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City blasted for accepting land for trail

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A group of residents of The Maples of Novi are really teed off... and not because they have a golf course in their community. Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to accept a 12-foot wide easement in the subdivision, for possible future use as a woodchip nature trail, as outlined in the city's Natural Resources Design Plan. In January, the council may once again decide whether or not to stay on the track of the controversial 33-mile trail system. According to Maples developer Sam Blumenstein, 20 percent of the residents of the Fourteen Mile and Decker Road subdivision do

not want any trails, while 80 percent are all for the prospect. "The people to my right are closest to the trail. They have concerns. They've heard problems from Briarwood, which are unbelievable when you hear the horror stories up here. We live in a tremendous fear these days. Whenever we think we're going to be more exposed than our neighbors, we get scared. Look carefully at what you're going to do," Blumenstein advised the council. About 15 of the dissenting householders — those on Sleepy Hollow and Vine Court, which back up to the proposed trail — were at the council meeting to protest the plan.

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Man held in murder of Novi teenager

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

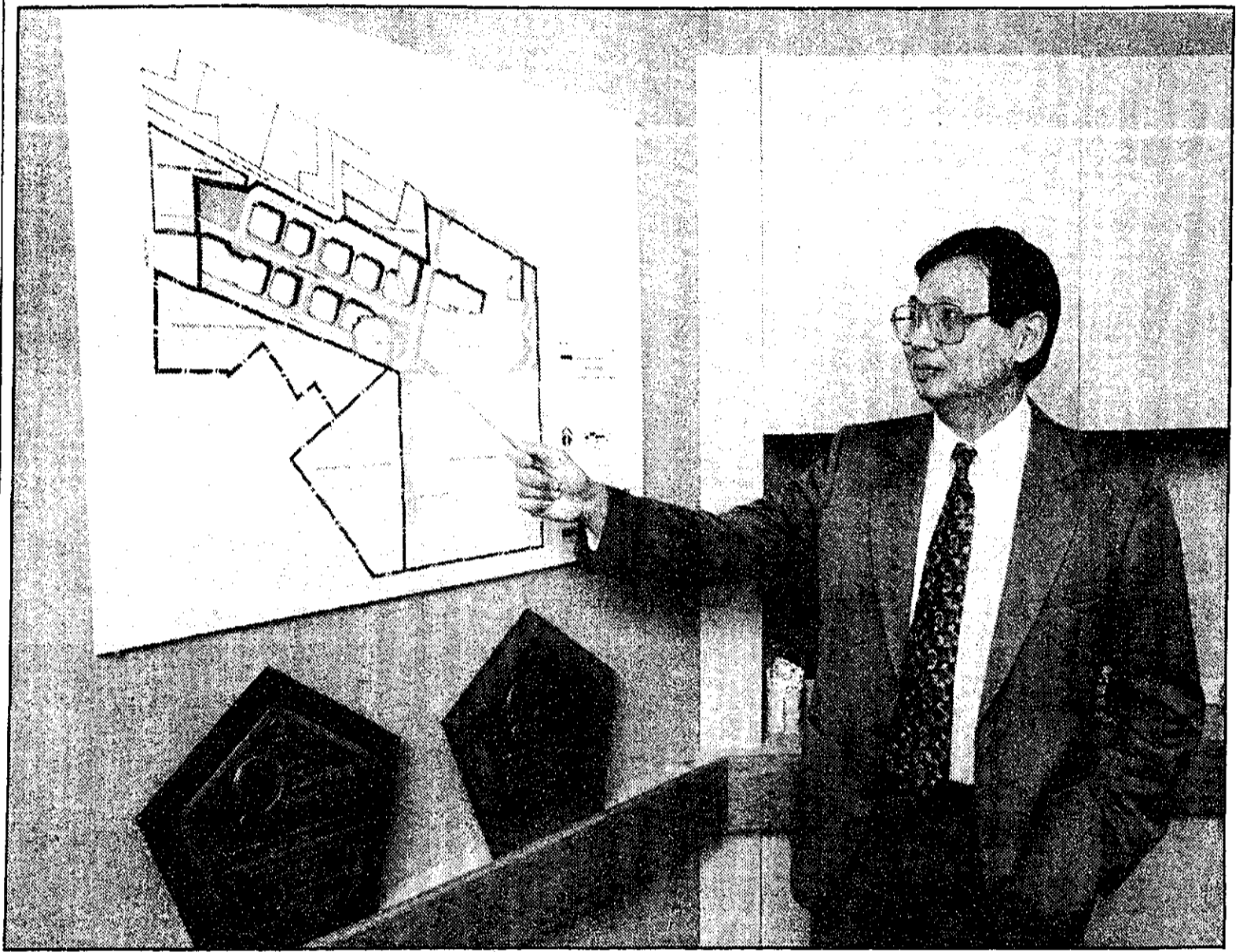
On Tuesday, Detroit police had an 18-year-old Detroit man in custody in connection with the weekend fatal shooting of Novi High School junior Rochelle Ebrahimi. Calvin Williams was arraigned on a charge of first degree murder in 36th District Court Wednesday before Magistrate Charles Hanon. He was remanded to circuit without bond. Police found the body of the 16-year-old Novi girl fully clothed at 5:40 a.m. Saturday in Detroit near the railroad tracks south of Joy Road at Abington, according to Detroit Sergeant Christopher Buck.

"I thought we had escaped it. It was my hope that when we got away she would be safe and secure. We almost made it."

Cheryl Young
Rochelle Ebrahimi's mother

The girl died of a single gunshot wound to the head, Buck said. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church on Ten Mile Road in Novi. Visitation will be Thursday from 6-9 p.m. and Friday 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at the Sullivan Funeral Home, 4155 Grand River Avenue. Cheryl Young, the girl's mother, said Monday she believes Williams, her daughter's former boyfriend, pulled the fatal trigger. Williams' attorney could not be reached. Young said her daughter and

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James Chen of Evergreen III points out features of proposed Main Street.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Main Street U.S.A

Chen says he can build it in Novi from scratch

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For structural engineer James Chen, the muddy expanse of vacant land to the south and east of the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection is more than just a 55-acre field of dreams. It's the future. Not just of Novi, but of a precedent-setting \$50-to-\$60 million, 600,000 square-foot project which is already drawing the interest of national building trade journals. Chen is the spokesman for Evergreen III Inc., a consortium of



doctors, lawyers and businessmen joined together in a Farmington Hills-based investor's group which aims to bring a longtime dream of Novi planners into the realm of

reality. Where big-time developers have tried and backed out, the investors of Evergreen III say they can and will build a mini-downtown for Novi. "We kind of like what the city is looking for in the Main Street project. It's going back to the old days. This is my personal opinion," Chen, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Taiwan, said. "We've been dealing with modern contemporary building for the past 30 years and people like to go back to when we were little kids. When I was a little kid, I thought of Main

Street, of Market Street, as more personal contact than there is in a modern supermall." "We are trying to create something from thin air." Since 1980, the prospect of a downtown at the four corners of Novi Road and Grand River, anchored by an old-fashioned Main Street, has been a glimmer in the eyes of Novi officials. In the late 1980s, Oakland County's Planning Department worked with Novi to come up the designs for a "pedestrian-friendly,"

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American education gets 'F' for effort

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

If education reformer Dr. Willard Daggett were handing out report cards today, educators in America wouldn't be making the grade. Contrary to American students' high performance on local standardized achievement tests, Daggett told an audience of mostly educators Monday night the academic performance of students in this country pales in comparison to their counterparts in European and industrialized Asian nations. The doctor spoke in the Fuerst Auditorium, half-filled with teachers, administrators, board of education members and parents from both Novi and Northville schools. The night session followed an earlier meeting with teachers and staff at Novi High School. It preceded a Tuesday morning staff presentation at Northville High School. "It doesn't matter how you cut it, you're at the bottom of the barrel," Daggett said after showing the audience how poorly American students performed on international math and applied science tests. The test was given to advanced placement students from suburban school districts like Novi and Northville, Daggett said. "These are your best and bright-



Photo by Bryan Mitchell

Education reformer Dr. Willard Daggett talks with Novi Schools' Rita Traynor.

est," he said as he unveiled the low scores students here achieved in algebra, biology, chemistry and

physics. On some tests, more American students were tested but scored

worse than fewer students from other countries. The same held true

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We apologize...

Delivery problems have delayed the arrival of *The Novi News*' Cable Guide to the Novi Public Library on the past two Fridays. Many readers were disappointed when the directories did not arrive until nearly the end of the day. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Because of delivery schedules, the Cable Guide will not be available for readers to pick up until 10 a.m. on Mondays, when the library opens, in the future. Cable Guides will be available in *The Novi News*' offices at 104 W. Main Street in downtown Northville as early as 8:30 a.m. on Mondays. Also, due to the high demand, we will be making more copies available to readers at those two sites.

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Today, December 16

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

Saturday, December 18

Santa at the Hilton: Santa will be visiting the Novi Hilton from 8:30-11 a.m. for breakfast buffet and pictures at DaVinci's. Cost is \$6.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children 5-12 and \$3.95 for children under 5. Reservations are suggested. Call 349-4000. The Novi Hilton is located at 1-275 and Eight Mile Road.

Monday, December 20

Cholesterol Screening: Total cholesterol screening by finger-stick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

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

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

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

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.

Tuesday, December 21

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

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

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.

Breast Disease Support Group: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi is offering a support group for women who suffer from breast disease from 7-9 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center (located at 47601 Grand River). Anyone who has experienced breast disease is welcome. For additional information or to register, call Community Health Education at 1-800-968-5595.

Wednesday, December 22

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

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

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, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve: City offices and the public library are closed.

Monday, December 27

Christmas Holiday: City offices are closed.

