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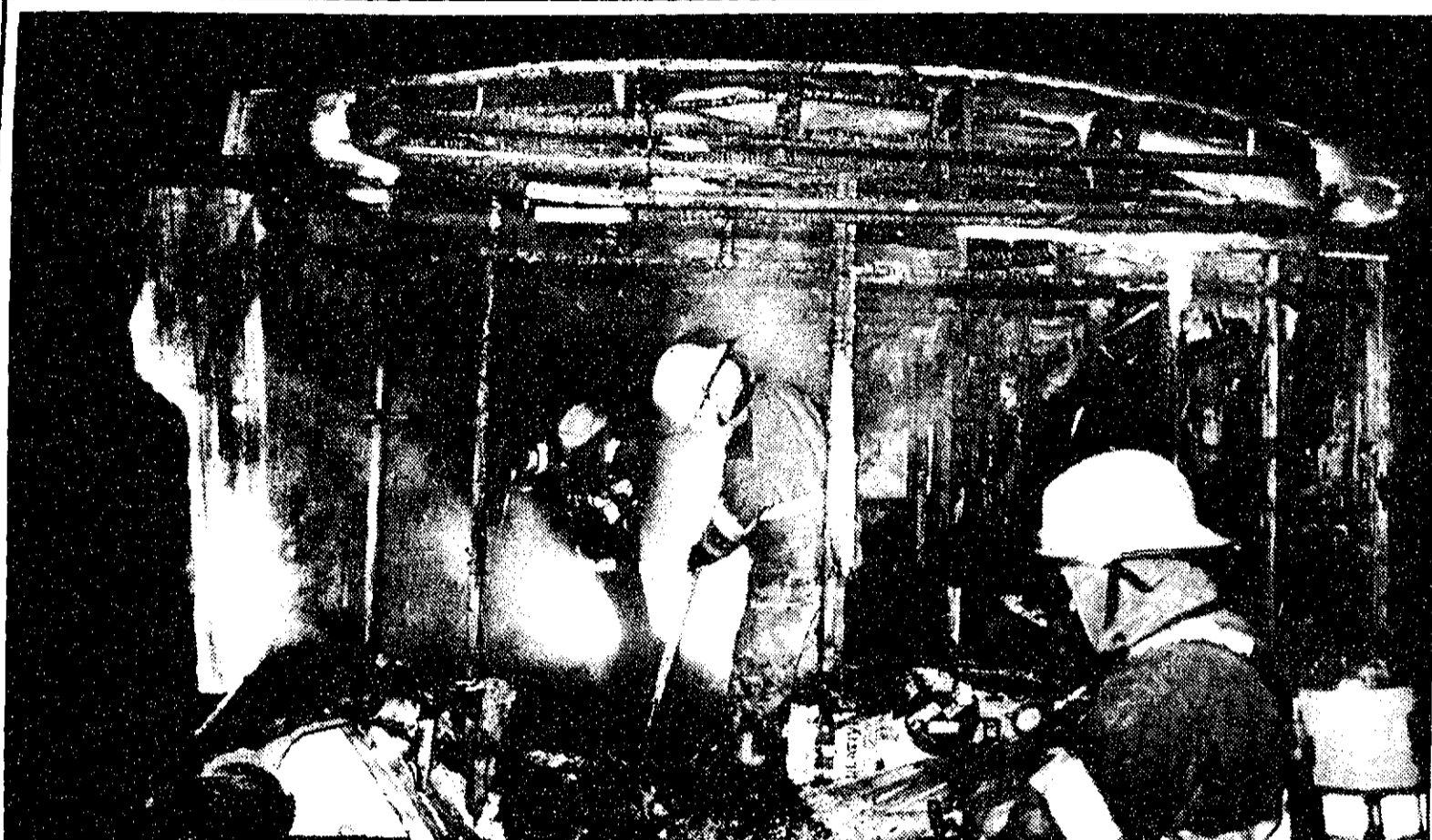
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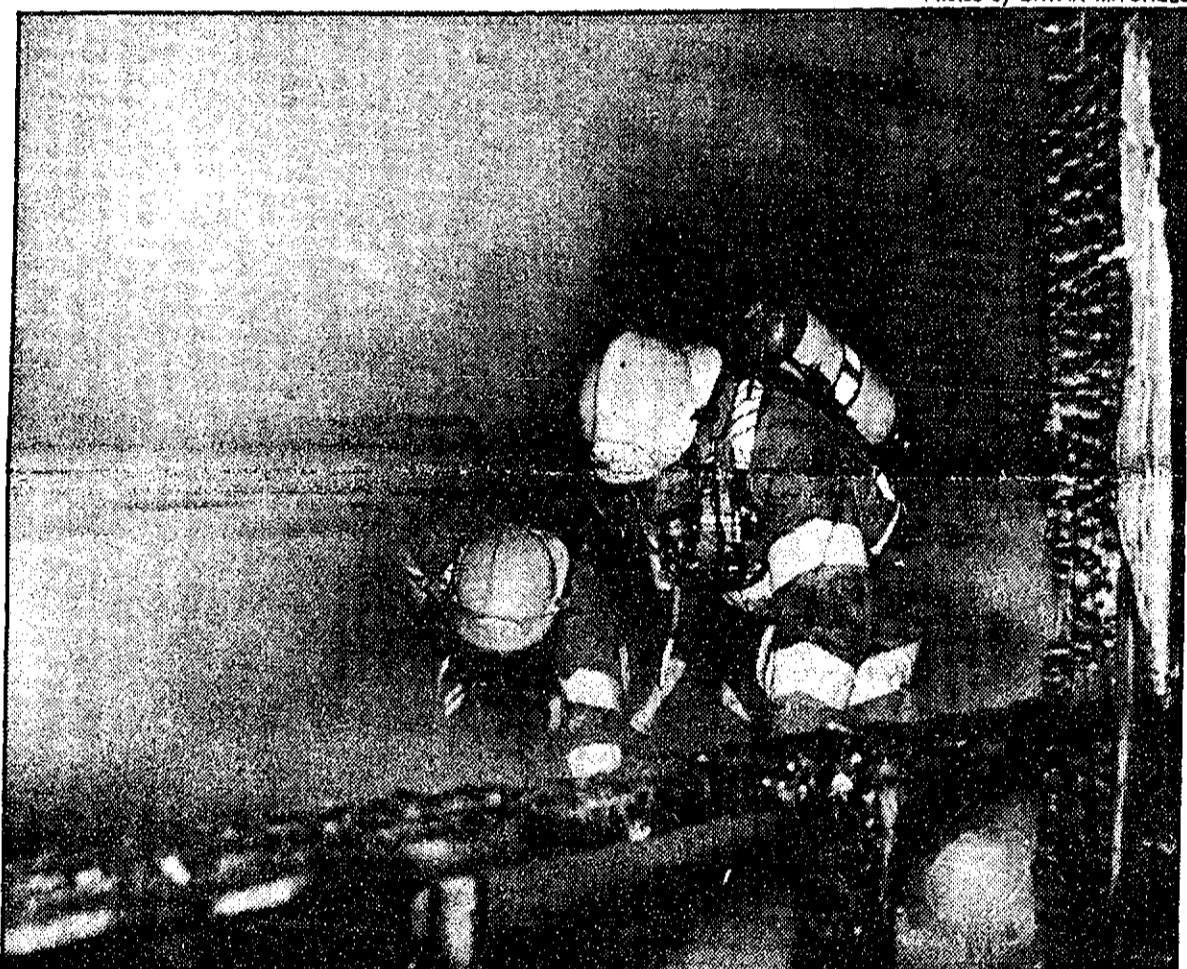
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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

A short in the wiring

A Novi couple were left homeless after fire raged through their mobile home Sunday evening. Although the fire was put out quickly, the home and its contents suffered heavy fire, heat and smoke damage. Chief Art Lenaghan said the home would probably be listed as a total loss and that the damage done would be estimated at \$22,500. The owners were home at the time of the fire, but got out safely. Lenaghan said the cause is believed to have been an electrical short. The woman told firefighters she saw smoke and sparks coming from around an outlet. She immediately picked up the phone to call the fire department, and then the lights went out.



Council sees proposal for a spruce-up

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's Building Official Don Saven is suggesting that the city invest \$90,000 in an anti-bligh program to combat possible deterioration of the city's older neighborhoods.

Saven and an ordinance officer recently checked out 620 houses in the north end. Other older areas of the city may also need attention, he reported.

"With what we've seen, we know there is some need to clean up and fix up," Saven told the Novi City Council April 14.

Research done by the Walled Lake Sector Study Committee, complaints filed by the Building Department and concerns expressed by the fire department prompted his proposal, which calls for two new employees.

A new building inspector and a typist-clerk, if approved by the city council, would spend part of their time dealing with blight-related issues and the rest handling the projected spurt of new residential building the city is expected to see.

For the inspector, the salary and equipment needed would come to \$50,700 in the first year, while the typist-clerk's pay and work supplies would amount to \$33,299.

The money would come out of the building department's proposed budget for fiscal year 1994-95 of \$849,000, \$732,000 of that is for personnel. This year's budget is expected to come in at just under \$800,000.

Raking in its dollars from permit fees, the building department does not draw from any city tax dollars.

Due to the state-imposed water moratorium, last year saw a gradual downturn in residential construction here—although the stats still exceeded projections—but Saven foresees "very strong indicators" for a "substantial upturn" in the last quarter of 1994.

Will your taxes for the City of Novi go up another \$30 or more? That's the issue the Novi City Council will thrash through tonight when it considers a proposal to exceed Truth-in-Taxation limitations. The story is on page 12A.

Soon, you may not have to be a bookworm to hang out at the Novi Public Library. With the Novi school system getting its fiber optics technology in place this summer, the Novi Library Board hopes to climb aboard and share services, like Internet. The story is on page 7A.

"It looks as if we're going to do very well this year. When the water comes, it looks like we'll be moving in a very productive manner," he said.

In 1993, 351 new homes sprouted up; the prior year, the number was 456.

Saven said a goal for the upcoming year is to update ordinances dealing with the residential review process, noting that the city still has regulations for coal-burning furnaces on the books.

"We'd like to get into the 20th century as quickly as possible," he said.

The building department's staff of 19 handles matters such as construction reviews, business registrations, building inspections and zoning ordinance violations.

Ordinance officers sent out 1,481 notices of violations last year but only issued 178 tickets; Saven's budget report notes that the violation notices alone led to a clearing up of 88 percent of the complaints.

Citizen police course kicks off

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Students in the state's first citizens police academy got a glimpse last Thursday night of what lies ahead in the 10-week pilot course.

There were mixed reactions from the class of 30 when police personnel asked students to sign waivers so they could ride-a-long with officers at some point during the 10-week, three-hour long Wednesday evening classes.

A trip to the firing range in Farmington also raised eyebrows among the housewives, salesman, businesspeople, clergyman, local dignitaries and reporters who were invited to attend the first Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy.

The academy—a joint venture of the Novi, Wixom, and Walled Lake Police Departments—is the first of its kind to be offered in Michigan.

Area police chiefs said Thursday the citizens academy has met with great success in other communities in the country where it has been tried, tested and repeated.

Wixom Police Chief Lawrence Holland said the local academy will be the first one offered in the Midwest.

"It's not being done in the Midwest," Holland told the class Thursday night. "... but it is imperative. We need this."

Holland was the chief responsible for pitching the academy plan to the neighboring communities. He said the concept grew out of the idea of implementing community policing efforts.

"For us the best sources are

you—the citizens," he said. "We have moved into a community policing mode. We have to solve problems and we have to do it with you."

Holland said he learned of the academy while attending a Federal Bureau of Investigation training session, the same session Novi Police Douglas Shaeffer is currently attending in Virginia. Shaeffer will return from the FBI session on June 20 about the same time the citizens police academy will

begin.

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Hyde trial begins for Dr. Kevorkian

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi resident Tom Hyde has been dead over eight months.

Now, it's as if he's the quiet eye in the legal and media storm which whips around his fiance, Heidi Fernandez, and the man who is accused of giving him the means to end his life, Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Kevorkian's trial for allegedly violating Michigan's ban on assisted suicide began Tuesday with the

selection of a jury. If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

As a star witness for the defense, Fernandez will likely be called upon this week to re-live the events of July 1, 1993, when Kevorkian came to her home to discuss Hyde's request for help, and August 4, 1993, the day he left Novi to die on Belle Isle.

Hyde, 30, was in the advanced

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A special section . . .



Tax sending some to the stores now

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

May 1's sales tax increase isn't causing a tidal wave of shoppers to flood area stores, looking to buy, buy, buy before they pay, pay, pay that extra two percent.

It's more like a sizable ripple—on big-ticket items only—some local merchants say.

Proposal A won Michigan voters' stamp of approval on March 15. It includes a hike in the state's sales tax from its current four percent on the dollar to six percent. The revenue from the increase is earmarked for school funding.

The jump takes effect in 10 days. Some observers have speculated that it would cause consumers to beat feet for their favorite stores, looking to save a few bucks by buying before the deadline.

Has it? Yes and no. Those selling goods with high price tags—cars, jewelry, electronics and appliances—say business is good these days. They attribute at least part of that to customers specifically coming in to buy before the increase takes effect.

However, that's not true of less expensive products, merchants say, because the extra tax just doesn't raise the price on those items all that much.

"We've made modest but healthy increases this month," Sandra Draheim of the Meyer Jewelers company, with a store in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, said.

"I think at least at some of our business is due to the sales tax," Draheim said, "but it's also due to the general pickup in the economy

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BUY NOW...OR PAY LATER

The cost of the purchase	Sales Tax Now	Sales Tax After May 1	Difference
\$50	\$2	\$3	\$1
100	4	6	2
250	10	15	5
500	20	30	10
1,000	40	60	20
2,500	100	150	50
5,000	200	300	100
10,000	400	600	200
15,000	600	900	300
20,000	800	1,200	400

Community Calendar

Put 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, April 21

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

City Council Budget: The Novi City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center for a budget study session.

Friday, April 22

Diabetes Education: Providence Hospital offers diabetes education classes, "Fridays at the Park," during the month of April at Providence Park-Nov. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call 424-3903.

Monday, April 25

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.

Breast Disease Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly breast disease support group from 7:30-9 p.m. Anyone who has experienced breast disease is welcome to attend. Call 1-800-968-5595 for more information.

Bereavement Support Group: Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is

in need of help. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. For more information, call 348-1800.

Tuesday, April 26

Youth Assistance: Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

F.E.M.A.L.E.: The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge/Loose Ends) meets at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 684-6096.

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.

Parkview PTO: Parkview PTO general meeting will be held in the school's media center at 7 p.m.

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.

Wednesday, April 27

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

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

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

Friday, April 29

Diabetes Education: Providence Hospital offers diabetes education classes, "Fridays at the Park," during the month of April at Providence Park-Nov. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call 424-3903.

Sunday, May 1

Providence Run: The 14th Annual Providence Run will start at the Novi Civic Center. The one and two mile fun walks will start at 12:30 p.m. and the 5K and 10K runs will begin at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by April 20. For more information, call the Novi Parks and Rec Department at 347-0460.

Novi Library is coming on line

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

You don't have to be a bookworm to hang out at the Novi Public Library these days.

It may even help to be a computer nerd. In that case, you might be able to use the local library without leaving home.

With the Novi school system getting its fiber optics technology in place this summer, the Novi Library Board hopes to climb aboard and share services like Internet.

"That's an opportunity we don't want to miss," Library Board Chairman Paul Black told the City Council last week.

The library has a budget of \$1.06 million over this fiscal year, which ends June 30 and \$1.229 million, almost ten percent more, is sought for the upcoming year. Of that money, \$1,102 million is collected from City of Novi taxes and \$1,500 from Novi Township.

The cash will bankroll a future described by the adopted by the library's five-member Information Systems Committee: "Expanding our services to meet the public's progressive needs."

With its seven CD-ROM terminals, the library can already offer its patrons the full text of magazine, newspaper, wire service and newsletter articles from all over the country — more publications than could be af-

fordably subscribed to otherwise. Patrons can also access an electronic encyclopedia. This is among the technology that would be shared with the school district and the library is setting aside \$17,000 to beef up its CD-ROM collection.

But compact disc technology cannot store all data and with Internet, a worldwide computer network, users could search collections from free or commercial systems. The library is also proposing subscribing to Dialog Information Services, via the school district. The proposed budget has set aside \$7,300 for on-line access.

Much of this on-line database research will have to be done by library employees, the committee's recent report says, noting that "the learning curve is steep, but the staff interest is there."

To continue the concept of a library without walls, residents could phone into the library and access via modem its collection services, special programs and information on the City of Novi. Director Brenda Evans said the library would like to buy a scanner to store local information such as city ordinances and Novi News articles.

"Things that someone from a remote part of Michigan or of the country or the world might want to dial into. It's ideal for a local municipality to be a resource, to be out there promoting the community," Evans said.

Four new phone lines are proposed, as are two new CD-ROM readers. As Black explained it, the goal is not to add on the high tech at once, but phase it in. The Information Systems Committee is proposing a flexible approach using different technologies, so the library won't face unplanned obsolescence of all its equipment at once.

But the computers installed by the library just a few years ago to link into the Wayne Oakland Library Federation (WOLF) network are already outdated. WOLF is switching over to a new system. The computers replace card catalogs.

The city council Monday voted a millage increase for the library which would raise \$47,000, saying the money should be drawn down from the facility's fund balance of \$285,000.

Black explained that some of the funds have been set aside for a new roof. Since the 1990 tornado took the top off the library, the replacement roof has been patched three times. Black said the money is also being piled up for a future library expansion.

"We want to begin to collect money for that. If we go out and say give us another mill or half-mill to expand our library, we're not sure what answer we'll get back. We would like to collect some of it now," Black said. Expansion of a building is usually raised through a voter-approved

bond issue, Council Member Tim Pope pointed out.

You ask if it is okay raising taxes by \$47,000 and have a fund balance. The dollars are still there to do everything you want without raising taxes," Pope said.

Other budgeted items include \$15,500 to purchase videocassettes; the library earned \$12,000 last year renting videos from its collection of 2,000. The biggest chunk of the budget is the \$717,000 which is allocated for personnel.


One concern raised by several council members was about where books fit into the library's plans.

"Books are your mainstay of life, plus the price of books are going up," Council Member Joseph Toth said.

The library hopes to spend \$129,000 next year for books, a slight increase over last year's \$124,000.

CDs also replace some books, Evans said.

"You're seeing kind of a shift. That's the hard pinch libraries are in. The public responds so well to CD products, they can browse them," she said.



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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE 94-18.119**

NOTICE IT HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council has adopted Ordinance 94-18.119, an Ordinance to amend Subsections 2401.3, 2402.3 and 2516.6 of Ordinance No. 84-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, to revise the limits relating to conceptual plans and Special Land Use Approvals.

A Public Hearing having been held hereon pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of 1921, as amended, the provisions of the Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on April 11, 1994 and the effective date is April 26, 1994. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, sale and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time.

GERALDINE STIPP,
CITY CLERK

(4-21-94 NR, NN)

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON INCREASING
PROPERTY TAXES**

The City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of:

General Fund .1854 Mills
Municipal Street Fund .1096 Mills
Parks & Recreation Fund .0360 Mills

in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1994-95.

The hearing will be held on Monday, May 2, 1994, at 8:00 p.m., EDT, in conjunction with the PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1994-95 BUDGET at the Novi Civic Center, in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

It is expected that the Council will take action on the proposed additional millage May 2, 1994, as a part of the adoption of the 1994-95 Budget.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes:

- General Fund 4.73%
 - Municipal Street Fund 15.52%
 - Parks & Recreation Fund 9.68%
- over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by:
- General Fund 3.38%
 - Municipal Street Fund (1.33%)
 - Parks & Recreation Fund 12.64%
- over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The City of Novi has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by: The City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, 313-347-0456.

