing thoughts over in my mind.

Then in June during my rehab walk, something occurred to me. (The running philosopher George Sheehan once said, "Never trust a thought you have while sitting down." I say if you want to do some thinking, go for a walk.) Anyway, as I walked I was feeling good about my four miles and recalling a college class I had on the psychology of death and dying. I realized I had escaped death but was going through many of the same thought patterns that occur when someone suffers a loss — the stages of the grieving process. I had lived through this ordeal and was doing well. What was I grieving? What had I lost? Then it came to me.

For the 35 years leading to my surgery, I considered myself a young, healthy person. Feeling good and living a good, healthy and athletic life gave me a feeling of immortality. Maybe I shouldn't call it immortality, but the thought of my own death did not often enter my mind. Un-

til this year, I didn't know how precious that feeling of immortality was. It's a feeling that is now gone, and like so many, taken for granted. I didn't realize its value until it was gone. I was going through the grieving process over the loss of the secure feelings of health.

I am now a heart patient. I can only imagine the unpleasant thoughts and feelings people have after bypass surgery or a heart attack. They must feel remorseful to realize they might have avoided surgery and convalescence by simply changing their lifestyle. People just don't know what they've got until it's gone.

I am sharing these thoughts hoping to motivate anyone trying to make a positive, healthy lifestyle change. There is absolutely no good reason to live a sedentary life or eat a poor diet — the consequences are depressing. Are you looking for inspiration or a place to start? My wife, Kathy Step, just started a Tuesday morning walking group. They walk at 9:30 a.m. from Running Fit in the Novi Town Center. For more information call 347-4949.

As for myself, hopefully I'm in acceptance. The final stage of grief. I have been able to move on. I have learned from the experience and hope to share it with others and create something positive from something difficult.

Randy Step is president of American Exercise and Running Fit, a retail chain of fitness stores. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell and the staff at the U-M Health Centers.

## Colts to hold football registration

**Football registration:** Registration for the Novi/Northville Colts Junior Football team, players and cheerleaders, will take place May 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. All positions are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis for ages 9-14.

**Gymnastics:** Several Novi residents competed with the Farmington Gymnastics Center squad at the level eight state championship last month.

Auda Sliger was 10th on the floor exercise, Meredith Reavill 10th on the balance beam and seventh on the floor exercise. Sara Hofer sixth on the beam and Angela Pelletier fourth all-around.

**Harwell signs:** Detroit Tiger broadcasting legend Ernie Harwell will appear at the Novi Borders Book Shop on May 15. He will sign copies of his book, *Ernie Harwell's Diamond Gems* starting at 6 p.m.

**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 II registration deadline is May 19. Call 347-0400 for more information.

**Novi Trackers:** The Novi Trackers is a running club whose mem-

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

**Aerobic Exercise:** Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

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

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**Home warranty plans grow in popularity**

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

Sales of home warranty plans for homes being resold are picking up dramatically throughout the country.

"At least 75 percent of homes we sell are covered by a home protection plan," said Nancy Amorteguy, a branch manager for Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate Services.

"About a year ago, we started recommending the coverage strongly. We really think all previously owned homes sold today should have warranty coverage. It benefits everyone."

The coverage plan is usually purchased by the seller, with the one-time fee paid at the time the

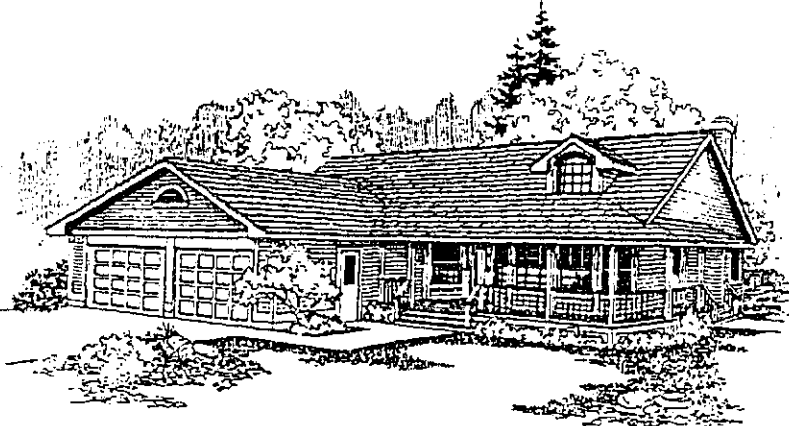
home sale transaction is closed. The plan typically covers costs related to repairing or replacing the "working parts" of a home—the mechanical, non-structural systems. This includes plumbing, electrical and heating systems. Some plans include kitchen appliances, garage door openers, spas and swimming pools.