Novi schools' MEAP scores show steady increase

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAP SCORES					
MATH					
GRADE	1993 SCORE	1992 SCORE	1991 SCORE	1990 SCORE	1989 SCORE
4	78.4	63.8	63.0	96.8*	-
7	72.2	52.6	52.4	90.1*	-
10	47.8	33.2	37.3	84.8*	-
READING					
4	66.6	59.6	56.8	54.1	58.5**
7	61.5	42.3	36.8	47.8	48.7**
10	61.5	53.3	56.3	58.8	44.6**
SCIENCE					
5	81.8	84.5	80.1	74.5	80.2†
8	74.2	69.4	71.9	67.6	73.4†
11	64.9	64.4	60.6	61.0	58.1†

*Former Basic Skills Test in math.
†First year of new reading test format (five year comparison)
‡First year of new science test format (five year comparison)
Scores are percent of students who received "satisfactory" (i.e. scored 300 or above on each of the reading sections)

Novi's 1993 Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores indicate students are maintaining the steady academic improvement district officials have come to expect.

Overall, Novi's scores for math, reading and science were up over last year's test results, with the exception of fifth grade science scores which fell 2.7 percent.

District officials said Tuesday they were pleased with the overall scores, but haven't had time yet to dissect them to find out what went wrong with the fourth grade science curriculum.

percent of the district's fourth graders passed the math portion of the MEAP objectives. That's a 14.6 percent increase over last year's results. In the seventh grade, 72.2 percent of students passed, a 19.6 percent jump over the district's 1992 scores. The district also saw a 14.6 percent increase this year in the tenth graders' 1992 math scores.

On the fourth grade reading test, 66.6 percent of the students passed the reading objectives, a seven percent increase over last year's results. Sixty-one percent of both the seventh and tenth graders passed the 1993 reading test objectives. That's 19.2 percent higher this year than last year's seventh grade 42.3 score. And this year's tenth graders scored 8.5 percent higher than last year's class who scored 53.3 percent.

Science scores were the only area where the district showed a slight decrease in the fifth graders performance. In 1993, only 81.8 percent of fifth graders passed the test, that's 2.7 percent less than the fifth graders tested in 1992. But the eighth graders and 11th graders fared well, reporting a 4.8 percent and 0.5 percent increase over last year's tally respectively.

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The House softened the bill by making it inapplicable in private driveways or private property not used for vehicular travel by the public.

The vote was 58 to 39. Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, supported the measure.

Refer to House Bill 4953 when writing to your senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48913. The bill is in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Renters to will get no break from tax reform

Renter-occupied housing is taxed as commercial property and may not benefit from proposed property tax cuts, a spokesman for the apartment industry says.

"Renters are being penalized because they don't own the home where they live," said Melvin Kalfan, president of the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) and of Kalfan Enterprises in Southfield. "Renters need to urge their state senators to include them in the property tax rollback."

The 1990 Census indicated that 991,688 (or 29 percent) of housing units in Michigan were renter-occupied. They are classified as commercial property and are treated as businesses in paying taxes.

"Renters who can't afford to buy a home are at a disadvantage over people who already own homes," added Kalfan.

Of all the renter-occupied units, 22 percent are occupied by "empty nesters" or seniors 55 years and over; 35 percent are occupied by three or more persons, according to AAM.

Schools on-line with \$32 million building project

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Work continues in the Novi Community School District on a series of expansions, improvements and technology additions that are part of the \$31.9 million bond issue.

The Board of Education received an update on construction Dec. 2 from David Price, the chief consultant on the project.

"I suppose this is one of the few times that dirt and mud is a good thing," board President Ray Byers said.

"It's a sign of progress," Price said.

Ground is dug up all over the district, and everywhere are signs of construction, Price said. All in all, work is about three months behind schedule. He said, but indicated that completion dates would remain the same.

Those dates call for all work to be complete by the beginning of the 1995-96 school year, with the lion's share wrapped up by the end of this summer and fall.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Jim Koster reported that financially the work is still near the bull's-eye.

"There's still some flexibility in the budget," he said, "not much but some."

Price reviewed for the board the progress of construction efforts:

- Novi High School is slated for new classrooms and another gym, additional student services and music instruction space, a kitchen addition, auditorium and media center improvements, renovations, carpeting and more.
- Orchard Hills Elementary has new windows, roof and corridor walls — projects completed this summer, Price said. Heating, cooling and technology improvement work is ongoing, he added, and will continue through the fall of 1995.
- Novi Middle School will see technology improvements installed this summer, Price said, as will Novi Woods Elementary. That school will receive carpeting in the summer of 1995.
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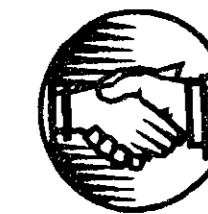
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Arbor to double warehouse size

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Arbor Drugs has received a green light for the expansion of its Novi warehouse, but there's at least one resident who doesn't like it.

Stassen Avenue homeowner Jerry DeAngelis tried to get the Novi Planning Commission to reject a proposed addition to the warehouse Dec. 1, but he was unsuccessful.

Commissioners approved a special-use permit, variance, permit and preliminary site plan for the facility located in an industrial park off Novi Road near the post office.

DeAngelis' property borders the park, he said. The resident told the commission that he and his neighbors constantly have to deal with noise and lights from the buildings and truck traffic there. Allowing Arbor to add another 250,000 square feet to its existing 228,000 square foot warehouse, he said, would only increase the problem.

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Jerry DeAngelis
Neighboring homeowner

would be eight hours a day," DeAngelis said. "Now it's 24 hours a day. Now you're talking about having more trucks and more lights. Where does it end?"

"If it was next door to you," he asked the commission at one point, "how would you vote?"

Representatives of Arbor responded that their warehouse does not operate 24 hours a day. Nearby facilities do, however, and are creating the disturbance, one representa-

part of the expansion plan, but is not to be constructed for some time, an Arbor representative said.

The extra docks mean more trucks and more employees, which in turn mean additional traffic for the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road area, traffic consultant Rod Arroyo said.

"The 70 employees there now, he said, will be joined by 50 more working in a three-shift operation stretching from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Truck traffic will also increase.

All in all, the expansion will add about 48 vehicles daily to the already clogged intersection, Arroyo said.

The increase, however, equal only two percent of traffic during the morning rush hour and one percent during the evening rush hour. Those figures are acceptable, he said, and he recommended approval of the plan.

The matter now moves on to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals for a review of its request for a building height requirement variance.

Library Notes

Preschool story hours: Registration for the January and February sessions of toddler and preschool story hours is taking place now at Novi Public Library.

Parents interested in registering their children for story hour should come into the library, fill out a registration form with their choice of day and time, and drop it into the Story Hour Lottery Box any time during the month of December.

Deadline for entries will be 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30. Entries will be drawn on Jan. 3 until all the classes are filled. Families will be notified by phone Jan. 3, 4 and 5.

Toddler story hour: "The Two of Us" is designed for 2- and 3-year-olds to participate with a parent or caregiver in a half-hour weekly session. Group size is limited to 12 children. Toddler programs run for six weeks and are scheduled for Mondays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.; Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Wednesdays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.; and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Classes are subject to cancellation if registration is low.

Preschool story hour: "On My Own" is a story hour program for 4- and 5-year-olds who have not yet started kindergarten.

"On My Own" programs are scheduled for Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Classes are subject to cancellation if registration is low.

For further information on any library programs contact the Novi Public Library at 349-0720.

State curriculum passes in Lansing

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Rebellious Democrats, joined by some Republicans, dealt their leaders a blow Tuesday by attaching a state mandated curriculum to the massive school quality bill.

A victory for the Michigan Education Association, a state-mandated curriculum would add \$1.7 billion to the \$2 billion to the \$9-plus billion it costs to run public schools, said Republican Speaker Paul Hillebrands.

And in a blow to Gov. John Engler, the House failed to put cross-district "schools of choice" into the revised school code. "We're going to put that into a separate bill in the Education Committee," said Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, a champion of choice and a member of that panel. The "Gagliardi amendment" barely passed, 56 to 51 with three not voting.

Rep. Willis Bullard, D-Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted no.

At the end of a day long session, the House adopted the school code 59 to 46. Many area lawmakers voted no because of the mandated curriculum provision.

Some lawmakers voted yes on final passage, hoping the mandated curriculum would be taken out in the Senate.

Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Lodge, called the mandated curriculum "the MEA's gut issue. But it's a pig in a poke. Right now the only mandated curriculum in Michigan is



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DIA Shop & Shuttle tickets are \$5 for museum members, \$7 for the general public. The price includes round-trip transportation, admission to the museum, the docent-guided tour, plus a complimentary pass to the special exhibition, Decorative Arts 1900. Highlights from Private Collections in Detroit running through Jan. 9, 1994. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the museum shop at Twelve Oaks Mall. Seating is limited.

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Optimists raffle tickets to '94 Bowl

Attention football fans. You've got a one in 1,000 chance to win two tickets to the 1994 Super Bowl in Atlanta, if you buy a raffle ticket from the Novi Optimist Club. The tickets, which sell for \$10 apiece, provide the winner and his or her guest airfare from Detroit Metro Airport to Atlanta, four days and three nights of deluxe accommodations in the Hampton Inn Hotel in northwest Atlanta, a daily continental breakfast, reserved tickets to the Georgia Dome stadium, hospitality desk service, all taxes and gratuities and, last but not far from least, \$300 in spending money. Whether that \$300 is spent in souvenir T-shirts, boxes of pecan pralines for the folks back home or a heck of a lot of beer is all the winner's call. Although the playoffs haven't started, the AFC will meet the NFC on Jan. 30. The lucky sports fan will be chosen in a drawing on Friday, Jan. 14 at the Novi Civic Center Atrium, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold, giving purchasers a fighting chance. You can get your raffle ticket at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call Craig Klaver at 347-0448. There are no losers in this raffle. Even if you don't get to the Super Bowl, you'll help out the Novi Optimist Club, which sponsors a number of youth programs including DARE, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, and the Novi Friendship Club. This is the first year the Novi Optimist Club, a rather new local service club, has held the raffle on their own. Last year, the club went in on a Super Bowl raffle with the Southfield Optimists.

