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Budget bartering: Three Novi City Council members—Nancy Covert, Joseph Toth and Tim Pope—tonight plan to unveil an alternative to the \$11-million budget now proposed for 1990-91. Pope said Friday the trio isn't ready to make any disclosures before the meeting, because they'll be fine tuning their suggestions this weekend. The countdown is on for the council, because the final budget must be okayed by May 21.

The city council meets at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Cicchelli's Grievance Denied: The Novi School Board voted unanimously at its May 10 meeting to deny John Cicchelli's grievance which alleged that he was dismissed from Novi High School's varsity basketball coaching position without due process. Details of that ruling will appear in the Thursday edition of the Novi News.

Retirement program: "Retirement Your Age of Opportunity" will be sponsored by the Northville Public Library and will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Two professional financial planners will lead this free program aimed at persons interested in looking forward to retirement strategies.

Participants will receive planning workbooks containing worksheets, charts, and summary of medicare coverage. Speakers will discuss various topics and answer questions. To make your reservation, visit the Northville library or call 349-3020.

Garage Sale: Novi Choir Boosters are having a garage sale May 17-19 to raise funds. The sale will be held at 41981 Quince. Donations are welcome. For further information call Carol Whittenburg in the evening at 478-1243 or Paula Joyner at the High School.

For Motorsports fans: Reservations are being taken until May 18 for individual seats and tables at the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America's Second Annual Induction Ceremony and Banquet on Wednesday, June 13. The dinner, which will be held during the Valvoline Detroit Grand Prix Week in the Renaissance Ballroom, Detroit will honor nine distinguished inductees, including Mario Andretti, Shirley Muldowney and Gar Wood. Tickets are \$60 per person, \$600 for a table of 10. A cocktail party at 7 p.m. is followed by dinner at 8 p.m. For further information, contact Executive Director Ron Watson at 349-7223.

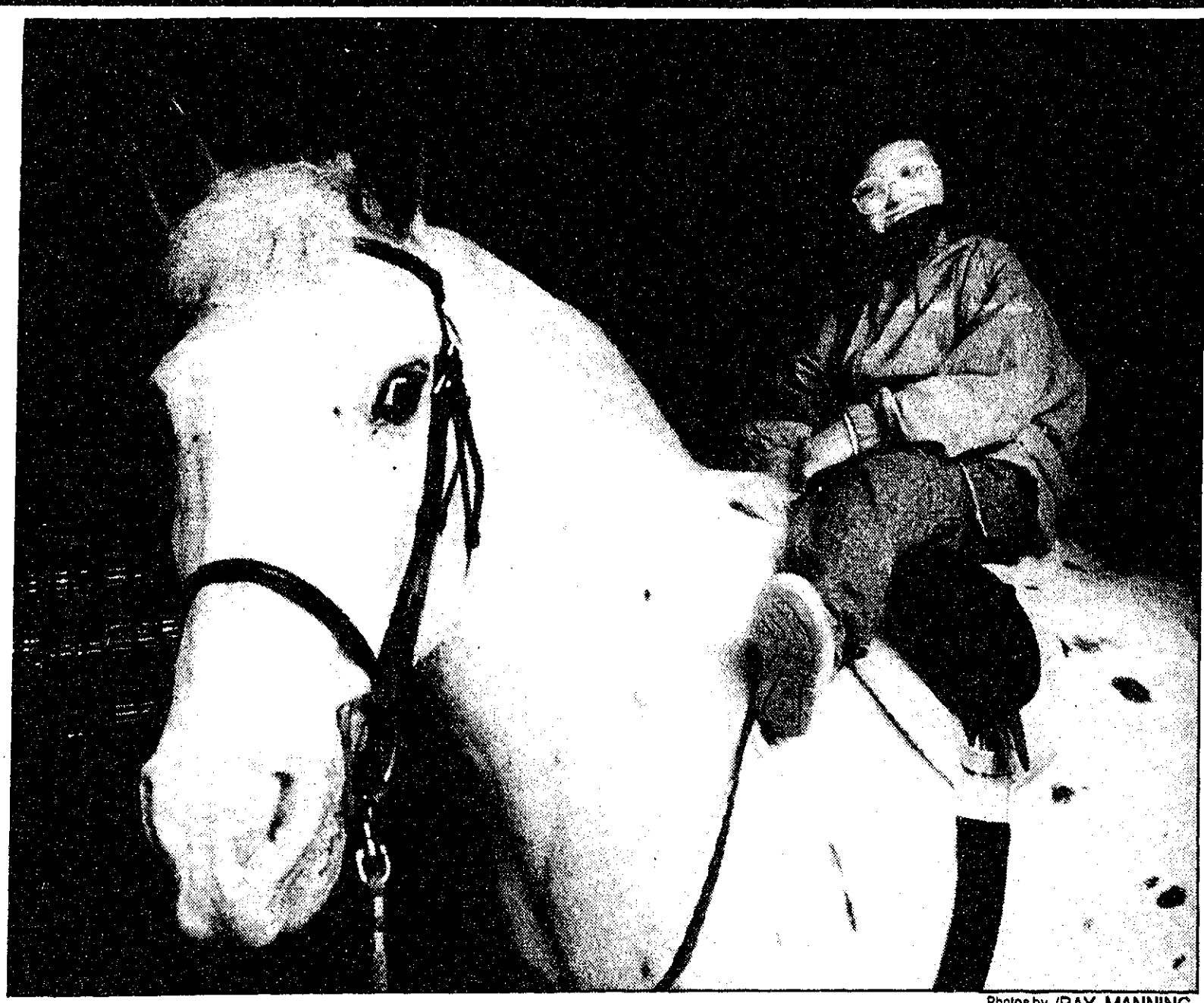
Blooming flowers: The annual Northville Flower Sale is scheduled to pull into downtown Northville on May 25 and 26. Eastern market vendors bring their flowered wares to the streets of Northville for two day-long sales. This year the flower sale will be even bigger, according to Del Black. Main Street will be closed from Center Street to Hutton for the sale.

Spring Festival: Novi Schools Spring Festival of the Arts will be held May 24 at Fuerst Auditorium at the High School. Artwork will be on display from 6 to 9 p.m. and an award ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a concert featuring Novi Schools' various vocal ensembles.

Sports Briefs

Select soccer tryouts: The Northville Sting boys soccer team will hold tryouts for players born in 1979, 1980 and 1981 on May 18. For more information, 1979 players should call 420-4451. The '80 and '81 players should call 349-8628.

Mustang sports wrapup: The eighth-ranked Northville girls soccer squad battled No. 2 Farmington to a scoreless tie on May 9 . . . The Mustang baseballers split a doubleheader with Livonia Churchill (7-11, 7-6) on May 7, then dropped an 11-7 decision to Plymouth Canton on May 10 . . . The Mustang softball squad swept Churchill (3-1, 9-1) but fell to Canton, 6-2, three days later . . . The Northville netters fell twice to Farmington (5-2) on May 7 and to Churchill (4-3) on May 9 . . . the Northville boys track squad was victorious in dual meet action on May 10 against Livonia Franklin, but the girls dropped a 77-51 decision. For more on these games and other Novi and Northville sports, see Thursday's Novi News and Northville Record.



Carrie Searfos high atop her horse Crackers

Photos by /RAY MANNING

Horsing Around

Special equestrians benefit from largess

By LESLIE PEREIRA
Staff Writer

When 9-year-old Carrie Searfos donated her horse Crackers to the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, it wasn't because she had tired of riding. Rather, she understood the fun and value of horseback riding and wanted to share the joy of riding with other disabled children.

