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Police break up credit card ring

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Novi police continue to unravel an ever-widening scam that involves teenagers stealing credit cards from their parents — and it includes teens from one of the wealthiest communities in the area.

The case, which first surfaced in December, is one that becomes larger and more involved with every piece of evidence returned. Novi Police Officer Vere Wirwille, who is in charge of investigating this case, believes that what he's uncovered so far may be just a scratch in the surface of a large operation involving Andover High School students.

Most of the purchases made with stolen credit cards occurred in Novi, largely at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Police suspect that the word was out among Andover students that, if anyone provided the ringleaders in this operation with a stolen credit card, they would receive merchandise or cash in return.

Once the credit card was in the hands of the operation, those involved would go on a shopping spree and purchase expensive items with

the card. They would continue to use the card until it was reported stolen. Other members of the operation may have held jobs as cashiers at gas stations or other stores, enabling them to check the cards to see if they'd been reported stolen yet.

Wirwille said many of the original cardholders never realized their cards were missing until they received a bill for the stolen merchandise.

Police are speculating that suspects would sell the stolen items, possibly to unscrupulous retailers who turned around and sold them for a profit.

Wirwille became involved Dec. 28 after two teens attempted to use a credit card at Merksamer Jewelers in Twelve Oaks Mall. The card turned up stolen, and the suspects escaped. Police said an unidentified witness recognized one of the suspects and gave his name to an officer.

Then, on Jan. 14, the Sony Home Theatre store in Twelve Oaks reported another stolen credit card incident. Police arriving on the scene arrested the suspects outside the store loading dock.

One suspect was discovered to have a pipe bomb in his car, which led police to close off and evacuate that part of the mall. The Ruby Tues-

day's restaurant, which had just re-opened following a fire, was among the stores shut down while the bomb was diffused.

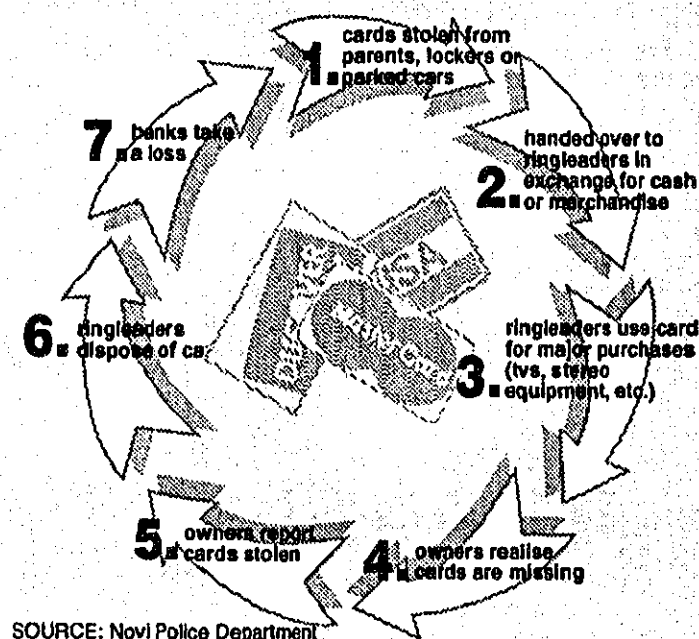
Those two suspects are currently facing March 8 court arraignments. The suspect with the pipe bomb in his car faces seven felony charges in connection with the bomb and the credit card fraud. The other faces a single felony charge. All are four-year felonies.

Wirwille said the suspects are 18 and 19 years old, and from very affluent families. One of the suspects, he said, lives in Wabec — a pricey Bloomfield Hills subdivision behind Pine Lake where homes start at \$500,000. Neither suspect is in custody at this time.

The entire case, he said, has turned into "a big paper trail. It's like turning over one rock and something else pops up, then you turn that up and there's something else."

At this point, he said, it's possible that as many as 42 different credit card thefts can be traced to this operation. Wirwille is working with the Bloomfield Hills police to identify stolen credit card cases and, he said, the investigation is still going on.

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The route of the
STOLEN CREDIT CARDS

SOURCE: Novi Police Department

Graphic by JUANITA LITTLE

Board gives pay
increase in new
worker contractBy RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District is one big step closer to linking new multi-year contracts with its employees.

But it didn't come without some dissent.

The Board of Education at its Feb. 25 meeting voted 6-1 to approve the terms of three tentative union contracts. District officials have negotiated three-year agreements with the employee unions representing teachers, food service personnel and secretaries and paraprofessionals. A deal remains pending for the remaining unions: custodial, maintenance and transportation personnel.

The contracts call for annual pay raises that range from 3.75 to 4 percent for those groups. That is over and above increases they will receive tied to seniority and acquiring further educational training.

The terms of the contracts were first made public at the meeting, and board members formally approved the deal shortly thereafter.

Although the matter was on the board's agenda as a discussion item, board members voted 6-1 to make it an action item, and shortly after that voted 6-1 to approve the contract terms. Board Vice-President Stephen Hitchcock was the lone dissenter on both votes.

He said he was concerned about signing contracts with salary increases when the district may lose millions from moves in Lansing to reform school financing. Hitchcock added that the situation may lead to the board asking voters for a millage increase in the future.

"I can't support this," he said. "I think we have to look at it in the light of the financial projections for the district."

As it approved a new three-year contract with school district workers, the Novi Board of Education criticized a Novi News editorial urging that that action be delayed. The story is on page 4A.

Gov. John Engler and the state legislature are considering a number of property tax/school finance reforms, many of which could cost the district millions, administrators have estimated.

"This contract is not an affordable one," Hitchcock said. "I'm concerned that we'll have to go to the citizens for a millage."

"It's not that our staff doesn't work hard," Hitchcock continued. "They deserve a raise and I'd like to give them one. But the fact remains that cutting programs and cutting staff are strong possibilities (because of this contract)."

"If we have to cut staff and cut programs," he continued, "it will affect the quality of education in this district."

Other board members disagreed with Hitchcock, and voiced their opinions that the contracts would benefit education in the district.

"With this ratification," said Secretary John Streit, "the district can concentrate on forward movement, forward thinking. We can spend our time improving, not maintaining, our current levels."

"I think the terms are fair," said Treasurer Craig Foreback. "It allows us to get on with the business of educating our kids."

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Photo by HAL GOULD

ITC Opens

From drawing board to ribbon-cutting, it represents the course of education into the 21st century. The Novi school district's Instructional Technology Center (ITC), the center of district programs that take computers and other technology into the classroom, was formally dedicated on Feb. 25. The ITC, which connects to Novi Meadows and Novi Middle

School, will be the center of a computer technology network linking all seven district schools. Here, Novi Middle School student council president Kim Lahti does the honors, assisted by NMS Principal Milan Obrenovich (left) and Assistant Principal Calvin Schmucker (right).

N.Y. agency ups city's bond rating

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The bad news is that the city's inability so far to secure property in west Novi could possibly jeopardize a development timetable for playing fields needed for youth baseball, softball and soccer programs.

The good news is that the New York rating agency Standard & Poor's was so impressed with Novi's fiscal health that they hiked up the city's bond ratings for the second time in just over two years.

A recent ratings increase from A to A+ means that the city will pay approximately \$400,000

less in interest payments on the \$9.9 million park bonds.

The City Council has scheduled a special meeting Thursday to award bids on the \$6 million in bonds remaining from the 1990 voter-approved road program, as well as \$9 million for parks.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said that the city council will be asked to decide Monday if they will accept an option to purchase 105 acres at the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Napier roads for \$745,000, \$45,000 more than an earlier purchase option okayed by the council but not by the property-owner Peter Stanaj several months ago. The higher price is Stanaj's

counter-offer.

Feb. 22, City Manager Edward Kriewall announced that if Novi cannot conclude negotiations soon on the property, the city will begin to look for other potential park sites. Novi is moving ahead on purchasing 326 acres near Walled Lake, but the west site was seen as the future home of Novi Youth Baseball and parks and recreation department soccer and softball fields.

A schedule submitted by Davis to the council calls for the property to be purchased this month and an architect to be selected to design the park. The delay in purchasing a west Novi park

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City loses out on ring road grant

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

While Novi's application for a \$2.5 million grant to extend Expo Center Drive to Grand River Avenue has been nudged out of the running by the state department of transportation, city officials hope the project can be salvaged.

The proposed ring road, planned since 1985, would loop through the northwest corner of Novi Road and Grand River, connecting the two busy thoroughfares.

Novi learned Feb. 24 that its re-

quest did not make the first cut for this round of the Michigan Department of Transportation Department's (MDOT) Office of Economic Development's Category A grants, City Manager Ed Kriewall said Friday.

"Apparently, the cost of it was too high and the local participation was a bit low. Grand River improvements requested by the (Oakland County) road commission might have contributed to the problem," he added.

Last year, the city won a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan

Department of Transportation Department (MDOT) to improve Fonda Drive, which has since been renamed Expo Center Drive because it leads from Novi Road to that facility.

