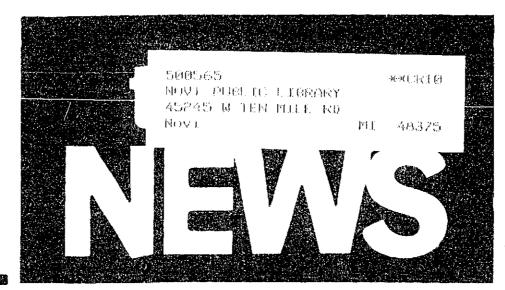
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## Not much city can do to keep oil wells out

By JAN JEFFRES

When it comes to regulating oil and gas wells in the City of Novi, it looks as if the city's hands are still tied by a 1991 court ruling.

However, Council Member Tim Pope is looking for a way the city can recoup the costs of its oversight of the local oil industry through higher permit fees.

"If there's nothing we can do with local ordinances, at least we can have them pay the municipality's burden of regulating what they're doing. Pope said Tuesday.

Now that two new oil firms are wildcatting through town, Council

Member Tim Pope in December asked David Fried to see if it were possible for the city to rewrite its ordinances and completely bar oil wells from residential land.

Fried didn't hold out much hope for the present in a legal opinion received by the council earlier this

In November 1991, the Novi City Council ended a six-year battle by granting the necessary permits for a Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO) well. The council had been advised by its lawyer that a court's award of \$89.5 million to an oil company denied drilling permits

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Water's now served up with ice

#### It was chili ... cold, too

Sub-zero temperatures forced the cancellation of many outdoor events at the '94 Chilly Willy Festival over the weekend at the Novi Civic Center, but the Chill Cook-off went on undis- appear on page 7A.

turbed inside. Above, Jim Pawlina of Crawford's in Northville took first place with his chill recipe. The story and more photos

#### 52-1 court deals with violence at home

By RANDY COBLE

The long shadow domestic violence casts seems to be shrinking somewhat because of a new program officials of the 52-1 District Court and three area communities began in May.

Results of that eight-month-old experiment are so encouraging, as a matter of fact, that Novi is jump-

ing on the bandwagon as well. The short-run effects are just startling," Judge Brian MacKenzie said Friday in announcing the program's expansion to Novi and White

"Abuse impacts our family life all around us. There's a tremendous stigma and trauma associated with

Douglas Shaeffer

Lake Township. "But it's not only just the short run. This could be a real attempt to reduce more significant violence in the home. We're

amazed and very pleased." In essence, the program tries to reduce domestic violence by increasing the chances for an abuser of arrest, prosecution and conviction. It also increases opportunities for both abused and abuser to receive counseling and intervention.

The program uses no tax dollars - just mutual cooperation of the police, the court and representa-

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#### By JAN JEFFRES

Sub-zero weather has kept Novi Fire Department hopping this week - and not because of any

white-hot infernos. And the city's water department has been out on a few emergency runs of its own.

You don't have to be Mr. Science to figure out why. The water meters are freezing

up," Rick White, City of Novi Water Department Foreman, said.

River Avenue, turned to Ice Tues-

day, leaving much less than a

A waterline under Roadway Express, a freight company on Grand

trickle in the pipes.

Water meters have frozen at three homes and in Breckenridge Plaza shopping center this week alone, White said. Besides stopping water service, once those babies begin to thaw, there's a danger of

flooding. Monday, the fire department answered three calls where fire sprinkler heads had busted, including one in city hall, Fire Chief

Arthur Lenaghan said. It's the cold that made them pop,

he explained. One unruly sprinkler head flooded a portion of Providence Hospital, Another had the Frank W.

Kerr Company on Nine Mile Road

awash. Still another soused the loading dock at the Novi Civic Centrash soggy. Lenaghan says.

"A week and a half ago, we had a meter on a house freeze at Shadow Pines and it did cause some flooding," White said.
"This is not real common. The

last time we had this was in the mid-1980s.\*

When a water line's frozen, the customer has the option of having it dug up or hiring a plumber to steam it with hot water. The steam is the usual course of action, White said, unless the pipe's split with the cold.

He suggests homeowners to monitor their meters to see whether ter, mainly getting some stored  $\,$  they've frozen or not — to avoid a soggy thaw. White also advises residents to keep an eye on water pipes near outer walls or clothes dryer vents and keep them insulated, especially if a cold draft is detected.

> Due to the big chill, the fire department cancelled some of its training sessions this week. The chief explained he didn't want to leave the costly vehicles standing outside and the wind chill factor has been such that it seemed more sensible to tell the paid-on-call trainees to stay home - unless they're really needed.



Det. John Zimmer in the new Novi Police Department Victim Interview Room.

## Victim grateful for interview room

By SHARON CONDRON

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer has proof that the victim interview room is working.

After the room opened in the police department in October, an unidentified woman called the Novi Police Department to report that she had been sexually assaulted.

Shaeffer said the victim may not have reported the crime if the victim interview room had not been opened.

"She said she had heard about our sensitivity and wanted to report the case after she heard about the victim interview room," he said.

That proves that the generosity of the Novi Lions Club and the Novi Jaycees has paid off. The Lions donated \$4,000 to pay for furniture and recording equipment used in the room. The Jaycees have stocked an adjacent room with stuffed animals for the children who have been victims of violent crimes themselves or whose parents are victims of traumatic assaults. The Jaycees have pledged to replenish the room's stock as

The blue ribbon that covered the entrance to the room was cut at the oneset of a dedication ceremony last Tuesday by city Mayor Kathleen McLallen and Novi Lions President Jerry Coonce. About 50-60 people packed the room to thank

those who made it all possible. Among them were city council members and city administrators. The Lions and the Jaycees were there in full force to show their continued support for the concept and for the project.

"It really seems to be working," Shaeffer said. "We had a three-year old who had been the victim of a sexual offense. After the detective finished interviewing the child. I saw the three-year-old leaving the station clutching one of the stuffed animals with a smile on her face.

"That's what it was intended to do was turn a negative into as much of a positive as we can," he

## Assessments rise, but not too much

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi homeowners are less likely to go into shock when they open their property tax assessment notices this February than they were

City Assessor Jim Klausmeyer said Tuesday that on the average residential assessments will go up about three or four percent, as will business and commerical property assessments.

"It should be light on the residen-

Farm lands, which are parcels 13 acres or larger, will see an average assessment increase of eight percent, Klausmeyer added. Industrial property is now being re-evaluated and could also come in for a higher

Last year, residential property assessments went up an average of nine percent, with some homeowners seeing increases of anywhere from three percent to 21 percent.

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Today, January 20

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

Friday, January 21

Novi Players: The Novi Players present the drama Orphans at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175W. Ten Mile Rd. Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center (347-0400) or the Novi Chamber of Commerce (349-3743). Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the

Saturday, January 22

Novi Players: The Novi Players present the drama Orphans at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. 45175W. Ten Mile Rd. Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center (347-0400) or the Novi Chamber of Com-

Sunday, January 23 Novi Players: The Novi Players present the

drama Orphans at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center,

45175W. Ten Mile Rd. Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center (347-0400) or the Novi Chamber of Commerce (349-3743). Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the

Monday, January 24

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.

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

Breast Disease Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand merce (349-3743). Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the River Ave., hosts a monthly breast disease support group from 7:30-9 p.m.



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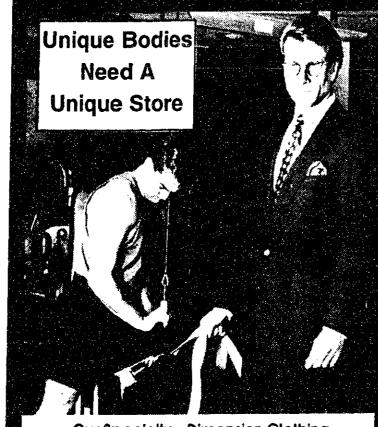
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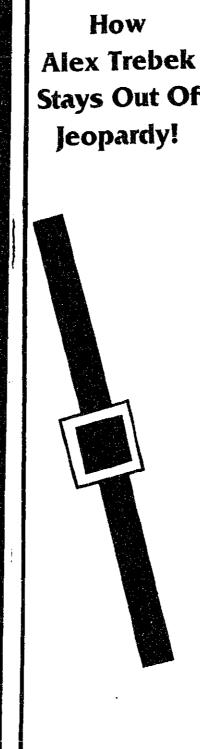
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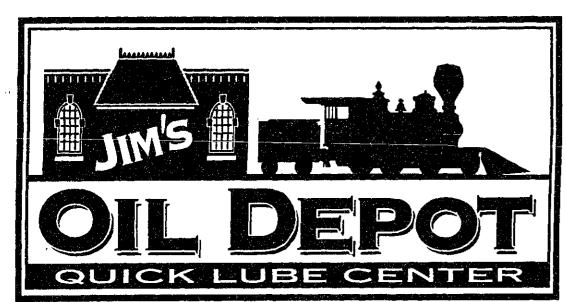
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Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Thomas Jackson weights arauments in Kevorkian case.

determination issued by a higher ban was enacted. O'Keefe died in his

"At no time in his opinion does faces charges in Oakland County for

Judge Kaufman's ruling on the preli- In the Oakland County cases,

Redford Township home. Kevorkian

#### No trial yet for Kevorkian in Novi man's death Circuit Court Cynthia Stephens said cate Kevorkian in O'Keefe's demise.

been asked by the Wayne County together and the Hyde case should

cember ruling by Wayne Circuit press conference to outline the de-

Prosecutor's office to overturn a Denote of to trial. While Kevorkian held a court.

By JAN JEFFRES

With no word yet from the Michigan Court of Appeals on the constitutionality of assisted suicide, a Detroit judge agreed last week to delay his decision on whether or not Dr. Jack Novi resident Thomas Hyde die.

Meanwhile, Kevorkian said he expected to learn Tuesday if the state Board of Elections will approve the language for a petition calling for are-ferendum to make assisted suicide a Recorder's Court Judge Thomas ferendum to make assisted suicide a

Jackson asked Fieger if he objected constitutional right in Michigan.

nus, and his two lawyers. Geoffrey with a ruling on the law. Fleger and Michael Schwartz aim to collect one million signatures to get honor, considering they could decide honor, considering they could decide although only 250,000 signatures the issue in the middle of the trial,"

vote one way or another," the retired time," Jackson agreed. pathologist said, adding that he would like to see assisted suicide be-stages of amyotrophic lateral scierocome a basic right that can't be infr-sis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's Disease, when he died of carbon monoxide

The language for the constitu- poisoning August 4 in Kevorkian's tional referendum would be delivered van parked on Belle Isle. to the state Friday, Fleger said. Kevorkian, who is currently re- Appeals may soon determine if the stricted to his Royal Oak home by an state legislature violated the U.S. electronic tether, reiterated Jan. 14 Constitution in slapping the ban on that he is temporarily out of the as-

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"I'm keeping my word. It would they did. The appeals court has also Kaufman's ruling links the two cases judge such as Kaufman, but only a ided overby Kevorkian after the state make no sense to complicate things now," he said. Court Judge Richard Kaufman, who tails of Hyde's death, he remained si- Judge Kaufman say that the evi- the subsequent deaths in his Royal

says she plans to be out circulating petitions when the state approves the petitions when the state approves the language: "I wouldn't miss that for people whose condition materially Kevorkian will face trial for helping the world. We need all the help we can The trial in the Hyde case was orig-

Dr. Jack Kevorkian meets the press after last week's court hearing.

to postponing the trial until the Mi-The doctor, his sister Margo Ja- chigan Court of Appeals comes down

Fieger said.

"It's good that people will be able to docket. I certainly don't need to waste Hyde, 30, was in the advanced

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Kaufman was the judge presiding

over the Donald O'Keele case. Kevor-

kian allegedly assisted O'Keefe in

committing suicide in September af-

ter the doctor already faced charges

bears a penalty of up to four years in

pected "as soon as possible."