"It was partly her idea," said David Searfos of his daughter, who is disabled. "She thought it was a shame that he stood there (in his former stable) for days before she would come and ride him. She wanted to share him with other kids."

So in April, Tollgate's 4-H Exceptional Equestrians, a horseback riding program for physically, developmentally and emotionally disabled riders, received a new horse.

Tollgate Farm is located on the corner of Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi.

Although the riding program at Tollgate Center is still in its infancy, statewide the program has been in existence for the past 18 years.

"We had always had a waiting list for kids to get in," said Thomas Schneider, who has been involved with several other riding programs in Oakland County before becoming director of the newly created Tollgate program. "We thought this would be a marvelous place to get this going."

Employees and volunteers at Tollgate have been working diligently to get the Tollgate grounds prepared and are excited for the program kick-



Photos by /RAY MANNING

Left to right, Jack Canfield, Carrie Searfos, Jill Skodack and Wendy Searfos, take to the trail at Tollgate Farm

off on June 1.

"This program gives them freedom," said Cindy Richards, who coordinates the program at Tollgate. "Some of these kids can't walk and when they get on a horse they are able to move."

And Searfos praises the riding program for the same reason.

"For you it is nothing to ride a horse, but for a child that is in a wheelchair they can move around like never before," Searfos said.

Searfos' daughter is not confined to a wheelchair, but he said that she does have "certain limitations."

Before handicapped children are

accepted into the riding program, their medical records and general physical condition are gone over thoroughly. Richards said they are able to accept children with many different types of disabilities but there are certain cases their particular program cannot service.

"For example we cannot service someone that is paralyzed from the neck down," Richards said.

The children are always with certified handicapped riding instructors, and the education center recruits many volunteers who work with the children.

"Each child starts off riding with

three volunteers," Richards said. And once their skill level improves and the children are more comfortable with the animals, they require less supervision.

"They (the children) come in scared, but once they leave you can't get them off," Richards said.

Currently the Tollgate program has five horses and are shopping for more. Richards estimates that they need a total of eight horses to get their spring and summer programs off the ground. The center looks for people willing to donate very friendly, docile horses, which are ideal for their particular riding program.

"There is such a tremendous need for programming for the handicapped," said Richards, who estimates there are 50,000 handicapped children in Oakland County.

"This program is for therapeutic and educational purposes as well," Richards said. Not only do the children come out to ride for an hour once a week, but they are taught animal care, and social and decision-making skills, Richards said.

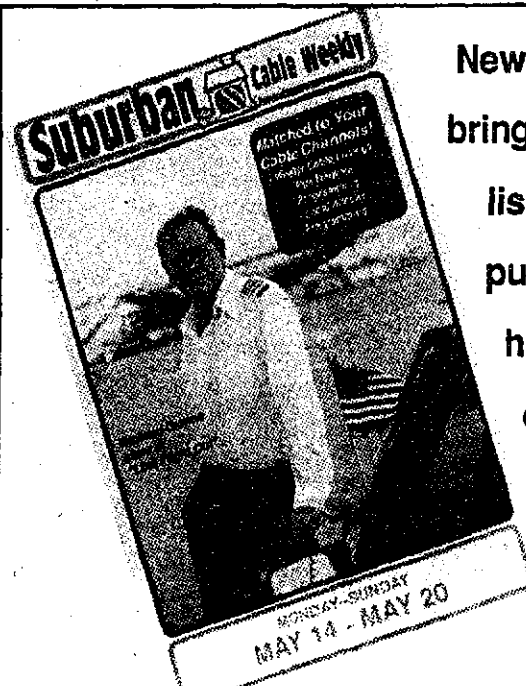
The Tollgate Center is equipped to take on as many as 75 student riders during their spring and summer sessions. They have not yet filled the roster and it is on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the program is \$40 for an eight-week session and they also offer a two-week summer camp for the same price.

But because the program is funded through the 4-H organization as well as grants and donations, there is financial aid available for riders that qualify.

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If this is Monday, then this must be the Novi News. Today, one of suburban Detroit's most respected weekly newspapers becomes the area's newest twice-weekly newspaper.

This week, the News and its sister publication, the Northville Record, begin publishing on Mondays and Thursdays. Previously, both papers published only on Thursdays.

"A twice-weekly newspaper will better serve the growing needs of our customers, both our readers and our advertisers," said Rich Perleberg, general manager and vice-president of Sliger/Livingston Publications, Inc., which publishes the News and the Record.

"A second publication date each week allows us to cover community events in a more timely basis as well as to set the stage for the coming week for our increasingly busy readers."

The Monday-Thursday publication dates not only give advertisers a second-of-the-week option, but also allow them to more easily coordinate their advertising with any or all of the 13 suburban Observer & Eccentric newspap-

ers which are also published on Mondays and Thursdays.

The News, the Record and the Observer & Eccentric newspapers all have the same parent company which is Suburban Communications Corporation, based in Livonia.

The Monday News will also feature a new television book that is custom designed for cable TV service received in Novi.

The news department for both the Monday and Thursday editions will be directed by managing editor Ann Willis and editor Bob Needham. Sales efforts will be directed by sales manager Mike Jetchick.

The Monday newspaper will carry a newsstand price of 50 cents, but current subscribers to the News will receive the Monday paper free of charge for three months.

News or advertising questions about the new edition can be answered by calling the News at 349-1700. Classified ads that run in the 46,000-circulation Green Sheet can be ordered by calling 348-3022.

Subscriptions may be ordered by calling 349-3672.

MONDAY EDUCATION

State mulls equal education

By TIM RICHARD
SCC News Service

A subcommittee of state representatives is mulling three proposed constitutional amendments aimed at "equitable opportunity" in state school funding.

They anticipate a lawsuit in which Michigan's school funding system may be held unconstitutional because it provides only \$2,500 per pupil in some districts and \$8,000 in others.

"There are districts out there twisting in the wind," said Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City. A nine-term lawmaker, Keith chairs both the subcommittee and the House Education Committee.

The trick is to write constitutional language that (1) a court could use in saying Michigan is failing its poorer school districts and (2) allows the Legislature to rewrite the budget itself to meet the "equitable" test.

"It should be illegal to have a \$2,500 to \$8,000 disparity in school funding," Rep. Kirk Proff, D-Ypsilanti, said at last week's meeting. Afterschool, Profit has a district that neighbors western Wayne and southern Oakland and Livingston counties.

"The danger," replied the veteran Keith, "is that we're putting ourselves at the mercy of the courts."

Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, agreed, noting that the Kentucky Supreme Court ordered an education program costing \$1.2 billion.

A legislative staff analysis said the highest courts in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Montana, New Jersey, Texas, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming have declared unconstitutional their states' school financing plans.

But Kosteva, a third-term, and freshman Susan Grimes Munsell, R-Howell, are uncertain the public will accept an "equitable opportunity" amendment.

Munsell wants to see such an amendment supported by two of the biggest players in educational funding: the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce (business) and the Michigan Education Association (teachers union). "I don't feel we can move forward without those two," she said.

Kosteva has grave questions about whether the public will buy equitable funding. "Politically, there's a real lack of support. No one has fire in their belly," he said.

Kosteva also fears the public will see it as "a pig in a poke" — something costly that fails to benefit their hometown schools.

Here are the three proposed constitutional amendments:

• House Joint Resolution (HJR) Q requires the Legislature to provide "an efficient system" of public schools ensuring "equitable opportunity for a thorough education."