(4-21-94 NR, NN)

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

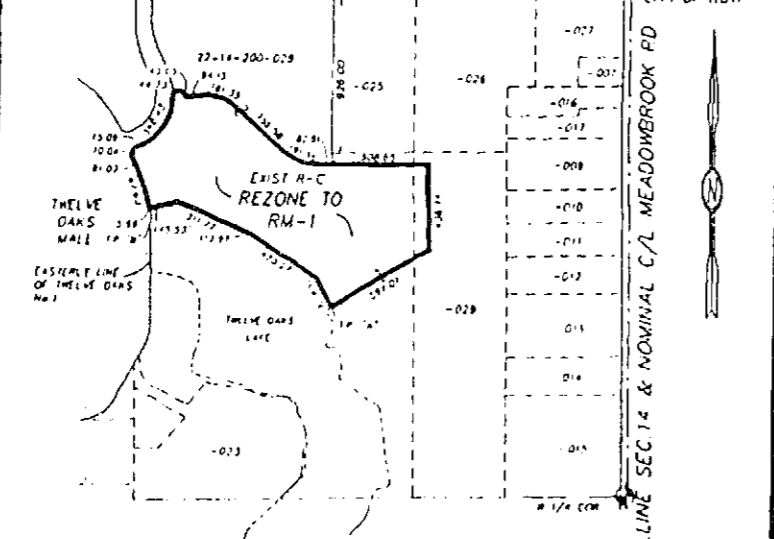
PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 509, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or portions of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is April 26, 1994.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 11th day of April, 1994. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

KATHLEEN S. McLALLAN, MAYOR
GERALDINE STIPP, CLERK



To rezone a part of the N. 1/2 of Section 14, T. 35 N., R. 10 E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcels 22-14-200-028 & -029, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point located N89°24'35"E 1066.73' along the north line of Section 14 (normal C/L, Twelve Mile Rd.) and S00°35'25"E 926.00' from the N. 1/2 corner of said Section 14, thence N89°24'35"E 508.65'; thence S00°35'25"E 436.14'; thence S58°05'44"W 594.01'; to Traverse Point "A"; thence continuing S59°05'44"W 6' more or less to the shore of Twelve Oaks Lake; thence Northwestwesterly 124.11' more or less along the shore of said Twelve Oaks Lake; thence S76°58'11"W 50' more or less to Traverse Point "B"; thence Traverse Point "B" described from Traverse Point "A" as N28°51'24"W 153.76' and N58°13'22"W 425.27' and N66°25'07"W 112.97' and N69°59'49"W 91.77' and S76°58'11"W 145.53' to said Traverse Point "B"; thence continuing S76°58'11"W 5.90'; to the Eastern line of "Twelve Oaks No. 1" as recorded in Liber 158, Pages 35 through 47 inclusive, Oakland County Records; thence 187.62' along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 748.47' feet, a central angle of 14°21'47" and a chord bearing and distance of N15°54'32"W 187.14' along the eastern line of said "Twelve Oaks No. 1"; thence N23°05'26"W 91.03' along the eastern line of said "Twelve Oaks No. 1"; thence 70.04' along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 45.00'; a central angle of 89°10'54" and a chord bearing and distance of N21°30'01"E 63.18' along the eastern line of said "Twelve Oaks No. 1"; thence N66°06'28"E 15.00' along the eastern line of said "Twelve Oaks No. 1"; thence S48°43' along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 283.00'; a central angle of 70°32'35" and a chord bearing and distance of N30°49'10"E 326.84' along the eastern line of said "Twelve Oaks No. 1"; thence N86°07'18"E 44.73'; thence S47°31'13"E 43.05'; thence N83°59'26"E 94.15'; thence 181.35' along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 516.04'; a central angle of 47°39'11" and a chord bearing and distance of S72°11'20"E 176.16'; thence S48°51'29"E 358.58'; thence 191.56' along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 263.00'; a central angle of 41°43'27" and a chord bearing and distance of S69°43'27"E 187.35'; thence N89°24'35"E 82.81' to the point of beginning.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.509
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 509
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I, Geraldine Stipp, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereof, duly called and held on the 11th day of April, 1994, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

(4-21-94 NR, NN) GERALDINE STIPP, CLERK

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NOTICE**

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GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

NOTICE IT HEREBY GIVEN that Charles Burgo, representing The Selective Group, Inc., is requesting a temporary use permit to allow a construction trailer on Lot 41, Barclay Estates, 21925 York Mills, for a period of six (6) months.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 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, April 27, 1994, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to April 27, 1994.

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The City of Novi, Department of Public Services, in accordance with the Michigan Department of Transportation's "Procedures for Engagement of Consultant Services by Local Agencies for Federal-Aid Projects," hereby solicits interest and qualifications from consulting engineering firms for preliminary engineering services in connection with the proposed reconstruction and widening of Ten Mile Road between Hagerty Road and Novi Road, Novi, Michigan.

The engineering services include, but are not limited to, preparation of an Environmental Assessment, surveying and field investigation to ascertain existing conditions, topographic mapping, consultations with the City, the Road Commission for Oakland County, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as required, development of construction plans and specifications, cost estimates, and contract documents.

Information packages are available to any firm desiring to be considered for this project from the Director of Public Services, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Michigan 48375. Five sets of qualifications shall be submitted to the City of Novi Purchasing Department by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 1994. Qualification Statements should include, at minimum, the following:

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Pole vaulting is one of the trickiest events of events in track and field, so it requires a good deal of practice. Above, Wildcat Josh Frick goes up and over at a high of about 9 feet.

height was enough to place in a recent meet with South Lyon, which helped the Novi track squad sweep the pole vaulting event.

State considers court plan

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State officials are looking at reappportioning district judges.

The good side: The state would have more flexibility in assigning judges where they're needed. "We should do redistricting of the courts the same as we do for legislative districts," said Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills.

The bad side: "We're moving farther and farther away from a locally-elected judiciary," said Marilyn K. Hall, state court administrator. She continually urges the Legislature to add more judges because of burgeoning caseloads.

What prompted the discussion was the state Senate's decision against adding judges in the 35th District (Northville-Plymouth-Canton), the 47th (Farmington-Canton), the 47th (Farmington-Canton), the 47th (Farmington-Canton) and 52-2 (northern Oakland County). "The governor said publicly he would veto any (new) district judges," said Senate Judiciary chair William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison, who would have preferred to vote yes.

"I'm not happy, but I know reality when I see it," added Sen. Jon Ciskis, R-Saginaw.

The Legislature should use this opportunity to respond to Gov. (John) Engler's concerns," said Marjorie Belding, 35th District court administrator, and direct the Supreme Court to reapportion judgeships throughout the state.

Lower court districts tend to follow community lines or to group several related communities. Since district courts were established by the 1963 constitution, the lines have been amended but never entirely revised. Each district has one to three judges.

Larger suburbs constitute a single district: Redford, Livonia, the Southfield area, the Farmington area. The 35th District is a compact, 72-square-mile rectangle consisting of the Northvilles, the Plymouths and Canton-Western Oakland County's District 52-1 includes Novi, South Lyon and Milford in a compact district covering seven townships, with three judges. Court administrator Hall recommended a fourth judge, but the county declined to fund it. Livingston County forms a single district, the 53rd, with three judges.

The problem is that workloads change with population and eco-

nomie growth. Apartments generate eviction cases; malls generate shopping cases; freeways generate drunk driving cases, and so on. Meanwhile, the state's population remains flat.

It's difficult to add judges. Belding of the 35th District argued that her judges' caseloads are 61 percent higher than the state average. John Grewell, court administrator in the Farmington district, noted: "Farmington Hills is the largest city in Oakland County, and we have Farmington included in our district. Troy and Southfield have three-judge courts; we have two," he said. Both districts employ retired (coverage age 70) judges part-time to ease the burden.

But if it's tough to add judges, it's even more difficult to eliminate them when the caseload no longer justifies

their jobs, as Pontiac and Flint proved in recent years.

District judges handle more than pre-trial felony exams, misdemeanors cases and small civil suits. They can be assigned to fill in for circuit judges.

Consider Washtenaw County, where seven judges from three districts do circuit court arraignments on a rotating basis, one week at a time. District 14-B's lone judge spends seven weeks a year in circuit court and has three weeks vacation. That means he's gone 10 weeks a year from his local court.

That's why state administrator Hall said Michigan is moving away from a locally-elected judiciary. And that's why lawmakers are saying Lansing should, for the first time in 30 years, revisit the entire question of court districts and judicial resources.

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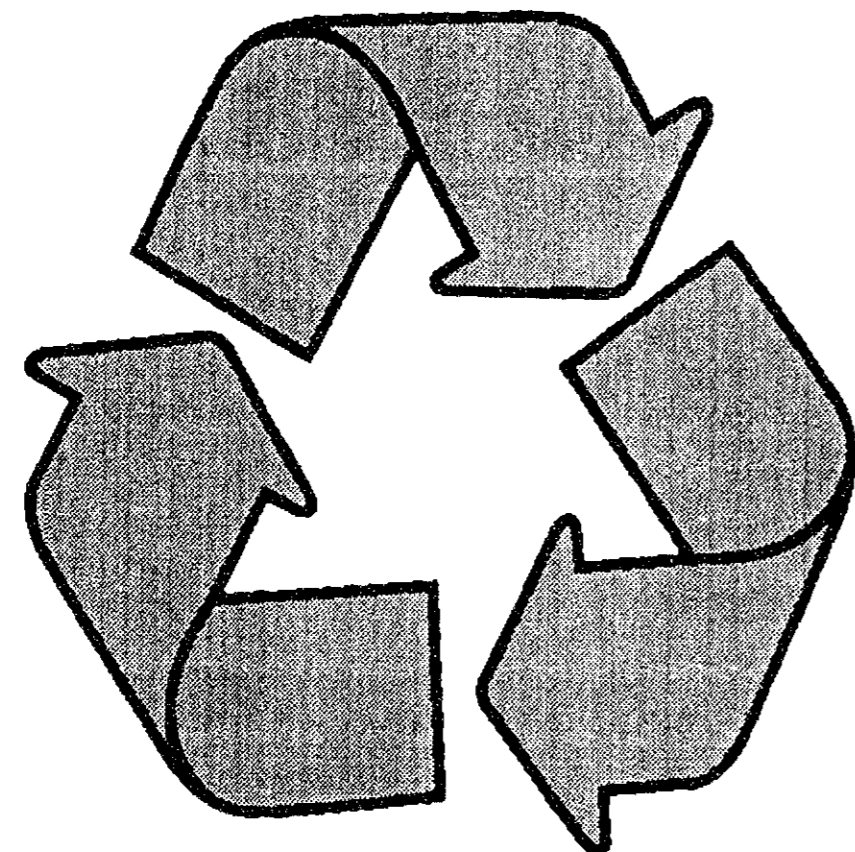
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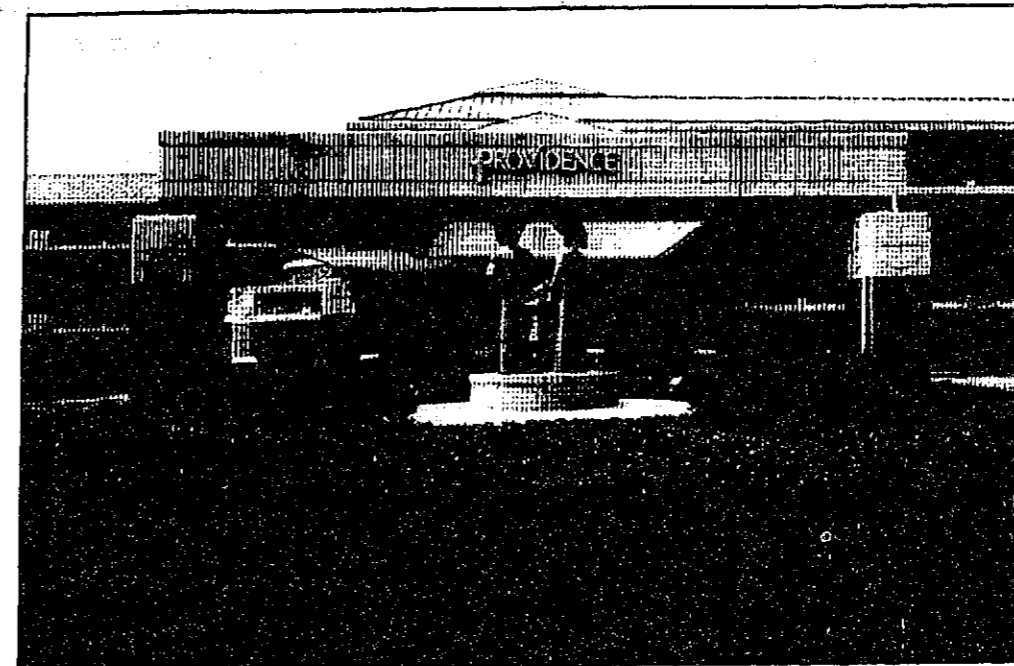


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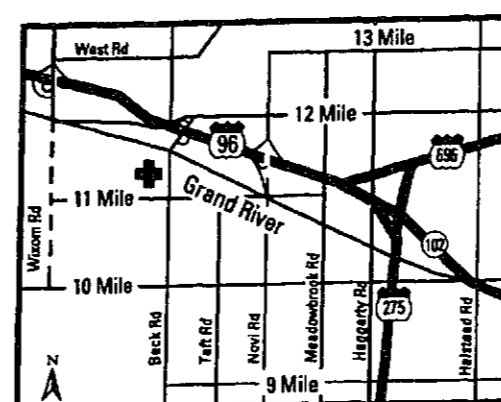
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PROVIDENCE

Proposed plan includes tax hike

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Will your City of Novi taxes go up another \$30 or more?

That's the issue the Novi City Council will thrash through tonight. If Monday's budget session was any indication, at least several council members are in a hold-the-line frame of mind.

The budget proposed by the city administration would exceed the Truth-In-Taxation benchmark by .3629 mills. Or, to put that in real money, just over .36 cents per each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV) of property.

By state law, such a move requires a public hearing and the council agreed to set one for May 2, just in case. Truth-In-Taxation rolls back the amount of mills a city may levy by a formula based on the growth in its SEV.

Any millage increase would augment the assessment increases most homeowners saw this year. According to city calculations, if your home valued at \$100,000 in 1993 went up in SEV to \$102,000 this year, with the full millage above Truth-In-Taxation, your taxes would go up \$52.

Three council members said outright they will not push up the millage — Council Members Carol Mason, Tim Pope and Joseph Toth. And Council Members Robert Schmidt and Rob Mitzel said they'd prefer to avoid any increase.

The entire council firmly denied the library's request to raise the library's millage by .0319 mills, reducing the .3629 figure. Pope said the total proposed millage jump would provide city govern-

ment with a 14 percent increase in its budget over fiscal year 1993-1994. "Look at the revenue side of this budget. We have \$550,000 of new revenue from new construction coming in every year. Shouldn't the taxpayer see something for all this worship of new industrial and commercial growth for our tax base?" Pope said.

"At a time when property taxes are finally being reduced, we may be doing the opposite."

Pope and Toth sat at the table sharing Toth's calculator. At the other end, Council Member Rob Mitzel had his laptop computer out.

Going above Truth-In-Taxation will generate another \$519,000 in income for the city, Mitzel said.

City Manager Edward Kriewall explained that the higher tax would enable the city to upgrade its snow removal and road salting programs and let \$200,000 in the budget for a city-wide computer upgrade. The council is still awaiting a recommendation from its citizens' computer committee.

"The more we put off going above Truth-In-Taxation, the more demands we place on the creating of special millage and bond issues. If we try to defer capital, if we try to defer personnel, it catches up with us and we have to go back to the committee for special bonding needs to maintain services and replace dump trucks," Kriewall said.

Pope said the administration did a good job with the budget, but suggested that all city departments take a one percent cut, which would leave the city below Truth-In-Taxation. He pointed out that the city has an increase of \$150,000 in state shared revenues, an excess of \$1.4 million in

its fund balance, which, with the addition of the new property taxes amounts to a \$2 million increase in incoming money this upcoming fiscal year. He suggested a cutback in areas such as a proposed \$65,000 van for the DARE program.

Toth deplored what he said was a swerving away by the city administration from the cutbacks a previous council called for last year.

"The most disheartening thing about the whole budget process was there was no cost-containment. We pushed and pushed last year but the whole program seems to have died," Toth said.

"The most disturbing thing is the small upward adjustments you see throughout the budget without justification... Who said anybody in this city can restore the funding levels to what they had before?"

This evening's debate is the council's chance to really get down to the nitty-gritty about what they think should or should not be in the city budget for fiscal year 1994-95, which begins July 1.

The budget exceeding Truth-In-Taxation, as offered by the city administration, already exceeds a number of departmental requests, including two new police officers, \$150,000 for police department computers, some renovation of the police station, a dump truck and two pick-up trucks.

It does include a new fire truck, two trucks and two new employees for the department of public works; \$200,000 for new computers city-wide; two part-time employees in the building department and a full-time parks and recreation maintenance person for April 1995.

"We run very tight from an employee standpoint. We need to address some of these needs increasingly rather than forestall these responsibilities. We believe it is a frugal budget," Kriewall argued.

Mason disagreed: "I don't feel the budget has been done frugally. I hate to say that to you, Ed. We press and press and press. It's pushed too hard."

The council "respectfully requested" that the library come in with an amended budget.

The decision not to raise the library tax was made because the library has a fund balance of \$285,000 — a government agency's term for savings account — a sum equal to 23 percent of its budget. Novi's financial advisors recommend that the city keep a fund balance hovering at 10 percent.

"They have a rather substantial fund balance I think they ought to draw from," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

Library Board Chairman Paul Black told the council last week the funds were set aside for a possible future expansion of building.

"Last year we didn't allow the library board to go over Truth-In-Taxation, they made cuts in their budget to keep the fund balance up. They should reduce salaries or services to keep the fund balance high," Pope said.

"I'm not anti-library." The series of budget study sessions began Monday March 28. The council has a May 9 timetable for adopting the completed financial roadmaps.

"Can we trim it? I will take a crack at it. By Thursday, I'll have some suggestions," Toth promised.

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The canoe trip will be April 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Heaven's is located at 2775 Garden Road, Milford. The fee is \$12 per person (Sr. Citizens \$9)

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Elementaries earn accreditation

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi Community School District leaders are celebrating the fact that all five of their elementary schools applications for accreditation have been accepted by the North Central Association.

"It's a very nice time for celebration here in the Novi schools," said Superintendent Ernest L. Lippe. "All of our elementary schools have been accredited. They never have before."

"We are very pleased about it," he added.

News of Novi's accreditation sur-

passed at a March 29 meeting of the NCA Commission on Schools in Chicago.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Rita Traylor accepted the notification at the national NCA meeting.

She said accreditation means Novi's elementary schools have met standards for setting appropriate educational goals for students, maintained a quality facility and an effective school organization, have responded to the concerns of students, parents and community, and have assessed and documented continual educational growth for students.

Traylor made the accreditation presentation to the Board of Education Thursday night. Board members also helped cheer the building principals by passing the certificates to them.

"I was just excited to be able to accept the certificates for everybody involved because I know everyone worked really hard," Traylor said Friday.

NAC's acceptance of the district's applications allows the five schools to begin implementing an outcome-based evaluation process to provide a more specific outline for school quality.

Elementary building committees will begin to develop a five-year plan using input from staff, parents, students and community members.

Committee work will be guided by Dr. Nikki Armo, a consultant working with NCA.

"The accreditation process is one that emphasizes a strong partnership for school improvement as parents and staff work together," Traylor said. "The process is also very much in line with the goals and objectives of the District Long Range Plan the overall expectation for quality education in the district."

Dems protest bingo regulations

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

In the old jokes, bingo games supported Catholic parishes.

But Michigan Republicans say the Democratic Party is the biggest proponent of bingo. As Senate Democrats howled in protest, Senate Republicans voted last week to amend the charity gaming act to take away political parties' bingo licenses.

"This is perhaps the cleanest money that winds up in the coffers of a political party," protested Democrats. "There is no special interest PAC (political action committee) attached to it. It allows politics to proceed on the high road."

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comes from," objected Sen. Lana Pollock of Ann Arbor. "I've raised one, almost two, million dollars (in her bid for her Democratic U.S. Senate nomination). The power money is not the old lady with blue hair who plays bingo."

But as Republicans see it, Democratic-sponsored bingos divert \$11 million a year from other groups' bingos. "This competes with charities," said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. "A lot of people who go to these (bingos) have no idea where the money goes."

"If you give \$20 and one cent to a party or candidate, it has to be in the records. But you can drop \$500 into bingo, and no one knows. There is no record," Bouchard said.

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allows bingo, millionaire's parties and raffles to be run by educational, religious, charitable, senior citizen, fraternal and veterans' organizations.

Dinello's bill amends the definition of charitable groups to prohibit political committees, political parties and ballot committees from being licensed. If it becomes law, it would take effect April 1, 1995.

The vote was 19-14, with all 19 votes coming from Republicans, one opposed by Democrats and one outstate Republican. Local senators all voted with their parties except David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, who is recuperating from surgery.

The bill goes to the House, where Republicans enjoy at least a temporary 55-52 majority because of three Democratic vacancies.

Refer to Senate Bill 3 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Obituaries

JOY JINZO COLDIRON

Joy Jinzo Coldiron died April 13 at Garden City Hospital. He was 87. Mr. Coldiron was born March 14, 1907 in Milledge, Ky.

He was an insurance salesman with AAA Insurance Company for 25 years and a member of the Masons of Michigan.

He is survived by many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law. His wife, Betty, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held April 15 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery, also in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

B. ROY FLAVIN

B. Roy Flavin died April 18 at Bois-ford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was 87.

Mr. Flavin was born Aug. 18, 1906 in Waterford, N.Y. to Robert N. and Josephine Herivieux Flavin.

He married Hollis (Sage) in 1939 and moved to this community in 1943. Mr. Flavin was a self-employed tool and die shop owner and a member of Our Lady of Victory Church.

