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Woman's long hunt for kids continues

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Emily Rateau is angry. Angry about an action she thinks was done out of spite. Angry about all the years that have passed. And angry that two of her children grew up without her.

Rateau has spent the last 10 years of her life searching for David and Jason Tomassi, her sons, who were abducted in Novi on Christmas Eve, 1983.

The search almost ended last week in Millford, New Hampshire. Police there arrested her ex-husband, David Tomassi, on an unrelated charge. After setting a court appearance date for him, they discovered a warrant out of Novi for his arrest.

Tomassi was scheduled to appear in the New Hampshire court Aug. 23 on the earlier charge of unlawful entry. New Hampshire police made plans to arrest him on the parental kidnapping charges when he appeared.

But he never showed up in court. Somehow, police believe, Tomassi was tipped off that police knew about the warrant.

Tomassi has been on the run with the boys, who are now 14 and 16, for years. He's changed his identity at least two times. When arrested in New Hampshire, he had a different name, different ID and even a different social security number. He was using the name Travis Baker. The boys were going by the names Matthew and Christopher Baker.

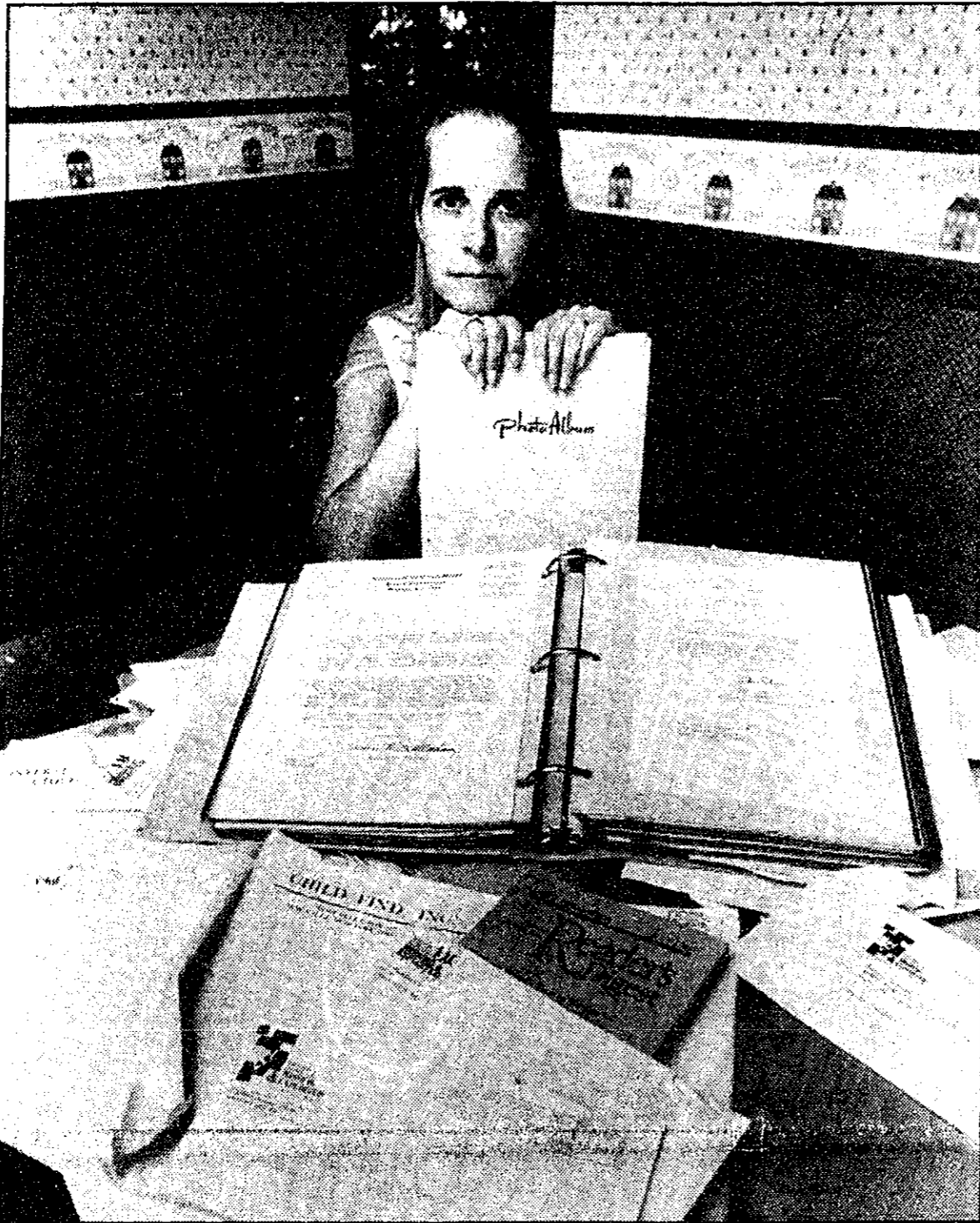


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Novi resident Emily Rateau shows the documents she's collected while searching for her sons for 10 years.

City gets cut of will money

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A proposed division of the late Ruby Fuerst's approximately \$1 million estate would leave the single largest chunk of her money to the City of Novi and a token share to the hired caretaker who was Fuerst's primary heir in a controversial second will.

If the settlement is approved, after taxes and fees are paid to 10 lawyers involved in the case, about \$800,000 would be available to split among an assortment of heirs, according to City Attorney David Fried — with \$400,000 of that headed for Novi.

"Everybody's going to have their hand on it, I can tell you," Fried said.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to accept the compromise, which was arrived at on Aug. 17 by an Oakland County Probate Court-appointed panel of mediators.

The major beneficiary may be Novi's senior citizens, who were remembered by Fuerst in her first

testament.

The mediation would abide by certain terms of the 1980 will, which left \$75,000 for a senior citizens wing on the Novi Civic Center and the bulk of the money to build senior citizen housing near Novi High School. If the city does not build the senior housing, the money would revert to the Novi school district as a scholarship fund for needy students.

These bequests to the public were similar in character to those made by Fuerst's sister Iva in her own will.

A trial opposing the 1980 will to a 1991 will made when Fuerst was already declared mentally incompetent will be averted if the caretaker, Antonia Kearns, and the other heirs — 16 charities and three long-time friends of the Novi woman — give their nod the mediation by the Aug. 31 deadline.

Kearns would end up with about \$50,000. Ten attorneys attached to the case would likely draw

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Despite new laws, cable costs rising

Many Novi residents will see an increase in their monthly cable television bill Sept. 1.

That's nothing new, but it is a surprise.

It's surprising because new Federal Communication Commission regulations were intended to reduce rates nationwide.

In reality, more than 60 percent of MetroVision subscribers in Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills — the three members of the Southwest Oakland County Cable Commission (SWOCC) — will see in-

creases ranging from \$1.83 to \$10.54 a month.

"There's nothing we can do about it. It's totally out of our control. The way the federal government has regulated it, they're calling the shots," says Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall, who represents the city on SWOCC.

Senior citizens, who are less likely to subscribe to premium channels like HBO and Showtime, are the ones most likely to be paying

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Officials eyeing land for parks

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you tuned in to the Novi City Council at about 1 a.m. Monday night, it might have seemed like some sort of home shopping network in action.

Council Members had their checkbooks out and it was taxpayers' money they're aiming to spend for park land — a move which already has the voters' \$9.9 million blessing.

First on the list was approval of a \$550,000 option to purchase 74 acres at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads for a sports park.

Second, came a request for city attorney David Fried to draft a purchase agreement for 72 acres at Bosco Field — until recently the home of Novi Youth Baseball. The document is to come back to the council on Sept. 13.

In addition, the council agreed unanimously to pursue through Oakland County Circuit Court the condemnation of 40 acres adjacent to the city-owned Novi Tree Farm. The owner, Paul

Novi has already acquired 325 acres of new parks for \$3.44 million of the \$9.9 million bond issue voters approved in January. The City Council this week considered adding new locations to the list.

Mitchell, says the city's offer of \$998,900 is simply not enough money.

Novi has already acquired 325 acres of new parks for \$3.44 million. If these locations are added to the list, the park bond money will have purchased 511 acres. The total price the city would pay for these three newly targeted parcels has yet to be determined.

The site at Eight Mile and Napier roads is owned by the investment group B & R Associ-

ates and is vacant except for a house which is rented on a month-to-month lease.

Council Member Tim Pope was the only one who wouldn't "play ball" on the purchase agreement resolution for this parcel.

"I believe park land should be centrally located in this community. This is on the edge of the community," Pope explained.

Council Member Nancy Cassis agreed that a central location is preferable, but said nothing better was available.

"I think this is one of the things we have to move forward on," she added.

The city council unanimously agreed to spend \$2,300 for JCK & Associates to conduct an environmental assessment and perk tests on this land.

Preliminary information from the sellers indicates that portions of the site will percolate for wells, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said. Novi earlier backed out of another purchase agreement for land near Garfield Road due to its inability to perk.

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Suburban schools fare better than expected

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Suburban school districts won't be as badly hurt by the new \$3.5 billion state school aid bill as they feared.

The Michigan Legislature Tuesday adopted a money bill that contains fewer "Robin Hood" items than an earlier Senate-passed version.

"It's like taking two poison tablets instead of 10," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, who opposed the measure because of harm to Southfield, Farmington and Novi school districts. "It still makes you woozy, but you're not dead."

"It increases the local costs of Social Security that historically were paid by the state. But it's not as much as they could have lost," Faxon said.

"On balance," said Rick Simon-

son, legislative agent for Oakland Intermediate School District, "what I'm hearing is that our schools prefer this to some of the alternatives."

"Probably the best bill we're gonna get," agreed Gerald Dunn, lobbyist for 10 Wayne and Oakland county districts. "It's decent for the in-formula districts (those eligible for state aid) and respectable for the out-of-formulas. Retirement wasn't touched."

"I'm going up north this evening," said Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield. "I always vote no on it anyway. The retirement part is OK. I'm surprised the in-formula districts are going along with it."

The compromise version emerged at 6 p.m. Tuesday from a Senate-House conference committee and was passed that evening by a 20 to 17 Senate vote (one excused absence). The House tally was not

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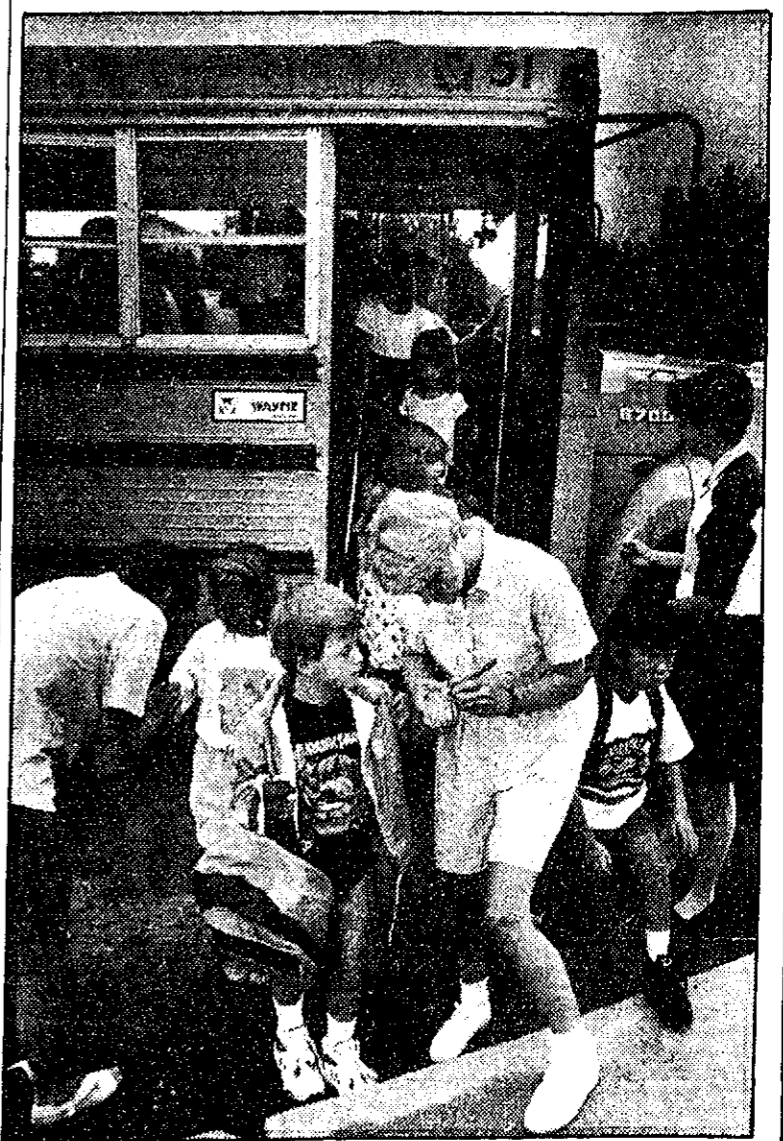


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

They're back!

Just when you thought it was safe... they're back! Yup, students big and small returned to class Tuesday in the Novi Community School District, evidenced here at Village Oaks Elementary. As shown above, teachers wrote bus numbers on the back of students' hands when they arrived so they would be sure to get on the right bus home. Aug. 31 marked the beginning of the 1993-94 school year. But cheer up, gang: from today, there's only 179 school days left!

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Monday Green Sheet and Wednesday Green Sheet deadlines will be September 3, at 3:30 p.m.

Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Today, September 2

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in the Instructional Technology Center beginning at 7 p.m.

Novi schools: Novi Woods Elementary will hold a first grade parents' meeting at the school beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 5

Dravecky film: The Dave Dravecky story will be portrayed in a special film presentation Labor Day weekend at the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene. The free film showing will begin at 6 p.m. at the First Church at 21260 Haggerty across from the Novi Hilton. Child care ser-

vice and ample parking is available and free. The one-hour movie presentation is a dramatic and touching portrayal of the former major league baseball star's battle with cancer and heroic efforts to return to baseball against all odds.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day: City offices and the public library will be closed. There will be no classes held in the Novi school district.

Tuesday, September 7

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

PTO meetings: Parkview Elementary's PTO and Novi Middle School's PTO will meet in their respective schools beginning at 7 p.m.

Novi schools: Village Oaks Elementary will hold a "meet and greet" get-together for staff, parents and students of kindergarten, second and fourth grade classes at the school beginning at 7 p.m.

Community Education: Registration for fall Community Education classes begins at 5 p.m.

Menopause Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Suburbs take smaller fund cut

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available at presstime. Faxon was the lone member of the conference committee to oppose it.

Here are key elements of the bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1:

■ **Retirement**—The state will continue to pick up 95 percent of the cost of pensions for school district employees instead of shifting those costs to local districts. Retirement costs will be up \$100 million. Since the total available money will be only \$40 million, operating money actually will drop \$60 million.

■ **FICA for Federal Insurance Contributions Act** (Social Security and Medicare), which the state paid entirely in past years—Lansing will shift 25 percent of the cost to poorer districts (those with less than \$125,000 in property values per pupil); give nothing to the richest districts (those with \$250,000 per pupil); and grant something be-

tween zero and 75 percent for those in between. "This takes away FICA from all the richest districts," said Oakland's Simonson.

■ **"Recapture,"** the practice of voting categorical aid for such programs as special ed and bilingual instruction and then taking away the money from richer districts—it will rise 20 percent to \$87 million next year from the current \$72 million.

■ **Adult education**—It will be funded at 80 percent of past levels. This was good news to lobbyist Dunn, who feared even harsher cuts.

■ **Tax base sharing**—It's repealed. Districts which had paid into an escrow account will get back their money, plus interest. Faxon noted this was good news to lobbyist Dunn, who feared even harsher cuts.

