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2010 summer property tax bills have been mailed. Taxes are due and payable July 1st through August 31st without penalty. New this tax season, informational copies of tax bills will not be mailed if you have an escrow account established with your lending institution. This "green" initiative will also save taxpayers approximately \$7,000. Property tax information is available on the City of Novi website at www.cityofnovi.org.

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Chef demonstration, new vendors at July 11 Farmers' Market

Steven Grostick, executive chef at the Toasted Oak Grill & Market, will provide a chef demonstration at this Sunday's Farmers' Market. He is an award-winning chef with more than 15 years of experience as a progressive culinary professional. The demonstration will offer shoppers an opportunity to learn how to incorporate fresh, in-season produce in their own meals as Chef Steve prepares tasty meals using products from the Market's own vendors. Chef Steve will provide one cooking demonstration each hour beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The products available at the July 11 market will include: sugar peas, cherry tomatoes, onions, potatoes, lettuce, spinach, broccoli, radishes, turnips, mushrooms, strawberries, cherries, raspberries, blueberries, peaches, fresh eggs, jams, pasta, flavored butter, cut flowers, etc. The market has added new vendors including a new, Asian vegetable farmer who grows over 50 varieties of vegetables.

The Farmers' Market is located on Main Street at Grand River and Novi Road. It is open rain or shine on Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Road construction hitting full steam

Novi Road 'marquee' project this fiscal year

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Orange construction barrels on Novi roads will be the norm again this summer and early fall as crews work to improve not only main thoroughfares, but local roads as well.

The main project is the Novi Road Link Project that includes the widening of Novi Road from 10 Mile to Main Street to five lanes with a bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks. It is estimated to cost \$18 million and is expected to go out for bid in a couple weeks. Construction should start in September or early October.

Federal funds are being used to cover the majority of the project with Novi kicking in roughly \$2.4 million. Novi Road will be closed for almost the duration of the project, which should be completed by November 2011, said Public Services Director/City Engineer Rob Hayes.

"The county is tying up some loose ends with right of way acquisitions and they are getting close to finalizing things," he said. "It is going to be a huge improvement."

Some local projects are already underway and near completion. Nine Mile Road between Novi and Taft Roads was paved last week and should be finished soon. It was the final component of a Federal Economic Stimulus Project and did not cost the city.

Work is also continuing to complete phase two of a project along Novi Road from Grand River to 12 Mile Road.

The project includes the reconstruction of the traffic signals as decorative mast arms with decorative lighting at Novi Road and the following intersections: Crescent Boulevard, West Oaks Drive and the Twelve Oaks north entrance.



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Novi Way, near the Novi Civic Center, is getting a makeover this summer as it will be widened to include a dedicated right turn lane, get new street lighting and have upgraded sidewalk ramps, traffic signal and pedestrian crossing. Ten Mile Road eastbound also will get a new right turn lane.

It also includes sidewalk ramp construction and improvements at each intersection (but not the sidewalk segments between intersections) to meet accessibility requirements. Additionally, the "pork chop" restricting left turns from the northern driveway for West Oaks II is planned for

removal as part of the project. Crews recently started working on the 10 Mile Road and Novi Way intersection, adding a right turn lane for eastbound 10 Mile Road, street lighting

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Fire destroys Novi home on Saturday

Investigation points to fireworks as cause

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



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A Novi firefighter sprays water on a fire at a home on Meadowbrook Road. Investigators believe the Saturday night fire started after the homeowner's son threw what he thought was an extinguished firework into the trash can inside the garage.

Careless action with legal fireworks is believed to have caused the fire that destroyed a home Saturday night on the 23000 block of Meadowbrook Road.

Three people, including the homeowner and a Novi police officer and firefighter, were taken to St. John Providence Park Hospital for smoke inhalation and released early Sunday morning.

According to Jeff Johnson, director of EMS and fire operations, the adult son of the 73-year-old homeowner was igniting fireworks in the garage area of the home and did not fully extinguish one of the fuses before throwing it into the garbage.

"It caught the debris in the trash can on fire,

then the garage and eventually spread into the house," he said. "At this point we are still investigating exactly how it got started, but the preliminary report is that is what happened."

The Novi Fire Department was called to the home at 11:20 p.m. and had the home evacuated by 11:29 p.m. They had the fire extinguished at 12:30 a.m.

Johnson said roughly two-thirds of the home was involved in the fire as well as a vehicle that was parked out front. The remainder of the home sustained heavy smoke damage.

The estimated property and content loss from the fire is estimated at \$200,000.

The fire marshal is coordinating a complete investigation.

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Gardens coming to Fuerst Park

Novi Parks Foundation donates \$45,000 to city

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Parks Foundation is doing its part to pay homage to the Fuerst family by donating \$45,000 to the city to create formal gardens in what is now Fuerst Park.

Two barns sat on the property at Ten Mile and Taft Road for years, but were taken

down prior to the park opening last year. In their place will be two gardens, roughly the same size as the barns and in the same location.

