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Historians preserve past with technology

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Up-to-the-minute technology will help the Novi Historic Commission keep track of its growing collection of antique and vintage artifacts.

Andrew Morris spent 300 hours since July cataloging some 750 items, many of them documents, for the collection. Before Morris was hired by the commission, the museum-to-be's rather dusty accumulation of treasures was essentially piled in boxes and stacked in corners of the old Novi Township Hall.

"Where did it come from? This is a tricky question. It was collected for years by the Novi Historical Society," Morris said.

A quick look through the belongings of past Novi residents makes it clear that any future museum here will not document "Lifestyles of the Historic Rich and Famous" but will give an idea of what was used in the relatively modest daily lives of Midwestern farmers.

Most of the stuff was donated by longtime residents, like the huge professional-style coffee mill from the late-1800s given by former township supervisor Frazer Staman.

Morris has been numbering each item, storing it in the proper

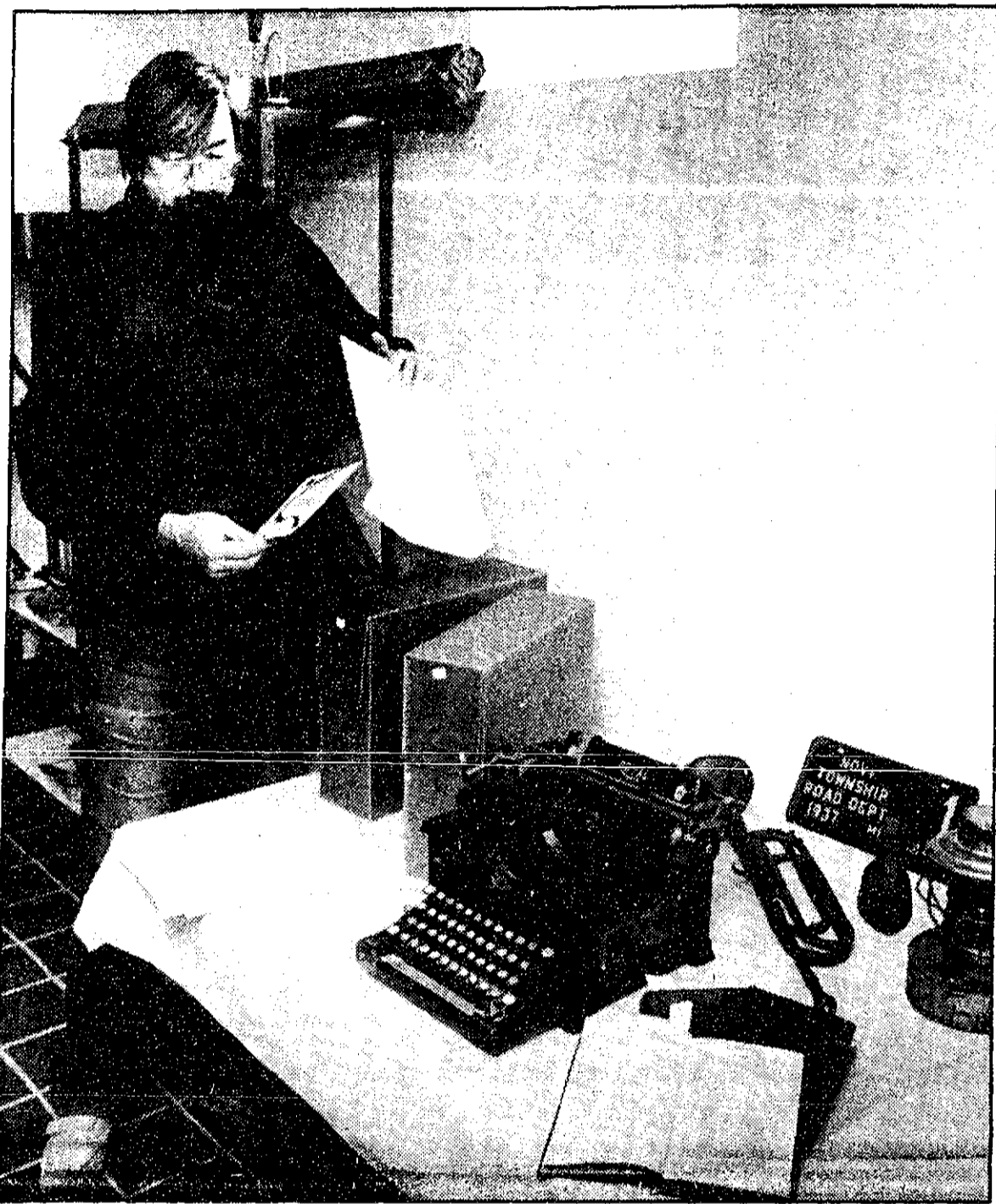


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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Mayor seeks to lighten city council's load

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Mayor Kathleen McLallen presented what she called her "laundry list" to the Novi City Council Monday, but it didn't wash with everyone.

Saying she is looking for possible items the council can delegate to appointed boards such as the Planning Commission, McLallen asked her colleagues to review and comment on the series of tasks she gave them.

"These are items that have historically just been growing into the city council domain," McLallen said.

"Do we really still want to what has basically become a duplication of review for petitioners to the city? We've empowered nine citizens to become educated planning commissioners, then we undermine their position by basically reversing their decisions."

However, Council Members Robert Schmid and Tim Pope said she may be asking them to delegate too much, although neither objected to waiving their right to rule on driveway variances.

Schmid said that many of the items are "extremely important policy decisions" which he would not like to see the council give up.

"I was surprised to see this list. The majority of these are important decisions made by council. These are city council functions. Unless

"It would reduce our workload and give us a chance to cleanse the process. It also sends back to the planning commission our confidence in their abilities."

Kathleen McLallen
Mayor

there is some good reasons we should get rid of them, they should stay," Schmid said.

"The planning commissioners are good guys, they are appointed by the council. The city council is elected by residents of the city."

Items which now pass before council but which made the list include: rulings on new or expanded uses in the Expo district; special approvals for heavy industrial districts; special uses such as oil and gas drilling facilities, help pads, riding stables, communications antennas, outdoor theaters, sand and gravel operations; subdivision open space plans; preservation option residential plans; approval of pro-

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State still calculating Novi's new revenues

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Language in the state's new school funding bill may be inked in Lansing, but figures representing the revenue local districts will need to accomplish the objectives of the new bill are still being penciled in.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for operations at the Novi Community School District, said that since the bill was introduced on Christmas Eve, he has seen Novi's per pupil revenues fall from \$6,903 on Jan. 6 to \$6,897 on Jan. 14.

Per pupil revenues are critical to the operation of the district and determine just how large of a funding

■ What besides a sales tax increase will we be voting on in the March 15 ballot? How will Proposal A affect "rich" districts like Novi? When will these changes take effect? The answers to these and more questions appear on page 11.

grant the district will receive from the state. The amount of the grant will also determine how much additional millage Novi residents will have to pay to make up for the state's shortfall in the district's revenues.

According to Koster, the \$6,897 figure has remained constant in Lansing since last week. But Novi schools will need an estimated \$7,057 in state aid behind each child to run schools in 1994-95. The difference between the two figures is what local residents will have to pay in "hold harmless millage," Koster said.

According to the state's new

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Evacuation halted in 11th hour

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan calls it the emergency evacuation that didn't happen.

But the Novi Civic Center, Twelve Oaks Mall, several fire stations and the Novi school district were standing by January 19 to shelter if necessary some 3,000 residents of Chateau Estates Mobile Home Community.

"The gas company threatened to shut the whole mobile home community down. We were able to work out the problem, we were fortunate," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

Lenaghan said the fire department was called in at 5:30 a.m. that 22 below-zero day to check some electrical wires arcing near a transformer in the mobile home community at Thirteen Mile and Decker roads.

It was then learned that Consumers Power had interrupted the service of gas to the 725-home development based on a malfunction "due to the cold," Lenaghan said. At about 9 a.m., the Chateau Estates Management asked the fire department to prepare for a possible evacuation of the community.

"They said people were having problems, what could we do about it? There was a good possibility they were going to shutdown service," the chief explained.

"We alerted everybody in case we had to do something. A lot of people said even if that happens, they'd rather stay in their homes. Some went to work."

While the Novi school district was officially closed due to the weather, the school officials agreed to be on standby if the district's buildings were required for shelter and school buses were

needed to transport the residents. The Novi Civic Center was prepared to house other Chateau Estates residents, as was Twelve Oaks Mall.

Several of the residents went to the Chateau Estates community center to warm up and the fire department assisted one elderly woman in getting there from her home.

The fire department also began to prepare for the possible task of relighting all those pilot lights if the gas were shut off temporarily.

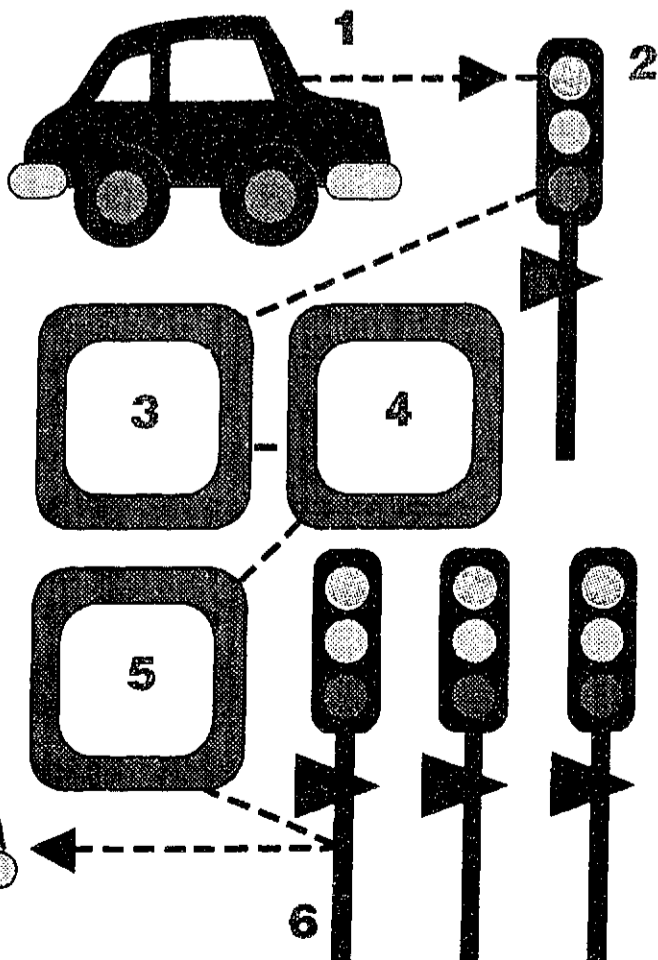
But at 11 a.m., Consumers Power had the problem fixed.

Lenaghan said that while he's glad Chateau Estates did not have to be evacuated, it didn't hurt for the fire department to go through some of the motions.

"We had it all put together in 35 or 40 minutes. I think we could have handled it. It was a good exercise," the chief said.

How The New System Works

Sonar equipped traffic signals (2) pick up information from moving/stopped vehicles (1). Information is sent to regional computer (3), which "communicates to" central computer (4). Central computer relays information received to regional computer (5) further along traffic route. Computer in turn relays traffic info to traffic signals in the area (6). Specially equipped vehicle (7) receives traffic update from the traffic signals.



SOURCE: Oakland County Road Commission

High-tech signals to improve Novi Road

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

It is a high-tech, computerized traffic signal system designed to smooth the flow of traffic and reduce emission pollution.

And it's coming to Novi to ease traffic congestion on Novi Road, the heaviest traveled, least efficient thoroughfare in Novi.

City Traffic Consultant Rodney Arroyo said a federally-funded \$600,000 grant will help the city subsidize the installation of a computer-based traffic control system at each approach to the seven intersections on Novi Road between Grand River Avenue and Twelve Mile.

The system uses state-of-the-art "autoscope" cameras, a video image processing system for traffic detection, to send computerized signals to a master traffic controller. The controller then changes the signals based on the traffic demand and prevailing traffic conditions.

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Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, February 1

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

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

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 2

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

Thursday, February 3

Good Morning Novi! The Novi Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mixer will be held at 7:30 a.m. at Highland Estates, 25600 Seeley Rd., north of Grand River and between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads. Enjoy a continental breakfast and learn about manufactured homes. The cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

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

Monday, February 7

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

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

Toastmasters: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call, Charisse Ryan at 420-2045. Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, February 8

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

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

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

CHADD: Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads). Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call the hotline at 486-2876.

Wednesday, February 9

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

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

AARP meets: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any lakes area resident age 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444 or 689-6299 for more information.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Snowmobiling

Keith Ulker takes a quick spin on the ice covering Walled Lake.

Photo winners' work on display at center

A portrait of two fluffy Persian-type cats, "Sparky and Princess," huddling on a window sill won the Adult Best of Show Award for Betty J. Lewis in the Novi Arts Council's annual photo contest.

In the junior division, Erin Gibbons took top honors for her color photograph "Underwater" of a young girl holding two hoops at the bottom of a swimming pool.

The winning shots and all of the entries are now on display in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. As in the past, a special category was set aside for photographers who capture the local scene — "Novi, Our Town."

Lewis also won a first place in the adult black-and-white division for "The Porch." Second place in black-and-white went to Larry Dormal for his shot, "Empty Church," and third place was given to Gene and George O'Neal for their "Under the Grand River Bridge."

First in adult color was awarded to Larry Dormal for his "Sunset Ripples," a lakeshore scene. Coming in second was Carol Elving with "Mirror Lake," followed by the third place

"New Wrinkles in an Old Face" by Robert Thomas.

In the adult category, honorable mention went to Cindy Russette for "Sergei & Friend," to George A. Beverly for his "Swan Family" and to Larry Dormal for "Kase."

Novi kids also appear to be enthusiastic shutter bugs.

Along with her Best of Show, Erin Gibbons won first place in the color category for "Underwater." Second place in color was won by Sara Elving for "The Capital Without Liberty" and third place by Richard Marshall for "Night of the Iguana."

In the junior black-and-white category, Jennifer Davies' photograph "Hot June Afternoon" took first place, followed by Jessie Lewis in second place with "Just Puppies."

When it comes to freezing the city on film, George Beverly won first place for his color photo "Flowers at Town Center" in the "Novi, Our Town" category. Second place went to Stanley Czaruk for his picture of "St. James Church" and Betty J. Lewis shows up again, this time in third place for "Sing A Rainbow."

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City Council backs off on funding Main Street

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If there were any doubts about where the Novi City Council stands on Main Street, the lines were drawn Monday night.

While all seven council members say they like the project, only five appear to look kindly on the concept of plugging out city money to help make it all happen.

This majority agreed in principle to a proposed contract with the Main Street developers, Evergreen III, in which the city's list of questions about the proposed downtown will be answered at the developer's expense.

Evergreen will pay about \$194,000 for the work and post a \$50,000 bond with the City of Novi.

"I'm in favor of spending Mr. (Jim) Chen's money to find out if we're making a sound investment," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

The ring road to create Main Street is expected to cost up to \$1 million. Sewer and water lines could add another \$300,000 to the costs. The developer says Novi needs to shoulder some of this burden to make Main Street, a longtime city pipe

"If the city council is reversing the planning commission, many times it indicates the planning commission is not doing what the council wants."

Robert Schmid
Novi Council Member

dream, happen.

City Attorney David Fried was instructed to refine the agreement, which was drawn up by Evergreen, and return with the rewrite to the council as soon as possible.

According to the contract, the city makes no actual commitment to move ahead with the proposed special assessment district to build Main Street and bring in water and sewer lines. The council has also not made any promises to donate city-held land to the project.

This contract isn't giving away a

nickel. It's not giving away a nail," Fried told the council.

But it basically boiled down to a split in political philosophy, as Council Members Tim Pope and Carol Mason said they back the Main Street plan but do not think the taxpayers should help pay for a private sector undertaking.

"I have not found a citizen who has concerns about the project. I do find there is mixed support in the city about subsidizing it. I am surprised about the citizens who said to me they don't mind subsidizing the project. I'm kind of startled by this," Pope said.

"Have we blurred the lines between government and the private enterprise so much that people are really saying yes to the government spending \$1 million on this project?" Mason didn't care for the wording of the contract.

"I absolutely do not agree with the statement that it will benefit the city... It just appears we have gone along with this whole thing and we haven't," she said.

If the city does approve the special assessment district, Evergreen III will be reimbursed for its \$194,000

expenditure out of payments made by the district.

The developer's money would pay for a final design plan and cost estimates for the ring road, streetscape amenities and a public parking lot to be located on city land; appraisals of all land needed for Main Street, including city-owned property and the developer-owned rights-of-way; and highest and best study of the Evergreen land to determine if the Main Street project will be able to financially support the proposed special assessment district.

"I think this agreement will protect us... The city has to make some kind of investment so that we can have this property developed in a manner we feel is proper for the residents of this city," Council Member Joseph Toth said in supporting the contract.

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chipping away a little bit at liberty," City Manager Edward Kretwell urged the council to "belly up" to a private/public development agreement with Evergreen III. But Mason pointed out that the city will not have any ownership in the \$50 million project.

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She questioned why the city is backing one business and not others.

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State wants kids prepared to enter the world of work

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Wheels are slowly grinding in two state departments to set up school-to-work programs sometime in 1995.

The elements are (1) school-based learning, (2) work-based learning and (3) connecting activities.

Gov. John Engler has asked the federal government for \$410,000 to assist the state Department of Education and Michigan Jobs Commission in preparing all youngsters for the workplace.

"About half of America's young people do not go on to college, and 75 percent do not earn a college degree," said William Weisberger, director of career and technical education for the state.

"And yet today's typical high school education is geared toward the college-bound student... The United States is the only industrialized nation that lacks a comprehensive school-to-work transition system," Weisberger told the State Board of Education recently.

"Many don't understand how to apply their academic knowledge to a practical problem, such as how to use geometry to figure out the proper angle of an X-ray machine."

So far, the state plan is abstracted on paper. And what any given student will see is likely to be based on local initiatives rather than a single state plan.

Employers will play an "unprecedented" role in the school-to-work transition, Weisberger said. Two key concepts:

■ "Work-based learning" means a student will learn on the job, that the employer will help design the curriculum, and "students would see the connection between learning and earning." Rewards for the successful student: a high school diploma, a skill certificate, and a first job or a registered apprenticeship.

■ "School-based learning" means career exploration and counseling. By 11th grade, a student would pick a career major.

In a school-to-work program, "students would begin at age 16 earning wages on a graduated scale, leading to journey status. Students are employed part time as supervised on the job training is combined with classroom work. Continued employment with the firm is typical, but not guaranteed," Weisberger said.

Michigan's new charter school law could be used, he added. A large employer or group of employers would lead in the design of a program. Employers could also provide equip-

ment, consulting personnel and summer jobs.

It won't be easy, Weisberger warned, because there are barriers. "Some teachers are still resistant to the integration of career and employability related education with 'academic education,'" he said.

Meanwhile, another branch of state government, the Senate Fiscal Agency, raised a questioning eyebrow at past vocational training programs.

"Since 1988, the state has invested more than \$3.5 billion in adult and vocational training programs," said Kirk Lindquist, analyst for the SFA, which is a watchdog on state spending for senators. "Little is known, however, about the effectiveness of training programs that have been designed to place individuals into gainful, long-term employment."

"Many from the private sector strongly feel that training programs need to be tied more closely to the needs of business."

