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Police stay mum on bombs planted in city

By PHILIP JEROME
 managing editor

Police are keeping a tight lid on information regarding two incidents apparently involving homemade explosive devices which occurred Sunday morning.

A tersely-worded press release from Detective Ralph Fluhart, who is heading up the investigation, stated only that "both incidents occurred in the same subdivision in the southeast quadrant of the city."

The press releases also stated: "In one inci-

dent an automobile sustained moderate damage when the device exploded. In the second incident, the device, which had been placed near a residence, failed to detonate. No one was injured in either incident."

Novi police have called in agents from the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to assist with the investigation. To detonate or possess an explosive device is a federal crime.

Federal agents arrived at the Novi Police Department at approximately 11 a.m. Monday to process the damaged automobile for

evidence. Fluhart said police were limiting information about the incidents in order to facilitate the investigation.

"We want to take these people (responsible for the bombings) out of commission quickly," he said. "A car is one thing, but the second device was close to the people's home. When you're doing that, you're messing with people's lives," he said.

Fluhart declined to speculate on the motivation for the bomb incidents. "At this point, we just don't know," he said. "All the information

we have right now seems to point to 'random,' but it's too early to know."

Fluhart noted that several incidents of mailbox bombings have occurred in the past couple of weeks at scattered locations around the city. "At the infancy of our investigation, we don't know if they are or are not related," he said. "If they are related, it would be an indication that these were random incidents. But we're still in the process of gathering information."

In the meantime, Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner is asking residents to report

any information which might pertain to the bombing incidents. Information can be sent to Fluhart at 348-7100 or by calling the police department's anonymous tip line at 349-8887.

"We're looking for any information at all which might assist us in our investigation," said Faulkner. "Somebody might have seen something or heard something. Or somebody might have overheard something. We're looking for anything which will help us identify the individual or individuals responsible for these incidents."

Convention hall backers: No go

By BRUCE J. MARTIN
 staff writer

After taking several verbal shots at Novi school officials, Novi City Council members voted 5-1 to cancel tonight's (Wednesday's) public hearing on establishing a tax increment finance authority (TIFA) for the Dallas Market Center's proposed convention center adjacent to the Novi Sheraton hotel.

Mayor Patricia Karevich emphasized the hearing's cancellation was not prompted by the letter that school board members and administrators mailed last week to school district residents, urging their opposition to creating a TIFA.

Representatives of the Dallas Market Center requested the hearing's cancellation in response to lawsuits filed by other Michigan school districts challenging the constitutionality of TIFAs, which are methods of financing public improvements to promote development of areas with declining property values.

The lone dissenter on the vote to cancel the hearing was Council Member Hugh Crawford, who explained his symbolic vote was to

Crawford: 'The board (of education) is perpetuating the misconceptions. If anything, it's contributed to them.'

register his anger at the schools' letter, which he termed "a piece of junk."

Crawford, ironically, had been honored recently by school officials for his nine years of service on the district's Community Education Advisory Council. But the citation didn't prevent him from making the sharpest criticisms of any council member regarding the school of-

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Schools' mailings stir up TIFA feud

By MICHELE M. FECHT
 staff writer

In an effort to gather community opposition to the Dallas Market Center's proposed establishment of a Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) for the Novi convention center area, the school district last week mailed approximately 8,500 letters to local residents encouraging them to "defeat passage" of the proposed financing plan.

School Superintendent Robert Piwko said the letter was drafted to clarify the district's position on TIFA and to encourage residents to attend a public hearing which was scheduled for tonight (Wednesday).

At its meeting Monday, city council voted to cancel the hearing at the request of the Dallas Marketing Center (see related story).

Calling the school district's letter both "misleading and incomplete," Mayor Patricia Karevich said it was only coincidence that both the letter and the request for cancellation of the hearing came at the same time.

The letter, generated from the superintendent's office, was drafted by Piwko with modifications made by board members. According to Debbie Pisha, communications coordinator for Novi Community Schools, the letter cost the school district about \$1,000 — \$700 for printing and another \$300 for mailing.

Piwko said Monday the school

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□ TIFA foes threaten progress, state officials say/10A



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Juices flowing

With the late-winter thaw rendering maple tree sap ripe for harvesting, Novi Woods Elementary students took to the forests last week to see how the sticky stuff is tapped and made into homemade syrup. Here, Novi Woods students

Colleen Fahrner and Anna Schmidt and Joan Fahrner watch Margaret Schmidt, Anna's mom, skins the boiling sap. Monday, the syrup they produced topped off a pancake breakfast at the school.

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Schram, Byers will run again

By MICHELE M. FECHT
 staff writer

Novi school board trustees Robert Schram and Raymond Byers announced Thursday they will seek another term in the annual school election June 9.

Schram, an eight-year veteran of the board, will vie for his third term. Byers, appointed last September following the resignation of former trustee Ron Milam, will make a bid for a two-year seat (the remainder of Milam's unexpired term).

Deadline for Novi residents interested in filing nominating petitions for the two board posts is 4 p.m. Monday, April 7.

Candidates to the school board must be 18 years old, registered Novi school electors, U.S. citizens, residents of Michigan at least 30 days and residents of the school district on or before the 30th day prior to the annual school election. Property ownership is not a requirement. Nominating petitions are available at the Administration Building, 25575 Taft Road.

In a prepared statement announcing his candidacy, Schram noted "the past eight years have been very rewarding for me and hopefully for this school district."

"In the personal soul searching I went through to reach my decision I based my decision making on two main points: 1. Do I still have the energy, enthusiasm and desire to give the community of Novi the board trustee they deserve? 2. Do I have the leadership to offer this board, and this school district, to help it meet the challenges it will face over the next four years?"

Schram, who is serving his second consecutive term as president of the board, said this past year has been particularly challenging for the district. He noted the school board has faced the resignation of one trustee (Milam) and the subsequent appointment of his successor (Beyers), pupil transportation challenges, school overcrowding, an early union contract settlement and the potential damage of the proposed Tax Increment Financing to the district.

"To the faint of heart this could have been a devastating year," Schram stated. "Meeting the above

Planners re-tagged

When members of the Novi Planning Board adjourned Monday night, it was for the last time.

Subsequent to the joint session of the board and Novi City Council Monday, the council approved a new ordinance which abolished the planning board and established a planning commission constituted of the same members.

Beyond instituting a name change that more closely corresponds with state statutes governing municipal planning authorities, the council's action will give the commission more discretionary powers in the use of its budget — although council will retain rights to approve the commission's budget by line-item account.

The council and board have clash-

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Millage renewal not taken for granted

As millage elections go, the Novi school district's upcoming request for a renewal of 13 of its voted operating mills is not likely to raise too many eyebrows among residents.

However, while school officials are confident the district again will support the schools' request (no one can remember voters ever turning down a school millage renewal in Novi), they also are quick to point out that the March 24 issue should not be taken lightly.

At stake, is the bulk of the school district's 23.5 voted operating mills. The 13-mill renewal for three years was last approved by voters in 1983.

While voters approved the request three years ago by a healthy margin (504 of the 887 Novi voters casting ballots approved the request), a conflicting provision in the ballot proposal has added confusion to the upcoming March 24 election.

The '83 proposition stated the renewal would be effective for a "three year period." However, it specifically outlined the years "1983 to 1986." School officials pointed out the '83 proposal should have indicated the renewal was for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985.

To assure voters that the 13-mills are not additional millage, the district requested a copy of the Oakland County treasurer's statement showing the 13 mills up for renewal no longer are on the tax rolls.

School Millages

What's in and what's up for renewal

Millage Type	Novi
Total Operating	33.04
County Allocated	9.5
Voter Approved	23.5
Up for Renewal*	13

* Number equals portion (in mills) of voter-approved millage up for renewal

School Superintendent Robert Piwko said the board and administration have made every effort to clear-up any confusion about the millage issue.

Having received no negative feedback about the election, Piwko said he is confident voters will support the district's request.

"We've had no problem passing a renewal in recent history," Piwko noted.

He also pointed out that Schoolcraft College's half-mill request is likely to have little impact on the local election due to the fact that very few Novi voters are eligible to cast ballots in that election.

Assistant Superintendent William Barr noted that only a small portion of voters in Precincts 1 and 2 will be voting in the community college election.

While the increased growth in the Novi area has allowed the school district to keep its millage rate steady, Piwko noted that increasing enrollment could mean additional costs down the road.

The board of education has discussed the possibility that another elementary school may be needed should enrollment continue to climb at its

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Dance for MD at Novi High

Novi High School students once again will kick-up their heels for muscular dystrophy.

The tenth annual Muscular Dystrophy Super Dance will get under way at 8 p.m. Friday at Novi High School.

Sue Schram, who is co-chairing this year's dance with Karen Liddicoat, said approximately 230 students have signed-up for the event. Schram noted that due to a lack of funds and donations, this weekend's dance will be held for 14 hours rather than the previous 24.

She also said students have not set a goal this year but will be going "for just as much as we can get."

In the past, students have raised approximately \$22,000 for muscular dystrophy.

Despite the changes, there is no lack of enthusiasm for those involved in this year's event.

Among some of the fund-raising festivities residents should not miss is a pie-throwing contest — targeted at teachers, principals and school board members, and a gold fish-eating competition.

Schram said there also will be a hula-hoop and twist competition.

Visiting hours are 9-11 p.m. Friday. Anyone wishing to make a donation, should contact the high school at 344-8300.

Celebration's set for dairy

Guernsey Farm Dairies, the family owned and operated business on Novi Road, is inviting everyone to help them celebrate the grand opening of their expanded restaurant this Sunday, March 16.

It is actually a belated grand opening. Guernsey's began work on an addition to the dairy in May of last year, and the expanded restaurant opened on Labor Day last September. But, according to owner John McGuire, it was never officially opened.

"We never really got around to opening the thing officially, so now we're going to have a little celebration and tie it with St. Patrick's Day," he said.

Tours of the modern dairy plant will be from 1-5 p.m. In addition, there will be door prizes, free gifts, balloons and clowns — and an appropriate corned beef and cabbage dinner.

The former Red Rose Dairy, located on 125 South Center Street, was purchased in 1940 and renamed Guernsey Farms. Five years later, McGuire and Fred Russell bought the business. McGuire bought out Russell and became sole owner in 1952.

McGuire moved the dairy to its current location on Novi Road in 1966 where milk and ice cream have been processed ever since. In 1984, Guernsey's butter pecan ice cream was selected as one of the nation's "best ice creams" in a "People Magazine" contest among 899 flavors from across the country.

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Guide sets specs for Town Center

By BRUCE J. MARTIN
staff writer

Novi residents will get a clearer idea of what a downtown Novi will look like this month when architectural consultant Linda Lemke of Brandon Rogers & Associates puts the finishing touches on a guidebook for development in the Town Center.

While Lemke in the past has prepared renderings of proposed development in the Grand River-Novi Road business district, the new guide differs from her previous "dreams on paper" by specifying the exact design, materials and placement of Town Center amenities.

The project reflects input from members of the Town Center Steering Committee, who reviewed Lemke's preliminary sketches and recommendations on Monday. Both public and private sector funding will be required for the proposals, with much of the private backing expected to be generated by special assessments.

"I think it's a great report," said Novi Planning Board Chairperson Ernest Aruffo, a visitor at Monday's committee meeting. "I think you've really captured the atmosphere we're looking for."

Added the city's planning and development director, James Wahl: "It's not going to be Northville, but it's not going to be West Oaks, either."

Exactly what will the Town Center guide call for? Among the suggestions Lemke has submitted for the committee's consideration are:

- Repeating the image of a circle in various Town Center elements; initial brickwork on an entrance road and brickwork in the middle of the intersection of Grand River and Novi Road; benches; wastebaskets; tree gratings; etc.
- Wrought iron archways at entrances to the park on the northeast corner.
- Inset brick pedestrian walkways across the main streets.
- Choices of hardy trees appropriate for placement close to roadways.
- Style and placement of pushcart businesses like hot dog or popcorn stands.
- Placement and design of a central clock.
- An obelisk-carillon perhaps 30-50 feet tall.
- A band gazebo for concerts; brick gathering-places and tree-lined walkways in the park on the northeast corner.
- Possible variation in streetlamp and bench designs, with modern styles in heavy retail areas; old-fashioned styles in more historically significant sectors.
- A city-operated information center for visitors and possible home base for the Novi Chamber of Commerce, located where Bates' Hamburgers now stands.
- Brick walls and landscaping contours where appropriate.
- Design of sidewalks, bike paths and jogging trails.
- Numerous flower beds to be maintained by private businesses.

The committee also reviewed two proposals for a park on the northeast corner, an expansion of the four-acre park contained in the Trammel Crow Town Center site plan. While the Trammel Crow site plan shows the park wrapping around the existing Amoco gas station on the corner, the plans reviewed by the committee Monday are based on Amoco eventually moving off the site for the park.

Both call for walkways emanating from a central gathering-place appropriate for concerts or other outdoor activities, complemented by fountains or an open-air gazebo-like structure.



Love and War and Blood

Anita Yost of Novi took a pause for the cause last Thursday, giving blood at city hall in the city's blood drive co-hosted with the American Red Cross. That's Carol Dujsek of the Red Cross providing the assistance. Altogether, 88 pints of blood were collected during the drive — down somewhat from last year's total, but happily accepted.

Portraits offered

When was the last time you had a family portrait taken by a professional photographer?

If it's been awhile, the Novi High School Yearbook Staff is making an offer you might want to take advantage of.

The Craine-Williams Studio is offering Novi families an opportunity to have family portraits taken.

Sessions are scheduled for Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Novi High School.

The cost is \$5 for one 8-by-10 inch family portrait. Anyone interested in more information or scheduling an appointment may call Janet Thibodeau at Novi High School at 344-8300.

Child seats available

Novi parents wishing to rent child car seats can do so through Botsford Hospitals in Farmington Hills.

Botsford officials noted that injuries to children in automobile accidents have decreased 25 percent in Michigan during the past four years due to state legislation which requires that children under the age of four be restrained while riding in an automobile.

Parents also are finding that children ride much happier when they are secured in a proper car seat, according to the officials.

Botsford General Hospital is helping parents to easily afford a car seat and understand the correct way of using it. Through a child restraint education program, parents can rent an infant car seat for \$5 per year with a deposit of \$15 or a toddler seat for \$10 per year with a deposit of \$20.

For an appointment to rent a car seat or obtain more information about the program, parents may call Botsford Community Health Services at 471-9050.

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Red-headed thief strikes again

The "Red-headed Bandit" has struck again at the Sunshine Foods Market at 4999 Pontiac Trail.

The night clerk told police an unknown male, approximately 15-years old and with red hair, ran into the store at 3:05 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, grabbed a metal rack filled with cigarettes from the top of the counter and ran outside the store.

It was the second time the youth has stolen merchandise from the store in the same manner. Two weeks ago, he ran in and made off with a carton of beer, according to police reports.

Investigating officers followed the youth's tracks in the snow toward the Westgate 71 Apartments, but lost the trail after it reached the apartment complex. Along the route, however, police recovered the metal rack and several packages of cigarettes.

The youth was described as being 5'5" tall and 120 pounds with red hair. He was wearing a black leather jacket.

Thieves broke into and ransacked the Speedway Gas Station at 31275 Haggerty Road at Fourteen Mile sometime during the night of March 1-2.

An employee arriving for work at 7:15 a.m. on March 2 discovered the break-in. The responsible parties had cut the telephone wires into the station, so the employee called police from a nearby business.

Investigating officers said the thieves apparently used a pry bar to break apart and pull away the wood frame from a door leading into a storage room. They also cut the phone lines leading into the building.

