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Cheryl Vowles relays data from the computer to cruisers by. The computers are part of the department's technology upgrades.

Novi police go high tech

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department unveiled \$750,000 worth of technological upgrades today, designed to make the department and its officers more efficient.

Chief Doug Shaeffer said the technology was funded by \$500,000 from the city and a \$250,000 grant from the federal government.

A number of technological items were unveiled at the department, most notably: a system for tracking the location of all officers on duty by 9-1-1 dispatchers, a computerized fingerprinting system and laptop computers

for use in patrol vehicles.

Officer Keith Wuotinen gave an early demonstration of how each of the new pieces of equipment work at the police department and during his patrols Friday evening.

Wuotinen said the new tracking system is extremely helpful to the 9-1-1 operators because it gives them an accurate record of where each officer is located at in Novi and if they are available for a call.

Calls are sent out by dispatchers using a computer to a laptop in the officer's vehicle, as well as by radio. The officer can also use the laptop in his vehicle to send messages back to

dispatch, such as requesting an impound of a vehicle or advising dispatch of an arrest.

Wuotinen also demonstrated the new mug shot and fingerprinting systems at the department that are entirely computerized.

When a person is arrested, he said, officers can take a picture of the subject with a digital camera and enter their name to see if they have ever been arrested by Novi police before.

"If he was, we would already have all of his information on the system and his picture electronically stored," he said.

The next new piece of equipment used dur-

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Photo by TOM HIBBELN

At the end of worship, Prof. Trilochan Singh prepares to pass out "Prashad," a food that symbolizes unity.

Local Sikhs celebrate 300th anniversary

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

As the first-generation in this country, Baldev Singh Dhaliwal says he has one leg here, one leg in India.

But Dhaliwal's two grown daughters are American, his wife, Kari Kaur Dhaliwal, added emphatically.

The couple, who live in Novi's Lochmoor Village subdivision, are members of the Sikh religion. This week, they're preparing for the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa Panth, an order founded by their

tenth and last guru, Gobind Singh Jee.

Saturday's Sikh Heritage Banquet at the Novi Hilton will not be a religious ceremony but a time to bring the local Sikh community together with Americans who are not of that faith.

"I believe we are living in the community so long that we would like to give back," explained Dhaliwal, who is on the board of directors of the Tercentary Khalsa Celebration Committee.

"We want to celebrate our com-

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Court brings TAP Program to community

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

Novi High School is teaming up with the Novi Police Department, Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the 52-1 District Court in effort to end the use of alcohol and tobacco by minors.

In a 8:30 a.m. kick-off today, the school announced it will join the Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention Program (TAPP), started in the Walled Lake School District.

Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court, said, "If you look at what kids tell us, they think it is not against the law to use alcohol or tobacco."

He said this program is designed to send a message to kids, telling them alcohol and tobacco use is illegal and the court is "serious about enforcement."

The program was designed in 1997 in Walled Lake to meet concerns over a growing number of teens who had or were using alco-

TAP STATS

- According to a recent study in Oakland County:
- 85.1 percent of high school seniors have used alcohol.
 - 54.8 percent began drinking before they entered high school.
 - 50.1 percent of the seniors drank alcohol within the last month.
 - 39 percent of them drink to intoxication of a regular basis.
 - 29.1 percent have either driven drunk or ridden in an automobile with a driver who was drunk on at least one occasion during the last year.
 - 68.8 percent of high school seniors have smoked cigarettes.
 - 44.3 percent of those who smoke cigarettes consume a minimum of one-half a pack a day.

(Source: 52-1 District Court)

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Tree farm park on session agenda

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

The future of the North Novi Park will be one of the items on the agenda next week in a joint meeting of the Novi City Council and the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission.

In November, a city council majority agreed that the commission should investigate hiring con-

sultants to design a new and comprehensive master plan for the 443-acre park, to include an 18-hole golf course.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said Monday that the commission will bring a proposal to the table at the Thursday, March 18 meeting. What such a study will cost has not been nailed

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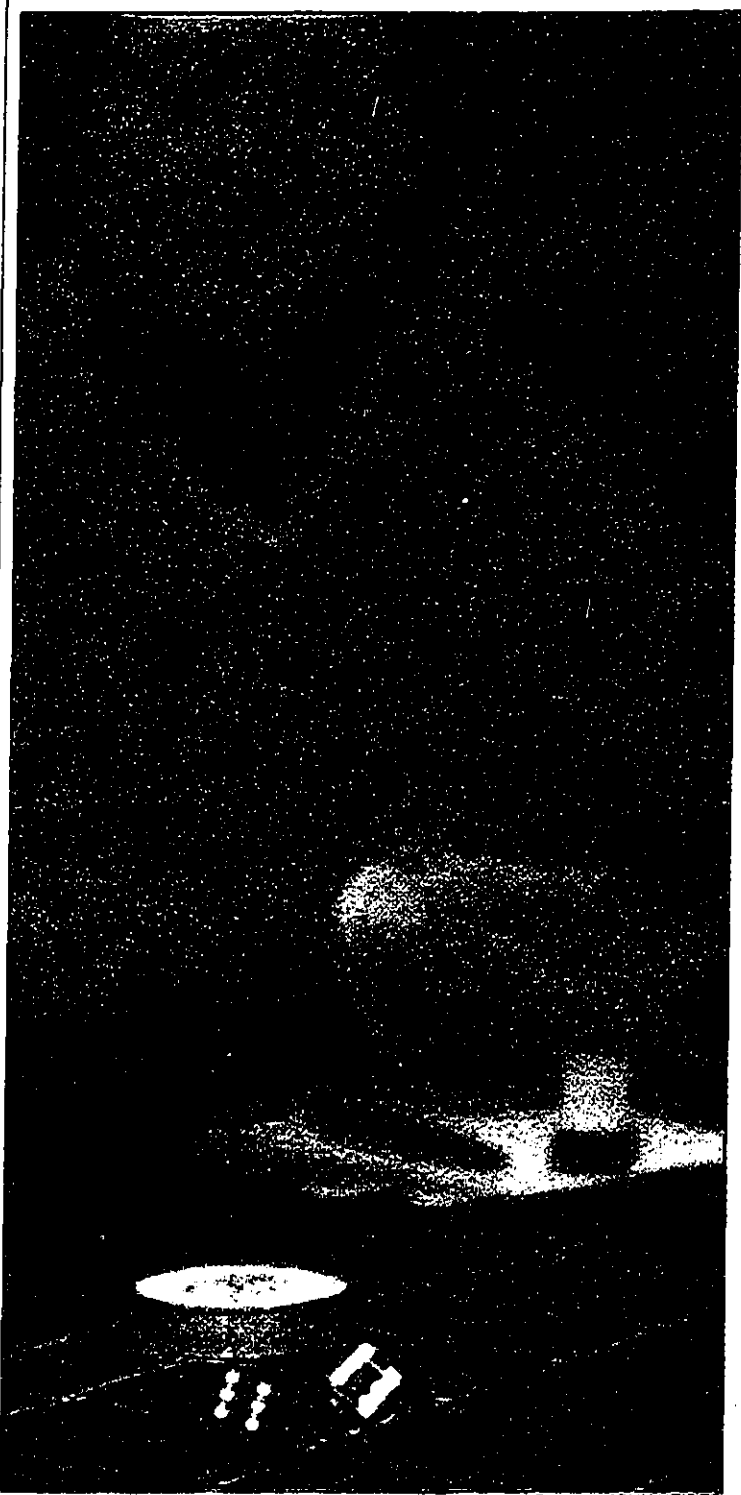


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The odds must be crazy
 Learning to bet on craps, a student of Ron Hoekstra's Casino Gambling class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, throws the dice. More photos appear on page 16.

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Teddy bears ease kids' pain of trauma

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

The Novi Community Credit Union recently donated 100 teddy bears to the Novi police department to help ease the suffering of children after a traumatic experience.

Officers give the bears to children who have been traumatized to calm them down and make them more comfortable around the police, said Chief Doug Shaeffer of the Novi Police Department.

"Kids are not nearly as comfortable when they are in a new environment, like adults," Shaeffer said. The bears are a good tool to soothe them, he said.

Shaeffer added that some adults even clutch them close when they are in the interview room with the police.

"Some people pick them up in the interview room and just hold them close," he said.

Officer Jerrod Hart said he has used them in several incidents throughout the past year.

In one particular incident, he gave one to a little girl who had been in an automobile accident.

"It was awesome," Hart said. "When I gave her the teddy bear, it calmed her down. She was more focused on that teddy bear than the events going on around her."

Hart has also used the teddy bears to calm children involved in domestic violence complaints.

In many of these cases, they are scared and afraid to talk to the police, because a parent may be going to jail.

To ease children's fears and dis-

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Community Calendar

*To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 101 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, March 11

Historical Commission

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

Board of Review Appeals

The Novi Board of Review will hear appeals of tax assessments from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. An appointment is required.

Parks meeting

The regular Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting has been rescheduled to March 15.

Youth baseball

Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 4377 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at (248) 344-1718.

TOPS

Take Child Support to all ages, trusts at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Child Support Hearing Board. For more information, call after 6 p.m.

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Friday, March 12

Board of Review Appeals

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Monday, March 15

City Council

Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Golley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, March 16

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Garden Club

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

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

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, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

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Novi elementary schools given accreditation award

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Each of Novi Community School District's elementary schools recently received accreditation from the North Central Association, based on an NCA team report.

Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction at Novi schools, said the accreditation comes at the end of a five year process of taking and compiling surveys and studies by NCA team members.

"It has been a pleasure to have worked for almost a year and four months with the staff of Novi elementary schools," said Dick Smith, NCA visiting team chair at the March 4 school board meeting.

"You are truly a lighthouse district," he added. "Many of the other schools I have gone to and spoke of their goals to me. I said, 'Call Novi.'"

While each of the elementary schools in Novi have received accreditation from the NCA already, a report is being sent by the visiting NCA team chairs — Smith and Jane Makulski — to the NCA state committee for final review in early June.

If the state committee agrees with the reports, the schools will receive additional endorsement from the NCA.

Makulski said she was extremely impressed with Novi schools and found the work teachers and principals put into the students and improvement of the schools "exciting."

"In each of the four schools the effort to improve continued throughout the five years. The process of school improvement never

slowed down," she said.

Makulski added, "I have never seen such a group of eager sharers in my life."

The teachers were always sharing ideas for improvement with each other, she said.

Smith was so impressed by the schools he practically begged the Novi Community School District, at the March 4 school board meeting, to give a presentation at the state NCA conference.

"Your presentation will be head and shoulders above the other presentations," he said.

Bill Bushaw, state director of the NCA, said the accreditation association is one of six that operate internationally. The association offers accreditation to all schools from kindergarten to 12th grade, as well as colleges.

There are 8,000 members in the NCA from 19 states in this region, Bushaw said.

Accreditation is a collective of schools who agree to meet standards that extend beyond state lines," Bushaw said. "It is like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval."

A school that receives accreditation must basically demonstrate to themselves and the public that they are high quality, he said.

Assistant Superintendent Traynor added the accreditation process starts by pointing out goals the schools need to achieve.

It is then up to those schools to work on those goals and improve. In Novi, schools had to show improvement on cognitive goals, which is working on something in the curriculum, and improving student responsibility.

While Novi may have shown itself as being a unique school district to the NCA, the accreditation process used for the schools was equally unique.

Bushaw said usually a NCA team is sent to the schools in composed of a team leader and a trained team of educators from other school districts.

In Novi's case, the NCA used a peer team. This is a team composed of a NCA team leader from another school district and team members from each of the Novi elementary schools.

Teachers from one elementary school were used to evaluate the work of another elementary school in the district, Bushaw said.

Peer teams are usually used only for schools on military bases overseas, he said.

The advantages to having a peer team, Bushaw said, was that the team knows the district very well. The disadvantage is the teams could have trouble being impartial to schools within their own district.

It is too soon to tell if either the advantage or disadvantage of using peer teams presented itself in Novi's process, Bushaw said. "To be honest, the final chapter has not been written on this."

While Novi's four elementary schools — Village Oaks, Parkview, Orchard Hills and Novi Woods — have already received accreditation, the rest of the district's schools are on their way.

Traynor said accreditation teams are presently looking at Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School and Novi High School.



Photo by JOHN HEIDEN

Family fun in the 'Woods'

Entertainer Judy Sime, right, exhorts her Friday evening Novi Woods Elementary School family night crowd to accompany her song

with a few hand gestures. The Family Fun Night and Sime were brought to the school by its Parent Teacher Organization.

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- MONDAY, MARCH 1**
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Christina, 8:58 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 45015 Calvary, 1:13 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 23475 Danbury, 2:19 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 41350 Grand River, 7:21 p.m., Squad 1.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 2**
 Injury accident, Haggerty and Thirteen Mile Road, 8:22 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 25285 Serra, 8:43 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:49 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41215 Grand River, 9:28 a.m., Squad 1.
 Investigation, 44725 Midway, 11:09 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 29827 Charlemagne, 1:39 p.m., Squad 2.
 Driver fire, 24241 Junestown, 2:56 p.m., Engine 1.
 Car fire, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 4:09 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 44739 North Hills, 4:58 p.m., Squad 3.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**
 Medical, 22480 Mill Road Lane, 4:13 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 40309 Washington, 6:12 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 42460 Arena Drive, 5:42 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 1127 South Lake, 10:51 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 39554 Blakeston, 11:57 p.m., Squad 1.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 4**
 Medical, 41551 Tamara, 9:29 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 48443 Nine Mile Road, 10:21 a.m., Squad 4.
 Investigation, 47850 Beckenham, 12:46 p.m., Squad 4.
 Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 5:08 p.m., Engine 1.
 Service, 41080 Ten Mile Road, 7:07 p.m., Squad 1.
 Car fire, 1-96 and Novi Road, 8:20 p.m., Engine 1.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 5**
 Medical, 22480 Mill Road Lane, 7:42 a.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 8:31 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 39555 Neston, 1:35 p.m., Squad 1.
 Service, 41080 Ten Mile Road, 5:38 p.m., Squad 1.