■ **Statewide property tax**—The House passed version than to what emerged from the Senate and what Gov. Engler wanted. Engler wanted to remove all FICA

and retirement funding, put the money into general state aid, and let the 562 school districts decide how to spend it. That approach would have cut millions from suburban out-of-formula districts that get no state aid.

Some of the annual furor over cutting suburban school money was dissipated this year because of the Legislature's July decision to eliminate local school property taxes as a source of 65 percent of local school money. It means that Lansing next year will have almost total control of school funding. The tug-of-war between rich and poor districts over business property taxes is likely to be gone.

Statewide, the new aid bill raises state spending on public elementary and secondary schools by 0.5 percent. With 0.5 percent fewer pupils anticipated, the bill amounts to a 1 percent per pupil increase.

The House roll call vote was not available at presstime.

The final version was closer to the House passed version than to what emerged from the Senate and what Gov. Engler wanted. Engler wanted to remove all FICA

Novi official reacts to state aid action

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

And it appears that the one approved Tuesday isn't as bad as some feared it might be. So-called "Robin Hood" revenue sharing schemes are pared back and tax base sharing is out. In addition, the state will continue to fund virtually all costs of retirement programs for public school employees.

Employer Social Security contributions, however, are another matter. The wealthier the district, the larger the portion of that payment the bill will shift from the state to the local district.

"It's a better bill in the sense that retirement is kept pretty much whole," Lippe said, "but we'll have to see how the Social Security part affects us."

Novi is a financially well-off district, and will likely take up most or all of its employer Social Security contributions. Lippe said, however, that the overall plan didn't do the damage to Novi's finances that other proposals might have.

The superintendent added that he didn't see much of a signal from the bill as to how the state will act concerning next year's funding plan.

That will be a singularly important issue. July's \$8.5 billion property tax cut gives legislators little time to devise a new public school funding method for Michigan. The ultimate shape any such plan may take remains to be seen.

Lippe said that he and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster want to have a report on the bill's effect on Novi ready for tonight's Board of Education meeting (Sept. 2).

"We haven't had a chance yet to analyze exactly what effect the bill will have," Lippe said. "It's a better bill than some others could have been."

The bill has kept school board members and district administrators across the state up nights over the summer. While school districts must have budgets passed by July 1, the state's new budget year doesn't begin until Oct. 1. School officials, therefore, have to "best-guess" what any aid bill may or may not include.

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New DARE officer offers life lessons

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Novi Police Detective Todd Anger, who will take over the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program this fall in the Novi schools, is ready to teach more than just an anti-drug message.

He's got lessons lined up on self-esteem, support systems, and the general skills needed for growing up as well.

Anger will begin DARE classes on Sept. 7 for sixth graders at Novi Meadows, and on Sept. 8 for sixth graders at Hickory Woods. He'll be working with 14 different classes to teach the message of DARE, which is a program designed not just to tell kids that they should say no to drugs, but to teach them how and why as well.

"I can't wait to get going," Anger said. His enthusiasm for the program shows when he talks about it. Anger graduated among the top of his class in the DARE instructor training program in Lansing earlier this year.

Anger was selected to complete the training program because, at the time, the department was considering the option of adding a second DARE officer. When former DARE officer Karen Koester left the department in July, Anger was named as her replacement.

Although he admits to being a little nervous about starting his new job, he feels he's a natural for the program.

"I feel like I can be one of the biggest kids around," said Anger, 27.

"That's what my wife accuses me of, anyway."

But the main reason for his enthusiasm is a real belief in the program.

"I really believe that education is the way to go for fighting this problem," he said. "And we really get the kids involved. The involvement is unreal. We use visual aids, reading, listening, discussion, role playing — they are really learning as opposed to someone just telling them things."

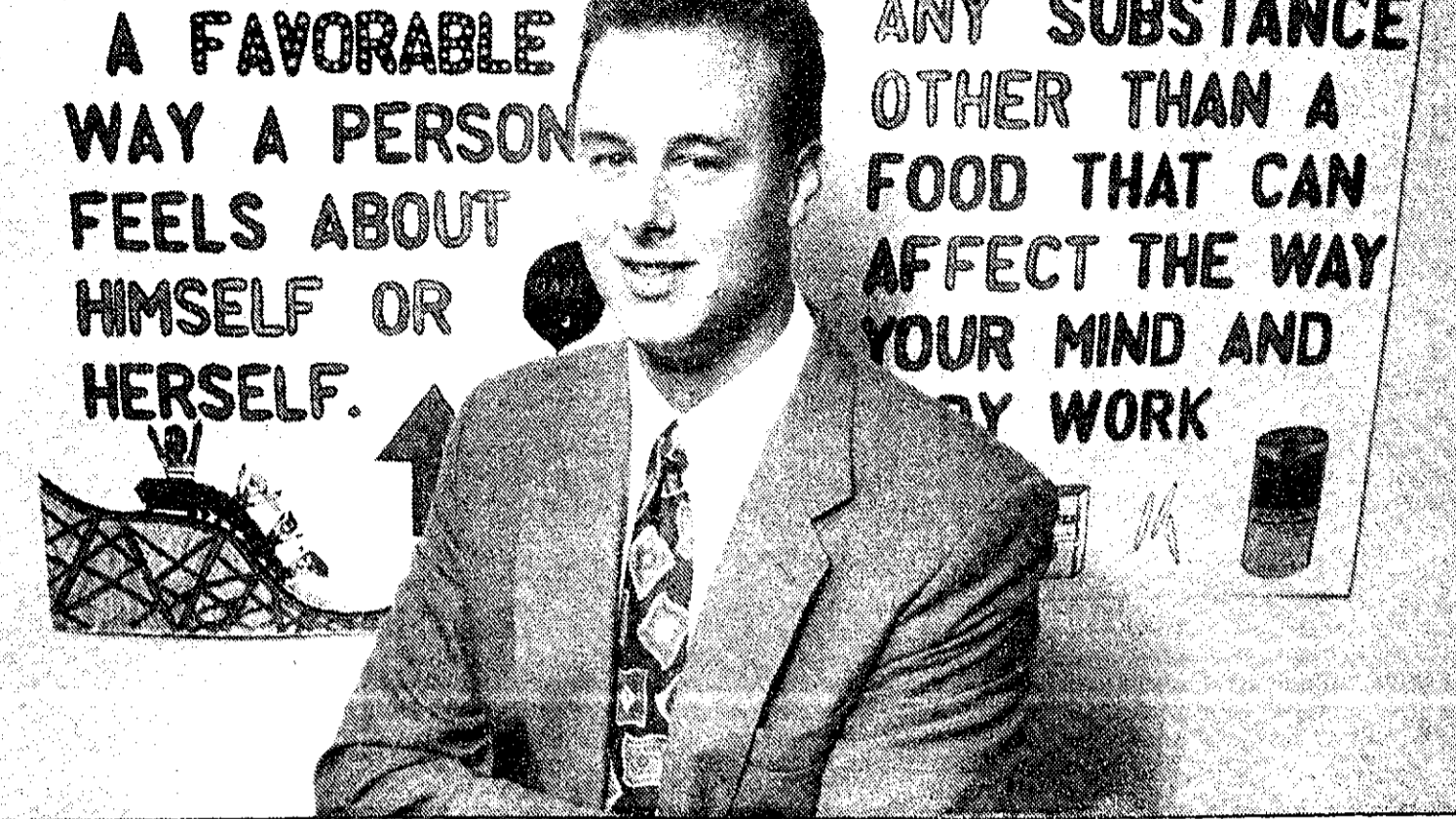
As the new instructor Anger has no plans for significant changes in Novi's DARE program although, he said, people might note some difference simply because of his different personality.

The DARE program consists of 17 lessons and we're required to teach what's in the books," he explained. "But everyone has different approaches and different styles." As long as instructors teach the basic lessons, they are allowed to implement their own ideas as well. And Anger does have a few ideas of his own that he'll try out.

But "don't want to do anything really differently from the way (former DARE officer) Bob Gatt or Karen Koester did things," he said. "They both did excellent jobs and I hope to pick up and do it as well as they did."

Anger suggests that parents become involved with their children's

SELF-ESTEEM: A FAVORABLE WAY A PERSON FEELS ABOUT HIMSELF OR HERSELF. DRUG: ANY SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN A FOOD THAT CAN AFFECT THE WAY YOUR MIND AND BODY WORK.



The Novi Police Department's new DARE officer: Todd Anger. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

DARE experience by discussing the lessons with them after school and reinforcing the program's message.

"Talk to your kids and ask how their day was at school," he suggested. "Reinforce what they learned at school. Show an interest. Encourage them to talk about what they did all day."

Also, Anger noted, if parents disagree with anything their children are learning in DARE they are welcome to discuss it with him or, even, to sit in on a class.

Anger has attended DARE graduation ceremonies in past years, where kids read essays about their DARE experience.

"It's amazing, at the end of a 17-week period, how much some of the kids have picked up and learned," he said.

Of course, he has ideas for the future. Someday he'd like to see fun activities and public relations events to promote the DARE program in the community. But he'll work on that later.

Right now, he just expects to "have a blast" with the classes and the students in them.

"This is really a fun thing when you actually start rolling," he said. "When the kids are shooting their hands up, and smiling and having fun, you get into a kind of groove and a rhythm."

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Alleged shoplifter makes getaway

An employee at the Wolverine and Spartan Shop in the West Oaks II shopping center reported Aug. 25 that she stopped a shoplifter as he tried to steal a shirt.

She told police that the suspect, described as a white male age 45-50, about 5'6" tall with short brown hair, walked into the store and put a Michigan Rugby shirt under his jacket.

The shirt under the jacket, she said, caused a bulge and part of the shirt was showing outside the jacket. She stopped the suspect as he was walking out and asked him to give her the shirt.

At first, she told police, he denied having it. Then he pulled the shirt out of the jacket and gave it to her. She told him she was going to call the police, and he left.

The suspect was last seen walking toward Toys R Us, police said. Officers searched the area but did not find him.

HARASSING PHONE CALLS: A resident in the Willowbrook subdivision reported Aug. 25 that her family has received at least 100 hang-up phone calls in the past three months.

She told police that the caller usually hangs up, but sometimes plays music and drums.

VANDALISM: A New Hudson woman reported Aug. 25 that someone shot out the back windshield of her 1983 Ford Bronco while it was parked along Taft Road.

She said she was inside a home on Taft when she heard a crashing sound. She went out to investigate and found a circular hole in her back windshield. Then, as she was standing there, the rest of the window collapsed.

Police said the damage was done

Police News

with a BB gun, and the BB was shot somewhere off Taft Road.

Police said a suspicious tan pickup truck was seen in the area shortly before the incident occurred.

LARCENY: An employee at Steelcrete reported Aug. 25 that a radio was stolen from her vehicle while it was parked outside the business. A witness told police that another employee was inside the vehicle while the car alarm was going off.

Police questioned the suspect who was seen inside the vehicle, a 1985 Ford Mustang, and asked to search the suspect's car. The suspect said he did not have the radio and gave officers permission to conduct the search.

During the search an officer asked the suspect to open his trunk. The suspect said the trunk was never used and would not open. The officer asked the suspect if the radio was in the trunk, and the suspect said no.

At that point another officer who was searching the interior of the car noticed that a rear seat was ajar, and he pulled it down. There, he found the radio.

The suspect was arrested for larceny. Police said that he admitted to taking the radio being in the trunk, but continued to deny that he stole it.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 23-year-old Ann Arbor woman for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) on westbound Beck north of Ten Mile Aug. 25.

Police stopped the woman, who was driving a 1989 Ford Escort, shortly before 1 a.m.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 30-year-old Novi woman was arrested for OUIL on Novi Road west of Ten Mile Aug. 26.

Police stopped the woman, who was driving a 1985 Ford EXP, shortly after 1 a.m.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 30-year-old South Lyon woman for OUIL Aug. 25 on westbound Ten Mile.

The woman, who was driving a 1985 Ford Tempo, was stopped just west of Novi Road at 11:15 p.m.

RETAIL FRAUD: An employee at Pms Country Home in the Novi Town Center reported Aug. 23 that an unknown woman defrauded the store of \$57 in a phony return.

The suspect walked into the store, police said, and picked up a rug then took it to a counter and asked for a refund. She said she'd purchased it at an earlier date but had no receipt.

The woman then reportedly tried to distract the sales clerk by talking about a large order for her church, which she would take care of at a later date.

The clerk eventually refunded the woman's money, police said. A check of her identification later revealed

that she was using a false name and address.

The suspect is described as a white female in her early 30s with long, blond hair. She is further described as being 5'4" tall, "poorly dressed" and very skinny.

VANDALISM: A resident on Leboat reported Aug. 24 that someone broke into his shed and slashed all four tires on his lawn tractor.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A resident on Linhart reported Aug. 23 that someone broke into her garage and stole the garage door opener from one of the cars and a hand-held calculator from the other.

The resident told police that the incidents occurred some time after 1:30 a.m. and that she heard nothing suspicious during the night.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: Novi police are investigating two suspects employed at Tempform on Trans-X Blvd. for allegedly stealing 12 nickel-plated foundry castings valued at \$15 apiece.

A plant manager at the business told police that he discovered the items in the bushes in the parking lot, near the suspects' vehicles. He said he found them before the suspects were able to load them into their vehicles.

Novi Briefs

Correction: The caption on a photograph on page 5 of the Aug. 30 edition misidentified the drummer shown in that picture. He should have been identified as Glenn MacQueen.

Road work: Improvements to Wixom Road, between Grand River and Eleven Mile Road, and Taft Road and Whipple Street, are scheduled to begin construction during the week of Sept. 6, according to JCK & Associates, the engineering firm for the City of Novi. These roads will be closed to through traffic during the construction. The construction will be completed in mid-1994.

Ribbon Cutting: Walsh College's Novi campus will officially open today when the opening is celebrated with a ribbon cutting. Novi Mayor Matt Quinn, city officials and Walsh College staff members were set to cut the ribbon at noon today at the campus at 41700 Gardenbrook, north of Eleven Mile, west of Meadowbrook Road. The ceremony was to be coupled with a buffet lunch and a tour of the facility.

Book Clearance: The Novi Public Library is presenting a special Summer Clearance of all its used books. Beginning now through Friday, Sept. 10, all books are being sold for \$1 per bag.

The Summer Clearance Used Book Sale is held during the library's open hours, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Novi Library.

Computer Tech Joins Staff: The Novi Public Library has announced the addition of Michael Fuhrman to its staff as the library's Computer Systems Technician.


Fuhrman has a Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University, with majors in Computer Science and Animated Graphics. He formerly worked at WSU in its Library Science program and for WSU Media Services.

Kids concert: Puppeteer and songstress, Maureen Schifman, will be performing her Halloween show at the Novi Town Center on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. as part of a family Halloween Carnival. There will also be games and treats for the kids. For further information call the Novi Recreation Department at 347-0400.

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Work continues on Novi schools

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Work on the Novi Community School District bond issue just keeps 'a hummin' along.

The Board of Education last month approved several contracts for work related to the \$31.9 million bond issue which voters approved in December. The board will likely review and award bids for work at Novi High School at its meeting tonight (Sept. 2).

The bond issue monies will pay for a slew of additions, renovations and improvements across the district, including a \$7.86 million technology system.

At its Aug. 5 meeting, the board approved a \$13,630 contract with the Livonia firm of AFC Roofing & Insulation Inc. for installation of a new roof on the commons building of Novi High School.

At the same meeting members approved a bid for installation of fiber optic cables across the district. Fiber Link Inc., of Lapeer had the accepted bid in the amount of \$189,070. The fiber optic network is the backbone of a technology system that will bring computers and related equipment to the fingertips of teachers and students across the district.

It will also link classrooms and schools with each other and the instructional technology center.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster, walking point for the district on the bond issue, told the board at its Aug. 19 meeting that things were moving smoothly on time and under budget.

