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Main Street anchor wins council nod

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you love gourmet food, Vic Ventimiglia is taking the gamble that you'll also love his European-style Vic's Quality Fruit Market.

Monday, while the Novi City Council didn't exactly find the new project entirely to their taste, they did approve the preliminary site plan for the 67,000 square foot market, a 15,500 square foot sports tavern and 16,000 square feet of as-yet unnamed shops along Grand River.

What the council members didn't savor is the brick-front market's 579-car parking lot, primarily along Grand River Avenue, and the development's impact on already busy local traffic.

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Kathy McLallen
Mayor

"We can get our citizens out of cars," Mayor Kathy McLallen said, "You are going to be the primary destination, yet the first thing you look at is — smacko — a sea of parking."

"It is vitally important to the economic development of our community but I am not going to sacri-

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Photos by HAL GOULD

Road grant won't build loop for Expo

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A \$1.1 million state road grant the city's just won won't in the near future help out motorists stalled by the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue traffic, but it is a start.

The big bucks will pick up the largest share of the costs of building a new outlet onto Grand River Avenue for Novi Industries/Progressive Tool and General Filter.

It will not connect with now-stubbed Expo Center Drive to cre-

ate a full ring road, yet, Novi Staff Planner Mike Csapo said.

But that's the ultimate goal. "It'll make access to the industrial complex easier at this point, but won't do much for traffic going through the Novi Road/Grand River corridor, but what it does is connect another piece of the puzzle," Csapo explained.

The "puzzle" is the ring road system the city hopes will encircle the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road in-

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Fundraiser found to be legitimate

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

A detective in the Novi Police Department has cleared a businessman of any wrong doing in what was once suspected of being a fraudulent fundraiser for Novi High School.

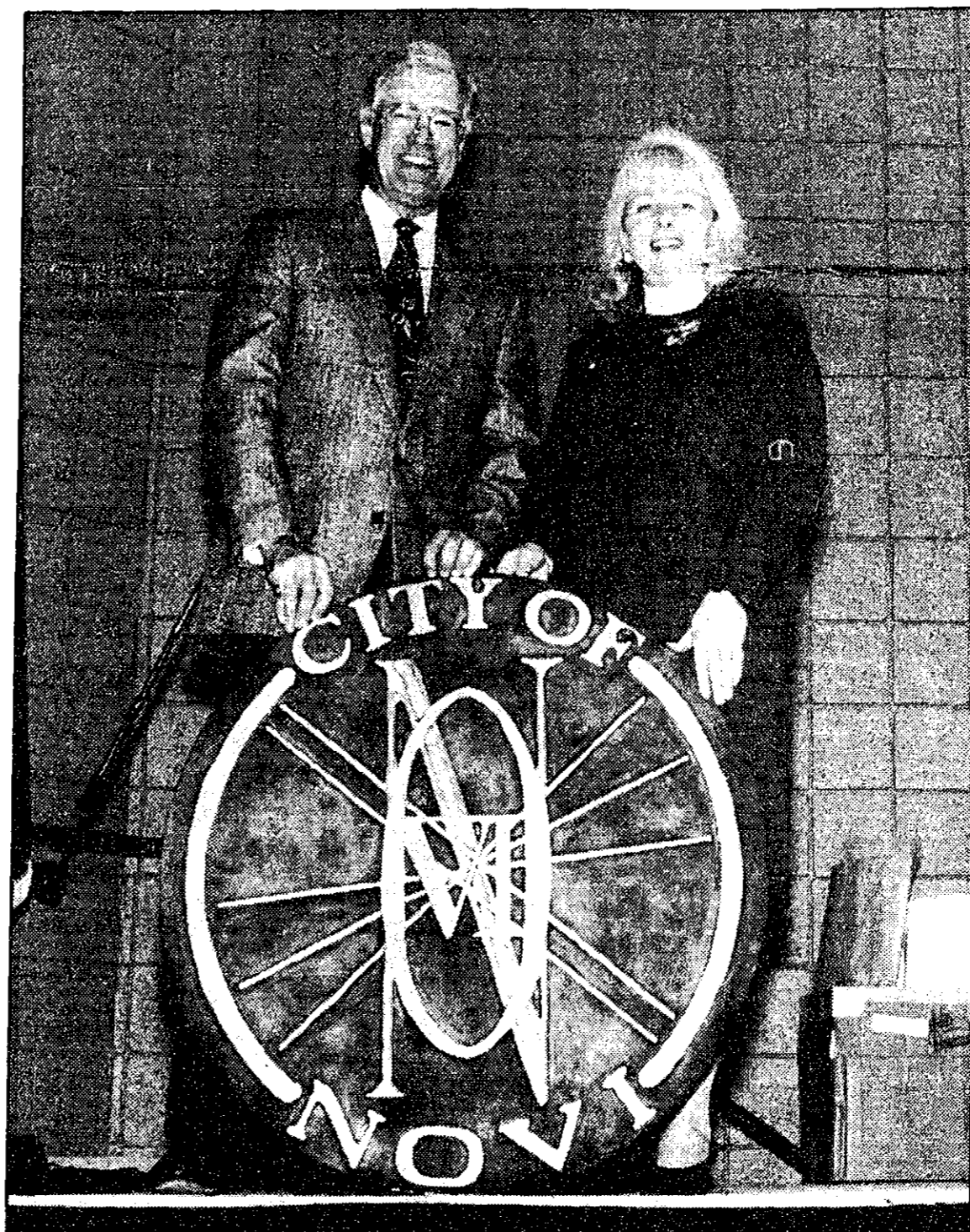
Det. John April said Tuesday police were investigating a salesperson from Classic Covers of Inkster, Michigan, but found after talking with school administrators and the sales person himself that the busi-

ness venture was legitimate.

Last week, a report was filed with the Novi Police Department that raised the legitimacy question. The report showed that a co-owner of Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi, telephoned police to tell them she suspected she had just been swindled out of \$325 by a sales representative of Classic Covers.

After purchasing a \$325 ad from the sales agent, the woman got suspicious and called Novi High School

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Happy birthday, Novi

An estimated 2,000 residents and well-wishers turned out for the City of Novi's 25th Anniversary Celebration Sunday in the Novi Civic Center. That's a good many more than were expected, according to Novi Public Information Director Cindy Stewart. Anticipating hundreds instead of thousands, the party of was much bigger success than expected. Of course, one major draw was the food (above). Good eats were supplied by local restaurants and when some ran out because of the large crowds, they had to send back to their restaurants for more food. At left, former mayor Matt Quinn and current mayor Kathy McLallen show off the plaque given to the city by former mayors and council members. The plaque will be displayed in the Civic Center atrium. More photos of the event appear on page 14.

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Chief denies media gang reports

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

In other communities a few random acts of graffiti and violence and an increase in the number of aggravated assaults might be considered an indication of gang activity, but not in Novi says the city's chief of police.

Novi Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer said Tuesday his officers have seen isolated incidences of gang-like graffiti splashed across signs and dumpsters in local apartment complexes but little else to support claims that gangs are infiltrating the city.

Reports by Detroit area media over the past several months have indicated gang activity is spreading from the inner city to suburban areas, and Novi has been named in several of those reports as one of the cities to which it is moving.

"There is no clear pattern of gang activity in Novi," Shaeffer said. "We have had some incidences that could be related to gang activity but

■ A bill to make gang membership a felony is drawing fire from both conservatives and liberals on a House committee, where it raised the spectre of "guilt by association." The story is on page 15A.

they are sparse and few and random in nature." Moreover, incidences where gang-like signs and symbols had been spray-painted on local signs and trash dumpsters have been random and not repeated once police cleaned or cleared them away, Shaeffer said. The chief said in some cases it's unclear whether or not the dumpsters were vandalized before or after they were brought to city complexes. But either way, graffiti never surfaced in the same place twice. "We removed them and it's not been repeated," he said.

There is also no pattern to the wearing of gang colors that has sporadically popped up among teenagers seen in school yards and near local businesses.

"We've seen some wearing colors but there's just no pattern to any of it," he said.

On occasion, Shaeffer said certain types of crimes lend themselves to gang-like activities. Crimes like purse snatchings, larcenies, and break-ins can sometimes be linked to gangs, but not here, not in Novi, Shaeffer said.

"Those are all crimes that are money motivated," he said. "But in most cases we've been able to track it back to the source and find out there was no relation to gang activity."

This year a marked increase in aggravated and simple assaults, and burglaries could also be a symptom of gang warfare. But Shaeffer doubts it because city police aren't seeing increases in other symptomatic crimes like hard

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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.

Today, March 3

Good Morning Novi! The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast mixer at 7:30 a.m. at Sam's Warehouse, 24800 Haggerty Rd. Enjoy a continental breakfast, learn about the new Sam's Warehouse including tour and network with other Chamber members. Cost is \$5. For further information call 349-3743.

Novi Rotary: The Novi Rotary will hold a business meeting at noon followed by speaker Bill McMeesters, Chairman, Taxpayers United of Michigan, at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd.

Monday, March 7

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

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

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

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

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

Tuesday, March 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.

Lalche League: The Northville/Novi Chapter of the Lalche League will meet at 7:30 p.m. Call Karen at 474-6756 for location. Lalche provides mother-to-mother support for women who wish to breast feed their babies.

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 Rds.). Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting 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: 486-2876.

Wednesday, March 9

AARP: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, AARP 4679, will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Schools Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any Lakes Area community member, 50 or over, is welcome to attend. For further information, call 624-7724.

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

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

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting

is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

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

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

Thursday, March 10

Novi Rotary: The Novi Rotary will meet at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Dan Doyis, Director of City of Novi Department of Parks and Recreation, will discuss the status of the Novi Rotary Park.

Chamber Mixer: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold an "After Hours" Mixer with the Farmington Hills Chamber from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Mountain Jacks, 24275 Sinclair Ct., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$7. For further information call 349-3743.

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, March 14

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

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, 7 p.m. for dinner and 8 p.m. for a presentation of Citizens Against Crime, "Living Safely in Your World." All working women are invited. For reservations call Marcia Rayner at 545-2654. For membership information, call 960-9559.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Blustery weather

Going through one of the roughest winters, we were reminded by Mother Nature Friday afternoon that spring still isn't here with a snowstorm that dropped about four inches on Novi and

the vicinity. Snow and driving winds reduced visibility to nearly zero, although the storm produced few other problems for the area.

City relinquishes trail easements

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The collective sigh of relief coming from the audience was clearly audible Monday when the Novi City Council agreed to give up the easements for four nature trails.

As homeowners hoped, the city will no longer own land for paths through the commons areas of The Maples, Royal Crown, Addington and Westford subdivisions.

After a Feb. 3 special meeting addressing the trails controversy, the council had set Feb. 28 as the date to take action, but the issue was not on the printed agenda.

Council Member Tim Pope, supported by Council Members Carol Mason and Robert Schmid, asked that the subject be added back.

Novi will still hold onto the easement for the already-completed Chase Farms trail.

And this doesn't necessarily mean the whole program is washed up. The NRDP Implementation Committee is expected to report back to council on what they feel their job is to be in the future.

The city council Monday also approved a final reading of a disclosure ordinance which will warn new homeowners in the future of any hiking trails near their property. The lack of disclosure of the paths when they purchased their residences is

one reason opponents to the plan were up in arms.

On Feb. 3, Crawford and McAllen, longtime NRDP backers, switched their position on the trail easements, saying that the opposition to the paths from residents in the above subdivisions was so strong that they were prepared to abide by the will of the people. McAllen said she hoped some of the program might be salvaged.

Toth said earlier that he would like to see residents of each new subdivision, after it is completed, vote on whether or not they want the trails.

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Officers chase driver to Plymouth

Two Novi police officers surrendered their pursuit of a Plymouth man they clocked speeding on I-96, near Novi Road, to Plymouth Township police on Friday, Feb. 17. Novi officers pursued the driver with their overhead lights and siren activated all the way to southbound I-275. The trio then exited the freeway and headed west on M-14. At Gofredson Road and M-14, Novi officers backed off and left the chase in the hands of Plymouth Township Police.

Plymouth Township Police picked up the suspect, where Novi bowed out. Miles later, Plymouth Township officers chased the man into Livonia. There, he was arrested after he fired a shot at them.

The driver was ticketed by Novi officers for speeding 81 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone and for fleeing and eluding an officer. He was also ticketed by Plymouth Police.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A woman is seeking charges against her estranged husband who threatened to kill her with a steak knife on Monday, Feb. 21.

Police News

The Chateau Estates mobile home park resident told police she and her husband had engaged in an argument when he came to visit their children. The argument turned violent when the man slapped the woman and threatened to kill her with a knife he'd picked up in the kitchen. The man left the mobile home before police arrived. But the woman said she planned on filing charges against her husband.

BREAK-IN: Police say there were no signs of forced entry in a Feb. 17 break-in. The woman living there said her daughter may have left the front door of the home open when someone walked in and stole a 20-inch color television and VCR from a back bedroom.

In a separate incident, police are also investigating the weekend break-in of another home. A man said someone took a shop vacuum and color television off his back porch sometime between Feb. 20 and 21.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A Marquette man's stay at the Novi Sheraton may have been anything but restful. The man called police to say that while he was in the hotel on Friday, Feb. 18 someone had smashed into the rear window of his 1991 Buick Park Avenue and stolen his golf clubs and bag. A pair of sunglasses was also missing from inside the vehicle.

That same day a Grand Rapids man had a similar experience. His 1993 Buick Century was parked in the same west lot when its passenger side window had also been de-

stroyed. Five compact disks and a radar detector were stolen.

Police say the two incidents are similar to several others that have occurred in the hotel lot in recent weeks. According to one of the police reports, Novi officers say the Livonia Police Department has recovered a stolen auto they believed was reported missing from the hotel lot earlier this month. Inside the recovered auto were other stolen items that may have been taken from other lot centers in the lot, police suspect.

RETAIL FRAUD 1: A woman said her recent divorce was the reason why she stole \$115.91 worth of clothes and accessories from the TJ Maxx store Tuesday, Feb. 22. A store security witness the woman conceal bluejeans, knee highs, T-shirt, a vest and a pair of sunglasses in a black purse she carried. When police arrived the woman told them she stole the clothes because she couldn't afford to buy them for herself because of a recent divorce.

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Exercise for heart: The 5th Annual "Exercise for Heart" Aerobathon will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 12 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The Exercise for Heart Aerobathon is a three-hour fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan. The event consists of warm-up exercises, an aerobic workout, muscle repetitions and a cool-down with floor stretches. The event is limited to the first 100 participants and a \$25 minimum pledge is required. Sponsor pledge sheets rules and guidelines are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 347-0400 or 349-2193. Sign up now for Exercise for Heart. Help yourself while you're helping others.

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Novi Briefs

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Students must be 15 years of age by June 20 and be a resident in the Novi school district. Class lists will be published at the high school on May 1. Daily schedules will be distributed to students on the first day of the class. Students are required to successfully complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of actual "behind the wheel" driving. Qualified students will be placed in drivers education classes chronologically. Hubbert is available to answer any questions regarding drivers education from 7:10-7:50 a.m. at 344-8300.

Exercise for heart: The 5th Annual "Exercise for Heart" Aerobathon will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 12 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The Exercise for Heart Aerobathon is a three-hour fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan. The event consists of warm-up exercises, an aerobic workout, muscle repetitions and a cool-down with floor stretches. The event is limited to the first 100 participants and a \$25 minimum pledge is required. Sponsor pledge sheets rules and guidelines are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 347-0400 or 349-2193. Sign up now for Exercise for Heart. Help yourself while you're helping others.

Essay winners: Seven Novi students were honored for essays written on the topic of "Novi's Future 25 Years From Now" for the 25th Anniversary Celebration held Saturday in the Novi Civic Center. Seventh grader winners included Betsy Staab, first place; Kristen Hoag, second place; and Crystal Mills, third place. Eighth grade winners included Stephanie Perry, first place; Sarah McKinney, second place; Rory Pfeiffer, third place; and Michelle Thompson, fourth place. The essays were judged on creativity and content. Winning essays will be printed in a future edition of *The Novi News*.

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SEMCOG adopts sprawl strategies

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Without a peep of controversy, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has adopted a strategy report to slow down "urban sprawl" — the development of suburban open space with little population increase.

SEMCOG's General Assembly last week approved a 40-page strategy to slow older cities and infrastructure, including reclaiming contaminated sites.

"Revitalizing Urban Communities" contained no hint of the charge of "racism," which deeply offended Oakland, western Wayne and Macomb delegates two years ago during debate over the Regional Development Initiative (RDI).

"The new document started in the RDI," said John Amberger, SEMCOG's executive director. "There were five major findings in RDI. One was that we need to do a better job at the suburban level of managing growth so it doesn't turn into sprawl."

"If we can have quality growth in the suburbs, and don't just suck out jobs, that's part of the equation," Amberger said. "If the new report is positive for older areas."

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THE 10 BILLION DOLLAR QUESTION

TAX ESTIMATE FOR HOMEOWNERS

Proposal A has more than 900 words and affects six sections of the Michigan Constitution, but the words "higher sales tax" are what many voters are keying on as the March 15 election rolls around. The statutory plan outlines a long list of tax financing rules and regulations but a higher income tax is the major element of the plan. The bottom line is that homeowners want to know how the plans affect them. Grab a calculator and pencil along with your SEV (state equalized valuation) and personal income information. Then follow the chart below step by step to find out how you fare in the tax wars. 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. Your principal residence will be taxed at 6 mills and assessments will be capped if Proposal A passes March 15, and at 12 mills if it doesn't. All non-homestead property will be taxed at 24 mills. If you live in a condo you got the lower rate, too. The Treasury form says: "If you own and live in a unit in a multiple unit dwelling or in a multi-purpose building, give the percentage of the entire building that your unit (your principal residence) occupies." Both Proposal A (ballot plan) and the backup statutory plan, will raise \$10.2 billion for public schools. Both will set a short-term goal of providing \$5,000 per pupil in every district.

PROPOSAL A		ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF INCOME SPENT ON TAXABLE ITEMS		STATUTORY PLAN (BACKUP)	
*Homestead SEV x 0.006	\$	INCOME	% OF INCOME	*Homestead SEV x 0.012	\$
*Non-homestead SEV x 0.024	\$	\$10,000	0.525	*Non-homestead SEV x 0.024	\$
*Homestead SEV x Hold Harmless Mills () * \$		\$20,000	0.428	*SEV of all property x Hold Harmless Mills () * \$	
*1994 joint taxable income x 0.002	\$	\$30,000	0.376	*1994 joint taxable income minus \$900 per personal exemption x 0.014	\$
*Packs of cigarettes purchased monthly x 12 x 0.50	\$	\$40,000	0.341	*Packs of cigarettes purchased monthly x 12 x 0.15	\$
*Monthly out of state long distance charges x 12 x 0.06	\$	\$50,000	0.316	*Monthly out of state long distance charges x 12 x 0.04	\$
*Real estate sale price x 0.02 (only if selling property during year)	\$	\$60,000	0.297	*Real estate sale price x 0.01 (only if selling property during year)	\$
*Joint taxable income x corresponding percentage from table at immediate left x 0.02	\$	\$80,000	0.267	*NET TAX CHANGE (subtract 1993 school tax from total change)	\$
*TOTAL TAX CHANGE (sum)	\$	\$100,000	0.245	*NET TAX CHANGE (subtract 1993 school tax from total change)	\$
*1993 school operating millage (your local millage rate) x 1993 SEV **	\$			*NET TAX CHANGE (subtract 1993 school tax from total change)	\$
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Novi.....0.02944
Huron Valley.....0.03944
South Lyon.....0.03458

Northville statutory.....insert 0.005
Northville Proposal A.....insert 0.00663
Novi statutory.....insert 0.00605
Novi Proposal A.....insert 0.00241

**SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES

*HOLD HARMLESS
Only applies to homeowners in Northville and Novi school districts.

WHO'S FOR IT AND WHO'S AGAINST IT

SUPPORTING PROPOSAL A

- Brighton Argus
- Livingston County Press
- Milford Times
- Northville Record
- Novi News
- South Lyon Herald
- Howell Area Chamber of Commerce
- Novi Chamber of Commerce
- South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce
- Novi Community Schools
- State Rep. Susan Grimes Munsell (R-Brighton)
- State Rep. Jerry Vorva (R-Plymouth)
- State Rep. Willis Bullard (R-Milford)
- State Sen. Fred Dillingham (R-Fowlerville)
- State Sen. Robert Geake (R-Northville)
- State Sen. David Honigman
- Philip H. Power, HomeTown Newspapers Publisher
- Gov. John Engler
- Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Grocers Association
- Michigan Manufacturers Association
- National Federation of Independent Businesses
- Police Officers Association of Michigan
- Small Business Association of Michigan
- Consumers Power Company

OPPOSING PROPOSAL A

- AFL-CIO
- League of Women Voters
- United Auto Workers
- Michigan Education Association
- Wayne County Exec. Edward McNamara

HERE IS THE OFFICIAL TEXT YOU WILL SEE ON THE MARCH 15 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT:

PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES TAX AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5 percent or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
4. Require three-quarters vote of state Legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes ()
No ()

SALES TAX RATE		
STATE	RATE	NATIONAL RANK
Illinois	8.75	3
New York	8.25	4
Pennsylvania	7.0	11
Minnesota	6.5	17
Ohio	6.0	22
Wisconsin	5.5	33
Indiana	5.0	35
Michigan	4.0	44

WHAT IS 'HOLD HARMLESS'?