"It's all about synergy and bringing people into Fuerst Park," said Jay Dooley, vice president of the Novi Parks Foundation. "It is part of our vision of giving back to the community, and Fuerst Park

is going to be the jewel of our city if it isn't already."

The money was donated from the foundation's Naming Rights Fund. Bids for the project are expected to go before Novi City Council on July 12.

David Beschke, landscape architect for the city, said

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ing at the intersection, sidewalk ramp improvements to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and traffic signal reconstruction which includes pedestrian signal upgrades.

Total cost for the project is \$218,800 with most of it funded via the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant. Novi's share is \$44,600, and it should be done in August.

"The whole idea is to improve safety and reduce congestion at that intersection," Hayes said.

The benefit would not only be derived from public safety, but air quality because cars are not sitting there as long.

Hayes said the road will be closed at various times throughout the project and people should use the east entrance to access the civic center. Library patrons should use Wildcat Drive.

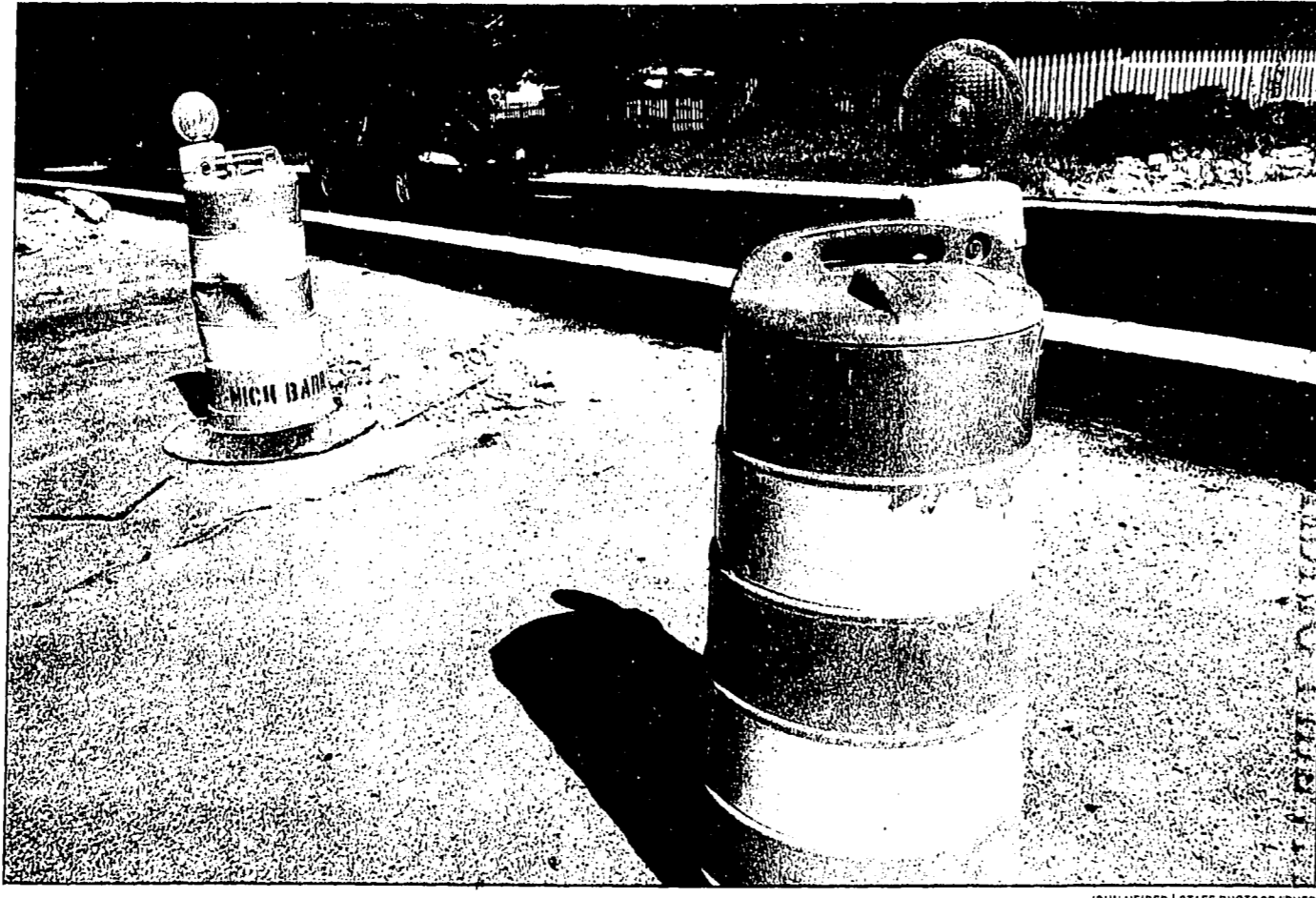
Several local roads also are being worked on this summer as part of the Capital Preventative Maintenance

Program. The idea behind the program is to make discreet repairs where pavement is distressed to extend the life of it and avoid complete reconstruction. Wilson and Meadowbrook Roads are two of the major roads being worked on, and the local roads include Pennington Court, Foxmoor Drive, Bedford Drive and Byrne Drive.