Sponsored by Profit and co-sponsored by Keith, it is the shortest and simplest of the three. For that reason, Profit says it's the most understandable, the most salable and the best.

• HJR-S requires the Legislature to fund schools "on an equitable basis." It also gives constitutional status to local boards of education — the meaning of which puzzles lawmakers.

Further, it adds sex to the list of reasons (religion, race, color and national origin) for non-discrimination.

Sponsor is Rep. James O'Neill, D-Saginaw, the acknowledged House expert on school funding. Keith is a co-sponsor.

• Senate Joint Resolution O started out identical to HJR-S but was amended in the Senate Education Committee to make education "a fundamental right."

Keith thinks the term is "overkill." SJR-O is sponsored by Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, the Senate GOP expert on school funding. The Senate Education Committee reported it out without recommendation. Thus, SJR-O is in limbo, not on the Senate calendar but not dead.

Some subcommittee members, such as Munsell, like the idea of prohibiting sex discrimination. But the consensus is that it doesn't belong in an "equitable funding" proposal.

The House and the Senate, each by a two-thirds vote, would have to place the measure on the ballot.

A majority of all Michigan voters would have to say yes to amend the constitution.

And that presents another problem to Keith. "We could put this out (on the ballot), and the public could say no. Then what do we do?" he asked. "There would be no pressure on the Legislature."

Members recalled that voters in 1989 rejected two separate sales tax increases for educational funding and virtually all "reform" proposals in the last 20 years.

Said Kosteva to Profit: "Your goal is laudable, but how do we sell it? I'm trying to keep one foot in reality."

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Grand Plan returns

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

After spending \$110,000 in consulting fees, Novi planners put their noses back to the grindstone to come up with a more acceptable version of the Grand Plan.

One of the notable changes being considered is a reduction in 1-2 uses, some of which may be replaced with alternate types of development. However, the Wixom/Grand River site will probably remain.

"We have got at least 10 different ideas we are working on," said Planning Director James Wahl. "Everything is just preliminary at this point — it's going to be a while yet."

"I think the site has to remain the same because as I said to my presentation to the council, it is the only economically feasible site — but that is another thing we are looking at," he added.

When asked about the alternate zoning being considered, Wahl replied, "We're looking at several different types of zoning so I can't really

say for sure, but light industrial is one option."

But he quickly added that all types of alternative zoning except commercial are being mulled.

He said another option is decreasing the amount of 1-2 uses in original plan and replacing it with increased buffer area.

Regardless of alterations, however, the Meijer store would remain the cornerstone of the plan if it remains at the present location (see related story).

"One option is to allow the Meijer's store to go ahead and then work on the surrounding zoning," Wahl commented.

Company officials still hope to get the 11 acres in Wixom zoned for commercial use immediately and see how things progress, according to Wahl.

Wahl said more concrete plans will come up at Wednesday's planning commission meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

The planning commission originally instructed staff at its May 1 meeting not to abandon the spirit of

the Grand Plan, which is to relocate non-conforming 1-2 uses out of the Town Center area in order to facilitate a downtown.

Commissioners are expected to give the planning department more concrete direction at this week's meeting.

"It is the opinion of the planning commission that the city needs some type of relocation project in order to create a downtown area," commented Chairperson Charles Kurth. "I think most officials agree because the original plan received a favorable 13 to three vote, if you count the commission and city council together, but it still failed."

Although the city council voted 4-3 in favor of the original plan, it failed because a petition drive mandated a 5-2 margin. Planners, however, hope anticipated revisions swayed at least one of the dissenters.

But it is still unknown if another petition drive would be required to mandate the 5-2 vote because of the alternate zonings involved.

Meijer is interested

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The city council on April 25 knocked out a rezoning proposal for a 300-acre industrial park in Section 18, but the Meijer store, an integral part of the Grand Plan, may not even be down long enough for the count.

"They (Meijer) called me right away and said, 'We'd like to go forward; what do we need to do?'" said Letme think ahead about it for a while. "They have put a big investment in it. I don't think they're about to walk away from it at this point," said Community Development Director James Wahl.

Wahl said that a revamped Grand Plan might surface before either the planning commission, the city council or both sometime next week. But Meijer Inc. also has the option to go it alone. The industrial park and the store have been proposed as developments on land owned by former Novi resident Milford Campbell of the Cayman Islands.

"Sure," said Rick Morgan, senior real estate representative for the firm, when asked if the company would pursue its plans for a store at the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road in Novi.

Twenty-six acres of the proposed site are in Novi; 11 acres for the parking lot are in Wixom. The council's ruling meant that the 26 acres did not get the necessary rezoning to a business classification.

At an April 11 special city council meeting on the Grand Plan, Morgan said that Meijer had entered into a purchase agreement with Campbell, the owner of the land, and had "considerable non-refundable money at risk."

In an April 2 Meijer letter to Campbell, a copy of which was packaged by the city in a volume on the Grand Plan, the corporation confirmed that it wished to exercise a Dec. 16, 1989 option agreement on the land. A copy of a check to Campbell for \$15,000 was enclosed.

Morgan referred all further discussion of the project to the company's public and consumer affairs coordinator, Jennifer White.

"At this point, we're reviewing this. We're looking at our options and trying to decide what our next course of action will be. A final decision has not been made at this point. This is the site we're interested in at this point," White said.

Meijer has a store in Northville Township eight miles away from the proposed Novi site, one in Brighton 15 miles away, and owns an additional site eight miles away in Commerce Township on Haggerty Road bordering Novi.

The proposed Novi store would also serve the growing communities of Wixom, Milford, Lyon Township and Milford Township.

White said the company has no set formula for store placement; "each market" and each store is evaluated separately.

Auxiliary force to cover 'gaps' in Novi fire coverage

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In the early weekday morning hours of six o'clock to eight o'clock, when most Novi residents are turning off their alarm clocks and turning on their coffee pots, the city's fire protection is at its lowest, officials say.

At that time, the majority of Novi Fire Department's part-time paid-on-call (volunteer) firefighters — who typically fill in during nights and weekends — are on the way to their regular bread-and-butter jobs. The city's nine full-time fire protection officers (FPOs) aren't scheduled to show up for work until 8 a.m. Even then, the department experiences personnel shortages and falls to meet minimum staff standards when responding to a fire, according to Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan.

To fill that gap, Lenaghan has proposed a part-time auxiliary force to beef up fire protection in Novi throughout the day, as well as cover for the FPOs' sick days, personal days and vacations. The \$84,000 program won the support of six city

council members during a budget session this month (Council Member Nancy Covert contended that not enough documentation was provided and is in place for the tentative Novi budget for fiscal year 1990-91, which must be adopted by May 21).

As sub-contractors, the auxiliaries would draw hourly wages of \$8 per hour, no more than 24 hours per week, but would not receive fringe benefits. They would serve on a one-to-one basis with the fire protection officers. The plan calls for already trained individuals, perhaps firefighters from other communities, to step into the part-time Novi jobs.

The auxiliary program — which will be staffed by non-union employees — has been endorsed by the Novi Firefighters Association, the union for the paid-on-call firefighters, and by the FPOs' union, Fire Fighters Association Local 3232.

In addition, two of the 12 additional FPOs requested by Local 3232 have also been added to the proposed budget for fiscal year 1990-1991, and the union has suggested a work shift of four days per week, 12 hours

per day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), extending their hours from 45 to 48 per week. Collective bargaining is still underway between the city and the union.