"Things have a way of going wrong soon after a sale," Amorteguy said. "With warranty coverage, everyone feels more secure about a sale transaction—the buyer, seller and broker. The buyer will often pay for extended years of coverage."

In some cases, the initial fee is split between the buyer and seller.

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**HOME DESIGNS**



**The farm style Jansen has a down-side to it**

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

The medium-size, farm-style Jansen is designed for construction on a rear-sloping hill. It is richly windowed along the back, to allow for full appreciation of vistas to the left and rear.

From the front, the Jansen looks like a single-level home, but it actually has more than 800 square feet of living space on the lower level—two bedrooms, an activity room and a bathroom.

A spacious master suite, expanded by a wide bay window, is the only bedroom upstairs. Other features include a walk-in closet, an oversize tub and shower combi-

nation, and a second vanity outside the water closet. This room is also brightened by an overhead dormer window.

Two more dormer windows these facing the back yard, brighten an informal great room that stretches across the width of the Jansen at the rear.

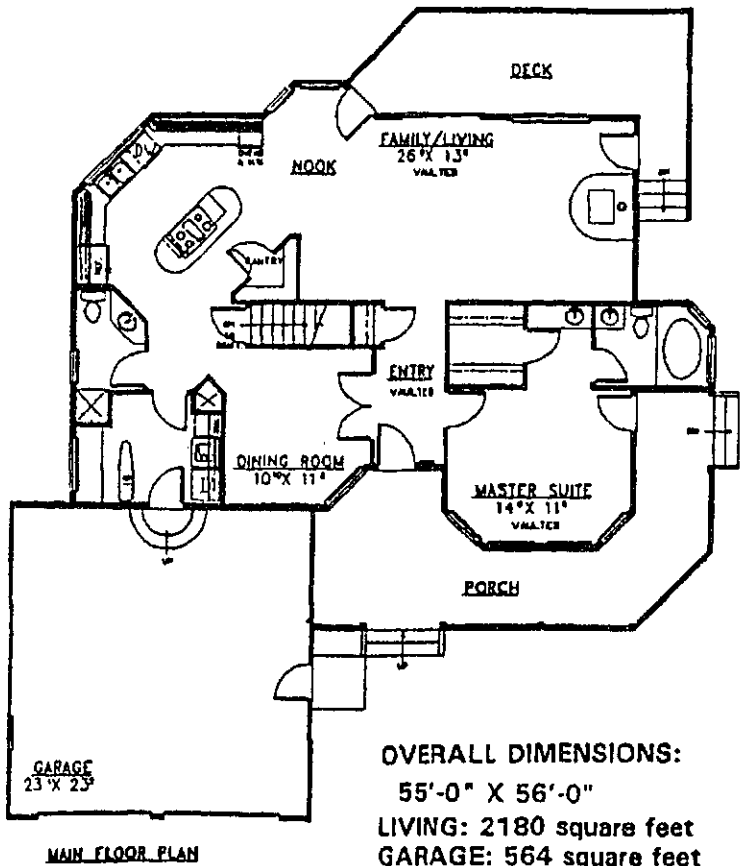
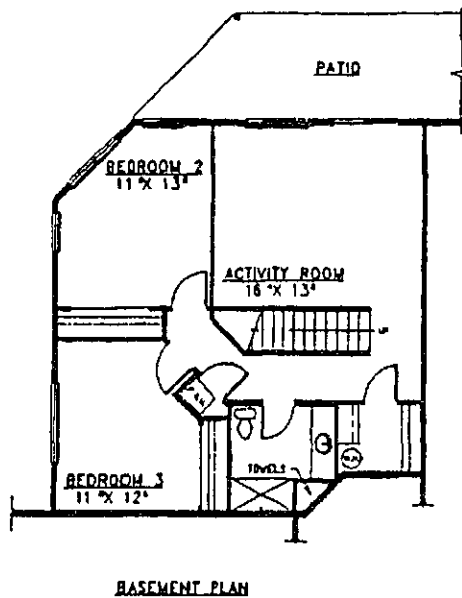
The comfortable country kitchen has a large work island with built-in range top, and a bay win-

