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Council asks for changes to noise rules

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi City Council got some sound advice from its ordinance review committee Nov. 23, but decided not to take it.

Sent back for further work was a noise control regulation which would have barred construction on Sundays and between the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Mondays through Saturdays.

"I think it's a resident-friendly ordinance," Council Member Nancy Cassis said, adding that some modifications were needed.

The idea of preserving some quiet time for citizens already living in fast-growing community was first proposed in July, when over 100 people at Woodland Glens apartments sent the city a protest petition. Earthmovers and other big construction equipment had been making their lives a noisy nightmare when around-the-clock building, conducted under flood

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Denise Holmes
Eleven Mile Road resident

lights, began next-door at the new Yerkes Manor subdivision.

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Born to Run

Novi Middle School students participated in a Turkey Trot for charity on Wednesday. The 1.1 mile course, which the kids could run or walk, helped raise money and food for the needy this holiday season. At right, Donna Tinberg gets ready for the event — she was the turkey. Above, entrants — more than 400 of the 600 kids who attend Middle school — donated 50 cents or a can of food, which school officials will turn over to the Novi Emergency Food Program, benefitting the needy in our community. It's a lesson in sharing and caring we can all run with.



City may win money for bike path plans

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The plan to obtain federal funding for a county-wide road path improvement proposal is due out soon. If it's successful, Novi stands to gain millions of dollars.

And the Novi Planning Commission wants to be in on the action. Commissioners heard an update on the plan at their Nov. 18 meeting. Vice-Chairperson John Balagna then agreed to attend meetings held by the plan's author, the Western Oakland Road and Bike Path Development Committee.

Twelve communities in Oakland County are on the committee, working together over the last year in an attempt to improve and expand traffic thoroughfares on a grand scale. Novi is one of them.

"The report is the conceptual plan for getting funds for the project — we hope to see it in the near future," said Novi Director of Planning James Wahl.

Money for the scheme, estimated to cost \$250 million — \$7 million for roadwork in Novi, according to Wahl — has been a sticking point. It

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Dissent leads to resignations

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Dissension over a historic survey of Novi has led to a flurry of resignations.

While the Historic District Study Committee was hoping to break its contract with architectural historian Robert Donohue, the consultant pre-empted this by bowing out himself due to "philosophical and professional differences," via a Nov. 12 letter.

The Novi City Council accepted his resignation Nov. 23.

In addition, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver wrote the city council a letter saying he intends to step down as a liaison to the Historic District Study Committee based on "continued ill feelings as a result of the controversies surrounding the Bob Donohue consultant contract and the proposed publicity on the MacKenzie house."

The study committee's chair LuAnne Kozma, questioned why Donohue had prepared a report on the home of Judge Brian MacKenzie when he was behind schedule.

The committee as a whole voted to oust Donohue due to missed deadlines and a dissatisfaction with his work to date.

The new liaison to the committee will be Novi staff planner Mike Csapo, with Jim Wahl, director of the community development department serving as an alternate.

When the survey is completed, the city council will have the option of creating a historic district and a historic district commission to monitor any proposed changes to the designated sites.

A reconfiguration of the Novi Historic Commission also took place last week, as the city council appointed Kozma and Margaret Schmidt to two vacancies there. Both are newcomers to the job.

Kozma is a folk art curator at the Michigan State University Museum and Schmidt, an educator specializing in farming history, is well-known in town for her work with the Novi 4-H Adventurers.

Historic commission veterans Mark Adams and Carol Bauer were reappointed.

Another applicant for the job, former Historic Commission Chair Dan Beaubien, had earlier criticized the way the commission is run today. Beaubien was not selected by the city council.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Flying high

The Novi High boys basketball team began practice recently with hopes of a third consecutive Kensington Valley Conference title. The Wildcats lost four starters of last year's champs, but with players like Jeff Terski, Brian Csordas, Greg Pierman and Shawn Kelly back, 1992-'93 promises to be an exciting campaign. Novi begins its season Dec. 8 against Walled Lake Western. For a look at the team and the rest of the KVC check out Thursday's Novi News.

Mall welcomes shopping hordes

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

If the post-Thanksgiving shopping action is any indication, the economy is on an upswing.

Twelve Oaks Mall General Manager Phil Morosco said Friday that the "biggest shopping day of the year" — the day after Thanksgiving — was going very well. Shoppers were pouring in and logistics, such as traffic and parking, were going smoothly.

"Fortunately, things are running smoothly," Morosco said. "Our only problem has been further up the expressway (east of Novi) where some roadwork is holding up traffic. But once they get past that, it's smooth sailing."

The only major traffic-related improvement since last year is a new

traffic light system at the I-96/Novi Road ramp that allows more "green time" for those cars waiting to turn right toward Twelve Oaks and West Oaks Shopping Center.

Morosco said the mall and its parking lots were indicators of heavy shopping volume most of the day Friday.

"We're pretty full at this point," he said around 2 p.m. "There are key areas we keep an eye on and those are indicators of how much traffic is coming in."

For example, he said, parking lots along the Twelve Mile Road area of the Twelve Oaks lot were filling up Friday. Those lots are normally the last to fill up because most mall traffic comes in off Novi Road and people look for a parking spot in the

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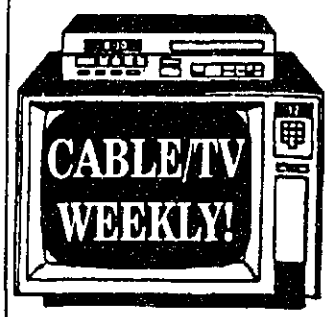
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Community Calendar

Tuesday, December 1

Living Trusts Seminar: John C. Rexford, Attorney, will conduct a seminar regarding the use of Living Trusts as estate planning tools. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 135 of the Crystal Glen Office Center located behind the Novi Hilton Hotel. Admission is free but seating is limited. Please call 348-5795 to register.

Orchard Hills PTO: The Orchard Hills Elementary School PTO has scheduled an impromptu meeting for 7:30 p.m. in the building's library. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and vote on the group's "Recess Project." For the Recess Project, if approved, the PTO will spend money for games to be used in classrooms on days when inclement weather will keep students indoors during recess hours.

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller at 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Wednesday, December 2

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 107 of the high school.

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

Good Morning Novi: The Novi Chamber of Commerce breakfast series presents Joyce Rogers, Executive Director, Brighton Chamber of Commerce, who will speak on Forming Business Partnerships with Education at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Epicure restaurant. There will also be a panel of Brighton business/education partners. Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Thursday, December 3

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Friday, December 4

P.S. Your Cat is Dead: The Novi Players is presenting the comedy P.S. Your Cat is Dead at 8 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center and the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$4 for seniors and children and \$6 at the door.

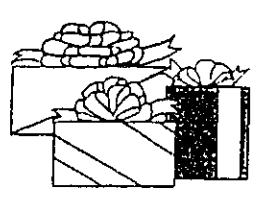
Saturday, December 5

Christmas Concert: The Novi Chorale presents their Christmas concert at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, at 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$4. Proceeds from the concert assist the funding of the Novi Jaycees Needy Family Project.

Christmas Workshop: A Folkpatterns Workshop is being held at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center. Children aged

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Sunday, December 6

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Monday, December 7

Blood Pressure Screening: Family Home Care, Inc. in conjunction with Novi Drugs offers free blood pressure screening from 3-7 p.m. at Novi Drugs, 24025 Meadowbrook Rd.

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

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

Tree Lighting: Santa Claus will turn on the lights to the City of Novi's Christmas tree at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There will be opportunity for children to talk to Santa while family take pictures. Donations of canned goods are being collected for donation to Novi's Needy Families.

Tuesday, December 8

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller at 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9

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

Seniors luncheon: The Novi Senior Citizens will gather at noon at Mt. Jack's Restaurant at Grand River and Ten Mile Rd. Farmington for their monthly luncheon.

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

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

Thursday, December 10

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

Historical Commission: The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Town Hall next to the library on Ten Mile Rd.

Friday, December 11

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Sunday, December 13

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Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller at 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Monday, December 21

Arts Council: The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

December 24

Christmas Eve: City offices and the public library will be closed.

December 25

Christmas Day: City offices and the public library will be closed.

December 31

New Year's Eve: City offices and the public library will be closed.

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Bonds would improve school

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

If a proposed \$31.9 million bond issue wins approval from Orchard Hills district voters, Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary will undergo several renovations.

Those improvements, say the school's principal, will bring the district's four elementary into step with each other.

"They'll definitely bring our facility up to the level of Novi Woods and Parkview," said Orchard Hills Principal Paul LePlae. "With the changes at Village Oaks, we'll see comparable facilities at either end of the district."

At issue is a request by the Board of Education to sell bonds totaling some \$31.9 million, to be paid back over a 20-year period. The typical district homeowner, school officials say, will see an additional \$75 in property taxes for the first two years of the issue. The extra burden will decrease from that amount every year after that until the bonds are completely paid off, they add.

The board chose to ask for the bond issue, which requires voter approval, more than two months ago. Now, the date of the special school district election is just over two weeks away — Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Orchard Hills will get more than \$14 million of the money involved if the bond issue passes. Those funds will pay for a number of renovations that will give a new look to the district's oldest standing elementary building.

Fourteen of the facility's 26 classrooms and teaching areas — housing 426 of the district's 1,812 K-4 students — will undergo big improvements, LePlae said. Floors and accompanying hallways will be carpeted, and new ceilings and lighting systems will be installed.

A heating and cooling unit will be installed in each room. LePlae continued, as part of an all-new climate control system in the school.