"We are doing some preventative things instead of just reconstruction because we are trying to be judicious in how we spend our monies," said City Manager Clay Pearson.

Reconstruction of neighborhood roads also is on the agenda, but because funding does not come in until October, that work will not take place until the spring or early summer in 2011.

"Overall we are still able to fund a pretty progressive road program, both neighborhood streets and the majors," Pearson said. "The marquee project is the Novi Road Link Project, but up until then it's our regular diet of making improvements to streets and intersections."



Nine Mile Road between Taft and Novi Roads was recently reconstructed with new gutters and a new asphalt surface.

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patterns of the gardens will mimic the barns and contain mostly perennials with walkways through them.

Work is expected to start this month and be completed by August. One garden is 30 x 50 and the other is 40 x 50.

"It's a good way to keep the legacy (of the Fuerst family) alive," he said.

The property the gardens will be located on was owned

by the Novi Community Schools District but was not being used. The district traded property to the city so the gardens could be created in that location.

"It's another example of cooperation, because the schools were not using it and we could incorporate it into the Fuerst Park improvements," said City Manager Clay Pearson.

Fuerst Park is an eight-acre park that includes a 150-seat amphitheater, the old township hall, several walking paths and newly installed sculptures.

Dooley said the gardens could receive a formal name but that had yet to be decided.

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Two decades of creating smiles
Orthodontic practice hosting 'thank you' celebration

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A lot has changed during Lawrence Spillane's 20 years as an orthodontist in Novi. But one thing has remained constant — his ability to make people smile.

Spillane, who also has lived in Novi for that same period, said seeing those faces around town and at events is the best part of his job.

"We have a good reputation for turning out smiles," he said. "And I feel blessed to have a great career here and do a job I love."

To celebrate 20 years in Novi, Spillane and Reynolds Orthodontics is giving thanks to those that have supported them over the years by hosting a cupcake social from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 14 at the office on Ten Mile and Taft Roads.

Dentists, patients, staff and community members are

invited.

The practice has been in its current location for the last 13 years, and James Reynolds has been Spillane's partner for the last eight.

They also have another office in Rochester Hills. Spillane calls the advancements in technology "night and day," and said they are seeing more adult patients now than ever before.

The practice also is extremely involved in the community and has a dedicated staff with several employees having been with the practice for more than 15 years.

Val Critley, office manager, said the best part of the job is working with kids and that no one day is the same.

"I came here after making a career change, and never expected to be here forever," she said. "But now I do."

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Dr. Lawrence Spillane is celebrating 20 years serving as an orthodontist in Novi. Spillane works with Dr. James Reynolds at their practice on the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads. They will be hosting a cupcake social for the public at that location from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 14.

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Voters to decide on millage renewal for county parks

Tax supports operations, land acquisition, improvements

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County residents will have a chance to show how much they value the county's parks when they vote on a millage renewal on the Aug. 3 primary ballot. The renewal is for a 10-year period at a millage rate of 0.2415 mills, which equates to roughly \$21 per household for a home valued at \$175,000. The millage, which represents approximately 50-55 percent of Oakland County Parks' operating dollars, is also used for improvements and land acquisition for the 13 county parks.

"This is an opportunity to preserve a parks system and natural areas for future generations," said Dan Stencil, executive officer for Oakland County Parks. "The parks system is an economic driver as people select where they want to live, work and recreate based on them."

Stencil said county residents have indicated in recent years they want to see more hiking, biking and walking trails in the county, and the parks have become more popular as people are staying closer to home to vacation.

"Recreating locally has become the trend," he said. The 13 Oakland County parks take up more than 6,700 acres of land, with approximately 70 percent of it kept as natural areas. There are 68 miles of trails. Two parks, Catalpa Oaks in

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Southfield and Highland Oaks in Highland Township, were added in the last two years. Some of the parks contain campgrounds, nature centers, waterparks and golf courses.

The parks system serves 1.5 million visitors annually. Lannie Young, Lyon Township supervisor, said having Lyon Oaks, a 1,043-acre park in the area, is a "real asset."

"It's very important because it is another amenity to bring people to our area so they can see what we have to offer," he said.

Projects planned for the next 10 years include increasing conservation efforts to protect natural resources, continuation of collaborative recreation planning assistance for local communities, providing web-based reservation and registration systems, instituting recycling programs at the parks and more.