However, staff planner Mike Csapo said the city plans to modify the proposal and will re-submit it to MDOT. It is uncertain at this time if the transportation department has leftover, unallocated funds.

"We're trying to pull it out of the fire. I'm not at liberty to go into too much detail," Csapo said.

"We suspect funds are available,

but we're not sure . . . We're hopeful we can put it into place, but we don't want to act like a bull in the china shop."

Csapo said he hopes to meet with MDOT staff in the near future. "I wouldn't even speculate what their decision would be. It's all very touchy-feely."

The city council last summer approved a \$6,500 traffic study to provide background material for this second grant application.

If the MDOT commission does

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Community Calendar

Today, March 1

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.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

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

Novi Adventurers: The Novi Adventurers will meet at 6:45 p.m. at Tollgate. Denise Seipek will speak about development of the outdoor classroom at Tollgate and Margaret Schmidt will be the guest of honor and entertain with an educational animal/nature talk.

Tuesday, March 2

Novi Middle School: The Novi Middle School PTO will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Middle School.

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

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.

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.

Amateur Radio Club: The Novi Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Individuals interested in any aspect of amateur radio two-way communication are invited to attend.

Novi Jaycees: The Novi Jaycees will hold a general membership meeting at 8 p.m. at the Jaycee House on Sixgate.

Wednesday, March 3

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.

Thursday, March 4

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

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the Novi Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room at 7:30 p.m. This is a meeting rescheduled from an original date of March 11.

Monday, March 8

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. All working women are invited to join. Cost is \$15. For reservations contact Catherine Terzes at 348-6565.

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

Tuesday, March 9

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the

Agency hikes Novi park bond rating

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could "impact it quite a bit," Davis said Friday.

"We've got a little bit of flexibility within it. The biggest concern which faces us is the grass seeding. The final grass seeding (of three) should take place by September," he explained.

The real concern is getting enough time in there to get enough grass seeding in place.

On March 18, a public hearing on the development of ballfields and soccerfields has tentatively been set. The designs would ideally then be approved by the planning commission and city council in April; bids to build the fields could be awarded in May; construction would then begin in June. The work to be done includes the building of roads, a concession stand, utilities and several grass seedings of the fields.

The ball games would then begin in the new park by May 1994. If the site were not ready, Davis said it has not yet been confirmed if Novi Youth Baseball could use Bosco field for one more year before the privately-owned land is developed.

Davis said it was too early to tell if the city will have enough fields this year for its own soccer programs. This depends on a planned expansion of Novi High School. The construction work there could put several soccer fields used by the city

parks and recreation department out of commission, Davis said.

Second and third choice Novi park sites could be brought back out for another look as well as a list of other locations, if the council and Stanaj do not reach an accord.

Otherwise, the city is sitting pretty as it moves ahead to put together the new park system approved by voters in January.

Two committees, one assigned to studying the feasibility of an ice arena and the second looking at a plan for two swimming pools are expected to report back in April.

Novi's bonding attorney, Dennis Nieman said he was "just delighted" that Standard & Poor's improved the rating.

"To be upgraded one-half rating in this economic climate is really, really superb. It says something about the quality of the City of Novi. It says something about the administration of Novi," he said Friday.

"The people who are going to benefit are the taxpayers."

Taxpayers will fund that much less in interest as the city's debt is retired over the coming years.

There are no municipalities in Michigan with AAA ratings, the highest given out by Standard & Poor's. The next highest rating is AA; only Lansing, Grand Rapids and Midland carry this rank. About 12 communities statewide are in the AA category with Novi.

How Hulk Hogan Defends Against Body Slams

SEATBELTS

Everybody's Wearing Them

Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller at 34-9833 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.

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.

Wednesday, March 10

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

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Citizens will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck 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.

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

Thursday, March 11

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission's regularly scheduled meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room.

Historical Commission: The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

Monday, March 15

Orchard Hills PTO: Orchard Hills Elementary School PTO general meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Orchard Hills library. Free babysitting will be provided by Girl Scout Troop 1847.

Band Boosters: The board of the Novi High School Band Boosters will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. in the high school band room.

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

Tuesday, March 16

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

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, March 17

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will

meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, March 18

Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

Novi Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers will hold their annual potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Oaks Club House. Dinner will be followed by a talk by Mayor Matthew Quinn. Members and prospective members should call 348-3737 for reservations.

Saturday, March 20

Bowl-a-thon: The Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon will be held at the Novi Bowl. If you enjoy bowling and would like to assist with fundraising for this local organization, please call Mike Mattingly at 546-0464.

Monday, March 22

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.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Tuesday, March 23

Community Blood Drive: The Novi Community Blood Drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Call 347-0456 days or 624-2708 evenings and weekends for appointments. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 24

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

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

Thursday, March 25

Novi Schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will at 7:30 p.m. in regular session at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

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A local look at Clinton's plan for the nation

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Now that President Bill Clinton has unveiled his tax-cut/deficit reduction/economic stimulation plans for the coming year, we asked accountant Joan T. Hursey to help interpret and analyze those plans for Novi area residents.

Hursey is a staff consultant with Lee E. Holland and Associates in Northville, and has been so for six years. Hursey has 15 years of experience as a tax consultant, instructor and office manager, and periodically leads seminars on financial education and retirement for the automotive industry.

Hursey specializes in financial planning, estate and trust taxation, as well as personal and small business income tax planning. She is also a frequent lecturer on tax issues for community and business groups. Among the organizations she has recently addressed are the Northville and Novi Chambers of Commerce.

The federal government is operating with a budget deficit of over \$300 billion per year, and a national debt of over \$3 trillion.

President Bill Clinton, in office for 40 days, has proposed a wide-ranging series of proposals he says will stimulate economic growth and reduce the size of the federal deficit.

It is important to remember, however, that the Constitution gives the vast majority of budgeting power to Congress. The President can propose ideas, but Congress must pass the budget and tax laws. Most observers expect the President's plans to undergo major revisions in Congressional committees.

Major aspects of the Clinton plan include the following:

■ Raising the income tax rate from 31 to 36 percent for individuals making \$140,000 or more per year in adjusted gross income, or couples making \$180,000 or more.

■ Charging a 10-percent surtax on taxable income over \$250,000 per year.

■ New taxes on energy, phased in over three years, will increase gas prices by 7.5 cents per gallon, home heating oil by 8.2 cents per gallon and natural gas by 26.2 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, according to administration estimates. The new taxes will increase the average home's electric bill by about \$2.25 per month.

■ A family of four with \$60,000 in income, the taxes will add up to about \$133 per year.

■ Tax rates on corporations will increase from 34 to 36 percent.

■ Medicare premiums would rise beginning in 1995. Increases in the program would be cut by 1 percent in both fiscal year 1994 and 1995.

■ \$1.2 billion dollars is proposed for funding medical research, \$500 million this summer for Head Start preschool programs (going up to \$3.1 billion per year by 1997), and \$5.8 billion in aid to college students in return for community service. Some \$3.2 billion is proposed to help finance programs that a new commission on K-12 public education decides to recommend.

The President expects the plan would bring in about \$27.7 billion in the coming year by increasing the top bracket income tax, and about \$7.7 billion from the corporate tax. Some \$2.7 billion will come from removing a cap on health insurance taxes this coming fiscal year as well.

Tax cuts and incentives for the year would cost the government \$11.3 billion in lost revenue, the administration expects.

Spending cuts for fiscal year 1994 would total \$25.2 billion—including entitlements, defense, farm subsidies, coupling health costs and improving federal management.

Increased spending proposed for the coming year totals \$9.8 billion. All in all, the deficit will increase to \$331.9 billion in fiscal year 1993, but will drop to \$206.5 billion by fiscal year 1997—a 38 percent decrease.

According to U.S. Census figures, the median family income in the city of Northville is \$62,688 per year; for Northville Township, \$64,876 per year; for Novi, \$54,754 per year.

Some 4 percent of Oakland County's residents earn more than \$140,000 per year, while 1 percent of Wayne County's population does. For the \$30,000 to \$140,000 range, the figures are 65 percent for Oakland County and 47 percent for Wayne County. Some 31 percent of Oakland County residents earn less than \$30,000 per year, in Wayne County, 52 percent earn less than that amount.

According to figures from Wayne State University's Michigan Metropolitan Information Center and The Detroit News, 48 percent of Michigan's population earns less than \$30,000 per year. Some 51 percent earn from \$30,000 to \$140,000 a year, and the remaining 1 percent earn more than that.

The state sent the federal government about one third more money in taxes than it received in federal aid last year—a difference of over \$12 billion.



Joan Hursey, accountant for a local firm, takes a look at what the Clinton financial package means to us.

Now that you've had a chance to review it, how would you describe the Clinton plan?

HURSEY: People were wondering if he was serious about reducing the federal deficit. I think that he's shown that he's very serious about it. He feels that (to reduce the deficit) it's very important to expand the economy—offering incentives for business and trying to develop long-range investment in the economy. The combination of tax increases and spending cuts in the plan—they all seem to revolve around this idea of economic development.