Jackson said he might rule Feb. 18 Jackson disagreed with that arguon Fieger's motion that the Hyde case ment: "The prosecution is not warrant shopping on this. It's a matter of "We may still be at the point, if the where the cases were committed." Court of Appeals hasn't announced,

same parties to get different rulings

"The issue has been decided as a

matter of law by Judge Kaufman. If

to put it off." he added. During the hearing, Kevorkian The defense attorney argued last—chuckled while the prosecutor spoke week that since the prosecution used Kenny told Jackson that he is not the details of Hyde's death to implibound to uphold the ruling of

minary was a ruling on a matter of which are also pending, after a stint the appeals court sustains Kaufman, law, it is primarily on the basis of the in jail and a hunger fast. Keverkian mothy Kenny said that the appeals this case can't proceed. If they restatute Itself, not mixed fact and was ordered to wear the electronic court has not set a timetable for its verse Judge Kaufman, this could law." Kenny said. response but that an answer is ex- proceed to trial because Judge Kauf-"The factual differences between "It's better than jail, it's still confinman's decision would be for naught," Thomas Hyde and O'Keefe, these fac- ing. I've recovered. I do have the free-

decision in the Thomas Hyde case. Dr. All Khalili.

tual differences must not be glossed dom of motion within my cell at law has been declared unconstituin Hyde's death. Assisted suicide tional twice . . . They cannot go around to different courts when it is the

the validity of the statute when the factually identifical circumstances." said after the hearing. PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING

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"There is a struggle here on the over . . . There is a difference be-home, if that's what they want to do, if prosecutor's part trying to maintain tween having a distinctive M.O. and they want to degrade me, "Kevorkian

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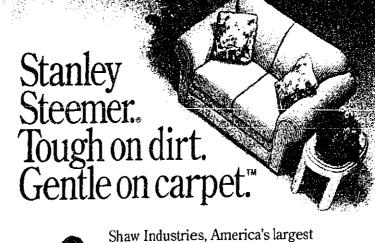
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period of ninety (90) days. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure locate within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary us

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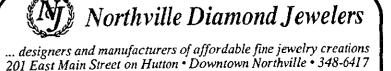
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cials reported \$5,042 worth of com-equipment. puter equipment was taken from its

#### **Police News**

local pizza chain reported that some year-old Borchart man told police his one had stolen \$2,287 in cash from \$525 Toro snowblower may have sto-Novi on Jan. 8. The store owner said homeowner told police his wife often bank deposits and keeps them in his she's at home during the day. Before apartment for three or four days be- it was stolen the snowblower was matching the carpet in front of the fore he puts them into the bank. He stored in the garage. suite was later found on the cleaning told police the money was bundled up in a rubber band and left on the MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION: Police scene to suggest forced entry.

skating competition in Detroit on OVERDOSE: The small child of a Jan. 8 while thieves were in his home Springs Apartments resident called never threatened the other driver Data National Corporation offi- stealing \$1,600 worth of stereo 9-1-1 on Saturday, Jan. 8 to tell po- withit. Police confiscated the tire iron

The man said he returned to his office the same day. Two lap top com- Solomon home to find the door to his rived they found the man lying unputers were taken from desks inside home unlocked and the stereo miss- conclous on the living room floor. Bethe office along with some latent ing from the entertainment center in side him were a couple of unidenti-

police the man had been upset earlier that day that his wife and son were

He was taken to Huron Valley

TRAFFIC ALTERCATION: A 52-year-old Novi man stopped police at the Nine Mile Post Office and told him the driver behind him was following him and threatening him with a machette. Police stopped the second driver who told them he was angry that the Novi man had cut him off An engineer at Computer Decision desk. There was no evidence at the are looking for the suspect or susing a machette at the other driver, but did say he was following the man with the intent of making a citizens агтеst. He did sayhe had a makeshift tire iron in the car that he had picked up when it fell off the seat, but he and detained the man while the Novi

> Clitzens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the fied white tablets. Family and friends Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

#### **Novi Briefs**

Super trip: Jerry Surles, owner of the Novi Auto Wash, won the Novi Optimists rafile and will fly off to the Super Bowl in Atlanta with a companion. His name was selected in a drawing Friday.

"He's all excited." Novi Public Relations Director Cindy Stewart said. This time, Surles got it all for the price of a raffle ticket. Last year, he also went to the Super Bowl, but actually purchased the weekend package from a woman who had won the raffle but preferred the cash. Stew-

School financing: Novi parents will be able to get answers to their questions about Michigan's school finance reform Tuesday, Feb. 1. Representative Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, will visit the district to take part in an Information Night for the Novi Community School District, Bullard is expected to provide the latest projections on state revenues, explain the March 15 sales tax ballot proposal, and detail the new education funding system. There will also

be an opportunity for a question and answer period. All Novi residents are being invited to attend the Information Night. The meeting will be held in the Instructional Technology Center, located between Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows on Taft Road. Parking will be available in the Novi Meadows parking lot. Call (810)344-8330 for further information.

Under pressure: Community Emergency Medical Service reported in December that its staff since January 1992 administered blood cholesterol and/or blood pressure tests to 850 individuals, as part of a free program it offers to Novi residents.

The tests are held at the Novi Civic Center on Mondays prior to the Novi City Council meetings. Cookies now on sale: Local Girl Scouts in your community will

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By SHARON CONDRON

going to get in the way of doing God's accessory building. work Wednesday, Jan. 5.

mendation to the Novi Planning ments, provided adequate parking Commission to approve a 14,766 and needed no variances from the equally at peace with the plan. square foot addition for the Novi United Methodist Church. The expansion almost doubles the singing his praises about it.

present size of the church which is on the south side of Ten Mile Road and gers said.

Services at the "RK Institute" and a

include plans to increase parking that Rogers had reminded him to in- left turn conflicts.

None of Novi's consultants were and construct a 24-foot by 40-foot clude, the consultant was still willing Since the church's expansion That's why they made the recomplans met all the setback require- words," he said.

"This is a major improvement," Ro-existing two-way drive and another

planning commission, Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers was

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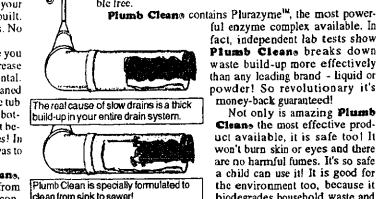
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In her first 70 days in office, Novi's

new Mayor Kathleen McLallen has

presented one key to the city, cut two

ribbons, hobnobbed with a U.S. con-

gressman and a state representative.

reviewed four fire stations, officially

lauded six Eagle Scouts and jetted to

Tuesday. McLallen gave her first

"State of the City" address, oddly

enough, in Farmington Hills at the

Looking at the year ahead, McLal-

len told the Novi Chamber of Com-

merce that: The most critical issue

facing Novi is the Michigan tax reform

and all of its unknowns. At this time,

munities which will not benefit from

the proposals. How this will effect our

1994-1995 budget is in question un-

revenue sharing is removed our city

1994, some things look fairly certain.

As signs of Novi's non-stop boom,

McLallen points to the forty shows

booked this year at the Novi Expo

Center. Main Street, as part of Novi's

new downtown, is moving ahead. The

Novi school district and the city are looking at joint land purchases for

school and park sites. Playing fields

may open this year at the new park at

emerging in many examples of

public/private partnerships." the

hopes to create a team of civic and

business leaders as an Economic De-

velopment Committee "to explore

ways to retain and attract new busi-

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As part of that, McLallen says she are private.

The spirit of Team Novi is re-

Eight Mile and Napier roads.

mayor said.

budget will be affected."

til the special election in March but if

But if question marks pop up in

Novi appears to be one of the com-

a National League of Cities confer-

Mayor aims to get city, businesses working together

second phase of Chase Farms, as 1994 will be the 250,000 Arbor Ware-

road spur. In addition, she says the

As Novi approaches its anniver-

sary of its 25th year as an incorpor-

municipality will hold its own as a

leading community in Oakland

ness." She's also been busy meeting ment continues to push westward in starts will be slow this year due to the

with Oakland County officials to find the city, there is significant final in- continuing state water moratorium.

ways to fix up the roads the county fill going on east of Novi Road with the Novi's first big industrial project for

Novi continues to grow apace; 359 well as Yerkes Estates on Eight Mile, house addition, complete with a rail-

1993, McLallen points to the develop- on Ten Mile. Perhaps the single most spat with the City of Walled Lake over

ment which will be soon underway in significant residential project to the new 52-1 District Court may soon

Section 28, the area bound by Taft move forward in 1994 will be the be settled, bringing that facility to the

Mile and Meadowbrook Section."

About 400 acres of land were deve-

land use ordinance, the central core loped last year and about the same ated city, McLallen predicts that the

Still, McLallen predicts housing County.

Road, Beck Road and Nine and Ten 1,000 unit Sandstone in the Thirteen Grand River Corridor.

the mayor said.

housing permits were issued in Mission Ridge on Meadowbrook and

of this section will remain in undeve- amount was added as new park land,

"Interestingly, through innovative

"While major residential develop-

loped woodland," she said.

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caring citizenry who take the time to build bridges," Cassis said in his in-

participate in Novi's growth and de- troduction. "I think Kathy McLallen

to find a solution that continues to Quinn, who has delivered the last

move Novi toward the completion of eight state-of-the-city addresses.

the 'beautiful city' that was begun 25 said in review of McLallen's speech

city address were left to Victor Cas- about the past year and the year to

contended unsuccessfully against. She gave a few teasers, so that they'll

is the one who can do that."

"She did good," former mayor Matt

Tuesday. 'She covered all the bases,

all the important points. She talked

come. She mentioned several things

that had not previously been known.

pay attention in the coming year, and

hat's the point. She passed."

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spite many disagreements are able

time and time again to come together

Introductions for the state-of-the-

sis, this year's chairman of the cham-

ber. It was Cassis' wife, Nancy, who

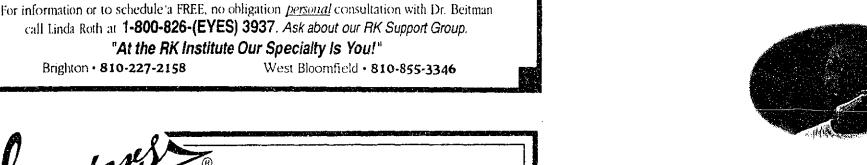
McLallen in November for the posi-

years ago," she said.

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disappeared.

lowed up by the gargantuan pot hole in the parking lot of the Novi Library. and operations, saidJan. 6 he hoped to fix the pot hole and maybe we'd the City of Novi would abide by a consider it. 30-year-old lease agreement on the

risk from the black hole. told elected officials from the Novi lighting for them year-round. But the Education and the City Council at a joint meeting of the two boards on only culprit behind the library's com-Jan. 6. "A family of four has been lost, he jokingly added.

hesitant about fixing the hole at the have agreed to fill the hole so the parking lot can be repayed.

"We are going to do what they want us to do," he said. "We are going to dig when they re-top they can pave right

The lease agreement is a binding agreement between the city and schools that commenced in 1978 and School and library officials were hoping it wasn't going to take that

long to get the pot hole fixed. But judging from the reaction school officials first received from city officials when they asked the city to fix the lot, it might. According to Koster, the agree-

ment holds the city responsible for

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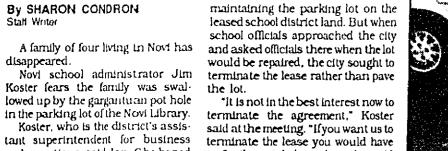
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The assistant superintendent said library land and fix the library park-since the high school parking lot is inglot so no more residents are put at directly adjacent to the library parking lot, the district has maintained "This is a major pot hole," Koster both lots in the winter and provided Community School District Board of district isn't willing to fix the hole. Koster said the pot hole isn't the

plaints about the lot's condition. The assistant superintendent said Even though city officials seemed recently library personnel have complained about students parking in toint meeting. City Manager Edward the municipal lot and leaving debris Kriewall said Wednesday city officials behind. There's been broken glass and trash left behind in the lot that makes parking there even more

He said school officials intend to it out and put in a gravel base so do their part to end the problem by telling students not to park there. And library personnel have agreed to help pay for blacktopping the lot after the city fixes the hole.

The library would be willing to pay for their share to resurface the lot if it were maintained," Koster said. The manager said the city is willing to honor the terms of the lease agreement even though he said the city rarely uses the lot.

"We haven't used it in five years," Kriewall said about the library lot. \*So I think we are being quite



## Rouge water tapped as part of cleanup

Samplings of water from the Rouge River as it passes through Novi are but droplets in a \$900 million project expected to pinpoint and re-

The Rouge River National West Weather Demonstration Project is ces of pollution going into the river monitoring water quality at two sites and then clean it up," Kusek along the river as it courses through the city - at Nine Mile Road, west of Mile Road near the railroad tracks between Meadowbrook and Novi road. An automatic sampling device tracks the water quality there

"The purpose is twofold. First of all, they want to find out the condition of the water before rain event, then after a rain event," said Leslie Kusek, public relations spokesperson for the Wayne County Rouge Program Office in Detroit. "The project is looking at all soures of pollution. It could be industrial

The baseline sampling in Novi began last fall and testing will continue hrough 1994.