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- Computer and seminar training is provided by Walsh College at the Troy and Novi locations. Certifications are available in multiple areas. Call the Professional Services Department for further information, registration and locations at (248) 689-8282 ext. 260 or fax (248) 689-7816. The following class schedule is for the week of March 8-12.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 9**
- Learning From Conflict: Conflict has a bad reputation. Many of us think of it as an unhealthy, negative process. The fact is that conflict can and does happen. Instead of lamenting it, this seminar teaches you how to turn conflict into a productive process. The class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, S159.
 - Microsoft Excel 7.0, Level 2: Charts and database - creating, modifying charts and sorting, filtering, and forms for data base. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, S159.
 - Microsoft Access 7.0, Level 2: Table design, relationships and techniques. Query and form design, customizing reports, mailing labels. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, S159.
 - Planning and Marketing a Web Site: target market, content, organization, graphics, and more. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, S159.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**
- Effective Delegation: Knowing when and what to delegate is a challenge for all managers. It is vital that supervisors learn to go beyond performing tasks to discovering the talents of their team members and assigning responsibilities appropriately. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, S159.
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- THURSDAY, MARCH 11**
- Sales for the Non-Sales Professional: Salespeople aren't the only ones who make regular sales calls or who need strong persuasive skills. This program offers human relations skill training geared specifically towards professionals who need to know how to consistently attract new clients in a manner which is congruent with how they view their profession. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, S159.
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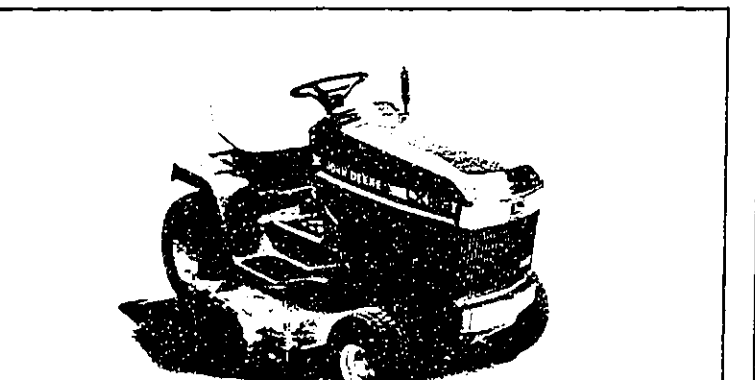
Obituaries

EUGENIA LENSKI
 Eugenia Lenksi, 79, of Novi died March 7 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born Oct. 11, 1920, in Detroit to Alexander and Elizabeth Nabbady.
 Mrs. Lenksi was a former sales associate at J.L. Hudsons and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.
 She is survived by sons, Lawrence A. (Nancy) of Plymouth and Grayson (Cheryl) of Milford; granddaughters, Amanda (Scott) Wozniak and grandson, Eric (Sarah) Lenksi of Loveland, Ohio.
 Private services were held March 8 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Daniel Cizek of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Mich.
 Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

GORMAN L. GROVES
 Gorman L. Groves, 71, of Novi died March 2 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.
 Mr. Groves was a retired 30-year employee of the Novi Community School District.
 He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; sons, William (Pam) and Daniel; grandchildren, William, James and Kenneth; and great grandchildren, Shelly and Vicki.
 Services were conducted on Friday, March 5 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.
 Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

Legal assistant seminar scheduled for tonight

Legal assistants will learn tips about filing papers in the tri-county courts at a seminar sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Association.
 The seminar is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Oakland Bar Center, 1769 S. Telegraph, Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills. It is designed for new attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants and legal support staff.
 Pre-registration is recommended. For Oakland Bar members it is \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door for non-members. It is \$65 in advance and \$70 at the door. For information, call Donna McComas at (248) 334-3400.
 Topics will include civil versus criminal matters, complaints, motions, briefs, precept requirements, adjournments and trial scheduling.
 Moderator will be Carole Wilson, chair of the Oakland Bar's legal assistants committee. Speakers will include Alexander Luvall, executive administrator of Wayne County Circuit Court; Lisa Czaj, Oakland County Circuit Court records clerk; and Keith Beasley, Macomb Circuit Court administrator.



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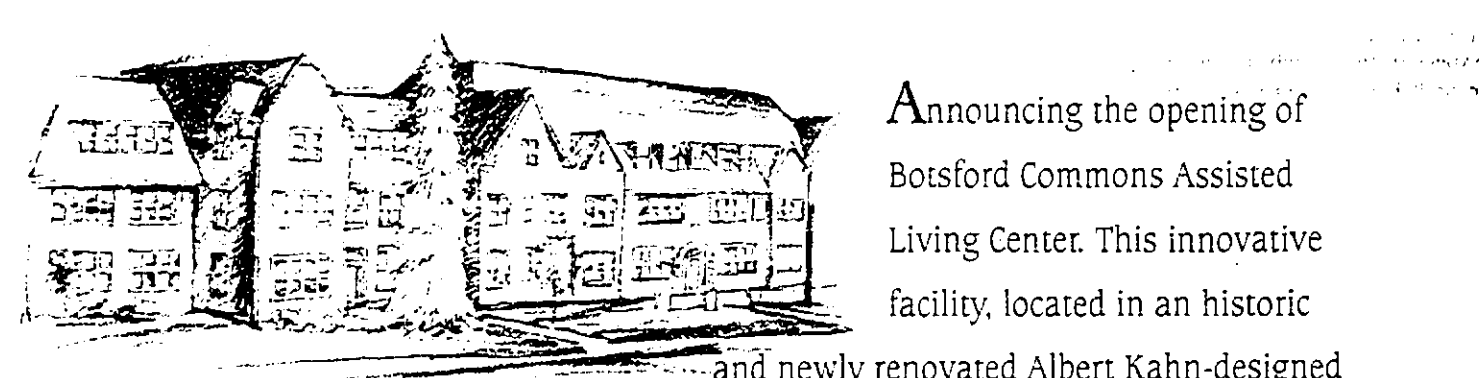
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Capitol Capsules

NEW BILLS
 • Rep. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, has taken up a battle fought for years by former Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield - a bill to block cities from imposing residency requirements on firefighters. Garcia's bill also would prevent a city from being a consideration in promotion.
 A freshman who succeeded Alan Crosey in the House, Garcia complained that local regulations are so onerous that "some cities have even taken to spying on their employees. People reporting seeing investigators peering through their windows and following them around as they ran family errands."
 Detroit and 75 other cities have residency rules. Honigman argued the rules are obsolete because so many husbands and wives both have jobs but in different municipalities.
 "Twin bills to allow Michigan to ban the importing of trash if Congress allows it have been introduced into both chambers of the Legislature - by Loren Bennett, R-Canton, in the Senate, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, in the House. The bills would apply to Michigan landfills. The problem: Out-of-state waste imports are governed by the federal Interstate Commerce Act, and the U.S. Congress would have to permit state law to supersede federal law.
 Nine city and county clerks - including Kathryn Dornan of Farmington Hills - have been named to a special advisory committee on Michigan's "qualified voter file," a statewide electronic voter registration database and elections management system.
 "Because the QVF plays such a crucial role at the local level," said Secretary of State Candice Miller, "it is essential to make sure it is meeting the needs and expectations of local clerks."
 Prior to the QVF, said Miller, 1,700 clerks kept voter registration rolls. The statewide file allowed elimination of 600,000 duplicate or "deadweight" voter registrations - about 1/10th of the total.
 "The Senate Fiscal Agency had a glowing report on the Michigan economy in February:
 • Wage and salary employment in December was up 1.3 percent from a year earlier. Gainers were ser-

End of March will roar with auction

Novi's usually a casual kind of community, except for one memorable event a year, the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual auction.
 On March 27, local folks will be flourishing check books, as well as fashions at "A Magical Night To Remember."
 The Novi Hilton shindig will raise funds for both the chamber and the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which has a Grand River Avenue headquarters.
 This alternative way to shop until you drop in Novi will feature everything from a chance to pamper yourself in a spa to unconditional love for sale, in the form of a puppy.
 Bobby Ross, head coach of the Detroit Lions, is honorary chair of the event and on the auction block will be a Lion's jersey autographed by Herman Moore.
 "Expected to launch a bidding war, as it has in years past, is the chance to name a street after yourself or someone else at the Novi Civic Center."
 A day at the state capitol with State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, will be up for the highest bidder. The chamber is also looking for a local business to bid on the chance to sponsor a visit by Miss Michigan Laura Welling to a chamber luncheon.
 Other items on the auction block will include memberships in The Sports Club and Lifetime Fitness, a chance to brew your own concoction at the Detroit Brew Factory, the use of a machine to make Frozen Margaritas and ice cream drinks at a party, a day to be pampered at several local beauty salons and a painting by Novi artist Penny Thorson.
 Jewelry remains a favorite with bidders at the auction, as are restaurant and hotel packages. Luxury Limousine will drive the high bidder to an evening at the Pike Street restaurant in Pontiac.
 Last year's Novi Chamber of Auction raised an \$8,000 donation for the locally-based Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. The PVA immediately turned around and wrote two checks to finance medical research into rehabilitation of spinal cord injuries.
 Tickets for the auction evening, which includes a five-course dinner with wine, are \$60 per person.
 Time Warner Cable is a sponsor of the event. For tickets, contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce at 349-3743.

Boat show comes to Novi March 18

The seventh annual Spring Boating Expo will be held March 18-21 at the Novi Expo Center.
 The show will span approximately 200,000 square feet and will feature hundreds of new marine products including boats, motors, trailers, accessories, dockage, slip rental, and more. But the Spring Boating Expo features more than just boats - attendees can also participate in H2O Ski Fest '99 and shop the Nautical Flea Market.
 H2O Ski Fest '99 (March 20 and 21) will feature visits from world famous waterskiers from all across the country. These pros will offer instruction in all waterski events including bare-foot, three-event, handicapped, kneeboarding, slalom, and jumping. A special registration fee is required for this program which includes workshops, silent auction, and a Saturday evening beach party.
 Show goers can also shop for hidden treasures at the Nautical Flea Market - a place where dealers bring the old, the new, the interesting, and useful products at rock-bottom prices.
 The five day Boating Expo expects to draw 20,000 enthusiasts through the doors.
 The Spring Boating Expo is owned and produced by the statewide marine trade association, the Michigan Boating Industries Association.
 Admission is \$6.50 for adults, children under 12 are free with an adult. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 2-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-7 p.m. Paved parking, \$5 on-site. For information on Spring Boating Expo call 1-800-224-3008. For information on H2O Ski Fest call (248) 887-5729.

Home show comes to Expo Center starting April 8

The third annual Home Improvement Show will be held Thursday, April 8, through Sunday, April 11, at the Novi Expo Center.
 "The show is a must-see for homeowners working on improving and maintaining their homes," said Peter Burton, president of the Building Industry Association and of Burton Katzman Development in Bingham Farms. "And aren't all?"
 The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.
 "It's hammer time. Leon Frechette, the nation's foremost hand- and power-tool pro, brings Ken to the show. His ability to simplify home repair and remodeling techniques for do-it-yourselfers and professionals is unparalleled. Other hats he wears include author, publisher, tool and toy designer, and decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.
 Show hours are from 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jacks for \$49. For more information, call (248) 737-4478.

were, construction and retail trade.
 Motor vehicle production in December was 3.2 million units, 12.9 percent above November's level and 4.8 percent above the year-earlier level.
 The Consumer Price Index in Detroit rose 0.1 percent in December from October and 2.6 percent from a year earlier. Biggest increases were in education, tobacco and medical care. Declining were housing and transportation.
 Unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.8 percent in the Ann Arbor market to 7.6 percent in the northern counties of Alcona and Iosco. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area reported 2.9 percent. State average was 3.4 percent, down 0.1 percent from a year earlier. The national rate was 4.3 percent in January.

