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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 349-6887.

"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 fees threaten progress, state officials say/10A

## 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.

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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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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, skim the boiling sap. Monday, the syrup they produced topped off a pancake breakfast at the school.

Novi News/JERRY ZOLYNSKY

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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 for 14 hours rather than the previous 22.

Schram 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, students should not miss is a pie throwing contest — targeted to teachers, principals and school board members — and a goldfish-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 344-6300.

## 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. The restaurant is owned by owner John McGuire.

"We never really got around to opening the thing officially, so now we're going to have a little celebration and tie it in 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 1962 where milk and ice cream have been served ever since. In 1984, Guernsey's butter pecan ice cream was voted one of the nation's best ice creams in a "People Magazine" contest among 800 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 Grand Rapids and Novi Road business district, the new guidebook will help 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. Both public and private sectors funding will be required for the proposals, with some 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 captured the atmosphere we're looking for."

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

- Wrought iron archways at entrances to the park on the northeast corner;
- Inlaid 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 feet tall;
- A hand gazebo for concerts; brick gathering-places and tree-lined walkways in the park on the northeast corner;
- Possible variation in street lamp and bench designs, with modern styles in heavy retail areas; old-fashioned in more historically significant sections;
- 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 to create a sense of permanence;
- Design of sidewalks, bike paths and logging 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 currently located in the center of the Town Center site plan. While the Trammell 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.



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## 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 Dujuk 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.

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 a portrait 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 344-6300.

**Child seats available**

Novi parents wishing to rent child car seats can do so through Botsford Hospital 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 seat for \$5 per year with a deposit of \$15 or a car 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 471-9990.

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## Red-headed thief strikes again

### Area Blotters

The "Red-headed Bandit" has struck again at the Sunshine Foods Market at 44999 Pontiac Trail.

The night clerk told police an unknown male, approximately 15 years old and with red hair, ran into the store at 3:30 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 trail in the snow toward the Westgate VI 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 5'7" 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.

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

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 garage of a residence on Parkridge in Meadowbrook Glens subdivision on Saturday, March 1.

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 potting soil in order to remove it.

A Turco portable kerosene heater was stolen from the attached garage of a residence on Quince in the Willowbrook subdivision. The theft occurred sometime between 9 p.m. on Friday, 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 26 and February 27.

The complainant told police the

responsible parties entered the storage yard and removed two snowmobiles from a trailer. Both snowmobiles were a 1980 Ski-Doo snowmobile and a 1980 Ski-Doo snowmobile was pulled under the bottom of the fence. The second snowmobile became stuck in a ditch and was left behind by the thieves.

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 break-in and entering on Saturday, March 1.

A Northville man said unknown intruders entered his home on March 2, 1985, and stole his 1978 Chevrolet pickup truck while it was parked outside Fred's Custom Boat Company on Huron 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 in the front seat of investigating officers.

The radar detector was valued at \$2,100. 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 truck parked at Murray's U-Haul at 31275 Haggerty Road.

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

Seventy-five pallets were stolen from a storage yard outside the Cabot Chemical Company in the Trans-X Industrial Park on Napier Road.

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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 he was entering the apartment complex.

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

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## Schools' letter sparks criticism

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board resorted to the district-wide mailing to reinforce its opposition to TIFA — a position he said has been communicated to city officials and the community for more than two years.

While the city is aware of the school board's position, Karchevich said he did not think last week's mailing was appropriate and voiced concerns about its contents.

"It does not fully explain what TIFA is and what it can do for the community," Karchevich said. "I think it's unfair they sent it to residents."

Emphasizing the city was unaware of the school district's letter before the Dallas Market Center requested the cancellation of tonight's hearing, Karchevich said modified plans for the expo-fashion center will be presented to the public this evening.

In a letter dated March 6, Dallas Market Center convention center project managers Mike Broome and Thomas Murray requested Novi City Council cancel the scheduled hearing due to the uncertainty surrounding the establishment of TIFA.

The project managers stated that a law was passed by the Farmington Hills school board February 11 to prevent the City of Farmington Hills from creating a TIFA to fund \$10 million in road improvements to Twelve Mile was the reason the company is reconsidering proceeding with the Midwest Express and Fashion Centers.

Though Farmington Hills school board officials said their action "has a very fundamental impact on the financing, economic viability, and patterns of traffic flow of the (Novi) project," according to Broome and Murray.

Farmington Hills is the latest school district in the state filling suit to prevent the creation of a TIFA.

Municipal uses of TIFA have come under attack by school districts protesting the diversion of tax assessment increases for public improvements.

