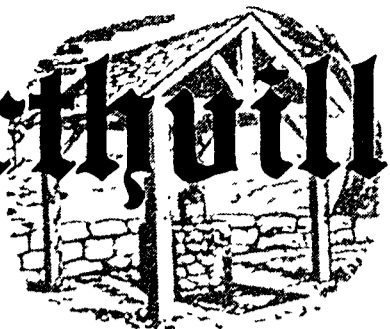


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Northville joins suit vs. Detroit

By ANITA CRONE

The city of Northville agreed to join with other suburban communities in pursuing a law suit against the Detroit water and sewer board, providing the cost to the suburban communities would be determined on a per capita basis, rather than a set fee.

Canton Township is reportedly initiating the suit, which would seek to recover any overcharges paid by the suburban communities to Detroit. The overcharges were a result of "mismanagement and fraud perpetrated by the Vista Disposal Co.," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen.

"I literally have no idea how much money would be involved," said Northville City Manager Steve Walters. However Breen said he anticipated the amount of money would be "substantial."

A similar law suit instituted by Oakland County was dismissed by the court since the court determined there was no direct relationship between Oakland County and the Detroit Water and Sewage Dept.

However, Breen said, most of the suburban communities had contracts with Wayne County, rather than with the city of Detroit directly. "Wayne County declined to pursue the matter so Canton Township was pursuing the matter to protect its interest. I intend to recommend to my board that they participate in the suit."

Breen said he did not know whether Canton Township had already filed its lawsuit and Canton Township Supervisor James Poole was unavailable for comment at press time.

The Canton Township attorney also was unavailable for comment.

Walters said it was his understanding the judge, in dismissing Oakland County's suit, indicated "someone" had recoverable damages against the Detroit city department. However, Walters said, it was unclear who the "someone" was.

"It may be the suburban communities are not the proper bodies to bring suit, either. Maybe it would be up to the individual water users. But whoever it is certainly should pursue the matter."

Patrol slows walkaways from hospital

By ANITA CRONE

Northville Township's attempt to stem the rising incidents of reported walkaways from the Northville Regional Hospital has been a rousing success, township officials say, but reports from the hospital administration are not so positive.

Since the township's vehicular patrol of the Seven Mile Road entrance to the hospital began two weeks ago, there has not been one reported case of a walkaway from the facility while the patrol was in operation, Northville Township Police Chief Kenneth Hardesty said.

And the Michigan Department of Mental Health has indicated there is a possibility that an additional camera, capable of scanning the entranceway, may soon be installed.

Supervisor Susan Heintz said Monday the conversations with the department have led her to believe the camera may be installed within "30 to 45 days," Heintz said. "That's a real good indication."

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This board has lots of real appeal

By ANITA CRONE

For home and business owners, it's time to give the piper his due.

But sometimes the 'piper,' either the city or township of Northville, says it wants more than people should actually pay. That's where the boards of review take over.

An appearance before a board of review, comprised of local residents, is the first step a taxpayer must take should he disagree with his property tax assessment. In the city of Northville, the board is scheduled to meet March 11 and March 25 while the township has scheduled its hearings to



Critical note

Despite an armful of toddler, Northville High School Band Director Mike Rumbell could not sit still for the Mustang fight song last Friday night. The band director was among those cheering on the Mustangs in

their victory over Canton. Despite his father's enthusiasm, Daniel Rumbell, 1½, seems slightly wary of the gleaming horn — or perhaps it was Mike's playing. Record photo by Steve Fecht.

Development finally wins approval

"We recognize there are some constraints we have to deal with and we are prepared to do so." Architect Leonard Siegal

In 1978, Northville City Planning Commission approved plans for a residential subdivision, called Country Creek, to be developed in a wetlands area north of Eight Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads. But the whole plan was later scrapped for economic reasons.

At the commission's February 18 meeting, a different development company made its pitch to build a subdivision on the same parcel of land, and the plans met with very positive response from the commission. After a presentation from the developer's architectural firm, the commission voted unanimously in favor of a tentative preliminary approval that will be valid for a year subject to approval from state, county and development agencies.

The Singh Development Company of Southfield made its subdivision applica-

tion to the committee and came prepared with a site plan of what its proposed "Ponds of Northville" would look like. The two-phase plan calls for the 130-lot residential area to wrap around a man-made spring-fed pond which is now part of a swampy area that is connected to the Randolph Drain. The subdivision would connect with the current Lexington Commons subdivision to the east and the planned Abbey Knoll Estates to the west.

The commission said it was very impressed with the plan because it has some features that are much more at-

tractive than the doomed 1978 project. The plans call for much larger lots than on the previous project (the Country Creek plan called for 207 lots on the same area) and a more sensitive approach to the area.

"I would like to compliment you on the plan," Chairman Jerome Mittman said. "It's the best I've seen in relation to this area."

"I think you have done a tremendous job of incorporating the (subdivision) to the existing surroundings," planning consultant Ron Nino told the developers.

Architect Leonard Siegal of Siegal-Tuomaala Associates of Farmington Hills told the commission that the plan received a very favorable response from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the intention to convert the wetlands into a pond.

"We think this would be an idea spot for some high-quality lots that the community could be proud of," Siegal told the commission. "We recognize there are some constraints we have to deal with and we prepared to do so. But we think this would make a great subdivision."

Siegal said that construction on Phase I could ideally begin before the end of the year and Phase II would proceed after seeing the initial response. He said the lot costs will be in the \$45,000 range with housing costs starting at \$170,000.

In other action by the commission, preliminary and final site plan approval was also given to Stanley Maiberger. Maiberger wants to change the use of a house he owns on 424 South Main Street, near the VFW post. It is currently a residential rental property, but Maiberger plans to convert the first floor to office space and rent apartments on the second floor.

The commission voted 8-0 in favor of the approval subject to four revisions that must be made. The four revisions are: 1) the driveway must be 20 feet and paved out to Main Street with the proper merging, 2) There must be one foot candle lighting for the parking lot, 3) The parking lot stripping must be in accordance with the city ordinance, 4) The drainage system must be approved by the city engineer.

Summer tax pact gains final okay by school board

By MICHELE FECHT

Northville Public Schools and the six municipalities in the district's jurisdiction have reached agreement on the collection of 1986 summer taxes.

At its meeting Monday, the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved agreements with its various summer tax collecting units — including Northville Township, City of Northville, Lyon Township, Salem Township and Novi Township. An agreement with the City of Novi is not required because that taxing unit collected summer taxes prior to the 1984 summer tax collection law.

The collection fees to be paid by the school district total \$18,268 with the majority of the costs (\$15,300) going to Northville Township.

"The board has to look at this as one of the realities of doing business today," School Superintendent George Bell noted. "We are in a better position paying the collection fee than subcontracting the district's collection."

Bell noted that while agreements for collecting summer taxes have been relatively routine matters in the past, a recent Michigan Court of Appeals deci-

sion has added a new twist to the process.

On November 4, the court ruled in a Grand Rapids case that interest collected on the investment of taxes collected for the schools belongs to the schools. Prior to the recent ruling, the collection agency — usually a city or township — retained the interest earned on the tax revenue during the 10-day period between the date it was collected and the time it was transferred to the school district.

The new ruling put a wrench in negotiations between local municipalities — most notably Northville Township — and the school district over the collection of summer taxes.

Last year, the township collected summer taxes without charge to the school district — covering costs through a one percent administration fee added to bills and the interest earned by investing the collected funds.

Under the new agreement, the township will collect the school district's taxes and interest accrued at a cost of \$3 for each parcel the township

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Council concentrates on real estate deals

Northville City Council got into the real estate business Monday night, agreeing to acquire one small parcel of land and putting a second, much larger piece of property, up for sale.

By a unanimous vote, the council said it would purchase from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources one lot located south of Fish Hatchery Park for \$50, the title transfer fee required by the state.

The land would be used to expand the park. Currently, council members noted, much of the land is under water.

The larger property at the southwest corner of Main and Griswold is a combined piece, including the remainder of the property purchased to extend Griswold to Seven Mile and a second property that was purchased by the city in 1984 for \$58,000. The city is accepting proposals from prospective developers and asking a price of \$160,000.

According to the resolution, approved after a one-hour executive session closed to the press and public, the 18,000 square foot property is available for development, and the council will con-

sider four factors in determining the eventual purchaser: price, tax base value of development, employment potential of the development and the proposed use to the viability of the Downtown Development District.

"We are looking at a beneficial project for the city," said Mayor Paul Vernon.

"We are looking for a project that will increase foot traffic in the area and contribute to our downtown development," added G. Dewey Gardner.

Hunter House, now in the Mill Race Historical Village, was originally located on the site where Griswold was extended to Seven Mile; a second house on the property was destroyed by fire.

Proposals from developers wishing to purchase the property must be submitted by 2 p.m. March 27, must be submitted on a proposal form available from the city clerk's office, must include a standard title company offer to purchase, a good-faith deposit equal to 10 percent of the purchase price and a description of the proposed development.



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Record photo by JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Chisnell, right, and Russ Fogg check tax map

Taxes earn review

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are two identical houses in one subdivision, both assessed at the same amount and one homeowner successfully appeals his assessment and the other doesn't, the homeowner who is successful in his appeal will be charged a lower rate.

Nor does a successful appeal one year automatically entitle the taxpayer to a reduced rate on subsequent years.

"Each case is determined on a one-time basis. There is no carry-over," Cutler said.

While a real estate background is not required to serve on the board of review, Cutler and Fogg both work in real estate.

"I don't see a conflict, since much of my real estate work is in the industrial area," Fogg said. But his knowledge of the market has helped him in fulfilling his board of review duties.

Fogg said, however, citizens who come before the board of review do not have to have a real estate background and can bring attorneys, accountants or other professionals with them to the hearing.

Nor do taxpayers have to be experts in real estate or finance to successfully appeal assessments. "We'll help anyone who wants help. If someone needs to know where to go to get documentation, we'll tell him and we'll also help fill out forms if needed," Fogg said.

Ironically, Fogg had never thought of serving on the board until 1979, when he successfully appealed assessments for

himself and a group of neighbors.

"I think I might have been a bit sarcastic," he says, laughing. "I remember thanking the board for raising my taxes and even suggesting they raise them higher. I know better now."

"We ask each time whether the assessment is valid for the property in question. Do the comparables (listings of similar homes and their selling prices) bear out the taxpayer's opinions and does the person have the documentation to back up his claim," Fogg said.

Sometimes mistakes are made in assessments and can be resolved without coming before the board. An example has occurred in commercial assessment listing for the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville. Apparently, a communication breakdown led to 121 commercial properties being rated at a lower amount than required when the county used an industrial factor rather than the commercial factor in determining value. However, the error was discovered, and the city is mailing corrected tax statements to the owners involved.

All township appeals will be handled by appointment. Call the township between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 348-5800.

Township hearing dates scheduled are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 4; 3-9 p.m. March 5; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 10; and 3-9 p.m. March 11.

City appeals board will meet March 11 and March 25. Call city hall, 349-1300, for hearing times and to make an appointment.

Report jars police, Meijer store officials

An unconfirmed report of slivered glass found in a Gerber baby food jar purchased from Meijer at Eight Mile and Haggerty has befuddled both local police and the store's management.

According to Northville Township Police Captain Phil Presnell, an unidentified woman called the Novi Police Department last Thursday to report that her son bit into a piece of glass while eating from a jar of Gerber baby food.

Refusing to identify herself to police, she went on to say that the jar was purchased from Meijer.

After instructing the caller to return the jar and lid to the local store, Novi police contacted the Northville Township Police Department to apprise them of the situation.

Presnell said Monday he talked with store manager Art Athar about the incident and instructed him to contact police when the woman arrived at the store. He also said he told Athar to remove the Gerber products from the store shelves.

Though Athar would not comment on the incident, he noted he did not pull the Gerber baby food.

Though Presnell reiterated that he requested the baby food be taken off the shelves, Athar said his understanding was that police officials only "advised me to look into the situation."

However, as of Monday morning, the anonymous caller had not shown up at the store — leaving Meijer officials and

local police without any substantial evidence of food tampering.

Dave Lukens, public and consumer affairs coordinator for the Grand Rapids-based Meijer, said he was aware of the situation and has been "in constant contact with Gerber."

"We instructed our store to get the woman's name and address when she comes in," Lukens said. "However, we certainly can't do anything if she won't come forward."

Lukens said the Meijer store was told not to pull the product. "We cannot substantiate anything," Lukens said of the unconfirmed report. "As far as we know it could have been a prank call."

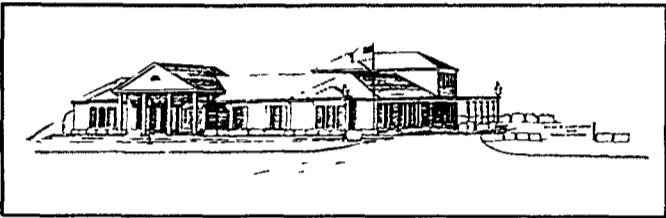
Recent reports of tainted Gerber products have thrust the Fremont, Mich.-based baby food manufacturer into the national limelight — along with Johnson & Johnson, the creators of Tylenol capsules.

Lukens noted the attention brought to the recent incidents makes Gerber easy prey for such a hoax.

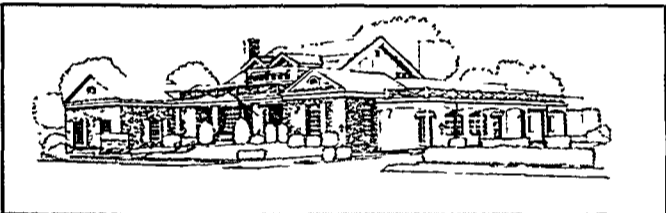
"To my knowledge, we have not had any Gerber jars with glass returned," he said. Reports of glass shards in Gerber products have been noted in 12 states, including two incidents in Bay City.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact the Northville Township Detective Bureau at 349-9400.

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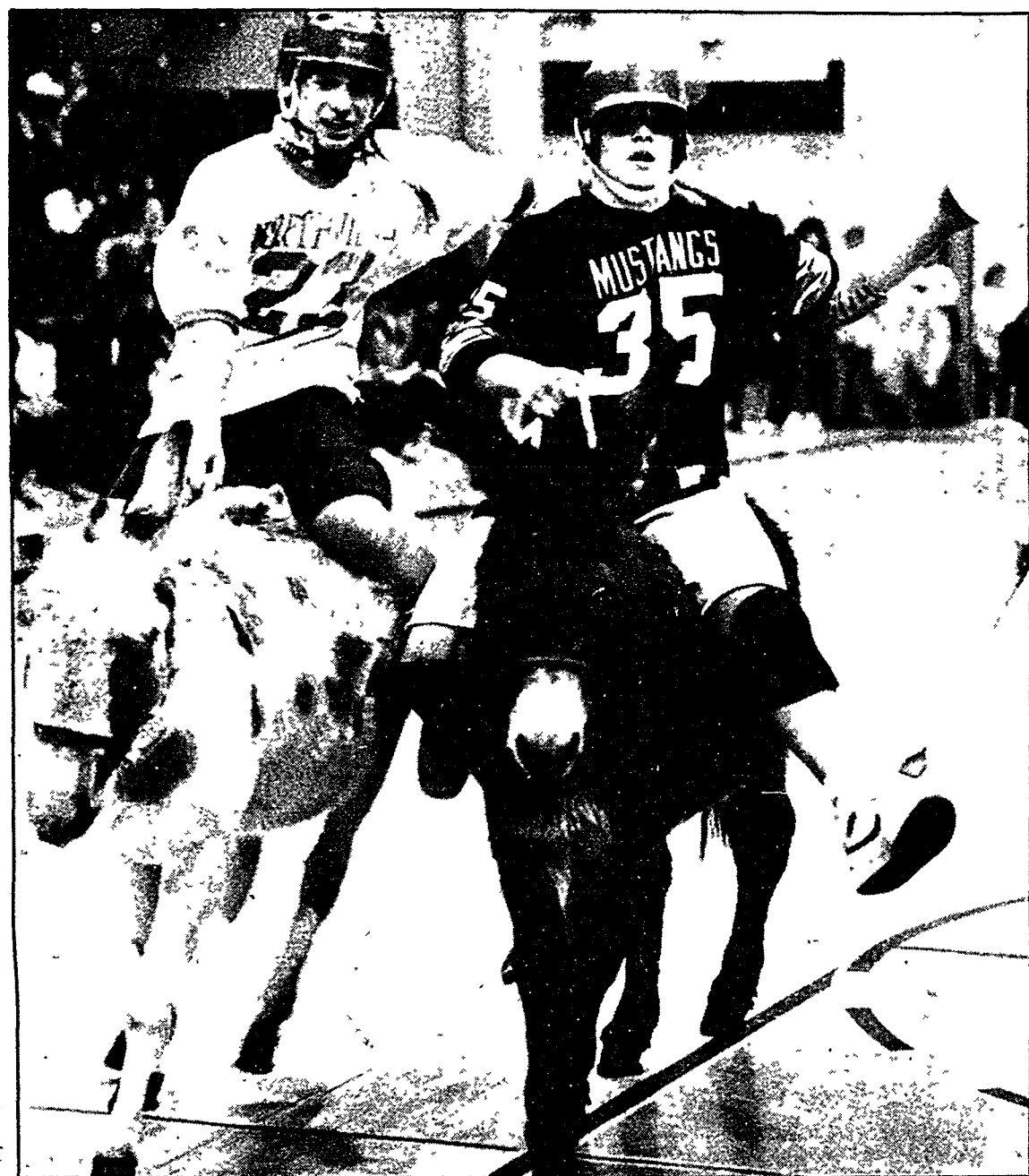
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Donkey hoops

There was more than a little horsing (or should we say donkeying) around last Saturday at the annual donkey basketball game at Northville High School. The junior team downed the freshman squad in the finals to take team honors in the event sponsored by the senior class. Sophomore Eddie Walsh (immediate right) finds that staying on the donkey is half the battle. For senior Craig Kozlar, (second right and below) losing to the juniors was frustrating and tiring. Wade Zoroya of the junior class team (far right) shows his shooting style. A spectator (bottom right) awards one of the competitors with some food. Freshman Dave Fellicelli (23) tries to stop junior John McRae (35) on a fast break (below). Record Photos by Rick Smith.



NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS - CLOSED CIRCUIT TV CAMERAS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for closed circuit TV cameras to be used by the Novi Police Department according to the specifications of the City of Novi.
Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 12, 1986, at the Office of the City Clerk, 45225 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48050. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Envelopes must be plainly marked, "CLOSED CIRCUIT TV CAMERAS," and must bear the name of the bidder.
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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for computer equipment to be used by the Novi Police Department according to the specifications of the City of Novi.
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Police Blotters

Ask ransom for Rick?

In the township ...

It looks as though Ranger Rick is being held for ransom.

Northville Township Police have received word that the 5-foot statue stolen from the miniature golf course at Oasis Golf Center last summer now is residing in someone's garage.

A note and photo of Ranger Rick was found near the door of the Five Mile golf complex by an employee early Sunday morning.

According to police, the note was typed on a computer print-out and stated "We have Ranger Rick." It was accompanied by a color photo which police said appeared to have been taken in a garage or shed.

As if being held captive wasn't bad enough, Rick apparently wasn't even missed. The complainant told police he did not know if a larceny report was ever filed last summer regarding the incident.

A 1986 Chevy Blazer valued at \$17,500 was stolen from a parking lot at North Ridge sometime between 1 and 6:30 a.m. February 21, police report.

The complainant told police assorted papers and a pair of field glasses were in the vehicle at the time the incident occurred.

... In the City

A Northville man reported to police that unknown person(s) broke into his

home and stole several thousand dollars' worth of goods on February 24 between 8:10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

According to the police report, the assailant(s) gained entry to the house on Main Street by kicking in the family room door and proceeded to go through the master bedroom and the den. The complainant stated that the door was standing open when he arrived home at 5:30.

Some of the items taken include a sterling silverware service for 12, valued at \$1,500, a yellow gold ring with three diamonds, valued at \$750 and \$600 worth of assorted costume jewelry.

A Livonia man reported that unknown person(s) broke out the drive side door glass of his 1980 Ford Mustang and stole a radar detector valued at \$180. The incident happened in the parking lot of Northville Downs February 19 between 7:30 and 9:36 p.m. A large stone was used to break the glass, and damage was estimated at \$160.

The American flag was stolen from two area locations at roughly the same time period last week. The 8x12 foot flag at the Northville Ford Plant, valued at \$56, was taken between 5:30 p.m. on February 17 and 5:30 p.m. the following day and the 5x8 foot flag at the VFW post on South Main was taken sometime between midnight and 11 a.m. on the 18th. Tracks in the snow were observed by police at both scenes, but there are no suspects.

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A Tylenol capsule which a Northville Township resident had suspected had been tampered with has been given a clean bill of health by McNeil Laboratories, Inc.

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Students earn recognition

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awards were presented. David Best from OLV took third place in the math division. A big congratulations to David.

The Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored an American History Essay contest. OLV winners were: Elizabeth Monczka, fifth grade, first place; Amy Bott, fifth grade, second place; Micheal J. Mittman, fifth grade, third place; John Heintz, seventh grade, first place; Renee Larabell, seventh grade, second place and Chrissy Kowal, seventh grade, third place.

Our school play this year is "Professor Zucchini's Traveling Tales." Auditions were held the third week of January and the cast has been selected. Cast members include: Professor Zucchini, Matt Scherkenbach; Floribunda, Sarah Imrick; Poinsettia, Liz DeMattia; Poppy, Chrissy Kowal; Camellis, Jaque Mathews; Gold Nose, Eddie Paddock; Spumoni, Brendan Best; Papa Pasta, Jim McMahon; Vermicelli, Jason Baldas; Rigatoni, Micheal Mittman; Countess Provolone, Sonia Gill; Gorgonzola, Susie Wiedenbach; Mozzarella, Kristen Woodsum; Palace Page, Kelly Berger; Three Sheep, Maggie Croteau, Kathy Cannon and Amy Bott; Proud Prince, Pat Dorrington; Queen, Carrie Isabel; Garbanzo, Chris Campbell and Pig, Becky Albanese.

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Usha Gill



Downhill racers

Amerman hill is without a doubt one of the best in-town spots for sledding enthusiasts. For the students attending Northville's oldest elementary school, the snow-covered hill is a favorite spot at recess and after school. The

three downhill-bound sledders, Sean Gordon (foreground), Joe Luther and Brett Matthews were among members of the safety patrol recently treated to a sledding party. Record photo by Steve Fecht.

Local AAUW marks national observance

The Northville Branch of the American Association of University Women received official recognition and thanks of Northville City Council Monday night as Mayor Paul Vernon proclaimed the week of March 2-8 as AAUW Week.

The week is being observed nationally to honor the oldest and largest national organization working for the advancement of women. AAUW has a membership of more than 193,000 nationally.

The proclamation noted that AAUW promotes equity for women, education and self development over the life span and positive societal change.

Vernon's proclamation also reported that the Northville branch "has made

significant contributions to this community since the branch was founded in 1975 ... and will continue to provide educational and supportive services to the community."

Women interested in joining the group are invited to call Joyce Liddie, membership chairperson, at 348-2416.

Any woman holding a baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution on the AAUW list of qualified institutions, or a degree from a foreign school recognized by the International Federation of University Women, or a foreign degree acceptable as a basis for admission at graduate schools at regionally accredited universities of the United States, is eligible for membership in the association.

Church shows 'Joni' film

Two presentations of the highly acclaimed film, "Joni," are planned this weekend at Christian Community Church, 41355 Six Mile, with the public invited to attend.

"Joni" is a compassionate, true story of faith and courage. Joni, devastated by a diving accident at the age of 17, emerges from that tragedy as a quadriplegic, unable to do anything for herself.

"As a result, she learned a great lesson of dependence upon God," Pastor Larry Frick explains. He adds that the film "is sure to touch the lives of all who suffer brokenness — of body, of spirit, of faith, of hope, of family relationships."

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 6 p.m. Sunday. A free-will offering will be received.

Michael Wickett to speak at Presbyterian church

Michael Wickett, a motivational trainer, lecturer, teacher and consultant will speak on "Keys to a Higher Quality of Life" at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian

Church. Wickett, president of Growth and Goals Inc. of Birmingham, holds weekly classes at Unity Church in Warren which are attended by hundreds.

He is a motivational consultant to IBM, Century 21, McDonalds and State Farm Insurance Company.

The evening with Wickett is sponsored by the Spinnaker Singles Group and the Congregational Life Committee of Northville Presbyterian Church. They report that his presentations have helped thousands of people develop their potential and achieve their personal and professional fulfillment.

A time for conversation and discussion with the speaker has been planned. A social hour will follow his presentation at the church, 200 East Main. The program is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken after the lecture.



MICHAEL WICKETT

Open House scheduled at New Morning School

New Morning School, a certified parent cooperative school for children in preschool through eighth grade, will host an Open Visitation Day from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 5. A planned program will include discussion about the school, visitation in the classrooms, a student panel and the opportunity to talk with current NMS parents. Visitors should plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m.

For parents unable to attend the Open Visitation Day, a Parent Discussion Night will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. Individual appointments to view the school can also be arranged.

New Morning School, founded in 1973 and located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth Township, operates on basic principles of child development. Each student's needs are assessed and an individualized program planned. Students and parents are involved in planning the optimal program for each child.

Both co-op and non co-op options are available. Many working parents can participate as co-op parents even if they are unable to assist in the classroom.

New Morning is the only pre K-3 cooperative in southeastern Michigan.

It recently was cited as one of 12 model co-ops selected across the nation which serve children. Madeline Fried, under contract by the National Cooperative Bank, selected New Morning School from a field of 108 applicants and has provided technical assistance to the school.

New Morning School fall registration can be completed March 5 at Open Visitation Day. Fall classes include:

□ Grades 1-8: These classes offer a 12 to 1 student:teacher ratio and multi-age groupings to best serve the needs of students academically and socially. A full range of academic subjects is included as well as music, French, computers, gym/swim, art, and a specialized science program.

□ Full or Half Day Kindergarten: Kindergartners may elect a full or half-day program. Ample opportunity for play, socialization and experiential learning is combined with the introduction of academic skills. A language experience approach to beginning reading and writing is used along with a phonics approach.

□ Transitional Kindergarten: For children needing an extra year beyond preschool but not quite at the

kindergarten level, New Morning offers a daily afternoon class which serves the needs of "young fives" as well as those of kindergarten age.

• Preschool: Preschool classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. and provide a well-rounded educational program for children 2½ to 6 years in a consistent peer group. Music, French, computers, crafts, cooking and readiness skills are included. Classes are limited to 12 children.

• New for Fall: Preschool Day School: In the planning stages is a full time preschool educational program for children 2½ to 5. The program would operate daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. As this program is limited to only 12 children, parents interested in learning more about the program are urged to contact director Elaine Yagiela.

• Me and My Shadow-Parent: Toddler Class: The school will continue to offer its popular "Me and My Shadow" classes for children ages two and three.

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Obituaries

RALPH E. BLITHE JR.

Ralph E. Blithe Jr. died at his Northville home February 21. A printer in photo business, Mr. Blithe was 63. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Ross B. Northrop and Son Funeral Home with his son-in-law, the Rev. John Negele of Adoration Lutheran Church in Bay City, officiating.

Mr. Blithe was a member of the Lutheran church and the Dearborn Chapter of the Moose. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born March 16, 1922, in Pennsylvania to Ralph E. and Rebecca A. (Guest) Blithe.

He leaves his wife, Patricia G., daughters Kathleen Kalniczenko and Mrs. John (Marguerite) Negele and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to Adoration Lutheran Church, 3121 W.N. Union Rd., Bay City, 48706.

DOMENICA ORSA

Funeral service for Domenica Orsa, 80, of Northville was held at 10 a.m. February 20 at Our Lady of Victory Church with Fr. Frank Polle officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Orsa died February 16.

Mrs. Orsa, who was widowed, had been a seamstress. She was born Mary 7, 1905, in Italy to Santo and Cristina (BeVacqua) Lofaro.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Frances) Nieto of Northville, a sister, Gaetano Lofaro in Italy, and three grandsons.

CARLTON A. PARSONS

Funeral service for Carlton A. Parsons of 18317 Jamestown Circle was held at noon February 20 at Our Lady of Victory Church. Fr. Frank Polle officiated.

Mr. Parsons died February 17 at the age of 84 at New Grace Hospital.

A member of Northville American Legion Post 147 and Our Lady of Victory Church, Mr. Parsons had been a supervisor with General Motors for 34

years. He was a World War I Army veteran.

He moved to the community in 1970. He was born January 18, 1902, in Detroit to Wade C. and Etta Mary (Murphy) Parsons. He married Mary MacDonald, who survives, June 15, 1936, at Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit.

Funeral arrangements were by Ross B. Northrop and Son Funeral Home.

ANGELA M. McINERNEY

Funeral service for Angela M. McInerney was held at 11 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Victory Church where she was a member. Father Frank Polle officiated. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Miss McInerney died unexpectedly February 21 at her home in Northville. A retired secretary for the City of Detroit in the Health Department, she had moved to the community about five years ago.

A rosary was given at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. Sunday evening by Sister Kathleen Scanlon.

Miss McInerney was born in Fraser, MI., to Dennis and Josephine (Bacon) McInerney.

Miss McInerney, who had never married, leaves sisters Patrice Joyce of St. Clair Shores and Hazel Langfield of Northville, brothers Kenneth McInerney of Roseville, Francis Doolittle of St. Clair Shores and Warren Doolittle of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

META B. MYERS

Former Northville resident Meta B. Myers of Coleman died February 18 at Midland Hospice Center. She was 79.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. February 21 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Coleman with her nephew, Rev. Max J. Frego, officiating. Burial was in Warren Township Cemetery in Coleman.

Mrs. Myers, a homemaker, moved to Coleman in 1980 from Rogers City. She was born August 27, 1906, in Rogers City to Fred and Laura Tosch.

She married Stanley J. Myers

February 18, 1939, in LaGrange, Ind. He preceded her in death February 12, 1980.

She leaves two sons, Leo LaMere of Herron, MI., William F. Myers of Coleman, a daughter, Cecile Aque in Florida, five grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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THE LIVONIA STAFF

Left to Right: Carol Migoski, Director, Lisa Langley, Staff Counselor, Linda Fraser, Staff Counselor, Serena Marshman, Staff Counselor, Gail Ronayne, Staff Counselor, Anita Harris, L.P.N.



THE ALLEN PARK STAFF

Left to Right: Joanne Tamburino, R.N., Deborah Bihun, Behavior Modificationist, Mary Higdon, Counselor, Linda Kovacs, Manager Gary Kovacs, Director

Those receiving therapy lost the same amount of weight in six months as those on the low-calorie diet lost in four months. But they regained only half as much in the year after treatment ended. Those in the combination group did the best of all, however. They lost the most weight, and a year later they had regained the least...

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City allocates funds, changes ordinance

The Northville City Council held three public hearings Monday night, but there was no public in attendance to hear them.

With virtually no discussion, the council agreed to eliminate an outdated requirement for taxi cab drivers to have physical examinations before renewing their licenses; approved the spending of \$7,500 in Oakland County Community Development Block Grant funds; and approved the expenditure of \$24,078 in Federal Revenue Sharing

funds. An earlier proposal to spend the block grant money to replace lighting in the community center was turned down by the county's community development planner because the project would not have benefited low income people, explained City Manager Steve Walters.

The latest proposal, to create barrier free lavatories in the community center was approved by the county; however, the city does not have enough money on hand to complete the project.

John Anderson, recreation director, said the project could be completed in stages and current funds on hand would be enough to complete much of the proposed work.

Anderson said original bids to make one male and one female facility on the first floor of the community center barrier free were received for \$21,000. However, only \$11,000 was earmarked for the project. The additional funds would bring the city's total to \$18,500.

Work would include knocking out cinderblock walls to expand the width

of the entranceways, installing reachable temperature controls on the water in the sink and allowing more room in the toilet stalls.

Walters said the current project, because it aids handicapped people, meets county block grant funding requirements.

The federal funds will be used for public safety equipment and related costs and will be allocated to the city's general fund, but earmarked specifically for the public safety equipment.

School district to pay communities to collect

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bell's summer property taxes. "We have not had a problem in the past with the speed they have returned the proceeds to us," Bell said of the township's collection. "The new law now requires them to send the interest as soon as they can process it."

In the city, which makes its own summer tax collection regardless of the school collection, a \$1 per parcel fee for collection of summer school taxes was approved by council December 16.

In Lyon and Salem townships, a \$5 per parcel fee is charged to all their constituent school districts. However, with few tax parcels in the Northville school district (only 60 in Lyon Township), the collection fee is relatively small for each municipality.

In Novi Township, a 1 percent fee is charged for collection of summer taxes.

Bell told the board the summer tax collection agreements are particularly timely in light of the upcoming millage renewal election.

Voters will be asked to renew the school district's total voted operating millage of 26.5 mills for a five-year period in a special election March 24.

Though the district will be seeking a renewal of its voted operating millage, taxpayers will see a slight reduction in the schools' debt retirement millage in 1986-87.

Bell said the reduction will range from a .8 mill to 1.02 mills depending on the overall increase in the district's State Equalized Valuation.

The March 24 election will coincide with Schoolcraft College's special millage election, allowing the college and school district to share election costs.

Schoolcraft trustees are seeking an additional half-mill from voters.

Township, hospital views differ on patrol value

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tion the patrol has had an effect," she added.

However, hospital officials disagree with the assessment.

"I don't think it's had any effect," said Dr. Walter Brown, hospital director. "I think the addition of our own security staff people within the last three weeks may have had some effect, however."

Brown said three security people have been added to the staff within the last three weeks, bringing to 10 the number of internal people on duty during daylight hours.

But Brown added figures on the number of walkaways have not been compiled for the month of February.

Apparently, walkaways have had little effect on businesses along Seven Mile Road, although some business owners say that they have had incidents when a patient will wander into their store.

"Usually, when that happens, we call hospital security, and they pick up the patient and return them to the hospital grounds," said Pat Stannard, day manager at Northville Charley's.

The Northville Post of the Michigan State Police is more intimately involved with walkaways, since the post is directly notified by the hospital security force.

"Most of the calls we get deal with people who have a day pass and fail to return to the hospital by the end of the day," explained Sgt. Paul Numikoski.

Annie Nichols, owner and broker at Nichols Realty on Seven Mile, said occasionally a patient from the hospital will wander into the firm's offices, "but

I wouldn't say we have a problem with the situation. We may have two incidents a year," she added.

Despite the decrease in the number of walkaways during cold weather, figures for December indicated 37 incidents at the hospital, and January figures showed a similar number of walkaways.

NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE & OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 W. Main St., for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

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TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1986: 9:00 a.m.-NOON & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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Our Opinions

Caution needed in product crises

There's no question that local consumers need to be aware of the possibility of tampering with national products can exist here as well as in the East. Unquestionably, also, anyone with a suspicion that a product might be sabotaged should report that suspicion to authorities.

However, anyone who is concerned about a product he/she is using has an obligation to cooperate completely in the investigation.

In this issue of The Record we reported that a resident, suspicious of a Tylenol capsule's alignment, took it to local authorities who had it tested. Fortunately, it was free of contamination — and that ended the problem.

In this issue also on Page 3 is a story of an anonymous call to Novi officials with the report that glass was suspected in a Gerber's baby food jar. Properly, the Novi police informed Northville Township police because the jar was reported purchased at Meijer's store in the township. Meijer also was notified.

Novi officials asked the caller to return the baby food jar to the store. Township police and store officials stood by ready to take all precautions possible — but the caller hasn't come forth to date.

In addition to the time the call (with its possible implications) consumed at both the Novi and Northville Township police departments, there has been the unfair cloud placed over both the retail store (should it remove the jars from its shelves?) and the manufacturer.

While we are not suggesting suspected tamperings go unreported, we cannot state strongly enough that there must be follow-through. To do otherwise is irresponsible. Hiding behind a cloud of anonymity costs everyone — local taxpayers, business people and manufacturers.

Though the caller may have second thoughts about the suspicion, she has the responsibility to come forward. Let us hope this happens.

Bullard proposal offers new hope

We note with interest that State Representative Willis Bullard Jr. (R-Highland) has proposed an amendment to Michigan's Open Meetings Act that would permit tape recordings, videotaping and broadcasting of meetings of all public bodies.

Bullard represents the 60th District which includes the Oakland County portion of the city of Northville and Novi city and township.