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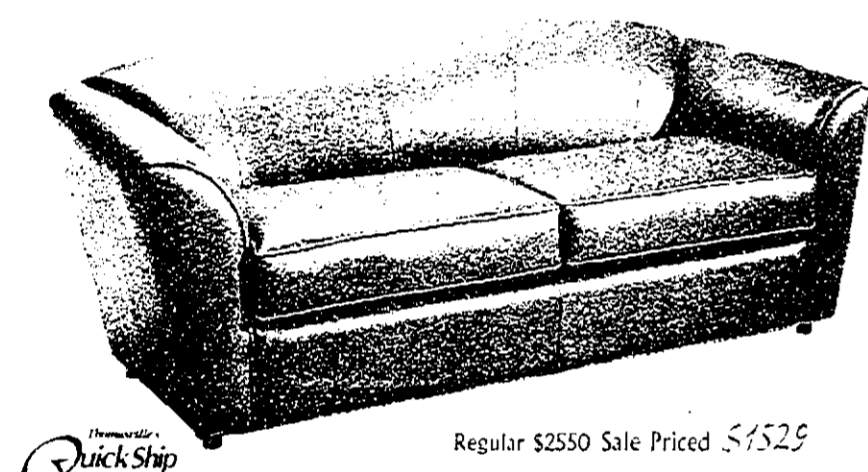
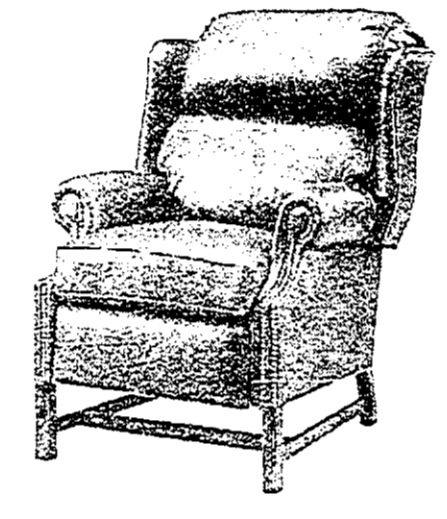
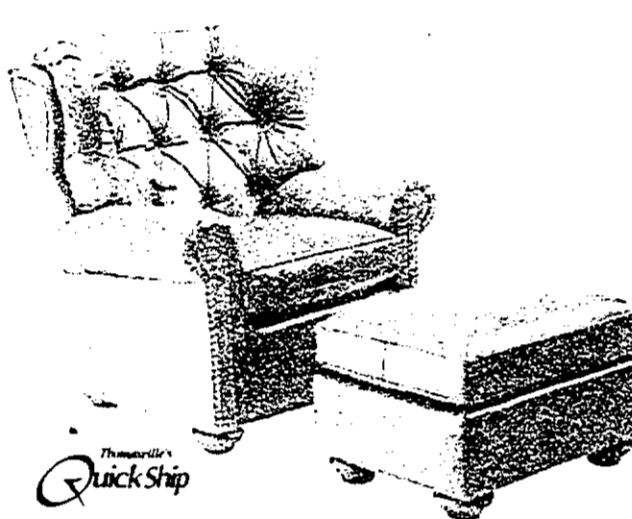
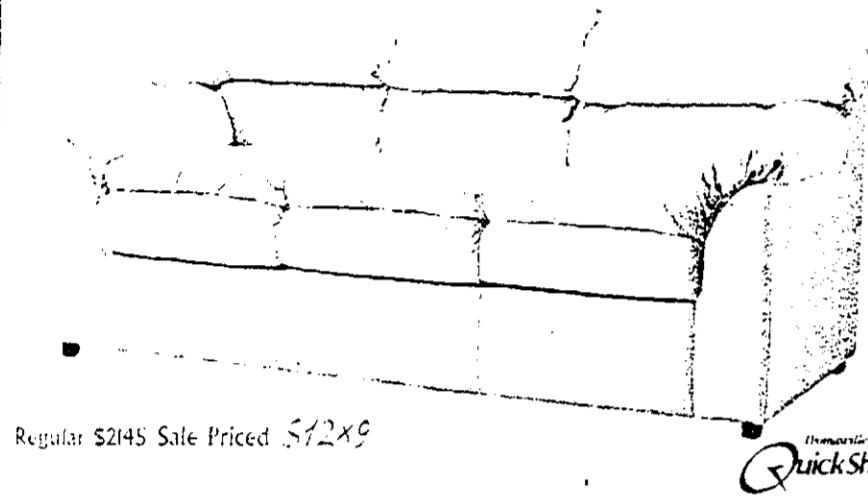
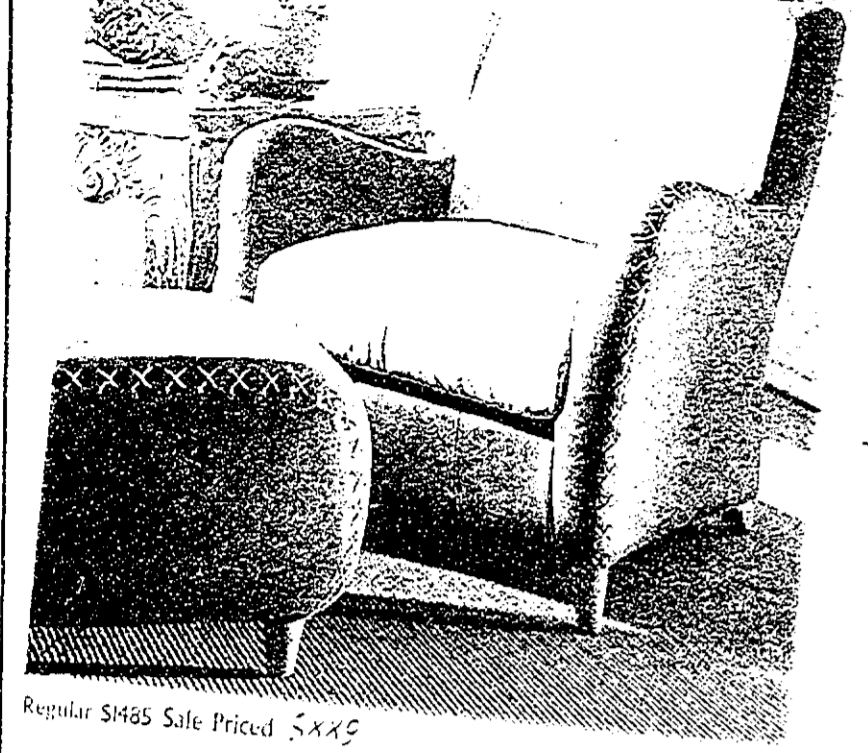
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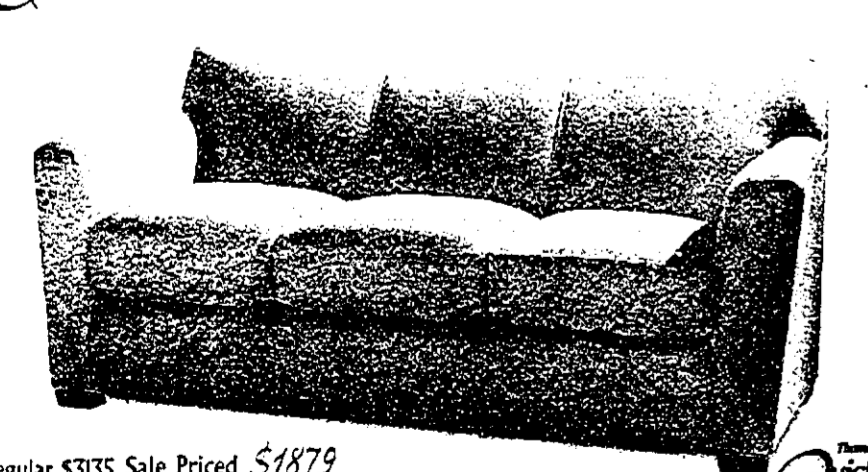
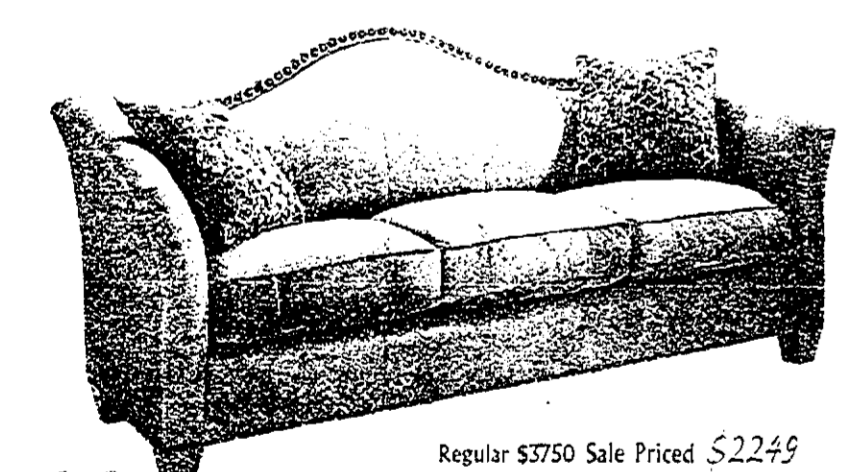
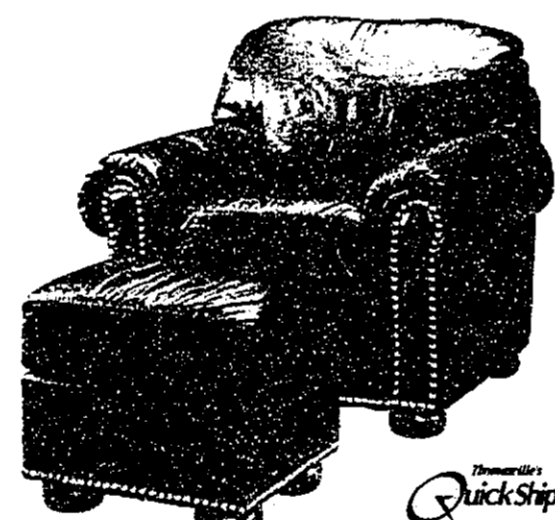
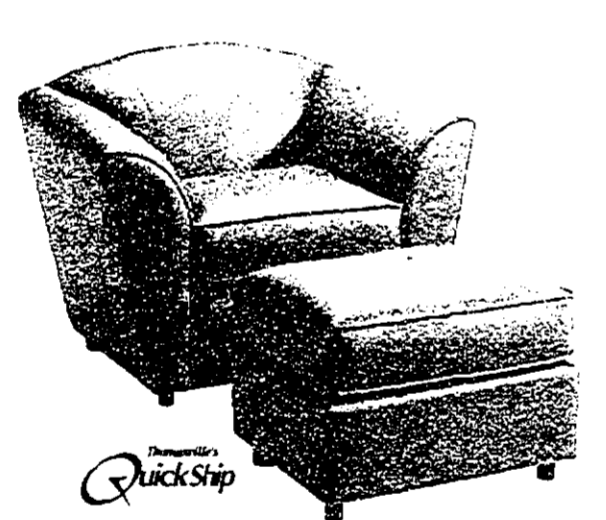
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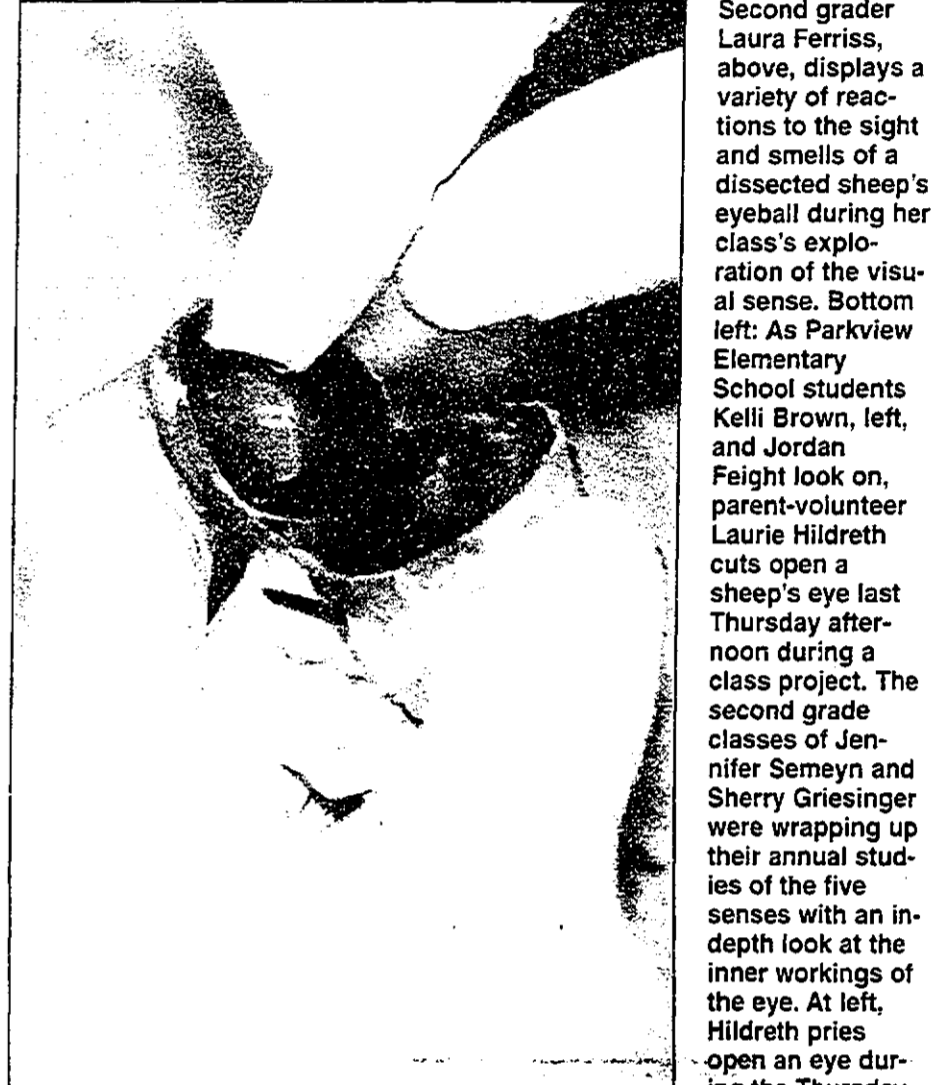
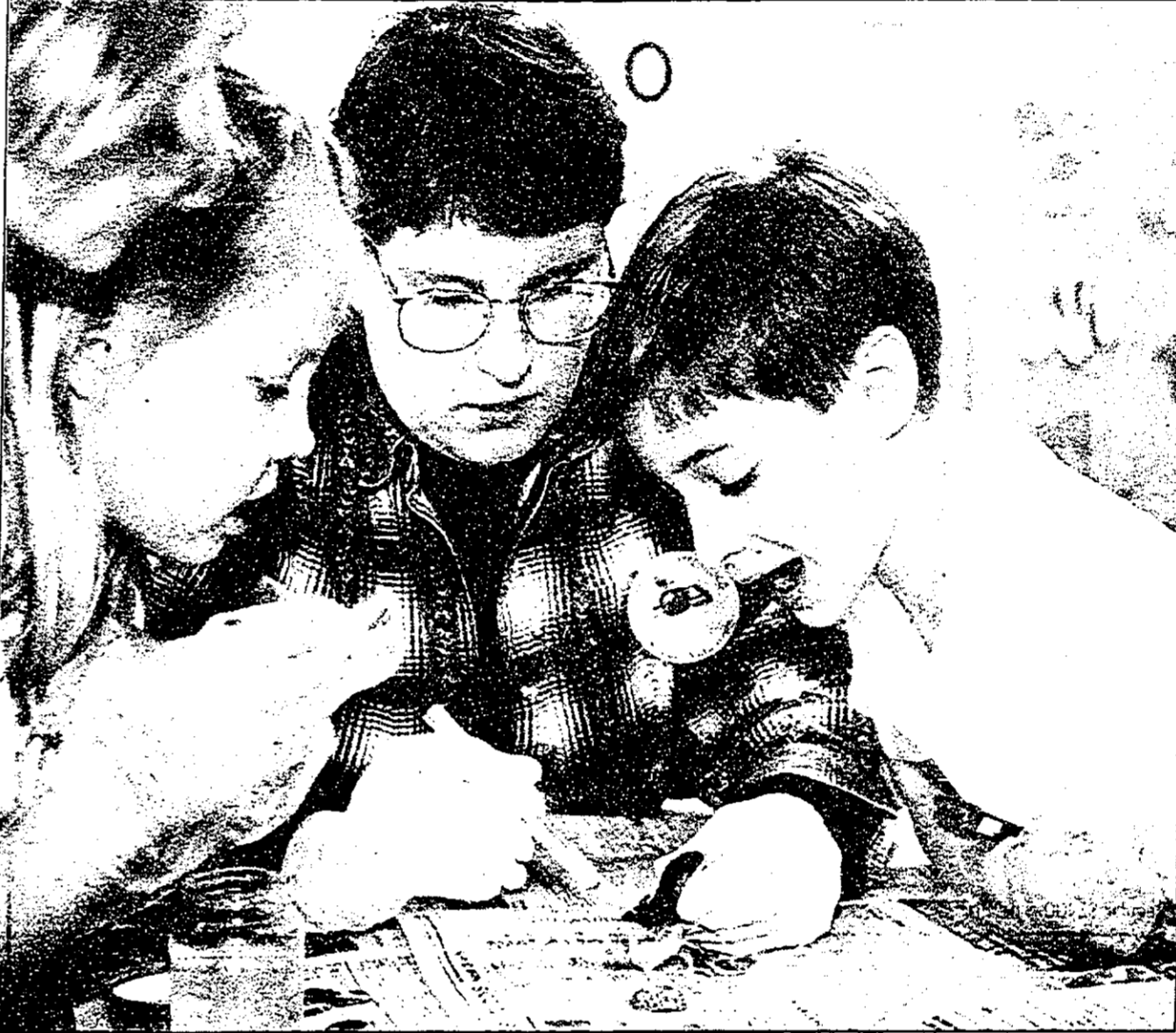
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Second grader Laura Ferriss, above, displays a variety of reactions to the sight and smells of a dissected sheep's eyeball during her class's exploration of the visual sense. Bottom left: As Parkview Elementary School students Kelli Brown, left, and Jordan Feight look on, parent-volunteer Laurie Hildreth cuts open a sheep's eye last Thursday afternoon during a class project. The second grade classes of Jennifer Semeyn and Sherry Griesinger were wrapping up their annual studies of the five senses with an in-depth look at the inner workings of the eye. At left, Hildreth pries open an eye during the Thursday afternoon (after lunch) class.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER

Census seeking workers to canvas.