It's not so much that he's cutting government spending as he's changing its direction (to create development). In research and development, for example, he wants to switch it from civilian rather than defense—take it (federal spending) out of the military sector and put it into the civilian sector.

He wants to provide incentives for business, but often these incentives are (only) beneficial to certain groups. For instance, his ideas seem to favor capital-intensive types of industries, such as steel and chemical. The belief is that with the proper job training, these people earn higher wages—as opposed to someone in a retail or service area. However, these are the industries that employ fewer people—replacing them with robots or machines. Often his programs are double-edged.

The increase in energy taxes seems to be the one thing that everybody will share. Is that the case?

HURSEY: It will probably hit all people, but at different levels. The industries in this area, as opposed to Detroit, are more service-oriented, but certainly be affected, but less so than industries that use a lot of energy. Manufacturing firms, for example—which may get an investment tax credit for new equipment they buy—may lose the savings in increased energy costs. They could win on one hand and lose out on the other.

The increased cost from the energy tax—assessed at the point of production or import of energy materials—will be passed onto consumers, won't it?

HURSEY: I would assume so. All costs of operation a company incurs are normally passed onto the consumer.

Will the cost of the increase in the corporate tax rate also be reflected in the prices people pay for goods and services?

HURSEY: Corporate taxes will rise, but there are changes planned for what's called the "alternative minimum tax," which factors into the amount of tax corporations pay as well.

Any other surprises waiting in the wings for businesses that we haven't heard too much about?

HURSEY: Businesses will find that besides the increases for higher-earning corporations and the energy tax, there are cuts in deductions. For example, the service industries—in insurance, for instance—are often involved in meals and entertainment. They're winning and dining customers—this is how they make their con-

One of the proposals (on the table) is reducing the meals and entertainment deduction (from 80 percent to 50 percent).

They're also talking about eliminating the deduction businesses take for country club membership dues and outright elimination of any deductions for spouses coming along on business trips.

We've touched upon what the President wants to do for businesses looking to invest. What about individuals?

HURSEY: He's revising some ideas that have been there before: the enterprise zone, capital gains deduction, investment credits, even charitable deductions for people who contribute to community organizations within an enterprise zone.

A lot of these are aimed at (getting people to invest in) the smaller businesses, say the one that grosses \$5 million or less (a year).

Those who enjoy the stock market are going to feel positive about his (moves). It's going to increase interest in technology, innovation—people will be looking to put their money into the new Reebok on the street.

But they're going to have to be careful (in their choices). You have to take a look at the whole picture. Someone who looks at an airline that buys new planes, for example, also has to take the increased fuel costs of the energy tax into account.

I also think that people are going to look at the old traditions—IBM and so on—and re-evaluating their investments. Currently, the projections are that there will be little fluctuation in the interest rate market. Hopefully, inflation will remain stable (as well).

(Higher-income individuals) are probably going to look for tax sheltering—the tax-exempt areas like municipal bonds will attract a lot of people. As their expenses for medical expenses, meals and entertainment are no longer allowed for deductions, they're going to be looking for ways to shelter.

But again, the whole package gets back to stimulating the economy—the federal deficit was \$255 billion. (That) receipts were up 3 percent, but spending was up 5 percent. Like he said, "If you don't like my ideas, come up with some of your own." We've got to start doing things ourselves.

Will the package have that economic jumpstart effect, however?

HURSEY: In the short term, you won't see a great change. But I think that in the long term, he's introducing the idea that we can't go on any

longer, that we have got to start paying the bill.

We have to change our economy to make it more competitive in technology. He's talking about creating a super-highway networking of computers, for example—bringing the country up to date.

We have to re-examine our priorities. Currently, we're spending more for military pensions, Social Security and senior citizens' benefits than we are for children and education. That's not to say that one or the other should be eliminated—it's just that there are needs all around.

There are an awful lot of porkbarrels out there that he has proposed to attack. I like his emphasis on moving forward, forgetting who's to blame and starting some programs to help the United States move into the 21st century.

Some 21 percent of the federal budget goes merely to pay the interest on the national debt. What's the effect of that on the economy? Doesn't it greatly reduce the amount of capital out there that business and individual can borrow, particularly when the payments go to non-American lenders?

At this point, no more than half of young Social Security is taxable, period. They may decide to say that anything over the \$32,000 or \$25,000 will become taxable—removing the 50-percent limit. It appears that the higher-income retirees will be paying more taxes.

Are there any definite figures at this point?

HURSEY: There are a lot of lobbyists who'll fight this. A lot of people feel that they've worked all their lives for this, that they've paid in half of the Social Security to start with, and no more than half should be taxable.

The one glitch in that thinking is that most people recoup their investment within about three years of retiring. They may get 20 years of benefits with little or no tax being paid.

This will not make senior citizens happy, but if you want to be very objective about it, you have income coming in—through dividends or stock, on interest—you pay taxes on all that income. But on Social Security benefits, after you recoup your costs you get dollars coming in tax-free.

What about the plan's effect on education?

HURSEY: There could be funding for schools. Such things as technological funds for vocational schools are being considered. He's certainly interested in college aid programs, such as loans in return for community service.

Another one of the proposals involves allowing more people to be involved in buying U.S. savings bonds for their children's education, with less chance of higher-income people being taxed.

He's also very into having schools help him develop computer technology. Technology is a catalyst for economic development.

What's he aiming at is developing commercially useful technology. He's working on shifting research dollars from defense to civilian areas by real-locating spending.

What are some other facets of the plan that impact the average family?

HURSEY: He's proposed giving families with children a \$300 tax credit. However, that amounts to about 80 cents per day over a year, and would cost the country \$60 billion, so some people aren't sure the trade-off

"It will probably hit all people, but at different levels. The industries in this area, as opposed to Detroit, are more service-oriented, will certainly be affected, but less so than industries that use a lot of energy. Manufacturing firms, for example—which may get an investment tax credit for new equipment they buy—may lose the savings in increased energy costs. They could win on one hand and lose out on the other.

Joan Hursey

is worth it.

If you take a loss on selling your home, they're considering allowing you to use that loss in considering your investment on the purchase of a new home. The first-time homebuyer credit is back on the table.

They're going to put further restrictions on deductions of moving expenses. This will affect the generally younger age groups.

Something else that hasn't got a lot of attention yet is that they're considering ending five-year averaging. This applies to people who get a lump-sum distribution when they retire or leave a company—they get a substantially lower tax rate under using that averaging on the lump-sum.

If they eliminate it, this will probably affect those in their mid-50s—people thinking about taking early retirement, thinking that they can roll their money into an IRA or take the five-year average. Congress is going to yank it right out from under them.

On the other hand, they're talking about bringing back the IRA deduction and making that more flexible as far as who can do so. They also might make withdrawals easier, with less of a penalty for early withdrawal.

Gambling withholdings have just been raised from 20 to 28 percent. If you win more than \$5,000, you'll see even more taken out of your check before Vegas hands it over.

If you own commercial

Phony shopper steals camcorder

Novi police are investigating a Jan. 24 larceny from the Radio Shack store in the West Oaks plaza.

Police say an unidentified woman went into the store and exchanged some items for \$73.95 without a receipt, then asked to see a \$629.95 camcorder.

The sales clerk unlocked the display case and took out the camcorder, then handed it to the woman. She then asked to see the owner's manual and the clerk went into the back room to retrieve it.

When he returned, the woman and the camcorder were gone.

The suspect is described as a white female in her late 30s with blonde, shoulder-length hair.

The clerk told police he believes another person in the store may have been an accomplice. He is described as a white male, approximately 5'7" and 16 years of age with brown hair.

LARCENY: A resident on Chipmunk Trail reported Feb. 15 that someone

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shattered the driver's side window of her vehicle and stole a CB radio and center console. The unknown suspects also reportedly stole a CB antenna.

Police reported no further evidence at the scene.

DRUG OVERDOSE: Novi police responded to a home in a local mobile home park Feb. 14 to investigate a possible drug overdose.

According to police reports, the victim's girlfriend told him she was pregnant and he became distraught. He then took various prescription pills described as muscle relaxants and migraine headache medication.

When police, fire and ambulance crews arrived at the scene, the man

was reported as conscious and talkative, but sluggish. He was transported to Providence Hospital.

LARCENY: A resident on Ladene reported Feb. 14 that someone stole a snowblower from his garage.

The snowblower, valued at \$200, was last seen in the garage at 5 p.m. The garage door was left open between that time and 10:30 p.m. when the homeowner went out to close it. It was then that he realized the snowblower was missing.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 45-year-old Northville man for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) Feb. 16. Police stopped the man, who was driving a 1991 Ca-

dillac El Dorado, on southbound Rathbone south of Byrne.

FRAUD: Novi police are investigating a suspect who allegedly tried to obtain a \$350 cash refund through fraudulent means.