The SFA analysis was a comment on past programs, such as Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA), which Lindquist called "make work," and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), which he called "make training." SFA did not comment on the new school to work initiative.

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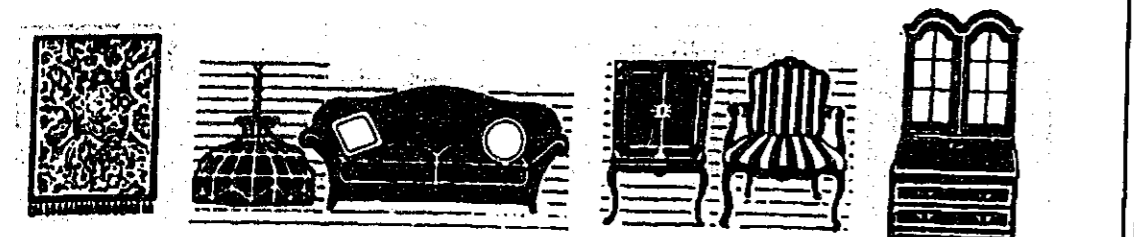
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Ordinance would regulate overtime

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Feel the need for a little extra protection? The Novi City Council Monday approved the first reading of a new ordinance which would formalize the paid use of overtime police officers by private parties, rather than the "handshake agreement" currently in force.

"It would be an efficient way to handle police security that has been available through regular police channels for private groups who ask for it beyond what would normally be given," City Attorney David Fried explained.

"The chief has been doing this. He hasn't had an ordinance to do it with. We are now giving him a tool to do this."

In a memo to council from Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer explained that the department is occasionally asked to extend intensive police coverage to private functions. For example, PACE, an automotive consumer research group twice asked the department for officers to provide a 24-hour per day guard of its vehicles during an event at the Novi Expo Center.

On another occasion, a video production company filming a Jeep ad here wanted a sworn officer on the spot. In these instances, Shaeffer said, the firms have paid the department \$30 per hour to cover for the officer's overtime.

In a case where "legitimate and proper expenditures of manpower" are called for, such as the union strike at CAT, the firm will not be charged, Shaeffer noted.

Bar owners note, this service will not be extended to businesses where "the primary business is serving alcohol."

The department would send out the officers at the chief's discretion.

A second reading of the ordinance and a second council approval is required before the regulation becomes Novi law.

Council members asked that Shaeffer be present at the next reading, to clear up a few questions.

Council Member Carol Mason said she was concerned that an officer with low seniority might pull the overtime plum from a high-seniority colleague.

Not likely, according to City Manager Edward Kriewall: "The union would intervene."

Fretter is old church's savior

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

"We are getting a fairly good benefit here. We're picking up \$50,000 for a good cause."

Robert Schmid
Council Member

If the old Novi Methodist Church had bells, they would have been ringing Monday, after the Fretter Company formally agreed to come across with \$50,000 to help save the building.

Now, all that's needed is a place to put the former house of worship.

Kathy Mutch, a founder of Preservation Novi, a group formed to save the 1875 church, is evaluating a handful of locations. The church's owner, George Keros, wants it must be moved from its current spot on Grand River Avenue west of Novi Road or be demolished.

"There are several places, each has its own challenges to overcome," she said.

Among those under consideration are a spot near the Novi library and another at the Sandstone development, north of Twelve Mile Road.

The Fretter request comes out of the \$63,000 in interest on a \$100,000 cash bond posted by the appliance retailers and held by Novi since 1985. The money is for landscaping of the vacant site behind the Fretter store.

The Novi City Council Monday approved an agreement with Fretter which set aside \$50,000 to move the church and another \$1,500 to reimburse the city for landscaping plans it had drawn up for the land fronting the West Oaks Shopping Center.

By Dec. 29, there was still no word from Fretter, so the matter was placed on the council's agenda for Monday.

On Jan. 21, the paperwork was signed, sealed and delivered to the city clerk's office by Fretter.

The whole saga began when the city gave Fretter a waiver from its zoning requirements in 1985. Under city ordinances, Fretter was required to build a 50,000 square foot building but was allowed to erect the 15,000 square foot store with the understanding that a second, 32,000 square foot store would soon go up. That's why Fretter posted the \$100,000 bond.

But retailer after retailer backed out on plans with Fretter and the council extended the agreement's deadline several times.

Council Member Joseph Toth earlier pulled up tax records showing that Fretter pays \$233,000 per year in property taxes on its 15,000 square foot building but would pay \$500,000 if the mandated 50,000 square foot store had been built in the first place.

"The city has wasted time and talent on this project. It has cost us money and we have gained next to nothing. This is one of the worst deals we've put together. Let's recoup some of the money," Toth said Monday.

He suggested that Novi keep \$40,000 of the Fretter bond if a second store isn't up after one year and another \$40,000 if the site remains vacant after two years.

"If this goes on another three years, all we're doing is acting as the corner bank for Fretter. I would just as soon put that into parks or another program," Toth added.

Fretter said the money technically could only be used for landscaping the Fretter land.

However, if the church is not moved, Jolly said Fretter would be willing to give the \$50,000 to another Novi charitable cause.

Computer City is "coming along" but "not through the hoops yet," Novi planning consultant Brandon Rogers told the council. The Dallas-based retailer was asked by the city council to spruce up its proposed blank building with show windows.

"They're adding more and more windows. They're still not up to minimum," Rogers said.

The voting council majority approved the agreement.

"Let's not punish them. They're already giving us \$50,000 to preserve what we haven't torn down already," Council Member Carol Mason pointed out.

But the road to consensus was a little rocky. Council Members Tim Pope and Rob Mitzel, as members of Preservation Novi, abstained with the approval of the council and the city attorney.

"They should abstain. They have an interest in an organization that is going to receive \$50,000," Fried said.

Videos, computer will steer traffic

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

It is the Road Commission's intention to make Oakland the first county in the nation to pilot a high-tech traffic system that adjusts traffic signals to meet traffic demands.

The City of Troy was the first to install components of a state-of-the-art Intelligent Highway Vehicle System (IHVS).

Other communities like Novi and the Village of Milford are right on Troy's bumper with plans to install the new technology.

An IHVS system uses video imaging equipment and specialized computers to monitor and control traffic in heavily traveled metropolitan areas.

The system relies on two internal systems—an Advanced Traffic Management system and an Advanced Traveler's Information system.

The first, allows video imaging equipment to take pictures of traffic conditions. The cameras then signal a traffic controller to change the signal to meet the needs of the directional traffic.

"The cameras feed the computers which count cars and measure speed," according to Brent Bair, the managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, which is setting up the Fastrack project. "Computers send signals to the traffic signal controller which automatically changes the signals."

Bair said the system allows intersections to act autonomously but county officials hope to integrate intersectional systems and build regional systems.

"Eventually Oakland County will have several regions which will be connected to a management computer that will monitor what's going on," he said.

Someday soon a traffic engineer will be able to sit in front of his or her personal computer or lap top computer and see what traffic conditions are around town, Bair said.

The second phase of the system relies on the Advanced Traveler's Information System. That system provides specially computer equipped vehicles to obtain navigational information and directions from regional computers. Cars pick up the information as they pass through infrared

beacons.

On-board computers in cars give drivers visual and voice instructions and can actually tell a driver when and where to turn to avoid a congested intersection.

"It's updated information based on the latest traffic conditions," Bair said.

The entire system is sensitive enough that it detects when a light bulb in a traffic signal is burnt out, Bair said.

Reviews of the system are coming in from university officials who are monitoring and evaluating the system at Michigan State University.

Now that Troy's system is completely installed, researchers are keeping a close watch at the impact it's having.

"Twenty-eight intersections in Troy along Rochester, Maple and Big Beaver roads have had the computerized systems in place since last year."

Since then, folks at MSU say travel speed on Rochester Road during the morning peak hours has increased 19 percent. The number of stops vehicles are making has fallen by a third. Accident frequency and severity also appear to be down, according to initial results from MSU.

University of Michigan scholars have yet to rule on the initial effects of the system. Their findings are forthcoming, Bair said.

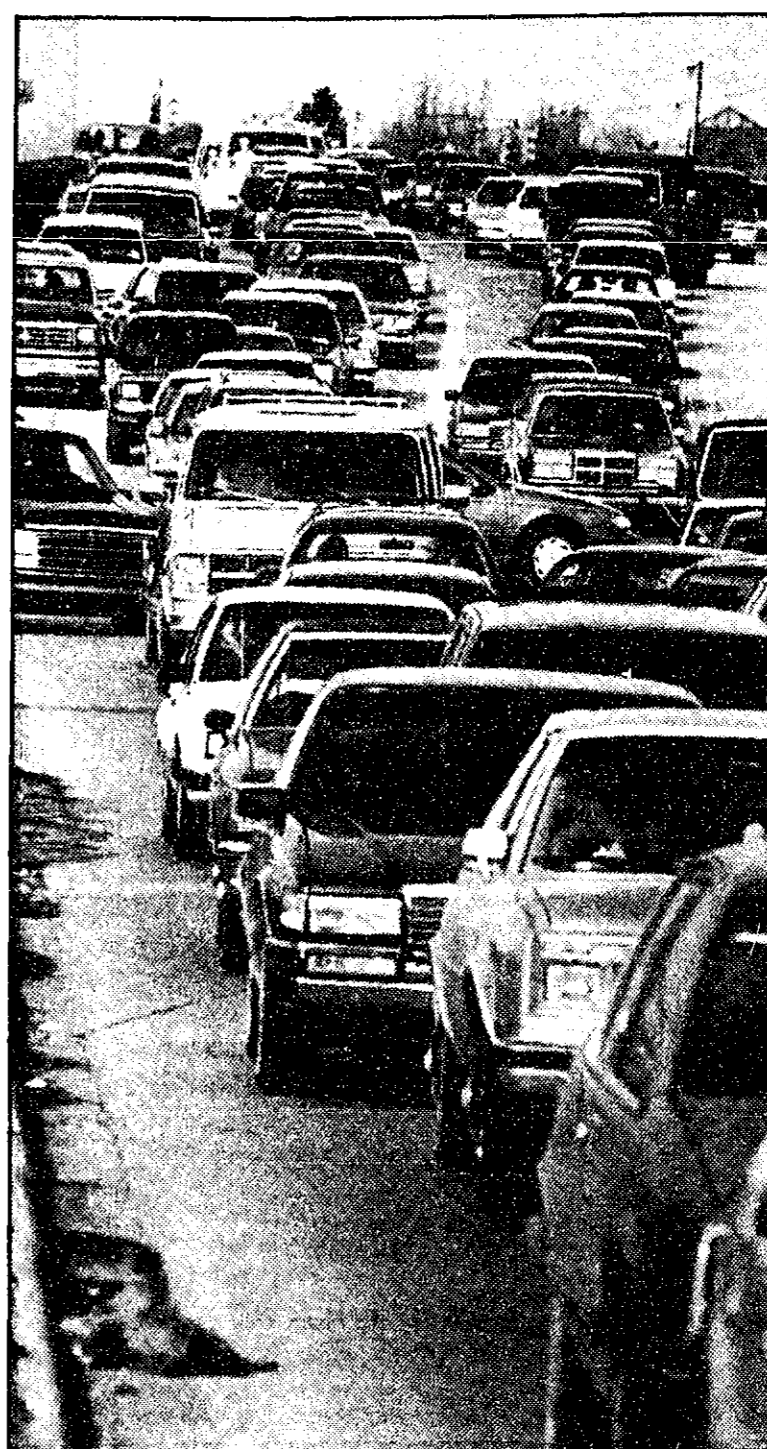
In Troy, 100 intersections have been wired with the controls. Thirty beacons are in place and 60 cars are equipped with the on-board computers.

The county intends to expand the system into Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and around the Pontiac Silverdome just in time for World Cup Soccer to come to town in June.

It's all part of a plan to someday link all of the communities in Oakland County to the same system through regional computers.

Bair said that getting the entire county on-line is the goal of the project.

"The ultimate goal is to move this program throughout Oakland County and eventually have well over 1,000 intersections under (the system's) control," he said.



File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A new computerized signaling system will help traffic flow more smoothly on Novi Road.

Grant will unsnarl Novi Road jams

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The traffic engineer said the \$600,000 grant came from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program, a federal program that awards grants for road improvements. It is a matching grant that requires the city and the Oakland County Road Commission to cough up the remaining 20 percent or \$120,000 to pay for the complete installation of the system.

Novi's system is a basic component of a larger system known as the Intelligent Vehicle Highway System (IVHS). An upgraded IVHS system, like one already in use in the City of Troy, would eventually allow motorists to receive computer signals in advance of traffic accidents or congestion. Troy's advanced system actually sends motorists a video map of the accident site and suggests alternative routes. Computer data also tells a driver how severe an accident is and how long traffic is expected to be backed-up.

Other IVHS applications that are beyond even Troy's capabilities may one day allow motorists to input their origin and destination into an on-board computer. Based on that data, the system would then provide suggested routes and travel times based on actual real-time traffic conditions.

Arroyo said Novi's system has fewer capabilities than Troy's, but both systems are designed so they can be easily enhanced and upgraded.

Arroyo said installation of the system is contingent on the city and Oakland County Road Commission coming to terms on how to pay the additional \$120,000 for the new system.

The engineer said city and county officials are debating now on how the 20 percent will be paid. He hopes they will have reached an accord by the fall so construction could start then.

The system will optimize traffic signal timing and phasing based on the real traffic conditions.

"It can actually improve traffic flow and make traffic signal timing more responsive to the actual demand of the intersection," Arroyo said. "This new system will help to move the heaviest traffic in the shortest amount of time."

"It will optimize the movement of vehicles down Novi Road. And ultimately it will make traffic run more smoothly and reduce emissions that contribute to air pollution."

At four-way intersections there will be no less than four of these cameras installed. Each camera will take pictures from a different approach, Arroyo said.

The master controller will continuously modify signal timing and signal cycle lengths to respond to real traffic demand, Arroyo said. The beauty of the system is that traffic signals will operate as a system rather than independently as they do now.

"There will be times when you are going to be lucky enough to catch all the green lights, but it isn't going to be that way all the time," he said.

He said engineers and city planners targeted Novi Road because it is the heaviest traveled road in the city that leads to the city's biggest attractions, Twelve Oaks and West Oaks, Novi Expo Center and the Novi Town Center.

"The intersection at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue is one of the most inefficient intersections in that whole area," he said.

On a typical day, Arroyo estimates there are 62,000 cars traveling north and south on Novi Road. The only road in the city to exceed this travel is I-96 where 100,000 cars commute each day.

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ROLL CALL: Committee Members Bonaventura, Jenkins, Flyte, Walsh, Staff & Consultant Members: Blum, Lewis, Lamke, Pargoli. Ad Hoc Committee Members: Arullo, Phelps.

PURPOSE OF MEETING
To discuss the Natural Resources Design Plan with the Committee.

- History of the Natural Resources Design Plan
- Update on Committee Activities — Walt Jenkins
- Issues
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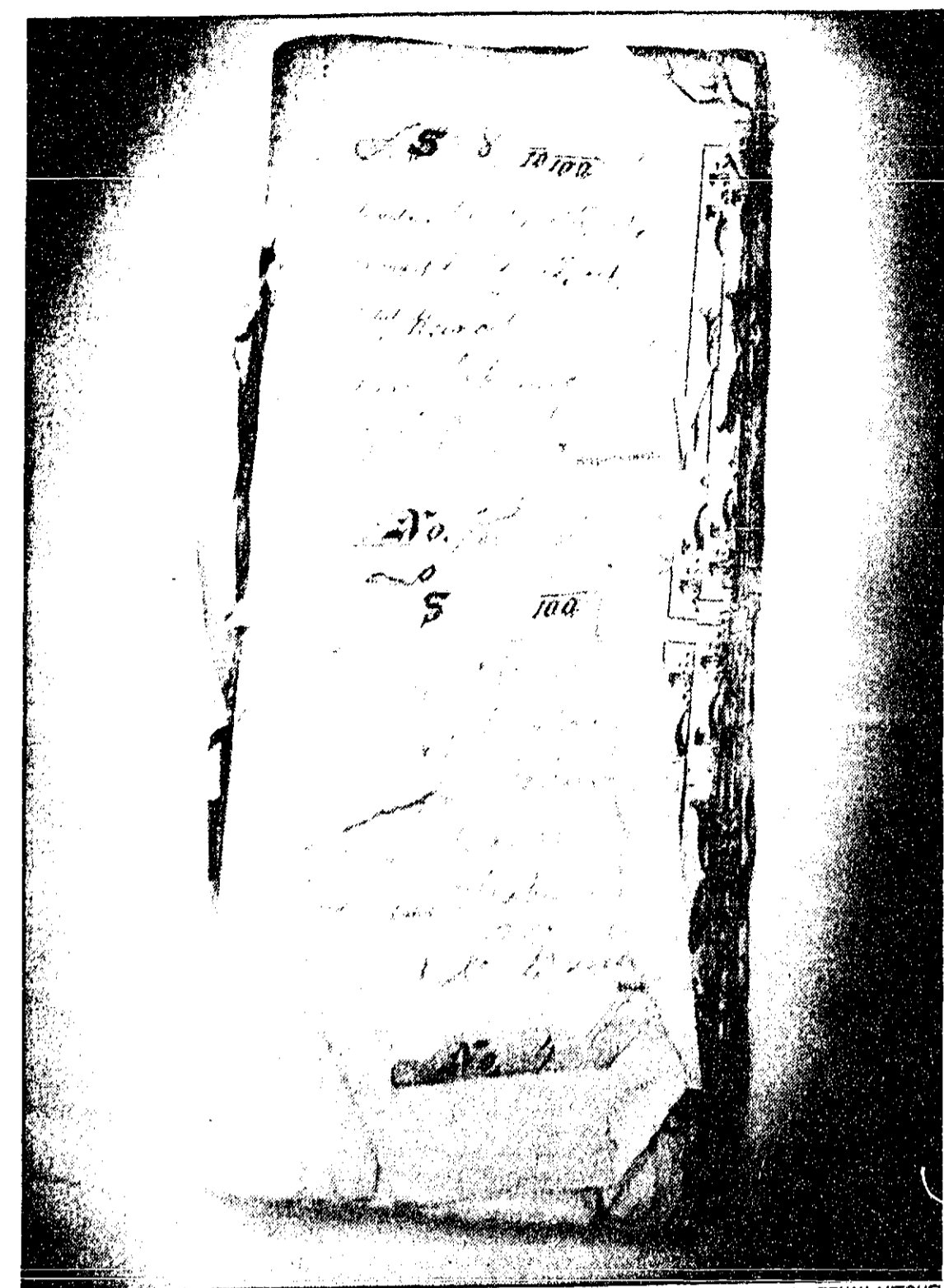


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This crumbling book lists payments made to wives of Novi Civil War soldiers.

Museum accesses computer

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archival-quality boxes and envelopes, and entering it into a cross-indexed computer program he's prepared for the city. The material is expected to prove useful to local historians, genealogists and individuals interested in historic artifacts.

In the near future, when the commission actually gets its computer, the user will be able to plug in any specific category, say, yeapans, and access all the entries.

"If somebody wants to find out records on the Emery family, the computer will search all occurrences," Morris explained. "One hundred years from now they will know where it all came from."

While the Novi City Council had already agreed to let the historic commission purchase a \$2,600 computer, Monday the council decided to donate a city staffer's slightly outdated computer and possibly spend the money for a new machine for city hall.