The good news is that Michigan has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. The bad news is that the relative lack of job seekers is keeping the U.S. Census Bureau from recruiting much needed enumerators for the first phase of Census 2000.

Nearly 2,000 people will be recruited to fill the available spots in Oakland and Western Wayne counties — and very soon. Block canvassing starts at the end of this month. Enumerators are paid \$11.50 per hour plus 32.5 cents per mile. Those interested can call toll-free 1-888-325-7733.

"We are looking for people who may not necessarily be looking for work," said Census Recruiter Betty Hughes. "Since a great deal of the work is done during evenings and weekends, we hire many people who are already employed and want to supplement their income. These are folks who don't scan the want ads, so we really have to beat the bushes to find them." Most of the jobs last six to 12 weeks. But since this is only the first part of an operation that doesn't end until the year 2000, the opportunities for additional work and promotion are good.

Employers all over the state are having difficulty finding and keeping employees. But the Census Bureau's dilemma differs from that of the average employer. An accurate census count affects the economy of the region and the entire state. Census data is used to distribute more than \$180 billion annually across the country.

The census numbers are also used to determine federal legislative districts as well as countless business and marketing plans. The construction of many institutions and services, from schools to strip malls is based on demographic information supplied by the Census Bureau.

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Novi police go high tech

A fingerprint system, laptops and tracking arrive in department

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 ing the booking process. Whitten said, as the department's electronic fingerprint system.

With the old system, people who were incarcerated would get ink all over their hands and sometimes clothing. This error could be made during fingerprinting by applying too much or too little ink to the subject's hand.

With the new process, a person just puts his or her finger on a touch pad looked up to the computer. There is no ink involved. The print then shows up on the computer screen.

Whitten added that the prints can be stored on the computer. While each of these new tools makes the department more efficient, Whitten said, the most effective tool is a regular patrol officer. He said the department's new patrol officers are the best. They are the best.

The laptops are intelligently built to withstand the abuse they will see on the streets. They are rugged, with a waterproof keyboard. The laptops are rugged, with a waterproof keyboard. The laptops are rugged, with a waterproof keyboard.

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Using these computers, Whitten said, officers can send messages to other patrol cars on the road and receive messages from other officers, his sergeant or dispatcher.

Each of the messages are encoded and sent via a cellular digital data packet through America's cellular network.

This very useful when officers respond to a scene where it is believed the suspect may be listening to a scanner, Whitten said. Using this system, officers can communicate without being detected by the suspect.

This communication by the cellular network provides officers with more contact with the department while they are out of radio range.

"When I first started, we didn't have this computer equipment and we were on a county-based radio system. In my southeastern Oakland County, we didn't have good reception. This new system is a great improvement over the old," Whitten said.

Harrison said the entire system started being put together in 1997 and went live in February 1998. From there the department has been working out the bugs.

"A lot of this is very new technology and we had a lot of bugs," she said. Technicians had to work each of these bugs from the system and succeeded.

According to Shaeffer, the entire system has been a success and has allowed the department to meet several goals it placed on itself. Shaeffer said the goals were to give the department the ability to rapid information to officers in the field, keep officers out of the station and in the community, provide a rich database for analyzing and solving crimes, reduce the department's dependency on printed and filed paper documents and aid the administration of the department in distribution of resources and manpower.

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Council, parks to discuss use of north park

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 down, Davis explained.

"We don't have any hard numbers at this point. It will depend on how much information they want," he added.

The 8 p.m. discussion will be in the Novi Civic Center's Activities Room.

Last fall, a majority of council members and parks and recreation staff were looking for a plan that would show the full use of the land, to include hiking trails and other recreational opportunities, as well as the golf course.

The commission will push back its own regular meeting to 6:30 p.m., to make time for the joint session.

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As We See It

It's in no one's interest to have vacant stores

Last week, the Novi City Council approved the first reading of a change in the Business 1 zoning category that would permit a wider variety of businesses to locate in neighborhood shopping centers.

With such a change, businesses such as martial arts and dance studios, coffee shops and restaurants with up to 50 seats could rent space in a B-1 strip mall.

Properly, at Council Member Laura Lorenzo's suggestion, the Novi City Council agreed before reaching a final decision to invite residents who live near the handful of existing B-1 strip malls to comment on the proposed change in a public hearing.

Then, the council will have to decide whether to approve a second reading and change the zoning text.

Earlier, the owners of Peachtree Shopping Center near the southwest corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads asked that their mall, which has a significant vacancy rate, be rezoned from B-1 to B-2. The city denied that, but Peachtree has already won a Zoning Board of Appeals variance authorizing a carry-out and delivery pizza restaurant there.

Clearly, Peachtree — a small center which runs in vertical direction from the road rather than in a horizontal stretch typical of such sites — is not well designed. Based on the city's rather restrictive sign ordinances and the fact that the mall's tenants don't face the road, it's difficult for consumers driving by to see what's there.

While it's a bad idea to write ordinances to benefit one development,



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other B-1 strip centers backing up to housing that may benefit with an amended zoning text are at Ten Mile and Beck roads, as well as the northeast and southeast quadrants of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Lorenzo said she is against changing the B-1 zoning altogether, for fear that garbage or cooking odors would offend nearby residents. But the proposed B-1 change would only permit eateries that use microwave or convection ovens that do not require outside vents. Shops offering submarine sandwiches or bagels are examples of this type.

Such a broadening of the zoning would be a boon for people who want to launch smaller businesses, but who can't afford high rents at regional shopping malls such as Novi Town Center and West Oaks I and II. People living in the area would be served by increased services.

While more information is needed on the viability of all the city's existing B-1 centers, a strip mall with a high-vacancy rate is not to Novi's advantage, if only because the owner can use that as a justification for property taxes at the board of review. Opening up the B-1 zoning category makes sense.

Solve it before problem arises

The problem hasn't arrived yet, but we hope Michigan legislators act before it does. The problem is genetic testing.

It's a tool science can use to learn your hereditary makeup and warn you and your spouse about dangers to your future children. That's good if you want to know about potential deformities in advance.

It's also a tool employers and insurers could use to disqualify you for a job and health insurance. That's bad. Suppose a 22-year-old shows a propensity to develop a serious heart problem at age 45. Should that person be thrown on the social scrap heap with no job and no insurance for 20 years? That's not fair. Already companies are throwing too many middle-aged workers to the wolves in the name of "rightsizing."

Finally, genetic testing is a tool police can use and misuse. Michigan law, and the laws of 49 other states, already permit the genetic testing of those convicted of sex crimes. That's fair.

But some police would like to test everyone arrested for anything. That's unfair and an intrusive invasion of privacy. Our state and U.S. constitutions prohibit warrantless searches of our persons, papers and property. Police shouldn't have free rein to take 100 cc. blood samples in order to search one's genetic history.

On this issue, Gov. John Engler has come down on the side of the angels: "Specifically, genetic testing must not be a precondition for obtaining health insurance. And genetic testing must not be allowed as a precondition of employment." Suffering from a cold, Engler cut this and 13 paragraphs from his State of the State speech, but it's clear he stands by his printed text.

And so, a few weeks later, did his Michigan Commission on Genetic Privacy and Group employer health insurance plans "generally do not require genetic testing or other forms of risk assessment of applicants," said the panel of health and legal experts.

"The insurance industry points out that it is not common practice for health insurers to require genetic testing for obtaining or retaining policies," it added. But it noted there's no law

against genetic testing. There should be.

One would think U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, a suspected liberal, might be constitutionally opposed to genetic testing. Not yet, we are sorry to say. Reno asked the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence to study the legality of taking DNA samples from everyone arrested instead of just convicted sex offenders and violent felons.

The commission is scheduled to make recommendations to Reno by Aug. 1. The Justice Department can use them to draft legislation and set policy for using DNA in law enforcement.

Once the federal recommendations are in, Michigan legislators will act in full, according to Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, chair of the House Health Policy Committee. Law predicts Michigan and the feds will be on a collision course if Reno wants too broad a law for genetic testing.

USA Today reports that Louisiana will test anyone arrested beginning in September. North Carolina senators are studying a bill to test everyone arrested.

It's not clear whether those laws will require the destroying of DNA test results if the arrestee is cleared of the charge.

"The 'brave new world' got here a lot quicker than we thought it would," said Barry Steinhart, an American Civil Liberties Union critic of DNA testing. "It's part of our tendency as a society to look for a quick technological fix."

"Brave new world" is a term of irony, not a compliment. It was coined by Shakespeare in "The Tempest" to denote a pack of scamps and picked up by novelist Aldous Huxley to denote a rather bad new world. Another term would be "Police State."

On the political right, Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition takes an equally dim view of DNA probing.

Learned to respect police



Jeremy McBain

When I was in my early college days, I distrusted the police. They were "The Arm of The Man whose only purpose in life was to break up my fun by charging me from parties, giving me parking tickets and just plain hassling me."

What I did not see in my adolescence was that it was illegal for me to drink underage, but my parties bothered the sleeping habits of my neighbors and I was on the lawn of my college campus as a bad thing.

But this did not come to me until later in college. Not until I began dealing with the police as a police reporter and I was forced to get to know the officers I dealt with personally.

In doing so I found they were human just like me and not the enforcers of some grand conspiracy against the youth of the world. They did not have quotas for giving out tickets each month.

In many cases, I have discovered many police officers really do not want to ticket people or take them to jail. They understand events like these can ruin lives, but this is part of their job and they have to do it.

They just want to help and protect people. For many police, that is why they got into the job in the first place. Some people say "Well, wherever I see the police they are unfairly and ingenuitely gun wrapped to their side."

Perhaps these people say this because a bullet-proof vest is not required wear at their job. I can pretty sure most of them have never had to walk up to a stray car and talk to a person they do not know who could pull out a gun and

start blasting away at any time.

To most of us, our stress comes from trying to see how quick we can commute to work or if we can catch tonight's episode of Alley McBeal.

Talking about commuting, have you ever seen what someone looks like after smacking their car into a tree at 60 miles an hour with no seatbelt on? Have you ever had to clean up the remains of a murdered man that has been lying in a ditch for a week?

Chances are, besides what you see on television, you don't drink under the stress if you had. Could you sleep at night?

The first time I covered an accident as a reporter, the driver had slammed into a tree at 60 miles an hour. Turned out, the driver was drunk and high, had stolen a car and was speeding when he lost control.

That driver, who had at one time a living breathing human, was by the time I saw him a bloody mess on his windshield.

I couldn't sleep for days after seeing that. Imagine seeing stuff like that every day. Or dealing with drunk drivers that could potentially become nothing more than a mess on the windshield... every day.

You don't know nothing about stress. For these reasons I have learned to respect the police and treat them as fellow human beings.

Granted, since I am a police reporter, I do have to give them a hard time now and again. That's my job.

Think about it the next time you are stopped for speeding or late for work. It is no use getting angry; you were the one who broke the law. It is simply their jobs to enforce the law and in the process possibly protect you from becoming a name in an obituary.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Katie Koerner, 5, runs to catch up with mom, Julie, at a recent Novi Meadowsine dancing class, hosted by Holly Belleire.

Negotiations would open options



Andrew Dietrich

Word, Northville city manager, that states there is no advantage to the city resulting from additional bidding for the sale and development of city owned lots at the intersection of Church Street and Cady Street. The recommendation also allows the city manager to "initiate negotiations with the preferred land purchaser/developer and report back to the Northville downtown development authority and city council with an adjusted price for the purchase of the lots."

The negotiations follow a bidding process that started last summer, but only resulted in two bids. After the bids were received, the Northville downtown development authority determined the value of both bids "were about 50 percent to 100 percent below market value." One of the two bids was immediately turned down and the city attorney recommended negotiating a higher price for the other bid to try and get closer to market value for the property. Word wouldn't release any details about the project.

Even though Word insists the city is in "no hurry to get the land sold," he said he wants the project to come to some sort of conclusion.

Now it must be kept in mind and stressed that the land hasn't been sold and the city is only negotiating the land with no obligation to sell to the developer.

Still, why not make a definite decision to reopen the bidding process to see what's out there? Why is it necessary that a "conclusion" come sooner than later? After all, the land in question is vacant except for a lone house at the intersection. It's not exactly overrun with garbage and rats so why not take some time to find the perfect — yes, perfect — bid for the city of Northville? And what's with this attitude that the city of Northville is lucky to have someone want to develop the land? It should be the other way around: the developer should feel lucky to have the chance to develop in a city that has so much to offer like Northville.

Charles Lapham and Kevin Hartschorn, city council member seemed to agree.

Lapham spoke at the council meeting where the request to negotiate the price of the land was approved. "With such a good and stable economy I feel like we would be shortchanging ourselves by settling for market value," he said. "That property is worth more than he (the developer) offered."

Hartschorn said he approved of continued negotiations but stressed the point that the city "can't afford to sell under the market price of the land."

Granted I've never tried to sell land so I don't know how hard or easy it is to draw up enough interest to get bids for land.

But if the city were to open the bidding process two or three more times and even if only one or two more bids were received each time, the city would have that many more options to choose from.

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The move to increase term limits



Phil Power

Remember the old line about how risky it is to want something too much? You might actually get it. Lots of politicians jumped on the term limit bandwagon in the early 1990s. Some got elected to office promising to abide by strict limits on their time in office. "If we break this contract, throw us out," declared U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt of Washington state, a leading term limit proponent.

Now that time is up, and it's fascinating if slightly disillusioning to watch once again the highly-candidate name wrangling against the reality of wanting to stay in office. Words such as "disingenuous" and "hypocritical" come quickly to mind.

According to a Detroit Free Press survey, all six Republicans in the Michigan congressional delegation pledged support for term limits when they signed the Contract with America and voted for one or more term-limit bills in 1995 and 1997. However, only three of the six are actually limiting their terms.

