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A cul-de-sac plan for East Lake Drive?

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Although the Novi City Council voted against one proposed redesign of East Lake Drive, would-be shoreline restaurateur Ted Andris says a lawsuit he filed against Novi might be settled out-of-court before the January trial date — if the city accepts a "new" plan for the traffic-snarled road.

Andris met with members of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) last week.

The majority of those in attendance cast a 20-to-4 vote asking the Novi City Council to consider building a \$160,000 cul-de-sac at East Lake, to culminate within the Andris land just south of the Walled Lake boundary line, LARA president Harry Avaglan said Monday.

"Thirty-five people were present. Not everybody voted. This was brought up under new business. I'm not certain it reflects everyone's point of view," Avaglan added.

"I've attempted to be totally neutral in doing what the members tell me to do, even if it's something

different on the same subject every four months."

Several months earlier, LARA members had voted against a plan to build to redirect East Lake Drive as an S-curve road to the east of its current location.

The city council in October deadlocked on the S-curve plan in a 3-3 vote.

The cul-de-sac, which would stop drivers from using the narrow residential road as a north/south thoroughfare, was first proposed by the city in the early 1980s but was later dropped.

Avaglan is expected to address the council on the new LARA stand at the Dec. 13 meeting.

"I personally prefer the other plan but if they want to present it to council, we'll see what council says," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

City traffic consultants said the S-curve would have cut down East Lake Drive traffic slightly.

The cul-de-sac was originally killed because the construction and the purchase of the Andris property

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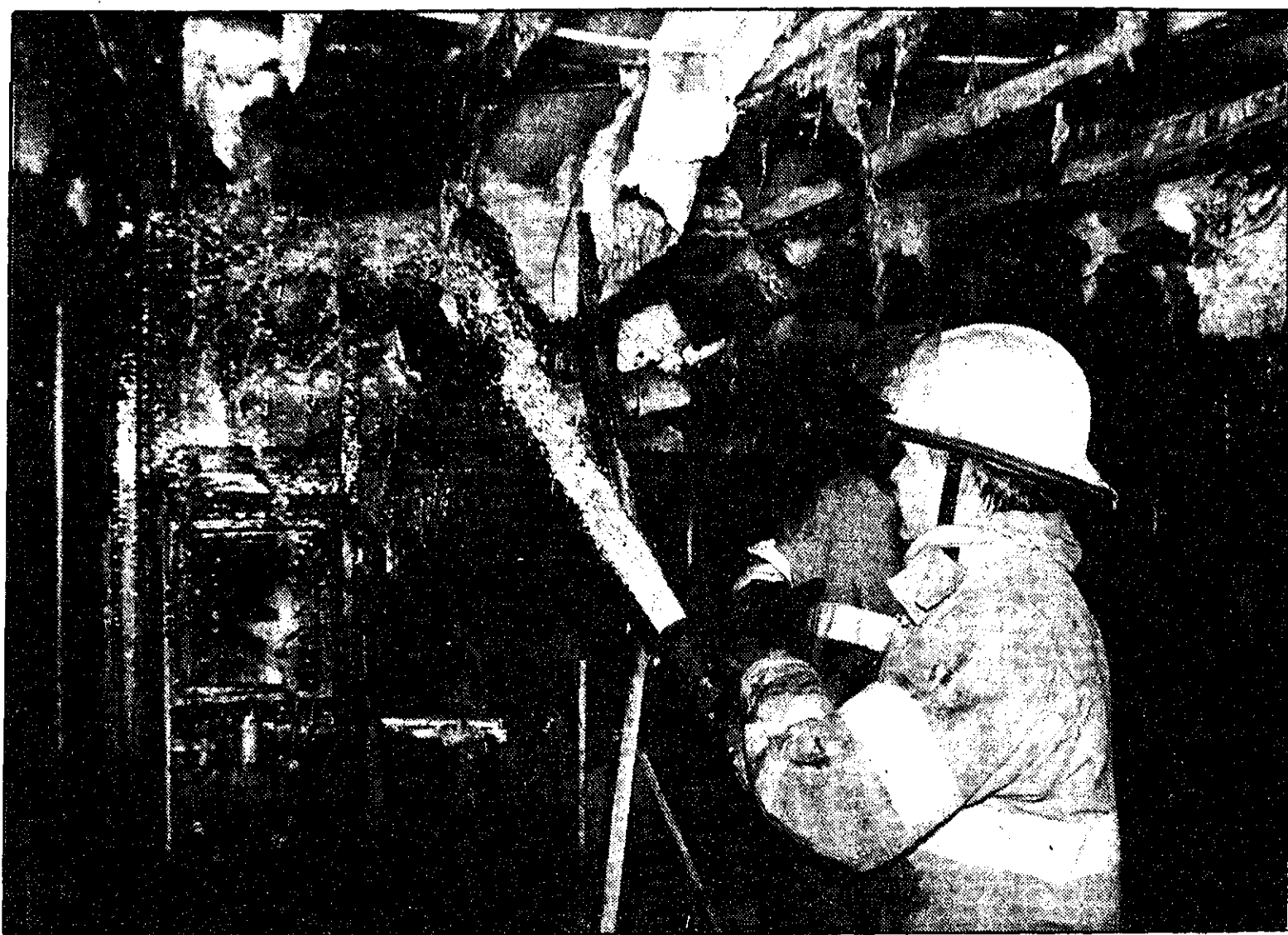


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Homeless for the holidays

A fire destroyed a mobile home in the Chateau Estates park Monday, leaving a Novi man and his two daughters temporarily homeless. Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan estimated

damage to the home at 29715 Charlemagne at \$27,000. The cause was unclear. The story appears on page 7A.

Telephone area code switchover begins

The new 810 telephone area code went into effect yesterday, Dec. 1, for portions of southeastern Michigan. All of Oakland County, including Novi, is affected by the change. Northville will also be included in the switch, as will portions of Northville Township.

Ameritech officials say the new area code is being phased in, and people will be able to use either 313 or 810 when dialing long distance within affected areas until Aug. 10, 1994.

The following local exchanges are

included in the new area code: 344, 347, 348, 349, 380 and 305.

According to Ameritech officials, the new area code was necessitated by the proliferation of fax, modem and cellular numbers in recent years.

Ameritech officials say the new code will not affect long-distance rates or charges, as calls that were considered local before are still local now.

"If it was a seven-digit number before, it'll be a seven-digit number now," said Ameritech spokesman Phil Jones.

City will consider trucking rules

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

At the request of a Waterford company which hopes to keep on trucking here, Novi will relook at its ban on through truck traffic on major city streets which double as residential roads.

A truck driver for Troy Clogg Inc. was ticketed this summer for traveling down Beck Road between Eight Mile Road and Ten Mile Road, where truck traffic is banned. The lawn service and snow removal company, which does business in

Novi, Farmington, Farmington and Northville, contends the regulation is unfair.

Retired Twelve Oaks Mall manager Bill Clogg, speaking for the firm, said the driver was on a service call to the Blue Heron condominiums in Northville when stopped and ticketed by the Novi weighmaster. The truck was carrying no load, but the firm paid a \$120 fine.

"We know you have a sign there but we have been driving that road all summer long," Clogg said.

"People drive trucks of all sizes. If it is a weight

problem, we have no problem with that."

The City Council agreed Nov. 22 to review the issue.

"In today's world, I think you have to revisit this. More people have their lawns maintained. You have to look at the services residents require compared to ten years ago. Most of these services require trucks," Council Member Carol Mason said.

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Television guides are at newspaper offices

The termination of the Monday edition of *The Novi News* means that the localized TV guide will no longer be delivered to subscribers.

Copies of the TV guide will be available in *The Novi News/Northville Record* office at 104 W. Main Street in Northville and in the Novi Public Library on Ten Mile Road. Anyone who would like a copy of the TV guide may stop by and pick one up a copy free of charge.

The guides will be available on Friday of the preceding week.

The Monday edition was terminated with the Nov. 29 edition. *Novi News* subscribers will continue to receive the regular Thursday edition.

Cops combine forces for bust

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Three Novi men were arrested Nov. 24 on drug-related charges in a team effort between the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) and Novi Police.

The arrests continued an upward swing of drug arrests within the city that began early this year. Oakland County Sheriff's Department Det. Lt. Beth Moranty said it's the result of a team effort between an undercover Novi officer and NET.

"This is basically due to the work the Novi officer is doing here," Moranty said. "He's a very aggressive and energetic officer who follows up on everything."

Moranty said she is sure that drug activity has "always been in Novi" but the stepped-up undercover work is leading to more arrests.

Arrested Nov. 24 were Raymond Scott Andrews, 27; his brother Talmadge Lee Andrews, 31; and Robert Rogale, 34. All are Novi residents.

Raymond Andrews was arrested on a felony charge of possession with intent to deliver marijuana. Talmadge Andrews and Rogale were arrested on marijuana possession charges.

Moranty said all three suspects surrendered themselves voluntarily to authorities, were arraigned in Walled Lake 52-1 District Court and were released on personal bonds. All three are due back in court in mid-December for their preliminary examinations.

The charges against Raymond and Talmadge Andrews stem from a Sept. 28 search warrant, which NET and Novi officers used to enter Andrews' home on Ferhoodle. During the search, officers reportedly seized a handgun and a "large amount of paraphernalia used to grow and process marijuana."

Raymond Andrews faces up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine while Talmadge Andrews faces up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Rogale's charges stem from an Oct. 20 search warrant at his South Lake Drive home, where NET and Novi officers discovered a small quantity of marijuana. They also confiscated two shotguns from his residence.

Rogale also faces up to one year in jail and a \$1,000.

Moranty described the Andrews brothers to be "large distributors of marijuana in the Novi area," while Rogale is considered to be a "small distributor."

She said both cases remain under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Seasonal scene

The snow cover we received earlier this week provided just the right seasonal dusting for the Christmas trees on sale near the old Ford Valve Plant in downtown Northville. The trees are being sold as a fund-raising project by the Northville/Novi Colts junior football team.



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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.

Tuesday, December 2

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Saturday, December 4

Christmas Tree Sale: The Novi Parks and Recreation Christmas Tree Sale begins today and runs until Sunday, December 19 at the Tree Farm on 12 1/2 Mile Rd. off Novi Rd. Hours are Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sundays from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays from noon-4:30 p.m. Prices range from \$15-\$30 depending on size and kind of tree or cut your own for \$35. Saws and rope are provided.

Monday, December 6

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

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School, Room 109. For more information, call 348-9691.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Barbara Wold at 464-4199. Visitors are welcome.

Light Up Novi The 11th annual "Light up the Holiday" ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The event is sponsored by Novi Parks & Rec. Novi Newcomers and Novi Jaycees. Hayrides through Power Park, Christmas carols, hot cocoa and refreshments will be available. There will be a holiday messages from the mayor and other dignitaries and a visit from Santa. A special attraction is a laser light show sponsored by JCK & Associates and the City of Novi. Share in the holiday spirit of giving and bring a can/boxed food item for the Jaycees Needy Family Christmas Program.

Tuesday, December 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.

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

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30

p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club: The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Wednesday, December 8

Walled Lake AARP The Walled Lake Area Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Schools Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any Lakes Area community member, 50 or over, is welcome to attend. For further information, call 624-7724.

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

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

AARP Meets: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any Lakes Area community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

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

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

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Monday, December 13

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7990. For membership information, call 478-5048.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School, Room 109. For more information, call 348-9691.

Tuesday, December 14

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

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

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

CHADD: Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of Southwestern Oakland County will hold a support group meeting at the Novi Public Library on Ten Mile Rd. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Persons interested in Attention Deficit Disorders can write to: 12579 Dejarol St., South Lyon, MI 48178 or call the HOTLINE: 486-2876.

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McDonalds picketing
The McDonalds restaurant at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road was picketed last Friday for selling videos of the movie Wayne's World, which include a message on AIDS prevention. Approximately 20 people picketed, saying McDonald's has a

reputation as a family-oriented restaurant and they believe the movie as well as the AIDS prevention piece do not reflect those values. Part of a national marketing campaign, McDonald's is selling a number of videos to its customers.

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Goodfellows paper sale nets \$5,000

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

The Novi Goodfellows drive, held Nov. 27, netted \$4,888 in only two hours.

That's how fast they sold out of the special editions of The Novi News, which were sold at major intersections around the city in exchange for charitable donations.

"People were very generous this year," said Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "We received everything from pennies, paper clips and one of those little creamers you get with your coffee, to one lady's donation of a check for \$25."

The Goodfellows sell newspapers every year in order to raise money for toys, clothing and food for needy families. Their goal is for every child to have a Christmas.

The Novi Goodfellows are part of the national Goodfellows organization. Its 60-odd members include members of the fire department as well as other people in the business community.

"A mailing goes out to local business people, asking people to volunteer their time," Lenaghan said. "We are always very well supported by the business community." He added that several members of the Novi Lions Club pitched in and sold papers this year, too.

Papers were sold at all main intersections throughout town, including those along Novi, Grand River and Haggerty Road as well as the entrance to Twelve Oaks Mall.

The Goodfellows are now taking calls from people who know of a family in need of help this Christmas.

To let the Goodfellows know about a family in need, or to donate to the fundraising effort, call the Novi Fire Dept. business line at 349-2162.

The Goodfellows also take donations of food or new clothing or toy items. The organization does not accept used items.

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Novi cops search for sausage thief

Novi police are searching for a sausage thief who hit the Speedway gas station on Haggerty near Eight Mile Nov. 29.

The unknown suspect, described as a man of Asian descent who is approximately 5'7" tall, 150 pounds, 25 years old with short black hair and a medium build, made off with a cooler containing \$70 worth of "Fat Freddie" brand sausages.

He was last seen driving south on Haggerty in a brown 1986 Ford Thunderbird. Two other unidentified men were in the car with him.

An employee at the gas station told police that the man walked into the store and purchased a bag of Doritos. He then asked for a glass of water and drank it, then asked for another glass of water and drank that, too.

He left the store and returned about a minute later and asked to use the bathroom. The employee estimated that the suspect was in the bathroom for about five minutes before he ran out, grabbed the cooler and dashed out the door to the waiting Thunderbird.

The employee said he chased the man out of the store, but stopped when he saw the other two men in the car with him.

The employee did get the license plate number of the vehicle, and police believe the incident was recorded on the store's video security system.

Police News

HUNTING COMPLAINT: Novi police confiscated shotguns belonging to two men who were hunting in a field south of Thirteen Mile and west of Meadowbrook Nov. 28.

The men, who were wearing orange and had their hunting licenses displayed on their backs, told police they didn't know they needed special permits to hunt in Novi.

They were transported to the Novi Police Mini Station where they were booked and their guns were confiscated. Their father came to pick them up, and commented to police that he had been hunting with them at the same location the previous Saturday.

The guns were transported to the main police station, and police said they would be returned to the owners.

LARCENY: A Southfield woman told police Nov. 18 that someone stole a tote bag from her vehicle while it was parked at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The bag contained her driver's license, a checkbook, assorted clothes and mail, she said. She told police she was unsure whether the car had been locked.

Police noted no damage to the vehicle. There are no suspects or witnesses.

AUTO THEFT: An employee at the Bilstein Corporation on Grand River reported Nov. 18 that someone stole his 1989 Jeep Wrangler from the parking lot.

The owner of the vehicle told police he was sure he'd locked the door and taken the keys. The incident occurred between 4:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and 7:30 a.m. Nov. 18.

Police noted shattered glass on the ground where the Jeep was parked. There are no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: An employee at McDonald's told police Nov. 18 that someone stole his leather jacket, which was hanging in an employee locker area.

The theft occurred between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., during a shift change. There were several employees in and out of the area during that time, police said.

The jacket was hanging on a wall in plain view, the employee said. But there were apparently no witnesses to the theft.

VANDALISM: A Lincoln Park woman told police Nov. 22 that someone broke into the driver's door window of her 1990 Lincoln Mark VII while she was driving near Ten Mile and Fall.

Police found no projectile in the vehicle, and were unable to determine how the window had been broken.

The woman told police she heard a pop as she was driving and the window was struck. She said she didn't know if a vehicle passed her or if the projectile came from the field on the south side of Ten Mile.

Novi police noted that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department took a similar complaint in the area of Ten Mile and Millard Road at approximately the same time. Police theorized that it could have been someone in an eastbound vehicle on Ten Mile, throwing or launching projectiles.

However, officers noted, there was no real evidence to substantiate that theory.

VANDALISM: A resident on Pierce reported Nov. 22 that, around 4 p.m. Nov. 22, her children saw three men throwing rocks at their mobile home.

Police noted that the rocks caused large dents in the trailer's siding.

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

Novi Briefs

Santa is coming: Santa Claus is coming to breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Novi Civic Center. Breakfast will be served throughout the morning, during which time Santa will be available to visit with children and to hear those last minute Christmas wishes. On the menu for breakfast is pancakes and sausage, coffee, juice and tea, at the cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door and no advance reservations are necessary.

Breakfast with Santa is being sponsored by the Novi Jaycees. For more information, call the Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI.

Decorating contest: It's time to put up Christmas decorations and the City of Novi will continue its annual tradition of judging houses, condos and apartments for the best holiday decorations in the city. The winners will receive their prizes at the Dec. 20 City Council meeting. They will receive custom designed ornaments and an engraved plaque.

As residents drive around the city, Novi Public Information Director Cindy Stewart is asking that they check out the decorations and nominate their favorites. Call Stewart at 347-0445 with the addresses of the nominees, and names of the homeowners if you know them.

Jaycees food drive: While this is the time of year when we give thanks for our blessings, it also a time when we can think about and do something for those less fortunate. The Novi Jaycees are conducting their annual food drive in preparation for their Needy Family Christmas project that assists local families during the holidays. Holiday baskets filled with food and other gifts will be delivered to families on Dec. 18.

With the assistance of local businesses and residents, the Jaycees helped brighten the holidays for over 50 families last year. Community Development Director Karen Leppanen projects that at least 50 families will be helped again this year.

Those interested in contributing to the project can donate canned or boxed food items, or new, unwrapped toys by contacting the Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI at any time.

Man threatens woman, police

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

Novi police arrested a Garden City man as he broke into his ex-girlfriend's Novi home after threatening to kill her Nov. 21.

The woman called police around 8 p.m. after the suspect made several calls to her home, during which he threatened to kill her, police said.

She told Novi Police Officer Michael Corbett that she was very afraid of the man. Police did not release the exact location of the incident.

Corbett called the man, who reportedly said, "I told her I would kill her and I meant it."

Corbett reported that he told the man that it's illegal to make such

threats, and he said "F--- the law and f--- you." He then allegedly threatened to come to the home and cause physical damage to Corbett, adding that they should all be afraid of him.

The woman and her son left the house and stayed with a relative. Corbett reportedly asked a neighbor to watch the house.

About an hour later the neighbor called police and said the man was at the house, trying to kick the door down. Police returned to the house and discovered the suspect leaving the house through a rear door.

Officers arrested the man and placed him in the rear of a patrol car. They also questioned a friend of the man, who had driven with him from

Garden City and was still sitting in a car outside the house.

The friend told police that the suspect said he was going to "take care of her." He said he believed that the suspect wanted to go there to settle a dispute, but once he arrived he started kicking in the door.

The neighbor who witnessed the incident told police that he saw the suspect at the door, yelling and screaming and making "fighting gestures." He said the man appeared to have intention of harming the person inside.

"(The suspect) was very irate and uncooperative, and he continued to threaten officers at the scene," Corbett reported.

The man allegedly said, during booking, that he was "not afraid of jail and it will only delay (his) getting even."

After the man was in jail, the woman called police again. She said she'd received a call from the man's brother, who ordered her to drop all charges "or he would have to come up and take care of her."

"She is very fearful," Corbett reported. "She stated she wants the best for her and her son and can't have this lifestyle."

The woman reportedly plans to press charges for threats and breaking and entering. Corbett said he also plans to press charges for the threats against himself.

Library Notes

Book Talks: The short stories of O. Henry will be discussed at the next Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. Please read at least one of his stories and be prepared to discuss it with the group. For more information, call the library at 349-0720.

New Librarian: Marjorie Karp is the Novi Public Library's new children's librarian. A former elementary school teacher, Margi worked at the Reference and Circulation Departments at Ann Arbor Public Library before coming to Novi.

Margi is a Wayne State University graduate. She received her Master's Degree in Information and Library Science from the University of Michigan.

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Planners approve condo plan

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The adjusted lot size ordinance took its final form before the Nov Planning Commission as the group approved a proposed condominium complex at its last meeting.

Walden Woods II, slated for the south side of Eleven Mile Road between Tall and Beck roads, received preliminary site plan approval, as well as woodlands and wetlands permits, from the commission at its Nov. 18 meeting. The plan for the complex of 67 site condos—which will sit next to the existing Walden Woods I subdivision—incorporates the now-defunct adjusted lot size ordinance.

The option, which no longer exists in city ordinance, allowed the city to approve site plans with lots smaller than area zoning would normally allow. In return, site plans should better protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas.

The City Council repealed it this spring, replacing it with a new preservation ordinance. However, development plans incorporating the option which received conceptual approval from the council before that can remain as option plans. Walden Woods II is the final such development left.

[The option was intended as a compromise. Developers owned parcels which included a regulated woodlands and wetlands—areas that couldn't be built upon. City zoning, however, requires lots to meet minimum size standards.]

Lots of non-buildable land and large lot requirements means fewer lots for the parcel—so few that it's not economically feasible for a developer to build homes there. Enter the option. The city allows smaller lots in return for a plan which better preserves environmentally sensitive areas.]

As it's a site condominium complex, the preliminary site plan requires only the commission's and not the council's approval. That body will take another look at Walden Woods II, however, and decide if it will approve two small aspects of the plan that differ from the concept plan it green-lighted in June.

The plan developer Ray Cousineau brought to the Nov. 18 meeting, Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said, included the deletion of one lot and the addition of another. The new plan also removes a greenway trail which was part of the concept plan. The council will have to assent to those changes, since they differ from the concept plan it originally approved.

the northern wetland and will require approval from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

City consultants said that the plan would provide for adequate drainage of the area and would not create problems for homeowners near there. Commission members urged developer Tri-Mount Industries to consider the drainage question to see if another plan is possible.

The commission agreed to issue Walden Woods II a wetlands permit, subject to such a "second look."

Tri-Mount's Ray Cousineau said that he would investigate that issue, but that no other way had yet been seen despite a lot of study. He added that his company wanted to ensure Walden Woods II turned out right as much as the city did.

"We want to provide a quality development," he said. "That's in the best interest of all of us."

Standing water in that area's wetlands have created safety problems and other concerns, residents have told the city. Many say that Briarwood's drainage plan is to blame and are demanding an investigation of the issue; others disagree.