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Caring: the best gift of all

'Tis the season for sharing and caring — and reaching out to needy kids is the best gift anyone could ever give. The folks at Novi's Olive Garden restaurant agree. The restaurant's employees and customers have joined in on The Angel Tree program. Names of needy area kids are written on angels hung from a tree at the eatery. People pick an angel and buy gifts for him or her, putting them under the tree to be delivered before Christmas. Here Manager Kevin Bouchard poses with evidence of the reason for this season.

Planners consider task force to answer developers' gripes

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Talk of creating a "developer task force" to alleviate tension between city planners, elected officials and developers has resurfaced at the Novi Planning Commission. Commissioners tabled talk of the task force at their Dec. 1 meeting until all of them could be in attendance to discuss the concept, which City Council rejected on Nov. 22. Last month, city council members didn't vote on the concept because several members failed to see the need for another committee. Others reportedly didn't think planning commissioners had a firm focus for the committee when they presented the concept to the council for approval. In spite of what council opponents may think, Planning Director Jim Wahl and Staff Planner Mike Caspo said the concept was not one that originated with the planning commission. They say it took root at one of the city's Town Hall meetings in October. It was at the Oct. 12 session that several developers voiced dissatisfaction with the city's site plan review process. About 25 developers attended the fall meeting and argued that the city's process was too expensive and took too long to get plans approved. They also told city officials there appeared to be a lack of harmony or consistency in getting site plans approved. Critics of the city's stringent and lengthy planning process contend planners and council members often disagree with the recommendations of each other, staff and paid consultants. All of the pitfalls wind up stalling the process and costing developers more money, they say. At the Town Hall meeting, developers and city officials pitched solutions to the multi-faceted problem. Developers asked the city to stream-

line the planning process and to cut developers' costs by allowing site plans to go through the planning process without the added cost of providing full drawings up front. Minutes of the meeting indicate Developer Ray Cousineau also argued that the city needed to develop a master plan for infrastructure and utility expansion. The new plan, he suggested, should work in conjunction with the current zoning and land use master plan so new developments and utilities are planned together. Wahl said the task force would resurrect the work a similar committee started in 1986. After two years of study and review that committee worked to several changes in the city ordinances. But the group disbanded after the proposed ordinance changes became law. Neither Wahl nor Caspo were opposed to the creation of the committee. In fact, just the opposite is true. "Our department thinks it's a worthwhile idea," Wahl said about the task force. In some cases, Wahl said the gripes developers had were valid. Other concerns he thought needed further review. "They (developers) think it's too expensive to do business in Novi," the planning director said. "But Novi made the policy decision that new development was going to pay its own way." In the city's defense, Wahl argued that while some developers believe Novi's site plan review process is too lengthy and too detailed, the process has produced quality developments. "This city requires additional studies like traffic and wetland reviews," he admitted. "And those reviews do add to the costs of the process, but it allows for quality developments." When asked how much credence could be given to the developers' charge that city staff and elected officials often disagree on site plans, the planning director said it would be too hard to quantify. There have not been many cases when city officials disagree, but Wahl said there have been times when commissioners have dismissed staff and consultant recommendations, and when council has rejected the commission's recommendation to either deny or approve a site plan. "I've been here for 10 years and this is something we accept as part of the sharing of responsibilities."

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Anderson parts ways with job, not chair

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Political activist Patrick Anderson and the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. will part ways Dec. 31.

While "exploring other options," in business jargon, Anderson said he will keep his commitment to finish a two-year term as chair of the Republican organization in the 11th Congressional District.

He was elected to that post in January of 1993 after Joe Knollenberg went to Congress. The district includes Novi, the Birmingham-

Bloomfield area, most of the Southfield area, the Farmington area, the West Bloomfield area, the South Lyon area, Milford, Commerce, Highland and White Lake townships in Oakland County and Redford Township and three-fourths of Livonia in Wayne County.

"There was a change in leadership [at Alexander Hamilton]. It led directly to me," Anderson said last week, referring to the retirement of CEO Richard Headlee. Architect of the state constitutional amendment that bears his name, Headlee ran for governor in 1982, brought in a new wave of conservative party leaders and was active in many tax campaigns.

Anderson said he and the new leadership of the Farmington Hills-based subsidiary of Household International Inc. came to "an amicable agreement" about his departure. "They're pulling out of activism," he said.

With a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan, Anderson 10 years ago went to work in the economics department of Manufacturers Bank, now Comerica. In 1988 he was economics advisor to the gubernatorial campaigns of Dick Chrysler (primary) and William Lucas (general election).

Anderson went to work for Headlee at Alexander Hamilton six years ago, noting, "I've been in at least one statewide campaign every year since then."

These included Gov. James Blanchard's half-cent sales tax increase (opposed and won), the Patterson-Anderson property tax amendment (failed to reach the ballot), the 1990-91 Headlee tax cut (rejected by the state Board of Canvassers), the 1992 Proposal A (opposed and won), term limitation (supported and won) and the 1993 Proposal A (opposed and won), plus several Farmington School District millages.

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Madrigal Dinner

The Novi High School choirs had a very successful showing for this year's madrigal dinner. The event featured medieval dinners on Dec. 10 and 11 complete with music and period costumes. The Dec. 11 dinner sold out, and the Dec. 10 dinner very nearly did, organizers report. Remaining tickets for the Dec. 10 dinner were donated to Novi senior citizens, who were reported

to have had a great time. Jack Zibell, was the first in a cast of characters to ask the King for a vial of salt. Salt was considered to be a blessing precious gift in the 16th Century. Zibell's request was honored after he sang "I'm a Little Tea Pot" to the crowd.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Board honors 3 school runners

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Some Novi school district students and staff received kudos for their athletic achievements from the Board of Education at the body's Dec. 2 meeting.

The Novi High School girls' cross country team last month attended the state finals held in Grand Rapids. In the class A individual race with 93 runners, three Wildcats placed high:

- Katie Zimmelman ran with a time of 20:25 and made all-county this year.
- Lorna Camp ran 19:40 and missed a state medal by two places because of a scant two seconds difference. Her honors include all-county, all-

conference and all-regional.

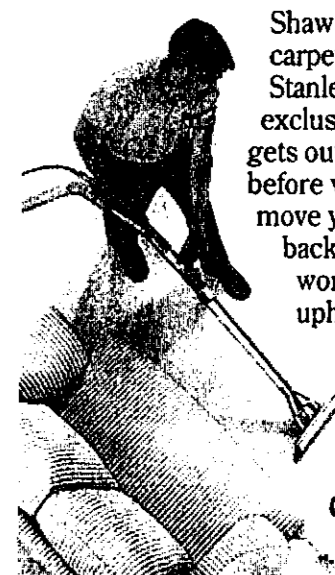
- Jenny Hampton ran 19:18, and set a new school record. She won a state medal and was selected as an all-state runner. Overall Hampton placed 19th in the competitions. Her honors include all-county, all-conference and all-regional.

The students received a round of applause and certificates from the board. All three are ninth graders and already members of the varsity team.

"That surely bodes well for the future of the girls' cross country team," Board President Ray Byers said.

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In 1994 the permits will cost \$22 for Oakland County residents and \$44 for non-residents.

"The annual stickers provide great cost savings, especially for families or individuals who like to visit the Oakland County Parks on a regular basis," said Dan Stencil, Chief of Park Operations.

The annual stickers permit entry to five Oakland County Parks: Addison Oaks near Oxford; Groveland

Oaks near Holly; Independence Oaks near Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Lyon Township; and Orion Oaks in Orion Township.

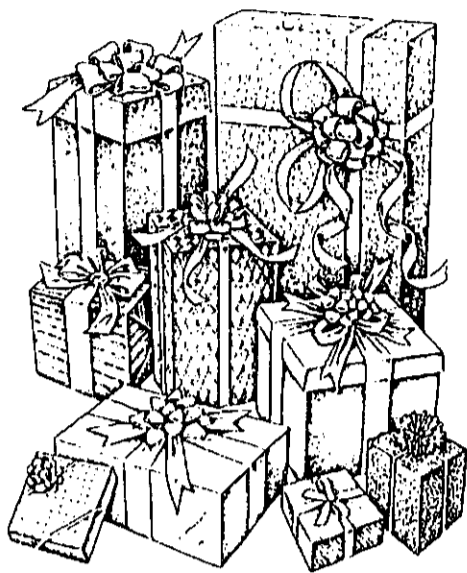
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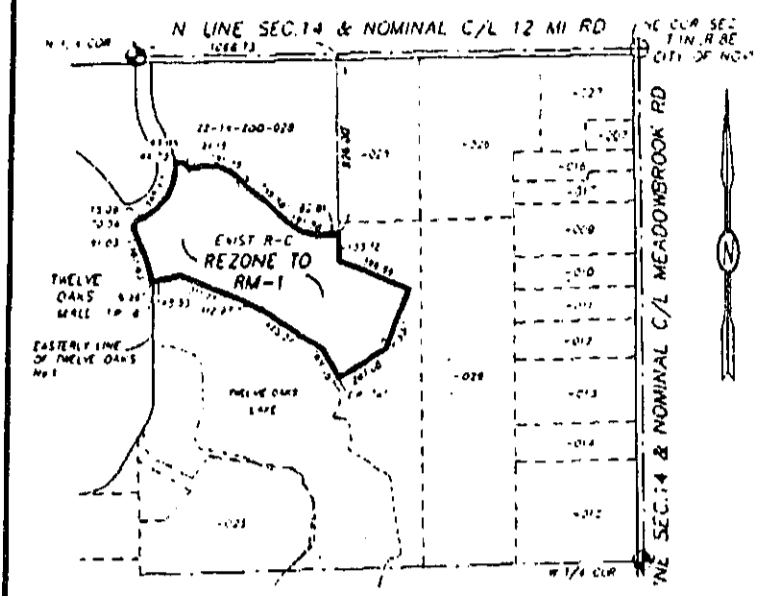
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 5, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAP AMENDMENT 18.509. The proposed rezoning of the property located east of Twelve Oaks Mall from a R-C District to RM-1 District with a PD-1 option, sidewalk number 50-22-14-200-028. IN ADDITION: GRAND OAKS OF NOVI SP 93-30 WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, MASTER PLAN UPDATE, WETLANDS AND WOODLANDS APPROVALS.