To their credit, Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, and Nick Smith, R-Addison, intend to leave Congress after serving for the prescribed six terms (12 years).

Reps. Dave Camp, R-Midland, Vernon Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, and Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, are among the wrigglers. Of course, they support term limits, but not self-imposed ones. Camp, for example, told the Free Press that until term limits become the law of the land he will not impose on his political ambition term limits that do not also bind his 434 colleagues such as John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Sandy Levin, D-Southeast.

How convenient, I understand. Or, maybe, I don't. But I do recognize ambition wriggling on a phrase book when I see it. In Michigan, it's much the same story, although in an earlier phase. The state House, which got 64 new members this year because of term limits, is still holding training sessions for inexperienced lawmakers on crafting and passing bills and understanding state budgets. The term limit tidal wave will hit the Senate in four years time, when we can confidently expect the departure of the few remaining experienced and knowledgeable legislators.

Not surprisingly, some people are beginning to have second thoughts about term limits. They include Sen. Glen Stettin, R-Grand Rapids, a second-term member who in 1992 was co-chair of the petition drive to put term limits in the Michigan Constitution. Stettin is preparing another constitutional amendment to modify legislative term limits to "12 years for everybody," i.e., six two-year terms for representatives and three four-year terms for senators. "The compelling reason is that six years (in the House) do not give a person enough experience ... to make an impact."

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Stettin may be right. But years of watching politicians wriggle has made me skeptical. Look at it this way. Everybody knows the Republicans won control of the state House last year by winning seats previously held by Democrats who were term-limited out of office. And now that they've got control, what's to prevent the GOP from the convenient idea that now term limits should be increased?

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Ancient symbol has drawn fire

To the Editor:

I am horrified a symbol resembling a swastika embedded in the mosaic floor of the Walled Lake Community Center for 77 years has brought the district under fire from the NAACP and an attorney. The swastika is a revered symbol used by American Indians, Hindus, Buddhists, Vikings, Greeks, Romans, Celts, Anglo-Saxons, Mayans, Aztecs, Persians, Christians, and Neolithic tribes.

As a tribally registered Cherokee Indian, I am insulted that this beautiful Native American symbol for the four winds is disrespected by publicity-seeking self-proclaimed civil rights advocates. Being also of Scandinavian descent, I am insulted that this ancient "Cross of Thor" (as the Nordic folk know it) is regarded as evil. As the descendant of a World War I veteran and of a French ancestor, I am insulted by the level of disdain toward this symbol, after American pilots used it on their planes when they fought in the French in World War I. As a Christian, I am insulted that this holy symbol used by the Early Church to represent Jesus Christ is now blasphemed by ignorant self-righteous groups. The swastika was the first Christian symbol and is found in the catacombs of Rome. Being also of English descent, I am insulted that this symbol in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire heritage is now damned by the NAACP. Hindus and Buddhists consider the swastika a sacred sign, even as Jains make the sign of the swastika comparable to the Christian sign of the cross. I am appalled that semantic transliteration of this beautiful symbol which has been found on Jewish temples from 2,000 years ago in Palestine is not judged evil. The swastika is not an evil sign. Evil men (the Nazis) stole the sign from God's chosen people. One of the oldest known swastikas was painted on a paleolithic cave at least 10,000 years ago ... and that was before any humans mutated white. Surely our dear friends at the NAACP realize it had to be a black person who wrote that swastika more than 10,000 years ago.

Anton Andersen, Juris Doctor Instructor (Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw Community Colleges)

In his editorial "More for prisons than schools" in the Feb. 15 issue of The Novi News, Mr. (Phil) Power seems to ignore one important item. That is the issue of benefit to citizens and the effective use of public tax money.

Increased prison construction has resulted in significant reductions in crime, an obvious benefit to the public because the likelihood that a criminal will be punished and incarcerated for a serious crime. However, for years we have thrown more money at the bottomless pit of the public education system, continue to pump out mediocre and incompetent people that are more interested in indoctrinating our children with time wasting ideological propaganda.

It has already been shown that more money for education will not improve the system. We need to eliminate all of the idealistic administrators and use that money for teaching the three R's and true history of our country and the world. We must accept the fact that incentive pay is more important than tenure. More money for education is wasteful of the taxpayers' money until it can be shown that the system is getting results, that high school graduates can read their diplomas and that our students get test scores that surpass those of other countries that are able to do a better job with much less money.

Donald C. Young Jr.

To the Editor:

As a state Senator, I was very active in insulating legislation that dealt with sex offenders and protecting our children from those who would do them harm. Now...

Gary Peters was in top form, and I was sure he would have "the other side of the aisle" squirming before the days was over.

Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, is a second-term state senator. Early in his tenure, his party recognized him as easily the best Democratic debater, almost in a class with the GOP's Dr. Joe Schwarz, better than the late Basil Brown.

It was March 2. The topic was the change of governance for Detroit public schools. "I'd rather, Republicans want to eliminate the elected school board and empower Mayor Dennis Archer to appoint a 'reform' board. Peters thinks it will backfire.

Now what makes lawyer Peters, 40, so much fun is that he speaks like a Republican. He went to private college (Alma) he was a vice president for investments and former branch manager of Paine Webber, the brokerage firm; he taught strategic management and business policy at Oakland University; he taught finance and business economics at Wayne State — superb Republican credentials.

No sociology claptrap for Peters. Republicans like to say that "ours is a government of laws, not of men," and Peters used

the Oakland County Sheriff. I have the unique opportunity to implement those tools to protect our children. One operation that I am very proud of, and one which has already shown results, is our cyber-sting to apprehend pedophiles that are preying on children through the Internet.

More and more children are using the Internet and visiting chat rooms. Parents should be aware that inappropriate contact is often occurring. This threat has prompted us to "patrol" the World Wide Web for pedophiles. After one of my sergeants went undercover acting as a 14-year-old Independence Township girl named "Jenna," he was contacted by a man who was 50 years old. During six weeks of chatting with him, the subject spoke about middle-porn meetings for sex, and sent pornographic pictures of himself and children. At this point, we moved in and apprehended him for trafficking child pornography which is a felony in Michigan, punishable by up to seven years in prison. Like many pedophiles, he had a prior arrest for sexual molestation of a child. The average pedophile has over 100 victims. This is why it is so important to continue the fight against such predators.

This type of activity, unfortunately, is only going to grow unless we work together to protect our children. Such arrests will hopefully make predators afraid to prey on someone over the Internet. For your part, as parents, there are ways of making sure your child is safe from predators. Make sure you keep the computer where you can monitor your child's use. Consider software programs that will block your child's access to sexually oriented Internet sites. Never give out personal information, such as an address, phone number, credit card, photo or checking account numbers. Make sure your child knows that someone who claims to be a child or teenager on-line may be an adult. Lastly, ask your child to tell an adult immediately if they receive a message that makes them uncomfortable. Also, ask them to promise never to get together with anyone they meet on-line without

Michael J. Boucharad Sheriff

Wants more stories about WL

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letter in last week's Novi News written by Michelle Sankovic.

I just wanted to let her know that there are quite a few students that live in Novi but attend Walled Lake Schools. These students deserve to be recognized for their achievements in their local paper also. In fact, I wish that there were more coverage for these students. Not just charitable contributions like the Jump Rope for Heart, but also academics, sports, music and drama.

These students don't even have the privilege of any cable coverage from Time Warner Cable because they don't broadcast Walled Lake Schools' activities.

I hope this letter reminds everyone that there is another area of Novi and we do contribute to the community, too. Thank you to The Novi News for recognizing the students in Walled Lake Schools who live in Novi. I hope you will continue to do so and possibly increase the coverage.

Tami Murphy

Peters fingers take over contradiction



Tim Richard

The argument beautifully: "We need to have some sort of objective standards by which we assess school performances, and if schools are not meeting that objective performance, then a takeover would be implemented. But it would be an objective standard that would apply to every single school district ... We are singling out district (Detroit) without any objective criteria."

Republicans should have listened. After all, everyone admitted Detroit doesn't have the worst test scores and graduation rate in the state. Republicans are big on local control and participative management — the kind they do at Saturn, Ford and Deloitte-Touche. None of this "System 1 Punitive Dictator" stuff for modern corporations, no stress. Peters adapted the GOP principle well.

Absent criteria, I believe that we need to place the issue on the (Detroit) ballot (in 60-90 days) ... It gives political legitimacy to any reform, and more importantly it does not trample on sacred voting rights."

You're taking away a fundamental right of people to be actively involved in the administration, the direction and the objectives of their school district."

He should have reminded the Senate that only last fall, candidate Engler was talking about empowering parents to take over schools in Detroit.

Richard Nixon used to say that government shouldn't over-promise because the supposed beneficiaries of a program will feel cheated. Peters said kids in classes won't be helped by a governance change at the board level. "Their schools should have access to state-of-the-art technology. They should be educated in small classrooms, particularly in the early grades. Teachers should have proper training and professional development because ... Ultimately, it's the teacher in the classroom that can have some of the greatest impact on the development of that child."

"Without a vote of the people, I must vote 'no' on this bill," Peters said, and he did. The vote was 30-7 in favor of a very un-Billenger bill.

Peters later told me his father taught 30 years in Detroit public schools and never saw a board member. "Just be sure you write that I have passionate Democratic principles," he said. Some Democrats are thinking of running Gary Peters for much higher office. From their point of view, they are nuts if they don't.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

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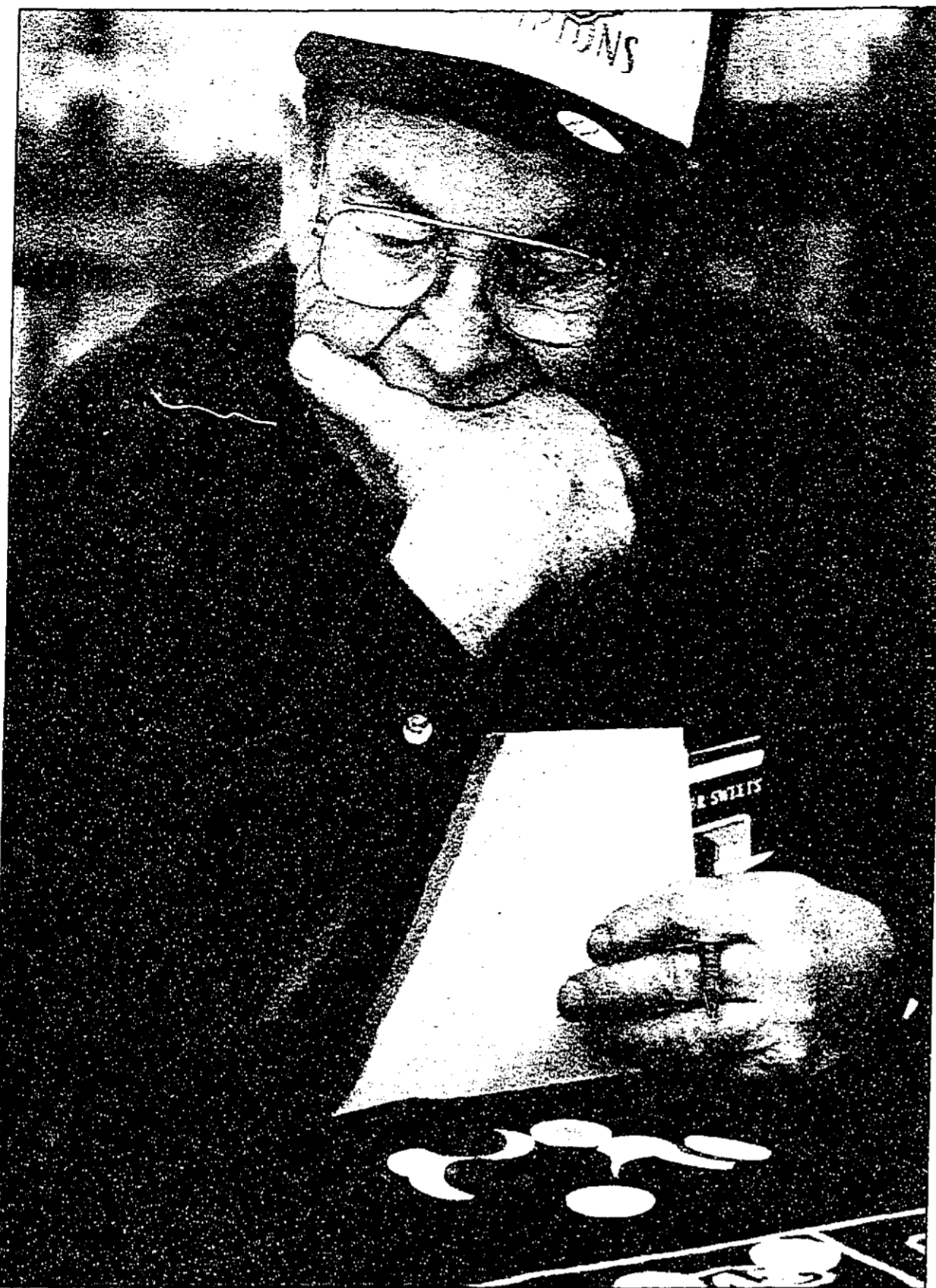
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In a one-night course offered by Novi Community Education, students learn some of the keys to successful casino gambling.



Teddy bears ease pain

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trust of the police. Hart said officers can sit down with them, give them a teddy bear and reassure them everything will be alright.

The bears may also help ease the stress officers feel when they see a child in physical or emotional pain during their job.

"Probably the most heartbreaking thing of this job is seeing a kid hurt," Hart said.

Because officers never know when they are going to face a child in pain, the bears are carried in the trunk of their patrol cars, along with weapons, first aid kits and other tools of a police officer's trade.

Chief Shaeffer said the use of the bears is not new to the department and is common among many other departments across the state.

Several other organizations besides Novi Community Credit Union have donated the teddy bears in the past, he said.



Max Cusick, front, joins Novi Community Credit Union CEO Mike Thomson and officers Jerrod Hart and Michael Prough load up Teddy Bears donated to the Novi police department.

52/1 District Court launches TAP in Novi

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hol and drugs. According to Mackenzie, the Walled Lake Consolidated School system, Oakland Schools, the police departments of Walled Lake and Wixom, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Oakland Community Corrections, the American Lung Association of Michigan, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Turning Point, the Farmington Counseling Centers, the Oakland County Family Court and the 52-1 District Court all came together to make a commitment to change or heighten services to address problems of teenage use of alcohol and tobacco.