Walden Woods II has two major wetland areas, city consultants said: one in the north end of the site, the other in the south. The plan calls for engineering stormwater detention in

the northern wetland and will require approval from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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School Happenings

Madrigal Dinner: Tickets are still available for the Novi High School Choirs Madrigal Dinner, held this year on two nights, Dec. 10 and 11. Call 349-1984 or 349-2839 for reservations.

Novi High School: The choir boosters meet Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Novi Middle School: The PTO meets Dec. 7 at 7:15 p.m. Activity Night is Dec. 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Orchard Hills: Roller skating at Bonaventure is set for tonight (Dec. 2) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Village Oaks: A musical bells program will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 7.

Novi Meadows: The PTO meets Dec. 13 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Parkview: There will be a holiday sing-along on Dec. 14.

Novi Woods: There will be a holiday sing-along on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.



The aftermath of the mobile home fire Monday.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Fire destroys family's home

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A fire destroyed a mobile home in the Chateau Estates park Monday, leaving a father and his two daughters temporarily homeless.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan estimated damage to the home at \$27,000. "The fire was confined to the rear of the trailer, but the rest of the struc-

ture had heavy smoke and heat damage," he said. "It's probably going to be a total loss."

Lenaghan said the family is currently staying with friends or relatives. The mobile home was insured.

Nobody was home at the time of the blaze, which was reported at 12:30 p.m.

"The daughter came home and found the fire," Lenaghan said. "She got there and saw the smoke, then

called from a neighbor's house."

Lenaghan said the fire was electrical, and likely caused by a short in a humidifier.

The fire was brought under control within 10 minutes of his department's arrival, Lenaghan said. Several hunting rifles inside the residence were removed and later returned to the owner.

Fire safety tips for the holidays

Christmas trees aren't the only thing that may light up your house this holiday season. Over 14,000 fires occur in Michigan dwellings each year. And during the winter months, the incidence increases significantly due to home heating accidents.

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Another reason for the rise in fires during winter months is increased use of electrical appliances. It is important to check extension cords to ensure that they are not frayed or

broken. Also, don't overload electrical outlets.

The insurance industry representative also suggests the following safety precautions:

Have working smoke detectors on each floor of your home;

Have fire extinguishers available in key locations throughout the dwelling, including the kitchen; it is best to store flammable materials in a garage or outside building; and

Make sure that you and your family have prepared and practiced an escape plan.

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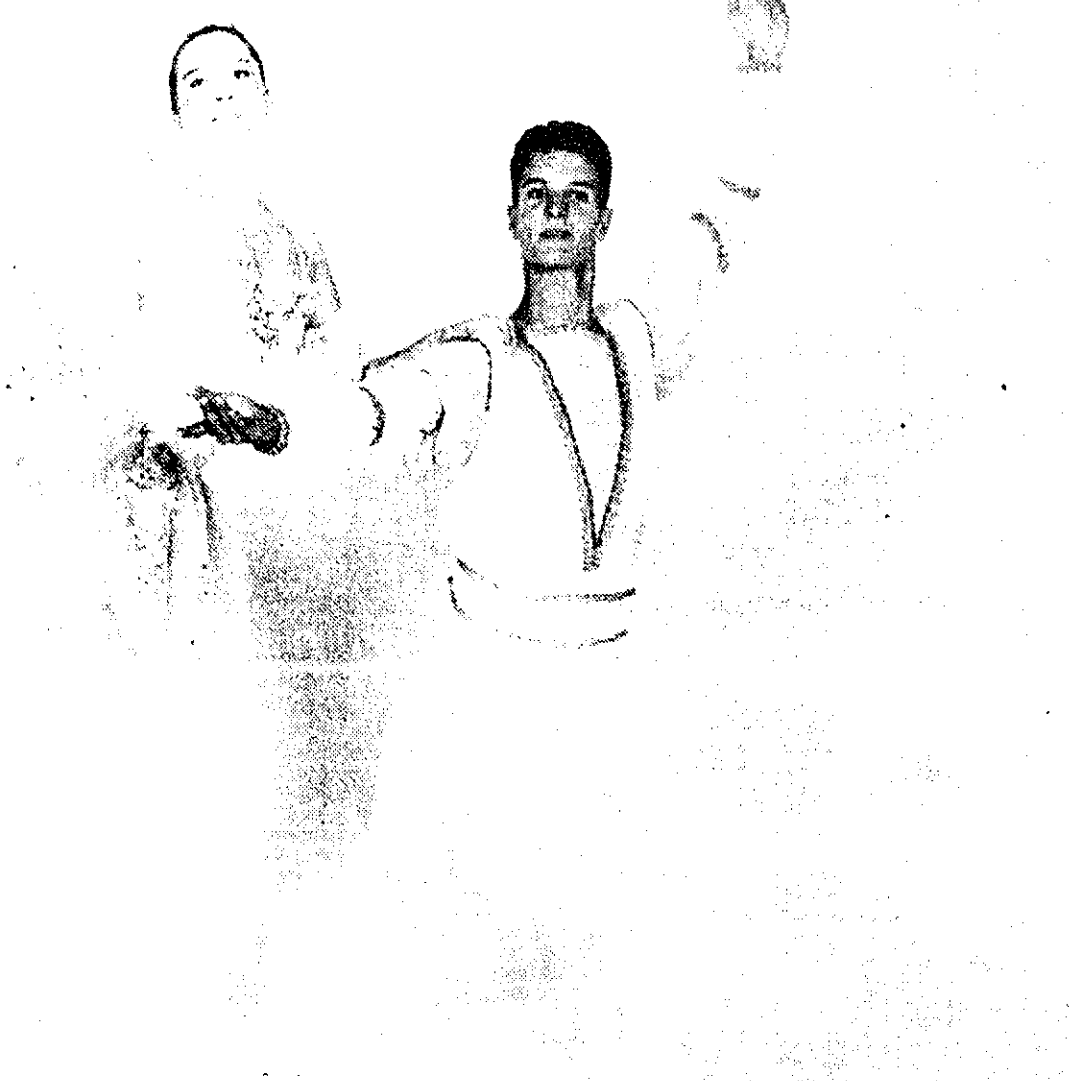
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Pamela Lawrie of Northville plays Clara, the little girl who is whisked away to a land of enchantment with her toy nutcracker.

For the role of the charming Snow Prince, Swiss dancer Florian Rouiller, 20, is joining the company as a guest artist. Rouiller, who has won a scholarship from the Joffrey Ballet Center, is a member of the Metropolitan Ballet Theatre and has performed with the Staggart Ballet and the Connecticut Ballet Theater.

He has studied the dance in Holland, Belgium, St. Petersburg and Monaco, as well as in his native Geneva.

The Sugar Plum Fairy will be portrayed by the Metropolitan Ballet Theatre's apprentice member Dawnell Dryja, 17, a seventeen-year-old Canton resident, has studied ballet from the age of six.

Dryja in 1993 and 1992 won full scholarships to the Milwaukee Ballet School and has performed in *The Nutcracker* with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Livonia Civic Ballet Company.

Russell Reed will conduct the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra while Dawn Green will direct the Plymouth-Canton Ballet, where she serves as artistic director.

Times for the event are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children.

Meet the dancers at a special tea following the Sunday matinee for an additional \$2.

Novi High School is at 24062 Taft Road at Ten Mile.

To charge tickets with a Visa or Mastercard, call 451-2112.

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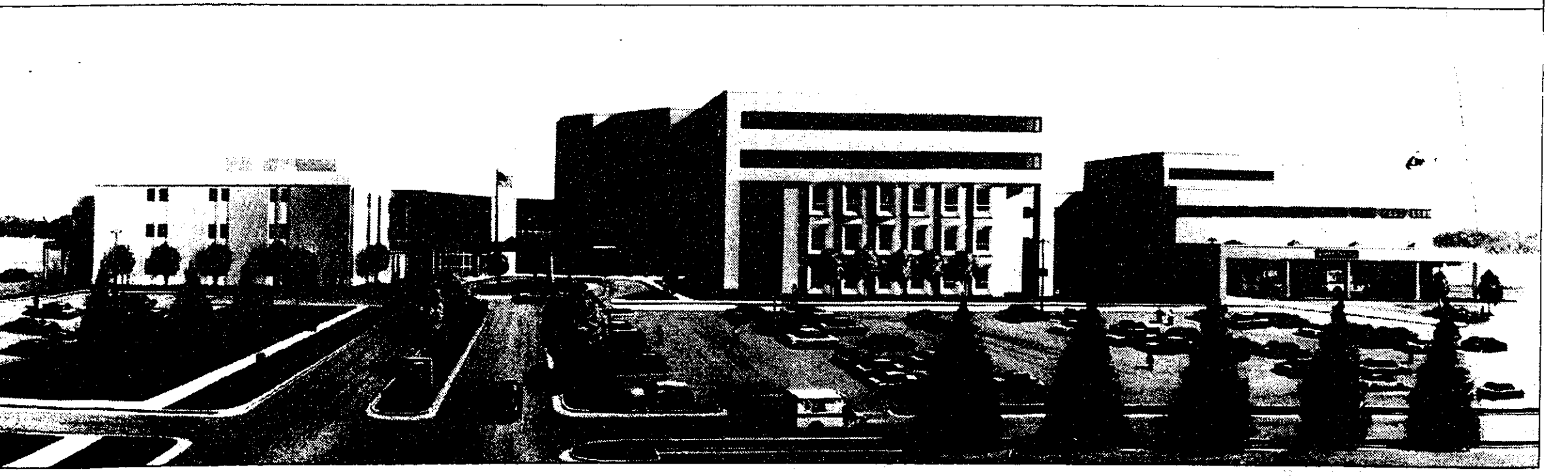
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Another office building for Novi

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

A proposed office building — one that's a little smaller than city ordinance allows — has won approval from the Novi Planning Commission.

Commissioners at their last meeting green-lighted the preliminary site plan for the Williamsburg office plaza, slated for the southeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Basham Drive, located between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads.

The city's Zoning Board of Appeals granting a variance for the complex, allowing it despite the fact that it is smaller than required zoning minimums.

Williamsburg will sit in an NCC (non-center commercial) zoning district. Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said. City ordinance says that sites in an NCC district must be at least two acres in size and have at least 200 feet of frontage facing a nearby road.

The office complex plan calls for a 1.67 acre site and only 167 feet of

frontage onto Grand River. It does have 344 feet of frontage onto Basham, however.

The plan also has deficient perimeter greenspace to the rear, something the commission had to approve an exception for.

Rogers recommended the commission approve the plan and that the ZBA grants the variance.

"I think this is a case of a legitimate hardship," he said in justifying the variance request. "They can't get more land (to bring the site up to two acres); there's no more chance for

more land."

The frontage on Basham is more than adequate to meet city standards, Rogers continued, if the commission was willing to use that instead of the frontage on Grand River. He recommended members do so.

The commission agreed, conditioning their approval of the site plan on the ZBA's approval of the variance from NCC requirements.

The matter now moves into the ZBA's court.

Hollywood zooms in on Walled Lake train

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Saturday, it'll be "murder" on the midwest express as a major Hollywood studio moves its shoot and cast into Walled Lake to crew a feature film starring Dabney Coleman and Bonnie Bedelia.

Judicial Consent Studios, a division of Paramount Studios, will be filming four scenes of *My Honor, My Love* on the rolling stock of Coe Rail Star Clipper.

The railroad, owned by Judy and Larry Coe, is a popular restaurant. As the only bed and breakfast on wheels in the country it was featured in national newspapers. Judy Coe said, which is how the Hollywood types learned about the company.

Four scenes of the murder mystery will be shot next week on location at Coe Rail, three of them as the train is moving. The Coes own the train's lines, which run through

Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce Township and West Bloomfield. Other portions of the movie have been or will be filmed throughout the Detroit area.

"Larry will be an extra. He'll probably end up on the cutting room floor," Judy Coe said Monday.

The Coes and their staff will be assisting the show business types all night long Saturday. That evening's work is expected to include a nude scene featuring Bedelia and the cameras on the closed set will roll in the Coe Rail station house.

"It's supposed to be Bonnie Bedelia. Maybe they'll use another body. I don't know," Coe said.

She added she isn't sure how long the company will be using the railroad: "when they wrap up, they wrap up."

"It's very interesting that our neck of the woods and Oakland County in general can attract this type of business," she said.

Students thrash out Arab-Israeli spat via computers

By WENDY R. PIERMAN
Special Writer

"Are you talking to him?" teacher Lynn Barry hollers to the thin young man at the computer monitor.

"You can't talk to him. You're at a peace conference. You talk to him through the computer."

Smiling sheepishly at one another, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur and U.S. President Bill Clinton chuckle and turn back to their computer terminals to finish their conference.

A typical day at Novi High? The hum of the computer lab and affectionately yelling by Barry? Yes. But the appearance of Clinton and Gur, not to mention Jimmy Carter and Yitzhak Rabin? Well, kind of.

The International Relations class is participating in the University of Michigan School of Education Arab-Israeli Conflict Simulation. Clinton is really senior Cyrus Misty, Senior Ryan Byers is Gur.

Barry's 26 students are assigned the roles of high ranking state officials of Israel, Syria and the United

States. Through the use of computers and a modem, the students communicate with each other and schools across the country, sometimes the world.

The U-M instituted the program in secondary schools in 1985. There are over 400 schools across the nation and 20 countries that participate in the program. Five Michigan schools, including Groves High School in Birmingham, are participating in this year's simulation.

Librarian Marilyn Kiefer says. "The students race in here every day. It's exciting because they are taking part in their own learning."

Senior Pam Kalle, who plays the role of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, says she likes the experience she gains using the computers. "I enjoy getting messages every morning and hearing from the other players."

The simulation begins with the history and events occurring in the Middle East. After they receive their roles and a scenario, students send messages to other countries (schools), hold peace talks and make international decisions. Students are

required to react the same as their real-life counterparts would.

Acts of aggression are usually forbidden unless approved by a mentor. There is a U-M political science student who monitors their actions. They see all letters and give advice from the computers on the Ann Arbor campus.

The students have been given the PLO and Israeli peace talks as a scenario. The twist is they have been told to consider Syria demanding the Golan Heights to be returned. Students must decide how to react to the demand. They will try to solve problems for instance, who controls the new borders, the water supply and where exactly the border lines are drawn.

Chaos and confusion reign in this new world classroom. Compromise isn't common.

"The students often get frustrated because they can't solve the situation. They think there is something wrong with that," Barry says.

Edgar Taylor, director of the Interactive Communications and Simulations program, hears the same reac-

tion from students at the beginning of the simulation. "A great majority have the intention of solving the conflict. What they are supposed to be doing is pursuing their own country's interests," he explains.

The truth is, it is much like the real world. Taylor says the students eventually learn that lesson. "In the process they come to understand the complexities of international relations."

The students do catch on to the game. About 20 messages are sent and received each day by each country of students. U.S. Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, played by senior Chris Urban, is creating a plan for economic aid to Lebanon. At the same time Israel is holding a private meeting to discuss withholding the water supply from Syria.

This is the second time Barry has used the program. Last year, though, she left to have surgery and was in the hospital during the middle of the simulation. But that didn't stop her from keeping in touch with the students, or them keeping in touch with her.

"These kids had such a great time they would call me at the hospital. I'd be laying there and they would call with all these questions and reports," she explains laughing. "When I got back, though, they had things under control and wouldn't listen to a thing I had to say. It was great though."

Randy Juip, now a student at U-M Dearborn, says. "Last year there were a lot of students who were very gung-ho for it. I really enjoyed discovering new things everyday."

This year, students are having a slightly harder time getting involved. The simulation revolves around Syria and Israel, yet both countries were assigned to Novi High School. Instead of interacting mostly with other schools, students are dealing mostly with each other.

Senior Jackie Overmars, who plays U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, says "Sometimes we only deal with each other so there is a lot of talking that goes on outside of class, and not through the computers."

That law does pose some problems, admits Barry, who hopes next

time the students won't be grouped in countries that are so closely related to each other.

"It's almost as if you need to talk to these kids months after the simulation to see how much they learned. The students themselves don't realize the potential they are working with right now," she says.

Juip agrees. "Looking back, I realize I learned even more than I thought it did. It really gave us a different perspective on the Middle East," he says.

Barry says the simulation is great because the students are effectively and consistently using the technology at Novi High School. "I think the community should know that their money is going to good use. The technology is just incredible."

"The program really helps to demystify computers. It's also interesting because everybody must depend on each other and the other schools," says Taylor. "It helps to make these kids more sophisticated individuals."

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Audit shows Novi's finances

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Humbly in Lansing could cause a review in Novi's otherwise healthy finances, according to a report from the city's auditors.

Legislation under consideration in Lansing that would assess future earnings at 1992 levels is troubling, said Joseph Heffernan, an auditor at Plante & Moran.

"That's very significant for a city that has the growth Novi has," he said.

The audit reviewed Novi's finances as of June 30, 1993.

The figures show that in 1992, the city had total assets of \$173 million which jumped to \$219 million in 1993, including capital assets of \$96 million.

The city took in \$21.9 million in revenue and spent \$25.6 million for administration. Last year, the cost of

running the city was \$22 million.

Still, Novi's fund balance was much larger in 1993 than in 1992, rising to \$33 million from \$18.6 million.

Seventy-five percent of Novi's revenue comes from property taxes; 41 percent of the total budget goes to public safety — the police and fire departments. Taxes totaled \$12.69 million in 1993, up from the previous year's \$11.82 million.

State shared revenue dollars coming to the city went down from \$240 per resident in 1992 to \$164 per resident in 1993; a total decline from \$4 million to \$3.7 million.

State shared revenues are from money raised by the state sales tax, income taxes, single business tax and the intangibles tax.

The city, like everyone else, reaped reduced rewards from saving money, as interest rates declined last year

"substantially," Heffernan said. In 1992, the city made \$1.37 million in interest, this is down to \$1.29 million in 1993.

The city's indebtedness went from \$60 million to \$84 million, the leap due in part to increased construction spurred by the voter-approved 1990 road bond issue.

Purchases of new park land and other properties have increased the city's value of land holdings from

\$1.7 million to \$5.5 million.

The city's pension fund for employees is underfunded by \$25,000 and that has Council member Joseph Toth concerned.

"This trend is unacceptable," he said.

The city council was scheduled to discuss the pension fund issue as part of the agenda for a Monday special meeting, but that session was cancelled.

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Developer seeks settlement in East Lake zoning suit

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would have paid the price up to \$450,000. Kiewit explained. The city would have had to pay Andris \$270,000 for his entire lakeside lot.

These costs would then have been spread among East Lake Drive residents through a special assessment district, something they rejected.

Novi ended up handing \$32,000 to Andris for his legal fees after it dropped its land condemnation case against him.

Now, Andris says he'll support the cul-de-sac because it will take less of his land, but he also wants his lakeside lot to be rezoned from residential to commercial so he can build the restaurant there. This is what he sought in proposing the S-curve realignment.

Andris, his wife Elaine and partner Myrna Romain already have ap-

proval to build a restaurant on the east side of East Lake Drive, across Frigate's Inn on East Lake Drive.

It's a possibility, but certainly open to settlement discussions with the city on this plan and might be interested in taking a look at it," Andris said Tuesday.

"If the LARA vote was a good result, I thought it provided all of the aesthetic appeal the residents would like and provided me with the aesthetic appeal for the project to be built, also for people to use it to share the pleasant experience of being on a lake, the view and the whole ambience of a lakeside restaurant."

He has plans for a bakery, a carry-out restaurant and possibly an ice cream parlor across the street from the lake site.

Dave Clark, who lives next door to the restaurant site, is all for the cul-de-sac and says the city can buy

most of his front yard for \$100,000.

Randy Kernan, whose family owns Frigate's Inn on East Lake Drive, gave the concept a mixed reception.

The Kernans said earlier they would sue the city if the S-curve were built, saying it would block off part of the access to their business.

Kernan, who lives on East Lake Drive, said Tuesday he favors the cul-de-sac but is opposed to the rezoning of the Andris land from residential to commercial.

"That sets a precedent. There's enough commercial property in Walled Lake. Mr. Andris has been drumming up a lot of votes among LARA members. I could get the votes in an hour on the phone," Kernan explained.

"We've been trying to get the cul-de-sac here for a long time because the traffic is terrible. The more they do with Decker Road, that will slow

traffic down. You have to see what happens with that before you start anything else."

Kernan was critical of the LARA vote, which was brought up as new business and was not on the agenda.

"That was a one-sided vote there. I don't know if that was a fair way to take a vote. Not everybody knew it was going to happen," he said.

He suggests the city should place the cul-de-sac to the south of East Lake Drive, at the city-owned property which was formerly the Walled Lake Casino.

Clark's front yard would be taken up by the 75 foot circle of the cul-de-sac, but he says it's worth it.

"The signs say 'no thru trucks' and I've got tanker-trailers going by at 60

miles per hour," he said.

"The way I look at it, Mr. Andris has the DNR (state Department of Natural Resources) looking at his site for a public access. If he can't build the restaurant by the lake, he's going to build it on the other side. Then he'll sell to the DNR for a boat launch and that will bring more traffic in."

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Firm honks over ban on trucks

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Mayor Kathy McAllen was for lifting the restriction immediately. She suggested revamping the ordinance to restrict only heavy-weight trucks.

"I would recommend that city council rescind the warrant and put in place weight restrictions," she said.

"Trucks are a rather difficult term to define. This makes it difficult for enforcement officers to define."

Residents on Beck Road asked for the sign. City Manager Edward Kriewall explained. The road is used as a route to Interstate 96 by some truck drivers and it is recognized by the Oakland County Road Commission as a regional road.

"The traffic has increased drastically. I think as a practical matter it's difficult to enforce this because of the development along Beck Road," Kriewall said.

Council Member Robert Schmid agreed Beck functions as an arterial road.

"I don't believe weight is the answer. The issue is traffic. I don't want to see our ordinance changed. You might want to change where you put our signs," Schmid said.

"I would hate to change the ordinance and get all excited about a lawn truck that drives throughout town."

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As We See It Board will grow to appreciate cable TV

When the issue of cablecasting meetings came before the Novi School Board of Education, it seemed the real issue was *The Novi News*.

Board members lining up against the idea said they didn't want to be pressured into it by the newspaper. *The Novi News* has pushed hard over the course of the past year to get the board to cablecast its sessions.

Those for cablecasting pointed out it would allow Novi residents who can't make it to the meetings to stop relying on *The Novi News* for information about the activities of the school board, because the paper is often inaccurate.