Once inside, they broke out ceiling tiles and dumped the contents of two

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shelves onto the floor. They also attempted to break into the cash register, and then entered the office area where they ransacked drawers in a desk.

The station manager said nothing appeared to be missing except for cigarettes, candy and juice bottles.

A Toro snowblower was stolen from the attached garage of a residence on Parkridge in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision on February 27 between midnight and 6 a.m.

The complainant told police the snowblower was stored at the rear of the garage and the responsible parties had to move two eight-packs of pop bottles in order to remove it.

A diamond engagement ring valued in excess of \$2,250 and \$2.80 worth of empty cans were among the items stolen from a residence on East Lake Drive during a breaking and entering that occurred March 5.

The complainant told police she left home at 7 a.m. and returned at 5 p.m. to discover the break-in. The responsible party apparently gained entry through a bathroom window. In addition to the ring and the cans, a "Ghetto-blaster" radio was stolen from the residence.

The stolen cans later were recovered by police at the Lakeside Market on Novi Road where they had been cashed in. Police are examining the cans for evidence.

Seventy-five pallets were stolen from a storage yard outside the Cabot Chemical Company in the Trans-X Industrial Park on Novi Road. The theft occurred sometime between 4 p.m. on February 26 and 5:45 a.m. the next day, according to reports.

The complainant told investigating officers the garage door may have been left open during the time the theft occurred. The kerosene heater was valued at \$70.

Thieves made off with a snowmobile from the residents' storage yard at the Old Dutch Farms Mobile Home Park on Napier Road sometime between February 25 and February 27.

The complainant told police the

been stored. Value of the stolen property was \$750, according to reports.

A 1979 Ford pickup truck was stolen from the parking lot of the Westgate VI apartments on February 26 between 8 and 8:30 p.m.

The victim said a witness told him she had seen a young, white male driving the truck out onto Pontiac Trail as she was entering the apartment complex.

The truck was valued at \$7,600 and contained an estimated \$400 worth of miscellaneous plumbing tools in two toolboxes.

A Northville man said unknown individuals smashed the window of his 1978 Chevrolet pickup truck while it was parked outside Fred's Custom Boat Company on Heslip Drive and stole a Bell radar detector.

The responsible party used a rock to smash the window while the vehicle was parked on February 28 between 12:30 and 1:50 p.m. The rock was found lying on the front seat by investigating officers.

The radar detector was valued at \$182. In addition, the thief removed a Mac 12-piece socket set valued at \$150 from the inside of the truck.

A ramp was stolen from a U-Haul trailer parked at Murray's U-Haul at 41843 Grand River.

Sometime between 1 p.m. on February 26 and 9 a.m. the next day, the responsible party entered the yard and removed the belts attaching the ramp to the truck. The ramp was 10 feet long and weighed approximately 50 pounds, according to reports.

Novi News Briefs

THANKS TO NOVI ROTARY AND PAUL BAKER, owner of the Goat Farm Tavern, there will be two electronic scoreboards at Power Park softball fields this summer.

Rotary and the Goat Farm each donated \$1,700 to the Novi Parks and Recreation Department to cover the purchase and installation costs of the electronic scoreboards.

Thomas O'Branovic, director of Novi Parks and Recreation, has recommended the city council award the bid for the scoreboards to Colorado Time Systems. The Colorado bid of \$2,550 was the lowest of three received by the Parks and Rec Department. Other bids were \$3,660 from the Nevco Scoreboard Company and \$4,280 from Daktronics.

THE SAMELSON GROUP COMPANY was confirmed by Novi City Council as the preferred developer for the city's lakefront property project. Council unanimously approved a resolution allowing the city's shoreline steering committee to forge an agreement with the development firm, which owns Orchard Hill Place, Eight Mile and Haggerty Road.

NOVI'S NEW CIVIC CENTER plans have been granted final approval by the Novi Planning Board.

Only Board Member Joseph Toth opposed the final approval, saying the western entrance on Ten Mile may be inadequate for civic center traffic plus traffic bound to and from the police station and high school to the west.

Toth also said he did not favor the proposed parking area in front of the building.

NOVI STUDENTS 15 years of age or older by June 1, 1986, are eligible to register for Novi High School's summer driver's education program. Interested students should contact Mr. Hubbard in Room 211 to receive an application. Class lists will be posted Monday, April 7. Session I will run from June 16 to July 11. Session II will be held July 14 to August 6.

NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH seventh grader Kevin Mittel earned first-place honors in individual competition at the Liv-Oak Spelling Bee in January. Novi's second grade placed second overall.

Mittel will represent Middle School South in the Detroit News/Lawrence Tech Regional Spelling Competition April 15.

HAS STARTED for Novi's 1986 Memorial Day Parade. The parade theme will be, "They Died So That We May Live."

The Memorial Day Parade Planning Committee is asking community group and business involvement in making the parade a success. Participation entries this year will be in the following areas: Floats, Marching Units, Specialty Vehicles, Animals and Bands.

The committee strongly urges floats that depict historical aspects of the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. There will be prizes in the Float category, and interested float builders are asked to contact the committee for information about financial support for material costs.

More information is available by calling Thomas O'Branovic, committee chairman, at 949-1976. Interested groups are asked to contact him by Friday, March 21.

JOHN WEISS found out the Novi Planning Board would frown upon a special designation for his property east of the West Road/Pontiac Trail intersection.

Known as a PD-1 option, the designation would have allowed Weiss to build 100 apartment units instead of the 10 permitted under the low-density multiple-housing designation planners approved for his property last fall.

Weiss' attorney, Paul Bibeau, said the PD-1 option would "allow improvement and upgrading of the area," including a possible senior citizen center and a community well system. Board members countered that the concept would overtax the road-sewerage infrastructure of the area.

Ronna Romney set as series speaker

Ronna Romney, writer, lecturer, politician, wife and mother of five, will be the guest speaker at the Northville Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series at 11 a.m. this Thursday, March 13, at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi.

At the beginning of this decade, Monthly Detroit recognized Romney as one of the "People to Watch in the Eighties." Most recently she was selected by The Detroit News as among the "Most Powerful Women in Michigan."

Ronna Romney was introduced to politics when her father-in-law, George Romney, ran for the Presidency in 1968. She went on to campaign for Lenore Romney two years later when she ran for the U.S. Senate and in 1972 co-chaired the Nixon

campaign in Michigan. In 1982, she co-chaired the gubernatorial race in Michigan, raising more than \$1 million for that effort. This year she is the Reagan-Bush Finance co-chairperson.

She also has gained public attention as co-author of "Giving Time a Chance," a book about making a success of marriage that has been widely acclaimed by a list of critics from columnists Jack Anderson and Ann Landers to clergyman Norman Vincent Peale. It has appeared on the cover of "Publisher's Weekly" and "Reader's Digest" and was selected for B Dalton's Hooked on Books list and is a Literary Guild selection.

Romney's new book, "Women in Power" will be out this spring.

She served as the Honorary Chairwoman for the American Cancer Society in the Detroit Metropolitan area in 1984 and was named national committeewoman from Michigan by her fellow Republicans.

She currently is on the White House Committee for Presidential Scholars and the National Advisory Council on Adult Education.

She and her husband Scott, a senior partner in one of Michigan's major law firms, live in Bloomfield Hills with their five children.

Romney is the third celebrity lecturer in the 1985-86 Town Hall series. The fourth and final speaker of the season will be Steven Ford April 10.

A luncheon follows the lecture at 1 p.m. at the Sheraton Oaks-Novi for season ticket holders.

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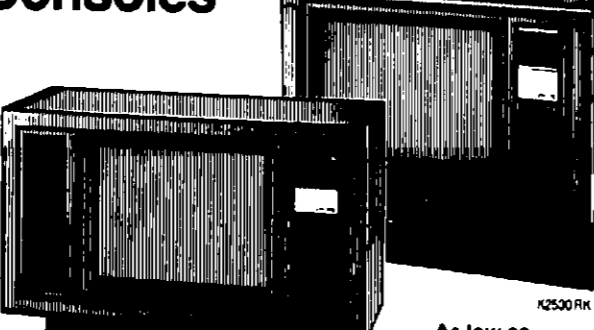
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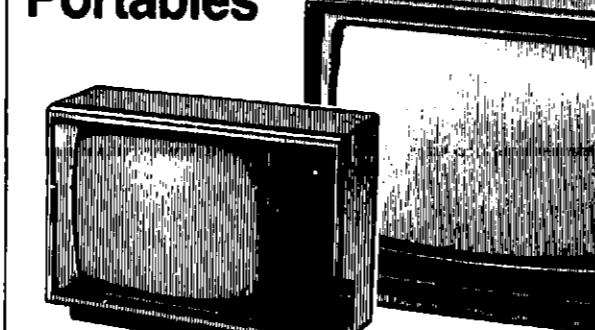
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Mark Twain revisited

Fifth graders at Middle School North recently returned to the Mississippi River to present their production of Mark Twain's classic "Tom Sawyer." The musical was presented last week to fellow students and families. Jason Everett as Tom Sawyer (third from left)

looks on in horror. Aunt Polly (Leah Roma) also appears to be watching the incorrigible Tom.

Novi News/JERRY ZOLYNSKY

New seat belt law cuts fatalities

Traffic fatalities decreased more than 59 percent last month in Michigan among motorists covered by the safety belt use law, marking the most pronounced one-month drop in this category so far in states with safety belt use laws.

The figure comes from a Michigan State Police Traffic Services Division report, which states that 31 people died in January 1986 among vehicle occupants with safety belts available compared with 76 deaths in January 1985.

Overall, traffic fatalities of all types decreased 39.9 percent in January 1986 when compared with the same period in 1985. State Police officials caution that all January 1986 figures are provisional.

"This unprecedented reduction in traffic fatalities is proof that safety belt use laws save lives," stated Thomas O. Reel, executive secretary of the Michigan Coalition for Safety Belt Use.

According to Reel, a closer analysis of the Michigan State Police report reveals a significant correlation between belt usage and the lower traffic death toll.

"In January 1985, 89 of the 76 people who died were not wearing belts even though the belts were available to them," said Reel. "In January 1986 only 17 of those who died with belts available were not wearing them. That's a difference of 43 people. And we believe that, statistically speaking, the decision

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Napier's paving expected soon

It looks like the spring of 1986 will be the last time residents of the Old Dutch Farms and Novi Meadows mobile home parks will have to put up with unpaved conditions on Napier Road.

City Manager Edward Kriewall and County Commissioner John Calandro (R-Novi) reported that a tentative agreement to pave the portion of Napier Road serving the two mobile home parks was reached last Tuesday.

Kriewall estimated that the paving project could begin as early as April or May, although Calandro was more conservative in his estimates, suggesting the road might not be paved until the summer.

"Paving could begin when the asphalt plants open up for the 1986 construction season in late April or early May," said Kriewall. "It's my understanding that the paving will be scheduled for early in the construction season... possibly June."

The tentative agreement to pave the road stems from numerous complaints about the condition of Napier Road from citizens in both mobile home parks. Two mobile homes have burned down in Old Dutch Farms so far this year. After the first of those fires, Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan reported that response time was slowed appreciably by the condition of the road.

Doug Hull, an Old Dutch Farms resident, last week threatened to lead a rent strike in an attempt to force Unipro Corporation, owners of Old Dutch Farms, to come to an agreement for paving the road. Hull could not be reached for comment Tuesday about the status of the proposed rent strike in light of the tentative agreement.

Calandro added that Cadillac Asphalt currently is preparing adjusted cost estimates for the paving project. "The dollar amounts have not yet been determined," said the county commissioner.

IRS clears a pathway for new scholarships

WALLED LAKE — Central Scholarship Funds (CSF) has been certified by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a public charity with tax exempt status retroactive to its incorporation in 1974.

CSF Chairman Seth Lampe said the organization has been operating for nearly two years with an advance ruling letter from the IRS. The final determination places CSF in the same category as such major charitable organizations as the American Red Cross and United Way.

Since first applying for recognition as a public charity, CSF has added several more scholarship funds. The list now includes the Chris Lampe Memorial Scholarship, Bernard Stafford Memorial Scholarship, the Corbett Members Grant, the Captain Barry Michael Thompson USMC Memorial Scholarship, the Floyd Chown Memorial Scholarship and the Gerald Wallace Scholarship.

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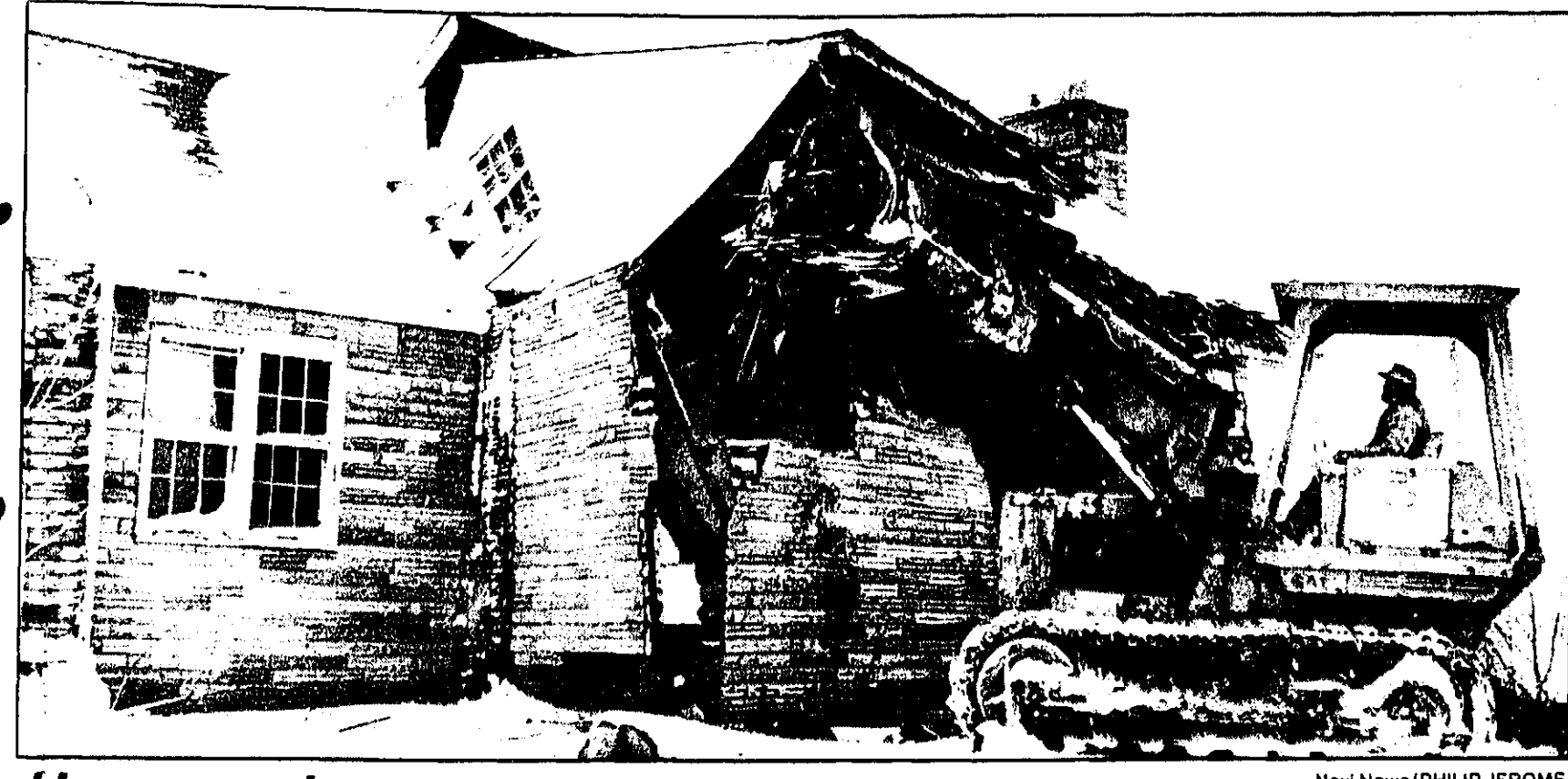
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House razing
An old house on the northwest corner of the Grand River/Meadowbrook Road intersection was razed last Thursday to prepare the site for future development. The 29-acre site on which the house was located is owned by Curran Realty. Robert Curran, owner of the company, said he is investigating possible uses for the site but has not yet made a formal submittal to city officials. The front portion of the property is zoned Non-Center Commercial (NCC), while the rear portion carries an industrial zoning classification, Curran said.