Both the ballot plan (Proposal A) and the statutory plan contain language which permit so-called "rich" school districts to generate additional revenues to maintain current spending levels. "Rich" school districts are defined as those currently spending more than \$6,500 per student. If you live in one of the "rich" districts, Proposal A would limit your district to a supplemental (hold-harmless) tax only on homestead property - until you reached 18 mills. After that point, the local tax would apply to both kinds of property. Under the statutory plan, your local district could levy a supplemental property tax on both business and homestead property. Hold-harmless millage cannot be levied without the approval of local voters. Of the nine school districts in HomeTown Newspapers' coverage area only Northville and Novi would be eligible to levy hold-harmless millages

MTA endorses sales tax increase

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A PROPOSAL

Only the Michigan Townships Association likes Proposal A, the school finance reform plan on the March 15 ballot. The Michigan Municipal League, composed of 500 cities and villages, is opposed. Neutral are the Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan Association of Counties. "MTA says everyone must play a part [in school reform]. The townships will play a part of accepting a cap on assessments," MTA staffer Pat McAvoy told the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. She referred to Proposal A's 5 percent cap on growth in assessments, which actually will mean a smaller percentage growth in revenue, because business and farm property values haven't increased as fast as residential property. "We're willing to take that cut in revenue to support school finance reform," McAvoy said.

The assessment cap, Niemala said, "will require assessors to keep two sets of books - one with the assessed value and one with market value."

Niemala said Proposal A would amend the state constitution by removing language clearly guaranteeing 15 percent of the current 4 percent sales tax to cities, villages and townships.

The Michigan Municipal League also opposes Proposal A because it would "nearly eliminate" tax increment financing to pay for local industrial, commercial and downtown economic development. Proposal A will halt cities' "revenue capture" of school property taxes.

The Michigan Association of Counties hasn't taken a position because "there are not enough data to tell the fiscal impact," said MAC lobbyist Ron Wilson.

Lowering school property taxes from 25 mills to 24 mills or less will mean fewer tax delinquencies, Wilson said, and that will cost many

Affidavit deadline extended to May 1

Homeowners are likely to see a May 1 deadline for filing a homestead exemption affidavit to get a major break on the school property taxes.

The state has taken two steps to push back the deadline from the original March 1: Gov. John Engler issued an executive order extending the deadline two months effective if Proposal A is adopted by voters March 15. Engler said he lacked authority to push back the deadline under the statutory plan that takes effect if Proposal A is rejected.

The state Senate Tuesday approved a bill to extend the deadline under the backup plan and sent it to the House, where passage was expected.

The March 1 deadline has caused a great deal of confusion and anger and I don't blame taxpayers for being upset," Engler said. "The more it clear that I think our property owners should have more time to file, and I will sign a bill that extends the deadline."

Affidavit forms weren't mailed out until mid-February, giving voters a month to get their affidavits filed.

Refer to Senate Bill 1024 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing, Mich. 48913.

Assessor needs proof to cut

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Homeowners who object to giving the local assessor their social security numbers may have to prove by other means that they're eligible for the lower school property tax rate this year.

Citing fears of "Big Brother," some homeowners are refusing to give their social security numbers when they send city or township hall the affidavit entitling them to a six- or 12-mill tax rate on their domiciles.

Without some proof, they may have to pay 24 mills.

"The Michigan Department of Treasury has the legal authority to use social security numbers for tax purposes," according to the state treasurer's Feb. 10 advisory memo.

"Federal law prohibits the state or local governments from releasing a social security number to unauthorized persons. Local governments may not use social security numbers for any purpose other than to administer the homestead exemption."

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Workshop offers help for families

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer



TERRY RAKOLTA

The Novi Community School District is teaming up with its Parent Teacher Organizations, Novi Youth Assistance and other area businesses to sponsor a weekend workshop aimed to strengthen today's families.

The half-day workshop is set for this Saturday, March 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road. The center is located between Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows on Taft.

Terry Rakolta, of Americans for Responsible Television (ART), will be the featured speaker and will discuss the effects of television violence on children.

Following her presentation, workshop attendees will be able to attend two of the eight available small group sessions. The sessions will address child safety, children and the law,

self-concept and peer pressure and sexual abuse.

Two teachers from Novi Schools will be facilitating two of the small group sessions.

John Fundukian, Director of Physical Education and Athletics at Novi Schools, will present a shortened seminar entitled "Self-concept, Peer Pressure and Choices." His presentation will highlight the relationship between positive self-esteem and sound decision making. Fundukian's presentation is appropriate for adults and students fifth grade or older.

Dennis Lampron, Counselor at large at Novi Schools, will share his experience in how support groups help school age students.

Novi Police Officer Robert Gatti will be on hand to explain how the law pertains to underage children in his presentation "Kids and the Law." Todd Anger, Novi's Community Service Officer and DARE instructor will

also be at the workshop to discuss child safety topics.

Patricia Soellner Young, Counselor/Therapist at U-M has extensive experience as a social worker and therapist working with both adults and children in a variety of settings.

Selected sessions will be appropriate for children. A special presentation by the Mad Hatters will be available for children over 8 years of age during Rakolta's presentation.

Fingerprinting of children will be available by police-trained technicians during the workshops. This service provides parents with fingerprint identification records of their child to keep. Daycare for toilet trained children will be available throughout the morning.

The workshop is open to the Novi community in advance, \$4 at the door. For more information call 344-8330.

Community Education

Drywall repair: Participants will learn the correct application, sanding and finishing techniques for modern drywall materials through classroom lecture and a hands-on demonstration using a mock-up. The course will cover hanging new drywall, taping and sanding as well as how to repair plaster walls.

Preregistration is required no later than Monday, March 14, to Novi Community Education.

The one day class will meet Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Novi High School. The cost is \$45 and includes an instruction manual.

First aid: Knowing how to perform standard first aid can help you remain calm and make the necessary quick decisions to help a victim until EMS arrives. Treatments for shock, bleeding control, burns, eye and nose injury, fractures, stroke, and CPR will be covered. Class fee includes textbook and bandage kit.

The two-week class will meet on Thursdays, March 17 and 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. in Middle School Room 227. The fee is \$19 (\$16 senior citizens).

Country Western: In this beginner class students will learn the Texas Two-step, Shuffie, Charleston Bump, Rebel Strut, and more. A partner is not required, but it does help!

The four-week class meets Mondays, March 21 through April 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Middle School Cafeteria. The cost is \$22 per person.

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The first class meets on Thursday March 10. The following week classes are held each day, Monday through Friday. The final class will meet on Monday, March 21.

To register call 344-8330 ext. 73 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

The class will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Middle School Library. The cost is a donation at class time.

ACT Preparation: This workshop includes practice materials, shortcuts, strategies, areas of review and an overview of each area you will encounter when taking the ACT. A text is included. The class is not meant to be a substitute for a comprehensive education, but serves as a supplement.

The class will meet on Thursday, March 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the High School. The cost is \$24.

Dick Isham resigns as O&E GM

Dick Isham announced Monday his resignation as general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers to pursue other interests.

Dick Brady was appointed interim general manager of the suburban newspaper group, effective immediately, by Richard Agninan, president of SCC.

of the parent company, Suburban Communications Corporation (SCC). Brady will also continue to serve as vice president for Sales and Marketing of SCC.

H. Power praised Isham for "contributing to the growth and development of the O&E. We thank him for his good work and wish him well in the future."

Agninan said that SCC would conduct a national search for a new general manager. "Running the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is one of the greatest jobs in our industry, and we expect many qualified candidates will come forward over the next few months," he said.

SCC is the parent company of HomeTown Newspapers which publishes The Midford Times as well as The South Lyon Herald, Northville Record, Novi News, Brighton Argus and Livingston County Press.

Agninan and SCC Chairman Philip

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City eyes rezoning, axes big lots

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Estate lot zoning has been swept out. But as part of what planners term "housekeeping," the city will hold a future hearing to get public input on the city-initiated rezoning of four properties.

However, in a joint City Council-Planning Commission meeting last week, several council members suggested the city should get out of the business of targeting sites for rezoning.

"I'm against city-initiated rezoning. I feel we're just setting ourselves up for a class action lawsuit. I don't think the city has any business rezoning people's property," Council Member Carol Mason said.

City planners, on the other hand, are attempting to make Novi's zoning match the 1993 Master Plan.

"I would not be critical of the planning commission, they're doing a fine job," Council Member Tim Pope said.

In the past, the Novi council has focused around the idea of expanding one-acre residential-agricultural land in west Novi to lots of two acres in size or more. This would have ensured homeowners of a country living lifestyle.

But Feb. 24 the council made what Council Member Robert Schmidt, the

only one in favor of going ahead with the mandatory estate lots, termed "a complete turnaround."

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford explained that rezoning two-acre house lots might make it difficult for owners of homes or small farms to sell out.

"It's only for certain people who have a vision of profit to make two to five acre lots," Mason agreed.

Consultants and planners have been exploring the concept for over six months. Estate lot zoning became one of several campaign issues in the November 1993 council elections.

Mayor Kathleen McLellan opposed the large lots; unsuccessful mayoral candidate Nancy Cassis favored it.

"The city is large enough and has enough space left for two acres," Schmidt said in defense of the idea.

"That land would triple in value. The intent was not to make the landowner poorer but probably wealthier."

In a May 1993 planning commission survey of landowners there was strong support for the large lots, Rogers noted.

As a followup to the 1993 Master Plan, the planning commission and consultants have been pinpointing properties where the zoning is out of sync with the new plan. Thirty-three parcels qualify, but after the city took flak in the past from some landowners, that list has been reduced to four, Rogers explained. The city has been keeping the owners posted on

the process.

"We've learned our lesson; we want to bring them along," he said.

The next master plan update will be in the year 2000.

The sites recommended by the planning commission for rezoning are:

■ The now closed-down Corvo Iron Works, property east of Wixom Road and north of Eleven Mile Road, from heavy industrial (I-2) to light industrial (I-1).

■ The west side of Town Center Drive between Eleven Mile Road and I-96 from office service commercial to town center zoning.

■ Land south of Twelve Mile Road between Haggerty Road and the M-5 corridor from residential agricultural (RA) to office service district 2.

■ The north half of Section 18 south of Twelve Mile Road between Napier and Wixom roads from R-A, R-1 and I-2 to OS-2 with PD-4 option. This land was part of the city's now-defunct Grand Plan in 1990.

Schmidt said to wait until a developer came in and proposed a rezoning of any of the four sites, a stand which was strongly supported by Mason and Council Member Joseph Toth.

The city faces an expense of \$1,600 for the land's title work alone in the project — which made Toth's hackles rise.

"I don't know if it's a make-work project or what. If a developer comes in and wants a rezoning, let him or her

Library Notes

Tax Service: The American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring tax assistance programs for senior citizens at Novi Library on Thursday, March 3 and Thursday, April 14. One-hour sessions will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Genealogy Repeat: For those who missed Part 2 of Kathy Mutch's "Genealogical Research" program due to bad weather, it will be repeated at Novi Library on Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. For more information and registration, call 349-0720.

Book Group: "Devil's Night: And Other True Tales of Detroit," by Ze'ev Chafets, will be discussed at the Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. Please have this book read and prepared to discuss it with the group.

VNA Program: The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Learn how it all started at a free program at Novi Library on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. To register for programs, call the library at 349-0720.

Obituaries

JOHN JANICK

John Janick died Feb. 20 at his residence. He was 66.

Mr. Janick was born on July 2, 1927 in Detroit to John and Margaret Fopgach Janick Sr.

He was a design engineer with the Ford Motor Company before his retirement in 1966. Mr. Janick served in the United States Army during World War II.

Surviving is his wife, Doroles (Dee) of Novi; daughter, Barbara (Mary) Moffatt, Dearborn Heights; sons, John (Karen) Janick, St. Joseph, Mich., and Lawrence (Diane) Janick, Knoxville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, his brother, Robert Janick of Sterling Heights; and his sister, Louise Lowe, California.

Services were held Feb. 24 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Memorials to the Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

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City hits state grant jackpot for road

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tersection. The proposed Main Street development would provide the southeast segment.

This new windfall will bring the northwest section closer to reality. Statewide, 39 grants were awarded a total of \$17 million from the state's Transportation Economic Development Fund. Novi's \$1.1 million was the fourth largest awarded.

The transportation fund was reauthorized in 1987 to spur economic growth. It is supported by driver's license and vehicle registration fees.

Novi won its sizable share because of the economic development going on at Novi Industries; the firm's major expansion added 160 jobs to its existing workforce of 200. General Filters employs 45.

The new road, which could be completed by late 1995, will curve to the northeast all the way to Rouge River, driving through the Thompson Glass property and forcing that busi-

ness to move.

"It was costly to go over the river and there weren't enough state funds available," Caspo explained, so Novi was advised to scale back its grant request.

The current access onto Grand River for workers at the two industries approached Grand River at a bad angle with a constricted view, Caspo said.

"People who are getting out there to travel to the east on Grand River have a difficult time turning left because of the (railroad) bridge," he explained.

To make the two northwest roads meet, it will cost another \$875,000. That money could be found in the future in the city's general fund, through the sale of motor vehicle bonds or a possible second road bond proposal, Caspo said.

Novi must come up with a matching share to get its hands on the grant money. As part of this, Progressive Tool is chipping in \$200,000, the Novi Expo Center is donating an estimated \$160,000 worth of right-of-way and General Filters is donating about \$5,000 worth of right-of-way. The City of Novi will have to come up with \$384,000 in cash.

Governor John Engler announced the award winners last week.

It is coincidence or is Lansing keeping a closer eye on Novi these days? City Manager Edward Krievial said he attended Outdoors at the Novi Expo Center last weekend.

Company cleared of ad fraud

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Principal Arthur Miller to confirm that the fundraiser the sales person spoke of was a legitimate, school-endorsed event.

Police say Miller denied any knowledge of the fundraiser in the initial police report.

School Superintendent Emmett Lippe also knew nothing of the fundraiser last week.

After talking with Miller, the woman stopped payment on her check to the company. Her inquiry to police started the department's investigation.

On Feb. 14, Det. April met with the owner of Classic Covers to discuss the police complaint. After meeting with the owner and learning that the schools had signed a contract with him, April concluded the business deal was legitimate.

According to the detective's follow-up report, the salesperson told police he has a contract with Novi High School to provide the free book covers to high schoolers. The contract is signed by High School Student Activities Coordinator Donald Crockett.

The contract allows Classic Covers to solicit paid advertisements from local businesses to cover the costs of printing the covers. Once the covers are printed they are distributed to students free of charge.

According to police, Novi High School participated in a similar program last year.

But that was news to Principal Arthur Miller and Assistant Principal Chuck Nanas.

"We've never done this before at the high school since I've been here for the last four years," Nanas said.

The assistant principal had little information at hand about the company and its product on Tuesday. Miller was not available Tuesday to comment and Crockett denied comment at all about the issue.

The assistant principal said Tuesday he intends to continue to investigate the company and plans to meet with a representative later this week to discuss the details of the contract.

He expressed some concerns about the product the company provides and the company that sells it.

"I personally would not contract with these groups because I don't know enough about them."

"But this community has always been very supportive of us and of our legitimate high school activities. I don't want this group to interfere with our activities."

"I mean there are only so many times you can go back to the well," he said.

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The contract allows Classic Covers to solicit paid advertisements from local businesses to cover the costs of printing the covers. Once the covers are printed they are distributed to students free of charge.

According to police, Novi High School participated in a similar program last year.

But that was news to Principal Arthur Miller and Assistant Principal Chuck Nanas.

"We've never done this before at the high school since I've been here for the last four years," Nanas said.

The assistant principal said he intends to get to the bottom of the issue

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Bankers, insurers rumble in gang war

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Bankers and insurers — two groups politicians love to hate — are fighting in Lansing in what one lawmaker calls "a turf battle."

The House Insurance Committee is considering a bipartisan package of bills to prohibit banks, savings and loans, credit unions and other financial institutions from selling insurance.

On the fence, but leaning toward the bankers, is Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth. Vorva, whose district includes Northville, believes that government shouldn't interfere in the marketplace, competition is good for consumers, and "that's the American way." Insurance agents who want Vorva's vote will have to convince him that there's something overwhelmingly evil in letting banks sell insurance.

On the bankers' side, opposing the bills is Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, a former banker. "The national banks can sell insurance," Keith said, citing a court opinion. "State-chartered banks can't compete on a level playing field."

Supporting the insurers' view is Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, a co-sponsor of the bills. "There are insurance agents all over the state. I don't know how allowing a bank to sell insurance is going to make much of a difference in its availability," said Jamian.

Detroit Democrats dislike both industries. They see insurance agents abandoning their city, Flint and Saginaw, leaving them without coverage. "But at least with financial institutions," said Rep. Nelson Saunders, D-Detroit, "we have a hammer — the Community Reinvestment Act. They (banks) became much more diligent in complying (by making loans in the city). But we don't have that hammer with insurance companies."

Rep. Bill Martin, R-Battle Creek, saw banks as the greater evil. "You go to a bank and give them your life history, your next life's history, your children's history. It's these practices that make this (banks selling insurance) so difficult to swallow."

"Banks keep saying 'competition, competition, competition,'" said Martin, noting that big banks are acquiring smaller banks and reducing competition.

Seven Democrats and three Republicans are sponsoring the bills. They would prohibit a financial institution from getting into the insurance or surety business as a principal, underwriter, agent, broker, solicitor or insurance counselor. The bills also prohibit financial institutions from buying "shares of a corporation engaged (in) the insurance or surety business."

Don Anderson, who handles NBD Bancorp's South Bend Insurance operation, said banks are good for the business. "We represent a number of insurance companies. We have contracts with 38 insurance companies. We bring to the table access to all carriers."

To questions about what banks would charge for insurance, Anderson replied, "Banks distribute (sell) insurance. The insurance carrier sets the rate."

Banks, however, have seen their

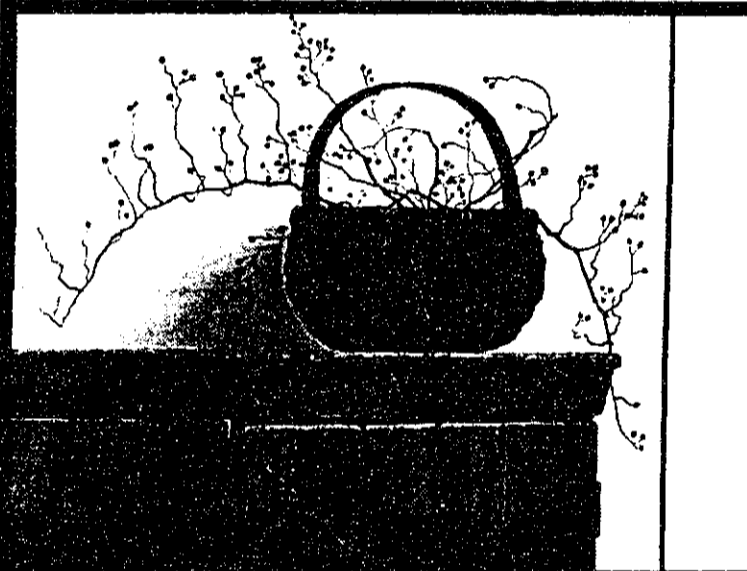
business shrink from 38 to 18 percent of deposits nationally as other institutions move in. Even Merrill Lynch, a name associated with Wall Street's stocks and bonds, is moving into mortgages. So banks now are trying to diversify by selling insurance and annuities.

Polly Reber, of the Small Business Association of Michigan, supported the ban because "lending institutions hold a great deal of power over small business."

Reber foresees banks using their lending power as a "subtle, coercive" influence to make borrowers buy their insurance from the bank, too. That would harm the 60,000 licensed insurance agents, many of whom serve rural communities that banks don't serve. "Insurance agents are at a competitive disadvantage," she said.

Supporting SBAM's view was Don Wilke, of Wilke Brothers Conveyors in Marysville. Wilke said he can pick and choose between insurance agents, "but the relationship changes with banks. It's not which bank I will accept. It's which bank will accept me."

Refer to House Bills 5281 to 5284 when writing to your state representative. The bills are still in the House Insurance Committee.



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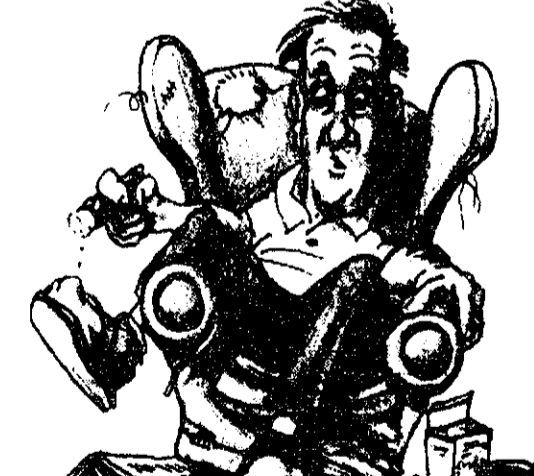
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Societal honor

Forty-five high school students were inducted into Novi's National Honor Society on Sunday, Feb. 27. The new inductees join the 54 current members in bringing together the largest membership Novi Community School District has had in its local chapter of the national organization in the last five years. After her induction, Jennifer Vartanian, above, signs her name in the National Honor Society membership book.



NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — PARKS AND RECREATION UTILITY VEHICLE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Parks and Recreation Utility Vehicle according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, March 17, 1994, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED, "PARKS AND RECREATION UTILITY VEHICLE" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

Notice Dated: March 3, 1994

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 347-0446

(3-3-94 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE OF STATEWIDE ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Statewide Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1994, at the places of holding the election in said City as indicated below, viz:

- Precinct 1 — Novi Christian School, 45301 Eleven Mile Rd.
- Precinct 2 — Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd.
- Precinct 3 — Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
- Precinct 4 — Novi Village By The Lake, 45182 West Rd.
- Precinct 5 — Orchard Hills School, 41900 Quince
- Precinct 6 — Fire Station 1, 42975 Grand River
- Precinct 7 — Village Oaks School, 23333 Willowbrook Dr.
- Precinct 8 — Chateau Estates Clubhouse, 42000 Carousell Dr.
- Precinct 9 — Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- Precinct 10 — Fire Station 3, 42785 Nine Mile Rd.
- Precinct 11 — Novi Middle School South, 25299 Taft Rd.
- Precinct 12 — Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- Precinct 13 — Hickory Woods Elementary, 30655 Decker Rd.
- Precinct 14 — Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook for the purpose of voting upon the following State Proposal:

PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE A VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

 - 1) Limit annual assessment increases for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
 - 2) Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenues to schools.
 - 3) Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
 - 4) Require a 2/3 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
 - 5) Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
 - 6) Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes No

The Polls of said election will be open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office for Electors qualified to vote by absentee ballot. Call 347-0456 for information. The last date and time to request a ballot to be mailed is Saturday, March 12, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. The Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, March 12, 1994 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing Absentee Ballots.

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Board members for the five-campus college are elected on a non-partisan, at-large basis by voters living within the college district, an area that generally coincides with the boundaries of Oakland County and which includes Novi. Trustees are not paid for their services.

Prospective candidates must file nominating petitions containing the signatures of no fewer than 50, nor more than 200 registered and qualified voters of the Oakland Community College District with Debra L. Thomas, deputy secretary for the 1994 board election, on or before 4 p.m., Monday, April 1.

The petitions must be filed with Ms. Thomas at the college's George A. Bee administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. In addition to the petitions, candidates must provide two copies of an Affidavit of Identity.

Nominating petitions and copies of the Affidavit of Identity form may be obtained through the college's communications office located at the Bee Center. For further information call George Carlsons, director of college communications at 540-1540.

Speakers series: Oakland Community College's Distinguished Speaker Series begins its 1994 spring lineup with Richard Headlee on Tuesday, March 8. Mr. Headlee will speak on "Management Success" at 7 p.m. in the Smith Theater on the college's Orchard Ridge Campus. This series will continue March 30, 6:30 p.m. with an appearance by State Senator Lana Pollack. Sen. Pollack replaces William Broadhead who will not appear on March 16 due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Headlee is chairman of the board of the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America. He has led the firm as president and CEO for 24 years, a period of tremendous growth for the company.

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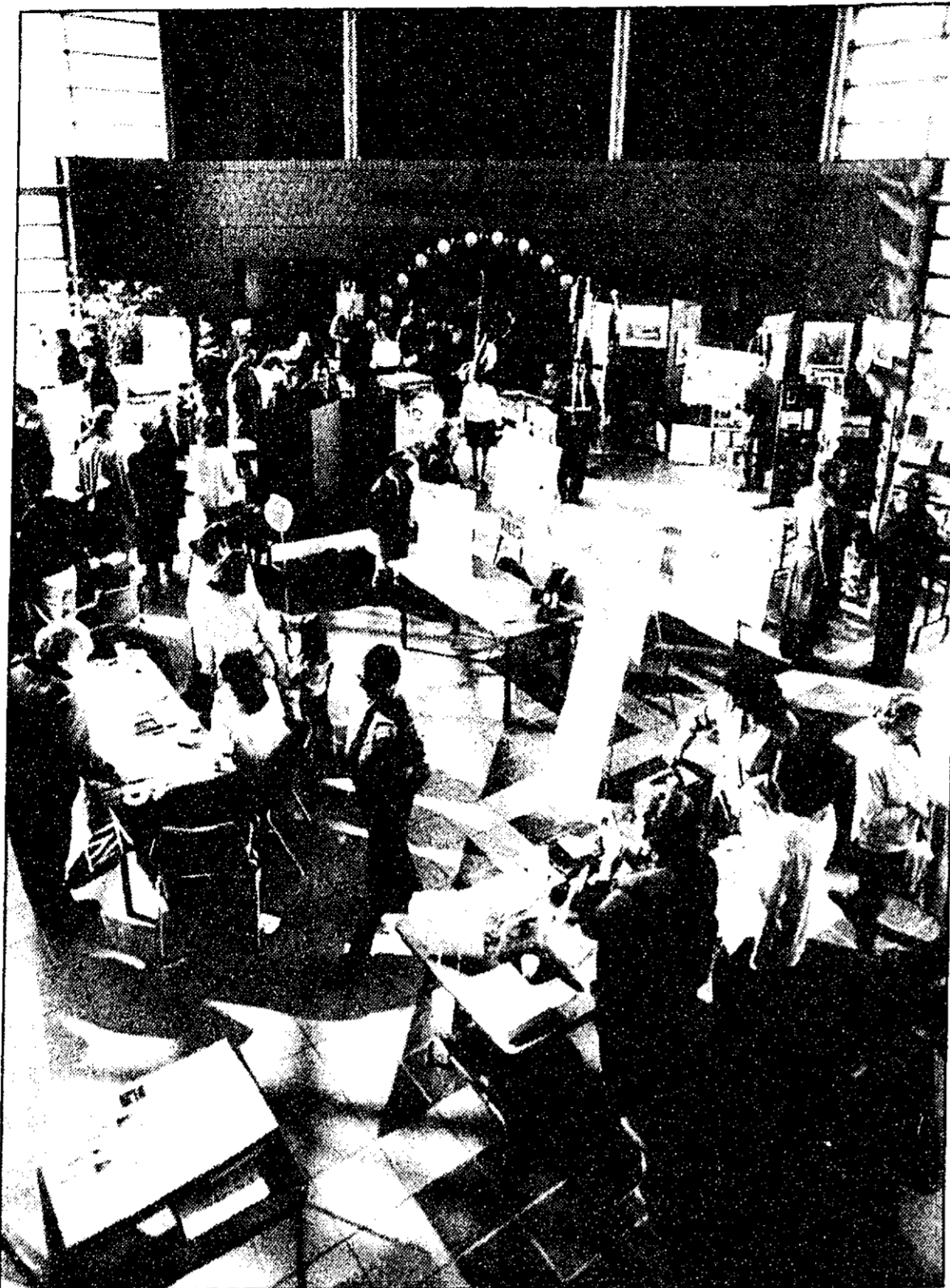
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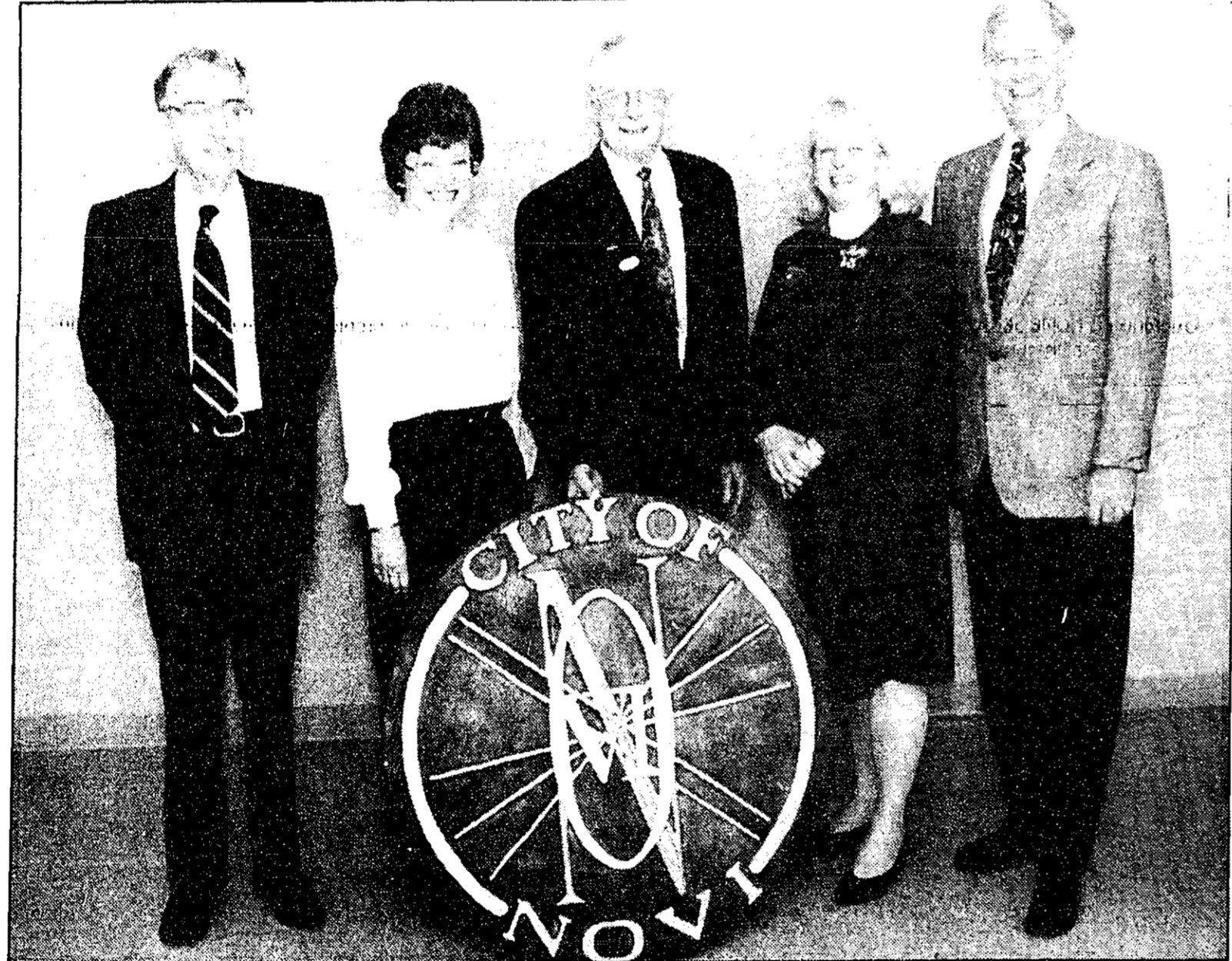
THE BIG 25

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Birthdays revelers showed up in droves at Novi's 25th Anniversary Celebration Sunday in the Novi Civic Center. While about 200 had been expected to attend, some 2,000 showed up, filling the atrium (at left) and generally showing the city a good time. Entertainment was provided throughout the afternoon by the Four Seasons Brass, Novi Girl Scouts, the Novi Middle School Concert Band, the Novi Middle School Jazz Ensemble, the Tollgate Cloggers, Sheryl's School of Dance, Novi Man's Band, the Sixth Gate Cloggers and "Totally Awesome Entertainment." The food was supplied by Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, Salsa's Gourmet Mexican, Novi Hilton, Maisano's Primo's Pizza, Kosch's and Border Cantina, some of which had to make a run for more food because of the larger than expected crowd. More than 20 businesses and civic organizations offered display booths at the event. To put on the celebration, it took donations from more than 40 businesses and the efforts of some 18 volunteers, some of which worked at the Civic Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Below far left, City Manager Ed Kriewall makes introductory remarks. Bottom far left, County Commission Kay Schmid congratulates the city.



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Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson showed pride in Novi's growth over the years.

Foes bang gang bill, say it's guilt by association

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Are gangs really hanging in Novi?

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A bill to make gang membership a felony is drawing fire from both conservatives and liberals on a House committee, where it raised the spectre of "guilt by association."

Supporters said gangs infest every school district in the state.

"This would penalize membership in a gang," said sponsor Ilena Varga, D-Detroit. "They take pictures of themselves with automatic weapons and rifles. They document their activities, so it's easy for police to prove they're gang members. Police have pictures of them in uniform."

Varga's bill would penalize those who belong to and recruit for a "criminal organization," defined as one where "members commit crimes as a purpose of that organization."

"What bothers me," said Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, "is how to avoid labeling other organizations — for example, groups who lay down in front of a bulldozer to stop a nuclear landfill or dump."

"I'm a Methodist. A Methodist

core drug users, street drug sales, or prostitution.

"We just aren't seeing people standing on the streets selling drugs here in Novi," he said. "Street level narcotics sales are often associated with gangs, but the majority of our arrests are coming from homes and businesses."

"Our drug dealers are not being traced back to gang relationships," he said.

bishop demonstrated against a power plant. I've put money in (the collection plate) every Sunday. That makes me an associate," said Nye, Republican co-chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, was worried about defining a gang.

"None of these groups files articles of incorporation or holds receptions

The chief's 1993 annual report indicates even though there has been a less than 1 percent decrease in the number of total incidents reported, there has been a 40 percent increase in aggravated assaults, 11 percent jump in burglaries and a 24 percent increase in simple or non-aggravated assaults over 1992.

City police have also seen a 50 percent reduction in the number of prostitution cases reported this year over last year. Narcotics incidents also dropped 19.23 percent from last year.

in the Capitol and gives lapel pins," he said.

Rep. Nelson Saunders, D-Detroit, asked, "How do you prove that committing crime is a purpose of the organization?" Saunders raised the spectre of "guilt by association."

Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, said a basic premise of law is that one is responsible for his own crimes.

"But here you could be prosecuted for

simply associating. What if a mother associates with her son who is a member of a gang?"

After counting speeches, Judiciary Chair Tom Matheis, D-Grand Rapids, announced, "We don't have the votes to put it (the bill) out today (refer it to the floor). I urge the sponsor to work with representatives who raised these concerns."

Supporting Varga's bill was the

state with a 9mm pistol to 'take care' of some people his gang leaders didn't like very well."

Clark, who has spoken to student groups across the state, urged lawmakers not to worry about definitions "because the body count is too high."

Under Varga's bill:

- Being a gang member is a misdemeanor punishable by 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine.
- Committing a misdemeanor to "further the unlawful goals of the criminal organization" is worth a year in jail and a \$500 fine — on top of any sentence for the misdemeanor itself.
- Committing a felony to further gang goals is worth four years in prison and a \$2,500 fine on top of a sentence for the felony.

Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP).

"We're disturbed," said Rev. Allen B. Rice, executive director. "The [gangs] are drug-related and youth-related."

"Gang violence hits every school district in the state," added MICAP's education director, Rev. Tod Clark. "Members of the Latin Kings from Fontaine went to the north part of the

Fry's out of the classroom and into high tech post

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

James Fry has been bumped out of the classroom and into Novi's Instructional Technology Center.

Effective Tuesday, March 1, Fry — the former Instructional Technology Coordinator in the Novi Community School District — became the District

Wide Supervisor of Instructional Technology and Media Technology Services.

His title change was approved 6-0 by the Novi Board of Education on Feb. 24. Michael Meyer was absent from the meeting.

Board Secretary John Streit pulled Fry's title change request off the consent agenda where admin-

strators had asked that it be placed for approval.

Streit pulled the request to see if Rita Traynor, the assistant superintendent of instruction, could clarify Fry's added responsibilities.

"I need more information on his role and responsibilities," he said. "I have no problem with the title change. I just think we need more information."

After hearing from Traynor that

the title change was needed so Fry could have more flexibility in his workday to juggle his daily duties and his added duties as the director of the district's technology center and program, Streit voted in favor of the change.

Traynor said the district will continue to assess the need for additional staff in the ITC and determine at a later date if a replacement is needed for the instructional technology coordinator position.

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 1994, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ton Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 9, 1994. (3/3/94 NN)

PUBLIC NOTICE CITIZENS OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 15, 1994 State-wide Special Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 1994 at 3:30 P.M. in the Clerk's Office at City Hall, 45175 West Ton Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program, and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

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As We See It

Vote yes on Prop A in election March 15

This newspaper endorses Proposal A because it is a good deal for public schools, and because it eases the burden of school property taxes for most people.

When we vote March 15 on Proposal A, only one thing is supremely important: protecting school taxes for school use.

Proposal A would lock into the Michigan Constitution the rule that the sales and use tax increase will go into the school aid fund. That money cannot be raided by the Legislature and diverted to any other use such as prisons, perks or pensions. It's reserved for schools.

Proposal A also will cap most of our school operating property taxes. It says those rates may be changed only by "the approval of three-fourth of the members elected to and serving in the Senate and in the House of Representatives."

Not even the Michigan Education Association will be able to pressure a "super-majority" of lawmakers into raising property tax rates, the way it pressured school boards and frightened voters. If Proposal A is rejected, however, a simple majority (50 percent plus one) vote of the Legislature can raise those rates.

People, businesses, labor unions and civic groups can and will debate the merits of a sales tax versus an income tax endlessly.

They will debate whether various taxes are deductible from the federal income tax. They will hassle over whether tourist money is being tapped. They will



fill the air with rhetoric over the incumbent governor's personality.

Those issues are comparatively unimportant. Only one thing is important: locking school revenue into the school aid fund with a constitutional key.

Both Proposal A and plan B, the fallback statutory plan, will raise \$1.02 billion for public schools. Both will set a short-term goal of providing \$5,000 per pupil in every district. Proposal A will do it by raising the sales tax rate from 4 percent to 6 percent and instituting a number of small taxes — increased cigarette taxes, telephone taxes, a real estate transfer tax, etc. Only Proposal A can lock that money safely into the Michigan Constitution.

Proposal A would raise the sales tax, a device often denounced as regressive. We point out, however, that (1) food and prescription drugs would continue to be entirely exempt from the sales tax and (2) the tax on utilities (electricity, gas and telephone) will remain at the 6.75 percent rate. The sales tax increase should not be an undue burden on lower income folks.

Proposal A deserves a YES vote on March 15.

Planners want a city that is too exclusive

"I just can't imagine someone coming in and paying \$150,000 to \$175,000 for a home. Are you proposing cheap, low income housing?" Novi Planning Commission Kim Capello asked a developer recently. He said that buyers coming to the Novi market are looking for luxury homes starting at \$250,000.

Now, we recognize that Novi prides itself on being an "exclusive" community, but when city officials start looking down on homes priced in the \$150,000 range as "low income" it's getting a bit ridiculous.

The comment came up when the commission was discussing three city initiated rezonings. Among them was a proposal to take the northern half of Section 18, which lies south of Twelve Mile between Napier and Wixom roads, and turn it into light industrial.

Some of the land was already zoned for heavy industrial, so that portion of the rezoning didn't make waves. But developer Todd Smith said he did not want land in that section now zoned for residential to get caught up in the reclassification. Instead, he said he planned to come forward with plans to build homes worth \$140,000 to \$155,000 there. And that's when Capello made the comment.

The Novi City Council viewed the city-initiated plan last week and was less receptive, but what is interesting is that the planners decided to go ahead with the rezoning, voting to pass the change on to the council.

They apparently would rather have light industrial there than "low income" homes. And this when the developer already says he is preparing plans for a less intense use of the property.

Homes worth \$150,000 are nothing to sneeze at. You have to be pretty solidly middle class to afford them. Figure the average income in this country is still about \$25,000. If the old Realtor's rule of thumb that you can afford a house three times your annual income holds true, the average worker can afford a house in the range of \$75,000.

So if you will only accept homes starting at \$250,000, you aren't just cutting out the poor and the working class, you are cutting out the middle class and a pretty hefty chunk of the upper middle class.

That's going beyond the point of being "exclusive" and getting into the realm of out and out economic bigotry.

Forum took off on its own



Mike Malott

Now I think I know how Dr. Frankenstein must have felt when his reanimated corpse first sat up on the table.

It's mix of feelings. There's the heady rush of success: "Cool, the darned thing worked."

And then there's that sickening feeling in the pit of your stomach that comes from knowing you've just created a monster.

"Great, this thing is going to have a mind of its own and trounce down to the village to slay women and children."

Let me explain a little bit. I was sitting in the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting just over a week ago, trying very hard to be a quiet observer (that's the way I during most meetings you know, quiet, reserved, not very outspoken) when the subject of Novi's Main Street project came up.

More specifically, Doug Erwin's request that the Chamber take a position in opposition to Main Street came up. Erwin is the owner of a produce market and he's been circulating a petition opposing the idea that the city might give Main Street developer James Chen and his investor group, Evergreen III, some financial assistance.

The deal the city has in mind is to trade Chen some land if he and his investors will build the portion of the Ring Road that is planned to run through the southeast quadrant of the town center area. Chen is planning to sink about millions into a downtown-like development south and east of Novi and Grand River. To say it the way city planners do, it would be a pedestrian-oriented mixed use development, including a collection of retail shops, some sidewalk cafes, a theater perhaps, maybe an art gallery, and hopefully a bandshell in a small park. The development would be runned by residential.

So the monster kind of carried me away... and I'll pay the price for it. I'll end up in the hot seat being the moderator for this forum... despite the fact I offered almost everyone the opportunity to suggest someone else to do that job.

The project is a go, and the forum is likely to take place within the next month and a half. It will probably be in Civic Center council chambers and be cablecast when it is all over. The only thing not settled right now is the date. Watch this space for further information. We'll also be publicizing the event relatively heavily, so you'll surely hear about it.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

The land trade would involve two parcels fronting Novd road, where the old fire station sits, and would like be used mostly for parking.

This is a tough issue for the business community. And I too am torn about what the city's best course of action would be.

Business generally likes to see government help businesses out a bit.

At the same time, many business people don't want their tax dollars to be used to help another business, unless they are going to be eligible for that same kind of assistance. Why should they pay money to support another business after all? It's that "level playing field" concept.

So the Chamber was unsure of what direction it should head. Board Chairman Vic Cassis and Chamber President Connie Mallet turned to me for help. They asked if I would moderate a forum for chamber members to speak out on the issue, to give their input and insights in the issue.

I said, "Sure, no problem." I said rather cavalierly, thinking it would never really get off the ground.

Boy was I wrong. A few phone calls later, it became clear everyone involved wants a chance to talk publicly about this issue. It became clear everyone has a lot to say about it.