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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

At right, Michelle Ride-nour, 10, of Novi tries to get her Pomeranian puppy to stand just right for the judges as she participates in her first show. At far right, Candis Woodstock of Northville walks her Collie, Robbie, for the judges.



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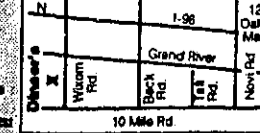
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Council vetoes 'big box' plans

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The future is coming in "big boxes," according to one developer.

But that's a package, at least in the form of rezoning, a unanimous Novi City Council didn't want to open up Monday night.

Developer Joseph Gerak asked the council to approve a rezoning of 61 vacant acres along Grand River Avenue on the east side of Wixom Road from light industrial to business (B-3), to permit the building of two 100,000 square foot "big box" retail stores with parking for 1,200 cars.

"Big box" is the current buzzword for large retail establishments, similar to a Meijer store.

"It's speculative," cautioned city planning consultant Brandon Rogers, recommending that the council deny the application.

Mayor Kathy McLallen agreed that without specific plans from the developer, the rezoning was a lot to ask of a city. But she wondered why no one had grabbed up the land for

"It's really difficult to see land sit vacant. Seven years and nothing's changed on Grand River, it's still the same."

Kathy McLallen
Mayor

industrial.

The city in 1991 gave site plan approval for the Novi Business Center, a proposed industrial park—but nothing has happened.

"It's really difficult to see land sit vacant. Seven years and nothing's changed on Grand River, it's still the same," she said.

"There's an amazing lack of development along what appears to be an excellent corridor, especially when Wixom is doing well. What is it about this property that did not attract industrial users?"

Gerak suggested that the city's master plan, which set aside the area for light industrial, might be

"There's very little opportunity in the next 20 to 30 years for industrial land to be developed in Detroit. What was appropriate in 1980 is no longer appropriate," Green said.

"A single Meijer costs \$30 million to build. The large retailers have given very thorough thought to what they are about. Shopping habits changed because married women work and need a quick place to shop."

If the "big boxes" locate in Wixom, that city will get the taxes but Novi will still get the traffic congestion, he added. One possible large format which could come to this area is a 60,000 square foot format of Musicland, Green said.

But with Meijer closing its Source Club stores and PACE Warehouse changing hands, council members said they did not want to see a big, "empty" box in Novi.

"We already let Wixom have Meijer because we didn't want this kind of problem," Council Member Carol Mason pointed out.

Obituaries

IRENE ELLEN GARVEY

Irene Ellen Garvey died Dec. 7 at McPherson Hospital. She was 76.

Mrs. Garvey was born Nov. 28, 1917 in England to William and Gladys (Smart) Hill.

Survivors include her son, James F. (May) of Brighton; her daughters, Judith A. of Novi and Joan E. (Corrie) Brost of Howell; her grandchildren, Timothy, Jeffrey and Correen Brost, and Brian and Jennifer Garvey; two great-grandchildren; and her brother, Eric Hill of Dallas, Tex.

The funeral service was held Dec. 10 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Fr. Don Walker officiated. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

MARION WAKEFIELD JOSLIN

Marion Wakefield Joslin died Dec. 7 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, Ind. She was 86.

Mrs. Wakefield was born July 5, 1907 in Hennepin County, Minn., and had lived in Detroit, and Dallas, Tex. before moving to LaGrange, where she spent the last several years.

Prior to her marriage in 1932 to F. Burr Joslin, she was an artist and a fashion designer in Minneapolis, Minn. Her husband, an archeologist and architectural engineer, preceded her in death in 1986.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Burr and Elizabeth Joslin of Sturgis, and two granddaughters, Nancy A. Joslin of Los Angeles, Calif., and Dr. Judith Joslin-Page of Novi.

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Eighth graders share fears with high schoolers

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Homework, not cultural tension, was the biggest worry Cooke Middle School students expressed over moving on to the high school.

The eighth graders shared their feelings with eight Northville High School students who visited Cooke Middle School recently.

"The main concern was homework," said Mike Scappaticci, one of the Northville High School students who fielded questions from eighth graders. "There were a few questions about racial tensions and a couple about drugs."

Scappaticci and three other high school students reported the findings of their conversations at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Northville Board of Education.

Joel Elssesser said his group showed no major concerns and even asked about the high school's cafeteria.

Amanda Cole, a junior, and sophomore Katie Johnson, however, said a few asked questions about incidents regarding cultural intolerances at the high school as reported by the media.

"I encountered some concern," said Johnson. "I think they needed to see we weren't really the 'big bad guys' out to come get them."

Both Johnson and Cole blamed the media for blowing incidents of racial and cultural insensitivities out of proportion.

"Things weren't as bad as pictured in the newspaper," Johnson said.

Principal Thomas Johnson was equally tough on the media in his report to the board.

"The term 'cultural diversity,' as it applies to Northville High School is a misnomer," Johnson stated in the report. "It implies, through considerable help from the media, that the high school is wrought with racial tension and violence. It further gives a reflection as well as an impression

Student's story wins award of excellence

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

It's not every day that a high school student's writing is honored in a regional competition.

It's even more rare when a student's work is singled out as an example for other writers.

That's what happened to Northville High School sophomore Rajal Parikh, whose short story titled "I Can Hear the Ocean" was given an Award of Excellence in the 1992-93 Detroit Free Press Writing Awards Contest.

The story was also included in a recently-released Free Press magazine that was published in the belief that samples of some of the best student writing submitted in 1992-93 will serve as an inspiration to other students.

While the modest 15-year-old claims, "It's not that big of a deal," her ninth-grade English teacher Nancy Brown is justifiably proud. Brown noted that only three of her students have ever had their work included in the Free Press magazine.

Brown, who taught Parikh's enriched ninth-grade English, said she encourages her students to show their work outside the school. A total of 18 NHS students took awards in last year's Free Press competition, while 34 were honored the year before that, she said.

"I believe in contests very strongly, and so as part of the honors ninth grade curriculum I had them enter contests," she said. "A lot of students won, but the very idea that someone's writing was chosen as a model for other writers is very exciting."

The Free Press sponsors the 10-year-old contest in conjunction with Wayne State University. The contest is open to public and private school students in grades seven through 12 in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Lenawee, Genesee and St. Clair counties.

The entries are evaluated by distinguished writing instructors at the junior high school, high school and college levels.

Of the more than 6,200 entries received for last year's contest, fewer than 250 received Awards of Excellence like Parikh's.

Parikh's original story tells the tale of a day at the beach where a dejected girl learns to see the world through a child's cheerful eyes.

Parikh, who also competes in high school athletics like gymnastics, said she does not anticipate making a career out of her writing.

When asked why writing skills are important in an era when computers can correct spelling, suggest alternate words and even clean up a person's grammar, Brown noted that good writing requires more than that. "Computers can do the mechanical things and they do them very well," Brown said. "But I have yet to find a computer that's inventive, creative, expressive or original."

that our students feel unsafe and this has been an inhibiting factor to learning."

Johnson criticized the media "type" of endangering a program developed in the spring to emphasize "a respect for ourselves, our school and one another."

The basis for the program was developed by the building's school improvement team from results of 1991-92 student surveys. Although the surveys contained comments such as, "I care about my fellow students," and, "It is easy for me to make friends at my high school," observations led high school officials to believe some students felt isolated from

the school community.

So, a program was developed to "proactively create a medium for greater sensitivity, increased awareness and intervention skills that would lead to an enhancement of student self-esteem and a supportive school environment," Johnson's report stated.

In order to meet the needs of the diversity among the students, the following programs were developed:

- Four open forums for students to discuss their concerns relating to differences among students.
- Jim Tuman, a noted public speaker, moderated these forums as well as spoke to the entire student

body. He also met with parents to discuss "Parenting Teen-agers."

- A high school ACORD (A Community Organization Recognizing Diversity) was developed. The group meets monthly to discuss concerns relating to the overall school environment. Members of the group visited Huron High School Dec. 2 to participate in a day-long program relating to respecting differences among students.
- Exchange programs are in the works between Northville High School and Renaissance High School in Detroit. Art and music students as well as members of the Student Congress have all expressed interest in

the program.

- Johnson and faculty member Jack Wickens took eight Northville High School students to Cooke Middle School to discuss concerns. A similar visit is scheduled at Meads Mill after the new year.
- African American and Asian showcases will be presented in January and May to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. and Asian Awareness Month, respectively.
- Strict attention has been given to the Student Code of Conduct in matters dealing with harassment and inappropriate clothing or signs.

High school officials have been working closely with the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLA).

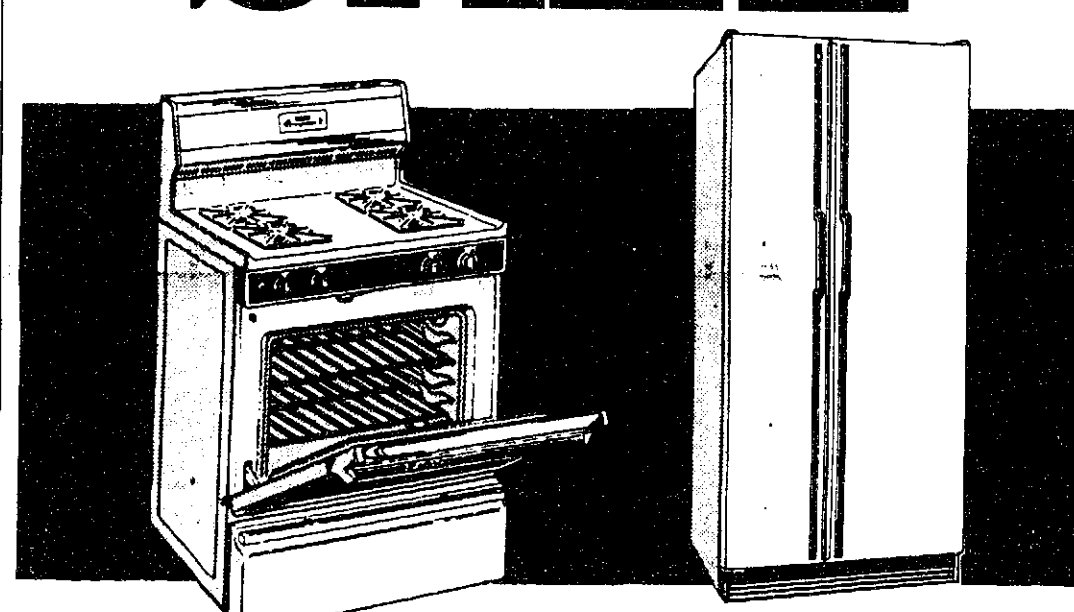
Two student representatives attended a leadership conference hosted by the WLA to heighten awareness relating to "individual responsibility to bring about positive change in the high school."