The suspect reportedly obtained an actual refund for \$49.91, but changed the slip to say \$349.91.

LARCENY: A resident on Ocher Drive reported Feb. 17 that someone stole three trailer axles from beneath his mobile home.

The owner told police the axles had been stored under the trailer for the last four years, and he did not know when they were taken.

He discovered they were missing when he was preparing his home to be moved. The axles were valued at \$450.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

Novi Briefs

Crawford honored: Novi Special Recreation Coordinator and Optimist Club Past President Kathy Crawford was honored with one of the highest awards from the Michigan District International Saturday, Feb. 6. Crawford received the "Honor Club President" award presented by Michigan District Governor Robert D. Guillo. In addition, current Optimist President Don Ponto received the "Honor Club Secretary/Treasurer" citation. To qualify for the awards, the Novi Optimist Club had to perform service projects, submit reports on time, increase in membership, attend district meetings, pay financial obligations, submit community project award books in competition and have a life membership. Novi Optimists meet at the Novi Civic Center weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

Book donation: The Republican Women of West Oakland, Michigan Federation, recently donated a book to the Novi High School media center. The book selected for the donation was "It doesn't take a hero: General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the Autobiography." The Republican Women have made several book donations to the high school library in the past for use by students there.

Athletic Boosters: At the January meeting of the Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club, the district athletic department and the club agreed to purchase for the sports program a high jump pit, new cheer-leading mats, a wrestling take down machine, hexagon dumbbells, girls' softball bags, and a VHS monitor. In addition, the booster club agreed to sponsor inservice training seminars for five coaches.

The booster club meets in the high school on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

School Happenings

The Novi Board of Education will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, in the Educational Services Building.

Orchard Hills Elementary: The school's spring photo day is March 4. Pictures will be taken at 8:45 a.m. March 9 is the day for a rollerskating party at Bonaventure, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Village Oaks Elementary: VOICE, the school's PTO, will meet tonight (March 1) at 7:30 p.m.

Novi Woods Elementary: The school's PTO will meet on March 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Novi Meadows: A bingo night, courtesy of the school's PTO, will be held on March 5 at 7 p.m. The school's PTO will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 8.

Parent/teacher conferences will take place on March 10 and 11 from 6-9 p.m. Students will have a half day of class on March 11 and on March 12.

Novi Middle School: The middle school band will give a concert tonight — March 1 — in the Fuest Auditorium at Novi High School; starting time is 7:30 p.m.

The school's PTO will meet at 7:15 p.m. on March 2.

Parents of this year's eighth grade class are invited to a high school orientation meeting on March 3. It will be held in the Novi High School Fuest Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The board then voted to adopt the terms of the contracts on a 6-1 vote, with Vice-President Stephen Hitchcock dissenting.

How Hulk Hogan Defends Against Body Slams

SEATBELTS Everybody's Wearing Them

Winning awards is the easy part

Life would be a breeze, if all we had to do was impress the judges of excellence in journalism contests. The Novi News has won 12 state and national awards for outstanding community journalism this year. In addition to earning the General Excellence Award from the Michigan Press Association, your hometown newspaper has also won two national awards from the National Newspaper Association and two more from Suburban Newspapers of America. The toughest judges of all, however, are you — our readers. Our secret to success? Give the people of Novi the type of paper they have come to expect, and impressing the judges will be easy.

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Opinions

As We See It

Show won't be popular but should be on air

Let's just say that it probably won't be a ratings hit.



Phil Jerome

The Novi City Council is considering a proposal by Member Joe Toth that all of the city's upcoming budget sessions be broadcast on cable television. Council will hold a dozen or so sessions throughout March and April, many of which will likely run until 2 or 3 a.m., to hammer down its financial spending document before its May 17 deadline for adopting the budget.

Anyone who has ever attended a budget work session already knows just how dull and boring these sessions can be. They talk about numbers. They talk about things whether they should purchase a new office copier, about how much in office supplies they'll need for the coming year. Not exciting stuff.

The few moments of controversy and dealing with public policy issues are buried amongst hours of numbers-crunching.

And Toth wants to put all that on TV.

We think it's a great idea. No it won't be exciting for residents, but that's not the point. The point is making information about the budget sessions available to those in the public who care to know the point is that in making the sessions more accessible, the city might just encourage the participation of more of its citizens in their community.

Toth asked for the cablecasts in last week's regular council meeting and received a less-than-warm reception to the idea. A variety of reasons were given for opposition to cablecasts of these budget sessions. Perhaps the most valid was the cost involved. Although the council can actually broadcast free over MetroVision's Channel 13, a dedicated local channel, it is the personnel to run the equipment that cost money. Council would have to have folks on hand for each of the budget sessions to keep the cameras rolling.

The council did not actually kill the idea, but wanted an idea of the costs before deciding. By Friday, city Finance Director Les Gibson said that the added cablecasts likely could be paid for within the city's existing budget for broadcasts.

Well, atmosphere aside, the council will be doing the public's business and making decisions on the public's behalf. Increased access to observing those decisions is all for the better.

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Words we try to live by



Phil Jerome

There was a letter in *The Northville Record* last week which praised one of our reporters for writing a story that was "accurate, thorough and complete."

The letter was from John V. Farrar of the Quail Ridge Homeowners Association who congratulated the reporter, Sharon Condon, for her "grasp of the issues and understanding of the facts" in reporting an issue of direct interest to the Quail Ridge residents.

Mr. Farrar opened his letter by suggesting it is "a virtual cliché... that people complain about being misquoted, or that the reporter mixed up the facts of the story being reported."

He went on to acknowledge that he has had those feelings in the past, and proceeded to the major point of his letter — to congratulate Sharon Condon for her accurate coverage.

It was a nice letter, the kind of letter we like to receive — whether from readers of *The Record*, *The Novi News* or any of our other newspapers. And it was a rather thoughtful letter; when we get letters regarding our own performance, they are more apt to point out something we did wrong than something we did right.

But the reason I chose Mr. Farrar's letter to comment on this week was its honesty... the admission that many people believe newspapers distort or bend the truth and are not as conscientious as they should be in seeking out all the details of a story.

The perception has been around probably as long as there have been newspapers. And the recent NBC fiasco

regarding GM truck testing has done nothing to alleviate the perception.

What's wrong with the suspicion is that it's just not true.

Any editor who wants to send create panic in a reporter's heart has only to say, "There was a mistake in your story."

Typically, the reporter will dig frantically through his or her notes, trying to find out what went wrong... trying to find the proof which will convince the editor that every piece of information in the story was accurate.

We used to have an editor in this organization a long time ago who maintained that if everybody wasn't angry at you, you probably weren't doing your job.

What he meant was that you should dig deep enough in your research to uncover all the facts... you should lay out the facts, and let the chips fall where they may.

But that line of thinking doesn't exist around here any more.

Instead, the primary objective in any story which appears in this paper is that it be absolutely true... and absolutely objective.

As for misquotes... yeah, they happen from time to time. Sit through a city council or school board meeting sometime and try to get down everything that everybody says verbatim. Especially on controversial issues when the words are flying fast and furious.

Perhaps the best description I have heard about the objective of every story which appears in our paper came during a seminar on investigative reporting at Central Michigan University last year.

"The objective," said the speaker, "is that after the story appears in print, everybody agrees that it was fair. They don't have to like it, but they should be willing to admit that it was fair."

Those are words we try to live by.

Two members of the Northville Women's Club drink their tea; one sniffs while the other watches.

'Tea Ladies'

Gazing into the crystal ball

The election season we witnessed last summer and fall was an amazing thing.

It brought more people out to vote than any in recent memory, and got people talking about politics like they never had before.

But it also brought about a lot of change, and as one local politico told me, "When you change things, somebody's shoes get tighter and somebody's shoes get looser."

Having heard the reaction to President Clinton's work through his first month in office (and how he plans to tighten and loosen certain people's shoes), I've come to believe that this new-found interest will likely continue through this year, and maybe even into the next round of Congressional elections in 1994.

Write that one down. That's my first prediction. There are others: some serious, some not so. Here's a smattering of my predictions for the area:

■ If Ray Byers decides to run for mayor of Novi, he'll win handsily. The guy can give speeches and he can raise money. What else does a mayor have to do to get elected?

■ Officials of the Novi Expo Center will find a car in their parking lot, abandoned by its owner after attending a show. The reason? He decided it wasn't worth the hassle of dealing with the traffic so he called a cab.

■ A candidate for one of the local school boards will be found to have strong ties to the religious right. This person will masquerade at first as a "concerned parent," but will later be revealed as an arch-conservative ideologue with an agenda that includes strict authoritarian measures and curriculum control.

■ During the next round of Northville Township elections, a Democrat will be elected.

■ Yeah, and you thought the bit about the car in the Expo Center parking lot was a joke.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter.

Police break local credit card ring

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He also believes there are probably more cases where the owner of the card believed it to be lost, and never reported the incident to police because the bank "ate" the charges.