dow brightens the eating nook. Next to the wood-burning stove is a door that leads to the deck and an external stairway, convenient for bringing in wood. The nook also has deck access, allowing meals to move outside when the weather allows.

One side of the utility room is designed for use as a sewing center. This room, as well as the adjacent small bathroom, is equally close to the kitchen and the garage.

The Jansen also has a formal dining room, which can be entered from the kitchen, or through double French doors off the entryway.

For a study plan of the Jansen 400-51 send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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**GOING HOME**

**South Lyon couple enjoy the small town and country flavor**

By Matthew J. Valley  
Editor

Denise and Steve Lay say that in moving to their new residence in Greenock Hills development in Green Oak Township, they truly have come home.

The young professionals also were happy to return to the South Lyon school district where they had lived six years ago.

"We wanted the convenience of the city (South Lyon) and the comfort of the country," said Steve.

Denise and Steve both said that the friendliness of the people in the area made it very easy for them and their two oldest sons to resume old friendships.

"It's like we never left," he said. Denise said she enjoys the natural beauty which surrounds their home.

In selecting a home, their love of nature was a high priority, she said. The existence of a wetland near their home will prohibit development behind their residence.

The couple said they have a great home constructed with their needs, likes, and dislikes in mind.

"Each room was customized to our liking," Denise said.

In fact, builder Ed Tompkins tore out the studs for an enclosed staircase and widened the hall area in order to accommodate Denise's desire for an open staircase.

Tompkins, their builder, co-owns the development.

Special theme rooms, including a "101 Dalmations" bedroom for the Lays' youngest son, Dennis, 7, 15-year-old Robert's Michigan State bedroom, and a modern room in gray tones for 18-year-old Steven, are located throughout their dwelling.

Denise and Steve say that they find fixing up the house inside and out is an enjoyable and relaxing hobby.