The objective of the programs is to "feed the positive off the positive," according to Johnson.

"It's no good if we have an assembly and pump everyone up if we go back just to be confronted with negative things," he said.

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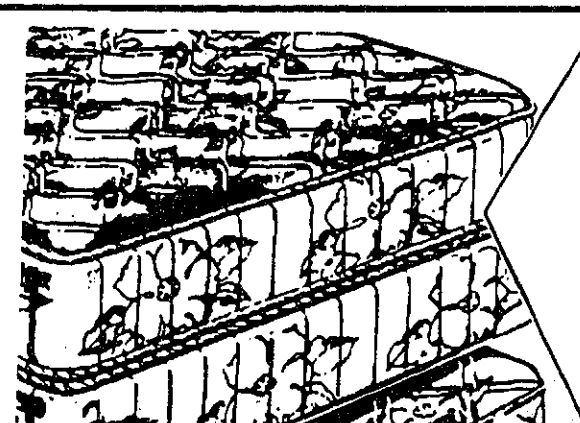
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BY ROBERT H. THOMAS

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Just look at this guy: Air Jordan basketball shoes; mirrored sunglasses; baseball cap with "Detroit Tigers" stitched across the front; and gold rings, chains and bracelets wherever his body stuck out of his red and white Nike sweat suit.

I tried not to encourage him. It was only a ninety-minute flight from St. Louis, but I was tired and needed to catch up on some paper work.

"Where you from, brother," he asked, as if the computerized seating system that had placed us side by side also gave him the automatic right to inquire about the details of my life.

I took a deep breath. I wished I could snap open my briefcase and ignore him, but we hadn't reached cruising altitude yet.

"I'm from Northville, Michigan" I said, my voice barely audible above the hissing air conditioners and whining jet engines.

"Northville? Never heard of it," he said. It sounded more like a question than a statement of fact. "Where is Northville, Michigan, brother?"

"A little east of Ann Arbor," I said. It was the same answer I gave anybody who wasn't familiar with the area.

He brightened. "University of Michigan, right?" "It's close by," I said and hoped that would end the conversation.

"How close?," he persisted.

"About 30 miles."

"What's the nearest big city?" he continued.

I hesitated. "Detroit." (I purposely emphasized the last syllable.)

"Why didn't you say that in the first place. I've never been to D-troit. Is it closer than 30 miles to Northville?"

The question irritated me. "It's about the same distance."

He pondered that for a moment. "Well, what can you tell me about D-troit?," he asked.

"Not much. I don't live there." I knew immediately I shouldn't have said it.

"What about all that stuff I hear about drive-by shootings, crack houses, homeless people, Murder Capital of the USA?"

"It wasn't that way when I lived there. Before I moved to Northville, that is." I wished I hadn't said that either. I glanced up again to see if the "Fasten Seat Belt" light had gone out so I could open my briefcase. It hadn't.

"I grew up on the west side of the city," I explained before he could ask. "Near Fenkell and Schaeffer. Those street names don't mean anything to you, I know. It was a long time ago."

He fired another question "Ever go back to your roots, brother?" Why was he leading me on? Why didn't I just close my eyes and let his question hang there in mid-air?

"It's rather simple," I replied knowing full well that it wasn't. "Detroit is a place you're from, not a place you go to."

He paused a moment as if he, too, might want to close his eyes and rest. He was deciding something. I could tell. His voice took on a different tone — less playful, more deliberate.

"Tell me, bro', suppose I was a mystery man flying all around the country looking for someone who'd give me the best reason in the world to go back to D-troit — and I'd give them ten thousand dollars. What would you tell me?"

37,000 feet in the air. Halfway between St. Louis and Detroit. A briefcase full of work under my seat. And a stranger who calls me "brother" wants to ask silly questions. Where would he get ten-thousand dollars? Drugs? The lottery? Maybe he crashed a stolen car and sued the cops. A jock? Those shoes, the sweat suit, all that gold. There are lots of pros around making megabucks and promoting different causes. You never know. Maybe this is some kind of advertising promotion after all. I thought. Maybe the Chamber of



Photo by HAL GOULD

Commerce is behind it — getting business people to come back to Detroit. Maybe if you said the right things the right way, you really could win some money — appear in some ads, make a couple of speeches, be on television. Not a bad idea.

I planted both feet on top of my briefcase. There was no turning back now.

"Well," I began with what I was sure was my most sincere tone of voice, "going back to Detroit can be just an awful lot of fun. Why, there's something for everybody: Greektown, Hart Plaza, the DIA, the Cultural Center, and the Fox Theater to

say nothing of ..."

He turned toward me with a disappointed look on his face. I stopped.

"Brother," he said slowly, "don't recite that Convention and Visitors Bureau literature to me. You're not gonna win ten thousand dollars that way."

He was leaning so close I could see my face staring back at me in his big, mirrored sunglasses. "You gotta use your imagination," he said as if I were a child who had misunderstood the homework assignment. "Tell me again for ten thousand

dollars. Why would you go back to D-troit?"

I looked across the aisle. Other passengers were reading, dozing or sipping free Cokes, but I knew they were listening to every word I said. My head began to ache like something had broken loose inside. I pressed the seat release button and leaned all the way back. My head moved silently past my inquisitor's face.

I closed my eyes and saw a traffic signal at the corner of Fenkell and Schaeffer — the crossroads of my entire universe for nearly two decades. That unstoppable light had pointed my way to a world filled with frog ponds, steam locomotives, model airplanes, poorly practiced piano lessons, school friends, family and what older people always called "The Future."

I'd lived through an entire war within sight of that signal: Air raid drills with real sirens; buying ten cent war savings stamps every Friday morning in homeroom class and hoping I'd be able to trade them in for a real bond if the war didn't end too soon; food rationing; blue stars in windows of homes where people were worried sick about someone serving overseas; and gold stars in homes where there was no need to worry anymore.

Over the years, the course and direction of my life changed as I did what the traffic signal told me to do.

sometimes with my mother, my father or my brother — and sometimes with the kids down the block who, like me, simply followed directions. We grew up and moved away.

Occasionally,

I crossed the intersection alone but I knew there was

nothing to

worry about. All the decisions about which way to go and when were flashed to me with unfailing predictability in red, yellow and green. Stop. Go. Turn right. Turn left. Not too fast. Not too slow. Wait. Caution. Yield. Watch out for others. Watch out for yourself!

You could depend on those signals. They always told you what you needed to get to where you were going. They taught you trust and respect and the dangerous consequences of not following orders even when there was no one around to check on you.

Looking back on the scene, I imagined other people continuing in my footsteps, still yielding to those silent commands, in good times and troubles ones. "You're on the road to life and a million intersections lie ahead," the light seemed to say. "But wherever you go, don't be afraid to take someone's hand, even a stranger's, before you cross the street."

Abruptly, a new figure appeared. It was the flight attendant telling me to raise my seat to an upright position. We were getting ready to land. I glanced at my travel companion. He was staring at the sprawling city coming up rapidly from below. He didn't ask any questions, but I felt I owed him something. He ought to know about that traffic signal at the corner of Fenkell and Schaeffer in the city of Detroit.

As the wheels touched the runway, the plane swerved and threw my "brother" against my side. His face was right up against mine.

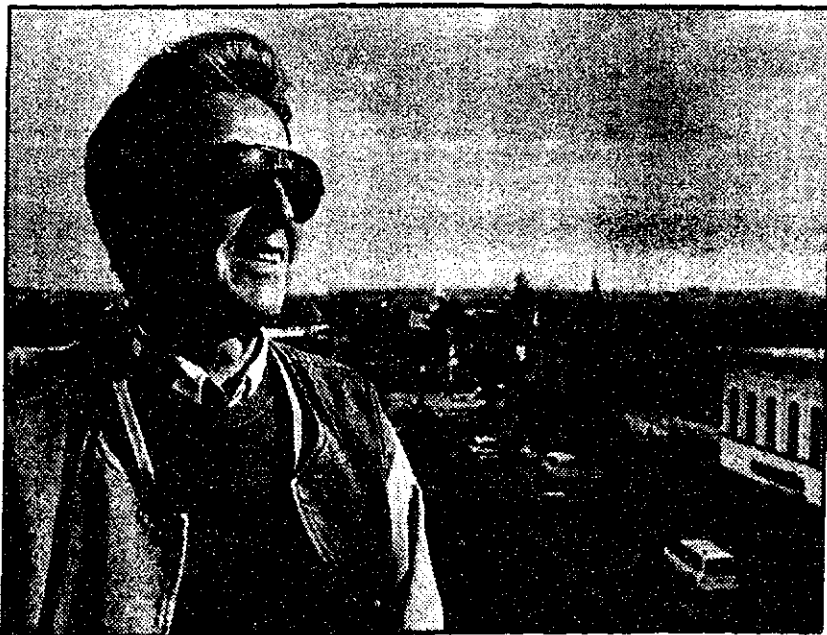
"In case you're wondering," he whispered, "I'm not really a mystery man and I don't have ten thousand bucks to give away. It's just a little game I play. But I'll tell you this: if I did have the money, I wouldn't give it to a brother who can't decide if Northville, Michigan is 30 miles from Ann Arbor — or halfway home to D-troit."

Before I could respond the pilot interrupted. "Welcome to Detroit," he announced on the intercom.

He didn't need to say it. I'd never left the place.