The 31.9 Million Question

"Right now, we have four smaller boilers, each covering one section of the building," said LePlae. "The engineers told us that with the new [room] units, it's more efficient to have one

boiler for the whole school. Three of the old boiler rooms will be converted into some badly-needed storage space."

Air conditioning, available at Novi Woods and Parkview and scheduled for Village Oaks in the bond issue, is another needed feature of the renovations, LePlae said. "This will give us flexibility in the event the district goes to year-round schooling," he said, "and it will certainly help now in the fall and spring."

The 14 classrooms have wooden and tempered glass walls which divide them from school corridors. "Those will be taken down," LePlae said, "and replaced with new walls of complete blocks. That'll help a lot with noise reduction."

The new walls will also bring Orchard Hills up to new fire code standards, the principal added. Opened in 1958, the building was con-

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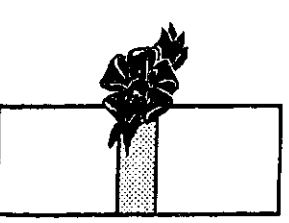
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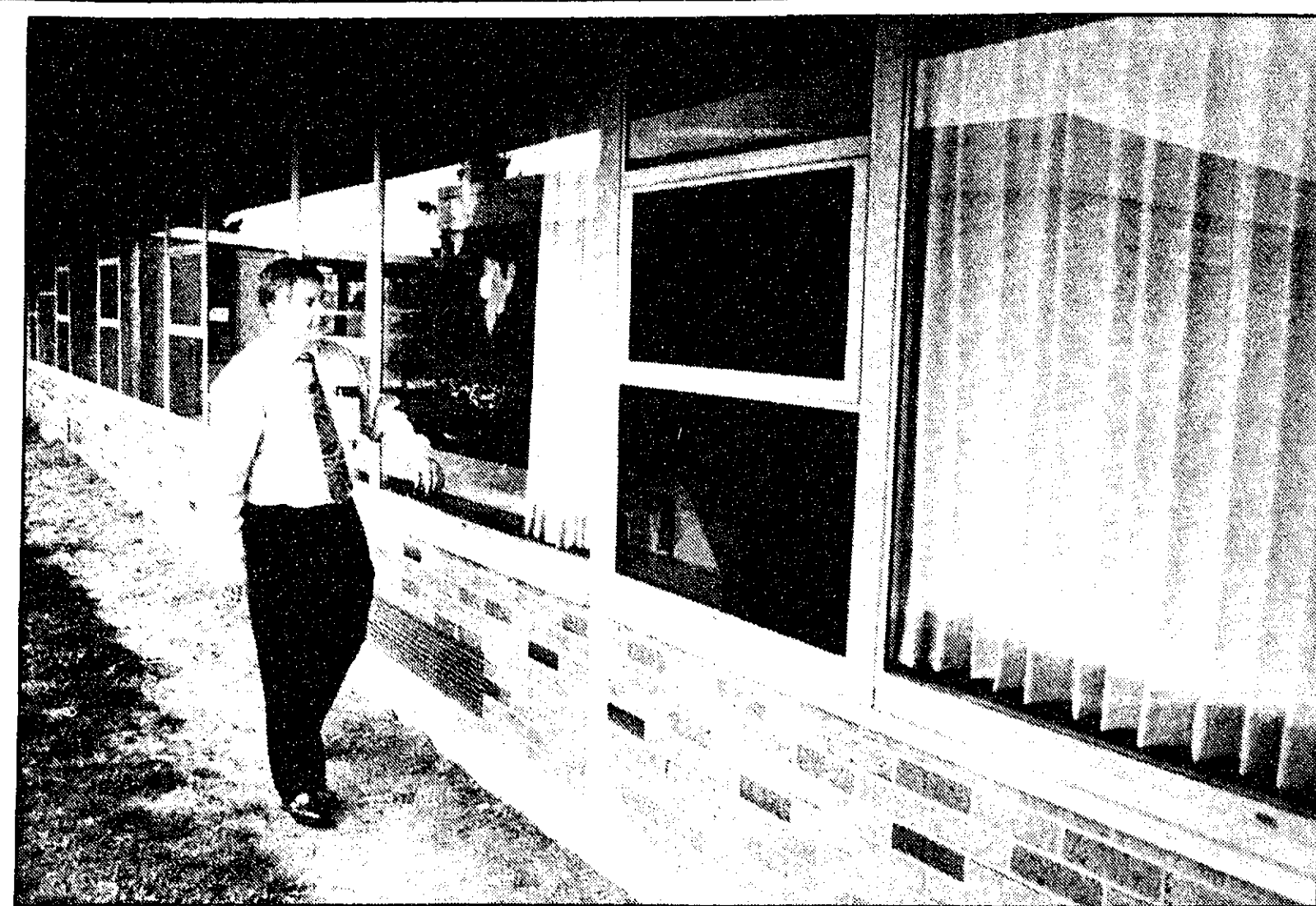
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Orchard Hills principal Paul LePlae inspects windows due for replacement as part of renovations to the building.

Council asks for changes to rules

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"It was very discourteous to the residents," Council Member Tim Pope said.

Eleven Mile Road residents have also complained of heavy machinery noise in their neighborhood. The proposed ordinance defines construction as excavation, earth moving, demolition, alteration or repairs of a building, street, highway or parking lot.

As drafted, the ban would be waived if the construction activity is done on a single-family home by the owner or occupant of the dwelling and no complaints are received from the neighbors.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford didn't care for the impact this would have on homeowners.

"All you'd have to do is put up a few shingles on Sunday afternoon and your neighbors complain," he said. More controversial was a proposal to lift the ban if no occupied dwelling is within 1,000 feet of the construction activity.

Eleven Mile Road resident Denise Holmes told the council that if you figure 1,000 feet in acres, the ordinance would allow construction to continue on Sundays and around-the-clock only five acres away.

"My neighbor is five acres from me. I hear his lawn mower start up his chain saw... It gives the developer a license to do whatever he wants after 7 p.m. or on Sunday. It contradicts the whole ordinance. It makes it null and void," she said.

Council Member Carol Mason thought the provision was fair.

"I feel it's a uniform thing, 1,000 feet is pretty far away. We can't do anything about noise traveling on five acres," Mason said.

As a compromise, Mayor Matthew Quinn suggested that the 1,000 feet be counted from the border of the property where the activity is taking place to the nearest residence.

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Missing car abandoned in pond

A resident on Ferhede reported Sunday that her husband's 1979 Subaru was missing. She said her husband was driving it, and she didn't think he had the car.

Police said the vehicle was taken sometime between 10 p.m. Nov. 21 and 11 a.m. Nov. 22.

At 1 p.m. Nov. 22 the same officer was dispatched to a pond near Napier Road and Ten Mile on an abandoned vehicle complaint. There, he found the missing Subaru in the pond. The owner's wife later identified the car.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS: An employee at Ophir's doughnut shop called Nov. 22 Sunday because a man and woman were loitering there, approaching other customers and asking for a ride to Flint. On investigation, police found that one of the suspects was a man who had been arrested the night before for driving on a suspended license. He had been allowed to post a \$10 bond. The woman was a passenger in his vehicle, but the car was towed away.

Police News

The man and woman phoned a friend in Flint to come down and get them, and police gave them money for breakfast.

LARCENY: A doctor who works in the AmeriCare Building on Twelve Mile reported Nov. 13 that someone stole over \$2,000 in cash from his briefcase.

He told police that he went to the bank to deposit the cash and discovered it was missing. He looked everywhere, but was unable to find it. He said he thought he might have lost it, then found other evidence in his office that suggested someone may have broken in and stolen it.

VANDALISM: The owner of a 1985 Ford Escort reported Nov. 15 that

someone broke the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked at Novi Town Center.

She told police she parked her vehicle at 9 p.m., and returned at midnight to discover the damage.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: The owner of a 1984 Mercury Cougar reported Nov. 13 that someone stole a \$50 radar detector from her vehicle while it was parked at Novi Bowl.

Police said the radar detector, which was in plain view hanging from a sunvisor, was taken sometime between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m.

LARCENY: A resident on Leabost reported Nov. 14 that someone stole his

bike from his 1992 Geo Prism. The man was unsure whether the bike was stolen from his home or his place of work in Detroit. He was sure they were taken some time between Nov. 6 and Nov. 9.

VANDALISM: A Novi man reported Nov. 15 that someone broke off the rear view mirror of his 1960 Ford while it was parked at Twelve Oaks Mall. The incident occurred some time between 9:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Nov. 14.

LARCENY: An employee in the Highline Club Apartments office reported Nov. 16 that someone stole cash from the office between 5 p.m. Nov. 13 and 11 a.m. Nov. 14.

Police are investigating five employees who have keys to the office as well as a cleaning crew that was in that night.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-8887.

City could seek bike path cash

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was expected to remain a problem, despite President elect Bill Clinton's promises of money for infrastructure repair across the nation.

Enter Bob Carr, the East Lansing Democrat who now represents Michigan's 8th district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Carr, whose old district included many of the 12 municipalities involved in the road plan, will chair the House Transportation Appropriation Committee — meaning he's in a very good position to help the plan's backers obtain federal funding for the project.

In his time Carr has gleaned over \$200 million for road improvement plans in the state, has said he'll help in the effort to get federal money for the Oakland road plan, even though he now doesn't represent any of the communities involved.

They include Novi, Walled Lake, Commerce Township, Farmington Hills, Lyon Township, White Lake Township, Wixom, Milford, Milford Township, Wolverine Lake, Highland Township and West Bloomfield Township.