Additionally, the cities of Walled Lake and Wixom passed ordinances that gave police the power to ticket all minors for possession of tobacco or alcohol.

The family court also agreed to report minors who have been ticketed to Walled Lake Youth Assistance.

Oakland County prosecutors also agreed, if minors 17 or older are ticketed for one of these offenses and sent to 52-1 District Court for trial, not to dismiss the case and take all cases not resolved at pretrial to trial.

Furthermore, the court agreed to notify the Walled Lake School system about each adolescent ticketed who is enrolled in the appropriate alcohol and tobacco treatment program.

The Walled Lake School system also actively promoted educational programs for all forms of chemical abuse and provided counseling and information to students convicted of possession or using alcohol or tobacco.

TAPP turned out to be a success, with a gradually lowering rate of rearrests for alcohol or tobacco offenses.

Plus, Mackenzie said, it was discovered that the new strategy appeared to reduce serious crime in Walled Lake as TAPP students were charged with a serious crime at approximately one-fifth the rate of areas without a TAPP.

"We can help save kids with this program," Mackenzie said.

"A comparison of the first year of the program March 1, 1997 to February 28, 1998 to the second year of the program March 1, 1998 to February 28, 1999 is revealing," he said. "The number of total arrests for minor in possession alcohol decreased by 14 percent."

However, the decrease was deeper in the original TAPP areas, 30 percent, while the non-TAPP areas decreased by 9 percent.

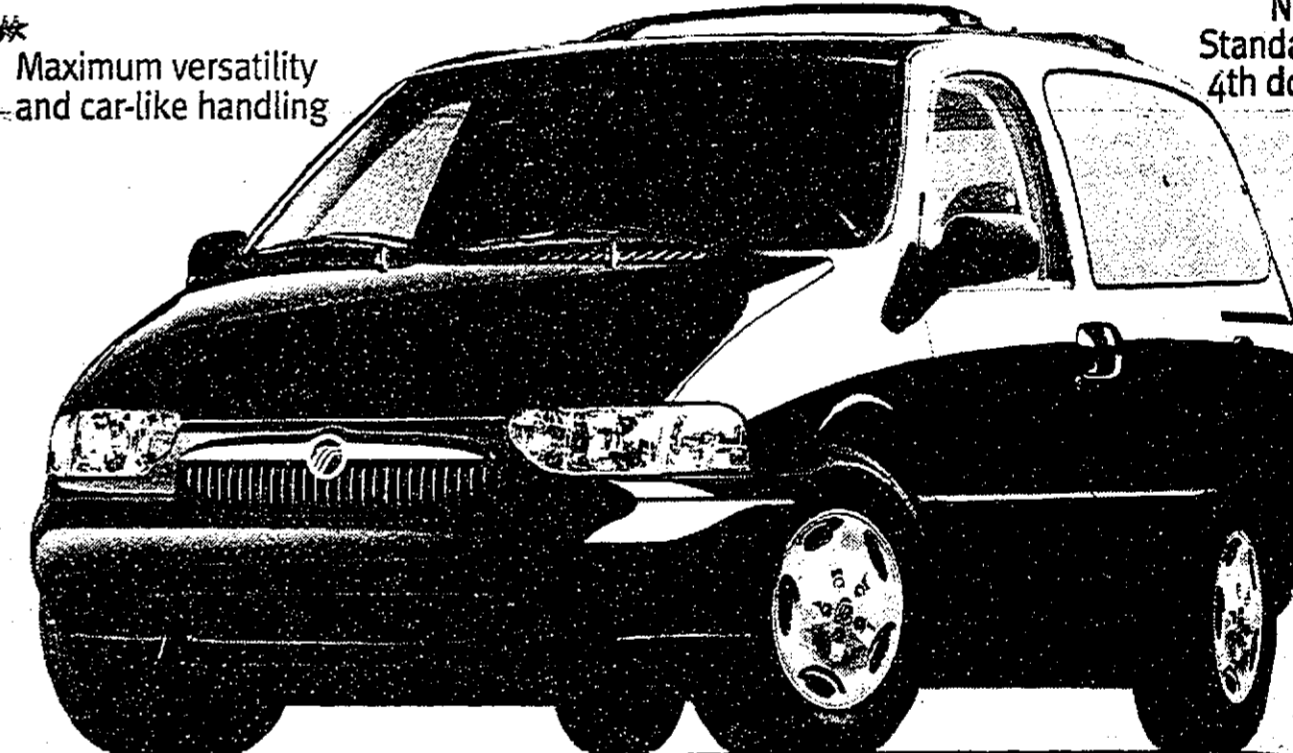
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Last Wednesday evening, Novi Community Education held a Casino Gambling Course for rookies and veterans.

Instructor Ron Hoekstra initiated students to "house rules" and proper etiquette whether at the Blackjack, craps, Roulette or Baccarat tables.

Hoekstra also offered researched advice on which games give the best winning percentages.

Attendees of the class, held at Novi Meadows Elementary School, were also instructed in the craft of tipping casino staff and at what percentages.

Slots, noted Hoekstra, offered the fewest winners; Baccarat the most.

Photos from top right-clockwise: Student Tom Zofchak intently studies the layout of the Roulette table. Roulette, as with craps (or dice) gives gamblers many different ways to place their chips on the table's grid — thereby betting different groups of numbers.

Hoekstra also took time to explain poker, with hands like a royal flush, illustrated here, the best to have. Hoekstra taught his students the absolutely essential way to pick up dice on the craps table. Shooters can get in trouble for "palming dice," or picking them up with a closed fist.

Hoekstra shows students the way to place chips on the Roulette wheel table, and how to put chips down so that they cover multiple bets.

A student lifts a pair of dice onto the table for a little hands-on experience. The class of eight adults sits around a table to hear the intricacies of roulette wheel gambling and specifically, when it is OK to place bets.

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Save now, play later

Proper maintenance and storage will help your
sports equipment last for seasons to comeCAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

It won't be long before the winter sports equipment is pushed to the back of the garage or closet to make way for spring's recreational gear.

But that method of storage can lead to some problems.

There is routine maintenance that needs to be performed on skis and correct storage methods for tennis rackets and golf clubs that will add to the life of the equipment and your enjoyment of the sport.

Active skiers, both cross country and down hill, need to tune their skis at least several times a year.

"The more harsh conditions, the more often you should get your skis tuned," said Tony Aquirre, Novi's Bavarian Village Ski and Golf store manager.

Bavarian Village updated its tuning shop in October to include three Montana fully automated and computerized ski conditioning machines.

"Nobody (in North America) has all three machines," said Aquirre. "Montana is a lot more precise. It is able to put the Oski back to the manufacturer's specifications."

The machines smooth edges, structure and put material back in to the base.

Aquirre suggests skis be conditioned before the season begins, mid-season and before storing for the summer, get a full tune up.

The better the skis are maintained the longer the longevity," he said. "It makes skiing a lot more enjoyable."

The new machine can condition 30 pair of skis in an hour.

The cost is \$39.99 for repair, edge sharpening, beveling, wax and structuring the bottom. Snow boards can be done for \$29.99.

"We are the only retail establishment that offers it," he said.

Two people run the machine and about a half a dozen people are employed in the tuning department.

Even if you didn't get out on the slopes much this year or for several years, stagnant skis especially need to be tuned.

"When the moving part needs to move, it doesn't," he said.

Maintenance for ice skates includes sharpening or replacing the blades.

Ice skate blades can be sharpened either in the spring or fall, according to Jessie Rizkallah, owner of Jessie Shoe Repair in Novi.

"The blade, when it gets really bad, they have to change them," he said.

If golf clubs or tennis rackets are stored incorrectly, they can wear prematurely.

"A lot of people don't store their equipment properly," said Alan Dante, manager of Las Vegas Golf and Tennis in Novi.

Golf clubs should always be stored at room temperature. They should never be stored in an outside shed during the

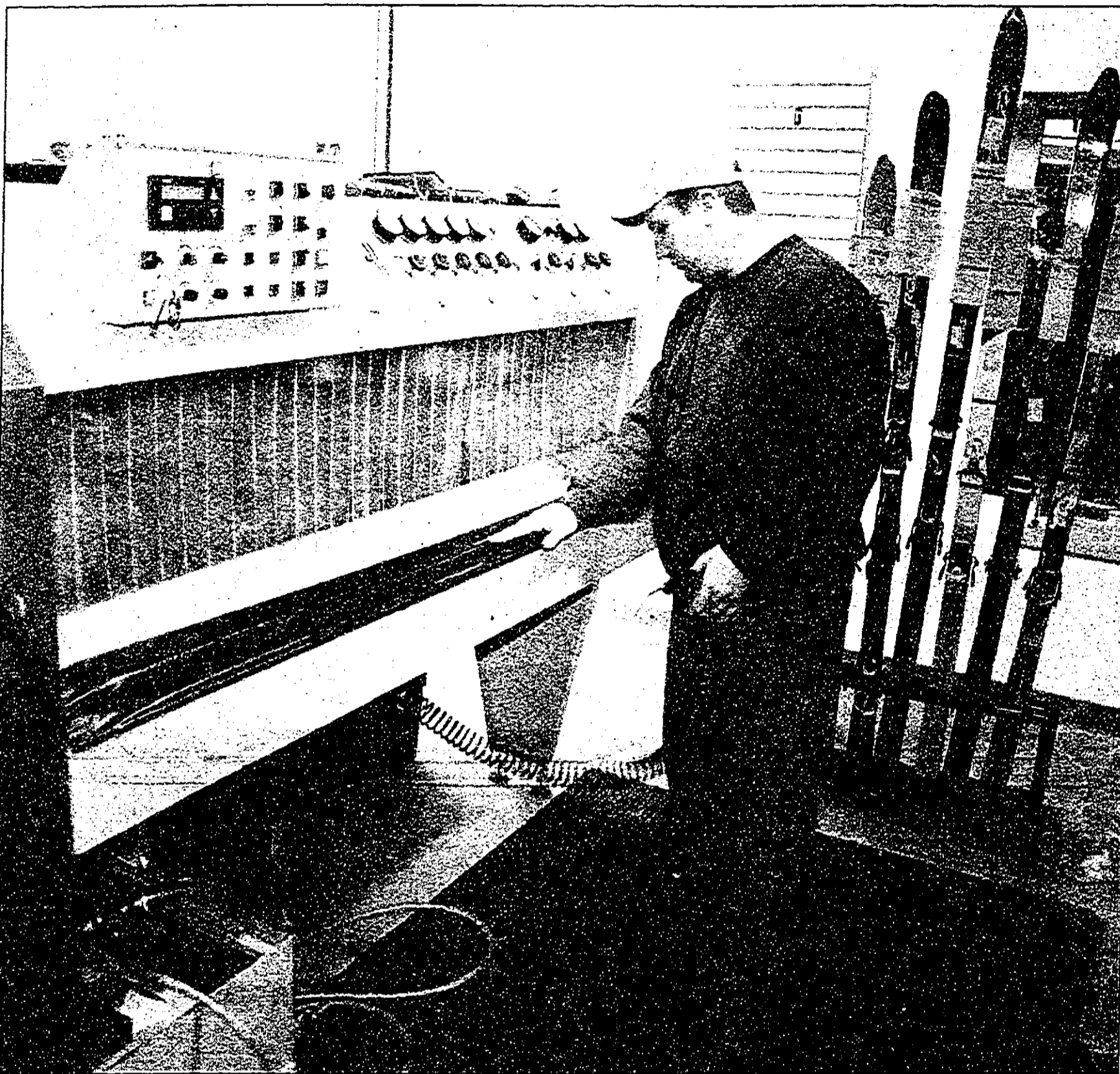


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Paul Lehnert, a head ski technician at Novi's Bavarian Village, checks out the progress of the "Speed Dragon" pattern-cutting machine. The computerized machine cuts terrain-specific patterns into the base of downhill skis to better speed and handling performance.

winter or in the trunk of the car during the summer.

"Extreme cold or heat is detrimental to golf clubs," said Dante.

Extreme temperatures affect the epoxy which holds the heads on to the shafts and also creates dry rot in the rubberized grips causing premature wear.

"In the spring, people come in and say

they hit the golf ball and the head flew off," Dante said.

Another problem which causes premature wear is dirty club faces. Get the dirt out of the grooves. A dirty face will affect accuracy and distance.

All repairs for both golf clubs and tennis rackets are done in-house at Las Vegas Golf and Tennis.

Tennis rackets should also be stored at room temperature.

"Strings, being that they are more synthetic type material, are susceptible to hot and cold," Dante said.

Tennis rackets should be stored flat. Hanging is okay but leaning the racket up against the wall and storing it with a broken string is not, it can cause the

racket to warp.

"When a string breaks, remove all the strings," Dante said.

Dante recommends taking golf clubs and tennis rackets to a qualified service technician for repairs.

"There is not nearly as much that can go wrong with a tennis racket than can go wrong with a golf club," Dante said.

Friends of the Libraries
to host author luncheon

Jack Driscoll, author-in-residence for 23 years at Interlochen Academy in northern Michigan, will be the guest speaker at this year's Observer/HomeTown Newspapers and Friends of the Libraries Author Luncheon on Thursday, April 22.

The award-winning Driscoll will address the group following the noon luncheon at the Fox Hills Country Club on North Territorial between Curtis and Gotfredson.

Driscoll is the winner of the 1998 Pushcart Editors Award and the Barnes & Noble Discover Award for his most recent novel "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman: A Love Story."

Driscoll's "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" was all set to be published and then at the last moment was dropped due to industry cuts.

Having the novel's momentum

halted abruptly was disheartening for Driscoll but it turned out that the book's journey to publication had just reached a fork in the road, not a complete brick wall. "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" was propelled down a different road.

Novelist Rick Bass had read a manuscript version of the novel and thought it such a good read that he nominated it for the Pushcart Editors Award, a prize established in 1972 for works of high merit that have been rejected by at least 10 publishers.

The paperback rights to "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" have already been grabbed and Driscoll's next novel "Stardog," has also been purchased.

Besides having written three novels, four books of poems and a collection of short stories, Driscoll finds time to spend up to 200 days a year fly-fishing.

Driscoll has spend most of his life near water, once living in a farm house in Massachusetts built on top of a stream. Another time his commute to work was via a canoe.

His stories have been read frequently over NPR's "The Sound of Writing," and his work has appeared in magazines, journals, and newspapers including "Chicago Tribune," "Kansas City Star," "Civilization," "Poetry," "The Georgia Review," "The Southern Review," and "Ploughshares."