Toxins frequently enter the river during storms or snow melts, carrying oils, salts, fertilizers and pesticides from lawns and roads into the waters. This is considered to be the major source of pollution of the Rouge River, Kusek said. A \$46 million grant to Wayne

Protection Agency is underwriting the initial phase of the program, with Wayne County kicking in an additional \$1 million. A second, \$82 mil-

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take place in three phases over the next 15 years. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments are also assisting the

Today, many areas in the river are duce the sources of pollution in the considered unsafe for "people uses" urban waterway over the next 15 such as boating, fishing and swimming, due to pollution. The intent is to identify all sour-

Once that is accomplished, the of Meadowbrook Road and by Ten Rouge office projects that the river could be a major source of public

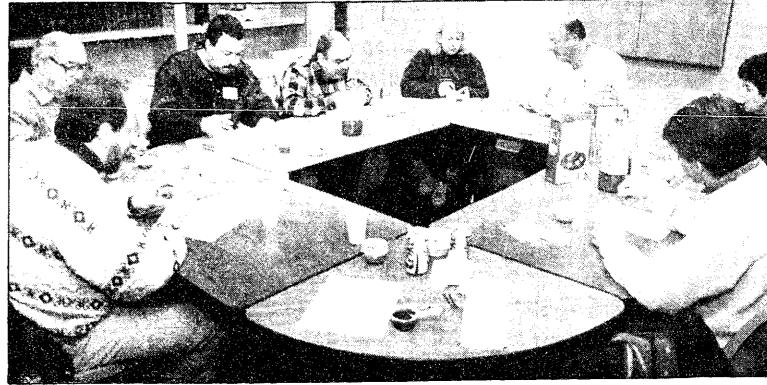
> 22 other sites, as well as Novi. The Novi locations are key, Kusek explained, because the headwaters of several branches of the Rouge are lo River depth, flow, temperature

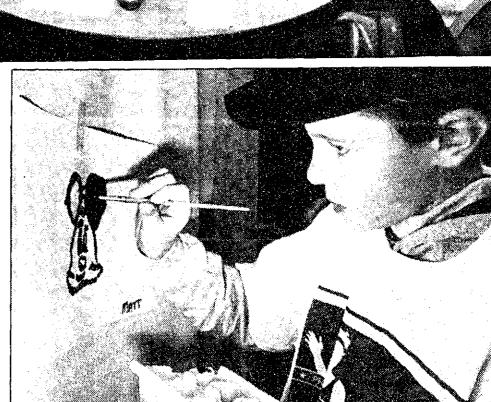
and water quality will be evaluated via the water sampling program. Discharge points such as sewers and drainage channels will also be monitored for chemical and microbiological characteristics. The work is being done by the Wayne County Department of Public Works and the Wayne County Rouge Program Office.

"We're dealing with a lot of land that's very developed with a lot of peo-

The river is 127 miles long and its watershed area runs roughly from Rochester Hills to Ypsilanti to the City of River Rouge. In this area, 1.5 million people live - and do things County from the U.S. Environmental like dump leaves down storm sewers and fertilize their lawns.

Among the program's goals are the construction of retention basins in a number of communities to control lion grant has been won for this year. discharge into the river, to eliminate These funds are described as the raw sewage discharge, log and debri first step in a \$900 million effort to jams and toxic discharges into the





minus-30 windchill factor to play hockey at Saturday's Chilly Willy Festival. Most merry-

Matt Hoag, 11, stays warm inside at the Chilly Willy Festival and paints his ver-

## 'Outsiders' sweep chili contest

allow outsiders to enter the annual restaurants. Novi restaurateurs the deep freeze.

Patrick Miseta was one of the few to brave the

makers stayed indoors and ate chili.

For the first time, restaurants outtheir steamy chili recipes into the contest. And this year, neighboring communities gave Novi restaurateurs a run for their money by claiming the top three spots in the annual cook-off contest.

Crawford's of Northville took first, followed by Wolverine Lake's Nifty Norman's in second, and Walled

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off and second and third in the peoside of Novi were allowed to bring ple's choice, so it was a "great event." festival and few left empty handed.

Eli and Denny's at the Novi Sheraton also won the contest for the best "I think it was a good idea to open it

up to other restaurants," she said. "I think it was nice that all of the restaurants came together to make this a great event." Despite the sub zero temperatures

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that froze the annual sno ball tourna- And in the Socre-O games it was The People's Choice award went to ment, Stewart said about 500 people Brandon Bunn who took first place in came to last weekend's festival at the the 3-5 year-olds division; Kyle Van-It's a good thing for Crawford's of Novi Public Information Director Northville that Chilly Willy Festival organizers bent the rules this year to

> Janice Wagner walked away with from the Super Score-O with two free said. "It was just a nice event for a tickets to a detroit Red Wings game. cold, chilly day."

and Jerry Michalson and Tom Milclaimed fourth and fifth in the cook- Nonetheless the crowd that did hizer fied for first in the 14-16 year-



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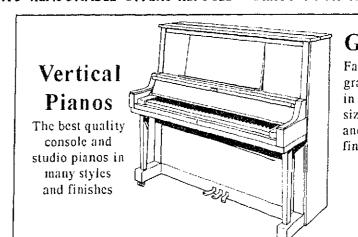
judges, at right, took seriously. Among the judges this year were Mayor Kathy McLallen, City Clerk Gerry Stipp, City Fores-

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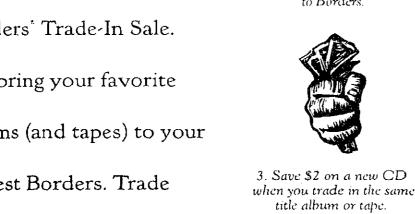


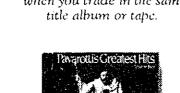
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smoke damage and water, Lenaghan said. It could not be proved the tree was the culprit, he added, so the cause was listed as uncertain.

## City reaffirms its need to build park

Building a parks system can be a ment of Rotary Park and is "optimis-"give and take" proposition, city offi-tic" that the state legislature will OK As part of a condemnation case The 40 contested north end acres

pending in Oakland County Circuit are owned by builder Paul Mitchell, Court, the Novi City Council con- who contends he can make more mofirmed once again Jan. 10 their will-ney developing the land than he can ingness to pay \$998,900 for land selling it to the city. near the Novi Tree Farm park. The council agreed in August to at-said Mitchell is not contesting the tempt to pursue the property, which necessity of the legal "taking" of the city officials say is needed to round land.

out the city's new park complex off of Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road. While the council tries to "take" of Natural Resources has something the land to its parks inventory.

up to 50 percent more," he said. A court trial will determine what this land, the Michigan Department - price the city will need to pay to add to give to the city. The state recently Novi already owns 325 acres in the came across with a \$75,000 grant for north end parks complex and has Rotary Park, to match the \$100,000 spent \$3.44 million of the voter-

City Manager Edward Kriewall

approved the funding for the develop-

his recommendation.

#### Local historian offers genealogical program

put up by the Novi Rotary Club. approved \$9.9 million park bond money to acquire the land.

search in a two-part program at Novi Avoiding the Pitfalls." Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 20 and 27. Both programs begin at 7

historian, genealogical researcher and member of the Oakland County Genealogical Society, will present Genealogical Research: An Intro- be handed down through the duction to Resource Materials and generations. Sources." On Jan. 27, she will ex-

Learn how to do genealogical re-Research: Overcoming the Problems, on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. with Preserving Family Heritage" by Jeanette Holman. Here, audience members will learn how to maintain and organize photos in a creative

"photo-safe" family album that can

To register for these free programs, plain "Documenting Genealogical call the Novi Library at 349-0720.

#### Novi Expo thaws air with spring exhibition

Here's a novel idea to help get you through another long, cold Michigan winter. Start thinking spring at the second annual Spring Home & Garden Show, which opens Feb. 3 at the

Novi Expo Center. "The show will inspire your creativity for springtime home and garden projects," said Robert R. Jones, president of the non-profit Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and Robert R. Jones Associates in West Bloomfield. The association is the event sponsor. "The show brings together a myriad of products for the home and garden all under

The Spring Home & Garden Show features over 200 exhibitors displaying the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. Special highlights at the show include NBC's Today Show gardening commentator Jeff Ball's "Yardening Academy" and lawn care information, demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling, the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape As-

sociation gardens and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes. The builders association is also sponsor of the 76th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the second annual Fall Remodeling Show at the Novi Expo Center. The Spring Home & Garden Show will be open through Feb. 6. Show hours are from 2 p.m. to 10 .m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Admission is \$5 for adults:

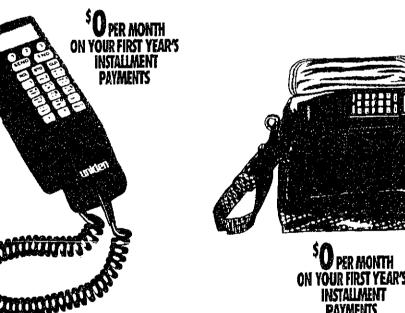
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By SHARON CONDRON

The Novi Planning Commission tabled a rezoning request that might lead to a new senior citizens complex near Twelve Oaks Mall.

Planners said there were just too many unanswered questions to recommend rezoning land on the south side of Twelve Mile between Twelve Oaks Mall and Meadowbrook Road from office to multiple-family restapproved the rezoning and the pro-

land would have paved the way for additional homes with patios would concurred. the construction of Grand Oaks of be constructed for elderly residents Novi Continuum of Care, a three-tier able to live independently. senior citizen residential project.

The Petix

secured financing for the project and cause he thought the complex would they have yet to see site plans. be a sultable neighbor to the shopthe request Jan. 5. The commission and the lake frontage. will revisit the issue when site plans — The office market has been slow The multi-building complex would said. dential. They also feared that if they offer elderly residents three types of Rogers said site plans have been

housing units. According to initial stalled until the rezoning is fect fell threw, another less destrable plans, the complex would have 75 approved. project with a similar use could waltz beds in 50 rooms in a home for the The rezoning of the 16.9 acres of as a Congregate Care facility and 30

considering the site plan for the com-generate less traffic and trips."

Commissioners also unanimously plex Wednesday night, talk of the detabled the rezoning because preli-veloper's plans surfaced frequently she supported the concept, but minary site plans severely impacted as planners debated towards tabling wanted assurances that if the rezonprotected woodlands and wetlands, action, They also hesitated to grant the re-Planning consultant Brandon Ro-

Commissioners delayed action on ping mall, Woodland Medical Center and this is equally a good use," he

"If it's on the map, an applicant

aged. Another 120 units would serve—can bring in the site plan," he said. Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo "We don't anticipate any significant

road impact," he said. "Typically se-Although commissioners were not nior developments like this would

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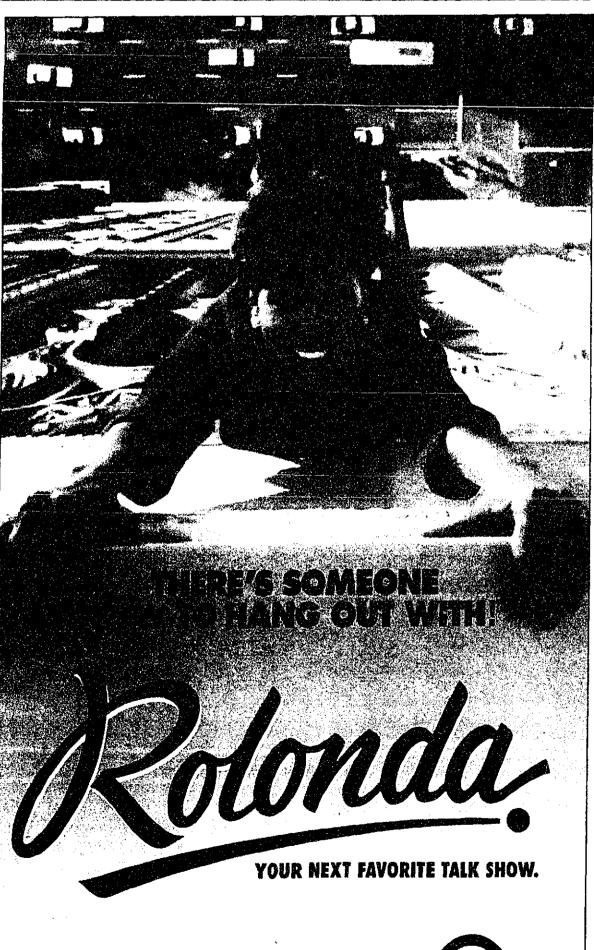
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ing were approved the "project would fly." She said she would support the rezoning for the senior complex but zoning because the developer hasn't gers recomended the rezoning beplan for general regional center dis-

Under the zoning ordinance, if the lands and wetlands.

the revision.

materialize the rezoning would re- in the wetlands to gain buildable main on the master plan and another land," she said. "We miltigate as a last developer could take advantage of resort."

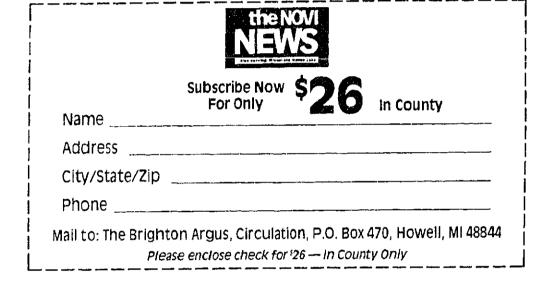
The city policy is that we don't fill

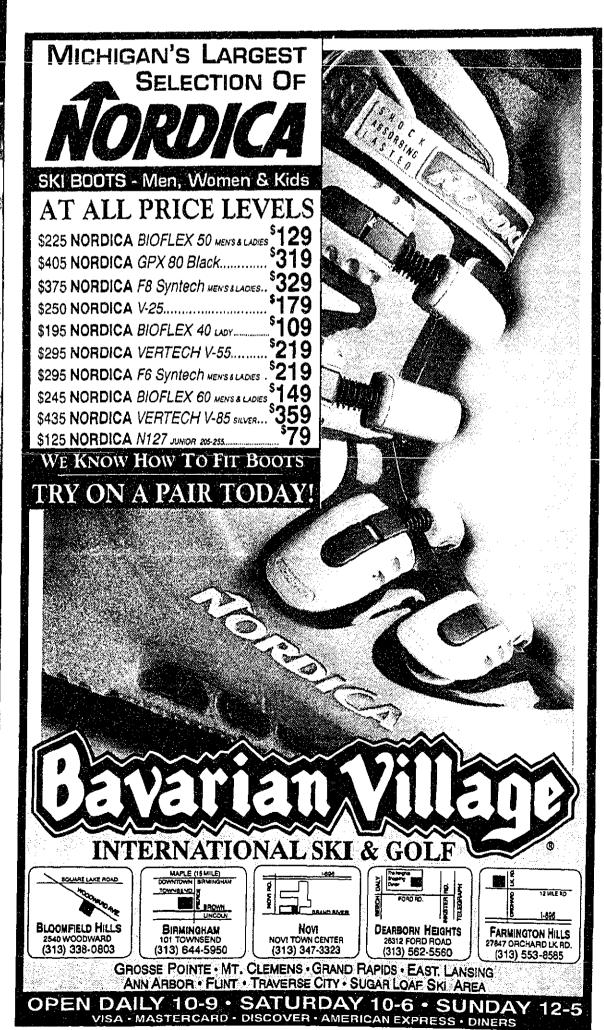
Commissioner Irene Cahill was Lorenzo was also the commis- also concerned about the wetlands be opposed to amending the master sioner who came down the hardest and suggested the developer reduce on the applicant for assuming he the number of units as a means of could build on the protected wood- lessening the impact on the wetlands.