"He (Carr) promised he'd do the best he could for the project," Wahl told commissioners. The reason, Wahl said, is that the plan affects one-third of the land area in Oakland County and affects some 265,000 residents.

Two of the three improvements slated for Novi in

"The report is the conceptual plan for getting funds for the project — we hope to see it in the near future."

James Wahl
Director of Planning

the road plan have already been designed and the preliminary work done, Wahl added. "They could be plugged right into the plan," when money becomes available, he continued.

The project opens up four north-south corridors between I-696 and M-59 through a combination of widening, paving and improving existing roads as well as building new connecting thoroughfares.

Those who favor it say the plan will eliminate the narrow, non-connected roads the area now features.

Locally, the plan calls for widening Haggerty Road to five lanes from Grand River Avenue to Twelve Mile Road, and four lanes from Twelve Mile to Pontiac Trail. Past that, from Pontiac Trail to

Cooley Lake Road, planners want to widen Haggerty again to five lanes where it's possible to do so.

It also widens Beck Road from Grand River Avenue to West Road from four to six lanes. To be built as well would be a five-lane, two-mile connector from that intersection to the Benstein and Maple Road intersection.

The entire network is slated to be constructed from 1994 to 1999, and is nearly triple the cost of the oft-controversial Haggerty Connector proposal, slated to be built less than a mile to the west of the widening plan route.

The Haggerty improvements are one of four phases of the plan: others include connectors for Milford Road, Wixom and Duck Lake roads, and the Beck, Benstein and Onondaga Lake thoroughfares. A series of paving and widening of east-west roads is also on the boards.

The committee, dormant for the last few months, will reconvene soon, Wahl said. Commissioners decided it would be a wise idea to have a member attend the committee's meetings, and Balagna volunteered for the 8 a.m. sessions.

Given the slow wheels of government bureaucracy, however, don't expect to see construction crews out on Haggerty or Beck next week. The earliest federal funds could be approved next spring — and construction is not scheduled to begin until 1994.

Novi Briefs

Decker Road: There will be an informational meeting held Monday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center regarding proposed improvements to Decker Road from Thirteen Mile Road to Fourteen Mile Road. Residents who live in the vicinity of Decker Road are being invited to attend. Staff members from JCK & Associates and the city administration will be present to answer questions and receive feedback from residents relevant to the design, right-of-way needs and the project schedule.

Under inspection: In a written report to the city council, Building Official Don Saven notes that in October his department performed the highest number of inspections in Novi history. A total of 2,799 inspections were performed, primarily on residential construction, including Wexford Townhouses.

It is with pride that despite various conditions, the building department staff (clerical, inspectors and ordinance) pulled together to accomplish a most difficult task. Commendations to the staff. Saven wrote in the Nov. 5 monthly report.

The year-long flurry of activity means that the building department's income is consequently up to \$556,000 in the year to date, over last year's \$421,000.

World AIDS Day: Following a Nov. 23 proclamation by Mayor Matthew Quinn, Novi is joining in with communities nationwide to commemorate World AIDS Day. The World Health Organization has set aside the day for increased worldwide communication, education and preventative action to stop the spread of the HIV virus and AIDS.

The organization estimates that from 10 million to 12 million people are infected with HIV and that over 1.5 million of them have gone on to develop AIDS.

Books donated: The Friends of the Novi Library purchased 40 books from Borders Book Store in the Novi Town Center to be donated to the Detroit Free Press "Gift of Reading" program last week.

Members selected a variety of books suitable for young children. The purpose of the program is to develop children's interest in reading.

School Briefs

NHS Boosters: Dale Meyers, president of the NHS athletic boosters, gave the Novi schools board of education at its Nov. 19 meeting a check for plan B membership costs for the previous year, and a list of materials bought for the high school athletic programs by the boosters.

They included a video camera, security cages, pitching machines, travel bags, motivational boards, and helped out in paying for the moving of the softball fence and the cost of the gym's new sound system.

The president of the NHS choir boosters thanked the board and staff at the high school for helping to obtain money to pay for uniforms for the choir. The choir will hold a concert on Dec. 17.

Giving to United Way: Village Oaks Elementary Principal David Brown said that employees of the school district gave over \$12,000, in the 1992 United Way pledge campaign.

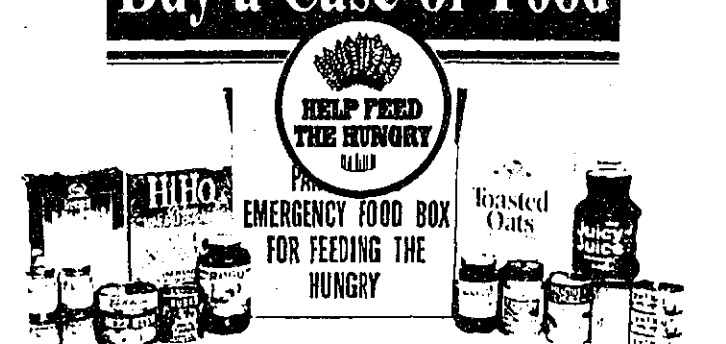
The United Way raises and distributes funds for over 130 agencies in the health, research and social service fields. It raises these monies through volunteer donations.

"Our people were very generous," Brown told board members. "I thought we'd be lucky to hit \$10,000. I'm very thankful for their generosity."

Bills approved: The board approved the district's October expenditures as well. Some \$2,589,000 in bills were paid last month. More than \$760,000 went for employee payroll; \$1.5 million from the general fund; \$235,000 from building and site funds; \$45,600 from the lunch fund; and \$14,300 from the athletic fund. An additional \$14,000 was deducted from the activity fund balance for bills payable.

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As We See It

Be careful how you interpret the vote

Let's be very careful about how we interpret the results of the recent election in which voters were asked to approve a proposal for city-wide trash collection.

The proposal of course failed at the ballot box, with 8,601 voting "no" to 7,555 saying "yes."

That means voters did not like the overall proposal they saw on the ballot, but it does not mean they objected to each and every aspect of it.

Currently, trash is taken away by independent haulers who contract with individual homeowners or with subdivision associations for the service. Recycling services are provided by the city, but homeowners must transport their recyclables to the Civic Center to dispose of them.

The proposal on the ballot would have made several changes, including:

■ Set up a city-wide trash collection service arranged through a contract between the city and a private waste hauling firm.

■ Required the waste hauler to provide residents with curbside recycling pickup.

■ The services would be paid for through a "mandatory user fee." Although proponents of the plan had not come up with a final price, they'd estimated the cost would be less than \$150 per home. That fee would have been charged to each home regardless of whether the residents actually utilized the service.

Now, which aspect or aspects of that plan did voters object to? It could have been the fee. It could have been the fact they now get trash hauling services for less. It could have been the mandatory nature of the charge. It could have been a philosophical disagreement with the idea of a single contractor to cover the entire city, taking competitiveness out of the equation. Your guess is as good as ours.

Still, we think it would be a mistake for Novi city government to conclude that voters disliked every aspect of the program, that they necessarily opposed the idea of curbside recycling services and that the entire matter should be left to the private sector to sort out.

Keep in mind that the implementation of a solid waste management plan is a mandate by the state government. And regardless of how voters have cast their ballots, the state has already said that if waste management plans are not instituted in the local communities, it will come in and mandate such programs for them. At what point the state would carry through on such a threat is anybody's guess.

Regardless, recycling is sound environmental practice. As a society, we should be relying less on mere trash disposal and more on reuse and recycling. Ultimately, that is the best course for conserving our resources and limiting landfilling.

Novi residents do know and understand that. And considering the popularity of the recycling center at city hall, we would suggest that they do indeed support the idea of recycling. In no way can the vote be read as an objection to the concept of recycling itself.

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Novi City Council was a bit hesitant with the idea, and quite frankly we don't altogether understand the reluctance. Mayor Matt Quinn asked the city attorney to review the question of whether the city could legally enact such a law. He'll look into it and report back in 60 to 90 days.

Fine, let the attorney review the question. But we have no idea what might be illegal about it. Considering many of the other rules and regulations the city council puts on residents and businesses operating in town, we find the concern rather interesting.

Council member Tim Pope also expressed some concern about the proposal for such an ordinance, saying that voters have spoken so the matter should be left to the private sector.

Again, we disagree. It is the government's responsibility to find solutions to certain societal problems . . . and we rank solid waste management as one of them. It is the public's prerogative to review government's solutions, reject those it does not like, and send the government back to the drawing board on those which need more work.

The problem has not been eliminated by the vote. The heavy burden we place on landfills with our garbage flow remains. The state mandate is still there.

The idea the city might take no further action puts us in mind of a kid who gives up on task after only one try. One has to ask, is it really an unsolvable problem? Is the job really too hard for the youngsters? Or is the kid just being lazy?



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Being a hero isn't that easy



Phil Jerome

We had planned a nice quiet night. Go out to El Nibbe Nook for sangria and a margarita or, then head home for a whirlpool.

Murphy Brown and Northern Exposure.

But first we had to take Bonnie and Clyde over to Dr. Geake's at 5 o'clock for their annual booster shots.

Clyde went first because he's the toughest, but he was no problem. We got him there and back with no trouble, and all we had to do was take in Bonnie for

we could head off to Marguerita's.

The trip to the veterinarian's was uneventful. Bonnie was in his harness, and we transported him easily to his appointment.

It was on the short trip from the clinic back to the car that he suddenly went into his helicopter act, slipped out of his harness and took off for the woods behind the barns.

There was no question about what we had to do. We had to catch him and take him home before there would be any margaritas for the rest of us.

As Bonnie took off for the woods, Diane was in hot pursuit — still wearing her business suit and high heels from work.