'Team Novi' awards presented

Seven "Team Novi" and "Team Up for Recreation" awards were presented during the Novi Business/Industrial Exposition at the Novi Hilton on Saturday morning.

The "Team Novi" awards were instituted three years ago as a means of recognizing individuals and businesses for their contributions to the spirit of cooperation in Novi.

In presenting the "Team Novi" awards, Mayor Patricia Karevich said, "We appreciate everything you have done on behalf of the city. We have great community spirit and it's because of the contributions from people like you."

Recipients of "Team Novi" awards were:

- Paul Baker, owner of the Goat Farm Tavern, for his unbridled community spirit and for his many contributions to the furthering of recreation programs and special attention given to seniors. Paul Baker is also honored for his unmatched hospitality, experienced by one and all.
- Mark Jung and Michigan Tractor for numerous contributions to the furtherance of civic affairs and for generous contributions to the historical preservation of the Novi Indy car.
- Michigan Tractor is also honored for being one of the preeminent facilities in Novi in terms of building maintenance and appearance.
- Don Grevenood, president of Security Bank/Oakland County and chairman of the Economic Development Corporation, for his "many civic contributions, his service on many boards, commissions and committees over the years, and for his positive attitude toward the community residents and businesses."
- Tom and Thelma Marcus, owners of Marcus Glass. "Tom and Thelma Marcus have contributed immensely to the Novi community in terms of business and government relations. Tom and Thelma Marcus have also been leaders in instilling beautification efforts in Novi as exemplified by their own business, Marcus Glass."
- The "Team Up for Recreation" awards were instituted this year by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department to "recognize outstanding contributions by the business community to the City of Novi Parks and Recreation."
- "We feel recreational facilities and leisure services are important elements in the development of a successful community," said Thomas O'Branovic, department director, in announcing creation of the award.
- The effort to develop quality parks and recreation program has been an ongoing attempt to make use of all the human, financial and group resources available in our city," he added.
- O'Branovic stressed that recipients of the initial "Team Up for Recreation" awards represent only a small percentage of the individuals and businesses who have made contributions in the past. "This is only the beginning of an effort to recognize businesses that have contributed to this effort, and show our appreciation to them for making Novi a better place to live and work," he said.
- Recipients of the "Team Up for Recreation" awards were:
- Goat Farm Tavern. "When you talk about the Goat Farm Tavern you are really talking about Paul Baker. Paul's contributions to the Parks and Recreation program in Novi has been multi-faceted. Just a few of his efforts include sponsorship of countless adult sports teams, joint sponsorship of a new co-rec softball league, donation of \$1,700 for a new electronic scoreboard for Power Park, sponsorship of many sporting event trips for youths, adults and senior citizens, and sponsorship of a special Snyder's softball game in which over \$400 was raised through tickets and an auction."
- Security Bank/Oakland County. "Security Bank has been an outstanding leader in many areas of community involvement over the years. For three years, Security Bank in cooperation with the Novi Jaycees, sponsored the annual Fun for Reyes, a five-mile running event. In that time over \$1,000 was raised for the Reyes Syndrome Foundation."
- Foot Gravelly Tractor. "A long-time, family-owned and operated business in Novi, Foot Gravelly Tractor has brought their hometown, personal touch to an annual Design-A-Pumpkin contest for children. For over four years, several hundred parents and children have enjoyed older and donuts, pumpkin designing at its best, hayrides and prizes. In addition, Foot Gravelly has donated the proceeds from the sale of pumpkins back to Parks and Recreation programs. Foot Gravelly has also been the sponsor of many youth sports teams."
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Council nixes two subdivision plats

Dissatisfied with conclusions of the city planning consultant's favorable review of two separate subdivision plats, the Novi City Council and Planning Board rejected both plats but agreed to waive resubmittal fees.

"It seems to me that in the administrative review process someone (developers of both projects) has been misled astray," observed Council Member Ronald Watson.

Watson's remark followed a tirade by petitioner Norman Gallant, who ripped into officials for delaying consideration of his project several months, then denying it despite Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers' favorable review.

Gallant of Concept Construction Company wants to build Deerbrook Subdivision, an 89-lot subdivision south of Nine Mile and west of Meadowbrook Road on a narrow 38.2-acre parcel running alongside Meadowbrook.

Homes in the subdivision would cost over \$100,000 apiece, with each lot at least 80 feet wide.

According to the city's subdivision ordinance, a majority of homes are to be border park space, but the Concept Construction plat shows only 37 units.

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Michigan citizens are urged to help the Michigan State Police combat the problem of drunk driving by calling a special toll-free hotline — 1-800-525-5555.

Colonel Gerald Hough, department director, said that drunk driving is not just a police problem, it's everyone's problem.

Although 80,000 arrests are made statewide by all law enforcement agencies, Hough said the statistic represents only a small percentage of the offenders.

The toll-free number will be in operation 24 hours per day for citizens to report intoxicated drivers. It is the first time a hotline has been used in the state to increase the opportunity for removing drunk drivers from the roads. To report a suspected drunk driver, citizens should call 1-800-525-5555.

"They should provide the location and direction of travel, vehicle description, license number and be able to describe the type of erratic driving observed."

Although the program is new to Michigan, the concept is being used in 10 other states. Funding for the program is provided through a federal grant.

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officials' action.

"I wish we could hold a public hearing because there's been such a lack of information about what (TIFA) is about," Crawford said. "There's been so much misinformation put out by the board of education," it just perpetuates the misconceptions. If anything, it's contributed to them."

Karevich agreed, calling the school district's letter "a bad piece of information." She added that she didn't want the council action to be interpreted as "backing down" because of school officials' pressure.

"I would encourage people to attend the hearing when and if we do have it . . . to discuss it in an open manner," Karevich said.

Council Member Ronald Watson declared, "There should be a responsible airing of the issues. I want to make it clear the city has never been in the TIFA business and has never proposed a TIFA. But it's our position as responsible members of government to examine every possible way of making this a better city."

"To continue in the vein of being a responsible public body (our respon-

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sibility) should be to examine the merits of the proposed project with a prudent weighing of short-term effects and long-run benefits," Watson added.

Some statements in the school district's letter have been criticized for being misleading.

For example, a claim that creation of the TIFA will divert school tax revenue failed to explain the revenues referred to would be realized only if the relevant property were increasing in value. In reality, property contained in the TIFA district defined in

the Dallas Market Center proposal is declining in value, according to the city assessor's office.

Another claim in the letter is that the city's position is that a TIFA is needed to promote growth in the city and that residents could prevent creation of a TIFA only by making the city council aware of (residents') objections. While some city administrators favor the Dallas Market Center proposal, the city council has never taken a favorable position on the convention center TIFA or any other TIFA.

Yet another statement in the letter

read that "If this proposal is to be stopped short of legal action (which one of our neighboring school districts has already taken against their city) it will have to occur at the March 12 meeting."

The statement referred to the Farmington School District lawsuit, which concerns Farmington Hills' proposal for a TIFA to fund improvements to Twelve Mile. Several officials have noted a Novi school lawsuit against the city would likely be redundant and a waste of money since the issue of TIFAs will be decided by lawsuits brought by other Michigan school districts.

The future of the convention center in Novi is in serious jeopardy, City Manager Edward Kriewall told council members. Although Dallas Market Center representatives in their statement expressed cancellation of the hearing requesting "confidence that our project will ultimately become what we all hope it will be," Kriewall noted another passage in the statement appeared less rosy.

"We would of course support a modified plan before the city council if and when it is developed, Kriewall emphasized, reading the statement.

Cable Listings

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission has announced next week's programming schedule for Channel 12, the public access branch of the Metro-Vision system serving Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Noon - Lifestyle
12:30 p.m. - The Artist in You
1 p.m. - Serendipity: Children's show
1:30 p.m. - Aim: St. Patrick's Day
2 p.m. - Festival of Arts and Flowers
2:30 p.m. - Tom Hall in Studio
3:30 p.m. - Oakland County Parks & Recreation
6 p.m. - Lifestyle
6:30 p.m. - The Artist in You
7 p.m. - Serendipity: Children's show
7:30 p.m. - Aim: St. Patrick's Day
8 p.m. - Festival of Arts and Flowers
8:30 p.m. - Tom Hall in Studio
9:30 p.m. - Oakland County Parks & Recreation

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Noon - Summit University Forum
1 p.m. - Novi Community News
2 p.m. - Insight
2:30 p.m. - Community Update
3 p.m. - Dupe of Knowledge
3:30 p.m. - News 12 Today
6 p.m. - Summit University Forum
7 p.m. - Novi Community News
8 p.m. - Insight
8:30 p.m. - Community Update
9 p.m. - Dupe of Knowledge
9:30 p.m. - News 12 Today

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Noon - Legislative Report
12:30 p.m. - Serendipity: Children's show
1 p.m. - Evening with John Kemp
1:30 p.m. - Holiday on Ice
2:40 p.m. - High School Basketball: Farmington vs. Farmington Harrison
6 p.m. - Legislative Report
6:30 p.m. - Serendipity: Children's show
7 p.m. - Evening with John Kemp
7:30 p.m. - Holiday on Ice
8:40 p.m. - High School Basketball: Farmington vs. Farmington Harrison

TIFA foes 'threaten development'

State officials fear litigation by two Oakland County school districts over tax increment financing issues may stall municipal growth statewide.

The threat of federal and state program budget cuts added to this may cause even larger problems, they contend. "There are a number of things affecting municipalities, none of which look good," according to Michigan Municipal League Associate Director William Davis.

"This is the unfortunate icing on the cake."

Farmington Public Schools filed suit February 12 in Oakland County Circuit Court to halt the implementation of a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) along the Twelve Mile corridor in Farmington Hills.

A suit also was filed recently by Birmingham Public Schools against the Village of Beverly Hills to halt the village's use of tax increment financing in an authority (TIFA) or a DDA.

Both school districts are represented by Birmingham attorney Dennis Poirard of Clark, Hardy, Lewis, Pollard and Page.

Officials at the Michigan Department of Education are surveying districts statewide to determine the extent of tax increment financing's effect, according to Thomas Wagamon, associate superintendent for finance.

"We're trying to get a handle on the situation," he said, noting the Oakland County litigation is a "policy issue at the local level."

"It obviously could have an impact on

schools statewide."

Davis called school districts "short-sighted" and "myopic" where they oppose the use of tax increment financing in an authority (TIFA) or a DDA.

"Either everybody works together in a community to help development in the long term, or everything comes to a screeching halt," he added.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Farmington Hills and Farmington Public Schools have agreed to extend the deadline for the city's response to that district's lawsuit. Farmington Hills City Attorney Paul Bibeau requested an extension of up to 30 days, which was agreed upon, according to Poirard.

The Farmington Hills City Council met in executive session with its attorneys March 3 to review the four-

count complaint, which called for a legal response by March 6. "The matter needs further review," said William Costick, Hills city manager.

The tax increment financing issue began several years ago, and was primarily raised by out-of-formula school districts such as Farmington, officials said.

According to Section 26 of the School Aid Act, in-formula districts — those receiving per-pupil allocation from the state — receive compensation from the state when tax increment financing is used within their districts. There is no provision for out-of-formula districts, which rely on the local tax base to receive compensation, Wagamon and Davis said.

Millage renewal

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present level, there also has been some discussion about renovating the Orchard Hills facility.

While the sale of the 11-acre old Novi Elementary property to Trammell Crow Company (expected to close in early April) most likely would be used to fund building projects, additional costs such as staffing, maintenance, etc. would be paid for out of the general fund.

"The only other costs that could occur would be additional staffing," Pitko said, adding that the district most likely

"could match growth with staffing without too much difficulty."

While he said the district has been able to maintain its current program as a result of the district's increase in SEV, he noted that Novi has experienced unexpected costs during the past year — particularly in the area of liability insurance.

This year the district also levied an additional .70 mills of its 33.94 authorized millage to maintain programs. During the 1984-85 school year, the district levied only 31.98 mills.

Library suggests magazine donations

Want to find a way to make subscribing to a favorite magazine tax-deductible? It's easy if you don't mind trekking to the Novi Public Library to read it.

The Novi Library is instituting a new program called "Adopt A Magazine" because of what staffers call the "widening tastes of a community like

Novi."

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The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted March 10, 1986, and the effective date is March 25, 1986.

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Ross outlines formula for action

By PHILIP JEROME managing editor

"You've come a long way, baby, but there's a long way to go. That, in a nutshell, was the message imparted by Doug Ross, director of the Michigan Department of Commerce, at the fourth annual Novi Business/Industrial Exposition Day at the Novi Hilton Saturday morning.

Michigan is the North American center of the emerging technological revolution," said Ross. "But it's not good enough to be the best in America. We must be the best in the world if we want to compete in the global economy."

"We're headed in the right direction," said Ross, "but we must do things faster and better. We have to help business modernize quickly. We must accelerate the creation of a climate for expansion. We must accelerate the transformation of new attitudes between workers and management. And we must be the first to build a public education system which is suitable to developing the people for this new technological revolution."

"Our schools are good, but they're not good enough," he continued. "Students in Japan and Korea go to school 240 days per year, while students in the United States go to school 180 days per year."

"The next step to meeting the demands of the future will be the resolve to do things faster and better. If we don't step up to the challenge of the future, the Japanese, the West Germans, the Koreans and the Italians will do it first."

The challenge issued by Ross to meet the demands of the future came after he had congratulated the business persons of Novi and Michigan for having overcome the recession of the 1980s despite the dire predictions of so-called expert analysts.

"We have a right to congratulate ourselves," he said. "Three years ago the experts had written us off. They said the new industrial village would become sort of a Greenfield Village — sort of a museum of what life was like in the mid-20th Century."

Noting that James Naismith, author of basketball, has called Michigan "the comeback state" in his latest book, Ross recited a long list of statistics that demonstrate

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DOUG ROSS

how far Michigan has come in the last two years.

He said Michigan led the United States by a wide margin in investment in manufacturing construction in 1984 and '85 . . . more than California and Texas combined.

And he said Michigan Science Foundation recently reported that Michigan, California and New York lead the nation in new business investment.

He said Dun & Bradstreet reported that Michigan now has the third fastest rate of new business formation in the United States.

And he said Michigan has produced new jobs at a rate 50 percent faster than the national average. In 1985, Michigan's rate of job development was 2% times faster than the national average.

"What the experts didn't take into consideration was the spirit and determination of the people of Michigan . . . the business people of Michigan," said Ross. "Governor Blanchard and President Reagan didn't do it. The business community did it."

Ross said Michigan's turnaround was aided by the recognition of several key facts.

"Despite the growth of the service sector, tourism and agriculture, the engine that drives Michigan is still an industrial engine," he said.