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## Novi joins regional domestic violence program

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tives of HAVEN, a women's shelter program which last year opened an office in Novi. It began in Walled Lake, Wixom and Milford.

"I expected we would just do it." MacKenzie said, describing his feelings when the program started, "But something just facinating occurred. In the eight months of this program, we began to have an impact." And while they that's not long enough to set anything in stone, offi-

Police chiefs of the three communities say that their officers are receiving fewer repeat calls for domestic violence. Court representatives add that they've dealt with no repeat offenders of domestic violence since the program started.

cials were excited about the trends

Novi's Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer expressed enthusiasm for his community's inclusion.

"We're very excited to participate, he said. "Domestic abuse into are our family life all around us. Which is a tremendous stigma and to true associated with it."

Court officials said they expect a lot of new business now that Novi and White Lake Township are joining the program. The two communities. MacKenzie said, bring the most domestic violence cases to the court. ■ Those cases, like the others in the program, will be handled differently than in the past. In 1992, 29 percent of the domestic violence cases cases in 1992 and four since the men involved - they see they have a brought to the court from the three program started. Wixom, on the support system that is serious about communities were dropped either at request of the woman involved (98 percent of those charged in domestic violence cases are men) or because she refused to assist the prosecution

That number has fallen to zero among the program's cases. Court officials added that there's been no increase in the number of domestic vio- react to it. lence cases dismissed for other rea-

What has increased, MacKenzie spond to a domestic violence call and abuser makes bail. said, are the number of those plead- see evidence of abuse. The point of Oakland County Pre-Trial Sering guilty to domestic violence of this step in the program, officials vices is part of the effort as well, helpfenses - some 92 percent of those said, is to prevent an abuser from ling out with pre-bond investigations charged. That rise has come, he pressuring the woman involved to of 52-1 domestic violence cases. added, despite a 32 percent increase talk the police out of arresting him - Prosecutors have also stepped up in 52-1 district court's domestic vio- through promises of change or their efforts under the program. They "When we see cases go up a third "In many instances, a victim is re- cases from program communities be-

and the dismissal rate go down by a luctant to press charges," Milford cause the woman involved requests third, the judge said, we think we've Chief of Police John Daly said. After it. Like the must-arrest policy, the done something. That tells me we've a night's sleep, they're not as willing underlying idea is that the alleged got individuals pleading guilty in to sign the complaint. Now we take it abuser now can't put pressure on the cases where, before the program be- out of their hands." gan, they wouldn't have gone to trial." (Shaeffer, by the way, said that the That measure seems to have had (Wixom, by the way, accounts for Novi police department has had a an effect. In 1992, the court dealt the entire increase in cases to date. "must-arrest" policy for several with 34 domestic violence cases, 10 Court officials said they don't know years.)

Perpetrators have no limitations

Domestic violence is an ugly and ple that are part of a new program to officials say, and so requires a diffe-

"This particular crime is no respecter of wealth," 52-1 District Court ities. It happens everywhere." According to the FBI's report on

during her lifetime. That works out that feeling. to one assault every 15 seconds.

cause in many instances a spouse problem. abuser is also a child abuser." Walled Lake Chief of Police Ken Bor-turning the screws -- pyschologi-

It begins with HAVEN staffers

tends to go on in abusive relation-

threats of further abuse.

In 1992, 16 cases of domestic vio- and taken to the court the next morn-

Since the program began, that has The must-arrest policy, Daly

dropped to 15. Milford, reported six added, is an important signal to wo-

1992 and reported 18 since the prog-Hedy Nuriel, executive director of

The program has several steps. message across to offenders as well.

training police officers in the "dy-sequences when he engages in this

namics" of domestic violence—what behavior or re-offends, " she said.

ships and how both sides act and informational packet from HAVEN

The officers themselves now follow any arrest reports. Court officials no-

a "must-arrest" policy when they re- tify the woman involved if her alleged

Those arrested are jailed overnight 29 percent. Since the program be-

lence were reported in Walled Lake. ing. MacKenzie said.

other hand, reported two cases for protecting them, he said.

those who abuse their spouses also assault their children. Domestic violence is different all too common reality, say the peofrom other types of crimes, program

rent approach to solve it. The perpetrator of domestic violence, officials said, often seems to Judge Brian MacKenzie said. "It have a "stable" life — works a good happens in rich and poor communjob, pays his bills. Some have even been community leaders.

 Underneath the veneer, howthe subject, one of every four fe- ever, an abuser desperately wants males in America will be the victim to feel like he's "in control," and will of some form of domestic assault assault his wife or girlfriend to have When faced with cops and

It's not just women—{98 percent—courts, however, the abuser plays a of those charged in domestic vio- double game, officials say. He aplence cases are men) — that are in pears to be reasonable. He expresses concern over burdening the "it's a dangerous situation, be-system with such a "small"

> Meanwhile, officials say, he's cally, emotionally and even through

HAVEN, also pointed out it gets the

"The abuser knows there are con-

Police also provide women with an

and give HAVEN workers copies of

of which were dismissed - a figure of

victim to back off. He promises to change his ways.

alternated with threats of reprisal. The mind games are even more efsion to arrest out of the alleged fective, officials say, when the abused is economically dependent An abuser takes advantage of the

fact that many communities have policies which restrict police and court officials from proceeding with arrests or prosecution if the woman involved won't cooperate, officials say. Even if she will, they add, the time it takes for a case to get to trial is time an abuser can use to keep the pressure on.

abusers don't get arrested or support and professional counselcharged in the first place, officials ing. They keep in touch to ensure say, and some of those who do still the violence doesn't begin again. see their cases dropped. Abuser and abused then enter a say, a door could open up to a large

"honeymoon" of repentance fol- reduction in domestic violence. lowed by the cycle beginning anew. Whether it can one day be elimi-The 52-1 program attempts to nated remains an open question.

move from arraignment through pretrial proceedings. Under the program, that's dropped to five days. It arrest" policy when evidence of abuse is present. That takes the decitook an average of 113 days for a case

victim's — and the alleged abuser's In the same way, prosecutors at 52-1 no longer drop cases at a woman's request or because she re

fuses to assist them. The court "fast-tracks" domestic violence cases to reduce the time an alleged abuser can have to try to pressure his alleged victim into

abused and abuser. They've seen a 350 percent indropping a case. Combined with that are the efcrease in counseling requests recently. Nuriel said, most of which can be forts of HAVEN women's shelter officials. They contact those involved attributed to the program. The bottom line is that many in domestic abuse cases to offer MacKenzie praised the coopera

tive efforts of all those involved. "I think that the number of rep resentatives here today from private Through the program, officials agencies and governmental bodies demonstrates that's there's real community commitment to the program, "he said. "It's a communitybased approach."

Further expansion of the program is a possibility. MacKenzie said he's gan, none of the 38 cases from the Yet another step in the program discussed the idea with a South Lyon three communities have been. calls for fast-tracking domestic vio- representative.

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duces the chance for pressure from

In 1992, a domestic violence case

at the court took about 40 days to

to make it from arraignment to final

disposition; under the program: 13

HAVEN officials do their part in

another step, offering their support

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volved. They keep regular contact

with them. Nuriel said, to ensure

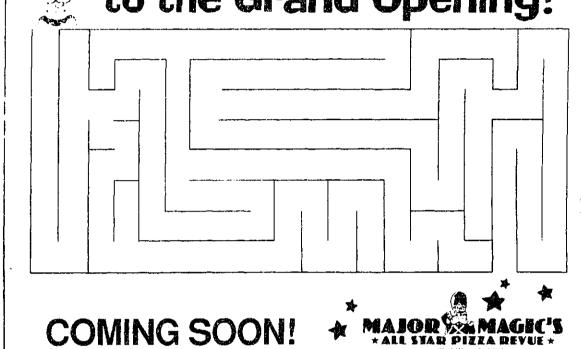
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the abuser and aims at reducing ab-

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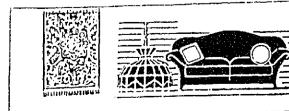
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## ties city's hands on oil drilling

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by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at the Nordhouse Dunes set a dangerous precedent for lawsuit slapped on Novi by

It was estimated by the city's lawyers that Novi might have to pay termine if petroleum deposits are SOMOCO \$50 million if it were de- under or near the Novi Tree Farm nied the right to drill at a Ten Mile Park on Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road site a quarter-mile west of Echo Road. Council Member Joseph Toth Valley Estates Subdivision. H was a pretty devastating case. It firm will pay a \$25 permit fee for the was quite a fiscal burden. Pope said. privilege. This likely does not cover Because the Nordhouse Dunes the costs of the close monitoring of

not avoid their impact by simply Pope said.

drilling or operation of the well.

Wolverine Oil and Gas Company is contracting for seismic studies to depointed out in December that the and other related legal cases are the project, which involves dynamite based on constitutional law, "we can charges, by the city's fire marshall,

changing the ordinances," Fried "I do think we can recoup our wrote in his opinion. However, that funds. I don't want the taxpayers ruptions to the environment. Some The seismic tests, involving small LARA meeting to field questions. Novi The LARA meeting is at 7 p.m. at could be a different case if the Michi- subsidizing these things," he

wyer added. That railing could come within the next few months. The problem in the SOMOCO case stemmed from prior court decisions which make it very difficult to validly present the extraction of min- By JAN JEFFRES erals from property . . . The case (Nordhouse) was significant because the court treated the subsurface rights as a separate property right

ing at the Novi Tree Farm are invited from the surface rights of the to a Tuesday, Jan. 25 meeting of the Lakes Area Residents Association. Novi's ordinances permit the city In December, the Novi City Counto bar oil wells from residential land if cil in December gave the Grand it can be proved that "very serious consequences" would ensue from the

Rapids-based Wolverine Gas and Oil Company the go-ahead to search for the surface of the city park on Twelveand-a-half Mile Road. Since then, LARA president Harry Avagian says his phone has been busy with calls from worried members of the north end homeowners association. I realize that many people in the

lakes area, having read in The Novi tion of oil may have questions," Ava-People are concerned about the

People are concerned about the inter- their concerns."

People are concerned about the modus operandi All Novi residents interested in an oil company's plans for seismic test- of exploring for oil. People are concerned about the interruptions to the environment. Some have expressed concerns that it would be insensitive to the environmental conditions of the Christmas Tree Farm. They're particularly concerned that possible petroleum deposits under city council has given permission. What I'm trying truck traffic on West Road.

LARA hosts hearing on oil tests

President of LARA discuss the road bond project.

News about the anticipated explora- mental conditions of the Christmas Tree Farm." They're particularily concerned testing. that city council has given permismodus operandi of exploring for oil. sion. What I'm trying to do is head off leasing agent representing Wolverine that we're not asking for anything but

to do is head off their concerns."

have expressed concerns that it charges of dynamite, are expected to Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan will also the Walled Lake Middle School media would be insensitive to the environ- begin in late February or early March be there to help residents under center, 46720 West Pontiac Trail.

Avagian says some lakes area homeowners have been approached about leasing their oil and mineral rights to Wolverine. "I told them that was a legal matter

stand what's happening

and they would be best to seek answers elsewhere," he added. The oil and gas exploration will not be the only "hot topic" at the LARA

meeting. Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer will be present to discuss Also on the agenda is Decker Road. After a series of delays, the city Harry Avagian council on Jan. 31 is scheduled to

LARA backs the city completing the Decker Road project as planned -although there has been some discussion among city officials of delayon the Novi Tree Farm. Wolverine has ling the roadwork, which is expected retained Eagle Exploration to do the to run over budget.

"It has been the position of the Larry Garvin, a mineral rights Lakes Area Residents Association Gas and Oil, will be on hand at the what was promised," Avagian said.