Bonnie zoomed under the fences; Diane flew over the fences — no mean feat considering the high heels.

Several fences later, Bonnie finally stopped to catch his breath. It was a good tactical move because he positioned himself on the opposite side of a chainlink fence which was too high for either of us to scale.

Thank goodness the temperature was only about 35°. What if it were really cold. I thought. But the rain didn't

help. And neither did the fact that we were wading through a bog, up to our ankles in mud, not to mention the fact that there was ample evidence on the ground that the field was also a pasture for horses.

About seven-thirty we were still waiting for Bonnie to come out and allow himself to be taken captive. I went back to the clinic and borrowed a cat carrier on the off-chance that we would catch him. And I also borrowed a pair of shoe boots from Dr. Laurie so Diane didn't have to wade through the bog in her high heels.

When I returned 15 minutes later, Diane was standing in the mud in her stockinged feet. "I lost my shoes in the mud," she announced.

Bonnie was beginning to show signs of settling down. Tempted by a can of food, he even ventured close enough for Diane to catch him around 8:30 p.m. Unfortunately, he was in no mood to be taken captive and bit and scratched his way to freedom, leaving Diane a bloody mess.

I figure it was about ten-fifteen when she got back from the Providence Hospital emergency room. I, of course, had to remain in the rain and mud the whole time, trying to convince Ol' Bonnie that we really had his best interests at heart, if he'd only please come out of his hiding place.

It was midnight when he decided it was time to go home. He still wouldn't allow himself to be captured, but he agreed to follow Diane at a safe distance as she waded through a half-mile of mud and mire back to our house.

"Well, we got him," she said proudly as we pulled off our mud-soaked clothes and settled down for a hot cup of coffee. "And you're a hero," she said. "That was wonderful, the way you stayed out in that field for more than six hours."

I was thinking about asking her if she would have done the same for me (I had been stuck out there all night, but I decided against it. Better off, I figured, just to accept my hero's status in silence.

In passing

By Hal Gould



Medieval garb

Courtesy Davis, of the Novi High School was among who issued an invitation to attend the Medieval Dinner

Visitors stay for the food



Rick Byrne

I suppose you could say it's because of Chuck Muer that I'm in Michigan. It's a reach, but not much of one.

Way back in the late 1950s, Grandpa, Grandpa, Uncle Frank and a few other relatives moved from Brooklyn to Detroit when their employer, the New York Central Railroad, merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad and moved its headquarters out here.

Mom and Dad stayed in New York, but we visited Detroit often. Mom says I took my first steps in the summer of 1964 at Grandpa's house in Redford.

One thing Grandpa always said he missed about New York was the ever-available fresh seafood. Fortunately for him, he discovered the Muer chain of restaurants in the area, where fresh seafood was a specialty. A visit to Grandpa and Grandpa's usually meant a trip to Joe Muer's downtown, Charlie's Crab, Clandigger's, the Sundog. When the Gandy Dancer opened in Ann Arbor, that became a destination too.

We consumed plate upon plate of lobster, crab and broiled haddock, waded down mountains of ice cream with Chef Larry's caramel sauce, and always, but always, started the meal with a bucket of Manhattan-style (what else?) clam chowder.

We often made a day out of a trip to the Gandy Dancer, sightseeing around the U of M campus or browsing for books at Borders.

Somewhere, I got hooked. Upon graduation from high school, I attended U of M, and moved here to stay.

So it brought back a kind of nostalgic fondness when I saw that Chuck Muer was to be partners with one of his

chefs, Chuck Rachwitz, in the new Rocky's of Northville.

I attended opening night at Northville's newest eatery last Monday, and was happy to see that old Muer quality was back in town.

Rachwitz calls the decor "sort of a hunting lodge, but nicer." There are plenty of warm woods and dark greens, but a bare wood floor in the bar declared the casual nature of the place. Look closely at the striped awning over the bar. The stripes are actually printed fishing rods.

Muer's wife Betty had a hand in the decorating, which includes a 40-foot mural of the Rocky Mountains, painted by local artist Diane Sybellon.

But I was there for the food. Here and there the menu spotlighted some of the old favorites. Mussels Muer was among the appetizers. Muer Cellars wines were listed. Chef Larry's name appeared a couple of times in homage to Muer's former executive chef Larry Pagliani. And as always, there was a selection of eight or nine jet-fresh fish entrees.

But Chef Rocky's hand was apparent in the menu, too. His famous Roadkill Chili was available as an appetizer. His signature dish, potato-encrusted whitefish, headlined the fish dishes.

The barbecued baby back ribs beckoned, and I was nearly lured by the rack of lamb with sweet potato chips. Instead I opted for the intriguing. The complexity of turkey breast au poivre with a Dijon brandy sauce was too much to resist.

Chef Rocky didn't disappoint. The turkey was tender, not dry, and the sauce luxuriously smooth, yet spicy. Rice with lentils and a small serving of marinated salad made it a filling meal — so filling, in fact, that I had to refuse dessert (which would shock Grandpa if he were alive today).

If opening night is any indication, I bet Rocky's of Northville could cause a visitor to stay.

Rick Byrne is Copy Editor of The Novi News.

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Tom Turkey

Tom Turkey drops by and says 'hi' to the children of Parkview Elementary school during a pre-Thanksgiving day visit. Nov. children to see just before Thanksgiving day.

Kids learn about joy of giving

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

"We hope we're teaching the kids that there's joy in giving, not just in receiving."

That, says Village Oaks Elementary PTO Vice-President Pat Kortlandt, is the point of the Gift of Reading program in which the school participated recently.

Five years ago, the Detroit Free Press announced a new and innovative project: individuals and groups, including schools, could donate new books for kids who don't have the money for them.

"I saw the article on the Gift of Reading program," said Kortlandt, "and I took it to VOICE (the Village Oaks PTO), and we all decided to adopt it."

"We're lucky here in Novi," she continued, "and we thought that gift of reading went right along with our lifelong goals of thankfulness and giving."

Since then, Village Oaks parents and students have made the school the highest-donating one in the metro Detroit area. Well over 3,000 books have been given by the elementary to the unseen children whose need for reading is very real.

"The first year we got over 700 books," Kortlandt said, "and every year has been better and better." "Our community has (always) been very generous and cooperative in the program," said Principal David Brown. "Once you start a tradition like this, it's hard to stop it."

Village Oaks children will put a special sticker in each book for its recipient, Kortlandt added. "It's a nameplate—I belong to and then a spot for the name. The children who get a book can make it their own."

The kids also make bookmarks to accompany the gifts, she added. "They put slogans or drawings on them," she said. "The nice part is that they make their own, and it's from the heart. It makes them special."

Some 878 books have been donated to the gift of reading program this year at Village Oaks, Kortlandt said, down a bit from last year's record donation of 1,077. The school keeps track with a special display in its front lobby. A paper tree, tacked onto the bulletin board, complete with bushels beneath it, is the method.

"Three books equals one (paper) apple in the bushel," Kortlandt explained. "And for every 100 books, we put up a little bookworm. The kids are always checking out the board, seeing how they're doing." Past years have seen turkey, train and candy cane designs to achieve the purpose.

The books, Kortlandt said, are of the easy-reader variety. "Many of the kids that will get the books have more limited ability," she said.

Collection boxes are put in each classroom, she added, and children put their gifts there. "That way there's no pressure—the box is just a gift from all the kids in that room," Kortlandt said.

"We never throw out a book," Kortlandt said of used books people sometimes donate. The gift of reading program takes only new books, but there are other agencies that receive the occasional used work, or they are placed in Village Oaks' library.

While the program, which lasted Nov. 16-20, has wound down, Kortlandt said, the school will accept donations of new books through tomorrow morning. Village Oaks is located on Willowbrook Road, which is off Ten Mile Road between Meadow-

brook and Haggerty Roads. "The kids have a lot of fun," she said. "They'll pick them out carefully. One said that 'I picked this one because I love it.' That's what the sharing is all about."

"Kids have the real giving spirit," she added. "Some use their allowance money to buy their gift book." The Detroit Free Press will pick up the books from Village Oaks late this week, Kortlandt said, will distribute them to several agencies for distribution in the tri-county area.

"PTOs can raise money or whatnot for themselves, and that's great," she said, "but it's nice to help others. Everybody—the PTO, the staff (at Village Oaks)—got into this. A lot of people worked very hard on this."

The gift of reading gives not only to the needy, Kortlandt said, but to the givers at Village Oaks as well. "We think the kids will see and learn about thankfulness, this month's theme at the school," she said, "and about generosity, which is the theme for December. We can give and share with other people."

"There's so much taking," Brown said, "but this program teaches us all that we should do some giving too."

Homeowners say dying woodlands hurt their land

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Homeowners in the Roma Ridge and Briarwood subdivisions, which back up to a nature conservancy, say the value of their property is hurt by the high number of dying trees there.

The land on which the woods sit, a natural low spot, is used as a detention basin as part of the city's stormwater management plan. Earlier reports indicated that the standing water is suffocating the trees at the roots.

The ordinance review committee is looking at the issue, Council Member Nancy Cassis said, to see if potential home purchasers could be warned in advance if an area is part of the stormwater system. That way, the buyer would not be shocked when a woodland dies off.

In December, city engineers are scheduled to report back to the Novi City Council on the costs of draining the Briarwood site, including the possible lowering of water channels. Final dollar estimates on tree replacement are anticipated.

While Mayor Matthew Quinn pointed out at the Nov. 23 city council meeting that a change of city policy won't help the Briarwood conservancy, perhaps the situation can be improved.