A shift supervisor is also in the of-fing for the department, although the council for the second year in a row asked Lenaghan's request for an assistant fire chief. At present, he is the only supervisor in the fire department.

"It would be like we went to the Teamsters and we wanted to give their work to subcontractors. We'd have to negotiate that," Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said during a budget session.

"We're going to literally negotiate the exact salaries of those positions. I don't think it's appropriate for us to discuss it at this time. . . . We'll be negotiating the number of personnel. If the union decided the numbers were not acceptable, they could deny the auxiliary program."

To date, union support for the program appears strong. Daniel Roy, president of the Novi Fire Fighters Union said the proposed auxiliary program would benefit everybody.

"Everybody gains on this program. The citizen gets extended coverage. The union gains three employees. The city gains a low cost force. It just kind of shows you that all unions are not just take, take, take," Roy said. "The union is willing to work with the city on a problem like this."

The safety factor is a big plus for the FPOs, he explained, who currently have about seven people on the scene of a daytime fire. With the auxiliary program, that number would grow to 10. National experts recommend a minimum of anywhere from 10 to 18 firefighters at a structure fire.

The City of Taylor added an auxiliary firefighter staff two years ago, and Milford is in the process of developing a similar program, Lenaghan said.

"I just saw it as a cost-effective way to meet response times," he explained.

Novi's fire incident rate is 40 runs lower than at this time last year and the overall loss due to fires is

\$100,000 less. Lenaghan attributes this to an increased effort in fire prevention training and public education — but the statistics could change overnight with one fire comparable to the 1989 \$4-\$5 million blaze which devastated Novi American Inc. last summer.

Although he is uncertain how many auxiliaries he'll actually find to take the jobs, the goal is two positions per each of Novi's four fire stations, Lenaghan said. The council cut his original proposal for four positions in half. The program is also scheduled for monthly and six-month evaluations.

At present, three stations have two FPOs during the day and station one has three.

During the day, two to three paid-on-call firefighters are available at Fire Station One; no one is available at Fire Station Two; one paid-on-call firefighter can respond from Fire Station Three; and one to two are on hand at Fire Station Four.

Training officer Donald Dominick said that three applications for the positions have been sent in to date. But getting volunteers is not an easy assignment.

"It seems to be the trend now all over the nation. The traditional 'My dad did it, my brothers all did it,' it doesn't seem to be falling into place," Dominick said.

Under the new scheduling system and with the two new full-time staff members, a total of 10 FPOs will be on duty four days a week and one day will have an on-call schedule. Auxiliaries will take up the slack.

Recruiting paid-on-call firefighters remains an ongoing job for the Novi Fire Department. Although an intensive recruiting effort for the "volunteers" added 10 recruits in fall 1989, that was offset this spring by a loss of 10 paid-on-call staff members. Station Two at Thirteen Mile and Paramount Roads now has only seven volunteers.

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Department budget pending

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The proposed fiscal year 1990-91 budget for the Novi Fire Department will add a new part-time auxiliary fire department, two full-time fire protection officers, one shift supervisor and one first-attack fire truck.

The \$1,367,560 budget now scheduled for final city council approval on May 21 is \$57,000 less than the budget approved for last year. Twelve percent of the city's general fund is allocated to the fire department. A figure topped only by the police department, which receives 37 percent.

Last year, the department drew \$400,000 of its funding from a 1987 voter-approved 1.2 millage for police and fire needs. With council approval pending, the millage could be set at 1.5 this year.

While union salary levels are still under negotiations, the proposed allocation for personnel salaries and benefits will rise from a year-end estimate of \$766,470 to \$1,016,160. Of that, \$84,400 has been set aside for the auxiliary program, \$250,000 for the paid-on-call firefighters, \$445,056 for full-time staff and a \$51,937 salary for Fire Chief Arthur

Lenaghan, raising him to the pay level of the police chief. At present, he holds the only supervisory position in the department. The recommended salary level for the shift supervisor is \$33,235.

A salary level of \$24,000 is recommended for the two new fire protection officers.

The only vehicle purchased scheduled for the new year, the fire truck, a replacement for a 13-year-old vehicle, will cost \$85,000.

The top-level hourly salary for the paid-on-call firefighters will rise from \$12.20 hour to \$12.50. Among neighboring communities, Lenaghan said the top-level wages for the paid-on-call crew would place the Novi pay scale in second place behind Northville Township. Entry-level wages for the position are \$8 an hour.

Pay levels for the volunteer forces at other neighboring communities are \$10.95 to \$12.10 an hour in Farmington Hills, \$10 to \$14 an hour in Northville Township, \$11 an hour in Northville, \$9 an hour in Wixom, \$8 an hour in Milford and \$5 to \$12 an hour in Commerce Township.

School Calendar May 14-18

MONDAY/14

MEADS MILL PTSA meets at 9:30 a.m. at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville.

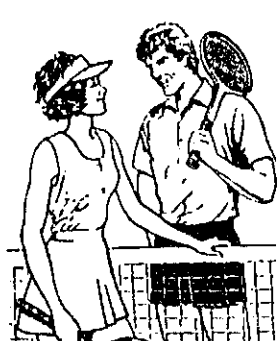
NOVI KINDERGARTEN PARENTS NIGHT at all the elementary schools, 7:30 p.m.

NOVI DEBATE BOOSTERS meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi High School Library.

NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Board meeting room at Old Village School.

NORTHVILLE JV BASEBALL plays at home against Franklin at 4 p.m.

NORTHVILLE TENNIS plays at home against Stevenson at 4 p.m.



TUESDAY/15

SILVER SPRINGS PTA meets at 9:15 a.m. at Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND & SINGERS CONCERT begins at 7:30 p.m. at Fuest Auditorium.

NOVI GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK compete against South Lyon at home.

NOVI SOCCER meets Walled Lake Central at home.



WEDNESDAY/16

NOVI VILLAGE OAKS family rollerskating party at Bonaventure, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NORTHVILLE BOYS TRACK meet against Churchill at home at 3:30 p.m.

NOVI J.V. SOCCER against Pioneer at home.

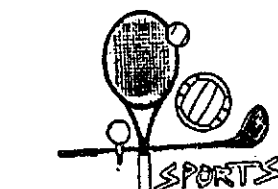
NOVI SOCCER against Milford at home.

NOVI J.V. BASEBALL against Walled Lake Western at home.

NOVI J.V. SOFTBALL against Saline at home.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL against Walled Lake Western at home at 4 p.m.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EUROPE TRIP meeting at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria — parent must accompany student to meeting.



THURSDAY/17

NORTHVILLE JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL against Western at home at 4 p.m.

NORTHVILLE VARSITY BASEBALL against Western at home at 4 p.m.

NOVI BOARD OF EDUCATION meets at Novi Woods at 7:30 p.m.

NORTHVILLE SPRING CHOIR CONCERT at 7:30 p.m. at Northville High School auditorium.

NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Guest speaker is Hugh Shanahan, special agent, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.



FRIDAY/18

NOVI VARSITY BASEBALL at home against Milford.

NOVI VARSITY SOFTBALL at home against Milford.

NOVI WOODS FUN FAIR at Novi Woods School from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY/19

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAR WASH for the junior class, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Detroit Federal Savings in downtown Northville.

NOVI FRESHMAN BASEBALL at home against Hartland.

TRACK REGIONAL MEET for Novi and Northville boys and girls teams at Novi.

Police News

Township condo is broken into

BREAKING & ENTERING: A condominium under construction on Laurel Haven Way in Northville Township was broken into sometime between 2 p.m. April 30 and 4 p.m. May 1, according to township police reports. The complainant told police that a lighting set, an attic stairway, a backflow preventer, and valves and piping were stolen from the site. The stolen materials were valued at \$375.