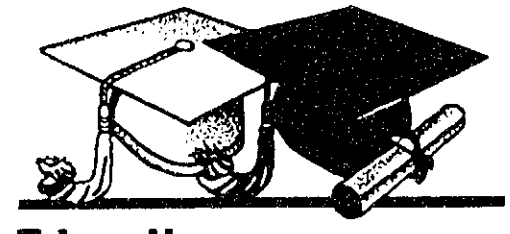
Obviously, the board wanted us to be the bad guys no matter what their position on the issue was... kind of a damned-in-you-do-damned-if-you-don't position. But that's OK. If we have to be the fall guys to allow the board to do the right thing, we'll take that.

And when the board of education took another look at the issue Nov. 18 and voted to ahead with cablecasting on a trial basis, it did the right thing.

In a 4-3 vote, the board decided to go ahead with a program of taping and then broadcasting later school meetings on MetroVision cable. The trial will run through the end of June next year.

Now, we can understand the reluctance of the board to start into such a problem. We have yet to see a government body that wasn't nervous about such broadcasts initially. Most that do decide to go on television do so pretty reluctantly. Most frequently, the stated fear is that the meetings could be disrupted by someone who grandstands before the cameras. Usually, the real fear is one pretty common to people who are not used to being on television — that they won't look good or won't come across well over the tube.

In the end, the anxieties usually go away and most government bodies wind up pretty pleased with the result. Un-



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ally, people don't grandstand for the cameras. When they do, viewers usually recognize it. And it usually causes the grandstander a loss of support.

So we are glad to see the board is going to give it a try. We're quite confident they'll like it eventually.

While we're on the topic, we'd like to respond to a couple of the comments made in the board's debate. For one, board members argued we were inaccurate when we stated that the board earlier had rejected cablecasting of meetings. Board members argued the vote was not on cablecasting itself, but the question of whether to make the issue an action item. In the Nov. 18 meeting, the board decided to make the issue an action item and then went ahead and voted for the trial period.

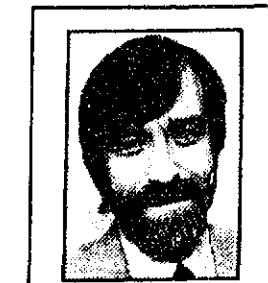
We saw that then as so much hairsplitting, and we still do.

Secondly, it wouldn't make much sense to push for cablecasting of school board meetings if this newspaper felt it could have or even wanted a monopoly on the flow of information about the board to Novi residents.

Rather we believe it is in our best interest if there is a free flow of information through a variety of mediums. That will only serve to enhance a wide ranging and thorough debate of the issues here in Novi.

That free flow is in our best interests, but it is also in the school board's best interest. Most important, a wide ranging debate and free flow of information is in the community's best interests.

Babble-to-English Dictionary



Michael Malott

All parents know the frustration of learning to communicate with their children. Somewhere between learning to walk and learning to drive a car, they start to talk in something akin to the English language. It is at the toddler stage I guess when the grunts and coos and ahs most often start to take on meaning. And as frustrating as it is to get youngsters to understand you, it can be a great deal more difficult to figure out what it is the kid is trying to say.

Anyone who has had a two-year-old stand in front of the refrigerator with hand outstretched, repeating "eh, eh, eh" while rejecting every food item to be found in the kitchen understands the problem.

Charlie, my second of three, just turned two years old in November. As his pronunciation is improving, we are starting to figure out the definitions of some of expressions he's baffled us with for months.

For example, an at-wits-end grandmother not long ago was finally informed what "bee-ba" meant when Charlie, frustrated himself, put his hands on his hips and said in the Queen's English, "baby bottle." Proof that one can enunciate when one really has to.

As Charlie has gone through this transition, my wife Dana and I have compiled a list of the words and expressions and their meanings. To save other parents the trauma of this period, I present here the world's first Babble-to-English Dictionary.

Oat: "Daddy and Sissy are going outside. Think I'll join them. Coat please."

'Side: "The sun's up. Time's a wastin'. Open the door so I can go out and play."

Su: "My shoe came off in the leaves and my socks all wet. Put it back on now, please."

Teef: "Put some toothpaste on my toothbrush, please. So I can massage it into my scalp."

Wuv yuv: "I know you're mad that I just smeered my diaper on the wall, but aren't I cute?"

Waaaaah: "Hey, who turned out the bathroom light. I was using that to sleep by." "2" "Mommy, the cat won't stay on his side of the crib." "3" "Walter, hit me one more time before last call."

Deeda: "Sister."

Deeda bad: "Sister won't let me steal her toy or hit her on the nose with a loaded bottle."

I daw: "Look at the pretty picture I'm just drew on your freshly painted wall."

I dun: "All my food is on the floor. Let me down so I can come over there and eat off your plate."

Eh, eh, eh: "1" "I want." (See mine.) "2" "I'll need a new diaper in a few moments." "3" "Get me out of this high-chair." "4" "My head is stuck between the crib slats." (In this context, eh eh usually serves as the prefix to the full blow wall. See Waaaaah.)

Geeko, geeko, geeko: "Tickle, tickle, tickle."

Kitty-kat: Any four-legged fur-bearing animal.

Mine: The known universe. Scientists now postulate that "mine" began approximately 400 billion years ago when the Big Bang. Astronomers conclude that the red shift conclusively proves that "mine" continues to expand to this day.

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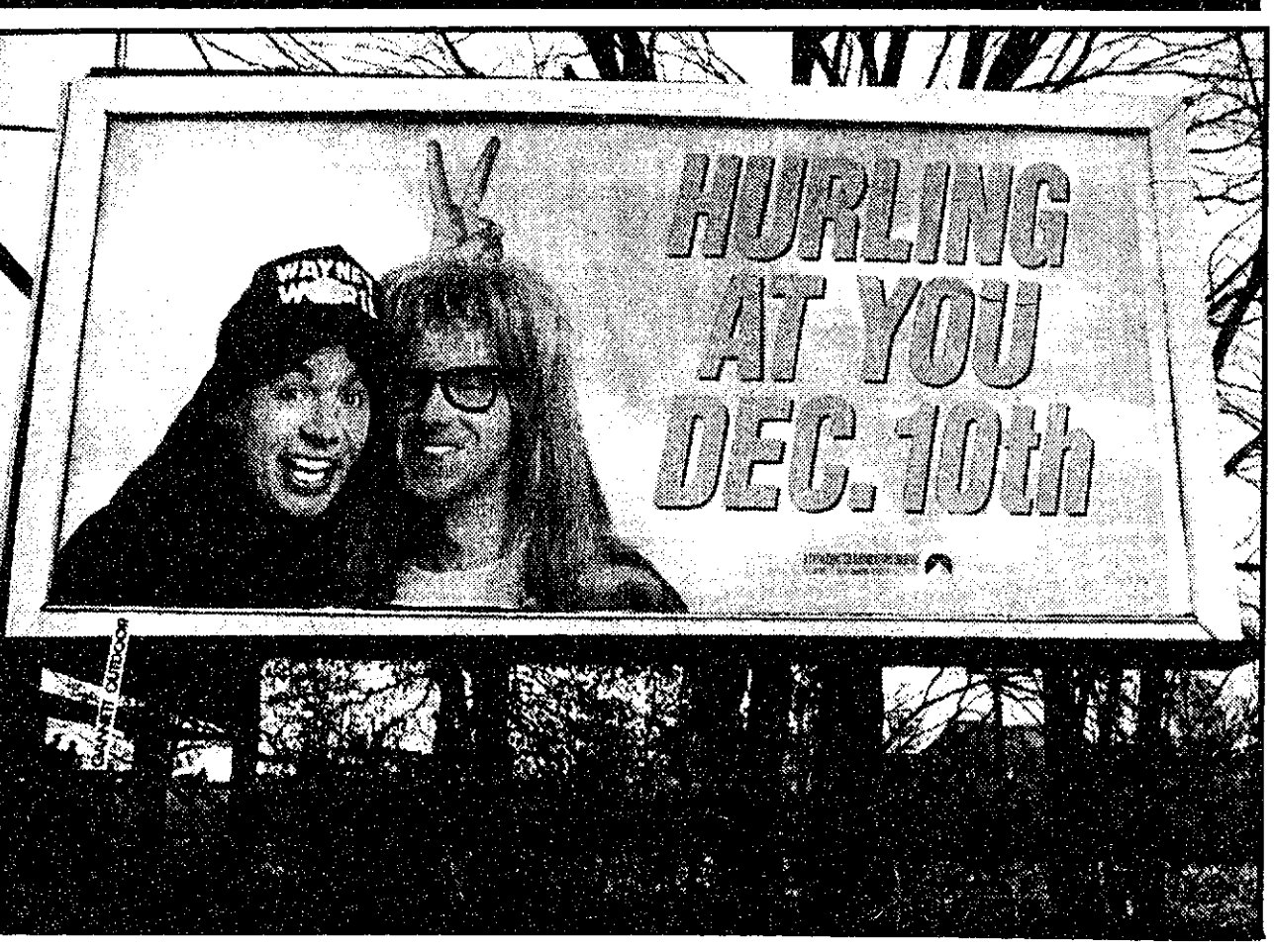
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Moments By Brian Mitchell



While Wayne's World has elicited protests, the pair prepare to unleash their sequel.

Party on Wayne and Garth

We're still experiencing the fallout from the decision to discontinue the Monday editions of *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

After a 3 1/2 year experiment with a bi-weekly format, company brass announced last month that reader and advertiser acceptance never materialized and that there was no point throwing good money after bad.

A number of changes are in the works from the move and nobody's sure at this stage just where the chips will fall.

In the Nov. 29 paper, the last Monday to be published (at least for the foreseeable future), we asked readers to call or write us with their suggestions about the future direction of the Thursday paper. Should we do anything different now that we can put all our resources into one edition per week? Is there anything from the Monday that should survive the cut?

Perhaps not surprisingly, the majority of calls we've received have come from readers unhappy about the prospect of losing the Cable/TV Weekly that came as an insert with the Monday paper. Some of our subscribers don't get the hybrid weekend Free Press/News, and rely on our guide to tell them know what's on the 23,454 channels they get on their television sets.

Happily, the wise old owls at corporate responded to these pleas and arranged to make copies of the guides

available free of charge. As today's front-page blurb indicates, people who need a guide will be able to stop in at the downtown Northville office and pick one up, no questions asked. It's that simple.

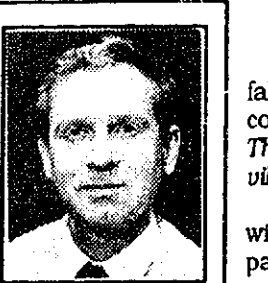
Another change that's in the works is a little more complicated. As a result of the Monday cancellation, one of our reporters became surplus property. We had to part with a staffer and Tina Ferrer, formerly our B-section editor and Novi police reporter, volunteered to be transferred to our sister publication, *The Midford Times*, which was one reporter short of a full complement.

She follows Rick Byrne in making the trek westward. Rick, who used to be our copy editor, got bumped up to the editorship of *The Times* after ex-Midford chief Matt Valley took a job with *The Battle Creek Enquirer*.

The loss of a reporter and our copy editor (that slot won't be filled) forced a change in the "box" assignments among the remaining staff in the Northville/Novi office. The beats have been reconfigured, with new combinations drawn up and different reporters named in some of the cases. Careful readers will notice a few new by-lines on the stories pertaining to their favorite areas of interest; public officials can look for some new faces at certain board meetings.

Change can be good — there's a certain sense of nervous expectation that comes with it. What won't change, though, is our commitment to provide a product that's responsive to community needs. That's a constant, regardless of how many times a week we go to press.

Lee Snider is editor of *The Novi News* and *Northville Record*.



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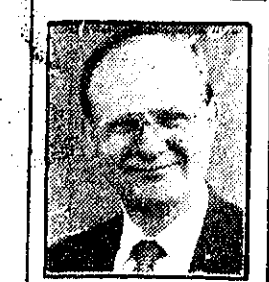
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Court-ordered coverups hurt public



Tim Richard

If you mess up, hide the evidence. Then get a court order to seal it. That's what they do in both government and business. There ought to be a law against it.

Consider James Harkrader, who in 1989 sued two Livonia school administrators when he was denied tenure as a coach and teacher. He said one principal pressured him to use the principal's son offener on the junior varsity basketball team.

The case apparently was settled out of court. A reporter called Harkrader's home to find out what happened. No comment. Can't talk.

Typically, when a governmental or big business defendant pays off, it requires that the plaintiff, as a condition of payment, agree to keep the terms a secret and seeks a court order to seal the casefile.

That hurts the public. We as voters and taxpayers can't learn how badly our public officials are screwing up and misusing our tax money.

In 1989 John Briggs III sued Upjohn Co., maker of Halcion, in Muskegon because the drug's side effects were a factor in his attempted suicide and resulting maiming. Briggs' attorney, Richard Toth of Southfield, engaged in a

process called "discovery" to probe Upjohn's records. The parties agreed Briggs' side would return the 2,500 pages of documents when the case was over unless the trial judge found "need and good cause." Upjohn contended the documents contained trade secrets.

Toth later asked the court to seal the deal because the documents pertained to the means and methods employed by (Upjohn) to obtain (Food and Drug Administration) approval for the marketing of Halcion in the United States, defendant's knowledge of the health risks associated with Halcion, and defendant's strategies for marketing Halcion in such ways as to minimize publication of these risks.

Toth said his clients "did not find any documents to disclose secret formulas or manufacturing information, nor any information which would assist a competitor of Upjohn in either manufacturing or marketing a Halcion type drug."

Toth argued that the documents had information of "vital public interest to consumers" that would assist others who had suffered injury from Halcion.

I hear the Upjohn line a lot. Companies often ask that the Freedom of Information Act be damaged so they can hide "sensitive financial information," "trade secrets." I strongly suspect the companies are lying. Certainly I've never heard a concrete example of what constitutes "sensitive" information.

Well, Upjohn won 2 to 1 in the state Court of Appeals last June. Judge Clifford Taylor took the narrow view that a deal is a deal, and that the trial judge failed to review the documents before lifting the gag order. Taylor and E. Thomas Fitzgerald said nary a word about health risks.

As I said, there ought to be a law. In Lansing, Rep. Michael Griffin, D-Jackson, addressed half the problem with House Bill 4577. Applied to governmental units, it says any deal to settle a claim or suit "that prohibits disclosure of the agreement or any terms of the agreement is against public policy and void."

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, sought to amend the law by making the bill apply to all suits, not just those against governments. Five Republicans and one Democrat shot down Gubow's amendment in the House Judiciary Committee.

Gubow was right because: ■ Upjohn is a publicly traded stock. This writer owns shares and would appreciate knowing how management earned. Certainly the fine print of annual reports casts little light on lawsuits.

■ Others who believe they were harmed by Halcion shouldn't have to repeat the expensive "discovery" process that Briggs went through. We need a law to prevent court ordered coverups.

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Let's consider all school issues

Letters

To the Editor: In the whole scheme of things, it makes very little difference whether Mr. Jerome approves of the MEA, the NEA, the AFT, or the Rochester School District and their proposal to require students to pay for graduation ceremonies (I do pay for him on this issue) or anything else.

The really important issue is whether or not the MEA, the AFT, Governor Engler, the state legislators and the educators of this state can develop an effective plan for school improvement, fully funded by the state through a fair and equitable system of taxation.

As our legislators deliberate the merits of various methods of funding, I hope they will take into consideration the stability of the taxes they propose.

The sales tax and the state income tax tend to be the most stable taxes. During a recession people spend less money on big ticket items that generate more sales tax. In addition, due to cutbacks in the labor force, people earn less money during a recession and less revenue is collected by the state income tax. This would mean cutbacks in educational funding that could directly impact students at a time when they need more stability and support in their daily lives.

Charter schools, or schools of choice, will not create greater equity within our schools. In fact, they will support a more elitist system of education.

It would better serve the needs of our local communities if we made all schools "choice schools," easily accessible to all children in their home

communities and providing equal opportunity for all our children.

We can do this by increasing the funding behind children in poor districts as has already been proposed by Governor Engler and the legislature.

We need to develop and monitor a statewide core curriculum mandated by the state. (If it is not mandated by the state, the state does not have to provide the funding.)

We need to develop and continually improve a program to assess the progress of our children including, but not limited to, the MEAP Test. Teachers should be fully certified. To consider hiring uncertified teachers on a regular basis demeans our

educational system as well as the certified teachers who have to constantly upgrade their certification in order to maintain their teaching certificates.

We also need to develop alliances with business and industry to improve and enrich our curriculum. Most students will not go on to a four year institution of higher learning.

Most students will go directly into the work force or into some sort of training program or apprenticeship. We need to make sure those students are equipped to meet the demands of the world of work.

The process of reinventing our educational system will be a lengthy and arduous one. Let's give thoughtful consideration to all the issues. Our children are our future. They deserve the very best effort from all of us!

Karen B. Zyczynski

City suggestions for suburbanites

To the Editor:

Columnists and other suburbanites are quite generous with advice and admonitions for Detroiters and our new Mayor.

By way of returning the favor, let me suggest that our suburban brothers and sisters do the following:

1. Begin by making a commitment to finally dismantle the racist segregation that state and federal government mandated until just 45 years ago and that government continued to reinforce by penalizing the neighborhoods where African-Americans reside and by steering investment, real estate demand, and tax base away from them.
2. Reestablish the interfaith centers for racial justice that were allowed to lapse, and raise the budget for the Metropolitan Center for Racial Justice.
3. Send donations to the Fair Housing Center and apply to be a volunteer.
4. Ask your State Senator and Representative to make sure that class sizes in the Detroit schools are as small as those of the most privileged suburb.
5. Make sure that the business people of your community are hiring the graduates of Detroit and other high schools with minority enrollments.
6. Make sure your county and municipal governments hire

African-Americans and other disadvantaged minorities as police officers, firefighters, recreation leaders, etc.

7. Tell your county and municipal government to stop using contractors and vendors that exclude African-American jobseekers by hiring only relatives, friends, referrals from current employees, etc. A majority get their jobs through these "who you know" networks. All local governments should use only those firms deemed "awardable" by the Michigan Civil Rights Department.

8. Ask your local government to provide financial support for public transit and make sure that racial bias and snobbery do not exclude transit from business districts.

9. End the subliminal suburban socialism that subsidizes fringe development in this region that has been "zero sum growth" since the 1973 oil crunch. Not only is there no large in-migration of affluent Whites, but the White population of this eight-county region is down by one-half million since 1973.

10. Ask your county and municipal government to support the cultural institutions that are supported by Detroit but used mostly by suburbanites. Your municipal recreation department could bus senior citizens to the Symphony concerts or to the Art Institute.

Institutionalized racism is "America's original sin." But we can get it off our backs, if we work together. Our children (all our children) will thank us!

James A. Bush

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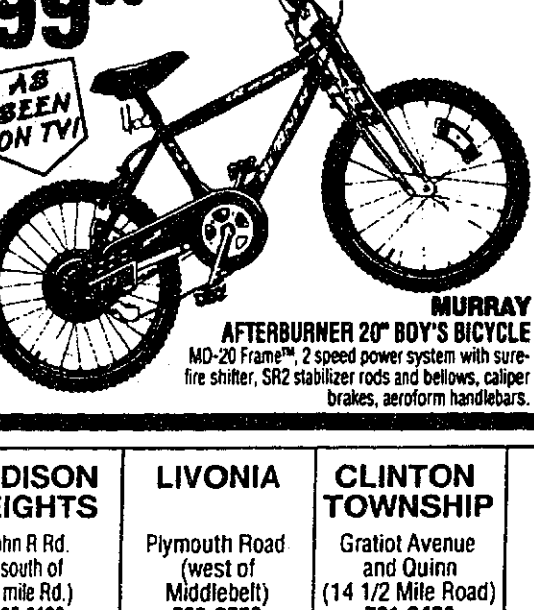
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Homeowners may face mineral rights requests

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Buyers beware.
That's the message members of the Northville Preservation Association (NPA) are sending out to township residents before oil and gas leasing agents come knocking again.
It's the same message the group sent out nearly five years ago when leasing agents inundated the township looking to strike it rich and promising homeowners a way to do the same.

Nowadays oil and gas companies seem to be taking a renewed interest in Northville Township and neighboring communities like Novi. NPA's Zo Chisnell said agents have recently resurfaced on the porches of Novi homeowners living between Eight and Eleven Mile Roads, off Meadowbrook.

They've also been seen in the township during the last year near homes at Six Mile and Sheldon Road. Chisnell and fellow NPA member Carol Andrikides said the best thing township and Novi city residents can do is play it safe and know their rights when leasing agents come calling. "People don't know that much about it," Chisnell said about township residents who have been talked into signing away their mineral rights to leasing agents who promise them a pretty penny in exchange for the right to drill for oil in their backyards.

"It sounds like good, easy money so they sign on."
Years ago, Chisnell said leasing agents converged on township homeowners and offered them money in exchange for the rights to drill on their property for crude oil. Chisnell said industry companies got turned onto the neighboring communities after geological studies from the state Department of Natural Resources proved that township homeowners were sitting on a "nice stream" of crude oil that travels through Northville and runs northwest through Milford, South Lyon and Brighton.

"There's a high grade of crude oil and there's a lot of it," Andrikides

said.
Because studies show crude oil is abundant under the surface here, Chisnell said oil and gas companies are pressuring homeowners to sign leases that relinquish their rights to the oil.
But what sounds good coming from the mouths of the leasing agents before leases are signed has failed to materialize afterwards, Chisnell said.
When agents come around to buy a homeowners' mineral rights, they

promise residents royalties that turn out to be far less than what were promised at the lease signing, according to Chisnell.
Chisnell said she and neighbors of hers were approached by leasing agents five years ago. While several of her neighbors signed on, she checked the fine print.
The leasing agent who promised her and others \$100 per acre, eventually only paid out \$88 by the time the note was processed. The lease agreement that was circulated in

Chisnell's subdivision promised homeowners 1/4 of the profits. But what it didn't say is that the 1/4 figure is split between the homeowners who share in the 40-acre area necessary to start drilling operations.
And the kicker is that the lessor bears the costs to treat the oil, Chisnell said.
"Look out for what and who you are dealing with," she said. "When it was all said and done, it amounted to the cost of a cup of coffee a year."
"Anyone who agrees to it could

also be held accountable for cleaning up contaminated sites," she said.
Chisnell and Andrikides have spearheaded NPA's efforts since leasing agents first appeared in Northville and began asking residents for permission to drill in their neighborhoods for oil five and a half years ago. After the women heard the agents' pitch, they began researching the environmental and economic impact residential drilling would have on township residents and on property values.