He is survived by his wife, Hollis; his daughter, Sally Stuart of Northville, his sons, Donald of Seattle, Martin of Livonia, Michael of Novi, and Robert of Kingman, Ariz.; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A scripture service was held at Casierline Funeral Home, Inc. on April 20. The funeral service was April 21 at Our Lady of Victory Church. Father Ernest Forcatt officiated. Pallbearers were his grandsons. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery.

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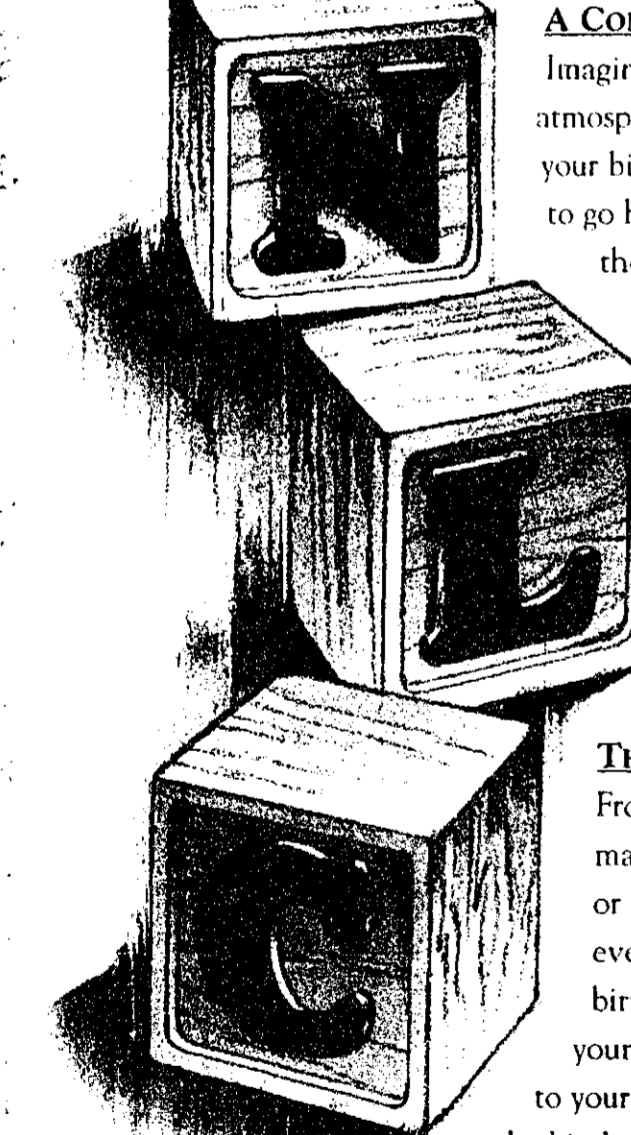
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Hall of Fame hosts special car

A special exhibition of "The Lightweight"—the Trans Am car with the "unfair advantage" featured in the April issue of Car and Driver magazine—is at the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame through May.

According to the current owner, George Mongon of Cincinnati, it was fabricated by Ron Fournier, of Troy, for the 24-hour Daytona race in February 1968.

The famous Deepwater Blue Camaro, campaigned by Mark Donohue and Roger Penske in 1968, legend has it, was dipped in acid to lighten it almost 400 pounds.

So much metal, and thus structural strength, was removed that a NASCAR style roll cage was installed to serve as a chassis. The roll cage was thought to be the first introduced to SCCA car racing. The car also appeared with a vinyl roof to hide the thin roof metal, though it was reported that Penske explained to race officials that GM wanted the car to

appear in vinyl to promote vinyl roof options.

After the car was banned from American race tracks in 1969, it was sent to Germany where it won 18 of the first 20 races it entered.

It was then sold to a British team and entered in Group 2 Series in England in 1970 and 1972, which it won handsily. The Wiggins Teape sponsored car was so popular that it led to Wiggins Teape sponsoring the entire Group 2 Series in 1971. That was the first time in England that car racing attendance exceeded motorcycle racing attendance. The car is very popular in England and some consider it to be a national treasure.

Another amazing car on display for a limited time is the Oldsmobile Aerotech which broke 47 records in one outing, during which it ran 24 hours per day for more than 8 days at speeds up to 181.089 miles per hour. The Museum, located inside the Novi Expo Center at Novi Road and I-96, is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

sports cars. Indy cars, NASCARs, race trucks, dragsters, motorcycles, snowmobiles, even a 150 mph championship go cart are on display at the museum on a regular basis. New vehicles arrive monthly so the exhibit is always fresh.

In addition to race vehicles, the museum also houses the Motorsports Hall of Fame which currently enshrines 47 Heroes of Horsepower with 10 more to be inducted at the Annual Induction Dinner and Ceremony held in Detroit at the kick off of Grand Prix week.

The sixth annual ceremony will be held at the State Theatre June 8. Tickets for the sell out event are \$75 and are available through the Museum Gift Shop.

Federal authorities will not charge Northville resident

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

A Northville Township man will not face charges for allegedly threatening President Bill Clinton.

The United States Secret Service wrapped up its month-long investigation of the incident last week. Special Agent Dale Pupillo of the Service's Detroit office said. Agents then discussed the matter with the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit, he added, and the decision was made to prosecute the township resident. The move ended weeks of questions.

They began on March 10 when Service agents interviewed the man at township police headquarters in connection with a report that he allegedly threatened the chief executive Clinton was in the Detroit area that weekend to kick off the G-7 economic summit, a gathering of the leaders of world's seven largest industrial powers.

Officials would not comment on whether the alleged threat had anything to do with Clinton's visit to southeastern Michigan and were close-mouthed as to other specifics of the case as well.

"There was an off-the-cuff remark that was overheard and reported to us," Pupillo said, declining to explain further. "That set the investigation in motion, and it takes time to complete."

The president receives thou-

sands of threats a year, many of which turn out to be unsubstantiated. However, Service procedures require agents to run down every one. Pupillo said. That process that can take weeks or even months.

The township resident's case turned out to be one that didn't require further action once that check was complete. Pupillo explained.

"It just wasn't that serious," he said.

Threatening the president or vice-president if a federal offense, a felony punishable by a \$1,000 fine, five years in prison or both. Had the case gone further, the man would have been tried in federal district court.

New Life Center to offer first of its kind in obstetrical care

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi is welcoming a new addition to its list of services when it opens the New Life Center at Providence Park to the public on Sunday, May 1.

Tours, refreshments and giveaways, along with face painters, a baby doll/stuffed animal clinic, costumed characters, a magician and a discussion on nutrition for a child's first year will be offered during the 1 to 4 p.m. open house.

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As We See It

Double standard seen in Briarwood decision

Designs occasionally get screwed up. Let's say, for instance, an automobile manufacturer inadvertently places the gas tank of a car where it can explode on impact in a collision. Now, the designers might not have intended it to explode on impact, but it does. The factory workers might have put that gas tank exactly where the designers intended it to be. It might have been a really popular model, meaning there may be many of these cars with exploding gas tanks on the road.

It seems to us none of this is likely to impress the government very much when the company raises these points as arguments why it should not be liable for the damage its cars cause or try to avoid a recall to fix those gas tanks. The government is going to want the car maker to clean up the mess it has made and do the repairs.

On the other hand, it might be the government that screws up the design. Let's say, for instance, that the government sets a standard for a stormwater detention basin in an area that also happens to be a woodlands and ends up killing 785 trees.

Let's say it happens in the Briarwood subdivision, for instance.

Then apparently the government feels completely comfortable with the idea of throwing up its hands and saying, "Not our problem."

The Novi City Council decided last week in a 5-2 vote that it would not fund the \$132,000 needed to fix the drainage in the Briarwood subdivision. The council concluded that the detention area is operating as required, as designed, and yet the city acknowledges the water in that basin has killed or is killing as many as 785 trees.

The primary excuse for doing nothing is that it could "set a precedent."

'B' makes more sense

Our state Court of Appeals is like the funny poster they sell in office supply stores showing a harried worker with his legs spinning like wheels as he runs. In the caption, he says:

"The hurrier I go, the behinder I get."

The more appellate judges we add, the farther behind the court gets. The case backlog grows faster than the taxpayers' ability to pay for new judges.

In 1965, the Court of Appeals' first full year in business, there were nine judges. By the 1980s there were 18 judges. Since 1989 we've been blessed to have 24 judges.

This year we'll add four more judges for a total of 28. And that's a pitance, says Marilyn K. Hall, the state court administrator. Her "conservative" recommendation for 1997 is 12 more judges, and she adds that we really ought to have 54 to keep the workload the same as other states.

Meanwhile, Michigan's population has been virtually flat. We have seen a flight of manufacturing jobs, we have seen farming shrink, our school enrollments are falling, but the number of appellate judges just grows and grows.

The culprit: more case filings, more appeals. Hall's numbers are mind-numbing, so we'll keep it simple: 5,200 filings by 1980, then 10,500 in 1990 and more than 13,000 in 1992—generally a 13 percent increase a year.

Well, instead of adding more Court of Appeals judges until half the state is hearing judicial appeals from the other half, let's examine the problem afresh. Is there a way to cut extraneous appeals without harming the quality of justice?



Government

and apparently other residents in other subdivisions where the city's design standards have caused stormwater detention basins to kill trees would ask that their areas be fixed too.

The one concession to Briarwood residents offered by the council was to send the city forester out to the site to work out a cost estimate for the removal of trees that are in "imminent danger" of falling down on homes or people... and then that bill will be presented to the developer.

We have a hard time believing the city council would let a developer get away with this kind of behavior. It makes us wonder how committed the city is to its design standards, if it isn't willing to clean up its own messes.

It is clear to us who is to blame for the problem. It is equally clear to us who should be taking responsibility for fixing it. And clearly the city is operating according to a double standard.

Frankly, much could be accomplished if the city were willing to accept at least some of its responsibility. The prospects for a lawsuit might be mitigated if the city offered to share the costs of repairs with residents and the developer. Dividing it up by thirds, one share to the city, another to the developer and a third to be carried by the residents through the establishment of a special assessment district might finally bring this issue to a resolution.

Reader feedback increasing

"If I wanted to be popular, I would have learned to play the guitar and been a rock-and-roll star."

I heard that line often as a cub reporter. Ridge Anderson, then the editor of a little community journal on the other side of Oakland County called The Rochester Clarion, could never have made it as a rock star, I'm sure. Baiding, bespectacled and without a lick of musical talent, he definitely was not the type.

He used the line when we'd get besieged by complaints about what appeared in the newspaper that week. His point was simply this: Journalists ain't 'posed to be popular. If you wanted to be applauded for the work you do, you picked the wrong field. Complaints go with the turf.

Matt Valley, another editor I worked with, this time at The Milford Times and The South Lyon Herald, referred to Fridays as "Complaint Day." The papers would come out on Thursday of course, but many readers didn't see it until they got home for the evening. So any reaction to what was published that week would come beginning at 9 a.m. Friday.

Bob Needham, who used to work here at The Novi News and The Northville Record said he saw a complaint as a backhanded compliment. Complaints meant people were reading the paper and cared enough about what was in it to react.

I recite these quotes because I've been missing lately about some complaints we've received of late. I was asked recently about whether I was glad the Monday edition is no longer being published, whether it was indeed easier to get the newspaper out once a week instead of twice each week. Yes, it is, but I've also noticed an increase in the amount of feedback we get from our readers. You'd expect the opposite to be true, wouldn't you? There are fewer editions about which to complain, for one thing. Fewer deadlines to meet should be producing better accuracy in the news reporting, one would think. Editorials would be better thought out, you'd assume, since only one opinion page has to be produced per week instead of two.

Less to complain about, one would think. But reader reaction seems to be up, not down.

Some complaints have been real corkers, too. One came

from a lady who griped that we'd not written enough on the very story about one member of her family. Of course, we'd been calling the family without getting return phone calls for almost two months, but that didn't seem to impress her.

If that sounds odd, you should know the complaint is one we actually hear rather frequently. Some people seem to think that as journalists, we should somehow know about everything going on in town. Of course, the only way for us to find out things, like everybody else, is for people to talk to us. No, we do not have some magical source of information. You've got to tell us things if you want us to know about them.

Another reader complained a recent story carried "institutions" that weren't true and accused the reporter of having a bias in doing the reporting. He had first hand knowledge of the incident, so he knew the "institutions" weren't true.

But when I asked him if he'd talk for the record so we could do a story on the information he had, he said no. Again, we hear that complaint often. Sometimes I wonder how people think we are supposed to get their information or perspectives in the paper—ESP?

I have a couple of theories though about the increasing reader feedback. When we were publishing twice a week, I think many readers couldn't keep track of all we published. Now, once a week again, they can look over our entire week's production in a single sitting. Maybe they save the paper to look it over at their leisure on the weekend. Perhaps publishing once a week lends a tab more permanence or authority to what we publish.

Nonetheless, it's getting to the point where I count the complaints as a plus.

Look at it this way, if that proverbial rock-and-roll star were to walk down the street and hear someone humming his song, he'd count that as a high compliment.

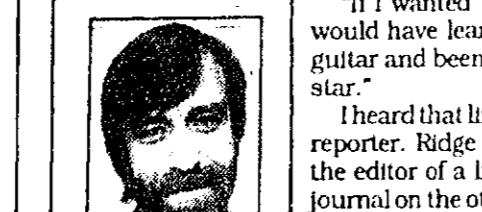
As a journalist, the highest compliment someone can pay to me is to talk about what I write. The more strongly they make their points, the more strongly I know they feel about what they are talking about.

Anytime, when I hear a complaint, I know I've gotten people to talk about what appears in the paper and that they care about it.

In other words, I know we've got another hit on our hands.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Moments



By Bryan Mitchell

After the fire

A Novi freight tries to clean up after a trailer fire Sunday

Who am I? What am I doing here?"

Jim Stockdale's famous questions are ones I ask myself as a reporter every time I have to cover a tragedy. Why I am digging into painful and oh-so-personal traumas?

A lot of people have asked me that — if only with their eyes — at the scenes of car crashes or fires. I've heard it in their voices when I do stories on a suicide or a rape or a battered wife or an abused child.

The best answer I've ever gotten is the first one I ever got, from Ken, the editor of my first paper. I'd been a reporter for all of seven days and I wasn't feeling too hot about my new career move. It had been a tough day.

A tornado had slammed into a nearby mobile home park, destroying some homes. I was torn inside as I walked through the park taking pictures and talking with people.

When does doing the job cross the line? When do you start to be somebody who's looking to sell papers and make a rep off of the misery of others?

"So, sir, your worldly possessions are now scattered over 50 square acres. Want to tell me all about it?"

I still hunt for the line today, but that's OK. It's means that crazy, old-fashioned thing called morality is kicking in — a sort of ethical safety net.

It means that I never lose sight of what's really important: telling the story. That's the job. Ken said: being the

eyes and ears and voice of a community.

"Most people have no idea what it's like to live through a tornado or have somebody we really care about commit suicide," he told me. "We can't understand what's like and most of us don't know what to do when it happens."

That's where the reporter steps in.

"You bring all that home to people," he said. "All that comes to life through your words, through the way you describe what happened and the impressions you get from the people who lived through it."

The story paints a picture for the reader to see and plays a soundtrack for him to hear. The sights and the frights and the smells and the yells and the sounds and the ups and downs make a story real.

"Reporters let people know what's going on their communities," Ken added, "but the best ones do it in a way that turns that piece of newspaper into an emotional experience."

It's a good rule. With apologies to Bruce Springsteen, I try to make every tragedy story say, "This is your hometown. This happened right here."

Your neighbor lost his home. A kid that rides her bike down your street has been abused. Your friend got hurt in a car crash. A boy you've seen at ballgames or the supermarket lost his life today.

"We lost something," I want the story to say. "Understand that. Understand that maybe next time it could be you. Reach out to your neighbor now — and work together like hell to prevent it from happening again."

Randy Coble is a staff writer for The Novi News.

Letters

To the Editor:
As a Board member of the Wayne Oakland Library Federation (WOLF), I was understandably not happy with the column of Tim Richard that appeared in your paper on April 14 when he wrote about our "miserable computers."

From his picture, I would presume that Mr. Richard and I are of approximately the same generation and while I am not a computer wiz by any stretch of the imagination, I do use them and find them an efficient tool—including at my local library.

I know all about computers being "down," and the frustrations that this entails. However, that was not Mr. Richard's problem this time—that was his problem five years ago.

This brings up what I see as the REAL problem here, namely that in five years Mr. Richards has not moved; he has the same difficulty with computers today that he had five years ago (as evidenced by the

varying headlines: "WOLF computers to battle counties" and "Computer systems are nightmares.")

I see the fact that the computerized circulation system to most of the libraries in Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Get ready, Mr. Richard.

At any rate, my suggestion (tongued in cheek, of course) is that Mr. Richard should permanently retire to his rocking chair and I will be happy to furnish the agian to tuck around his knees.

Paul D. Black
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ment. I look to the city to provide basic services such as roads, schools, fire and police protection etc. that all communities should provide. Of these services, I look to the safety and protection of my family and neighborhood as the paramount activity of government.

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Engler riding high now, but wait



Phil Power

As his re-election bus tour sweeps through 41 Michigan communities this week, Gov. John Engler is on a roll.

The winner on Proposal A, he will campaign on "Promises made, promises kept" in cutting property taxes. The prime mover behind legislation to cut the power of the teachers' unions, he will claim to be tough enough to deal with Michigan's problems. Look for him to take credit for the boom in the economy, the drop in the welfare caseload and, for all I know, the success of the Red Wings in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Things look good for the guy just now. But wait a bit.

Engler may be tough and he may be smart, but he's hardly the warm, caring human being that Michigan voters traditionally favor. His negative ratings in the polls remain persistently high. And never underestimate the power of the MEA, Michigan's largest, richest and most motivated political interest group.

What may wind up being the primary factor is how voters in suburban communities served by this newspaper wind up interpreting the effect of Proposal A.

Monday's millage election in Southfield was just the first in a whole series of property tax votes over the next several weeks. Voters rejected the proposal, leaving officials in that district to wonder where their operating funds will come from.

Wait, you say—wasn't Proposal A supposed to end millage elections? And didn't Gov. Engler assure us that passing Proposal A guaranteed a big property tax cut to make up for the two cents hike in the sales tax?

Ah, yes. That's what the political rhetoric was. But, as always, the hard truth is much more confusing and not nearly as nice.

Follow me through what Proposal A actually does.

First, to pay for schools, it increases the sales tax from four cents per \$1 to six and imposes a six-mills state tax on all real property. These taxes are the major source of funds to pay for K-12 public schools.

Second, the state also requires all school districts to levy 18 local mills on all property with an exemption for homesteads. It's this 18-mill levy that many districts will be voting on over the next few weeks. So the base property tax will be 24 mills for business property (six plus 18 mills) and six mills for homes. This is, indeed, a sharp cut from the statewide average of 35 mills last year.

Third, however, about 40 districts are now spending more money per pupil than the \$6,500 limit this base financing plan provides.

They are allowed by Proposal A to vote on local "hold harmless" millages that enable them to maintain high support for schools.

In Southfield's case, for example, the district is presently spending an average of \$9,400 per pupil. The failed Southfield vote on Monday was whether to approve a local tax of 23.88 mills on all property, which, when added to the six mills state tax, would have made a Southfield homeowner pay 29.88 mills in property tax.

At this point, the glass is either half-full or half-empty. Gov. Engler will argue that 29.88 mills are a real cut from the 34.5 mills Southfield property owners paid last year. But his opponents will point out that 29.88 mills are a hell of a lot more than the six mills the governor promised under Proposal A.

It's around this argument that the politics of Michigan will rotate in the coming months. Voters in the 40 high-spending districts in particular are smart, highly motivated and tend to vote Republican. They wouldn't like to be betrayed on something as important as their property taxes.

I'd advise the somewhat self-satisfied folks running John Engler's campaign to remember that in politics, like opera and baseball, it isn't over until the fat lady sings.

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

Get ready for WOLF computers

To the Editor:

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From his picture, I would presume that Mr. Richard and I are of approximately the same generation and while I am not a computer wiz by any stretch of the imagination, I do use them and find them an efficient tool—including at my local library.

I know all about computers being "down," and the frustrations that this entails. However, that was not Mr. Richard's problem this time—that was his problem five years ago.

This brings up what I see as the REAL problem here, namely that in five years Mr. Richards has not moved; he has the same difficulty with computers today that he had five years ago (as evidenced by the

varying headlines: "WOLF computers to battle counties" and "Computer systems are nightmares.")

I see the fact that the computerized circulation system to most of the libraries in Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Get ready, Mr. Richard.