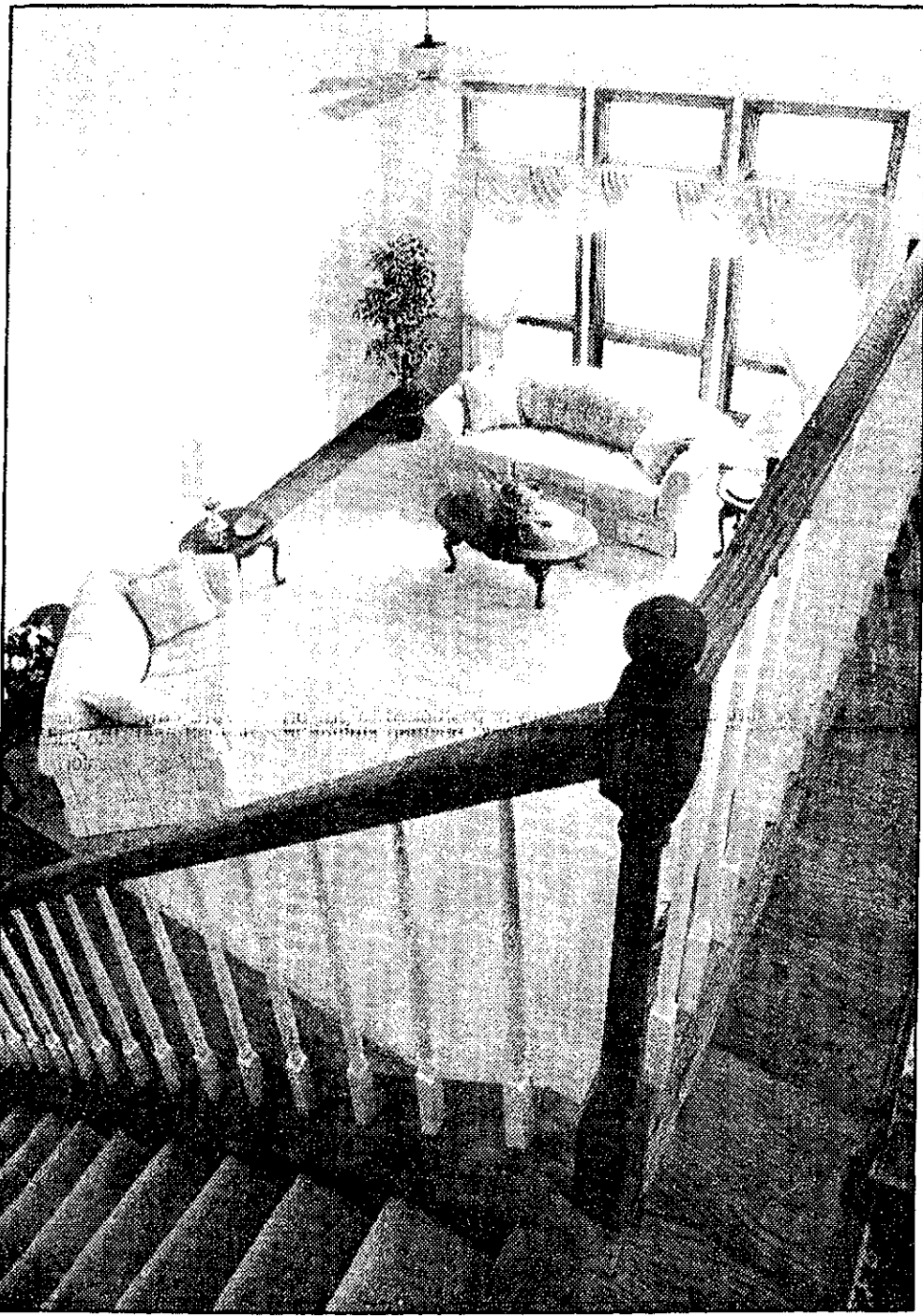
Steve, who supervises the Farmington Hills Department of Public Works, said he can't wait to start work on an enclosed backyard deck.

Denise, who owns and operates two beauty salons, created a decorator look in each room.

She admits that she prefers the simple look of stark white walls and neutral floor coverings. These features accent the spacious design and



Denise and Steve Lay relax in their spacious kitchen.



Stark white walls accent the oak floor and burnished dark wood furniture in the living room.

PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD

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**Perfect planning**

By C.Z. Guest  
Copley News Service

**GARDENING**

It's time to start thinking about your garden and planning for the best results. A workable garden plan includes a list of crops to plant, varieties to select, the amount of seeds or number of seedlings needed, planting dates, the location of each crop and spacing.

It's often helpful to work up a diagram of just how every inch of space in your garden will be used.

Consider carefully the location of your garden. Does it get enough sun? (Six hours a day is the very least most plants require.) Will the garden drain properly? Is the space convenient to a watering source? These are all important questions to keep in mind when mapping out a new garden site.

Next, consider the soil. The spring weather may have left the earth too damp and cold to work (try squeezing a handful of soil, it should crumble apart rather than clump damply).

In some parts of the country, you may be able to sow an early planting of cool-weather crops that can withstand the occasional dips in temperature.