Kitchen renovations to Novi Meadows are done, Koster said, as is the new roof at Village Oaks Elementary. Parkview Elementary, which will soon have a completed 10 classroom addition, has the foundation work done as well, Koster said. A new playground and sidewalks on the site are completed now as well, he added.

Koster said that the board will likely be asked to consider bids for Novi High School work at its Sept. 2 meeting. Novi High will receive the lion's share of the bond issue monies — some \$17.5 million worth.

Work at all schools is expected to be completed by opening day of the 1994-95 school year.

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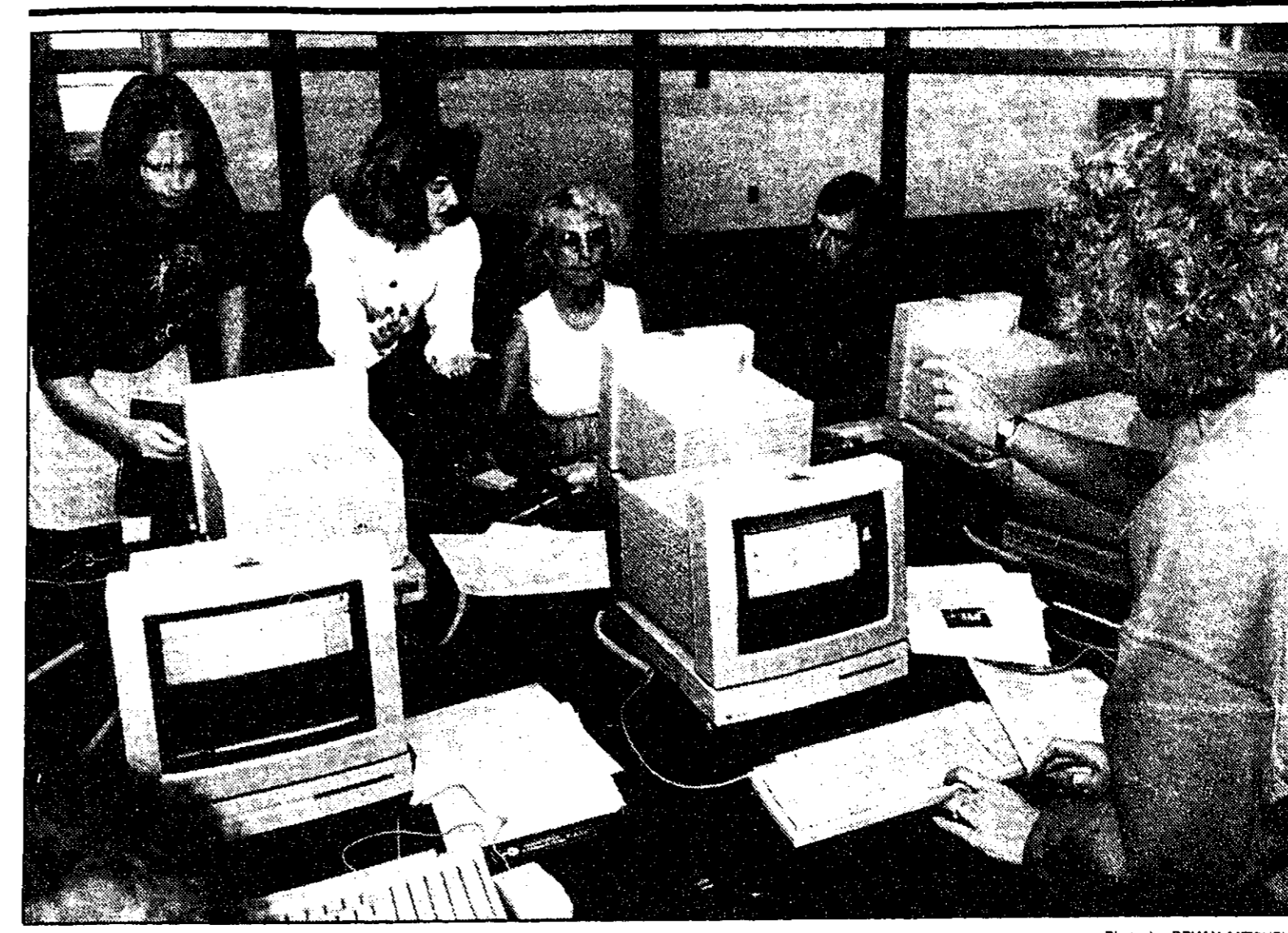
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Where's 'on?'

Teachers from across the Novi Community School District trained for the future this summer. Many educators volunteered their time to learn how the district's new technology systems — worth \$7.8 million from this year's bond issue — will aid education. With the help of the Instructional Technology Center experts, teachers here check out some Macs. Where's the "on" switch on these puppies, anyway?

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Non-union school contracts okayed

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Novi school district's Board of Education has approved contract terms for its non-union employees while putting another proposal on hold pending minor changes.

Board members approved one-year deals with district administrators and other non-union personnel as part of their Aug. 19 meeting consent agenda. The vote was 6-0 (President Ray Byers was absent).

The contracts cover the following positions for the coming 1993-94 school year. Their terms include salary increases as follows:

- building principals and assistant principals, 3.75 percent;
- Novi High School assistant principal, 3.04 percent;
- directors of the district's transportation, operations and maintenance, food service, special education and athletics and physical education departments, 3.75 percent each;
- supervisor of maintenance and custodial workers, 3.75 percent;
- director of community education, 7.9 percent;
- director of financial services, 7.9 percent;
- personnel executive secretary, 3.75 percent;
- mechanics, 3.75 percent;
- payroll supervisor, 3.75 percent;
- assistant superintendents for human resources and instruction, 3.75 percent;
- assistant superintendent for finance, 9 percent;
- Novi High School principal, 8.37 percent.

In other contract business, the

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1993-94 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

181 student days; 185 teacher days
Monday, Sept. 6: No classes held in honor of Labor Day.
Wednesday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving recess begins at the end of the school day. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 29.
Friday, Dec. 17: Winter recess begins at the end of the school day. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 3, 1994.
Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994: Records day for teachers. No classes for students.
Friday, Jan. 21: Professional development for teachers. No classes for students.
Friday, Feb. 11: Mid-winter recess begins at the end of the school day. Classes resume Monday, Feb. 22.
Thursday, March 31: Spring recess begins at the end of the school day. Classes resume Monday, April 11.
Monday, May 30: There will be no classes held in honor of Memorial Day.
Thursday, June 16: Last day of school for students. Students will be dismissed at mid-day. This may be rescheduled if classes have to be cancelled for any reason during the school year.
Friday, June 17: Records day and last day for teachers. This may be rescheduled if necessary as well.

School hours are as follows:
 Novi High School: 7:25 a.m.-1:55 p.m.
 Novi Middle School: 7:55 a.m.-2:25 p.m.
 Novi Meadows: 9:10 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
 Orchard Hills and Parkview Elementaries: 8:20 a.m.-2:50 p.m.
 Novi Woods and Village Oaks Elementaries: 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten class hours are as follows:
 Orchard Hills and Parkview a.m. session: 8:20-11 a.m.
 Orchard Hills and Parkview p.m. session: 12:10-2:50 p.m.
 Novi Woods and Village Oaks a.m. session: 8:45-11:25 a.m.
 Novi Woods and Village Oaks p.m. session: 12:35-3:15 p.m.

board voted to table a proposed three-year contract covering district transportation and maintenance workers, who are represented by the engineers' union.

The board seemed close to agreeing to the deal, which includes a salary increase of 3.75 percent this year and nearly 4 percent in each of the next two years. If approved, it expires on July 31, 1996.

What concerned members was closing a multi-year pact in a time of fiscal uncertainty. One member wondered if approving the deal was a good thing to do in light of the state's recent moves in school funding.

"I don't know how we can vote for a three-year contract when we don't know what 1994-95 and 1995-96 will bring," member Stephen Hitchcock said.

To address that concern, board members said they wanted union negotiators to agree in writing that they will consider renegotiating the contract terms in the future if economic circumstances warrant.

The board received a verbal promise to that effect from negotiations for the district's teachers. That union in February agreed to a three-year deal with similar base salary increases as well as "step" increases.

Offer out on land for basin

The Novi City Council Monday approved an option to purchase 11 acres of land near the city center for a stormwater detention basin. The price offered was negotiated with the owner, who has already agreed to the option. The land will be used to construct the Munro Creek Regional Detention Basin as part of the city's stormwater management system.

The council agreed to pay \$1 for the purchase option, which expires on Nov. 30.

During that time, Novi plans to have an environmental assessment of the site conducted. The option may be rescinded if the land does not pass muster.

Bosco Field eyed for city park

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"I have no idea where we're at. Regardless of where he's (Bosco's) going, we still want to make him an offer and let it rest in his hands. It's up to him whether he sells it or develops it," Davis explained.

As for the Mitchell land, it will first have to be determined in Oakland County Circuit Court if Novi has the right to claim eminent domain over the property to use it for a city park. A second court decision would then be needed on the cost of the land.

"I'm pretty excited about completing these transactions. If they do come to successful agreements," Davis said.

The owner of the Napier land has informally agreed to the purchase, Davis added.

This acreage would be used for playing fields for the city's youth softball and soccer, but not for Novi Youth Baseball.

Bosco Field, which is already set up for the youth baseball, is what the city would like to snap up for that privately-run program, Davis said.

Owner Paul Bosco, who allowed the little leaguers to use the land for 30 years, has had plans to develop the site as a subdivision. It's unclear yet if he will sell the land to the city, and if so, what price might be arrived at, Davis said.

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\$29 million for arts scapes by in Lansing

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The state's regulatory budget — with \$29 million for the arts — will become law despite many attempts to amend it in the House of Representatives.

The bill was passed 83 to 18 in late August and sent to Gov. John Engler without major change from the Senate version.

It funds the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Zoo, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Edison Institute at Greenfield Village and the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

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

"This complex bill was just presented (one day earlier) at 4 p.m. I have not been able to study it," objected Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, who voted no.

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester, raised the philosophical question of "whether it is a legitimate function of Lansing to provide taxpayer subsidies for the arts."

Rep. David Joyce, R-Utica, lost an amendment to withhold funds from the Detroit art institute, zoo and historical museum until the city lifts its ban on hiring suburban residents.

Joyce also sought vainly to require the art institute to charge admission equivalent to movie prices.

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Age at time of disappearance



Age progressed to Age 13

JASON MANUEL TOMASSI
 Date of Birth: 11/03/78 Age at Disappearance: 5 yrs.
 Sex: Male Race: White Height: 3' 7" Weight: 45 lbs.
 Hair: Blond Eyes: Green
 Identifying Information: Scar on left cheek. May also be known as "Jared Haines."



Age at time of disappearance



Age progressed to Age 13

DAVID MARCUS TOMASSI
 Date of Birth: 05/14/77 Age at Disappearance: 6 yrs.
 Sex: Male Race: White Height: 3'10" Weight: 43 lbs.
 Hair: Brown Eyes: Green
 Identifying Information: Scar on right elbow. May also be known as "Steven Haines."

Mother won't give up quest

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New Hampshire police determined his true identity through computer records, photographs and the cooperation of Novi police and Ratau.

Ratau, who has legal custody of the boys but has not seen them since they were abducted, said the nightmare began in early 1980, when she and the boys lived in West Virginia and Tomassi had weekend visitation rights. One weekend, she said, he took the boys and never brought them back.

"There was no law against it then," she said. "It was considered a domestic dispute."

Ratau hired private detectives and set out to find her sons. She embarked on a nationwide search that included printing the boys' photos in national publications such as Reader's Digest.

Then one day, in early 1983, Tomassi was arrested in California where he was living with the boys. At the time, she discovered, he was using the name James Haines and calling the boys Steven and Jared.

Ratau regained custody of her children. It was about that time that she remarried and she, her new husband, and her children all relocated to Novi.

But Tomassi followed her here and, over Ratau's protests, was again granted legal visitation rights.

Later that year, in December, she handed the boys over to him expecting them to return on Christmas Eve. It was the last time she saw them.

"He took them out of spite," Ratau said. "He knew that the kids and I were inseparable, and he was never around anyway when we were married. He just did it because he knew it would hurt me."

Ten years have gone by with no leads until now. Tomassi never contacted Ratau. She occasionally has heard from his sister but, she said, his sister had no clue as to his whereabouts either.

Police believe that Tomassi may have been living in the eastern states for some time. Ratau thinks so, too. His parents live in Rome, N.Y., and police say he was keeping a post office box there. At the time of his most recent arrest, he was driving a car registered to his father.

Ratau has, over the years, been working with four different child search organizations, including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, ChildFind, Children's Rights of America and Society for Young Victims. She has appeared on local television news programs and talk shows.

She has also been working with the FBI but, she said, the organization dropped the case this year because of the length of time that has passed with no leads. She hopes they will now reactivate it.

Last May, the case was featured on the television show *Unsolved Mysteries*.

"The boys' pictures have been shown all over the place," Ratau said. "But the pictures are old. We're hoping now that we've finally had a lead (on their whereabouts) we might be able to get to the schools or something and get some newer photos."

Tomassi, under his alias, has an active police record in New Hampshire. He was arrested earlier this year near Holetset, NH for assault and battery in addition to the unlawful entry charge for entering a school building. Police say Tomassi, who was fired from a job at the school, was banned from entering the building.

Ratau believes that Tomassi has moved the boys around from school to school and, each time they have moved, he has taken a custodial job in the school systems.

Ratau still worries about her sons, although she thinks they probably have learned to survive.

But that's not really much comfort to a mother who didn't get to watch her sons grow up.

"There's a spot in my body that's just gone," she said. "Part of my past has been torn out and will never be replaced. I missed out on all those years of growing up."

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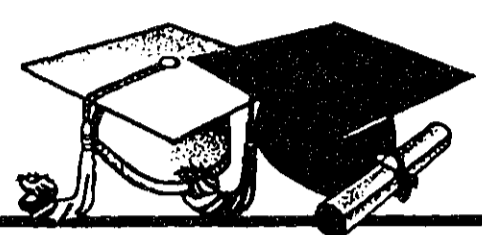
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As We See It

That irresistible urge to spend tax dollars

Flashes of common sense can sometimes occur... even on the Novi Board of Education... even if they come quite late in the game... and even if they don't last very long.



Education

Novi school board members decided last week to delay action on a proposed three-year union contract for the district's transportation and maintenance workers. Board members noted that the district's financial situation is up in the air due to Lansing's decision to eliminate the property tax for school district operations. Given that, and the lack of a mechanism for replacing some of that revenue, it is unclear what the district's budget will look like in years two and three of the contract.

Mind you, that was logic that was strictly and vehemently rejected by the school board this spring when it was approving contracts for teachers and a number of other unionized employee groups. School board members argued, unconvincingly, that they had to have the salaries locked in to do the budget. They also argued that a delay in the passage of the contract or in lower salary hikes might lead to ill-will and low morale among the district employees.

But just as budgetary common sense seemed to be taking hold, it vanished again as the board gave an indication as to where it is headed with this most recent contract approval. Board members sent the contract back to negotiators asking that wording be included allowing the district to reopen negotiations if economic circumstances warrant.

With that proviso, apparently, the board is willing to go ahead and approve the contract, giving the transportation and maintenance workers increases of 3.75 percent in the first year and 4 percent in years two and three.

That's the same promise the board elicited from teachers this spring, although that was just a verbal promise made by a representative from the teacher's union from the floor during a school board meeting. The board would have a tough time enforcing that promise if the union decided it didn't want to go back to the bargaining table.

Now, you want to talk about ill-will and low morale, how do you think employees are going to feel if the school district really does have to come back and take away the raises it has already agreed to.