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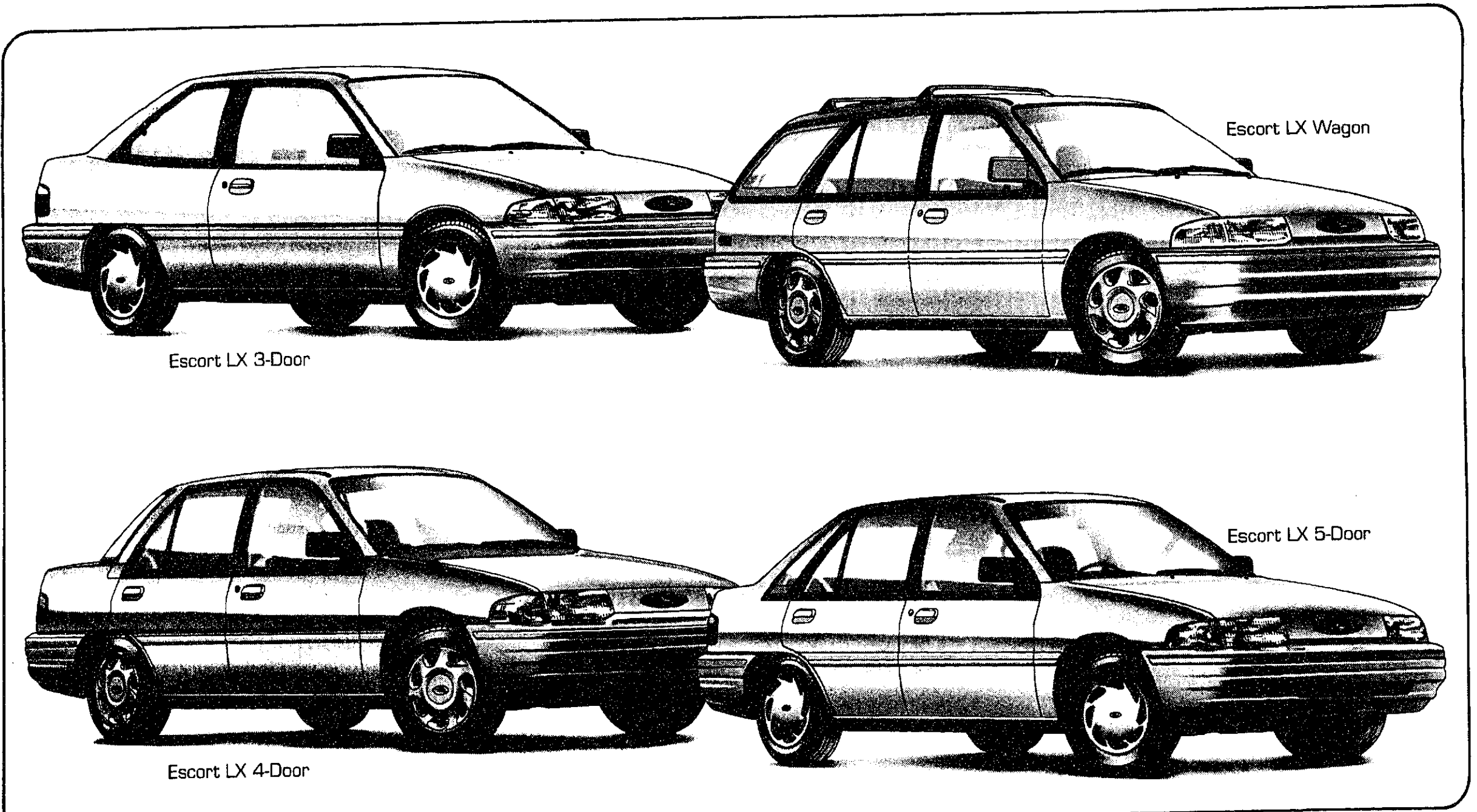
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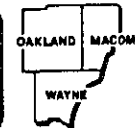
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Peggy Liao is the daughter of Kenneth and Karen Liao. Although she's not sure where she'll be attending college, she may study a combined bachelor's and master's program in medicine. She is a member of Novi High School's debate team, National Honor Society, Student Council and Interact, a volunteer service club. She also plays the piano.



Christopher Urban is the son of Tom and Terri Urban. He plans to attend the University of Arizona to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Urban would some day like to work for the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) federal law enforcement agency. He is a member of Novi High School's debate club and was recently awarded a four-year ROTC scholarship.



Erika Strausberg is the daughter of Daniel and Connie Strausberg. She plans to attend the University of Alaska in Fairbanks for a pre-veterinary program. She hopes to transfer to Michigan State when she begins veterinary school. She belongs to the science and ecology club at Novi High School and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Meritorious WORK

Three students from Novi were selected as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition.

Christopher Urban, Peggy Liao and Erika Strausberg join over 6,500 other high school seniors in the 1994 competition.

Nearly 400 corporate organizations annually underwrite awards through the Merit Program for children of their employees or members, residents of communities the company serves or finalists who have career interests the grantor wishes to encourage.

The majority of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide stipends of \$500 to \$2,000 or more per year. A few, however, are nonrenewable awards that provide a single payment of \$2,000 when winners enter college.

About 1.1 million students in more than 19,000 U.S. high schools entered the 1994 Merit Program by taking the 1992 PSAT/NMSQT, which served as

an initial screen of participants. In the fall of 1993, approximately 50,000 academically able participants were recognized by the Merit Program for their very high performance, and some 15,000 of them, the top scorers in each state, were designated semifinalists.

Only semifinalists, representing about half of 1 percent of graduating seniors in every state, had an opportunity to advance to finalist standing and compete for the Merit Scholarships.

In order to become a finalist, a semifinalist had to meet extremely high academic standards, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, confirm the qualifying test performance on a second test, and provide information about activities, interests and goals.

About 1,400 semifinalists qualified as finalists, and all Merit Scholarship winners are chosen from the group of outstanding finalists. Merit Scholars are the finalist candidates judged to have the greatest potential for success

in rigorous college studies, based on their skills, accomplishments and abilities.

On April 27, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will release the names of 2,000 winners of the National Merit \$2,000 scholarships. On May 18, the corporation will announce most of the 3,600 winners of college-sponsored Merit Scholarships, which are financed by colleges and universities for finalists who will attend their institutions.

A not-for-profit corporation established in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation operates without government funding. The majority of Merit Scholarships offered each year are made possible by grants from some 600 independent sponsor organizations and institutions that share the program's goals of enhancing educational opportunities for scholastically talented youth and increasing public support for academic excellence. Corporate organizations have provided over \$367 million to underwrite scholarships awarded in 39 annual competitions to date.

Volunteer



Kimberly Anderson

Volunteer feels young at heart with NYA 'job'

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"I'm like a kid again, and I'm having a ball," Kimberly Anderson said about her weekly volunteer meetings with the "young man of 13" who was matched with her at Northville Youth Assistance.

"We go out to eat, maybe see a movie—just he and I. In the summer we went hiking and canoeing."

The young man had been referred to Northville Youth Assistance as one who could use a one-on-one relationship with an adult. Maybe the police department or a social worker or a parent had referred him. Whoever it was, what matters is that he needed someone to come to, to talk to.

And Kimberly Anderson was the one who was matched with him at a meeting of Mary Ellen King (director of Northville Youth Assistance), Anderson, and a parent of his.

For Anderson, who happens to have a master's degree in counseling and guidance, it's enjoyment to work

with a teenager and "not have to go through the day-to-day parental responsibility."

She has done this sort of thing professionally, and she intends to get back to it and "get paid for it" when her own son is older and doesn't need so much attention.

After each meeting with her assigned youth, she said, I turn in a written report to help Mary Ellen keep an eye on what's going on.

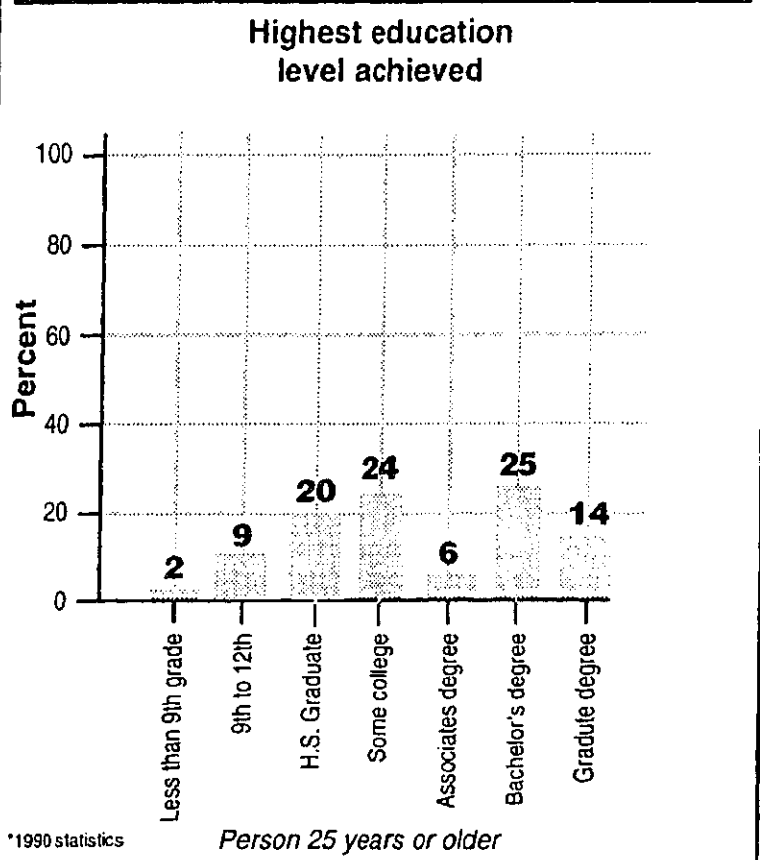
"And once a month there's a volunteers' meeting which you may go to if you want" and discuss problems. But you must always remember to maintain the confidentiality of the child.

How long a relationship should last, Anderson said, "is up to the child." If he feels he doesn't need it any more, the referring adults will be consulted to determine yes or no.

If you would like information on Northville Youth Assistance—how to get into it, times of training program—talk to Mary Ellen King at 21200 Taft Road, telephone 344-1618.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT





David Cordon/Shannon Yokuty

Engagements

Cordon/Yokuty

David G. Cordon and Shannon M. Yokuty, along with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement. The groom-elect is the son of Mike and Judy Cordon of Novi. The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Patsy Yokuty and Mary Yokuty of Three Rivers, Mich.

The groom-elect is a 1986 graduate of Novi High School and graduated from Western Michigan Uni-

Lautzenheiser/O'Kronley

Jerry and Maurine Lautzenheiser of Northville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann to Michael Thomas O'Kronley. Michael is the son of Barbara Daniels of Waterford and Thomas O'Kronley of East Jordan, Mich. Julie is a 1989 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She graduated in 1993 from the University of Michigan with a degree in mechanical engineering. She currently works as an engineer with Allied Signal Automotive Braking Systems in

South Bend, Ind. Michael is a 1989 graduate of Orchard Lake Saint Mary's High School. He will graduate in April 1994 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a degree in mechanical engineering. He has accepted a position as an engineer with Allied Signal Aerospace Controls and Accessories in South Bend, Ind. A May 7 wedding has been planned at St. Mary's of the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake in Orchard Lake.



Julie Ann Lautzenheiser/Michael O'Kronley

McLain tells all about teammates on 1968 Detroit roster

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McLain's contact lenses the night before a game with Boston.

McLain said since he was the starting pitcher, he retired to his hotel room early while the rest of the team partied for awhile. He put his contacts in a glass of water in the bathroom and didn't think twice when Oler showed up at the room after drinking most of the night.

"I woke up the next morning and the glass was gone," McLain said. "Now, I can't see 3-feet in front of me. I needed a leader dog to move me around."

At 12:20 p.m., 40 minutes before game time, McLain let the manager know of the problem. At 12:35 p.m., after drinking a dozen Cokes and a variety of fruit juices, the manager followed Oler into the men's restroom.

"They came back with my contacts," McLain said as the audience broke out into laughter. "We won the game 2-0. The only thing I remember about that game was that it was a little bit overcast. True story."

Then there was the time that, although he truthfully didn't want to pitch, McLain refused to give the ball up to the manager.

It was mid-season and the Tigers just couldn't get past their losing streak to the Orioles. Manager Mayo Smith told McLain if the team lost Friday and Saturday, he would not pitch Sunday because there was no sense in an "automatic loss."

The Tigers lost 10-1 on Friday and 13-2 on Saturday.

"They were scoring touchdowns, not scoring runs," McLain said. Sparna was the scheduled starting pitcher for the Sunday game. In baseball, a ball is placed on the locker room stool of the pitcher of the day.

"When I walked in, the baseball was on my stool," McLain said.

Thinking it was a mistake, McLain placed the ball on Sparna's stool, which was next to McLain's. McLain warmed up a bit and when he came back the ball was back on his stool. It was then he learned he was indeed starting that day's game.

The manager promised McLain that three or four pitchers would be warming up as McLain began the game.

"You know we can't beat them," Smith reportedly told McLain. On McLain's first pitch, the batter hit a line drive. On the second pitch, the batter almost took McLain's head off and the third hitter bounced a ball off Oler's chest.

The bases were loaded and no one was out. Catcher Freehan came out to the mound and asked McLain what the heck was going on.

"You're missing a hell of a game if you're not watching," McLain responded.

Then, Smith trounced out to the pitcher's mound. He asked McLain for the ball.

"I told him you're not going to take me out," McLain said. "He said 'give me the ball.'"

After chasing McLain around the mound, McLain finally convinced his manager to let him pitch one more because he had a hunch.

When asked what that hunch might be, McLain responded "triple play."

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he missed it," McLain said. McLain nearly got into a heap of trouble after he allegedly purposefully threw Mickey Mantle the homerun pitch he needed to guarantee him a place in the Hall of Fame.

"Mickey Mantle was my idol," he said. "The first time I pitched to him in 1963 was the biggest thrill I ever had in baseball. He was the only one I knew who actually looked like he belonged in a uniform."

It was 1968, Mantle's last game before retiring, and the Tigers had already won the pennant and were World Series bound. It was the ninth inning and the Tigers were winning 8-1, with two outs against the opposing team.

McLain called Freehan out to the mound.

"I said neither one of us is going to the Hall of Fame," McLain said. "Mantle is. All he needs is one homerun to put him in the Hall of Fame."

"If we're the ones who let him, they'll put our names on the ball and we'll go into the Hall of Fame with him."

Freehan told McLain he wasn't going to cheat. So McLain threw a 40 mph pitch on an arc.

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The next day, McLain got a telegram from the baseball commissioner. The commissioner had called a hearing because McLain "attacked the integrity of the game" by throwing Mantle the homerun pitch.

Ten days after the World Series McLain found himself waiting in the lobby of the commissioner's office in New York City. When the commissioner's aide came out, he said the hearing was off because the commissioner had just died of a heart attack.

McLain said it was his lucky day. After lunch, McLain answered questions submitted by members of the audience.

Someone asked what McLain thought of Mike Ilitch's plan to build a new stadium.

"I don't think we should fund anything for a guy worth a billion dollars," he answered. "... I'm not demeaning the guy, but what's fair, is fair."

Another audience member asked McLain if he thought Tiger Kirk Gibson should retire.

"Yes I do," he said. "If the team was not trying to win a pennant, then they should let Gibson play."

McLain said he liked Gibson, but said some of the younger rookies should be given the chance to prove themselves.

During his 10 years in baseball, McLain made a grand total of \$407,000.

He recently purchased Peete Pack-

ing, a meat packaging plant in Chesaning, Mich., and has hired Ernie Harwell to star in some of the Farmer Peete commercials.

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Northville High opens production

On Thursday, April 21, the lights will dim in the Northville High School auditorium and through the mist, *Brigadoon* will magically appear.

A major classic of the popular musical theater, *Brigadoon*, by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, tells the story of a young American, Tommy Albright, played here by Justin Schlanser, and his companion Jeff, portrayed by Tom Murphy. The two happen upon a small village in the highlands of Scotland.

Why is the village not on the map? It is soon revealed that it is an enchanted town that comes to life for one single day every hundred years.

Tommy and Jeff join the villagers in a day that includes a wedding and a near disaster when one of the Scots tries to leave the town.

Tommy falls in love with Fiona, played by Beth Patterson, while Jeff has misadventures with the overly jealous Meg, played by Julie Romine. But, Tommy is torn by his love for Fiona and the reality of his fiancée back in New York.

Other major roles are played by Waldo Galan, James Currie, Matt Selek, Michael Fehlauer, Justin Lee and Becky Engle.

Playing townspeople are Jordan Brun, Dean Frellich, Chrissy Kapusky, Mary Rivard, Autumn Cranford, Jeremy Shattuck, Scott Galea, Andy Weiss, Stefan Scherkerback, Kristin Dunnaback, Andrea Morrow, Nick Barnes, Fray Stevenson, Laura Genelli, Betzi Gengler, Elizabeth St. Jacques, Bret Jensen, Jodi Fischer, Rhonda White, Amy Kohl, Colleen Audet, Steve Lautzenheiser, Jennifer Keller, Jenny Plankas, Rebecca Montgomery and Carol Braund.

Many people are working behind the scenes, such as Liz Rivard as the able assistant to director/choreographer Gary E. Sturm and technical director Mike O'Brien. Paul Adams is head of construction, and Adrian Dunkerly in charge of paint and design.



Beth Patterson, left, plays Fiona and Justin Schlanser plays Tommy Albright in Northville High School's production of *Brigadoon*. The play opens tonight.

Vocal music is under the leadership of Mary Kay Pryce and the orchestra is under the direction of Mike Rumbel.

If you miss the opening night of *Brigadoon*, you can still catch it at 8 p.m. April 22 and 23 or at 3 p.m. April 24.

Tickets will be sold outside the school auditorium.

Admission is \$10 each or \$29 for families (including youth under 18).

A 2 p.m. matinee (no dinner) has also been scheduled Sunday, April 24. Admission is \$7 each or \$19 for families.

For tickets, contact Linda Finney at 349-3146 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

DINNER THEATRE: The Golden Mushroom in Farmington Hills and Theatre Arts Production have extended their running production of "From Flappers to Phantom."

Due to the response, the production, originally scheduled to run through March, will run through the end of April.

"Come Follow the Band," an original spring and summertime musical revue, will now open in May and run through July.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and show time is 9 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call the Golden Mushroom at 559-4230.

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 the 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 1800 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

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

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

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

BRADY'S MURDER MYSTERY: Matt Brady's, located in the Holiday Inn, West Ten Mile Road in Farmington Hills, offers a murder mystery package for guests which includes dinner, overnight accommodations and breakfast.

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BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-9306.

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

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282.

The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

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Special events

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: will hold its spring concert, 20th Anniversary Celebration, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 23, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road.

Songs will include popular favorites such as *Battle Hymn of the Republic*; *Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*; *West Side Story*; and new pieces, *Hail Holy Queen* (from the movie *Star Trek*) and *America... The Dream Goes On*.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. They can be purchased at Sideways in Plymouth, Dearborn Music in Canton, Agape Booksellers, also in Canton, and The Northville Record/Novi News in Northville.

For further information, call the chorus at 455-4060.

LOCALS IN CHORALE: Northville/Novi residents David Yared and Virginia Falls will perform with the Madrigal Chorus of Southfield's College Popa Concert at St. Ursula Catholic Church, located on Lahser Road, north of Twelve Mile in Southfield, on Saturday, April 30. Seating begins from 6

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Looking beyond the front page

Ron Howard explores modern-day tightrope act between career and family in 'The Paper'

It's 7 a.m. Henry Hackett tumbles out of bed, still wearing his office clothes from the night before. Only a few hours ago he was on the street, chasing a front-page story for his newspaper, *The Sun*. Two hours from now, he'll be back in the city room, bucking deadlines, fighting with his bosses, running on adrenaline. The job never gives an inch. And it never slows down. Meanwhile, his wife, Marty, is facing a deadline of her own: eight-and-a-half months pregnant, she put her career on hold to start a family and make time for the important things in life. Will her career be waiting when she's ready to go back? And what's the point of a family if your partner's never home?

This could be the day it all changes. Somewhere in the clutter, the chaos and the excitement of their everyday adventure, a crossroads is fast approaching—moments of decision that could transform their lives together. And so it goes in *"The Paper,"* a comedy-drama directed by Ron Howard ("Parenthood," "Backdraft") about work, marriage and other forms of combat.

Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Robert Duvall, Marisa Tomei and Randy Quaid headline the cast of this Imagine Entertainment production, produced by Brian Grazer ("My Girl," "Backdraft," "Kindergarten Cop") and Frederick Zollo ("Mississippi Burning"). Unfolding in a tense-paced, 24-hour period, *"The Paper"* views the modern-day tightrope act between career and family through the frenetic world of a feisty, big-city newspaper. In moments of humor, pathos and drama, the film traces the multitude of difficult choices—sometimes trivial, occasionally monumental—all of us face in the course of our daily lives.

Working without a net is Henry Hackett (Michael Keaton), metro editor at *The New York Sun*, a down-and-dirty newspaper that always seems to be on the verge of bankruptcy. Today, Henry's hot on a story that could expose a major scandal and free two innocent young men charged with murder—if he can meet his deadline for the morning edition.