AUTO THIEF CAUGHT: On April 28 at 10:07 a.m., Northville Township police officers responded to a Gerald Avenue residence on a report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival, officers observed a white male walking away from a white Ford F350. Officers also observed that the ignition of the vehicle had been "punched." According to police records, the vehicle had been stolen in Livonia the previous day.

Police also found the ignition punched out of a second vehicle at the same location. The subject was taken into custody, and the case is open pending information from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. A 36-year-old Warren man was charged with attempted auto theft and receiving and concealing stolen property.

GASOLINE STOLEN: A clerk at the Mobil gas station, 39425 Six Mile, reported the theft of gasoline April 29 at 9:50 a.m. According to Northville Township police records, a white male subject wearing a white dress shirt, tie and dark-colored pants pumped \$10 in gas into his Escort wagon and then drove east on Haggerty.

VEHICLE DAMAGED: A Steeple-view resident reported to Northville Township police that the tires of a vehicle parked in her driveway were damaged sometime between 12:30-9 a.m. April 28. A 24-year-old Detroit man was charged in the incident. The tires were valued at \$200.

OUIL: A 25-year-old Northville woman was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor April 28 at 12:40 a.m. The woman was arrested on westbound Seven Mile near the Insubbrook intersection.

WALKAWAY: Northville Township police recovered a 33-year-old walkaway from Northville State Hospital May 1 at 10:50 a.m. near Crestview Circle west of Winchester. The man was turned over to hospital security staff without incident, police said.

LARCENY: A Silver Springs resident told Northville Township police that someone cut the license plate off his 1978 Chevrolet sometime between 10 p.m. April 30 and 7 a.m. May 1. No other damage was reported.

OUIL: A 20-year-old Canton man was arrested by Northville Township police April 30 at 3:28 a.m. for driving under the influence. The arrest was made near the intersection of Haggerty and Six Mile Road.

STOLEN AUTO: A burgundy 1988 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from the southwest parking lot of Orchard Hill Place in Novi between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. May 1.

One Orchard Hill worker told police that he saw a vehicle matching the description leave the lot at 1:30 a.m. However, he was unable to see

the driver, who he said appeared to be crouching down in the seat. Police were unable to find any signs of forced entry, broken glass or blunt objects. In the parking lot, the license plate of the stolen vehicle is 848-XCF.

POLICE CHASE: A 28-year-old Walled Lake man who failed to pull over for speeding was apprehended May 3 after trying to elude a Novi police officer. The officer spotted the driver pulling east on Pontiac Trail just east of Beck at approximately 59 mph. The driver failed to pull over after the officer turned on his lights. He increased speed and turned south onto Wedgewood and then into Walden Court, where he lives.

The driver and his female passenger ran into an apartment building and were stopped by the police officer before gaining entrance. The man was arrested and issued a citation. He told police, "I'm sorry, I made a big mistake," when taken into custody.

He also issued a written statement to police when asked why he didn't stop. "I didn't want to hassle with the ticket," the statement said.

POLICE CHASE: Novi police apprehended a 27-year-old city resident near Marty Feldman Chevrolet May 2, after the suspect attempted to elude a patrolman.

The officer attempted to stop the red 1987 Chevrolet two-door after the driver passed illegally while traveling west on Grand River east of Meadowbrook.

The driver sped away at 75 to 80 mph and turned westbound onto Meadowbrook before attempting to turn into the Fountain Apartments. Because of the excess speed, the vehicle ran up over the six inch curb and 200 feet across the grass into the ditch adjacent to the auto dealership, five feet short of hitting a lamp post.

The driver attempted to turn the car around and re-enter Grand River. However, officers responding to the call blocked his path.

The Novi man was found with a suspended license. He is expected to be charged with fleeing and eluding as well as driving with a revoked license.

PISTON TICKETS STOLEN: Four season Pistons tickets good for the playoffs were stolen from the Digital Corp. offices on Haggerty in Novi on or about April 25.

The tickets are valued at \$1,200.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY: The front window of the 76 Gas Station on Grand River in Novi was broken out between 2 and 2:19 a.m. the morning of April 28.

The employees had left the building to go to the Mobile Station on the corner of Haggerty and Grand River when the attempted break-in occurred.

The employees spotted two short white males with thin builds leaving the site on foot, according to police. However, neither suspect was apprehended by police.

Nothing was reported missing from the store, police said.

Anyone with information about the above incidents is urged to call Northville City Police at 349-1234, Northville Township Police at 349-9400, or the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

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A Northville firefighter inspects the Honda motorcycle driven by high school senior Mark Klokenga.

Student in motorcycle mishap

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

A Northville High School senior remained in intensive care Friday after being knocked off a motorcycle Tuesday, May 8, at the corner of Eight Mile and Sheldon roads.

Mark Edward Klokenga, 18, was listed in guarded condition at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia Friday morning.

According to witnesses at the scene Tuesday, Klokenga was turning onto Eight Mile from Sheldon at about 5:20 p.m. when he was struck by a Volkswagen Fox heading west on Eight Mile. The car flipped onto its left side during the accident, and was left lying in the middle of the intersection.

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where Klokenga was coming from. "I feel terrible," he added. "I wish I would have hit a car, I wish I would have hit a tree, anything but a person."

The left side of Powell's windshield was smashed in during the accident, apparently by Klokenga. "He took the full brunt of it, his head hit the windshield," said one firefighter at the scene.

The Honda motorcycle was left lying on its side near the middle of the street, its front wheel broken from between the mangled forks.

Community Emergency Medical Services and Northville rescue personnel responded almost immediately to the accident.

At the scene, gasoline was trickling from both the motorcycle and the overturned car. Several firefighters spread absorbent material on the gasoline to soak it up, while one stood on the side of Eight Mile with a hose in his hand, ready to put out any blaze.

The north two lanes of Eight Mile were closed and westbound traffic was routed onto the next lane south while emergency personnel strapped Klokenga to a board for transport.

As they splinted his shattered right ankle, Mark was heard to yell in pain. Mark was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, where he spent several hours in surgery. Though he was reported to be in stable condition after surgery, Klokenga was readmitted to the intensive care unit Wednesday.

Klokenga's brother John, 23, said Thursday, "He's in a lot of pain but he's all right. Right now they think his brain might be bruised so they have him in intensive care under constant surveillance. He got his bell rung pretty good."

John said Mark's right ankle was broken at the joint and his toes dislocated in the accident. Mark was wearing John's motorcycle helmet—and driving John's bike—when he was hit.

"He just turned in front of the car, he just didn't see it," John said of his brother. "It usually happens the other way around, where the car driver doesn't see the bike."

"He just remembers lying through the air, landing on the pavement, and his leg hurting," Don Klokenga, Mark's father, said.

After the accident, Powell said he wanted to see the speed limit on that stretch of Eight Mile from Novi Road to Taft Road dropped from 40 to 35 miles per hour. "It's just way too fast," he said.

Powell and several witnesses were taken to the Northville City police department after the accident, to file their accounts. City police were planning on interviewing Mark Friday afternoon, and would not comment on their findings or possible charges in the case until after they released their report.

Nearly 40 million Americans have a permanent disability, the number of Americans 45-64 is expected to increase by one-third in the next decade, and more children than ever are helping with household work.

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polo masher to turn knobs on a range; removing cabinet doors for easier access; or something more extensive, such as building a kitchen around an adaptable "universal design."