Also keep in mind that the school

board's flash of fiscal responsibility came after it handed out a series of raises for this year to a number of non-union employees. The raises, which were given to administrators, principals and other non-union employees all the way down the organizational chart to mechanics, ranged from 3.75 percent to 9 percent.

Granted, those pay hikes are more reasonable than the ones handed out earlier in the year to teachers. These raises will not be combined with the "step" increases and educational attainment hikes that will push some teachers' raises into double-digits.

And the highest hikes went to the assistant superintendent of finance and the Novi High School principal, who are both entering their second year of employment in the district. The hikes were probably agreed to in part during the original hiring procedure.

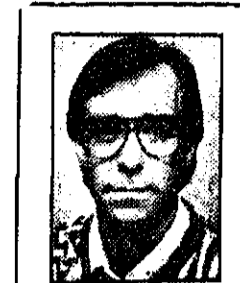
Nonetheless, none of the raises were quite as low as what the rest of us are getting. Not long ago, the U.S. Department of Labor estimated that the average pay hike in the country in 1992 was 2.7 percent.

And the budget for Novi schools for the coming school year really isn't too clear either. Lansing was still working earlier this week on the state school aid package. And while Novi is an out-of-formula district, one of the items up for discussion by legislators was whether the state will continue to reimburse district for FICA payments for employees. At least some cutting is expected there, and that could have a significant impact on the Novi schools budget.

The Novi board is real good at decrying what the state is doing with school finance reform and it is quick to plead poverty when a tax question is on the ballot, as it did this summer with the state proposition.

But, when salaries and personnel costs make up 85 percent of the budget, there has also been no indication that there is any shortage of cash when deciding on spending items.

I'll take bet on tax reform



Mike Malott

Anyone who thinks the legislature can do something right or on time... well, let's just say, I'll take that bet.

Tim based his prediction on the fact that, when the legislature voted earlier this summer to eliminate the property tax for school district operations, it in essence set a self-imposed deadline for coming up with a replacement by June 30, 1994. The common wisdom is that Lansing has to come up with a solution by Dec. 31 so that whatever they pass will have time to take effect before next June. Otherwise, they'll have to get a two-thirds majority vote in order to give the bill immediate effect, and that is considered an impossibility in the state House of Representatives.

Regardless, my predicted scenario is that they won't make it. No, they'll return to session in mid-January and, since they didn't accomplish their tax reform before they left, a proposal to reinstate the property tax will be one of the first bills introduced in the new year.

Even then, the legislature won't settle this issue by the end of June. On the last day of the month, they'll schedule a session to start at about noon, plenty of time to hammer out the final compromise before the midnight deadline.

About 11:50 p.m., someone will drape a cloth over the

wallock in the House chamber so that lawmakers can claim they didn't know they had passed the deadline. (Don't laugh. It's been done.)

And when the sun is about to come streaming in through the windows, making it impossible for lawmakers to extend they did not know it was after midnight, they'll vote to extend the property tax system for just one more year.

The lawmakers will emerge from this all-night session claiming a great bipartisan victory, because they're finally agreed to a deadline for reaching an agreement.

Some smart-aleck cub reporter will most assuredly ask why they think they can meet that deadline when the legislature just failed to meet a deadline it imposed on itself. Lawmakers will look down their collective noses at that reporter and proclaim in knowing tones, "Because voters will demand it."

Tim Richard heard me out. "Things are changing up there," he said. "They really are."

Note he did not deny that my predictions match the behavior of the legislature in the past. Lawmakers have pulled every last one of these tricks on a variety of issues.

Note also that his response tacitly admitted that actually doing something on time would indeed count as a change in behavior for the state legislature.

But despite his claim that things are changing up in Lansing, he spent that evening (Tuesday night) writing up a story on the passage of this year's school aid package... bills which should have been adopted back before the end of June this year.

No one has ever been able to come up with a successful system for betting in Las Vegas or Atlantic City. But when it comes to Lansing, you should always lay your money against anything that would count as decisive action or political will.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Two cows get the munchies at Maybury State Park

Snack time

Help for perplexed customers



Lark Samouelian

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Lark Samouelian is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which oversees the operations of MetroVision cable services.

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Council placates a few residents

Letters

To the Editor:
I attended the recent City Council meeting and was dismayed at the way the Royal Crown trail issue was handled. It was sad to see election-year pandering to vocal minorities given greater weight than facts in the council's decision to eliminate the Natural Resources Design Plan trail system in Royal Crown (Addington). Councilman Robert Schmidt stated that the efforts put forth by the volunteers, who worked on the NRDP committee on their own time, were not worthy of recognition or praise. I am sorry to see that Mr. Schmidt thinks so little of citizen involvement in government. Perhaps when he is up for re-election we should keep that act in mind and thank him for his efforts by voting him out of office. Mr. Schmidt then made the startling revelation that the murder of Michael Jordan's father in North Carolina and the proposed trail in Royal Crown were somehow related. Maybe Mr. Schmidt and Oliver Stone should

get together to discuss if the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the trail in Royal Crown is part of that conspiracy. I am astonished by the creativity of his imagination!

Councilwoman (Nancy) Cassis made remarks to the effect that a tremendous groundswell of opposition has occurred and that the trail should not be built. This is an illustration of the "Squeaky Wheel Phenomenon" that is common in local, state and national government. The greatest effect occurs around election time. If someone squeals loud enough about an issue, the largest impact will be on officeholders who are facing an election. To silence the squeak, facts on an issue are disregarded in order to appear decisive. Mayoral candidate Cassis appears to be

backpedal to it. To subvert the rules of a subdivision association to accommodate a few vocal residents is not how government is supposed to work.

Jeffrey Nichols

Reader offers a little ditty

To the Editor:
"A Pun for Your Money and Rhymes for the Times."

Council finally had a chance. To give Novi some Rhythms. Instead of the same old Song and Dance

But now upon their insistence What was to be our "Rhythms" is now just another "Path of Least Resistance"

Rawland Storm

Doubts expressed about brutality

Letters

To the Editor:
I read with great interest a front page article regarding possible police brutality in the Aug. 26 edition of The Novi News.

While I was not present for the alleged brutality, I nonetheless doubt seriously if any Novi police officer would engage in such behavior. I base my contention on the following facts:

(1) Individuals who apply for employment as officers with the Novi Police Department — are required to meet extraordinary educational and psychological standards prior

to permanent employment.
(2) There has been an on-going inservice curriculum — which allows officers to attend seminars which relate to modern community policing. All officers just recently completed advanced training in defensive tactics.
(3) Perhaps unlike some other departments, the Novi Police Department is publicly committed to the concept of community policing. I personally have seen many positive aspects of this program. In essence it has created new ways by which the public and police can

work together for the common good of the entire community.
(4) The department has a long history of enforcing local ordinances and state statutes with a minimum of verbal or physical confrontation. Police officers are given the authority to use the necessary force to effect an arrest. Therefore, the individual being arrested determines in large measure the amount of force that may need to be used.

Let it also be known that throughout the United States there is currently an intense level of

public sensitivity to the issue of police brutality. The comments that are made in the mass media often place ideas in the minds of citizens, who for the most part would never entertain in their thought process the existence of brutality.
By the way, I might add that the three officers named in the news article are among the most well trained and performing personnel of the department. Let's give credit where it really belongs. Do you really want effective law enforcement in your community?
Harry L. Avagian

Negative journalism is the 'trend'

Letters

To the Editor:
Was this article (Phil Jerome's Aug. 23 article entitled "Some Reminders for Council") just an attempt to develop some readership for a weekly column that typically featured horse, cats, old memories and other humdrum topics?

Perhaps this article was simply paraphrasing some of the same libelous, biased, incorrect, irresponsible statements previously made by a number of the "shadowy" members of the last recall fiasco?

Or is this Man from Howell now the self-appointed parliamentarian of both the Novi Council and the Northville Township Board? (Watch out City of Northville and City of South Lyon — your cities may be next!)

Apparently, Mr. Jerome has decided that the general public — the taxpayers of these communities, should be spoon-fed sanitized conversation at the council meetings and no strong rapport should take place publicly between council members, city administrators, city employees or citizens! Every council member shall suffice his or her comments and any instinctive reactions to items discussed at the city council meeting or be "guilty of inappropriate behavior" by whose principles, the rules of this Man from Howell who has not — to my knowledge, attended a Novi City Council meeting in recent history!

The article also contained three of Mr. Jerome's rules (the other seven commitments will probably be spoon-fed in us in subsequent

articles.) This was Rule No. One: elected legislators... make policy decisions. Well Phil, push your Howell Halo. Lower your Howell Howitzer and just look at what has happened in Novi in just the past couple of years:

■ New budget policies were developed by the administration because of my "inappropriate behavior" and the reactions from other council members.

■ A new city vehicle policy was developed by the administration because of my "inappropriate behavior" and the concerns of the other council members.

■ A new city cost-cutting program/policy is now underway and it was developed by the administration because of my "inappropriate behavior" and the support of the other council members.

■ A new engineering services policy was drafted by the administration and is being reviewed by city council members because of my "inappropriate behavior" and the actions and concerns of the other council members.

■ A city bid package policy has been discussed and may soon be under development by the administration because of my "inappropriate behavior" and the endeavors of the other council members.

■ A fair and reasonable service

club membership policy was developed by the administration because of my "inappropriate behavior" and the concerns of the other council members.

■ A senior citizen housing development program/policy is now under way and it is being developed by the administration, in part, because of my "inappropriate behavior" and other council members.

■ Policies regarding consultants have been discussed and may soon be drafted by the city council and administration because of "inappropriate behavior" by some council members.

■ Many other items that may require policies have been discussed and these may soon be developed by the administration and city council in the upcoming months.

The Phil Jerome second commitment was Rule No. Two: Legislators deal only with the manager. Obviously, you have not discussed this situation with Mr. Ed Kriewall, the Novi City Manager. As per the Novi City Charter, I submit all of my administrative concerns and requests to Mr. Kriewall or his second in command. All of my legal questions and concerns — as per the city charter — are sent to the city attorney. Other concerns that I have are submitted to the city council for discussion. In all complex cases I do submit written memorandums with copies to the entire city council, which includes the city manager.

And so on.

Michigan Republicans are talking about a new financing system that will cost less than the \$6 billion in taxes that were repealed. Democrats say school improvements will cost more.

Reality check: Kentucky spent \$1 billion more on its reformed system. Keep in mind that Kentucky is a poorer state than Michigan and has about one-third the population. No one can do school improvement on the cheap!

This is not to advocate that we copy Kentucky. In some respects, our state supervisor of schools, mandated by our constitution, is far ahead of the Bluegrass State's.

Earlier I asked: Can the Michigan Legislature enact a new school finance program by Dec. 31, 1993? Yes. But will it? I think so. If the Legislature were to establish a plan, I would wager our legislators will complete their work shortly before midnight on Dec. 30. Reason: Dec. 31 is Friday, and our heroes in Lansing like a long weekend.

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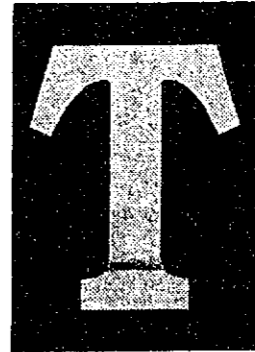


Dave Zyczynski will wear many hats for the 'Cats this fall.

Photo by BYRAN MITCHELL

When many of his friends were learning how to throw a curveball or block a linebacker, Dave Zyczynski was perfecting his dribbling, passing and shooting skills.

BY SCOTT DANIEL



he Novi native wasn't practicing to become the next Michael Jordan or Isiah Thomas, though. It was another type of roundball which caught his interest.

"He just came to me one day when he was 5 years old and

said 'Mom I want to play soccer,'" said Karen Zyczynski.

For the last 12 years, that's exactly what he's been doing. From Novi Parks and Recreation to Premier League soccer, Zyczynski has spent countless hours playing and practicing the sport he loves.

The senior hopes all of that hard work will help the Wildcats climb the ladder of the Kensington Valley Conference this fall. According to head coach Larry Christoff, if Novi is to rise in league standings past traditional powers like Brighton, Zyczynski must lead the way.

"If we're going to go anywhere he will have to pick up a lot of slack offensively and defensively," he said. "More so defensively."

And that suits the 17-year-old just fine.

"I like the defensive end because you get to be more physical than on offense," Zyczynski said. "I try to be aggressive as possible."

The Wildcat captain has been aggressive about soccer all of his life.

Zyczynski started playing two-on-two games with friends in his neighborhood when he was 5 years old. In between contests, the family garage served as an excellent practice partner.

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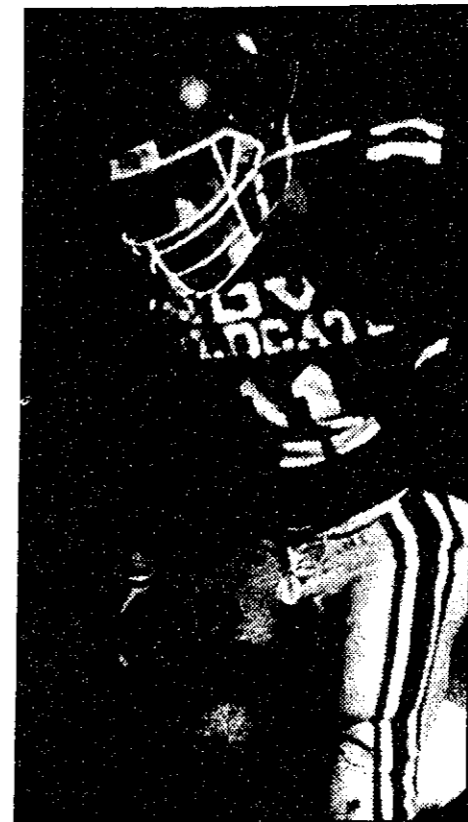
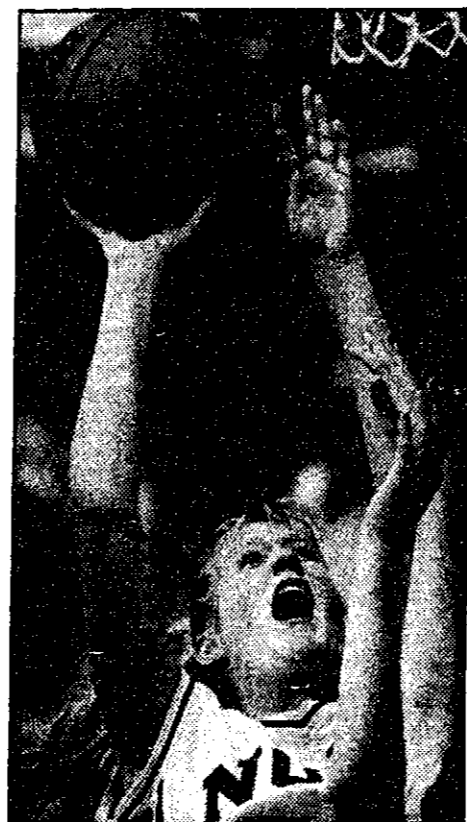
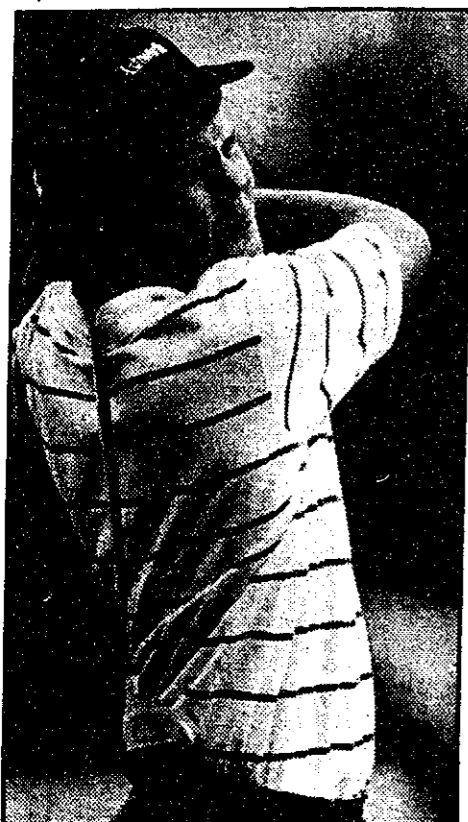
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Wildcats must stay healthy for success in '93



Depth could be problem in lines

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

With a little luck, or perhaps a lot, 1993 could be Novi High's best season in many years.