## Certification is contradicted in new school aid bill

The first error in Michigan's new the Legislature to "maintain and sup- business, Justice Dorothy Comstock The new school code (Public Act tion program" for the Jacobas who schools. school funding plan has been Lawmakers eliminate a school code requirement that school admi-

nistrators be certified by the state. universities. But their school aid act penalizes school districts that hire uncertified administrators. "We are the only state not requir-

ingprofessional certification to administer our schools. It's a significant step backwards," Dr. Robert Schiller, superintendent, told the State Board member Gumecindo Salas, D-East Lansing, took a stab at it: This is part of Education. "There has to be some of the initiative to privatize schools. If "The state board's authority has you remove that requirement (certifi-

Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester and out. Hills, the board treasurer. "Several

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sections in the code have some constitutional questions."

over all public education" except tight certification laws.

Schiller and his staff couldn't explain the Legislature's error, so board

been usurped by the law," added cation), it's easier to move people in

special message on education, told not be certified as administrators, teachers. The Michigan Constitution orders lacocca couldn't be hired to teach as teachers. port" free public education. But it Riley couldn't teach civics and press 335 of 1993) sets a June 30 deadline have "outstanding academic creden- A college student planning a career

Lawmakers did little to change taxes and change the way schools are riculum directors. Not only need they comes in new requirements for three years.

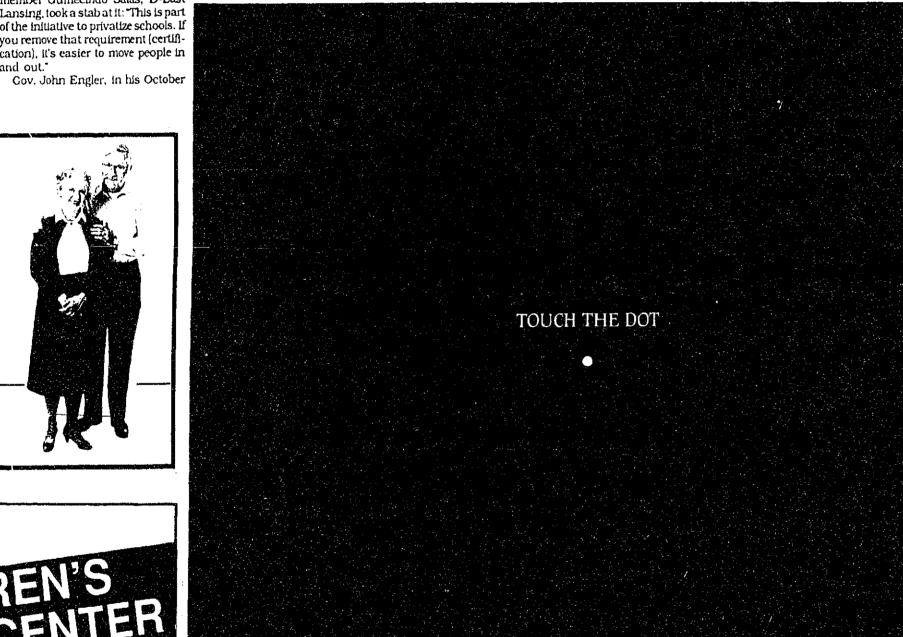
lawmakers that auto executive Lee but they wouldn't have to be certified The state board must develop a "an 15 days" a year of professional deve-

gives the eight-member state board corps dean Tim Skubik couldn't for the state board to establish new tials, who are exceptionally gifted in education must demonstrate suc-"leadership and general supervision teach journalism under Michigan's continuing education requirements performers or artists, or who are outfor administrators. The law applies to school districts. fields of endeavor."

The state legislature, in a 26-hour that. Instead they allowed hiring of public school academies, intermedimarathon, completed work Dec. 24 uncertified administrators—such as ate districts and nonpublic schools. "master" teachers who will act as engage in student teaching in a on laws to replace local property superintendents, principals and cur- The good news," Schiller said, mentors during the newcomer's first school in this state." That require-

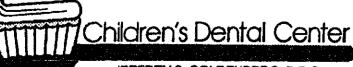
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## District moves forward with its long range plan

By SHARON CONDRON

The creation of a business part- December 1993, voters approved a Space Lab. goals that have been accomplished in nology into Novi schools. Since the of it as we can do until Detroit Edison program is to improve student learn prove self-irrage.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe trict's buildings to create a local area Lippe said.

tablished last year Novi Board of Education Jan. 6 on the progress being made on the fiveyear long range plan that's being phased in district-wide this year. He repeated his presentation later that evening for the Novi City Council at a joint meeting of the council and school board.

"We wanted to show you that the long range plan was not just a document sitting on a shelf someplace." Lippe told the school board. "It's be-

ing implemented." Last year, a group of 47 school administrators, parents, students and business and community leaders convened to develop a five-year plan for the school district. Through their deliberations emerged a long range plan that seeks to meet specific goals for exit competencies, technology, quality programs, business partnerships, staff development, facilities and land, financial, curriculum integration, and diverse population. Goals and strategies have been set by subcommittees of the larger steering committee and the fruits of their

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Phase One of three phases for classrooms to university and other the community that have agreed to curriculum, increase career aware- According to the mission statetechnology implementation is nearly databases. It also provides a link to pair up with schools in the district. ness, provide successful role models ment drafted by the Partners in Educompleted Lippe said last week. In the Library of Congress and NASA nership program is just one of several \$7.9 million bond issue to bring tech- Phase one is all done or as much business partner. The purpose of the seeks to increase motivation and im-

the Novi Community School Dis- bond issue passed, school officials gives us the right-away and con- ing by extending the classroom into trict's long range plan this year. have been able to link each of the dis-

used the partnership program as just network. Ninety-five percent of the Another part of Lippe's brief preone example of how the district was teachers are computer literate on sentation included the announce- student learning by sharing the exactively seeking to meet the goals classroom teaching stations. And ment that a business partnership pertise of their businesses, organiza. Community School District, For spelled out in the long range plan a each school has a multi-media labor- program was taking root in the dis- tions, or individuals in a one-to-one partners, organizers hope the prog-47-member steering committee es- atory for student use. Computers trict. Tonight organizers of the Part- relationship with students. also have access to Internet, an interners in Education Program will an-The superintendent updated the national network that links Novi nounce the names of businesses in program is intended to enrich the satisfaction.

By the end of tenight's meeting and foster a greater understanding of cation Program Advisory Council, the each Novi school will have adopted a the business community. It also program seeks "to strengthen the

will be afforded an opportunity to in-The program calls on business vest in tomorrow's leaders today. partners to be directly involved with Business partners will also be exram will foster a sense of teamwork, For students the partnership mutual understanding and personal

educational process, enhance the sharing of expertise between busi-On the flip side, business partners ness and education, and develop a better sense of community."

John Swallow, the district's Assis tant Superintendent for Human Resources, spearheaded the partner ship program for the schools. Connie Mallett President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and George Andrews, of TRACC, are coordinating it for the business community.



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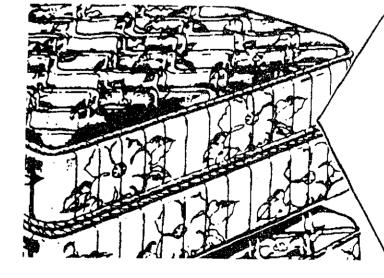
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As We See It

Like the unsophisticated boy who

blurted out. "The emperor has no

clothes." Rep. Jerry Vorva is pointing out

an elemental truth that political pander-

Michigan doesn't need a two chamber

idea, says Vorva, a freshman Republican

the Northville area.

to be 25; senators, 30.

January 20,

1994

having trouble with math, and building-to-

building variations are noticeable within given

districts. But the remarkable thing about this

round of MEAP results is how widespread the

Improvement was. School official after school official echoes Why now, especially when school officials were dismayed at deteriorating scores for the James Faust, director of pupil personnel in last couple of years? ous grades in school. the Huron Valley schools (around Milford), ex-

Simple. It takes time to go through the process. Scores must be evaluated to determine where kids are having trouble. Course content, textbooks and teaching methods need to be changed. And the changes need a little time to review school curricula, MEAP turns out to be proved, "last year we analyzed the scores and

But that's life in the real world.

peared shortly before the Detroit broadcasters mid-'80s came to naught, but Ballenger had a

(1969-70) and state senator (1971-74) and lost head." Front-runner Spence Abraham is "a

a bid for Congress. Gov. Bill Milliken brought bland hatchet man" with "something missing."

him into the administration, finally making him Jim Elsman, the Birmingham attorney and

racing commissioner, which is where I got to GOP convert, is a "smart, dogged eccentric -

know him. His office had a huge picture of H.L. but he can't do better than single digits next

Mencken (1880-1956), the iconoclastic jour- Aug. 2." State Sen. Gil DiNello, "despite a his-

Sad to say, Milliken left office in 1982, incoming Tim Richard reports regularly on the local impli-

widely available to parents and taxpayers. This ments, according to Sandra Schwartz, the dis-And despite all the huffing and puffing from newspaper publishes regularly the MEAP trict's MEAP coordinator. There is more Lansing about school reform, it's the old MEAP scores for the entire school district, broken out hands-on experiential learning . . . trying to test and the common sense approach to educational quality that are doing the job, day by day, year by year. Congratulations to the many, Jane Kuckel, associate superintendent for many teachers and school officials who are What is striking about last year's improved instruction in the Wayne-Westland district, working so hard for our kids.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that is correct: Define what kids are supposed to analysis and critical thinking skills . . . We owns this newspaper. His touchtone voice mail learn; teach them; assess what they have need a solid K-12 curriculum, and pupils must number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

barrel of fun with a bicycling campaign.

I can't say we're social friends, but we share

His Republican reputation doesn't stop him

an abiding admiration for a comical, inquisitive

breed of dog called the Norwegian elkhound.

from calling the shots as he sees them. Here's

what he said recently about Republican U.S.

Senate hopefuls: Carl Pursell, former Plymouth

congressman who pulled out, is a garruious

frump." Ronna Romney, the Bloomfield Hills

money-raiser, is "fighting an image as an air-

tory of high-profile Detroit-bashing, is a nonen-

That's what you get from an H.L. Mencken

admirer who once named an elkhound Loki -

That proves Ballenger is a good sort.

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## MEAP scores are on the way up

Joseph Payne, professor of mathematics in-

struction at the University of Michigan, puts it

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the Nancy Kerrigan case.

cies of electioneering.

nalist from Baltimore.

short-changed the state parks story in favor of

Our quotable guru was raised William S.

Ballenger III in mid-Michigan, earned a bache-

lor's degree from Princeton (magna cum laude,

yet), and turned early to politics in Shiawassee

County. There he served on the county plan-

ning commission, chaired both the Young Re-

publicans and senior party organizations, and

directed research for the GOP State Committee

in Lansing. Hence his knowledge of the intrica-

crats, Ballenger made a splash by concocting a series of imaginative promotions for the horse

racing industry. Ballenger argued, with mathe-

by out-of-town editors who bump its stories in ... Democrat Jim Blanchard gave Ballenger the ... cations of state and regional events. His touch

avor of 'soft' human interest features and en-boot, and horse racing continues to deteriorate. tone voice mail number is (313)953-2047 ext.

Appreciate Novi's care for victims

Ballenger served as state representative

In a job usually occupied by faceless bureau-tity outstate."

matical precision, that the Lottery is a sucker for the Norse god of mischief.

There's good news learned; make changes when things are going

MEAP stands for bluntly: "I think there are major efforts in the

Michigan Educa- state to examine curricula, and changes are be-

tional Assessment ing made." Tests prior to MEAP were "really

Program. It's the set minimal. They did nothing about higher think-

of achievement tests—ing skills. It did not represent the kind of situa-

Payne's evaluation.

covering math, sci-tions that people really face."

normal."

the only serious education assessment device looked at where we needed to make improve-

building by-building. Readers can see just how use the best instructional practices we have,"

test results is that they prove the common agrees: "We can't be satisfied with just compu-

sense approach to school quality improvement tation skills, but we want problem-solving,

on the school front: badly.

MEAP scores are go-

ence and reading

now given periodi-

cally to kids in vari-

the schools attended by their children are doing she says.

man in Lansing, next

to gubernatorial

press secretary John

Truscott, must be

Bill Ballenger. He's

editor and publisher

of a newsletter called

tics, whose acronym

is IMP. That tells you

a bit about his sense

If no legislators or

of humor.

party leaders are hanging around to comment

on political implications of a governmental ac-

tion, the state capitol press corps turns to Bal-

lenger, 53. Sometimes the corps turns to Bal-

lenger anyway because he will say truthful

IMP circulates to political insiders, assessing

the strengths of potential candidates, tracking

the outcomes of county board elections (a

Democratic trend), and rating lobbyists (Oak-

land schools' Rick Simonson was a standout).

IMP even evaluates the press corps, not too

the early '80s. It's also increasingly frustrated

things that politicians don't dare say.

Inside Michigan Poli-

are doing compared to others.

Richard

the right direction.

calls and so did I.

ters (one of whom was positively

identified as the assailant);

out how to build a \$700 million en-

"I am heartened that our Legisla-

ture is providing the necessary lead-

ship in this state parks initiative,"

tive budget process.