Bullard's bill addresses recent problems involving the media and several township and city governments. In defining the need for the amendment, Bullard notes that a lawsuit has been filed by at least one cable television station against a local governmental body, challenging the local unit of government's right to prohibit video taping and broadcasting of regularly scheduled township board meetings and city council sessions.

The Lyon Township Board on February 3 voted to deny a cable television company permission to videotape the meeting. That decision was on shaky legal ground in light of a 1985 Oakland County Circuit Court ruling which concluded that the Waterford Township Board violated the First Amendment rights of a private citizen by denying him permission to videotape its meetings.

The strength of that decision is limited by the fact it was made at the trial court level. Furthermore, the Open Meetings Act does not

specifically list cable stations, video tape equipment and other media technologies that have been advanced since the act initially was enacted.

Bullard's proposed legislation would remedy that situation by stipulating that electronic media has the same rights that print media currently enjoys under the Open Meetings Act.

The fact that the amendment was introduced by Bullard is of particular interest because the state representative has made something of a name for himself in recent years by proposing legislation that would restrict the basic freedoms outlined in the Open Meetings Act.

Does the fact that Bullard has now sponsored an amendment to guarantee basic freedoms represent a change of mind? Is he now a champion of the public's right to know? Or is he attempting to put some positive marks on his record in an attempt to offset the criticism he received in the past for his efforts to undercut the Open Meetings Act?

The proper thing to do, of course, is to commend the state representative for proposing the most recent amendment and to acknowledge that Bullard has changed his stance on other issues when he studied them in depth. It is equally proper, however, to keep a close eye on his future efforts in the area of the public's right to know what its governmental agencies are doing.

The more the merrier

By Anita Crone

The scuttlebutt around the area is that the last person to move into the community wants to be exactly that.

But, after reading The Novi News, The Northville Record and the daily newspapers, apparently the chance of that happening in the foreseeable future is slim, none and the same as a snowball in a very hot place.

Suddenly, Northville and Novi are booming. The quiet roads are becoming not-so-quiet; subdivisions, apartments and multi-family living units are blooming like tulips in the spring; and construction of offices and the opening of new businesses are becoming as commonplace as June dandelions on an untended lawn.

That's why the formation of a future needs committee in Northville is so interesting, not only as a concept, but as a working, viable organization. It's also interesting that Novi is not included in the gathering. Maybe the inclusion of a sister community is a future need.

True, the city of Northville is pretty full as far as home construction goes, and it does have its own downtown, all spruced up with nowhere to go. And true, Northville Township is located in Wayne County while Novi resides in booming Oakland County, but the situation facing all three communities — the cities of Northville and Novi and Northville Township — needs to be considered as one situation, rather than one or two separate concerns.

I've lived in a boom town before, and also lived in an area that by all projections was supposed to boom, but went bust instead, and I much preferred living in the bust town. But I don't think area residents have much choice. It's too late to wish for the good old days, so why not go along for the ride.

And, as long as there's going to be a ride, let's take a lot of people with us and make it a party, complete with noisemakers, lights and a lot of action.

More importantly, let's learn a little from past mistakes and past successes and model our community after Toronto,



Canada, rather than suburban Detroit or Albuquerque, New Mexico, and put a little thought into what's happening.

In Toronto, there are lights, cameras and a lot of action. But there are also areas where people can go home to sleep, tend to their own interests and live and let live. Yet everyone enjoys the benefits of either extreme. In Albuquerque, there is some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, but there are also new houses built so close together that you can hear your neighbors flush their toilets and chew their food. And in suburban Detroit, there are areas that have sprung up without rhyme or reason and you can't make beautiful music that way.

Taking the community as a whole, all the parts are there for a super community. Northville Township and the city of Novi have all sorts of room to grow and have made their intentions clear as to what form that growth will take. The city of Northville is almost full up, but there's room for small growth. Northville has already given its answer to the mailing of America with its revitalized downtown, but it welcomes new additions.

The proposed Town Center project in Novi will be a draw throughout the region and certainly has a direct impact on development in Novi. Northville will also benefit (or possibly bear some of the negative aspects) from the project, but certainly will feel some effect. By including Novi in future plans, the township and the city can help to make sure the effect is positive.

Recognizing the growth potential, as well as the residential nature of the existing towns of Northville, Novi and Northville Township as well as the capabilities of the area to lure business into the area would be a step in the right direction. Inviting Novi to join with Northville and the township as part of the future needs committee would not only provide new blood but might also help each community benefit from the distinctly different assets of the individual parts to make a more viable whole.

And the last person into the area can be the first person to turn on the lights and wait for the action.

Images

By Jerry Zolynsky



Farewell

After the fact



By
PHILIP JEROME

Most people know me as a quiet, respectable kind of person. Even the people on the staff see me as sort of a mature, responsible, down-to-earth kind of guy.

So when I happened to show up in the office wearing my leather jacket the other day it created something of a stir.

"Is that new?" asked B.J. Martin, motioning to my highly stylish and decidedly macho leather jacket.

"Actually, I've had it a couple of years," I responded truthfully. "It's just that I rarely let you folks see this side of my multi-faceted character."

And then he said it. Blurted it right out.

"Looks like a mid-life crisis kind of jacket to me."

"You've got to be kidding," I replied. "How could I possibly have a mid-life crisis kind of jacket when I haven't even hid mid-life yet?"

"I know what your problem is," I continued. "I look good. I look stylish. And, most of all, I look incredibly macho in this jacket. And you are jealous. There's envy written all over your clean-shaven face."

I was on a roll and I knew it. So I decided to go with the flow.

"But you ain't seen nothing yet, bimbo-brain. You should see the new clothes I just ordered. And what with my exercise program coming along as well as it is, it won't be long before I'm sporting a 30-inch waist, huge shoulders, bulging biceps and truly enviable pectorals.

"I put all those new clothes on my new body and I won't even need a leather jacket. It won't be fair to the women of the world. I'll probably be declared a natural hazard by the National Organization of Women. Betty Friedan will write essays about me. And Jane Fonda will call me up personally and ask me to be on her next exercise video."

I could tell Ol' Bruce was stunned by the virtuosity of my impromptu response to his cynical crack about my jacket because he just sort of sat there . . . not sure what to say.

But as I walked out of the room, I think I heard him mutter something like, "Geez, looks like a severe case."

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Reader Speaks

Large number of CPR participants cited

To the Editor:
On behalf of the planning committee of CPR Days 1986, I would like to extend appreciation to the many individuals and organizations who have done so much to ensure our citizens are trained in this valuable life-saving technique. In fact, over 5,000 area residents have been trained in CPR in our seven year history.
This year, over 500 people took advantage of CPR Days, and 100

volunteers and volunteer instructors provided the training. The University of Michigan Medical Center and Catherine McAuley Health Center co-sponsor these annual days with the Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Because of these volunteers and organizations, our community is indeed fortunate to be a national leader in percentage of population trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. We are glad to work

together to make this happen.
For the CPR Days planning committee.

John B. Boshover, M.A., M.S.W.
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Valentines are appreciated

To the Editor:
What a delightful art activity for the young people of Northville Public Schools to draw valentine messages on

grocery bags to be given out on Friday.
I received two beautiful valentines from A & P Store which made my day!
Natalie Weaver

Township meeting set with DNR March 17

An informational meeting with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to explain a recently executed consent agreement between the DNR and Holloway Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 17 at Northville Township Hall.
Holloway operates a licensed landfill along Napier Road in Salem Township; however, groundwater contamination has been discovered in Northville Township wells along Napier.

The meeting will inform township residents and public officials what steps Holloway is taking to try to contain the contaminants.

Procedures for the meeting will include a presentation by the DNR explaining the consent agreement signed by the DNR and Holloway Jan. 29, an opportunity for questions from the township board and a chance for the general public to ask questions pertaining only to the consent agreement.

Township policy is to help whenever possible

It is not the policy of the Northville Township Police Department to avoid helping people.
Police Chief Kenneth Hardesty, responding to a letter to the Editor in the Feb. 12 edition of The Northville Record, said it "certainly is not our intention to turn anyone away. However, we can't always respond immediately."
According to the letter, written by Todd Gray, the police department

would not lend Gray a lug wrench to change a flat tire on a car in the township hall parking lot.
Gray said, in his letter, "after waiting in line for seemingly centuries ... I caught a policeman's attention."
Gray also said in his letter, the policeman looked "like any other businessman except for that a revolver was attached to his waist."
Gray noted also he was somewhat outraged when the officer told him:

"Sorry, about all I can do is call a wrecker," despite Gray's polite insistence there must have been a police car with a lug wrench.
Both Gray and Hardesty agreed the wait was only about 10 minutes and was necessitated by the police officer at the main desk helping another person.
And, Hardesty explained, the officer who tried to help the young man was a detective and not required to be in uniform.

"I think the whole thing was a misunderstanding," Hardesty said. "I'm still not sure the young man made it clear exactly what he wanted. But, if at all possible, we do try to help citizens." After having two weeks to think it over, Gray agreed when contacted.
"I didn't know the man was a detective, and I'm not as upset now as I was then," he said.

Supervisor Heintz, clerk Goss attend convention

By ANITA CRONE

Northville Township Supervisor Susan Heintz and Clerk Georgina Goss had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the four announced Republican candidates for governor last weekend.

Heintz and Goss are both Republican precinct delegates and were accredited for the state convention Friday and Saturday in Kalamazoo.

Heintz, who has made no secret of her support for Wayne County Executive William Lucas, described the entire mini-convention as "interesting, particularly since it was the first chance to showcase the candidates."
"You know," Heintz said, "the candidates are very media conscious. Two of the four (Richard Chrysler and Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy) had video presentations."
The other announced candidates are

John Laue and Lucas.
An avid political science student, Heintz said she particularly enjoyed the Friday night keynote speech given by former United Nations Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick, who currently is a political science professor. Alexander Haig addressed the convention Saturday.

Heintz said she was impressed also by the effort being extended by candidates for 1988 presidential nomination. Both George Bush, whom Heintz favors, and Jack Kemp were well represented.

Although Heintz has already an-

nounced her support for Bush and Lucas, she said she has not yet been asked to take an active role in either campaign. Nor has she announced her own plans, despite holding a \$25 per person fund-raiser Feb. 17.

"I'm exploring options and will make a decision probably within a month," she said. She has been mentioned as a possible candidate for state representative or county commissioner, among other offices. Should Heintz decide to run for another elective office, she would not have to give up her position as Northville Township supervisor to do so.

Show draws area antiquer

Among exhibitors at the Botsford Inn Winter Antique Show March 1-2 will be Evelyn Blatt of Novi, who will have dolls, miniatures and china at her booth.

Admission is free. Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Saturday; noon to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Historic Botsford Inn is located on Grand River near Eight Mile Road. The show also will include displays of oak furniture, linens, quilts, framed French prints, primitives, a collection of beaded bags and jewelry, including Victorian gold items and silver table pieces.

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Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection at the Business Office in the Administration Building of the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Parcel 22-16-176-024
That part of lots 10 to 13 of "Wilson Farms Subdivision", a subdivision of part of the NW 1/4 of Section 16 as recorded in Liber 63, Page 34 of Plats, Oakland County Records, lying within a parcel described as, beginning at a point on the south R.O.W. line of the I-96 Expressway, said point being South 421.77 feet along the west line of Section 16 from the NW corner of said Section 16; thence S74°00'10"E 305.42 feet along said R.O.W. line; thence S34°48'28"W 169.97 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left to a point on the west line of Section 16, said curve having a radius of 196.28 feet, chord bearing and distance of S16°18'49"W 440.00 feet; thence Northerly along said west line to the point of beginning.

Parcel 22-17-226-001
That part of the NE 1/4 of Section 17 lying northerly of Grand River Avenue and southerly of the I-96 Expressway.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Any part of the above described lands taken, deeded or used as a street, road or highway.
FROM: R-3 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

All interested persons are invited to attend. Comments concerning the request will be heard at the public hearing or written comments will be received in the Dept. of Community Development, 45225 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 19, 1986.

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Sports

The Northville Record

Mustangs nip Canton 43-41

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN

The Northville cagers continue to struggle offensively, are turning the ball over more frequently and are lacking that early season spark.

So what happened last week in Western Lakes Activities Association action? The Mustangs win two more games, assuring second place in the Western Division, and continue the course of a remarkably successful season. Face it, Northville just plain knows how to win at the high school level — with defense, hustle, smarts and a few breaks.

The Mustangs needed all of the above last Friday (February 21) to pull off a heart-pounding 43-41 conference finale over a much improved Plymouth Canton squad. On February 18, Northville was lucky enough to catch a streaky Farmington team in a slump, and pull-

ed out yet another key road win over the Falcons, 60-52.

"We're not that much better than these teams," Mustang Coach Omar Harrison said.

Canton has been one of the hottest teams in the WLAA since Christmas, winning 10 of 3 prior to the clash with Northville, and Harrison was worried.

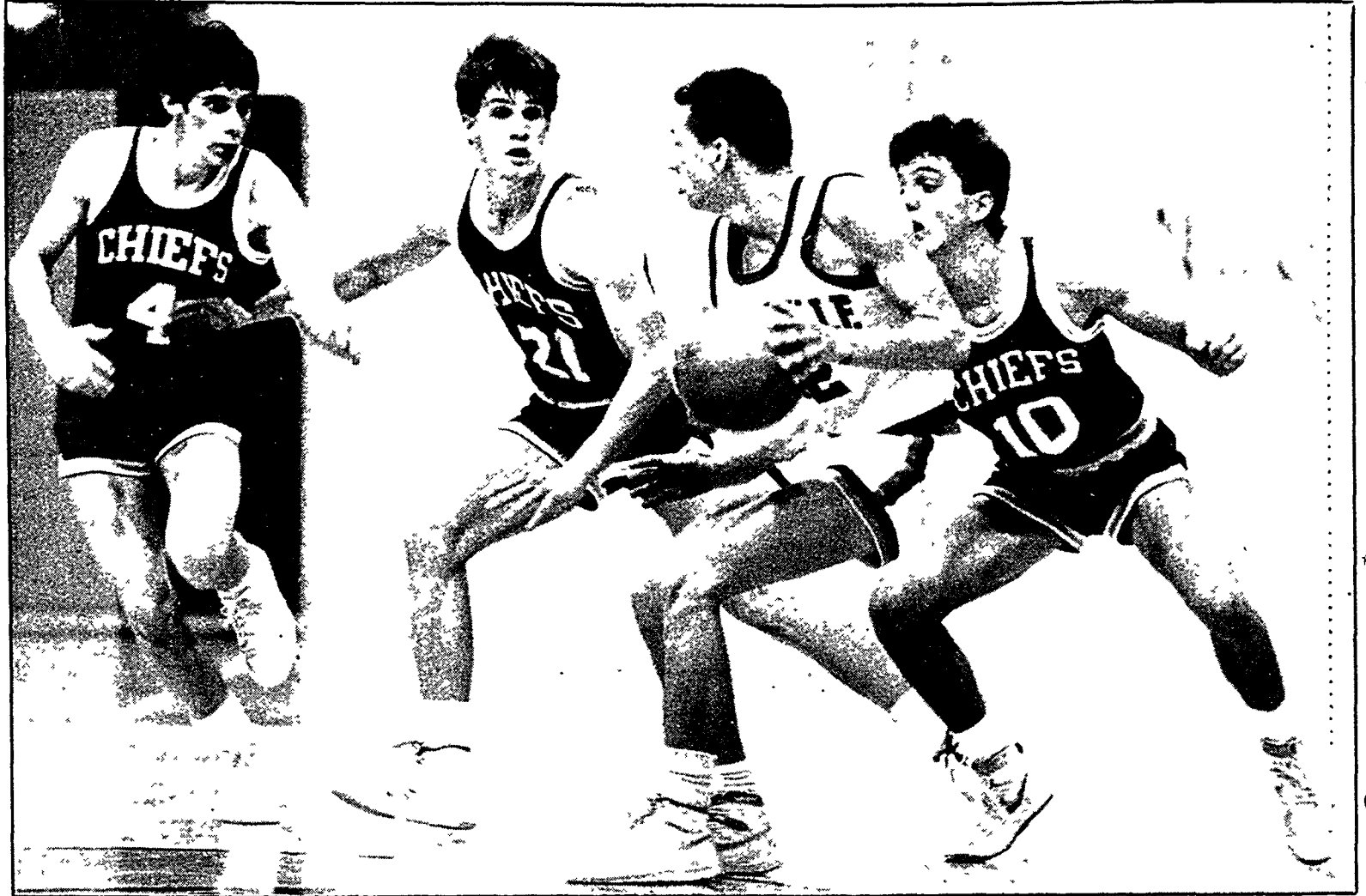
"Canton might be a little quicker than we are and they depend on their defense the way we do," he said. "I was very pleased to beat Canton, especially since we had a very cold shooting night."

Offensively, no chore was too easy for the Mustangs on Friday. It quickly became apparent that the team was ice cold and that defense and rebounding would decide this game — and it did. The game could have taken on more meaning, but the Chiefs fell three days earlier by a point to Livonia Stevenson, erasing any chance it had of catching Northville for second place in the division. But a large and loud crowd showed up at the Mustang gym, supplying the extra adrenaline — maybe too much.

"It was a great relief to win because I didn't know if there was any incentive left for our players," Harrison said. "But it was pep week, and we had a nice crowd. The kids wanted to do their best in front of the big crowd, and maybe they pushed it offensively — they sometimes tried to do too much."

Northville went up by five points after the first quarter and the margin stayed the same at intermission. Canton came out missing after the half, but the Mustangs couldn't take full advantage of it. It took the Chiefs a full three minutes to score a basket in the third quarter and another three minutes before they hit again.

Northville forward Don Norton, who was having a terrible shooting day, still managed to throw in five straight points just before the end of the quarter



Northville forward Don Norton (with ball) found Canton's pressure defense tough to handle

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WLAA Standings

WESTERN DIVISION		
Team	WLAA	Overall
Farm. Harrison	14-2	16-2
Northville	12-4	13-5
Ply. Canton	9-7	10-9
Liv. Churchill	9-7	10-9
W.L. Western	6-10	7-12
Liv. Franklin	0-16	0-17

LAKES DIVISION		
Team	WLAA	Overall
West. John Glenn	13-3	14-5
Ply. Salem	9-7	10-9
N. Farmington	7-9	10-8
Farmington	7-9	9-10
W.L. Central	6-10	8-10
Liv. Stevenson	3-13	4-14

Northville tankers grab share of Western Division title

First year coach Keith Wright established several goals for the Northville swim squad before the conference portion of the schedule began back in December. The major goal he set for the team was the WLAA Western Division crown — but Wright later admitted that he wasn't so sure how realistic it was.