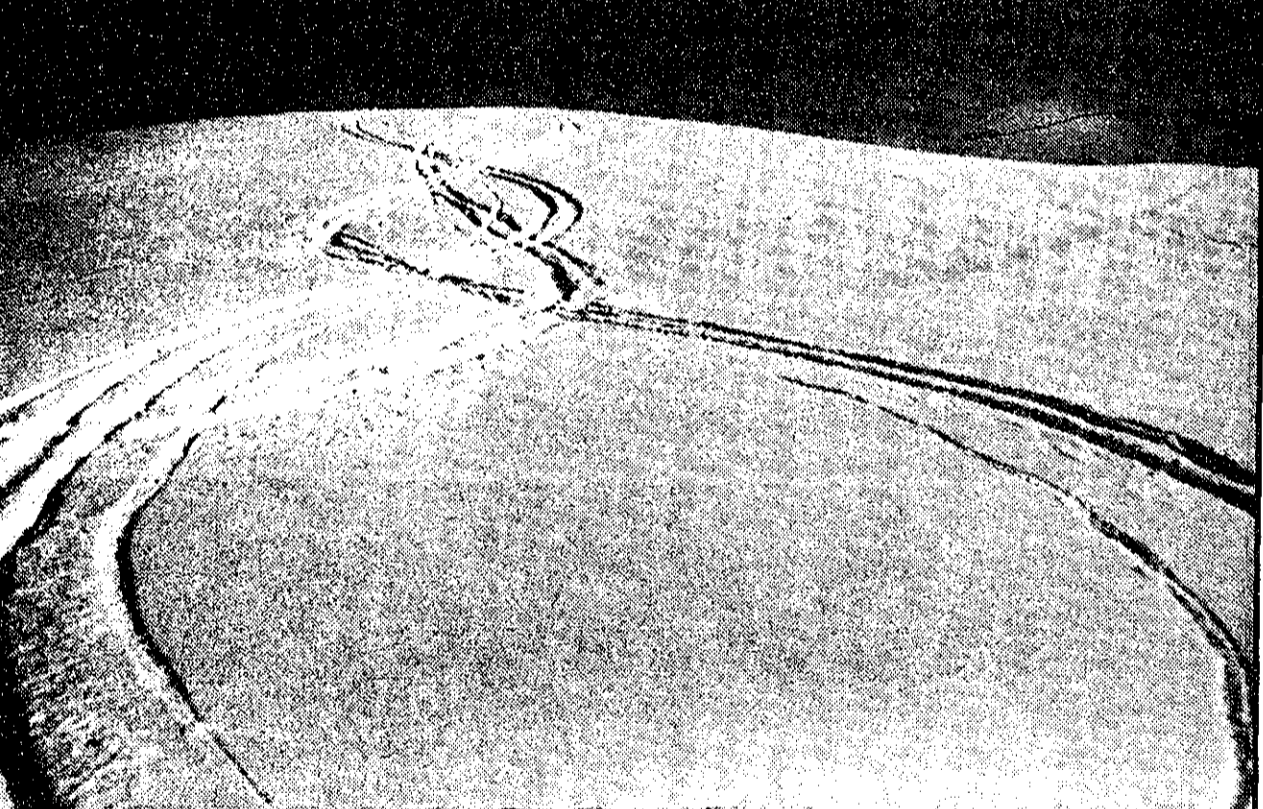
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Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Cross country skiing on the hills of Hines Park

Telemark turns

Let true democracy prevail



Sharon Condron

Creek Elementary necessitated the new boundary schemes.

In the eleventh hour, after months of public hearing and debate, Northville's Board of Education closed the new school and therefore killed the need for any new boundaries.

The damage was done, the battle lines drawn. Northville administrators lost their credibility in the community. The board's power was weakened and public opposition strengthened.

A vocal minority set the stage for a silent majority. Things like that probably wouldn't happen in Novi. North of Eight Mile, business is done differently. In Novi, decisions are made at the Board of Education level by Board of Education members. In Novi, school administrators make recommendations to the board and then stand by to field questions before the board renders a decision. Micro-management just isn't there.

Public comment is taken, but in the end the Novi administration and the elected board hold the fate. After all that's what they were elected to do.

Unlike business south of Eight Mile, there are no endless subcommittees nit-picking apart issues and presenting digested versions to board of education members. Unlike Northville, in Novi there are no anti-tax groups or pro-education special interest groups lobbying for or against policy decisions.

It's open discussions where Democracy thrives. It's honest debate where elected officials are entrusted by the community to make good decisions.

It's progress and its working. Residents in Novi believe their elected school officials are doing what's best for kids. They seem to know they're getting the best bang for the tax buck.

It's people in power. In Northville, the board defers its decisions to advocates and audience members rather than making its own. It's hampering the board and the administration from making timely decisions.

It's stalling progress. On March 7, the Northville Board of Education will once again throw the boundary decision back to the community in a second public airing of the new proposed boundaries. A week later the board is expected to make a decision. For the sake of progress, on March 14 let's let true Democracy prevail in Northville like it does in Novi. And let's move on.

Sharon Condron is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

It seems winter has lasted forever



Phil Power

When I was younger, winters didn't seem to go on this long.

There was hockey on the pond, with hot cocoa afterward. I looked forward to the occasional snow storm. If only because there would be skiing afterward. And there was always a fire in the fireplace and a warm spot to sit and read.

But this year it seems winter has gone on forever. Here we are at the beginning of March. The snow is still on the ground, and the deep frost is still freezing the water pipes.

Worse, the flower and vegetable catalogues start fluttering through the mail at this time of the year. Looking at the bright pictures of the newest rose or thinking about planting strawberries take on a certain fictional quality when it's below zero outside.

Coming up, however, is a good reality check: the Flower and Garden Show, sponsored by the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical

Gardens, will open at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds east of Ann Arbor on March 24 and run for four days.

I've been to past shows; they're fun, and they make concrete the assertion that spring is coming.

This year's show will feature an acre of professionally designed landscapes and more than 500 horticultural and floral design exhibits. For those who are serious about their gardening, there is also a Standard Flower Show produced in cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

The Show also benefits a very good and very underreported cause, the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Located on an enormous piece of land given to the UM years ago by former Regent Frederick C. Matthaei, the gardens started out as a fairly standard academic collection of greenhouses and research plots.

But with Patricia Hopkinson's arrival as acting director, the place started to get with it. New gardens were planted, this time with the interests of the average Michigan gardener in mind. Adult educational classes taught pruning, plant identification and garden design. This year's perennial sale will offer 25,000 plants in early May, and wild flower tours and nature

walks happen throughout the year.

The gardens adopted a new statement of purpose: "We aim to contribute to a better quality of life for the world community by maintaining a living museum and plant sanctuary where a dynamic interaction of scientific, educational and aesthetic pursuits can take place within the context of a world-class university." Friends organization was launched to raise money, and Birmingham's Frederick Matthaei, Jr., the son of the original donor, has continued his family's tradition of generous giving.

So if you want to get a jump on spring, get a very gardening tips and at the same time give support to a good cause, you might want to check out the Flower and Garden Show. I'll see you there.

The Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds is located at 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, just off I-94 south of town. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For information on the Show, call (313) 998-7002; for information about the Botanical Gardens themselves, call (313) 998-9741.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His telephone voice-mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1880.

Disappointed in edit on Avagian

To the Editor:

As a senior citizen who has lived in Novi for many years, I am disappointed in your newspaper's editorial about LARA's president wearing two hats. I have been a member of LARA since the association began. Because of Mr. (Harry) Avagian's efforts in the area of public safety, many of us senior citizens feel that we are being looked after in terms of fire, police and ambulance. Maybe, The Novi News has forgotten its own news stories from six years ago when long response times for emergency services were common in northern Novi. Today, that entire situation has changed because of Mr. Avagian's efforts before the City Council and his cooperative efforts with the chiefs of fire and police.

Perhaps The Novi News has forgotten that Mr. Avagian was responsible for bringing to northern Novi the ambulance station at Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. Maybe, The Novi News has forgotten its own news stories from last summer — when Mr. Avagian urged Community EMS and LARA to enter into a joint effort with the police department to open a Lakeshore Police Mini-station. Whenever I have a concern about public safety services, I do not call city hall for answers — I simply call our LARA President to investigate it and contact the proper people. This system has worked for me for many years. Why should any one criticize a person who works for us each day to make our life safer. The fact that this retired teacher has a part-time job with the ambulance company is his own business. At least he has been up-front and continues to fight for our vital services in the lakes area. My suggestion to Mr. Avagian is to keep up the good job! I don't care how many "Hats" he wears — the end result is what matters!

Maybe The Novi News should spend its time looking at some of the very obvious conflicts of interest in city hall. I can think of several who sit on the city council!

Kopy Lucas

Anyone noticed it's a fruit store

To the Editor: Has anybody noticed that the

downstairs portion of his property. The college-town widow who rents a couple of rooms to students gets the homestead rate only on the part of the home she occupies. The students' quarters will be taxed the full 24 mills. All along, agribusinesses have had special advantages.

Remember the Robin Hood act in which property taxes on city and suburban commerce and industry were to be shared? Rural districts would take a share of city and suburban business taxes, but farmers wouldn't have to share taxes on agribusiness, which are considered residential.

The school finance reform movement was fueled on the farm. Remember that comparison of poor districts spending \$2,500 per student while rich ones spent \$9,000? The poorest districts were all in the farm counties of the Thumb.

Many poor districts' problems could have been solved by a consolidation — sharing of taxes and sharing of school administrators. Give Midland County farmers a cut of the Dove plan by making a county wide district. Give Berrien County farmers a cut of the nuclear plant's taxes by consolidating the rural districts around Bridgman.

Two state senators who suggested such a common-sense solution got burned. Suburbanite Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills and city man John Schwarz of Battle Creek learned the

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never started any great issues(s). He does, however, once issue is raised, follow through to the extent any councilmember does. Is this change in his approach purposive or a preview of things to come? I guess only time will tell.

I think we, as a City, have to re-examine our position on just what constitutes "conflict of interest." We have so many interesting examples within the Council itself. The oldadage about persons who live in glass houses should be heeded.

James E. Korte

News doesn't understand role

To the Editor: I have been secretary and currently hold the position of vice-president of the Lakes Area Residents Association. Therefore, I have spent many years as a member of the Executive Board of LARA. I feel that The Novi News does not understand one of our president's most important roles in the area of public safety.

Even before LARA was created, Mr. Avagian spent countless hours working to provide our lakes area residents with reduced response times from fire, police and ambulance services. His monthly reports to the LARA membership point out his constant commitment for good public safety services for all of our residents. He continues to work with the police department to resolve LARA membership concerns. This is consistent with Chief Shaefler's community policing philosophy.

Changing the medical control unit designation is not going to change the choice of where residents eventually receive hospital care overnight.

Marianna Sark Vice-President Lakes Area Residents Association

Viola Cherry

Can't believe News criticism

To the Editor: I can't believe that The Novi News has decided to go after the president of LARA because they claim that he wears two hats. Since when does a newspaper have a right to criticize a citizen who has a part-time job and also is president of a successful civic organization? My understanding is that Mr. (Harry) Avagian's major role with CEMS is to supervise their fire blood pressure and cholesterol screening program on nights when the city council meets. According to

our LARA newsletter he writes a public safety update article on fire, police and tells us the number of ambulance calls and the response times. Are you assuming that he lies and reports untrue numbers because he has a part-time job with the ambulance company? The fact is that the dispatch computer provides the data.

I can remember that several summers ago when we had a severe storm and my street was without power for several days, that Mr. Avagian personally traveled to the offices of Detroit Edison to convince them of our plight, especially those of us who have health problems. This is much more than what any one did at city hall for our lakes area people. Calling Edison was impossible, but sending a representative from our area to their office seemed to get results.

I do not make LARA meetings, but I know of Mr. Avagian's commitment to our residents and his watch dog activities in public safety issues. It seems to me that there are some people in city council who want his voice silenced so that they can move ahead with their personal agendas. I hope that other lakes area people will continue to encourage this man to protect the gains that we have made to improve our emergency services. I particularly appreciate his efforts to open the Police Mini-station.

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Submit letters to: Editor, The Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

Barkeeps mix it up at Boyne benefit

Two Novi bartenders will participate in the Absolut Vodka Bartenders Ski Classic at Boyne Highlands Monday.

Deborah Mullins, general manager for Eli and Derry's in Novi's Sheraton Oaks, and Robert McWalt, manager of the Olive Garden, will participate in the annual event designed to raise money for American Forests, a national organization that works to expand forests in both urban and

rural areas. More than 300 bartenders from throughout the state will head to the slopes for a day of fun and competitive skiing—dressed in their bartender aprons, of course.

Bartenders will ski Boyne's Le-prechaun race course from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. Each racer will take two runs, with the single best times determining the age group champions.

These nurses do make house calls

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Learn how it all started at a program at Novi Library on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Karen Kessler, Community Representative, will give a slide presenta-

tion on the history of the organization, describing its original purpose and its evolution to the present in home medical needs.

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Could have been worse

Bad but it could have been worse. A Redford man drove his car into another driven by a South Lyon woman after she allegedly drove through a red light on Eight Mile Road at Beck last Thursday morning. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage and

two people were taken to a local hospital but escaped major injury. Northville Township police cited the woman for disobeying a traffic signal.

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FOR THE BIRDS

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Winter winds and blowing snow may be putting a chill on spring fever for some, but Linda Reeves is taking full advantage of the cold season.

And why wouldn't she if it means she can sleep in longer?

In the summer, the sun comes up earlier which means her entire household gets up earlier thanks to Reeves' nine alarm clocks . . . er, parrots.

"They have a noisy period when they get up in the morning," Reeves said about Willie, J.P., Josh, Sparky, Cricket, Skippy, Baby, Ricky and Molly. Not to be forgotten is Miss Piggy, a pigeon who just think she's a parrot, according to Reeves.

"They come up with the sun and they go down with the sun."

At first, the birds will call out "Mom, Mom" and if Linda doesn't get out of bed fast enough, they'll start shrieking "Linda."

Reeves, owner of Ewe, Me and Company, a rug-hooking shop located in downtown Northville, credits her mother Marge for turning her into a feather fanatic.

"When I was 13 my mom bought me a cockatiel," she said.

Reeves' grandmother had a My-nah bird named Sammy that mi-

micked everything in a Dutch accent.

"I was so impressed with it and I came from a family that loved animals of all kinds," Reeves said of her first feathery friend.

As time went on, Reeves learned more and more about birds which eventually led her to breeding them. At one time, she had 80 birds under her care.

"I'm out of the breeder part," she said. "It's a lot of work and they all have special diets."

"You can either have a bird as a pet or as a breeder. Very rarely can you have both. To me, I would rather have them as part of the family than as a money maker. I love them too much."

Reeves really came to rely on her pets after she was in a car accident in 1985. She was in physical therapy for two years, but the real therapy was taking place at home as she bonded with her birds.

"Animals tend to make sick people forget their problems and lonely people not so lonely," she said.

Not only can Reeves personally attest to that, she has witnessed it while visiting nursing homes with her birds.

She also takes her birds to schools.

"I love to show kids my birds be-



Photos by HAL GOLD

Linda Reeves got hooked on birds at the age of 13. At one time the Northville resident had over 80 birds. Today, she cares for 10 — nine parrots and one pigeon.

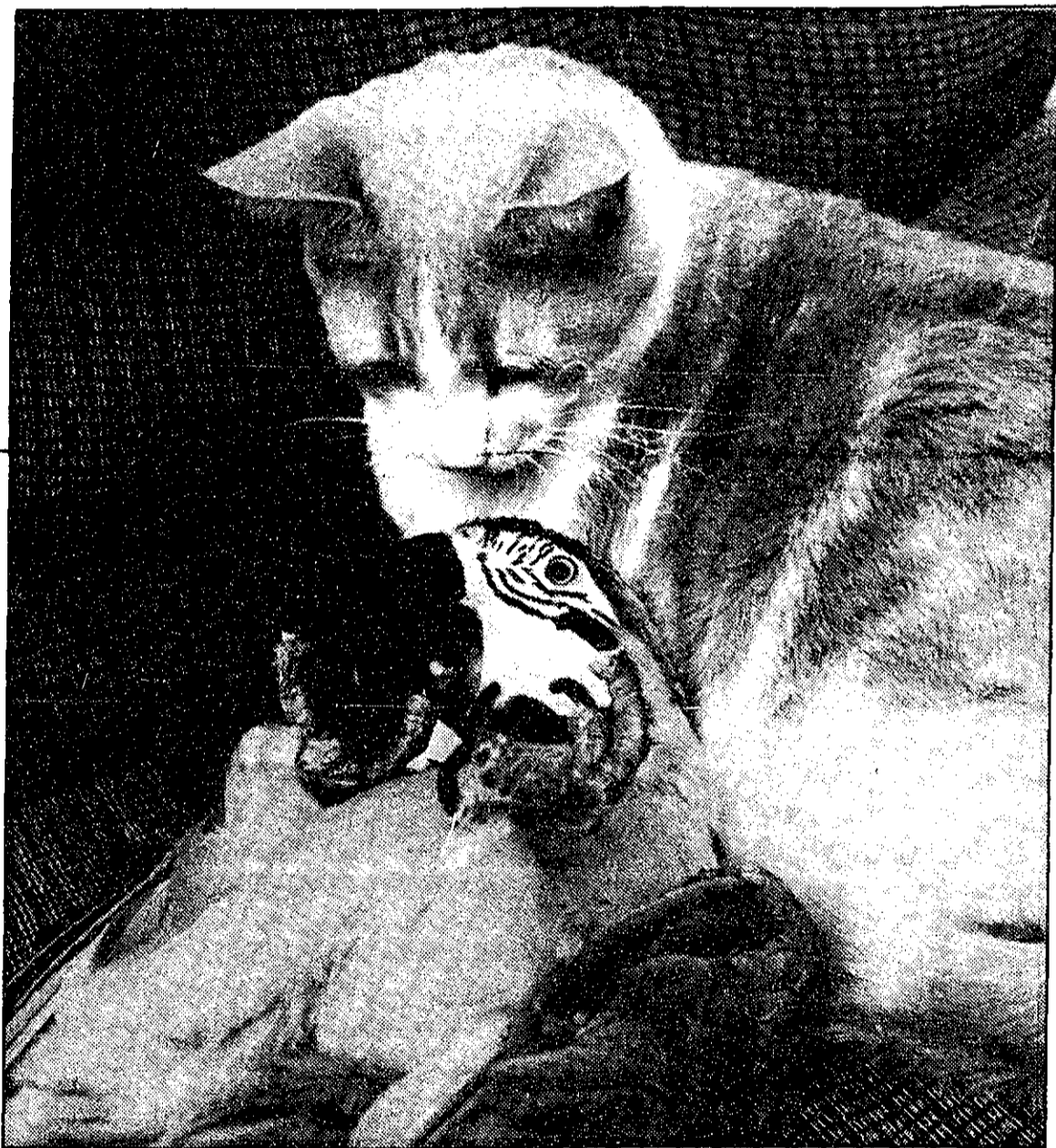
cause kids are honest and eager to learn. Not many kids get to see these type of parrots unless they go to the zoo . . ." Reeves said.

At least one classroom venture

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Willie often goes to work with Reeves, who owns Ewe, Me and Company, a rug-hooking shop in downtown Northville. He gets upset if customers don't comment on how pretty he is.



Tiger the cat is anything but when relaxing with his friend Willie. Some of Reeves' other birds can mimic Tiger's meow.

Volunteer



Barbara Callahan

No business like show business for Callahan

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

It may be only a matter of time before you move yourself — or you are moved — into a nursing or retirement home. And if you are fortunate, you will have entertainment there to put fun into your life and make you feel young in spirit.

Barbara Callahan is someone who provides that richness, both as a professional and as a volunteer.

As a professional, she runs a business, "Those Treasured Moments," in which paid talent presents interactive music and humor programs daytime and evening throughout south-east Michigan.

As a volunteer, she coordinates a group of volunteers, Agape Singers, who put on two evening shows a year in Livonia, Farmington, Novi, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield.

The volunteers, she said, are men and women of all ages, and they do it because of their love of show business and their desire to bring a touch of it to people who can't go out to see

and hear it — music, with fun skits inserted and always in costume.

Callahan is the piano player. Most of the others sing, and some play banjo, guitar and drums.

They meet one evening a week to plan and practice, and as Callahan said, when they get together "ideas seem to come. We try out songs. One person takes notes, and then after it's decided what we're going to do, I coordinate."

Taking the show to a home is the big event.

"We involve the residents," Callahan said, "as much as we can. We've had them dancing at times," or "if they're not up to that, you see their toes keeping the beat. Sometimes they sing along or just make eye contact."

Afterwards, Callahan said, "we stay for 15 minutes to talk, to touch. It's important."

If you would like to volunteer in Agape Singers, as a singer, musician, or some other part of show business, call Barbara Callahan at 473-1172.

It's A Fact

WHAT'S UNDERFOOT?

During 1993 in Novi:

12 miles of sanitary sewer were installed

For a total of 156.3 miles

9.9 miles of water main were installed

For a total of 173.5 miles

State rep. to answer senior's ballot questions

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Senior Center is really busy this month with many activities for all seniors in the area. If you have never been to the center plan now to come and meet the friendly ladies in the office.

They include Manager Jan McAlpine, Site Hostess Camille Kelly, and Senior Aides Louis Hagen and Eileen O'Brien. They will be more than happy to answer any of your questions and make you feel right at home.

Every day a nutritional meal is served, that can be anything from a turkey casserole to sliced turkey with dressing and chicken salad, all noon for a donation of \$2. However, reservations should be called in several days in advance so plans can be made.