For instance, you can proba-

bly begin planting lettuce, radishes and peas now and start peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, celery, broccoli and cauliflower in the cold frame or greenhouse. It's time to start many annuals (under lights) as well, including asters, phlox, snapdragons, ageratum and nicotiana.

Spring thaws can be dangerous to shrubs and bushes as the tops begin to shed water, which their frozen roots can't replace. To prevent dehydration, try to keep them shaded with burlap until the ground is completely thawed.

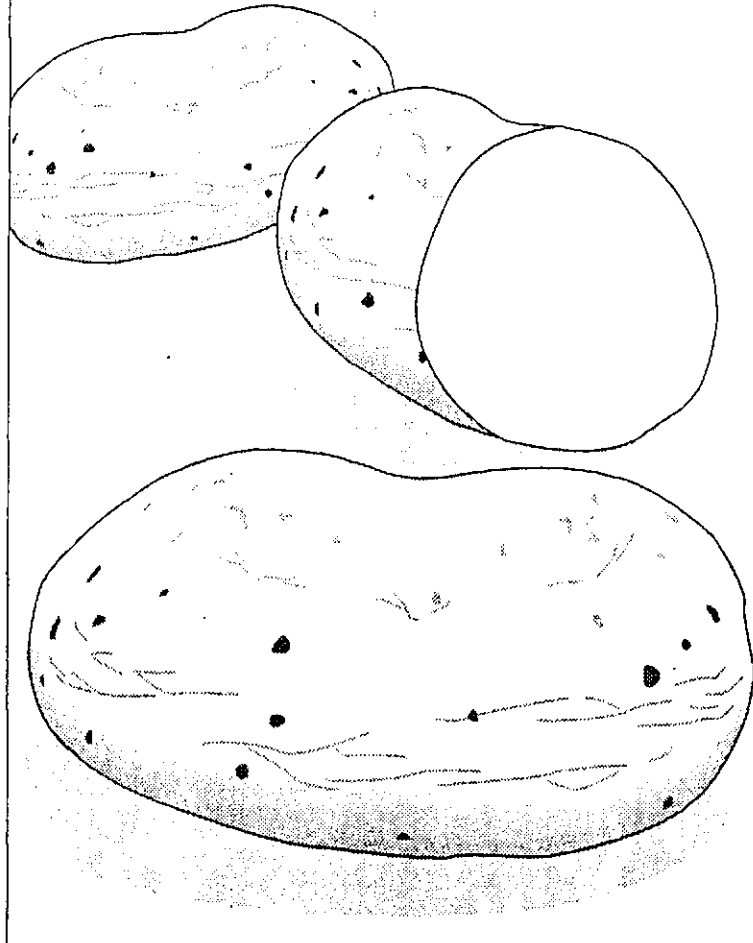
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**Potato primer**