What they found was surprising and frightening if the 250 oil and gas companies that are active in Michigan were to have their way with township residents. If drilling companies manage to find an active well here, residents could be exposed to the increased potential for spills, fires, explosions, noxious odors and air pollution, they said.
There's also an increase for surface water and soil contamination and for the release of hydrogen sulfide at the well head.

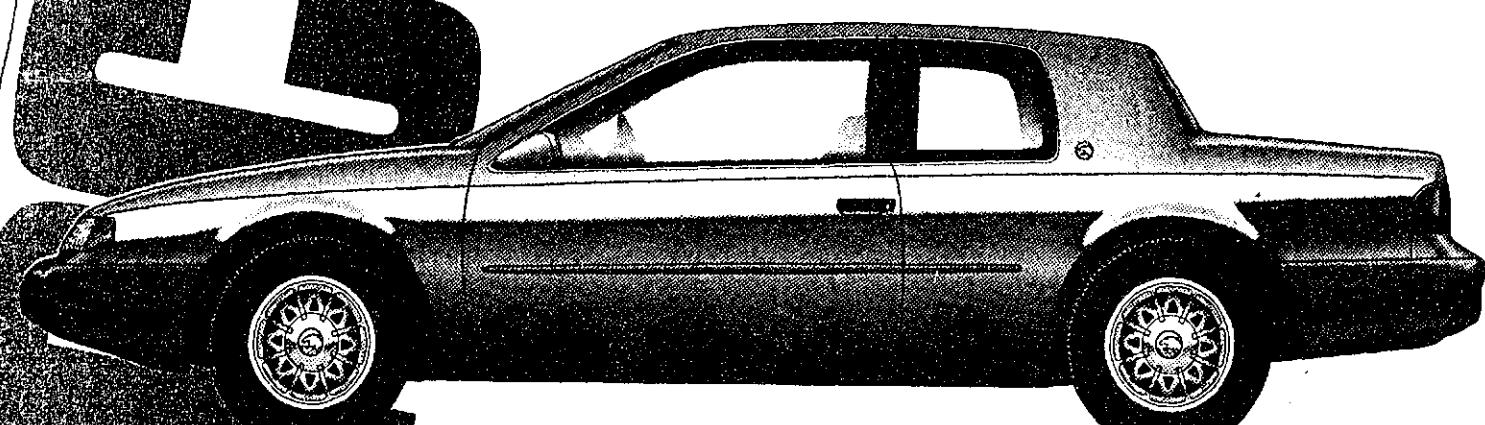
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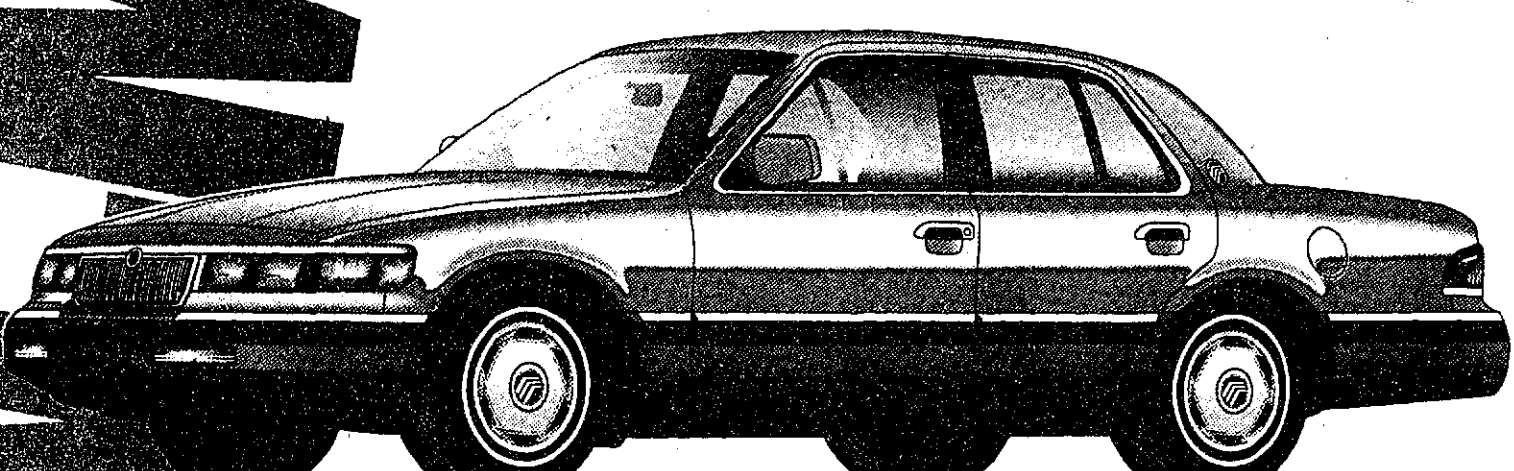
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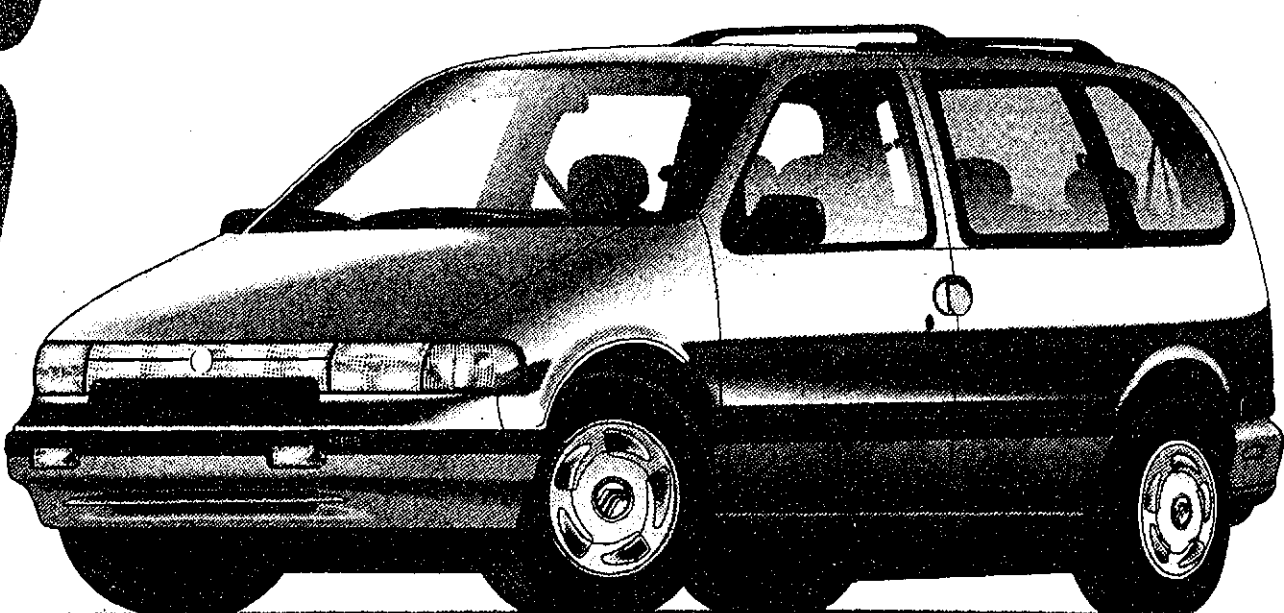
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Snow is dusting the ground, Christmas decorations are up around town, and it's time to get that Christmas tree.

And this year the trend continues: more and more families are going to tree farms to choose and cut down their own tree, instead of buying one that is pre-cut.

The many tree farms and nurseries within a short drive are geared up and ready for the season, and anticipate a brisk business in tree sales this year.

One of the most popular methods of selecting the family Christmas tree is to cut your own, and cut-and-carry tree farms abound in Oakland and Livingston Counties.

The closest to home is the Novi Parks and Recreation's new "cut your own" Christmas trees at the city's newest park on 12-1/2 Mile Road, west of Novi Road near Dixon Road.

This Christmas tree farm, recently purchased by the city with park bond funds, backs up to Lakeshore Park and has natural hiking trails, deer and other wildlife, as well as Christmas trees including pines (Austrian, Eastern White and Scotch), firs (Douglas and White) and spruce (Colorado Blue and White).

The sizes range from 5-12 feet. The original \$35 price tag to cut any tree has been lowered to \$30. Haywagons are on hand to haul the tree back to the car. Saws, rope and twine are available free of charge.

There will also be some pre-cut for sale at prices ranging from \$15-\$25. Hot cocoa and coffee will be available, and proceeds from all tree sales will be used for future park improvements.

The Christmas tree sales begin Saturday, Dec. 4 and last until Sunday, Dec. 19. Hours are: Saturdays (Dec. 4, 11, 18) from 9 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays (Dec. 9, 16) and Fridays (Dec. 10, 17) from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Two other nearby cut-your-own Christmas tree farms include the Broadway and Huff Christmas Tree Farms, both in Highland Township.

At Broadway, the search for a tree begins with a wagon ride through the fields, located off Hickory Ridge Road. Bill Brian, one of the family members who owns and operates Broadway, said customers are given a wagon ride into the tree farm which covers 100 acres. Among the 115,000 trees in the ground, Brian said 3,400 are ready for sale. The others have not reached the proper growth stage to be sold.

When it gets real busy, Brian said two wagons are pulled by the tractor. The ride takes about 20 minutes.

"It's one of those things an entire family

can do together," he said.

Brian said business has been fairly steady at the farm. But with increasing competition, he said there has been a small decrease in the number of people coming to their farm.

But he added that there are more people going out these days and chopping down fresh trees for Christmas.

"It continues to be a popular thing," he said.

Trees available at Broadway include Scotch and Austrian pine which sell for \$25, and spruce for \$30 to \$32. Trees for table-tops are also available for \$8. There are also pre-cut Douglas fir trees for those not interested in chopping their own.

Another place for fresh Christmas trees is the Huff tree farm, located on Wardlow Road.

Ludmilla Huff and her husband, Richard, started planting trees at the farm in 1955 and sold the first batch in 1961. When Richard died 20 years ago, she kept the business going on her own. Now her two daughters, Lois and Cathy, and her son David help manage the business.

Huff said they have about 20,000 trees on 100 acres that are available for cutting. The trees range from five to 15 feet.

Huff said walking around a field and looking for a Christmas tree provides people with a chance to just get away for 3-4 hours and be outside. Families spend time together and can be out in nature again.

Trees available are Scotch pine at \$4.50 per foot and Douglas fir at \$5.50 per foot. Blue spruce and Fraser fir are also available.

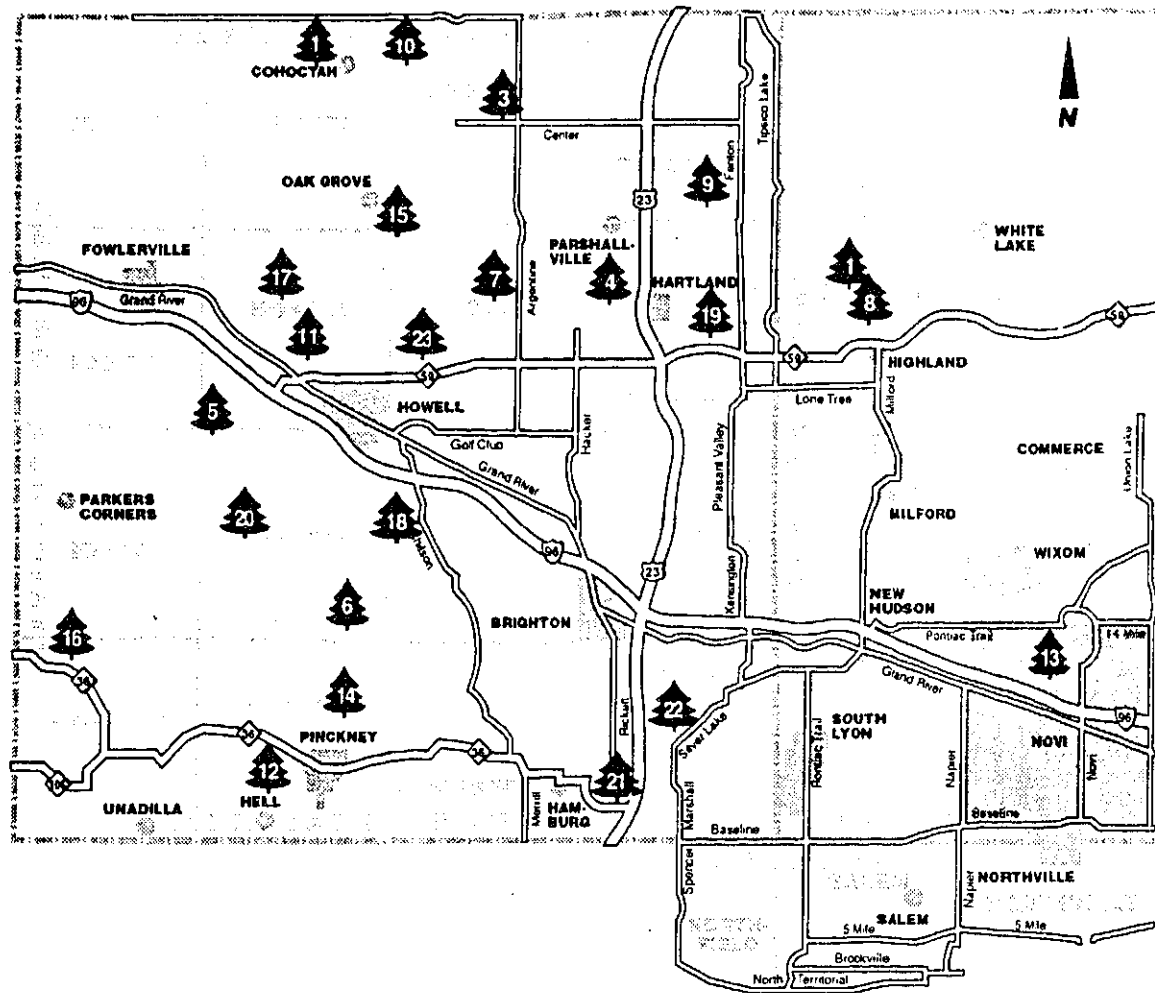
Other options, besides the artificial route, include purchasing cut or potted live trees. The Michigan Christmas Tree Association offers the following tips for purchasing cut trees:

- Check for freshness by bending the needles. They should be very supple, not brittle.
- Stomp the tree on the ground. A few needles should fall, but be wary of excessive needle droppage.
- Look for a fairly straight trunk for ease in placing the tree in a stand.

A number of tree farm owners say Fraser firs are gaining in popularity and are among the best choices for cut trees. "Fraser firs are among the cut trees we sell," said Frank Leppke of Leppke Nursery and Garden Center in Brighton. "They are soft and shiny and are very heavy plants — there is lots of water in the leaf and the needles hold better than other trees."

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Where to cut your own tree



1. Broadview Christmas Tree Farm, 4380 Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland Twp., (313)-887-9192

2. Cohoctah Tree Works, on the west side of Durand Road, just north of Cohoctah Road, Cohoctah. Open 9 a.m. until dark Friday-Sunday. Scotch pine, blue and white spruce, Douglas Fir, Austrian pine, concolor fir, balsam fir and Japanese red pine. 546-0711.

3. Deerfield Evergreens, 4144 Center Road, seven miles north of M-59 and one and three-quarter miles west of Argonne Road. Open Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Offers Scotch and Austrian pines. All trees \$18.

4. Ed's Tree Farm, 8330 Dwyer Road, north of M-59 and west of Cullen Road, Hartland. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Offers Scotch pine, Douglas fir, white and blue spruce, live balled trees, wreaths.

5. Duane Gilbach, 3700 Mason Road, Howell. Open Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Scotch pine and some blue spruce. All trees \$15. 546-4305.

6. Howell Nature Center, 1005 Triangle Lake Road, Howell. Open noon-5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Offers Scotch pine. All trees \$20. 546-0249.

7. Harley Keeling Christmas Tree Farm, Curdy Road, two miles north of M-59 between Latson and Argentine roads, Ocoota Township. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Offers blue spruce. All trees \$20. 546-5666 or 548-2137.

8. Huff Christmas Tree Farm, 1500 W. Wardlow Rd., Highland. (313) 887-4243

9. Krause's Christmas Tree Farm, 10420 Faussett Road, Hartland. Open Thursday-Sunday 10 a.m.-dusk. Scotch pine; white, Colorado and Norway spruce; and

Douglas fir. 9,500 trees.

10. Lutz Farm, 3415 E. Cohoctah Road, 12 miles north and three miles east of Howell. Pine, spruce and fir and concolor fir; also live trees. Cost is \$10 and up depending on the size and variety of the tree. 546-2596.

11. Moon and Sons Christmas Tree Farms, 2400 Tooley Road, Howell. Open 10 a.m.-dusk weekends. Scotch pine and some spruce. Trees are \$3.50 per foot for Scotch pine, \$5 per foot for spruce. 546-7823.

12. Noel Tree Co., M-36 and Arnold Road, six miles west of Pinckney. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. Scotch pine, white pine, blue and white spruce. Cost is \$25 and \$30. (313) 522-3991.

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14. Pine Ridge Farm Evergreen Nursery, located at 7354 Pinckney Road, Pinckney. Open during daylight hours on weekends. Scotch pine, some spruce and very tall Douglas fir. Cost is \$15-\$35. 878-5983.

15. Pleasant Knoll Tree Farm, 3080 Oak Grove Road, Howell. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekends. Scotch pine, blue spruce, Douglas fir, black spruce. 546-2370 during business hours; 546-2954 after 5 p.m.

16. Skyhorse Station/Evergreen Plantation, 11000 Roberts Road, Stockbridge. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Scotch

pine, blue spruce, fresh pre-cut trees and live potted trees; also extra-heavy wreaths and garlands. Trees are \$5 and up; average cost is about \$25. (517) 851-7017.

17. Sloan Farms, 5770 Crandall Road, Howell. Open during daylight hours Friday-Sunday and weekdays by appointment. White and Norway spruce, Douglas fir. Minimum cost is \$30. 546-3094.

18. Snow-Shoe Tree Farm, 5591 Pinckney Road, Howell. Open 1-7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on weekends. Douglas fir and Scotch pine; also large pre-cut trees. Cost is \$3.50-\$5.50 per foot. 548-1006.

19. U-Cut Christmas trees, Clyde Road, Hartland. Open Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Scotch pine 5-12 feet, \$25; spruce 4-8 feet, \$30. 889-3223.

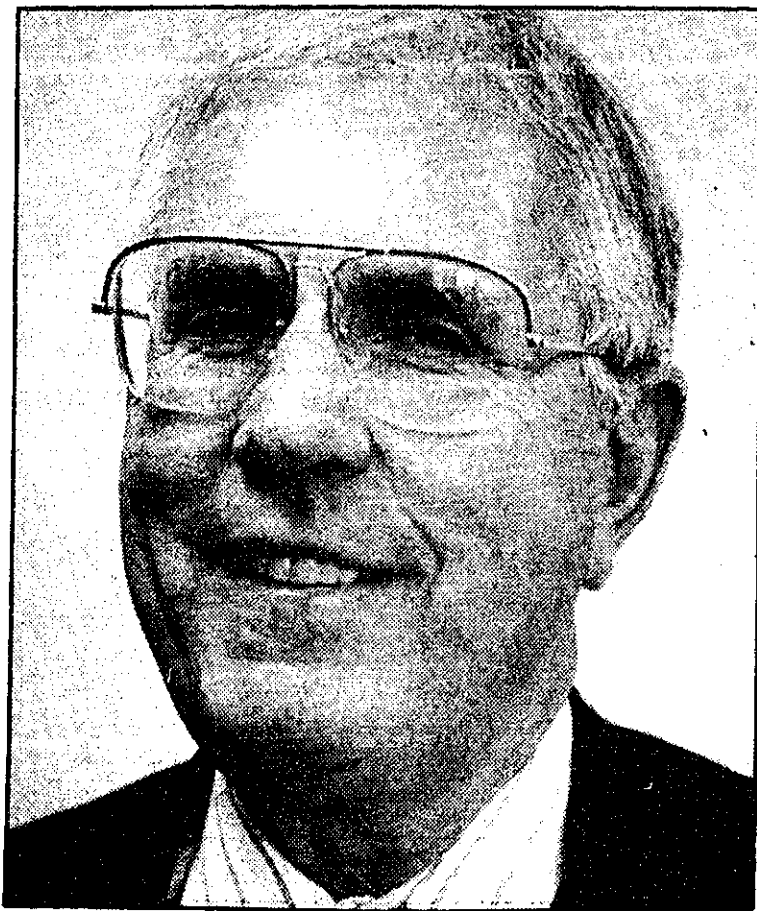
20. Waldock Tree Farm, 5665 Crofoot Road, Howell. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends. Douglas fir, blue spruce, black hill spruce and Scotch pine; also fresh wreaths and live balled trees. All Scotch pine are \$20, others \$5 per foot. 546-3890.

21. Warren's Tree Farm, 8366 Spicer Road, Brighton. Open weekly from 3 p.m.-dark or by appointment; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. Scotch pine, Douglas fir, blue spruce and Norway spruce. Trees are \$20-\$45. 231-4335.

22. Wenzel's Tree Farm, 8475 Bishop Road, Brighton. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. Scotch pine, white pine, blue and white spruce. (313) 233-7903.

23. Wood Land, 3760 Fisher Road, Howell. Operated by Lamar and Jim Wood. Open during daylight hours. Spruce and Scotch pine. 546-1739.

Volunteer



LEE HOLLAND

Accountant uses skills for charitable causes

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

The Salvation Army and Schoolcraft College

If well-rounded figures — the mathematical variety, that is — appeal to you, you will understand why Lee E. Holland spends so much time with them, both as a professional CPA, CFP and as a volunteer.

His office is in Northville, but his volunteering takes him to Southfield where The Salvation Army is headquartered and to Livonia, the scene of Schoolcraft College.

And in both places his concern is with figures — money figures.

At The Salvation Army he's a member of three committees — Advisory Board Finance, Planned Giving and Special Trust.

"We assist The Salvation Army in raising funds," Holland said, especially in acquiring gifts and charitable remainder unitrusts, and that leads into helping people with estate planning and giving to charities.

Time spent for The Salvation Army, he said, adds up to probably eight meetings a year.

Then there's Schoolcraft College, for which Holland has a special fondness, not only because, as he said, "It serves five communities and a lot of kids," but because he taught taxes there for six years. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Schoolcraft Foundation.