The month starts off March 4 at 11 a.m. when Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, will be present in the multi-purpose room to answer questions on the upcoming tax ballot election on March 15.

On Tuesday, March 8, Barbara Jablonski from Getaford Hospital will be at the center at 11 a.m. with a program on "Caring for Loved ones with Alzheimer." This is a free program.

On March 9, the Michigan Eye Center will have representatives at the center for free vision screening for seniors from 10 a.m. to noon. Seniors will be checked for glaucoma, cataracts, retina degeneration and eye health.

It's income tax time again and representatives from AARP will be at the center March 10, 17, 24 and 30 and

Novi Highlights

took third place in the "Our Town" category, first place for black-and-white, and the Best of Show for color. Cindi Russett received an Honorable Mention.

The photography group planned to be at the City of Novi's 25th birthday celebration to assist in the face painting to be done by Mrs. Oppermann and her clowns.

The newest program, "Pet A Pet," is going strong with the St. Clair family bringing in animal puppets and visiting with those at Charter House and also the Witches' Nursing Home on the first and third Saturday.

The junior cooks recently made pizza from scratch and are considering an invitation to learn how to make "Sushi" from a Japanese exchange student at the Thomas home.

Upcoming activities available to club members include the opportunity to spend three days at Ford Motor World Headquarters April 19-21 or attend the 4-H Environmental Stewardship Conference April 15-17 at Kettering Center. The dates for the annual College Week and Exploration Days at MSU will be June 22-24.

Plans are also being made for the annual ice cream social, scheduled for June 6 general membership meeting.

Congratulations are in order for some of the members of the H-E club for their awards in the Novi Photo Contest. Those receiving honors included Jennifer Davies, who took first place in the junior black-and-white category; Jessie Lewis placed second in junior black-and-white; Rick Marshall placed third in junior

Among the adults, Betty Lewis

lyng goodies for a Bake Sale. Other programs will be the "Leading Ladies" luncheon on March 16 at 11:30 a.m. The book group will continue its discussion of "The Brothers Karamazov" on March 5 at the Mann's residence.

The Mid Highs (7th and 8th graders) during February went singing at Whitehall nursing home with social time following and later in the month they planned to go Skiing. On March 4 will be a Rock-a-thon/Scavenger Hunt/Lock in from 7 p.m. (overnite) until Saturday 10 a.m. On March 26 they will be meeting at church to help the Cleaners with packing of groceries.

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE
A reminder of the special program coming up on Saturday March 5 at the new Instructional Technology Center from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Novi Schools. The theme is "Focus on Families," which is a family issues workshop and is being sponsored by the Novi Community School District and its Parent Teacher Organizations, Novi Youth Assistance and other Novi businesses and organizations.

The featured speaker will be Terry Rakolia, Founder/Director of American Responsible Television who will speak on "TV Violence: How it affects our Children."

There will be also small group sessions on a number of subjects, contact 344-8330. In addition child care

Girl Scouts to sell cookies at booths

The following is a schedule of cookie booths of Novi Girl Scout troops:

Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the K Mart in West Oaks, 2367 Brownies.
Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Kroger in West Oaks, 2382 Brownies.
Saturday, March 5, 1-5 p.m. at Lee Wards, 518 Cadettes.
Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Kroger in West Oaks, 39 Brownies.
Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the K Mart in West Oaks, 39 Brownies.
Saturday, March 12, 1-5 p.m. at the Kroger in West Oaks, 2355 Brownies/Juniors.
All profits from the cookie sale stay in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council to benefit all the troops in our council, which includes Novi, Farmington, Livonia, Inkster and Detroit.

Local household goes to the birds

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proved to be a little embarrassing, though. Two years ago, Reeves and her birds were giving a presentation for three classes of third graders.

Always the clown, J.P. was sitting on the back of the teacher's chair, doing tricks. When J.P. was receiving a treat as a reward for completing a trick, it fell from his beak and rolled onto the floor.

J.P. looked up and down trying to locate his lost peanut and exclaimed "Oh, sh--"

The students bursted into a fit of giggles. Reeves had forgotten about the incident until that weekend when she bursted into one of the students, who had seen the presentation, in a local grocery store.

"She came up to me and said, 'Lady, I know what your birds say.' Reeves laughed. Reeves was trying to locate his lost peanut and exclaimed "Oh, sh--"

"I wasn't the first time her pets have let her red-face."

When J.P. was in his "terrible twos" stage, Reeves took him with her to an Ann Arbor Bird Cage Club meeting. Reeves and her mother were trying to hear a speaker, but two women in front of them kept chitchatting. J.P. leaned in between the two women and told them to shut up.

"I about died," Reeves said. "Here I am turning all red. I just shrugged my shoulders."

The birds have also caused quite a ruckus in the Reeves' Northville neighborhood.

Once, joggers were about to call the police when they heard someone screaming "Help. No, no stop."

"I sounded like an old man getting mugged," Reeves said. It was just one of the birds, though, trying to get some attention.

Reeves' mother assured the joggers that everything was indeed fine inside the house.

A neighbor boy in short shorts was on the receiving end of an embarrassing moment thanks to Reeves' pets. In his quest to complete some yardwork, the boy leaned over and was greeted with a barrage of whistles and "ooh baby" remarks.

It was only recently that the young man finally believed it was indeed birds, and not girls, that hooted on him.

Sparkey, an African gray parrot, knows thousands of words and will take in complete sentences. He has picked up the annoying habit of making sounds like water dripping.

"It's driving me nuts!" Reeves said. "I keep getting around checking to make sure the water is off."

A little prankster, Sparkey recently mocked a ringing telephone. Reeves was vacuuming at the time when she heard the noise.

She picked up the phone and heard a dial tone even though Sparkey was in the next room saying "Hi, how are you?"

"It was just his way of getting me into the room to get attention," Reeves explained.

Sparkey also barks like a dog, meows like a cat, coughs, sneezes and, thanks to Reeves' 14-year-old son, now makes belching sounds.

J.P., the clown of the bunch, was an abused bird when Reeves picked him out. He was purchased by someone who just didn't want to deal with him after the novelty of owning a bird wore off. Reeves said. He had been burned with cigarettes, left in his cage without food and water and beaten.

Reeves had just gone to the breeder to check on Sparkey, who had just been hatched. (She proudly shows off his nude baby pictures.) But J.P., who was playing peek-a-boo around a pole with Reeves, caught her eye.

"We just really clicked," she said. "It took about a year of work (before she could trust him). He's a clown."

Reeves' love of animals runs deep and sometimes people take advantage of that. It was just a couple weeks ago that a man stopped at her door with a lost dog he had found wandering in the roadway.

He found the dog on M-14 and he stopped at two houses before returning. Reeves said, "I don't know how he ended up at mine."



Marilyn LeLand will speak at the Northville Town Hall Lecture series March 14.

Social hostesses to talk at Town Hall Lecture and share party tips

Allison LaLand will speak at the Northville Town Hall Lecture series on Monday, March 14.

The 11 a.m. talk will be held at the Holiday Inn West in Livonia. A luncheon will follow at noon.

LaLand is a leading hostess in Washington, D.C. Her parties are eagerly attended by Washington social leaders, ambassadors, cabinet members, White House officials and members of Congress.

A frequent guest on radio and TV network programs where she has been described as an eminent "social hostess," LaLand combines many

lives into one. Threaded through her other activities is a successful real estate career with Solihely's International Realty.

The inside story on White House parties will reveal some surprising aspects of the people who have headed our government for over 200 years. LaLand will take her audience behind the scenes and show how presidents and their ladies have used their parties to accomplish political goals.

LaLand will also give her secrets for giving a successful party with her "Top 10 How-tos."

Special services will include music on Palm Sunday, March 27, and an Easter sunrise service has been tentatively set for 7 a.m.

Special services featuring guest speakers will be held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent at GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4470 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

At 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, services will be held in conjunction with special musical services. A pancake breakfast will follow at 11:30 a.m. Easter services will be held at 10 a.m.

Send items regarding church programs and activities to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville MI 48167.

Singles

Single Place, an adult ministry for single people meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will gather from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday morning. Bob Alwine will be the speaker.

"Ready, Set, Go! - A Jump Start into Action" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 9 in Boll Fellowship Hall. Gary Moss will be the speaker. The cost is \$4.

Euchre will be played at 7:30 p.m. March 9 in the library/lounge. A volleyball game has been scheduled from 9 to 10:30 p.m. March 11 at the Northville Recreation Center. All skill levels are welcome. A \$3 donation is requested.

Opportunity for Growth workshops on tap include: "Nurturing Relationships: Fantasies, Facts and Feelings" with Fred and Roz Lessing will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 10, 17 and 24. A \$24 donation for the series is requested.

Tim Connor will present "Happily Ever After" at 7 p.m. March 6, 13 and 20 in the forum room. The cost is \$25.

A divorce recovery shop is scheduled for seven Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30, beginning March 10.

The cost for the series is \$30. County western dance lessons with Casey will be given from 8:30 p.m. to midnight March 5 at the Northville Recreation Center. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0931.

Single Point Ministries offers a unique opportunity to join over 500 persons for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road (on the corner of Six Mile) in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will officiate.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

Volleyball is played at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

For further information about Single Point Ministries, call 422-1854.

Send Singles information to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Church

Holy Week services at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 E. Main St., Northville, will include Maundy Thursday, March 31. Dinner will precede the 7:30 p.m. worship service at 6:30 p.m. in Boll Hall. Tickets are \$6.75 a person. Reserve them in the office.

Services for Good Friday will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 1 at Northville Methodist Church.

A sunrise service has been scheduled for 8 a.m. Easter Sunday in the forum room. Services will also be conducted at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The Men's Association breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. March 5. John Mishler will be the guest speaker.

At 7:30 p.m. each Friday of Lent there will be a devotion of stations of the cross at ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46235 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

Although Lent ends on St. James parishioners on Holy Thursday, March 31, special programs have been planned to celebrate the Lord's Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter. Call the church for more information, 347-7778.

St. Mary's Holy Week, a Tenere service will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 31, at FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
370 Market St. 224-2483
Sundays 10:00 a.m. (Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m.) Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS
23225 Oakwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Sundays 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 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AAUW to honor senior volunteer

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

When Betty Griffin started volunteering 10 years ago, she wasn't looking for recognition. But she'll be getting it in a big way when the Northville-Novl branch of the American Association of University Women awards Griffin with its 1994 Community Enrichment Award. The ceremony will take place on International Women's Day, March 8, at the Country Epicure Restaurant in Novi.

"(Volunteering) is a way of giving back to the community that has given me so much," Griffin said. "I've only lived here for 16 years. This community has been a delight to live in."

Griffin said she started volunteering in a major way 10 years ago after her husband, a stroke patient, died in May 1984. A month later she retired from her 11-year teaching job at Merly High, an all-girl school in Farmington Hills.

Griffin had also just completed her bachelor's degree in gerontology from Madonna College. In fact, she did not participate in her graduation because the ceremonies were scheduled the day after her husband's funeral.

"I was really ready to do things," she said. Griffin wanted to "live in her gerontology with the real world" and became involved with the Farmington chapter of the Older Women's League, a nonprofit national organization concerned with affordable housing, pension equity, social security reform and health care for older women. Today, Griffin edits the organization's newsletter.

The volunteer also edits the newsletter for the Friends of the Northville Library. Her editing contributions keep her in touch with her journalism roots.

After receiving her Journalism degree from Marygrove College, Griffin was hired by the *Detroit Free Press*. She worked in the women's department, now referred to as the lifestyles section, for three years. She quit when she became pregnant with her first of eight children.

"It was more acceptable to stay at home then," she said. "It was very much the exception for women to work when they had a family."

She didn't resume her career because "World War II intervened," and her husband joined the Navy.

After the war, Griffin went back to writing, but this time as a stringer for the western Wayne County beats, meeting deadlines two times a week. After five years, Griffin got bored and quit her free-lancing assignment. Soon after that she was approached by a friend from St. Mary of Redford High School, asking Griffin if she would like to interview for a teaching spot. She was told the position would require advising the student newspaper and yearbook.

She interviewed and was hired for the position. Griffin taught there for six years before taking a job at Merly High School.

"It was a wonderful experience," Griffin said of her 11-year teaching stint at the all-girl school.

Her experience there goes hand-in-hand with her membership in the AAUW.

"They're very much into gender equity for girls students in school," Griffin said of the AAUW.

The AAUW has conducted research which supports the theory that girls are often ignored in math and science courses and not encouraged to excel in those areas.

The organization also just released a study about hostile hallways where sexual harassment was obvious in co-ed schools, according to Griffin. "So often in co-ed high schools, the boys take over the leadership roles," Griffin added. "And the girls will let them. That's not universally true, but it does happen."

This is Griffin's first full year in the AAUW.

"I've really enjoyed it," she said. "You're always with women who think on the same level."

Another organization dear to Griffin's heart is the Northville Friends of the Library. A past president, she has been involved in the group for 10 years.

"What I'm enjoying now is watching the younger women take over on the board," she said. "They're a pleasure to work with. I think it's time for some of us old war horses to move on, but I don't think I could divorce myself completely."

Griffin also volunteers as a peer counselor four hours a week at Schoolcraft College's Women Resource Center.

"It's really stimulating at the Women Resource Center," she said. "It's such a great place from the standpoint of the people I volunteer with. We deal with any client that comes in off the street."

"The type of person we deal with now is different from the people we encountered seven or eight years ago. Now, many of them are coming in because they know they're going to enjoy a better life without education... we help people who are genuinely hurting — women recently divorced or who have young children, displaced homemakers."

Another accomplishment of Griffin's occurred early in her volunteering career. In 1987 she worked with a man in the community who had developed all kinds of coping mechanisms to cover up the fact that he couldn't read.

The man still calls Griffin occasionally, the last time to tell her he bought a tractor and was able to read the instructions.

The Northville Township resident said she plans to continue her volunteering lifestyle.

"I'm very satisfied and content with my life as it is now," she said. "It takes up quite a bit of time."



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Betty Griffin is being recognized by the American Association of University Women, Northville-Novl branch, at a dinner in her honor Tuesday.

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In uniform

Navy Airman Apprentice SHAD M. WAKEFIELD, a 1991 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, the lead ship in its battle group.

The ship is serving in support of Operation Southern Watch, monitoring Iraqi compliance with resolutions imposed by the United Nations. Crew members made a port visit to Singapore prior to arriving in the Gulf. They also stopped in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where 150 sailors from the Independence battle group enjoyed meals at the homes of Abu Dhabi residents.

Wakefield is one of more than 5,000 crew members aboard the 75,000-ton ship which carries more than 80 combat aircraft.

Crews and their aircraft and escort ships are uniquely capable of providing global presence and can respond to protracted contingencies, such as Iraq and the Adriatic Sea, on a moment's notice. These forces can dominate the coastal battlespace, from the sea, and can project sustained, precise and awesome offensive power in America's interest around the globe.

Wakefield joined the Navy in May 1993.

Army Pfc. ROBERT C. KETCHUM, son of Nora C. Domick of Northville, has arrived for duty at Fort Richardson, Alaska. The 1991 graduate of Novi High School is married to Angela, daughter of Jane D.

Anderson of Waterford.

Marine Lance Cpl. TIMOTHY D. SCOTT, son of David L. and Doris L. Scott of Novi, recently reported for duty with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

He joined the Marine Corps in June 1990.

Navy Seaman Apprentice JOHN R. GOLEN, son of Mary L. Golen of Northville, is deployed aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Normandy, homeported in Staten Island, N.Y.

The ship recently participated in an emergency night evacuation of a ferry passenger while on patrol in the Adriatic Sea for NATO Operation SafeGuard.

USS Normandy responded to a radio call from the Cyprus-flagged passenger ferry Hornbeam, requesting emergency medical assistance. Normandy quickly discovered that a 31-year-old male passenger bound for Slovenia had collapsed and was showing no signs of life. Within 25 minutes, one of the cruiser's two SH-60B helicopters responded to the crisis.

Naval forces are prepared to fight promptly, but they will serve in an equally valuable way by engaging day-to-day as peacekeepers in defense of American interests. Naval forces are unique in offering this form of international cooperation from the sea.

Golen joined the Navy in July 1991.

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Who's coming to dinner?

The Northville Players will perform *The Man Who Came to Dinner* during the first two weekends in March. The show will be performed at the American Legion Hall in Northville. For play times and ticket information, call 349-1205 after 5 p.m.

Plymouth Chorus reschedules comedian

The Plymouth Community Chorus has rescheduled comedy Norm Stulz's "An Evening of Comedy" for Thursday, March 17.

The show, previously scheduled for Feb. 27, had been cancelled due to an ice storm.

Dubbed the "Midwest's Premier Storyteller," Stulz will perform at 7:45 p.m. at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Hours d'oeuvre will precede the show at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 each and are available by calling the Plymouth Community Chorus, 455-4080, or stopping in at Sideways Gifts in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can also be ordered through the mail by making a check payable to the chorus and sent to Plymouth Community

Chorus, P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. Tickets are limited. Proceeds from the event will benefit the chorus's scholarship program which assists middle and high school students planning to study the field of vocal music.

Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with 8 p.m. shows. For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

GENTILI'S: Gentili's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant brings "The Gentili's Radio Hour Dinner Theatre" to you every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening.

Featured is Gentili's famous seven course family-style Italian dinner which includes homemade soup, garlic bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage and steak and dessert.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

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

DINNER THEATER: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will continue its tradition of dinner theater presentations with March Murder Madness on March 5. The performance marks the third year of the program.

The mystery will be presented by Theatre Arts Production Ltd. Cocktails begin at 7:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 p.m. with the cast mingling with the audience throughout the evening. The scene of the "whodunit" mystery is Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The cost is \$40 per person.

For tickets, call the council office at 455-5260.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present *Gays and Dolls* at 8 p.m. March 4, 5, 11 and 12. A 6 p.m. performance has been scheduled for March 6.

The March 11 performance will include a sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired.

All shows will take place at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital — look for the water tower on the grounds and follow the theater signs, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road. Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$9 in advance. For seniors and youth, tickets are \$9 at the door or \$9 in advance. Tickets are exchangeable, but not refundable.

Advance tickets are available at Sir Speedy Printing Center in Plymouth or Heavenly Bakery in Northville. They can also be charged by phone, 349-7110.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances 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 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Entertainment Listings

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

Special Events

ART LECTURE SERIES: The Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring Michael Farrell in an art lecture series focusing on 17th century Flanders and Holland.

The works of Vermeer will be presented March 17. A lecture on Rembrandt, originally set for January, has been rescheduled for April 14. Each lecture will include a slide presentation accompanied by the wit and style of a knowledgeable art historian. Farrell is an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts and an instructor at the Art House of Detroit.

Lectures will be held in the Northville High School Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$6 per lecture. For more information, call 347-9684.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be in the auditorium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by Metrovision and cablecast 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.

Theater

CHARLOTTE'S WEB: A musical adaptation of *Charlotte's Web*, by E. B. White, will be the spring production at Northville's historic Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., March 5 through April 10.

Directed by George Valenta, *Charlotte's Web* is an endearing story about a little girl named Fern, who saves the life of Wilbur, a young pig, and Charlotte the spider, who enriches Wilbur's life with friendship and love.

The role of Fern will be shared by two young actresses: Carla Freshwater of Canton and Laurie Boloven of Northville. The role of Wilbur will be shared by Jeffrey Weiner of Farmington Hills and Alison Reiter of Dearborn. Tracy McCoy, an actress from

Chicago, will perform the role of Charlotte.

Appearing in the children's chorus are: Katherine Superlisky, Mike Superlisky, Rachel Conant, Andrew Martin, Lars Kvalvaag and John Kohl, all of Northville and Almee Carison, Danielle Franz and Tim Kava, all of Novi.

Performance dates and times are: 2:30 p.m. weekends March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and April 9-10. Spring break performances will also be held at 2:30 p.m. April 4-8. Tickets for all public performances are \$9.50. For ticket information, group rates and for teachers to arrange special performance times and rates, call 349-8110.

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 after 5 p.m.

Music

SUNSET GRILL: Live entertainment featuring Texas rock and blues band Wild Orchid happens at 8 p.m. every Friday and 9 p.m. every Saturday at Sunset Grill, 43393 W. Thirteen Mile at Novi Road in Novi.

CAFFE BRAVO: Singer/guitarist Mark Retz will perform from 9 to 11 p.m. March 4 at Caffe Bravo.

Saturday, March 5, performances will include Josh Paul, folk singer/guitarist, from 3 to 5 p.m.; Michael Fracassi, jazz/blues guitarist from 7 to 9 p.m.; and Color Wheel (Tony Stewart, Dave Murray and Chris Dattilo), a contemporary folk trio from 9 to 11 p.m.

Laassical guitarist Carol Smallwood is scheduled to perform from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, and Fracassi will play again from 3 to 5 p.m.

The coffee house is in the Main Centre in downtown Northville. For information, call 348-9544.

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

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

Taylor Made are scheduled to perform throughout March.

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

For information, call 348-5000.

Art

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY: Hidden Faces, color photographs of the antique pieces in the storage rooms of a mannequin factory by photographer Elaine Redmond will be on display 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.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Painter's Place Gallery features the watercolors and drawings of Northville artist Carlene Dumphy. American and French scenes dominate the theme of the paintings.

Included are paintings of town and country places with flowers and people in many natural settings. The style most often attributed to her work is "impressionistic."

Also available are many prints of Northville's interesting and historical buildings as well as drawings of Main Street.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for more information.

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"Sugar Hill" is a powerful saga about redemption, love and the price two brothers are forced to pay to fulfill their destinies in a high stakes game for control of the streets they rule.