With his wife (Marisa Tomei) about to give birth, his managing editor (Glenn Close) locking horns with him and a rival newspaper trying to lure him over, Henry is facing more than one deadline today—right or wrong, this is one day he can't afford to put off making the big decisions.

"All of us can look back and see the major turning points in our lives, but only rarely do we know at the time how important our choices will turn out to be," said Ron Howard, the director. "These days, especially, life moves so quickly that we almost never have a chance to stop and think about what's important."

"The Paper" is a story about a group of people who are all facing major choices in their lives—sometimes humorous, sometimes poignantly, but always with one eye on the clock.

Entering *The Sun* newsroom, we can see right away this is no *Washington Post*—crowded, even shabby, echoing with ringing phones and never get answered and overworked reporters plaintively calling for a syn-

onym for "mangled." And yet, even at the slowest hour of the day, there's a kind of low-grade electricity in the room. This is where the action is.

The senior staff is gathered in the office of chain-smoking editor Bernie White (Robert Duvall) to talk about the stories they missed yesterday and the ones they've absolutely got to bring in today. From outward appearances, it's shaping up to be a typical day. True to form, Henry is verbally fencing with Alicia Clark (Glenn Close), the tough-as-nails managing editor who has the unpleasant job of keeping the financially-troubled newspaper afloat.

Inwardly, however, everybody's troubled by his or her private devils. Bernie, who long ago chose the job over his family and has been paying for it in isolation, just found out he has a prostate "the size of a bagel."

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Randy Quaid and Michael Keaton play reporters in Ron Howard's 'The Paper.'

'The House of Spirits': An epic tale of magic realism

HOUSE OF SPIRITS By Deborah Hunt Plymouth

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CALENDAR GIRL By David Perrotta Northville

The "House of Spirits" is an epic tale full of the magic realism from Isabel Allende's 1985 novel. The story follows the troubled Trueta family in South America, spanning three generations.

Jeremy Irons plays the ruthless Esteban Trueta, a tyrannical man in the quest of land and power, who falls in love with the clairvoyant and telekinetic, Clara, played by Meryl Streep.

After they are married, Clara asks Esteban's repressed sister, Ferula, to live with them. Glenn Close portrays Ferula, a woman who is touched by Clara's generosity. After Clara's daughter, Blanca, is born, the three women create a sisterhood that Esteban tries to destroy.

The theme of this movie is unconditional love, and it is no better explored than in the scenes between

Esteban and his rebellious daughter, Blanca. Winona Ryder gives an exceptional performance as the young woman who dearly loves Pedro, a local young man, who is trying to free his people from the oppressiveness of Esteban. Her refusal to betray her love, even at her father's demand, is a touching example of the movie's theme.

At times the portrayal of these character's lives seems rushed in the limited time of the movie, but by the movie's climax, we are brought to a satisfying end and have a true sense of life.

They do everything from camping out in front of her house, following her everywhere and "boosting" a cow knowing her love of animals.

One funny scene is when they follow Marilyn to a little beach and Roy's co-workers, the Galo brothers, follow him there because he stole money from them to go on this little trip. The two brothers are hilarious. One is deaf and so they have to sign to each other. Watching them throughout the movie is a comedy in itself.

For those of you who thought you'd never see a "bad" side to Jason Priestly, here's your chance. If not for the chance to see him smart off to everyone, then for the chance to see him smoking a joint.

The movie is a light-hearted comedy showing the importance of friends, family, relationships and occasionally being able to drop what you're doing and let loose. This should have been a hit movie. It is now on video so mark your calendars and enjoy the ride.

THE REF By Mike Kapusky Northville

A whole movie dedicated to Denis Leary's comedy? Not quite; this one has a plot. A skilled burglar (Leary) eludes a manhunt by kidnapping a couple on the verge of divorce (Judy Davis and Kevin Spacey) and taking them back to their house to think of an escape plan.

The continual bickering of the couple aggravates Leary's anger and introduces the type of personalities that everyone despises and gets even with them. A good film to release the frustrations on.

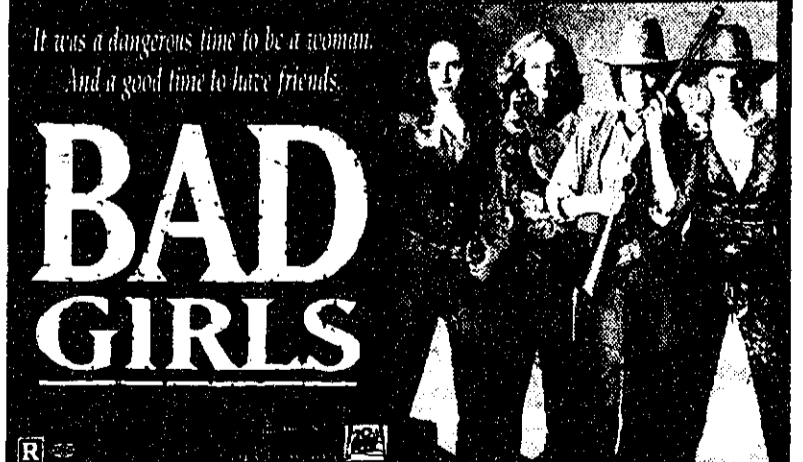
couple is brought back together: the annoying family members are silenced and Leary finally gets away.

A dash here and there of Leary's blunt comedy, some extremely morose characters and the happiest ending a black comedy can offer. The film dispenses a gut of sweating but it is probably needed to make the comedy effective.

"The Ref" gets a deserving four stars. (This scale is based on a five-star basis with five being the best). The movie is not for everyone, but it introduces the type of personalities that everyone despises and gets even with them. A good film to release the frustrations on.



Meryl Streep and Glenn Close are engaged in a game of badminton in *Bille August's* epic 'The House of Spirits.'



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Runners take third place at Milan Relays

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

If Saturday's Milan Relays are any indication, 1994 could be a very good year for the Wildcat girls' track team.

Novi High took third place—an improvement of two places over last spring. The Cats took 76 points and finished ahead of Kensington Valley Conference rivals South Lyon and Howell.

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Any Yang were fifth. Natalie Wroe, Jettie and Shaunah Yelthey took sixth in the long jump.

Novi won the four-mile relay in 23:39.4 with the team of Jenny Hampton, Lorna Camp, Katie Zimmerman and Michelle Harrison. Place, Wolowic, Ahrens and Christy Carmichael were third in the 800-meter relay.

The team of Ellie Johnson, Holly Ryan, Katie Herman and Michelle Sweller were third in the 3,200 relay. Novi finished second in the shuttle hurdle relay with Jettie, Sara Blumer, Nisha Shaw and DeWitt (1:14).

The Wildcats were edged out at the finish line in the sprint medley. Sarah Schmidt, Slanaker, Wolowic and Carmichael finished second in 2:02.3.

Zimmerman, Harrison, Sweller and Shaw took third in the puddle jumper relay. Blumer, Schmidt, Ahrens and Sarah McClinen placed second in the 400-meter relay.

Novi finished third by winning the distance medley. Sweller, Carmichael, Hampton and Camp ran a 13:55.5 race.

NOVI 72, SOUTH LYON 56

Like Novi, the Lions are an improving team.

South Lyon struggled to even field a squad last spring. The Wildcats, as a result, crushed them by more than 70 points.

In the discus, Ahrens, DeWitt and



Katie Jettie tries to get over the high bar in a recent meet.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Softballers split twinbill with WLC

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Erin Bjerke tossed a three-hit shutout to lead the Wildcat softball team to a 7-0 home victory over Walled Lake Central on April 11.

The junior right hander struck out 11 and showed pinpoint control by not walking a batter. According to coach John Peace, it was a dominant performance by Bjerke.

"She moved the ball around very well," he said, "and we played good defense behind her."

It was bitterly cold for the season opener. Peace said the advantage is to the pitcher in such weather.

"I feel early on that pitchers can dominate," he added and said that it takes a few games for hitters to catch up.

As it turned out, Novi got the only run it needed in the bottom of the first inning.

Julie Swinehart led off with a walk and then moved to second. She scored the game-winner on a single by Bjerke.

The Wildcats added six insurance runs in the third inning. Bjerke, Me-

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lissa Strikulis, Michelle DeWitt, Lyndsay Drury and Swinehart all collected RBIs.

Novi wasn't as fortunate in the nightcap falling 4-3 to the Vikings. Peace said his team simply took too many pitches in the setback.

"We need to be a little more aggressive with the bat," he said.

The Wildcats drew first blood in the contest. Swinehart smacked a single to start the rally and was followed by a Katie Shaw single after one was out. Kathleen Ruzyski then knocked Swinehart in with a sacrifice fly.

Central evened the game in the second inning. A hit and pair of errors pushed one run across.

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Erin Vogel (left) scored both of Novi's goals against Waterford.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi kickers get tie with Kettering, 2-2

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

It could've been a win... but it wasn't. Novi High settled for a 2-2 soccer tie with Waterford Kettering Friday.

The Captains scored with less than a minute to go to garner the tie. "It was disappointing for the kids," said Novi coach Larry Christoff. "But it was our first game."

The Wildcats had numerous scoring chances throughout the game but couldn't convert. Novi outshot Waterford 12-3.

Christoff said the game gave him the chance to better evaluate his team.

"We found out what we need to work on," he commented. "It did us good."

The game was rescheduled from April 12 because of poor weather. While the rain had subsided, Christoff said wind was definitely a factor Friday.

A gull wind blew nearly the entire game. Novi had nature on its side in the first half.

Erin Vogel took advantage of the wind and sailed a 35-yard shot past

the Kettering keeper at the 20 minute mark. The sophomore got the Wildcats' other tally from nearly the exact same spot to make it 2-0 with 12 minutes left in the half.

Waterford cut the lead to one with about five minutes remaining in the half.

The Captains scored on a direct shot. Christoff said officials moved Novi's wall, "a protective line of players that teams are allowed to place between the kicker and goal, to the right. He said the Kettering player shot the ball where the line would've been and beat goalie Lisa Antuna.

Although Novi had the wind, Christoff said his team actually played better in the second half when they had to fight it. The Cats generated several scoring opportunities, but were unable to take advantage.

"The only problem we had was that we couldn't finish," said Christoff.

A bit of luck helped Waterford tie the game.

With about 30 seconds left, the Captains sent a long shot toward the Novi net. Antuna ran out to stop the ball, but it took a bad bounce over her and into the goal.

Wildcats rip Mustangs 7-1 behind Grigg, Sill

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

For the Wildcat baseball team, the wait was definitely worth it. A week's worth of games had been washed out as Mother Nature was in a foul mood. But the rain finally subsided long enough for Novi High to get its first game in Monday.

And what a game it was. The Cats used a strong pitching effort from Mitch Jabczynski and more than enough offense to whip Baseline rival Northville at home, 7-1.

"He was a little shaky at first," coach Brian Howard said of his left hander. "But you've got to settle into a (groove). He did and did a nice job for us."

The loss was Northville's first of the year. Howard said his team was more than a little ancy to get on the field.

"After a certain point you can practice all you want and it doesn't do any good," he added.

Novi was anything but rusty in its season opener.

The game developed as a pitcher's duel. Jabczynski and Northville's Dave McCullough locked horns, matching pitch-for-pitch through the first three innings.

The Wildcats got to the Mustang right hander in the bottom of the

fourth.

Jason Fischer smacked a two-run homer with Kevin Serra aboard to open the flood gate. Novi added five more runs with Tom Origg adding an RBI single and Andy Sill nailing a two-run homer to left field.

"He's added some strength," Howard said of Sill. "He's a little older and a little stockier."

Jabczynski, meanwhile, kept Northville at bay. The Mustangs, in fact, didn't breakthrough until the sixth inning.

Fred Swarthout reached base on an error. The Mustangs then loaded the bases on back-to-back singles by Jeff Luterek and Dean Freilich.

Nick Baughman sent a grounder deep into the hole at shortstop. But Origg cut it off and flipped to second baseman Jim Rose who then turned the doubleplay. Northville's run scored on the twin killing.

"I'll give up a run for two outs in the situation any day," said Howard.

Jabczynski had no further trouble with Northville. In going the distance, he allowed just five hits and a walk while striking out six.

The lefty was helped by some excellent Novi defense. Besides the Grigg-Rose double-



Mitch Jabczynski pitched a complete game against Northville.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Athlete needs help to compete

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Chris Pyrkosz needs your help. The Northville resident, a former Panathlympian, has been invited to compete in the 1994 World Cycling Championship in Belgium this June. But without sponsorship, making the trip will be difficult.

My times were the best I've ever had," Pyrkosz said of his performance last October at nationals in Tampa in which he won three gold medals.

The 23-year-old, who suffers from cerebral palsy, has been competing as a tri-cyclist for years. Pyrkosz, in fact, has been training and competing with the Tri-City Seals, a local team for the physically disabled, for 13 years.

In 1992, Pyrkosz was part of the American Paralympic team that traveled to Barcelona, Spain. Held

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Rec Briefs

Colleges: Novi Dave Best, a senior on the Kalamazoo College Baseball team, is a two-time letter winner who hopes to make an impact in his last season with the Hornets. Kalamazoo, led by first year coach Mike Hinga, are seeking steady improvement this season. Having lost many players to graduation, Kalamazoo hopes the athletic ability of the team will outweigh its lack of experience. The Hornets are currently 2-12 overall and 0-6 in the MIAA.

Spring Clean-up: The ultimate kick-off to the garage sale season! Booths are still available for May 14 at the Novi Civic Center parking lot (sale will be held indoors in case of inclement weather). Booth rental is \$20 for one parking space (9x18) and \$30 for each additional space. You can sell any household item you would include in a personal garage sale, plus cars, boats, campers etc. Work your own booth and retain all of the profits. Registration deadline is May 6th.

Gus Macker: Ypsilanti Gus Macker Basketball Tournament officials have begun preparations for the 1994 tournament. Tournament action will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. As in previous years, the tournament will be held on the grounds surrounding Eastern Michigan University Ryneason Stadium on Hewitt Road.

Applications for the tournament are now available at the following locations: Huron services for Youth offices, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti; Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau, Fleet Feet Ypsilanti; and Sports in Northville, Novi Parks and Recreation. For additional player or volunteer information call (313) 994-4224.

Providence Run: On Sunday, May 1st the 14th annual Providence Novi Run at the Novi Civic Center will be held at 12:30 p.m. with one and two mile fun walks, and 1:30 p.m. for the 5K and 10K runs. Pre-registration required by April 20. Call Novi Parks and Recreation for more details.

Golf: Looking for a little relief from high green's fees? The Michigan Golfers Map & Guide can help. Over the past 14 years the guide has earned the reputation as an indispensable source of golf and travel information. Not only are there over 250 golf facilities participating in a two play for one discount program, but the guide also provides golfers with a complete directory to over 800 public courses in Michigan, southwest Ontario and northwest Ohio. The guide names each course, their address, directions, phone, par yards and more. The cost of the guide can be recovered by using only one of the discount offers, after that it keeps on paying for itself over and over again. The 1994 Michigan Golfers Map & Guide is on sale at selected golf shops throughout Michigan at \$17.95. For more information call 1-800-223-5877.

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

Lakeshore Park: Sign-ups for the 1994 season Lakeshore Park Picnic 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.

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

Pool Schedule: Open swimming at Novi High will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. Lap swimming is held from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Call 344-8330, Ext. 71, for more information.

Fitness Notes

Fitness Factory: Spring schedule aerobic classes at Village Oaks Clubhouse, which is north of Nine Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, in Novi will be: Monday-Wednesday high low impact, Tuesday-Circuit Training, Thursday low impact and Friday Fat Burner. All classes are at 9:30 a.m. with babysitting available. Evening classes will be: Monday-Wednesday high low, Tuesday-Thursday step. All classes start at 6:30 p.m. Spring session begins the week of March 21st. For more information call Kathi at 349-7928.

Jazzercise: Exercising can be fun. Jazzercise offers an exercise program to fit everyone's level of fitness. Regular jazzercise, low impact, high intensity, high impact aerobics, and the new circuit training program. Morning classes start at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Babysitting is available. Evening classes are Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. A free introductory class is offered. Come give us a try. Located on Center Street across from the Main Centre area at the FOE (Eagles) building. For more information call Dawn at 347-3335.

Road to Recovery: Through the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program, you can help by volunteering to drive a cancer patient to and from a treatment facility. If you would like to become a driver, call your American Cancer Society at 1(800)925-2271.

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

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

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Tracksters off to fast start in '94

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Saturday's Milan Relays turned out to be a "pleasant surprise" for Wildcat boys' track coach Bob Smith. Novi High put together numerous solid efforts to take third place overall. Not bad considering the Wildcats were less than 100 percent due to injuries and illnesses.

"I'm really pleased with the whole team," said Smith. "We were competitive in every race."

"It was nice to see." Shady Sardy and Tim O'Flynn were just two of many that either were hurt or ill and unable to perform. Novi tied Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell, nonetheless, for third with 62 points. Farmington Hills Harrison and Pinckney took the championship with 100 points each.

Novi started off strong by taking third in the four-mile relay. Rob Mutch, Chad Darling, Scott Shepley and Adam Hagfors posted a time of 20:43.15.

Hagfors had a great day anchoring several Wildcat relay teams. "He really put on a gutsy performance," Smith said. "He just wouldn't give up."

A 9:11.17 by the team of Mutch, Shepley, Mark McBride and Hagfors was good for second place in the 3,200-meter relay. In the shuttle hurdle event, John Scherger and Damien Thompson took fourth with a time of 1:10.04.

Brandon Spence, Ryan Keys, Todd Pejakovich and Derek Wadschick were fifth in the sprint medley. The puddle jumper event saw Novi take third place in 6:22.72 with the team of Eric Brandon, Anthony Kozadinos, Mutch and Thompson.

Wildcats Spence, Keys, Pete Wickman and Pejakovich were second in the 400 relay. In the distance relay, McBride, Wickman, Shepley and Hagfors were third in 12:05.4.

Novi placed fifth in the co-ed race. Wadschick, Scherger, Charly Slanaker and Ursula Place finished the 1,200 meter race in 3:09.98.

Brandon and Tony Place combined for 10:29 in the high jump for fourth place. Novi was also fourth in the long jump with Wickman, Thompson and McBride.

Smith said, overall, it was a good meet for his team. He added that he was pleased with baton hand-offs.

"Our hand-offs were decent," Smith said. "It's a timing thing. If you're off by a half-second you can run off without it or get run over."

NOVI 82, SOUTH LYON 45. The Cats got their KVC season rolling Thursday with an easy win over the Lions. Smith it was a chance for his young team to get its feet wet.

"I wanted to workout the timing of all," he commented. "The kids have to know what it is to come back for a second and third race."

Unlike past years, Novi is short on depth. Athletes will be called upon to perform in four events often instead of two or three.

McBride is one of those guys doing double-duty. He finished third in the long jump with a leap of 16' 4". Sardy was second with a 19' 3".

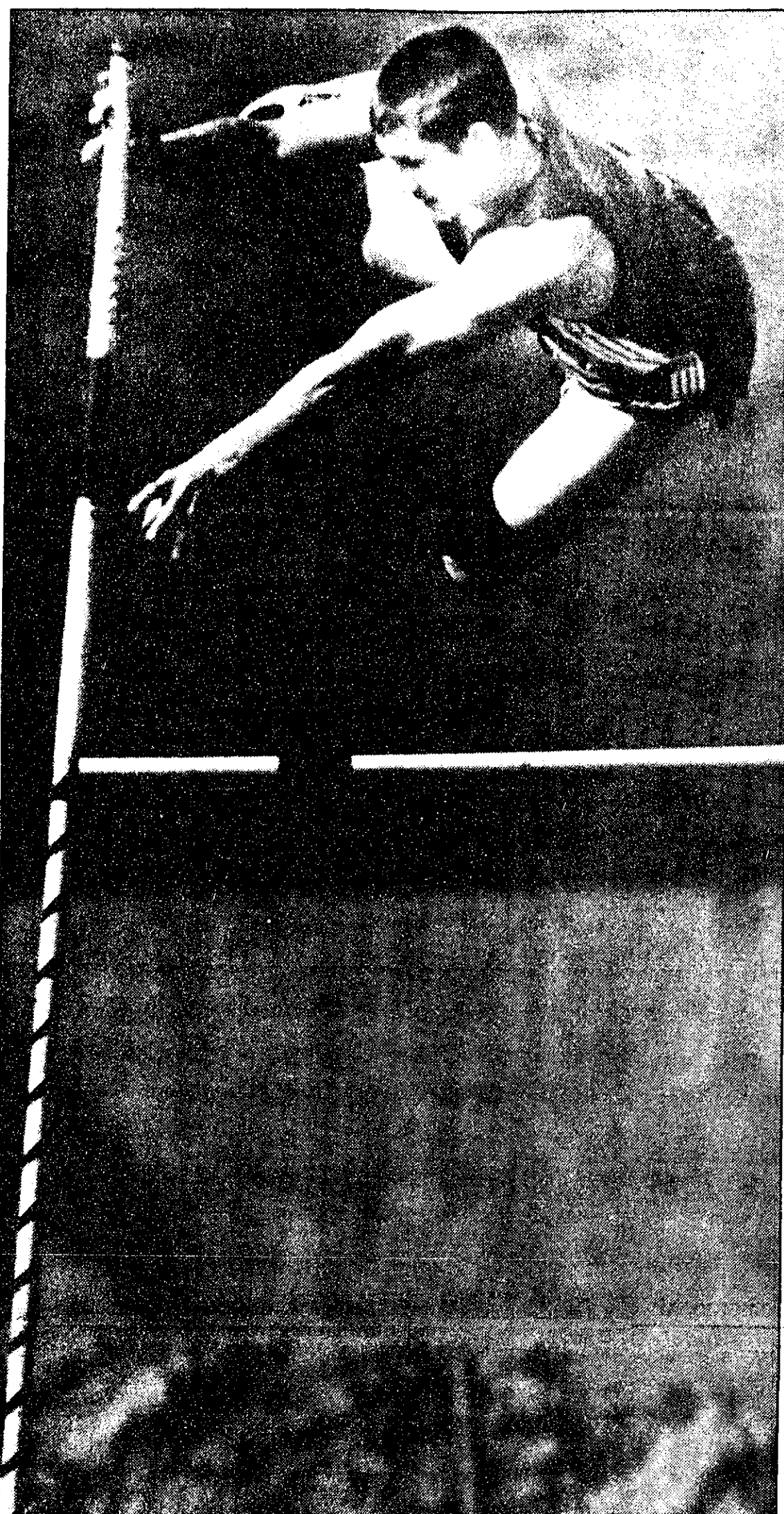
In the pole vault, Novi made a clean sweep. Brandon placed first with 11'-0", Adam Tymenski second at 9'-6" and Josh Frick third at 9'-0".