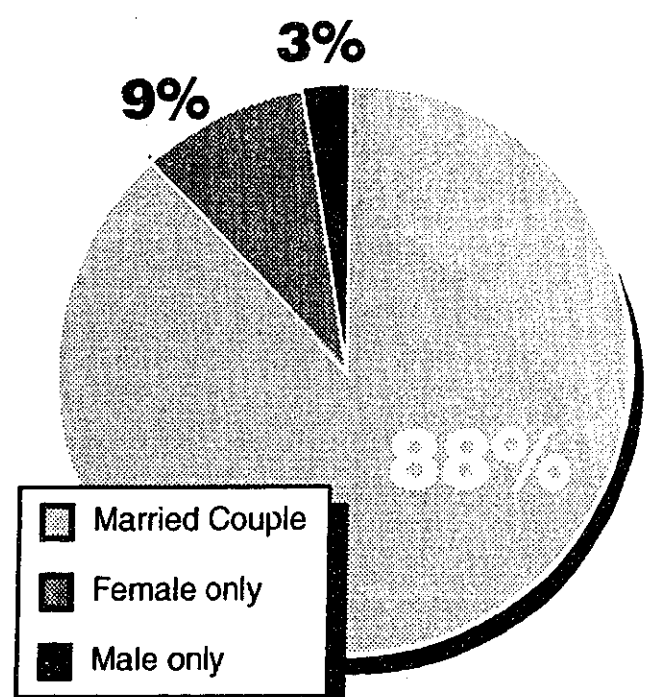
"I'm active in the Finance Committee," he said. "We meet six times a year" for the purpose of raising funds for scholarships and special needs.

They now have \$2 million dollars invested, the income from which goes to the scholarships and special needs — special needs which may, for example, be computers for The Women's Resource Center.

If you want to volunteer, not necessarily mathematically, in either of these organizations, Lee Holland has two names for you to call — Capt. Bruce Jones of The Salvation Army at 443-5500 and Sam Florek of Schoolcraft College at 462-4463.

It's A Fact

Family Household by Type



1990 statistics

Progressive Dinner kicks off the holiday season

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A very busy holiday season is coming up for the members of the Novi Newcomers and Neighbors starting with the Holiday Progressive Dinner Saturday, Dec. 4. The meal will start out with appetizers at the first home at 5:30 p.m., moving to the main course at 7 p.m. and ending with dessert at 9 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert.

The newcomers will be furnishing cookies for the Novi Tree Lighting Ceremony along with other groups on Dec. 6 at the Civic Center at 7 p.m. The Out to Lunch Bunch will be going to the Novi Hilton on Dec. 7 at 12:30 p.m. Also on Dec. 7, there will be a "Make-up for the Holidays" program in the evening.

The Morning Coffee with Kids interest group has grown so much that arrangements are being made to have two groups.

The Mom's and Tot's group will be decorating cookies, color pictures, do a craft project and receive a visit from Santa at their Dec. 8 meeting at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center.

The Annual Cookie Exchange will be held Dec. 9. Everyone bakes a dozen cookies. Exchange for 8 to 12 dozen cookies to take home.

The Civics group is planning for the Newcomers to sponsor three fam-

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lilies for Christmas gifts. The gift wrapping party will be held on Dec. 11. Purchasing and cookies will be available for the same days and times as the Book Fair.

Other interest groups meeting this month include Games, Games, Games on Dec. 11. The card groups that are meeting include Couples Pinochle on Dec. 12, Couples Euchre on Dec. 10, Daytime Bunko on Dec. 15, and Evening Bunko on Dec. 14. The Needletraders have been meeting twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone works on different projects that can include cross stitch, knitting, quilting, etc.

Anyone having questions can call the president, Kathy Barbee.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Hope Lutheran Church will be having several Christmas services including Holy Communion at 5 p.m. and Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24; Saturday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.; Holy Communion; Sunday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Worship; and Sunday, Jan. 2, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Service of the Bells. There will be a Book Fair at the church on Friday, Dec. 3 from 3 to

9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Viewing of church directory pictures is scheduled for the same days and times as the Book Fair.

The Adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Ridge Club House.

The final rehearsal for the Children's Christmas program will be Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. The Children's Christmas program, which includes those in preschool through junior high, will be Sunday, Dec. 12 at 9:45 a.m.

The women of the church will be having a special evening on Monday, Dec. 13 with dinner, magical show and fellowship. The Men and Teens of Hope will be serving, cooking and cleaning up. The Woman of the Year will be announced for the church. The Special Woman of the Year Luncheon honoring all elected women of the year will be in February at the Novi Hilton.

The Blood Drive will be held on Dec. 16 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Other Christmas activities included the Advent Pollack held last Wednesday which was followed by the Advent Tree Timming service.

The Senior High Youth in grades 9 through 12 are selling the Entertainment Books as a fundraiser. They will be caroling on Sunday, Dec. 19. The group is making plans for their trip to Lansing on Dec. 27-30 to attend the "Gathering."

NOVI SENIOR CENTER
The annual Pen Pal Program of the Novi Senior Center is under way. Seniors are with youngsters in the first grade at Novi elementary schools. The pen pals will write to each other throughout the school year. A special delivery system between the schools and the Novi Senior Center has been set up. In the spring, a party is planned so that the pen pals can meet. Anyone interested in having a pen pal should contact Jan McAlpine, Center Manager.

The Seniors have had a busy month. A very special Veterans Day Luncheon Canteen was held Nov. 10, including music from the '40s and a beautiful display of pictures of those who brought photographs of themselves in uniform.

On Nov. 18, there was a Thanksgiving Luncheon and Turkey Bingo. Also during the month, the Bookmobile visited, line dancing continued, swimming at Hilton was available, and financial planner, Paul Le Duc gave an informative talk.

Menus are available for the daily lunch at the center by the first of the month. Call ahead and reserve a place. Minimum contribution is \$2. Among the many different main dishes offered during the month are chicken, turkey, veal, roast beef, and kielbasa.

For more information can call Barbara Callahan at 473-1172.

A travel presentation was presented for Alaska and Hawaii trips in 1994. Refreshments and door prizes were included.

A special Christmas dinner is planned for Dec. 21, with entertainment by Novi Wood's children. Other activities coming soon are the eye screening and the annual Rotary lunch for Novi residents. Stop in and get a calendar so you can plan your December activities.

NOVI PIN POINTERS
High bowlers this week included Linda Detoro of the B and L's Team with 203 in a 550, Marilyn Vaillancourt of the Never a Doubt Team with 184; Lynn Zwar of the B and L's Team with 145; Rosemary Barnish of the Never a Doubt Team with 179; Barb Walling of the Bowling Bags with 178; Nadia Blagini of the Adventurers with 175; Jean Petrie of the Century 21 W with 166.

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

Ten students from this area are featured in the 16th annual edition of The National Dean's List.

Northville students and the universities they are attending are: DENISE M. AKROUGH, Wayne State University; HARRY M. CHIANG, University of S.C. at Columbia; DAWN L. FISHER, Eastern Michigan University; SUSAN B. HANCOCK, Schoolcraft College; JOHN S. KISSINGER, Schoolcraft College; EDWARD N. LAMSEN JR., Wayne State University; CAROL G. MEYER, William Tyndale College; MARLA F. PALAZZOLO, Schoolcraft College; and STEPHANIE M. WOOD, Central Michigan University.

Novi student BABAK NWI attends the University of Michigan.

Over 125,800 students were included in the 16th edition of The National Dean's List, which is published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Ill.

Students are selected for their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the top 10 percent of their class, on their school's dean's list or have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$25,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students.

The following Northville students are expecting their degrees or are degree candidates. Some attended the University's spring commencement exercises last May. Others may participate in the winter commencement program in December. The U-M college or school they are attending and their expected degrees are: College of Literature, Science and the Arts — KRISTIN L. ABITZ, CHERRI LYNN DE LUCA, JOHN JAMES EMMERT, CHRISTINE GALE, KATHERINE A. KIBBEY, and TERRA K. NOLAN, bachelor of science; School of Public Health — LAWRENCE BIELAK, master of public health; College of Engineering — UPTON BEALL BOWDEN, bachelor of science in engineering in electrical engineering; REBECCA LYNEE FRYNIE, bachelor of science in engineering in mechanical engineering; School of Social Work — TRACY LYNN JONES, master of social work; School of Business Administration — EDWARD LEE, master of business administration; Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies — KAY A. CRISWELL, doctor of philosophy candidate.

Students from Novi are: HEIDI D. ROBINS, College of Language Arts and Science, bachelor of arts; JEFFREY J. TANDERYS, bachelor of arts in physical education; RAMANA DIVAKARUNI, master of science in engineering.

On Campus

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Flying like an Eagle

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer



Michael Sigmund has been nominated to the highest rank in Boy Scouting.

Newly-nominated Eagle Scout Michael Sigmund may live in South Lyon, but his scouting heart is in Novi.

His special Eagle project of landscaping Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church is one that will benefit members of that church, his Novi scouting troop, and everyone who passes by the newly cleared-up structure.

"I chose that project because it would help my troop, and because they've been trying to get someone to do it," said Sigmund, who will be honored by Troop 407 at a special Court of Honor on Feb. 26.

"This project helped other scouts to have service projects to help them move up in their ranks," he explained. There were 20 people involved in the project, which took a total of 123 hours.

"We took down the old pine trees that were blocking the stained glass windows," he said. "We took out gravel to extend the parking lot, and we put down black dirt for the flowers."

Novi resident and Spirit of Christ congregation member Nettie Skrag planted bushes around the church, and intends to plant the flowers in the spring.

Sigmund, 18, has been a member of Troop 407 since 1986, and has been involved in scouting for 10 years. He is a senior at South Lyon

High School and intends to study computer science at Central Michigan University beginning next fall.

To become an Eagle, Sigmund appeared before a Board of Review and received a nomination for the title. The Eagle rank is the highest rank achievable in Boy Scouting and only one out of 100 scouts earn the rank.

He was influenced through the ranks by another Eagle Scout, Brian Kemp.

"He was one of the people that kept me in scouts, and he acted in a way that made me really look up to him," he said. Sigmund's scout leader is Gary Skokak and his Eagle advisor was Wayne Vicklund. He is the son of Paul and Rebecca Sigmund.

Now that he's an Eagle, Sigmund intends to become even more involved in scouting.

"I hope to become more involved in the Order of the Arrow, which is a national association for honored scouts," he said. "They run a lot of the camps for younger scouts. You have to be elected by your troop to be in the Order of the Arrow, and I was elected two years ago."

Reunions

DETROIT NORTHERN 1941-1943: High School, classes of 1941, 1942 and 1943 will hold a reunion on June 5, 1994. Call Bill at 375-9529 or Bob at 682-0782 for details.

CANCELLATIONS: Class Reunions Plus is no longer organizing reunions for Grosse Pointe North High School, Class of 1973 and Dominican High School, Class of 1968.

CLASS REUNIONS PLUS: Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080, has added the following reunions to their 1993 reunion schedule. Call (313)886-0770 for more information.

June 18, 1994 — Ann Arbor High School, Class of 1948, Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.

July 16, 1994 — Carlson High School, Gibraltar, Class of 1984, K of C, Lincoln Park.

July 16, 1994 — Roseville High School, Class of 1974, Zuccaro's, Mt. Clemens.

Nov. 26, 1994 — Franklin High School, Livonia, Class of 1974, Sheraton Oaks Hotel, Novi.

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Families enjoy holiday tree-dition

"We have a certain clientele looking for live trees, and they come back year after year," Leppke said. "Most want a spruce of some sort and they pick them out early so they can get a hole dug (before the ground freezes)."

"It's OK to pick out the tree early, but it should not be put inside the house and decorated until a week or so before Christmas," Leppke cautioned.

"It should be inside a week to 10 days at the most, because once it's inside the tree thinks it's spring and breaks dormancy," he explained. "The fluids begin to flow and once it's outside again the tips freeze."

Because indoor air is drier, the live tree should be hand-misted regularly or sprayed with a plastic sealant that holds the moisture in the leaves.

Leppke doesn't guarantee the trees because he doesn't know for sure how they are treated once they go home, he said. He gets one or two calls each spring or summer informing him a live Christmas tree has died, he added.

"But we give customers an instruction sheet when they purchase the tree, and if they follow the instructions, and don't keep the tree in the house too long, it should be OK," he said.

Cost of a cut tree varies from \$20-\$100, depending on size, and the trees range in size from 24 inches to 7 feet.

If you purchase a live tree and dig its outdoor hole early, the hole should be filled with mulch to prevent freezing and remain covered until it's time to plant, according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

Whether you choose a cut tree or a live tree this year, area nurseries and tree farms, as well as other retailers selling cut trees, are ready and waiting for you.

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Novi resident Jun Myers will perform in 'The Nutcracker.'

Novi woman to dance in area holiday ballet

Novi dancer Jun Myers will be a member of the cast of *The Nutcracker Ballet* to be performed at South Lyon and West Bloomfield High Schools.

Every December *The Nutcracker Ballet* charms millions worldwide. The story takes place on New Year's Eve at a home party in a small town in Germany. The Nutcracker is a doll that becomes a handsome and daring prince in a young girl's romantic fantasy dream.

When the curtain rises on the show, it is New Year's Eve. Masha, the host's young daughter, receives a funny-looking doll shaped like a nutcracker as a present from the old conjurer and magician Drosselmeyer. The guests depart and Masha is left alone in the deserted room. As the clock strikes midnight the girl falls asleep and slips into a magic world of fairy tales. The festive fir-tree changes its form and grows to a gigantic size. Masha's dolls and toys, among them the Nutcracker, come to life and battle with a horde of enormous mice.

The Nutcracker conquers the mice and turns into a handsome young prince. All these stunning transformations are presided over by Drosselmeyer, who sends Masha and the Nutcracker Prince off on a journey around the fir-tree towards the star that hangs on top of it.

The ballet will be performed by the Geiger School of Ballet. Admission is \$15.

Popular sports columnist to autograph books

Nationally syndicated sports columnist and bestselling author Mitch Albom will autograph his fifth sports book, *The Fab Five*, on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 a.m. at Borders Books and Music in the Novi Town Center.

The *Fab Five* tells the inside story of the Wolverines, the men's basketball team whose five freshmen carried the University of Michigan to NCAA Championship status in 1992 and returned as sophomores to the Championship game in 1993.

Albom reveals heretofore untold stories about the "greatest ever recruited," including how coach Steve Fisher wrestled with the coach to assemble his stellar team; how former coach Bo Schembechler and *Live Above, Live Above II* and *Live Above III*, all collections of his Detroit Free Press columns. He has been named number one sports columnist in the nation seven years in a row; in addition, he has won more than 100 writing awards from AP, UPI and other. Albom serves as sports director and program host for WLLZ-FM in Detroit and is a panelist and contributing commentator for ESPN television and radio. An accomplished pianist, he has also performed as a nightclub singer, standup comedian and amateur boxer.

Mitch Albom, 35, is the author of four other sports-related books: *Bo*, a national bestseller written with U of M football coach Bo Schembechler; and *Live Above, Live Above II* and *Live Above III*, all collections of his Detroit Free Press columns. He has been named number one sports columnist in the nation seven years in a row; in addition, he has won more than 100 writing awards from AP, UPI and other. Albom serves as sports director and program host for WLLZ-FM in Detroit and is a panelist and contributing commentator for ESPN television and radio. An accomplished pianist, he has also performed as a nightclub singer, standup comedian and amateur boxer.

Diversions

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Residents go solo with DSO

By JAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer

Ask Northville resident Bob Williams if he thinks his job is glamorous and he'll laugh.

"I wouldn't call it glamorous. It's a lot of work," said Williams, principal bassoonist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO).

"I spend half my time making reeds for the bassoon and the other half of my time in rehearsals."

Then there's the four to five concerts per week at Orchestra Hall, like the one coming up tonight.

Williams and Novi resident, Patti Masri-Fletcher, will be featured soloists with the DSO Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Masri-Fletcher has been practicing Mozart's "Concerto for Flute and Harp in C major, K. 297c," since March with flutist Ervin Monroe. Williams will play Mozart's "Bassoon Concerto in B-Flat Major, K. 297c."

Williams, a University of Arizona grad, joined the DSO in 1974, coming to Detroit from an orchestra in Winnipeg. He began as a clarinet player, but decided early on the bassoon would be a good career move.

"When I was in eighth grade, my best friend played first clarinet in the junior high band and played second clarinet. He was a better player than I was. There were no bassoonists, so I figured if I played bassoon I could be first chair," Williams said.

"I've done very well with the thing," he is a founder of the DSO Bassoon Quartet and has been on a number of music faculties, including those of Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Williams can be heard on the DSO recordings with former conductor Antal Dorati and on the DSO's 1993 recording, recorded with conductor Neeme Jarvi. He is featured on the Martin Scott Kosins 1981 compact disc *Love Letters*, which was narrated by the late John Carradine.

Williams and his wife, DSO oboist and English Horn player, Treva Williams, will perform at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening concerts are \$50, \$31, \$28 and \$15, while tickets for Friday are \$50, \$23, \$21 and \$12.

For information, call Orchestra Hall at 833-3700.

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Along with the Mozart, the program includes Wagner's "Prelude and Love-Death" from "Tristan und Isolde," "Siegfried's Rhine Journey" from "Götterdämmerung," and the overture to *The Flying Dutchman*.

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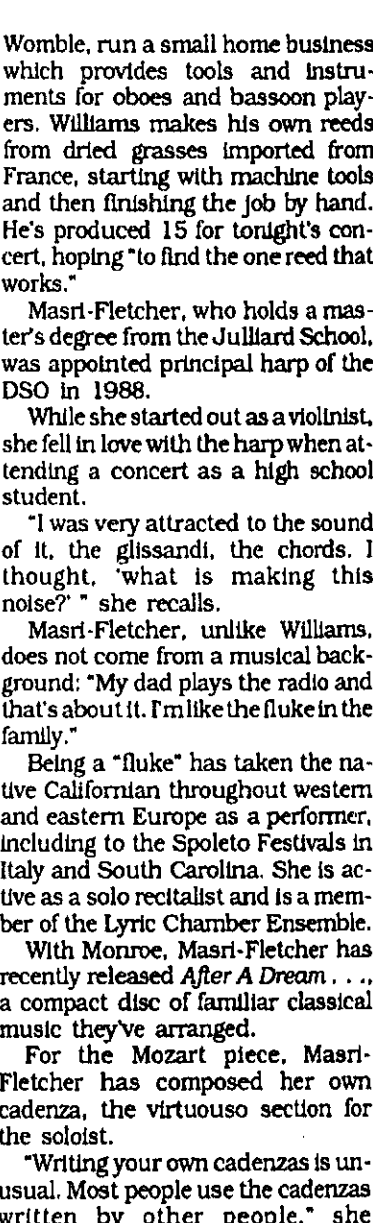
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Detroit Symphony Orchestra principal bassoonist Bob Williams



Detroit Symphony Orchestra principal bassoonist Patti Masri-Fletcher

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Special events

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: Take your pick of two dates to enjoy the Novi Chorale's Christmas Concert. Choose Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road or Sunday, Dec. 5, at Faith Community Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road. Sponsored by the Novi Jaycees, both performances are at 7:30 p.m.

A \$4 donation will go towards the Novi Jaycees Needy Family Christmas. Get tickets in advance at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at the Novi Civic Center or at the door.

VIRTUAL VERDI: It's "A Night At The Opera" at Genit's Hole-In-The-Wall Restaurant, starring Dino Valle and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan tonight. Dinner and the show are \$29.95 per person.

For information, call the downtown Northville restaurant at 349-0522. Genit's is at 108 E. Main Street.

TIMELY TUNES: The Novi Community Band, conducted by Jack Koppnick, will give two holiday concerts. The first, a freebie, will be at the Lord & Taylor court at Twelve Oaks Mall on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

On Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., the band will perform "Music For The Season" at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. A \$3 donation will be collected at the door.

NUTCRACKER IN NOVI: The Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will present *The Nutcracker Suite* at Novi High School's Fuester Auditorium, 24062 Taft Road at Ten Mile Road. Dates are 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 and 3 p.m. Dec. 5.

Reserved seating tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. Meet the dancers at a special tea following the Sunday matinee for an additional \$2.

To charge tickets, call 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased in Novi at Giddler Music, 302 E. Main; Bookstall On The Main, 101 N. Center, and in Novi at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile; and the Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Christmas cards featuring scenes of downtown Northville are available at Painter's

Theater

Place the studio and gallery of Caroline Dunphy, 140 N. Center Street. This year's card is a view looking west on Main Street. Cards from several previous years are also on sale.

For more information, call 349-9544.

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI: O'Henry's classic Christmas love story will be presented at the Marquis Theatre on Dec. 10. Following the drama, "Country Christmas Carols" will be performed and narrated by the Marquis Theatre Children.

Performance times and dates are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. on Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18; tickets are \$10. Save money and spend \$7.50 per ticket for the Sunday matinee on Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. or the Wednesday matinee on Dec. 8 and 15, also at 2:30 p.m.

For information and reservations, call 349-8110.

ALADDIN: The classic story of a boy and his genie, *Aladdin*, continues at Northville's Marquis Theatre. Tickets for the musical, featuring adult and child performers, are \$8.50.

Performance dates and times are Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 and Jan. 1 at 2:30 p.m. Also Sundays, Dec. 5, 12 and 26 and Jan. 2 at 2:30 p.m.

In addition, special holiday break performances are Monday through Friday, Dec. 27-31, at 2:30 p.m. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street, Northville. For information, call 349-8110.

THE WIZARD OF OZ: Mary Bremer's Lunch Bunch Players and Genit's Hole-In-The-Wall Restaurant team up to produce the classic musical *The Wizard of Oz* at the Little Theatre at 112 E. Main St. in downtown Northville.

The 1 p.m. shows are preceded by a noon spaghetti lunch at \$1.50 for kids and \$13.50 for adults. Skip lunch and the show alone is \$7.50 for kids and \$8.50 for adults.

Shows are Dec. 4, 11, 12, 18, 19, 22, 23, 30 and Jan. 8. For reservations, call 349-0522.

Music

CAFFE BRAVO: On Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. classical guitarist Carol Smallwood is continuing her engagement at Caffe Bravo. Smallwood also appears on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also each Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., varying guitar concerts are planned, ranging from classical music to the blues.

The coffee house is in the Main-Centre in downtown Northville. For information, call 344-0220.

COUNTRY EPICURE: Jazz pianist Wilbert Peagler has made the Country Epicure his home base.

On Dec. 2, Peagler will perform with sax player Bob Barnes at 7 p.m. Also each Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., varying guitar concerts are planned, ranging from classical music to the blues.