Attorney General Frank Kelley's recent interpretation of the state statute also has fueled the fires between school districts and municipalities.

In a January 16 statement, Kelley interpreted a clause of the TIFA Act as forbidding its enactment where property values are not declining.

"It's a provision that I think a Tax Increment Financing Authority in an area of the municipality containing a significant number of parcels of property experiencing a decline in value," Kelley stated.

While the Novi Board of Education has not discussed in public session the proposed legislation, the board also has discussed the use of TIFA on philosophical grounds. During discussions last year over a proposed TIFA for the Old Novi Elementary property, board members pointed out that the preamble of the TIFA Act specifically states the purpose of such financing is to "prevent urban deterioration."

While the letter mailed last week was intended to clarify the school district's long-standing position on TIFA, at least one resident found the issue more confusing.

Addressing the board at its meeting Thursday night, Harvest Drive resident Brian Fannon asked the board if it discussed the TIFA issue in closed session.

Piwko noted that while the board met in closed session to discuss the TIFA issue with its legal counsel, they have not as yet taken any action — except for the written letter, which was never discussed at a public meeting in closed session.

"I personally do not feel this issue should have been discussed in closed session," Fannon responded. "This matter affects all the citizens of Novi."

"They are not aware of what's going on," he added.

improvements — specifically more road, sewer and water networks.

In its letter to district residents, school officials noted that the diversion of tax dollars for public improvements would deprive the school district of approximately \$12 million over the next 10 years.

"As the evaluation increases, we would stand to lose that portion (above and beyond the current assessment)," the superintendent explained.

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"It's quite simple," trustee Raymond Byers pointed out. "We have tried our level best not to get drawn into the fray of TIFA and draw a wedge into the city."

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## Obituaries

### ANNABELLE B. LARSEN

Funeral services for Novi resident Annabelle B. Larsen, 70, will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday, March 13) at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.

Mrs. Larsen died at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9 at Beldord General Hospital, Novi, where she was the wife of Carl J. Larsen, who preceded her in death.

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on to serve as basketball and baseball coach at Clarenceville High School for four years. Most recently, he was football and baseball coach at St. Mary College in Orchard Lake. In addition, he served as a coach for teams in the Novi Youth Baseball League.

He was a graduate from both Eastern Michigan University and Controlled School.

He is survived by both parents and two brothers, Paul Robert and Eric William, both of Novi.

A visitation will be held today (Wednesday) from 6-9 p.m. in the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at The Faith Community Church, where he was a member, tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The remains will be cremated at Evergreen Cemetery.

### ORVILLE E. VAN SICKLE

A funeral service for Orville E. Van Sickle of Walled Lake was held March 7 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Pastor Eugene Hunt of the Crossway Baptist Church in Romulus officiated.

Mr. Van Sickle died March 4 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The son of Orville and Marie Van Sickle, he was born in Detroit on August 10, 1926, and was 65 at the time of his death.

A retired farmer, he had lived in the area most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and eight children: Robert of Dearborn Heights, Sharon Jones of Walled Lake, Timothy of Walled Lake, Orville of Walled Lake, Avis of Commerce Township and Terry, Betty Mae and Candy and all of Walled Lake. One brother and five grandchildren also survive.

Internment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

### THOMAS V. SHILLITO

A funeral service for Thomas V. Shillito, a longtime Novi resident and school district, was held at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, which will be held tomorrow (Thursday, March 13) at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.

Board president Bob Schramm voiced similar concerns and noted that the school district has been among the biggest draws to the community.

"One resident said to me that we moved to Novi because of the school system . . . not because of the mall or strip shopping centers," he noted.

Trustee Richard Henderdon was quick to point out that the board's opposition to TIFA should not be interpreted as an aversion to community development.

The son of Thomas and Jane (Joyce) Shillito, he was born in Detroit on February 25, 1955, and was 31 at the time of his death.

Mr. Shillito worked three years as a recreation director for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. He went



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## Universal appeal

Kerry Nelson of Livonia and Bill Knighton of Novi picked up a pair of enviable autographs and photos Sunday when they collared Miss Universe 1985, Deborah Carthy-Deu at the Novi Hilton. A native of Puerto Rico, Carthy-Deu said that while her time here was she'd had

time to sample some Detroit-area eateries and enjoy her cozy accommodations. Carthy-Deu was representing KIS Photo, one of the sponsors of the '85 pageant. Carthy-Deu's stay at the Hilton ended Monday — she's headed south to Atlanta and Memphis. Sorry, guys.

## Planning board changes name

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ed before on the necessity of studies . . . is expected to vary greatly . . . will change its line-item budget approval rights when it is deemed necessary.