Historic Commission President Walt Jenkins agreed this was an acceptable compromise.

At this point, the museum's collection is fairly haphazard. Anything old anyone wants to give or anything which documents Novi history present and past, is welcome. The trove includes the official city calendars, a few Victorian dresses, a series of flat irons for clothing, a late-1800s corn mill, old ceramic door knobs, a farmer's soldering pot with a sign from the old Novi train station, a Victoria record of Wagner's "Lohengrin" and a glass butter chum.

To help preserve the items and ward off any future deterioration, the commission recently purchased archival-quality cardboard boxes and envelopes.

Morris has been researching each item, checking on patent numbers which may appear on the object and scanning historical records, like a 1909 Sears catalog.

Mayor asks council to lighten workload

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jects over five acres in size in the town center district, including the mall area: residential and office planned unit development plans; lot split waivers; driveway easement variances and sidewalk location waivers.

The list was created at the mayor's request by city planning consultant Brandon Rogers and City Attorney David Fried.

Melloni said that double reviews by the commission and council were creating confusion for petitioners.

"It would reduce our workload and give us a chance to cleanse the process. It also sends back to the planning commission our confidence in their abilities," she explained.

nothing new for the Farmington resident. He has a bachelor's degree in anthropology and gained field experience in archaeology in the states of Wyoming, Alaska and Oregon. While living in Fort Collins, Colorado, he wrote a county history book. Today, he operates a mail-order business out of his circa 1870 house, selling genealogical publications on microfilm. Morris specializes in the difficult field of Irish genealogy. Many of the records were destroyed in wars.

In Wyoming, Morris worked for the state Bureau of Land Management and checked for signs of Native American settlements in the path of proposed roads for the oil wells. The roads could then be rerouted to preserve the archaeological sites.

Oddly, although the Walled Lake area was a residence for Native Americans prior to European settlement here in the 1820s, the museum has only three Native American artifacts — projectile points, one broken, collected in Novi fields.

"We don't call them arrowheads. Something this big wouldn't fit on an arrow. It wouldn't fly. It was probably on a spear," Morris explained.

In the researcher's opinion, the most historically valuable and important item in the collection is a receipt book compiled during the Civil War by the Novi Township treasurer. It lists payments made to the wives of soldiers off fighting for the Union.

"It gives information that is not readily available elsewhere," Morris said.

Digging through an 1895 U.S. Government census of civil war veterans, Morris has put together a list of 49 Novi men who wore the blue uniform. Not all lived here when they enlisted. Others came from other Michigan cities and many served in the same regiment with the Novi men, the 122nd Michigan, before moving to here after the war.

Right now, no decisions have

been made about when and what sort of shows the museum will sponsor.

If you'd like to help out the museum by donating antiques or vintage items, especially those with a connection to Novi, contact Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver at 347-0448.

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Schools counting costs of new bill

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funding plan. Novi's grant will reflect \$6,500 in revenue for each student. The state has also guaranteed the district another \$160 per child under the new funding plan.

Any revenue the district needs above and beyond the total grant figure will have to come from local millage increases levied against residents, Koster said.

The clincher, Koster said, is that if voters pass Gov. John Engler's ballot proposal on March 15, the additional millage will be levied only against homesteaders in Novi. If the tax levy goes above 18 mills, the tax increase would be spread out across all property owners in Novi.

If the ballot proposal fails and the statutory plan kicks in, the district would have to ask both commercial and residential voters to approve additional mills.

"The figures are going up and down like our clocks," Koster said Tuesday. "They are still figuring out what the revenue amount will be per pupil."

Aside from revenue calculations still being worked out, Koster said there are other elements in the new bill that leave local school administrators worried about where their revenues will be raised.

Districts will also be allowed to levy enhancement mills. But how those mills will be levied are once at the mercy of voters and the March 15 election. Under the ballot plan, districts have until 1997 to levy three mills with a vote held after 1993.

After 1997, the ballot plan would limit the enhancement to three mills and revenues from it could be used only on an intermediate school district-wide basis. Revenues generated from the three mills would have to be shared among districts in the Oakland Intermediate School District on a per pupil basis.

If the statutory plan prevails, enhancement millage can be levied in one of two ways. An intermediate school district can levy three enhancement mills, but the revenues would have to be shared among Oakland County districts.

Alternatively, a local school may levy enhancement mills with a vote of the people. But if the millage request passes, the district must share its revenues with districts in the intermediate school districts that have comparable millage levies.

"I don't know what 'comparable millages' means," Koster said shaking his head.

Koster and the members of Novi Board of Education say they are dumbfounded by the impact of some of the particulars of the new bill. At the board's meeting last Thursday, board President Ray Byers balked at the new tax plans and how the new tax revenues would be raised.

"The revenues are not solid," he said about the state's plan to fund schools with new tobacco taxes and lottery revenues.

The provision in the new bill also denies local school districts the right to sell bonds to help technology.

"We could not have put technology in the district if the law was passed last year," Koster said.

Answers for befuddled voters

Q. Gov. Engler keeps talking about the March 15 ballot proposal. If I don't vote, what are we voting on?
A. Lots. Proposal A has more than 900 words and affects six sections of the Michigan Constitution.

Even if you read all the fine print, you won't see many changes because they are in laws "faded-barred" to passage of Proposal A.

■ Raise the sales tax rate from 4 percent, where it has been since the 1960s, to 6 percent.

■ Constitutionally earmark the extra 2 cents for the school aid fund. The statutory plan earmarks an income tax increase for the school aid fund, but Engler will argue that a future Legislature could tamper with that. If Proposal A is passed, only voters may change the earmarking.

■ Cap property assessment increases at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

■ Raise the real estate transfer tax to \$2.11 per \$1,000 of valuation. The Legislature passed a law raising it to \$1.11 from the current 11 cents.

■ Nullify a law raising the income tax rate to 6 percent from the current 4.6 percent, and lower that rate to 4.4 percent.

■ Nullify the law raising the personal exemption to \$3,000 and keep it at \$2,100.

■ Nullify a law raising the single business tax rate to 2.75 percent and keep it at 2.35 percent.

■ Roll down property taxes on homesteads from 12 mills under the statutory plan to 6 mills. Businesses and second homes would pay 24 mills under either plan. Under Proposal A, it takes a three-fourths vote of all legislators to alter those rates.

Q. I live in one of those so-called "rich" school districts that spends far more than \$6,500 per pupil. The state would reimburse us only \$6,500. To get the rest, we'd have to vote for "hold harmless" millage. Would Prop-

osal A affect us?
A. Yes, quite a bit. Under the statutory plan, you could levy a supplemental property tax on both business and homestead property.

Proposal A would limit your district to a supplemental tax only on homestead property — until you reached 18 mills. After that point, the local tax would apply to both kinds of property.

Q. When do all these tax changes take effect?
A. Most tax changes, under both the statutory and ballot plans, take effect May 1. Exception: the real estate transfer tax would take effect next Jan. 1, 1995.

Q. I'm going to be in Florida March 15. When can I get an absentee ballot?
A. Right now, according to Secretary of State Richard Austin.

You may obtain an absentee ballot from your city or township clerk if you plan to be out of town on election day, if you are age 60 or older, or if you're unable to vote without assistance. People in jail awaiting arraignment or trial and precinct workers also may vote absentee.

If you're not registered, deadline for registering is Monday, Feb. 14.

Q. I'd like to talk to Gov. John Engler about some tax ideas I have. How do I get to him?
A. You need an appointment. Engler boasts his "open door" policy has drawn 700 people. He won't see organized interest groups under this procedure — only individuals.

For a form to schedule a visit, write to: "Open Door," Governor's Office, PO Box 300013, Lansing 48909.

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Shopper charged in mace attack

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

A Detroit resident faces felony and misdemeanor charges following an alleged attack on security personnel at the Northville Township Meijer's on Jan. 20.

Police say Kimberly Ann Hines, 25, sprayed two of the company's loss prevention detectives with a mace

substance after they attempted to detain her on suspicion of theft. She was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on one count of unarmed robbery and one count of possession of a dangerous weapon and use of a self-defense spray.

Hines posted bail and will undergo pre-trial examination proceedings tomorrow (Jan. 28).

Township police officers received a report of a woman with a gun at Meijer's last Thursday — a report which turned out to be false. The responding officers found Hines detained in the store's loss prevention office.

Hines restrained the detectives, they said, and sprayed two of them in the face with the can of a mace-like compound. The devices are used legally and irritate the skin and mucous

membranes. Incapacitating an attacker.

One store detective, the report said, related that Hines kept yelling "shoot them" during the fight.

Unarmed robbery is a felony and carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison. The second charge is a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of two years.

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A anonymous female caller tipped police off to the recent robbery after she walked into the opened store and found no one working there. Minutes later, en route to the store, officers were informed that someone at the store had dialed 9-1-1 and left the

phone dangling. There were background voices on the other end of the phone, but no one was there to tell police what was happening.

When officers arrived, three excited employees ran to the squad car and told them that three men with guns had locked them in a basement walk-in freezer and robbed the store. They had gotten away with an undetermined amount of cash.

Three other employees were found locked in additional freezers inside the store. Police assembled the six and asked them to recount the events.

The store manager said he was in the basement when two of the suspects wearing ski masks emerged from a hallway that lead to an outside door. The manager said one of the

suspects took his keys and ordered him into the freezer. Just then, three other employees walked into the basement and were ordered to do the same. Upstairs, a second suspect put his gun to the head of another employee and forced him into a kitchen freezer.

Using the manager's keys, the suspects stole the cash from four of the seven cash registers. They attempted to open the safe but couldn't without the help of the manager, who they retrieved from the basement freezer. From there they took \$330 and then left the store.

While the robbery was taking place, police say another employee was sitting in the dining area unbeknownst to the robbers. The employee told police he hadn't noticed any-

thing was wrong until beepers on the cash registers sounded. That's when he said he ran into the kitchen and found his co-workers had vanished.

He called 9-1-1 and then ran. Three of the employees who had met officers in the lot say they escaped through a opening in the freezer.

Police Lieutenant David Butler said Monday detectives have several leads in the recent robbery. Butler hesitated to say that the robberies were related but he wasn't ruling out the possibility. He did say however that there were no leads in the December robbery.

"We can't tie them together," he said.

Planners 'fess up to gifts over \$5

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

The fruit baskets Novi planning commissioners received from a developer over the holidays has triggered a new disclosure policy for appointed officials.

Commissioner Glen Bonaventura suggested the disclosure policy at the planners Jan. 5 meeting after several commissioners were uneasy with the gift baskets. His idea was nixed at the time, but was resurrected after the rules committee, a subcommittee of the Planning Commission that he chairs, drafted a proposed new policy.

The policy was adopted unanimously by the planning commission Wednesday night. Commissioner Leola Richards was absent from the meeting. At her first official meeting, new commissioner Kathy Mutch was there to vote in favor of the policy.

It says commissioners will disclose any gift valued over \$5 that is given to them from a current or future applicant seeking planning commission approval. It also requires commissioners to disclose gifts they may receive from city consultants.

Staff planners will draft a disclosure form that will include the commissioner's name, date, description of the gift, estimated value of it, name of gift giver, comments and the commissioner's signature.

The forms will be completed once a year. "I personally don't think we will be using it too much," Bonaventura said about the disclosure forms. "But I think some commissioners want a method to disclose these things."

At the commission's last meeting, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said there was no need for commissioners to have their own disclosure form because the city's ethics policy covers all city officials. Watson said the current code of ethics doesn't have a provision for disclosure. It leaves the decision of whether or not gifts might sway an appointed or elected official's opinion up to the individual.

Bonaventura challenged Watson's interpretation of the city's ethics code. "Right now my opinion of the ethics code is that it's too wide open," Bonaventura said. "It's up to the city official if his vote had been bought or not."

"The sky's the limit. I urge the council to rethink the policy," Wednesday Commissioner Robert Taub reversed his stance on the disclosure policy after he poked fun at the issue when it first surfaced three weeks ago. At the Jan. 5 meeting, Taub gave an animated speech that criticized what he thought then was his fellow commissioners' overreaction to the gift baskets.

But last week, it was Taub who wanted to amend Bonaventura's motion to ask for more disclosure. He sought unsuccessfully to amend the policy to require disclosure of anything over zero and make it retroactive.

"I am 100 percent in favor of full disclosure," he said. "I'd like to see a fully comprehensive and aggressive policy that would satisfy everybody."

Taub also wanted commissioners to agree to an "on-going disclosure" rather than just a once a year event. "I wanted maximum disclosure," he said. "And on-going disclosure of any gifts at all. I didn't create this concern but I think it's necessary to go further to satisfy everybody."

In an effort to get beyond the issue, Taub recommended that the commission pass the task of handing the disclosure form and process over to Planning Clerk Greg Capote so commissioners could back to the business of planning Novi's future.

After all the fuss, the commissioner doubted the issue would surface again. "You aren't going to see it the future again because of the stink of it all," he said.

Commission Chairman Richard Clark agreed that it was public perception, more than anything else, that led to the great fruit basket debate.

"It's government in general," he said. "Government officials just don't stand at the pinnacle of public esteem."

"And perception is really more important than reality. We do need a disclosure form and I'm all in favor of it."

Commissioner Laura Loretzo said she hoped the commissioner's stance on the issue would make developers think twice before sending off trinkets of goodwill to city officials.

"It would make me feel more comfortable. If we could discourage it," she said. "I would rather not foster any public opinion — cynical public opinion — of public officials."

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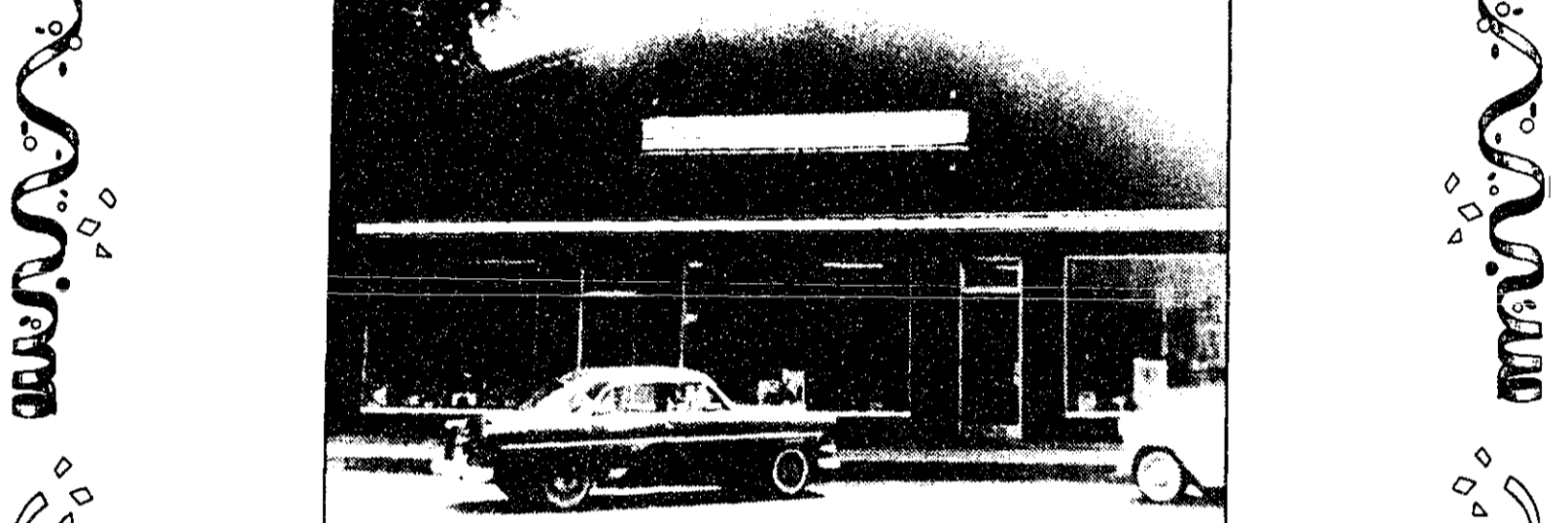
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Library Notes

Genealogical research: The Novi Public Library presents "Documenting Genealogical Research: Overcoming the problems, avoiding the pitfalls" on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Kathy Mutch, genealogical researcher, will provide suggestions for developing a record-keeping system, recommended readings and a display of genealogical materials.

On Thursday, Feb. 3, Jeanette Holman will discuss "Preserving Family Heritage." She will show how to maintain and organize photos in a creative "photo-safe" family album that can be handed down through the generations.

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Robbers stuff staff in freezer

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

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Crash landing for Robin's Nest

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Developers of Robin's Nest subdivision, proposed for a Beck and Nine Mile Road site, laid an egg Monday at the Novi City Council meeting.

Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers strongly recommended that the council squish the site plan, saying that Singh Development Company knew the property contained protected woodlands when they bought the land.

"This is without a doubt the absolute worst intrusion into woodlands of the plans I have reviewed," Rogers said.

"We're flexible. There can be some minor intrusions and replacement of trees in prime woodlands, but not taking 55 percent of them."

The 200-year-old beech and maple forest has been described by city consultants as "one of the highest quality woodlands in Novi" and a "critical habitat for wildlife, including deer."

The subdivision plan was the first submitted to the city under the new preservation option, which in July 1993 was adopted to replace the adjusted lot size and woodlands options in the zoning ordinances. The new regulation is intended to spare more

sensitive lands by permitting smaller lot sizes.

The design called for 84 lots on 58 acres zoned for residential. Just over nine acres of woodlands and wetlands on the site would have been untouched but some of the most sensitive would have been tampered with. As required by the city's newly revamped ordinance, the developer also submitted a site plan for a 62-lot conventional subdivision.

"I do not feel that these two plans come even close to meeting the woodlands plan or even come close to the preservation option," Rogers said.

City consultants suggested that an earlier site plan submitted by another developer for the land — the now-defunct Silver Beech Estates cluster housing — would save more of the woodlands and wetlands. The state Department of Natural Resources denied a wetlands permit for Silver Beech in 1990.

Singh contends there is not a market for this type of housing, but city consultants suggest the developer could wait until there is and thereby spare the forest.

Robin's Nest had already been turned down by the planning commission this month and Monday, Planning Commissioner Laura

Loretzo was on hand as a "concerned citizen," asking the council to follow suit.

"It doesn't sound like they have a bonafide plan here because it doesn't even meet the requirements of our woodlands ordinance. I don't see why it should be before the city council or planning commission at this time," Council Member Rob Mizal said, joining the majority in voting against the project.

"Silver Beech shows that the woodlands can be preserved," Council Member Joseph Toth supported the plan, comparing it to Timber Ridge subdivision, which was also built on prime woodlands.

Rogers said the city amended the woodlands ordinance after Timber Ridge and that the grading on that subdivision contributed to the death of trees there. "Today, they probably wouldn't have been approved."

Novi Forester Chris Pargoff earlier presented Singh with a woodlands violation at the site because the trees to be preserved were marked with nailed-on metal tags, rather than the paint required by the city's woodlands ordinance. Because of this, he is asking for 30 replacement trees on the property.

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Margaret M. Hughes died Jan. 17 at Greenery Care Center in Farmington. She was 84.

She was born July 17, 1909 in Plains Twp., Penn.

Mrs. Hughes lived in Walled Lake and Detroit before moving to Farmington three and a half years ago. She worked in sales for Romaine Draperies in Livonia for eight years.

Surviving is her son, Lewis Robert Jr. of Canton; her daughters, Dolores Zinski of Southfield, and Ann Rebone of Walled Lake; and her aunt, Betty Witt of Alabama.