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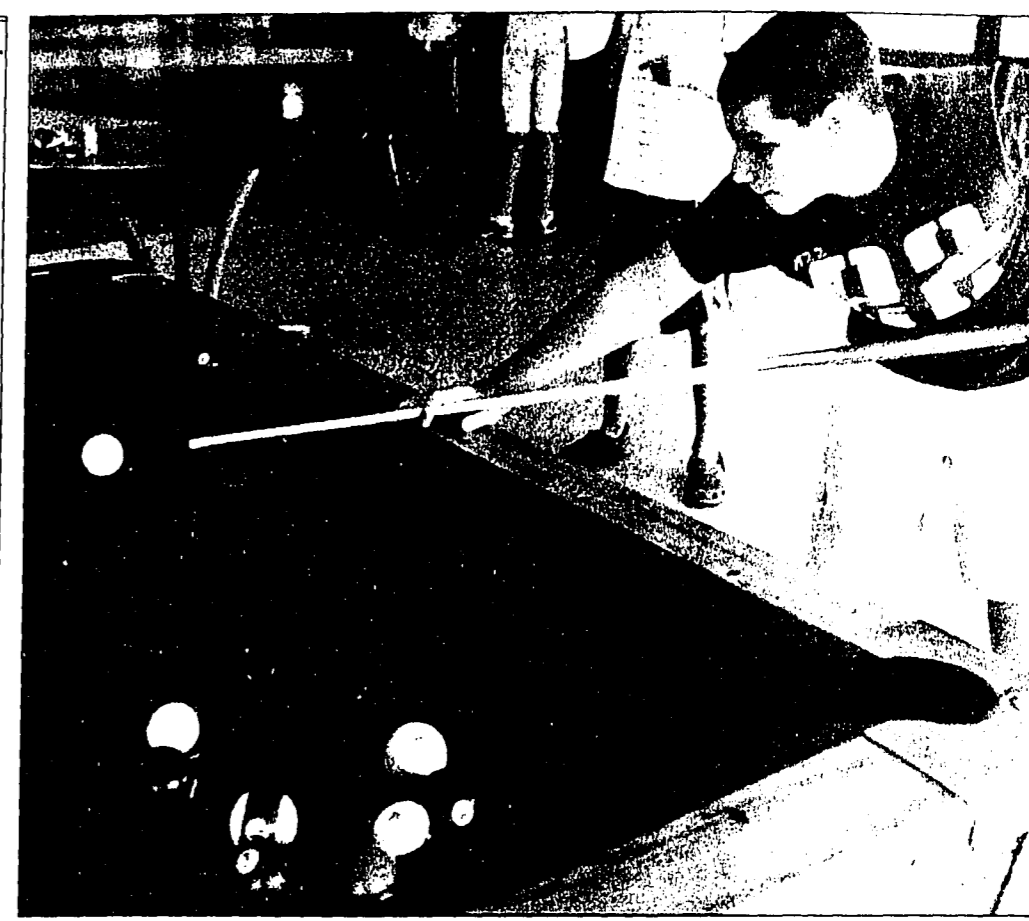
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Guitar heroes

A quartet of youngsters tries out a music video game at the Novi Teen Center on June 29. From left is Ed Shaheen, 11, Natalie Bailey, 13, Meghan Riley, 11, and Louie Ellis-Stockley, 11. The Teen Center is open Mon-Thurs., from noon to five p.m.



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Playing for keeps

Tim Smith plays pool at the Novi Teen Center on June 30. The center, located at Novi High, is open Mon-Thurs., noon-5 p.m.

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LOCAL EVENTS

2010 FIFA World Cup Final
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11
Location: Emagine Theaters Novi, 44425 12 Mile Road

the Waxa 97 Girls Blue soccer team. Watch the championship game live on a theater screen with theater seating. Best fanatical fan costume prize, face painting available. Free small pop and small popcorn. Doors open at 2 p.m. Limited seating. Purchase tickets early for \$15 each.

near the heart institute and follow the signs to the NAMI Metro Family Support Group Meeting. Details: Family Support Group meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month.

Contact: Chris Struve (248) 269-2035
Summer Sidewalk Music Series
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Saturdays June-August.

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 4575 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International.

community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

CALENDAR

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Contact: Paulette Aloia, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mlr.com or (248) 756-0907.

Novi Rotary Club
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

NIGHTLIFE
Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini
Location: Andiamo Theater
Address: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi

ers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Liquor Store
Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi

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Fountain Walk, 44375 12 Mile Road, Novi

The Grapevine of Novi
Location: 43155 Market Street, Novi

The Post Bar
Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Mc Jevon Hollywood
Mix Lounge
Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi

LIBRARY LINES
Novi Public Library
Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road

Novi United Methodist Church
41671 W. 10 Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375

Library website or story time brochure for details.

Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

Time
Time/Date: 10-10:15 a.m.
Thursday, July 8; 7-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 13; and 7-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 20

Passages
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MARCEL "JOE" CHARETTE
June 30, 2010, Age 51. Joe served for 30 yrs as a Southfield firefighter.

EVELYN LEARMAN
Age 48, died July 2, 2010. Beloved wife of Robert for 26 years. Loving mother of Jason, Melissa, Krista and Amanda.

DEBORAH L. ROGERS
June 29, 2010 age 52. Debbie was a treasured friend & second family to the "Grace of Life" group.

ARTHUR B. DERISLEY
Of Milford died peacefully in the loving care of his family July 2, 2010. He was 86 years old.