The title "Sugar Hill" is taken from the legendary neighborhood that represented the aspirations and hopes of all Harlem.

Starring Wesley Snipes, the film is directed by Leon Ichaso, written by Barry Michael Cooper and produced by Rudy Langlais and Gregory Brown.

Snipes plays Roemello Skuggs, the younger, but wiser and cooler-headed brother of Raynathan, played by Michael Wright. Together, they have battled their way to the top of their own crime empire, which has brought them money, power and infamy.

But now Roemello, weary of the violence that surrounds him and offered the promise of a better life with a new love, Melissa (Theresa Randle), has decided to walk away from his destructive world. The painful decision threatens to bring down not only the lucrative business he and Raynathan have built together, but the last vestiges of his family as well.

Snipes describes "Sugar Hill" as a film about relationships and the search for fulfillment. "It's a Cain and Abel story played by Michael Wright and myself," he said. "It's a human drama piece that delves into the psychoses of these men."

Off-screen as well as on, Snipes believes that he and Wright embody the temperament of their characters.

"I'm reserved; Michael's animated. I'm tactical and experimental; he's emotional and expressive."

Director Leon Ichaso couldn't be more pleased with the performances of the two actors. "They're a perfect complement to each other," he said. "With Wesley, everything goes on inside him, through his eyes; he's internal. Michael is more outwardly expressive and showy. Wesley's character has the weight and responsibility in the story, so he has to be levelheaded. Michael is very passionate. The roles suit them well."

Snipes explained that many of the things in the film are motivated by the search for love. "Roemello feels Melissa can bring something to his life; she's an unpolished stone and he sees the beauty underneath the surface."

The seeds of the story and screenplay were planted in the weeks following the opening of the film "New Jack City," which also was written by Barry Michael Cooper.

Cooper began frequenting the clubs and meeting places of his lost generation. He became reacquainted with old friends from the street and with the new young players in the

game. He watched young African American women come from uptown and out of town, and then disappear in a haze of drugs, sex and exploitation.

Plunged into this world of excess and brutality, Cooper decided to begin writing "Sugar Hill." Over the summer of 1991, he started working with Rudy Langlais, his former "Willage Voice" and "Spin" editor-turned film producer.

After the screenplay was finished, Langlais sat down with his partner Gregory Brown and the other film-



Wesley Snipes and Michael Wright star in Twentieth Century Fox' "Sugar Hill"

makers at a New York City coffee shop where they were joined by Wesley Snipes and Michael Wright. "We all agreed to make it happen," he recalled. "And now that it's happening, we feel extremely lucky to have Wesley and Michael working so closely with us."

Next, they took the project to Beacon Communications, where it was first nurtured by Caitlin Scanlon, head of Beacon development. It was clear from the beginning that the highly original script had found the right home. Beacon was fresh on the

heels of releasing its highly successful debut feature, "The Commitments," and the critically acclaimed, "A Midnight Clear."

"We saw this picture as a searing drama about a man whose past is filled with villainy, and yet wants out of his bloody world," said Marc Abraham, Beacon's president of development and production.

"The hope is that audiences will see a mortality tale where a man tries to claw his way out of a modern hell," he added.

Seagal makes directing debut

Alaska. A place of staggering natural beauty. Inhabited by a native people who live close to the earth and in harmony with their surroundings. That's the setting for Warner Bros.' new action thriller, "On Deadly Ground," starring Steven Seagal, Michael Caine and Joan Chen.

Directed by Seagal, the film tells of the aggressive activities of Aegis Oil, an independent company under the leadership of a renegade president, Michael Jennings (Caine).

The Aegis Oil Company is in Alaska to make millions. And whoever or whatever gets in the way will pay the price. But Aegis has a problem, and he's one of their own. Forrest Taft (Seagal) is an oil rig worker who specializes in putting out fires for Aegis. But after learning of the company's insidious plans for depleting the landscape and risking the livelihoods of the native Inuit people who live on it, Taft decides that it's time to strike a match and light a fire instead.

Finding himself in mortal conflict with Aegis Oil, Taft joins forces with Masu (Chen), a beautiful Inuit activist who opposes drilling in her homeland.

Taft and Masu know they're on deadly ground. But so are Aegis and Jennings, who will soon learn that oil and water don't mix, and that fire and ice can be a lethal combination.

"On Deadly Ground" marks the directing debut of Seagal.

After starring in five hit films and becoming one of the world's most popular action stars in recent motion picture history, Seagal now expands his skills as a director on a story which appeals not only to his sense of adventure, but also responsibility to fellow human and natural surroundings.

For Caine, the medium is the message, but "On Deadly Ground" also presented him an opportunity of indulging himself as an actor by playing a very nasty bad guy. "In a film called 'Mona Lisa,' I played a really dark character with no nice side at all, and I had a great time. I thought it would be fun to do it again," he said.

Caine also was drawn to working with Seagal in his first directing effort. "A first-time filmmaker brings a whole new load of fresh ideas," said Caine. "Steven has a very strong vision of what this movie is and should be. He earned my trust."

To portray Masu, the strong Inuit woman whose political convictions so powerfully influence Taft, Seagal cast Joan Chen an Oscar nominee for "The Last Emperor," who most recently starred in Oliver Stone's "Heaven

& Earth."

Chen, who researched her role of a Vietnamese peasant woman in a complete lack of greed. They have big families and are content to live in and around the same area. They are a very cooperative people, and that's a great learning experience."

In addition to the stellar cast, Seagal knew that to concentrate on directing and acting in the same film he would need some of the strongest production personnel available.

Executive Producer Robert Watts

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Oil rig roughneck Forrest Taft (Steven Seagal) and Eskimo activist Masu (Joan Chen) join forces to protect the Alaskan wilderness from being ravaged by a renegade oil company in "On Deadly Ground," a Warner Bros. release

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Sports

Wrestlers end campaign with regional action

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A glimpse of Novi High's wrestling future was seen at regional competition Saturday.

Four Wildcats traveled to South Lyon in hopes of making next weekend's state finals in Battle Creek. While none of the grapplers were able to advance, Novi supporters can take solace in the fact that three of the regional qualifiers will return next season.

"I feel bad for Ben (Wendt)," coach Brad Huss said of the senior 189-pounder. "I feel bad for the other kids, too. But they have time left."

Saturday was definitely bittersweet for Wendt. The KVC champion came within a single win of making the finals.

The regional tournament was double-elimination. Wrestlers had to finish in the top four to advance.

Wendt started off by defeating Dearborn's Kevin Taylor. But back-to-back losses to Jeff Nadig of Saline 4-1 and Alex Aldrich of Adrian 7-4 ended the senior's career.

An early take down gave Wendt a 2-0 lead on Aldrich. But he was unable to mount much more offense against the Adrian wrestler.

"Ben had a hard time holding him down," said Huss. "It was a good match. I thought we were going to the state finals."

Taka Watanabe also came within a match of making Battle Creek. The freshman stopped Derek Kelp of Dearborn 11-7 in the opening round. The match was tied at seven with about 30 seconds remaining when Watanabe scored a near fall to take the victory.

In round two, Watanabe lost to top seed Steve Bastmagan of Ann Arbor Pioneer by a pin in the second period.

"It was the first time he had been legitimately pinned all year," said Huss.

Rich Barnes of Temperance Bedford ended Watanabe's season by taking a 5-1 decision in round three. Huss said the freshman has a bright future.

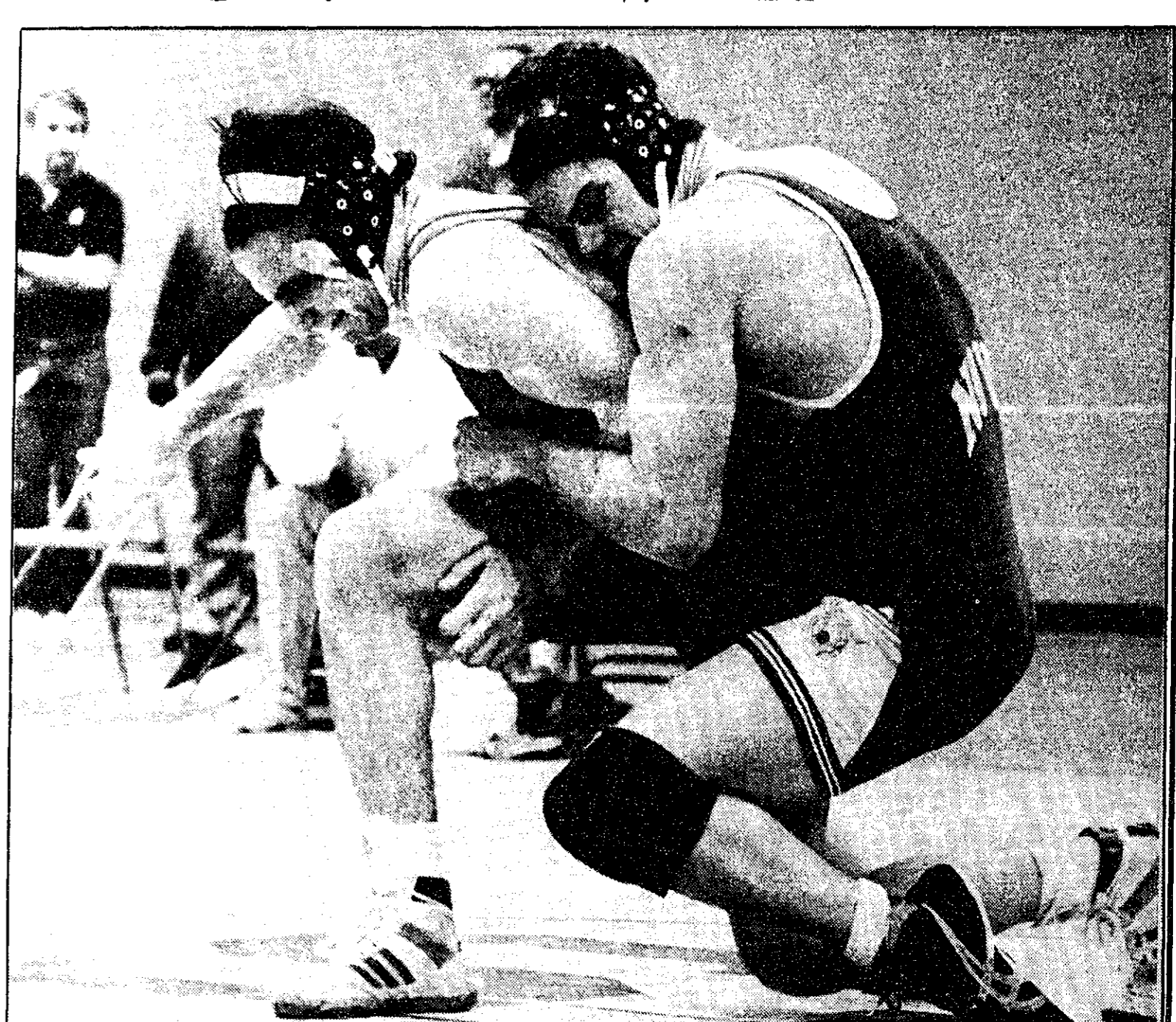
"I see him as a regional and state qualifier," he said. "How well he places (at states) will be determined by if he can stay healthy and his work ethic."

Junior James Cini wrestled well at 145 pounds. He lost a 7-1 decision to Dearborn Edsel Ford and was then dropped from the tournament by Bassan Mouhanna of Dearborn Fordson 7-3.

"He wrestled tough," Huss said of Cini. "I have no complaints with the way he wrestled. He went out and gave it his best shot."

Mark McBride met a similar fate at 160 pounds. He was pinned by Dearborn's Tom Linder in the second period and then lost to Northville's Adam Lynch 13-8.

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Novi's Mark McBride (right) was eliminated from state competition at regionals last week.

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Who's leading the KVC in scoring?/BB

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See who the Wildcats play in the districts/10B

Cagers drop three games; prepare for KVC's Milford

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

What a bummer. It took more than two hours for the Wildcat basketball to leave to Waterford Kettering for Friday night's game.

You'd think after such a trek in a driving snowstorm the Captains would be a little more hospitable.

But that wasn't the case. Kettering overcame a four-point deficit in the final four minutes to beat Novi 54-46.

"It was a rough game," said coach Pat Schluter. "They didn't call many fouls."

One call officials did make hurt the Wildcats. Guard Jason Fannon was ejected with a few minutes to go in the game for fighting. Schluter said a Waterford player spit in Fannon's face and then hit him. When Fannon responded, he added, officials threw out both players.

"We had trouble scoring after Jason went out," said Schluter.

Novi battled back from a 25-17 hole after the first half to get back in the ballgame.

ask for. Novi dropped to 7-12 overall.

MILFORD 61, NOVI 45
The Wildcats had no trouble getting up for the Feb. 23 game at Milford.

Unfortunately, neither did Dan Blue. The Redskin center put a big hurt on Novi with 21 points.

And when he wasn't scoring, Milford's Cass Lancaster was the guard scored 17 points, including eight in the critical second quarter.

The Cats trailed 12-9 after the first period but then got buried in the second. Milford outscored Novi by 14 in the period.

"We were playing so hard on defense," said Schluter, "that we got tight on offense and couldn't hit anything."

Novi got it going in the third quarter, though.

Pierman scored nine points to lead the comeback while Kelly, Rocky Dunlap, Fannon and Dicken added baskets to help cut Milford's lead to six points late in the period. But Scott Whitman and Lancaster hit three-pointers by the time the buzzer went off to make the

score 46-32. Novi couldn't make a second comeback in the final quarter.

"They're a good team," Schluter said of Milford. "They play good defense and are very well-coached."

Pierman led the way with 17 points in the game. Dunlap added 10 and Kelly six.

Although Dicken only scored two points, Schluter was very happy with the sophomore.

"Dicken did a great job on (Dan) Kofahl," he said. Kofahl is the leading scorer in the Kennington Valley Conference.

Novi will get a chance at revenge tomorrow night at home. The Wildcats close the league and regular season against the Redskins at 7:30. Should Novi upset Milford, Brighton would likely be crowned KVC champion.

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"It was going to be tough with Jason (in the lineup)," said Schluter. "Without him it will be even tougher."

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'Skins bounce spikers in two

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A disastrous regular season drew to a merciful end for the Wildcat volleyball team Thursday as the spikers fell in two games to Milford.

Novi played well early in the match but couldn't maintain its intensity in closing the Kennington Valley Conference season at 3-9. As dismal as the Cats 5-18-2 campaign has been, there is an upside.

The slate will be wiped clean Saturday at state district competition. Novi will square off with Baseline rival Northville starting at 10 a.m. Livonia Churchill is hosting the day-long tournament.

Coach Julie Fisetle said she is optimistic. While her team will go in as the underdog against Northville and the rest of the field, she said they might be able to pull a surprise or two by playing "our game."

"The girls play to a (higher) level when they play good teams," she added.

Saturday's match will be the second this season with Northville. The Mustangs beat Novi in December. The winner of that match will face Plymouth Salem.

"I'm happy with our draw," said Fisetle.

On Parents' Night, the Wildcats came out and played strong early against Milford.

The Redskins jumped out to a 7-3 lead. But senior Kristin Kenny served for four straight points to tie

up.

The two teams then traded points, but Milford finally pulled away 12-9. The Redskins won the opener 15-10.

Fisetle mentioned Becky Oppat and Julie Swinehart as having strong games.

Game two wasn't pretty. Milford served for 11 straight

points. The Wildcats fought back a little with Junko Matsuura, Kate Shaw and Oppat getting serving points. But Milford was able to close it out 15-4.

Novi finished sixth in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:43.6 with Mitch, Tymenski, Leroy and Galford. Dicaudio, Kushman, Newton and Christopherson were ninth in 3:50.8.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Leroy was ninth in 1:03.7. Black placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:08.8.

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Maker said he's happy with the progress his team made this winter. He said a lot of the Wildcats will be competing in the off season at local swim clubs, which should help for next season.

"I'd like them to be better in November than they are right now," Maker said. "No just in swimming shape."

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Kelly makes state finals at Brighton

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Erlich Kelly made the state qualifying time in the 200-yard IM Saturday to highlight the Wildcat swim team's day at the Brighton Invitational.

The sophomore will compete at the state finals March 11-12. Coach Dave Maker said Kelly has a good shot at placing well in the event.

"I wouldn't be shocked if he did," he said.

Novi High took third place at the invitational with 162 points. Birmingham Brother Rice won the meet by more than doubling second place Fenton's 230 points.

With the exception of Kelly, the Wildcats' season is completed. Novi finished with a 5-6 dual meet record in Maker's first year as coach.

The season closed in grand fashion for nearly all of the Wildcats Saturday. About 80 percent of the swim team personal best times at Brighton, Maker said.

"We had an awesome taper," the coach commented, referring to the fact the team picked up their speed as they tapered down on their voyage. "Everybody did their best."

Swimmers dropped anywhere from a few seconds to 10 or 12 seconds in the events.

The 200 medley relay team placed almost three seconds off its best time. Jason Black, Curt Speerscheider, Rob Mutch and Kelly swam a 1:47.20 for fourth place.

Brian Leroy swam a 2:04.6 freestyle while Jim Galford was 10th in 2:04.7. Although they didn't make the finals, Matt Christopherson and John Burkhardt swam per-



Kristen Kenny goes low for a shot against Milford.

SCOREBOARD

Wrestling		125 Pounds		150 Pounds		185 Pounds		220 Pounds		285 Pounds	
1. Howell	6-0	Wagner (Lakeland)	31-5	Wagner (Lakeland)	31-5	Duncan (South Lyon)	30-6	Lakeland	3-8/4-13	Dell (Howell)	2-9
(a) Brighton	5-1	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-12	Schreck (Milford)	26-13	Wagner (Lakeland)	26-13	Howell	1-9/6-12	Demas (Lakeland)	2-9
3. South Lyon	4-2	Wagner (Lakeland)	25-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	25-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	25-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	25-8	Demas (Lakeland)	2-9
4. Hartland	3-3	Wagner (Lakeland)	21-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	21-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	21-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	21-15	Demas (Lakeland)	2-9
(a) Novi	2-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Demas (Lakeland)	2-9
6. Lakeland	1-5	Wagner (Lakeland)	14-13	Wagner (Lakeland)	14-13	Wagner (Lakeland)	14-13	Wagner (Lakeland)	14-13	Demas (Lakeland)	2-9
(a) Milford	0-6	Wagner (Lakeland)	12-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	12-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	12-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	12-12	Demas (Lakeland)	2-9
KVC LEADERS		135 Pounds		171 Pounds		215 Pounds		285 Pounds		350 Pounds	
(through Feb. 28)		Aidy (South Lyon)	29-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-9
775 Pounds		Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9
Adam (Howell)	41-3	Wagner (Lakeland)	23-21	Wagner (Lakeland)	23-21	Wagner (Lakeland)	23-21	Wagner (Lakeland)	23-21	Wagner (Lakeland)	23-21
Niles (Brighton)	21-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16	Wagner (Lakeland)	17-16
Pike (South Lyon)	28-3	Wagner (Lakeland)	15-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	15-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	15-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	15-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	15-12
103 Pounds		145 Pounds		185 Pounds		220 Pounds		285 Pounds		350 Pounds	
Deane (Brighton)	34-6	Wagner (Lakeland)	34-1	Wagner (Lakeland)	34-1	Wagner (Lakeland)	34-1	Wagner (Lakeland)	34-1	Wagner (Lakeland)	34-1
Therewer (Howell)	38-6	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-8
Katz (Milford)	29-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-12
Wallace (South Lyon)	16-11	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-15	Wagner (Lakeland)	29-15
112 Pounds		150 Pounds		195 Pounds		240 Pounds		285 Pounds		350 Pounds	
Young (Brighton)	35-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	28-17	Wagner (Lakeland)	28-17	Wagner (Lakeland)	28-17	Wagner (Lakeland)	28-17	Wagner (Lakeland)	28-17
Worley (Hartland)	24-8	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-4
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Chene (Milford)	35-4	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9
Wendel (Howell)	31-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9
Hultberg (Hartland)	33-12	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9	Wagner (Lakeland)	27-9

Rec Briefs

Novi Youth Baseball: Late registration for all levels (ages 7-18) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held through March 25 at the Novi Civic Center in the Novi Parks and Recreation office; Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be an additional \$5 late fee and any openings are on a first-come, first-served basis. Tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 23, and the season is scheduled to begin on June 4.

Exercise for Heart: Exercise for heart will be hosted by Novi Parks and Recreation this year on March 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The exercise for heart aerobic-Thon is a three-hour fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan. The event consists of warm-up exercises, an aerobic workout, muscle repetitions and a cooldown with floor stretches. The event is limited to the first 1,000 participants and a \$25 minimum pledge is required. Event coordinator Terry Snurka has pledge forms available now. You may pick up pledge forms in the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Basketball: The Milford police athletic league is sponsoring its three-on-three basketball tournament for area youngsters on March 26-27. More than 800 kids from grades 4-12 are expected to participate in the two-day event which will be held at Highland and Muir middle schools. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help PAL provide uniforms and equipment for its many sports programs.

Milford PAL not only provides for Milford kids but is involved with all of the Human Valley school district.

To help defray the cost of running the tournament this year, PAL is offering businesses and opportunity to sponsor a basket on one of the eight courts being used. For the sum of \$50 a large sign with your business name will be hung on the gym wall displaying your support of the tournament.

If you are interested, please include your check and business card to Milford PAL, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, MI. 48381. Attn: Rick Sharpe.

Mayberry Park: Mayberry State Park in Northville is open for cross country skiing with miles of groomed trails. Ski rentals are available weekdays and weekends for \$5.25 first hour, \$2 for the second hour and \$1 for every hour afterwards. The rental office is open from noon to dusk on weekdays and 9 a.m. to dusk on weekends. For more information, call 348-1190.