Winning author Thomas turns a negative into a positive



Robert H. Thomas

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

W hat began as "venting frustrations" for Robert H. Thomas about the City of Detroit turned into "a quest" — and eventually into the winning entry in the Northville Record/Novi News' Third Annual Fall Fiction Contest.

Thomas said he was vacationing up north this past July with his niece and her family, who live in Detroit, when they began discussing the troubles that city has experienced over the years. Later, he said, he was surprised at his negativity. He realized just how cynical he was about attempts to improve Detroit. And he realized how much his comments had hurt his niece.

On walks around the Northville area, Thomas began examining his feelings about the city where he was born, looking to find that "best reason in the world to go back to D-troit."

The self-examination had led Thomas to activities through his church aimed at helping the homeless and poor in the city, including a recent trip to the Cass Corridor. "It has become a kind of quest, it really has," he said. He hopes to be even more active with volunteer efforts in Detroit in the future.

With the topic so much on his mind, it lent itself naturally to a short story when the Fall Fiction Contest was announced in October.

"This piece is more a sketch — an introspective memoir — than a short story, but it appeals to readers with rich details and symbols," one judge wrote of the story.

Thomas, a freelance ad promotion writer who said he never writes fiction except for this contest, is now a three time winner. In 1990, he won first place with the story "Remembering Charlie." Last year, he placed second.

Second place for 1993 goes to "Welcome Home II" by Karen Karl of Livonia. "Heart-

felt telling of difficult subject. The pain and guilt of Vietnam involvement, the country's national disgrace," comes through very vividly," one judge commented of the story.

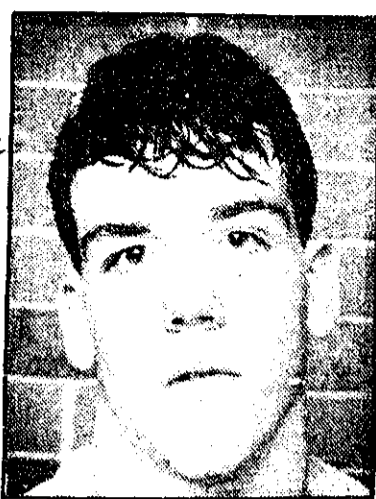
Third place goes to "The Trumpet in Grandma's Attic," by Stephanie Perry, age 13. "The Trumpet" is charming. I think it would make a delightful picture book for young readers," said one judge.

The second and third place stories appear on page B-3.

The judges for the Third Annual Northville Record/Novi News Fall Fiction Contest were:

- Nancy Brown, Northville High School Instructor.
- Wanda Freeman, Freelance Writer.
- Lee Snider, Northville Record Editor.
- Michael Malott, Novi News Managing Editor.

Wildcats of the Week



BEN WENDT

A senior wrestler, Wendt was perfect Saturday at the Novi round-robin tournament. Competing at 189 pounds, he went 5-0. Wendt is the captain of the Wildcats.



GREG PIERMAN

A senior shooting guard with the Wildcat basketball squad, Pierman led Novi to two straight wins last week. He scored 16 points Friday night against South Lyon after scoring 17 against Walled Lake Western in the season opener.

Wildcats picked for fourth in KVC



Scott Daniel

Junkie.

You know the type. They go to high school games on Friday night. Saturday means a full day of college hoops on the tube. And that's not to mention the professional games which dominate the television set the rest of the week.

With the start of the prep season last week, the basketball junkie has a steady fix until March. Hoop Nirvana, if you will.

That's why, as the local sports guru, I feel duty-bound to tell you hardcore hardwood fa-

While most of us lost our summer tans long before Thanksgiving and are looking down the barrel of another cold, dark, windy, freezing, dreary, dank and otherwise nasty Michigan winter, one breed of sport fan is actually rejoicing right about now.

The Basketball

natics just how the Kensington Valley Conference race is going to turn out. Yes, it's time for the Picks.

For those of you who followed the league race last season, 1993-94 may look like a rerun. Far and away, the KVC's best teams are Milford and Howell.

The Redskins are the defending champs after having wrestled the title away from Novi, which won it in 1991 and 1992. Milford should repeat as champions.

The Skins return three starters in Dan Blue, Randy Horst and junior Bob Kofahl. The team's sixth man from a year ago, Scott Wigton, is also back. With the KVC down this year, that should be enough to win.

If Milford does slip, Howell should be there to pick up the pieces. The Highlanders have the strongest team physically in the league and perhaps the best athletes. Look for Dane Sexton to lead the league in rebounding.

While those teams should end up at the top, selecting three through five isn't so easy.

Brighton, however, will emerge from the pack and take third place. The Bulldogs are off to a

fast start having beaten Howell last week.

Four starters are gone from the Brighton lineup. But players such as Dan Stefireac and Jacob Gaines should step up to fill the void. Which brings us to our own Wildcats. First year coach Pat Schluter inherits a team that finished 4-8 in the KVC last winter.

Novi is banking on young players like Chad Dicken and Jason Fannon for a return to the promised land. It may happen, but not this year. Look for the 'Cats to take fourth.

Hartland figures to finish right behind Novi. Four returning starters should mean a better season for the Eagles, which gave Milford a tough time before losing last week.

South Lyon appears headed for a long campaign. The Lions lost their best player in Steve Strecker and boast a very small starting lineup. Novi handled the Lions with ease Friday. Look for South Lyon to sink to sixth this year.

Perennial doormat Lakeland will remain on the floor. Lakeland has one returning starter. The rest of the squad has almost no varsity experience.

Fitness Notes

Gymnastic Classes: Registration deadline is Jan. 6 at 5 p.m. for Novi Parks and Recreation gymnastic classes. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Weight Training: Session one deadline is Jan. 7 for weight training. Classes will be held at Vital Power Fitness at 30920 Beck Road. The course runs from Jan. 10 to Feb. 17th.

Road to Recovery: Through the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program, you can help by volunteering to drive a cancer patient to and from a treatment facility. If you would like to become a driver, call you American Cancer Society at (800)925-2271.

Cancer Society: The American Cancer Society is making it easier for cancer patients, their families and friends to obtain information and services. By dialing 1-800-925-2271, callers will speak directly to a member of the supportive care team at the ACS cancer control office. Hours for this service will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Weight loss: Ellie's Weigh weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi. The church is located at 4440 W. Ten Mile Road, a half-mile west of Novi Road. Registration is \$20 and classes are \$7 per week for individuals and \$6 for families. For more information, call 682-1717.

Ask-a-nurse: Marcia Graham, a public nurse from the Oakland County Health Department, will be at the Novi Senior Center twice a month from 9 a.m. to noon. She is available to discuss problems and issues concerning senior health with individuals or families. This program is free and although information and education are important, it is not meant to replace physician care.

Friendship Club: Novi Parks and Recreation sponsors this club for mildly to moderately handicapped youths ages 14 and older. Activities are scheduled monthly and consist of events such as DJ dances, family potlucks, arts and crafts, treasure hunts, hay rides and more. The cost is \$5 to join and there is a nominal cost for each activity.

Foot Care: Family Foot Care will be in the Novi Senior Center the first Friday of each month. They will use a whirlpool bath, clip toe nails, trim corns and address foot care. Medicare will be accepted as payment. Call 347-0414 for an appointment.

Corrections made

A sports photo in the Dec. 9 edition of *The Novi News* identified a wrestler as being James Cini. It was not.

A recent article on Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Basketball first team said that Novi player

Kristin Kenny had made the top squad twice after being selected this year. It was, in fact, Kenny's third straight season on our first team.

We regret the errors.

Wrestlers win pair in tournament

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Freshman Skip Becker stepped up and took a victory at 152 pounds. He pinned Darren Helff in 3:46.

Mark McBride won by void at 160 pounds. Jeff Kucmierz was also a void winner at 171 pounds. Wendt got another pin at 189 as he stopped Adam Marsh in 3:39.

The Wildcats narrowly missed leaving the tournament with a winning record. Walled Lake Central edged Novi 34-30 in the last match of the day.

"It was on of those things," said Huss. "It could have gone either way and we could have ended up three and two."

A number of wrestlers besides

Christoff posted winning marks on the day.

Watanabe went 2-1, Blagini was 2-2 and Cini 4-1. Becker had a strong day at 2-0, McBride was 3-0, Buck 1-1 and Wendt 5-0.

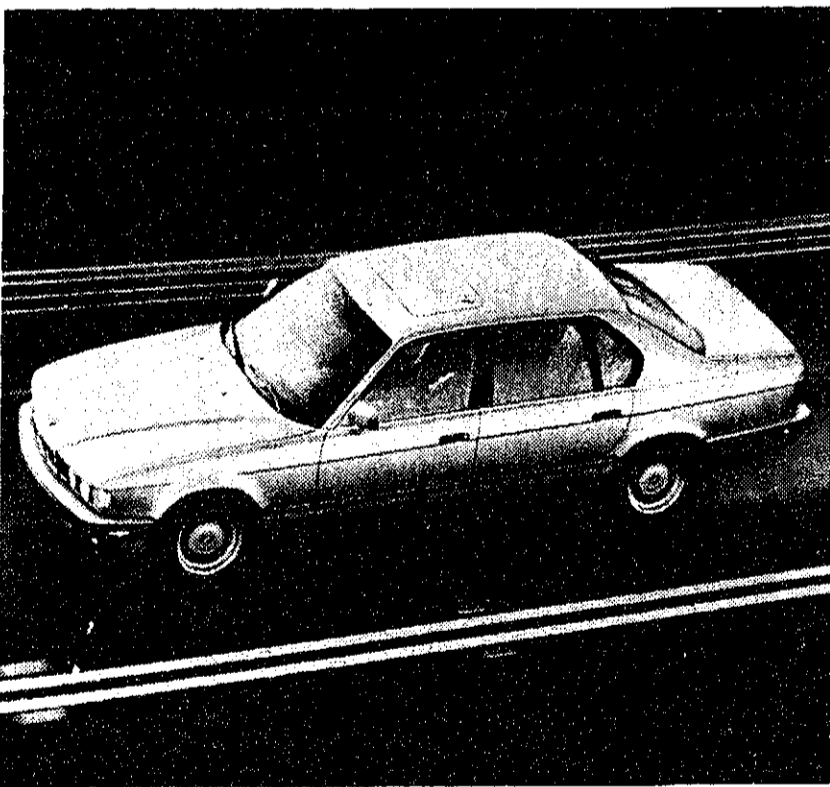
Huss said his team is well aware of its youth and inexperience. He said they expect to take some hard knocks

and win some, too. Overall, the coach said, the 'Cats reaction to Saturday's competition was positive.