Funeral services were Jan. 20 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Fr. Leonard Partensky officiated. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Asthma Foundation or Red Cross Disaster Relief.

MARVIN H. LUKA

Marvin H. Luka died Jan. 24 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was 58.

He was born April 17, 1935 in Detroit to Norman and Dorothy Ellerholz Luka. Mr. Luka married his wife, Barbara, in Detroit in 1954. He was an avid sportsman, loved the Red Wings, the Lions, and bowling.

Surviving is his wife, Barbara; his son, Brian (Pam) of Novi; his daughters, Valerie (Donald) Meyers, and Anita (James) Betts; eight grandchildren; and his sister, Darlene.

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No blockage for sewer station

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

It was a small building that caused a big stir with the Novi Planning Commission Wednesday night.

But when the dust settled, the commission voted 6-2 to allow construction of the 341 square-foot, one-story brick building to house the generator for a lift station east of Meadowbrook just north of I-96. The 0.23 acre of land is owned by Detroit Edison.

The building will monitor sanitary sewer lines that are being laid to provide utilities to development around the Haggerty Road Connector.

City Engineer Gary Foy of JCK & Associates said a new lift station will service the Hudson Sanitary Sewer District. New sewer lines will tie into old ones on the west side of Meadowbrook and at Twelve and a-half Mile Road. The Hudson District will serve customers between Meadowbrook and I-96 and those from Twelve and a-half Mile Road to Fourteen Mile

along Haggerty Road.

Construction of the generator building is just a small part of the city's Twelve Mile water main extension and Hudson District sanitary sewer extension project that was undertaken two years ago. A \$1.79 million contract to proceed with the sewer line project was awarded to Dan's Excavating and signed by the city on Jan. 4, 1993.

Two commissioners attempted to table talk of constructing the Hudson District sanitary sewer generator building Wednesday was thwarted by a majority of the commission who found no reason to stall the city initiated and approved project.

Commissioner Laura Lorenz said a phone call from City Council Member Carl Mason prompted her questions about the project.

"I want to make sure we aren't circumventing any council process or trying the council's hands if we approve this project," she said.

Lorenz said Mason told her she had concerns about the city footing

Community Education

Tip Top Tots: Tip Top Tots provides equipment to encourage large muscle play and exercises for flexibility and strength. Small muscles are used in fingerplays and songs. This class is helpful for children with special needs. Each child must have an adult accompany them for all age levels.

Tiny Tots (3-12 months): 4:30-5:15 p.m.; **Toddler Tots (12-29 months):** 5:15-6 p.m. and 6-6:45 p.m.; **Junior Tots (30-41 months):** 6:45-7:30 p.m.; and **Adv. Jr. Tots (41-60 months):** 7:30-8:30 p.m. All classes will meet on Mondays, Feb. 7 through April 25 in the Novi Woods Gym. The fee is \$52, \$27 for the second child.

Amateur Radio — Novice Technician: Earn a Novice Class Amateur Radio license. Instruction will cover elementary electronics, FCC rules and Morse Code at 5 words per minute. Station set-up, equipment selection and operating procedures are also covered. No previous experience necessary.

The textbook, "Now You're Talking," and the four optional code tapes, "Amateur Radio Code Cassette," may be purchased at Radio Shack for approximately \$20 each.

Note: This class will be held at a different location on Feb. 16, March 9 and April 6. The instructor will provide you with that information at the first class.

The class will meet on Wednesdays, Feb. 9 through April 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. in High School Room 110. The fee is \$6.

Engler speech wins applause in 'burbs

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Suburban legislators mostly liked Gov. John Engler's themes: tougher prison sentences, work for welfare recipients, lower taxes, a sales tax shift to support schools, rejuvenated state parks.

Democrats liked his bridge to Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer but called Engler a Johnny-come-lately on suffer prison sentences.

Engler's call for an end to "welfare as we know it" and no school sports for teens who father children played well on both sides of the Hall of Representatives aisle Jan. 18 as Engler's fourth state-of-the-state message opened the election year session of the Legislature.

"It's all good for my district," beamed freshman Rep. Jerry Vavra, R-Plymouth, whose district includes Northville and part of Livonia. The former police officer hailed Engler's call for ending early parole.

"The judge would have to pick 10 to 20 years — not 10 to 20, and no 'good time'."

"Intensely supervised parole on the end of a term works better than giving longer sentences."

Vavra praised Engler's plan to cut state prison costs by paying counties to house short term offenders in their jails. "It's cooperation between state and local. Jail costs half of what prison costs. It's a tougher crime policy that's cost-neutral," Vavra said.

"I was happy to see John focus on families," said Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, praising Engler's call to make teen fathers responsible for their children by requiring work or community service and forbidding their participation in sports.

"Parents have to grab hold of their children. We've needed that for a long time," said Dillingham, quoting both Engler and Archer.

Dillingham said Engler's ballot proposal to raise the sales tax and lower property, income and business taxes "is best for my district, which is a mix of mid-Michigan. We have a mix of high and middle incomes and a growing business community."

Rep. Susan Munsell, R-Howell, whom Dillingham has criticized on the school aid issue, didn't attend the session.

"Lots of good things are happening in state government," said Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, echoing Engler's theme and adding: "But the good news takes longer to get out than the bad news," said Bullard, whose district includes South Lyon and Novi.

Bullard said Engler, in contrast to "New Democrat" President Bill Clinton, "actually proposes to end welfare as we know it. I haven't seen Clinton do anything," Engler said. Michigan will "seek new federal waivers giving us more flexibility to encourage and reward work" by welfare recipients.

"His push for a yes vote on the ballot proposal is good for my district," said second term Rep. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, whose district includes Highland.

"I like the assessment cap (no more than 5 percent growth in property assessments in the ballot proposal). Growing assessments have been a killer," said Middleton.

He also liked the "sense of cooperation" between Engler and Archer and the standing ovation lawmakers gave the Detroit mayor.

"I really like the governor's initiative in keeping crime off the streets by eliminating parole," said Rep. Dan Gustafson, R-Haaslet. The Livingston County portion of his district is next to the area where serial killer Leslie Williams struck in 1991-92.

"I'm glad he hasn't given up on quality and charter schools," Gustafson added, predicting a goal of 200 charter schools statewide in three years would be met. He also praised Engler's cutting of general government spending.

"The endorsement idea for state parks is a great idea. Many have been kept alive just by volunteer efforts," Gustafson said.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, praised Engler's calls for greater local control, new charter schools and another effort to have schools of choice.

Geake was personally pleased when Engler praised his anti-stalking law as part of Michigan's effort to make life safer.

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, said Engler was "totally wrong" that charter schools will improve educational quality.

"The most unrealistic thing he said was going after more than 28,000 outstanding felony warrants. That will require a major, major investment in prisons. We'd have to double our prison construction. He's pandering to people's fears," said Faxon.

Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, said Engler's work on charter schools will improve education in urban centers. Honigman said he supports Engler's ballot proposal to raise the sales tax and reduce income, property and single business taxes.

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"However, it is my strong belief that the best policy for trucking in Michigan is to follow the course that the federal government took almost a decade ago to totally eliminate economic regulation of interstate trucking."

"Economic regulation of the truck-

ing industry just makes our job climate more unfavorable and is another roadblock to luring job providers to Michigan," said Engler, urging lawmakers to "finish the job."

Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO News said it had achieved a victory in its top legislative priorities in the Honigman bill.

"It falls far short of the total deregulation advocated by business groups and much of the media. Such deregulation would have endangered public safety on the roads, reduced truck service to rural communities, and eliminated thousands of good-paying jobs," the labor federation said.

"The compromise legislation does allow shippers and truck companies to set their own rates if they have an ongoing contract relationship. The relationship must be for over one year, and the rates cannot be predatory — below the cost of doing business."

"The contract rates would still have to be filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission, but unless determined predatory, those rates would be confidential."

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As We See It

The mayor should be talking to the voters

God forbid the city's new mayor, Kathy McLallen, should talk to her constituents. We wouldn't want her to stay in touch with the citizenry or to represent their interests, or anything like that.

It's OK for the mayor to be the only member of the City Council to meet, along with the administration, with developers coming to the city. The previous mayor did it all the time without a squawk from council members.

And it's OK for her to go to Washington to represent the city to the federal government. McLallen has announced plans to go there soon. Again, not a whimper from council.

But we certainly don't want her meeting with residents. She might be able to do something for them. They'd surely think she was doing a good job, and therefore they might vote for her in the next election. Thus, such a meeting surely must be "campaigning."

Council members raised a stink recently when McLallen announced plans to hold a coffee klatch with the presidents of Novi's 52 subdivision homeowners associations. She sent out the invitations on city stationery and paid for the mailing with city stamps.

No doubt the event would have also put a strain on the city's coffee budget. Council members Robert Schmid and Tim Pope were the ones who objected. Schmid concluded the meeting must be a "campaign meeting" because McLallen had promised to meet with homeowners associations in her election bid for the office. Schmid also said he believed that as a "weak mayor" McLallen should have left the decision of whether to hold the session to the council. Schmid also questioned the mayor's use of city stationery for the event.

Pope may have raised the most pertinent question in the whole discussion: "Would he be able to call for such a meeting and use city stationery to announce it on his own? No, others responded, probably not."

That's a fair question, how should such meetings be called and how should they be paid for? But such meeting should happen.

In the end, it did occur. On the mayor's personal tab, she invited the homeowners to the civic center for coffee and conversation Tuesday evening. And by the number of homeowners associations who had representatives scheduled to attend, 35 at deadline time, it appeared to be popular with the residents.

So the argument appeared, for the most part, to be more a matter of who is going to be in control in the city, the new mayor or the council, than over any real question of authority or budget restraint.

It was also a good example where such power questions can harm, rather than help government. The issue very nearly cut off an opportunity for a large segment of the Novi population to give their input directly to elected officials.

Perhaps council should be looking for ways to sponsor and support more of these types of gatherings, not just between the mayor and the residents, but between others on the council and their constituents.

For police it means a must-arrest policy. If there is evidence of abuse, they must take the abuser into custody. Although Novi has had a must-arrest policy for some time, in the past police would typically arrest the abuser only if the victim said she wanted to press charges. The same holds true for the prosecutor's office, which will press ahead with a case as long as the evidence is there, even if the woman won't testify.

While this is going on, support services try to get the victim into counseling programs.

Then it is up to the court to "fast track" the case. In the Walled Lake court, the judge has managed to cut the time need to take domestic violence cases from arrest to final disposition down from 115 days to 13 days.

The impact is that significantly fewer cases of spouse abuse are dismissed at the request of the victim, and more of the alleged abusers are in the end pleading guilty.

Interestingly, according to MacKenzie, the conviction rate has not changed for those cases which are tried. Once they go to trial, the chances of their being acquitted or convicted remain the same as before.

So what does that mean? MacKenzie believes it means the program is still giving the accused his day in court, with the same likelihood of being found guilty or innocent. The accused are not being railroaded by this program. Justice is being done.

What the program appears to be doing, MacKenzie said, is getting rid of those cases in which the abuser simply uses more intimidation, further threats or more violence to get out of trouble from the first time.



Michael Malott

Government

I wanted to give her the most recent edition of *The Novi News*, but the only copy I had was one I had been working with. Notes were scrawled in the margins. Pages were splattered with yellow highlighter.

"Is that OK?" I asked her. She nodded that that was. "You can tell the other kids that your Daddy is the editor and he marked it up because he was writing an editorial about these stories."

She held out her bag to me. I placed the re-assembled newspaper in along side her Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Magic Mirror. The mirror is an electronic gadget she received for Christmas which, despite endless reputations of "Hi Ho, Hi Ho" and "You are the fairest one of all," has not yet managed to run down its batteries. Since she spends several hours at day care before her afternoon kindergarten class, she is allowed to take one toy each day.

What I had expected to be just another day was turning out to be something pretty special. . . a red-letter day with my kids.

Two-year-old Charlie had crawled into bed with me first thing in the morning with a couple of books he wanted read. Trust me on this, at 6 a.m. *Thump Thump Gets Dressed* can be pretty heavy weight material.

Six-month-old Zack, who is working hard to learn to crawl, had spent a little time rolling around on the floor with Dad. It doesn't take much to win one of his million dollars.

"I think it's great," I told Sam as I was bundling Zack in his snowsuit, "that you are going to tell about Daddy's newspaper at show-and-share today." She looked at me with her nose all scrunched up, like she thought I was crazy or something.

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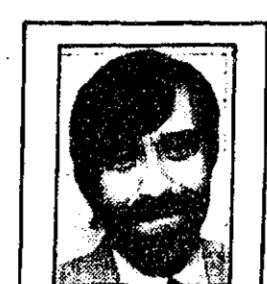
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Taking pride in your parents



Michael Malott

"Daddy, can I have a copy of your newspaper for show-and-share today?"

Tuesday is the day for what we used to call "show-and-tell" in my daughter, Samantha's, kindergarten class. It is an important day for her. The most important day she should take is one she agonizes over all week long. When she finally pronounces her decision Tuesday morning, Mom and Dad do everything they can to accommodate her.

And now Sam was going to show a copy of my newspaper to her classmates and tell them all about what her Daddy does for a living.

All parents are proud of their children. . . as long as they don't start selling drugs, become serial murderers, or try to pass the bar exam.

But parents can only hope their children grow to be equally proud of them and what they do. I can't tell you why that's important, only that it is. I guess it is that I chose my occupation because it revolves around certain values — freedom of expression, involvement in the community, etc. — which I want to teach to my children. Any parent, I think, would understand.

I remember being proud of my father when I was growing up back in the '60s. My Dad was a computer programmer/systems analyst for the General Motors corporation. Back then the machine he worked on in Grand Blanc and later at the Tech Center in Warren was the biggest, most powerful non-military computer in the world. At least, that's the way Dad told it.

By the time I came to recognize and appreciate my father's vocation I was much too old to talk about it during show-and-tell. So I was thrilled to talk my 5-year-old thought enough of what I do to tell her friends about it in class.

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Before the anti-government lobby screams for the courts. Tell it to the courts. Gov. John Engler boasts he has squeezed \$2 billion out of state spending — turning a \$1.8 billion deficit into a \$300 million surplus. He pared or hacked at natural resources, commerce, labor, the ombudsman, social services, state police, professional regulators.

Everything but the courts. We're getting more judges this year on the Court of Appeals, allegedly the most over-worked body of its type in the republic.

Consider three true stories: Ray and Chris set fire one night to a neighbor's barn. There was evidence they intended to rescue the horses inside to look like heroes, but numerous horses were destroyed.

Ray's parents sued Auto-Owners and Chris' parents sued Pioneer State Mutual, their respective homeowners' insurers, for defense costs. You and I might laugh the case out of court, but not the lawyers.

The policies had similar language that excludes liability for injury or damage "expected or intended" by the insured. The lawyers

hassled over whether the boys expected to hurt any livestock inside the barn. Tuscola Circuit Judge Patrick Reed Joslyn and appellate Judges John Shepherd, Gary McDonald and Janet Neff arrived at "the only reasonable conclusion. . . both also must have expected that whatever was inside of the barn would be burned."

The courts ruled in favor of the insurance companies. The losers are the taxpayers who pay for the courts. (Mallak v. Auto-Owners, CA 141596 and 142624 decided in October 1993).

Inez drove her pickup truck to a coin-operated self-serve car wash in Harrison, walking to the change machine for coins, she slipped and fell on a patch of ice and was injured. Her State Farm auto policy says the insurer is liable for bodily injury arising out of "ownership, operation, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle" (italics added).

Clare Circuit Judge Kurt Hansen and appellate Judges John Shepherd and Donald Holbrook Jr. agreed the term "maintenance" was to be liberally construed and that Inez was entitled to no-fault personal injury benefits because she was injured while attempting to wash her vehicle. (Gendron v. State Farm, CA 152060, decided October 1993)

Joe pleaded guilty to a drug delivery charge. For pleading guilty, he got a year in jail, five years on probation and an order to pay restitution.

Some advice, tell it to the courts



Tim Richard

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Schram holds record for serving schools

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District is lucky to have experienced people like Robert Schram leading its team.

The Novi Board of Education trustee has volunteered and sacrificed time away from his family to ensure a quality education for Novi students for 15 1/2 years.

Novi Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Schram holds the dis-

trict's record for the length of service to the board of education.

"It is a record. He is the longest serving member in the history of the Novi Schools," Lippe said as he handed out tokens of appreciation to all of the board members on Jan. 6. Lippe's presentation coincided with School Board Appreciation Month and was made in front of the board members' family and friends at the board meeting on Jan. 6.

"It's a thankless job especially sometimes when you have to spend

endless evenings away from your family," Lippe said about the time it takes to be an effective board member.

Trustee Dr. Michael Meyer after 10 1/2 years on the Novi board still takes time off from his duties as director of religious education at Our Lady of Good Counsel, a Catholic School in Plymouth, to oversee progress in Novi.

Board President Ray Byers beats board Vice President Steve Hitchcock out by two months for the third place

slot in length of service to the district. This year marks the seventh for both board members.

Dr. Craig Foreback and John Strett have also contributed to the success of Novi Schools for the past 4 1/2 years. Both are serving second terms on the board. This year, Foreback is the treasurer and Strett is the board secretary.

Newcomer Julia Abrams is finishing out the first half of her first four-year term as a board trustee. She was elected two years ago.

Carol Ellring, president of the Village Oaks PTO and of the Interscholastic Council was at the meeting to show her appreciation.

"Working with the schools has been a positive experience," she said. "It's all new to me, but when I gave up my oldest child to you I've never had to worry because I know you've always had their best interests at heart."

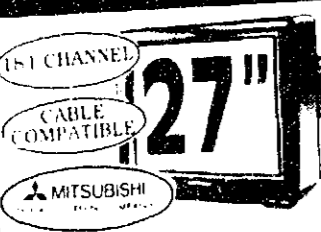
"Thank you and I wish you luck," she said.