- Always buy disease-free tubers from a reliable source.
- Prepare soil by plowing and spading.
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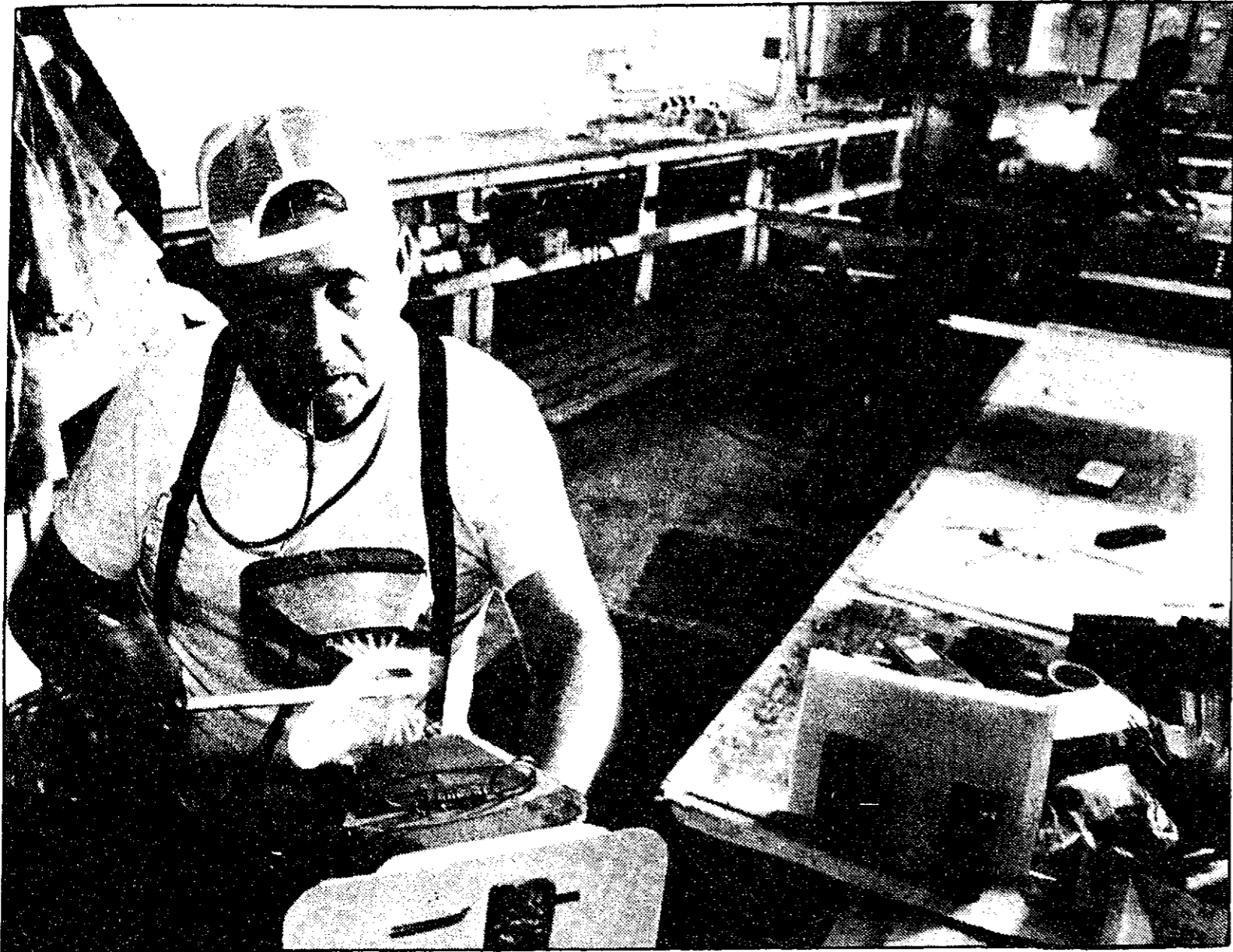
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Dennis Wilcox (front) and Peter Murray create signs at Planet Neon in Novi. Murray said "Working on the Tiger Stadium project was exciting," because he felt like a part of history.

**Bright ideas**

**Planet Neon shows its creative bent**

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

It's kind of ironic that a company like Planet Neon would be located in Novi.

The City of Novi, notorious for its restrictive sign ordinance, probably wouldn't allow most of the signs that come out of the sprawling gray building on Grand River Avenue west of Taft Road.

"Neon is really being used in a mixture of applications," said Jeff Heyn, who with wife Anne, owns Planet Neon. "It's a very old craft being used by new craftsmen."

Neon lights are created by applying electrical current to a sealed glass tube containing an inert gas, either neon or argon. But that's just where the fun begins. One large room at

Planet Neon has space for four glass blowers, who can heat and bend the glass tubes into any shape or design you can think of — and even some you couldn't.

In truth many signs that you see may actually be neon, and you wouldn't even know it. Technological advances in the industry and artisans pushing the creative envelope have resulted in new uses and integrations for neon.

Jeff demonstrates with a sign being created for a new Mike Ilitch-owned restaurant. The letters are solid stainless steel, completely opaque.