The Wildcats return a number of talented performers in key areas such as tight end, running back and wide receiver. But a lack of depth on both offensive and defensive lines makes predictions about the fall campaign guess work at best.

According to head coach John Osborne, Novi can be successful if everyone stays healthy.

"We like what we have on paper," he said, "but the problem is depth. When we don't have key people we become very limited offensively and defensively."

The Wildcats may run headlong into those depth problems in tomorrow night's opener against Walled Lake Western. Novi's best two linemen, seniors Dan Birt and Eric Norman, are nursing injuries.

Birt, a 6-foot-3, 285-pounder has a severely sprained ankle and will miss at least the first few weeks of the season. Norman, a 6-foot-1, 252-pounder, has a deep thigh bruise and may see limited action against the Warriors.

Osborne said when both players are healthy his offensive line becomes much more effective.

"We'll improve by 50 percent," he said.

If the line can provide support the Wildcats should have enough weapons at the skill positions to do some damage.

Osborne appears to have settled on Kevin Serra at quarterback. The senior replaces the graduated John Lahti, who rewrote passing records last fall.

Serra may not stay as the 'Cats' signal caller, however. Osborne described him as an extremely talented tight end.

"Kevin Serra is one of the finer players we've ever had," he com-



The 'Cats ground game will focus on Andy Sill.

mented. "He's an outstanding player."

Andy Sill, who will start at tailback, is Novi's other QB. Osborne said no matter who's at the helm, the Wildcats will try to maintain their passing attack from a year ago.

"We'll try to pick up where we left off," he said. "But we may not have the ability to do that. We can't come up to John Lahti's tough standard."

A pair of seniors will see time at running back. Brian Csordas moves to halfback when Sill is at quarterback and Jason Fischer is the fullback.

Besides Serra, Chad Dicken and Pat Dunn will work at tight end. Dicken is a good-looking prospect, according to Osborne, and Dunn has shown promise as well.

A strong receiving corp is led by senior Derek Cowigan. John Wroe, Jason McAleer and Mike Hicks give Novi excellent depth at wide out.

The Wildcats may have yet another use for Sill. He will be the team's placekicker.

"He's kicked some from 35 yards out," said Osborne.

"We like what we have on paper but the problem is depth. When we don't have key people we become very limited offensively and defensively."

Norman and Birt are the tackles when healthy. Massive Junior Steve Martin, 6-foot-7 and 304 pounds, backs up.

At guard, Novi has juniors James Cini and Jason Wigley. Senior John Hardin will also see plenty of action.

"We have size but a lack of experience," said Osborne.

The Wildcats averaged nearly 30 points a game last season. Osborne said his team likely will not come close to that figure in '93.

While Novi was potent offensively it was equally poor defensively. The Wildcats scored 259 points but allowed 258, perhaps explaining the team's 5-4 overall record.

Osborne said his team's top priority is to improve defensively. Novi will have talent at linebacker and defensive back in that quest.

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Kenny leads hoop squad

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A good basketball team is kind of like a set of new tires: the whole set has to be balanced for a smooth, efficient ride.

The road was a little bumpy and uneven for Novi High year ago as the team relied heavily on star Kristin Kenny. According to head coach John Hoffman, the Wildcats should find less resistance along the way in 1993 with the likes of Kelly Kearney, Christine Edwards, September Schubert and Megan Barton ready to share the spotlight.

"We should be better than last year," he said. "I think we'll finish in the upper half of the league with a winning record."

Novi went 11-12 last fall. After a fast start, the squad fell on hard times and then surged in state playoffs to make it to district finals.

The Wildcats lost Kelly Barton, Kate Mackenzie, Ann Soper, Liz Leininger and Shelle Clark to graduation. Of that group, Barton and Mackenzie were consistent starters.

Novi will carry 10 players on its varsity roster this year. Thus far, Hoffman said practice have been excellent and the attitude is positive.

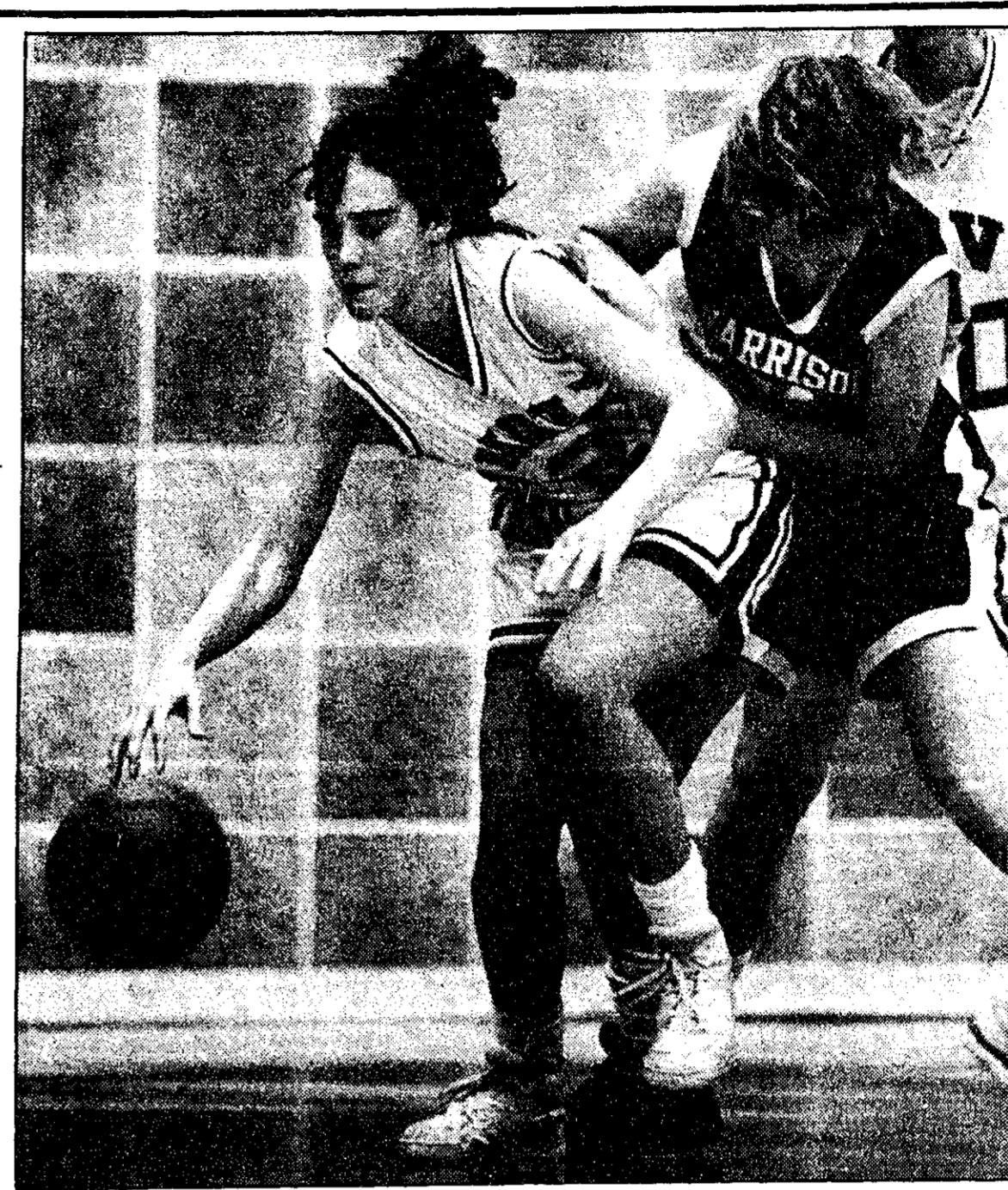
"I'm pleased with our progress so far," he commented. "Everybody understands their role. We're starting the season off on the right foot."

Kenny, of course, heads the list of returning players. Long touted as one of the Kensington Valley Conference's premier performers, Hoffman said the senior is ready for a big season.

"She'll start off big and go from there," he said. "She's better now than she was at any time last year."

The forward, who averaged 13.5 points per game last year, will improve her numbers, Hoffman said. Besides scoring, he added, all other phases of Kenny's game, such as passing and defensive play, have improved dramatically.

"Kristin Kenny is loaded-for-bear," the coach said. "At 5-foot-11, Schubert will be Novi's other offensive threat down



Sophomore Kelly Kearney (left) has excellent all-around skills.

low. Also a senior, Hoffman raved about her improvement.

"She's just been fabulous," he said. "She's the best non-AAU player I've seen."

Schubert played well in districts last year and has picked up where she left off, according to Hoffman. He said her main role will be to play solid defense and grab all the rebounds.

"Whatever points she gets will be a bonus," Hoffman noted. "But she has been scoring more."

Novi will use a three-guard attack. Kearney, a talented sophomore, will play at shooting guard. The coach said she displays excellent range offensively. Hoffman said Kearney will also draw opponents' best players on the defensive end.

"She's the best defensive player in

the league," he added.

Edwards will take the point-guard duties. A junior, she averaged 9.7 points per game last year and could be capable of more in '93.

Junior Becky Pylar could be the key to Novi's season. She's currently out with knee problems but will start at point guard if healthy, said Hoffman.

Starting Pylar would allow the 'Cats to bring Barton off the bench. An excellent shooter from three-point range, Hoffman said Barton will be mugged for the opposition off the bench or as a starter.

"She would be devastating off the bench," he said.

Novi will use all of its bench players. Junior Laura Snider is sure to see

plenty of action as a forward. A junior varsity standout last year, Hoffman said she's a streaky player.

"She's a good rebounder and has a good shot from 15 feet in," he added.

Michelle DeWitt, a senior, will be instant defense off the bench. Shelly Hahn, meanwhile, will provide offensive spark.

"If she's open she's to shoot it," Hoffman said.

Karen Hanley rounds out the squad and can put the ball in the basket, the coach said.

For Novi to have a shot at the KVC, Hoffman said his team must stay out of foul trouble and avoid injuries. He said Hartland will be the team to beat.

"They always give us trouble," Hoffman commented.

Kickers whip Walled Lake 2-1 in opener

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A 2-1 victory over Walled Lake Central on the road opened the Wildcat soccer team's season on a positive note Friday.

Dawezzymski scored 14 minutes into the second half to move Novi ahead of the Vikings to stay. Dave Hart got the win in the nets in relief of Joe Meyers.

"The stands were filled," said coach Larry Christoff. "It was like a football game. Both teams had a lot of support."

The coach termed the opener a good effort by his club. Walled Lake Central, which plays in the Western Lakes Activities Association, was a tough opponent.

"I think they've done a good job with their program," said Christoff. Going into the game, Christoff said he knew his team would have one distinct advantage over the Vikings: speed. The coach said he wanted to use that speed to tire Walled Lake and get good scoring chances.

The strategy paid early dividends. Novi took the opening face off and moved quickly into the Walled Lake end. Chris Young then took a pass and scored his first goal of the season just 30 seconds into the game.

Christoff said the early goal changed the complexion of the game. He said the Vikings were forced to take more chances to get back in the ballgame.

"It's always important to get that first one," Christoff commented.

Central tied the game at the seven-minute mark. A direct shot in front of the Wildcat net found its mark and beat Meyers.

Hart took over in net in the second half and did a good job. Christoff said his defense played well in front of the keeper and limited Walled Lake's scoring chances.

"They didn't have any major attacks," he said. "But we gave them a lot of throw-ins. That created some problems."

In the end, conditioning saved Novi. Christoff said the 'Cats were able to hold off Central because of their conditioning.



LARRY CHRISTOFF

PREVIEW

This year's Kensington Valley Conference race will resemble the last few with Novi and the rest of the league chasing Brighton, according to Christoff.

"The Bulldogs were forced to forfeit the title last year but are strong enough to be considered the favorite again. Christoff said his team should improve on its 12-4-2 mark of a year ago.

"We're young but we've got a lot of speed," he commented. "I think overall, we'll have much better balance."

Young will be the focal point of Novi's attack. Blessed with tremendous speed, the senior has the potential to score in double figures this fall.

Young will be flanked by Joe Schmitz and Keith Barber on the forward line. Ryan Bush and Ryan Karvola will see action up front.

The Wildcats are deep at halfback. Jim Rowlands, Brian Groom, Kevin Annsara and Adam Hagfors head the list. Zyzzymski is back at sweeper.

Fullbacks are led by Kevin Sitts. He will handle direct shots and receive support from either Hart or Meyers depending on who is in goal. Mike Fasano and Youichi Matsunaga provide depth.

Christoff said his players' biggest rival in challenging for the KVC crown might be themselves.

"There's no doubt in my mind we can if they convince themselves," he added. "I think we'll give Brighton the best challenge since I've been here."

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'Hard Target'

Van Damme fights back in new action thriller

Popular action star Jean-Claude Van Damme teams with one of the cinema's most dynamic directors, John Woo, in the Alphaville Renaissance production of Universal Pictures' action-drama "Hard Target."

From his native Hong Kong to Europe and North America, Woo continues to amaze critics, electrify audiences and add to his legion of fans. His driving, yet poetic visual style — embodied in such critically acclaimed motion pictures as "The Killers" and "Hard Boiled" — has earned him the admiration of such cinematic masters as Oliver Stone and Martin Scorsese. He makes his American directing debut with "Hard Target."

Van Damme is Chance, a down-on-his-luck New Orleans merchant sailor who uses his high-powered martial arts skills to battle a sadistic band of hunters who prey on homeless veterans in a deadly safari game. His quest begins when he comes to the rescue of a young woman (newcomer Yancy Butler) whose father was a recent victim of the killers.

The supporting cast includes Lance Henriksen ("Near Dark"), playing the chief hunter with cold-blooded resolve. Beloved character actor Wilford Brimley turns in a salty, lively performance as Chance's crazy Cajun uncle.

James Jacks and Sean Daniel are the producers, with Sam Raimi, Robert Tapert and Moshe Diamant acting as executive producers.

The striking premise of "Hard Target," originated by screenwriter Chuck Pfarrer ("Darkman") and developed with producer James Jacks & Alphaville Productions, puts an innovative contemporary twist on a classic Hollywood thriller. "The Most

Dangerous Game," in which a demoralized millionaire sportsman lured his human prey to a remote island. In "Hard Target," the cool and amoral organizers of the safari, Emil Fouchon (Henriksen) and Pik Van Cleef (Vosloo), are former mercenaries who devised their murderous game purely as a business venture. For their grim purposes, the chaos following a citywide police strike makes New Orleans a prime hunting ground.

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Chance (Jean-Claude Van Damme) uses his martial arts skills in "Hard Target"

Over the last decade, John Woo has become one of the leading artists in the emerging Hong Kong school of filmmakers and the first to gain a wide audience overseas. Popularized by such director as Woo and Jackie Chan ("Police Story"), Hong Kong cinema delivers action with a vengeance: passions explode, bullets fly and heroes charge with mind-bending, hyper-kinetic force.

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Like Woo, Van Damme has risen to the top of his profession in only a few short years. His formal training as a

dancer, as much as his well-known expertise in martial arts, perfectly complemented Woo's inventive camera style.