"I didn't see a lot of frustration," said Huss.

Novi will wrestle at the Oakland County meet tomorrow and Saturday. The Wildcats will also see action at the Carlson Invitational Saturday.

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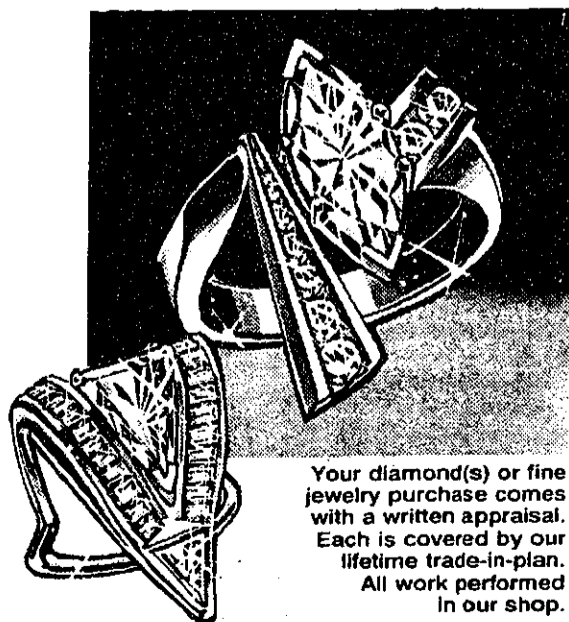
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REAL ESTATE

Beware of mortgage mistakes

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Mortgage lenders make mistakes. And sometimes those mistakes cost borrowers a sizable amount.

Particularly vulnerable to mistakes are calculations for rate changes on adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) used to finance or refinance homes. As a homeowner, you may be paying too much and are due for a refund. Nearly a third of ARM loan adjustments are miscalculated by the lender or servicing agent. Some of those miscalculations favor the borrower, but most favor the lender and can cost the borrower big bucks over a period of time. The trend has spawned a new breed of service businesses — ARM loan auditors.

Most organizations that have studied the ARM miscalculation problem report that from 20 to 50 percent of ARM loan adjustments

are incorrect. Most frequently, the figure is from 30 to 35 percent. These organizations include the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Even a small error in calculating a loan adjustment can add up to a significant overpayment for a borrower. In one case, involving a law suit, the borrower was overcharged \$600 during a five-year period.

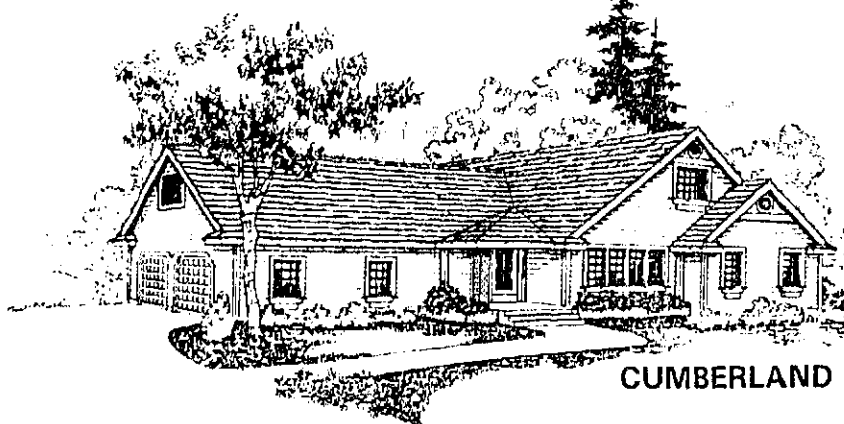
Law suits are filed in an increasing number of cases. Class action suits have been filed against several major lenders, including Citicorp and First Nationwide Bank.

Calculating rates for an ARM loan can be very complex. There are many opportunities for errors. And the more complicated the ARM program, the greater the possibility of error.

In some cases, it's simply human error in the calculating

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HOME DESIGNS



Medium-sized Cumberland is primed for expansion

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Undeveloped attic space under a steeply pitched roof line offers plenty of room for later expansion in the Cumberland. But this medium-size home is already spacious and rich in storage space to begin with.

Finished portions of the upper level include two bedrooms with clipped ceilings, a skylit bathroom and two large storage closets. A landing at the top of the stairs overlooks a bright vaulted entry with a large coat closet.

On the main level, quiet rooms — living room and master suite — are at the front, gathering spaces at the back.

Day-to-day living centers in the comfortable family room/kitchen combination, brightened and expanded by both a garden window and a bayed eating nook. Range and oven are tucked into a long combination work island and eating bar, which provides extra counter space and is roomy enough to accommodate three or four stools.

Sink, range and refrigerator are close together, allowing efficient cooking and clean-up. A desk could be built into the counter next to the pantry, if desired.

A tile-hearth fireplace, flanked by tall, slender windows adds warmth and becomes a cheerful focal point and gathering place when the temperature drops.

Access to a deck that spans the width of the house is through the family room and sliding glass doors in the dining room.

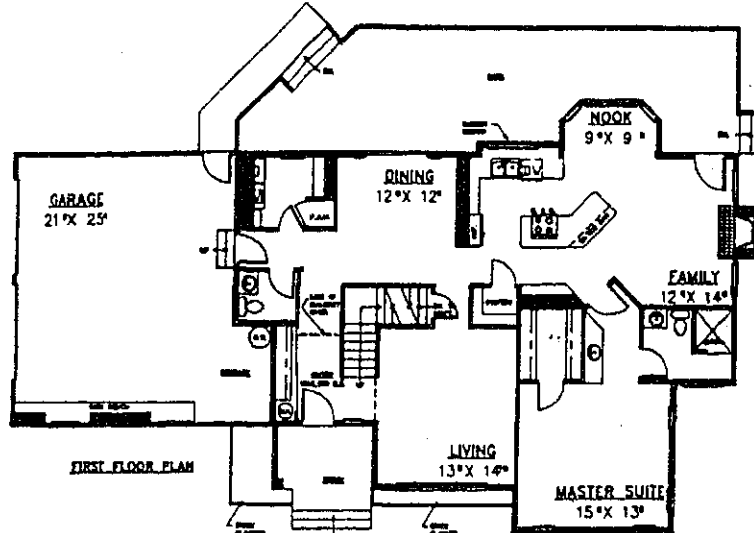
Utilities and a small bathroom are nearby, equally convenient to the garage. More storage space is available in the two-car garage, and a long workbench spans most of one side. This plan puts the garage doors to the side, but the orientation can be easily changed, if front-facing doors are preferred.

The master suite is modest in size. Luxury amenities include a walk-in closet, oversize shower and a dressing area outside the bathroom with a second basin.

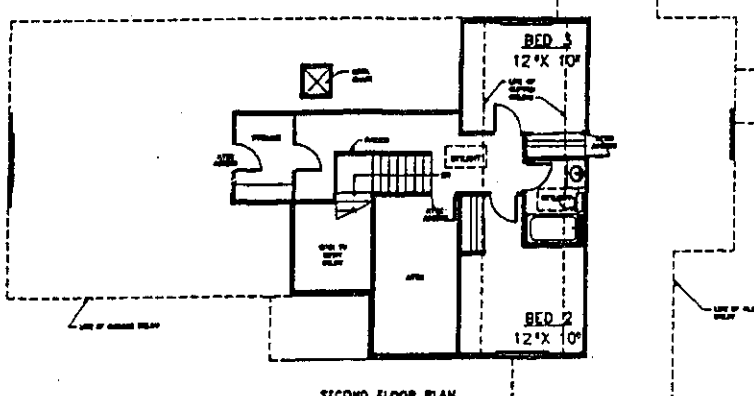
Brick planters flank the covered front porch, providing an opportunity for colorful flowers. Cedar shakes and multipaned windows add to the street appeal.

For a study plan of the Cumberland (332-180), 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.)

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 72'-0" X 41'-0"



LIVING: 2140 square feet
GARAGE: 622 square feet



By Catherine Nastase
Special Writer

COUNTRY COMFORT

Greg and Laurie Zinkosky were looking for a home in the country without the dirt roads and found it in Milford. Their house, situated on 1.5 acres and surrounded by trees, gives them just what they were looking for.

"The yard is what sold us on this house," said Greg Zinkosky.

Their house has been a familiar landmark to those traveling into the Village of Milford over the last 137 years. It is a charming Greek Revival house with a red poultry house out back. The house fronts upon busy East Commerce Street and is next to St. George's Church.

The Zinkoskys bought the house in 1991. Since then Laurie has been busy raising their two sons, Steve, age 2-1/2, and Adam, 9 months. Greg has been busy with the home improvements. Greg, a computer analyst, enjoys working with his hands.

"Truthfully, I probably have ended up in the wrong field," he said. "I'm mechanically oriented and I like to build," he said.

Greg learned much of the work of the electrician, plumber and renovator — skills he has put to use in his present home — from the home in Lincoln Park that he sold before moving to Milford.

"When I bought the house in Lincoln Park, everybody else saw the rubble and the debris," Greg said. "I saw how it could look all fixed up."

"The house was a showcase by the time we left. And now we are starting all over again here."

But they are starting with a very well-kept, historic home.

And their plans are to preserve as much of the historic detail of the house as possible.

When the metal gutters above the front porch were leaking and causing the supporting wood to rot underneath, Greg removed the two sets of original, but rust-eaten, gutters which ran parallel across the front of the house — one set that ran under the eaves and the other set which ran just below the porch roof. He recycled the old gutters by cutting out the

rotted sections. Then using sheet metal screws and roofing cement, he patched together the unrusted sections of gutter and created one seamless gutter that now catches run-off from both roofs under the front porch eaves.