Roma Ridge resident Glen Bonaventura has asked that the city require tree replacement in situations like this as part of the woodlands ordinance.

This summer, the city council asked for a report on how the woods could be restored.

City Forester Chris Pargoff suggested that as many as 35 of the dead or dying trees along Bramblewood Street need to be cut down to keep pedestrians on a nearby sidewalk safe.

The chopped down branches and trunks would be left in place for a wildlife habitat. An "unusual" variety of birds has been spotted there, the city forester said.

Pargoff has also suggested that anywhere from 40 to 243 trees be replanted at the conservancy, at a price ranging from \$8,000 to \$54,000. He advises that the replacement trees be

found in existing wetlands on city land, rather than be purchased from a nursery, to ensure that they will survive the wetlands environment.

But approval from the state Department of Natural Resources would be needed before new growth could be added to what is now a wetlands.

The conservancy highlights a conflict between the city's stormwater management plan, which calls for the use of wetlands as water runoff storage basins, and its woodlands ordinance.

"It's always going to be a conflict in your ordinance. If it's a wooded wetland, there is going to be trees dying. This is the most dramatic I've seen," said Deb Gosselin, of JCK & Associates, the city's consulting engineers. "People weren't expecting this. It happens. It's very upsetting."

The conservancy was once part of the old Simmons farm, where 70 years ago an old drain was put in which allowed trees to flourish in the low area. The stormwater management plan now redirects the water to the depression.

The city engineers say the only way to lower the water level in the conservancy would be to dredge out the channel leading from the wetland to the double culverts under Bramblewood Street. These culverts would have to be lowered, as would a channel downstream of them. A DNR permit to drain the wetlands would be needed and the subdivisions would lose some of the detention ability of the basin.

"It's a low spot. It was always a low spot. What you're seeing is water is sitting there. . . . What you're calling a problem the DNR thinks is a wonderful thing. That is a natural wetland area," Gosselin said.

"You are trying to change the natural water flow."

If this work is done, Pargoff cautions, more trees and vegetation would be destroyed by heavy machinery. Up to 50 additional trees would be lost, postponing any recovery of the area, he predicts.

The forester also advised residents of the two subdivisions not to use the conservancy as a dump for yard refuse or for recreation.

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Planning & Community Development, Attn: Gerrie Dent, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 1992.

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Notice Dated: November 30, 1992

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Happy Holidays

OTC offers career alternatives

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Should high school prepare students for college, careers or both?

That was the question the Novi Board of Education touched upon at its Nov. 19 meeting, held at Village Oaks Elementary. It reviewed district enrollment figures for the Oakland Technical Center (OTC), Southwest Campus, located in Wixom.

The OTC offers a variety of classes for students who are interested in curriculum beyond the usual high school fare directed at college preparation. It offers morning and afternoon sessions to work around a student's other academic needs. The southwest campus receives students from seven districts including Novi.

Some 29 Novi students take courses at the OTC this year, said Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources John Swallow. That is an increase over last year's figure of 24 students, but a precipitous decline from four years ago. In the 1988-89 school year, 83 Novi students participated in the OTC program.

"That's the bad news," said Swallow, of the dropoff. "The good news is that a total of 271 students at Novi High School are enrolled in (technically-related) classes this year." That figure is a 1 percent increase over the 1991-92 school year. Classes of this type include subjects such as drafting or small engine repair, he added.

Four NHS students are enrolled in OTC classes on visual display/

merchandising, Swallow said in his report on the subject. Three are studying auto body repair, and three more in food service classes. Two Wildcats are pursuing coursework in landscape design. Swallow said, two in floral design, two in electronics and two more in data processing.

Cosmetology is the choice of two NHS/OTC students, and two study auto technology. Two are enrolled in classes on automated office practices, one in architectural drafting and one in computer technology; one apiece are studying diesel and welding technology.

Board members and administration officials discussed several examples of programs across the United States that offer alternatives to young people looking for non-college career

preparation.

Board President Raymond Byers predicted that programs for those students not interested in pursuing the college setting would increase in coming years.

"These vocational programs — and I dislike that word — people used to say were for kids without futures," Byers said. "But it's a fact that soon only 30 to 35 percent of the jobs out there will require a four-year degree. We need to educate parents as to that reality."

Students can get the skills they need to find a good and stable job in other ways, he said. Kids shouldn't be straight-jacketed, Byers added, "into getting a degree they don't want or need."

NHS students learn to lead in skills class

Some Novi High School students got the chance to learn how to lead last week.

The southwest campus of the Oakland Technical Center (OTC) played host to a speaker on leadership skills on Tuesday, Nov. 24. The OTC instructs students from seven school districts in various career fields, from computer technology to welding. The southwest campus facility is located on Beck Road in Wixom.

Laurie Stewart spoke to the high school students, including those from Novi High School.

Stewart's talk included such points as self-esteem and poise; group leadership; public speaking skills; and remembering names to impress for success.

More than 100 high school juniors and seniors from Novi, Walled

Lake, Farmington, Huron Valley, South Lyon, Clarencville and West Bloomfield attend the OTC. As part of leadership experience, students volunteer as tour guides, public speakers and mentors.

Stewart is nationally known speaker and seminar leader with her own company, located in Kalamazoo.

She addresses companies, students, parents and other groups throughout North America on such topics as attitudinal development, self-esteem and communication skills.

The speaker has also authored a book, entitled *The Winning School: The Team Approach to a Healthy School Climate*.

A graduate of Western Michigan University, Stewart lives in Kalamazoo.

Northville to launch AIDS classes

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Northville school officials will implement a separate and focused HIV/AIDS curriculum, complying with a state mandate that requires them to do so.

The School Board last Monday night adopted the curriculum, which was written locally by a team of elementary school teachers, parents and staff last spring.

It targets students in grades four through eight and will be in place from 1992-97.

Dolly McMaster, assistant superintendent for instructional services, presented the curriculum which uses a wealth of materials to teach students about human sexuality, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), and about related drug-abuse prevention. Portions of the lesson plans are borrowed from

the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education, while the balance was tailored for fourth-through eighth-grade classes.

McMaster said a draft of the curriculum was written under her direction by a special committee of teachers and presented to the district's Healthy Advisory Board earlier this year. That board made some minor revisions to the committee's draft and then endorsed it June 10. The K-12 Curriculum Council and the school board's Curriculum Subcommittee reviewed and approved the new curriculum on Nov. 18.

Prior to writing the curriculum, the committee reviewed all the latest related videos, films and filmstrips on the market that dealt with human sexuality and growing up. They also reviewed the applicable lessons plans from the Michigan Model and the teaching materials and videos the Michigan Model recommends. Committee members and the

Health Advisory Board agreed to replace some of the previously used filmstrips and videos with updated, more comprehensive and useful teaching tools, McMaster said.

"The composition of our Health Advisory Board, responsible for developing this curriculum, represents exceptional knowledge, expertise and experience in this field," McMaster wrote in her recommendation of the curriculum to the board. "The deliberations were open, candid and served the educational interests of students, parents and staff."

"This document reflects their commitment to teaching for responsible learning by our students in this area of great local, state and national concern."

McMaster said the curriculum is written and intended to supplement students' sex education at home. She also said it's intended to encourage parents to talk to their children about sex and all the associated choices

and consequences that surround it. In an effort to keep parents involved, the committee also recommended that the district create a special program for parents that will involve Health Advisory Board members and teachers.



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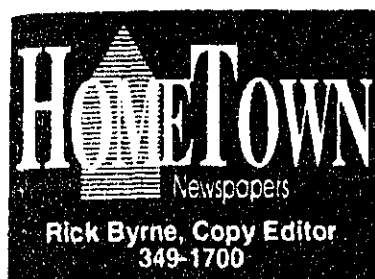
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Brandy carries taste of summer all winter long

Although the fruit industry has developed cold-storage preserving techniques, there's nothing like the taste of tree-ripened fruit. It's a taste associated with summer and recalled throughout winter.

Thanks to a centuries-old technique, these flavors are available in liquid form year-round in spirits bottlings known collectively as eau de vie.

Translated as "water of life," eau de vie is a generic French term for brandy or spirits. Exact origins of alcohol distillation are unknown, but a 13th century French alchemist Arnaud de Villeneuve is given the credit for first describing it in detail.

Today, many regions of the world make brandy by distilling wine or by distilling grape pomace (remains after the grapes have been pressed), or distilling fruits after the completion of fermentation.

Eau de vie, as discussed in this column, will refer to fruit brandy, usually a clear, unaged spirit carrying the intense aromas of fermented fruit from which it is distilled.

The most well-known eau de vie is produced from the Williams pear, a relative of the U.S. Bartlett pear. France and Switzerland produce the greatest quantities of this eau de vie, simply labeled Poiré Williams, but a small, quality production is beginning to make its appearance from California and Oregon. In addition to the Williams pear, eau de vie is traditionally produced from plums, cherries, raspberries, elderberries, apricots and quince.

Kirsch or Kirschwasser (cherry brandy) is produced from a wild black cherry indigenous to the Rhine Valley. Due to the meanderings of this great river, Kirsch is produced in three countries — Switzerland, the headwaters of the Rhine; France in the Alsace region, along the Rhine's western banks; and the Black Forest region of Germany to the east.

Important elements of production are strictly followed in the creation of the world's finest eau de vie. Fruit, picked at the peak of ripeness, is carefully prepared for the month to 10-weeks-long fermentation, and only free-run juice is distilled. The Williams pear is slightly crushed to open the fruit. Stone fruits and berries are fermented whole.

After fermentation completes, the fruit wine is doubly distilled as soon as possible. To preserve the fruit aromas and flavors, it is most important that the distillate be chilled quickly.