"Secondly, in the 1970s and '80s we were losing our market share in every area of manufacturing except office furniture.

"And, thirdly, we were losing our market share whenever the manufacturing process involved unskilled labor. Industry discovered that wages were lower in South Carolina, so they moved to South Carolina. Now they're finding that wages are lower in Mexico, so

they're moving to Mexico. They're lower still in Sri Lanka. We could stop the job loss by lowering wages, but lowering wages to the level of South Carolina was not acceptable because getting poor is now what the American dream is about.

"We could get out. The futurists said manufacturing was dead. The other path was information processing services.

"The third option was to get smart. The private sector was beginning to take the old mechanical technology and wedding it with information processing services. By combining them, we were creating a revolutionary way of manufacturing. We were utilizing sophisticated technology which could only be used by skilled labor."

While the private sector was developing the technological revolution, the public sector was helping to improve the business climate, said Ross.

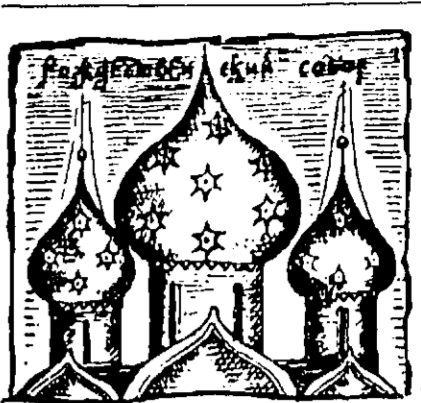
"Workman's compensation was the highest in the nation three years ago, but Michigan's workman's compensation rate is now six percent below the national average.

"Unemployment insurance was the highest in the Great Lakes region, but Michigan now has the toughest requirements in the region for claiming unemployment compensation.

"And we must be the first country to build a public education system which is suitable to the new frontier of the technological revolution. Our schools are good, but they're not good enough. We need to become educationally competitive."

Noting that it's an election year, Ross said it is important that meeting the challenge of a global economy be put above partisan politics.

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"**ALL MY SONS**" by Arthur Miller is being presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department in the Liberal Arts Theatre this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 14-16. The curtain rises each night at 8 p.m.

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THE 1986 MRS. MICHIGAN PAGEANT will be held at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

ARCHITECT VINCENT KLING, whose Philadelphia planning and design firm has become one of the nation's largest and most prestigious, will speak in the Lawrence Institute of Technology's "Architecture" program.

Kling's topic is "From Hands On to Heads On," and begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, School of Architecture Auditorium, 3100 West Ten Mile.

"**GHOSTS**," a classic among chilling mysteries, is being presented by the Actors Alliance Theatre Company with four performances each weekend through April 13. The theatre is located at 30800 Evergreen Road (on the southeast corner of Thirteen Mile) in Southfield.

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As We See It Council's inaction restricts planning

The Novi City Council's recent decision to reject rezoning proposals designed to reduce the potential for hedge-podge development along the Grand River corridor west of Novi Road is disappointing at best... frightening at worst.

The council's action is particularly puzzling in light of the fact that only a few months ago the council was criticizing the planning board for its slowness in revising the zoning map to bring it into conformance with the master plan.

A little history is important to an understanding of the issue. After more than three years of work, the Novi Planning Board adopted a new master plan in December of 1980. Among the purposes of the revised master plan were the reduction of industrially-owned property in the city and elimination of numerous occurrences of "spot zoning" up and down Grand River Avenue, particularly along that portion of Grand River which lies west of Novi Road.

A master plan, of course, is only a guide. In essence, the master plan is a picture of what the city should look like as various pieces of property are developed. What is important, however, is the zoning map — the actual zoning on a piece of property.

It's possible to have a perfectly magnificent master plan, but if the zoning map does not correspond — you have nothing.

The goal then after the adoption of the master plan in 1980 was to bring the zoning map into conformance with the master plan... to make certain that the actual zoning classifications paralleled the direction provided by the master plan.

Unfortunately, efforts to bring the zoning map into conformance with the master plan have progressed slowly, and, in many areas, not at all.

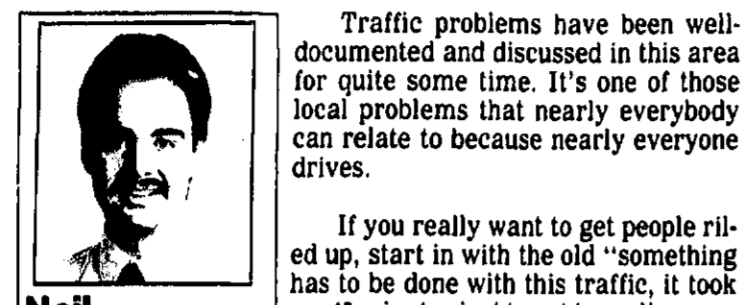
The problem was illustrated vividly last year when a developer submitted plans to construct a shopping center near the Ten Mile/Meadowbrook Road intersection. The property was zoned for commercial development, which permits shopping centers, but the master plan called for the property to be developed with professional office uses.

Had the zoning map been brought into conformance with the master plan in an expeditious manner, the problem would not have existed. But, because the property had not been rezoned according to the indications of the master plan, there ensued a long, bitter battle over site plan approval.

One of the few fortuitous results of that snafu was that the council appeared to have understood the importance of making certain its zoning map accurately reflects the dictates of its master plan.

With new-found vigor, the council instructed the planning board to carry out the rezoning

A lament for Haggerty Road



Neil Geoghegan

Traffic problems have been well-documented and discussed in this area for quite some time. It's one of those local problems that nearly everybody can relate to because nearly everyone drives.

If you really want to get people riled up, start in with the old "something has to be done with this traffic, it took me 45 minutes just to get to..."

I must admit, at certain times of the day, you'd think everyone in the state was driving around on our two-lane country roads — none more apparent than the now-infamous Haggerty Road. The solid hard facts are that in excess of 21,000 vehicles travel up and down this poor overworked road every day.

The reason is that Haggerty is this area's only north-south connector. What about Meadowbrook? What about Novi Road? What about Decker? All of them are still basically two-lane roads, and all three end abruptly before taking you where you want to go.

Meadowbrook is only paved for four miles and has a whopping speed limit of 30 mph. Novi Road ends at Eight Mile, bogs down as it turns into East Lake Drive near Walled Lake, and goes right by a major suburban shopping mall. Decker was extended a mile south of Fourteen Mile a few years ago, but still ends at Thirteen Mile. It then dumps out on Novi Road. Plus the speed limit on Decker for a majority of its length is 25 mph. (Meadowbrook is looking better all the time.)

So you can see the troubles a commuter (like myself) has to contend with every day trying to get too and from this area. And what makes this whole situation so frustrating is that the culprit is so easily recognizable. Why are Haggerty, Novi, Ten Mile and any other roads you want to nominate such a mess? Because 1-275 was never completed north of I-96.

Poor little Haggerty has been forced to take the place of a four-lane freeway for a decade now, and everybody — the road

commission, the department of transportation, lawmakers etc. — realize it, but don't seem willing to do anything about it. As a result, while traveling south on Haggerty, you have to go nearly four miles down to Eight Mile, with 275 right next to you, before you can get on the darn thing. Where Haggerty, Grand River and Ten Mile cross the expressway, entrance and exits ramps are missing.

Could the designers be that stupid? These are main roads that carry the bulk of our traffic. Why in the world wouldn't they relieve these overcrowded surface streets with access to the freeway? Because when the freeway was designed and built, it was under the assumption that 275 would continue north and eventually connect with I-75 somewhere near Holly. But when local outcry and legal tangles were initiated by outraged residents in Walled Lake, Commerce Township and White Lake Township, the whole project ground to a halt.

So here is Haggerty, only two lanes wide, trying to take the place of a freeway. And it has only been in the last few years that proper turn lanes have been added at the major intersections (like Twelve Mile and Maple Road). But that's hardly a cure for the problem. Every so often, somebody comes up with a plan to widen Haggerty, and the Michigan Department of Transportation says they will conduct a study about the plan.

Well, nothing has been done. Through all this studying (stalling), the costs of completing 275 have now multiplied many times over. Sure, nobody wants to have a freeway go through their backyard, but if every new mass transit plan was scrapped because of opposition, we wouldn't have one single mile of freeway in this whole country.

Widening Haggerty and providing access to the freeways might help the problem now, but with the growth this area is currently experiencing, we'll be back to square one 20 years down the line.

The real solution is to revive 275. No doubt the same people who are cursing the current traffic situation, are the same people who helped oppose a solution that should have taken place a decade ago.

Images

By Jerry Zolynsky



We do have several broad concerns in light of the council's recent action.

First, we wonder if the council is going through a period of over-reaction to the allegations it is anti-business. One of the key issues in the last city election was the allegation that the council in general and former Mayor Robert Schmidt in particular were anti-business. One of the reasons that the council rejected the Grand River proposal last week was the vehement opposition from some business owners.

That opposition came despite the fact the council already has enacted legislation which will permit non-conforming businesses to expand their operations. In attempting to establish a new, more positive relationship with the business community, is it possible the council is willing to place greater importance on harmony with the business community than sound planning concepts.

Secondly, and along the same lines, it is perhaps time to re-emphasize that good planning decisions often require that the interests of the community as a whole be placed above the interests of an individual or individuals. When we hear council members remark that they will never "zone out" an existing business, it is time for alarm.

Nobody ever promised that serving on the council would be easy; difficult decisions have to be made and must be made for the good of the entire community. When the majority of the council comes to realize that making each individual happy does not necessarily add up to pleasing the community as a whole, perhaps the city can begin making headway in bringing its zoning map into conformance with the master plan.

Phil Jerome

It serves me right for missing a week, but I couldn't believe it when I tuned in my favorite television show last week.

"Oh, no," I yelled into the other room. "I don't believe it. Joe Coffey is dead."

"Who's Joe Coffey?" she asked.

"Joe Coffey. You know, Joe Coffey. Lucy Bates' partner on Hill Street. The big, handsome guy who helps her out whenever she gets in a jam."

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'Wait your turn, Robert Redford'



Anita Crono

They say being a reporter is glamorous. They think you spend your days with Ronald Reagan and your nights with Robert Redford. And in between times you get off to free lunches, dinners and cocktail parties. They know a reporter always gets into events for free, never picks up a bar tab and always gets his/her name in the paper or picture on television.

I would very much like to have a little chat with them. They're giving my profession a bad name, although there are people who would argue it already has a bad name and there is nothing anyone can do to change that.

I'd like to see the record straight. I have never met the president, let alone spent a day with him. I have, on the other hand, met Mayor Paul Vernon of Northville and Supervisor Susan Hentz of Northville Township.

I have not spent more than two hours with Robert Redford, and of the time I did spend with him, we didn't get to say much to each other. He was on a movie screen with Kathryn Ross, Barbara Streisand, Meryl Streep or Glenn Close. I was watching him on friend's VCR at 3 a.m., after working. I couldn't afford to go to the movies and pay regular price, and I had to work during the day and had a meeting for the evening "dollar day" showing.

As for the 'free' lunches and dinners and cocktails, they aren't really free at all. If you have time to eat while doing an interview, you sometimes end up eating your lunch and writing with your fried chicken. And it tends to make a mess of things when you try to write on your napkin and put a notebook in your lap and then reverse the process.

They're correct on at least one point. Reporters always get their names in the paper. But that's just so you, the reader, knows who to speak with when you get misquoted. When a reporter does a good job, we seldom hear from anyone. And that's how it should be. That's our job.

Working on a newspaper is a labor of love. Getting rich is something that happens to public relations executives. Reporters are usually poor, and instead of having blood flowing through our veins, we have something that's dark and called printer's ink. A reporter is someone who gets teary-eyed when the presses start to rumble.

All of this is leading up to an introduction. Although I have been working for the News-Record for just a few short weeks, and city and township officials have had a chance to meet me, to most of you I'm just a name in the paper (if you bother to look. That's not a criticism, it's a fact of a reporter's life. Who writes is not as important as what we write).

A reporter is the eyes and ears of a community. We make sure you know what's going on when you don't have the time to attend meetings yourself. We let you know who's mov-

ing into your neighborhood, what stores have sales on which days and whether you want or need to set aside time to attend an event. A reporter also is someone who realizes that home life is secondary to the job and wouldn't have it any other way.

A reporter, especially at a weekly or small daily newspaper, is someone who knows a little about a lot of things. A reporter is someone who can explain a city budget but usually doesn't have any idea how to balance a checkbook. A reporter is someone who can weep about a stranger's child killed in an automobile accident, but is just as likely to miss his or her own child's birthday party and fail to understand why the child is upset. It doesn't happen often, but it does happen.

A reporter is someone who tries to be totally informed about the community being covered, but may not know who the mayor of his own home town is. And most of all, a reporter is a student, learning about life through working with people who have the time to live it.

I've been a reporter for 12 years now, working on small and large daily newspapers as well as weeklies. I've covered almost everything from sports to entertainment, some areas better than others. I think every once in a while about doing something sensible with my life, like being a stock car driver. But then I prick myself and see the ink instead of blood and get myself red when I hear a press. I realize that Robert Redford will have to wait. I hear a police siren.

Council needs to establish plan

Letters

To the Editor:

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" asked Alice.

"That depends a good deal on where you want to go to," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where," said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

— From "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll

A strong statement of policy has emerged from the Novi City Council at the recent Monday (March 3) session. My impression is that their action on the Grand River rezoning indicates that:

1. When a conflict emerges between the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance concerning residential or commercial land uses (i.e. currently developed property) consideration must be given to the adverse impact on economics.

2. To follow this implied direction, I believe these four items will need to be addressed:

1. Evidence shall be needed to reflect the diverse impact on property values if rezoning could lower the property's market or resale worth.

2. Consideration should be given to acceleration of the tax assessment between the existing and the proposed zoning.

3. When rezoning makes a legal use non-conforming, it shall be made a permitted use.

4. A rewriting of the particulars would be essential, wherever necessary, to harmonize the Zoning Ordinance with the Master Plan.

Yes, the Master Plan is a guide, but it is more than that. It is the guide. Without a plan, Alice, it really doesn't matter where you go!

The Planning Board reviews the Master Plan, but also reviews the Ordinance, with citizens' input on both. However, the implementation and final authority rests with the Council.

Therefore, as an extension of the Council's pleasure, the Board works most efficiently, to the citizens' benefit, when the planners receive input from both the Council and the citizens.

Who knows, from meetings that are pressure-prone and emotion-filled, can

some of the best actions for a better community, with goals and objectives that serve the needs of all citizens justly and equally.

Ernest G. Aruffo, Chairman, Novi Planning Board

A will and a way

To the Editor:

I think that it has now been made very clear that Trammell Crow's Town Center proposal is not exactly the desirable, pedestrian, resident-oriented "downtown Novi" that many residents had envisioned, but instead just another grand scale regional shopping center package neatly wrapped with amenities.

Although it is widely acknowledged that Trammell Crow is a very reputable development company, let's not imagine them to be the Novis' "knights in shining armor," arriving on white horses just in the nick of time.

I think that it is unfair that residents of Novi are going to be forced to just settle for a proposal that is a lot less than they had hoped for. I also believe that the notion that Novi could not receive a better proposal is totally false, as sooner or later other reputable developers would come forward.

Why are the majority of members of the Novi planning board and city council, as well as The Novi News staff, in such a mad rush to fully develop the Town Center Area?

Although the projects planned in the other packages might be delayed if Trammell Crow's Town Center proposal were rejected, I can certainly think of much worse scenarios than that, such as the chaos another large-scale shopping center alone will create.