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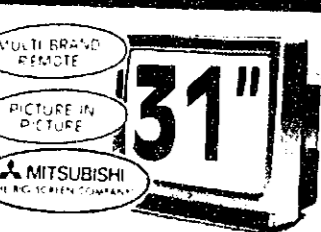
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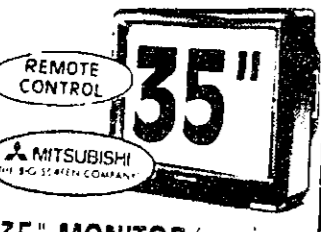
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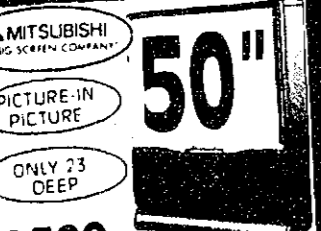
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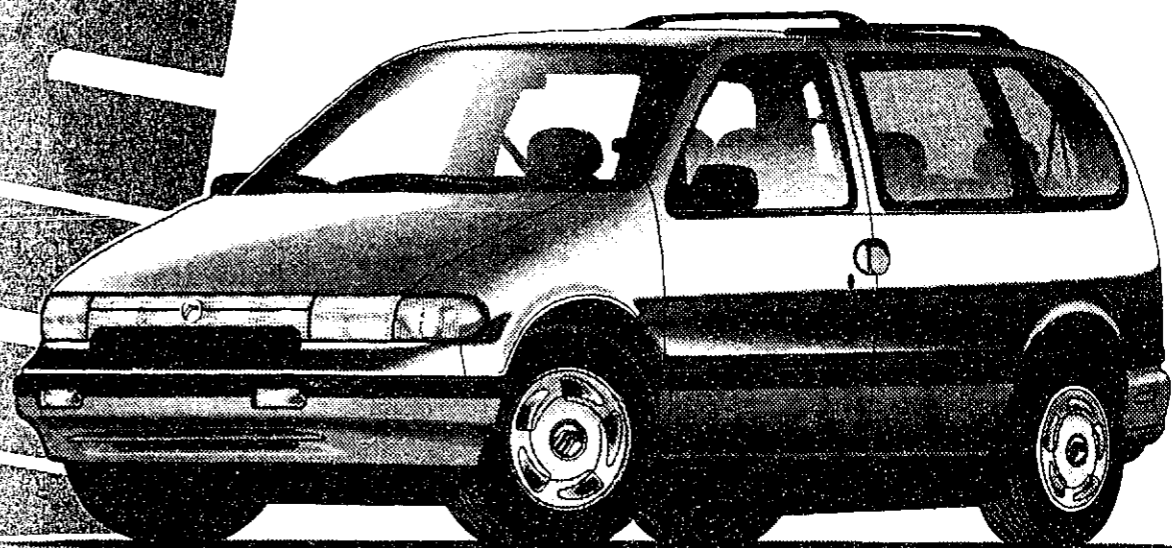
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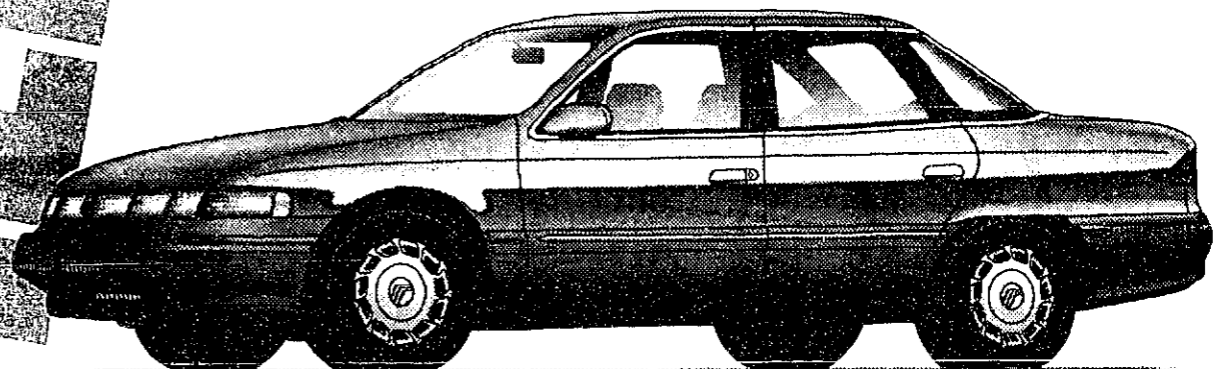
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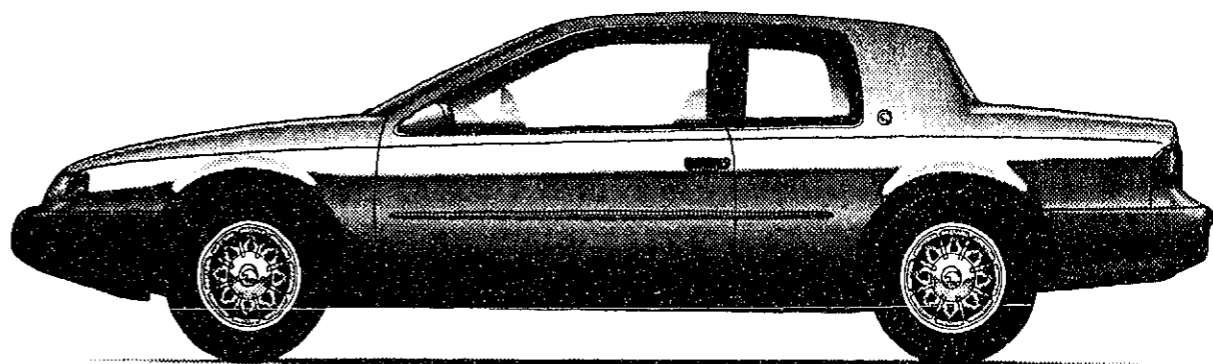


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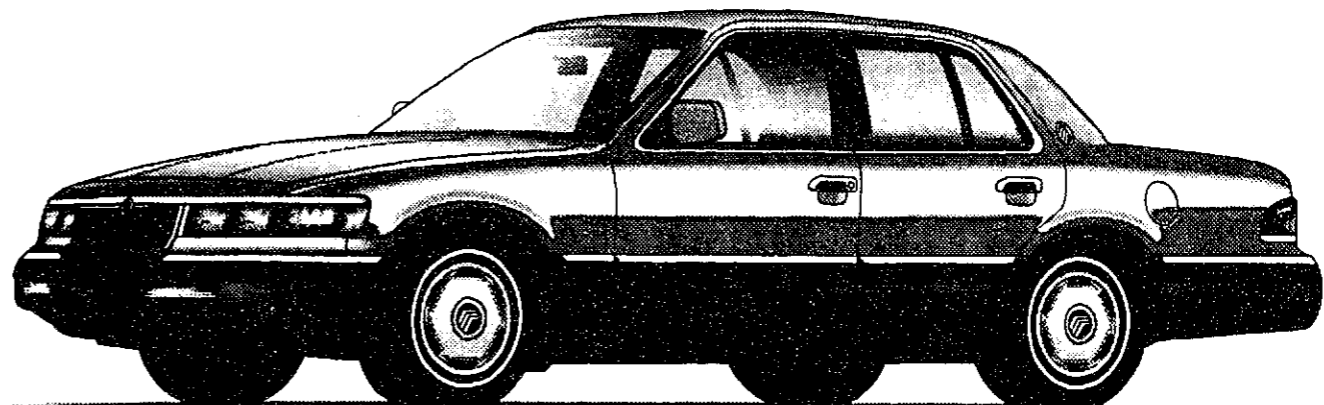
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PREPARING TO BE BOWLED OVER SUNDAY

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

get you through the day:

So the Super Bowl is coming up and you really care less. You don't have to be a football fan, though, in order to create a successful game plan for surviving the Super Bowl "holiday." Here are some helpful hints to

Plan a party. If your idea of hosting a Super Bowl party means putting out a few bowls of chips and dip, think again. "A lot of people use balloons for the day of the party," said Marge Riker, owner of Party Supplier in Novi. Riker said the balloons are avail-

able with the Super Bowl logo or with individual NFL team logos. Other decorating hints include using crepe paper in your favorite team's colors and banners that read messages like "The Party's Here," Riker suggested. Also available are paper products — paper plates, cups and napkins — that are adorned with the official Super Bowl logo.

"At this time of the year, those are close to gone," Riker said. Although Super Bowl parties are increasing, a lot of people don't go all out planning for one. "I have one customer in particular who throws a Super Bowl party every year," she said. "I order a case of everything just for him because he uses everything. Some people are geared into using the official

(Super Bowl) stuff but others just use colors to coordinate with their homes."

Get out of the house. If you get defensive when the game is on, go shopping, visit an art museum, take in a movie, dine at a restaurant.

Although Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi doesn't plan any special events, marketing director Elaine Kah said she would prefer to go shopping than watch football.

"I know in the past we've talked about all the women, who were obviously not at home watching the game, out shopping," Kah said.

But general manager Phil Morosco said previous Super Bowl Sundays haven't really increased mall traffic.

"It's pretty normal this time of the year, especially with the time of the Super Bowl," he said. "It's later in the day and we normally have that type of business in the afternoon."

If you don't feel like investing time or money in a party, go out.

Wooly Bully's in Northville will offer a free food buffet, including a taco bar, pizza, cold pasta salads and ribs, from 5 p.m. until the game ends, according to Lorri Bednar, general manager. Peanuts and munchies will also be available at the bar as well as drink specials. The game will be shown on all 21 of the bar's 27-inch TVs.

"There will be no music played, it will be just the game full blast," Bednar said.

The Bud Bowl and the Coors Light Super Score games will also be played Sunday at Wooly Bully's.

Maybe you just want to make an effort to learn the game. Although the Super Bowl is a tough time to start, learning and teaching the rules of the game has to be a mutual effort, according to Jerry Surles. Surles, who was the ticket winner in the Novi Optimist's Super Bowl trip raffle, will be attending his second Super Bowl game this weekend.

"It needs to be done on both ends," he advised. "The person who is the football nut has to take the time to explain what a blitz is..."



Photo by HAL GOULD

Jerry Surles is headed for Atlanta, Ga., to watch Super Bowl XXVIII this weekend. He won tickets to the game in a Novi Optimist's Club raffle.

SUPER WINNER

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

He may not be going to Disneyland, but Jerry Surles couldn't be happier with where he's going this weekend.

Surles held the winning ticket in the Novi Optimist's Club raffle for a trip to the Super Bowl in Atlanta, Ga. He will have the opportunity to watch the Dallas Cowboys take on the Buffalo Bills. It's the same combination of teams that landed in the Super Bowl last year, with Dallas taking home the win.

It would have been the "best of both worlds" if the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs would have won in their bids for the Super Bowl. Surles would have had the chance to see the Chiefs' quarterback, Joe Montana, take on the 49ers. There would have been a bit of rivalry because Montana used to quarterback for San Francisco before signing on with the Chiefs.

Plus, San Francisco is one of Surles' favorite teams.

"Although I'm a Lion season ticket-holder, I'm a big 49ers fan," he said.

Surles, who owns Novi Auto Wash, said he learned he won the raffle Jan. 14.

"After working out there in all that cold (at the car wash), it was enough to warm me up," Surles said about the call.

He and a friend will fly out Friday morning. It will not be the first Super Bowl trip, however, for Surles.

"I went to the one in Minneapolis with Washington versus Buffalo two years ago," he said.

This time, however, Surles does plan to hit more NFL parties.

Short-handed at work, Surles said at first he felt gully about leaving the car wash to take the trip.

"I really shouldn't be going, but I won the thing and I'm gonna go," he said.

Installation of some new equipment will also close the business temporarily Monday so he doesn't feel as gully now.

Surles, who's operated the car wash for 10 years, has been the sole owner of the car wash for about seven years after buying out his partner.

FOOTBALL DEFINITIONS

A user friendly guide for the non-football fan.



NFL — National Football League. As opposed to the AFC, American Football Conference, or the USFL, United States Football League, or the NCAA, the National College Athletic Association, or the WFL, World Football League. Football fans would prefer non-football fans to learn the ABCs of football lingo ASAP, therefore raising their football IQ, so they don't have to keep explaining terminology. OK.



Ball carrier — What are you, stupid? It's the person who's carrying the ball, of course.



Field goal — From Webster's: "a score, worth three points when made, on an ordinary down", by place-kicking** or drop-kicking*** the ball over the crossbar and between the goal posts.***"



Field — if you don't know this one, there's no hope for you. Hang up your helmet and give basketweaving a try.



Half-time — Fifteen minutes to use the restroom, stock up on refreshments, re-fill the chip bowl, etc.



Line of scrimmage — An invisible line where the ball is placed so the teams can begin play.



Quarterback — The guy who usually makes the calls as well as the most money on the team.



Touchdown — Six points for getting the ball past your opponent's goal line. The true football fan usually goes crazy at this point. It usually makes no difference which team has scored to bring on this bizarre behavior which often includes shouting and jumping up and down.

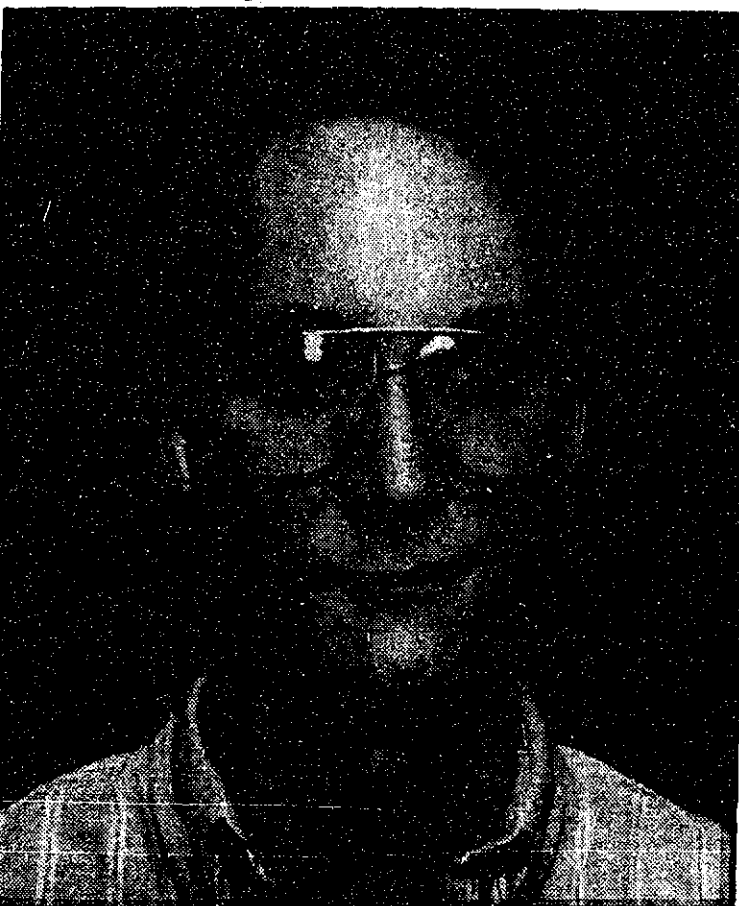
*ordinary down — a team must advance 10 yards in a series of four plays to keep possession of the ball.)

**place-kicking — The ball is either held by a very trustworthy person or mounted for the team's kicker. Visual helper: Charlie Brown would be place-kicking the ball if Lucy would stop pulling the ball away from him each time he tries to kick it.)

***drop-kicking — The opposite of place-kicking. Simply, the kicker drops the ball and kicks it. Visual helper: Charlie Brown would be a lot smarter if he drop-kicked the ball when playing football with Lucy.)

****goal posts — those monstrosities at each end of the field

Volunteer



Gary Simmons

Group parks agenda after finishing study

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"Our job is done — but we haven't been disbanded," said Gary T. Simmons about the Northville Downtown Citizen District Council, which is composed of nine business and/or retired persons living downtown, mostly in the MainCentre building.

Simmons, who lives in North Center, is owner of the Northville Watch and Clock Shop on West Dunlap.

The D.C.D.C. was formed about a year ago, Simmons said, after the City Council had sent out flyers to downtown residents, inviting them to join a new group to determine what impact the proposed new parking decks and the MainCentre lot would have on downtown Northville.

"Parking in this town is a major issue," he said. More parking spaces would draw more people into Northville and would bring more retail business into town. It's a matter of economics.

At one point, according to Simmons, the Downtown Citizen District Council sent out flyers to downtown residents to ask what they thought the effect of new parking lots, a deck, and the MainCentre lot would have. The response was one of indifference — residents largely not replying.

So the D.C.D.C., which had been commissioned by law to act in behalf of the downtown residents, sent its findings to the City Council and to the Downtown Development Authority.

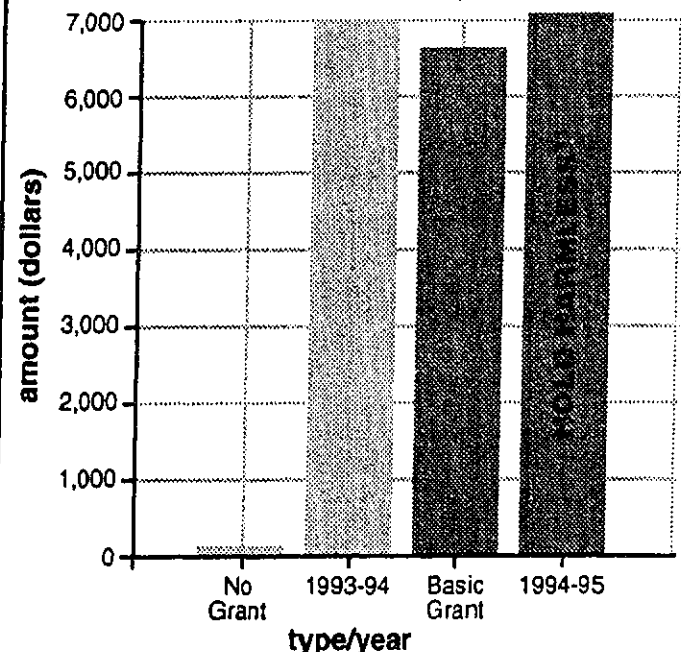
And now, as Simmons said, "Our job is done," but he added that he is still a member of the Downtown Citizen District Council, and "if they need me, my name is still on file to be part of a discussion group of anything that affects the immediate business district."

If you are a resident of downtown Northville and you would like to apply for a vacancy on this Council, you should contact the city clerk at City Hall.

It's A Fact

The Public School System

Below is the revenue per student enrolled in Novi Community Schools.*



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Hoe down

Riley to be featured in Novi Police music benefit

Jeanne C. Riley, best known for her hit "Harper Valley PTA," will be the featured performer in the Novi Police Officers Association (NPOA) annual country music benefit concert. The concert is scheduled for 2 p.m. Feb. 27 in Novi High School's Forest Auditorium. The annual show is the NPOA's only fundraiser.

In past years, the NPOA has raised between \$7,000 and \$10,000 which has went toward the Michigan Special Olympics, the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Novi Youth Assistance, DARE, Novi Little League, scholarships for Novi High School students, VFW Youth Camp and Novi Parks and Recreation youth leagues including soccer, baseball, T-ball and floor hockey teams.

The NPOA also uses funds to support the Tollgate Exceptional Equestrians program, a therapeutic riding program for the handicapped.

Callers will be asking residents to buy tickets to the show. Anyone who receives a call that seems questionable, or who simply has questions about the fundraiser or the music event, should call Det. Frank Barabas at the Novi Police Department, 349-1100. Fully seated tickets for the concert are \$35, couples' tickets are \$50, and singles are \$10.



Jeanne C. Riley, best known for her hit, "Harper Valley PTA."

In town

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

Special events

TALENT SEARCH: The Marquis Theatre will hold a talent search from 1 to 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at the theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville.

Theatre officials are looking for children ages 6-16 who can act, sing and dance. Each participant will be asked to make a three-minute presentation. Come dressed in appropriate stage clothes or costume, and make-up.

An accompanist will be provided. You may bring your own taped music if you wish.

The talent search will be videotaped and the information will be shared with other professional theatres and talent agencies.

To make a reservation, and for further information, call the Marquis Theatre at 349-8110 and request an application for entry, no later than noon Feb. 10.

NOVI YOUTH THEATRE: Hansel and Gretel will be presented by the Novi Youth Theatre's Children's Theatre at 3 p.m. Jan. 29 and 30 and Feb. 5 at the Novi Civic Center. For ticket information, call 347-0400.

SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Plymouth Symphony will begin its 48th concert season with a chamber concert featuring violinist Christian Sebel and the Plymouth Symphony Musicians.

Hebel is the symphony's youth artist winner.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, and Saturday, Jan. 29, at Plymouth First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students in kindergarten through 12th grades. To charge tickets, call 451-2112.

Tickets are also available through the Novi Parks and Recreation and the Novi Community Education office. Outdoors Music and the Bookstore at the Main in Northville.