Last Thursday, the Mustang team eliminated all doubts with a convincing 96-76 dual meet victory over Plymouth Canton. The win culminated a 6-5-2 overall season (6-2-1 in the WLAA) for Northville, but more importantly, it gave the home team a share of first place in the Western Division with Livonia Churchill. Both teams went undefeated against league opponents but tied each other for a 4-0-1 mark.

"We've come a long way, and it's nice to have that objective (division co-champs) taken care of," Wright said. "It sure wasn't an easy one. It's the first time two teams have tied for first,

with undefeated records. You can't get any closer than that."

It's quite an accomplishment for the tankers if you consider the team had just four of 14 meets at home this season. The crucial Churchill match-up was moved to the Chargers' home pool on January 23 because the Mustang pool was still under construction. But the gutsy swimmers from Northville pulled out a dramatic come-from-behind 86-86 tie, which was the major factor in a co-championship for the two schools.

But, as Wright is quick to point out, the win over Canton was the first priority, and the Chiefs made sure it wasn't too easy.

"Fortunately, we were up for this meet," Wright said. "(Canton) had their best meet of the season. They were pulling out season-best times all over the place."

The Mustangs jumped out of the blocks early to take a lead that reached

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Mustang Swim Coach

20 midway through the meet. In all, Northville recorded wins in 10 of the 11 events, proving that last week's flu problems were not a factor.

"After the first four races we had scored 41 points," Wright said. "That is the highest total, at that point of a meet, that we've had all year."

The team of Jeff Bainbridge, Eric Leindecker, Craig Smith and Jim Thompson gave the Mustangs a win in the 200-yard medley relay (1:50.2) while the B team of Doug Buell, Randy Holloway, John Warren and Mickey Moore placed third. Their time of 1:52.00 was the fastest recorded by Nor-

thville's second team in the event.

Darius Mikalonis and Paul Stoecklin helped the Mustangs raise the lead to 20-10 with nice times in the 200 freestyle. Mikalonis, coming out of the flu, won the race with a 1:57.1 and Stoecklin placed second with a personal best time of 1:59.3.

Northville then went 1-3-4 in the 200 IM and 50 freestyle to take a commanding 41-21 advantage heading into diving. Buell won the IM (2:11.6) and Bainbridge was the fastest in the 50 (23.3).

Canton diver Andy Flower topped the 300 point mark in the one-meter event to

take first and break the old school record, but the Mustangs continued the onslaught in the following races.

A 59.5 in the 100 butterfly gave Dave Wayne a win while teammate Jim Thompson took a fourth with a lifetime best 1:04.1. Buell, Mikalonis and Bainbridge followed it up with three more firsts in the next three races. Buell (53.6) won the 100 freestyle, Mikalonis (5:21.00) grabbed the 500 freestyle and Bainbridge blew the competition away in the 100 backstroke (59.5).

The 100 breaststroke sealed the victory for Northville. Leindecker placed first (1:08.00) and Warren, a freshman, was the runner-up (1:11.2) to make it 88-70. The Mustang team of Wayne, Smith, Mikalonis and Stoecklin finished it with a winning time of 3:37.7 in the 400 freestyle relay.

"I felt the boys really had to go out and earn it," Wright said. "We had a lot of wins, but we also had a lot of the younger boys picking up points in the

outer lanes and that's something we have to do if we want to win."

The biggest outing of the year — the WLAA Conference Meet — looms on the horizon, and Wright has already laid out the team and individual goals.

"In a meet like this, our boys will be fighting against the clock more so than other swimmers," Wright explained. "We'd like to see the majority of our swimmers top their current best times."

Wright plans to sacrifice a few points in an effort to reward his seniors for an outstanding season. He will load up the two relay teams with seniors and hope they can make the state qualifying cut-off times.

The meet will get under way this afternoon and continue through Friday at Plymouth Salem High School. The Preliminary events will start today at 2 p.m., the diving prelims Thursday starting at 3:30 p.m. and the finals on Friday at 7 p.m.



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Tonica Hickman placed fourth in the floor exercise against Canton with a score of 7.6

Flu slows Mustang Gymnasts Salem, Canton roll to victory

Quite a few area teams have had to suffer through the flu season recently. The result is usually a depleted rank, and competitors unable to perform at 100 percent.

But Michelle Charniga, the Northville Gymnastics Coach, thought that maybe her young and inexperienced team had somehow avoided the flu — that is until last week.

With most teams either on the mend or fully recovered, a large portion of the Mustang gymnasts caught the affliction, which was nothing but trouble in the double dual meet against Plymouth Canton and Salem last Wednesday (February 19).

After topping the 116 mark a week earlier, Northville took its first big step backwards this season by dropping nearly three full points in a 128.75-113.10 loss to Salem and a 120.2-113.10 defeat to Canton.

"Most teams went through this flu thing earlier, but almost all of my kids have it now," Charniga said. "You can tell by some of our scores that we weren't 100 percent."

"Most of the girls competed because we really need everybody, but nobody made them — they tried to contribute, even though they weren't feeling well." Charniga knew that Salem was scoring in the low 130s and Canton in the

120s. It meant that her team had very little chance of catching either one, so the main goal of this meet for the Mustangs was to keep that team score climbing.

"We were shooting for a 118," Charniga admitted. "But we would have needed a super performance from everyone. The girls were upset, but they knew the reason why our score was so low."

Northville was originally slated to host Canton back on January 13, but delays in completing the refurbished gymnasium forced it to be rescheduled to coincide with the Salem meet. Yvonne Beebe, Donna Dunnabeck and Angie Miller all participated, but the flu hit them the worst.

In the vault, Tonya Hickman took third place against both opponents with a 7.75, but no other Mustang scored high enough to place in the top four. Beebe was sixth overall (7.4) while top scorer Wendy Beach was further down with a 7.25.

Beach turned it around with a fine 7.65 in the uneven bars, good enough for top honors against Canton but just a third against powerful Salem. Hickman chipped in a third versus the Chiefs with a 7.35.

The Mustangs combined for a very

low 26.45 in the balance beam. Beach's 7.5 (third place) was the only Northville score above a seven. The only bright spot was Elizabeth Hartmann's respectable 5.3 in her first ever attempt in high school competition.

"Our beam scores were really bad," Charniga said. "One girl said to me that she got real dizzy while she was up on the beam, so I know that the flu didn't help any."

The Mustangs closed out the meet with some nice scores in the floor exercise, but it wasn't enough to make any difference. Beach tied for first against Canton with a 7.9 (fourth against Salem) and Hickman took a fourth against Canton (7.6). Beebe added a 7.45 and Shelly Steinhebel's 6.5 was her highest ever.

Most of the Northville team will wind up the season tomorrow (February 27) at the Western Lakes Activities Association League Meet. The nine WLAA schools with gymnastics programs will fight it out for the title beginning at 6:45 p.m. at North Farmington High School.

"Two of my top three girls are freshmen — how can you expect them to go up against girls with three more years' experience?" Charniga asked. "We'll do all right, but we just don't have the experience."

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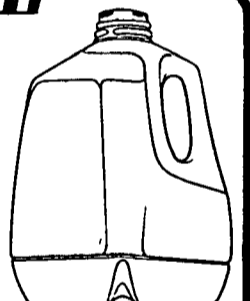
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By JEAN DAY



Tom MacKinnon displays fresh seafood catch shipped directly from Fort Lauderdale

Last Thursday Tom MacKinnon delightedly unpacked fresh brown crab, dover sole, coquille shellfish, scallops and other salt water seafood that had been living in the Atlantic off the coast of Florida the day before — when it was ordered.

MacKinnon, owner of the restaurant that bears his name at 126 East Main in downtown Northville, declared he now has the "freshest seafood in the area" as a result of his direct tie-up with a Florida distributor. The orders he places directly to Florida six days a week are guaranteed to be delivered the next morning by 10:30 a.m. via Federal Express.

"I'm excited," MacKinnon admitted as he talked about the possibilities of serving different seafood recipes.

As a result of his Florida affiliation, he said he plans to expand the restaurant's offerings to include four to six seafood dishes daily but added he still plans to have the game and meat dishes for which the restaurant is known.

MacKinnon estimated that his salt water seafood from Fort Lauderdale will be as much as five days fresher than that he previously obtained through Detroit sources.

Last Thursday he had ordered "one of everything" for the initial shipment. "Everything" included brown crab — "good for the leg meat" — and dolphin — "we call it mahi mahi" — as well as squid — "we fry it and cut it up for different dishes."

As MacKinnon examined the individually wrapped packages, he mentioned that the shipment was "real quality." The squid, he said, was cleaned and had only the ink sack to remove. The brown crab, he thought, "still mov-

ed when taken out." Noting that the shipping price will be a flat \$39 regardless of what amount is ordered, MacKinnon said it will be well worth the investment to the restaurant. Thursday's shipment arrived in a Styrofoam container with each order individually packaged in clear plastic.

He anticipated ordering conch, turtle meat, crabs and frogs as well as red snapper, alligator tails and swordfish.

MacKinnon pointed out, however, that the orders will be "strictly warm water fish" and that he still will be getting salmon, white fish and lobster from his usual sources.

Since he opened MacKinnon's in the fall of 1981 in the center of downtown Northville, MacKinnon has garnered honors and a dedicated clientele. He purchased and completely renovated the Old Mill restaurant, a hamburger and short order-type restaurant.

MacKinnon has just been elected to a one-year unexpired term on the board of directors of the Michigan Restaurant Association. Quite an accomplishment for a young man who was only about 30 when he opened his own restaurant.

In addition to his emphasis on quality food, MacKinnon has been interested in adding to the restaurant's atmosphere. A new Tiffany-type table lamp is in the dining room where overhead lighting is with Tiffany-style hanging lamps.

Reservations are a must for dinner — and have to be made well in advance if one wants a 7 or 8 p.m. table.

MacKinnon's Restaurant, 126 East Main in Northville, is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Dinner is from 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Telephone 348-1941

Existing home market records fast start

The 1986 existing home market got off to a rousing start in January with the Metro MLS reporting a 35 percent sales jump from December and an increase of nearly 11 percent from a year ago.

Sales by members of the area's largest multiple listing service included 977 homes and 60 condominiums compared to the 883 and 52 sold last year.

Average prices for single-family detached homes eased off slightly from \$67,803 in December to end the month at \$67,744, but showed a gain of 10.2 percent from January 1985. At \$62,440 the average price for condominiums was some \$700 more than in December and 10.8 percent more than a year ago.

"A growing concern among both Realtors and buyers entering the market is the continued decline in listings in many of the most popular areas," observed Metro MLS President Joanne Bryngelson.

"While there is still a good supply of homes on the market, the range of choice is declining with more favored properties selling fast. We still have a way to go before returning to a seller's market, but we seem to be heading in that direction."

Bryngelson noted that the 2,629 homes listed in January were down nearly 19 percent from a year ago. Condominium listings at 116 showed an even more dramatic decline of nearly 44 percent.

"With better values being realized from their homes, we are seeing many sellers use their improved equity to move up the housing scale," said Bryngelson. "Last month our members sold 252 homes priced above \$80,000 including 146 above the \$100,000 level. Comparable figures a year ago were 185 and 90."

"On the other end of the scale, buyers looking for low-cost bargains, including many first-timers, are finding a tighter market," she reported. "Last January our members sold 302 homes below \$40,000 including 146 under \$30,000. This year those figures dropped to 240 and 110."

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THE NUCLEUS of the comet is thought to be very similar to a dirty snowball, a four-mile wide sphere of sandlike dust and frozen water and other ices. We never see the nucleus because it is surrounded by a coma of gas, which is produced as the nucleus is heated by the sun. Halley loses about a meter of its surface on each pass by the sun but it is expected to pass another 3,000 times before it disintegrates.

THE TAIL of the comet is formed as sunlight and solar wind blow the gases that surround the nucleus. The tail, sometimes 30 million miles long, always points away from the sun as it is pushed by the solar wind. The comet actually has two tails, a plasma tail extending straight back and a dust tail that curves off like water from a moving hose.

HALLEY'S COMET

Once in a Lifetime

By JIM CURTIS

What? Halley's Comet is coming back again this year?

Well, yes — and no.

Actually Halley's Comet has never been away since it disappeared from view in January. It's been hiding.

The comet's path through our solar system has temporarily taken it to the other side of the sun, blocking the view from the earth. Soon it will come back into our range of view and give us one last chance to get a look at the space traveler before it leaves us for another 76 years.

What's the big deal about some funny-looking light up in the sky, anyway?

To many people in the past, Halley's comet was a sign of impending disaster. The comet's visits have been recorded since before the birth of Christ and have been associated with such infamous events as the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 66, the defeat of Attila the Hun in A.D. 451, and the Norman invasion of England in A.D. 1066.

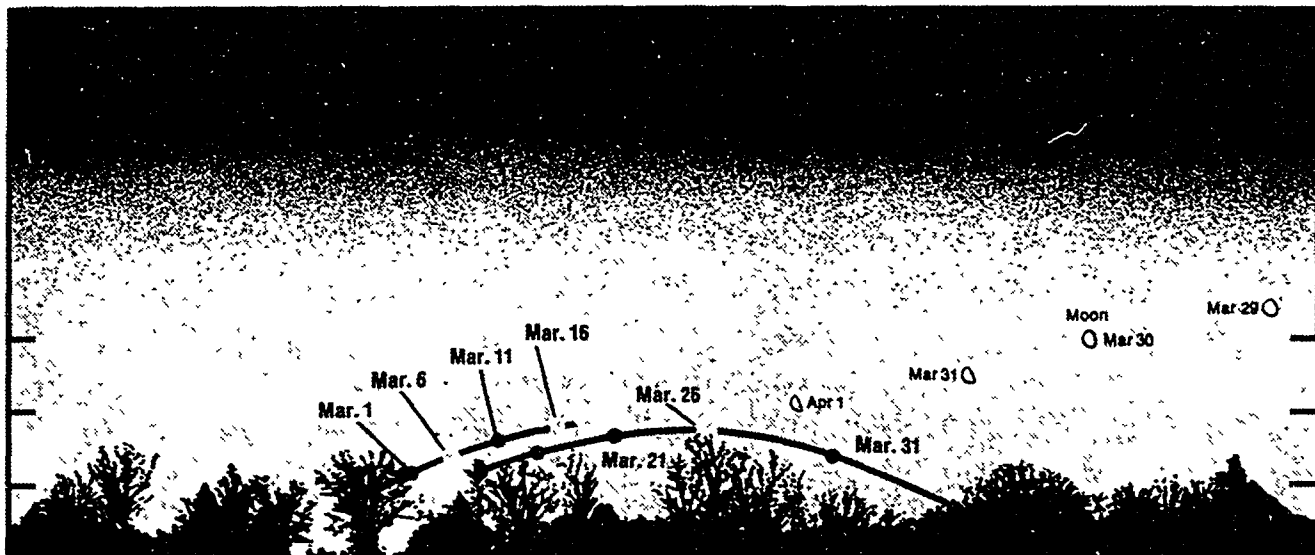
The *Millford Times* noted on May 14, 1910, just as Halley's was appearing, that King Edward of England died suddenly of pneumonia.

Hopefully the comet has become less a harbinger of doom these days, but it can still be an interesting phenomenon of nature for modern viewers.

Halley's comet has a fairly large following because it is one of the comets that returns at regular intervals which can be plotted in advance.

Since it visits our part of the solar system once every 76 years or so, a person will probably get the opportunity to see Halley's only once in his or her lifetime.

Unfortunately, this comet's predictability means



The above map can help you locate Halley's Comet in the pre-dawn sky, with the best viewing times from March 21 to March 26. The scale along the bottom and sides of the map are divided into 'hands', which equal the width of a hand at arm's length. The moon is also shown for reference. For example, on March 23 look for Halley's about seven hands right of east and 1½ hands up from the horizon.

From late February to mid-March look for Halley's about one hour before sunrise. From mid-March to early April look 1¼ hours before sunrise. Allow your eyes 15 minutes to adjust to the darkness and scan the horizon with binoculars. It also helps to seek an area above the horizon, like a hill, and away from city lights. (Information from Sky Publishing)

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that it will probably not be a dazzling event, according to University of Michigan Astronomy Professor Freeman Miller.

"It all depends on what it does while its behind the sun," said the local astronomer. "Its not going to be a big spectacular show."

Miller explained that it is the unexpected comets that may pop up every million years or so that tend to be the most spectacular.

In fact, the U-M professor said that such a surprise comet appeared in 1910 shortly before the last scheduled arrival of Halley's Comet.

Since that unannounced comet was much more spectacular than Halley's, many people of the time mistakenly thought that the new comet was actually Halley's, said the astronomer.

Accurate knowledge about comets has been sketchy until fairly recently in scientific history.

Edmond Halley (pronounced like "valley") was an English geologist who dabbled in many areas of science, including astronomy.

When he saw a bright comet in 1682, he became interested in that phenomenon and developed calculations that predicted the return of that comet in 1758.

Although he did not live to see it, the comet did indeed appear again when he predicted it would, and therefore was named in his honor.

What is a comet besides a light show in the night sky?

Scientists have determined that comets are made-up of three basic parts.

The nucleus, which is at the center of the main body of the comet, is made up of a solid mass of frozen gases ("ice") and pieces of dust and stones. It is usually only a few miles in diameter.

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From Rome to Reagan, Halley's saw it all

If only Halley's Comet could talk — the wonders it could describe. It has been visiting Earth for over 2,000 years, a silent 'eyewitness' to our history.

But while the comet dates from before the time of Christ, it is young, just 30 in Halley's years, which are defined by the comet's orbit.

Halley's Comet gives us a link to the past and the future. It is the same comet witnessed before the Battle of Hastings in 1066. It will be the same comet that will pass again in 2061.

For a different perspective on Halley's, we can view it in relation to our past, to see where the comet has been and where we might be going.

240 B.C. — The comet, long before it took Halley's name, is first recorded by Chinese astronomers. Hannibal, the famed Carthaginian general, is

just six years old.