If the members of Novi city council had their "bubbles burst" by the Zuchelli-Hunter study which reported that a real downtown Novi would not be economically feasible, then why have they continued to promote such a so-called fantasy? Has this been a charade

shopping in a smaller downtown atmosphere is often a more pleasant experience, and specialty shops offer a good selection of both basic and unique merchandise.

I think that there is a market for both the large-scale shopping mall concept, of which we already have an abundance, as well as the smaller-scale downtown concept. We may not be able to faithfully reproduce a downtown center such as Northville's, Plymouth's or Farmington's, but as Councilwoman Novi's, I think we should, we could create a unique downtown all of our own.

Perhaps the other members of the Novi city council let go of their original dreams all too easily. Remember — Where there's a will, there's a way.

Laura J. Lorenzo

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council has enacted Ordinance 86-09.01, an Ordinance to provide for City Planning; to create and organize a City Planning Commission for the City of Novi; to provide for the appointment and removal of members thereof; to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and powers thereof; and to repeal Ordinance No. 70.09 in its entirety. The provisions of this Ordinance are ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on March 10, 1986 and the effective date of March 25, 1986. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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Businesses seek insurance reforms

By ANITA CRONO staff writer

Unlike automobile and homeowners, Michigan business owners are not required to carry liability insurance, nor are they afforded the protection of having insurance carriers forced to insure them.

Among some business owners, that squall of life is liberating they do not do business extremely unprofitable.

"Last year, we have declined to write more than \$2 million in business insurance. It wasn't that we didn't want to write the policy, it was that we had no company to carry the policy."

"If the insurance industry doesn't address itself to its responsibilities, then maybe the Legislature will have to do it for them," says Fred W. Hand, owner of the Hand Agency in Livonia. Hand provides workers compensation insurance for many chambers of commerce, including the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Maynes said part of the problem rests with the number of insurance companies who have totally withdrawn from the Michigan marketplace, leaving some Michigan-based companies totally unprepared to handle the increased flow of business. Sometimes that influx of work has come on very short notice.

Even if a business can find a carrier, chances are the rates will be increasingly expensive for the amount of coverage required.

"That combination has forced some businesses to develop a sort of lottery mentality," Maynes said. "They reduce their coverage and hope they don't get caught."

At the end of last year, Hand said, at least 10 percent of commercial accounts either couldn't find or couldn't afford insurance. He put the blame squarely on the jury awards and liberal judges in Michigan, particularly in Wayne County.

Chambers of Commerce have taken up some of the slack, explains Laurie Marrs, Northville Chamber of Commerce executive director. Marrs said Chamber members are eligible to participate in a Chamber-sponsored insurance program where they can get theft, fire and liability coverage. What they can't get, and what is extremely necessary for some businesses, is the liability coverage.

Doctors have been the most vocal about dealing with the issue, taking the high cost of malpractice insurance right to the footloose of the state capitol. And while neither Hand nor Maynes wants to see the government move further into the insurance business, Hand thinks it may be the answer. But for some businessmen, that answer may come too late.

Orin Mazzoni, Jr., owner of Orin Jewelers in Northville, said his premiums have gone up 30 percent in the past year. And Mazzoni has paid, remembering what happened to the

firm 10 years ago when the company's carrier of 25 years sent them a letter declining to renew coverage.

"It took us three to four months to find another carrier, and at that time our track record was really good. We had very few losses," Mazzoni said.

Orin Jewelers, like many other jewelers, has had to increase its insurance coverage to include appraisal insurance so in case a jeweler makes an honest mistake during an appraisal, he is covered.

Jewelers are not the only people crying the blues about insurance. Jim Davis, owner of Sight and Taft Service, said his premiums have increased 15 to 20 percent annually. And that cost has been passed along to the consumer.

And for automobile dealers, the problem is even more acute. One dealership in the tri-county area has seen casualty insurance jump 50 percent in the past two years.

"You have two choices in that matter," said a spokesperson for the firm. "You can either grit your teeth and pay it or you can take a very big chance and reduce your coverage."

That particular automobile dealership grinded its teeth, but the spokesperson said he did not expect things to improve any time soon.

"Now, firms are adding a new twist," he says. "If you can find a carrier to cover you, more often than not, they want their money up front. There's no such thing as spreading out your payments. But some insurance companies are offering financing plans at the usual interest rates, of course."

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Cohen claims state crown in 500 freestyle



Jon Cohen became the first Novi swimmer to win a state championship by claiming honors in the 500 freestyle

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

It was the first time any Novi High School swimmer has ever even come close to winning a state championship, but you can be assured it won't be the last.

Yes, Jon Cohen, the 15-year-old wonder from the Novi Wildcat swim team, took on the best of the state of Michigan had to offer in the 500-yard freestyle event in the MHSAA Class A state swim championships last Saturday (March 8) at Michigan State University, and came away the clear-cut victor.

"It was a learning experience for Jon," commented his coach, Larry Teahan. "But while he's learning he's still winning. It was an outstanding performance, and the fact that he's only a freshman is the most incredible thing about it."

Cohen entered the meet as the top seeded swimmer in the 500 freestyle on the basis of previous times. But a large group of talented and hungry competitors was there, and not a single one was willing to concede anything to Cohen.

"He was really pushed by either Jon or I had anticipated," Teahan said. "I think it was good for Jon to have to really fight to pull out the win. I was extremely happy that he was up to the task and was able to pull it off and give Novi its first state title."

In the preliminary race on Friday, Cohen won the event and was seeded first but it didn't come off smoothly. Richard Clark of Grosse Pointe South pushed Cohen the whole way in the prelims, and Cohen's time of 4:40.42 was his only a freshman in the final following the race.

"He was really pushed by Clark and it took a lot out of him down the stretch," Teahan explained. So in the final, Cohen decided to take control of the race early and force the others to keep up with his pace. At the 100-yard mark, Cohen started to open up a lead, but after 300 yards, there was Clark again, moving up and challenging for the lead.

Over the next 100 yards, a third swimmer, Steve Pancratz from Bloomfield Hills Andover, started to make his move. And heading into the final 100 yards, all three were very close with Cohen holding a slight lead.

"When I hit the turn I thought to myself, 'I've led this race for the first 400 yards and I'm not gonna let them beat me in the last 100,'" Cohen recalled. And that's exactly what he did. Pancratz fell off the pace with 50 yards to go and was tiring, but Clark was still within striking distance.

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record, topping his own mark at 4:38.97. Jon swam an excellent race in the IM and had a time of 1:59.99. "It was certainly very exciting and impressive to see a local swimmer do so well in the state meet," said Northville Coach Keith Wright, who was at the event with five of his own competitors.

Earlier in the day, Cohen placed fourth overall in the 200 IM, another remarkable feat that was probably overshadowed by the win in the 500.

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Super-frosh came well-prepared

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Jon Cohen ranks as one of the top high school freshmen swimmers in the country—that's right, the U.S.A. At the Michigan Class A Championships on March 8, Cohen won the 500-yard freestyle race, competing against other swimmers who are as much as three years his senior.

Cohen's exploits for Novi High School this season have been numerous, and the sheer number of broken school and pool records he has left behind often seem to run together and lessen the impact of the accomplishment. So let's recap a few of these accomplishments:

During the course of the season, Cohen has set new school marks no less than 17 times. He currently holds individual school records in six events (out of 11 total) and two more as part of a relay team qualified for the state meet in two events — the 500 freestyle and

the 200 IM. He then took the state title in the 500 and placed fourth overall in the 200 IM.

He set an Oakland County record high of 4:40.42 in the 500 freestyle at the county championships at Oakland University and took first place as a result. He also placed second overall in the 200 IM at the same meet.

Set another meet record in the 500 freestyle at the Brighton Invite. Any swimmer would settle for just a few of these many accomplishments in a whole four-year career, but they aren't Jon Cohen. But perhaps the most staggering aspect of the whole scenario is that Cohen still has three full years left of competition.

He burst on the scene last December, setting new school and pool records twice and qualifying for the state championships in his first meet as a high school swimmer. Since then, it wasn't unusual to see Cohen shatter school records on a regular basis — but this super-frosh isn't an overnight sensation.

"Jon was a highly developed swimmer before he came to Novi High School," his coach, Larry Teahan, admitted. "When Jon came here, he was just an excellent swimmer technique-wise and he got that from the Bulldogs Aquatic Club — are the Clarenceville Swim Club — are very important for youngsters if they want to come into a high school program and make a big splash."

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from the Bulldog Swim Club. Cohen is the product of years of hard work in age-group swimming. He first got into the water at age 3 with the Livonia YMCA. Two years later he made the South Livonia Swim Club.

"We just wanted Jon and his brothers to be better swimmers," his mother Cindy Cohen said. "By the following summer, Jon was starting to compete. I remember how proud we were when he broke a minute in the 50-freestyle when he was just five (years old)."

Three years later, the Livonia Club folded and the Cohens were expelled into the Bulldog Club that swims out of Schoolcraft College.

"We were looking for another spot because South Livonia folded and the Bulldogs were convenient and had good facilities," Cindy Cohen said.

In his four years with the Bulldogs, Jon shattered numerous state records and even established himself

Fighting back

Novi mat mentor wants to build dynasty

Talking to Novi wrestling coach Tom Fritz, you get the idea he hates to lose.

His team had a few individual triumphs in the KVC championships, but the team still finished sixth out of seven teams. And when just two of his wrestlers qualified for the regionals, there was no doubt he was disappointed. That is not acceptable to a fierce competitor like Fritz.

Winning can be a way to measure an entire athletic program. In the late '60s and early '70s, John Wooden's UCLA basketball team dominated the sport. The likes of which had never been seen before or since. What made UCLA such a great dynasty? Wooden's unending will to win, to be the best.

Fritz won't deny he would like to develop the Novi wrestling program into a dynasty. But big obstacles are in the path. No matter how talented a coach is, the bottom line is talent. A good coach can develop and nurture talent, but as they say, "you can't teach height, speed" etc.

Admittedly, the Wildcats have a good crop of quality young wrestlers. Most are sophomores and most have bright futures. But Fritz reply is: "That doesn't help me out a whole lot right now — I wanna win now. Sure we have some good young prospects, but what about now?"

This season, Novi took it on the chin by a majority of the KVC teams. The day after a very one-sided 50-12 dual meet loss to Howell, Fritz was very disturbed. Before a scheduled practice, he openly asked his team why they even bothered to come to practice because they didn't listen to him anyway.

"When I said maybe we should forget about the practice, they called me a quitter and said that I wouldn't stand for it if they tried something like that," Fritz said. "We went on with it and it turned out to be a good practice. The next day we did very well at the Lincoln Park Tournament."

Nobody really thought he was serious about calling off the practice. He used the play to see how his team would react. "You can be sure that if the team went along with his suggestion, Fritz would have been furious. One thing that is universal on the Novi team is the respect the wrestlers have for Fritz.

"He really knows what he's talking about," Scott Brown, the 1985 KVC 105-pound champion said. "When he tells you something, you listen because he's trying to make you a better wrestler."

But that respect isn't limited to just his wrestling pupils. "Tom has put in a lot of years and he is well-respected around the KVC," Novi Athletic Director John Osborne

said. "He does a good job and I think everybody has a lot of respect for his dedication."

One of Fritz' biggest complaints is that some of his wrestlers aren't dedicated enough to put the work in and be the best. During Christmas vacation, a few regulars (and a lot of substitutes) dropped out of the holiday practices. Fritz had set up. Most were out of town with their families, but, rightly so, it didn't matter to Fritz. After seeing the poor turnout, he decided that anybody who missed a practice session wouldn't be allowed to participate in the team's first tournament following the new year.

"We have 50 kids on the team, and the most that showed up for practice over Christmas break was 30," he said back in January. "I just decided not to wrestle anybody who misses practices."

When Novi lost 55-12 to KVC foe Milford on January 9, Fritz was very impressed with the Redstins.

"Milford has just a great program and some great wrestlers," he said. "They are a class operation."

The idea that Fritz wants to build Novi into a powerhouse like Milford is all too clear. He is a very intense and outspoken coach, but needs the same type of effort from his wrestlers for it to happen.

"Mentally and physically we have to get tougher," he said after the KVC meet. "But the mental part of it is more important than the physical part of it."

"You have to remember we're dealing with kids here, and getting them mentally prepared is the key to it."

Several times this season, Fritz has gone with as many as seven sophomores in the regular line-up. By the time they are seniors, if they follow Fritz' example and dedication, a KVC title can be a reality rather than a dream.

"We have a long way to go, but the potential is here," Fritz said. "How hard we work at it could determine if we can go all the way in the next few years."

A majority of these up-and-coming sophomores can also see the future is very bright indeed.

"I know I'm waiting to see what we can do the next few years," Brown said, "and I know Fritz is too. We're all in it — but it will take a lot of work... oh yeah, we can do it."

As the Milford wrestlers lifted their coach Ron Bussey on to their shoulders after discovering they had won the 1986 KVC team championship on February 8, Fritz clapped and watched intently, dreaming of the day that it would be him. "I'd love it," he said. "Why not next year?"

Wildcats of the Week

Being named "Wildcat of the Week" for the third time since December may not rank with all the other awards for a returning swimmer. Jon Cohen has garnered this season, but it's not bad either.

The super-frosh capped off a truly incredible campaign by grabbing Novi High School's first state swimming title ever. On March 8 at Michigan State, the 15-year-old turned back every threat in the 500 yard freestyle event to win with a school record time of 4:38.24.

Earlier, Cohen placed fourth in the 200 IM with another school record time of 1:59.99.

"It was a learning experience for Jon," said Coach Larry Teahan. "But while he's learning he's still winning. It was an outstanding performance, and the fact that he's only a freshman is the most incredible thing about it."



JON COHEN

Rec Briefs

CRICUS TRIP: Novi's Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to the Shrine Circus in Detroit on Saturday, March 15.

The bus will leave from Parks & Rec offices at 8:15 a.m. for the show which begins at 9:30 a.m. The bus is scheduled to return at approximately 1 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$8 per person and include round-trip transportation and admission to the circus. For more information or to register call Parks & Rec at 349-1976.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Novi Jaycees and Novi Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor their eighth annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29, outside the Novi High School Commons. Hunts are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers to 10-year-olds are invited to participate.

SANDLOT BENEFIT: Novi Parks and Recreation has tickets for the 1986 Sandlot Benefit Game that will pit the Detroit Tigers against the Cincinnati Reds. The game will be played at Tiger Stadium on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$10.50 for box seats, \$8.50 for reserved, \$6 for reserved grandstand and \$4 for bleachers. Proceeds from the sale of tickets by Novi Parks and Recreation will go toward the support of youth softball and baseball programs in Novi.

ADULT FOOTBALL: It's not too early to start thinking about the 1986 softball season. The Men's and Women's Resident Leagues sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department permit only five non-residents per team. There are no residency requirements for the Men's Sunday, Men's Over-35 and Co-Rec leagues.

Complete information packets are now available at Parks & Rec offices. Returning teams must submit a \$100 deposit prior to March 14 to secure a spot in the 1986 leagues. New teams will be added on a first-come, first-served basis as openings occur. Call 349-1976 for more information.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD MARCH 24, 1986

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please take notice that the special election of the electors of Novi Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Monday, March 24, 1986.

THE POLLING PLACE WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 13 mills (\$13.00 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for a period of 3 years, 1986, 1987 and 1988, for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes (this being a renewal of 13 mills for operating purposes which expired with 1985 tax levy)?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following Schoolcraft Community College District proposition will also be submitted to the vote of the electors at this special election:

MILLAGE PROPOSAL
Shall the limitation on property taxes which the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, levies be increased by one-half (1/2) mill per dollar of State Equalized Valuation of all taxable property in the District to provide additional funds for general purposes?

THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
VOTING PLACE: Novi Middle School South, 25299 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2
VOTING PLACE: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3
VOTING PLACE: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 82 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of January 28, 1986, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 16 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Novi Community School District is as follows:

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LOCAL UNIT: Novi Township; VOTED INCREASE: 1.00; YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE: Unlimited.
LOCAL UNIT: County of Oakland; VOTED INCREASE: 25; YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE: 1982 to 1988 incl.
DATED: JANUARY 28, 1986

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan.

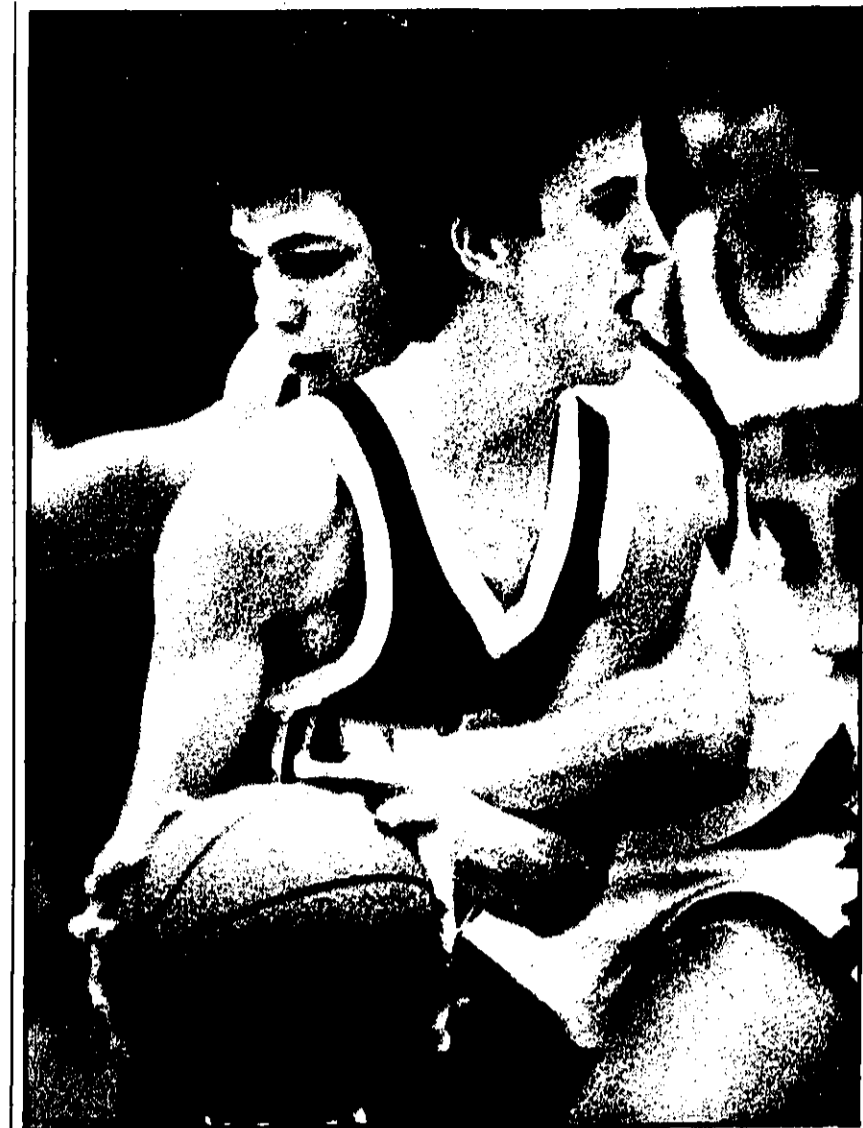
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Novi's Craig Cowden is wrapped up by a Northville defender

Cohen trained in age-group programs

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as one of the country's premier distance swimmers. Cohen set a state mark in the 10-and-under 200 IM short course with a time of 2:25.40 — a mark that still stands a half decade later. He also notched another state record in the long course and three more in the 11-12 age group.

When he moved up to the 13-14 category, Jon set four state marks in the short course (three still stand) and another seven in the long course. And so far this season, Cohen owns the 15-16-year-old state record in the 400 IM (4:12.56), the 1650 freestyle

(15:54.13) and the 200 IM (1:59.09).

"The reason why Jon is so good is all the swimming he did with the clubs," Cyndy said. "You can't be a seasonal swimmer if you're in the distance events and expect to excel. You need year-round training and that's what Jon got."

Jon is also ranked in the top six nationally (13-14 age group) in six events including the second fastest time in his age group in the 400 IM in the nation.

"For Jon to develop the way he has, he needed to get top notch competition and needed to travel all over

Wildcat cagers fall in district tourney

Last fall, Northville ended Novi's football season with a 7-2 victory. And the Mustangs did it again in basketball last week — handing the Wildcats a 77-46 setback in the second round of the MHSAA Class A district tournament at Plymouth Canton.

The loss leaves John Cicchelli's squad with a season-ending 7-15 overall record, including three straight defeats. The only positive aspect of the loss for the Wildcats is that they stayed a little closer to the streaking Mustangs than when the two teams first met last Dec. 10.

"We played them even for three quarters but we had a lapse at the end of the third and suddenly we were down by 10," said Cicchelli.

The first half featured a see-saw battle, with the Mustangs clinging to a two-point lead at the half and the Wildcats still very much in the game.

"At the half I thought we were in good shape," Cicchelli admitted. "We were scoring most of our points off the fast break and if we could maintain that pace, I was pretty optimistic we could beat them."

But in the second half, Novi played very little defense and allowed the Mustangs to score 47 in the third and fourth quarters alone. It was very similar to the defensive effort against South Lyon in the regular season finale (the Wildcats gave also gave up 77

points in a loss).

"Defensively we didn't do much, fresh as we were because in the four or five games before South Lyon, we were doing a good job at the defensive end," Cicchelli said. "Against Northville, especially the second half, we didn't stop them at all."

Cicchelli's plan was to stop the Mustangs' two big scoring guns — Don Norton and Matt Hinds. But it didn't work out that way. Novi's 6-foot-6 center Ray Samolin did a nice job on the 6-6 Hinds (seven points), but Norton fired in a game-high 30 to pace Northville.

"We stopped Hinds, but Norton was hitting every thing he threw up in the second half," Cicchelli pointed out. "Cohen Shanked did a good job guarding Norton, but when he got into foul trouble and had to sit down, Norton would start to pour them in."

"With Hinds in foul difficulty as well, Mustang point guard Mike Hillinger picked up the slack and connected for 19 points.

Northville's full court press didn't bother Novi as much as it did in the first meeting. The Wildcats only turned it over 14 times, but had problems at the free throw line, hitting only nine-of-20 shots from the charity stripe.

Matt Kamleh paced the Wildcats with 18 points. Samolin added 14 points and eight rebounds, while Shankel contributed 12 points to the attack.

And Teahan reports that an even younger Cohen competed in the prestigious National Junior Olympics at Tuscaloosa, Ala. The five-day meet featured the top swimmers in the U.S. up to age 16, and Jon (then age 14) placed 10th in the 400 IM.

"Next year we'll have three Cohen brothers on the team because the youngest — Steve, is an eighth grader this year," Teahan said. "He has a coach you love to see families, like the Cohens, coming up through the clubs and onto your team."

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Q. Why is this new game being added?
A. Many players have indicated interest in large jackpot amounts, like those that have occurred in other states, from Lotto games with more numbers from which to choose.
Q. How will I prefer the regular Lotto game?
A. Players will now have a choice of two Lotto games. Those preferring the better odds should play the regular six of six game with weekly drawings every Wednesday night. Those preferring prizes can try the longer odds in Super Lotto with its Saturday drawings.

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Novi wrestling coach Tom Fritz does not take losing lightly

Novi News/STEVE FECHT

The whole world's Irish on St. Pat's Day

The Irish eyes will be smiling, the green beer will be flowing and bars, taverns and restaurants will be getting into the St. Patrick's Day spirit next week.

Because the holiday falls on a Monday, which is good news for restaurateurs, many area celebrants will begin partying early, some as early as today. Last year's festivities were somewhat subdued, since the holiday fell on a Sunday. Businesses plan to begin celebrating early and to continue right through until Monday. And anyone can party. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate.

At the Goat Farm, the partying begins tonight, with kahula and Irish mixed drinks available at a special rate. In addition, everyone who comes into the bar, which is already wearin' the green, will receive a balloon and a capsule, which when inserted into hot water, forms the shape of a goat, a leprechaun or a shamrock.

Thursday activities include a special visit from the Amherst Busch representative, who will be distributing special promotional items advertising their products.

The Goat Farm celebration really gets into full swing Friday, when green beer will begin pouring from the taps, and will culminate on St. Patrick's Day, when goats will wander the bar, live entertainment will perform beginning at 1 p.m. and special Jaycee shamrocks will be available.

At the Pit Stop, the Irish is country style. South Star takes the stage playing country-western music, but corned beef and cabbage will be placed on the menu to put people in an Irish mood.

Although the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Pit Stop is limited to Monday, Friday and Saturday, celebrants will be entertained by Tracy

Lynn and the Mountain Express and are welcome to dance, beginning at 9 p.m. each night.

Let's there be any doubt about the authenticity of the Novi Inn's claim to an Irish heritage, Charles MacDonald has traced his local roots to Corktown church records dated 1852.

"I'll document 150 years of Irish in Detroit and a lot more back on the old sod," MacDonald insists.

The corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew MacDonald will serve is of a more recent vintage, as is the Bushmills and the Guinness and Harp beer which will be served at the Novi Inn.

Despite rumors to the contrary, Genit's will not be serving green pasta. But the restaurant will be serving its seven-course Italian meal. Reservations, which are required, still are being accepted for the family-style dinner.

You won't need reservations but it may be a good idea to arrive at O'Sheas early

on St. Patrick's Day. Irish music will be the order of the day from noon to 2 a.m. and Frank Cleary has promised a good time for everyone, Irish or not.

The Irish at O'Sheehan's will convening the masses on St. Patrick's Day, according to Lori Smith, area supervisor. Smith said the company has already ordered 50 kegs of green beer, equal to the amount the three O'Sheehan's establishments go through in a "normal" week.

"There's nothing normal about St. Patrick's Day at an Irish bar," Smith says, noting O'Sheehan's will be serving corned beef and cabbage in addition to its normal burger-oriented menu.

Other changes include limiting admission to those over 21 and the playing of Irish songs while serving Irish whiskey. Although bar owners, especially those with an Irish theme, generally concede an increase in the amount of alcohol

drinking and driving. Smith said, however, the staff at O'Sheehan's did go through a one-day seminar designed to ensure patrons have a safe, fun-filled St. Patrick's Day holiday.



Revelers are celebrating St. Patrick's Day early at The Goat Farm in Novi.

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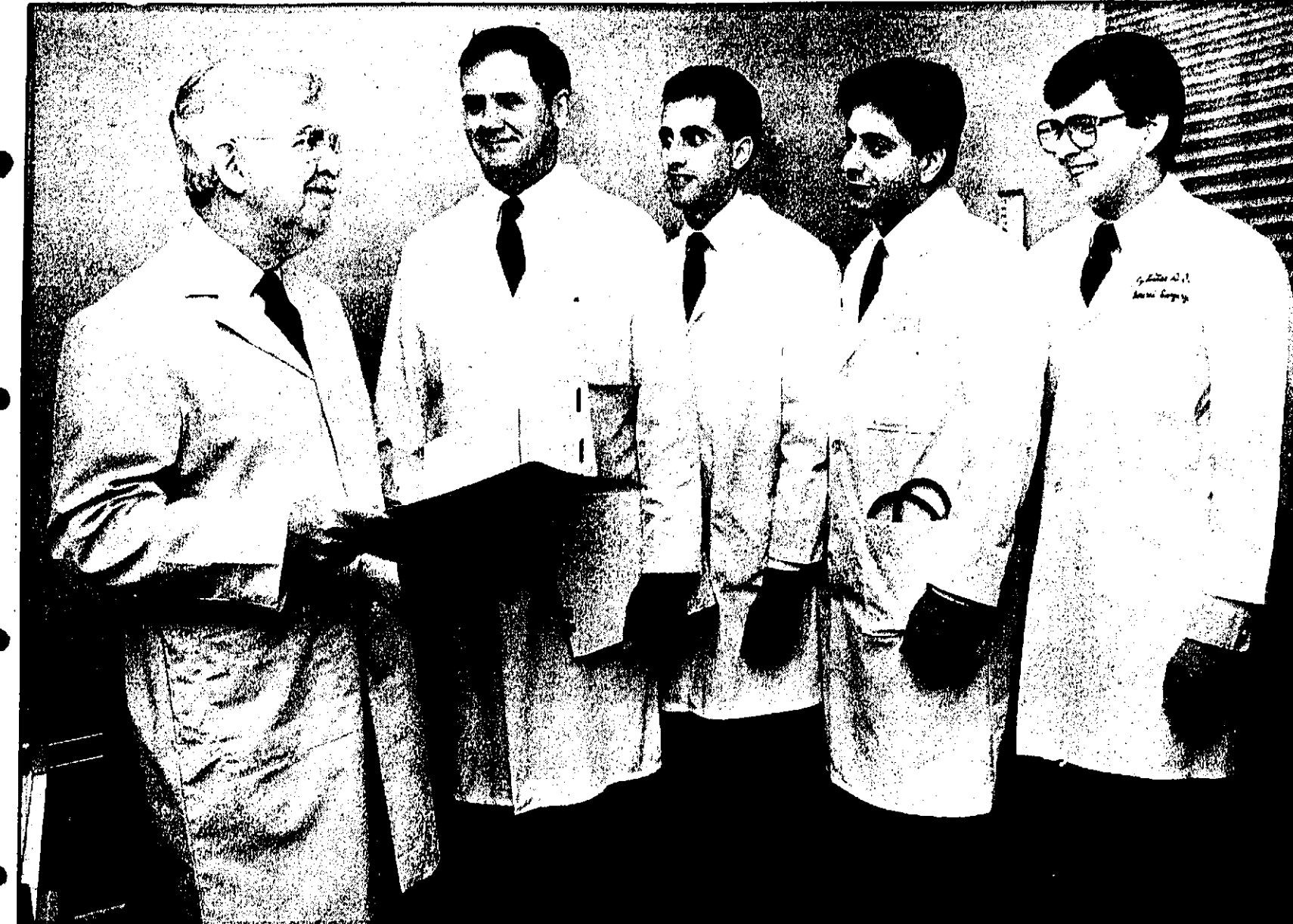
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Dr. George Pappas, director of the Family Health Care Center, talks with staff members Dr. William McCallion (family medicine), Dr. Harvey Roth and Dr. Lester Burkow (obstetrics/gynecology), Dr. Ford Sutherland (radiology) and Dr. Joseph Yuri (psychology).

New clinic offers personalized care in group practice

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN

Township, in an attempt to incorporate the positive aspects of both "I feel people still need and want a family practitioner," he pointed out. "The way I perceive the needs, people want to have personal health care available to them and at the same time have available those specialties that are in the greatest need. There are many patients who have indicated they like the whole concept."

With these thoughts in mind, Pappas is unveiling the "Family Health Care Center" at the same location where he has been a solo practitioner for 13 years. The center, located at 4966 Five Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads, will include a medical staff of 10, including doctors in six major fields.

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THIRTEEN ASSOCIATES from the Plymouth Office of Schweitzer Real Estate Inc., Better Homes and Gardens, exceeded \$1 million in real estate sales during 1985. The announcement was made by Darlene Shemanski, associate broker and sales manager.