JOHN SLEZAK
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REVEREND RALPH A. EDWARDS
Age 90, passed away July 1, 2010. A memorial service will be held in the future.

PHYLIS MARY FLYNN
Age 86, passed away July 1, 2010. Funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

JANET LUCILE WARD
Age 67, went to be with the Lord on June 30, 2010. She was born on June 10, 1943, daughter of the late Stanley and Lucile (Thauer) Buta.

CLARENCE "BILL" HUBBELL
80 of Petoskey passed away June 28, 2010 at his home. A memorial service will be held on Friday July 2nd at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in Harbor Springs.

ROSE ANNE MORICOMI
Age 81, June 30, 2010. Funeral was July 6th at Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak.

GARY F. NADOLSKY
Age 68, of Northville. Beloved son of the late Leonard and Tillie. Loving brother of Geraldine (John) Fosco, Ron (Mary Ann), and Evelyn Halas.

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MSU Extension
Evening in the Gardens - Native Plants for Wet and Dry
Time/Date: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Wednesday, July 27

Novi Palooza
Dates: July 30-Aug. 1
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31

EDITH J. STOSCUP
Age 78, of South Lyon, passed away June 30, 2010. A memorial service was held July 5, 2010 at Casserine Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

MARY VARILONE
Age 90, July 2, 2010. Funeral was Saturday, July 3, 2010 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Highland Community Church
2350 Harley Lane Rd., (248) 867-4556
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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TOMOKO OGAWA
Age 48, passed away July 1, 2010, in Ann Arbor. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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OUR VIEWS

Be responsible
Don't drive and text even if cops can't prove it

Michigan's ban on texting while driving went into effect a week ago today.
The civil infraction is a primary offense, meaning someone can be pulled over for that reason alone. The fine for a first offense is \$100, for a second offense, \$200. It does not carry any points.
Some motorists think the new law is difficult to enforce. They believe a police officer won't be able to tell the difference between a driver who's texting and one who's dialing his cell phone to make a call.
They wonder how far a police officer and the court system will go to prove someone was texting, such as trying to get access to their cell phone records.
These motorists are missing the point: Texting is dangerous.
An 18-month study of long-haul trucks with video cameras found that when the drivers texted, their risk of getting into an accident was 23 times higher than when they weren't texting, according to a *New York Times* article.
Not only do texting drivers put themselves at risk, they endanger their passengers, other motorists and their passengers and pedestrians.
If you must read, write or send a text while driving, pull over and stop. Whether the new law is enforceable or not, it's the safe, responsible thing to do.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Novi replacing three administrators after next school year

As I said before, get rid of Dion and Credit and replace the board members with new ones by putting people in there who care about the Novi Community Schools and the students that go to the schools and the employees, and bring employees back that watched the students and who were there to watch and protect the schools. The teaching staff felt a lot safer with the former employees because they made sure they were safe. So say good-bye to Pete and Gail, and don't wait — the time is now.

NoviStream

Now the schools want to renew the sinking fund millage. Hope the community thinks long and hard at this millage. This administration has wasted so much money. Do we want to let them have more of our money?
Why not let one or two of them go now?

lenny12

City pushing rental of Firearms Training Center

There is no such thing as a concealed weapons permit. There is a CPL - concealed pistol license, which allows one to carry a concealed pistol. It allows one to carry a pistol ONLY. No other "weapons" may be carried by a person who possesses a CPL. A CPL holder can not carry a knife, rifle, shotgun, club or any other weapon. Please use the correct terminology. Failure to do so makes all the rest of an otherwise good article feel less credible. BTW, while we are on the subject, CCW is often mistakenly used when the writer means CPL. CCW is carrying a concealed weapon — a crime. CPL is concealed pistol license — the only weapon that a CPL holder can carry is a pistol. Carrying any other weapon makes one subject to being charged with CCW — carrying a concealed weapon. Thanks!

OutragedResident

I have a Michigan CPL, and when I go hunting I carry my concealed .45, my hunting knife and my rifle or shotgun. A DNR officer told me it's perfectly legal to carry all three. If my pistol is worn on my belt where it is totally visible, I don't need a CPL — only if I cover the pistol.

mk3509

COMMUNITY VOICE

It's summer so we're asking people hanging out at Twelve Mile Crossing on a hot day what's their favorite flavor of ice cream.



"Probably chocolate chip cookie or vanilla."
Erin Zuchniewicz
Novi



"Mine's chocolate chip cookie dough or mint chocolate chip."
Amy Zuchniewicz
Novi



"I'll say superman with chocolate chips."
R.J. McGhee
Novi



"Chocolate chip mint."
Eric Agar
Novi

LETTERS

Rotary kudos

The Rotary Club of Novi is grateful for the support of the following businesses that made our 25th annual golf outing very successful:
Cooper Standard Automotive, Edward Jones (Mark Whitfield), Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, Fidelity Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors (Ron Emrick), Embassy Suites Livonia, Marty Feldman Automotive Group, GolfTech, ServPro (Novi), State Farm Insurance (Mike Gabriel), Stuart's of Novi, Stephen J. Minns, D.D.S., Carrier & Blackman, Clark Hill, PLLC, and Carrier & Blackman.