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

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

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

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

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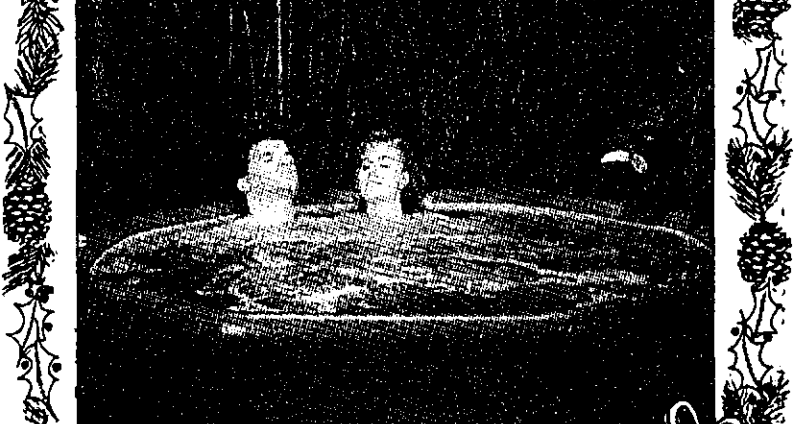
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'Mr. Wonderful' takes a second look at first love

Matt Dillon, Annabella Sciorra, Mary-Louise Parker and William Hurt star in "Mr. Wonderful," a bit-sweet romantic comedy about a divorced man learning about the mysteries of love as he searches for the perfect mate for his ex-wife.

Dillon is Gus, a Con Edison worker in New York, a young guy from the old neighborhood who married his high school sweetheart, hung with his childhood friends and thought life would take care of itself.

But his wife, Lee (Sciorra) had other ideas. She wanted to improve herself and leave the neighborhood and its claustrophobic ways behind.

Eventually, that meant saying goodbye to Gus as well and beginning a college education.

Now Gus has a new girl — and Rita (Parker), a nurse, is a sweetheart who's ready to get married and start a family. Gus, however, gets aggravated every time he thinks of Lee — and Rita worries that he thinks of Lee a bit too often.

His buddies, in an effort to bring Gus in as a partner in restoring a beloved neighborhood bowling alley, suggest finding a Mr. Wonderful for Lee — someone to marry her and take the burden of financial support from Gus' shoulders.

And it's not until he's enlisted the help of everyone from Rita to the charming, good-hearted and eligible pharmacist down the block that Gus begins to wonder what it really is that he wants from life — and from Lee.

Meanwhile, Lee, who's enjoying the giddy pleasure of a fling with her married English professor (Hurt), is suddenly adrift in memory and emotion as she perceives an array of romantic choices before her.

"Mr. Wonderful" takes a poignant second look at first love. Contrasting the gritty realities of life as an electrician with the mysterious electricity of romance, the movie reflects on

friendship, old times and new horizons.

An important non-speaking character in "Mr. Wonderful" is the City of New York, which contributes a spectacular visual setting as well as a social and emotional context for the movie.

Marianne Maloney, who produced the film, noted that the four lead actors are all New Yorkers. "In a New York native, as are many of the supporting actors and crew members," she noted. "We had a strong feeling that only New York could present this story as it was written — from the ethnic neighborhoods that Gus and

his buddies inhabit to the underground maze of the city's electrical systems. This could happen anywhere, but the New York setting made it happen in a special way here."

Gus and his crew are employees of Consolidated Edison, the labyrinthine public utility that brings light and electrical power to New York City. Their work takes them all over the urban landscape and frequently underneath it, into the metropolitan infrastructure.

Electrical power works fluently as a metaphor for that romantic link, as when Gus fixes a circuit in a Manhat-

tan bridge, causing the entire string of lights across its span to spring into dazzling life — magic that occurs when a single crucial connection is repaired.

Additional locations in New York include Barnard College as the setting for Lee's studies; Greenwich Village as the site of Con Edison's emergency repairs; the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Cinematographer Geoffrey Simpson bathes New York in a romantic glow by day and sparkling lights at night, underscoring the traditional appeal of a great city when seen through the eyes of lovers.

'The Temp' — a poor guide for secretaries

THE TEMP
By Jo Leshnick
South Lyon

"The Temp" (a temporary office illini kills to make it to the executive suite).

She juices one competitor in the paper shredder, another with a deadly bee, bad mouths the hero's cookies, slices a guard with a lethal letter opener, then has the Pres tossed off a catwalk.

All in vain... our paranoid hero rises to the Presidency and blows the whistle on this secretary, who remains just a secretary — caught.

Personal comment: A must-see for ambitious secretaries. You know you have to think for the boss, do the work and keep your mouth shut.

MY LIFE
By Mike Kapusky
Northville

Just his life? Maybe just a lesson on life in general.

"My Life" brings the creators of Ghost back in production with a touching movie starring Michael Keaton and Nicole Kidman.

After Keaton finds out that he has terminal cancer of the lung and kidney, he wants to make a video for his unborn child to use as a "reference" in life. The baby is supposed to be due after he is expected to die so he must hurry.

From going to a miracle healer to wishing upon a star, Keaton uses various ways to heal his disease or at least lengthen his life. A different story line than most movies on this subject, "My Life" touches on the importance of life and your family.

Excellent acting and a unique tale about life itself add up to a great movie. Not a classic, no, but a very well thought-out flick. "My Life" gets four

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Not the movie to see more than once, but do go see it. This is a top jerking movie so bring the tissue paper.

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Sports

Novi's Kenny makes All-Area basketball team

Interchangeable parts. That might be the best way to describe Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Basketball first team.

Our 1993 dream team features five athletes who can do it all — score, pass and rebound.

Novi's Kristin Kenny joins the top squad for the second straight year. The senior led the Wildcats to their first Kensington Valley Conference title in a decade with her all-around abilities.

Just a sophomore, Samantha Leger was a force for Northville High this fall. A hard-nosed defender, Leger plowed through opposition in helping the Mustangs back to respectability.

Lakeland's Brandy Taylor and South Lyon's Cort Sutton make their second appearance on the All-Area team.

Sutton, a junior, returns next year and may be a three-time pick.

Milford stand-by Megan Readler rounds out the squad with all-around ability and solid athletic skills.

Novi lets take a closer look at this year's Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Basketball first team:

KRISTIN KENNY
Novi forward

Perhaps the Wildcats greatest player of all time, Kenny came up big in her senior season. She led Novi in scoring with a 15.6 points-per-game average.

"She had big games when we needed her to have big games," coach John Hoffman said. "It was the best of her four years."

Hoffman counted on Kenny for scoring and rebounding. While she averaged nearly eight boards per game, Kenny also delivered on the defensive end.

"She made a big improvement on defense," said Hoffman. "She played smarter."

In past years, Kenny had

slumps at some point during the season. Not this time around, Hoffman said.

"She started off the way we expected and maintained it all year," he added. "For the most part, she was steady and had a strong year."

SAMANTHA LEGER
Northville forward

The sophomore had a huge impact on the Mustangs this fall. A team that lacked a leader last year, Leger took charge with her slashing, Charles Barkley bull-rushes to the basket.

Northville nearly doubled its win total from a year ago with Leger in the lineup. The sophomore led the way by leading the Mustangs in nearly every category: scoring, rebounding and assists, to name a few.

Her play didn't go unnoticed. Leger was named to the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division first team.

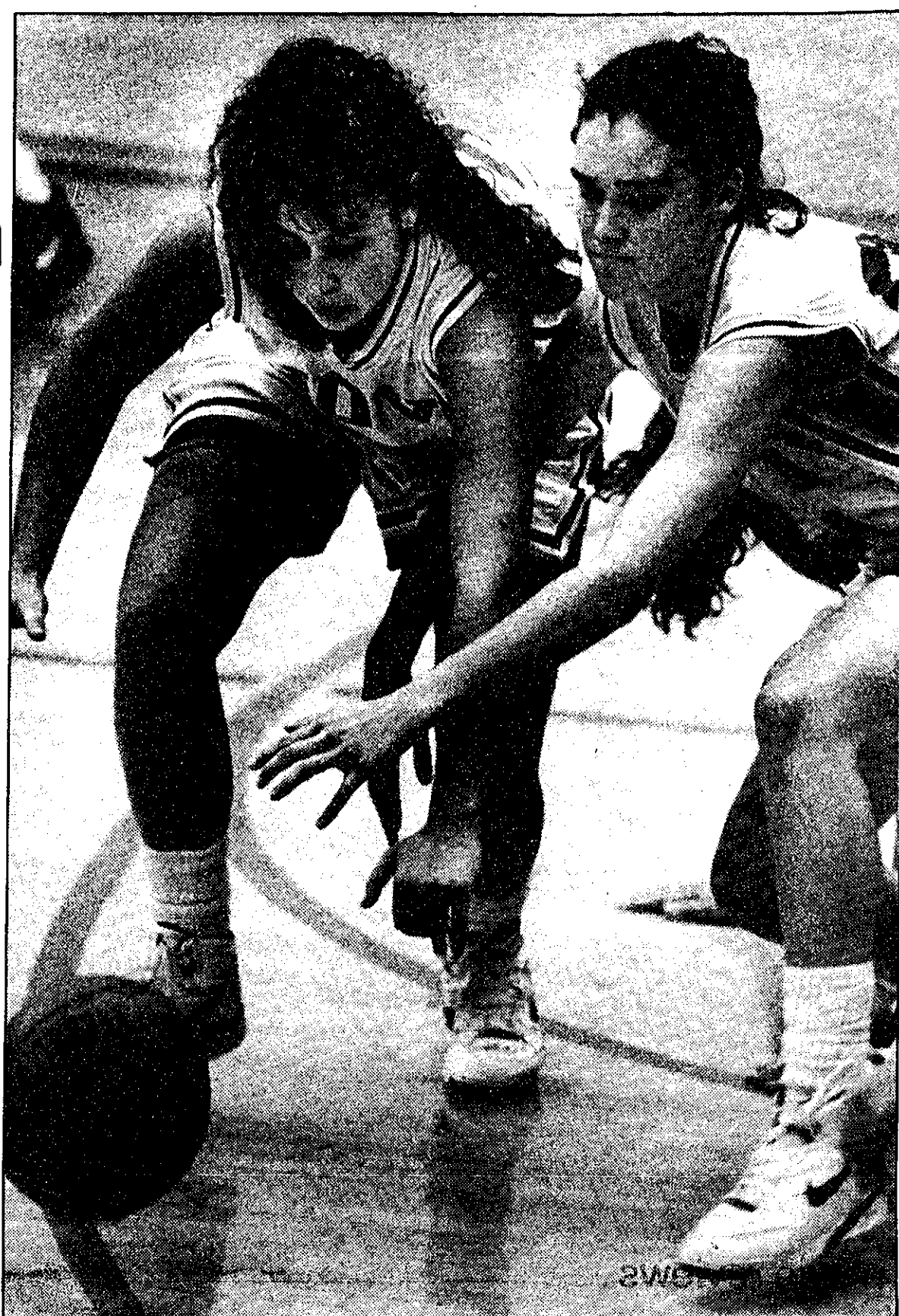
MEGAN READLER
Milford forward

Readler has been a mainstay of the Milford program for four years — all of which she spent as a varsity player.

Her senior year was no disappointment, as she led the team in both scoring with 8.4 points per game, and rebounding with an average of 5.9 boards. Her real ability came out in her versatility. She played everything from the post to the point during the course of the season.

"She did a lot of ball handling," coach John Hoffman said. "She played a lot of two-guard for us. She's one of the best passing forwards I've ever had; she's a very good interior passer."

Milford's team wasn't blessed with any superstars this year. Instead, the Redskits garnered a



Christine Edwards (left) and Kelly Kearney (right) made our All-Area second team.

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM	ATHLETE	CLASS	POSITION	SCHOOL
	KRISTIN KENNY	SR	FORWARD	NOVI
	SAMANTHA LEGER	SOPH	FORWARD	NORTHVILLE
	CORT SUTTON	JR	CENTER	SOUTH LYON
	MEGAN READLER	SR	GUARD	MILFORD
	BRANDY TAYLOR	SR	GUARD	LAKELAND

SECOND TEAM	ATHLETE	CLASS	POSITION	SCHOOL
	AMY PIETILIA	SR	FORWARD	SOUTH LYON
	CHRISTINE EDWARDS	JR	FORWARD	NOVI
	JULIE SCHMIDT	JR	CENTER	MILFORD
	KELLY KEARNEY	SOPH	GUARD	NOVI
	VANESSA MONTANTE	SR	GUARD	LAKELAND

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LAKELAND: ANGE MULDER, KRISTIN POVLITZ, STEPHANIE UBALLE
MILFORD: MOLLY PIETILIA, CINDY HEINONEN, HEATHER OSBORNE, GINETTE PIERRE, LISA SEITER, ALLISON WATKINS
SOUTH LYON: KARIN SIKORSKI, KAREN KASTAMO, NICOLE MCILLIAN

Edwards makes second hoop team

The future of area hoops is already here. The Hometown Newspapers East second All-Area team holds some dangerous players. With Milford junior Julie Schmidt, Novi junior Christine Edwards and Wildcat sophomore Kelly Kearney on the squad, the second team holds the leaders of next year's hoops season.

Seniors Amy "The Thrilla" Pietilia and Vanessa "Vinnie" Montante will be sorely missed next year. Pietilia's quickness and powerful drives into the lane were a prized possession of South Lyon, while Lakeland will wax nostalgic about Montante's disregard for her own safety in chasing loose balls and her point-guard prowess.

Let's take a closer look at the All-Area second team players.

CHRISTINE EDWARDS
Novi guard

Playing out of position at point guard, Edwards still had a good junior campaign. Coach John Hoffman said her overall level of play improved.

"From last year to this year," he said, "I saw some good progress."

Edwards averaged 10.5 points per game. A sometimes flashy player, she had a career high

26 points against Howell.

Hoffman said a stress fracture in Edwards' leg was bothersome all season.

"I think it slowed her down a little," he added. "Her leg really hurt when she jumped."

Edwards will likely see the ball more next year. Hoffman said he will try to utilize her scoring abilities more.

"We want to get her down low," he commented. "I think she can post-up people."

KELLY KEARNEY
Novi forward

Perhaps as a sign of things to come, Kearney took a leadership role with the Wildcats as the season progressed. More and more teammates looked to the sophomore in crunch time because of her coolness under pressure.

"She won a lot of games for us at the end," said coach John Hoffman. "She's the best free throw shooter on our team."

The coach said he wanted the ball in Kearney's hands. And for good reason. She shot 75.2 percent from the free throw line and rarely missed with the game on the line.

Overall, Kearney was second in scoring on her

team at 12.7 points per game. She also led the "Cats in assists with nearly four per game."

"She had a good sophomore year," said Hoffman. "But she's capable of more. I think she will progress and be a strong basketball player."

With Kristin Kenny off to college, Hoffman said he will rely on Kearney even more next fall. "Look for her to score more," he said.

VANESSA MONTANTE
Lakeland guard

"Vinnie," as she was known to her teammates, made a living out of blue-collar basketball.

"She's 100 percent effort all the time," said Lakeland coach Paul Gmelin. "Vanessa's just all guts. She's relentless on defense and unconscious when it comes to loose balls. She's just diving all over for a loose ball, whatever it takes."

Montante was capable of knocking down multiple three-pointers to change the course of a game and she led the team with 2.8 assists per outing.

"I think she was a valuable part of our team," Gmelin said. "She led by example, she was a hustler and a die-hard, give-it-all-type player."

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Schneider aims for '96 Olympics

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Charles Schneider is living proof that you're never too old to dream.

For more than a quarter of a century, the Novi resident has competed in one of the world's most elegant sports — fencing. And while he has captured many titles and trophies over his career, he has another goal in mind.

"I'd like to make the Olympics," the 41-year-old said recently. "I still think I can do it. I still have that dream."

If he does make the Atlanta games in 1996 it will be a triumph of will.

Besides battling father time, Schneider must fully overcome a serious knee injury. While fencing in March of 1990, he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. The ligament is critical in stabilization of the knee.

"My opponent was going for my toe and I tried to move back quickly," said Schneider. "I guess there's only so many lunge (you can make) before something

gives."

It was the first injury of his career.

Schneider immediately began rehabilitation. He used weight training to strengthen muscles around the knee.

"I tried to treat it conservatively," Schneider said.

He went back to competition shortly afterwards but found the knee wasn't responding.

"When my legs got tired and fatigued," Schneider said, "the knee would pop out."

The native New Yorker finally decided on surgery.

placed on a 12-week program at the facility. But after completing his work, Schneider decided to stay on a maintenance program.

He works out three days per week at TRACC doing a variety of exercises such as squats, leg extensions and running backwards on a treadmill.

"My goal is (to stop the knee) from popping out," Schneider said, "and keep it from getting weak at the end of a competition."

Schneider, who fenced at Wayne State University, returned to competition last April. In July, he participated in the United States Olympic Festival taking home a bronze medal in the epee, one of three types of fencing swords.

Taking the next step to the Olympics won't be easy.

Only the top four fencers in the country will make the U.S. team. Points are earned between each Olympic games as fencers compete in local and regional tournaments.

Currently, Schneider is ranked 22nd. The attorney has taken on an active competitive schedule in

attempt to garner points.

Schneider recently competed in a Chicago tournament. He plans on entering nationals in January in San Francisco.

"I have an outside chance to make Atlanta," he commented. "But I'll be out there making an effort. We'll see how realistic it is."

The fierce one-on-one competition of fencing has kept Schneider hooked on the sport.

"I guess it's in my blood," he explained. "I like it because it's mentally demanding and physically demanding."

Indeed, besides rehabilitation workouts, the Novi resident practices fencing techniques two to three times a week.

A big part of fencing, Schneider says, is efficiency of movement. Sword movements have to be nearly perfect to make contact with opponents and score points.



Charles Schneider demonstrates a typical fencing stance.

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Runners to compete in national event

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Although the season ended weeks ago, many of Novi High cross country runners are continuing to compete.

The group, known as the Novi Sunset Striders, will represent Michigan in a national meet Dec. 10 in Rhode Island. According to team spokesperson Bob Smith, the Striders will do well at the United States Track and Field Association meet.

The Striders are led by Jenny Hampton. A Wildcat freshman, she earned all-state honors this fall.

Novi High's other two state qualifiers this year, Lorna Camp and Katie Zimmerman are also running. Rounding out the roster is Michelle Harrison, Lauren Rice and Angel Root — all Wildcats.

White Lake middle schooler Lindsay Shelters is also running for the Striders.

The Novi squad qualified for the Rhode Island meet by winning a regional competition in Cleveland last month. The Striders beat out a Cleveland squad by seven points to take the victory.

Smith said the meet was held at golf course which featured gently rolling hills. While high school runners race over a 3.1 mile course, the USFA competition was 2.4 miles.

Camp easily outdistanced the field. The Wildcat freshman finished in 15:39, some 10 seconds ahead of the field.

"She pulled away from the field at about three-quarters of a mile," said Smith. "She was flying."

Hampton was fourth overall in 16:06 while Zimmerman was ninth in 16:31. Shelters finished 10th in 16:32. Harrison was 16th in 16:45. Rice was 17:17 and Root was 31st in 17:31.

Novi won a state competition in Ann Arbor as well.

MHSAA warns against steroids

Each month, the Michigan High School Athletic Association publishes articles relating to the health and safety of state athletes. The following stories, on proper diet and steroid use, were published in recent editions of the MHSAA Bulletin.

CARBOHYDRATES

Athletes need a diet high in carbohydrates throughout the season for energy to train and compete.

Fatigue is common after hard physical training day after day, especially when you work out twice a day. You might blame your exhaustion on a bad day. But if you are always tired, it might be your diet.

When you exercise, you draw on energy stored as carbohydrates in muscle. This energy comes from foods that you have eaten. During a two-hour workout, you can easily use up all your stored carbohydrate level and your muscles will not be replenished for the next day's training.

Suppose you eat a diet low in carbohydrates. After just three days of two-hour workouts, your muscle can be nearly used up. You are a candidate for fatigue.

However, on a high-carbohydrate diet after the same workouts, your muscle carbohydrate level can be almost as high as it was when you began training. So you can have the energy to train and compete at your top performance level by eating a diet high in carbohydrates throughout the season.

The main difference between the training diet and your normal diet is that the training diet is probably higher in carbohydrates. In particular, the training diet includes more grains, fruits and vegetables.

When planning a high-carbohydrate diet, remember:

- Cereals, breads, pasta, muffins, pancakes, rolls and other grain products are high in carbohydrates.
- All fruits and vegetables are also good sources of carbohydrates.
- Yogurt, milkshakes, milk, cocoa and ice cream all contain carbohydrates.
- Meats are low in carbohydrates.
- Cakes, pies, cookies, soft drinks and other sugary foods are high in carbohydrates. However they are low in most other nutrients.

ANABOLIC STEROID USE

Anabolic steroid use at the high school level is of concern. Steroids are used by some athletes in sports to improve athletic performance or to enhance the body in a cosmetic way.