Financially, they have yet to map field Township.

dowment fund that will free state percent from the general fund and 80

parks from depending on the legisla- percent from revenues. Last April we

Joey M. Spano, a member of the state parks and recreation director, has Natural Resources Commission, said been on the NRC for two years as an

I have been very concerned about Clubs started the push in January of

the lack of general fund budget sup- 1993 for better financial underpin-

port for state parks. Tenyears ago the ning for the 100 state parks.

at a state capitol news conference appointee of Gov. John Engler.

through the indifferent and self-



out to be concerned mostly with taxes and little was some criticism, we did it more than with educational quality. Although originally designed as a device to In Birmingham, where MEAP scores also im-

It makes some sense that the Issue was raised by a plancess known as an election. Of ning commissioner, who was appointed to his position

lot of fundraising, taking dona- for him. But the idea of disclosure of gifts has come up be-Now, while I'm not impressed with \$35 fruit baskets or who have projects or requests likely to come before council votes. I also tend to think disclosure is a good idea. As long tual who's who of the City of Novi and the surrounding port only those gifts worth more than, say, \$25 and an exemption for gifts from relatives or friends who have no con-

But I also think that rules, whatever they turn out to be,

If nothing else, disclosure will set the record straight on I'm being facetious, of course, but I find it a little difficult | just how much council members and planning commisto get excited about the idea that council members and sioners get in terms of gifts, and just how expensive — or

## How much is a vote worth?



legislature. One will do just fine, thank you, And now is the time to push the Government

from Plymouth whose district includes school tax cliffhanger but on many tax As any school child knows, the two and budget issues in the last decade. chamber idea was born as a class dis-Bills are drafted and redrafted in the tinction in Great Britain with the House wee hours. Amendments are tacked on of Lords and the House of Commons. At whimsically. Members get tired, cranky the U.S. Constitutional Convention of and careless. That is where mistakes are

1787, the idea was a political compromise between the large states, which Michigan's three chamber system wanted representation by population, drove many school people to nail biting and small states, which wanted two as it dragged out the tax writing process members per state. There would be an to Christmas Eve. That 26 hour episode age distinction, too: Housemembers had was the straw that broke the camel's back for Vorva and a few others.

Michigan followed suit at its most re-Vorva, an irreverent maverick with a cent Con Con in 1961-62. House dispenchant for kicking shins, is pushing a tricts were to have equal populations. constitutional amendment for a one Senate districts were to be drawn by "ap- chamber legislature. At first blush, his portionment factors," with 20 percent of chances would appear remote because, the factors awarded by land area in a were he to succeed, 70 politicians would county and 80 percent by population. be out of a job immediately.

But Vorva is looking at 1998, when Well, that didn't last long. Before the decade was over, the U.S. Supreme term limitation starts to kick in. Most of Court said apportionment by anything our legislators are going to be out of jobs anyway, having served three House but population violated the "equal protection of the laws" provision of the U.S. terms or two Senate terms. So 1998. Vorva reasons, would be the perfect time At that point, a two chamber legislato institute a one chamber legislature of, ture was obsolete, but its defenders said say, 75 members.

a second chamber was needed to catch We suggest an odd number of memthe errors of the first. Precisely the oppobers so that one party or another will site appears to be the truth in Michigan's have a majority and be forced to take responsibility. We look forward to the day You frequently can hear lawmakers when voters, either by accident or missay they "gave a vote" to a bill they dis- chief, cease electing a Senate of one party

liked to "keep the process moving" - and a House of another. Voters should get not only a better that is, to get a bill over to the other performance from a single chamber lechamber where, one prays, its flaws will gislature but have an easier time at the be fixed. That's a sloppy way to vote. In fact, Michigan has a three chamber polls. It's sad, but true, that many voters legislature. The third is the conference don't know if a lawmaker is in the House committees and the backroom "negotiaor Senate. Michigan has made its election system deliberately too tions" by a handful of leaders closeted with the governor. Of the 148 legislators,

We wish Vorva well. And when times perhaps 140 are left out of the dealing. get tough — as they surely will for any-That's an undemocratic way to do business, particularly in a complex industone who advocates common sense in politics — we urge him to keep repeating: The third chamber subjects the The emperor has no clothes . . . The House and Senate to all night sessions, emperor has no clothes . . . The emperor as we have seen not only in the recent has no clothes . . . "

## Moments



Jump start

in the Novi area play havoc

## Good plan still needs scrutiny

has drawn a great deal of attention amount of cash into the concept through throughout the area. But it is also one an annual \$10,000 budget for the Town that needs a hard look, a skeptical re- Center Steering Committee and through view, by council members who are not the commissioning of special reports hesitant to ask the hard questions.

rial state like Michigan.

build a downtown-like Main Street on 55 Department of Transportation grant to acres of nearly vacant land south and fund portions of the Ring Road through east of the Grand River Avenue/Novi the town center area, part of which will Road intersection. While it would be im- be the Main Street segment. possible to create from scratch a typical downtown, like those in Northville or when it ordered up a cost analysis this Milford. Novi planners believe they can week to determine how much the city is come up with a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development with a variety of retail outlets as well as cultural and entertainment-oriented facilities, like a theater, an art gallery, sidewalk cases and a bandshell. Already plans are in the works for a fruit market and a sports area. Downtowns all around the countavern. And all this is to be laid out along try, including Northville and Milford, a "streetscaped" Main Street.

City planners have been working on the concept steadily since 1980 and a number of builders have come and looked at the proposal and passed. But now, developer James Chen and his investment group, Evergreen III, say they can build it and want to give it a shot.

lion worth of buildings in the Main Street area. But the big question for the City of Novi is who will pay for the \$2.2 million in water, sewer and road improvements one we sincerely hope Novi can pull off. along the Main Street corridor. Planning Yet, the city stands to get the best chance Department Director Jim Wahi said he of having a successful downtown if it hopes the developer will pay for most of asks the tough questions now, and init, but Chen may come looking for help sists that the developer make it on his from the city in order to "make the num- own without too much assistance from

It is an exciting concept, one which Already the city has sunk a fair and hiring of consultants. Still, the city We are speaking about the proposal to could soon get help in the form of a state

City council was on the right track likely to spend on this project and how much is to be gained as a result of the gain in Novi's tax base.

At the same time, council should be considering the economic viability of this have experienced financial hard times in recent years because of the retail competition offered up by the malls and strip centers. Yes, people may like to spend time in downtown areas, but they seem to spend more money in the malls.

All that gain in tax base won't mean much if after the developers get it put up, the businesses of the area find they can't Chen hopes to put up \$50 to \$60 mil-draw enough customers to be successful

Like we said, it is an exciting concept.

# and paid for.

Michael

Malott

cast in the near future by the

though a eight-month long pronecessity, the process involves a rather than elected. So a gift might be somewhat unusual

raised an eyebrow. Two hundred dollar contributions were

paign finance reports. Victory parties and fundraisers in laws, which is how why know how much candidates for ofrestaurants were typical. One candidate dropped \$312 on fice raised, from whom and on what the money was spent. pizza on election day alone.

\$14,400. At a price of \$35 a vote, that would mean the first cision on most of what the planning commission does. 411 votes are already called for.

planning commissioners in Novi were sent fruit baskets inexpensive -- those gifts may be. worth \$35 over the holidays by Vic Ventimiglia, owner of

If \$35 in fruit could buy a Novi, and Evergreen III, the investor group seeking to build public official's vote in Novi. the Main Street project in Novi's town center area. Not all then what you have to under- took them. Some accepted them only to turn them over to stand is that all the votes to be charity later. Others kept them.

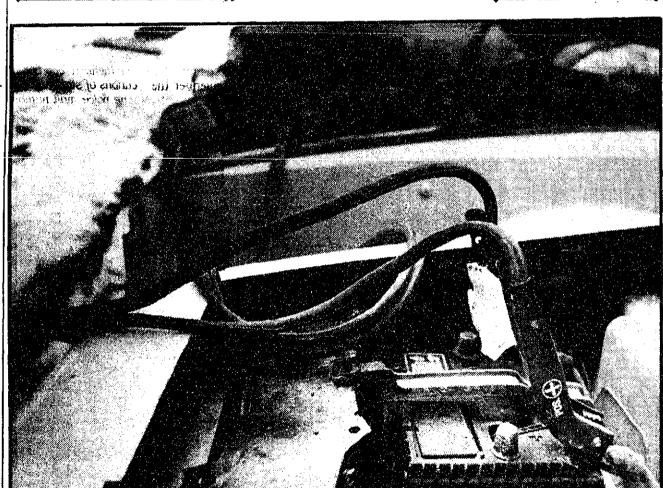
But Planning Commissioner Glen Bonaventura obmajority of the City Council jected to the gifts and raised the issue in a recent meeting. have long since been bought. He is proposing a new ethics code for the Planning Commission, one which would be more stringent that the one Novi just put its mayor and which governs city council and which would also require three of its council members disclosure of gifts received by commissioners.

tions and spending the money in all manner of mane ways. fore the council before and been rejected. The idea appa-In the past election, a \$35 donation wouldn't have rently is being revived in the councils rules committee. commonplace. And they weren't coming from just those their ability to sway council members' or commissioners' in the near future; the lists of contributors read like a virass reasonable rules are set - such as a requirement to re-Anyone who thinks that the cash they gave to their favonection to city business — the idea of disclosure should rite politician didn't go to feed the candidate and his or her not be overly burdensome for the council members. And it campaign workers ought to take a closer look at the cam-would follow the spirit of the campaign finance reporting

The candidate who raised the most money in the past should be the same for council and the planning commiselection, mayor Kathy McLallen, received more than sioners. It is after all the council which makes the final de-

#### Vic's Quality ruit Market and who is proposing a store for Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

**By Bryan Mitchell** 



## You can make difference



Coble

Sound familiar? You'll hear

this on the nightly news and see t splashed across magazine arof everything from drug use to ising crime rates. It's the oftrepeated theme of politicians of ooth the left and right as well. Usually couched in a lot of pyschological jargon, the idea is fairly simple. Kids learn how to

behave from watching the behavior of those around them. Kids with positive role models in their daily lives have a better chance of turning out OK than those who don't. It's a long process to turn out bad or good. We as kids put away childish things and become adults by degrees. like water running down a rock. Slowly, patiently -- painfully - our experiences etch grooves upon the mind. Little

by little, a kid learns the way to behave, right or wrong. A family structure," it's important to note, isn't as strict a definition as it sounds. Role models don't have to be blood, they can be anyone who exerts an influence in a young person's life — just someone who cares. Someone

who's a friend. Enter Northville Youth Assistance. NYA runs a program that matches volunteers from the community with kids who can benefit from having that sort of a friend — or "interacting with a positive adult role model," as my sister, a pyschotherapist, might say.

A lot of kids fit that bill. Some have gotten into scrapes

"The deterioration of the fam- with the law, but a lot are just part of families in a tough ly structure is causing this spot, where role models of one sex or the other are lacking. They need someone they can confide in.

You can be that friend for a kid in need by joining the program. Anyone 21 years or older, township or city resident, is welcome. You receive 15 hours of training and icles describing the latest study then get matched with a young person involved in the program. From there, you spend a couple of hours one day a week with your match. You can do any number of things, NYA Director Mary

> game or just talk. The benefit comes in the child having someone they can trust and talk to. Over time, the groove becomes deeper and deeper. If you doubt that, just think back to your own turbulent teenage years. Remember that somebody you had who kept your secrets — the ones Mom and Dad would never know — and

> Ellen King pointed out. Go skating or for ice cream, play a

solved those seemingly insolvable problems? They were the people we looked up to - looked forward to - because we saw in them something we wanted to be. I had those role models as a child and the grooves they made are with We can all return the favor our role models did for us in

those hundred little ways big and small through NYA's volunteer program. If you're interested in the program, call King at 344-1618. For 15 hours of training and two hours a week - and a plece of your heart - you could etch a groove on a child's

Cheap at twice the price, don't you think?

mind that lasts a lifetime.

Randy Coble is a staff writer for The Novi News and The

#### The creation of a Victim Interview Room by the Novi Police De-

favorably: "The corps has shrunk in size since bet and horse race wagering is a far better deal.

partment is a long awaited step in Twenty years ago, while on a

her dignity. Maintaining enough of and contempt. turn to her place of employment. clusion is not based on the para-

McGraw) to verify the theft of our Care). bar (which they had recovered) and to relate to the sneering interrogators the details of the rape and theft; through the line-up of sus-

lunch break at a shopping mall legal processing of the ap- programs have increased dramati-(Northland), my wife was prehended rapist and thief; cally in recent years. This is obvikidnapped at gun point from the through the ensuing distorted and ous to anyone who has ever atirresponsible press coverage (De-tempted to enroll their son or She was subsequently robbed, trott News); through it all, my wife daughter into one of the hockey or since these gifts are being given to raped, and, fortunately, released. received no apparent sympathy, skating programs at the over-Unfortunately, she was sans car, very little respect, and, in retros- crowded Plymouth or Livonia purse, irreplaceable jewelry, and pect, a certain degree of suspicion areas. Let's take advantage of this her composure and common In other words, my wife was not munity ice arena to meet the exsense, she was able to find a taxl (in treated as a victim; she was treated panding needs of our youth and

Police officers (Southfield) re- noiac reaction of a traumatized insponded to her employer's phone dividual. It was obvious to any concerned observer. With little exception, as I accom- My wife and I truly appreciate Inere's a benefit panied my wife through her initial the Novi Police Department for reapolice report; her examination and lizing and recognizing that victims to disclosure reatment at the nearest hospital of crime need more than monetary

Name withheld by request

bects at Detroit Police Headquar- Let's build that ice arena

serving maneuvering of the Oak- To the Editor:

"Now that's exactly reversed - 20

were begging for more money. I am

Spano, the suburban township's

Michigan United Conservation

concerned about our fees -- we're pr-

icing people out."

great opportunity and build a com-

à seedy section of Detroit) and re- as a dubious character. This con- athletic programs.