To identify those, he and other investigators have had to contact individual credit card companies to identify possible unreported stolen cards, then contact the original cardholders. That investigation also continues.

Wirwille suspects that many Andover students were persuaded to participate in this particular scam by taking their parents' credit cards and handing them over. Most of the teens

probably participated, he said, because they were told the bank would be responsible for any charged items beyond \$50.

Other cards are believed to have been stolen from student lockers or purses, or from cars.

"The bank is the big loser in these cases," Wirwille said. "The cardholders discovered the cards were missing and they reported it to the bank, then the bank swallowed the charges. The stores don't lose out as long as they have the credit approval, and the cards usually cleared because they hadn't been reported stolen yet."

The big problem, he said, is that financial institutions often don't con-

tact police to report the fraudulent activity on the card.

But it backfired, Wirwille said, simply because the cards were indeed stolen.

"This was an organized ring," he said. "These kids were organized. They had quite a scam going . . ."

"But they were using stolen cards and relying on them not being reported right away. What got them in trouble in the first place is that the cards were stolen."

There has been no new activity related to this ring since the first arrests in January, Wirwille said, "but we just keep finding more and more and it keeps getting bigger and bigger."

City loses grant for center's road

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change its mind about the ring road funding, a final okay would then be needed from the state legislature.

The project is part of the city's plan to develop the four quadrants of Novi Road/Grand River Avenue. The ring road could ease traffic at the Novi

Expo Center. In addition, the road would serve a major expansion now under way at Progressive Tool, just west of the intersection.

Kriewall said the existing roads aren't what caused traffic jams at the Expo Center several weeks ago.

"The traffic is not caused by the inadequate roads. It's the inability to

park the cars fast enough," he explained.

The only two shows at the center which are expected to generate a major in-flow of traffic are the Builders' Association's Spring Home and Garden Show and Outdoorama, which was under way this past weekend, Kriewall added.



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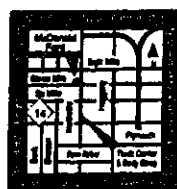
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Make snacks work for your better health

Snacks are more than just something to grab and eat after school or while watching television. Snacks can be healthy if we eat foods that supply our bodies with nutrients. With careful planning you can make snack food work for you to replace skipped meals, to control weight, to delay hunger, to replace omitted desserts, to supply quick energy, to quench thirst or to add missing nutrients.

Although the best-liked, sweet snacks, are candy and soft drinks, they supply little else other than energy (calories) and are really the "Number One" enemy to healthy teeth and a trim waistline. Choose sweet snacks only once in awhile or only eat a small serving.

Save your breakfast muffin or fruit for a mid-morning snack instead of a baked sweet roll or a doughnut or piece of cake. Choose snacks that also provide dietary fiber as well as other nutrients, such as eating an apple or raw vegetables. If you choose a sticky snack food such as dried fruits, brush your teeth soon after eating. Eating sticky sweet foods frequently without brushing your teeth may lead to tooth decay.

When you buy a fruit drink, make sure it's 100 percent pure juice. Look for those with Vitamin C added. Boxed juices are handy — there's no danger of breakage, and you can freeze them overnight to pack with lunches. The juice will help keep other foods cool, and it will be thawed by lunch.

Avoid a super sweet juice; some fruit-flavored drinks may contain no fruit juice at all. Twelve ounces of fruit drink, ade or punch often contain corn syrup and other sugars equal to about 12 teaspoons of table sugar.

Make your own frozen yogurt by adding fruit juice concentrate to plain yogurt and pouring into paper cups. Partially freeze, add popsicle sticks and freeze hard until time for a snack. A canned vegetable drink can be heated and served in a mug with pretzels on a cold winter afternoon.

Unsweetened applesauce, dry cereal, fresh fruits, yogurt, apple butter or peanut butter will all help to satisfy that sweet tooth.

Poached apples in cider with a dash of cinnamon, a thin slice of angel food cake, or a fruit kabob served with cheese are all snacks that are low in calories but satisfying.

When nothing else will do except a salty food, make a lightly salty food, such as lightly salted or special popcorn. Avoid the microwave variety unless it contains less salt and fat. Toast a snack mix of cereals with a hint of margarine and seasonings such as garlic onion or chili powder. This is easy to carry around and a non-messy treat.

Whole grain crackers plain or spread with peanut butter or a fruit spread; pretzels instead of potato chips; saline crackers instead of Ritz crackers — these are all good snack choices.

Beware of high fat desserts, you may have made the right choices for the snack or meal but then blow it with the dessert. Buy lower fat cookies and crackers but keep a mindful eye on the calories too. Melba toast, crisp bread, fig bars, graham crackers or gingersnaps are good choices. Instead of buying sweet treats, make your own cookies, quick breads, muffins or cupcakes with less sugar and fat.

Use whole grain flours and oatmeal, add shredded vegetables or chopped dried fruit for a nutrient and fiber bonus. Adding applesauce will help sweeten many of these products.

Poor snacking can sabotage even the best of intentions of cutting down on calories. Since many times snacking is done out of boredom, plan some more activities you enjoy and that will get your mind off food. Be creative. Plan your snacks when you plan your meals.

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Everyone loves to find ways to make life easier. This explains inventions like the microwave oven, pop-top cans and single-serving sizes of tuna fish.

With that in mind, we've compiled this list of helpful hints to help speed your time in the kitchen, improve the quality of your cooking, and maybe even improve the quality of your life:

- Place a slice of bread in cookie tins for storage to keep cookies from drying out and getting too hard.
- Place a pan of water in the oven while baking cookies and other things. The humidity keeps the baked goods from rising too high in the center.
- Pepper pointer: the larger the pepper, the milder the flavor; the smaller the pepper, the sharper the taste.
- A solution of equal amounts of vinegar and water can be used to take salt stains off shoes and boots.
- It takes an excess of 3,500 calories in the diet to gain a pound.
- For moist, succulent poached chicken, simmer very gently and remove the bird when the breast and legs are firm. Do not cook until the meat can be easily pulled away from the bone.
- When seasoning ground beef or turkey for loaves or burgers, lightly mix in seasonings with two forks and gently shape. Too much handling toughens the meat.
- When grilling turkey or hamburgers, sear them and cook over medium-hot coals. To guarantee a nicely browned crust and juicy inside, turn several times during cooking.
- To keep rolls hotter longer, put a piece of aluminum foil in the basket under the napkin.
- Adding water, rather than milk, to beaten eggs, will make for a more tender omelet.
- If you entertain, or just have frequent guests, keep your refrigerator stocked with favorite cheeses. Two or more varieties served with fruit and crackers make an easy and sophisticated offering.
- For a quick and easy for house guests, set up a yogurt buffet. Offer a selection of yogurt flavors and let guests help themselves to stir-ins like fresh fruit, raisins, wheat germ, cereals and/or coconut. Serve breads and muffins too, as well as coffee, milk and juice.
- Add an extra touch to dinner with flavored butter. For several savory to sweet butter blends, simply combine softened butter with fresh herbs, jams or jellies, cinnamon and sugar, maple syrup, or honey. Stir in a small amount at a time until butter is flavored as desired.
- Because salt acts as a preservative, salted butter has a longer shelf life than unsalted butter. Unopened, wrapped salted butter may be kept in the refrigerator several weeks or several months in the freezer. Unsalted butter is best kept in the freezer until ready to use. They are interchangeable in recipes, although many cooks prefer the unsalted type for baking.
- Half-and-half contains between 10 and 12 percent milk fat — more than milk and less than cream. It can be substituted in recipes calling for light cream, which has at least 18 percent milk fat, but not for heavy cream, which contains at least 36 percent milk fat.
- Passover and Easter are coming; two

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big eating holidays regardless of your faith. If you're going to be playing host to friends and relatives, plan a buffet — it's the easiest way to serve dinner to a holiday crowd. Arrange the dinner plates at one end of the server, then move on in logical order to the main course, vegetable, salad, bread, condiments, and finally the silverware and napkins.

● To save time in the kitchen, chop a little extra (vegetables, fruit, onions, whatever) when the cutting board is out, so you won't need to chop another day.

● Prepare ingredients for several recipes at one time. For example, shred cheese, toast nuts, peel and cut up vegetables. Seal them in separate plastic bags, then label and store until you need them.

● Make bread crumbs in your blender in batches, then store them in a tightly covered container in your freezer. To measure the frozen crumbs, stir them with a spoon and press them lightly into a measuring cup.

● Buy ingredients in the form you need for a recipe. For example, buy cut-up chicken, chopped nuts and prepared pie crusts. Some of these foods may cost a few more pennies but could be worth the time you save. Other examples: broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, tomato, or bell pepper; bottled ginger and garlic; canned soups and sauces; refrigerated doughs.

● Except for cakes, breads, cookies and souffles, omit the step of preheating the oven.

● When preparing biscuits, roll out the dough all at once and cut it into squares instead of using a round cutter. There will be no rerolling and less waste.