164 B.C. — The comet views the beginning of Roman world domination.

87 B.C. — Gaius Julius Caesar is just 13 years old when the comet passes a third time.

12 B.C. — Halley's sees the Roman army push deep into Germania. The birth of Christ is judged to be eight years away, after a readjustment of the ancient calendar.

66 A.D. — Christ was crucified 36 years earlier and St. Peter's execution is a year away when the comet turns five.

141 — Hadrian ended his term as Roman emperor three years ago and the earliest known Sanskrit inscriptions in India are still nine years ahead.

218 — The seventh visit of Halley's

sees the Baths of Caracalla of Rome finished in 217.

295 — The Roman Empire is divided in two and both Christianity and Buddhism are growing.

374 — The comet views a world in turmoil: Huns invade Europe and Russia and, in 378, Roman Emperor Valens is defeated and killed by the Visigoths.

451 — The comet turns 10. Attila the Hun dies in 453; Vandals sack Rome in 455 and the Mayans begin to rise in Mexico.

530 — The Western Roman Empire is long dead. Theodora, the wife of Byzantine Emperor Justinian I, is 22 years old.

607 — Halley's visits a plague-stricken Europe, which lost half of its population to the disease. Mohammed, the founder of Islam, is 37.

684 — In two years, Sussex, the last heathen kingdom in England, will be converted to Christianity. And Halley's is a teenager.

760 — Charlemagne, the future king of the Franks, is 18; he will begin his reign in 11 years. Arabic numerals are known in Baghdad.

837 — Charlemagne's kingdom is divided between his son and grandson. The birth of Charles III, future Frankish king, is two years away.

912 — Halley's is sweet 16 and the Vikings are exploring the coast of Greenland.

989 — Europe is learning arithmetic from the Arabs and systematic musical notation is just developing.

1066 — The comet, on its 18th visit, witnesses William of Normandy defeat Harold II at Hastings and win the crown of England.

1145 — The Second Crusade is launched; it will fail in two years.

1222 — Genghis Khan is rampaging over Asia and the Magna Carta is seven years old.

1301 — The comet comes of age on its 21st visit. It sees Marco Polo return from China in 1295 and the first medical reference to spectacles in 1303.

1378 — The steel crossbow is the modern weapon of war. The Great Schism begins when two popes are named.

1456 — Leonardo da Vinci is just four years old and Christopher Columbus is five.

1531 — Henry VIII is recognized as the head of the Church of England. Michelangelo Buonarroti is 56 and the Inquisition burns in Portugal.

1607 — Just five visits ago,

Jamestown becomes the first English settlement on the American mainland. William Shakespeare is 43.

1682 — LaSalle takes the Louisiana territory for France; Versailles becomes the French royal residence and Edmond Halley predicts the return of the comet.

1759 — The comet does return as predicted for its 27th visit and takes Halley's name. Composer George Handel dies. The Declaration of Independence is seven years ahead.

1835 — Writer Mark Twain and industrialist Andrew Carnegie are born. P.T. Barnum starts his famed career under the big top.

1910 — George V is king of England and Barney Oldfield drives his Benz at 133 miles per hour at Daytona Beach. World War I is four years over the horizon. Halley's next visit: 1986.

Juniors should apply for Girls State program

Junior girls at Northville High School have an opportunity to apply now through March 7 to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program June 14-22 at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. This year 10 openings are available for Northville junior girls.

Jack Wickens, high school counselor, has information about applying for the program established as a practical experience in government. Now in its 46th year, it was established by the American Legion Auxiliary with a threefold purpose:

1. To emphasize the importance of government in modern life.
2. To stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government.
3. To enlarge understanding of the government process.

Applications are being accepted this week and next with March 7 the deadline to apply to attend. Selection is by teachers and counselors at the high school.

Pointing out that Northville High School is fortunate in being able to send 10 junior year students this year, Wickens said he believes the number is a record high for the school and is many more than most schools are able to send.

"Northville High School is fortunate to have the tremendous support from local organizations and businesses," he noted, adding, "I don't know of any other school in the area that sends so many students to the program."

Sponsors, who are funding the 10 delegates to Girls State for the nine-day program are Belanger, Inc., Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville Kiwanis Club, Northville Mothers' Club (two sponsorships), Northville Rotary Club (two sponsorships), Northville Woman's Club

and Northville Business and Professional Women (a joint sponsorship), Sliger/Livingston Publications (The Northville Record) and the sponsoring Unit 147, Northville American Legion Auxiliary.

In the program, which is limited to 546 participants from all over the state, each girl is assigned to a mythical political party and to a county and city. These "citizens" nominate and elect various city, county and state officials and are instructed in the duties of public offices. They serve in local and state offices, the Legislature and Supreme Court.

Transportation to Central Michigan is the responsibility of each delegate's parents. Girls live in dormitories on campus and participate in the fully supervised program.

The program is planned for girls in their junior year of high school so that they can report on and use the information gained during their senior year.

Marilyn Stockelman, president of the Northville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147, notes that selection for the program is based on each girl's interest in government and potential ability rather than solely on overall scholarship. Candidates must be U.S. citizens and each must have a physical examination by her local physician.

Anyone with questions may contact Wickens, Stockelman at 348-8109, or Girls State local chairperson Jean Day at 349-0701.

Sponsors note that girls who have attended in previous years stress the fun they have had and the friendships made in the week of being with other girls from throughout the state.



Record photo by STEVE FECHT

Library director Anne Mannisto inspects garden cassette with Ruth Whitmyer and Olga James of the Northville Branch, WNFGA

In Our Town

Garden Branch donates video materials

By JEAN DAY

The Northville Public Library has received a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Northville Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association for the purchase of a videocassette recorder, a television monitor and a collection of gardening tapes.

Library director Anne Mannisto is envisioning the gift as "the beginning of a collection of tapes on a variety of subjects." The new equipment is enabling the library to expand its services to community groups who can make reservations for 10-12 persons to view the informational tapes in its small meeting room.

Branch president Olga James reports that the branch gift was one of its projects made possible through the annual Greens Mart sale before Christmas.

"Besides viewing commercially produced films, groups may show their own tapes made of special speakers or programs. Presentations taped by Omnicon cable television service also will be eligible for viewing," Mannisto said.

The group room is not available to individuals, however. It should be booked at least one week in advance with indication given of tapes to be shown. The library staff adds that the film library of the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF) has an extensive collection of informational tapes which may be rented for \$4 each. Subjects include travel, child study, management, guidance, business, psychology and sports.

Library director Mannisto stresses she would like to receive donations from other organizations of tapes relevant to their interests. She notes that the cart for the video also was a donation — from Northville Town Hall.

Space probes are being sent out to meet Halley

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The coma, the fuzzy head of the comet, is made up of gases that are evaporating as the comet approaches the sun. It can be as large as a 100,000 miles across.

The tail of the comet is also composed of gases and dust particles that stream out from the main body in a trail tens of millions of miles long and reflect the light of the sun.

Solar "wind", a force emitted from the sun, pushes the tail in the direction opposite the sun. The direction that the tail points is not an indication of the course the comet itself is traveling. In fact, a comet's tail may point in the same direction it is traveling.

There are many comets that pass through our solar system, some on a regular basis, and others haphazardly. One theory suggests that thousands of comets circle on the outer fringes of the solar system in a vast cloud. Passing objects knock comets out of the cloud and they fall toward the sun.

Of the many comets that fall into the solar system, only some are observable from our planet. Some fall into the sun or collide with planets.

Some scientists believe that at least

one comet has hit the earth, causing large scale changes such as the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Various nations from around the world have launched five space probes that are designed to learn more about Halley's Comet.

The largest of the probes, named after the Italian painter Giotto, was launched by a consortium of 11 European nations.

Giotto is designed to study the comet's nucleus.

Two probes have been launched by the Soviet Union that will also study the comet's nucleus.

Two more probes have been launched by Japan to study the comet's tail.

This is Japan's first major space project. The Halley's missions could provide scientists with data that will help understand things like the solar wind—which can affect communications here on earth—the comets themselves, and the role they might have played in the development of our own planet.

While our area is not the best location to view Halley's comet, it will be visible to the naked eye, according to Miller.

The best viewing will be in the southern hemisphere, with good

chances for sighting in the southern U.S. also, he said.

He advised against buying a telescope just to see the comet, but to use a good pair of binoculars.

In our area Halley's comet will be visible just above the horizon in the southeast, beginning in late February.

Getting up at least one hour before sunrise and getting away from any light sources, such as towns or residential areas, will improve your view of the comet.

Miller suggested holding your fist out in front of you and gauging one hand-width above the horizon to find the comet.

The comet will probably have some sort of tail, but will not appear to be moving, unlike a "shooting star".

Toward the end of March a full moon will be forming, which will hamper views of the comet, but after that is over the view should be good again in early April.

For a short time in mid-April the comet will not be visible to viewers in our area, but it will reappear in the last half of the month.

After the month the comet will appear to shrink and fade as it rises in the night

sky, now after dusk.

From May to August the comet will be visible high in the night sky as it heads out of the solar system.

If you want to take a photograph of Halley's Comet you may be disappointed, according to John Galloway, a staff photographer for Sliger/Livingston Publications.

Getting a good photograph will depend on some extra equipment, such as a tripod and a 600-800mm lens, he said.

A camera with a "B" setting that will allow you to take time exposures is also necessary.

Galloway said it would be a good idea to "bracket" your photos by taking shots at many different exposure times ranging from 15 seconds to two minutes if shooting in a dark sky.

The camera's aperture should be set at f/4 and a medium speed film should be used to allow for future enlargements.

Be sure to tell whoever develops your film to print all the frames in the roll to avoid losing shots because of confusion.

The photographer stressed that people should not get their hopes up, especially if they are not experienced in this type of photography.

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW

For the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the assessment roll for the Charter Township of Northville, 41600 Six Mile Road West, Northville, Michigan the Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

March 4, 1986 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
March 5, 1986 3 p.m. — 9 p.m.
March 10, 1986 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
March 11, 1986 3 p.m. — 9 p.m.

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The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Northville High School and currently is attending University of Michigan where she is a junior.

Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Gabriel Richard High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan. He received his MS degree in optical engineering from University of Rochester this year.

An August 9 wedding date has been set.

programmer/analyst at Kansas City Power and Light Company.

Her fiancé is a 1975 graduate of Liberty Senior High School. He attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He is a self-employed owner of a Kansas City Star and Times newspaper route.

A September 20 wedding date has been set.

The engagement of former Northville resident Deborah Lynn Maguire of Kansas City, Mo., to Dale Leon Stockwell of Liberty, Mo., is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Maguire of 44960 Thornapple Lane.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Stockwell of Liberty.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Northville High School and a 1981 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a

Mr. and Mrs. A. Robert Sellen of 20031 Caldwellwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn, to Paul Douglas Baetz.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Baetz of 20132 Whipple.

The bride-to-be is a 1980 graduate of Northville High School while her fiancé was graduated in the Class of 1978. She expects to receive both her BA in health studies from Western Michigan University as well as her R.N. degree from Bronson School of Nursing in April.

Her fiancé attended Eastern Michigan University and Schoolcraft College. He is employed with TKE Selective Copy Machines where he works as a sales trainer.

A July 26 wedding date has been set.



JEFFREY RUPERT, THEMIA LUIKI



DEBORAH MAGUIRE



LAURA LYNN SELLEN

Local participants sought for cook-off

The Great Chili Cook-Off Hot Air Balloon Festival, sponsored by Health Care Network, will be held May 3 and 4 at the Saline Farm Council Grounds. The weekend of events is a benefit for the National Kidney Founda-

tion of Michigan. Registration for both cook-offs are being accepted through March 14. To receive a registration form, call the Kidney Foundation toll-free at 1-800-482-1455. The ICS sanctioned

cook-off on Saturday, May 3, has spaces for 50 cooks. This cook-off follows the rules established by the International Chili Society, forbidding beans or other fillers. The winner of this

year's event will win a trip for two to compete in the ICS World Championship Cook-Off in California. The "anything in pot" Renegade Cook-Off on Sunday, May 4, has spaces for 40 cooks. This

cook-off allows contestants to use beans, spaghetti and other fillers. The winner of this event will win a trip for two to Las Vegas and a guaranteed spot in next year's sanctioned cook-off.

Lenten series scheduled



BISHOP GUMBLETON

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Harry Cook, former religion editor of the Detroit Free Press, will be keynote speakers at a Lenten series sponsored by Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi.

The series will be held March 2 and 16 at the church. Gumbleton will talk about his Bread for the World program at the March 2 series. Cook will discuss "Jerry Falwell and The Religious Right" March 16.

Both programs begin at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner. Speakers will address the audience at 6:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period.

Those planning to attend should bring a passing dish and their own place setting. Free babysitting will be available.

For more information and reservations, call Faith Community at 349-5666.

Lamaze registration begins

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia is offering several series of classes in March and April. If your baby is due in early summer, sign up now as classes should be started two or three months before the baby's due date.

Weekday classes are 7-9:30 p.m.; Saturday classes are 9-11:30 a.m. For class information, call 592-8618.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi is the newest location for the LEA series. Classes will be offered in Novi on Saturdays from April 5 to May 10. Instructor will be Sue Lyle.

Other classes include:

- Tuesdays, March 11 to April 15, St. Alexander's Catholic Church, Farm-

ington Hills; Wednesdays, March 26 to April 30, Church of the Savior, Livonia; Thursdays, March 27 to May 1, Holy Cross Lutheran, Livonia; Wednesdays, April 23 to May 28, Faith Lutheran, Livonia; Saturdays, April 26 to June 7, Holy Cross Lutheran, Livonia; Tuesdays, April 29 to June 3, St. Alexander's, Farmington Hills.

Classes offer information about pregnancy, labor, delivery, a childbirth film, breathing techniques, relaxation exercises and comfort measures. The fee is \$40 per couple, less for refresher couples. Instructors are RNs and mothers themselves. LCEA is a non-profit group founded in 1975.



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According to Dr. Wilfred Weinstein, Professor of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles, some individuals may be practicing medicine-taking habits which he calls "hazardous to their health." The warning which occurred in a recent issue of *Drug Topics* is directed toward those who routinely take medicines without washing them down with liquids.

Swallowing tablets or capsules "dry" can be the direct cause of *esophagitis* — a painful inflammation of the esophagus (foodpipe). This problem often starts as chest pain and may progress to perforation of the esophagus into nearby organs. Ulceration frequently results because of the highly acid nature of the ingredients in some medicines.

Teenagers and older persons seem to be particularly prone to this hazard. Those in their teens are often "on the run" and don't take time to wash down medicines. The elderly frequently experience an increase in the normal emptying time of the esophagus — thus compounding problems. Dr. Weinstein suggests that all medicines be taken with an ample amount of fluid (while standing or sitting in an upright position) and at least 30 minutes before bedtime.

NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN ON THE FORMATION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT AND THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF NOVI: TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on the 12th day of March, 1986, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Novi Community Building located in 26350 Novi Road, Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution establishing a Tax Increment Finance Authority and District for the City of Novi pursuant to Act 450, Public Acts of Michigan, 1980, as amended.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

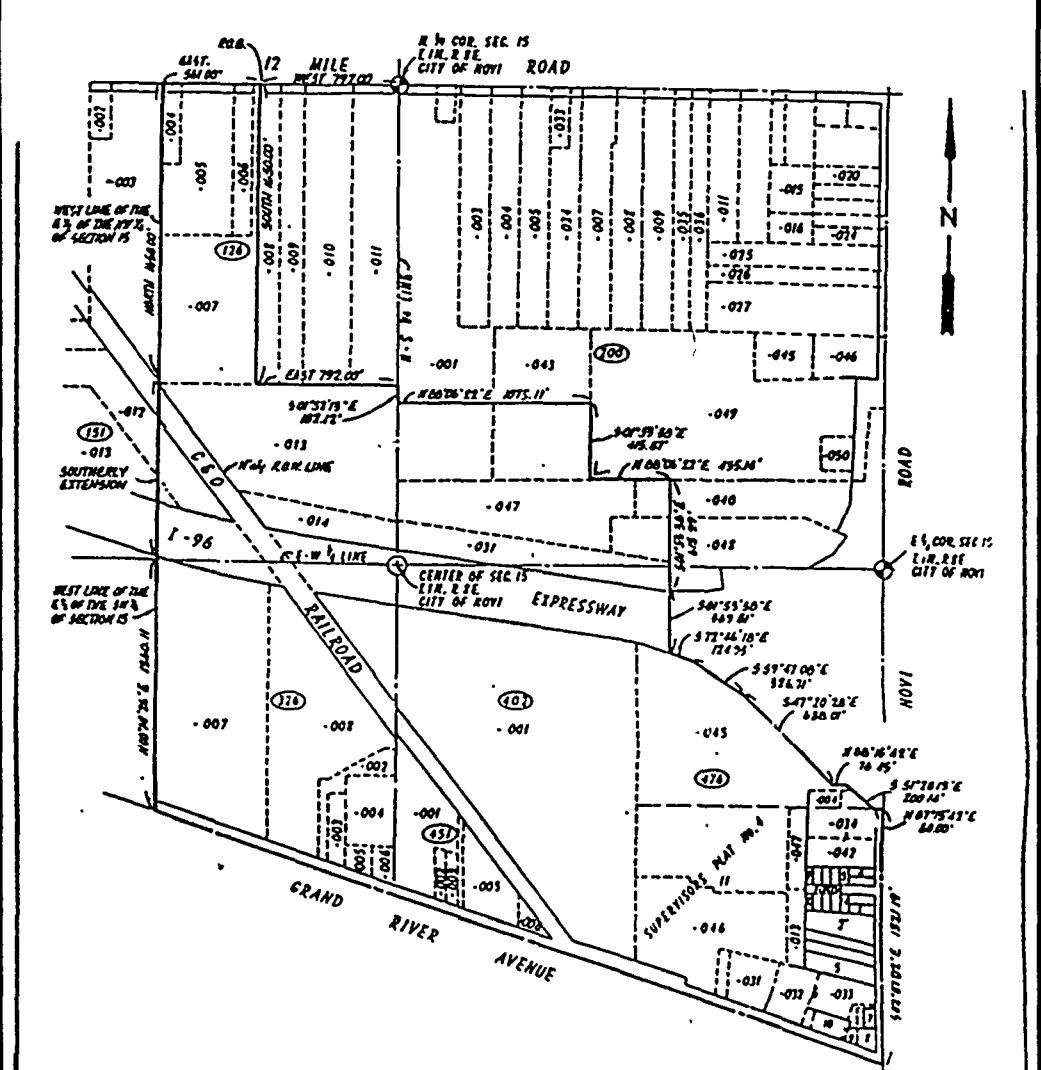
The boundaries of the proposed District over which the Tax Increment Finance Authority will exercise its powers are as follows:

Land in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, generally described as:

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LIMITS

Land situated in Section 15, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 15 (nominal centerline of Twelve Mile Road) said point being West 792.00 feet from the N 1/4 corner of said Section 15; thence South 1650.00 feet to a point on the north line of parcel 22-15-126-013; thence East 792.00 feet along said north line to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 15; thence S01°52'13"E 102.12 feet along said N-S 1/4 line; thence N88°06'22"E 1073.11 feet; thence S01°53'38"E 415.87 feet; thence N88°06'22"E 435.14 feet; thence S01°53'38"E 615.99 feet to the north R.O.W. line of the I-96 Expressway; thence continuing S01°53'38"E 369.81 feet to the south R.O.W. line of the I-96 Expressway; thence along said south R.O.W. line the following courses, S72°46'18"E 124.93 feet and S59°47'08"E 326.71 feet and S47°20'28"E 688.01 feet and N88°10'42"E 76.45 feet and S51°28'13"E 200.14 feet and N87°15'42"E 60.00 feet to the east line of Section 15 (nominal centerline of Novi Road); thence S02°07'02"E 1321.19 feet along said east line to the centerline of Grand River Avenue; thence Northwest along the centerline of Grand River Avenue to its intersection with the west line of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 15; thence N00°14'26"E 1360.11 feet along said west line to the E-W 1/4 line of Section 15; thence northerly along the southerly extension of the west line of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15 to its intersection with the northeasterly R.O.W. line of the C & O Railroad; thence continuing along the west line of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15 North 1650.00 feet to the north line of Section 15 (nominal centerline of Twelve Mile Road); thence East 561.00 feet along said north line to the point of beginning.