Additional financial support was provided by: WB Investigations, Button, Eddy, Kolb & Sorrentino PLLC, Carrier & Gable, Village Animal Clinic, Novi Secretarial, Ward & Associates, Abbey Park at Mill River, Fitness Together, Sovel's Service Center, Meadowbrook Art Center, Keford Collision, O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Maynes Insurance, Pete Dion, Senate Restaurant (S. Lyon), South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, Lyon Realty (Carol Limbriugh), Gayles Dancephase, Rock Financial Showplace, Bob Sellers Buick-Pontiac-GMC, Davis Amoco, Lee BeGole, Direct Buy (FH/Novi), Town & Country Eye Care, Hines Park Ford (New Hudson) and Don's of Traverse City.

Rotary Club
Novi

Use library's self-checkout

As the "Novi News" article on June 17, 2010, about the incredible new Novi Public Library pointed out so many of the fabulous features,

GUEST COLUMN

Michigan needs to be FIRST to learn

What is FIRST? It's an acronym: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

Dean Kamen, the founder of FIRST, is an inventor, entrepreneur and tireless advocate for science and technology. Kamen is best known for inventing the product that eventually became known as the Segway, an electric, self-balancing human scooter.
The vision of FIRST is "to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders."

FIRST was founded in 1989. It is a non-profit, public-sector company based in Manchester, N.H., that designs accessible, innovative programs to motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge and life skills.

School districts throughout Michigan are engaged in FIRST programs, from Ann Arbor, Belleville, Crestwood and Detroit to Zeeland.

Some of Michigan's top companies, including Ford, General Motors, Delphi, Chrysler, DTE Energy, Dow Chemical, Magna International and Stryker, are actively involved by providing coaches, mentors and resources. Community foundations and such notable Michigan founda-

when I visited the building this past week I was very surprised at the long lines at the check out desk. There are many self-check areas and a library worker encouraging people to use and show them how to use these new machines. These self-check out machines are so much faster and easier to use than the old one or two at the old library. I encourage everyone to get out of their comfort zone and use these machines.
In addition, if you have a computer at home, sign up to have your return notice of library materials sent to your e-mail address instead of having a printed out notice at the self-checkout and if we all did this, we could save some trees!

Christopher Fadanelli, 12
Boy Scout

Potter will be missed

The untimely death of Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter is truly a great loss to us all. Jeff not only represented South Lyon, Lyon Township, Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake, he served his beloved South Lyon as mayor for 13 years. His dedication as a South Lyon City Council member drove him to dedicate his time to serving his community.

Jeff was an active proponent of community partnerships. He spoke passionately about improving Oakland County's quality of life, and a founding community sponsor of the Huron Valley Trail System — all of which enhanced the quality of life for the people he represented. I admired him for his dedication and compassion. He was

a mentor to me and many others. To Andrea, Daniel, Jessica and Michael, thank you for allowing your husband and father to give so much of his time and energy to the communities he truly loved.
Kudos, Jeff — you will truly be missed by all.

Patii Maida
South Lyon

Move Wal-Mart

I have heard and read that there is talk about putting a Wal-Mart in Town Center. I do not approve of this and I have heard many others who do not want to see a Wal-Mart put in there. I was at the Planning Commission meeting June 23 and this one man said how they plan to tear down so many buildings and put up new. I object to them tearing down existing businesses that are doing well to put up a Wal-Mart. It does not make sense. Is this the way Novi treats its existing businesses that are doing well? By doing this they also will be putting people out of work. They are chasing them out. That is a shame.

There are several large, empty lots on Meadowbrook that are for sale between 12 Mile and 10 Mile. If they want to build a Wal-Mart, why not there?
I think more people of Novi should attend the Planning Commission and Council meetings to be more informed about what is happening in the City of Novi.

Christine Roznowski
Novi

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Two Crawford bills approved by state House

The Michigan Senate will soon have the opportunity to decide on two pieces of legislation introduced by state Rep. Hugh Crawford.

Crawford's two bills, House Bills 6053 and 6007, make it legal for residents to carry more potent pepper spray and allow a local Novi senior residence to obtain a liquor license, respectively.

"State government has many unnecessary regulations that prevent people from enjoying their rights," said Crawford, R-Novi. "I had several constituents approach me with the need for both of these bills, and I am very pleased with today's action in the House and look forward to quick action in the state Senate to lower government regulation for families in my community."

Both bills passed the House with nearly unanimous support, and now head to the Senate for their support.

New festival gets new name: Novi Palooza

The long-running Novi 50's Festival has merged with last summer's West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest as Novi Palooza on July 30-Aug. 1, adjacent to the Rock Financial Showplace.

Fun for the whole family will include live music from a wide variety of talented local bands, a casino tent, BBQ Cook Off, volleyball tournament, ribs for sale, beer tent, portable putt-golf and more.