● Avoid using extra dishes whenever possible. For example, mix the milk, egg and oil for muffins in the cup you use for measuring the milk, or carefully mix a casserole in its baking dish. Use a saucepan as a mixing bowl and for cooking.

● To separate frozen vegetables quickly, place them in a colander and run hot water over them. Add the partially thawed vegetables to casseroles or ratatouille dishes to finish cooking.

● Use your microwave oven for small tasks, such as melting butter or chocolate, softening fruit, cooking bacon, toasting nuts, precooking vegetables and heating sauces. Not only do these foods heat faster, but you'll also save on cleanup time because the food doesn't stick to the pan.

● For clear iced tea, boil the water and let it cool to room temperature before pouring it over ice cubes.

● Hard boiled eggs may be easier to peel if you pierce the large end with a thumb-tack before cooking. Don't do this with dyed Easter eggs, however.

● Do not leave cold items, like milk, lunch meat, hard-cooked eggs, or yogurt out on the counter at room temperature. Put these foods back in the refrigerator as soon as you've fixed your snack.

● When using the microwave, if a dish is covered with plastic wrap or wax paper, turn up one corner to let excess steam escape. Pull plastic wrap off foods so steam escapes away from hands and face. Steam can burn.

● You can substitute two egg whites for one whole egg in most baked recipes such as cookies, muffins, quick breads, French toast and cheesecake.

● If a recipe calls for lightly beaten eggs, it means to mix yolk and white before adding to recipe. When a recipe calls for beaten yolks, beat them until they are thick and lemon-colored and form ribbons. For stiffly beaten egg whites, beat them until stiff but not dry just until they don't slide in the bowl when you tip it. If you beat them further, they become dry and won't fold into other ingredients well.

● When you make hot sauces, add vanilla or other flavorings last. If added during cooking, alcohol in the vanilla will evaporate, leaving less flavor in the sauce.

● When cooking fish, drier heat is better, nutritionally speaking, and preserves flavor too. Don't fry. Look for recipes that call for baking or broiling.

● You can get old decals off wooden furniture with the help of white vinegar or salad oil. Let the stuff soak in, then gently

scrape it all off.

● Mildew may come off books and papers if you dust them with cornstarch and brush it off after several days.

● Submerge a lemon in water for 15 minutes before squeezing. It will yield much more juice.

● Mushrooms freeze well, either fresh or cooked. To freeze fresh mushrooms, wash them thoroughly and drain well. Spread them on a baking sheet, cover and freeze. When frozen, seal them in a moisture-vaporproof bag. Or cook fresh mushrooms in a little margarine or butter until they are cooked through. Freeze in a sealed container or in moisture-vaporproof bag. Either way, frozen mushrooms will keep for about six months.

● Keeping apples fresh once home is important to prolong their wonderful flavor and great nutritional benefits.

All apples continue to ripen once picked and kept at room temperature. So, if the apples you buy are too firm or too sour, you may want to keep them out for one or two days. Once an apple is ripe, it should be kept in the plastic bag in the refrigerator.

● If you have too many apples to store, and not enough refrigeration space, here's a way to help prolong the life of your apples.

Find a place in your home that stays between 32 and 45 degrees, such as a porch or garage. Wrap each apple in crumpled tissue or paper and pack into a large container such as a plastic garbage can with a tight lid. Don't open the container frequently but when you do — pull out ones that have begun to soften. Apples can be kept anywhere from 2-6 months this way depending on the temperature and humidity. The closer to 32 degrees the better.

● Gather fresh herbs in the morning. Snip with scissors. Harvest leaves before plant flowers. Rinse well and dry on paper towels.

● Create dried herbs by tying stems together in small bunches and hang upside down in a warm dry room. A clean brown paper bag with holes in a good dust cover while drying.

● Herbs can be frozen without blanching. Wash, drain and spread on a flat tray to freeze. When firm, pack into freezer containers or freezer bags.

● All fin fish should be scaled and gutted immediately after catching. Live fish can be kept on stringers or in live wells as long as they have enough water and mobility to breathe.

● To ensure a safe fish supply wrap both whole and cleaned fish in watertight plastic and store on ice. Keep three to four inches of ice on the bottom of the cooler. Alternate layers of fish and ice. Store the cooler out of the sun and cover with a blanket. Once home eat fresh fish within one to two days or freeze. For top quality use frozen fish in three to six months.

Following are some hints to help you bake better cookies.

● To cream butter, begin with room-temperature butter, or use refrigerated butter cut into squares. Beat until light and fluffy.

● Choose flat baking sheets with very low edges so the air can circulate over and around cookies during baking.

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Chef Mary Brady



though only for five weeks. Milos has a virtual wealth of knowledge, not only on game, but cooking in general. My reasons for taking the class were multi-faceted. First, I know very little about wild game mostly because I have never hunted. Sec-

ond, to pass up absorbing any of Milos's know-how is a mistake. I figured that if I learned just one more thing every week it was worth it. And, finally, I just wanted to do something nice for myself.

I kept a notebook of "fun facts" over the weeks which I'd like to share with you. Many of these details are tricks that professional cooks know, and that the layperson may not. Things I take for granted that home cooks don't know.

● For instance, when sauteing, always heat your pan hot before adding the food. This allows the cooking to begin immediately and the end product is far superior.

● To test for rancidity of butter or oil, put a bit on impeccably clean hands and rub together, then smell.

● Dry meat before searing to prevent the gray color.

● Wild rice is a seed, not rice. The best wild rice comes from Canada and Minnesota and ranges in sizes from jumbo to the worst, broken. For fluffy rice, measure first, wash under cool water until the milkiness is washed away. Soak for 20-30 minutes in cold water, strain, add clean water, salt and onion. Cook to a boil, stir once, cover and cook over low flame 18-20 minutes. Turn off heat and steam 10 more minutes. This will work for any rice. The usual ratio is one part rice to two parts water.

● Buy dry, whole herbs whenever possible and grind as you need them as there is no guarantee to the quality of already-ground spices. Dirt and insects are sometimes known to find their way into commercial grinders. A coffee grinder works great for pulverizing spices. Buy one just

for that use.

● Papaya, pineapple and kiwi all contain enzymes that break down protein at a fast rate. Avoid marinating with them for any length of time and keep the fresh fruits away from raw meats, poultry and fish.

● Allow your roasts to "rest" at least 20-30 minutes before slicing to allow the juices to reabsorb into the meat.

● Squab is an immature pigeon before it flies. Remove the wishbone of birds to facilitate slicing.

● Whipping cream contains as much as 42 percent butterfat while heavy cream has as much as 46 percent.

● Zest is the colored part of the skin of citrus fruit.

And I could go on and on . . .

The important thing is all the information is gleaned from a few short classes. For those interested, another opportunity will present itself next Monday when the "Fifth Annual Chef's Seminar For Sophisticated Cooks" will be held at Schoolcraft.

This is a day-long affair featuring some of the finest chefs in Michigan. Milos Cihelka, Brian Polcyn, Ed Janos, Keith Josefak, Marcus Haight, Bill Hall and Tom MacKinnon, along with myself, will each teach these sessions highlighting our particular areas of interest. The classes will be held in the culinary arts kitchens and lunch is included along with tastings of our cooking. For registration and information, call the continuing education services at 462-4488. We'll see you in class.

The Refrigerator Door

CHEF'S SEMINAR: On March 8, Schoolcraft College's Fifth Annual Chef's Seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Eight different cooking workshops will be offered, featuring Detroit's best chefs. The \$150 fee includes lunch. To register call Continuing Education Services at 462-4448.

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 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.

STAR CLIPPER RIDES RAINBOWS: With any given reservation on the Michigan Star Clipper dinner train during the months of January, February or March, the reserve's name will be put on an honor roll list. This will automatically enable an oncology patient from Children's Hospital to come to the railroad in July for the Christmas in July celebration with Santa Claus. July train rides will be funded by the Coe Railroad, organized by the Rainbow Connection.

OLGA'S: Olga's Kitchen has decided to sell its popular salad dressing in 12.6-ounce bottles. For each bottle sold for \$3.29 in any of its restaurants, Olga's Kitchen will donate 25 cents to a local food bank in the Detroit metro area.

OLIVE OIL HOTLINE: If you've ever wondered about the "heart-healthy" benefits of olive oil, call the International Olive Oil Council hot line. The hot line is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Eastern time, call 1-800-232-6548.

AMERICAN HARVEST OPEN: Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant is open for weekday lunches. The on-campus restaurant, which features gourmet specialties prepared by Schoolcraft's Master Chefs and Culinary Arts students, is open to the public from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday's meal is a buffet. Cost is \$8.25 per person. For more information, call 462-4488.