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Further information concerning the hearing may be obtained from the City Clerk of the City of Novi.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan.

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Plenty to offer south of border

Radio funnyman Dick Purtan once mockingly referred to Toledo as the "Baghdad on the Maumee." Others have snidely called Toledo a Cleveland without the frills. The proof that Michigan won the war with Ohio, they say, is that our neighbors to the south had to take Toledo. When a friend learned of a planned trip to Toledo, she asked, "Are you going there on purpose?" And she used to live there. Poor Toledo. And how unfair. This nearby city—it's an hour or so south on U.S.-23 or I-275 and I-75—has a lot to offer, from a top-notch art museum to an entertaining zoo to a rejuvenated waterfront. For a day trip, an evening out or a

weekend, Toledo offers a convenient, fun and affordable option. The newest showplace for Toledo is the Portside Festival Marketplace, two floors of gift shops and clothing stores combined with a panoply of food booths providing everything from salami to shrimp and satisfying just about every ethnic taste bud. The most obvious comparison is to Detroit's larger Trapper's Alley, but its flavor seems to more resemble Queen's Quay overlooking Lake Ontario in Toronto. Besides the fast food booths on the main floor, Portside boasts two fine restaurants with panoramic views of the Maumee. One, the Real Seafood

Company, is a spinoff of the original eatery by the same name in Ann Arbor. The other, Il Porto Restaurant, specializes in Italian cuisine. Outside Portside, the Maumee River beckons with riverboats, paddlewheels and dinner cruises. The Arawanna II riverboat takes scenic river boatrides from May 16 through October 15. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The Arawanna Princess offers lunch and dinner cruises daily with live entertainment. Trips last from 45 minutes to three hours and cost from \$8 to \$23. All cruises are by reservation only (call 419-693-2628). The new Arawanna Queen plies the Maumee and Lake Erie waters with day trips and dinner-dance cruises. Towering over the riverfront is the Toledo Edison building and the new (opened last August) Hotel Sofitel, adjacent to the Portside. The Hotel Sofitel is part of a Parisian chain that offers fine service and dining (see story below) and

features a fetching Romantic Rendezvous weekend. For \$155, couples receive a handsomely decorated suite for two nights, two satin robes (one blue, one pink) for the couple to keep, a bottle of champagne, roses and yummy truffles. One morning's breakfast for two in the room is also included and, coming soon, the price will also include \$10 credit on spending in the hotel. The hotel is a pleasant place with indoor access to Portside. A rather stark front desk gives way to a more comfortable lobby where, in the winter, you can watch ice skaters on a nearby rink. There is also a Holiday Inn within easy walking distance of the Portside and a 400-room downtown Toledo Radisson is also in the works. After your day by the riverfront, try Rusty's Jazz Cafe, 2202 Tedrow, with live entertainment and no cover charge nightly. Or cross the Maumee to Tony Packo's Cafe, an oft-mentioned favorite of Jamie Farr (Corporal Klinger) on television's M*A*S*H. The Westgate Diner Theater, 3301 West Central, and Friar Tuck's Cabaret Theatre, 111 West Dudley, are also suggested. Not far from the riverfront is the impressive Toledo Museum of Art, internationally known not only for its extensive glass collection, but also for its American and European paintings, sculpture, prints and photographs. Admission is free. Take the I-75 exit at Bancroft Street or Collingwood Boulevard. Toledo also has an outstanding zoo, open 362 days of the year. Twelve buildings on 33 acres house 2,260 specimens of 560 species. Among the highlights are the aquarium, large mammal collection, botanical gardens, reptiles, birds and a Children's Zoo. Admission is \$2 for adults, 75 cents for children. Reach the zoo off the Anthony Wayne Trail (U.S.-24) or off Broadway.

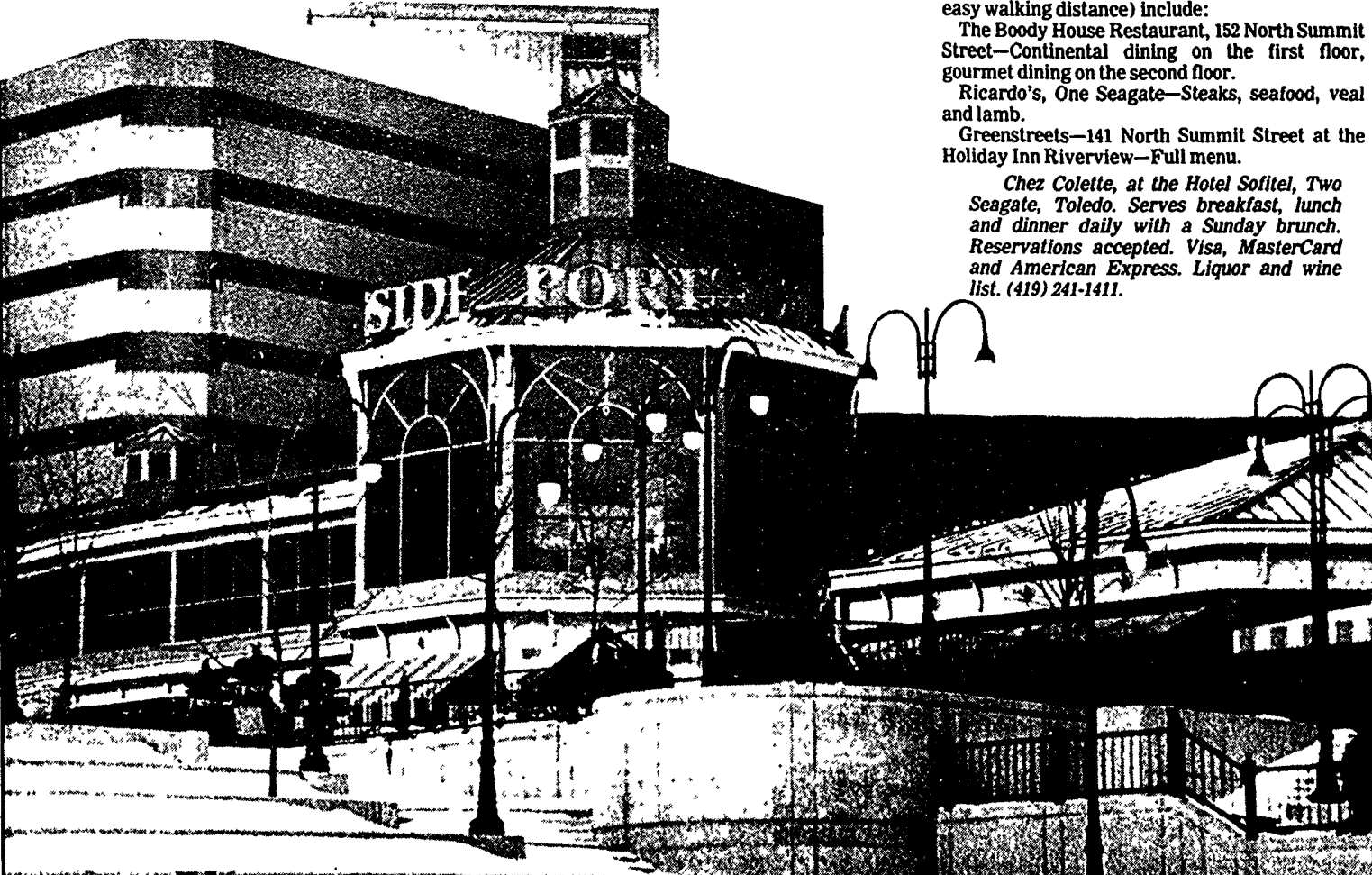
Lots to eat at riverfront

dining out
RICH PERLBERG

There is no lack of choices for fine eating at the Hotel Sofitel, Toledo's new riverfront hotel. For gourmet dining, lavish surroundings and the sounds of harp music, Cafe Royal beckons. For slightly less formal, but still enjoyable dining, "bordering on gourmet," according to one hotel spokesperson, there is the Chez Colette. The food is not flamboyant, but it is imaginative and extremely well prepared. The menu is designed to display fine examples of dining from various French regions. The surroundings are not opulent but they are solid, tasteful and, with the soft strains of a three-person band drifting by, definitely conducive for a special dinner for two. Waist high dividers in a dark stained wood

break up the deceptively large eating area, allowing several fine views of the Maumee River without creating the feeling of a huge dining room. Beveled glass tops the dividers. Strategically placed old-fashioned brass lamps on tulip stands and brass ceiling panels along with solid wooden floors provide a sturdy, traditional atmosphere. Seated at the linen-covered marble tables, the attention turns to a menu that offers specials, a mixture of selections, and a few surprises. Buffalo steak, for instance, was one of the specials on the night we visited there. The Coquilles St. Jacques Nantaise, an enterprising combination of scallops, lobster and salmon, was also appealing. For the seafood lovers, a Friday night special, Marimate Dieppoise, combined monkfish, scrod, scallops, mussels, clams, shrimp and a white wine sauce. But we selected the Fillet de Boeuf en Croute, a so-tender-you-can't-believe-it beef tenderloin in a

crusty pastry dough covered with a flavorful sauce that made its presence known without detracting from the beef. Good thing, too. The beef was so well prepared and tasty that it would have been a capital offense to have tampered with its flavor. Other attractions on the menu include meal-in-themselves salads. We were especially intrigued by Salade Neptune, an ocean of goodies including scallops, shrimp, halibut, lobster and tuna. A fair number of chicken, veal and lamb chop dishes finds places on the menu. Each meal begins with a loaf of French bread delivered to your table. It's fun to rip into and sets the tone for your French meal. Adjacent to the Chez Colette is the La Terrasse which offers a fine selection of meals at more modest prices. Dinner for two and appetizers at Chez Colette (a drink apiece, no wine, no dessert) cost \$54 with tip. Dinner for two at La Terrasse (a drink apiece, a cheese tray, no dessert) cost about \$30 with tip. Other dining choices near Portside (all within easy walking distance) include: The Body House Restaurant, 152 North Summit Street—Continental dining on the first floor, gourmet dining on the second floor. Ricardo's, One Seagate—Steaks, seafood, veal and lamb. Greenstreets—141 North Summit Street at the Holiday Inn Riverview—Full menu. Chez Colette, at the Hotel Sofitel, Two Seagate, Toledo. Serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily with a Sunday brunch. Reservations accepted. Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Liquor and wine list. (419) 241-1411.



Portside and the surrounding area offer a restaurant 'mecca'

MARCH ON

What's Going ON

THEATRE: "THE MISER," Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. Moliere's famous comedy masterpiece about a man obsessed with money-hoarding will open a four-week run at 8 p.m. tomorrow (February 27) at Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office at 377-3300 "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING," Bonstelle Theatre, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. "Much Ado About Nothing," a Shakespearean "middle" comedy, opens at the Bonstelle Theatre at 8 p.m. March 7. The play features Shakespeare's brightest and wittiest lovers, Beatrice and Benedick, and some of his funniest comics. Tickets and information are available at the Wayne State University Theatre box office, 577-2960 "BLUES FOR MISTER CHARLIE," Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will present James Baldwin's searing drama today through March 1. Performances are at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. In his powerful drama, Baldwin exposes the racial tension of a small southern town in the mid-'60s. Tickets are on sale at the AACT Building, 338 South Main Street, or call 662-7782 for information "GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE," Henry Ford Museum Theater, Dearborn. The comedy hit by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman opens the 1986 season at the Henry Ford Museum Theater with performances Friday and Saturday evenings through March 22. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each for reserved seats, available daily at the information desk in the entrance to Greenfield Village, at the Museum Theater box office one hour prior to each performance or by calling the Reservations Center at 271-1620. A combination dinner and theater package, at \$19.25 each person, also is available "GHOSTS," Actors Alliance Theatre, 30800 Evergreen Road, Southfield. "Ghosts," a classic among chilling mysteries, will open March 7 at the Actors Alliance Theatre Company. Four performances of the production will be held each weekend through April 13. "Ghosts," by Henrik Ibsen, is a dark mystery that probes into the dark side of human nature as ghosts from the past determine the destiny of the young and innocent in a world where ideals have fallen. Performances are Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 and 9 p.m., and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for Friday performances are \$9; Saturday, \$8 for the 5:30 p.m. twilight performance and \$10 for the 9 p.m. performance; \$8 for the 6:30 p.m. performance on Sunday. For reservations or more information, call the Actors Alliance Theatre Company, at 642-1326. The box office is open for over-the-counter ticket sales from 2-9 p.m. Friday through Sunday "THE HEIRESS," The Village Players, corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut Street, Birmingham. "The Heiress," a drama by Ruth Augusta Coetz, suggested by Henry James' novel, "Washington Square," will be presented by The Village Players March 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee is 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, but reservations are recommended. Adult tickets are \$5; student tickets are \$4. Reservations may be made by calling 644-2075

AND MORE: 74TH SHOW OF CHAMPIONSHIP AND HOUSEHOLD CATS, Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers will present 450 cats and kittens, plain and fancy at its metro Detroit show to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 15 and 16. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children 68TH ANNUAL BUILDERS HOME FLOWER AND FURNITURE SHOW, Cobo Hall, Detroit. The 68th Annual Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show will be held March 15-23. More than 400 exhibitors will feature unique gardens, home building and improvement products and accessories and displays of above-ground pools, hot tubs, saunas and equipment. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 1-11 p.m. weekdays. Tickets are \$3.75 for adults, \$1.50 for children and senior citizens.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "ANNE FRANK IN THE WORLD: 1929-1945" The international exhibition "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945" is coming to the metropolitan Detroit area February 23 to April 16. The exhibition of more than 800 previously unpublished photographs and documents from Dutch and German archives and private collections provides a personal account of the life of Anne Frank as well as an historical account of events leading to the Nazi rise to power and of life in Germany and occupied Holland. The exhibition will be at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit through March 9; University of Michigan-Dearborn, March 14-21 and Detroit Historical Museum, March 28 and April 16. For further information, call 540-5937 "SIGNS OF LIFE," Kingswood Campus Auditorium, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Werner Herzog's first feature film, an original mixture of Don Quixote and case history, will be shown at 8 p.m. March 12. A wounded soldier waiting out the war on an isolated Mediterranean island is slowly driven mad. After seeing an incredible vision of a valley filled with thousands of small whirling windmills, he stages a lyrical, insane revolt. Dan Greenburg, professor at Oakland Community College and a film critic for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, will discuss the film. General admission is \$3; students and senior citizens \$2.50. For further information, call 645-3635.

Familiarly known as Steve at city hall, Northville City Manager Steven L. Walters enjoys a variety of favorite things, which, as those who know him might expect, can be unusual.

1. CAMPAIGN COLLECTING — "sort of a seasonal hobby" every four years I collect presidential campaign materials to keep my collection current. The collection dates back to last century campaigns.
2. CREATING COMPUTER GAMES on my home computer which I've been able to sell during the last three to four years.
3. SUMMERING AT LAKE MICHIGAN with my family at my folks' cottage.
4. PDQ BACH — I enjoy the classic music comedy-parodies whenever they're performed in Ann Arbor or at Ford Auditorium (last January), and sometimes on radio.

My Favorite Things

February 26, 1986

In Sympathy



Hollister has hope for living will law

By CAROLINE CASE

The idea of a "living will," or something which will prevent an incapacitated person from being kept alive by artificial means when hope for recovery is gone, appeals to many people.

The only problem is, there is no such legal right in Michigan. But that situation may change if legislation currently before the Michigan House becomes law.

State Rep. David Hollister, D-Lansing, last June introduced House Bill 4883, known as the Medical Treatment Decision Act. If it passes, the way will be paved for persons to designate a "proxy" to make health-care decisions if they become incapable of making them for themselves.

The right to refuse treatment is already guaranteed to those who are capable at the time the treatment is to be administered.

Hollister said Michigan's Probate Code already allows people to name a Power of Attorney, someone who will make decisions for them if they are incapable. But the code does not specifically say that the person with Power of Attorney can make decisions affecting health-care treatment.

One of the intents of H.B. 4883, then, is to clarify that code and establish the legal rights of the proxy, he said.

The bill also seeks to protect doctors, enabling them to accept the proxy's decision just as they would the patient's own.

According to Wenie Karpinski, Hollister's office manager, H.B. 4883 differs from many other states' "living will" laws in that it only sets up a procedure and does not address specific types of treatment which can be terminated.