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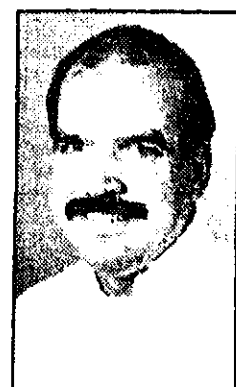
If you like cream sherry, St. Julian produces one of the best. It's labeled Michigan Light Solera Cream Sherry (\$7.50/500ml). Wines in the solera date back to 1871. It's full, rich, nutty, and dessert in itself. It could be poured over vanilla ice cream or incorporated in a vanilla cheese cake recipe.

May is Michigan Wine Month. Celebrate it by trying wines from St. Julian or another of Michigan's wineries. New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland are some of the states that have developed a real grassroots pride in their wine industry. Let's get it going in Michigan.

MONDAY
FOOD

Larry Janes/Food

Garlic becomes new herb of choice



Chicago is going crazy and using it in soups, garnishes, sauces and appetizers. Even here in the metropolitan area, where food trends are running six to nine months behind the coasts, garlic is cropping up as the herb d'neigueur.

Even though garlic is experiencing a resurgence, it has been cultivated for the last 5,000 years. Ancient Egyptian writings attest to its importance as a crop as early as 3200 B.C.

And what a crop it was. Bulbs of garlic have been used medicinally—for strength and virility, as a germicide—to ward off vampires, and, lastly, as a food source.

We can credit the poor people of Yunnan, China, with bringing garlic to the culinary forefront.

They used the lily relative by mixing it with chopped liver and ate it raw because they had little fuel for cooking.

Kitchen reigns as home's focus

There was a time not all that long ago that American kitchens were designed with one type of consumer in mind: the full-time homemaker with 2.6 children and a breadwinner husband.

Today, manufacturers are recognizing that the typical consumer has gone the way of newsreels and tail fins. One kitchen design simply can't meet everybody's needs. More and more, today's appliances are being designed for and marketed to groups such as disabled or elderly people, whose needs are much different from other consumers.

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Last fall, on a business trip to Chicago, upon being seated at Elistro 110 and ordering a glass of chardonnay, the waitperson brought a small breadboard with a few slices of warm bread, a mini-tub of whipped butter and a whole baked bulb of garlic.

I immediately thought about what would happen to may taste buds upon biting into a bulb of garlic, and sensing my trepidation, the waitperson suggested I use my butter knife to pry out the tender cloves and spread them like a paste over the butter spread bread. For a few minutes, I thought I had died and gone to heaven.

By the way, a side of Listerine is not needed because the garlic bakes in liquid it mellow out dramatically.

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NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING:
ON INCREASING
PROPERTY TAXES
AND THE PROPOSED
SCHOOL BUDGET 1990-91

Please take notice that on Thursday, May 24, 1990, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Novi Woods Elementary School Media Center, 25195 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing on: 1) the levying in 1990 of an additional proposed millage rate at 26.44 mills for operating purposes pursuant to Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982 and 2) the Proposed School budget for 1990-91.

The Board of Education has the complete authority to establish that 26.44 mills be levied in 1990 from within its present authorized millage rate.

The maximum additional proposed millage rate would increase revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem property tax levies in 1990 otherwise permitted by Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982, by 1.34 mills.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available at the Administrative Services Building on Wednesday, May 23, 1990.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the levy of an additional millage rate and the proposed School Budget for 1990-91. Not less than seven (7) days following the public hearing, the Board of Education may approve all or any portion of the proposed additional millage rate.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Dated: 5/10/90
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Monthly Allergy Tip

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It happens every year, but you can put a stop to it this year — not the pollen and the spores, of course, but your discomfort. Find out if indeed it is an allergy from which you suffer. See us. Medications are now available which may be of help to you without making you drowsy.

Michael S. Rowe, M.D.
Michael J. Hepner, M.D.
Both certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology specializing in adult and pediatric practice.

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The Philadelphia Story

One day, in the "bad part" of Philadelphia, a neighbor complained to a neighbor. And then to a neighbor. And then to more. People didn't like their homes being "taken over." Feelings of helplessness and resentment turned to action. They went to the police for help.

Soon a substation was established where folks could readily report crime. Weekly meetings began. Community watches started. Things started getting fixed up.

Vacant lots were cleaned up and fenced. Abandoned cars were towed away. Painting and repairing programs began. The neighborhood was cleaning itself up. The local 4-H Club even helped out. Up garden clubs where kids, teens and adults could work together on plants and flowers while talking over ways to raise awareness.

When people care and get involved, neighborhoods change. When a block doesn't look like a haven for crime and drugs, it won't be. And in this part of Philly, where once only sparsely green, seven gardens now bloom.

This is only one success story of many. To find out what can be done in your neighborhood, write: **The McGuffey Files, 1 Prevention Way, Washington, D.C. 20039-0001.** And help.

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MONDAY BUSINESS

'Tis the season to build houses

Spring, the season of renewal, also signals a rebirth in the housing industry.

More builders appear to have work in progress, more buyers seem to be in the market, and financial institutions are pitching mortgages, some in a big way.

Comerica Bank and a major acquisition, Bloomfield Mortgage, processed more than 6,000 mortgages and home equity loans with an aggregate value of \$578 million last year in Wayne and Oakland counties.

But the bank isn't resting on those laurels.

Comerica recently aired radio ads advising that it will meet with mortgage applicants at their convenience outside of normal business hours and the traditional bank setting.

"I don't think we're doing any more advertising now than in the last several years," said Douglas Cook, president of Comerica Mortgage. "The market has always been very competitive here."

Comerica spends three times as much money advertising during the first three months as it does the rest of the year, Cook said.

While radio ads are designed to put a financial institution's name in the public eye, most advertising is directed to real estate agents and publishers likely to catch the eyes of builders, bankers said.

"A lot of our product advertising is delivered by hand to Realtors' offices," said Michael Lubig, manager of the mortgage department at Standard Federal Bank. "It gives us a chance to go into their offices, try to see if we can help them."

Comerica also focuses on agents and builders, Cook said. "Consumers aren't in the market all the time — maybe only every five to 10 years," he said.

Appealing directly to home buyers can be a hit-or-miss proposition, agreed John Owens, director of marketing communications for National Bank of Detroit.

"From an advertising perspective, we want position in the mind," Owens said. "Someone may not want a mortgage this year, but maybe next year we want them aware we're in this business."

NBD is running a television ad which depicts a father and young children running through a sprinkler at home. The voice-over extolling the desirability of homeownership, concludes, "The right bank can make the difference between worrying about it and enjoying it."

The goal is to promote both mortgages and home equity loans, Owens said.

"A home loan for most people is one of the hardest decisions. It really is an anxiety process. We want to make them feel comfortable with the process," Owens said.

Comfort means different things to different lenders.

Shore Mortgage of Southfield has introduced a telephone application procedure where a buyer can talk to a loan officer, select a loan package, get a completed application through the mail, sign it and send it back for processing.

Changing times call for different business practices, said Kathy Foley, spokeswoman for Shore Mortgage.

"When you have two working people in a household, they can't routinely take time out from 10 to 4 to take out a loan application," she said.

Vantage Mortgage of Southfield offers a free, pre-qualifying certification. Everything except an appraisal and credit history is verified before a buyer finds a specific property on which to make an offer.

"We are trying to do the most we can to get the most business," said Donald VanAkin, Vantage president. "Basically, everything competition offers, we've already done," said Lubig of Standard Federal. "We call it the anytime, anywhere mortgage and we pre-qualify."