When Woo watched Van Damme in rehearsal and got a close-up look at what the actor could do, he set himself to design fight sequences that would showcase Van Damme's fighting skills more dramatically than ever before.

A topical touch in the script is the subtlest class conflict. While only rich men can afford to become hunters in "Hard Target," all the victims are desperate, homeless combat veterans, willing to bet their lives against a

\$10,000 prize.

The actors in "Hard Target" were willing to go to extremes to satisfy the director. Lance Henriksen put his heart and soul into the chilling Fouchon. In what is certain to be one of the film's most discussed scenes, Henriksen allowed his character's trademark black cashmere overcoat to be set ablaze while he was still wearing it.

The actors' dedication to their roles echoes the loyalty that Woo quickly earned among the entire production company.

"I knew even before I met him," said Pfarrer, "that John Woo was an exceptional movie director."

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REUNITED

Northville woman is key to lost family

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Frances Moad and her two brothers had a relatively quiet childhood.

Although their father uprooted the children often, taking up residences in Oregon, Utah and Arizona, the family lacked knowledge of any kind other than the four of themselves.

That was the family philosophy since Moad was barely 6 years old when her father William Miller Sr., also known as Curly because of his naturally curly hair, moved the children from their Emmett, Mich., home following the death of their mother Dottie May (Card) Miller. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 39.

Moad, who now makes her home in Corvallis, Ore., said she didn't know why her father moved

around so much.

"He just did," she said. "We didn't talk about our past at all. We really didn't even know if we had relatives for sure on either side."

Even before their father died in 1982, Moad and her brother Dwight, a Portland, Ore., resident, had attempted to reach relatives. "We just came to a place I guess where we thought there really just wasn't anybody related."

Moad and her brothers, William Jr. and Dwight, were recently reunited with long-lost family members at a reunion held Aug. 22 near Flint. The key in the family's search for identity was provided by Northville resident June King.

King, who is a cousin to Moad and the Millers, said when her mother's youngest sister died, her uncle took the kids, breaking ties with the Card side of the family.

A financial secretary and computer consultant for the United Methodist Church of Northville,

King located Dwight last September via the Salvation Army.

"It all started when I read Dear Abby," King said. "She had an article in about missing people and how the Salvation Army has located missing persons."

So, in the fall of 1991 King wrote to the Salvation Army and was sent some forms to fill out. She was put on a waiting list for almost a year before Dwight was located.

"I didn't feel they would find the daughter (Moad) only because she was married and was under her married name," King said. "I figured the only chance was of finding one of the boys. And what with a war in between this — you just didn't know what had happened. It's amazing when you think about it."

Dwight, who said he was just about on the verge of giving up on finding any of his relatives, didn't know what to make of the letter he got from the Social Security Administration.

"I opened it and inside was a letter from the Salvation Army's missing persons (department)," Dwight said.

"The letter told Dwight a woman claiming to be a relative was searching for him.

"I was unsure if someone was just playing a game," Dwight said, discouraged because all of his leads had come to a dead end.

"He had previously tried to contact family members via a book signed by relatives who had attended his mother's funeral.

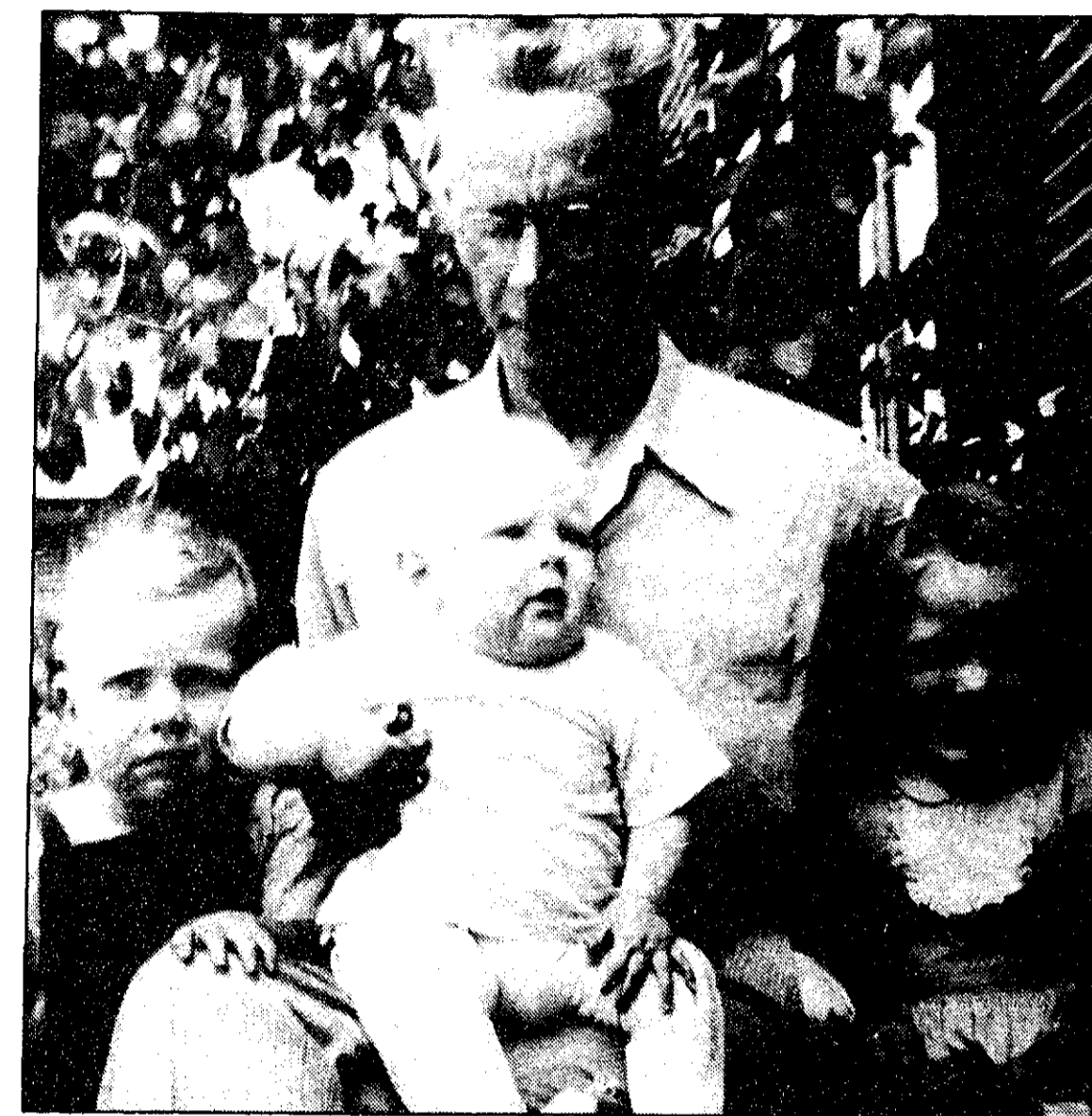
"I went down the list and mailed letters of inquiry, but they kept coming back negative or no such occupant," Dwight said.

After he received the Salvation Army's letter, he contacted King to see if she really was a relative.

"She gave me information without me having to ask so I knew (we were related)," he said. "Everything she told me just fell into what I had."

"I didn't believe it," King said of Dwight's telephone call. "It's been 42 years. We hoped against hope we would someday find the kids."

King sent pictures and the families exchanged letters and telephone calls often throughout the year. But it wasn't until two weeks ago that Moad and her brothers had the chance to meet their family members — all 200 of them.



Top, William Jr., Dwight and Frances with their father William Miller Sr. This photo was taken right before or after the death of the children's mother, Dottie May, sometime in the 1950s. Below, the children as they appear now. William, left, is a truck driver from Mississippi while Frances and Dwight both reside in Oregon. Right, over 200 people attended the Card family reunion held two weeks ago.



DWIGHT & DAISY CARD'S FAMILY



June King of Northville was instrumental in locating the Miller family.

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Volunteer



Mary Jane Dean

Crafty area volunteer takes care of animals

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

If you have a pet — cat, bird, dog, rabbit, whatever — you will understand Mary Jane Dean's enthusiasm in volunteering for the Michigan Humane Society, which is an organization committed to the relief of animal suffering whenever and wherever it occurs.

To help raise money for the Society, Dean helps make craft items for the Paw Pourri Gift Shop on Main Street in Royal Oak.

"A friend of mine started the project with a crafts sale," she said.

Eventually the shop was opened and then also a Christmas catalog was put out annually to increase sales in another area.

"Five of us women get together now for crafts sessions, not so often during the summer months but probably once a week in the fall and early winter to build inventory so as to have as many

items — at least — as were sold in the previous year.

Gift items are not all pet related, but one popular one is a catnip mouse made of cloth with ears, nose, and whiskers.

The money raised goes for various things needed at the three shelters (Detroit, Rochester Hills, and Westland). One big item was a rescue van. Less expensive, ongoing items are spraying and neutering cats and dogs for people who can't afford to have it done.

A main project for The Michigan Humane Society, of course, is helping the animals in the shelters to find homes where they can be well taken care of.

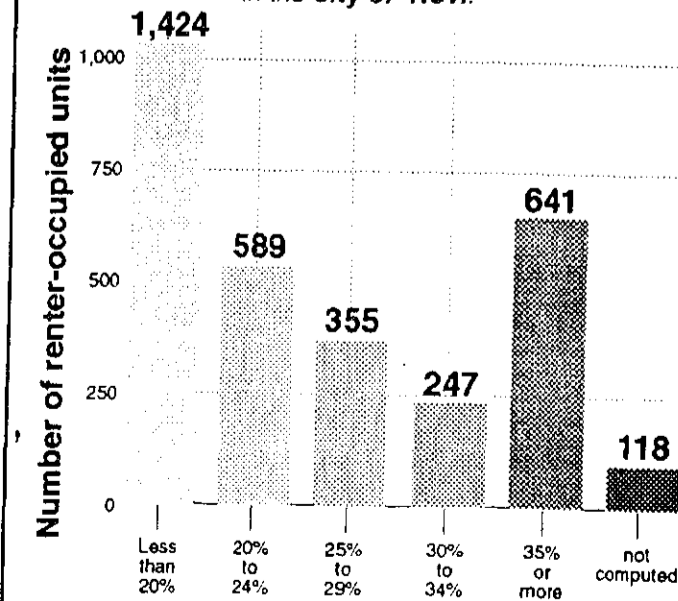
And one lucky animal is Calvin, a mixed-breed, long hair dog which Mary Jane Dean found abandoned at a shelter several years ago.

For more information on this and other shelter volunteering, call the Westland shelter at 721-730.

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The cost of Rent

There are 3,374 renter-occupied housing units in the City of Novi.*



Gross rent as a percentage of income

*1989 statistics

Charter House plans toast and tea, trips, birdhouses

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

September promises to be a very busy month for residents at the Novi Charter House under the direction of Activities Director Jay Walker and her staff. In addition, the community council of residents, families, and people from the community is planning and assisting with activities.

One of the first activities will be the monthly Crunchy Toast and Coffee to be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. Then, on the 14th, there will be a monthly birthday party for all residents who have birthdays in September. The parties will be complete with birthday cake and entertainment by Laura Swartz on the keyboard.

On Sept. 16 the Compassing Hope bus will be transporting many of the residents to the Po Folks Restaurant in Roseville. The monthly community council meeting with Sandy Van Arnesson, from the activities department, will take place Sept. 20. She will be bringing the various needs and plans to the council for help and assistance.

The activities department is already working on plans for the annual bazaar. Cotton material is needed for that. Anyone in the community who would like to donate may drop it off at the front desk.

In addition, they are working on several service projects and can use any used greeting cards or envelopes with cancelled stamps. Those will be processed for the American Legion Auxiliary and will eventually be sent to St. Jude's.

Finally, the council is looking into purchasing some bird feeders to be put on the new patio outside the ac-

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twittles room and is searching for a volunteer to help with the Sing Along hour. If interested call 477-2000.

NOVI METHODIST CHURCH
The fall schedule resumes on Sunday, Sept. 12, with classes for all ages 9:15 a.m. followed by 10:30 a.m. worship and 11:30 a.m. all church meal. At 12:30 p.m. the church will host Rally Day games and activities in the orchard. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Classes at Novi Methodist are available for all ages, starting with nursery school and continuing through adult seminars. There will also be a new member seminar led by the Rev. Jacobs for anyone interested in joining the membership and becoming active in the various church programs.

Sunday, Sept. 26, will be celebrated as Christian Education Sunday, when the church school staff will be presented and a service of dedication will be conducted. All third grade students will receive Bibles.

A special event will be held on Sept. 9 in Memorial Hall when the Rev. William A. Verheul will be present to meet with members of all the committees. Subject for the meeting will be an explanation of the church information and development services.

All of the choirs are resuming rehearsals with the handbell choir starting on Sept. 7. Apprentice rin-

gers are also asked to attend. The Youth Chorists will be starting on Sept. 8. That group includes youngsters from first through eighth grade. The Chancel Choir will be rehearsing on Sept. 8 and is for those in grades 9-12 as well as adults. For those wishing to socialize, there will be a coffee time starting at 7 p.m.

Bible study will resume on Sept. 14. The Cass Community Luncheon is Sept. 18.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS
The annual Fall Kickoff is scheduled for Sept. 23 and reservations are already being taken. Information is available from president Kathy Barber.

The evening is titled "Dressing Yourself Smart" and will be at the Wyndham Garden hotel. It will include some of your friends and neighbors modeling some of the newest Liz Claiborne.

Other upcoming plans include the end of the year Scramble Event at the Catalina Golf Club followed by a barbecue. Coming up will be a horse-ridden hayride and bonfire for families on Sunday, Oct. 10, at Kensington

Farm Center in Milford. The ride is limited so reservations must be made early.

On Oct. 21 will be an evening event featuring Toulas Patsalis, program director of Kitchen Glamour store.

In addition to the events listed above, there are ongoing interest groups for everyone. Some of these include daytime and evening bingo with the first daytime scheduled for Sept. 22 and the first evening on Sept. 14.

Last night (Wednesday evening) they met on the back terrace of the First Presbyterian Church for a steak fry and corn roast as well as a program called "Light and Lively Evening." The program featured vocalist Marianne Murphy, who accompanied herself on piano, guitar and keyboard. She teaches at Giddler in Northville.

This Saturday the group will be going to the Box Bar in Plymouth for a casual dinner followed by the 9 p.m. show at the Penn Theatre.

A picnic is planned for Labor Day. It will include a barbecue chicken and ribs. Call the above number for information.

Special workshops this month are called "Opportunity for Growth." They will take place on three Thursday evenings, Sept. 9, 16 and 23, and will feature Larry Keaton, Ph.D. Then, on Sept. 30, a program called "Getting It Right the Next Time" with special speaker Pam Jacobs will take place for five Thursday evenings.

The Divorce Recovery Workshops will be held on Thursday evenings at

7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 9.

Other Single Place activities include Sunday brunch, volleyball, golf and a mission project at Westminster Church to help serve a meal to the needy and elderly.

NOVI COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
Chairperson Gerry Stipp has set Tuesday, Sept. 21, as the date for the annual blood drive. Those wishing to donate can come in from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. However, appointments can be made if you are on a tight schedule. She can be reached at 347-0456 from 8 to 5 p.m. or at 442-2292 evenings and weekends.

Anyone over 17 years of age is eligible. Donors can give up to four times per year.

You may not donate blood if you have already donated in the last eight weeks; have had jaundice, malaria, hepatitis or a malady; are a diabetic on insulin; or have had major surgery or tooth extractions in the past six months.

The drive is held at the Novi Civic Center with Red Cross personnel. Anyone not able to donate but willing to work in other areas such as reminder phone calls can also call the above numbers.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, please call 624-0173.