Special features of the concert, which is sponsored by the Novi Civic Center, are a 10-harp ensemble, alp horn ensemble, flute choir, piano solo and other ensembles featuring the cello, clarinet, classical guitar, lute, harp, violin and viola.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers.

Performances will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by Metropolitan and broadcast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit an application form and audition tape, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

POET HUNT ON: Distinguished poet Herb Scott will judge the 11th annual "Poet Hunt," a poetry competition sponsored by Schoolcraft College and The MacGuffin literary magazine.

The competition is open to all Michigan residents. Individuals may submit up to five previously unpublished, original poems of 50 lines or less. Entries should be typewritten. Names and addresses cannot appear on the manuscripts, but should be placed, along with a daytime phone number, on 3- by 5-inch index cards.

There is an entrance fee of \$1 per poem, payable by check or money order to The MacGuffin. Entries must be received by Feb. 11. Mail to "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 48152. Entries will not be returned.

Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. Three honorable mentions will also be awarded. The six winning poems will be published in the fall 1994 issue of The MacGuffin.

Scott will announce the winners of the poetry competition at his reading at 8 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the Waterman Campus Center. The top six poets will be invited to read their poetry at the college at 7 p.m. Monday, April 11.

For more information, contact Art Lindenberg at Schoolcraft College, 462-4400, ext. 5292 or 5327.

Theater

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS: The Northville Players will perform *The Man Who Came to Dinner* during the first two weekends in March.

Barb Underwood of the Birmingham Village Players will direct the winter production. The show will be performed at the American Legion Hall in Northville.

For information, call 349-1205 at 5 p.m.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with a performance Saturday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person.

Diners are given clues — and sometimes speaking roles in the action — to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43190 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with shows at 8 p.m. to night and Jan. 27.

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

GENITTS: Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant has two production companies performing different Murder Mystery Dinner Theaters every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater are available.

As the critics unfurl during the performance, the guests try to discover who committed the murder. Audience members are asked to perform roles in the play. Gifts are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the culprit.

Genitt's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater with the seven-course dinner is \$35 per person.

Phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates available.

Music

CAFFE BRAVO: On Fridays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m., classical guitarist Carol Smallwood is continuing her engagement at Caffe Bravo. Smallwood also appears on Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Also each Saturday, from 9 to 11 p.m., a local contemporary folk trio, The Color Wheel, performs. The group features Northville High School graduates Tony Slevert, Dave Murray and Chris Dattilo.

On Sundays, from 3 to 6 p.m., Michael Fracassi appears with his guitar, strumming a variety of blues and jazz numbers. He also performs on Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

The coffee house is in the Main-Centre in downtown Northville.

For information, call 344-0220.

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

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

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

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

For information call 349-4000.

RIFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Rifles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe.

Rifles at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Friday and Saturday at El & Deany's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The music is Top 40.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000.

Karaoke

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi, Call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

Master of the Hammond, Mallett charms her audiences at Victor's with such favorites as "Misty" and "Moonlight Serenade."

Art

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY: Works of 30 artists featuring paintings, sculpture, glass, photography, furniture, jewelry and more will be on sale through Jan. 29.

Hidden Faces, color photographs of the antique pieces in the storage rooms of a mannequin factory by photographer Elaine Redmond will be on display Feb. 5 through March 13.

The gallery is located in Orchard Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 855-8832.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Now featured is the work of South Lyon artist Dyan Hesson, who creates dramatic oil paintings using the finely-layered color technique of the pre-impressionists.

The Atrium Gallery is at 109 N. Center St., Northville.

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, features a changing show of the work of local artists.

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Movies

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Film recounts dark chapter in British courts

An innocent man is forced to make a false confession to a horrifying crime.

A son strives to make peace with his father and searches for the courage to endure.

A prisoner fights against impossible odds to win freedom and clear his father's name.

"In the Name of the Father" powerfully encompasses the struggle of one man, Gerry Conlon, through his harrowing ordeal and eventual triumph over injustice.

Academy Award winners Daniel Day-Lewis ("My Left Foot," "The Last of the Mohicans") and Emma Thompson ("Howard's End," "The Remains of the Day") join director Jim Sheridan ("My Left Foot," "The Field") in this gripping drama, which powerfully recreates and illuminates one of the most riveting events in recent British history.

The screenplay by Sheridan and executive co-executive producer Terry George, a Belfast-born journalist and playwright, was based on Gerry Conlon's "Proved Innocent," the memoirs of a Belfast youth who, along with friends and family members, was wrongly convicted by the British government in 1975 for the bombing of two pubs in Guildford, a small town outside London.

Among those imprisoned was Conlon's father Giuseppe, caught purely by chance in a wide net cast by the police in the aftermath of the murders.

Imprisoned for 15 years, the "Guildford Four," as the principal defendants were called, finally won their freedom in a ruling that has sparked widespread controversy and even today continues to shake the British legal system to its foundations.

For Jim Sheridan, the director,



After years of imprisonment for a crime he did not commit, Gerry Conlon (Daniel Day-Lewis) finds an ally in attorney Gareth Peirce (Emma Thompson) in "In the Name of the Father."

his father's non-violent struggle for freedom, drawn under the spell of a different kind of father figure — a grim Irish Republican Army terrorist played by musician Don Baker.

At first, Gerry admires McDermott's eye-for-an-eye view of justice, but comes to reject such concepts of vengeance as he gains a deeper understanding of Giuseppe's quiet wisdom.

Emma Thompson, who earned an Academy Award for her sensitive performance in "Howard's End," provides a link between justice and compassion as Conlon's legal counsel, Gareth Peirce. As an attorney, she is determined to confront the system's faults from within. Her hell-bent pursuit of justice is a crucial factor in Gerry Conlon's eventual release and exoneration after more than 15 years of illegal imprisonment.

In the Name of the Father unfolds on two levels, both as a social document and personal drama. In Sheridan's mind, there is a natural connection between the story's political narrative and its allegory of a father and son in conflict.

Societies and religions are structured around father images," said Conlon. "England became a kind of father figure who the Irish have been trying to confront for a long time."

Sheridan believes that England's

'Father' provides faithful account of Guildford Four case

Although dramatic necessity forced the filmmakers to compress certain events and amalgamate various minor characters, "In the Name of the Father" is a faithful account of the history of the Guildford Four case.

The film begins in the early 1970s, a crossroads in Ireland's scarred history, as the worldwide peace and freedom movement struggled to take root in a harsh season of violence between Catholic and Protestant factions.

Protestants, who represented almost two-thirds of Northern Ireland's population, moved to consolidate their power, while a new generation of northern Catholics, joined by some Protestants, hoped to bring about change through a non-violent civil rights movement.

The movement soon began to attract leftists and Irish Republican Army sympathizers who saw its potential for sparking full-scale revolution.

Their ostensible goal of reuniting North and South hovered, as always, in the background.

In the summer of 1968, armed marauding groups infiltrated Catholic neighborhoods, burning homes and terrorizing the populace.

In August of 1969, British troops arrived to keep the peace. Welcomed at first, they soon became feared as the army began making house-to-house searches in the Falls area of Belfast. Since then, Northern Ireland has essentially been governed from London, under the occupation of British troops.

Gerry Conlon, a likable but wayward Belfast youth, grew up in this turbulent environment. He lived by his wits among the ruins and paid little attention to the political rumblings. There were no jobs, so Gerry and his friends often stole to get money. He was frequently playing cat-and-mouse with the British authorities and IRA volunteers — a constant source of frustration to his father, Giuseppe.

Finally, after a street altercation between Gerry and local British troops, the IRA seemed ready to make good on its threat to blow off his

neck — both as a punishment and a warning to other thieves who might draw unnecessary attention to IRA hideouts.

Giuseppe arranged for his son to escape to England, giving Gerry what little money he could spare and begging him to stay out of trouble.

The advice did not take hold. Arriving in England with his boyfriend friend, Paul Hill, Gerry immediately found his way into London's hippie community, where he met two idealistic young flower children, Paddy Armstrong and his English girlfriend, Carole Richardson.

The climate in England was, however, anything but favorable to new arrivals from Ireland, peace-loving or otherwise. Since 1968, the British occupation of Northern Ireland had become a political quagmire. Tensions were growing high, and British intelligence was steeling itself for violent reprisals from the IRA — without knowing where or when they would strike.

One night, Gerry and Paul were forced to sleep in the park where they

an IRA terrorist ought to look like," said co-screenwriter Terry George. "Gerry Conlon fit that image perfectly. He was Irish, he was working class, he had been a small-time criminal and he lived on the fringes of society. Unfortunately for Gerry — and for the public in general — the authorities were dead wrong. So Gerry and his friends went to jail while the real murderers went free."

Paul Hill was arrested under the new law. Isolated and brutally interrogated for days, Hill made a patently false confession to the crimes, giving Gerry Conlon's name as his accomplice. Hill later told Conlon that the lack of supporting evidence and gross inconsistencies in his confession would force the case to be thrown out of court. If so, he badly underestimated the single-minded determination of the courts to find a scapegoat.

Like Hill, Conlon was interrogated for days without being charged with any crime. Mentally exhausted, physically and verbally abused, he agreed to sign the confession prepared for him. In so doing, he helped implicate Carole Richardson and Paddy Armstrong. Together with Conlon and Hill, they would soon become known in the British press as the Guildford Four.

On Oct. 22, 1975, without corroborating evidence and in spite of confessions, they were convicted of the Guildford bombings.

'Pelican Brief' features professional directing

THE PELICAN BRIEF By Eric Sandberg, Novi

Tight script, professional directing, excellent acting. Remember when that was the norm?

Today, the "Pelican Brief" delivers it all. The movie is based on John Grisham's third book (you may remember "The Firm"). The whodunit is a spellbinding tale of intelligent people put to their limits as they unravel a mystery.

Director Alan J. Pakula deserves a bow for transporting this tale to the screen. The running time of "Pelican Brief" is over two hours, but not one second is wasted.

The social issues are available, but secondary to the characters. The story unfolds with almost no offense to any of the audience's senses. It is a refreshing escape from the aversions of the day, without creating any in the movie.

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Wildcats nip Brighton to keep share of lead

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's not often a coach can talk about a must-win game with less than half the season gone by.

But Pat Schluter knew if Novi High was going to have a shot at reclaiming the Kennington Valley Conference basketball title in 1994, the Wildcats Jan. 18 game with Brighton was a must. Boy, did the Cats respond.

Four players scored in double figures to lead Novi past the Bulldogs 56-50 at home. The Wildcats improved to 4-1 in the KVC and stayed tied with Milford for first place.

"It was a big win," said Schluter. "Our kids really stepped it up. They wanted that game bad."

Novi and Milford will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 in a first-place KVC showdown. Schluter said the Redskins can do it all—shoot, rebound and play tough defense.

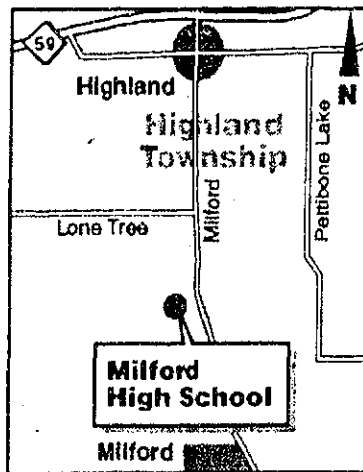
"There's no weakness on Milford's team," he said.

The Bulldogs used some balanced scoring, with four players pouring in four points, to slice Novi's lead to one, 25-24, at halftime. Jason Fannon helped keep the lead for the Cats as he finished with 10 points in the half.

Greg Pterman took over in the third. The senior guard scored 10 of Novi's 17 points in the quarter.

"When we need a basket," Schluter said, "we look for him. He wants the ball in crunch time."

To Milford High School



Novi led 42-38 at the end of third. The Wildcats were able to maintain their slim lead all the way in the final period. Novi was up 45-41 when a scary moment occurred on the court.

Fannon made a steal and broke in on the Brighton basket with just more than five minutes left. A Bulldog player bumped him while he was in the air going for a layup. He came down on his back and hit his head hard on the court. Fannon suffered a concussion and muscle spasms. He was immobilized and taken to the hospital for x-rays.

Schluter said his point guard was given the OK to play in Novi's games with Waterford Mott and Milford this week.

"He's lucky it was only a concussion," he added. "He hit really hard."

The game resumed a half-hour later. Pterman made a couple of steals and quick scores to put the game on ice for Novi.

Pterman led Novi with 17 points, Kelly added 14 while Fannon and Chad Dicken had 10 points each. Schluter was happy with Dicken's performance.

"He stepped up his game," he said.

Dan Clothier led Brighton with 17 points. The Bulldogs played without two starters.

Novi plays South Lyon Tuesday and Lakeland next Thursday. Both games are on the road.



Jason Fannon was injured in Friday night's game.

Spikers fall to Falcons in tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It doesn't pay to look ahead in volleyball.

Novi High learned that lesson Saturday as North Farmington gave the Wildcats a quick first round exit from the Plymouth Salem Invitational. Coach Julie Fisetle said her team was looking forward to a rematch with Salem, which beat Novi in pool play, after disposing of the Raiders.

But North Farmington threw a monkey wrench into those plans by beating the Wildcats in three games.

"We were all fired up and killed them in the first game," Fisetle said. Novi won the opener 15-4. But it went quickly downhill from there.

A long game two saw the Raiders win a 15-8 decision. North Farmington then closed it out 15-13 in the rubber game.

Fisetle said the Wildcats stopped playing aggressively after the first game.

"We didn't have any kills in the second and third games," she said. "I think we looked past North Farmington after the first game."

The 12-team tournament was broken down into three pools of four.

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Howell, Brighton beat grapplers in KVC meet

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Nobody ever said learning is easy.

The Wildcat wrestling team learned some tough lessons Friday night at the hands of Kennington Valley Conference powers Howell and Brighton. Hosting a league tri-meet, Novi High fell by substantial margins to both the Highlanders and Bulldogs.

It shouldn't come as a surprise, though. While Novi features a young, talented lineup, Howell and Brighton showcase experienced, talented lineups.

And, in wrestling, experience is king.

"Obviously we were disappointed to get beat like that," said coach Brad Huss. "But we weren't disappointed with how the kids wrestled. They did what they could do."

Novi squared off against Howell first and lost 54-15. Brighton then beat the Wildcats 48-15 in the nightcap.

Huss came away impressed with both schools.

"Howell is second-ranked," he said, "and you can see why."

Indeed, the Highlanders are solid from top to bottom.

Lenny Christoff went up against Craig Trierwiler in the 103-pound match. The freshman has had a successful first varsity season, but was, perhaps, a little overmatched against Trierwiler and was pinned

late in the first period.

At 112, Nick Simmon met a similar fate. Tyler Rosen took a 7-0 lead after the first period then pinned Simmon with 1:17 to go in the second period.

Howell added two more pins at the hands of Kennington Valley Conference powers Howell and Brighton. In the first period while Garrett Barrons made it to the second period before being pinned by Pat Esper.

Taka Watanabe got Novi on the scoreboard in his 130 pound match. The freshman pinned Tony Simmons midway through the first period to cut Howell's lead to 24-6.

Chris Young lumped out to a 2-0 lead against 135-pounder Kurt Grover early in the first period. The Highlander grappler took a 9-2 advantage by the end of the period and then pinned Young with 53 seconds left in the second.

Nick Blagni went the distance against Kden Lechevalier. But the 140-pounder was unable to mount any offense and lost 4-1.

James Cini lost a tough match at 145. He wrestled Adam Arnold even-up most of the way, but took a 2-0 defeat. Arnold scored a reverse in the second period for the only points of the match.

Howell 152-pounder Brad Barron pinned Mike Sill in the first period. Freshman and sophomore Novi wrestlers made the trip east Saturday and did quite well. Watanabe took first place in his division. Barrons, meanwhile, was fifth in his weight class.

Ben Wendt earned a pin at 189 pounds. Matt Buck (171) and James Probyn (heavyweight) were pinned by Howell wrestlers.

Huss said time is the only thing that will allow his team to compete with Howell and Brighton. Hopefully, he said, in a year or two more experienced Wildcat team can teach Howell a lesson.

Novi's match with Brighton was almost a carbon-copy.

The Wildcats lost the first four matches. Christoff, Simmon and Lee were pinned. Barrons fell 7-1 to 125-pounder Matt Griffen.

Watanabe won his match 9-5 against Bill Gaetz. The 130-pounder narrowly pinned Gaetz in the first period.

Young and Cini fell by 7-0 and 11-8 decisions, respectively. Blagni was pinned in the third period by Chad Kalsar.

McBride made quick work out of L.B. Beuteman. He pinned the Bulldog wrestler in just 54 seconds.

Wendt won a 3-1 decision over Harry Carter. In other matches, Sill, Buck and Probyn all lost by pin.

Huss said it's better for the Wildcats to see tough opponents like Howell and Brighton.

"If we're going to get good," he said, "this is what we have to do."

GARDEN CITY NOVICE
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Garrett Barrons struggles for position in Friday night's meet.

MHSAA director speaks about honesty in sports

You've probably heard the old saying, "Honesty is the best policy." Michigan High School Athletic Association Executive Director John E. Robertson discusses the importance of honesty and integrity in athletics in the following article reprinted from the MHSAA December 1993-January 1994 Bulletin.

Many of you have heard me tell the story about a junior varsity football coach who saw his own receiver step out of bounds before catching a pass and scoring the go-ahead touchdown. No official had seen it, but the coach notified the referee. It was late in the game and the coach's team lost by a single point.

After the game took place in the locker room, the coach told all of the players assembled, that he just had to believe that the referee's officiating was more important than the busi-

Wrestling meet a study in contrasts



Scott Daniel

Friday night's wrestling meet at Novi High was a study in contrasts.

The Wildcats hosted Kennington Valley Conference rivals Howell and Brighton in what was their first league action of the season. The teams took turns squaring off against each other in a meet that lasted about five hours.

While watching these schools go at it was a lot of fun, I came to one conclusion about wrestling: It's an odd sport.

For a few brief minutes, wrestlers are called upon to exert a tremendous amount of energy. No other high school sport, with the possible exception of swimming, demands more of its athletes in terms of concentrating.

You need only take a brief look to figure that out. Most wrestlers have zero fat on their bodies and show muscle size and definition often

associated with professional bodybuilders.

To be successful, wrestlers have to be in that kind of shape.

"If you're not in good shape you'll have a hard time wrestling," said Wildcat Jeff Kucmierz.

The senior said it takes a very short time on the mat to get worn out. If your conditioning isn't good.

"About a minute," said Kucmierz, a third-year wrestler who's dropped 30 pounds since starting in the program.

Yet those minutes of intense action are islands in a sea of waiting for wrestlers.

In Friday's meet, for example, Novi watched for two hours while Howell and Brighton battled. Some of the wrestlers sat in the stands and looked on at their struggling colleagues. Others walked around the gym nervously and some tuned into their walkman radios.

Novi coach Brad Huss said it's not uncommon to wait a couple of hours between matches, especially at large tournaments. Wrestlers in the higher weight divisions, such as 171 and 189 pounds, are often at the big-

gest disadvantage.

"You can wait four or five hours," Huss said, "before you wrestle your first match."

The coach said he has athletes bring their books and radios to help pass the time. A good nap is also helpful, Huss added. Despite those measures, performing well can be tough after sitting around for hours.

"It's very difficult," said Huss.

While those elements of wrestling certainly provided a large contrast Friday, so did the teams involved in the meet.