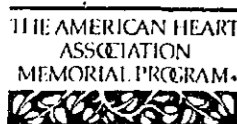
"The tubes go in back here," Jeff says, turning a letter over to reveal meticulously welded seams and

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brackets behind it. "The light reflects off the back and creates a nice halo effect around the letters."

In other instances, translucent plastic in a rainbow of colors creates the lining by day, but neon lights at night—more evenly than incandescent lights ever could.

Neon light is the stuff of fantasy and imagination, but it's also practical. Many people confuse it with fluorescent lighting that you may find stuck in the dropped ceiling in your office. Those lights burn out frequently enough to make them a pain to replace.

"Theoretically, if neon is done right, it doesn't burn out," said Jeff. "It's not like fluorescent light where you have only so many hours before it goes bad."

"And it's energy efficient. It hardly gives off any heat," he said, grabbing a tube in his office to demonstrate.

Neon can also turn up in cone lighting above a moulding near the ceiling of a room, creating a mood with whatever color is appropriate.

"That's one reason architects like to use it," said Jeff. "You can tuck it in small areas."

Anne also points out that while there are only two true colors of neon lights (neon gas glows a fire engine red, and argon, a medium blue), virtually the entire spectrum can be created with a phosphorous coating on the inside of the tubes. It's all a matter of what kind of image you want to present.

"Businesses use the sign to create their identity," Anne said. "The best example of that is Tiger Stadium."

Yes, if you've been to the newly refurbished Tiger Stadium and seen the new Tiger Plaza, you've seen the work of Planet Neon.

"Doing that was fun because it was something new and exciting," said Anne. "It just creates a better feeling when you go in there. Even the people working there and selling beer were more excited. These things kind of rub off on each other."

That Tiger Stadium, so important to everyone made it a labor of love. Workers in Planet Neon's fabricating shop toiled 'round the clock, and when construction began at the stadium, they even ignored the weather.

"There was a snowstorm that made it so cold that the ironworkers couldn't even hold the pieces they were building," Anne said. "But it was a team effort. Everybody understood the situation, that this wasn't an eight-to-five job."

The Fox Theatre facade was another Planet Neon creation. It too has achieved landmark status thanks to the company's work. And with notches like that in their belts, the people at Planet Neon find there's no shortage of new jobs for them.

"We're fortunate," said Ed Goralewski, who works in sales. "Some sign companies have been feeling the brunt of the recession. But the developers and builders keep on calling us."

The Heys attribute their success to the creativity with which they approach every job.

"It's a linear tube, and you're writing with light," said Jeff. "And you can bend it to fit architectural situations. In the old days, it was just signage."

Locally, Woolly Bully's restaurant and night club in Northville has called on Planet Neon to create its image. Indeed Woolly Bully's illustrates how the firm's work isn't limited to just lighting.

Though the 40-foot guitars on the



Players billiard club in Farmington Hills uses neon in its sign, though it's creatively hidden.

for anything, no matter how small or large.

"We do a lot of jobs that are not as exciting as Tiger Stadium," said Anne. "But we take as much pride in a \$200 lamp as we do in a \$2,000 sign."

And, yes, they even work in Nov. The new Providence Medical Center has signs that, sign ordinances notwithstanding, contain neon tubes. It just goes to show, there's no limit for someone with a bright idea.

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## '24 Hours' service added to classifieds

A new feature will be added to the classified section of The Green Sheet beginning in June.

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The new section will be devoted to businesses and services which are open 24 hours per day.