To our taste, some of the most interesting eaux de vie come from the Swiss producer Etter and make a stunning after-dinner companion strikingly enhancing any meal.

Etter's eaux de vie are exclusively imported to the United States by Birmingham's Robert Denton & Co. Ltd. and sold through the Elite Spirits division. Denton also distributes the internationally recognized artisan bottlings from Clear Creek Distillery in Portland, Ore. In addition to standard eau de vie, Clear Creek produces an Apple brandy that is smoother, more complex and flavorful than most Calvados.

Etter's artistic packaging is unrivaled. Hand-blown bottles with suspended handblown fruit in the middle are produced by renowned Swiss glass artist Peter Schreiber. They are collector's items, and if you're looking for an unusual gift presentation, search no further. They are available in all fine wine and spirits shops in the area. Approximate cost is \$191.33.

The finest eaux de vie, even those in standard bottles, are expensive. The following details offer understanding. About 13 pounds of black mountain cherries are required for one 750-ml bottle of Etter Kirsch. About 50 pounds of specially tree-ripened pears go into each 750-ml bottle of Etter Poiré Williams.

For maximum enjoyment as an after-dinner drink or dessert accompaniment, serve eau de vie in a freezer-chilled glass. Heighen flavors of a fresh fruit cup with the addition of a small amount of your favorite eau de vie.

Prepare Crepes au Kirsch or flavor homemade ice cream with Framboise or Kirsch as a simple, yet elegant dessert.

The serious late-night snack

Chocolate chip cookies are rich in history

By CHARLYN FARGO
Copley News Service

To a confirmed chocoholic, there can be nothing to equal a soft, still-warm-from-the-oven chocolate chip cookie. Not ice cream, not cherry pie, not even the touted better-than-sex cake.

The chocolate chip cookie can be the perfect offering to a cranky child, the supreme appeasement for a lover's quarrel, the ideal gift to a special friend or the ultimate bedtime snack.

The latter struck the fancy of Chester Soling, owner of The Orchards, an inn in western Massachusetts. Gwen Steege writes in her book, *The Search for the Perfect Chocolate Chip Cookie* that Soling offered guests fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies and cold milk by their beds every night.

In early 1987, he decided to sponsor a nationwide contest to find the very best chocolate chip cookie. Some 2,600 recipes later, a winner was picked, and Steege's book resulted. The grand-prize winner was a moist, double-chocolate cookie from the Junior League of Las Vegas.

If there's a standard for chocolate chip cookies, it's the tollhouse recipe on the back of packages of Nestle Chocolate morsels.

The legendary tollhouse cookie got its name from a lovely old tollhouse on the outskirts of Whitman, Mass., according to Dick Cud of Nestle Foods. Built in 1709 at the halfway point between Boston and New Bedford, it became a haven where weary travelers stopped for food, drink and rest while they waited for a change of horses.

The tollhouse was purchased by Ken and Ruth Wakefield in 1930. Stagecoaches stopped at the Wakefield's restaurant to pay a toll at the gates.

Fame came to the inn with Ruth's invention of a brand-new kind of cookie. Having run out of nuts for a favorite Colonial butter cookie recipe called "Butter Drop-Dos," Ruth substituted broken bits of Nestle semi-sweet chocolate bar, expecting them to swirl into the dough as they baked and melted. Though they melted somewhat, they still were definitely little chunks of soft chocolate, and her new "Chocolate Crispies," as she called them, quickly became a favorite with customers.

After the recipe was published in a Boston newspaper, the cookie so caught on with New Englanders that increased sales of Nestle's semi-sweet chocolate bars in the Boston area caused Nestle officials to investigate.

To make it easier to use their chocolate in the new recipe, Nestle scored the bars so they would break readily and even invented and marketed a special chopper for cutting the chocolate up, writes Steege.

In 1939, Nestle began making chocolate in morsel form, bought the tollhouse name from Wakefield's a year later and began printing the original recipe on the back wrapper of the package.

It's still a good recipe, but passionate chocolate chip cookie lovers have altered it slightly.

Laurie Klein, who manages the chocolate creative kitchens for Nestle, says the company stands by its original tollhouse recipe, one thing that's not likely to ever change.

The recipe on the back of the wrapper has only been changed once — half a teaspoon of water has been deleted. "It was in Mrs. Wakefield's original recipe, but we found it made no difference whether the water was added or not."

For those who like oatmeal in their cookies, Klein recommends adding only 1 cup to the tollhouse recipe. Keep the amount of flour the same, she says.

Nestle recommends only using butter — not margarine — in cookies.

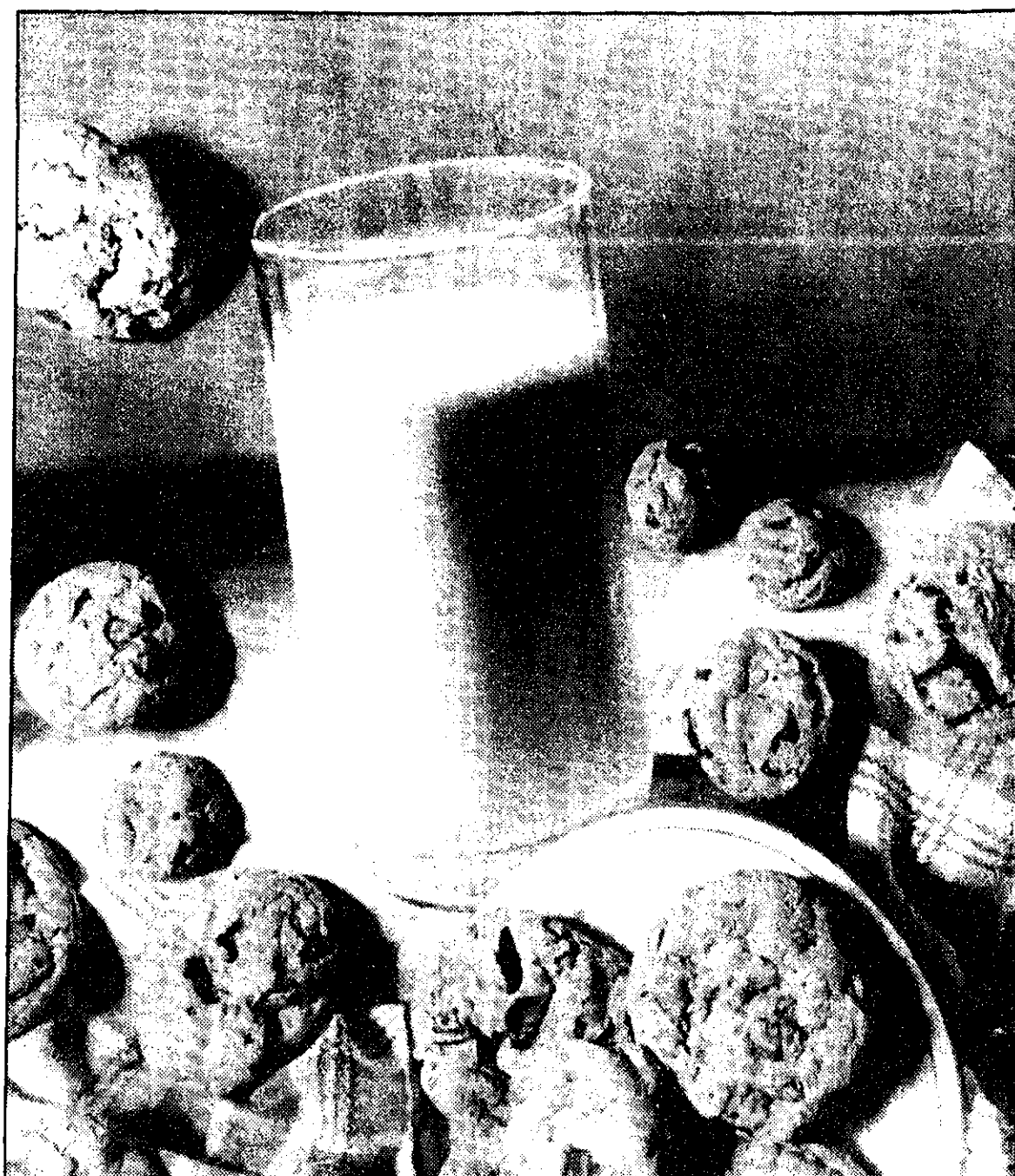
"Light or tub margarine has a lot of air whipped in that makes a difference," says Klein. "The same with Crisco. For that traditional tollhouse butter, melt-in-your-mouth flavor, it takes butter."

It isn't necessary to take the butter out of the refrigerator in the morning and wait until afternoon to get it soft enough to bake cookies. A better method is microwave the stick for 10 seconds — just so you can squeeze it in the middle and it will still hold its shape. Melted butter is a big no-no.

The butter and sugars should be creamed for two minutes. After five minutes the shortening tends to warm up too much, says Klein.

Large eggs should be used right out of the refrigerator.

And then there's the matter of the proper cookie sheet. Nestle recommends the old, heavy-gauge cookie



Milk and chocolate cookies make for a special late night snack.

sheets.

"The darker the surface the hotter the cookie will bake, causing it to thin and flatten," says Klein.

She also offered some tips for common chocolate chip cookie ailments:

● Cookies are too dry: It may be because the flour is not measure properly. Spoon flour into a dry measuring cup and level with the straight edge or a knife or spatula. Check the cookies a few minutes before the end of the baking time to they do not overbake.

● Cookies bump into each other during baking: The cookies are too large or are not spaced far enough apart on the baking sheet. It is also possible that the dough is too thin, either from using too little flour or too much liquid.