Karate: Learn Tang Soo Do style of Korean Karate under the direction of sixth degree black belt, master Bob Gordon. The spring session starts March 15 and runs through May 3. The fee is \$32 for residents and \$38.40 for non-residents. Registration deadline is March 15. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Weight training: Learn how to burn fat and excess calories and receive a general knowledge of all workout machinery while firming up and improving cardiovascular fitness. Light weights are used with less resting time. Co-ed ages are 16 to 70. Call 347-0400.

Sweatshirts: Cold? The Novi Parks and Recreation can keep you warm. Sweatshirts are on sale for \$13 (youth), \$15 (adult small-x-large), \$17 and \$19 (2x-larger and 3x-larger).

Senior Golf League: Novi residents may register now for the league which plays at Pebble Creek (New Mile and Currie roads). Returning golfers who are non-residents cannot register until March 1. Divisions include: Monday men's and women's, Thursday mixed. The cost is \$10. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Kensington Metro Park: One of the most popular winter playgrounds in southeast Michigan is Kensington Metro Park near Milford. Facilities for ice skating, tobogganing, sledding, cross-country skiing with a ski rental service, ice fishing, nature hikes, farm center activities and photography are available. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call 1(800)234-6334.

Lakeshore Park: Sign-ups for the 1994 season Lakeshore Park Park Shelters and Tent Rentals has begun for Novi residents. All reservations must be made in person at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

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

Parent asks what to do with teenager

Because people write or call us with questions regarding parenting and substance abuse, we are designating today's column to some of these.

Dear Ms. Downs: I have an unruly, self-centered teenager who I am about ready to throw out of the house. The child feels it is her place to boss her siblings, not listen to me, come and go as she pleases, not adhere to any house rules and the list for me is that she plans to go on a spring break to Cancun with her friends.

Unfortunately, we know teens do not turn into "monsters" overnight. It takes awhile for them to gain enough momentum and power to "rule" the household. Disciplining teens is not the same as disciplining younger children. But teens need to know from you that their behavior won't make it in this home anymore and if they want to have freedom and privileges, they are going to have to learn accountability, responsibility and dependability.

Think about things your teen enjoys... driving privileges, movies, stereo, designer clothes, phone time, special snacks in the house, your doing laundry for them, etc. These "specials" can be taken away as easily as they are given out. Your child needs to know this. A meeting will help you convey this to your child. If you are married, you and your spouse will

Health tips

extremely training results in improved fitness for leg exercise — but not for arm work. Conversely, upper body training improves fitness for arm exercise, but not for leg work.

The limited degree of transfer of exercise benefits from one set of limbs to another appears to discredit the general practice of restricting an exercise program to the legs alone.

Many occupational and recreational activities require arm work to a greater extent than leg work. Consequently, fitness programs should include upper, as well as lower, extremity training.

Specialty designed bicycles — called arm crank ergometers — are particularly good for conditioning the upper extremities.

Other equipment suitable for upper body training includes rowing machines, weight training apparatus, wall pulleys and light

Jogging doesn't help develop your arms

dumbbells.

Two commercially available devices are especially noteworthy because they provide combined arm-leg exercise.

The Schwinn Air-Eye offers a workout for the arms, using only the arm levers, for the legs, using only the pedals, or for the upper and lower extremities using the levers and pedals simultaneously.

Simulated cross-country skiing devices such as the Nordic Track also provide total body conditioning.

Exercise programs based on leg training alone appear to be limited in scope. Such programs neglect to consider that many occupational and recreational activities employ both upper and lower extremity efforts.

It's not surprising that exercise critics frequently ask, "Fitness for what?"

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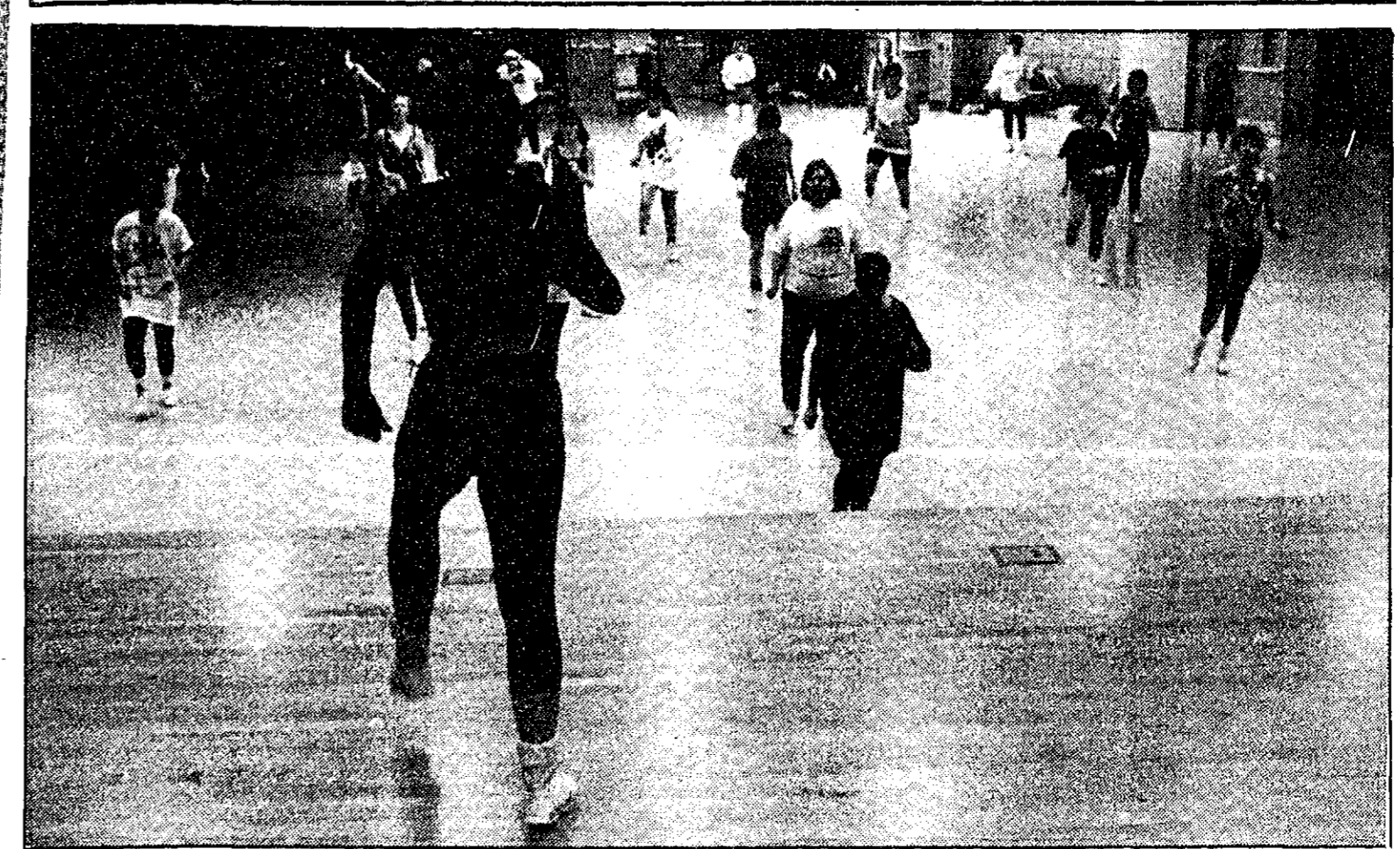
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Exercise For Heart benefits AHA

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Are you looking for a way to have fun, be healthy and help out a worthy cause? Well Novi Parks and Recreation has just the activity for you.

The 5th Annual "Exercise for Heart Aerobic-Thon" will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Exercise For Heart Aerobic-Thon is a three-hour fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan. The event consists of warm-up exercises, an aerobic workout, muscle repetitions and a cooldown with floor stretches. Fitness instructors Terry Snurka, Judy Mau, Sherry Williams and Patrice Gould will lead the aerobics. The program is formatted into two 90-minute workouts or the entire three hours.

Aerobic instructor Terry Snurka began this event in Novi in 1990. As a Fitness Factory instructor, Terry was familiar with Novi Parks and Recreation programs and they are always receptive to offering new programs, and the annual Exercise For Heart is just one more example of this. A variety of Fitness Factory classes are offered at the Novi Civic Center, Monday through Friday, mornings and evenings. Step aerobics was added to the list of classes offered this past year and has been very well received.

"Due to the popularity of step aerobics, we may add a step segment to next year's Exercise For Heart," said Terry Snurka. "It will just be the basics, but it will give people who have never tried step aerobics a chance to see if they like it. The majority of people do."

Exercise For Heart is a national program to raise funds for the American Heart Association, as well as to encourage people that aerobics and dancing are good for the heart.

Novi's Exercise For Heart last year raised over \$3,400 for cardiovascular research and educational programs. Novi's event had the highest average per person donations of any event in Michigan.

"In the four years Exercise For Heart has been in Novi, the participants have raised over \$14,300," said Snurka. "If we had more participants, think how much more we could raise for such an excellent cause."

Participants are awarded prizes based on their level of pledges. The 1994 prizes include special Exercise For Heart water bottles, t-shirts, tank tops, bike shorts and sweatshirts.

"I want to stress to everyone that you don't have to do all three hours of aerobics," said Snurka. "All I am asking for is a 90-minute commitment. It's fun and you will be doing a wonderful thing for the American Heart Association. I hope more people come together this year to work out and

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Wildcats face Livonia Stevenson in district opener

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The second season begins next week for the Novi High basketball team.

District competition kicks off March Madness Monday as Baseline rival Northville hosts the first round of the state tournament. It would appear the 'Cats had the luck of the

draw Monday.

Novi drew a struggling Livonia Stevenson in the opener at 6 p.m. A win over the Spartans would move the 'Cats into a semi-final matchup with Livonia Churchill Wednesday at 6 p.m.

"It was a great draw for us," said coach Pat Schluter. "At least we got some breaks going our way for once."

Northville wasn't as fortunate. The Mustangs play Plymouth Canton Monday at 7:30 p.m. Plymouth Salem gets the winner of that ballgame Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. First thing's first, though. The Wildcats must beat Stevenson to advance.

Livonia is led by 6-foot-5 bigman Brett Ferris. He's averaging double

figures for the Spartans, which were 5-13 heading into action this week.

Brad Morgan, Chris Chichla, Kevin Szczembara and Steve Jacobs are other Stevenson players to watch for. Like Stevenson, Novi is struggling heading into the playoffs.

After starting the season 4-0, the Wildcats have gone 3-12 the rest of the way. Going into tomorrow night's

regular season finale with Milford, Novi has lost five games in a row.

The Wildcats would play a poor Livonia Churchill team in round two. The Chargers finished near the bottom of their conference and posted a 5-14 record.

Schluter said his team scrimmaged Churchill in the preseason and it was "pretty close."

"I think we have a good shot at beating both of them," he added.

Senior guard Greg Pierman and junior forward Shawn Kelly lead the squad into district action. Pierman leads Novi in scoring with 16.5 points per game while Kelly is second at 10.0.

Novi drops three straight

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN 68, NOVI 55

The final score from the Feb. 21 game is a little misleading.

Novi was in the contest all the way. But the Patriots got hot in the final quarter and outscored the 'Cats by eight points to win going away.

Livonia's Greg Maple did much of the damage with 24 points in the game. Pierman led Novi with 19 points and Dicken added nine.

Grapplers close season at regional

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Saturday's results doesn't take away a great year for each of the four wrestlers, however.

Wendt closed with a 37-8 record and McBride was 29-12. Both Watanabe and Cini won 28 matches.

"That's not too bad for those guys," said Huss.

As for the Wildcats as whole, the future does look good. Novi losses just one regular from the lineup as Wendt graduates.

Besides Watanabe, Cini and McBride, the 'Cats should return most of its lineup. Garrett Barrons, Lenny Christoff, Matt Buck and Chris Young will give Novi a solid core of wrestlers.

Huss said Brighton will be tough to beat in the KVC. The Bulldogs, in fact, will likely go in as the state's No. 1 team, he added.

The coach said his team could move in contention for second place, though. It won't be too far down the line before Novi competes for a league title.

"If not next year," Huss said, "then the year after."

Mustangs fourth in WLAA

Dave Wesley, Jason Fisher and Jeff Steving set school records Saturday at the WLAA meet helping the Mustang swim team to a fourth place finish.

As expected, host Plymouth Salem came away league champions with 496 points. Farmington took second with 418, North Farmington third with 410½ points while Northville totaled 357½.

"It's more about numbers in this meet," said Northville coach Mark Heiden. "We just don't have a lot of people. You need the numbers to place well."

Larger squads are able to qualify more swimmers for the finals from the preliminary round and thus earn more points. It makes winning the league meet much more difficult for smaller teams like Northville.

"It's a tough league," Heiden said. "To finish in the top four is really a statement of the power of the swimmers on our team."

Northville was certainly powerful in the meet's first event, the 200-yard medley relay.

The Mustangs set a conference-meet record with a time of 1:38.22. The team of Fisher, Steving, Peter Anthony and Jason Lennig will receive All-American consideration for their first place time, according to Heiden.

Swimmers garnering a top 40 time in the country become All-Americans. Heiden said it's a great honor to even receive consideration.

"It was outstanding swims by all four," he added.

Wesley didn't let down after that race. The senior broke his own school record in the 200-yard freestyle and took second place with a time of 1:44.34.

In the 200 IM, Joel Elsesser was 11th in 2:10.05. Lennig finished seventh in the 50-yard freestyle in 23 seconds. Anthony was 13th in 23.21.

Mike Malloure totaled 425.25 points over 11 dives to take second place.

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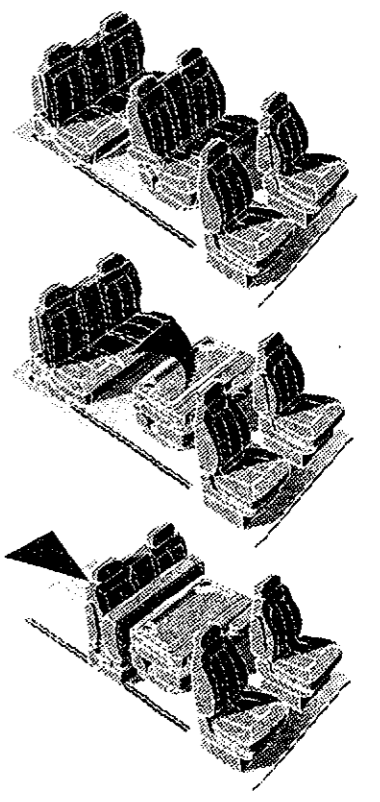
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Use caution if you're hiring buyers' broker

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Many consumers are puzzled by the increase in "buyers' brokers" promoting their services in the current market. They are surfacing throughout the country.

What is this new type of real estate practitioner and what are possible pitfalls in signing a contract with a buyer's broker?

Those questions have been asked with increasing frequency since the subject of "true representation" of brokers became a hot issue in the residential field several years ago.

Home buyers who want to work with a broker who exclusively represents their (buyer's) interests in finding and purchasing a home sometimes turn to a buyer's broker — one who works only for the buyer and is paid by the buyer. But all who claim to be this type of broker are not so.

"Buyer's brokers have flooded the field with 'counterfeit' agents

who claim they're working for buyers," said Alan Fields in the book he co-authored, "Your New House" (Windsor Peak Press).

"The reality is that some of these folks have no idea what representing the buyer really means. They just want a quick commission. You can usually spot fake buyer's brokers when they fail to look hard for lower-priced properties."

Fields provided a three-page buyer's brokerage contract used by one of the nation's largest real estate brokerage firms—one with 76 offices and 2,735 associated agents.

"Notice the fine print in the contract," Fields said. "One clause enables the buyer's broker to disclose any 'relevant financial information' about the buyer to the property seller. This guts the very essence of what a buyer's broker is. Confidentiality of a buyer's financial information is extremely important."

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HOME DESIGNS



FAIRWIND

Think very big when you see the Fairwinds

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

The Fairwind's circular entrance and balcony create a first impression of stately grandeur, fully in keeping with the mansion's rambling 10,200-square-foot interior.

But if the word "mansion" conjures up images of dark, stodgy rooms, think again. This bright, relaxed home is designed for a lively contemporary family.

A breathtaking two-story-high, 20-foot-wide foyer echoes the shape of the exterior colonnade while serving as a hub offering five choices of direction. You could spend hours just exploring all the rooms.

Largest, by far, is a recreation room. Brightened by windows along the rear, it comes outfitted with an angled wet bar and a corner fireplace, one of four in the plan.

French doors open onto a deck that spans the entire 131-foot width of the home and wraps around to the nook.

The nearby kitchen has a fireplace, too, and a sky-lit nook. Sink and dishwasher are in a long counter/eating bar that faces into the nook and recreation room. Another island holds the cook top, ovens, vegetable sink, freezer and refrigerator line the kitchen's only wall.

Face frame cabinet doors provide

direct access to the walk-in pantry. Swinging doors open into a window-bright dining room, perfectly oval in shape.

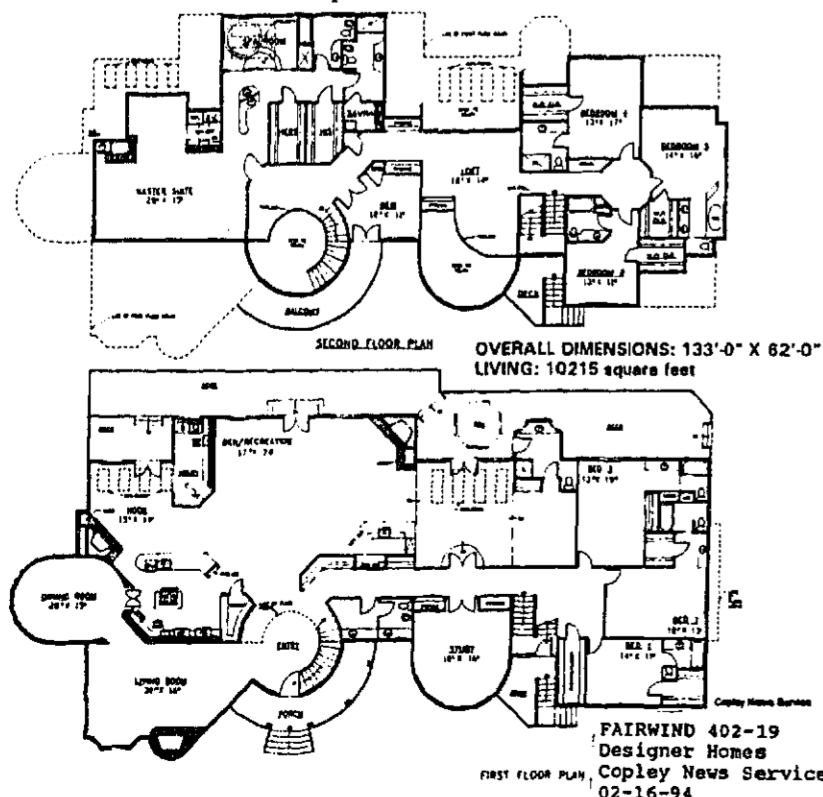
The living room is expanded by a bay window and warmed by a tile-hearth fireplace.

A sky-lit billiards room is one step down from the recreation room. French doors lead outside to the spa. A card room is one step up, to the right. The recreation area is served by a bathroom, one of 10 in the Fairwind.

Each of the six bedrooms, upstairs and downstairs, has a private bathroom, and most have walk-in closets. The upper bedrooms are on the opposite end of the house from the elegant master suite. A large loft, between the sleeping wings, overlooks the study below.

Flames in the two-sided fireplace can be enjoyed from either the sleeping area or the sitting alcove of the master suite. Other luxury amenities include a small kitchen, a sauna, a sky-lit spa, huge his-and-hers wardrobes and a novel two-sided vanity island.

For a study plan of the Fairwind (402-19) send \$9 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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A BAND OF GYPSIES

Once gypsy moth caterpillars get to be 2 inches long, their feces are raining down out of the trees and trees are bare of leaves, it's a little late to react.

Homeowners can take several steps to head off serious damage to landscape plants, however, starting in early spring.

Deborah McCullough, forest entomologist at Michigan State University, points out that the gypsy moth spends about nine months in the egg stage and only a few weeks in the destructive caterpillar stage. Any time after eggs are laid in August until they hatch in May, you can seek out and destroy egg masses and prevent their hatching.

While caterpillars are small, they are very susceptible to control by Bacillus thuringiensis, or Bt, a pesticide formulated from a naturally occurring bacterium. Caterpillars that ingest it stop eating almost immediately and die within a few days.

"Gypsy moth control programs spray Bt from the air to control the caterpillars in residential or recreational areas," McCullough says. "Bt is also available to homeowners under several trade names for use against gypsy moth and other caterpillars, such as tomato caterpillars and tomato hornworms. It is very effective against most kinds of small caterpillars and very safe — it is harmless to humans, livestock, wildlife and most other insects. And

it does not accumulate in the environment like some chemical insecticides."

Bt is more effective against young caterpillars than against larger, nearly mature ones. Eliminating small caterpillars also reduces damage caused by feeding, she points out. Taking revenge against large ones after the damage is done may feel good, but it doesn't prevent damage to trees and shrubs or make a noticeable impact on the gypsy moth population.

A number of mechanical control methods are available for larger caterpillars. These include sticky bands, slippery bands and hiding bands on trees, which trap caterpillars as they climb tree trunks to feed on foliage. They get stuck in sticky bands, can't get across slippery bands and hide under cloth hiding bands, where the homeowner can find and destroy them each day.