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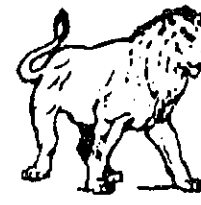
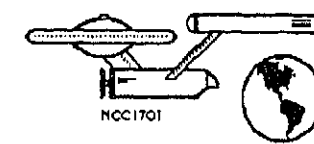
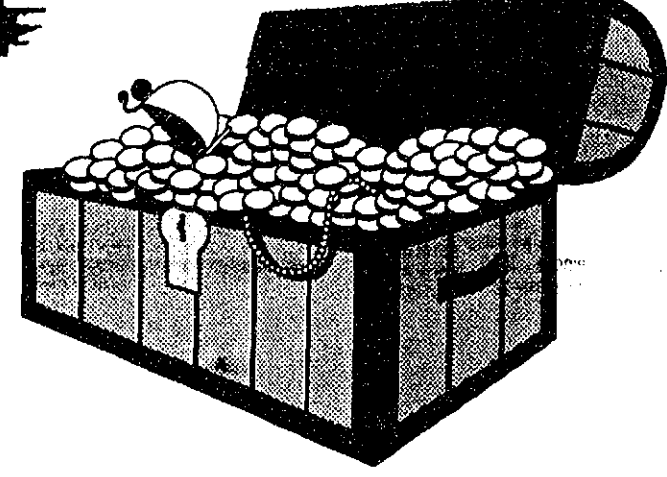
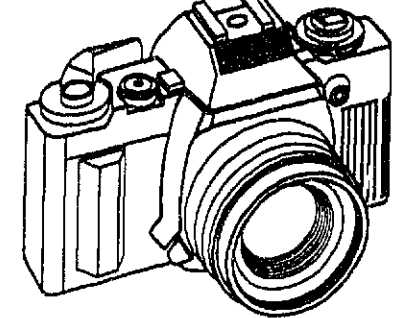
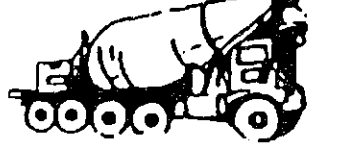
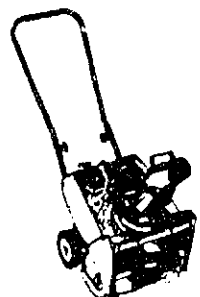
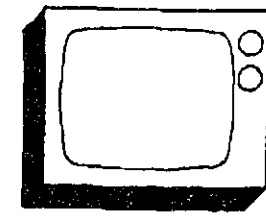
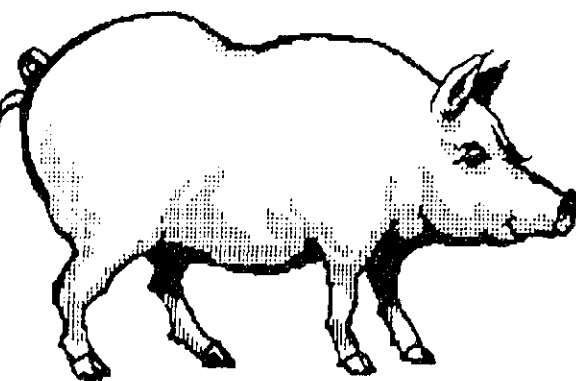
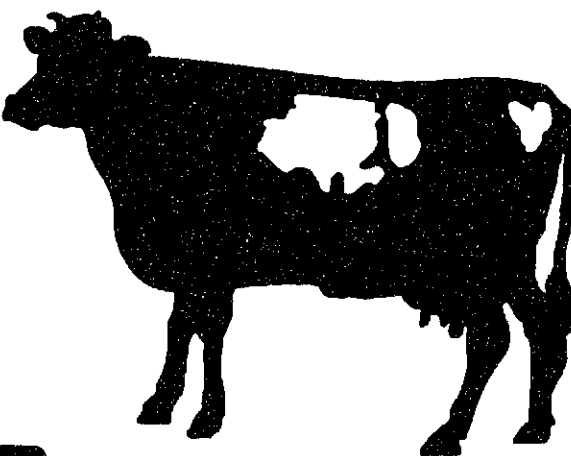
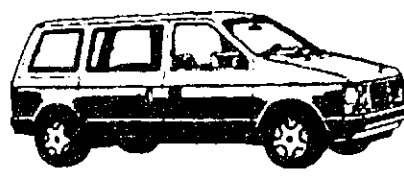
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**155 Animal Services**

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