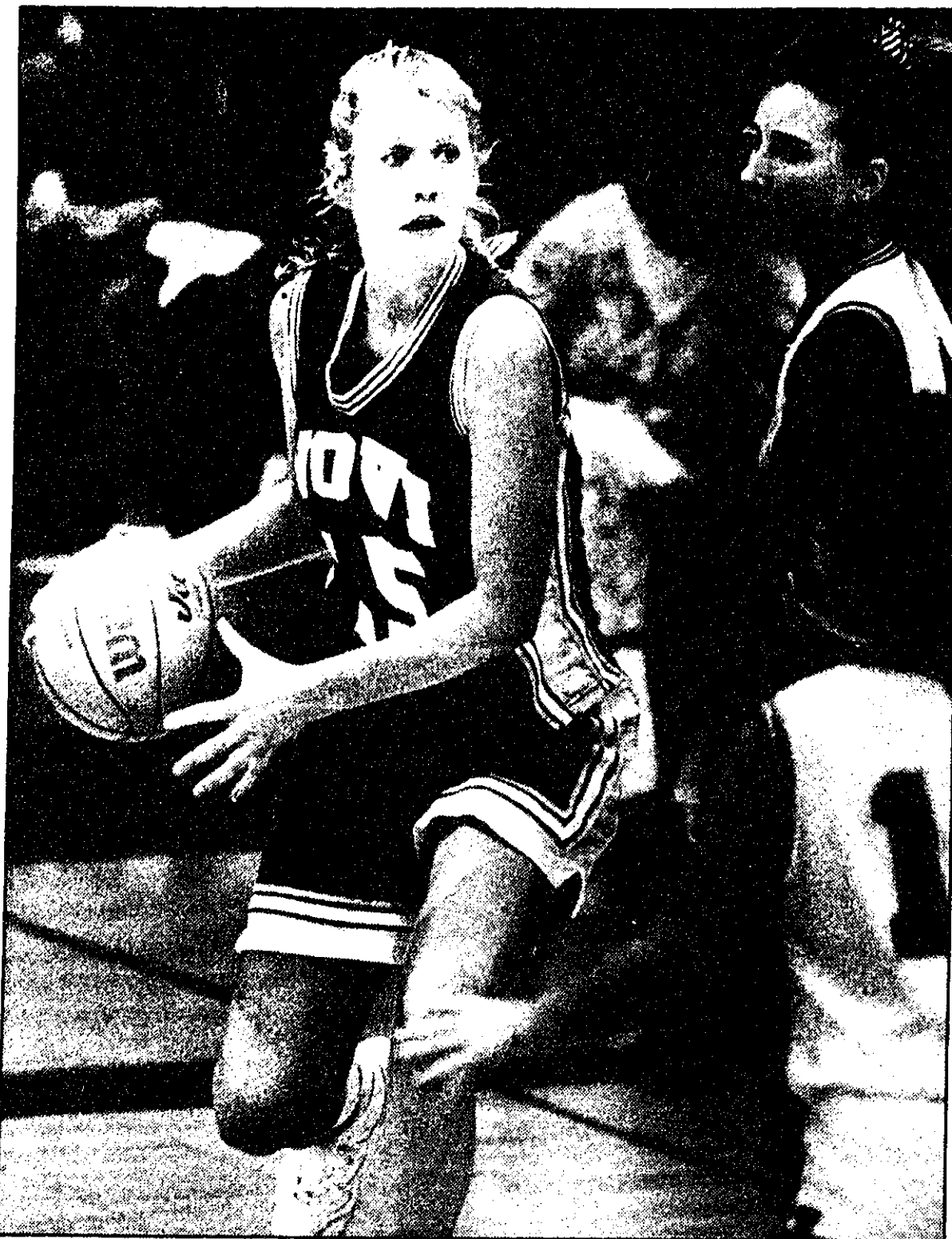
A recent study indicates that more than 6 percent of high school seniors use steroids. About two-thirds of these seniors used steroids before the age of 16. The use by high school and junior high school-age youth may be on the increase.

High school coaches may not be able to prevent the use of steroids, but they can clearly and forcefully discourage their use. Coaches should take a proactive role in prevention.

First, coaches should learn about steroids, what they do and what they will not do. Then they should provide information for their athletes. Steroids, with proper diet and weight training, can increase muscle development; however, as is typical with most get-rich-quick schemes, steroid use has potentially serious short- and long-term consequences that must be addressed.

Most coaches would never promote steroid use intentionally. Total silence by coaches, however, condones use in some young people's minds. Even though steroids may not be mentioned when it is suggested to an athlete that his or her success is limited only by a lack of weight or strength, without a disclaimer the statement can be a motivation to use steroids. The alarming nature of the drugs that allows for development of increased weight under the aforementioned circumstances is a coercive power that is difficult for the individual to resist without knowing what the side effects of the drugs may be.

While steroid use is not rivaling the use of alcohol and other drugs in schools, it is a concern. The issue goes beyond protecting the integrity of sports.



Krislin Kenny made our top team for the second straight year.

Novi's Kenny makes top area hoops squad

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This is the 5-foot-11 junior's second trip to the All-Area lineup, after making the squad as a sophomore. Her game matured this year as Sutton led the team in points with 11 a game, rebounds with six a game and blocked shots with 33.

"She was our go-to-girl," said Lions coach Ron Shanks. "She was the one we based our offense around. Teams tried to stop that and she had a lot of double-teaming working against her."

Sutton also led the Lions with 42 percent field-goal shooting and she shot 62 percent from the free-throw line.

"She improved her shot selection and her percentage this year, but her biggest improvement was on defense," Shanks said. "She blocked shots and stayed out of foul trouble. She was able to be more aggressive on defense."

Sutton was a second-team All-KVC pick.

BRANDY TAYLOR
Lakeland forward

Long known as one of the area's top all-around athletes, Taylor was looking for success on the basketball floor. Not for herself [this is the seniors' second trip to the All-Area team], but for her team Lakeland finished the year 3-21.

Edwards, Kearney on second dream team

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AMY PIETLA
South Lyon forward

The Lions' MVP, Pietla was named first-team All-KVC season.

Pietla was second in Lions' scoring with 10 points a game and led in assists with 3.1 a game.

"That's the first time we've ever had a forward lead in assists," said South Lyon coach Ron Shanks. "She had good ball control and we even used her as another guard."

Pietla was also a clutch free-throw shooter in crunch time. Seventeen of South Lyon's 21 games were decided by eight points or less, and seven of those games were in overtime. Much of Pietla's 69.5 free-throw percentage came during game-deciding situations.

"Her free-throw shooting a key to those close games," Shanks said. "She was the one we wanted on the line."

Spartans compete in local swimming meet

The Novi-Livonia Spartan Swim Club recently hosted the ABC Fall Classic meet with 26 teams and 570 youths competing.

Results of the meet are as follows:

Boys 13-18 year-old-division

John McLennan was second in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 200 yard backstroke; Jason Fisher won the 100 yard freestyle, 100 and 200 backstroke, and the 200 yard butterfly; Mike Orris won the 100 butterfly and the 200 IM; Steve Domin won the 200 and 500 freestyle. He also won the 100 butterfly.

Rod Palma was second in the 200 breaststroke; Pat Morgan was third in the 100 butterfly; Tom Sotvick was first in the 100-yard backstroke; Randy Cobb was the winner of the 100 breaststroke and Matt Sordiac was first in the 200 IM.

Boys 11-12 year-old division

Ryan Anolick was first in the 100

Girls 13-18 year-old-division

Maria McKenzie was first in the 50 and 200 freestyle; Karen Coulter won the 200 IM; Beth DeWolf was third in the 50 freestyle; Tanya Culp was seventh in the 50 freestyle; Michelle Sweller was second in the 200 freestyle; Katy Nicol was second in the 200 freestyle and Katie Goble was fifth in the 100 freestyle.

Maggie Corazza was first in the 200 freestyle and 200 butterfly; Amy Kothi was first in the 100 backstroke; Kate Bukreck was fifth in the 400 IM; Lauren Tenglin was second in the 100 butterfly; Jenny Taylor was fourth in the 200 backstroke; Sujay Nath was third in the 200 yard breaststroke and Andrea Lechowicz was fourth in the 200 breaststroke.

Girls 11-12 year-old division
Lauren Henderson was first in the 50 backstroke; Cara Dedecker was second in the 200 IM; Erin Edwards was sixth in the 50 butterfly; Colleen O'Neil was eighth in the 100 freestyle; Meghan Moeri was second in the 200 freestyle; Marti McKenzie was fifth in the 200 IM; Kristin Derwich was fourth in the 100 freestyle; Julie Kern was first in the 200 freestyle; Kris Uley was seventh in the 100 IM; Jordan Moblo third in the 100 back-

50 freestyle; Mike Kurtis was third in the 50 backstroke; Derek Seber was first in the 50 backstroke; Nick Grabowski was first in the 100-yard backstroke and 100 IM; Mike Malik was second in the 100 backstroke; Paul Stanalya was second in the 100 freestyle; Anthony Serge was second in the 200 IM and Mike Flaherty was eighth in the 50 backstroke.

Girls 11-12 year-old division
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NHS says no to competitive cheerleading

For a long, long time, cheerleading has been the Rodney Dangerfield of high school sports.

It just doesn't get any respect. But things are changing in the high school sports scene. While many students and fans refuse to recognize cheerleading as a sport, the one voice that really matters already does.

For the first time in its history, the Michigan High School Athletic Association is recognizing competitive cheerleading as a sport this winter. Other schools are moving ahead, however.

South Lyon, Brighton and Farmington are sponsoring MHSAA competitive varsity cheer teams this winter. In past years, those schools — along with Lakeland, Milford, Howell, Hartland and Frackney — have competed at league tournaments or other state competitions such as those sponsored by the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association (MCCA).

The MHSAA competitions will feature teams competing in three different routines: compulsory, jumping and creative. A panel of judges will award points to the teams based on their skills. The judging format takes into account a number of criteria and is very similar to the scoring of gymnastics and figure skating.

Statewide, 190 of the MHSAA's 694 member schools are participating in the MHSAA's first-year sport. Many other non-participants are taking a wait-and-see approach before deciding to enter teams next year.

"Several schools want to see what happens the first year," said Suzanne Martin, assistant director of the MHSAA. "Many schools are concerned about their financial status as it is. They want to be sure there's enough interest before they add another sports program."

Many school systems are looking at more than just dollars and cents. Anting competitive cheer adds to a growing cheerleading picture that can include pom-pom squads, support cheer and performance cheer.

"So many different questions have come up," said Jim Horan, Huron Valley Athletic Director. "Would the coach of support cheer also coach competitive cheer? Most schools are going to leave that up to the present cheerleading coach."

"If you do have two coaches, would you have the support cheer squad work basketball games and then hold tryouts for competitive cheer with another coach? It would be just like having two different sports."

Northville won't have separate squads in its first season, Colligan said. He said the school's sideline cheerleaders will be participating in state competitions this winter. It's possible cheerleading and competitive cheer could be separated down the road, Colligan added.

While 190 out of 694 MHSAA schools (27 percent) may not sound like much, it is a large number for an initial season.

One-hundred and ninety is an excellent number for the first year," Martin said. "That's already more schools than sponsor gymnastics, hockey, boys and girls skiing, girls soccer and girls golf."

More schools can join the MHSAA competitive cheer ranks as the season progresses.

"I think we could see another 10 to 20 schools added over the next couple of months," Martin said. "We're expecting 200-250 schools for this season."

MHSAA member teams must participate in a minimum of four competitions in order to be eligible for the post-season regional and state tournaments.

Seventh-year Fowlerville coach Peter Lentz, the dean of cheerleading coaches in Livingston County, said she has mixed feelings about the new MHSAA competitions.

"I like it and I don't," she said. "The thing I'm worried about is our girls, along with the girls from other schools, are going to end up missing some Friday-night basketball games because of (cheerleading) competitions on Saturday," she said. "I still think cheerleading is first and foremost about being at games and cheering on your team."

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The tree farm is the perfect place to pick out a Christmas tree.

Photo courtesy City of Novi

Christmas trees offered by city

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Christmas is only 23 days away, time to get out those holiday ornaments, decorate the tree, bake Christmas cookies and finish your Christmas shopping. Well, first things first... this weekend would be the perfect time to bundle up the kids and buy that special Christmas tree. Where can you find that perfect Christmas tree? Where else, but at the Novi Parks and Recreation tree farm.

Novi Parks and Rec doesn't just offer innovative programs, excellent classes, organized leagues, super special events and a hardworking staff. They now offer "cut your own" Christmas trees at the newest Novi park on 12 1/2 Mile Road, west of Novi Road near Dixon Road.

Thanks to Novi residents, the Parks and Recreation bond fund was utilized to purchase the tree garden and other parcels of land totaling 328 acres. This spectacular piece of property backs up to Lakeshore Park and

has natural hiking trails, deer and other wildlife, as well as some of the finest trees around.

Why not combine this year's trip for a Christmas tree with a visit to Novi's newest park. Bring the family and check out the pines (Austrian, Eastern White and Scotch), firs (Douglas and White) and spruce (Colorado Blue and White). The size range from 5-12 feet. The original \$35 price tag to cut any tree has been lowered to \$30. Haywagons will be on hand to haul your special tree back to the car. Saws, rope and twine are available free of charge.

There will also be some pre-cut for sale at prices ranging from \$15-\$25. Before or after you hunt for that perfect tree, help yourself to some hot cocoa or coffee. Parks and recreation laborer Steve Tillman will be on hand to help identify the trees for you. He can help you pick the best tree for your family. Proceeds from all tree sales will be used for future park improvements.

The Christmas tree sales begin Saturday, Dec. 4 to Sunday, Dec. 19.

Hours are: Saturdays (Dec. 4, 11, 18) from 9 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays (Dec. 9, 16) and Fridays (Dec. 10, 17) from noon to 4:30 p.m.

In the true spirit of Christmas, why not bring the family out to the Novi Parks and Recreation Tree Farm and cut down that very special tree. Don't forget to stop by the Novi Civic Center on Monday, Dec. 6 for a great, old-fashioned holiday celebration. Dress warm as the fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with hayrides through Power Park and hot cocoa on the Civic Center Plaza (south entrance). Visit with your Novi neighbors as you gather to hear the Novi Middle School Select Choir at 6:45 p.m.

Join Mayor Kathy McAllen as she welcomes Santa Claus and presents him with the key to the city and together they "Light Up the Holidays." New this year and thanks to JCK and Associates, Novi Parks and Recreation is proud to present the Light Up the Holiday Laser Light Show. Scheduled for 7:20 p.m., this outdoor laser show will be complete with fantastic graphics and holiday

music. It's one of a kind spectacular show that you won't want to miss! Special thanks again to co-sponsor JCK and Associates, as well as contributor Twelve Oaks Mall.

After the light show, bring the family inside for warmth, refreshments and visits with Santa (he stayed for the laser show too). All good little boys and girls will find Santa in the multi-purpose room waiting to hear their Christmas wishes. Special thanks to the Novi Newcomers and Neighbors, Novi Jaycees, Novi Optimist Club and the Novi Parks and Recreation staff.

Also, please remember to share in the holiday spirit of giving and bring a can of boxed food item or unwrapped new toy for the Joycees Needy Family Christmas Program. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information on Christmas Tree sales, Light Up the Holidays or any of their special programs.

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

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Chilly Willy Winter Festival: The sixth annual Chilly Willy Festival is coming to Novi Jan. 15. Activities include a sno-ball softball tournament, snowman building contest, chili cook-off and more. Information booklets will be available Dec. 3 at the Parks and Recreation office.

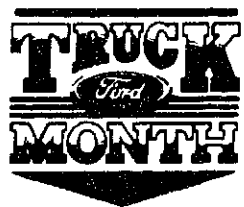
Adult volleyball: Join the fun of adult volleyball in Novi. The league's winter session runs from January to April. The league is limited to 12 teams. Co-ed divisions one and two play on Mondays and Thursdays; men's league plays on Wednesday. For more information call 347-0400.

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

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

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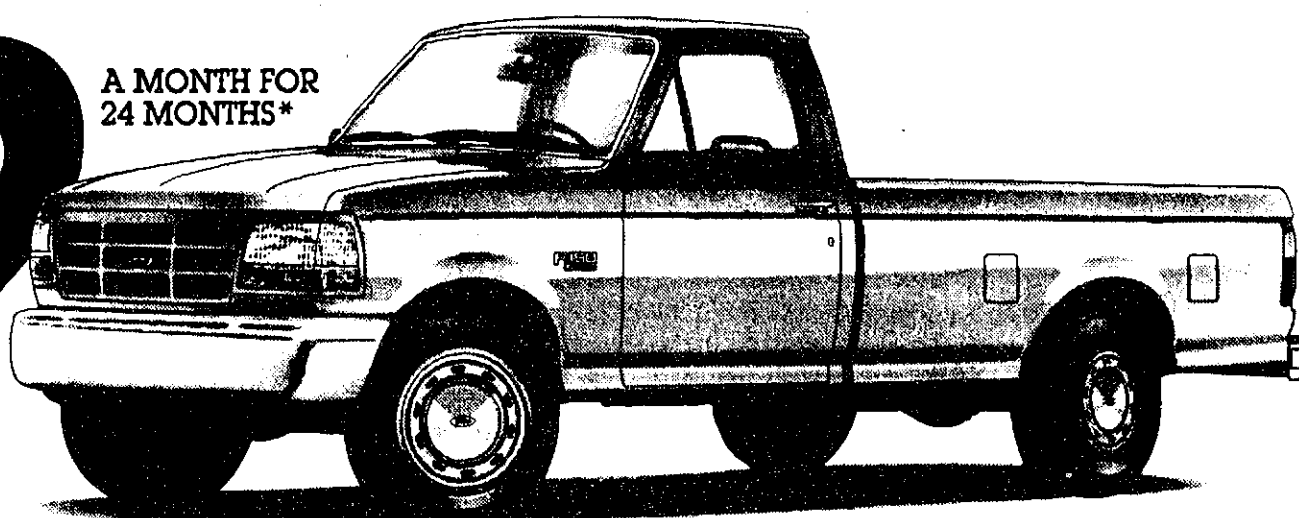


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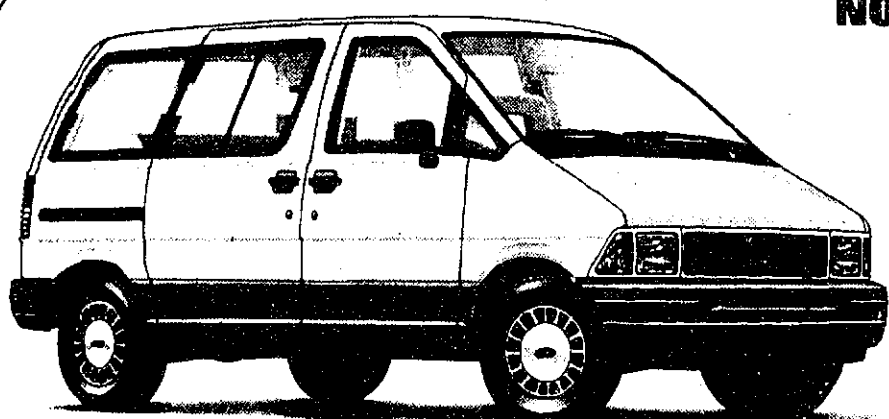
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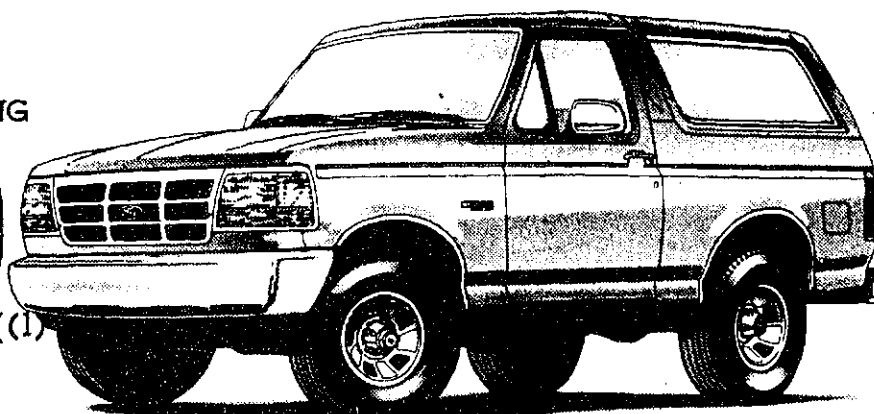
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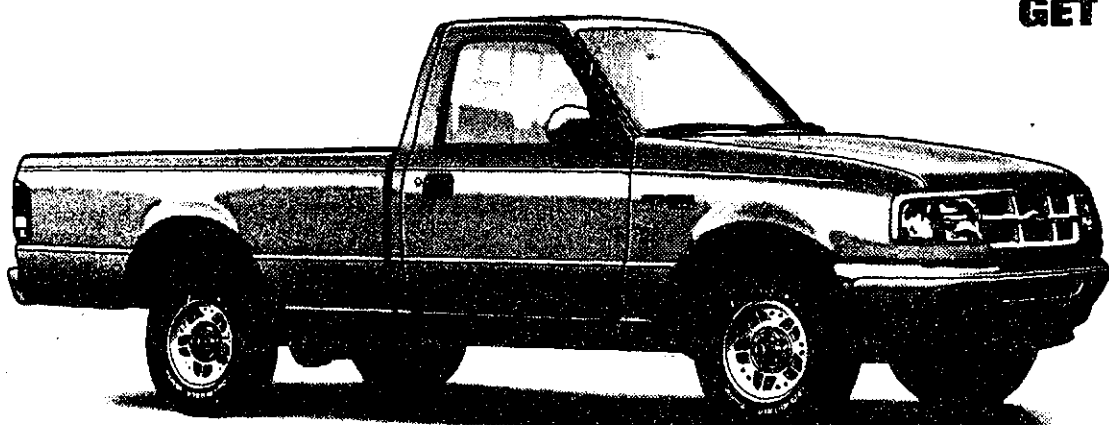
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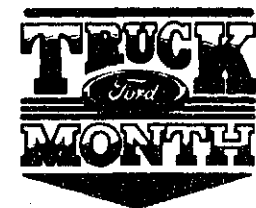
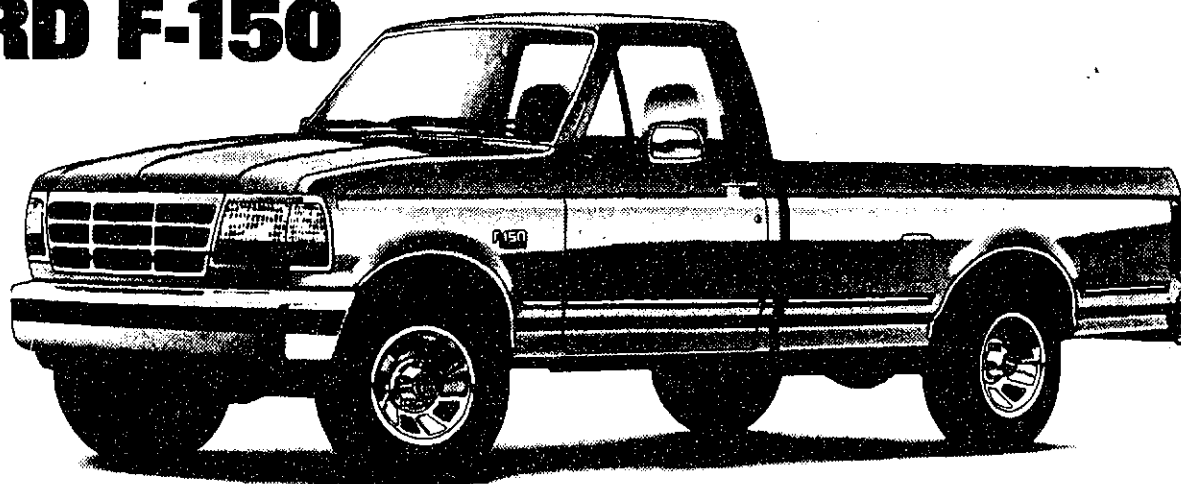
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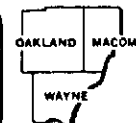
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A new type of reverse mortgage

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

A new type of reverse mortgage has been introduced. And it could give this senior-targeted concept a big boost in consumer acceptance and popularity.