The Wildcats repeated the trick in the high jump as Thompson was first, Sardy second and Tony Place third. Eric Norman took second in the decus with a throw of 108' 5" and also placed third in the shot put with a personal best of 37'-10".

The 3,200-meter relay team of Ryan Henderson, Shepley, McBride and Sardy won with a time of 20:43.15.

Pejakovich as the winner of the 100-meter dash in 1:15.1 and Spence was second in 11.5. Wickman, Spence, Keys and Pejakovich combined for a first place time of 1:35.22 in the 800-meter relay.

Hagfors was first in the 1,600-meter race in 5:02.27 and



Adam Tymenski clears the bar in the pole vault.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

9:08-99. Thompson took first in the high hurdles and set a personal best in 15.84.

"He ran an outstanding race," said Smith. "A few more tenths (of a second) he's looking at battling with anybody in the league."

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Darling was third. Spence, Keys, Wickman and Pejakovich won the 400 relay in 46.31. McBride took second in the 400-meter race in 54.88.

"He doesn't have the runner's body," Smith said of McBride. "But he's got a runner's heart."

Brandon won the low hurdles while Thompson was third. Jukes Namm finished second in the 800-meter race in 2:13.22.

Shepley got himself a win in the 3,200-meter relay in 1:05.9 while freshman Dave Walle was third.

"He's going to be a good one," said Smith. Novi closed the meet by taking first in the mile relay. Brandon, Wickman, Greg Smith and Frick posted a time of 3:47.67.

FRESHMEN There were several noteworthy performances by Wildcats at the freshman New Boston meet Saturday.

Andy Gatt and Smith long jumped 18'-4", a meet record. Scott Keys, Smith, Gatt and Chris Rescintu won the 800 relay.

Novi whips Northville 7-1

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play, the outfield shined. Sill, in left field, threw a 90 mph fastball to second base in the fourth inning. John Wroe, in center field, made a diving catch and also went back to the fence to snag a sure hit.

"We really played good defense," said Howard. "These kids have confidence and good skills. Unless we have major injuries, I think we'll play good defense all year."

At the plate, Grigg went two for four with an RBI, stolen base and triple. Sill and Fischer had home runs and two RBI each. Novi plays a doubleheader tomorrow at home against Fenton starting at 4 p.m.

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Providence Novi Run coming soon

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

On Sunday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. the starting line of the 14th Annual Providence Novi Run when approximately 300 to 400 eager runners will take off for the 5K and 10K race.

We could not have a race without runners, but equally important, we need volunteers. There are volunteer opportunities at the Registration Tables, throughout the Course, and at the Start and Finish Lines. The rewards are great for volunteering. . . food, T-shirts, prizes, meeting special people and satisfaction.

"Many of our race volunteers get hooked and come back year after year," said race coordinator Marilyn Troshak. "The annual Providence Novi Run is one of the Parks and Rec's major events, not in regard to the number of people served, but in the amount of preparation and on-site work that is demanded for an event of this type."

"We need many volunteers in order to make this run a successful community event. We need YOU! The Trackers unselfishly donate their time to help the event run

smoothly by stuffing packets prior to the race and serving as course marshals, manning water stations and offering any other help needed on race day. They also have Trackers who always participate in the run.

The Providence Novi Run was created by matching up Novi Parks and Recs with Providence Hospital. One of the goals of Novi Parks and Recreation has always been to provide "fitness for life" experiences in the community.

Providence Hospital also looked for ways to interact with the community to encourage healthy lifestyles. In 1980, the City of Novi teamed up with Providence Hospital to provide the Providence Novi Run, a healthy lifestyle event for the entire family.

Providence Hospital has always involved a lot of staff in everything from initial preparation to race day activities to the awards ceremony. "We even have many of our staff running the race. It has become an annual tradition for us," said Tony McCumb, Coordinator of Community Health Education at Providence Hospital.

For the last 13 years the Providence Novi Run has taken place through rain, snow, sun and even sleet. There is a 5,000 (5K) and

10,000 (10K) meter run and a one mile fun run/walk. Runners come from all over Michigan, but it is a community based run. Last year they tried holding a 5K run and the fun walk at Providence Park in Novi. They had over 100 runners, but due to popular demand, this year the race is back at the Novi Civic Center.

Participants range from young children to people in their 60s. There are wheelchair racers and parents with strollers. One year someone registered their dog in the race. It's a day for family fun complete with the Four Seasons Brass Band, fruit and bagels, door prizes and posture screenings by Kathy Duncan, R.N., D.C. of Duncan Chiropractic in Novi.

In 1992, a total of 434 runners crossed the finish line. 360 for the 5K and 10K race and 74 fun run/walk participants. In 1990, 335 crossed the finish line. 290 for the 5K and 10K race and 45 fun runners. Each year the number of participants have increased.

Over the years, other businesses and organizations have given support to the Providence Novi Run. JCK & Associates became involved in 1987 as a sponsor and the Novi Trackers Club, a running club promoting physical fitness and camaraderie,

have served as the official hosts of the race since 1981. Running Fit in the NoviTown Center specializing in running shoes and apparel is also a major sponsor of the race.

"Running Fit is also a major contributor to our Run. They are donating the prize certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category. We couldn't have such great events without the support of sponsors like Providence Hospital, JCK & Associates and Running Fit," said Marilyn Troshak.

Troshak is the person behind the scenes who makes sure everything runs smoothly on race day. She works hard getting all the support groups and volunteers working together for a successful community event.

"The Providence Run is an important fitness for life event in Novi. Not only does it serve the competitive runner, but it's an event for the entire family," she said.

Grab your running shoes and sign up now for the 14th Annual Providence Novi Run or call Marilyn at 347-0400 and become a volunteer. Either way, you will have a great time.

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

Vitamins vital to good health



Mark Pomeranski

VITAMIN B

Vitamin B actually refers to a group of vitamins rather than a single substance. These vitamins are grouped together because they are often found together in the same kinds of food such as cereals, liver and milk. There are eight vitamins within this group worth mentioning and include thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2), pyridoxine (B6), cyanocobalamin (B12), niacin, folic acid, pantothenic acid and biotin.

B1—Found mainly in meats, whole grains and legumes. Beri-beri, a syndrome caused by B1 deficiency, is characterized by irritability, dry skin, progressive paralysis and disorderly thinking. In the United States, thiamine deficiency, commonly present with chronic alcoholism, has symptoms of apathy and memory loss. This condition is known as Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome.

B2—Organ meats and leafy, green vegetables are good sources. Deficiency symptoms include dermatitis, sores at the corners of the mouth and a smooth purple tongue (glossitis).

B6—Too much pyridoxine has been associated with neurologic symptoms, while too little often seen with pregnant women and alcoholics, causes anemia, irritability, convulsions and glossitis.

B12—Unlike other vitamins, B12 is not

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found in plants but rather made by bacteria. Appreciable amounts are found in eggs, yeast, shrimp, pork and other animal foods. Deficiencies of this vitamin, although very rare, are associated with blood abnormalities including anemia.

Niacin—Too little of this vitamin causes pellagra. Pellagra is recognized by symptoms called the "three D's": diarrhea, dermatitis and dementia.

Folic acid—Deficiency of this vitamin, usually seen in pregnant women and alcoholics, is the most common form of vitamin deficiency in general in the United States. Symptoms include anemia and growth failure.

To satisfy your body's need for folic acid make sure you eat enough green, leafy vegetables, lima beans, fresh fruits and whole grain cereals.

Pantothenic acid—Due to its wide distribution in a variety of foods, deficiencies of this important vitamin are very rare.

Biotin—Biotin is acquired not only by diet but also in part by intestinal bacteria synthesis. Deficiencies are rare unless you ingest an average of 20 raw egg whites a day. Egg whites contain a protein known as avidin, which binds to biotin and prevents your body from absorbing it.

VITAMIN E Tocopherols. Sound familiar? Probably not, but it is the name of the group that makes up what we know as vitamin E. The main source of vitamin E in our diet is vegetable oils. You can also find moderate amounts in liver, eggs, grains and leafy vegetables.

Vitamin E protects polyunsaturated fats, vitamin A and red blood cells from a harmful pro-

cess known as oxidation. People who have an inability to properly absorb fat find themselves deficient in this vitamin, which makes sense since it is fat soluble. These individuals can experience neurological damage as well as destruction of red blood cells. In terms of too much vitamin E, studies have yet to reveal any significant problems.

VITAMIN K Why do babies cry when they are born? One of the many reasons could be that they have just received their first shot within minutes of being delivered. The shot contains vitamin K and is given because a deficiency can occur within the first few days of life.

Humans obtain vitamin K from green, leafy vegetables including spinach and cabbage. In addition to dietary intake, we have bacteria in our intestine capable of making the vitamin.

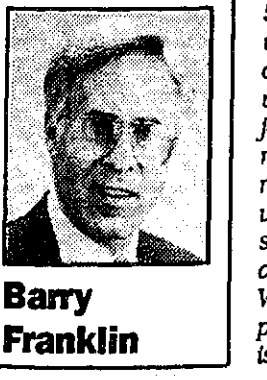
Early in life, these bacteria are not present within the gut making it necessary for newborns to receive vitamin K from an outside source, thus explaining the injection.

The main function of vitamin K is to help your liver produce factors essential for blood clotting. Without these factors, or vitamin K, a person becomes predisposed to hemorrhage.

Vitamins play an important role in maintaining life. Their presence in many different foods makes their ingestion not only easy, but delicious. Since there is such an abundance of vitamins found within our diets becoming vitamin deficient and acquiring the medical conditions mentioned in this article is difficult. Even though it may sound simple, if you eat right and include the basic food groups in your diet, your need for vitamin supplements is nonexistent unless medically indicated.

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Stress test helps heart patient



Barry Franklin

Question: I am a 52-year-old smoker with a family history of heart disease. I would like to start a jogging program, but my doctor has recommended that I first undergo an exercise stress test. What does the test involve? What are its purposes? And how safe is it?

Answer: An exercise stress test is a medical procedure in which the heart and circulation are placed under a series of increasing workloads. Doctors recommend it for individuals with symptoms suggestive of heart disease or those embarking on a vigorous exercise program.

The procedure is based on the premise that a functional assessment of the heart is more revealing than one conducted at rest. It's the same as taking a used car for a "road test" instead of evaluating it while it is parked.

The test involves riding a stationary bicycle or walking on a motorized treadmill. Changes in the electrocardiogram (ECG) rhythm, heart rate and blood pressure are constantly monitored. The workload is gradually increased until the individual reaches his self-determined

capacity or until clinical symptoms or significant ECG abnormalities appear.

From this exercise testing we can learn: 1) to establish a diagnosis of overt or latent heart disease; 2) to evaluate cardiovascular functional capacity; 3) to assess the safety of exercise training; and 4) to evaluate responses to various therapeutic regimens.

Here is what the lessons mean: Diagnosis of heart disease. At rest, blockage of the heart's blood vessels may not be severe enough to cause a supply/demand imbalance. During exercise, however, the compromised blood supply may be inadequate to meet the increased demands.

The insufficiency causes a characteristic change in the ECG pattern. The change suggests impaired blood flow and is highly predictive of future coronary events.

It should be noted, however, that the test is not infallible. In some instances, the ECG changes may suggest the presence of heart disease, when, in fact, no disease is present. In other cases the lack of ECG changes may suggest the absence of heart disease when in fact disease is present. Thus, the ECG results must be interpreted in light of all clinical findings.

Assessment of functional capacity. The exercise test may also be used to evaluate cardiovascular functional capacity. This is facilitated by determining your peak energy expenditure during the test.

By comparing it with the established energy cost of various occupational and recreational activities, the physician can accurately match his patient with activities which are within his capacity.

Safety of exercise: Exercise testing is useful in providing "clearance" for individuals to participate in physical fitness programs. In a small percentage of people, vigorous exercise may provoke dangerous disturbances under medical supervision.

Evaluation of therapeutic regimens: The exercise test also provides an objective baseline for evaluating the cardiovascular responses to drug therapy, exercise training and coronary bypass surgery among patients with heart disease.

Lastly, what dangers are there in exercising a sedentary individual to "all-out effort"? One survey revealed a death rate of one in 10,000 associated with exercise testing. The complication rate, requiring hospitalization, was two in 10,000. Thus, the test appears to be remarkably safe despite its vigorous nature.

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Northville stuns defending state champs Athens 1-0

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Beating the defending state champion, for most schools, would be the highlight of the season. Northville High coach Doug Lyon was extremely happy with his team's 1-0 win over Troy Athens April 12. But he's hoping it won't be the Mustangs' last big victory of the year. "Hopefully, Troy Athens is a stepping-stone for the rest of the season," Lyon commented. "It was like winning the state tournament. If we

can keep the momentum going into the season there's nobody we can't beat." The win pushed Northville, 1-0, into Class A's top 10. In rankings released Monday by the coaches' association, the Mustangs are ranked seventh, Troy Athens eighth. WLAAs rival Livonia Churchill is ranked second. Last week's battle with the Red Hawks was a defensive battle. In gaining the shutout, Lyon said his halfback line did a great job. "They got back and played good

defense," he said. With halfbacks like Kristin Wasalaak, Lyndsay Huot and Courtney Todd covering the wings and corners, Northville's fullbacks were able to stay in the center of the field and keep Athens from getting too many good scoring chances. Lyon was particularly happy with the job of junior sweeper Lisa Bernardo. "She's mentally focused on where the ball is going," he said. "Nothing gets by her." Nothing got by goalkeeper Jessica Jones, either. The junior had nearly a

dozen shutouts last year and, apparently, has picked up where she left off this spring. "She's the best goalie in the state," said Lyon. The game's only goal came late. With about five minutes remaining, forward Sue McQuaid pushed the ball deep into Athens' territory. The Red Hawk keeper raced towards the ball, but missed as she dove for it. Renee Androsian collected the ball and deposited it in the net to make the score 1-0.

"It was a great goal for us," said Lyon. Northville dominated the remaining minutes of the game and kept the ball away from Troy. Lyon said it appeared that Athens ran out of gas late in the game. "They were playing their best 11," he added, "and never subbed." Lyon said he brought his starting front line out of the game about halfway through the second half. They were fresh going into the final minutes.

The game was close throughout. Both teams took turns dominating, but Northville just got the break it needed to win. "They're a strong team," said Lyon. "If we played them again it could go either way." The coach hopes his team will be able to generate more offense and keep playing solid defense. "My kids showed they could play defensively," Lyon said. Northville plays at home tomorrow (7 p.m.) against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Wildcats split with Vikings

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Novi quickly knotted the score again in the bottom of the frame. Sirikulis reached on an error and scored on sacrifice fly by Drury. The team traded runs again through the middle innings to make the score 3-3 in the top of the sixth. Walled Lake scored the winning run on a Novi error.

It appeared the Wildcats would make yet another comeback in the seventh. Drury reached base after being hit by a pitched and Swinehart doubled to put two runners in scoring position. A popout got Walled Lake out of the inning and gave them the victory.

Swinehart started the game on the mound and took the loss.

"They really didn't hit ball hard," said Peace.

A host of other games were cancelled last week. The squad was to play Kensington Valley Conference South Lyon and Millford in doubleheaders. The games have been rescheduled.

Novi was to host its own Early Bird Tournament last weekend. That will be played this Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

The Wildcats will likely meet Baseline rival Northville in the final at 4 p.m. Other teams scheduled to play are Montrose, Hazel Park, Detroit Murray Wright and Detroit Renaissance.

Runners third at Milan Relays

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"It was a lot closer than last year," said Atia.

Novi won most of the events Thursday, nonetheless.

Jettie won the long jump (15'-9") and high jump (4'-9") events. Place was second in the high jump.

DeWitt finished third in the shot put with a throw of 23'-2". Sveller, Harrison, Camp and Hampton won the 3,200-meter relay in 10:18.67.

Jettie's 17.58 was good for first in the high hurdles. Schmidt, meanwhile, was first in the 100-meter dash in 14.04.

Hampton and Harrison went first and second in the mile race with times of 5:40.41 and 5:55.04, respectively. The team of Schmidt, McGlinnen, Blumer and Ahrens won the 400-meter relay in 54.9.

Carmichael was first in the 400 dash in 62.01 while Jettie took top honors in the low hurdles in 50.72. Sveller had Novi's top finish in the 800-meter at second in 2:36.39.

Camp won the two-mile race in 12:21.28. Angel Root took second in 12:56.53.

Carmichael's 27.96 was second in the 200.

Athlete needs help

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each Olympic year, the Paralympics gives the world's best physically disabled athletes a chance to go for glory.

Pyrkosz has continued to train since Barcelona. He said he's improved his times in all of the events he competes in, which includes the 1,500 and 3,000 meter races.

The Northville resident thinks he could take a bronze medal in Belgium.

Entry fees are fast approaching for the championship. Anyone interested in sponsoring Pyrkosz should send their contribution to: Christopher Pyrkosz, 20927 West Farm, Northville, MI, 48167.