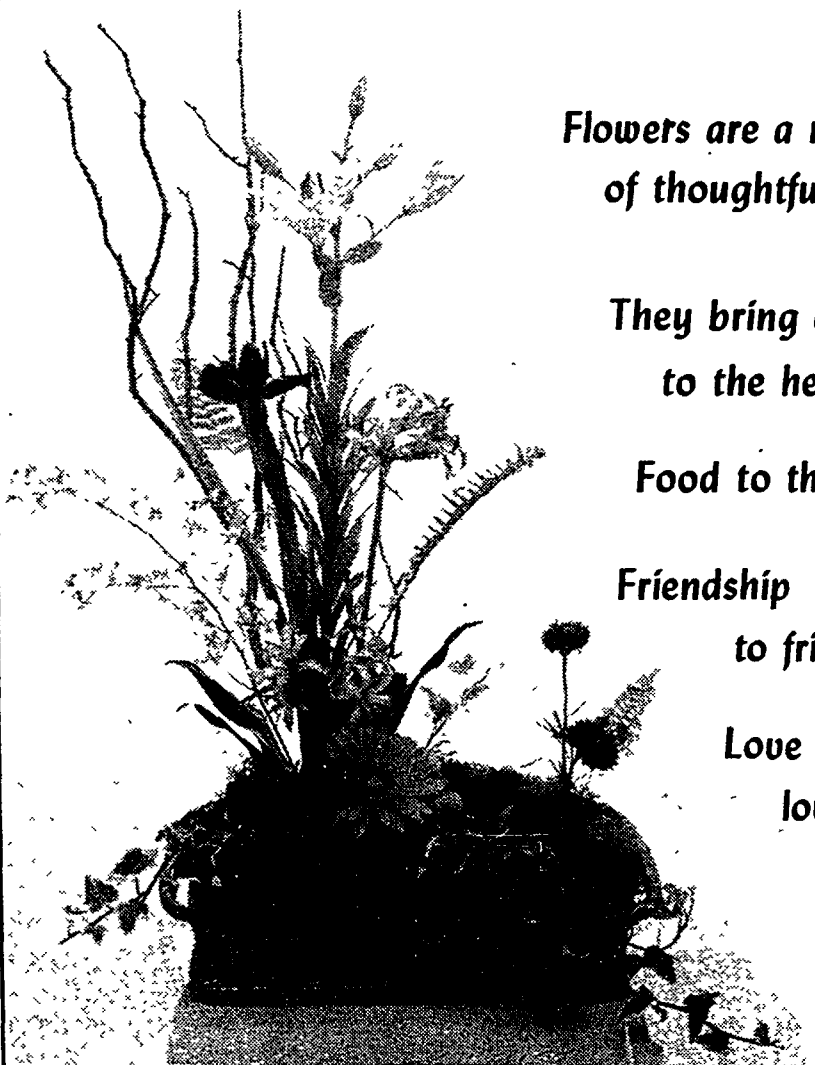
In some states, living wills can be very complicated documents which try to list every sort of treatment which the person would not want continued.

The problem with that, she said, is that the one situation the will did not cover could be the one the person finds himself in. Or, depending on the circumstances, the patient might have elected to receive treatment which in his will he had said he did not want.

The advantages to H.B.4883, then, is that a person with Power of Attorney could assess the actual situation and make an informed decision based on knowledge of the patient's wishes, Karpinski said.

Hollister said the bill faces opposition from the right to life movement, which sees the issue as similar to the abortion question. But he says the bill stands for patients' rights.

"It's an issue of autonomy," he said. "It's not a right-to-die bill."



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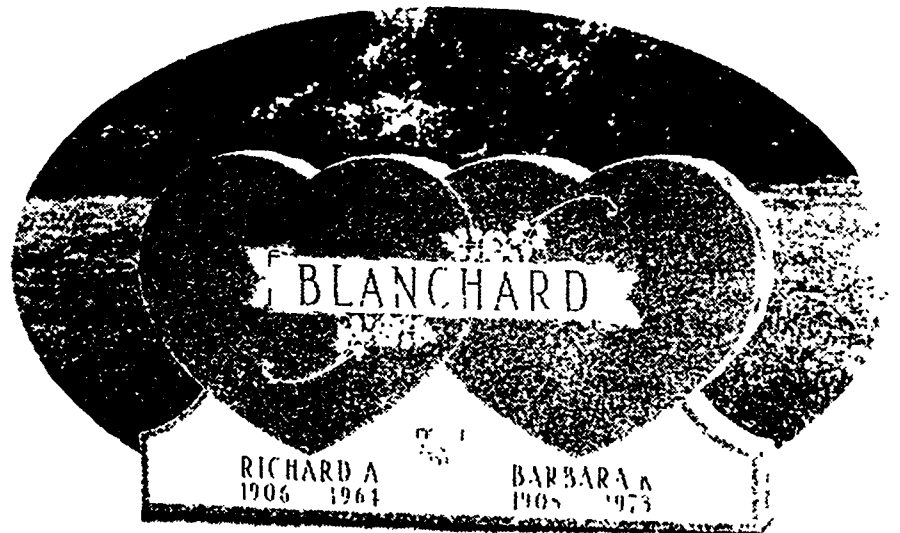
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By CAROLINE CASE

The grief of any widow is a painful experience, but according to Dolores Hutchinson, there is one type of widow who often feels that pain most keenly.

Hutchinson, bereavement coordinator and social worker at the Livingston County Hospice in Howell, said the young widow faces an especially tough and lonely road.

"Society responds in a very hard way to the young widow," said Hutchinson, a Ypsilanti resident who also teaches a class at Washtenaw Community College called "Psychology of Loss and the Therapeutic Process of Grieving."

"We don't recognize the normal needs of a 25- to 40-year-old person."

The young widow's special difficulties are due in part to the fact that she has often suffered a greater loss than an elderly woman, Hutchinson said.

An older woman lives with the expectation that she will lose her husband, while a younger woman lives with the expectation that she and her husband will share many more years together.

"They especially grieve for the dreams," Hutchinson said, "all the things they planned for will never be."

She also said that a young widow typically must also take on greater responsibilities after the death of her husband. If there are children, she becomes the sole care provider, and often the sole financial provider.

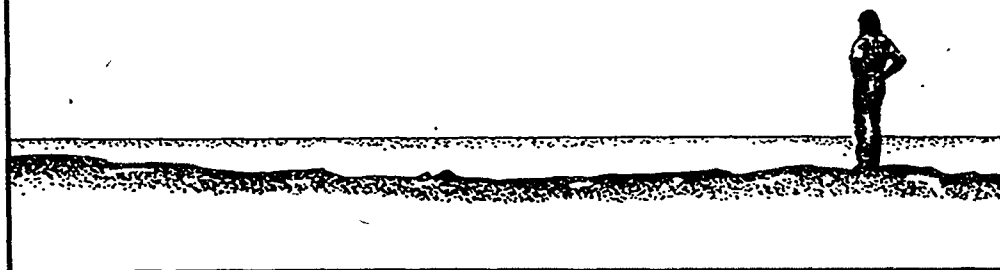
That may delay the grieving process, Hutchinson said.

"When you're hit by a truck, we give recuperation time," she said. "When death occurs, we give them three days."

Hutchinson said that the young widow faces other problems because

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Young widows face especially tough road



she is a statistical oddity: She becomes a threat to other people her age because she represents something none of them want to think about.

She also has few of the social opportunities open to older widows, such as senior citizens groups. And she is far more prone to anger, the "Why me?" response, because the death was untimely.

"She's now without a role," Hutchinson said. "She doesn't fit into any other stage. She's wounded."

In addition to these special difficulties, Hutchinson said, a young widow can expect to experience the same feelings of any grieving person.

Shock and denial usually hit instantly and are an important part of the grieving process because they allow a person to get through those first few days, to put the pain off until she is strong enough to handle it.

The widow also can expect to feel the following emotions, although not in any certain order. These feelings can also return again and again.

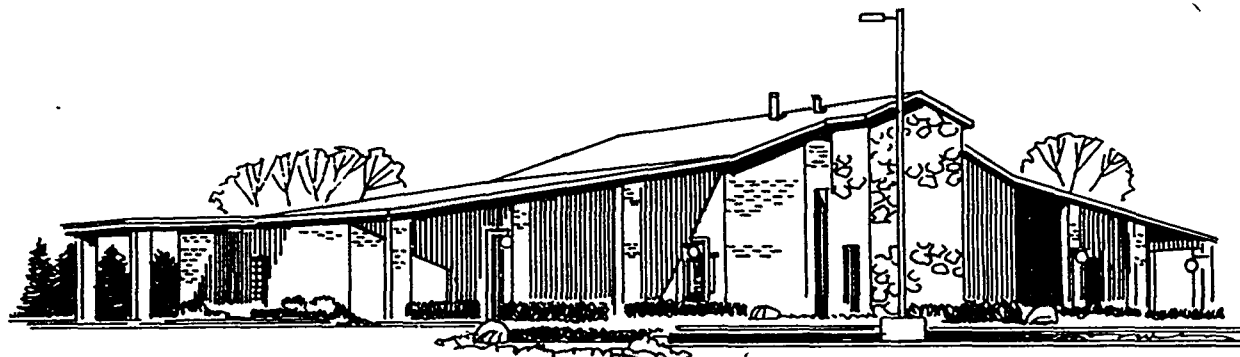
Anger. "We're angry that we hurt; we're angry that we have to hurt," Hutchinson said. "All the irrational thoughts come in and they're very appropriate."

Bargaining/discounting. Thoughts like "Just let me replace him quickly." "We probably would've divorced anyways." "He probably wasn't worth having around" occur to the widow as she tries to rationalize her experience.

Depression and loneliness. "We're beginning to have strength to feel pain, and we begin to let it in," Hutchinson said. "Feeling pain is a sure sign that there's life."

Resurrection. "She's wounded, but

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Decisions in planning funeral

By CAROLINE CASE

The death of a loved one brings on a series of questions about funeral arrangements, decisions that will be easier if you take the time to plan ahead.

What sorts of decisions will you have to make?

Here is the basic procedure for making funeral arrangements, according to Jim Herrmann, of Herrmann Funeral Home in Brighton, and Don Keehn, of the Keehn Funeral Home, also in Brighton.

When a death occurs, the first step is to call the funeral director and arrange

an appointment, Keehn said. Bring the clothing that you want used with you when you come in, including stockings and underwear.

Keehn and Herrman said they begin by taking information for the obituary and death certificate. Most of the information will be familiar to the survivors, but some, such as the deceased's Social Security number or mother's maiden name, may not be.

The funeral director will then discuss the type of funeral you want for the deceased. Is it to be burial or cremation? Where do you want the funeral held? Do you have a cemetery lot?

These are some of the questions the director will use to help plan the funeral. The director will also contact the minister or other officiant and arrange for a time.

If you do not already have gravesites, he or she can help arrange a trip to the cemetery to choose a site.

If you have opted for burial you will need to choose a casket and burial vault during this first session with the funeral director. Herrmann recommends that when choosing a casket, the family try to keep appropriateness in mind and match the casket to the deceased's personality.

Cost is another consideration. "Look in the price range that you feel comfortable you can handle," Herrmann said. He said he has funeral "packages" which include the casket, funeral director's services, use of the chapel and hearse, beginning at \$1,800.

Keehn agreed that cost is important. "I often suggest they use their head instead of their heart," he said. "They know more than anybody else what they want."

His caskets begin in price at \$180, he said.

Caskets can be covered with cloth or in a variety of metals or woods. The quality of the material will determine the price. A steel casket will generally cost less than a copper one; an oak less than a mahogany.

A "sealer" casket, which acts as a barrier against water, may appeal to some.

"If people are worried about water getting in graves, they should consider a

sealed casket and sealed vault," Herrmann said.

Such caskets are made of metal and have rubber gasket which seals hermetically.

Burial vaults or containers also run the gamut, from basic to elaborate, Herrmann said. A cement grave box will cost about \$280-290, while sealing vaults range from asphalt-lined to copper at costs from \$380-\$1,550, he said.

Most cemeteries require at least a cement box.

Herrmann offers a cremation package for \$800 that includes the cremation, the container, the funeral home's services and transportation to the crematorium. For an additional charge, the family can have a memorial service at the funeral chapel.

You can also decide to buy a casket and have a viewing of the body, then follow with cremation. Since the cost of cremation is generally lower than burial, choosing this type of funeral could save several hundred dollars.

Because planning for a funeral involves many decisions in a short period of time, Herrmann recommends doing at least some planning ahead.

"People don't like to face the fact that, 'Someday, I'm going to die,'" he said, "but an older couple in their retirement years should sit down and write these things out, or maybe some Sunday take a drive around the county and look at cemeteries."

It is also possible to "prearrange" your funeral or the funeral of a loved one.

Long, lonely road

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available to new experiences."

Hutchinson emphasizes that the grieving process takes an average of one to two years, from whenever it begins. Though some people may deny their grief for months or even years after the death, when they are ready to begin grieving they must be allowed that same amount of time.

Hutchinson is almost evangelistic in her belief that the community must reach out to help the widow.

"You can't grieve alone," she said. "I recommend that those people who know a young widow, reach out, constantly."

Many people take a "Band-aid" ap-

proach to helping the widow, trying to make it better for her, Hutchinson said.

"We can't make it better, but we can make the road less lonely," she said.

Two groups in Livingston County offer support to the widow. Widows United, a Brighton support group, meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Mill Pond Manor in Brighton.

President Helen Stone said the group is primarily a social organization that allows widows to make friends. New widows are offered special support and literature on grieving.

Hutchinson leads a loss support group at the hospice every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; it is open to all people who have lost a loved one.



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Grave markers comfort living

By CAROLINE CASE

If you've ever wandered through a cemetery and been fascinated by the names, dates and sentiments carved into the monuments, you'll know why grave markers have long been the custom.

"It makes a permanent record of who's buried where, and it's something so that we're all remembered," said Jim Allen, owner of Allen Monuments in Northville. "It ties you back with your community."

According to John Krol, an owner of Brighton Memorials, the grave marker can serve another purpose for the survivors: "They want something where the design is comforting to them." He spoke about one family who chose a marker carved with an angel when their 4-year-old daughter died.

How do you go about choosing a marker that's appropriate? Krol and Allen say that the way to begin is by restrictions on the type or size of markers which can be placed on the grave.

Ken Filkins, sexton of Lakeview Cemetery in Howell, said that in the cemetery's new section, only tablet or flat markers are allowed.

Restrictions at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi are even tighter.

It ties you back with your community."

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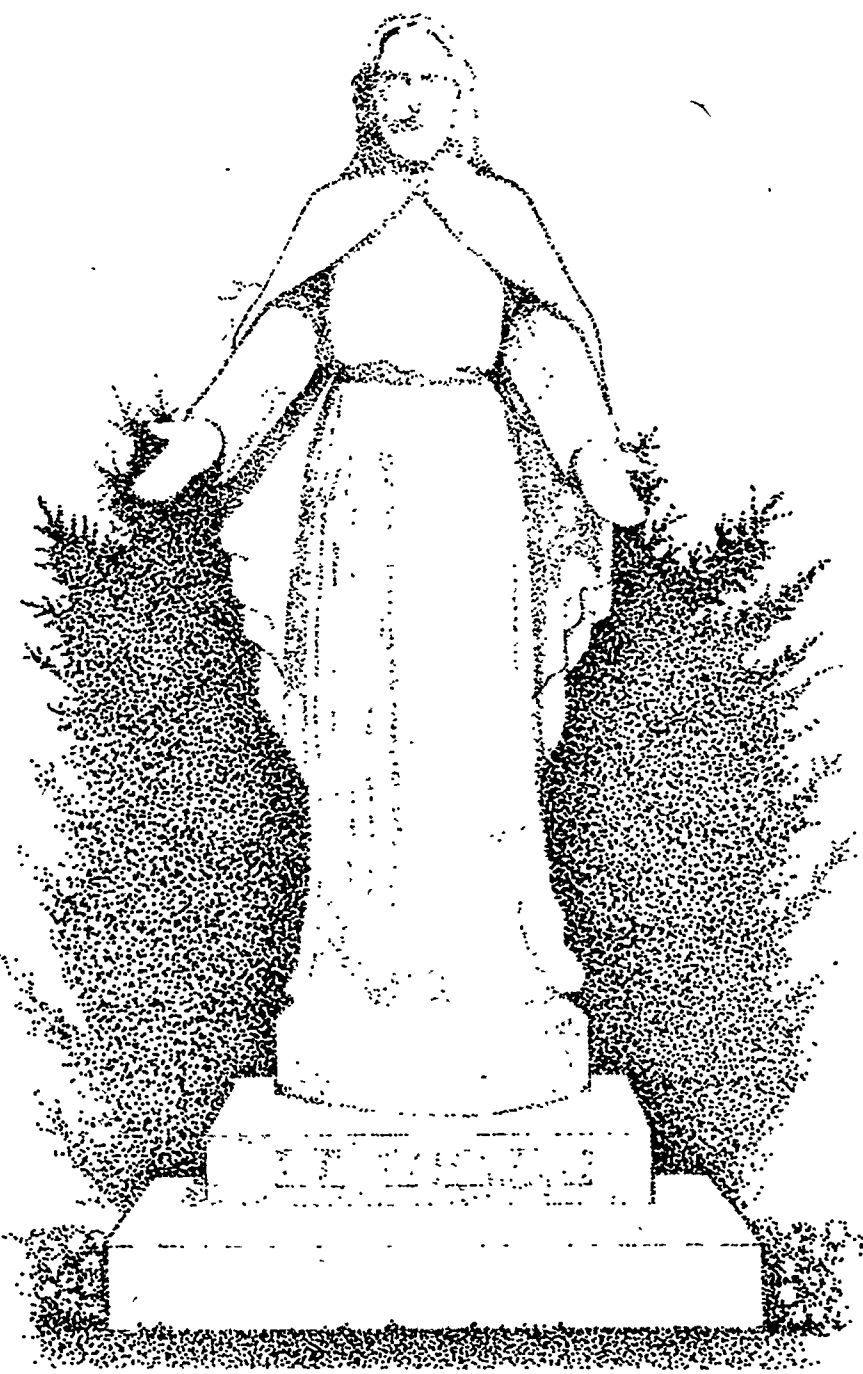
"Every marker in this cemetery is bronze, and they're all flush to the ground," said manager Gary Eppolito. That policy was instituted in 1928, when the cemetery opened.