The Zinkoskys spent most of last spring and summer re-painting the house's wooden exterior. "It was a lot of work," Greg said. But we prefer the wood to putting up vinyl siding that would ruin the house." The house is painted blue with creme-colored trim, has a front porch with creme-colored pillars, and a red front door.

Other exterior improvements of the house include a new cedar deck which Greg built onto the back of the house. He used field

stones around the edge of it.

The front porch has changed significantly over its lifetime. The Zinkoskys are attempting to restore it to its probable original condition. Previous owners of the property began with the same goal and they removed much of the porch's concrete wall, which, according to Milford historian Barbara Young, was probably erected in the early 20th century.

Young, who has assiduously researched the history of the Zinkosky's house, dates it at around 1856. There is still some of the concrete block remaining in the foundation of the porch and the Zinkoskys plan to remove it. They plan to use the pile of field stones they have har-



Photos by KRISTINE M. ANDERSON

At top, The Zinkoskys' 1856 Greek Revival home on East Commerce St. in Milford. Below, the poultry house. The Zinkoskys plan to preserve as much of the historical detail as possible.

vested from their backyard as a base for their front porch as well.

According to Young, the field stone foundations indicate a mid-19th century building date, which is the period in which the house is presumed to have been built — around 1856.

Greg and his brother-in-law spent most of the year scraping and painting the exterior of the house.

"We worked on it until we ran out of good weather," Greg said.

The interior of the Zinkosky's house is cozy and unique. The front living room is dominated by an arching brick area in which stands a tall and slender wood-burning stove, which warms the entire room. The room has thick wall-to-wall carpeting. The front hallway has painted wide-board pine flooring that is charmingly primitive. One board measured seven inches at the front and 11 inches at the back and the others are also asymmetrical. "They must have used whatever they had lying around," Greg said, "but they all fit together perfectly."

The kitchen is attractive, but Laurie said that it has limited cupboard space — a problem she plans to correct.

"I am really looking forward to getting the kitchen remodeled," Laurie said.

The space is broken into two rooms, a fact explained by Young: "The west part of the kitchen was once a parlor on the back of the house. It was 'swung around' and put in its present location."

Throughout the house are architectural details evocative of early Milford home building. Batten doors open onto many of the rooms. They are solid plank doors with more than one plank running vertically and these are held together by battens, one across the top and one across the bottom of the door. Most of the doors have their original wrought iron latches.

The room at the top of the steep stairs serves as their master bedroom. It has cove ceilings. Down the hall, what used to be

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Herb basket is a cook's best friend

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

You can enjoy fresh herbs in your kitchen all year round. A moss basket will provide the perfect place to grow and display them. You need a sunny kitchen window. Of course, it would be ideal to have one over the sink because the basket will probably drip when you water it.

The materials you need are the following:

- A wire basket (10, 8 or 12 inches in diameter).
- Hardware for hanging (with swivel hook).
- Sphagnum sheet moss (you might need two packages).
- Potting mix (lightweight).
- Herb seedlings (eight to 10).

When selecting plants, begin by thinking about the herbs you like to cook with. For instance, if you prepare many Italian dishes, you would include oregano and basil in your basket. Sage, thyme and rosemary go well with poultry. You can really jazz up a salad with nasturtium flowers, mint or chives.

Consider the size and type of plant. Bay, the source of bay

leaves, is an evergreen, woody shrub and would obviously be an impractical selection for a hanging basket. Look for smaller plants or dwarf varieties.

Select prostrate rosemary instead of the standard variety. This low-growing, trailing variety looks great in a hanging basket. Golden thyme or variegated sage makes interesting substitutions for the all-green varieties.

The following plants are great choices:

Culinary herbs: Chives; Mint-spearmint, apple mint, peppermint; Sage—variegated, golden; Thyme—silver, lemon, golden; Parsley—curly, Nasturtium (dwarf variety); Basil—fine green (dwarf variety), lemon; Chervil; Cumin; Dill (must be pulled and reseeded regularly).

Herbs for fragrance (nonedible), Lavender, Lemon balm, Catnip (Nepeta mussini).

Once you have purchased your supplies, you are ready to begin. This can be messy, so plant the basket outside or in

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Moss herb basket

- Sandwich sheets of soaked sphagnum sheet moss between layers of a wire basket.
- Place 2 inches of pre-moistened potting mix in bottom of basket.
- Insert herb seedlings through moss, into soil, so leaves grow outside the basket.
- Harvest plants regularly to encourage full growth.



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Wentworth Gallery opens doors in Novi area

Wentworth Gallery Ltd., having recently opened in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, is an art gallery organization engaged in the acquisition, publication, distribution and sale of fine art and art collectibles.

In early 1991, Wentworth Gallery organized Wentworth Publishing and commenced publishing signed, limited edition fine art serigraphs and sculptures.

Wentworth has exclusive contracts with American and European impressionists John Zaccheo, Maxwell Parsons — artists already well established in the United States and Europe.

Other artists included Fanch Ledan, whose work combines an architectural, naive style with elements of Impressionism and an art deco mood. Frane Milnar a young and upcoming artist from Croatia and a master of hyper-realism. The newest collection is of hand woven silk tapestries from the Peoples Republic of China by acclaimed artist Yuan Zuo. The weaving technique dates back to the Tang Dynasty in 900 AD and is a limited edition of 20.

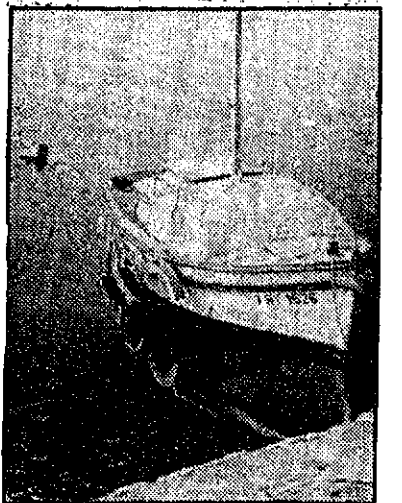
Wentworth Galleries currently operates 35 stores in many shopping malls in the eastern and midwestern regions of the U.S. Twelve new galleries are projected through 1995. The parent company, Fidelity Investments, one of the largest investment managers in the world, is committed to that rapid growth.



The Wentworth Gallery in the Twelve Oaks Mall.



By Jovan Obican



"Tranquil Harbor" by Frane Milnar

Wentworth Galleries exhibits original oils, limited edition prints and sculptures by major artists such as Erte, Thomas McKnight, Howard Behrens, Melante Taylor Kent, Henry Plisson, Don Hatfield, Jiang, Wong

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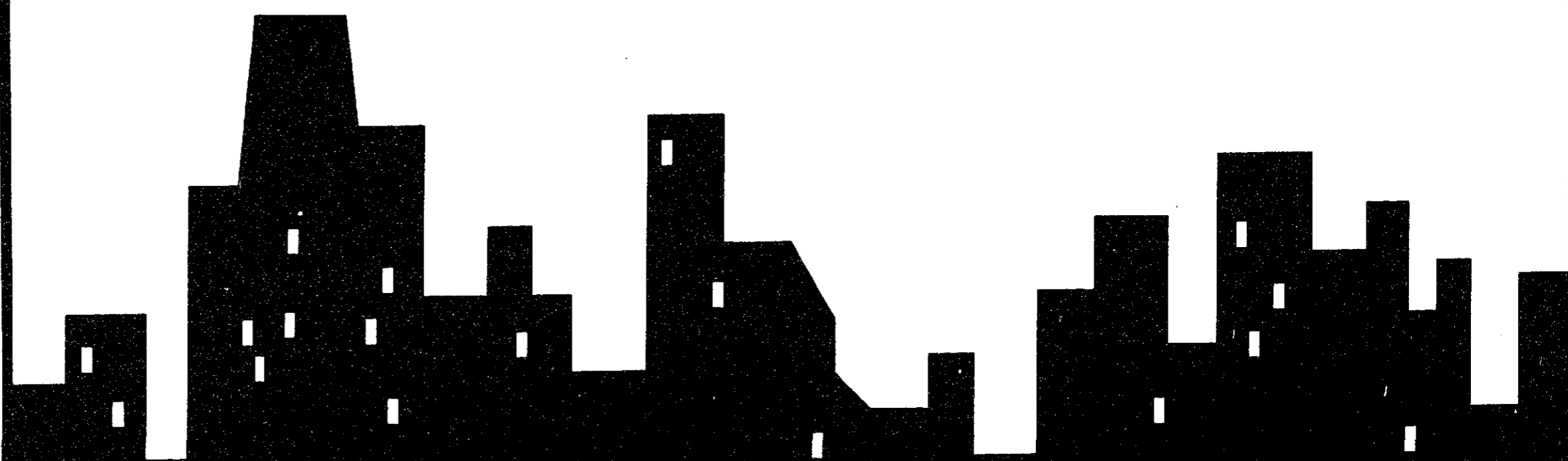
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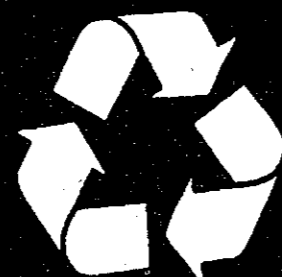
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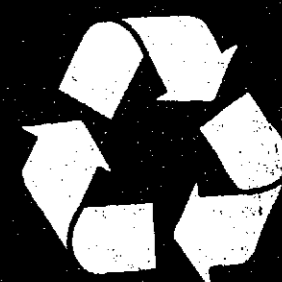
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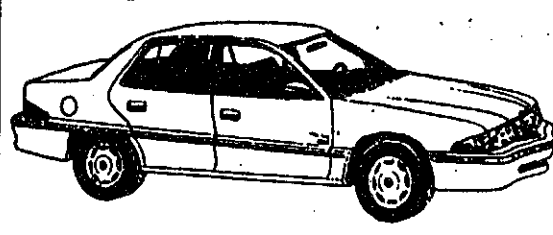
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