He has received numerous grants and awards including the NEA Creative Writing Fellowship, the NEH Independent Study Grant, Best American Short Story citations, the PEN/Nelson Algren Fiction Awards, the Associated Writing Programs Short Fiction Award, and seven PEN Syndicated Project Short Fiction



Jack Driscoll

Awards. Tickets are available for the noon luncheon beginning March 14 at both the Northville and Novi libraries and are \$20. For more information, call the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020 or the Novi Public Library at (248) 349-0720.

Fund raiser is
still going strong

For 13 years, Friends of the Northville and Novi libraries have been presenting a book and author luncheon to benefit their libraries.

This year, the guest speaker will be award-winning Michigan author Jack Driscoll, on Thursday, April 22, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street in Northville or the Novi Public Library, 45245 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

This is the fourth year the annual luncheon has been sponsored by the Observer and HomeTown Newspapers, along with the Friends of the Northville, Novi, Canton and Plymouth libraries.

In 1987, the Friends of the Northville Library Board of Directors, with Betty Griffin

as its president, first discussed sponsoring such a luncheon. They contacted their neighboring Friends group from the Novi Library, whose president at the time was Barbara Pipas, to discuss a joint venture.

Plymouth and Canton Friends joined the group in 1990. The newspaper joined as the sponsoring group in 1996.

Past Speakers
Linda Lang Bartell - 1987
Neal Shine - 1988
Tony Spina - 1989
S.K. Wolf - 1990
Lucy Taylor - 1991
Ruth Ryan Langan - 1992
James Hynes - 1993
Charles Baxter - 1994
Jillian Karr - 1995
Nicholas Delbanco - 1996
Judith Guest - 1997
Mort Crim - 1998

Sixthgate Squadron to hold open house

JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

NOVI'S Sixthgate Composite Squadron is a part of the United States Air Force. It is a non-profit volunteer organization with a history that dates back prior to World War II. The Civil Air Patrol stands as one of the nation's oldest and most distinguished military organizations. Its motto is "We Honor the Good."

Sixthgate was founded in the early 1970s and is one of the oldest squadrons in Michigan and the Detroit Lakes region. The three squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol in Greater Detroit are: Aerospace Education and Emergency Services.

Members are very proud of their service and would like to invite everyone in the community to a meeting so you can observe the many things they do. Their Open House is scheduled for March 22 at the Novi Middle School on Tall Rock Court, 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free. Kids Rep, Nady Cassis and Senator Billard will be present and in addition they expect to have a Michigan Wing Commander B. Col. Amy Conner to speak to members of your family.

Donations of clothes would be helpful, in some churches, they have designated boxes or baskets for items which are taken to the Food Bank and sorted. Notify the church secretary who can assist you with drop off information. Donations of money are always welcome.

Each family of which may be senior citizens or single parents always receive a box from members. For more information call 349-5666. The Clothes Closet is located at Holy Family and appointments for needed clothing, etc., can be made by calling 349-5663.

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The general meetings have been on the road starting with February when members met at Calvo's. They included a short presentation by Assistant Manager Michelle Stimer. This month's meeting is being held this evening, March 11, at Brickscap with plans to ask the staff all about spiritual planning and to see some samples of their brick paving walks and patios. In addition, the slate of officers for the coming year will be voted on, as the nominating committee has been busy working on their report.

March 13 to 20 will be the duty of Hudson's Anniversary Sale and also is a fund raise for Novi Newcomers and Neighbors as they will be working as assistants in the clothing areas and earning money for the club as well as special coupons for themselves with a discount value of 20 percent off. If you can help on this project, remember to call Robbi LeRoy.

With the interest groups, a report of a good time by those who attended the Couples Night Out at the new Comedy Club at Eldorado County Club has been given. The next meeting will be at a member's home for a night of Games, Games, Games. The Ladies Night Out at the Movies will be Thursday, March 25, with several movies to chose from followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Couples Pinocle will be March 26.

Novi Highlights

The Holy Family was at Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

This is an annual program sponsored by the Novi Ministers Association for those who can participate when schedules permit their attendance.

Coming up will be a service at Church of the Holy Family on Good Friday at noon with representatives from various churches participating. More details will come at a later date.

The Ministers Association also sponsors the Novi Emergency Food Bank located at Faith Community.

Work with the Bank is done by volunteers led by Chris Savage. She and other volunteers are at the church every other Monday to set the program up and assist in the distribution. They have about 20 families registered and usually have 10 to 12 visits per month. Proof of previous income is necessary and the scale of eligibility starts at \$12,075 for a single person and continues upward for larger families.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and continues once a month. The Play Group met on March 10 and will again on March 22. The new Rotational Dinner Group will have themes for March and April of "Luck of the Irish" and "In Spring, time in Paris."

Several new groups are being organized for a Daytime Bridge group and also a Daytime Book Club. The Book Club met at Borders Bookstore Cafe and discussed "High Tide in Tucson."

Another upcoming event is the selection of the Outstanding Member of the Year Award. This was established in 1977 and 22 members have been honored through this program. April 19 is the day of the selection after ballots have been counted. The winner will be announced at the installation dinner in May and will receive a special gift with their name being engraved on a plaque that hangs in the Novi Library.

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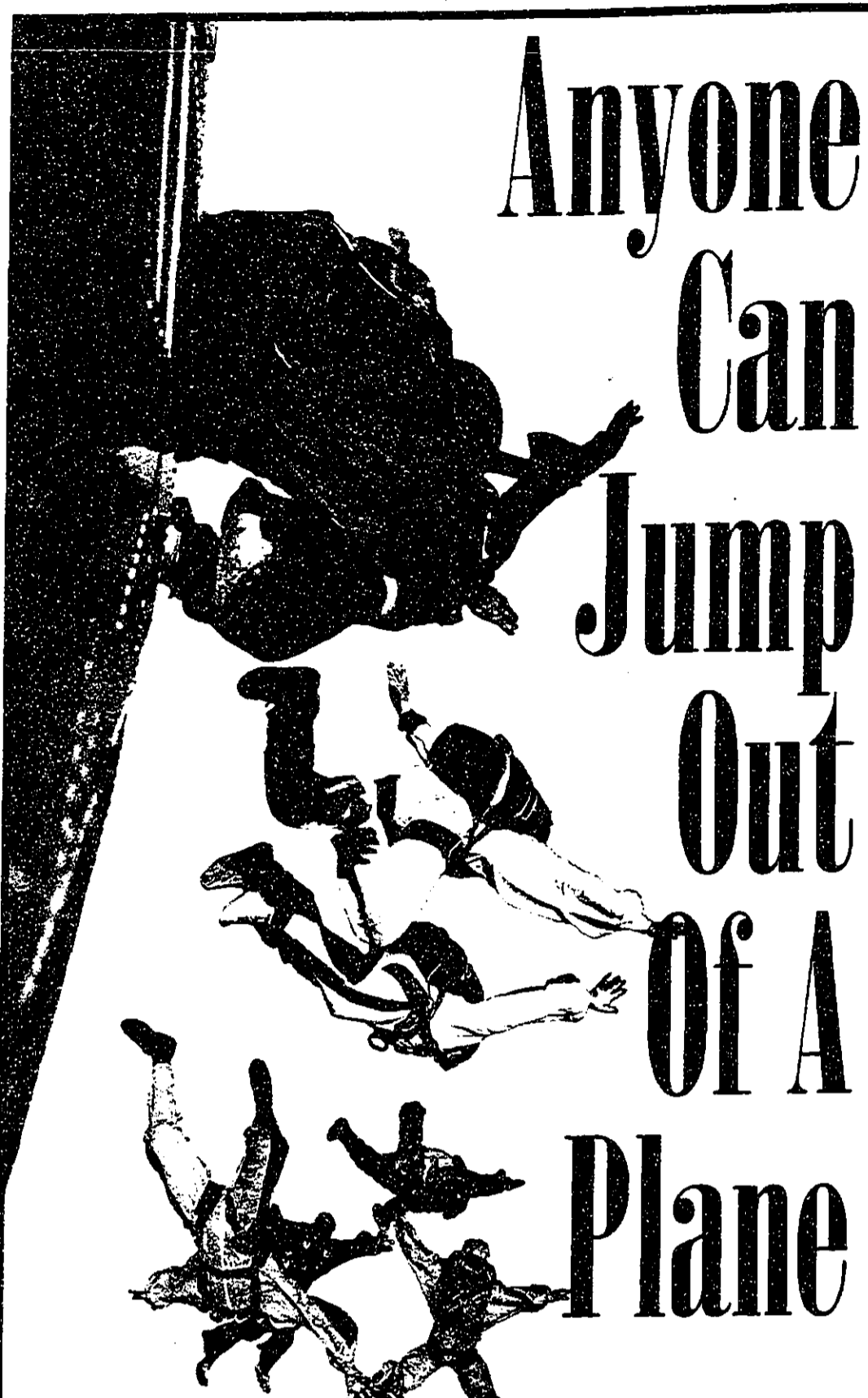
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Novi postal worker personally delivers package with donated gifts

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

When a 12-year-old French girl wrote to the Novi Post Office asking for stamps, postal worker Mike Bugar decided to hand-deliver them.

The idea started with a letter sent to the Novi postmaster from a 12-year-old living in Paris named Suzanne Lopez.

"I like the USA very much," the letter said. "I would be very happy to have your new stamp of space discovery. Please could you tell me how I can obtain it?"

It just happened that Bugar, who works at the post office, was leaving Feb. 15 with his wife, Sherry, for a two week vacation to London and Paris in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

"We normally don't get letters from foreign countries asking for stamps," Bugar said. "Since he was already planning on going to Paris, Bugar volunteered to hand-deliver the stamps to Lopez."

While the little girl may have originally asked for stamps, Bugar soon found himself traveling with a small package consisting of a post office hat, a Frisbee, earrings, a necklace, stamp collectibles and the stamps, all donated by post office employees.

After visiting relatives in London, with a brief stop in Scotland, Bugar and his wife headed to Paris armed with a limited French vocabulary, some maps and the post office package.

As for where in Paris Lopez lived, Bugar said, "All we had to go on was her letter."

Bugar and his wife soon found themselves traveling throughout Paris by subway, using his limited

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—Mike Bugar
Novi Postal Worker

French vocabulary to ask for directions, all the while looking for Lopez's home.

"The only problem with knowing a little French is once you start talking French with them, they start talking real fast and you have to slow them down," he said.

Eventually, Bugar found Lopez's home at an apartment complex located in the "melting pot" of the city.

But, even though they found the apartment, new obstacles presented themselves to this US postal worker.

Lopez's apartment building had a security lock that could only be accessed by residents of the complex and there was no way for him to call up to the girl's apartment.

Bugar said he would just left the package at Lopez's mailbox, but even that was a problem, because all the mailboxes were located behind the locked door.

Eventually, luck shined onto Bugar's mission and a resident of the complex came along and led them into the building, only to have Bugar discover Lopez was not at home.

"Unfortunately we only met her mother and she did not speak a lot of English," Bugar said.

Plus, Lopez's mother was not aware her daughter had even writ-



While in Paris on vacation, Mike Bugar had an opportunity to meet Suzanne Lopez's mother while delivering the package.

ten the letter. But, she was understanding and accepted the package for her daughter.

"We took some photos and I told her the best I could to have her daughter write us so maybe we can find out some more information about her," Bugar said.

While he may not have met

Lopez, Bugar said he was glad he volunteered to deliver the stamps during his vacation, because it gave him a chance to see a side of Paris not usually seen by tourists.

More importantly, Bugar said it gave him and his wife a little adventure for their 25th wedding anniversary.

"It was exciting," he said.

Church Notes

Arbor Hospice will present five sessions at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, on the "Journey to the End of Life: Opportunities, Considerations and Decisions" on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on March 23, April 13 and 27, and May 11 and 25. All are invited to attend. Reservations are needed by 8 p.m. on the Sunday before. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-1144.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST-UNITY which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Youth education is available for all ages. Fellowship follows the service. The Singles Group meets on Fridays at Meadowbrook School from 7 until 10 p.m. in the lounge. The 4T Prosperity Class meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. Artist Way meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Unity Basics begins April 19 at 7 p.m. These classes meet in the school's lounge.

Meditation classes are held every Thursday at a member's home. Women in Unity will meet on March 27 and April 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Novi Library.

The church has an active and ongoing Drama Club. For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248) 349-1700

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School holds parenting fair

Mark your calendars for Walled Lake Schools' Annual Parenting Education Fair which will be held Friday, March 26, and Saturday, March 27, at Walled Lake Western High School. Keynote speaker will be Alec Faber, author and lecturer of international stature. Faber has co-authored a number of books including "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk" and "Siblings Without Rivalry."

Faber's keynote address opens the Parenting Education Fair at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 26. The fair continues at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday with exhibits and on-site registration.

Faber's second keynote workshop starts at 9 a.m., followed by lunch and 20 afternoon breakout sessions, concluding at 3:30 p.m. Exhibits will remain open until 4 p.m.

Cost is \$8 per person Friday only; \$8 per person Saturday only (no lunch); \$14 per person Saturday only with lunch; \$18 per person Friday and Saturday with lunch; \$2 per family per day for child care.

For further information, contact Alec Bender, principal, Twin Beach Elementary, at 363-4701 or Henry McCurry, assistant principal.

Smart Middle School, at 363-4197. The Walled Lake Schools 1999 Parenting Education Fair is sponsored by Walled Lake Schools, Target, TMP Associates, Walled Lake PTSA's, "Foundation for Excellence" and Walled Lake Schools Employee Associations, among others.

If you register at Walled Lake Elementary School, 1055 W. West Maple in Walled Lake by March 12 program materials will be mailed to you.

Registrations will be accepted up to and including the day of the fair.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Cross Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 11, "Masculine and Feminine Energy," with Nick Berar or an open forum on "How to Fix a Broken Heart" with facilitator D. Sweeney will be the topics.

The topics on Thursday, March 18, will be "Light & Love" with Marianne and Lloyd Murphy.

The cost for each is \$4.

Upcoming activities include a St. Patrick Sing-Along Party on March 13 and a Dinner/Entertainment evening in Greektown on March 27.

Soup and Supper Bible Studies continue on March 11, 18 and 25 beginning at 6 p.m.

On March 23, Ronald C. Smeenge will perform the one-act play "Pontius Pilate" at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Reservations are necessary.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for March 11 - April 29 with a variety of speakers. The cost is \$90.

Call Single Place at (248) 349-0911 for additional information.



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Seminar to discuss child's feelings

Parents will be the focus of a seminar on how to help their children deal with divorce. The seminar will be held at the Novich Community Center, 4000 Six Mile Road, on Thursday, March 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. The seminar will be held in Room 217. The seminar is presented by the Novich Community Center. The seminar is presented by the Novich Community Center. The seminar is presented by the Novich Community Center.