Without question, Howell and Brighton are among the elite teams in the KVC and state. The two schools wrestled brilliantly against each other.

Brighton led the entire match. The Bulldogs held a slim 25-23 lead going into the final match. As fate would have it, Class A's second-ranked team, Howell, won by a single point as heavyweight Joe Adams took a narrow 4-2 decision and earned the Highlanders three points.

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Recreation

Youth theatre heating up for winter

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

If you've missed past performances from Novi Youth Theatre, you're missing a lot.

The young talent director Linda Wicker is discovering after only two seasons is phenomenal. These young people come from Novi and various other surrounding communities and have won the hearts of many.

Why, they've even developed their own following for each production they perform at the Novi Civic Center.

The Novi Youth Theatre consists of two ensembles, "Performance Plus" (ages 12 and up) and "Children's Annex" (ages 8-11). This weekend (Jan. 29 and 30) Children's Annex will be performing the classic *Hansel and Gretel*, 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

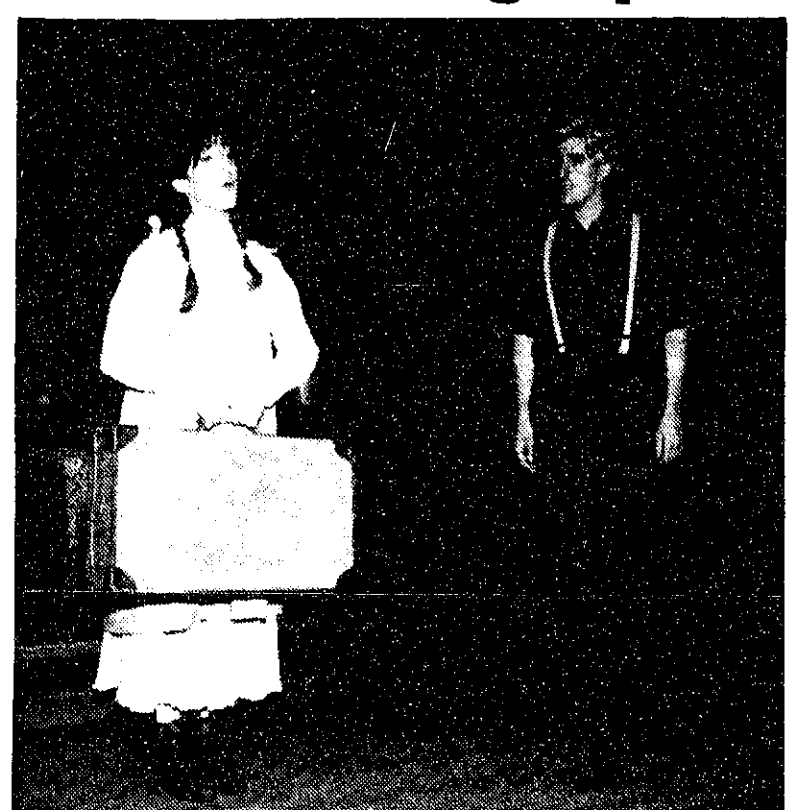
A third performance may be added on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. because of the other two sell-out performances.

The group of 17 boys and girls have been practicing twice a week since October. Director Linda Wicker is very impressed with the level of talent shown by this group of kids and said she knows the audience will be entertained.

Wicker's husband Dick builds most of her sets and Val Steinger does the finish work. Steinger also did the finish work for the fall production of *Anne of Green Gables* as well as all the Novi High School plays.

Novi resident Amy Burkhardt plays Gretel. Farmington resident Alexander Gay plays Hansel and Canton resident Julia Anderson plays the witch. Nine-year old Amy is a natural on stage and was so thrilled to get the part of Gretel.

"It's hard work learning all the lines, but the more we practice, the easier it gets," said Amy. "I would recommend this to other kids even if



The Novi Youth Theatre is set to perform this weekend.

you're shy. Linda teaches us tricks of acting, how not to be nervous and how to stay in control. I'm excited because my whole family is coming to see the play."

Amy's grandmother made her Gretel costume. Linda has a costume maker for the Performance Plus group but not for Children's Annex.

For Hansel and Gretel we made do with what we had and the parents all helped out with their children's costumes," said Wicker. "I am looking for someone who would like to help with costumes for future productions. Someone to research the play and decide what is needed. It is a paid position and they will be paid on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 4 to 6 p.m. Rehearsals begin mid-February and run every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Twenty-six boys and girls, ages 8-11, will be needed for this performance. The summer

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Stable environment important for kids



Jacquie Downs

Kids who are most at risk for using alcohol and drugs "have a great deal of unsupervised free time, spend most of their free time hanging out with their friends, have family histories of drug use and lack close ties with parents," according to a November/December article by the National PTA's Health and Welfare Program Manager, Robert J. Kocielek.

If this environment doesn't sound very safe, it's because it isn't.

Do you remember playing with a spinning top when you were a child? Emulsion your child as a spinning top. Children living in homes where parents use drugs or drink excessively are like a top spinning on a table. Without the safety net of parental protection, when they get to the edge they may fall to the floor.

Kids who live in "safe" homes where parents are available at any time feel secure. The advantage for these children is that their parents provide consistency, guidelines and problem solving skills so that the child can grow up to be a

responsible, accountable and resourceful adult.

Parents who drink or do drugs cannot always be there for their children because their use comes first. Many have abdicated their responsibility of providing their children with limits and boundaries. Children from homes where only social drinking or abstinence takes place know their parents are consistently involved in their lives. The kids whose parents drink on weekends or even weekdays can, and do, take full advantage of the fact their parents are "preoccupied." They may do anything from lying to their parents to stealing alcohol from the liquor cabinet.

As these young people become adolescents they may observe that their role model is a person who doesn't pay a price for "using," and they may emulate their parent's use. Most often, where there's a teen drinking or using drugs, there's a parent or family member also doing it.

The addictive personality is generational, trickling down from parent to child or from grandparent to grandchild. Becoming addicted

Health tips

major risk factors (such as high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, elevated cholesterol, sedentary lifestyle) or a history of heart problems simply should not shovel snow. If you must shovel snow, the old-fashioned way:

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- Lift small loads more often, using a short shovel with a small scoop.
- Wear a cold-weather breathing mask or scarf to avoid inhaling cold air or exposing your face and neck.
- Avoid big meals, alcohol and tobacco before and after shoveling snow.
- Try not to shovel when it's windy. The wind chill factor may be much lower than your thermometer indicates.
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he lie down for awhile. He did. Several hours later, he died from a massive heart attack.

A freakish occurrence? Might he have died anyway that evening? I don't think so. The association between snow shoveling and heart attacks is probably no coincidence.

Following a January 1992 snowstorm, at least 22 people in metropolitan Detroit died suddenly during, or soon after, shoveling snow.

Pushing, lifting, turning and throwing shovels full of snow are all extremely strenuous activities. If you shovel light snow at 10 "throws" a minute, you're expending as much energy as if you were playing a match of singles tennis. Shoveling wet, heavy snow requires the energy equivalent of running nine miles per hour.

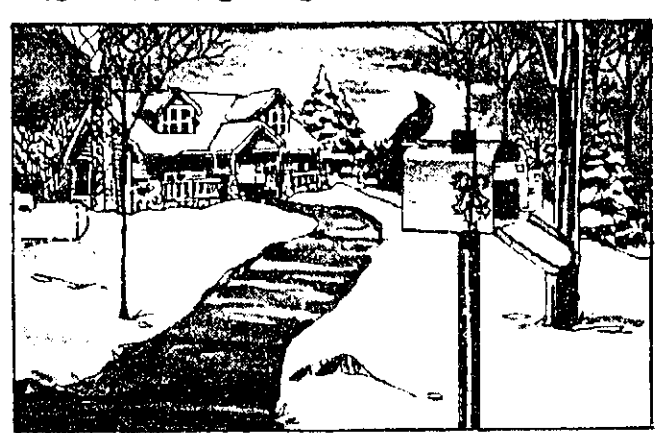
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North Farmington foils spikers hopes

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schools in preliminary rounds. Pool teams played each other round robin to determine seeds one to 12.

Novi's pool opponents were Salem, Hazel Park and Farmington. The Wildcats opened with Farmington and fell in two games. Novi then lost a pair to Salem.

Game one saw the 'Cats fall behind 12-0. With Kristi Jarvis serving, Novi tied it up at 12 but eventually lost the game 16-14.

The team's only win came against Hazel Park. Novi lost the first game 15-9 but then took an easy 15-3 victory.

"It was a team we should've blown away," Fissette said. Novi was seeded eighth coming out of pool play. North Farmington was 12th.

BRIGHTON def. NOVI 15-5, 15-11
The Wildcats' Kesington Valley

Conference record fell to 2-2 after losing to the Bulldogs Thursday.

Fissette said her team just couldn't get anything going. The coach said it was disappointing because she believes Novi is as good as any team in the KVC.

"If we're playing our game... we could blow these teams away," Fissette commented, "or at least give them good games."

Novi was never in the opener. Brighton jumped out to a 4-0 lead and finished the Wildcats off in less than one rotation, 15-5.

"We couldn't pass," said Fissette. "Nobody was moving."

Game two was closer on the scoreboard at 15-11. But, the coach said, her team didn't play much better. Statistically, just a few of the Wildcats had strong matches. Katie Shaw had a pair of aces while Junko Matsunaga had four to go with nine dinks.

Novi is on the road today to play Milford at 6:30 p.m.

Director speaking out about honesty in sports

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the sub-varsity level. When varsity football is involved, the stakes seem higher still because the cost of a forfeiture may be loss of a place among the regional qualifiers of the football playoffs.

So far this year, the MHSAA has processed six cases, the violations were self-discovered. In four cases, the violations were self-reported. In five cases where the violation was undisputed, the penalty of forfeiture was appealed; and in all five cases where the penalty of forfeiture was appealed, the penalty was upheld. In one case, a second appeal was

requested.

The second appeal was based on the fact that the violation was self-discovered, self-reported, and committed by a player who made limited contributions in lopsided victories. None of this was unique.

But most of all, the people in the community argued that by not making an exception for their case, the MHSAA was (1) discouraging other schools from reporting their violations in the future; and (2) telling their kids that honesty doesn't pay. Let's examine these arguments.

By not making an exception, it was argued, the executive committee was discouraging other schools from re-

SCOREBOARD

Wrestling

KVC STANDINGS

(through Jan. 24)	
Hartland	2-0
Howell	2-0
South Lyon	2-0
Brighton	1-1
Lakeland	0-2
Milford	0-2
Novi	0-2

KVC LEADERS

(through Jan. 25)	
275 Pounds	
Adam (Howell)	25-1
Firby (South Lyon)	19-1
Williams (Milford)	6-6

105 Pounds

Dean (Brighton)	21-3
Trierweiler (Howell)	19-5
Kaltz (Milford)	14-3
Pogrmich (Hartland)	12-5
Christoff (Novi)	12-7
Wallace (South Lyon)	12-7

112 Pounds

Young (Brighton)	20-5
Worley (Milford)	15-5
Wayne (Lakeland)	8-4
Rosen (Howell)	11-11

119 Pounds

Dias (Brighton)	23-0
Cheyne (Milford)	17-2
Wendel (Howell)	22-6
Hultberg (Hartland)	21-6

125 Pounds

Wehner (Hartland)	22-1
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Brown (South Lyon)	13-1
Griffin (Brighton)	13-4
Watanabe (Novi)	9-4
Eeper (Howell)	18-9
Awam (Lakeland)	10-9

130 Pounds

Watanabe (Novi)	12-4
Connelly (South Lyon)	20-7
Schroeder (Howell)	17-9
Perma (Milford)	8-7

135 Pounds

Addy (South Lyon)	19-7
Macbeth (Lakeland)	17-6
Dehua (Brighton)	13-10
Cra (Novi)	17-8

140 Pounds

Velzy (Lakeland)	21-1
Richardson (South Lyon)	19-7
Bennett (Hartland)	13-5
LeChevelier (Howell)	18-8

145 Pounds

McCamble (South Lyon)	20-3
Choi (Novi)	15-6
A. Arnold (Howell)	20-8
B. Kuzinski (Hartland)	18-8

152 Pounds

C. Kuzinski (Hartland)	22-2
Olsen (Brighton)	21-2
Duncan (South Lyon)	21-4
Barron (Howell)	22-5
Scheck (Milford)	15-7
Bebis (Lakeland)	8-6

160 Pounds

McBride (Novi)	20-6
Burman (Brighton)	15-8
Kern (Lakeland)	13-11
Gyorkos (Hartland)	13-13

171 Pounds

Archey (South Lyon)	23-2
McKerney (Howell)	24-4
Hubert (Brighton)	9-6

Scheffler (Hartland)	9-6
Buck (Novi)	4-3

189 Pounds

Wendt (Novi)	19-4
Maie (Howell)	10-2
Janes (South Lyon)	15-7
Carter (Brighton)	12-10

Basketball

KVC STANDINGS

(through Jan. 24)

league/overall	
Milford	4-1/8-1
Novi	4-1/6-4
Howell	3-1/5-3
Brighton	3-2/4-6
Hartland	1-3/4-6
South Lyon	1-3/3-6
Lakeland	0-4/1-8

KVC LEADERS

Points-per-game

Kofahl (Milford)	18.6
Pierman (Novi)	16.5
Coleman (Hartland)	15.4
Sexton (Howell)	14.8
Stefureac (Brighton)	14.5
Micunek (Brighton)	12.9
Klein (Howell)	12.8
Dixon (Howell)	12.4
Frazier (South Lyon)	11.1
Kelly (Novi)	11.0

Rebounds

Sexton (Howell)	12.0
Micunek (Brighton)	8.6
Blue (Milford)	8.4
Clayton (South Lyon)	8.4
Copenhaver (Brighton)	7.8
Karell (Lakeland)	7.7

Hartley (Lakeland)	7.2
Dunlap (Novi)	7.0
White (South Lyon)	6.0

Assists

Klein (Howell)	5.4
Fannon (Novi)	5.0
Wilkins (Lakeland)	4.6
Belsley (South Lyon)	3.8
Gaines (Brighton)	3.0
Ettig (Brighton)	2.8
Dell (Howell)	2.6
Dixon (Howell)	2.4
Levoska (South Lyon)	2.2

Three-pointers

Kofahl (Milford)	22
Stefureac (Brighton)	22
Dixon (Howell)	19
Nixon (Howell)	13
Lancaster (Milford)	12
Klein (Howell)	11
Fannon (Novi)	9
Sargent (South Lyon)	9
Pierman (Novi)	8
Demar (Lakeland)	7
Szukatka (Hartland)	7
Wagner (Howell)	7

Team offense

Howell	66.0
Milford	68.8
Brighton	66.6
Novi	66.5
Lakeland	51.2
Hartland	47.1
South Lyon	47.1

Team defense

Milford	46.9
Novi	52.0
Brighton	56.6
South Lyon	57.9
Howell	59.5
Hartland	60.3
Lakeland	61.8

Fannon (Novi)	470
Coleman (Hartland)	468
Dixon (Howell)	462
White (South Lyon)	460
Lancaster (Milford)	460
Clayton (South Lyon)	450
White (South Lyon)	450

Free-throw percent

Belsley (South Lyon)	86.0
Demar (Lakeland)	80.0
Levoska (South Lyon)	73.0
Coleman (Hartland)	72.4
Kelly (Novi)	72.0
Blue (Milford)	71.0
Kofahl (Milford)	71.0
Toney (Milford)	70.0

Field-goal percent

Hartley (Lakeland)	620
Nixon (Howell)	555
Karell (Lakeland)	520
Sexton (Howell)	477
Blue (Milford)	470
Pierman (Novi)	470

Volleyball

league/overall	
Brighton	3-0/11-7-1
Howell	1-0/8-4-4
Milford	2-2/6-3-4

KVC STANDINGS

(through Jan. 23)	
league/overall	
Brighton	3-0/11-7-1
Howell	1-0/8-4-4
Milford	2-2/6-3-4

porting their violations in the future; in other words, discouraging honesty. But it is the experience of MHSAA leadership that it is more likely, rather than less, that consistency of enforcement encourages self-reporting.

It is more likely that I will report my violations and accept my forfeitures if I know that you have reported your violations and received forfeitures in the past, and that you will report your violations and receive forfeitures in the future. In other words, if I know you will receive the same result I receive, without uncertainty, I will step forward.

All those who have come before to self-report their accidental and self-

discovered violations expect that this year's violations will be treated like last year's violations. All those who have come before would feel betrayed if this year's violators were treated differently than they were. This unpredictability, this betrayal, would poison the MHSAA and discourage its self-policing principles.

We should not be misled; consistent application of rules and penalties doesn't encourage dishonesty. Consistent application of rules and penalties reinforces honesty.

In 1991, the Michigan Supreme Court stated: "We find that the interests of uniformity and predictability justify even-handed application" of the forfeiture rule.

Daniel: wrestling gives sharp contrast in action

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Novi then faced each of the powers without much success. In all fairness, however, it would've been unrealistic to expect upsets. These are teams in different stages of development.

The Wildcats have one senior and two juniors in the lineup. As a rule, I'm told, inexperienced wrestlers and teams don't beat experienced ones.

That's not to say that the 'Cats are without talent. Quite the opposite, in fact. But only time will make Novi as tough as the Howells and Brightons of the world.

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By James M. Woodard
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Bob Edwards, a 1994 president of a local association of Realtors and chairman of a regional computerized information system serving several multiple listing services, expressed a typical response to current market demands:

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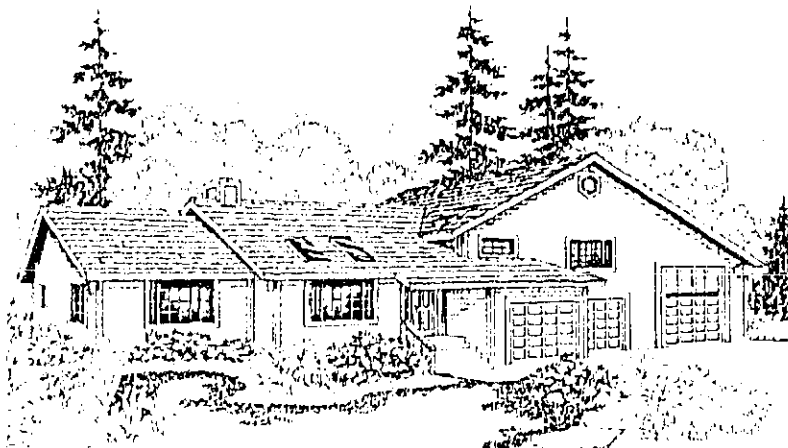
group has formed a six-member committee to aggressively study and implement methods to enhance our information capabilities during the coming year," Edwards said.

The regional group is looking at such concepts as establishing kiosks at major shopping malls within its marketing areas to provide computerized information for consumers.

"In our area and in other regions throughout the country, more and more of this information will be

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HOME DESIGNS



The Lee offers a versatile plan ideal for hobbies and entertaining

The country-contemporary Lee is designed for a lot that slopes gently to the rear. With minimal excavation, the home could also be built on level ground. This plan is well-suited to a couple that wants space to spread out for hobbies and entertaining.

It's a split-level plan that puts utilities, a workshop and parking for two cars and a RV on the lowest level. The generously sized utility room has counter space, cabinets and a deep sink. A small bathroom is easily accessible from the back yard.