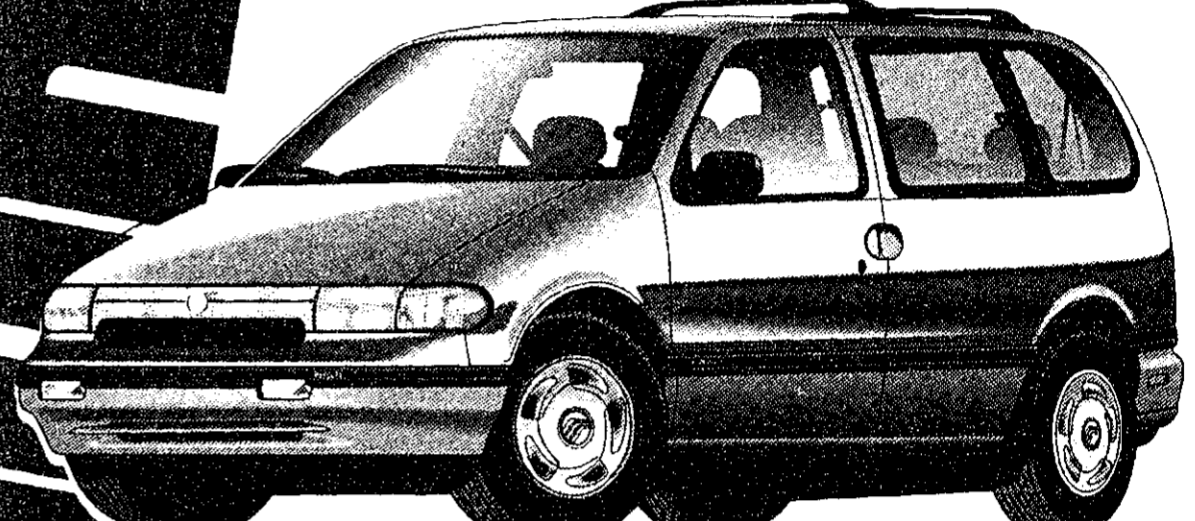
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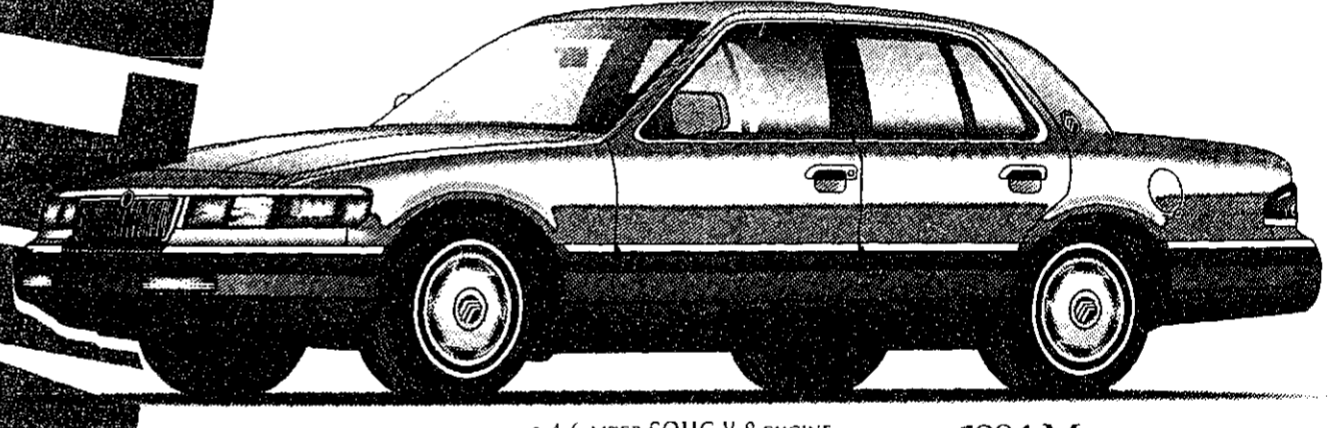
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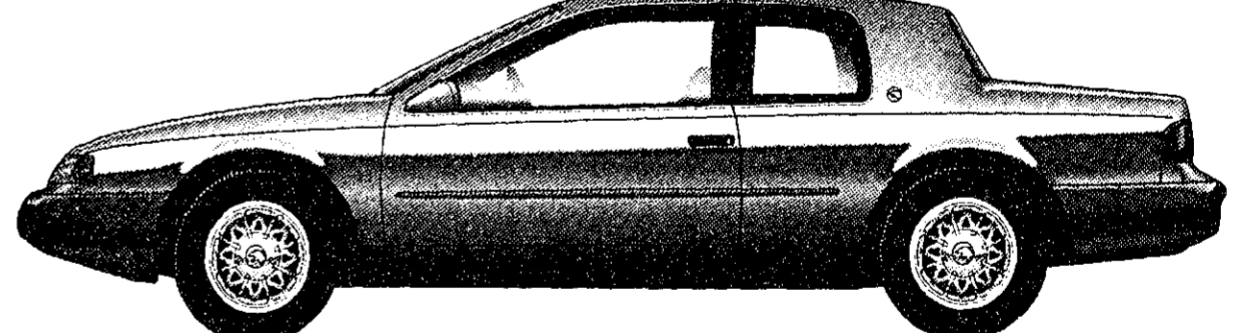


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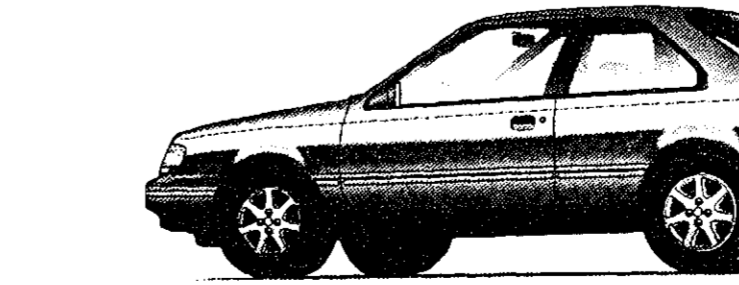


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REAL ESTATE

Taking action against consumer fraud

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

Homeowners have become a primary target of many consumer fraud perpetrators. In an increasing number of cases, con artists actually take over ownership of homes by persuading the former owner to sign certain documents. These documents are usually presented in a routine way. They are papers involving a home improvement project or applying for a new mortgage loan. And the owners have no idea they are signing away their property ownership. The problem is primarily surfacing in major metropolitan areas across the country.

Los Angeles County is vigorously fighting this type of fraud and its efforts are being monitored and considered by other counties nationwide.

The county has contracted with a real estate research and information firm to send copies of any document recorded in that county that could potentially result in the homeowner losing the property. The firm, TRW REDI Property Data, will send these documents to

an estimated 90,000 to 100,000 homeowners every month.

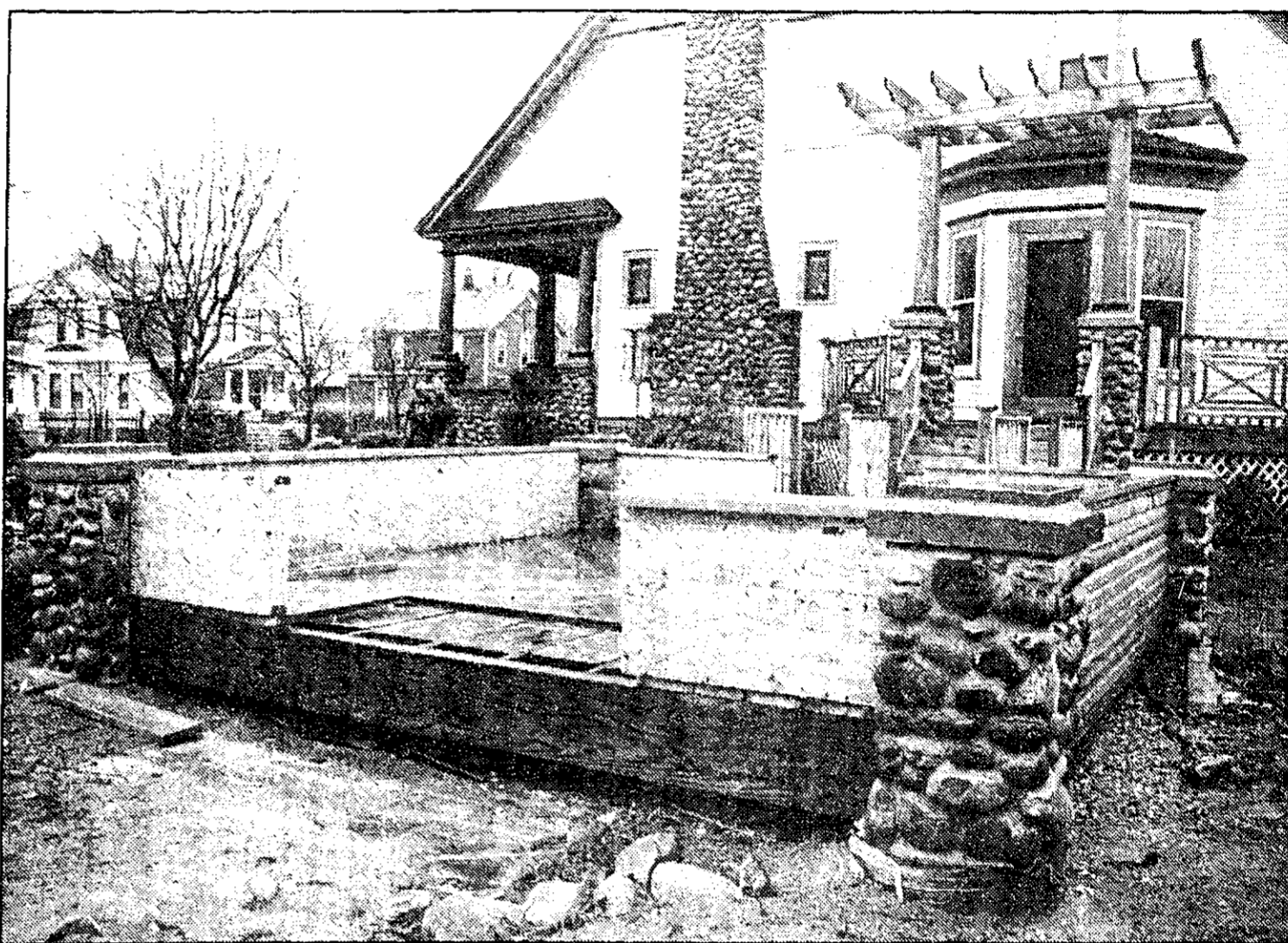
A cover letter will explain that the documents may be perfectly proper, but that they could lead to problems if the owner does not understand what they are. In that event, they should consult with an attorney or adviser.

The first mailing was sent in late March, according to Ed Carruth, product development manager for TRW-REDI. The new "notification service program" was authorized by state legislation enacted in February. If and when other counties implement a similar consumer protection plan, the enabling legislation could be extended to these counties.

Los Angeles County has the highest recorded document volume of any county in the country. More than a million transactions annually are expected to process through the fraud notification system.

"The program was needed to help people who unwittingly sign documents that cause them to lose their property," said Los Angeles

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A spring remodeling project for the Kerrs of Milford is a garden house.

Photo by KRISTINE M. ANDERSON

HOME DESIGNS



COSTELLA

The Costella combines classic and contemporary

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

A unique curved wall adds a contemporary touch to the classic columned veranda that wraps around the front facade of the Costella. Inside, a graceful polished wood balustrade nestles into the curve, ascending the lofty two-story foyer as it rises to what you might be tempted to call the second floor.

But when it comes to levels, things are not what they seem. This plan has five, counting the basement. The main floor, where all of the family living areas are located, is actually the middle of the five, and that "second floor" mentioned earlier, is actually the fifth.

To the left of the foyer, and half a flight down, are two bedrooms, a compartmentalized bathroom with two basins, and a large utility room with cabinets, deep sink, and a long counter. Stairs here lead another half-flight down to the basement, which is also accessible from the garage.

As for the upper levels, a wide

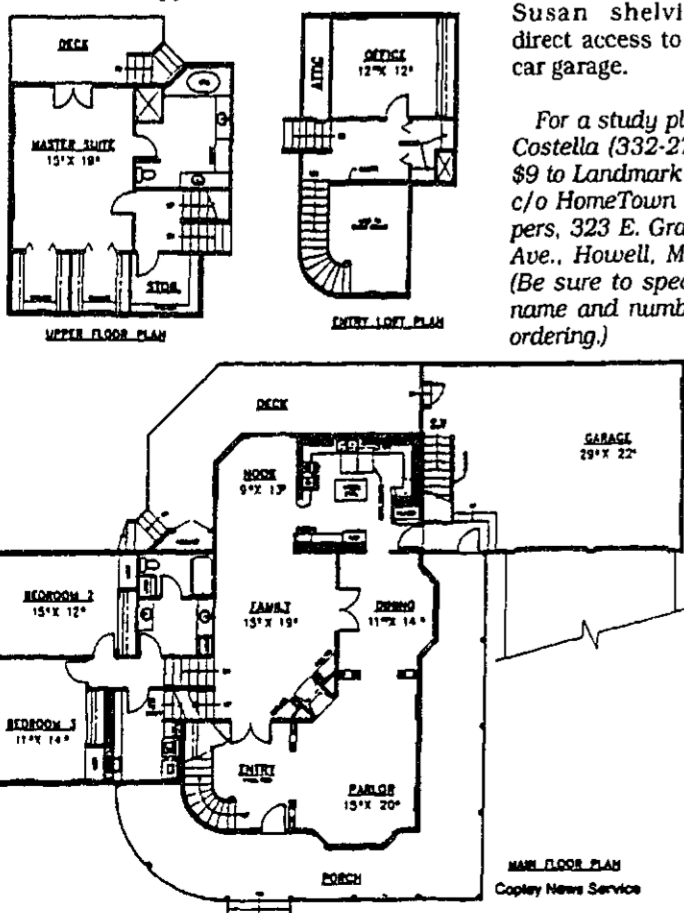
balcony tops the curved staircase and overlooks the entry. Storage space and an office (or bedroom) with a wall-length closet are also on this level. Stairs to the left lead a half-flight down to the spacious and private owners' suite. Another half-flight leads back down to the family room, on the main level.

The owners' suite has his-and-hers walk-in closets and French doors that open onto a small, private deck with stairs down to the main deck. Luxury amenities in the huge bathroom include a spa tub, oversize shower and two basins.

Classic columned arches mark the entrances to the parlor and dining room and both rooms are brightened and expanded by bay windows. The see-through fireplace does double duty, providing heat and a cheerful focal point for both the parlor and family room. Shelves flank the fireplace in the family room.

Sliding glass doors in the sunny nook open onto a wrap-around deck. And the sky-lit kitchen has everything—work island, pantry, oven, microwave, dishwasher, Lazy Susan shelving and direct access to the two-car garage.

For a study plan of the Costella (332-270) 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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SPRING FEVER

Whether you are doing the work yourself or having someone else do it, here are a few pointers on surviving a home remodeling from local homeowners and from a couple of well-respected area contractors.

Doing it Yourself

"My husband slept on a nail last night," said Carole Kerr, who, with her husband, Jerry, is erecting a three-season garden house next to their Milford home. And although their remodeling efforts have not been without a few such perils, the Kerrs love their project.

Planning their remodeling has been both formalized with architectural drawings and discovered over time.

"Because it was not something critical to our life in the house, we have been able to

take our time with it and get it just how we want it," Kerr said.

In March 1992 the Kerrs purchased the land adjacent to their home at the corner of Liberty and East streets in the Village of Milford several months after a fire razed the house which stood on it, leaving a vacant lot.

Their original plans were to landscape with grass. But by the spring of 1993, they had a new concept: "We went to my friend Bruce Weber and told him, 'We want to do a garden house. We know where we want the exit from the house to be—help us,' and then Bruce came up with a plan," Kerr said.

The garden house, about half-complete now, will eventually feature a fieldstone fireplace and antique beveled-glass windows. Jerry, an electrician, was confident doing most of his own work. He put in the concrete footing for the garden house, but they had to select contractors to do the stone masonry and carpentry work.

They found their stone mason through an ad in The Milford Times.

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Spring is in the air, and if you plan a home project, you might be thinking about remodeling it.

Nurture grass with water-soluble fertilizer

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

The cool-season grasses used in lawns throughout much of the country often suffer when hot, dry, summer weather sets in. Less water, increased foot traffic, plus fertilizer "letdown" add to the problem. So just when you want your lawn looking its best for summer activities, it may be looking its worst.

A fast and very effective way to revive a lawn in this condition is to water and feed with a liquid (water-soluble) fertilizer.

Even if you have already fertilized once this year with a granular chemical or organic fertilizer, those nutrients are probably petering out by now.

To get your lawn to "green up," you need to feed it again. But another feeding with a dry granular fertilizer in hot weather could burn your grass and make things worse instead of better!

Burning is actually a severe drying that happens when particles of dry fertilizer sit on grass blades and absorb moisture right out of the plant. In hot, dry weather, without adequate watering, lawn grass may dry out and

die. Liquid (water-soluble) fertilizer makes far more sense at this time of the year. It can't burn because it goes on in a highly diluted solution—just a tablespoonful to the gallon. (Use a hose-end applicator to get the job done fast.) And because it's a liquid, grass plants absorb and use the nutrients almost instantly, so you'll see extremely fast, dramatic results.

Water-soluble fertilizer is an environmentally sensible way to refresh your summer lawn. Because of its high rate of dilution and rapid absorption by grass, little or no fertilizer is ever left behind to run off or leach into the groundwater.

Grass underneath trees can't compete with aggressive tree roots for the water and nutrients it needs to thrive. So use water-soluble fertilizer here, too, to give grass a watering and feeding it can use immediately.

Before that big summer barbecue, give the whole lawn a thorough feeding to give it a

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GARDEN TIPS

Safe pesticides

- Read labels carefully and follow directions.
- Don't apply pesticides outdoors on windy days.
- Avoid inhaling fumes or spilling pesticide on skin.
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Springtime brings remodeling fever to homeowners

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"Howie Fredrick was an older guy with about 40 years of experience and he knew what he was doing," Kerr said. "When we called he was booked for several weeks, and so we knew he was in demand. And this is a small community—if you get a bad reputation for your work here where are you going to go?"

The Kerrs chose the pay-as-you-go method of remodeling.

"Because it was not critical to our life we have been able to take our time and get it just like we want it," Kerr said.

The pond they dug into the lot was an afterthought.

"If we'd taken out a loan and hired contractors and gotten the whole thing done in one season we wouldn't have had time to make changes," Kerr said.

The key to remodeling, Kerr said, is patience. "A sense of humor is not half as important as patience. And confidence. Confidence in your decisions, in who you

choose as a contractor and in your spouse," she said.

Hiring someone else to do it
Chris Hadsburg of Christopher Hadsburg Master Carpenter, in Highland, Mich., has worked as a finish carpenter and contractor for 17 years on some of the finest homes in California and Michigan. He believes that references, personality, respect, cleanliness and communication are the key ingredients to surviving a remodeling.

Hadsburg recommends getting references for any contractor you choose. And make sure the contractor holds a current builder's license.

"Look at some to the work he's done and make sure this person can complete the job to your satisfaction," Hadsburg said. "Personality is another big consideration. This person practically becomes a part of your family, so it is important that you can get along with them."

And respect breeds a positive atmosphere that can get both the homeowner

and the contractor's crew through the project. "A highly skilled tradesman does not like to be welcomed into a house with the attitude that he's just another dirty workman," Hadsburg said.

Clearliness is a responsibility not only for the contractors who often remodel in a house that is inhabited by a family, but for the client, as well. Not only should the client insist on the best just commitment that can be provided, but the clients should pack and move what they can.

Dust from a demolition has a way of finding itself on clothes in a closet in another part of the house, Hadsburg said. To help prevent this, coats or returns can be wrapped with cheesecloth to prevent dust from circulating through your ventilating system, and Hadsburg said that it also helps to replace filter furnaces frequently during remodeling.

Another good dust-stopping technique is using a rolled up towel at the bottom of doors to prevent air circulation into a closed room.

Chris recommends scheduling a walk-through with the contractor at least once a week. This is the time when all your questions about the work can be answered.

Deciding how to pay for your remodeling is another important consideration. The better the plan, the more specific it is, the more likely it will be that you will save money by virtue of the fact that you will have a finalized price to work with, Hadsburg said.

Larry Lizet, a Millard area general contractor and mason with a degree in architecture, agrees.

"When I work with people from the design stage up I get a good feel for what they want," Lizet said. "Communication is everything. The trouble starts when a customer thinks they should be getting something that was not in the plan."

"So it is important to make sure all the details are planned in and that you and the contractor are talking about the same thing."

Hadsburg said that changes to the original plan can result in extra costs. But, he said that price should not be the only fac-

tor. "The plan and the desired quality of the finished project will help determine the type of contractor you will hire," Hadsburg said. "It's a good idea to get several bids."

Paying a contractor for time and materials is another option other than agreeing on a bid. "But there is no control in it for the homeowner in that situation," Lizet said. "The contractor will be involved in as an example. During this job he discovered lots of rotten joists and had no idea how much of the wood was bad. So the job had to be paid for on a time and materials basis."

"But if you get too many guys standing around drinking coffee on a time and materials job, it can get expensive, too," Lizet said.

Taking action against consumer fraud; corporation relocations

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County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Project Manager Caruth noted that the new service will make people aware of the need to get assistance in clearing up any possible problems with ownership of their property.

"And in the light of recent tragedies, ranging from heavy rains to fires and earthquakes, this service may be very timely in preventing additional hardship on property owners who might be more vulnerable to fraud situa-

tions." He also noted that the timing of this major project was right, in view of new technology.

"We will be using an imaging technology in copying the documents. They will be high quality laser-printed documents that will make even the fine print easy to read."

Even if not directly affected, consumers will benefit from the newly launched project by its news coverage. It will make homeowners more aware of these fraud attempts, and they will be more

motivated to study and understand all documents before signing them.

Q. Are corporate relocations on the increase?
A. That depends on the region. They are sharply increasing in the Southeast, but are decreasing in the West.

Thirty-five percent of incoming transferees actively launched project by its news coverage. It will make homeowners more aware of these fraud attempts, and they will be more

according to a report from The Relo Network, a major relocation referral organization.

The Western states have experienced the greatest decrease in relocation activity during recent months," said Fred Matley, Relo president. "Nationally, only 17 percent of transferees went to the western region."

He noted that during 1992 more than 21 percent of relocation activity was to the West. In 1991 it was 22 percent.

Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copy News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

Nurture grass with water-soluble fertilizer

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fabulous luster. Not even water-soluble fertilizer can keep your lawn green if it doesn't get adequate water over a prolonged period. When watering is restricted and there's no rain in sight, you may just have to live with that tired-looking lawn a little longer.

SAFE PESTICIDES
Here are six steps to safer use of pesticides. Always keep children and pets away from pesticides, treated areas, application equipment and used cans or bottles.

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• Avoid inhaling pesticides or spilling them on your skin or on the ground. I strongly advise using a mask.

• Wash thoroughly with soap and water after using a pesticide, and wash the clothing you wore separately from other laundry.