Pictured above are (seated, left to right) Sue Ann Eberline (\$7.715 million), Phyllis Lemon (\$2,582 million), Chris Knight (\$2,490 million) and Patsy Rollins (\$2,169 million). Standing (left to right) are Robbie Andreason (\$1,699 million), Billie Massaro (\$1,678 million), Yvonne Teevens (\$1,589 million), Hazel McCready (\$1,507 million), Dave Owens (\$1,547 million), Patricia Kelley (\$1,404 million), Lynn DeJohn (\$1,230 million), Nancy Austin (\$1,224 million) and Barbara Crowley (\$1,163 million).

The 13 associates as well as the office will be honored at the company awards presentation in April. The office ranked first out of 19 offices in the company in the metropolitan Detroit area. To achieve the record, the office exceeded \$36 million in sales and sold 468 units.

ROBERT WALKER of Novi has been re-elected secretary of Delta Dental Plan of Michigan. Walker is administrative assistant to UAW vice president International Union. He has served on Delta's board and is a former president of UAW Local 735.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE has appointed Jim Polkowski director of purchasing.

Polowski comes to the college with six years' experience in purchasing. He previously was purchasing at Foote Hospital in Jackson, Mich. He attended Oakland Community College and was graduated from Wayne State University.

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New health care clinic slates open house

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and the doctor. We realize we have to change with the times, but we still want to maintain the idea of a family practice." The switch-over from the independent practice to the new family practice required a few changes for Pappas. The gathering of the medical staff, in popular fields like Family Medicine, Podiatry, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Radiology and

lab services, was the first chore. Next came an addition to the building, which added 1,200 square feet of extra space. The final move was to add three more staff members. "In reality, we are trying to position ourselves in the middle, between a one-man operation and a large clinic," Pappas reported. "I don't think anyone has attempted anything quite like this. There are a lot of group practices, but they all usually serve one particular practice.

Existing home sales start strong, Realtors report

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.

Average prices for single-family detached homes eased off slightly from \$87,863 in December to end the month at \$87,784, but showed a gain of 10.2 percent from January 1985. At \$82,440 the average price for condominiums was some \$700 more than in December and 10.8 percent more than a year ago.

"While there is still a good supply of homes on the market, the range of price is declining with more favored properties selling fast. We still have a

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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Western students set marathon

The students from Walled Lake Western High School will stage their annual 24-hour volleyball marathon this Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, at the Western gymnasium.

The marathon will begin this Friday at 4 p.m. and continue for 24 hours. Proceeds will be donated to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Pontiac. Prizes can be made by phone by calling the high school at 624-5020.

WIXOM PTO: The Wixom Elementary School PTO is sponsoring a preschool story hour for children who will attend kindergarten at the school next September. Parents may enroll their child in either a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon session from 1 to 1:55 p.m. The story hour will meet for eight sessions beginning March 25. Registration deadline is March 14.

For more information or to register call Coordinator Diane Senk at 624-7051 or Wixom Elementary at 624-2422.

PYSANKI EGGS: The technique of making Pysanki eggs will be taught at a workshop at the Wixom Public Library on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be led by Joan Bitner.

Community Notes

The Polish Art Center in Hamtramck. All materials will be provided, but registration is required and there will be a \$4 workshop fee. Participants are asked only to bring two room-temperature eggs.

To register or for more information call the library at 624-2512.

EASTER BUNNY VISIT: Walled Lake youngsters are invited to "Meet the Easter Bunny" in a special program sponsored by the Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission. The program will be held at Hiram Sims Park on Saturday, March 29, at noon. The park is located off Pontiac Trail and South Commerce Road.

Children will have an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in an Easter Egg hunt. Age groups are 6-9, 10-11 and 12-and-over. There will be lots of candy, fun and prizes for all children.

Details will be distributed through the school system. For more information call Sharon Beslock at 624-4649.

MADD: The Oakland County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will meet at the Central United Methodist Church in Waterford on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols, and the public is invited to attend. The church is located at 3882 Highland Road (M-59) in Waterford.

MADD also has a victim support group which meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Central United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one because of a drunk-driving crash.

WIXOM LIBRARY: The Wixom Public Library invites all its patrons to enter a contest to design a new bookmark for the library in time for National Library Week (April 6-12). An overall winner will be selected from four categories: kindergarten through second grade, third through seventh grades, eighth through 12th

grades and adults. For specifics on how to enter and criteria for bookmark design stop in at the library or call 624-2512.

WEST OAKLAND LWV: The West Oakland County League of Women Voters (WLWV) will visit Energy Conversion Devices (ECD) in Troy on Friday, March 14. Following a two-hour tour of the plant, the group will meet at nearby Procters restaurant for lunch and discussion.

West Oakland LWV President Dorothy Davis said the league hopes to make such field trips an annual event.

PAARSP: The Pontiac Association of Retired School Personnel (PAARSP) will meet at the Elks Club in Rochester on Thursday, March 20. The Elks Club is located at 600 East University Drive, east of Main Street. Dr. Welton Peitz, noted authority on Abraham Lincoln, will speak on the topic, "Eyewitness to the Gettysburg Address." Tickets are priced at \$6.50 and reservations must be made by March 15. For reservations contact Marietta Spring, 1725 Bedford Square No. 102, Rochester, Michigan 48063.

People

JOE FITZGERALD of Novi has been elected vice president of the Michigan Alpha chapter of the Sigma Epsilon fraternity at Adrian College. A 1982 graduate of Novi High School, he is the son of George and Joan Fitzgerald of Christina Lane in Novi. A senior at Adrian, Fitzgerald is majoring in business administration/management.

MIKE SERRA of Novi has been installed as vice president of the Zeta Beta chapter of the Theta Chi Fraternity at Adrian College. He is a 1984 Novi High School graduate. A sophomore majoring in business administration/management, Serra is the son of Richard and Sharon Serra of Heatherbrae in Novi.

ANGELA HELLIS of Novi has graduated from Schoolcraft College with an Associates degree in General Studies. She is the mother of three children. An employee of the Ford Motor Company, she made the Schoolcraft College Dean's List throughout her college career.

PAUL SHILLITO of Novi has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall evening term at Lawrence Institute of Technology. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student.

KEVIN PALDAN of Novi has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for Associates Studies at Lawrence Institute of Technology. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student.

Two Novi residents — **JENNIFER SWINEHART** and **ANTHONY WALKER** — have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Western Michigan University. To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Middle School lists top honor students

A total of 181 Novi Middle School South students have been named to the honor roll for the third marking period. The school names two honor rolls — a high honor roll and a regular honor roll. To qualify for the high honor roll a student must have no grade less than A-minus and citizenship marks of "2" or better. To qualify for the regular honor roll, a student must have attained all grades of B-minus or above. Citizenship grades are not part of the regular honor roll.

Here are the names of the Novi Middle School South students cited for honors during the third marking period.

SEVENTH GRADE: Named to the high honor roll were Heather Campbell, Helen Cottam, Christina D'Agostino, Cynthia Greenlee, Renee Grylewski, Keely Harris, Nichole Kuenzel, Jennifer Marquardt, Kevin Mittel, Oahn Parrett, Christina Piccirilli, Kristen Salles, Rebecca Selzer, Joanne Sill, Cherie Stewart and Michelle Timreck. Named to the regular honor roll were Jack Abate, Erika Altman, Andrew Anderson, Shannon Barnes, David Boney, Heather Brown, Christopher Gae, Bruckman, Jennifer Buck, Kristen Buck, Julia Burk, Debora Butler, Brian Campbell, Rebecca Chappell, Mark Chirgwin, Andy Christlieb, Laura Clark, Kathryn Clazoff and Kimberly Cosentino.

Jennifer Crawford, Kimberly DeWitt, Laurie Dicola, Julie Dukes, Michael Dunn, Amy Dutbie, David Eveshuis, Angela Ferrazza, Elizabeth Fisher, Jennifer Formwald, Eric Haenke, Jennifer Harrison, Matt Hoffman, Tara Humphrey, Sean Johnson, Jason Johnston, Jill Jozwiak, Holly Kendrick, Laura Kieban, Janine Knight, Christine Labate and Desiree LeBlanc. **Todd Marshall, Bernadette Mastrangeli, James May, Sean McCarthy, Steven Megesi, Rebecca Messer, Christa Micaleff, Danielle Mickelson, Marc Moore, Brian Murphy, Stephen Myers, Nicole Nelson, Slacey Northrop, Davina Novoselic, Joanna Pasucci, Melissa Petresh, Wendy Pierman, Timothy Robb, William Robinson and Christopher Rusch.**

Jeffrey Schram, Renee Schweizer, Jason Shawyer, Adam Shulman, Jennifer Sitarzaki, Kelly Silvarman, Michele Stevens, Michael Sumerton, Stephanie Tolsdorf, Mindy Watkins, Nathan Weber, Jason Wladischkin, Jacqueline Young, Mark Zoline, Heather Zurawski and Amy Zyczynski.

EIGHTH GRADE: Named to the high honor roll were Cherie Brown, Jennifer Chin, Mark Clary, Steven Cohen, Shana Cox, Angelina D'Agostino, John Dudley, Laura Eheart, Sarah Gahman, Jennifer Galland, Matthew Gdowski, Haley Hoops, Amy Johnson, Matthew Latham, Kelly Lind, Lisa McIver, Steven Mitzel, Andrew Mutch, Gwen Rowlands, Andrea Schwardt, Jeffrey Watson and Thomas White.

Named to the regular honor roll were Angelica Alvarez, Bridget Barnes, Robert Bates, Bruce Bekkala, Kristin Benit, Adrienne Piccirilli, Jennifer Borg, Todd Bochman, Tammie Brandon, Chris Brown, Tracie Brown, Alyson Clancy, Christopher Coxon, Michael Dasher, Scott Donaldson and Janet Duncan.

Jennifer Durham, Christie Duthie, Amy Finlayson, Christopher Gae, Douglas Gillespie, Karen Goldsmith, Jeffrey Grabowski, David Greene, Cory Greenfield, Laine Haas, Michael Chirgwin, Andy Christlieb, Laura Clark, Kathryn Clazoff, Charles Jacobs, Bradley Jones, Amrita Kang, Brian Kemp and Amy Knoth. **Janice Konczal, Matthew Konoda, Heather Kurtz, Bradley Lewis, Daniel Lyngholm, John Mach, James Malsonville, Julie Martin, Sandra Miller, Thomas Modelski, Donovan Molina, Michael Molloy, Brad Morrow, Linda Morts, Robert Neill, Jeffrey O'Neill, Tracy Page, Michelle Pejakovich and Kristen Pembroke.**

Kelly Reichert, Leslie Reinke, Lara Rossalik, Kristen Sarlund, Sandra Schaefer, Nathan Shaffer, Kristin Shaw, Rita Spiller, Steven Strausberg, Charles Studders, Thomas Sumiec, Kristin Tapley, Matthew Thibodeau, Randall Thompson, Ericka Utz, Mark Vandoren, Melissa VanDoren, Jason Waack, Chadwick Wiese and John Williams.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTY(ES) OF WAYNE AND OAKLAND/WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special election for Schoolcraft Community College District, Northville Public Schools, County(ies) of Wayne (and Oakland/Washtenaw), Michigan, on Monday, March 24, 1988, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors:

Millage Proposal Shall the limitation on property taxes which the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, levies be increased by one-half (1/2) mill per dollar of State Equalized Valuation of all taxable property in the District to provide additional funds for general purposes? Each person voting on the above propositions must be: (a) A citizen of the United States of America eighteen years (18) of age or older; (b) A registered elector of the City or Township in which the person resides.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1 Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

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All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1984

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act I, RAYMOND J. WJOUTOWICZ, County Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that as of January 24, 1988, the total of all voted increases in the millage rate in Northville Public Schools, Michigan, is as follows:

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SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD MARCH 24, 1988

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Please Take Notice that a special election of the electors of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will be held in said school district, on Monday, March 24, 1988, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors:

Millage Renewal Proposition Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 26.5 cents per \$1,000.00 on state equalized valuation for a period of 5 years, 1988 to 1993, inclusive, for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes (this being a renewal of 26.5 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1985 tax levy)?

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For those planning a walk down the aisle, a word of caution: The number of attendants in wedding parties has increased in addition to the bride and groom (for men), more bridesmaids and ushers are standing at the altar.

Other attendants such as junior bridesmaids, ring bearers and flower girls are taking their place in wedding parties.

Before including a young niece or nephew in your (wedding) party, and consider their age and maturity.

It's Tears or hysterics are not uncommon for young people.

When sending in invitations — When sending in invitations, a map indicating a route from the church to the reception should be included if many guests are attending from out-of-town. Before mailing, have the invitations weighed at the post office. The weight of the invitations will determine postage.

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You're invited

No matter the ceremony, invitations are important.

The message may be worded as "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Jane Marie, to the groom, Robert Lee, on Sunday, the eighth of October, at four o'clock in the afternoon at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, 123 E. Main, Northville, Michigan." The invitation is selected, the next step is to pick a typeface and the color of the paper. Most often, the invitation is printed in black ink on a white background. The next step is to pick a typeface and the color of the paper. Most often, the invitation is printed in black ink on a white background.

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Newlyweds swinging back to old-fashioned nuptials

If you want a wedding just like Mom and Dad had, it seems to be the cry among young lovers these days. But it was not always so.

In the late '60s and '70s, it was "mod" to get married in your jeans, or in a balloon, or not to get married at all. Now, wedding consultants say weddings are back bigger than ever and traditional weddings are in.

"Thank God!" said a laughing Richard Bourbonais, Sr., wholesale manager for Steve Peix Formal Wear of Detroit. His son, Richard Bourbonais, Jr., runs The Brighton Tux and Bridal Shop.

He said he has definitely seen a swing back to traditional, conservative formal wear—black and gray tuxes, for example. "We've gotten away from the costume

formal wear market was not particularly impacted by the trend.

He and others agreed that the improved economy following the mid-70s recession has had a great impact on the way people choose to celebrate marriage. Florist services were probably the most highly affected, according to Rick Shultz, owner of Heller's Flowers in Howell.

decorating in the churches than we used to... people were so strict budgets and they'd cut things out, even the aisle runner."

Informality reflected in printed wedding invitations has changed as well. Dale Haviland of Howell's Haviland Printing said once he had an order for invitations which said "bring your bathing suit."

"I haven't seen that kind of casualness in quite a few years," he said.

The large, colorful formats of wedding invitations for the "hippy generation" have gone the way of the paisley wedding dress. "The colors are still rich, but they're not the multi-colored florals anymore, and consequently, they're more conservative."

Another component of the old-fashioned wedding is an audience comprised of everyone you have ever met, known, or spoken to in your life. The size of today's weddings is increasing, according to caterer Duane Bouett, the Highlander Host who handles weddings at Woodshire Place in Fowlerville.

"Weddings have gone probably in the last four or five years from 100-150 people to 200-250. They're getting a full wedding, more of a full party-type thing as opposed to what I call a church-parlor type wedding."

The type of food and drink has changed with the times, as well. He said his customers now ask for more fresh fruits and mixed drinks, more champagne and, surprisingly in this age of cholesterol-consciousness, more meats.

"They want more variety," he said.

The Rev. Robert Doorn of the Christian Fellowship Center in Brighton, said that people seem to want a religious ceremony more than they once did.

"Ten years ago, they definitely wanted to write their own ceremony. It was more of an informal nature, done with guitar, or whatever—a kind of a free style. I don't want to call it a hippy style, but in some ways it was."