Public spaces and the owners' suite—all bright, airy rooms with vaulted ceilings—are at mid-level, half a flight up from the garage. The comfortable kitchen has a garden window and counters on four sides.

Conveniences include a pantry, built-in dishwasher, range and oven and lazy Susan shelving in the corners.

Sliding glass doors brighten the dining room and provide easy

access to a railed deck for outdoor meals and appreciation of the view.

Skylights add to the illumination in a living room with a corner woodstove that serves as an additional source of heat in the winter. Brickwork behind and beneath the stove radiates warmth into the dining room, living room and master suite long after flames turn to embers.

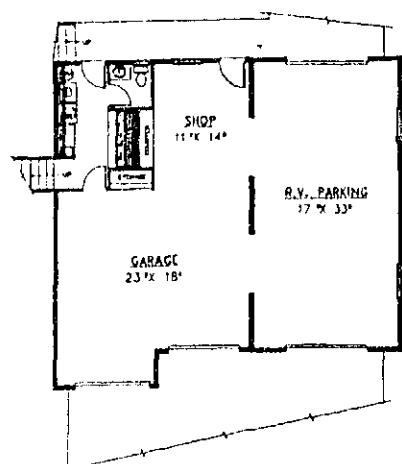
The master suite is large enough for a desk or sitting area, in addition to a bed and dresser. A skylight brightens the huge walk-in closet and the master bath has a jacuzzi tub, oversized shower and enclosed toilet.

The hobby room, guest room and study/loft are a half-flight up from the main floor. A large linen closet and skylit bathroom serve this level while the skylit loft overlooks the living room. The front-facing guest room has a large closet.

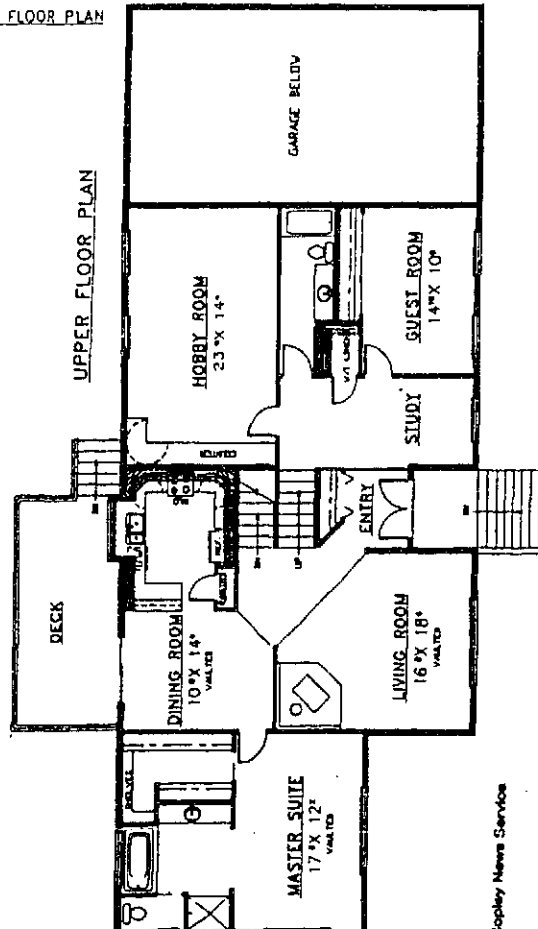
Built-in cabinets line two walls of the huge hobby room, ideal for an artist or craftsman. It's easily large enough to accommodate a sewing machine and quilting frame or weaving loom, but could also be converted to a bedroom, recreation room or office space, if needed.

For a study plan of the design mentioned in this article, send \$9 to HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, Michigan 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 84'-0" X 34'-0"
LIVING: 2182 square feet
GARAGE: 1270 square feet



LOWER FLOOR PLAN



Copley News Service



Self-described perfectionist Dan Fiedler with the deck he built himself behind his home.

DECK DESIGNER

Even in the dead of winter, Dan Fiedler can be found building decks, taking pride in each and every one he creates.

In fact, to ensure the lasting quality of each, Fiedler hand-picks the wood for each project.

Fiedler, a licensed builder, said he has built decks since the 1970s, adding that the work was a natural outgrowth of his job as a landscape contractor for Beach Tree Farm in Highland.

He said that his four years of education in mechanical drafting at Olivet Nazarene College helps him when he designs a new project. An innate ability didn't hurt the Highland-based Dan Fiedler's Buildscape Inc. either.

"I've always had a sense or feeling for how you design things," he explained.

In addition, his father, two grandfathers, and one great-grandfather all were builders. "It's in the blood, I

guess," he said.

Fiedler said he really enjoys the outdoors whether he's at work or play. "I trained to work inside but the sun just doesn't shine inside," he added.

He likes his work for another reason: he enjoys working with others.

"I meet and get to know a lot of great people building decks," he said. "Each job just widens my horizons a little more."

A self-described perfectionist, Fiedler said that sometimes his desire to complete a project in the highest quality fashion has cost him money in the past. He chooses all premium wood and materials. Where others would merely nail wood together, he will use nail, glue and wood screws to attach deck pieces to one another.

"I can't stand it if it's not right," he said. "It totally goes against my nature to not do something as well as it can be

done. I eliminate a whole host of potential problems by doing that."

Fiedler sets up his decks with a laser level. He said this is the only tool which can assure him of a perfectly level surface each time.

One year, Fiedler changed the primary focus of his business from landscaping to decks within a few months. "I finished landscaping early, and had a job just building decks. (Building decks) took off like wildfire. By spring, my business was mostly (making) decks. I still do landscaping, but the decks keep coming."

Fiedler emphasized that his business is year-round. He has worked on decks in bitter January weather. What he likes to do, however, is have enough advance notice to stockpile and store enough quality wood on the sites of winter pro-

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Handy blowers are now becoming commonplace tool

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Fifteen years ago, few, if any, lawn maintenance professionals knew what a backpack blower was. That was then.

Now, probably 90 percent or more of the 60,000 plus commercial maintenance contractors nationwide use these handy tools to accomplish tiresome tasks.

Originally designed to clear leaves, grass clippings and similar debris from decks, patios, sidewalks and driveways, backpack blowers are now used for removing snow from walks and driveways, cleaning out clogged gutters, vacuuming lawn debris and, in some cases, applying liquid or granular fertilizers to landscape plants, fruit trees or lawns.

As the blower's reputation and versatility spread, it has now become more commonplace to see them hanging in homeowner's garages.

WATER SAVERS

The blower market really took off in 1977 when a West Coast drought stopped gardeners from washing down driveways. Backpack blowers saved water for municipalities

and saved time and energy for the professional user who otherwise would have been forced to clean up the old-fashioned way, with a broom.

Innovative use of plastics means that today's backpack blowers are more powerful than their predecessors, yet lighter, too. Many of the world's leading manufacturers of backpack blowers and other portable power equipment have equipped their newest models with a padded backrest with lumbar support and easy-to-adjust shoulder straps for complete comfort.

The units are framed to protect all vital engine parts while still providing a high level of serviceability.

Today's blowers are significantly quieter and cleaner to operate than their predecessors. Yet, despite these achievements, they've come under selected pressure from some municipalities and homeowners who see them as noise and air polluters.

Ironically, the pressure today is coming from the West Coast, the area that helped

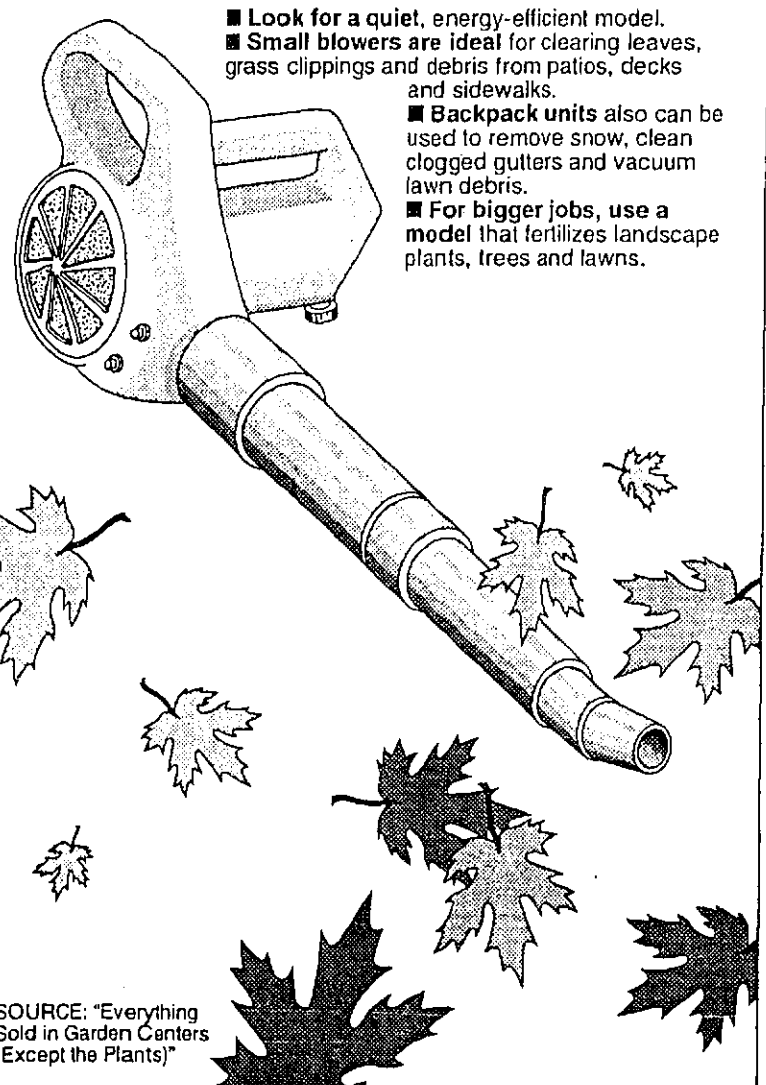
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Power blowers

■ Look for a quiet, energy-efficient model.
■ Small blowers are ideal for clearing leaves, grass clippings and debris from patios, decks and sidewalks.

■ Backpack units also can be used to remove snow, clean clogged gutters and vacuum lawn debris.

■ For bigger jobs, use a model that fertilizes landscape plants, trees and lawns.



SOURCE: "Everything Sold in Garden Centers (Except the Plants)"

Copley News Service/Dan Clifford

Hardware important clue for antiques

ANTIQUES

By Anne McColman
Copley News Service

Q. I have several pieces of antique furniture and apparently the handles are not the originals. Could you explain what pulls were used with which period of furniture?

A. I'm glad you asked that. It is important to know what hardware was used for a specific period or style of antique furniture.

Figure A depicts a trapezoid handle, which was used in the William and Mary period (1690-1720) and was always made of brass. This style was revived in the Empire Period (1820-1840).

Figure B is an Empire brass knob, which is more ornate yet similar to Hepplewhite (1785-1800) and Sheraton (1800-1820) knobs.

In Figure C we see a Queen Anne (1720-1750) batswing pull made of cast brass.

Figure D shows a Victorian (1840-1875) pull of walnut.

Figure E is the hand-made threaded post containing a socket for the end of the ball. Posts of this type were used with Figures C, G, H, J and K.

Figure F is a hand-wrought nail used up to the middle of the 19th century.

In Figure G we see an oval Hepplewhite pull made

of sheet brass.

Figure H depicts a Chippendale (1750-1775) wall mount made of cast brass.

Figure I is a handmade screw.

In Figure J appears a rosette and ball handle that was used from 1750-1800.

Figure K is a sheet brass pull from the Sheraton period.

Keep in mind, there was some inevitable replacing of hardware. However, the marks of the original pulls would be evident and not consistent with the present ones.

The age of an antique shouldn't be decided by the hardware alone. Knowing when a specific pull was used can be a valuable tool in identifying the period of an antique.

Q. I have a round, squat porcelain rose bowl. It is decorated with pink flowers against a green background and trimmed in gold. On the bottom it is marked "Hobenzollern—Germany—Handpainted—W. Pickard—A—China."

A. The mark you describe was used by Pickard China Co., in Chicago, Ill., around 1900. Originally they imported china blanks from European sources and then hand-painted their own designs.

Your porcelain rose bowl would probably be worth about \$185 to \$225 in good condition.

Q. I have a complete set of china. It is a service for 12 and consists of 66 pieces, including the serving pieces, all in perfect condition. They are decorated with pink roses and ivy. Each dish is marked "Limoges—Theodore Haviland—France."

A. Your porcelain was made by Theodore Haviland & Co., in Limoges, France, in the early 1900s. It would probably be worth about \$900 to \$1,000.

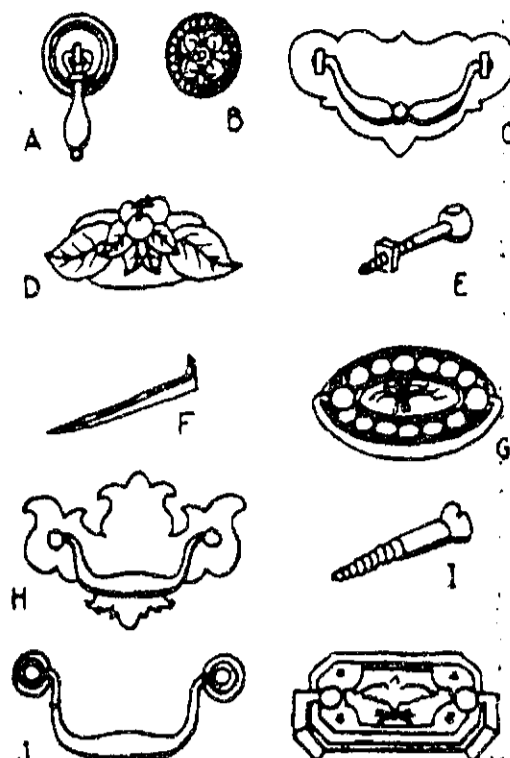
BOOK REVIEW

"Warman's Antiques and Their Prices, 27th Edition," edited by Harry L. Rinker Sr., is published by Wallace-Homesite Book Co., an imprint of Chilton Book Co. It is available in bookstores and antique shops for \$14.95.

Warman's has been a reliable source of information for collectors and dealers for 45 years. This 27th edition maintains its reputation as a comprehensive and up-to-date guide to the antiques and collectibles market.

Each listing includes well-researched prices, historical background and reproduction alerts.

Once again Rinker has compiled detailed informa-



New technology steps to the forefront, making blowers quiet and clean tool

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give birth to the blower market.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Unfortunately, California is not alone among states looking to quiet and, in some cases, shut down these versatile tools. Some communities in the Southeast and on the East Coast have also voiced con-

cern over what they claim is overuse and misuse of this garden tool.

Their solution: restricting the use of all power equipment.

New technology has stepped to the forefront to protect the power blower industry's interests as well as the interests of professional landscapers nationwide whose livelihood depends on the blowers. The newest models are among the most quiet and clean to operate on the market.

Backpack blowers have become vital tools for gardeners, professional lawn maintenance contractors, municipalities and homeowners who look for easy and inexpensive ways to keep their yards and landscapes free of debris. Operators who have come to depend on these units need only to use a little common sense to

ensure their continued acceptance.

In the meantime, manufacturers will continue to help educate the public and develop even better technology for future machines.

Contact your local Echo dealer (one of the world's leading manufacturers) for

more information about power blowers and local environmental ordinances.

C.Z. Guest, author of "5 Seasons of Gardening" (Little, Brown & Co.) is an authority on gardens, flowers and plants. Send questions to C.Z. Guest, c/o Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112.

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MARKETS to provide menu of information services

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made available to the public," Edwards said.

In coming months, home buyers and sellers may be able to search for information on available homes on their own personal computers—or at computers in kiosks.

The consumer is boss and the driving force behind the major organizations that are ready, capable and eager to do so.

Another major change is to widen the geographic scope of areas offering computerized property information. Instead of each individual association of Realtors

operating its own MLS system, Realtors will have access to a much greater area.

NAR, at their recent national convention, recommended the creation of Market Area Real Estate Information Systems (MARKETS). This would cover a natural region-

alized market area and provide a menu of information services to Realtors and related parties active in that market.

These market boundaries would not be limited to the jurisdiction of certain local Realtor associations or even state boundaries. They would be determined by market factors and needs.

Local builder strives to give customers best deck possible

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show of his projects to demonstrate what he has designed and built in the past. He has six slide shows — partly to keep himself from getting bored. Fiedler believes customers have more confidence in a builder if they can see what he does.

Fiedler said he has put curved stairways on the decks.

Generally, he said, he can have a "perfect" deck plan back to the home owners within a week — sometimes sooner.

Fiedler said he puts extra effort into the deck as a whole.

project entailed the building of a deck, a deck surface, and special framing attached to the deck surface and house because the solarium is delivered in one piece and placed in with the frame.

The deck area and solarium base had to fit perfectly for the solarium to work. Fiedler said that this project required a lot of precision.

"It was a very exacting procedure," he said. "I would say that this is the most exacting project we've ever done."

Fiedler tries to assure complete customer satisfaction with his work. "I overcompensate if that's what it takes," he recognizes "no middle ground" with his work — the deck is right or it's not.

"Every time I finish a deck it's a feeling of accomplishment," he added.

Even comes back to the owner with scaled sketches and then makes the final plans for a project. "I design what I think will work for them and then talk price," he explained.

Many of Fiedler's decks have unique shapes and features. An example includes his cedar "low deck" and "high deck" benches which he uses in place of or builds into deck railings respectively. To him, railing on a deck "makes it look like a playpen. The bench doubles or triples the usable size of the deck," he added.

Fiedler designed a "super heavy duty" under-structure to support the solarium's weight. The

he built a huge deck surrounding a 9,000 pound glass brady solarium in the Heritage Hills subdivision — a completely new type of project.

"I worked up a deck design that would use the solarium as the focal point and still have plenty of usable deck space and balance (so the solarium doesn't look like it's on top of the project."

Fiedler designed a "super heavy duty" under-structure to support the solarium's weight. The

Traffic flow and walking ease also play a role in Fiedler's design. Aesthetic details also are important. Where the design warrants it,

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FARMINGTON HILLS, 2 br., carpeted, near school & shopping. \$550 mo. plus security deposit. Eves. (313)437-5533.

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FOWLERVILLE Country home, 3 br., large kitchen & dining room, 3 car garage. \$600 per mo. (517)222-8874.

FOWLERVILLE 3 br., newly remodeled, \$750 mo. plus security. No pets. (313)220-0953.

GREEN OAK executive rental, 3 br. ranch w/study, family room, many extras, no smokers, no pets. \$1200/mo., first last and security. (313)528-3066 or (313)345-4706.

HOWELL 2 br. address from Walmart. Short term. (517)546-0974 after 7pm only.

HOWELL 2 br., 1 bath, \$675, plus utilities. Near hospital, references, security deposit, non-smoker. (517)546-1207.

HOWELL 3 br. house, family room, 2 bath, attached garage, central air, Lake Chemung area. (517)546-1275.

HOWELL City, 3 br., basement, no pets, non-smokers, \$800/mo. plus deposit, 117 N. Elm. (517)546-0566.

HOWELL Excellent city neighborhood, large upstairs 1 br. apt. Newly decorated, utilities furnished, \$450 per month. (517)546-2674.

MILFORD, 3 br., 1 bath, air, appliances, bsmt, fenced yard w/storage shed. No pets. Non-smoker. Deposit 1 1/2 months, \$750 monthly. (810)685-1787.

MILFORD Small 2 br. home