● Cookies are too brown: If only the bottoms are brown, chances are the baking sheet was too close to the bottom of the oven. If they are entirely overbrowned, either the oven is too hot, the cookies are smaller than the recipe specifies or the baking sheet is touching the sides of the oven.

● Cookies stick to the baking sheet: Either the baking sheets were not sufficiently greased or certain ingredients adhered to the sheets. Remove the cookies from the baking sheet almost immediately.

ORIGINAL NESTLE TOLLHOUSE COOKIES

2 1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup butter
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 eggs
12 ounces (2 cups) Nestle TollHouse semi-sweet chocolate morsels

1 cup chopped nuts
Yields 5 dozen.

In small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. In large bowl, combine butter, sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract; beat until creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually add flour mixture. Stir in chocolate morsels and nuts.

Drop by level measuring tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 F for 9 to 11 minutes.

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES (From the Junior League of Las Vegas)

1 3/4 cups flour
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
2 Tbs. milk
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
6 ounces (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate chips
Yields 3 dozen

Combine flour and baking soda and set aside.

Use an electric mixer to cream butter. Add vanilla and sugars, and beat until fluffy. Beat in egg. At low speed, beat in cocoa, then milk. With wooden spoon, mix in dry ingredients just until well-blended. Stir in nuts and chocolate chips.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto non-stick or foil-lined baking sheets. Bake at 350 F for 12 to 13 minutes. Remove from oven and cool slightly before removing from baking sheets.

JOYOUS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

3 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 eggs
1 Tbs. milk
3 Tbs. dark corn syrup
12 ounces (2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate chips or one 12-ounce bar, cut in pieces
1/2 cup pecans, broken
Yields 4 dozen

Sift together flour, baking soda and salt, and set aside.

Cream butter and shortening together. Gradually add sugars and cream thoroughly. Mix together vanilla, eggs, milk and corn syrup and add to creamed mixture, beating until blended. Gradually add dry ingredients, mixing well. Add chocolate chips and nuts.

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Chef Mary Brady

Consider the true meaning of Thanksgiving



So at dinner tomorrow we'll draw

As I sit down to write, on this eve of Thanksgiving, it is hard to believe that Christmas is upon us once again.

Yesterday I purchased my first few gifts. We stopped buying for everyone years ago. It just became too much.

names. Of course, my nieces and nephews are bombarded with toys and clothes. But they are kids — it is much more important to them than to us "old folks."

On my way to Laurel Park I passed an impaired gentleman on the side of the expressway exit with several boxes around him with signs asking for canned goods. It was cold and rainy. He happened to look at me at precisely the same time I glanced over at him. I didn't have any food so I slipped him a few dollars.

It has been a long time since I've seen anyone so thankful for a scant amount of money. As I drove on, tears came to my eyes. I'll admit that I'm a sentimentalist

and a softy. But at the same time my mind started to reel.

What is the meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas? Is toys and eating tremendous amounts of food? Watching ball games? Shopping? Rushing around to the point of exhaustion or, spending way too much money on "things?" I guess I'm a scrooge. I love the decorations, being with family and friends and love the music and Christmas stories. I hate the commerciality. Think for a few minutes... What do you have to be thankful for?

Speaking for myself I have a long list. I'm not the one on the street corner. My health is excellent as is my family's. Busi-

ness is good. I'm happy. My employees are great and represent me very well. I am fortunate enough to still have a grandmother alive and well at 91. I love and am loved. I'm warm and toasty on these cold, cold nights. I'm not hungry. I enjoy my work. I have a great husband and want for very little.

If there is such a thing as luck then I certainly have been blessed with it.

Yes, I have plenty to be thankful for. I believe in the sayings, "What goes around, comes around" and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

They are good "life rules" to follow.

Last week, I had a great surprise from members of my staff. We handed out turkeys on Friday and Saturday to everyone in appreciation of a job well done. Many already had plans or purchased birds so it was decided to make a donation to the needy.

A local church was the recipient and was ecstatic to say the least. "Do you know how happy you've made someone this holiday?" I was very proud of my people. Best yet, they felt good. This is the secret of the season. To give with reverence. And you shall receive a gift much greater than ever experienced. Joy will abound.

The Refrigerator Door

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE WINE TASTING: If winter's already given you the chill, attend Southern Exposure, a walk-about tasting of wines from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and Argentina sponsored by the Beverage Warehouse at Farina's Banquet Center (Coolidge & 1 1/4 Mile Road), Berkley, 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 for \$15 per person. For reservations, call the Beverage Warehouse at 644-2155 or 258-9797.

WASSAIL FEAST: The Hospitality Management Students of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills are presenting a traditional Wassail Feast 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$30 per person and should be purchased in advance. For information, call 471-7786.

MADRIGAL DINNER: Enjoy a traditional old England yuletide feast at the 16th annual Madrigal Dinner at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Tickets are \$30 per person. For information, call 462-4417. Dates are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12.

KITCHEN GLAMOR CLASSES: Novi's Kitchen Glamor store hosts a series of drop-in classes Tuesdays at 1 and 7 p.m. during the next several weeks. The fee for most of the classes is \$3. With all of the above classes, recipes are provided free, and there will be small portion tasting. Everyone is welcome.

Kitchen Glamor is located in the Novi Town Center. Call 380-8600 for more information.

"The Refrigerator Door" is a list of coming events and short notes about food and drink. If you have an event planned or a brief announcement you would like included here, send it care of this newspaper, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

Florine Mark

Stay in control over the holidays

Want to stay in control of your eating this Thanksgiving? Expand your focus to include all the rituals that make up the holiday for your family.

That good advice comes from Florine Mark, president and CEO of the WW Group, the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International.

"The Thanksgiving meal is the centerpiece of the holiday, but you can help put it into perspective by emphasizing other traditions, as well," said Mark. Here are some examples to try:

Decorate your home with appropriate harvest symbols. Make an event of watching the annual parade or football game on TV. Make exercise a tradition by taking a walk each year, either before the meal, to work up an appetite, or after the meal to work it off.

Have family and friends help in meal preparation so the kitchen becomes a social center for the festivities.

Encourage dinner guests to tell stories from their childhood Thanksgivings.

To help you even more, Weight Watchers has developed these recipes for a traditional Thanksgiving that are a pleasure to prepare and eat. Happy Thanksgiving!

CREAM OF CARROT SOUP

4 cups cooked sliced carrots
1 cup evaporated skimmed milk
1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
Dash each salt and pepper
2 cups mixed vegetable juice
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

In food processor, combine carrots, milk, parsley, curry powder salt and pepper and process (using on-off motion) until pureed. Transfer mixture into large saucepan.

Add mixed vegetable juice, 1 cup water, and the lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until soup is thoroughly heated, about 10 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

1/2 milk; 2 1/2 vegetables.

SQUASH PUREE

4 cups cubed, pared butternut squash
1/4 cup reduced-calorie pancake syrup, (60

calories per fluid ounce)

2 teaspoons reduced-calorie margarine (tub)
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt

In 4-quart saucepan combine squash with enough water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer until squash is tender, 8 to 10 minutes.

Drain squash, discarding liquid, and place in food processor. Add syrup, margarine, cinnamon, and salt; process (using on-off motion) until smooth. Makes 4 servings.

Each serving provides: 1/4 fat; 1 bread; 30 optional calories.

Microwave Directions: In 4-quart microwaveable casserole combine squash with 2 cups water, cover and microwave on High (100 percent) until squash is tender about 6 minutes. Drain squash, discarding liquid, and place in food processor. Add syrup, margarine, cinnamon and salt; process (using on-off motion) until smooth.