He cites three reasons for the design: The flat stones make for ease in mowing and trimming around graves; are less attractive to vandals; and have psychological advantage over the upright stones. "That overwhelming feeling of depression is not a factor," he said, when you drive into the cemetery.

Once you've determined what your cemetery will allow, you'll find a variety of choices at the monument company. According to Krol, markers come in an array of materials, styles and even colors.

Krol listed three basic shapes of markers: "Flush," or flat to the ground; a

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Hospices emphasize comfort and emotional and spiritual needs

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Hospice—comforting the dying

By CAROLINE CASE

In a way, the meaning of the word "hospice" has not changed much, according to Hospice of Livingston County program director Judy Asiala.

While the word used to mean "a place to rest on a long journey," she said, "It's kind of evolved over the years to mean, 'a place to rest before a long journey.'"

That's what the modern hospice is all about: A program that emphasizes the comfort and the spiritual and emotional needs of dying patients, allowing them to rest before they embark on the journey of death. In most cases, that means patients are cared for in their own home, with their families nearby.

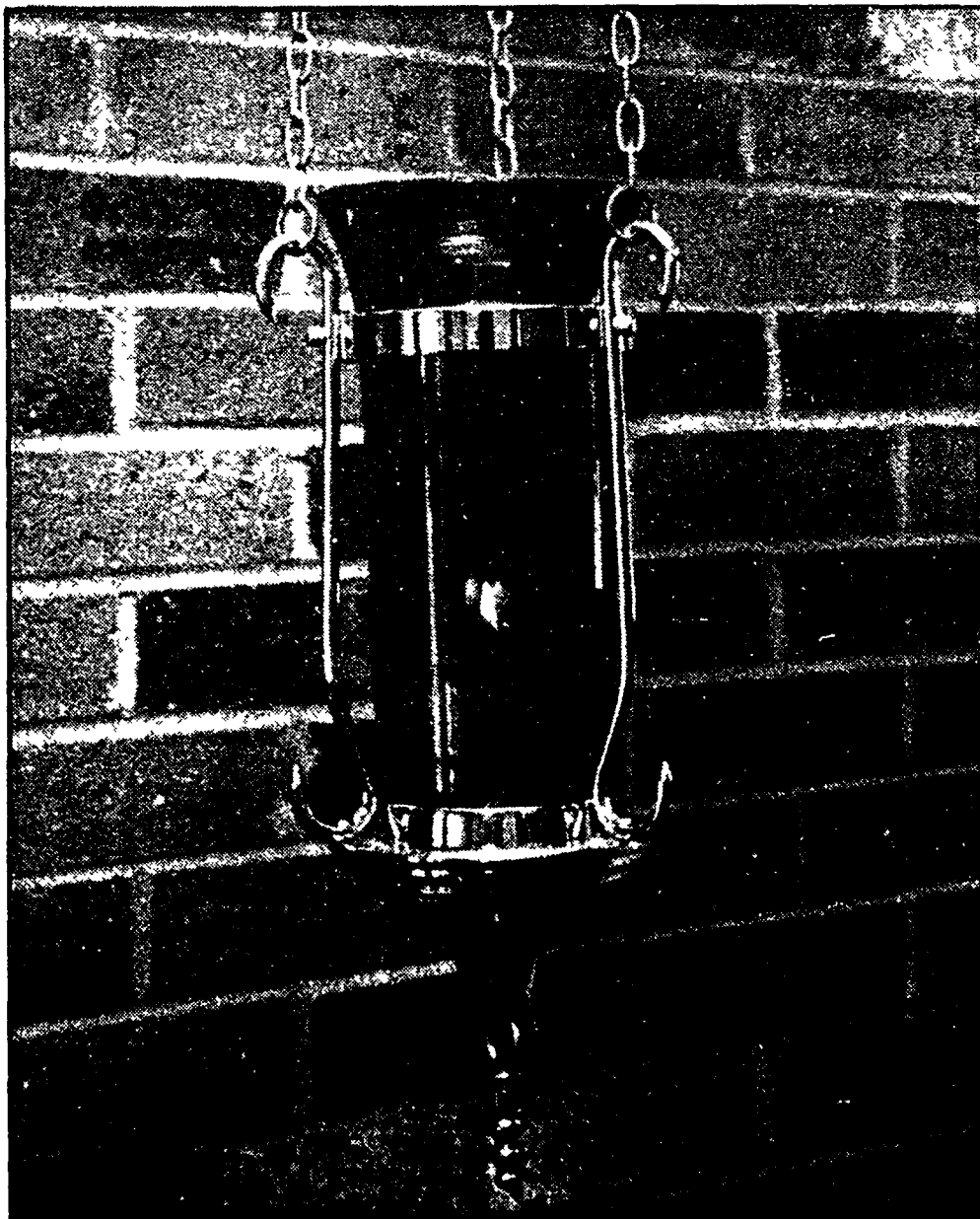
The hospice movement, long popular in Europe, became popular in this country about 10 years ago, Asiala said.

"People became more concerned with, instead of trying to keep people alive, no matter what the means or cost, that maybe we should help them die with dignity," she said.

"They've had it with the health-care system," said Marilyn Brady, a Milford resident who is a registered nurse with the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan in Southfield. "They just want to go home. Most of our patients want some control back in their lives."

In order to be eligible for either hospice, a patient must have a life expectancy of six months or less, verified by a doctor.

According to Asiala and Brady, the typical hospice patient is elderly and a cancer victim, although they treat pa-



Candle serves as a memorial

Mc Coy

tients of any age, including children, and also treat patients with other types of terminal illnesses.

Most of the patients, though, have one thing in common—they have come to grips with the fact that they are dying.

"Usually, they've made the decision that they do not want any more aggressive treatment," Brady said.

Both hospices do emphasize the treatment of symptoms, because, say Asiala and Brady, a patient's greatest fear is not of dying, but of being in pain.

"The most important thing is comfort," Asiala said. "That's the most important thing we provide. We're able to bring pain under control almost 100 percent of the time."

She said the Hospice of Livingston County will prescribe pain-killing drugs such as morphine that hospitals will not use because of long-term effects.

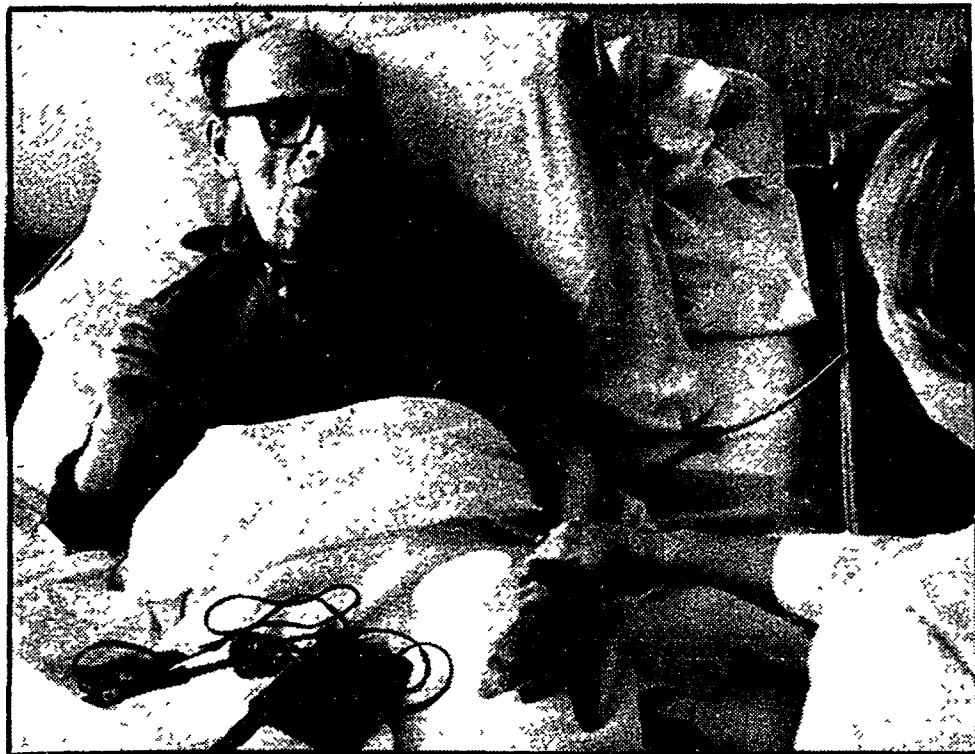
Both hospices use doctors, nurses, social workers and volunteers on their staffs. Asiala said that in a typical week, patients will receive one to two visits from a registered nurse who monitors their pain and vital signs and teaches families how to care for the patient. A nurse's aid may visit an additional two to three times.

At the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, a registered nurse is required to visit once every two weeks and may visit as often as four to five times a week. Licensed practical nurses or nurse's aids are also available.

Social workers see to the emotional

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Suzanne Whiteman, RN, visits John Haensel

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needs of both the dying patient and his or her family. Asiala said a social worker phones the home of a hospice patient each week and will make a visit when necessary, helping the entire family come to grips with the impending death.

Volunteers also serve an important function in both hospice programs, doing everything from running errands to sitting with the patient so the family can take a break. Brady said that a volunteer may become a confidant for patients who don't want to burden their families.

"They develop a nice relationship with a volunteer and can share a lot of experiences they're going through," Brady said.

Both hospices are unique in that they

are the only ones in Michigan which offer an in-patient care facility as a back-up to home care. Patients will be brought into the facility if it is necessary for symptom control, or for family respite.

But, Asiala adds, "Our goal is to send the patient back home."

As death approaches, hospice care intensifies, Asiala said. A patient who did not feel any need for spiritual help may want that help now, and the hospice will get in touch with a clergy person. The patient may also want people around more often, so the hospice will step up visits by nurses and volunteers.

Even when death occurs, care continues. Hospice of Livingston County offers a 13-month grief counseling pro-

gram to survivors, getting them through a year of "anniversaries" plus one month. The program is flexible and allows survivors to receive as much help as is needed.

"We contact them and let them tell us how we can help them," Asiala said. Besides regular follow-up calls, the hospice also offers a support group which meets once a week for two hours.

Hospice care can offer a cheaper alternative to hospital care.

"We'd like to think we're cheaper than a regular hospital because we don't have a lot of auxiliary components," such as expensive equipment and consultants, Brady said. However, room and board in the in-patient facility is the same as in a regular hospital, she added.

Brady said that because most hospice patients are elderly, most qualify for Medicare, which covers the hospice program under its experimental Medicare Hospice Program.

Some other insurance companies cover hospice care, and others are considering it, she said. Friends of the Hospice, a group at the Livingston County facility, will try to help those who are not covered by insurance, according to Asiala.

The two women agreed that the patients and their families are not the only ones who benefit from the hospice.

"I have grown not only professionally, but personally," Brady said. "I really look on life with a whole different view. Maybe it's just brought out the humanness in me. There's just so much more to life."

Said Asiala: "Hospice has given me a more humanitarian viewpoint of dying. I feel strongly about dying with dignity. I didn't realize before how important that was."

Markers comfort the living

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wedge-shaped marker with a slanted top that can be seen from a distance; or an upright marker.

Materials can be granite, marble or bronze, and there is selection even within those categories. Krol said granite is available in red, gray, white, green, brown and pink.

In addition to the name and birth and death dates, many people choose to put a design on the marker, such as a cross, rose, or veterans or lodge insignia. And the traditional epitaph is still around, although according to Allen, not nearly as popular as it once was.

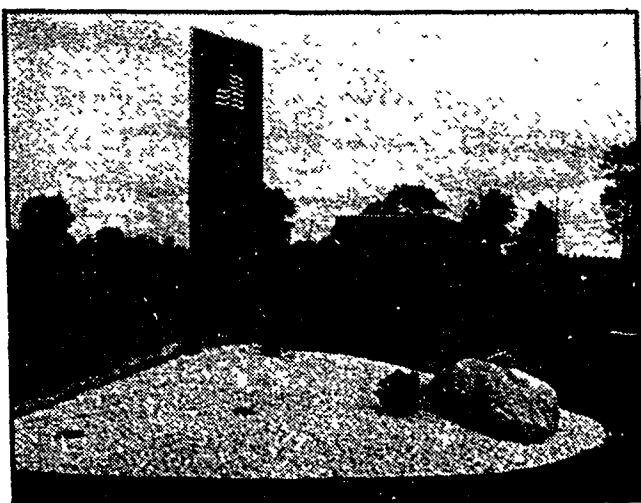
The price of a marker is determined by its elaborateness and the cost of its materials, Krol said.

"Some granites are a little bit more scarce than others," he said. "If you pick a certain granite over another, it could almost double the price."

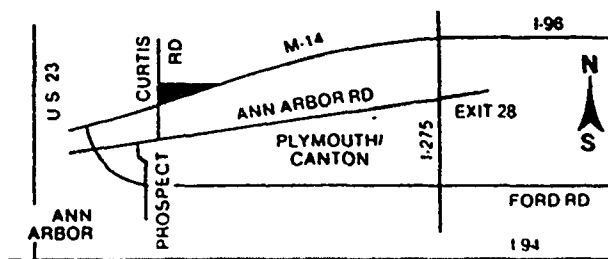
Krol said his prices begin at about \$250 for a flat granite marker with a simple design, and go on up to several thousands of dollars.

A final consideration in purchasing a marker: Time. Krol estimates 60 to 90 days once a marker is ordered to have it completed and placed on the grave. Allen says the waiting time is four to five weeks on stones he has in stock, 60 to 90 days on those he must order.

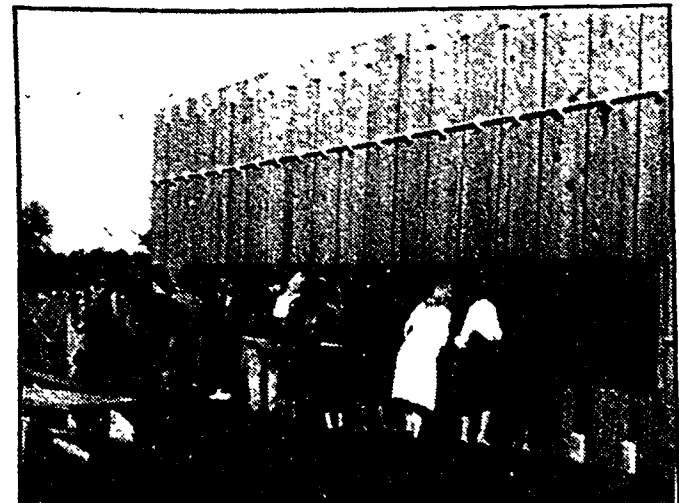
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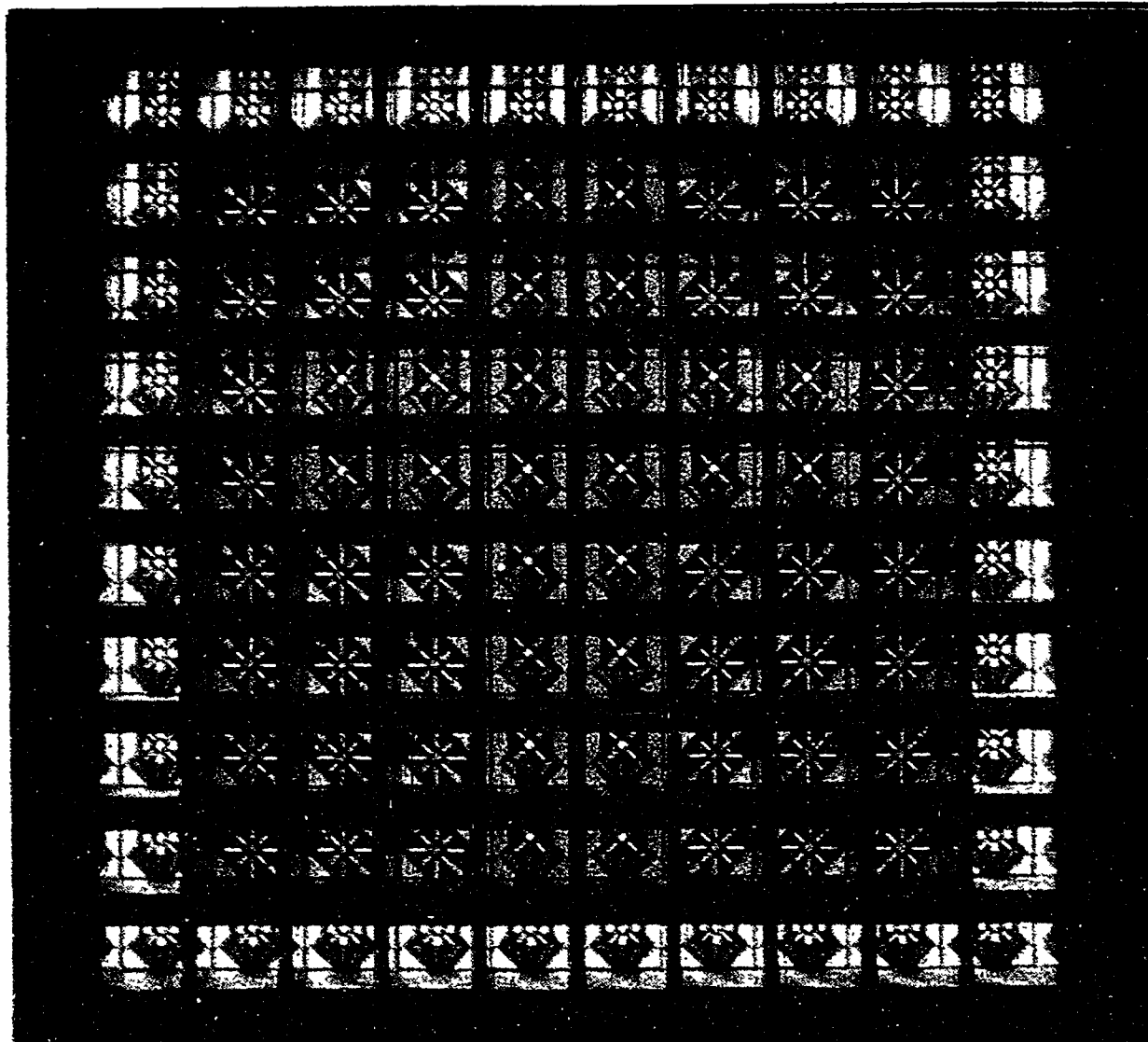
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