Politically, fans of the state parks the support and park revenues 20 sales tax for one year to set up an encupation with school funding and

(Providence Southfield); her visit to insurance. They are in far greater To the Editor:

commissioners and council members showed the diverse ways that

received the fruit baskets were con- say in how our city is developed cerned that the baskets were sent. and governed. land County prosecutor's office The demands for hockey, figure That fact alone indicates that some whose jurisdiction covered the skating and recreational skating additional thinking about Novi's

percent," said Stario of West Bloom- dowment fund whose interest earn- property taxes. With the Dec. 24

ings would replace tax money from agreement on school taxes, lawmak-

cials is needed.

The type of code of ethics adopted by Novi is fairly common. The problem with this type of code, however, is that the person receiving a gift is asked to make a subjective decision about whether that gift will influence his/her actions. This can be difficult, especially influence opinions and actions. reen III and Vic's Market would like the council and planning commission to think favorably about their Main Street plans and approve them. In retrospect, however, I'm not sure they would think that the

fruit baskets were a good idea. A more objective code of ethics would require public disclosure of all gifts in excess of a stated amount, say \$25, by board members, commissioners and elected officials. Novi residents could then make their own decisions about the police station (Detroit, need of T.L.C. (Tender Loving The article in the Jan. 13 edition whether they believed that the gifts of The Novi News regarding the influenced the recipients. This disfruit baskets given to planning closure would also inform the public about those parties attempting to influence board mempeople view their own conduct. The bers, commissioners and elected point that seems to have been over- officials. I think that's the real benlooked, however, is that six of the efft of such public disclosure — a eight planning commissioners who closer look at who ultimately has a

James G. Antosiak

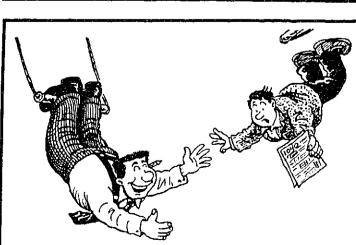
## State park fans rally together

ers are free to take on - and take over the parks initiative. Recreation and Parks Association, of It's a crucial year because 1994 is which she is a member, "raised the 75th anniversary of the founding awareness of the fact that our state of the State Parks Commission. It is parks were deteriorating. But we also an election year. MUCC has been were not going to be able to do this on harshly critical of Engler on parks

funding and reorganization of the Na-

MUCC's plan would have pro- tural Resources Commission. duced \$15 million a year in interest revenue, more than double the gencameral. It won't be a political issue," eral fund support of state parks. said Sen. Phil Hoffman, R Horton, MUCC's idea was shoved aside in chair of the Senate Natural Resoureneral fund provided 80 percent of MUCC's plan: a penny hike in the Engler's and the legislature's preoc-

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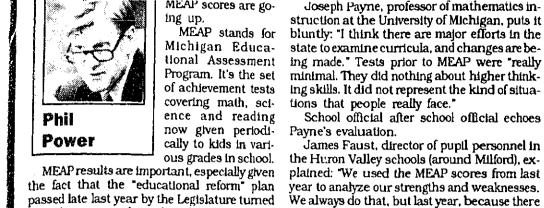
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## Bills bear lower assessments

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The jump followed a state imposed tax assessment freeze in 1991.

Assessment increases are based in part on sales figures of similar properties.

"I think we're seeing stability in the residential market. The big surge is gone. We're getting a lot of new homes and they're expensive homes but the stuff that gets into the sales studies have been rather stable," the asses-

Employees in the assessor's office walked through 1,100 new structures over the past year, including

352 new houses and condos built in 1993 and over 500 constructed the previous year.

"We are just about keeping our heads above water with new construction. These aren't 1,100 to 1,200 square foot ranches. These are 2,000 to 3,000 square foot homes priced at \$300,000 to \$350,000. It takes longer to do them," Klausmeyer

But he cautioned that assessment hikes of up to 20 percent might be seen in some residential areas within Novi, while some condominium complexes could see a decrease in assessment rates in the vicinity of 15 "We've had some softening in the statewide and 18 locally.

condo market overall," he explained. Assessment notices may arrive in system now planned in Lansing. Ex- property. pect your notice by Feb. 25, Klausmeyer said.

the convening of local boards of review - voters will be asked March 15 to vote on a proposed two-cent increase in the sales tax and a statewide six mill property tax for schools. In this package, homestead property

taxes would be 24 mill, six levied

If this plan fails, a statutory plan would then mandate school operatlocal mailboxes later than usual, just ing property taxes at 12 mills locally scooting in ahead of the March dead- on homes and an additional 12 mills line due to the restructuring of the statewide on non-homestead

"With everything going on, we need as much time as we can get. Nor-In the midst of all this -including mally, we need to send them (notices out by the middle of February," Klausmeyer said.

March 11 is the last day to send petitions to Novi's Board of Review. This year, the board meets from March 14 to March 18.

#### **Volunteer Notes**

Volunteers needed: The American Red Cross and the Our Lady of Providence League (OLPL), dedicated groups of women and men who voluntarily serve Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, are in need of additional volunteers to serve in a number of exciting and rewarding areas. Some of the potential assignments include: assisting in clinical and patient care areas, gift shop sales associates, messengers and information services.

A volunteer must commit to a minimum of four hours per week and provide their own transportation. Weekday, evening and weekend shifts are available at a number of locations.

The volunteers at Providence have provided invaluable service to the hospital during the past 28 years with volunteers giving more than

1.750 million hours of service and \$2.4 million in contributions. If you are interested in helping others through this meaningful and worthwhile form of volunteerism, please call Karen Wiley at Providence Hospital's Department of Volunteer Services at 424-3300.

## Planners veto 64 new homes

By SHARON CONDRON

A developer's plan to stray from detached cluster housing to single family homes was turned by the Novi Planning Commission on Jan. 6.

The revised plan was rejected 8-0 because of the severe impact 64 new homes would have on some of the highest quality woodlands in the City of Novi. The subdivision is located on 58 acres on the northwest corner of Beck Road and Nine Mile.

Neighboring residents also lobbied against the revised plan because it called for a Nine Mile access drive into the subdivision. The previous plan provided access only from Beck

Road. Reportedly developers changed the type of housing after they deemed detached clusters are not as marketable as single family homes. Singh Development Co. purchased the land and changed the plan from Silver Beech Estates to Robins Nest

the nature of the plan also changed significantly.

Singh Development Co. President G. Michael Kahrn said access roads to the subdivision needed to be changed because one of the two access roads from Beck bisected one of the homes on the plan. He said the Nine Mile Road access would be reserved as a secondary access. Beck Road would remain as the principle

But residents argued against opening the road. A half dozen of them attended the meeting to oppose the Nine Mile access drive. Many said they often walked and jogged along the graveled mile road and didn't want the added traffic coming through their subdivisions.

City Planning Consultant Bran-don Rogers said Nine Mile Road has been designated as a "scenic road" on the city's Master Plan.

Robins Nest was the city's first submittal under the new preservation option" that was adopted into the When the land changed hands, zoning ordinance last July. It replaced the previous plan for detached cluster housing, which was granted a one-year extension by planners in

Rogers said he couldn't recommend the new plan because it goes against the grain and intent of the preservation option.

The intent of the option is to encourage flexibility in development with substantial preservation of woodlands and minimal intrusion on the functioning ecosystem.

Rogers said he can't see how the intent of the option is being met by a plan that destroys 55 percent of the 26.02 acres of woodlands on the site. The irony, Rogers said, is that the Silver Beech Estates plan was more dense with development but had less impact on the woodlands. This plan has fewer units but greater impact.

"Under the Silver Beech plan they didn't even need a woodlands permit because they left 100 percent intact," Rogers said. This plan takes 55 percent out."

Planning Consultant Linda Lemke

also recommended denial.

These are mature woodlands that are very well developed," she said. "It is very sensitive."

The site is covered primarily with mature Beech and Maples. But there are also two small areas on the west side of the site with old apple, elm, maple and cherry trees.

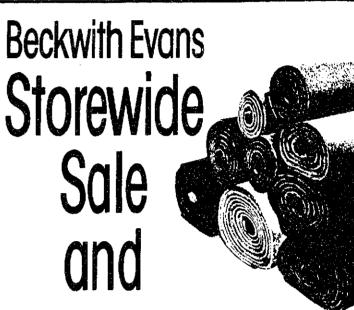
Commissioner Laura Lorenzo said she's always been an advocate for single family homes over detached cluster housing. Until now.

"I prefer single family to cluster homes," she said. "In fact I was one of the ones most vocally opposed to it. But this would disturb all of the city's habitat system because it feeds off this one.

Commissioner Glen Bonaventura hoped the city council would accept the commission's rejection of the

"I think council shouldd pay attention to the comments expressed at tonight's meeting," he said. This is a very sensitive area in our

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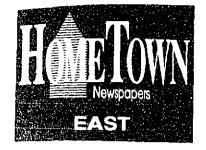
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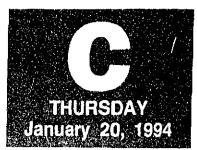
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#### Beware of offers coming to your financial rescue

By James M. Woodard Copley News Service

When homeowners experience a loss of job or other financial problems, they sometimes find themselves caught in a web of continuing problems.

First, they can't make their monthly mortgage payments, creating a default in their account. Then when the "notice of default" is filed by their lender or servicing agent, they start receiving calls and mail from people who propose various schemes for saving them from foreclosure. And this sometimes leads to more problems.

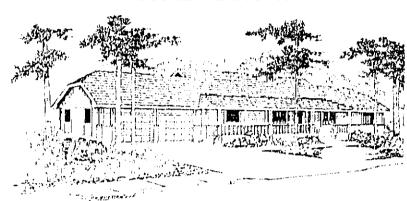
Some of these offers are legitimate. Others are on the borderline of legality. Some are outright

People and firms who would take advantage of homeowners in distress seem to come out of the woodwork when foreclosures are up. And they are up, sharply, in some regions. In California, for example, foreclosures are up by about 57 percent over 1992.

Many opportunists keep an eye on the notices of default, listed in various publications. Particularly targeted are those properties with

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#### **HOME DESIGNS**



#### A welcome and a mudroom is offered by the Templeton

By James McAlexander Copley News Service

A wide front porch, complete with columns and railings, gives a welcoming look to the Templeton. And inside, a long bench in the airlock entryway provides a place to shuck off muddy footgear, which can then be stored beneath.

Bedrooms are at the front, family living areas in the back. And this compact single-level home has room for a shop and additional storage space in the garage:

Economical to build, the plan is well-suited to the needs of firsttime home buyers, empty-nesters and singles.

It also can be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

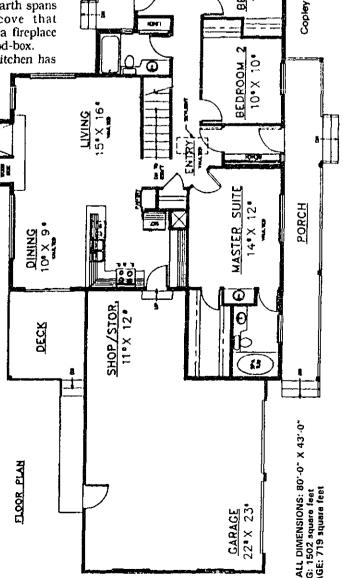
Bedroom two, to the right of the entry, is a good location for a home office. A door could be added for direct access from the front porch, or from the airlock entry.

Vaulted ceilings create a sense of spaciousness in the sky-lit entry as well as in the dining room, living room and master suite.

for either formality or informality,

the large open space adjacent to the kitchen could either be outfitted as a family room with a nook, or a

living room and dining room. A wide hearth spans the alcove that houses a fireplace and wood-box. The kitchen has



a small pantry, generous cupboard and counter space and is directly accessible from the garage. A cook top and dishwasher are built into the counter.

Basement stairs are at the center of the house, close to everything. Utilities are down the hall, next to a bathroom and the two secondary bedrooms.

The utility room is larger than you'd expect to find in a house this size, and it comes complete with a deep sink, cabinets and a long counter for folding clothes. A rear door, that opens onto a small deck, allows people who have gotten grubby from working in the back yard to leave their gardening togs in the laundry room without tracking through the house.

Luxury features in the vaulted master suite include an extra-large walk-in closet, a spa tub and a second basin outside of the bathroom.