The event producers are committing a donation of at least \$2,500 to the Novi Library. Details about the event are available at www.novipalooza.com.

The West Oakland Rib Cook Off is currently seeking BBQ competitors who want to test their skills for prizes totaling \$4,000 and a chance to compete in the Memphis



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stars and Stripes

Jean Radke twirls around the floor of the Novi Senior Center as she dances with others during their June 30th Stars and Stripes Forever luncheon. The gathering featured musicians and dancers from the Burton Senior Center.

Barbeque Network's national competition in the spring of 2011. Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by entering their own BBQ cooking team. For registration information and applications please visit www.experiencecow.com or call Shelby Wallach at (248) 348-5600 x 206.

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area and the Legislative Action Network of Novi have invited all 9 candidates — six Republicans and three Democrats — to

Please see BRIEFS, A10

New radio system helps in armed robbery arrest

BY STACY JENKINS
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE



Riggs

It was the first true test of Oakland County's new interoperable radio system — and, it passed.
Farmington Hills and Novi police are crediting the 800 megahertz communications system in helping officers quickly capture an armed robbery suspect who just minutes prior allegedly robbed an elderly Farmington Hills man at gunpoint in his own garage.

Jordan Riggs, 20, who has a Northville mailing address, was arrested June 25 after two-way radio communication between Farmington Hills and Novi helped police find him on the 20000 block of Woodland Glen in Novi where they spotted his vehicle. An eyewitness provided police with the suspect's license plate number.

Riggs is accused of approaching a 72-year-old man while he was loading groceries into a refrigerator in his garage at about 2 p.m. on June 25. Riggs allegedly pointed a gun at the victim and demanded the keys to his new Chrysler 300. The victim was able to get inside the house, in the Nine Mile and Halsted area, and call 9-1-1. The suspect fled with the keys, but not the car. He is being held without

bond and faces a felony charge of armed robbery, carrying a maximum sentence of life in prison and one count of felony home invasion, which carries a maximum 20-year sentence.
Police said communication between the departments was seamless.
"What made this situation unique is the 800 megahertz radio system," said Novi police Lt. Jerrod Hart. "For the first time in my 19 years, we were able to communicate directly with another department on a critical operation which afforded all involved the benefit of real-time information and contributed to a seamless operation."

With Oakland County's 800 megahertz interoperable radio system — known as M/A-Com Open Sky radio system, Novi officers communicated directly with Farmington Hills officers for the first time by simply switching to another talk group on their handheld radio sets. This can be duplicated for nearly all police and fire departments in Oakland County.

"It was very exciting that days after installation of the equipment and training of our personnel in the new radio system we were able to communicate with the Novi Police Department during this critical incident," said Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus. Previously, Farmington Hills police would radio their dispatch center operators, who would then contact Novi police dispatchers, who then relayed the information to their officers.
Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said the Open Sky radio system is vital to public safety.
"My years in the prosecutor's office taught me how critical relaying accurate information quickly is to ensuring public safety," said Patterson. "That's why I saw the benefits of and approved putting this county-wide radio system in place."

Oakland County's 800 megahertz interoperable radio system was first established in 2002; Farmington Hills Police Department came online within the past few weeks. By the end of 2010, all Oakland County police and fire departments will be covered by the 800 megahertz interoperable radio system, except for Southfield police and fire departments and Orion Township fire department.

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Summer camps

Novi Parks offers camps to meet every child's needs. Recreation, and Cultural Services is excited to offer many engaging camps with something to meet every child's interest, close to home, and at economical prices.

Summer camps provide benefits in a broad variety of areas including physical, emotional, social and intellectual. "We hope the community embraces our returning and new offerings this summer. We truly have something for every child," said Nancy Cowan, City of Novi superintendent of Recreation.

The camp experience is truly like no other and one every child should have an opportunity to enjoy.

Great Camps for 2010 include:

- Musical Theatre Camps
Horseback Riding Camps
Sports for Shorties-preschool sports camp
Sports Camps including Soccer, Golf, Cheer, Football, Tennis, and Basketball
Martial Arts and Padded Weapons Camps

Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org and online registrants receive a \$5 discount.

For more information, please contact the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400.



Now that's entertainment

Performers with the Burton Senior Center - Ann BanCamp, left and Elaine Packard, prepare to entertain at the Novi Senior Center on June 30.

Learn to ride

Schoolcraft Colleges continuing education department will hold a series of weekend motorcycle classes for those interested in hitting the streets on two wheels.

The class is open to anyone ages 16 and older and runs three days, including a Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Required for all motorcycle riders. The skills that are taught in the motor safety class will enhance the riders basic ability to survive on the street and give them the legal cycle endorsement.

Variety Series

If you are 50ish or better, love to sing, dance, or be just a part of a group, you are invited to be part of the Senior Variety Series.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Charles Boulard, Building Official City of Novi

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Bid Proposal Theatre Lighting Control System

Novi Community School District is accepting sealed bids for a Theatre Lighting Control System for their High School Auditorium.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please visit: http://rfp.plantemoran.com. If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to access the files.