Life-long scout

Cemetery improvements lead to Eagle designation honor

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Steve Kramer did more than earn his Eagle Scout designation before he left for Michigan Tech.

He also left the city with a gift of time and effort.

Many motorists who pass the Novi Cemetery on a regular basis have already noticed the fruits of Kramer's labor. The cemetery, which once garnered regular complaints for its run-down state, now has a spruced-up and cared-for appearance.

Kramer, a 1993 Novi High School graduate, said he chose the cemetery for his Eagle Scout designation before he left for Michigan Tech.

"The historical society had the general idea of restoring the cemetery," Kramer said. "I did the fence, and I worked with the DPW to take care of the grounds." The Novi Department of Public Works is responsible for general maintenance at the site.

The work took a total of 200 hours put in by about 30 volunteers who worked varying amounts of time.

Kramer himself put in about 25 hours to complete the project.

It was a race against time, he said, as he began the project knowing he would leave for Michigan Technological University in Houghton within weeks. But Kramer left last weekend knowing that the project was completed.

"My dad didn't think I'd be able to pull it off in that much time," he said. "But I did it. My parents think it's great."

Kramer, who will be 18 in November, is the son of Edward and Barbara Kramer of Novi. He plans to study mechanical engineering.

Working toward his Eagle Scout designation was worth the time, he said.

"It lets people know what kind of person you are," he said. "Wherever you go, people know what it's about. It shows you're a good person, and that you intend to do good things. Being an Eagle Scout is kind of a checkpoint in your life."

The Eagle designation also marks him as a leader and makes him a scout for life. He plans to become involved in the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at Michigan Tech, which is a scouting fraternity.

Eventually, he'd like to lead a scout troop himself. When he does, he'll encourage all of his scouts to work toward becoming an Eagle one day.

"It's a good goal," he said. "It's something you can put together, plan for and accomplish. Definitely something to work toward."

Historical Society President Kathy Mutch said the project made a great contribution toward improving the quality of life in Novi, as well as creating increased appreciation for the historical value of the cemetery.

"The improved condition and appearance of the Novi Cemetery has already been noticed by many of the thousands of motorists who pass this historic landmark on a daily basis," Mutch noted.

"As a result of this project, the Novi Cemetery is now safer and more attractive for visitors paying graveside respects. For others seeking a pleasant place for quiet contemplation, the Novi Cemetery provides a welcome greenspace in the heart of the city's planned commercial center."

The restoration project that Kramer led included scraping, pruning and painting the wrought-iron fence at the entrance to the cemetery. The fence was painted black while the words "Novi Cemetery" were painted white.

Many small headstones that had fallen over were replaced in upright positions. Mutch said this will allow Historical Society members to easily read and record the information on the stones.

And visitors looking for specific markers will be able to find them more easily now," she added.

Kramer and his volunteers also gathered wood chips and placed them along the fence line above the cemetery's retaining wall in order to stop erosion. They also weeded flower beds and did a general clean-up of the property.

Mutch said that broken headstones which remained at the cemetery were in place because the historical society determined that they should be fixed by professionals with restoration expertise.

Kramer credited his Eagle Scout advisor, Doug MacQueen, for helping him complete the cemetery project.

"He really helped me out, pushed me," he said. "I probably wouldn't have gotten it done if it weren't for him."

Sometimes the three wonder if their chores resulted from their family life.

"We always thought there might be a pattern," Dwight said.

"The youngest of the three said he thinks his upbringing also affected his outlook on life.

"I think we all would probably have had different attitudes," Dwight said. "Like, I'm not a crowd person. I think if I would have grown up around people I would have been more at ease in crowds and been more open. I'm kind of what people call a loner."

It's probably for that reason that Dwight agrees the 40-year wait was worth it despite letters that were returned unanswered and telephone searches that turned out to be fruitless.

"If you feel you have a relative you don't know about, keep looking," he said. "Don't ever give up."



Eagle Scout Steve Kramer wasn't afraid to pick up a shovel and restore the Novi Cemetery.

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Family reunited after local efforts

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"It was overwhelming," Moad admitted. "I sat there and thought — to me 200 people is a big crowd — and it dawned on me that they were all related to me."

"I was pretty flabbergasted," Dwight said. "We've always had it drilled into us that it was only us. Then to find out we have 200-plus relatives. It didn't really register until I got to the reunion. People started arriving and arriving and it never stopped."

There were plenty of tears and lots of laughs as Moad became acquainted with her relatives. Actually a mini-reunion was taking place at the same time as Moad and Dwight visited with their brother William for the first time since William had moved to Mississippi in the 1980s. Moad hadn't seen her brother in eight years while it had been 15 years since

Dwight had seen his big brother. "We were having our own reunion while this was going on," Moad said. "It was fantastic," Dwight said of seeing his brother. "He's always been a big brother to me and I like being around him."

King actually met up with the trio before the family reunion. The families coincidentally booked rooms at the same motel near Flint the weekend of the reunion.

"They came down to our room and talked with us for an hour, maybe an hour and a half," King said.

The day after the reunion Moad and her brother Dwight visited King in Northville and went to their mother's gravesite located in Rural Hill Cemetery, where Rogers Street meets Seven Mile Road.

King Moad and the Miller boys share the same grandparents, Dwight and Daisy Card. The Card home used to be located in what is

now a vacant lot on Cady Street east of the credit union.

Dwight is currently trying to track down his father's side of the family, but is having a much harder time locating family ties. But he did get a tip from, who else, his cousin June.

"She was going through some of her mom's letters and came across one from some relatives in Ohio that referred to Dad and us kids," Dwight explained.

He called the information operator in Ohio and located a cousin and an aunt and uncle. From there he received a name of an uncle living in Florida, but hasn't had a chance to follow through on the lead.

Each of the Miller children are divorced. Frances, 50, has two daughters, ages 20 and 23. William, 49 and a truck driver, is remarried and has one child. Dwight, 45, is also remarried. He has two children and three step-children.

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Registration for the dance, music and visual arts extension programs at the Center for Creative Studies (CCS) is now open. A wide variety of programs for beginners through professionals is available. Classes begin Sept. 7 in Novi.

The extension program, the non-degree granting arm of CCS College of Art and Design, offers credit and non-credit courses. Studies include line and applied arts, graphic design, ceramics, glass, photographic studies, transportation design, fiber design, clay modeling, portfolio preparation, and a calligraphy diploma program.

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In Uniform

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Reside visited the British Crown Colony of Gibraltar, La Maddalena, Italy, and the Greek island of Crete.

He is a 1982 graduate of Cherry Hill High School of Inkster.

MATTHEW A. SKINNER has completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field training encampment at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del.

The summer curriculum consists of orientation on jet aircraft, career opportunities, human relations education and equal opportunity training. Physical fitness and survival training is also emphasized. The field training is normally attended by cadets between their second and third year of college.

The cadet is a student at Michigan Technological University at Houghton. The 1991 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School is the son of James and Judy Skinner.

On Campus



CATHRYN MacQUEEN

CATHRYN ELIZABETH MacQUEEN graduated from The Ohio State University on June 11, 1993, with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. She is certified to teach music in grades K-12.

She is a member of Tau Beta Sigma, honorary band sorority. While an undergraduate, she co-founded the Ohio State chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, the national professional music society for women.

MacQueen has been named a 1993-94 teaching assistant at the Ohio State School of Music, where she will pursue Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees. She plays tuba in various professional groups such as the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Concert Band, and Canton (Ohio) Symphony. She was principal tuba for the OSU Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band, and for two years was a member of TBDBITL, the Ohio State Marching Band.

Cathryn is a 1993 graduate of Novi High School, and is the daughter of Douglas and Judith MacQueen of Novi.



Second Chance

Novi resident **Joey O'Neill, 12**, (right) along with his mother **Clarice** and sister **Colleen**, are grateful for people who donate their bone marrow so others may live. O'Neill, a bone marrow recipient, joined nearly 300 other former patients, donors and their families for the fifth annual Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) family picnic held at the Detroit Medical Center July 17. The BMT program is operated jointly by the Detroit Medical

Center's Harper Hospital and Children's Hospital of Michigan. The unit is the only transplant center in Michigan to perform various types of bone marrow transplants for both adults and pediatric patients. It is also one of the largest programs in the country, averaging close to 110 transplants a year. For information on being a donor, call the National Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-MARROW2.

Japan choir to perform

The Novi Arts Council will sponsor a free performance of choral music by the Yokohama Mokuyokai Choir from Yokohama, Japan, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 3 p.m.

The group will perform a concert of American and Japanese folk songs, sacred choral works and songs of Japan under the direction of Masakazu Kurosawa.

The choir is currently on tour on the east coast of the United States. The Novi performance, and a Saturday evening performance in Livonia with the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers, are the only stops not on the official east coast tour.

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REAL ESTATE

Habitat for Humanity helps the homeless

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Providing homes for the homeless is a noble cause. But is such an effort really achievable?

Charles Henderson, a single 72-year-old retiree, found a program that works.

He recently moved into a new home built by volunteer workers participating in a local chapter program of Habitat for Humanity International. He also actively assisted in the project.

"Habitat is the old barn-raising concept applied to housing," Humanity chapter director Virgil Nelson said. "It's a partnership with families using no-profit, no-interest loans and a lot of sweat equity."

"It's definitely not a charity or

giveaway program, since families pay for the actual cost of materials used to build or rehabilitate their homes. Home-purchasing families normally make a 'down payment' of 500 hours of labor. That's 20 percent of hours needed to build a typical home."

Last year, 20 families were helped by Nelson's Habitat chapter. This included major home repair and rehab projects — new roofs, plumbing systems and painting. Also, a portion of all donated funds received by the local Habitat group is passed on for the construction of homes in less-developed nations through their local Habitat chapters, Nelson said.

The average cost of those new

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HOME DESIGNS



The Tiara: A jewel of a ranch-style home with country flavor

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Porches, front and back, expand the living area in the Tiara, a ranch-style home with dashes of country flavor.

A covered porch stretches across the front, spanning the recess between the living room and the nook.

And at the back, you can choose between the screened and covered porch, adjacent to the family room, and a roofless deck, off the master suite.

Bathrooms are also abundant. No one need ever wait in line, even during the morning rush. The four bathrooms range in size from a tiny cubicle next to the garage, to the luxurious master bathroom with twin basins, a spa tub, over-size shower and enclosed water closet.

In addition to its luxurious bathroom, the master suite has a large walk-in closet.

Bedroom No. 3 also has a private (but more modest) facility, while bedroom No. 2 shares an identical unit with guests and other members of the household.

Kitchen and nook face the street. Amenities include a built-in desk, dishwasher, range and oven. A step-in pantry is just around the corner, in a large utility room outfitted with a deep sink, closet and a counter for folding clothes.

This room also has access to a garage with extra storage space.

Bay windows brighten and enlarge the dining room and living room. But the vaulted family room is the largest and brightest room in the house. Multipaned windows, capped by a huge half-round at the center, fill most of the back wall.

The opposite wall, next to the basement stairway, separates the family room from the dining room. A wide tile hearth spans one side of the family room. Built-in shelves flank the fireplace. (The living room has an equally wide hearth, but no shelves.)

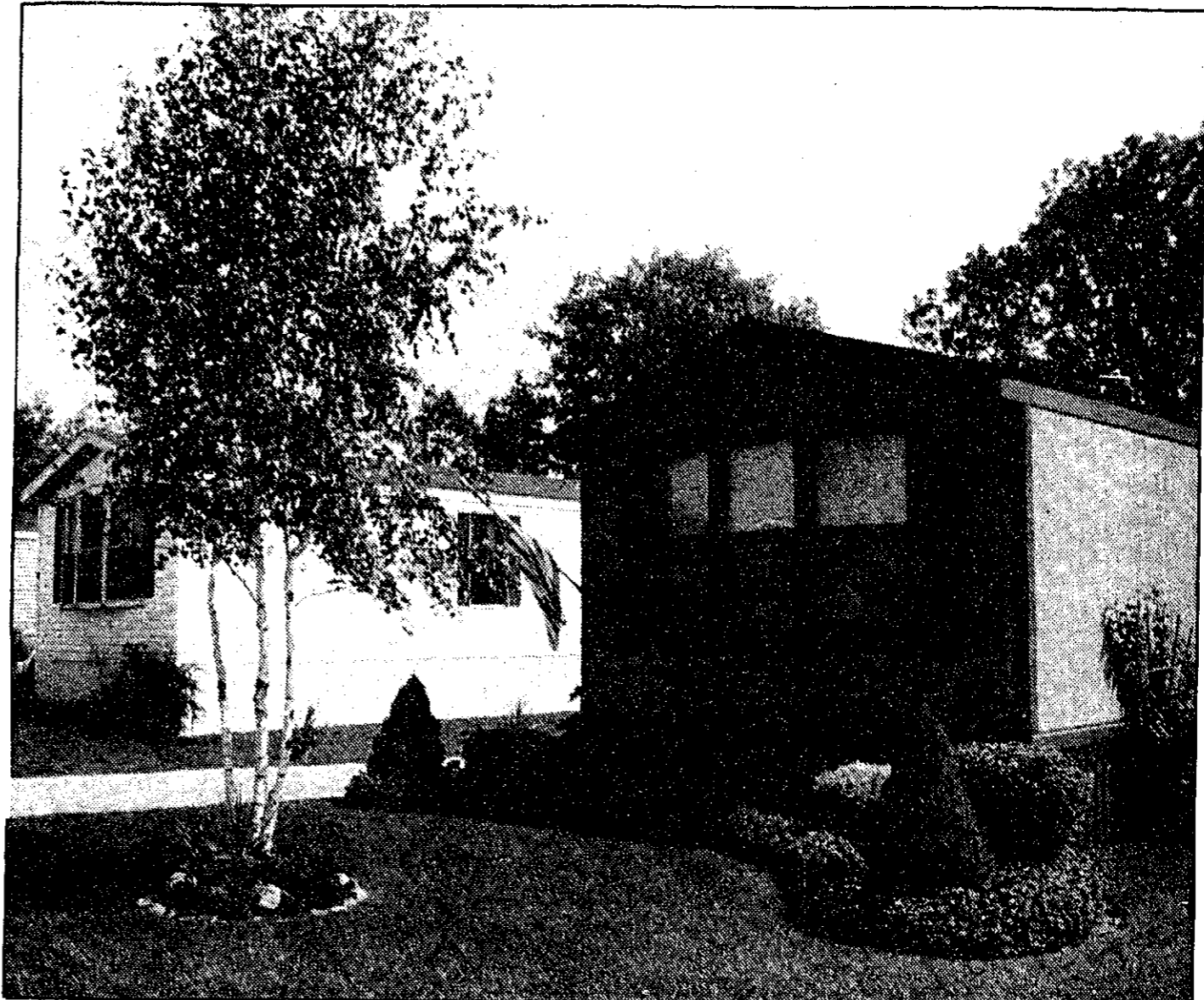
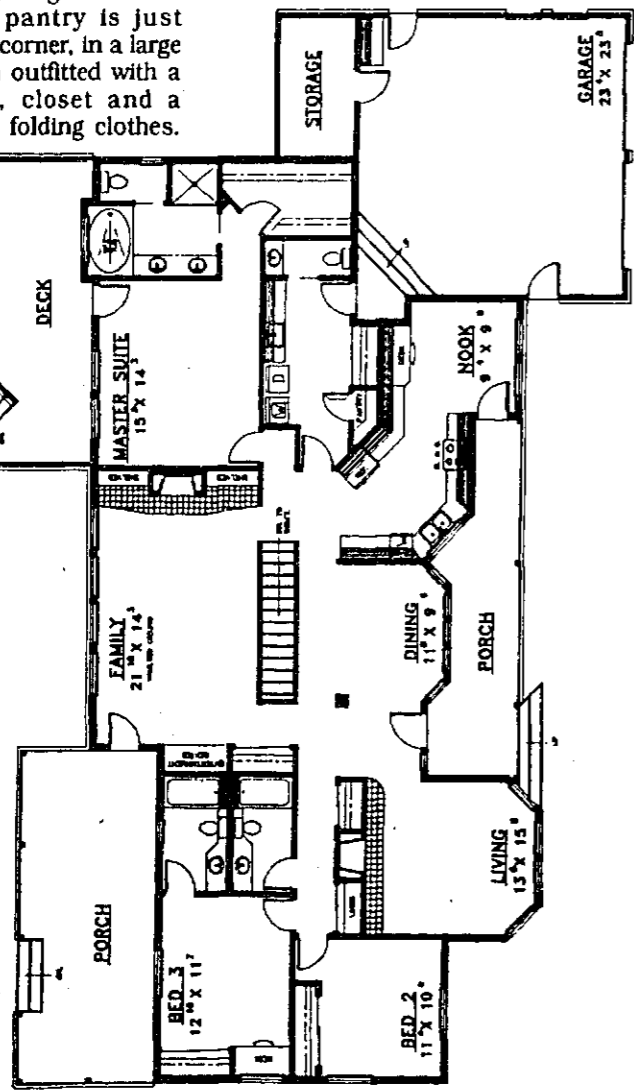
An entertainment center and a storage closet are tucked into alcoves on the opposite side.