• Never transfer a pesticide or other poison into a different container, such as a soft drink bottle that would attract children. It is illegal to do so and extremely dangerous.

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• Dispose of all empty containers as directed on the label.

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Bring your lustiest buyers to this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial in the Fox Run subdivision. This floor laundry, central air, oak foyer, master bedroom with fireplace, backs to park, 500 sq. ft. deck, full basement, underground sprinkler. \$249,999

4816 COLONY FARM CIRCLE - PLYMOUTH
S. OF ANN ARBOR RD. W. OF BECK
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
Park-like setting for this townhouse. Two bedrooms each with full bath, living room with fireplace, dining room, finished basement with 3rd bedroom, 3rd full bath and rec room, attached garage with direct access. \$119,900

9709 FENTON - REDFORD
N. OF WEST CORKIN, E. OF BECK
AFFORDABLE DREAM
Super sharp cream puff! Stunning 4 bedroom brick bungalow. This floor laundry, central air, oak foyer, master bedroom with fireplace, backs to park, 500 sq. ft. deck, full basement, underground sprinkler. \$249,999

45266 TURNBERRY DRIVE - CANTON
S. OF CHERRY HILL, E. OF CANTON CENTER
BETTER THAN NEW!
This wonderful 16 month old home has all the amenities and shows beautifully. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with a bright open floor plan, extensive landscaping, circular brick patio and so much more! In Glengary subdivision! \$226,475

5850 MARLOWE - PLYMOUTH
S. OF ANN ARBOR ROAD, E. OF SHELTON
THE PERFECT HOME!
This 2 bedroom Plymouth home on a large treed lot is immaculate. All newer - roof, carpet, kitchen, bath flooring, a large utility room with lots of cupboards, beautiful spacious family room with fireplace. Hurry, move right in! \$58,800

3500 MOONLIGHT - PLYMOUTH
S. OF ANN ARBOR RD. W. OF SHELTON
BEACON TRAIL
Enjoy 4 bedrooms, family room with fireplace, hardwood foyer, wood trim throughout and park-like setting in the back yard. \$194,990

1367 WEST BROOK - PLYMOUTH
N. OF N. TERRITORIAL, E. OF BECK
A TRUE SHOWPLACE
From the marble foyer to the soaring ceiling of the great room, everything exudes quality. Open and bright kitchen, 3 fireplaces, beautiful 1st floor master suite, extensive decking and patio. A must see! \$479,900

1886 BUCKINGHAM COURT - PLYMOUTH
N. OF TERRITORIAL, W. OF SHELTON
CUSTOM 6900 SQUARE FOOT
3 level tudor backing to 2.62 acre commons! 4 bedrooms and baths, huge kitchen and full 2nd, cherry bar, sauna, hot tub, exercise room, 2 fireplaces and walk-out to multi-level decking and much more! \$575,000

4928 NEWPORT - PLYMOUTH
S. OF ANN ARBOR ROAD, E. OF HAGERSTY
ENJOY THE VIEW
For all seasons from this clean and neutral one bedroom Plymouth brick ranch condo. Newer paint, carpet, vinyl clad windows, finished basement, carpet. Over 55 active association. \$71,000

1427 ROSS - PLYMOUTH
N. OF ANN ARBOR RD. E. OF SHELTON
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
Sought after Plymouth neighborhood. 3 spacious bedrooms, plus den, 2 1/2 bath colonial backing to creek, freshly painted, neutral decor, family room with brick fireplace, newer furnace, central air, roof, many updates and more. \$187,900

8022 ELMHURST - PLYMOUTH
S. OF JOY, E. OF SHELTON
ATTRACTIVE COLONIAL
This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home is ideally situated in one of Canton's finest subdivisions. Family room with raised hearth fireplace, 1st floor laundry, central air, sprinklers and spacious lot are just a few. \$145,000

1835 MERRIMAN COURT - LIVONIA
N. OF SEVEN MILE, E. OF MERRIMAN
COZY STARTER
Bring your deposit! You'll love this charming ranch. Features: deck, hardwood floors, updated bath, fireplace, quiet street, Livonia schools and more! \$76,500

8830 BROOKLINE - PLYMOUTH
N. OF JOY, E. OF SHELTON
AFFORDABLE PLYMOUTH
Affordable with updates galore! This cute 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch in Plymouth Township has it all, newer roof - less than 1 year new, newer kitchen and bathroom, newer fireplace and hot water heater - 1998, all new entry doors. \$99,889

4886 MEADOW DRIVE - PLYMOUTH
N. OF ANN ARBOR RD. W. OF BECK
RIDGEWOOD HILLS COLONIAL
Extensive landscaping and decking are just the beginning of the upgrades this large colonial has. Tastefully decorated and in move-in condition. \$279,900

2848 WARD - DEARBORN
S. OF CHERRY HILL, E. OF GUILLEY
CHARACTER AND CHARM
Location and character are just two of the features of this classic Dearborn Hills Tudor. This stone and brick home is filled with charm for \$135,000.

4389 PROCTOR - CANTON
N. OF CHERRY HILL, E. OF SHELTON
BRAND NEW KITCHEN!
1984 built colonial, 3 bedrooms plus lower level 4th, living aid family rooms, lovely premium homesite, deck, newer central air, all for \$123,850.

947 LAMONT - LIVONIA
S. OF ANN ARBOR ROAD, E. OF HIX
HUGE LOT!
110 x 135 ft. fenced and partially treed lot makes this 2 bedroom ranch with basement and 2 car attached garage very desirable. Crown molding, oak cabinetry, neutral decor, mirrored closet door, ceramic entry, private garage, in-unit laundry, private setting. \$82,500

11863 SYCAMORE - PLYMOUTH
N. OF ANN ARBOR TRAIL, W. OF HAGERSTY
LIKE WINNING THE LOTTO!
You'll be pleased as punch in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with gas fireplace, eyeball spots, oak mantel, crown molding, oak cabinetry, neutral decor, mirrored closet door, ceramic entry, private garage, in-unit laundry, private setting. \$82,500

NORTHVILLE/NOVI
305-6090

PLYMOUTH/CANTON
459-6000

LIVONIA
425-6060

FARMINGTON
478-6022

4644 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite A, Plymouth

083 Apartments For Rent

Brighton Cove
APARTMENTS HAVE IT ALL!
 Convenient city location in a relaxed country atmosphere. Fish or picnic at our private park on Ore Creek. Play tennis, swim or just enjoy carefree living in a newly decorated one or two bedroom apt.
RENT NOW!
 • Central Air
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 • Balconies & Cable
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 • Starting at \$450
 OFFICE OPEN Mon. thru Fri. 9-5 Saturday 11-2
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HOWELL SENIOR CITIZEN
 APT. 410 W. Washington St., first floor, very private, walk to town. \$450 per mo. Electric paid & 1/2 of gas. (810)220-1510.
HOWELL Sunny Knoll senior apts. 1 br. apt. \$410/mo. plus utilities. (517)546-3396

S. LYON AREA \$399*
 Moves You In (on selected units)
 • Large 1 & 2 Bedroom
 • Walk-in closets
 • Fully carpeted
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 • Rent from \$439
Kensington Park
 Apartments
 Across from Kensington Metro Park located at 196 & Kent Lake Rd.
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HOWELL Washington Square Apts. Near downtown area. Modern 2 br. apts. Beautifully located overlooking scenic yard & playground. Central air, dishwasher, garbage disposal, drapes & microwave \$575/mo. No pets please. (313)229-4241 or (313)227-7606 evas.
MILFORD 1 & 2 br. apts. from \$435 per mo., heat included. (810)884-0966.
NEW HUDSON Spacious, 1 br. in peaceful country setting, appliances provided. Only \$395 per mo. Security deposit, references. No pets. Call Dave, (517)546-4591, leave message.
NORTHVILLE downtown, extra large 1br. apt. heat furnished, laundry facilities, stove/fridge, no pets. References. \$550/mo. (313)349-3919
SOUTH LYON 2 br. upstairs apt. Living room, dining room, kitchen, 1 bath. \$600/mo. plus security. (810)486-4414.
SOUTH LYON 1 br. apt. partially furnished, \$425 m.o. (810)437-9915.
SOUTH LYON 2 br., 1 bath, kitchen appliances, no pets, must provide references, employment verification a must. \$600. (810)486-3900.
SOUTH LYON 1 br., 1 bath, kitchen appliances, no pets, must provide references, employment verification a must. \$350. (810)486-3900.
SOUTH LYON 2 br. \$495/mo. \$505 security. Heat and water included. (810)437-7933.
WEBBERVILLE 2 bedroom, appliances, garage, no pets \$485, ask about special. (313)553-3471, (517)521-3323.
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WHITMORE LAKE Beautiful area. Pine Knoll Apts. 6 acre park setting, large 2 br. appliances, carpet, blinds, balcony, central air. \$495 a mo. (517)546-8449, (313)449-2141, (313)464-6042.

WIXOM 2 br. No pets. Free heat Available immediately. \$500/mo. \$600 security. Free rent til May 1. (810)624-9470.

084 Duplexes For Rent

BRIGHTON 2 br., heat & trash removal included, 1 yr. lease, no pets. \$525 mo./security (517)546-7937.
BRIGHTON Nice clean quiet 2 br. duplex. New appliances. Rent \$525 plus security. (313)229-6861.
BRIGHTON Beautiful 2 br., new carpet & tile, oak kitchen, great view, deck, pond, stove & fridge, sony - no pets. \$595 plus utilities & trash. (810)220-3789, 6pm-10pm.
BRIGHTON Deluxe townhouse 23 br., 1 1/2 bath, dishwasher, term., laundry hookups, cooling fans, garage, lots of storage. \$875/mo. (313)227-6808.
BRIGHTON 1 br. available immediately. \$365-\$385, utilities included, deposit. (517)546-1829
COHOCTAH 2 br., ranch style, laundry hook-up, country setting, \$470/mo. (517)732-7899.
GREGORY 1,000sq. ft., 6 rooms. New washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove. \$515. Cats o.k. (313)498-2543.
HOWELL 1 br. upper flat, immediate occupancy. \$375/mo. (517)548-1910.
HOWELL 2 br. duplex. (517)548-4197.
HOWELL 2 br. duplex in quiet country setting. Latson/M-59 area. \$495 per mo. (810)227-6231.

085 Rooms For Rent

BRIGHTON Twp. Lexington Motel Rooms by day or week. 5 min. from I-96 & US 23. 1040 Old US-23.
HOWELL City. Sleeping room only. \$45 weekly, kitchen use extra. (517)548-4030.
HOWELL Female preferred, 23-35 yrs. old, full house privileges. \$70 per wk. (517)546-6443.
HOWELL Rooms for rent. (517)546-9481.

HOWELL 2 br. duplex, large yard, pets welcome, \$590 mo. (517)546-2876.

HOWELL 2 br. duplex, all new, completely remodeled. Appliances, plus water. Close to downtown. \$600, plus security, references. Call (517)546-4214.

HOWELL Largo, clean, 2 br., country setting, no pets. Available now. \$525. (313)878-3741.

NEW HUDSON 2 br. duplex, freshly painted, w/kitchen appliances. Washer/dryer hook-up. Located in a peaceful country setting, yet close to expressways. \$525 per mo., plus utilities. No pets. Call Dave, (517)546-4591 and leave message.

SOUTH LYON 2 br. duplex w/bsmt \$650 per mo. Call (810)437-3597, (810)437-5223.

SOUTH LYON 2 br., 2 bath, basement, etc. cond. \$675/mo. Call evas. (810)437-3932

SOUTH LYON 2 br. in town, laundry hook-up, shed. No pets. \$550. (810)437-6250.

SOUTH LYON 2 br., 1250sq. ft., 1 1/2 baths, bsmt, garage, ar. \$700. (810)437-0555

WHITMORE LAKE 1 br. Washer/dryer, lake access. \$445/mo. (810)634-6572.

NORTHVILLE downtown, furnished sleeping rooms, weekly security deposit. (810)305-9944.

087 Condominiums/Townhouses For Rent

BRIGHTON, Hamilton Farms. 2 br., 1 1/2 bath, finished walkout bsmt. \$950/mo. (313)229-6985.

BRIGHTON 2 br., newly decorated, furnished, central air, mo. to mo. \$650 a mo. (810)231-3528

BRIGHTON 2 br. condo w/ carport, \$500 per mo., 1st & last mos. rent, \$200 security deposit. (313)227-1388, leave message.

HOWELL Burwick Glens, 2 br., 2 bath, laundry room, garage and appliances, no pets. \$750 per month. Available April 1. (517)548-2546 days; (517)546-7850 evas, ask for Bob.

HOWELL 2 br. mobile home for rent, \$455/mo. (517)546-1450

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089 Mobile Home Sites For Rent

NOVI, Old Dutch Farms. Single wide home sites available for rent. Off street parking, clubhouse, playground. Close to I-96. Ask about our rent specials. We also have repos for sale. (810)349-3949.

090 Living Quarters To Share

GREGORY/Pinckney area. Be a golden girl. If you are non-smoking, mature, single lady, come live a large country estate with the amenities. References required. \$650 m.o. (313)498-2539.

HAMBURG, 2 minutes from US-23. 2 non-smoking females needed to share brand-new home. \$200/\$300 mo., plus 1/2 utilities. (810)220-3097, days. (810)231-2774, evas.

HOWELL, Male to share 2 br. duplex, \$350/mo. including utilities plus phone, (517)546-7846.

HOWELL, Non-smoker, utilities included. \$250/mo. (517)548-1067

LOOKING for 1 roommate to share 2 br., 1 1/2 bath apt., immediately w/available. Walled Lake. \$275 mo. plus \$150 security deposit. Ask for Jenny. (810)960-1267.

NOVI Meadows. Roommate needed for 2 br. mobile home, \$300/mo. Paul, (810)347-0990.

WHITMORE LAKE. Complete house privileges! Great location! \$300 per mo., everything included. Ask for Scott or leave message. (313)231-1237.

WHITMORE LK. Large house on M-36, close to expressway, large br., kitchen, pool, cable. Shady green lawn, \$300/mo. plus utilities. (313)231-2837.

091 Industrial/Commercial For Rent

BRIGHTON-Howell Lease this 4156sq. ft. machine shop w/way option. Other buildings on property. Avail. end of March. First Realty Brokers, (517)546-9400.

BRIGHTON commercial. 2 parcels vacant land, 1 located on Grand River but Brighton & Howell, (810)226-6700.

BRIGHTON 3400sq. ft. commercial on Grand River. High traffic count - a must see. (810)227-0600.

BRIGHTON 2400sq. ft. commercial on Grand River. High traffic count - a must see. (810)227-0600.

BRIGHTON 1260 to 4400sq. ft. for lease at the Brookside Mall. (810)227-8609 days (313)878-6084 evas.

BRIGHTON 2000sq. ft. office or retail. Exc. exposure. Immediate occupancy. The Baker Team, Inc. (810)227-9000.

GENOA TWP. near Wal-Mart. NEW - 5400sq. ft. office building. All or part. D. Gentry (517)548-0001

HOWELL 600 to 5,200sq. ft. ideal for offices, specialized retail or restaurant. Grand River in business district. First Realty Brokers, LTD. (517)546-9400.

HOWELL, near Wal-Mart. Commercial/Retail 2,000sq. ft. Large overhead doors, ideal for shop. Call between 9am-5pm, (517)548-3024.

MILFORD/New Hudson. Commercial space/light industrial available. 800-3600sq. ft. Grand River frontage, excellent freeway access. (313)437-1046

NORTHVILLE. For rent 2nd floor on Main St. 1300sq. ft. for office, storage or retail. \$75/mo. as is. Must have references. Call (810)349-0646 anytime after 12 noon.

SOUTH LYON Commercial bldg. Good for daycare or whatever. Can split. (810)486-4414.

092 Buildings & Halls For Rent

FEW choice dates available for 1994 season. Joe, (313)363-1535.

OFFICE for rent. Howell, 2000sq. ft. office with finished lower level. Immediate occupancy. \$3000/mo., triple net, (517)546-4836.

PINCKNEY, St. Mary's Hall for rent. Modern facility, air cond. For details call (313)678-3161.

093 Office Space For Rent

BRIGHTON, 1600sq. ft. office suite available in Summerwood Center. Call Mike at: (313)227-2146.

BRIGHTON. Immediate occupancy. Reasonable. Call Karl, (810)227-2469.

BRIGHTON. Prime Grand River location, 1000sq. ft., very reasonable. (313)227-3188.

BRIGHTON Grand River Ave., excellent location. 760 sq. ft. \$900 monthly. Heat & water included. (810)229-7500.

BRIGHTON, 2,700sq. ft. of prime Grand River office space, can be split. For information, call (313)227-3710, (313)349-5812.

BRIGHTON. Single, private offices with shared tenant services, including phone answering, reception, conference rooms, kitchen facilities. Secretary & computer services available. Tower Center Building. (313)229-6238

BRIGHTON Large office space on Grand River in town. Good parking, signage \$750 per mo., plus utilities. Call for information, ask for Scott Griffith, ERA Griffith Realty, (810)227-1016.

BRIGHTON downtown, retail, 2000 sq. ft. Good parking. Call Evan (810)227-1328.

BRIGHTON 1250sq. ft. class A office space available in Zeiss building. Located at 6826 Kensington Rd. \$1,375/mo. gross including all utilities. (810)659-8800.

BRIGHTON. On Grand River - now renting 2nd floor office space. Starting as low as \$300 per mo. including all utilities. Call (810)349-0646 anytime after 12 noon.

BRIGHTON downtown, 2 offices, \$300 & \$350. Bobbie (810)229-6446

BRIGHTON Woodland Office center, 400 and 900sq. ft. For \$390 a mo. Call Bobbie (810)229-2190.

BRIGHTON Grand River office space. Immediate availability. The Baker Team, Inc. (810)227-9000.

BRIGHTON, 2000sq. ft. office or retail. Exc. exposure. Immediate occupancy. The Baker Team, Inc. (810)227-9000.

HOWELL 1800sq. ft. office in industrial zoned building. Exc. parking, \$450/mo. Call (810)227-4600 ext. 277.

HOWELL 2 room office, in city with window. (517)546-0148.

HOWELL. Clean, bright office space, 101 Lucy Rd., 640sq. ft. Convenient parking. Call (517)546-1990.

MILFORD downtown. \$150 per month, utilities paid. (313)685-7200.

NORTHVILLE, downtown. Office space for lease, 2 rooms. Monthly/yearly. (810)348-1270.

HOWELL for lease or rent in Promenade Mall. Call (517)546-6292.

PRIME Office space on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. 200-8000sq. ft. available 12/94 or sooner. Bailo Real Estate. (810)437-2064

094 Vacation Rentals

DISNEYBOUND? Orlando lakefront condo. Sleeps 6, tennis, pool, \$475 week. (313)781-4751.

DISNEY/EPICOT---Universal Studios, 1/2 miles away. Luxury 2 & 3 br., 2 bath condos. Washer, dryer, microwave, pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, from \$525 weekly. (810)474-5150 days; (810)478-9713 evenings.

DISNEY WORLD. Now condo in new development 5 minutes from Disney. 3 br., 2 baths, sleeps 8, equipped & furnished. Heated pool, lighted tennis court & more. Great rates! For free brochure call Glenda, (517)548-4604 or (517)546-3980.

FLORIDA 5 miles from Disney World, 2 br. home adjacent to golf course, week/mo., reasonable. (810)344-8299.

HILTON HEAD. Palmetto Dunes. Fully equipped, redecorated large villa. 2 br., 2 baths. Free tennis, bikes, pool, VCR, microwave. Weekly basis only. Novi Owner, (810)624-7747.

HOUGHTON LAKE. Fisherman's delight. 2 br. lakefront cabin. Available weekends or weekly. Call (810)653-2059 or (810)238-8581.

OSCODA. Enjoy miles of sandy beach in this 4 br., 2 full bath home on Lake Huron. No pets please. \$750 per week. (810)347-6877

SOUTH LYON. Completely furnished home for full summer only, from approx. June 24-Aug 21. Rate reasonable and negotiable. Fishing, swimming, wilderness exp. (313)449-8321

U.P. Manistique MI. 3 br. cottage on Indian Lake. Swim, fish, boat, relax, sight see. (810)887-2118

096 Storage Space For Rent

HOWELL/Hartland. Barn storage space for rent. 1,000sq. ft., \$180 per mo. half; \$333 per mo. all. (810)227-9000 days; (810)229-9321 evas.

097 Wanted To Rent

ADULT family wishes to lease secluded 3 br. home in Brighton, Pinckney, Howell area. Up to \$850/mo. (517)548-9634.

NEED a house sitter? Retired professional couple looking for home while building a new home. Can provide references and some maintenance work. Call (810)349-5533.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Wants to lease 2,300sq. ft. of ground floor retail office space in Brighton. Provisions needed for 40 car parking. Contact Jim LaRoux, MI. Dept. of State, Leasing Section, Lansing, MI. 48918-1445. Phone (517)335-2760. Respond by Wed. April 27, 1994.