After four to six weeks of feeding, the mature caterpillars — about 2 inches long, with blue and red dots on their backs, a yellow line down the middle of the back, and clumps of hairs on each body segment — form cocoons and turn into pupae. They emerge after about 10 days as adult moths ready to mate and start the life cycle again by laying buff-colored egg masses containing 50 to 1,200 eggs.

Eggs may be laid on host plants but are often placed on buildings, other structures and mobile objects such as campers and motor vehicles. This hitchhiking in the egg stage is one way the gypsy moth spreads, McCullough explains, and accounts for its name.

More information on home and community control of gypsy moth is available from the county Michigan State University Extension office. Look for the number under "County Government" in your telephone book. Ask for Extension bulletin E-2302, "Gypsy Moth in Michigan — Homeowner's Guide." It's free! It's also available from the MSU Bulletin Office, 10B Agriculture Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824.

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CATERPILLAR COMPARISON



Gypsy Moth Caterpillar



Eastern Tent Caterpillar



Forest Tent Caterpillar

The identity of three common caterpillar that may be present early each year could be confusing. These illustrations will help identify which caterpillar is feeding on your trees

Illustrations by Peter Carrington

Give seeds head start

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Q. What is the best way to start plants from seeds, and when should I do this?

A. The time to start seeds indoors is (depending on where you live) February or March. There are certain advantages to starting seeds indoors in "flats." (Flats are containers about 4 inches high, which you fill about halfway with a mixture of half sterile potting soil and half perlite or vermiculite.)

You can control the nutrients in the soil and place the plants where they will get just the right amount of sunlight or shade. Also, there is very little danger of insects.

Starting seeds indoors is the best method for expensive seeds, for seeds that take a long time to germinate and grow (including most perennials) and for annuals and vegetables that you want to start while the ground outside is still too cold or wet.

Be sure there are holes in the bottoms of the flats for drainage. With a pencil, mark off rows in straight lines about 2 inches apart, digging the pencil about 1/2 inch into the soil.

I find it's easiest to plant

one kind of seed per row and then use garden markers to label each row. (Another method is to use discarded egg cartons instead of flats, and use the various compartments for different types of plants.)

Cover the seeds lightly and mist them gently to dampen the soil so the seeds don't get washed away. Then cover the surface of the flat with a pane of glass, a plastic bag or aluminum foil to keep the moisture in. Put the flats in a warm spot but not in the direct sun. Check the seed packet, though, because some plants prefer cooler conditions.

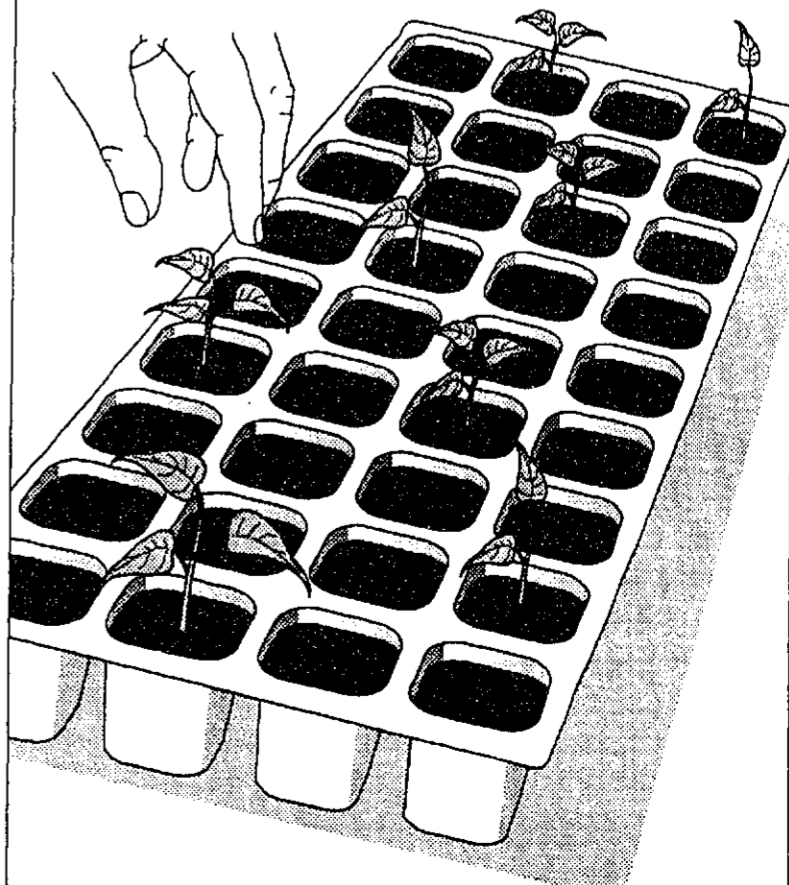
Try to resist peeking for four or five days. After about a week, little seedlings should appear. When they've come up about 1/2 inch, remove the covering and move them into indirect sunlight. (At this point, they're still too tender for full sun.)

After eight to 10 weeks, they should be ready to be transplanted to your garden.

There are many new, ingenious shortcuts to the

Starting seeds

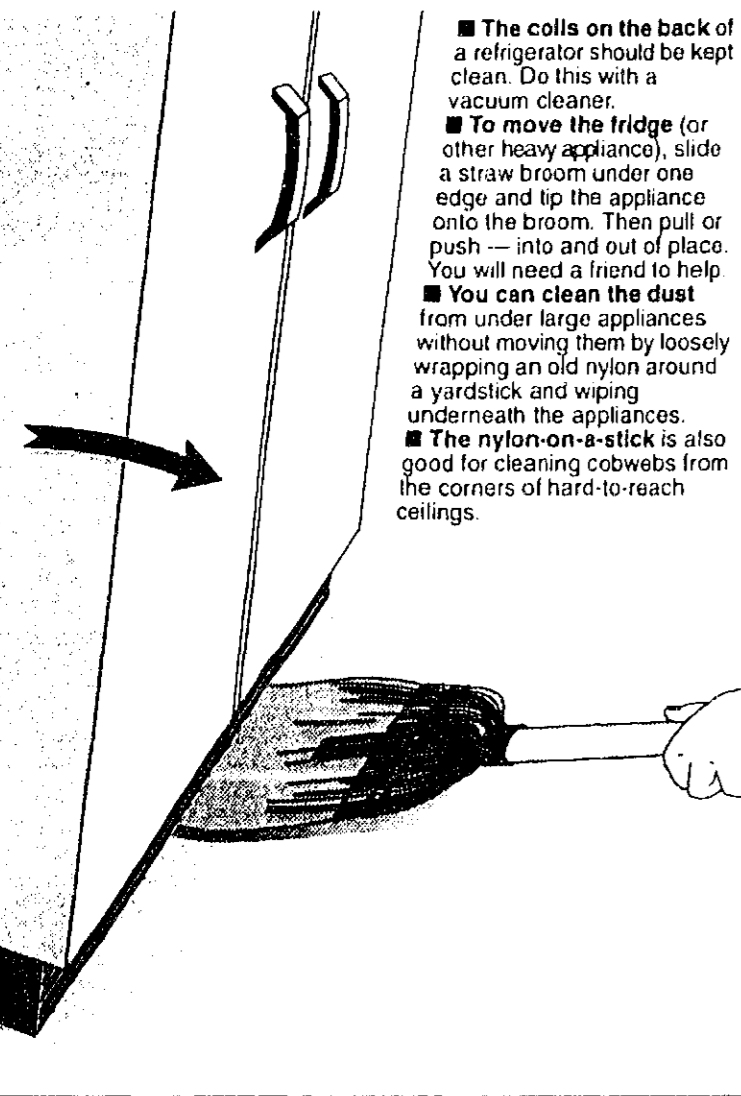
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Refrigerator: cleaning, moving



■ The coils on the back of a refrigerator should be kept clean. Do this with a vacuum cleaner.
 ■ To move the fridge (or other heavy appliance), slide a straw broom under one end and lift the appliance onto the broom. Then pull or push — into and out of place. You will need a friend to help.
 ■ You can clean the dust from under large appliances without moving them by loosely wrapping an old nylon around a yardstick and wiping underneath the appliances.
 ■ The nylon-on-a-stick is also good for cleaning cobwebs from the corners of hard-to-reach ceilings.

■ We have a closet door that won't stay shut. It is held in place by a catch rather than a doorknob installation. The door seems to be warped.
 Is there a way to correct the warping, or will we have to replace the door?
 A. Usually the door should be replaced. However, you have nothing to lose but a little time and effort if you try this method of correction. It is an easy solution that will work for most doors and is an adaptation of the way boat builders bend oak boat ribs. Obtain a 1 x 1 or 1 x 2 oak strip that's as long as the warped section of the door. Soak the wood strip in boiling water. Then bend the oak strip over a wooden block placed on the edge of a table or workbench.
 The strip should be arched in the middle, so the bow is so about four times the bend of the door's warp. Clamp each end of the oak strip to the table edge using wood clamps to hold in place. Then pour more boiling water over it.
 When dry, this oak rib will have a pronounced bend. Screw this rib in place on the inner side of the warped door. It will pull the door straight.

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HOW TO

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Use caution if you're hiring buyers' broker; national multi-listing service?

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Another clause in the contract was headed, "Possibility of dual agency." Basically, the broker is saying "I'll represent you unless you happen to like a property that my firm has listed. Then you're on your own."
 Fields pointed out that many brokerage firms give their associates incentives (higher commissions) when they sell an in-house listed property. This motivates the associate to show the buyer such listings and promote its sale. At this point, he is certainly not representing the sole interests of the buyer.

"Consumers should be aware that any buyer's broker agreement that includes a dual agency possibility (representing both buyer and seller) is not acceptable," he said.
 There is an increasing number of solid and credible buyer's brokerage operations surfacing throughout the country. But like any trend, it attracts shady operators along with the professionals. Consumers need to know what to look for in making a wise selection.

Q. Is there such a thing as a national or statewide multiple listing service where any participating Realtor can access property information at any point in the country or in his state?
 A. There is a major move to regionalize the operation of multiple listing services. The first step is to widen the scope of existing MLS operations. This could include many counties or an entire state.
 Then a nationwide multiple listing service for Realtors would be launched. That's the scenario projected by the National Association of Realtors.
 In California, where there are more Realtors than in any other state, the first agreement (contract) was worked out and approved by the state association of Realtors board of directors in late January for linking all participating MLS operations in the state.
 The agreement has been submitted to each local MLS executive committee for their consideration.
 By electronically linking the MLS, every Realtor will have immediate access to property information throughout the state. It will save big bucks for Realtors who now must join and pay dues to several MLS operations active within their marketing area. And it will generally make delivery of needed real estate information much more efficient and accessible.

As access to real estate information spreads, organized real estate will survive not as it has in the past but because of its value to property buyers and sellers in organizing and disseminating vital information in a competitive marketplace," said John Tuccillo, chief economist for NAR.
 Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

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Give seeds a head start indoors; geraniums and storing seeds

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method I've described. You can buy peat pots in which to plant seeds. When the seedlings sprout, they can be planted, container and all, in the ground. The roots will grow right through the walls of the pot.
 You also can buy seed starter kits that have compact nutrient-filled containers, with the seeds and already planted. All you do is remove the lid of the container and water. Everything has been done for you! While a bit more expen-

sive, these new methods make starting seeds extremely easy.
 In May, when the weather warms up, take your geraniums out of doors and plunge the plant, pot and all, right into the ground.
STORING SEEDS
 Packaged seeds will remain vital for years if stored correctly. A rule of thumb that each 1 percent drop in relative humidity doubles seed life.
 If seed packets are sealed in a glass jar with a packet of silicone gel or powdered milk as a desiccant and set on a shelf, the seed should last a year. In a freezer, seeds will keep for 10 years with essentially no decline in viability.
 C. Z. Guest, author of "9 Seasons of Gardening," Little, Brown & Co., is an expert on geraniums and plants. Send questions to C.Z. 92112.

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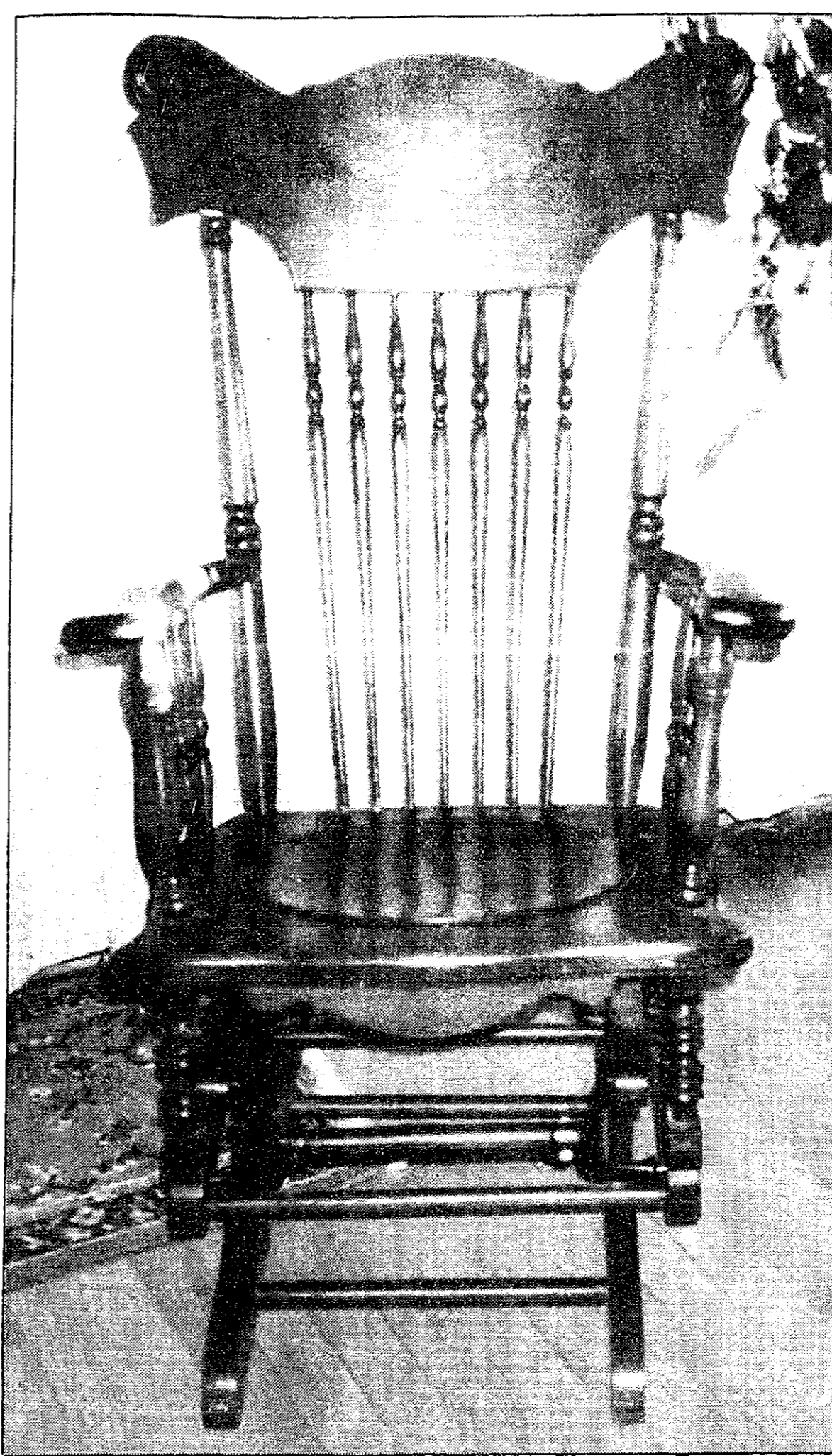
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Platform rocker made in early 1900s

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ANTIQUES



Q. Several years ago you appraised a pitcher for me and I hope you can help me out again. Enclosed is a photo of a platform rocker that has been in my family for years.
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A.E. Hull Pottery Co. used an "H" in a diamond, but there is no connection between the two companies.
 Hull Pottery Co. in Crooksville, Ohio, made your jardiniere sometime in the 1920s. Its value would probably be \$50 to \$80 in good condition.

Q. Twenty years ago, while on vacation in Florida, I purchased a Cinderella pitcher. It is 6 inches high and is decorated with a scene from the story about Cinderella. On the bottom it is marked "Buffalo Pottery." There are no chips or cracks; it is in mint condition.
 What can you tell me about Buffalo Pottery and my pitcher's current value?
 A. John Larkin founded Buffalo Pottery in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1901. It is now known as Buffalo China Inc.
 The pottery was used as premiums to promote sales of Larkin soap. The ware was so popular with consumers that it subse-

quently was made for other companies.
 A line of pitchers and jugs decorated with literary, historical, floral and outdoor motifs was made in the early 1900s. The decorations were transfer printed and sometimes hand painted.
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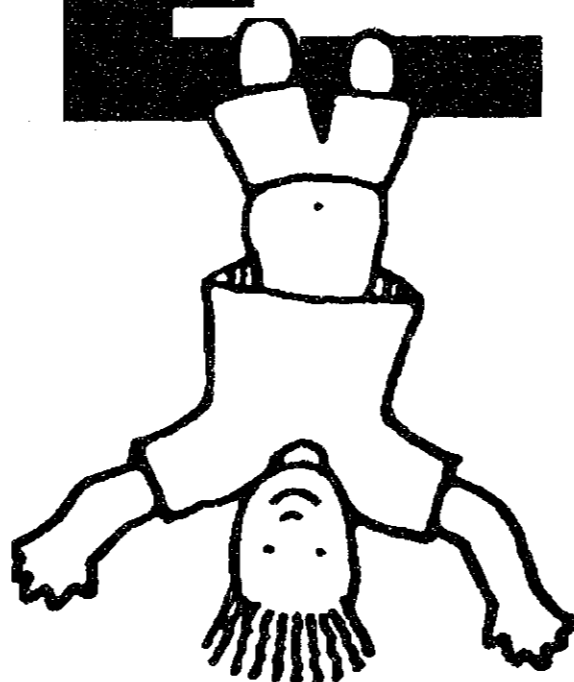
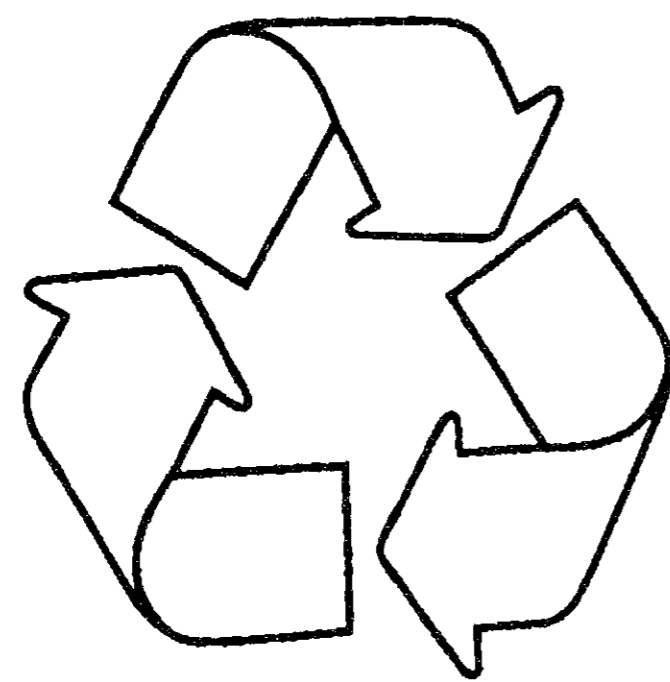
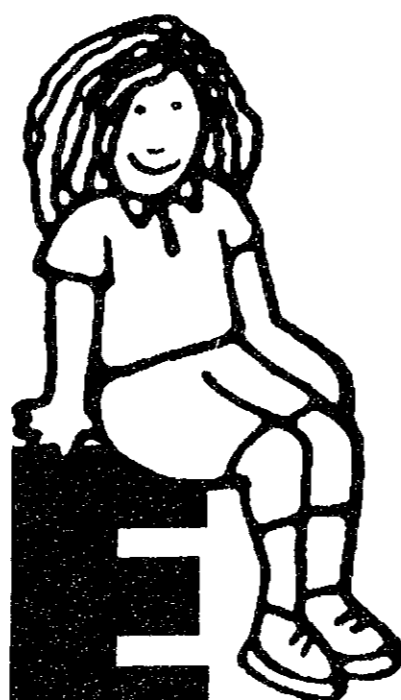
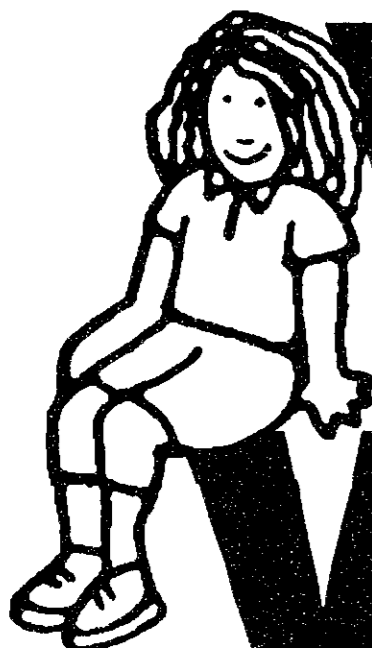
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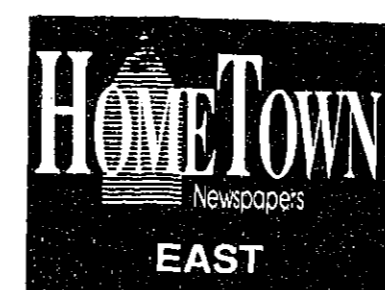
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