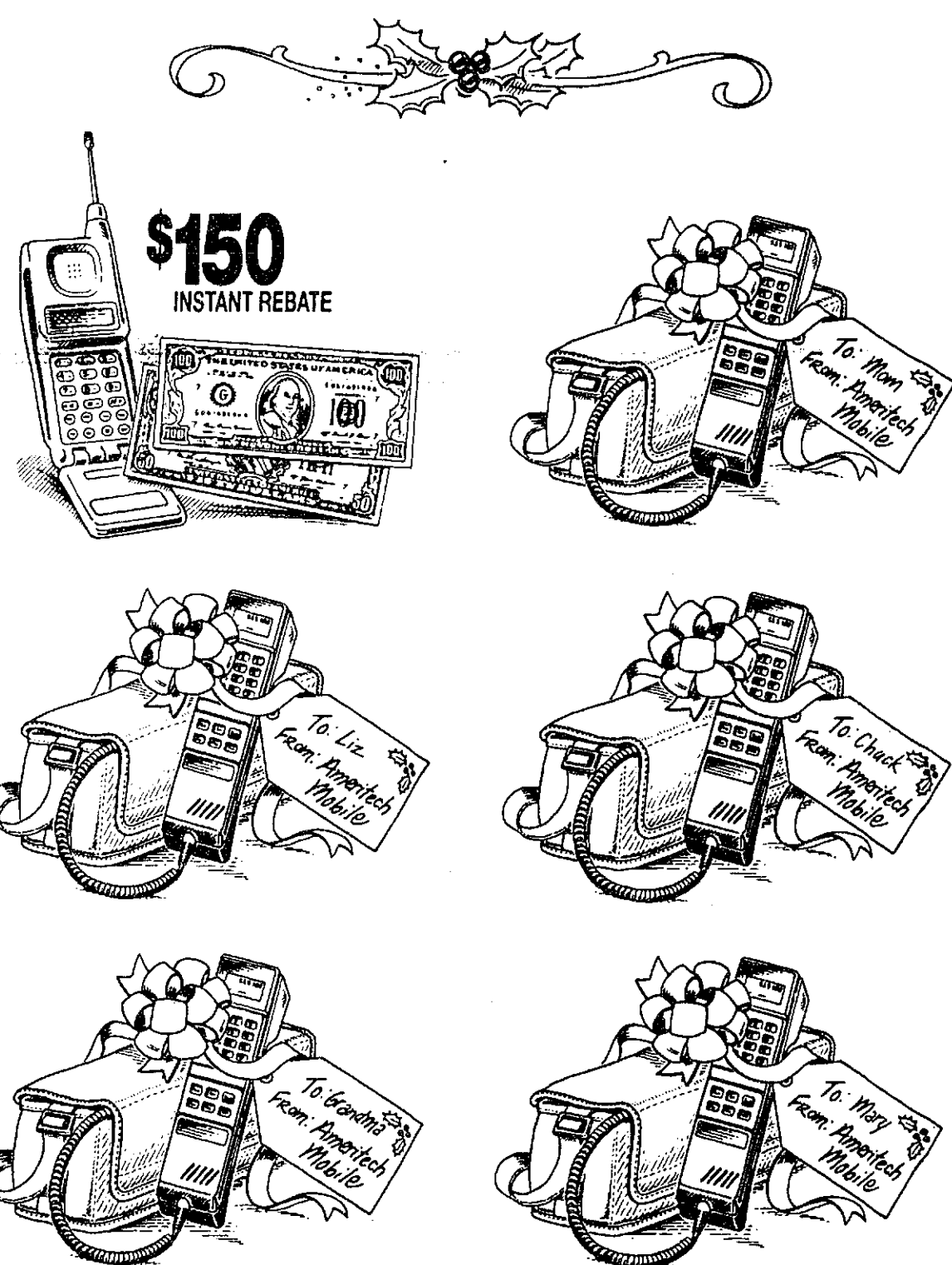
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Form into small balls or use a small scoop to drop onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 F for 7 to 10 minutes, depending on size of cookies. Cookies are done when golden brown with slightly darker edges. When touched with a fingertip, a slight dimple should remain though cookie does not collapse.

GOOD 4-U COOKIES
1 3/4 cups brown sugar, packed
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups uncooked oats
3/4 cup oil, preferably canola
1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 tsp. salt
1 cup chopped nuts
2 cups flour
1/4 cup water
2 cups chocolate chips
Yields 4 dozen
Mix together brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, oats, oil, baking soda and salt, beating until well-blended. Gradually add nuts, flour, water and chocolate chips.
Drop on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for 8 to 12 minutes. Do not overbake. Let stand 4 minutes. Remove from sheet.

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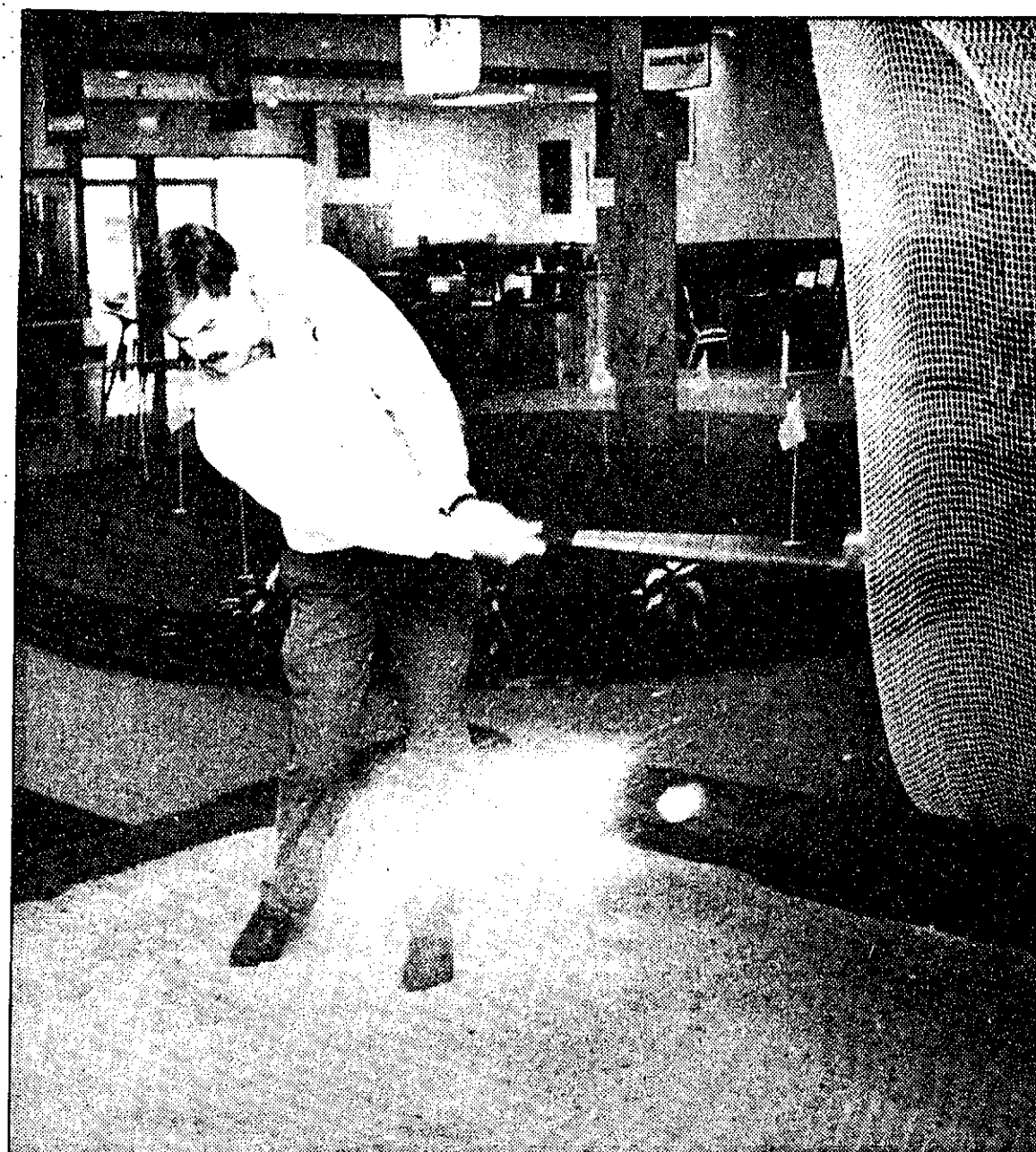
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Joe McPhee demonstrates that sand play is possible in the winter — indoors.

Golfers' off-season ends with new facility

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

For golfers tired of letting those putting, driving and chipping skills atrophy every winter, a new local business may just be what the doctor ordered.

Great Golf of America Indoor Training Center, located at 42277 W. Seven Mile Road in Northville, opened its doors last June with the idea of giving players an opportunity to work on their entire game — year-round. More than a place to hit golf balls, the center offers state-of-the-art training equipment and professional advice.

"Where else can you play out of the sand in the winter?" asks co-owner William Smiddy. "It's a needed facility. Any other sport has training facilities; golfers don't."

Smiddy, a Livonia resident, and three friends developed the idea for the center a couple of years ago. After extensive market research and testing the concept at golf trade shows, the partners decided to move ahead.

GGA's first franchise, co-owned by Smiddy and Canton Township resident Steve Reno, became a reality last summer.

"We saw the need for a facility to utilize all the training equipment available," Smiddy said.

The 39-year-old said the company chose Northville for its first franchise because of its excellent access to local highways. Smiddy added that Northville is central to

other communities, such as Novi, Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Canton, where interest in golf is high.

"It's an excellent market," he said. "Novi has a lot of golf courses."

Plans are on the board for three other franchises, each at a cost of between \$100,000-\$130,000 for potential owners. Farmington, Dearborn and Ann Arbor are listed as prime areas.

"The way the golf industry is exploding and people are learning the game," Smiddy says, "I don't know if we could expand too fast."

"We want to be the leaders in this industry."

The Northville center boasts about 250 members at present. Memberships may be purchased for three months (\$175), six months (\$225), or a year (\$300). Costs for each will increase by \$100 Jan. 1. Senior discounts are available.

For the cost, golfers are treated to a variety of training equipment. The center has three full-contact hitting stalls. Just like the hitting range, golfers can hit a bucket of balls, albeit into a net.

Each stall is equipped with a "distance caddy" that tells how far the ball would have traveled in the air. The device, which works on sonar, allows golfers to program in the exact club they are using.

A 35-foot by 20-foot carpeted putting green can be used to work out the kinks with the short stick. The true-rolling surface features nine cups to test putting skills.

The "Swing Analyzer" shows each shot's flight path and distance via computer. A sensor in the tee tells the computer the path your club took through the hitting area, the tempo of the swing and the club speed generated.

The swing analyzer, along with a videotaped hitting session, allows GGA's staff professional to work constructively with members. Smiddy said each new member is guaranteed a 45-minute session with the pro upon joining the center.

Have trouble getting out of the sand? No problem. GGA has an indoor bunker for hackers to practice to their hearts content.

The center also features a plethora of other training equipment.

A "Swing Trainer," a large, circular plastic tube, teaches golfers the perfect swing. Players run their club along the tube through the backswing and follow through, thereby aiding muscle memory, according to Reno.

A Swing Coach also works on the correct swing and provides resistance to strengthen muscles. Another device teaches proper weight distribution.

The center has plans for expansion to provide chipping practice. One thing is for sure, Smiddy says, the customer gets the most for his investment.

"People will get their money's worth," he said.

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