"Or the couples just lived together and didn't get married at all. Now, the people have lived three years together and they say, 'We don't feel comfortable with that anymore.'"

"Their friends, getting married in nice church ceremonies, they want their parents there, they want a nice reception, they want everything nice."

By Nicole Robertson

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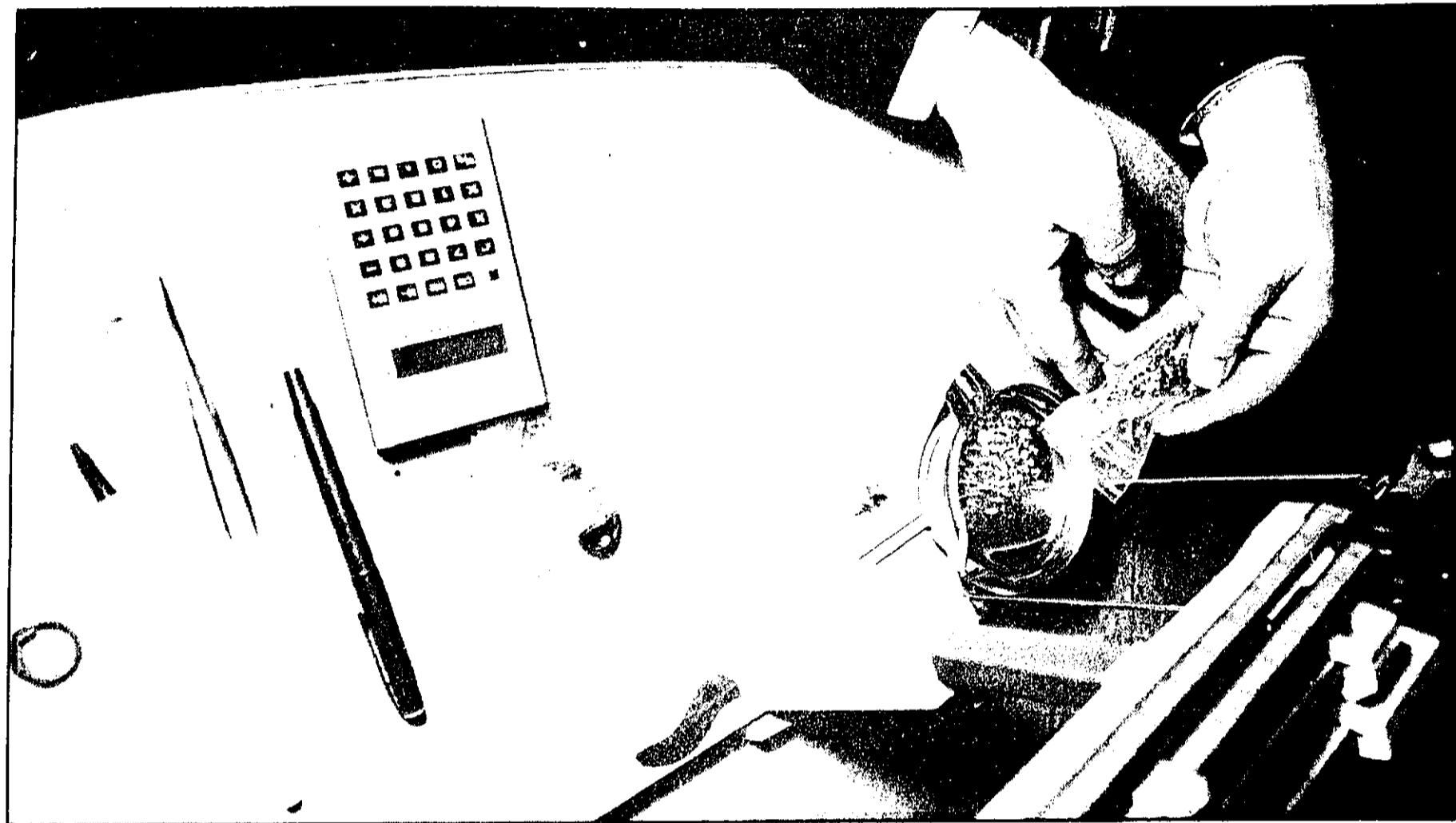
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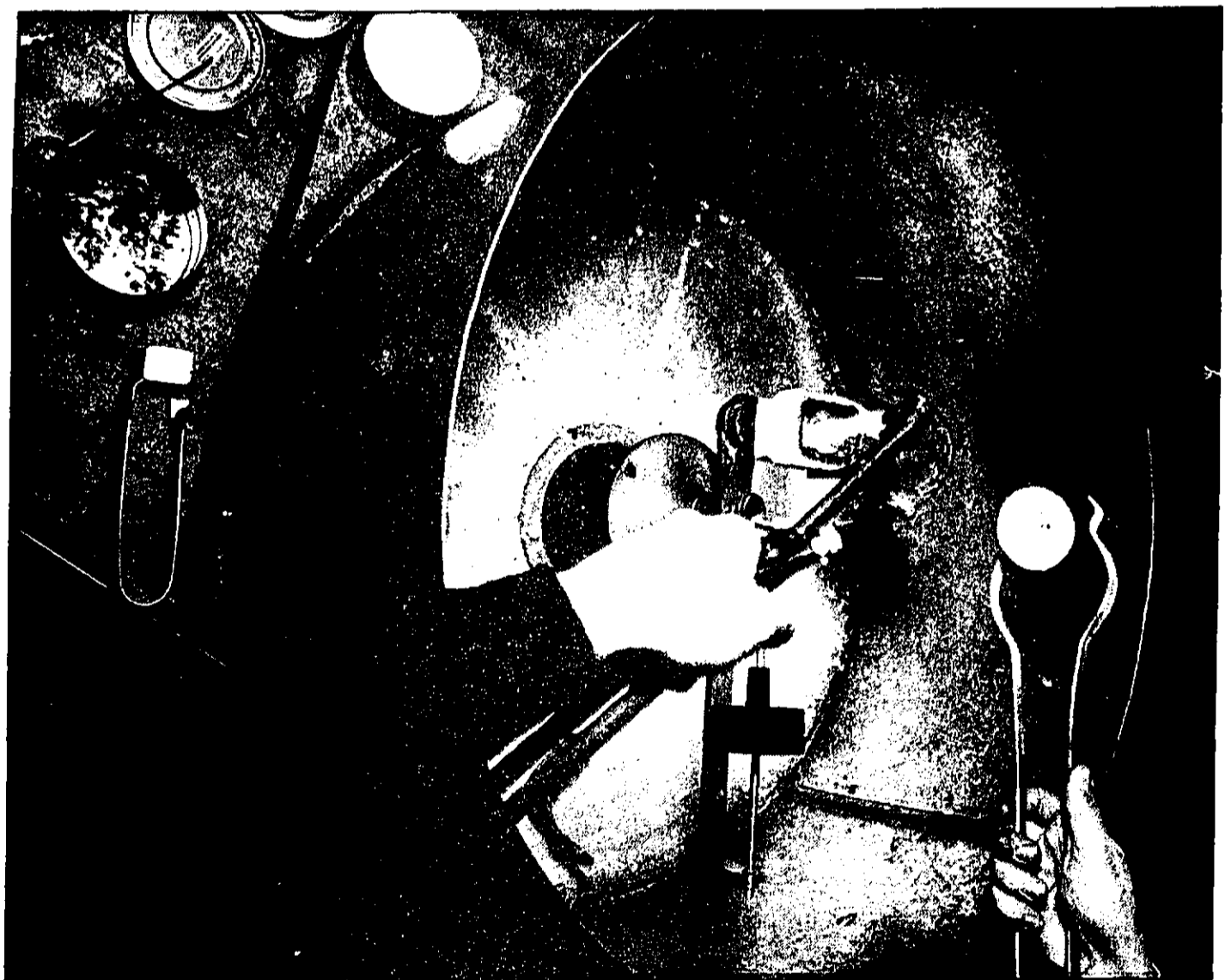


Custom Made Rings with special touch

Not all rings come from glass-lined counters. Some are extra special, coming from the jeweler's creative touch. Milford jeweler John McMartin (above, at his work bench) creates custom rings. He starts by having a wax model of the ring (below) and then uses a plaster mold to immerse the model in plaster and then melting the wax out of the mold in a kiln (below right).



Once the plaster mold is finished, it is filled with wax. The wax is then melted and poured into the mold. The wax is then cut off the sprue (see above) and then filed and sanded. John McMartin (see above) will give the ring a golden luster.



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Police close on 12 bombs

Novi police believe they have determined the identities of as many as 12 individuals who were involved to one degree or another in the placement of pipe bombs outside two residences in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision on Sunday, March 9.

The pending charges stem from two incidents which occurred in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision near Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road on Sunday, March 9.

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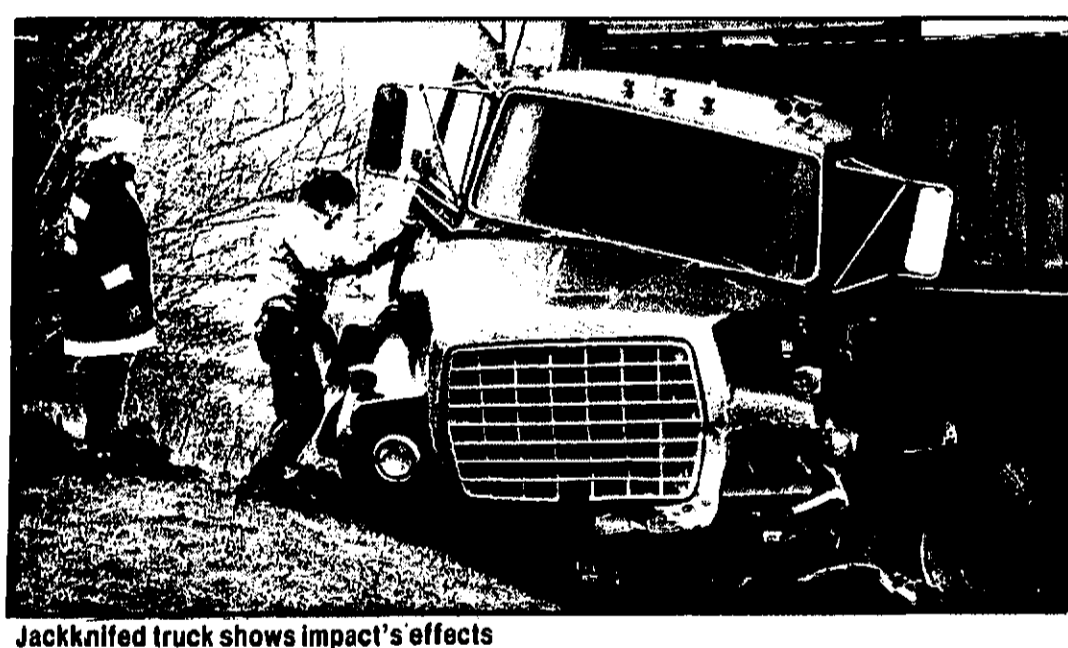


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Firefighters survey what's left of a Salem Township man's 1975 Grand Prix after head-on crash

Crash on Eight Mile kills driver

Northville Township police are investigating a March 12 accident which left a Salem Township man dead when his 1975 Pontiac Grand Prix reportedly crossed the center line of Eight Mile Road east of Livonia and was hit head-on by an unloaded gravel truck.



Jackknifed truck shows impact's effects

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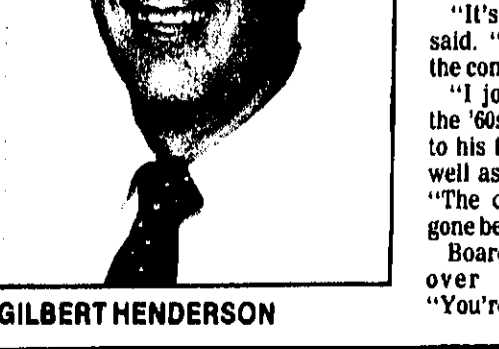
By BRUCE J. MARTIN
staff writer

The outcome of a legal case involving the City of Novi may have far-reaching effects on Oakland County's — and possibly Michigan's — ability to prosecute drunk drivers.

According to a ruling last month by recently-appointed Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Norman Lippitt, Novi City Police did not introduce sufficient documentation of the reliability of a breathalyzer (an instrument which measures blood-alcohol content from exhaled lung gases) when the device's findings were used as evidence to convict Union Lake resident Lawrence Simill of drunk driving in a jury trial last year.

Based on his ruling, Lippitt overturned Sinelli's district court conviction. But Novi City Council has authorized the city's attorneys to seek a reversal of Lippitt's verdict from the Michigan Court of Appeals.

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GILBERT HENDERSON

Henderson steps down, opens race

By MICHELE M. FECHT
staff writer

The Novi Board of Education will have at least one new member in June following the resignation of longtime trustee Gilbert Henderson Thursday night.

Henderson, who was first elected to the board in 1968, will be leaving a more than 11-year association with the district effective March 28.

"It's hard to walk out," Henderson said. "But I feel good about where the community is."

"I joined a group of dreamers in the '60s and '70s," he said, referring to his tenure on the school board as well as his term as mayor (1976-77). "The city and school district have gone beyond those dreams."

Board trustees expressed regret over Henderson's departure. "You're input has been extremely

valuable — particularly this year," board president Robert Schram noted.

"To me, he was the soul of the board," said trustee Michael Meyer who was elected with Henderson in 1983. "He's someone I truly admire. I'm going to miss him."

Henderson emphasized his resignation was not prompted by dissatisfaction or conflict with other board members.

"I no longer have the enthusiasm or the same level of concern," Henderson said. Having taken an active role in the district's growth during the past two decades, Henderson expressed satisfaction with the outcome of those earlier efforts.

"I'm very pleased with the emphasis on improving the quality of instruction," he noted. "I'm pleased the staff is making an effort to recognize student achievement in a

broader spectrum of subjects."

Henderson said he believes the district's greatest strength is in the instructional program as evidenced by escalating test scores (particularly MEAP) during the past several years.

"I perceive that teachers and administrators have worked hard at genuinely deciding what they want kids to learn," he remarked. "The district has spent a lot of time improving instruction in the classroom."

He also credited school officials with hiring exemplary teachers. "It's easy to go out and hire graduates right out of college," Henderson said. "But we don't. We hire the best quality people regardless of price."

Though the district has experienced considerable change during the

According to Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, a strict insistence on procedural documentation of the breathalyzer's accuracy hampers Michigan judges' ability to use their own discretion in evaluating the reliability of breathalyzer readings submitted as evidence.

"The danger is that courts will analogize on that requirement and impose other things (prosecutors) might not expect," Watson said.

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5-story district studied

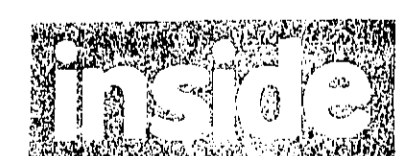
Novi planning commissioners are scheduled to decide tonight (Wednesday) whether to allow a zoning designation that would permit five-story office buildings northwest of the Grand River Avenue/Beck Road intersection.

For years, developers have eyed the Bob-O-Link Golf Course's property at that location as an ideal place for an office complex — there is plenty of room, easy access to I-96 (especially in view of projected long-range improvements to the I-96/Beck Road interchange) and good visibility from the highway.

Last month, developer Joseph Gerak — who also backed the Orchard Hill Place/Novi Hilton project at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road (property now run by The Sametson Group) — submitted an application to rezone more than 70 acres of property belonging to the golf course for office-service-commercial (OSC) use.

Under OSC zoning, office buildings of up to five stories are permitted in certain circumstances.

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