KNOW THE FOOD PYRAMID: Want to know what you should eat to stay healthy? "The Food Guide Pyramid, beyond the Basic Four," a new brochure, helps answer this question. The brochure condenses the information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) booklet "The Food Guide Pyramid" and features the new food guide graphics on the elements of a healthy diet. The brochure was developed by the Food Marketing Institute in cooperation with the USDA. For a copy, send a check or money order for \$1 payable to the Superintendent of Documents, to Consumer Information Center, Department 159-Y, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

RECIPES WANTED: A new feature is appearing in the Creative Dining section of this paper. Known as HomeTown Cooking, it will feature recipes contributed by readers. With that in mind, we'd like to take this time to ask that anyone with a recipe that they'd like to share with all their neighbors in the Northville/Novi area please send it, along with your name, address, and phone number, to HomeTown Cooking, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Any recipe will do. Perhaps you have a dinner-time favorite, or a recipe for bread that's been passed down through your family for generations, or maybe just a good, fast work-night cost-cutter. Send it in, and we'll feature it on these pages.

PRETZEL SNACKS: Borden has introduced Snacking Turtles Pretzel Snacks. Bite-sized pretzels that provide a low fat alternative to regular chips. The 10-ounce family size bag, suggested retail \$1.29, is available in supermarkets.

NEW SALSA: Enjoy the just-made fresh taste of Sonora Valley salsas, cheese sauces and dips, found in your grocer's refrigerated case. Sonora Valley Authentic Recipe Salsas mix the garden-fresh crunch of zesty peppers and savory onions with the richness of red ripe tomatoes to create a fresh taste and just the right amount of spice. New Sonora Valley Guacamole is made with 100 percent California black-skinned Hass, the finest avocado available. The Sonora Valley family of Mexican foods also includes nacho cheese sauce, Chili con Queso Dip, Bean and Cheese Dip, Pajita Mix and western-style Pico de Gallo-type salsas. Look for them at A&P, Farmer Jack's and Kroger.

AUNT JEMIMA BISCUITS: Detroiters are among the first in the nation to taste the new fresh baked, Ready-To-Eat Aunt Jemima Premium Biscuits. Available in both Premium Buttermilk and Cinnamon Raisin, the biscuits contain real buttermilk. The biscuits need only be reheated in an oven or microwave. They are sold in packages of six with a suggested retail price of \$1.29.

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SWISS CHOCOLATE: If you're looking for the perfect hostess gift, consider Kamby's prize-winning specialty cookies from the Eminent region of the Swiss Alps. Available at Jacobson's, Merchant of Vino and Neiman-Marcus. There are 11 different kinds, that combine, old-world Swiss tradition, culinary artistry and craftsmanship with 20th century production.

FOOD GUIDE: Bring on Healthy Food Choices! Oakland County Health Division has updated the American Red Cross Food Wheel for healthful eating. The revision is the work of the Health Division's registered dietitians. The colorful one page handout features plenty of grains, fruits and vegetables.

Are you confused about fats? Where are they hidden? How to make trade offs? The new Food Wheel will show you how. A special section describes fat serving sizes.

The guide is based on the new U.S. Department of Agriculture and Health and Human Services Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the American Cancer Society recommendations. The daily plan is easy to follow. It shows suggested numbers of servings from each food group for different ages.

For your free copy, if you're an Oakland County resident, send a self addressed stamped (29 cents) business envelope to:

Food Wheel, Materials Center, Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield 48076.

GOT A QUESTION? CALL THE HOTLINE: Have you ever wondered if some of the leftover food in your refrigerator is safe to eat? Or, have you been puzzled over directions in a recipe? Or what's safe to take to a picnic?

"Ponder no more," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service.

The Food and Nutrition Hotline is ready and willing to answer all of your food-related questions. "We are all ready with the very latest USDA recommendations," said Treitman. So if you haven't "canned" for a while and are unsure of what to do, just give them a call 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 858-0904.

"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.

Tips help you cook quicker, better

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● Arrange baking sheets in the oven at least 2 inches apart so the hot air can circulate freely around each sheet. If the oven can't accommodate two sheets, bake only one batch at a time. Rearrange and rotate cookie sheets halfway through baking time to ensure even browning.

● Do not store soft cookies and crisp cookies together. The soft cookies will cause the crisp cookies to soften. Use a separate container to store each variety of cookie to preserve flavor.

● For cookie gifts, add a special touch to packages with practical life-ons such as cookie cutters, wooden spoons or spatulas. Give cookie gifts as a theme. For example, a nut-cookie basket might include nutty cookie favorites as well as a nut-cracker, an assortment of peanuts, walnuts and pecans, and a jar of gourmet peanut butter. A written card with freezing tips is always appreciated—as is the recipe.

● Present cookies in double-duty cookie "totes" to be kept long beyond the last ruble. For example, a new tool box can be filled with spicy buttery

gingersnaps, or give a youngster fish-shaped butter cookie cut-outs swimming in a fish bowl.

● Bake favorite kids' cookies like gingerbread people and sugar cookies. Pack them in a sand pail for the beach, load them into the back of a toy dump truck or arrange in a cartoon-character lunch box.

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Cagers sink Waterford in last home game 67-62

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

You might say the Captains went down with their ship. Brian Cordas scored five fourth-quarter points to help the Wildcat basketball team sink visiting Waterford Kettering 67-62 Tuesday night. Novi overcame a three-point deficit in the final period to win its last home game of the season.

Senior center Mike Samolin, who scored four points, said it was a great way to end his home career. "We were really pumped for the game," he said. "I think we played really well and stepped up our defense."

It was Novi's fourth win in its last six games. Wildcat coach Bob Shoemaker said his team is on the right track heading into state playoffs. "They realize now they can play well going into the tournament," he said.

The 'Cats close the regular season Friday against Milford on the road. The Redskins will be looking to clinch the Kensington Valley Conference title outright.

"This gives the kids some confidence going into Milford," Shoemaker said.

A total of 11 Wildcats scored and saw significant playing time Tuesday. Many of Novi's youngest players

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Mike Samolin
Novi basketball player

stood out.

Sophomore point guard Jason Fannon showed a world of confidence and scored 13 to lead his team. Freshman Chad Dicken added eight.

Novi needed all of its players, young and old, to defeat the Captains.

Kettering jumped out to a 12-4 lead about halfway through the first quarter. The Wildcats rallied late as Fannon came off the bench to nail a three-pointer.

Still down 14-9, Dicken dropped in a three-pointer of his own with seconds remaining and connected on a free throw for a four-point play. Novi trailed 14-13 at the end of the quarter.

The 'Cats moved ahead early in the second.

Fannon hit three from the charity stripe to give Novi a 16-14 lead. The schools traded the lead until the half-time buzzer when Waterford's Don Fellows hit a three-pointer to give Kettering a 34-33 advantage.

The Captains took command early in the third quarter.

Fellows and Chad Sutter hit three-pointers as Waterford moved ahead 41-35 at the 5:58 mark. Kettering held the lead until Fannon tied the game at 45 with less than two minutes to go. The visitors held off the rally and led 50-47 at the end of the period.

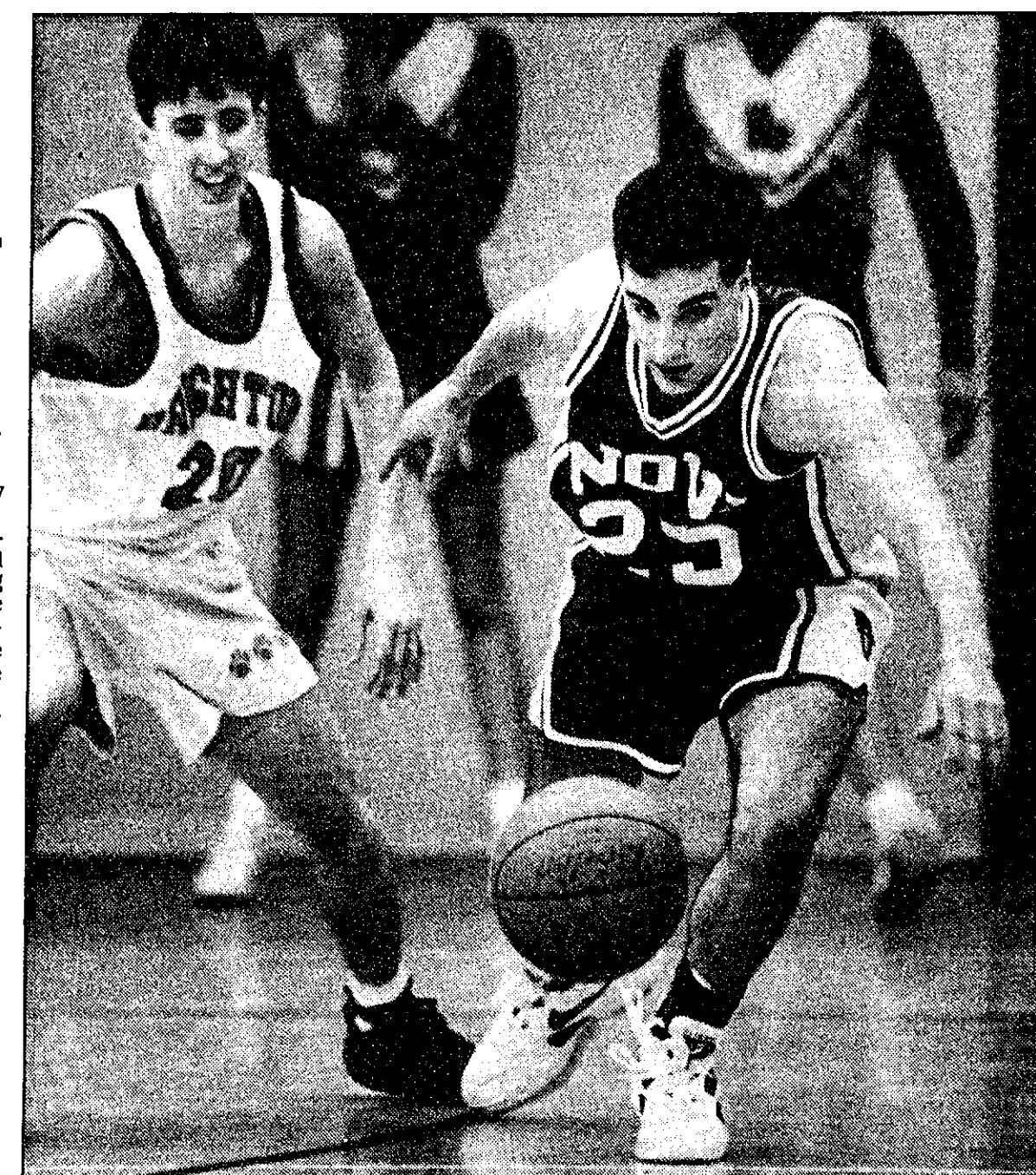
With 3:52 left, senior Jeremy Watkins Novi led for good. It was a nail-bitter to the end, however.