For a study plan of the Templeton (332-201), send \$9 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers. 323 E. Grand River Ave.. Depending on the family's taste Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



A new arts and crafts show register will enable fans to know where and when the next event will be.

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#### By MICHELLE HARRISON

ovi's annual 50's Festival is featured on the cover of a new directory which lists arts and crafts shows, festivals and other events hap-

pening in the state. "We used a state map to identify several shows throughout cities in Michigan," said Penny Kramer, who assisted her husband Richard in compiling the

information for The Arts and Crafts Register. That way there would be something (of interest) for everyone." The directory is not limited to major arts

and crafts shows, but also includes those functions sponsored by churches. "We contacted anyone we thought was a

possiblity," Kramer said, explaining that

her husband phoned churches and chambers, visited arts and crafts shows and contacted promoters of such shows.

The directory business is operated through the Kramers' home in Southfield. Their business's post office box, however, is in Novi.

"Novi is a good business location," Kramer said.

Kramer said her husband got the idea for the directory after he promoted a couple of arts and craft shows.

"We'd been to a couple of shows and my husband felt he had enough time" to take on the project, she said.

Richard Kramer is a painter and independent contractor with a background in

It took about a year to complete the directory, according to Kramer.

"It took an enormous amount of time, but it's worth it," she said, adding that the project took up most of the couple's free

time. "The first year was just phenomenal." A side benefit to the Kramers' venture was the opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people.

"People involved in the craft shows are

really neat people," Kramer said. Listed as members of the Better Business Bureau, the Kramers will also offer monthly booklets containing information about upcoming functions and arts and crafts shows as well as any additional

"I feel we put out a good quality book," Kramer said of her husband's directory. Ensuring the best customer service is her husband's other goal.

The Arts and Crafts Register sells for \$12.64, which includes the \$9.99 price of the directory and tax and shipping and handling charges. Checks or money orders can be sent to The Arts and Crafts Register, P.O. Box 1016, Novi, MI 48376-1016, or call (313) 927-8745.

#### Landscape fabrics prevent weeds, conserve water

By C.Z. Guest Copley News Service

Out with the old and in with the new-the trend in weed prevention is changing. Today's environmentally conscious homeowners are trading in chemicals and plastic bags for a nontoxic and chemical-free alternative for blocking weeds: landscape fabric.

Just what are landscape fabrics, and how do they

Q. What is a landscape fab-

A. Landscape fabrics are barriers designed to prevent the growth of most weeds.

These fabrics are produced by weaving fibers together at right angles, or by bonding short or continuously spun fibers together through heat bonding, needle-punching, spin bonding or other processes (all nonwoven).

The result is a fabric with the ability to block the light weeds need to grow.

Q. Is fabric better than black plastic?

A. Without question. Plastic sheeting or ripped-open black bags do a good job of blocking weeds: in fact, they do too

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good a job.

Plastic sheeting prevents much-needed oxygen, moisture and vital nutrients from reaching plant roots. This ultimately results in sour soil. which can permanently damage your plants.

9. Will a fabric last longer than plastic?

A. Unquestionably. Black plastic tends to tear easily and breaks down over time, exposing soil that will eventually result in patches of weeds.

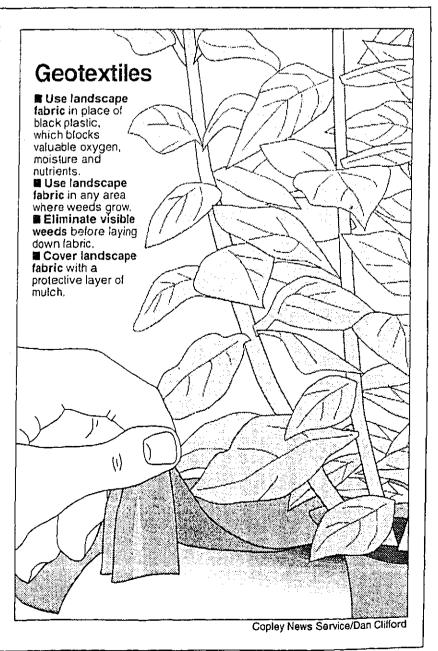
Fabrics can last up to three years when exposed to direct sun and indefinitely if covered with a protective layer of mulch, such as gravel, wood chips or bark nuggets.

Q. Where do I use landscape fabric?

A. Anywhere weeds grow is an ideal place to lay a landscape fabric.

For example, fabrics can be put to use around trees and shrubs, in perennial flower beds, beneath patios and even to line potted plants. They may also be used in vegetable gar-

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## Hindenburg pennant found in attic

ANTIQUES

By Anne McCollam Copley News Service

Q. Enclosed is a picture of a Hindenburg felt pennant I found in the attic of a house I was tearing down. The former residents lived in the Lakehurst, N.J., area from 1928 to 1938. It is in very good condition. Is it

worth anything? A. The Hindenburg was a rigid and directable airship or dirigible known as a zeppelin. In 1937 the Hindenburg was consumed in a holocaust of flames while attempting to dock at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst.

Your pennant would probably be worth about \$85 to \$95 in good condition.

mark on tom of a coffee pot bought at a sale that church



has every year. It is decorated with blue flowers, holds 8 cups of coffee and is in perfect

about it would be appreciated. A. Martin Stangl bought the Fulper Pottery in Trenton, N.J., in 1930 and changed the name to Stangl Pottery.

Beginning in 1951, the firm added Roman numerals to the oval mark. The "X" It was an antique.

Harvey Duke lists your coffee pot in his object that is at least 100 years old.

Any information you can give me book "Stangl Pottery" for \$50.

Q. In 1980 I received a Waterman antique. The value of your pen would fountain pen for a graduation gift. The numbers "0552 1/2" are marked on it and it is 18-karat gold filled. I was told

This pennant commemorating the ill-fated Hindenburg airship would be worth about \$85 to \$95 in good condition.

inspired by an abundance of chicory grow- A. In the 1880s, the fountain pen was government defines an antique as an value today?

still in excellent condition. I am curious if I made a good investing along the roadside in upstate New invented by Lewis Waterman. The U.S. ment. Could you give me an idea of its

any contract until midnight of the proposal, the homeowner should

A. Investing in baseball cards can be

Your pen was made in the early 1900s

and would be a collectible rather than an

probably be about \$150 to \$200 in excel-

Q. Several years ago I bought a Topps

1968 Nolan Ryan baseball card. It was

lent condition.

risky business due to the rapid fluctuations in prices. You didn't give me a clue on how much you spent. At any rate, it currently lists in a price guide for \$850 in mint condition.

**BOOK REVIEW** 

"Warman's Americana & Collectibles, 6th Edition," edited by Harry L. Rinker. Published by Wallace-Homestead Book Co., an imprint of Chilton Book Co., it is available in antique shops and bookstores

Do you want to know just how much all your Little Golden Books are selling for? Are those dishes you got every time you went to the movies worth anything? Do you want the lowdown on reproductions? Have you been wondering what the hottest collectibles in the 1990s are? Look no further.

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clarity and expertise. Harry L. Rinker and his staff are to be commended for providing this excellent guide to Americana and collectibles of the

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#### Could you please place a value on it above the mark means this piece was purchased when my grandson, who is made in 1960. The pattern "Chicory" was and tell me if it is considered an named after Nolan Ryan, was born. It is designed by Kay Hackett after being antique?

Beware of offers coming to your financial rescue; taxes on foreclosures

a sizable equity (difference between the mortgage balance and market value). Offers range from outright purchase of the property, usually for prices far below its current market value, to complicated arrangements involving "sale rentbacks or techniques to postpone the foreclosure by filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

One pitch is to buy the property temporarily with a rent-back provision and an option allowing the seller to re-purchase the property at a later date. But no price or terms are indicated in the contract for the re-purchase transaction.

"I'm now hearing about five or six homes every week where the owner is in default on his mortgage

fortune," said real estate broker depending on market conditions. fifth business day following the day discuss it with his mortgage lender

"In one recent case, the owner was told he could be grouped with others in a similar situation. The the California Civil Code, Section group (partners) would then file for 1695. Similar laws have been legis- up to \$10,000 and/or one year in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, thus post-lated in other states. It focuses on county jail or state prison. poning foreclosure for several investors who buy one-to-four resimonths. And the owner was told sonal credit rating clean."

Such a presentation would be prevent it, with stiff penalties for Office Consumer Fraud Unit.

dential units from an owner after

"There's no way a person can foreclosure in such a way as to offer to buy the property may pro- into a square hole—they just don't use the bankruptcy laws without it take 'unconscionable advantage' of vide the best solution.

Right now the activity is picking—the contract was signed. And—or servicing agent, Often things—the same roof, according to Capritnotice of that right to cancel must—can be worked out internally. The law Brose referred to is in be given to the seller in writing. Violators are subject to a fine of tract the homeowner should con-

Alan Stone, vice president of lending administration at a nation- now receives six or seven calls a this method would keep his per- the recording of the notice of al bank, pointed out that some week from people who can't make default but before the foreclosure offers received by homeowners their mortgage payments and fear fraudulent and there are laws to ... The statute is very specific and filed may be worthwhile. The con-know about possible options. spells out penalties for violators. tacting person may represent a violators, according to Greg Brose. One key provision states: "The lender who can bail them out director of a District Attorney's investor-buyer cannot purchase financially, even though the price being offered to these homeowners. the seller's property which is in will probably be very high. Or an Some are like fitting a round peg

"Also, before signing a new con- operation and the other an invest-Kirk Grossman, an attorney spe-

after a notice of default has been foreclosure action. They want to "There are a lot of shaky deals

fit the borrower's situation or offer "It's important to carefully inves- any real help. But in most cases,

ment firm with partners seeking purchase opportunities. They are constantly making proposals to cializing in real estate law, said he owners of properties in foreclosure. If you are suspicious of a proposal made to you, call the Con-

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sumer Fraud Unit of your county District Attorney's Office or your local Better Business Bureau Questions may be used in future

columns: personal responses inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190,

#### It also specifies that the seller in tigate any offer," Stone said. "And there are actions the homeowner Brose said various home equity—foreclosure has the right to cancel—before considering any outside—can take to protect his interests How to use and conserve water with landscaping fabrics

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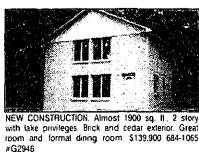
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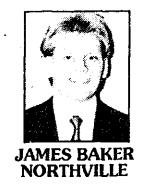


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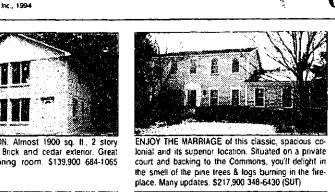
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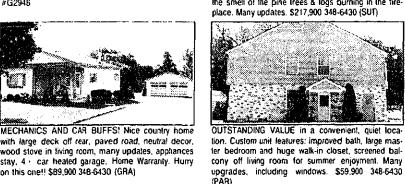
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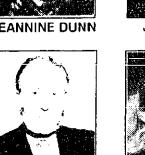












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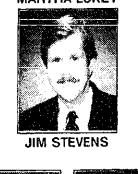
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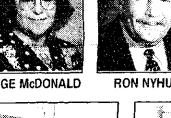
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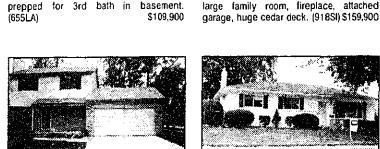
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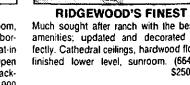
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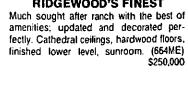
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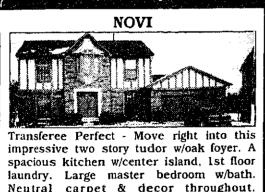
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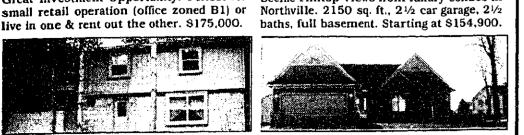


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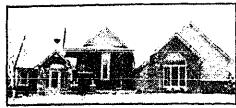
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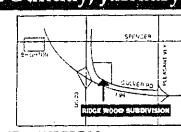
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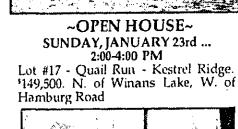
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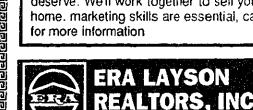
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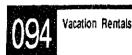
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66 Me and my sisters went down to the center to play with the disabled kids. You know, to just be with them.

**Beth Kerby** 

Troy, MI

Saturday, December 16, 1989

66 I went house to house, getting any food or clothes they would give me. Then I handed it all out to any needy people in the neighborhood.

**Jack Powell** 

Salisbury, MD

Tuesday, January 23, 1990

66 All of us in the class called the old people in our neighborhood to see if they were okay and if they needed anything.

**Amy Hoffman** 

Polk, NE

Thursday, December 7, 1989

With the help of the police, we cleaned up a park today. Not only litter, but the drug dealers and their drugs, too.

Thelma LaStrapp

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Wednesday, December 13, 1989

I offered to pay college tuition for the eighth grade class if they stayed in school and didn't do drugs.

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