A reverse mortgage is a special type of loan available to senior homeowners over the age of 62. It allows the senior to tap the equity acquired in his or her home to generate a monthly income. The homeowner receives a check every month from the mortgage company, reversing the direction of conventional mortgage payments.

Up to this point, most reverse mortgage plans continued the stream of payments to the homeowner as long as the senior individual or couple owned and resided in the home securing the loan. If they sold the house or moved to another residence, the loaned amount would immediately be due and payable.

The basic plan, offered since the early 1980s, has stimulated a lot

of interest among senior homeowners. Reverse mortgages are the subject of most inquiries received by the American Association of Retired Persons. There were more than 18,000 inquiries about this product during the past year, according to Bronwyn Belling of the AARP.

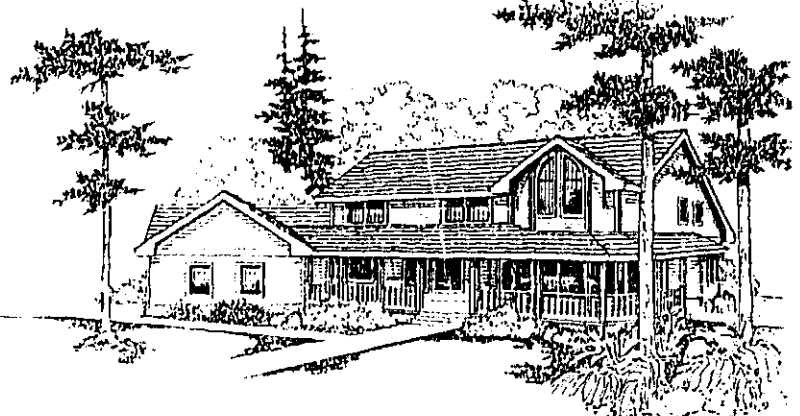
The new reverse mortgage plan does not limit the payments to the period of time the senior owns and resides in the home. It can continue for the rest of the senior's life, no matter where he or she (or the couple) lives.

The plan is offered by Transamerica HomeFirst, a subsidiary of Transamerica Corp., one of the nation's largest life insurance carriers. The plan includes an annuity provided by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. or Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Co., another subsidiary of Transamerica Corp.

Similar reverse mortgage plans will undoubtedly be offered by

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HOME DESIGNS



Plenty of room to spread out in the Manchester 2

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Even a large family won't feel cramped in the Manchester 2. Bright and spacious, this five-bedroom, two-story home provides plenty of room to spread out.

Family living areas, the master suite and an office are downstairs. Four more bedrooms and the utility room are on the upper level.

A balcony at the top of the stairs provides a vantage point for observing activities in the vaulted family room below.

Two of the bedrooms are large and have vaulted ceilings. Bedroom four is small. These three rooms share a dual compartment bathroom. Bedroom five (or the guest suite) has a private bathroom.

Two linen closets and a storage closet are tucked into alcoves in the upper hallway.

Amenities in the laundry room include a deep sink, a fold-down ironing board and space for a sewing machine.

Family activities take place in the kitchen and family room. A work island with grill and vegetable sink provides additional counter space, and the walk-in pantry is large enough to store a summer's worth of home-canning along with plenty of other food.

The eating nook is brightened by the adjacent skylit sun room, accessible through French doors.

Windows fill most of the back wall of the family room, which is large enough to house a media center, couches and easy chairs. Blazes in the

hearthed fireplace provide a cheerful focal point on dark winter days.

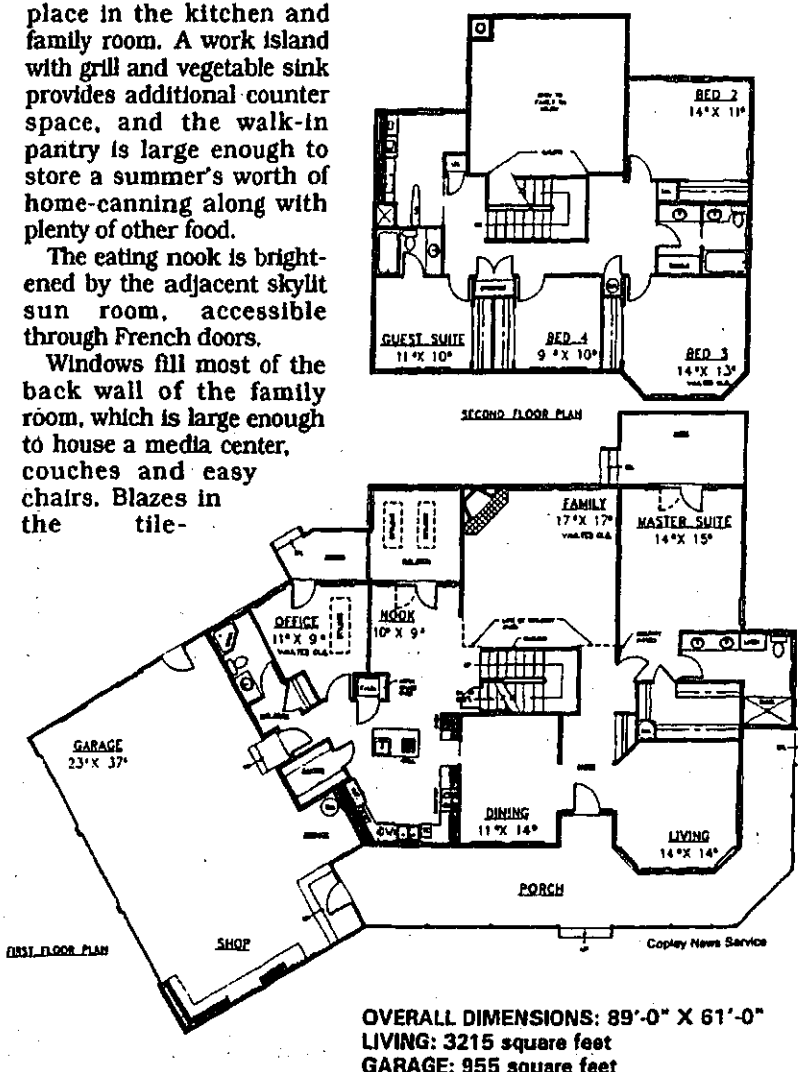
The dining room and living room face the street. Although rich in windows — especially the living room — the light is softened by the covered porch.

Controls for a security system are just inside the door to the master suite. Luxury amenities include a huge walk-in closet, oversize shower and twin basins in a long vanity. French doors open onto a small private deck.

The three-car garage has storage space plus a built-in shop area. A mud room/bathroom combination is tucked between the garage and the kitchen. A small skylit office is also convenient to both areas.

For a study plan of the Manchester 2, (332-133), send \$9 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.)

MANCHESTER 2



KNOW THY NEIGHBOR

By Cynthia Tarchinski
STAFF WRITER

Getting to know your neighbors isn't just a common courtesy, it makes good safety sense, according to area law enforcement officials.

Lt. Ivan Deering of the Livingston County Sheriff's Department said the easiest way to protect yourself and home from thieves is to keep in touch with your neighbors.

"First and foremost, people have to talk with their neighbors," he said. "You've got to let them know what your habits are."

If a neighbor notices a strange car in the area or strangers at a home at a time when people are not normally at home, they should call the police, Deering said. Suspicious-looking people driving through a neighborhood slowly could be looking for an easy target.

A common misconception is that break-ins take place at night, Deering said. Actually, the majority take place in the hours just after people leave for work or in the early afternoon. A moving van or repair vehicle could actually be a front for a burglar.

When it comes to the burglar-proofing the home, adequate locks on doors and windows are a good start, but they're not the only way to keep out criminals, Deering said.

"I don't care what kind of locks you put on your door," he said. "If these people want to get in, they're going to get in."

Deering said with the price of home alarms coming down, he also suggests that homeowners invest in a good system. He said \$1,000-\$1,200 is reasonable for a system when you think of all the valuables found in a home. An audible alarm will often deter a criminal or at least keep the criminal from ransacking a home, he said.

Vincent Miceli, owner of Allstar Alarm Co. in Howell, said he has sold systems for as little as \$300-\$400 for a

basic package including wiring for a couple of doors and a motion detector.

UPDATE locks. This is a good idea especially when you change houses or apartments.

DON'T leave an extra key.

USE outside lighting.

DON'T leave tools, furniture and playthings in the yard overnight.

LEAVE at least one light on in the house when leaving for an evening.

TALK to your neighbors. Let them know if you plan to be gone for extended periods of time.

An average system for three or four doors, 10-12 windows, a motion detector and glass protection might cost about \$1,200, he said. Prices depend on the options a person wants to include.

Consumers should know that companies offering extremely low prices on systems can do so because often those systems are leased to the homeowner. With a leased system, the homeowner is often required to pay a monthly fee for the system in addition to the installation cost.

Jewelry, cash, VCRs, TVs and guns are the items most easily stolen, Deering said. It's surprising how many people do not have serial numbers or any identifying information about valuable items, he added.

Police suggest taking photographs of furniture and paintings or any other item that might be hard to identify through a verbal description.

Possessions should be marked with a driver's license number or any other easily traceable identification number.

"We can't enter them as stolen if we don't have the serial numbers," Deering said. "People who commit breaking and entering don't usually do just one. They'll have several."

When the criminals are eventually caught it makes it easier to trace the stolen property if the serial numbers are known.

If safes are used it is best to bolt them to a concrete floor. A safe just sitting in a closet may be carried off.

"These criminals don't want to work for a living, that's why they're stealing from you," he said. "That's why you

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Select right plants to avoid pests

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

You can reduce garden and landscape maintenance, including the amount of pesticides you need, by making wise choices of plant materials. Start by selecting plants that are suited to your area, including native plants.

To maintain healthy plants with few pest problems, look for insect and disease-resistant varieties.

At purchase time:

- Select plants that are sturdy and have well-developed root systems.
- Buy plants from a reputable grower who can assure you that they are disease- and insect-free, or better still, grow your own from seed.
- Avoid accepting plants from friends if there is any chance they have insects or disease.

Native or naturalized plants usually are more tolerant of local environmental conditions and pests, ensuring better performance with less care.

Beware, though, some native trees can also be problem trees, having either messy fruit (mulberry), troublesome root systems (willows) or high susceptibility to pests (black locust).

Disease-resistant varieties are plants that have been developed to resist a specific

disease. A resistant variety is not resistant to all disease but only to those for which it has been developed.

Disease resistance does not mean that the plant will not get the disease, but the disease will at least be less severe than for susceptible varieties.

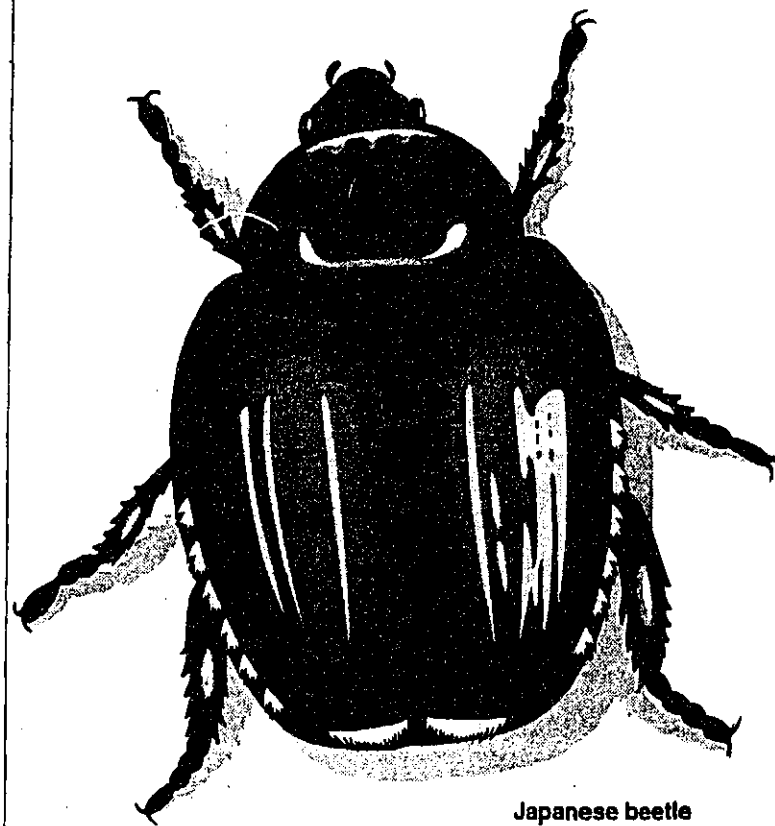
Fruit trees, including those grown for flowers, such as Kwanzan cherry, are often subject to disease and Japanese beetle infestation. Management of fruit trees with pesticides requires a genuine commitment of time and knowledge.

Using disease-resistant varieties of vegetables not only makes gardening easier, but also reduces the expense and potential for pollution with pesticides. Although many nontoxic materials are used to control vegetable disease, it is best to avoid all pesticide use if possible by selecting disease-resistant varieties. Seed catalogs indicate which varieties are resistant to various diseases.

Insect-resistant plants are bred to resist or repel insects by physical or biochemical means. An insect-resistant plant can physically deter insects from extracting plant

Avoid pest problems

- Select sturdy plants with well-developed root systems.
- Purchase disease-free, insect-free plants from reputable sources.
- Avoid free plants if there is any chance they may be diseased.
- Native plants are more tolerant of local weather conditions and pests than other varieties.
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Japanese beetle

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Facelift helps credit union serve clients

By Anne Seebaldt Gogolin

After several months of renovation work, Research Federal Credit Union's Milford branch office has a brand new look and will be better able to serve its customers.

Jodi Huss, marketing coordinator for the Milford office, said a leaky basement was only one of the problems that needed to be addressed by the work on the building built in 1985.

"Architecturally, there were some problems with the original building," Huss said.

Geri Walko, manager of the Milford office, said that the building "was not structurally sound."

Daniels and Zermack Associates Inc. of Ann Arbor designed and completed the entire renovation project.

In addition to addressing the original inadequacies of the facility, the renovation expanded usable space in the 7,400-square-foot building by an additional 3,500 square feet.

Huss said another need met by the renovation process was better utilization of existing space to improve services for Research Federal's growing membership.

"Three years ago, we were four employees here," Walko said. "We are now 15 in number. You can see how we're growing to offer personal financial services."

The membership includes many General Motors employees and family members, members of Huron Valley and South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce (HVCC) and their families, and employees of HVCC members.

During the renovation, "we tried to let members know about alternative services" so that they could avoid the mess and the construction dust, Huss said, adding that many members came in to check the progress of

the renovation anyway. "The hardest part was trying to keep warm and function with construction noise and dust," she said.

Employees worked throughout the construction process which began Dec. 15 and concluded near the end of August. In order to deal with the construction dust, employees were allowed to wear casual dress. In July, construction settled down enough for employees to resume professional dress.

"We were only closed for 10 minutes from the normal hours to close the old entrance and open the new one," Walko said.

The grand opening took place Oct. 18 to 22 during the celebration of National Credit Union Week. Research Federal Credit Union celebrated 57 years of service and 19 years of service for the Milford branch office.

The renovation work included lowering the building's cathedral ceiling, replacing all flooring and carpeting, redesigning the existing space to allow for construction of a private member services area, adding a sprinkler system which meets new construction code requirements, and changing the dark mauve walls, ceilings, and floors to lighter and brighter colors.

"Decorating has taken a giant leap

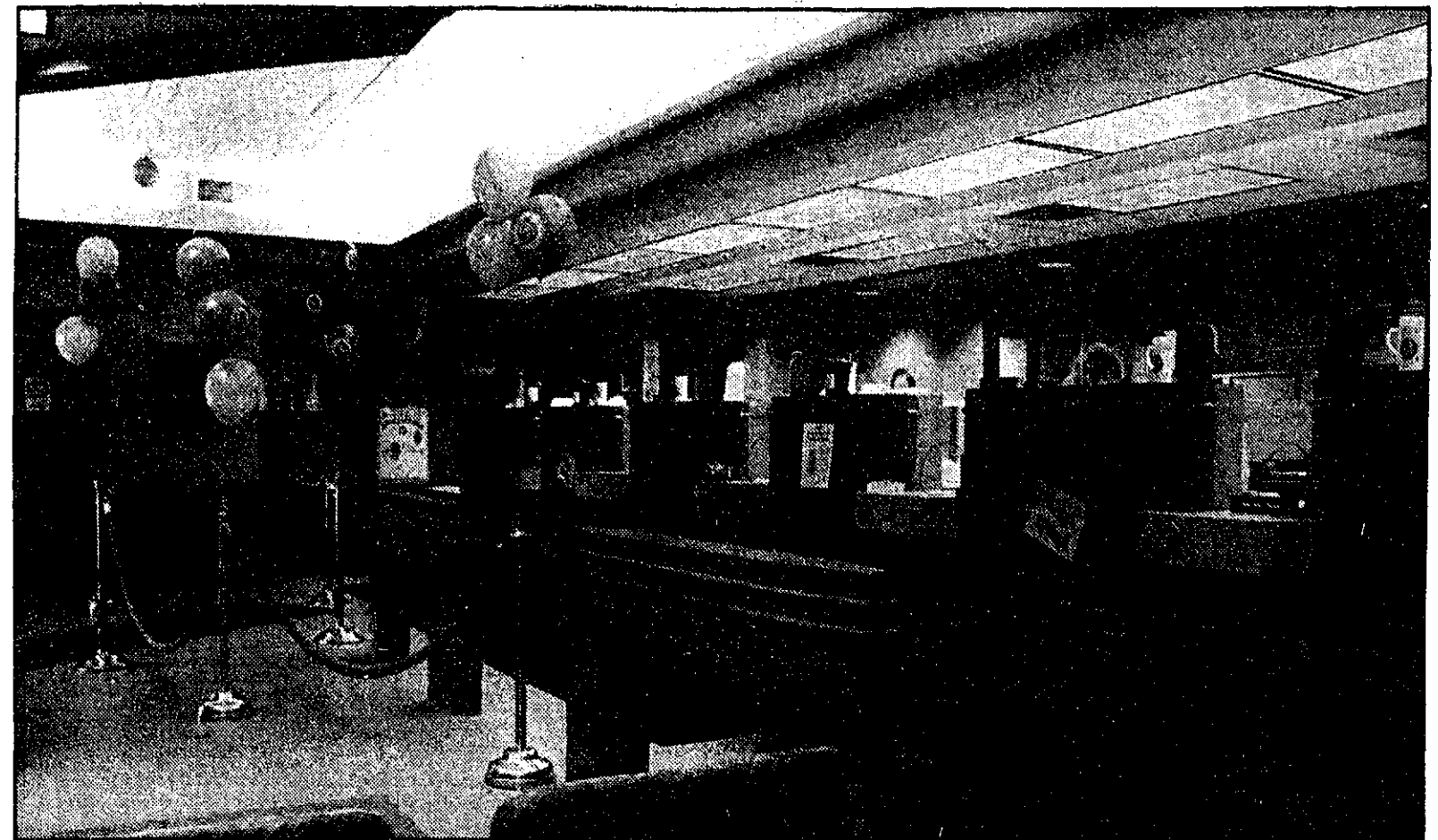


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Research Federal Credit Union was completely renovated to make for a more "customer friendly" environment.

up," Walko said. Huss explained that one of the primary advantages to members is that the new member service area, located to the right of the main entrance, allows for greater client privacy when discussing confidential matters such as loans and investments.

In addition, Walko said, the tellers were off to one side of the lobby rather

than their present location directly across from the building entrance.

The renovation is definitely more customer-friendly, Huss said.

The customer drive-through area was moved from the building's south side to the west side and has two lanes instead of one.

Other relocations include the moving of the night depository next to the new drive-through area, more

safety deposit boxes, and ATM relocation to the south side of the building.

An additional service area which resulted from the renovation is the full-service mortgage department which is located in an unused portion of the basement.

"The best aspect of the renovation

is that (the credit union) is member-friendly," Huss said.

Walko said that Diana Dulkiewicz, vice president of facilities for Research Federal, initiated and directed the renovation efforts. Walko added that the credit union facility is fully approved to meet Americans With Disabilities Act requirements "from the bathroom to the basement."

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Business Briefs

Gus's Carryout just came to South Lyon this summer. But already, owner and general manager Mark Savades has some changes in mind to improve the business.

He's made plans to put a television in the store, for both sporting events and movies. During the Christmas season, Savades said he'll play Disney videos, so Mom, Dad and the kids can go out for dinner and enjoy some family entertainment at the same time.

Another plan to appeal to families is hosting pizza parties for children's birthdays. Savades said, "The restaurant can provide just about everything the birthday child might need for a day's worth of fun—the parents just need to sit back and relax while Gus's feeds the youngsters and takes care of cleaning up after them."

While the seating capacity of the restaurant, located in Brookdale Square on Pontiac Trail, is somewhat small, Savades said he's put in an order for more seats to increase the capacity of the restaurant.

Besides the pizza, salads, sandwiches and ribs most associate with Gus's, Savades notes the restaurant also does catering, with menus including hearty pasta dishes or chicken.

The restaurant's hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 437-6855.

The Crystal Slipper is celebrating its one-year anniversary in business by expanding and moving to 220 McHattie St., South Lyon.

In the past year, owner Judy A. Blessing only did nails, but as her business increased, additional services were demanded. A massage therapist has been added. Services now available include tanning, pedicure, facial, hot waxing, and a total relaxation spa.

For appointments and additional information, call 486-6649.

Quest for Quaint, recently opened for business at 10979 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon.

Owner Diane Aedan Appleberg is offering a variety of homemade crafts and gifts displayed in a 50-year old house that once served as a restaurant. Ice cream parlor and a pizza place.

Available are Yankee candles, Main Street Press greeting cards, Green Leaf sachet scents, baskets, dolls, burners, bears, pillows, wearable arts, stained glass, jewelry boxes, handmade carpets and much more.

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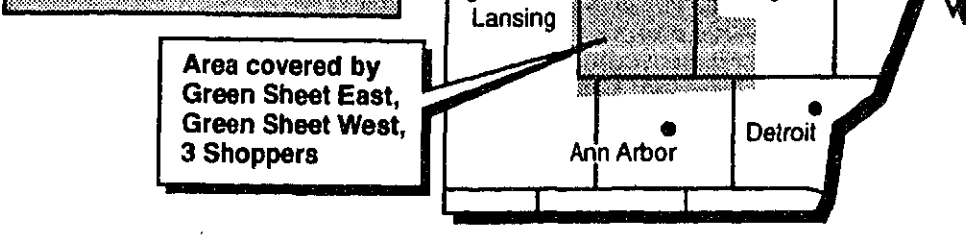
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EOE

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