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Pet of the Week



There will be lots of puppies up for adoption this weekend. Critter Connection will have lots of golden retriever puppies and adult dogs, at the adoption center at Pet Supplies Plus this Saturday, March 13. Critter Connection recently received a pure-bred golden retriever and her litter as well as boxer mix puppies which will all be available for adoption. Critter Connection holds an adoption for both puppies and adult dogs every Saturday at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs. The price includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. For more information, call (313) 563-1823.

Moms are sought for Lansing parade

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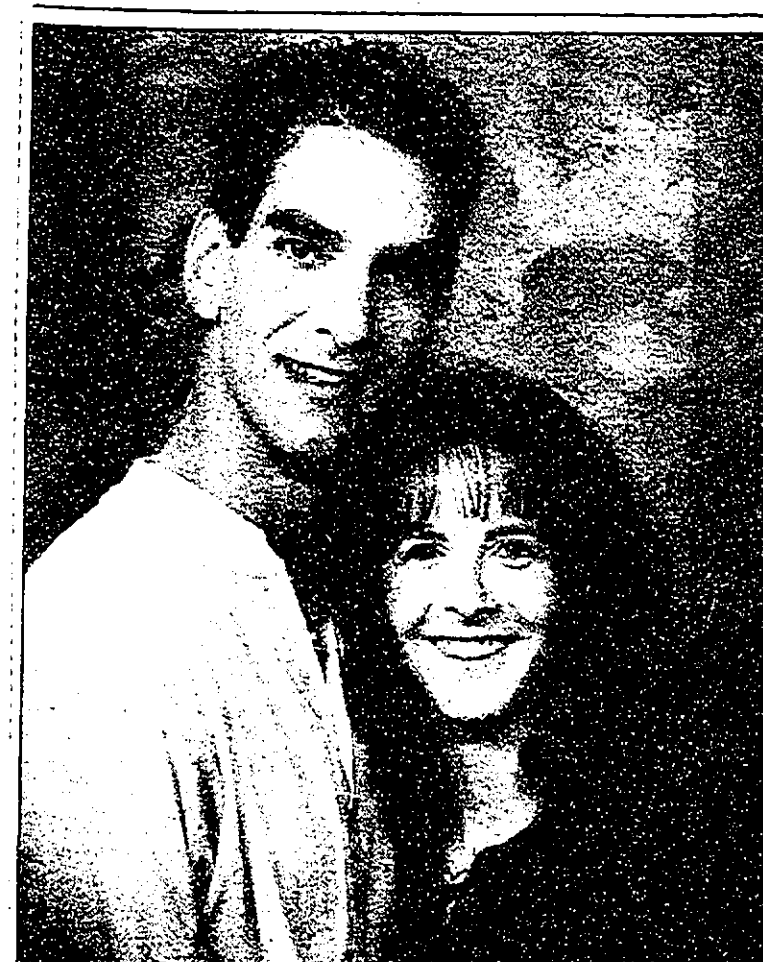
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The following Novi students graduated with bachelor degrees from Western Michigan University. The list includes Laura Marie Jones, Lisa Marie Rein, Rebecca Shepard, Jennifer Wroe, and David A. Zyczynski.

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Engagements



Raymond Jacques and Amy Rodgers. Keith and Kathy Tappan of Farmington Hills and Joanne Jacques of Surprise, Ariz., formerly of Northville, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Amy Marie Rodgers and Raymond Arthur Jacques. The couple became engaged on Dec. 25, 1998. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Novi High School and has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She currently resides in Wixom where she is the office manager at Brooks, Williamson & Associates Inc., an environmental consulting firm. The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and has a degree from Eastern Michigan University in criminal justice. Formerly of Northville, he currently resides in Wixom and is employed by MCSS Ltd. in Brighton. The couple is planning a Sept. 18 wedding at Holy Family Church in Novi.



Megan Dunn and Christopher Crespi. Robert Dunn and Eileen Dunn, both of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Eileen, to Christopher Joseph Crespi, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crespi of Newton, Pa. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She graduated in 1995 from University of Michigan, where she was affiliated with Tri Delta sorority. Megan is management consultant at Price Waterhouse Coopers in Bloomfield Hills. The groom-elect graduated from Catholic Central in 1986. He received his degree from Lake Forest University in 1990, and is currently employed as consultant at Dataspace Inc. in Ann Arbor. A June wedding is planned.

Wedding



Kelly and Scott Melby. Kelly Evelyn Masy and Scott Lawrence Melby were wed Feb. 20 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia. Pastor Dennis Bux officiated the double ring ceremony; the bride was given in carriage by her father. A reception for 150 guests followed at the Italian-American Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James A. Masy of Novi. She is a 1987 graduate of Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. She attended Oakland Community and Olivet colleges and is currently coordinator for Milford Proving Grounds. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zandt of Romeo. He is a 1988 graduate of L'Anse Cruese High School and is currently employed at Milford Proving Grounds as a test technician. Attending as best man was Matthew Chomicz. Groomsmen were David Melby, Lee Masy, Glenn Masy, and Jay Masy. Cate Burke served as ring bearer. The couple went on a western Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon and currently reside in the Spring Apartments, Novi. There is no charge.

Correction

In the story about the Restaurant Poll in the Feb. 25 issues of 'The Northville Record and Novi News,' Charley's Deli and Grille is incorrectly identified on the locator map which accompanied the story. Charley's Deli Grille is located next to McDonald's on the southwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

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Chorale, Sinfonietta unite for concert

The Northville Concert Chorale and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will perform a "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure on Sunday, March 14, at 7 p.m.

The concert, part of the 9th Annual Fine Arts Series of the First Presbyterian Church, will be held at the church located at 200 E. Main Street in Northville. Faure's setting of the Requiem is written for chorus, soloists, harp, organ and orchestra. It is full of lyrical romanticism and is a serene setting of the Requiem text.

Soloists include soprano Karen Roberts of Brighton, baritone Gary Moss of Ann Arbor, and Harpist Christa Orx of Plymouth. Grill will also play a piece written for harp and organ by Grandjany. The concert opens with a concerto for organ and orchestra by Brix, a classical composer of Mozart's era.



Northville Concert Chorale will perform on March 14.

Hall. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

PERFORMANCE PLUS: Auditions for The Novi Theatres Performance Plus production of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" will be held on March 16 and 18 at 7 p.m. Performance Plus actors are ages 13 to college.

All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 one cast.

Performances of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" will be on May 14, 15 and 16.

The Novi Civic Center Stage is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For more information, call 9248-347-0400.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAT SHOW: The Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers "Welcome Spring Cat Show" will be held at the Novi Expo Center at Novi Road and I-96 on March 27 and 28. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Tickets are available now. Call (248) 347-3286.

BORDERS BOOKS: Author Rich Rahn will give a short presentation and sign copies of his new book "Evolve yourself" on March 31 at 7 p.m.

Engaging events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center. Call (248) 347-0780.

THEATER

MARQUIS: Performances of the classic tale of the "Velvet Rabbit" will be held on March 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 April 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and April 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. All performances will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all general performances are \$7.

For group rates, birthdays, and special school performances and ticket prices, call (248) 349-8110. No children under the age of three will be admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

GENITTS: In their newest production, "Swingtime," the Genitts performers will take the audience back to the days of the 30s and 40s for a live broadcast of "Swing and Sway with Stanley Courvoisier" on WGNV-TV, home of the hottest music and dance show on radio.

The evening also includes Genitts' famous seven course Italian dinner.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville. Call (248) 349-0522.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located at

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LABOOM: The teen club LABOOM is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Upcoming events include the pop/old school music of Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock on March 19 at 11 p.m. Showtime is 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Ticketmaster.

Call the hotline at (248) 926-1000.

LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL: The Lakeview Bar and Grill is located at 43393 West Thirteenth Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road. Ron Coden performs on Saturday.

Call (248) 624-2500.

WAGON WHEEL: The Wagon Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. Main in Northville.

An open Blues Jam is held every Thursday night beginning at 9 p.m.

Everyone gets to play if they sign up at the door. Call (248) 349-8686.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. Call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 305-5856.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River in Novi. Call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe prescribes a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 P. Center St. in Northville. Call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-7780.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaherty Open Blues Jam is every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. Call (248) 624-9607 for more information.

SPORTS EDITION: Enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Nord Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville. Call (248) 349-0522.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located at

27155 Sheraton Drive on the northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96, hosts jazz groups Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo from 6 until 10 p.m. every Monday; and Louis Resto and David McMurray every Friday from 7 until 11 p.m. on the patio throughout the summer (weather permitting). In the case of inclement weather, the groups will perform in the bar area of the restaurant.

Call (248) 348-5555 for more information.

BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE: Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Livemusic performances include Cloud 9, March 12 and 13; GRR, March 19 and 20; Nicki James, March 26; On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the Tim Diaz Band will perform from 5 to 9 p.m.

DJ Paul will be at Bogey's every Thursday and Sunday in February. Call (248) 669-1441.

THE GRAND CAFE: The Grand Cafe is located at 23316 Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Call (248) 615-9181 for more information.

NEARBY

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER: Attorney and mountain climber Lou Kassichke will be the guest speaker at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus on Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Theatre. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-96. Free parking is available in nearby student lots.

Call (248) 340-6766 for more information.

POPS CONCERT: Guest conductor Gerard Yun will conduct the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Annual Dinner/Auction Pops Concert on March 12 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the performance "From Dance to Stage to Screen" at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. For tickets call (734) 451-2112.

SCHOOLCRAFT: Performances of Schoolcraft College Theatre Department's production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" will be presented as a dinner theatre format on March 19, 20, 26 and 27 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner theatre are \$19 per person. On April 2 and 3, the show only will be presented and tickets are \$8 per person. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Tickets may be ordered from the college bookstore by calling (734) 462-4596.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

PIANIST: Eleana Shishko, professor of piano at the St. Petersburgh Conservatory and an Honored Artist of Russia, will perform a special expanded noon concert at Schoolcraft College on Wednesday, March 31. There is no cost for the concert which will be held in the Forum Building Reital Hall on the Livonia campus. A reception to meet the artist will follow the performance.

She will play pieces by Mozart, Schubert, Prokofiev, and Chopin. During her stay at Schoolcraft,

she will conduct a master class which is free and open to young and adult serious piano students Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. also in the recital hall.

On Monday, March 29, she will conduct a one-day piano teachers' workshop with lectures and demonstrations of the Russian style of training both gifted and average piano students. Fees are \$40 for advance registration and \$45 for on-site registration.

Call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

TRINITY HOUSE: Two women from opposite backgrounds find that their struggles through adversity bring them closer together during Trinity House Theatre's production of "Grace & Gloria" which premieres on Friday, March 5, at 8 p.m. Other performances will be held on Fridays and Saturdays, March 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. and on Sundays, March 14, 21, and 28 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$8 per person for groups of 10 or more. Reservations are strongly recommended. To make a reservation call the box office at (734) 464-6302.

Parents with young children should be aware that "Grace & Gloria" contains some adult language.

CONCERT: A new concert series at Trinity House opens with Mike Roe, lead singer and guitarist for the group 77, who will perform in concert on Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia. The next concert will feature Jan Krist, Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski on Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Roe concert are \$14, and \$12 for theatre members.

For more information, call (734) 464-6302.

FASHION SHOW: The Myasthenia Gravis Association's 23rd annual luncheon and fashion show "Carousel of Style" will be held April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Fashions will be from Twelve Oaks Mall. Featured speaker for the event will be Carolyn Cliftford, Healthy Living Reporter for WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available by calling (248) 423-9700.

FLOWERS: The Agriscience Greenhouse & Landscape Garden Center at Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus is taking orders for a variety of annuals and perennials. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

They are located at 1000 Beck Road in Whitom. Call (248) 960-5454.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 1998 Entertainment Ultimate Books to raise funds for the chorus' charitable and educational activities. Books are \$40 and contain hundreds of specials on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more.

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Cagers edge Saline

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor... Heading into district play having blown two big fourth-quarter leads in its last five games... "We just couldn't put them away... They kept fighting back..."



The Northville/Novi gymnastics team captured its third-straight regional title Saturday.

Gymnasts win third-straight regional title

Team now heads to states... The easy part of over... Now it's down to business... The Northville/Novi gymnastics team breezed to its third-consecutive regional championship last Saturday, scoring 140.025 points...

Iceners play out final game

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor... In a matter of 24 hours the emotions of 21 Novi hockey players were vented from the high of winning their first-ever district playoff game to the low of losing their first, and ending a season of ups and downs in a first-year program...



The Novi icers finished their inaugural season with a respectable 9-16 record, which included a sixth-place finish in the KVC.

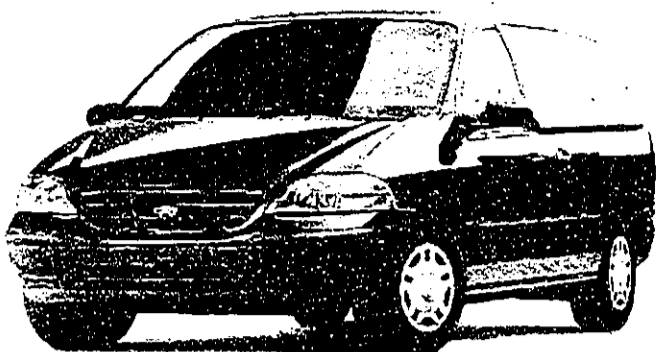
Cheer team takes third

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor... Sometimes winning isn't everything... Giving your all and doing your best can be just as gratifying... The Novi cheer team can at least take that with them after finishing third at regional cheer meet Feb. 27...

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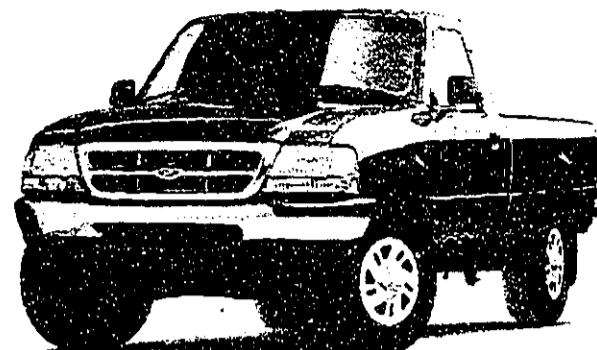
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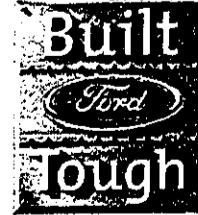
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