Fire department looks to future

Strategic plan to shape direction for next 3-5 years

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Changes are coming for the Novi Fire Department. They have to, say department officials who see two major trends on the horizon - continued economic problems and a demographic transformation from young to old.



Molloy

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said it's important stay ahead of the curve and look to the future, and the department is doing so by creating a strategic plan.

The Fire Department will cover Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and how to handle emergency situations.

There will be "mini traffic lanes" that aid in the traffic safety lesson. Children will be split up into small groups and assigned a high school student as a counselor for all of the small group activities for the week.

Classes are eight days for two hours each day or four days for four hours each day. The same concepts and curriculum will be covered in each session.

Parents are asked to attend a 15-minute orientation on the first day. Children should bring a snack or lunch whatever is appropriate for the time they are attending.

Registration is \$50 (fee includes the cost of costumes, music, instruction, and set construction). Rehearsals are

threats as well as helping to shape a mission and vision. Career and paid-on-call firefighters have been included in the process.

One of the most important areas, he said, is looking at weaknesses. Some of the weaknesses identified were marketing, lack of uniformity and consistency, communication, leadership and training completion.

"If you do not identify your weaknesses they are not making strides," Peltson said. "We want to improve service for the best of the people."

Several career and paid-on-call firefighters attended a meeting last Monday and broke into groups to discuss five strategic themes - equipment and technology, organizational culture, community outreach, training and partnerships.

All of the input gathered from the meetings and surveys will be compiled, and Molloy said he hopes to have the city council adopt a draft of the strategic plan by Oct. 1.

"Our hope is that this will make the Novi Fire Department more elite," he said.

Mark Peltson, a paid-on-call firefighter for the last 17 years, said he has done several similar projects for businesses

and they have reaped the benefits.

Mark Thesien, a career firefighter who has been in Novi four years, called the process "ground-breaking," and thinks it will bring the department closer together.

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where he died. Louissia said he didn't know how many times the officers fired at him or how many times he was hit.

He added that Southfield cops had contact with Worthy about a year ago, but he did not know the details.

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Novi man fatally shot by police after robbery

Cross-county chase began at Novi apartment complex

BY ZLATI MEYER GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Police officers fatally shot a 35-year-old man last Thursday after a car chase following an armed robbery, Southfield police said Friday.

About 11:15 p.m., Novi police officers pursued Edward Worthy into Southfield, and officers from there joined the chase, Southfield police Lt. Nick Louissia said.

The two Southfield officers who fired at Worthy, both veterans of the force, have been placed on administrative leave, as department procedure dictates.

Worthy allegedly used a handgun to rob Barrels of Wine, 136 E. Walled Lake, about 3:30 p.m. on June 30, and was considered armed and dangerous, Walled Lake police Capt. Paul Shakinas said.

Novi police tried to arrest him late Thursday night at his apartment complex in Novi, but he fled, Novi Police Chief David Molloy said.

As Worthy drove south on Northwestern Highway near Mt. Vernon, he lost control of his car, crashed and then tried to run and was shot by the officers, Louissia said. He was taken to Providence Hospital,

where he died. Louissia said he didn't know how many times the officers fired at him or how many times he was hit.

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Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
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Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Crosspointe Meadows Church
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary ele-

ments resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

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Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
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Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)
Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or email hwallas@lmcnorthville.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
Contact: (248) 349-0565

Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church
Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Vespers
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

Summer evening Vespers
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. July 18
Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (Cafe)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Fact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care, preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

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Novi United Methodist Church
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
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Camp Rotary

With achievements like ranging from how to participate in a wilderness camping trip to becoming a certified lifeguard - or how to sail in a boat, accurately shoot a bow and arrow, or learn about our nation, Novi Boy Scout Troop 407 enjoyed a wonderful week of merit badge achievement and activities at Camp Rotary in Clare, Michigan from June 27-July 3. With 46 scouts in attendance -- a record of attendance for this 25-year-old troop and with an average of 14 adults at camp -- over 160 merit badges were earned. The weather being great, and with some good leadership among the scouts, this was an exceptional summer camp that will be remembered for many years to come.

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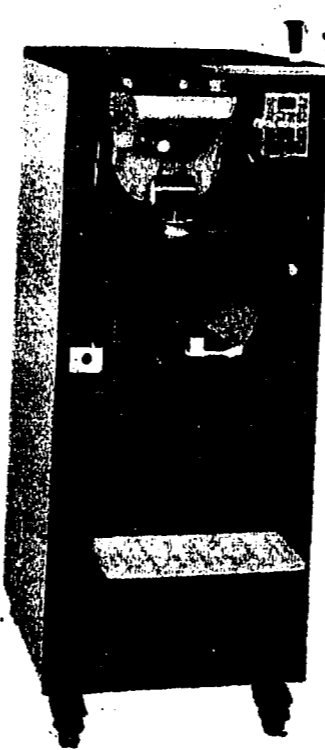
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