Lubig sees the period "now through the end of July" as the prime season for mortgage hunters.

Extra touches like pre-qualifying, pre-approval, taking application information over the telephone and meeting customers outside of regular business hours are becoming increasingly important for financial institutions.

"I think they do shop service more than ever before," Lubig said. "One of the worst things a consumer can do is shop rates and after closing find out they're sending the payment to San Francisco or something."

"If you looked down the table, we are all fairly close to each other," said Owens. "Many people come to their primary institution first."

"You'll find generally service is what sells a mortgage, not the rate," VanAkin said.

Mary DiPaolo/Small business

Be informed in buying business

I am thinking about buying a small business that has been in existence for more than five years. What are some of the questions I should be asking the seller to obtain information that significantly will influence my decision to buy?

You want to find out everything you can about the business under consideration. When buying a company, there is no unimportant information.

After that time, you will be in a position to ask the following questions:

- Which aspect of this business do you enjoy the most? (The answer should take a while.)
- What aspects of the business do you find the most challenging? (Wait for the answer and don't stop probing until you get it.)
- If you had to do it all over again, what would you do differently? (This one works to identify all the "lost opportunities" as well as any "mistakes" the seller feels personally responsible for.)

may also ask to conduct a random sample survey among company employees.

Other key questions directed at the seller would relate to the major areas of the business such as production, marketing, financial and personnel. This may be done during the first few meetings with a seller.

Unfortunately, many prospective buyers rely primarily on financial statements' data and other available documentation the seller offers to make "informed" purchase decisions.

Although all of this may be very useful, it is not where you should start and stop. You should feel free to probe and investigate every aspect of the operation.

Ask the seller if you may speak with some of the firm's past and present customers. You

• If money was not a constraint at times, what could you have done with this company? (He or she probably will tell you in the next five minutes everything that is wrong with the business.)

• Should an independent audit be used to reveal problems with a company?

An audit is verification of financial data using procedures and test known as GAAS (generally accepted auditing standards). While these procedures are the best known for checking the reliability of financial data, they have not been designed to uncover fraud and actions of collusion on the part of company management.

Readers who have business-related questions or event announcements for this column's monthly readers forum may contact Mark Tremis at 474-1149 or submit their requests in writing to: Focus: Small business, Reader's Forum, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

It's a home buyer's market in Metro Detroit

Metropolitan Detroit is one of the best housing buys in the country, according to The Prudential Home Affordability Index.

The index measures the percentage of a family's gross monthly income it takes to make a mortgage payment with a standard down payment of 20 percent on an average-priced home in an area.

Detroit, with an average monthly mortgage burden of 18.5 percent of gross household income, ranked 33rd on the "affordability" scale of 150 U.S. markets surveyed.

Peoria, Ill., ranked first with an average monthly burden of 8.8 percent. San Francisco, at 54.1 percent, was 150th.

The latest index covers the last three months of 1989.

As a general rule of thumb, financial institutions here limit monthly mortgages, including principal, interest, taxes and insurance, to 28 percent of income... 36 percent including all other debt.

The index for the fourth quarter showed that in 97 of the top 150 markets, homeowners wouldn't have to pay more than 28 percent of income... percent including all other debt.

Three metro areas in Michigan — Grand Rapids, Flint and Lansing/East Lansing — ranked better than Detroit.

Grand Rapids, with an average monthly mortgage burden of 15.6 percent of household income, ranked sixth. Flint, at 16.6 percent, ranked 14th. And Lansing/East Lansing, at 17 percent, ranked 16th.

Ann Arbor, the only other metro area in the state to appear on the listing, ranked 51st with a monthly mortgage payment of 20 percent.

A good balance between supply and demand has resulted in a favorable affordability rating for housing in Detroit, said Jerome M. Martuski, vice president of The Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Birmingham.

For the study's purposes, metro Detroit includes Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Livingston and Lapeer counties.

Metro areas in California make up eight of the 10 most expensive housing markets in the survey. They ranged from 45.1 percent in Oxnard/Ventura to 54.1 percent in San Francisco.

Tremendous appreciation in the value of real estate in California is one big reason that financial institutions there generally allow a greater percentage of income to be applied to mortgages, said Jeanne Henderson, spokesperson for The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates.

"For some reason if they default, we'll take the property and make money anyway," Henderson said.

As good as housing values are in metro Detroit, several areas in the Midwest had slightly better percentages, according to the survey.

They include:

- Kansas City, Missouri — 17.1 percent
- St. Louis, Missouri — 17.4 percent
- Indianapolis, Indiana — 18 percent
- Cincinnati, Ohio/Covington, Kentucky — 18.1 percent
- Cleveland, Ohio — 18.2 percent
- Midwest metropolitan areas with worse percentages than Detroit include:
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the monthly mortgage payment on the average-priced home is 19.1 percent of gross monthly income.
- Chicago, Illinois — 21.6 percent
- Buffalo, New York — 21.7 percent
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — 22.5 percent

The index is compiled quarterly by WEFA of Philadelphia.

Aging baby boomers segment housing market

As the baby boomer starts worrying about retirement and the baby bust matures, housing demand will become more sharply segmented than in the past, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The study, "Demographics in the U.S. — The Segmenting of Housing Demand," anticipates strong housing demand and stable house values over the next decade in spite of the smaller baby bust population producing fewer prospective buyers than the baby boomers.

The demand will be fueled by widely varied housing needs — for affluent trade-up baby boom couples, baby boomer thinking about retirement and growing numbers of non-traditional households and immigrants, the report says.

"The healthy markets will offer diversity. They will have a variety of niche-oriented housing," said NAR President Ira Grubin.

The study explores several current and projected demographic changes that may have the greatest effect upon the housing industry over the next decade. Foremost among these are the changing age structure and housing composition of the U.S.

The total number of households in the nation rose by an average of 1.3 million annually during the 1980s, dropping from 1.7 million annually during the 1970s. The population ages 25-34, the group at which household formation is typical, is getting smaller, while the age group 65 and older is getting larger.

The number of married-couple households is declining. The decline is being countered by an increase in single-person household, female-headed households, non-family households and larger number of 18- to 24-year-old men living with their parents. Additionally, the average household size dropped from 3.13 people in 1960 to 2.66 people in 1987.

Households are moving more frequently, which is causing and will continue to cause a higher housing turnover rate. Legal immigration, notably by Asians and Hispanics, is increasing. The average rate of \$70,000 was 30 percent higher in the 1980s than in the 1970s.

Increased demand by foreigners seeking to rent or buy in the United States will contribute to housing demands in the 1990s, the study says.

The changing needs of changing households will help offset a drop in housing demand due to the smaller baby bust population said NAR chief economist John A. Tuccillo. Predictions that house values will sour due to a decline in demand are too simplistic, and such projections fail to consider the continuing effect that baby boom generation will have, Tuccillo said.

Increased savings by baby boomers, combined with a smaller federal deficit and larger Social Security trust fund, likely will push interest rates lower over the next seven years, he said.

Baby boomers previously unable to buy houses will be buying. "As the leading edge of the baby boom moves through its peak earning years, demand will pick up for second homes and retirement homes," Tuccillo said.

He predicted that demand will shift significantly toward "smaller units in sunny climates."

In spite of house purchases by baby boomers and baby busters, houses will continue to be too expensive for poorer consumers. According to the study, it appears that widening gap in household demographics is accompanied by a growing disparity in house-buying power.