Additional storage space lines the hallway to the two bedrooms.

The bedroom with the private bathroom also has a built-in desk. These features make this space suitable for housing an aging parent or for renting to a housemate.

For a study plan of the Tiara 332-080) 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.)

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 90'-0" X 48'-0"
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GARAGE: 686 square feet



One of the 1993 landscape winners at Child Lake Estates trailer park was the home of Russ Bissett.

BEAUTY CONTEST

By Jillian A. Bogater
Staff Writer

Steve and Kathy Fava, 1911 Stafford Ct.; Gladys Miller, 1855 Collins Ct. and Sandra Fay, 4238 Deems St.

Four of the five who placed in the first contest also placed in this year's contest, Pink said.

"These people who have won have spent a lot of money, a lot of time and hard work into their yards," she said. "And they do it consistently, all the time."

"Most of the people who entered last year also entered this year, so they are still enthused about it."

One such resident is Gladys Miller of Collins Street. Not only did she enter both years, but she also took honors in both contests.

Miller, who has lived in the trailer community for 10 years, took fourth place honors this year for her carefully landscaped red and white begonias. Although she spends several hours a day working on her yard, Miller was still surprised to hear she made the top five homes.

Each morning Miller spends about one hour watering her flowers then trims them and works in

the yard for most of the day. Even though Miller invests a lot of time in her yard, her award-winning landscaping design was not planned.

"I just made it up," she said. "I always try to get red and white flowers. They're my favorite colors. They are bright and seem to do better too."

This year Miller made several new additions to her yard, including 11 flats of flowers, a barrel and 10 new rosebushes.

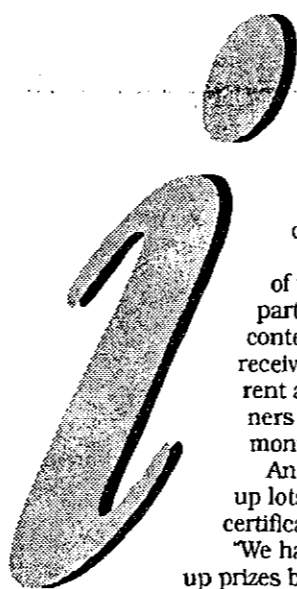
Seeing her neighbors get involved in the contest makes Miller happy.

"I think it is nice that people are getting into it," she said. "I'll be sure to do it every year, even if they don't have the contest, because I love flowers."

Park manager Pink was impressed by all of the entries.

"I can see where people who usually do very little went well out of their way to do extra work," Pink said. "The residents are now conscientious, more aware and take better care of their homes."

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Soil management

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Good soil management means preserving the natural systems that take place in the soil. To keep soil healthy, we must return nutrients to it and learn to use techniques that have the least damaging effect on the soil and environment.

For instance, soil uses organic matter as a food source. As microorganisms in the soil consume the organic matter, they replace nutrients into the soil, which are available to plants to take up through their root systems. If there's little organic matter in the soil, plants suffer and often look stunted.

Soil structure is most important to your garden's productivity. The goal of any gardener should be to have soil with a loose, crumbly, open structure that encourages good water and air movement within the soil.

Gardeners should also avoid working fine clay soil when it's wet and subjecting soil to heavy foot or equipment traffic, both of which can ruin its structure. In other words, don't walk on wet soil because it packs it down!

The best organic materials that can be added to soil are

leaf mold, compost plant material, grass clippings and cover crops that are usually sowed in fall and then turned under.

The point is to recycle plant material back into the soil at least as quickly as it is used.

If manure (cow, horse or exotic manure from the circus) is used, make sure it is aged. Otherwise, it may contain viable weed seeds.

In addition to adding organic matter and maintaining good soil structure, gardeners should strive for a soil pH (potential hydrogen) level between 6 and 7. Within this range, major nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are available to plants.

If the pH is lower or higher, nutrients get tied up in the soil and can't be taken up by the plants. Adding fertilizers to the soil with incorrect pH levels is a waste of time, money and resources.

So, for best results, have your soil tested by a nursery or horticulturist at least every three or four years.

To poison your garden is to poison the Earth. Since we're all residents of this planet,

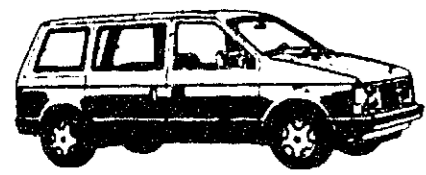
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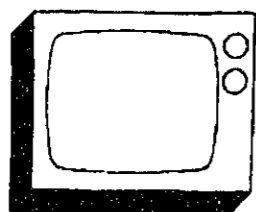
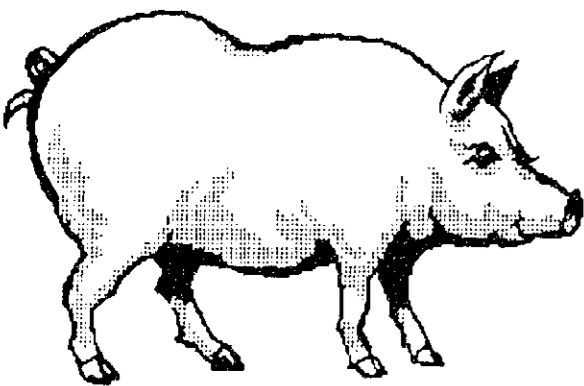
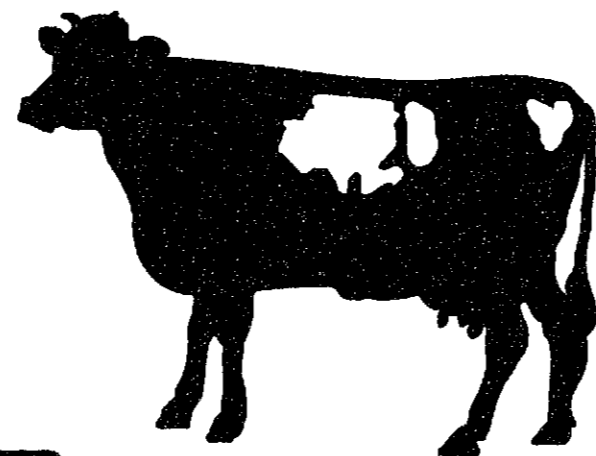
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- Enrich soil with organic material, such as leaf mold, compost plant material, grass clippings and cover crops.
- Only use aged manure.
- Maintain soil pH level between 6 and 7.



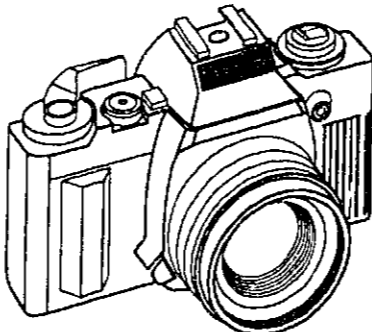
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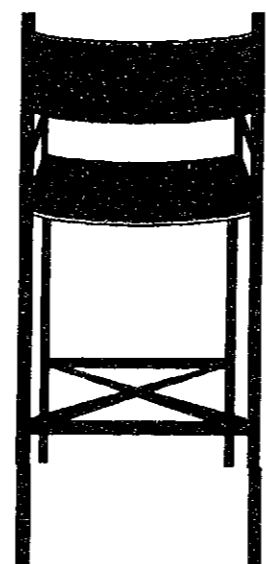
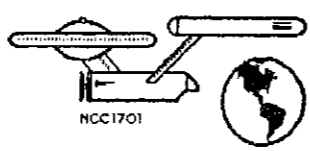
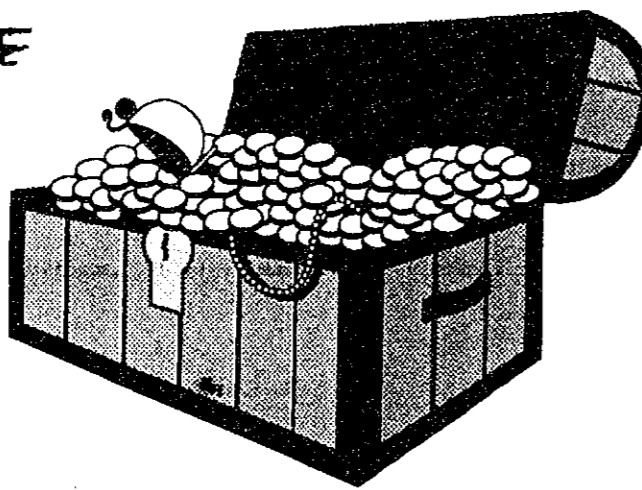
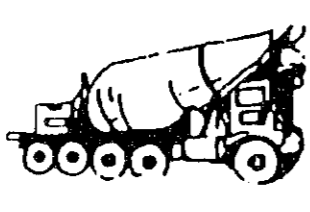
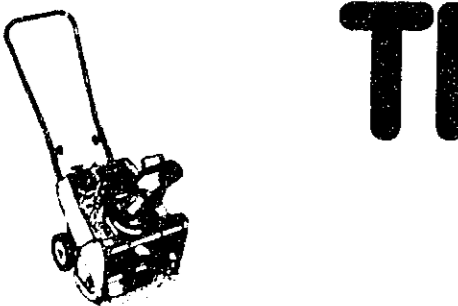
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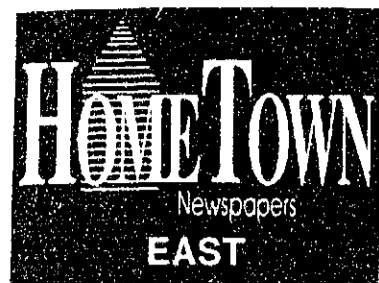
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Sue Poster pours it on thick at the relocated soda fountain.

Crawfords' rescues soda fountain

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

When the Wright family shut down the Northville Pharmacy on Main Street, it was the end of an era.

Then again, maybe it wasn't. A portion of the pharmacy's legacy lives on right across the street. The old soda fountain that Bill Wright had restored just a few years ago has been saved and relocated by Sue Poster, owner of Crawfords' Bakery Connection.

Poster said she couldn't bear to see the fountain leave downtown. "When the pharmacy went, this went too," she said. "I talked to Bill about it, and he said 'Why don't you put it in the bakery, take over the business and keep it open.'"

Poster thought about it, and then took the plunge.

It took only a month or so to dismantle the entire operation and re-install it at the Bakery Connection. It went so quickly that Poster actually did it without telling her father, Dick Crawford, her partner in the Bakery Connection and Crawfords' Restaurant.

"When he came out, though, he said it was obvious. He thought it would be a natural," Poster said.

The 15-foot marble countertop was on loan from Tom McKinnon, and was returned. Poster and company designed the new counter in an L-shape, and created a new countertop to fit.

Everything else came with the counter, though, right down to the glassware. The old stools, the shaker, the ice cream freezers, the soda machine and even the popcorn maker were part of the deal.

"It was more complicated than I thought it would be," said Poster. Training for the new soda fountain was practically built in, though.

"I have a nephew who worked at Northville Pharmacy," Poster said. "He knew all the recipes and knew how to work all the machines, so he came over with it."

Ice cream, as in the past, is supplied by independent's of Monroe, in 16 flavors including frozen yogurt.

Relocating the fountain to the bakery offers some new options that weren't possible before, like pie a la mode and cream puff sundaes.

"I have a lot of other ideas, too. With all the decorations I have in the back, I can do clown cones for the kids," said Poster. "And we use no

canned cherries or berries either, since we have fresh."

Visitors can order sundaes in chocolate, strawberry, pineapple, butterscotch and caramel. All the other typical fountain fare remains as well. There are floats, shakes, malts and sodas. Or how about a brown cow or a banana split?

You can have a Boston cooler, or an ice cream float made with Vernor's ginger ale. Or if you're watching your waistline, try a skinny shake, made with frozen yogurt and skim milk. You can't tell a skinny shake from the real thing, thanks to some old fountain secrets.

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Jacobs previously worked for Pepsi-Cola Co., in Somers, N.Y., and most recently as an independent consultant in personnel and labor relations for various companies throughout Michigan.



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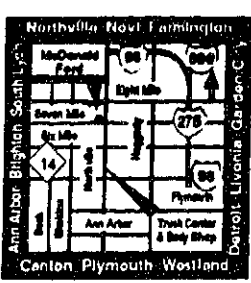
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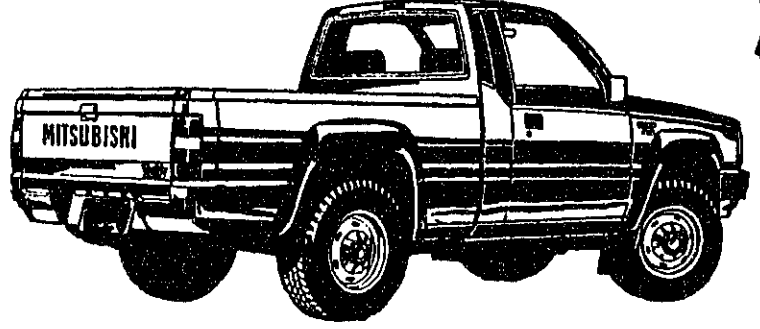
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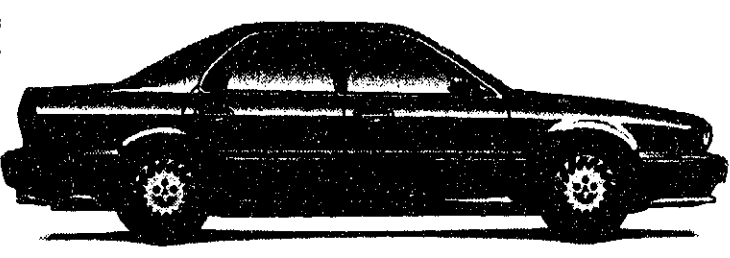
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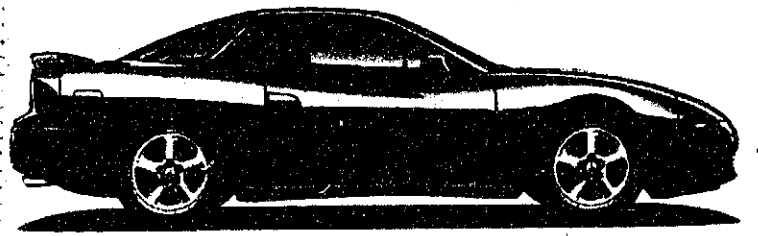
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