Trailing by one, Waterford stole the ball and headed up court for a possible go-ahead basket. But Dave York took the charge and the Captains were forced to surrender the ball.

"That was pivotal," the senior said after the game.

York then sank two free throws to give Novi a three-point margin that it never relinquished.

York finished the game with four points. Rocky Dunlap had nine and Watkins five. Fellows led Kettering with 19 points.



Dave York had four points against Waterford Kettering.

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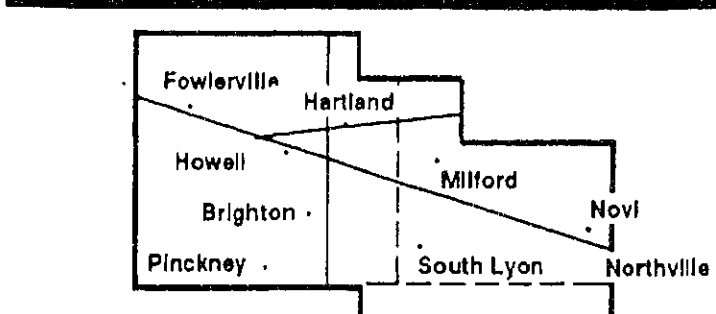
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Our company is searching for the best management in the region to staff our newly acquired office in this segment. Experience, good management experience, ability to train, recruit, manage and support a national/international sales organization, please forward resume: Box 237, Novi, MI 48076.

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CARWASH-Union Lake. Morning manager, \$5 to start. (313)437-0856.

CASHIERS, day shift, full & part-time, weekdays, hourly + commission. Apply in person, ask for Jeff. Bay Pointe Shell, Richardson Rd., Union Lake.

CASHIERS/sign punchers. Part-time. Apply in person. Ask for Tina. Howell Soft Cloth, Pinckney Road, Howell.

Do you know your color codes. We have long term assignments for electronic assemblers in evenings. Need extra \$\$\$, Call.

ADIA (313)227-1218

CONCRETE working form for commercial work. Apply at 1033 Rig Road, Walled Lake, North of Pontiac Trail, 8-4pm Mon-Fri.

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ACCEPTING Applications for evening telemarketing positions. Hourly wage plus commission. Ideal hours for retirees, homemakers or college students. South Lyon area. Call (313)349-3627 EOE.

DELIVERY PERSON

Mon-Fri, 1pm-4pm. PrintWorks needs pleasant, reliable person with good driving record to pick up and deliver printing. Van provided. Farmington Hills. (313)489-0886.

PART-TIME help to care for male diabetic. Call between 8am-10pm. (313)229-5287.

PART-TIME phone operator/receptionist. Mon-Fri, 12noon-2pm. Call Pat, (313)348-5767.

NORTHVILLE, part-time. Clean auto service area. \$375 per month. 2 hours daily. Contact Mr. Thomas at (313)876-1900.

PART-time labor positions available for flexible individuals. Experience not necessary, but preferred. Attractive salary & benefit package. Apply at Old Kent Bank of Brighton, 300 W. North St., Brighton MI, 48116. Equal Opportunity Employer.

VOLUNTEERS needed for the Livingston Area Council Against Spouse Abuse. Training begins Mar. 22 at 9am and runs for 2 weeks. Call (517)548-1350 for more information.

DIRECT Care Workers for group home in Milford. Afternoon and night shift available. MOPC training helpful or will train. \$5.25-\$5.75 per hour. Call Duane at (313)684-2159.

DIRECT care staff. Full & part-time, midnight shift & afternoon available. Milford Group Home. Contact Beth or Aaron, (313)685-8216.

DIRECT care workers needed for group home in the Howell area. GED or high school diploma, reliable transportation & telephone required. All shifts available for part-time position. (313)750-6312, between 8:30am-5pm

DRIVERS WANTED

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FULL time positions available, warehouse utility driver. Blue Cross/Blue Shield, major medical insurance provided. For further information please call (313)448-0301.

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COSMETOLOGIST WANTED

Join Ryan Associates is looking to add another member to its growing staff. If you think you can cut it and are interested in paid advanced training, call Maureen or Jani, (313)229-0455.

COUNTER help needed for cleaner in Northville, full-time even. 5th 7pm. (313)522-0539.

COUNTER person, 18 or older, full time. Apply in person at Mary's Maids, 3251 W. Highland Rd. (M-58) Highland.

COUNTRYSIDE Landscaping. Laborers & mechanics. Flat concrete work, deck building, landscaping/lawn work. Experience preferred, will train those willing to learn. (517)548-2626

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LABORER needed for rough framing work, 2 yrs. minimum exp. preferred. (517)548-1877.

LIGHT ASSEMBLY WORK

In Milford, fine finger dexterity a plus. Call (313)227-4866. EOE.

LOCAL dry cleaner has opening for friendly counter attendant, position available nights & weekends, w/fixable hrs., apply M-F, 8am-2pm. Troy Cleaners, Boardwalk Plaza.

LOOKING for enthusiastic hair stylist to work in progressive, full service salon in Hartland. Immediate opening. Please call Artistic Appearance at (313)532-7712.

LOOKING for reliable help, work includes shelving installation (light carpenter work). Golich Building Supply, (313)437-7696. Equal Opportunity Employer.

MACHINE SHOP. Full time, steady work available. Milford, Wixom area. Day shift, some overtime, recent experience helpful, will train bright self starter. Call Mon-Thurs, 8am-3pm. (313)473-9305

MANUFACTURING plant requires additional purchasing staff. Must have exp. in the steel and component industry. Should be self motivated and creative. Knowledge of MRP & helpful. Send resume, salary history and cover letter to: Personnel Dept., P.O. Box 274, Novi, MI 48076-0274.

MECHANIC

Entry level, experienced with hydraulic and small engine repair plus, good opportunity for data entry person. Call (313)348-9333.

MEDICAL Coordinator A.I.S. group home, must have a group home experience. Now hiring full time in-office sales people. No experience. \$6.00 + Cal. between 9am-5pm. Mon-Fri. (313)380-1700 ask for Jim Freeman.

MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR. A national direct lender is seeking an experienced commission based officer to originate home loans in the Brighton area. Excellent loan program, good benefits & open territory. Contact GMAC Mortgage, ask for Don Grimes for a confidential interview. 1-800-695-3948. EOE.

NOVI based company, on the move. Nov, Farmington Hills sales office. Now hiring full time in-office sales people. No experience. \$6.00 + Cal. between 9am-5pm. Mon-Fri. (313)380-1700 ask for Jim Freeman.

NOW taking applications for motor route drivers in many Livingston County, South Lyon, & Milford areas. Duties will include Sun. or Mon. delivery of our Green Sheet to our tubes. Pay will be based on size of your route. Call (517)546-4808 or (313)685-7546. Leave name & number.

PART-TIME HOURLY PLUS COMMISSION

Promotion of special offer for up scale dept. store in 12 Oaks Mall, direct exp. w/ the public and professional appearance required. Must work week-ends. (313)543-4500.

PART-time labor & insulation installer wanted. Please call Weathersfield insulation (313)473-7634.

PINCKNEY area group home now hiring temporary full time and part-time night shifts 1