For example, the study says, typical real incomes for families in the highest-earning fifth of the population rose by more than 29 percent between 1970 and 1986. But real income for families in the lowest-earning fifth rose by just 9 percent.

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Wetlands absorb and process pollutants like phosphorous, disease-causing germs, toxic metals, pesticides and drugs, some of the things that have created Great Lakes pollution by fish not safe to eat.

Elizabeth Harris, director of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, spoke about wetlands to a small audience at an Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, seminar on the environment recently.

Usually found along coasts, at the edge of lakes, mouth of rivers or in low-lying fields, wetlands can take the form of swamps, bogs, marshes or wet meadows. They are home to a lot of plants and animals, a spawning ground for fish and a necessary pit stop for migratory waterfowl like whistling swans and buffleheads.

Harris noted that 70 percent of Michigan's wetlands have been destroyed. And of the 3 million plus acres remaining, some people are filling them in as long as they think the Department of Natural Resources isn't looking.

While patting the DNR on the back for doing "a tremendous job given the resources they have," Harris said an awful lot of cheating goes on behind the agency's back. "What they would need to do a perfect job is to have somebody almost every place in the state."

Harris urged her audience to phone the DNR whenever they see someone filling in a wetlands. Sometimes, however, the DNR will allow a developer to wipe out a wetlands area if he agrees to create another wetlands somewhere else. This is called

70 percent of Michigan's wetlands have been destroyed.

Elizabeth Harris
Director of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council

mitigation, and the developer is usually required to build the replacement wetlands twice the size of the one he destroys.

While mitigation might help the state toward its goal of adding 500,000 additional wetland acres, Harris questions the viability of man-made wetlands.

"In five or six years, we may have something that (just) looks like a wetland," she said. "We need many more experiments at lower risk." Harris suggested the state should buy former wetlands areas from private owners and put the wetlands back where they were to begin with.

She said the places where wetlands naturally occur offer the best chance for their survival.

While the Goemaere-Anderson Wetlands Protection Act of 1979 goes a long way in preserving Michigan's wetlands, some communities don't feel it's restrictive enough. Several have established local wetlands ordinances that place more restrictions on developers than the state does.

In Oakland County, Novi, West Bloomfield Township and Rochester Hills have adopted wetlands protection ordinances. While West Bloomfield's ordinance is considered restrictive, Rochester Hills is being sued by a developer over its more recently-enacted ordinance. "Many



Pussy Willows grow beside a local wetland

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communities are deciding that it's well worth the cost," Harris said. Government regulation of wetlands is well and good, Harris suggested, but environmental education in public schools is important too. Schools, she said, should have programs to teach kids the importance of the environment, including wetlands.

Harris has been active environmentally since the early 1970s. A longtime member of her 20-year-old

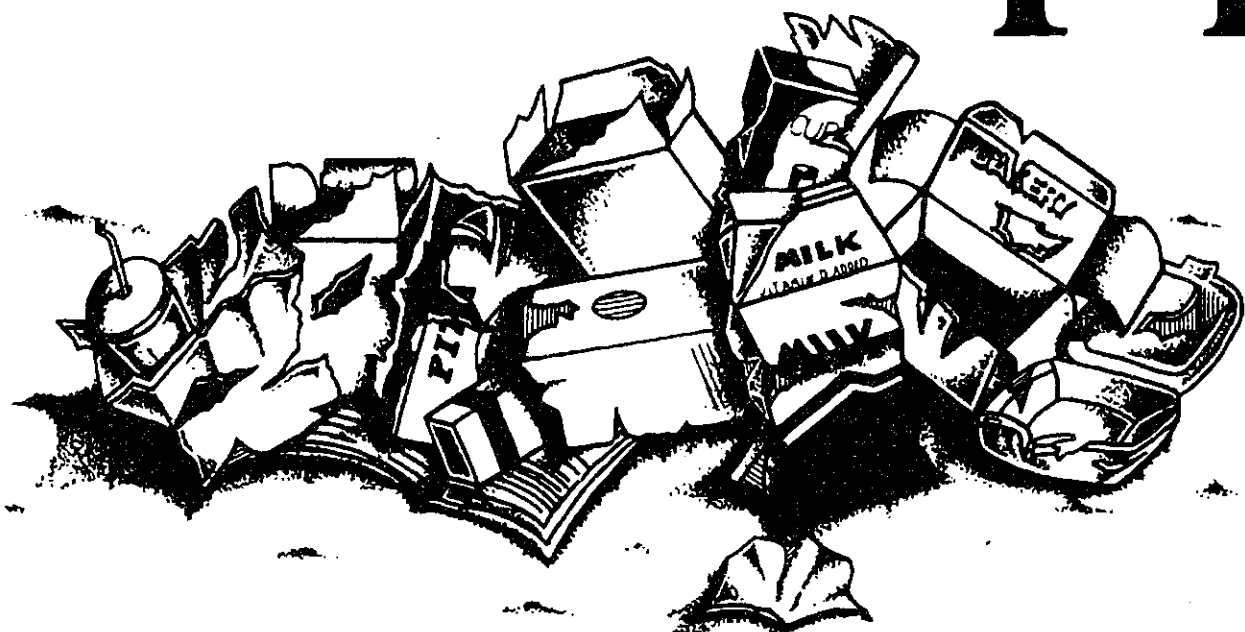
organization, she has been its director for the last four years.

"We've made tremendous progress in addressing the most obvious environmental problems," Harris said. "But the more difficult problems are

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Anyone wishing to find out more about the East Michigan Environmental Action Council can call Harris at 258-5188.

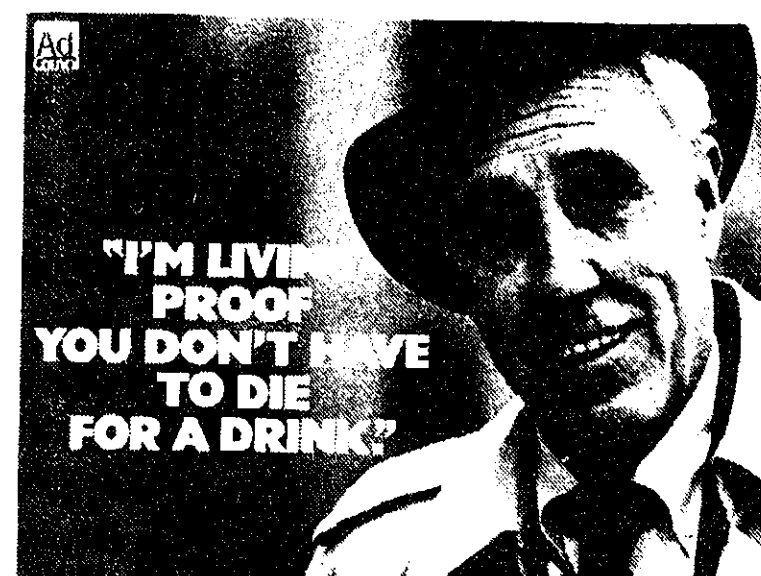
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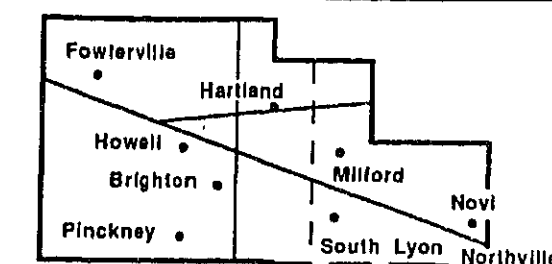
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