Ironically, Mayor Patricia Karchevich was the most reluctant of council constituents on the issue of changing the board's name. She said she has voted to the council's unanimous approval of the ordinance creating the commission.

"I still have concerns," the mayor said, "but I know this is a step in getting the desired attention and credibility the board is seeking."

The commission will consist of five members who will continue to be responsible for site plan reviews, advising council on planning issues and drafting the city's Master Plan guide to development.

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## New films to fight drugs and abuse

The four films are:

□ "Drugs of Abuse." An overview of America's drug problem, explaining the five classes of abused drugs, the symptoms and the paraphernalia associated with each.

□ "Marijuana in the Classroom." It will be easier to determine if a youngster has been smoking marijuana after watching this film, which is a look at the marijuana problem among today's youth.

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## Hazardous waste sites a state need

The lack of places to store hazardous waste in Michigan is nearing crisis proportions while public opposition has mounted to a scenario that could mandate industries from locating here in the near future.

That was the conclusion presented by members of a Southeast Michigan Council of Government study group at a press conference last Wednesday.

"We believe the crisis level is reached shortly. There are tens of thousands of tons generated each year, including cleanup from contaminated sites," said the group's chair, Dick Burstein of Detroit.

At the forefront of concern is the only remaining operating Michigan landfill, the Wayne Disposal site near Belleville Road and Interstate 94. The site has only a few years left before it is expected to become filled.

Officials are worried that unless Michigan acts soon, shipments currently made to disposal sites in neighboring states will no longer be an alternative when those states begin shutting their doors to Michigan's waste.

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"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 contributing to that."

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 to vote on it, do 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 to examine every possible way of making this a better city."

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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 dollars 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.

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read that "If this proposal is to be stopped short of legal action (which one of our neighboring school districts has already taken against the city) it will have to occur at the March 15 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 schools' letter against the city would likely be reduced to a waste of money since the issue of TIFAs can 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 maintained the expression of 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 seek to present 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 MetroVision system serving Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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. — Today in Studio  
3:30 p.m. — Oakland County Parks & Recreation  
6 p.m. — Lifestyle  
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Noon — Summit University Forum  
1 p.m. — Novi Community News  
2 p.m. — Insights  
2:30 p.m. — Community Uptight  
3 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge  
3:30 p.m. — News 12 Today  
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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 globe economy."

"We're headed in the right direction, but we must do the faster and better. We must 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 that is capable of 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 is to meeting the demands of business. We will be responsible 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."

The challenge issued by Ross to meet the demands of the future came after he had congratulated the business leaders of Novi and Michigan for having overcome the recession of 1982 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."

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"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.

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## As We See It

### Council's inaction restricts planning

The Novi City Council's recent decision to reject five 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

... to make certain the master plan and zoning map were in basic harmony with each other.

And one of the first areas to be attacked ... one of the areas deemed most critical ... was the Grand River corridor west of Novi Road.

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.

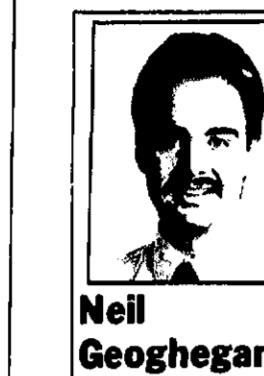
The problem was illustrated vividly last year when a developer submitted plans to construct a shopping center near the Ten Mile/Meadowbrook Road intersection. The property was zoned for commercial development, which permits shopping centers, but the master plan called for the property to be developed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

### 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 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 cold 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

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 would 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 connect north and eventually connect with I-75 somewhere near Holly. But when local residents 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, someone 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 study (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



Right of way

### Joe Coffey, R.I.P., gets no respect



Phil  
Jerome

It serves me right for missing a week, but I couldn't believe it when I saw 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."

He walked into a store to buy some cigars and saw some legs sticking out from behind the counter. In the split-second it took him to figure out he had walked into a robbery in progress, the crook pulled out his gun and shot him dead. That Joe Coffey."

I heard her groan. But any thoughts that she might be sharing my anguish were erased by her next comment.

"Oh, no. That means we're going to have Joe Coffey stories spread out over the next four weeks. I don't understand why you

like that show. It's just a big soap opera. Why don't you watch a real cop show like Miami Vice?"

"Miami Vice? A real cop show? You've got to be kidding. Bad acting. No plot. And how many police do you know who drive Corvettes, keep pet alligators on their yachts and buy their clothes directly from Italian fashion salons?"

"But it's got great music and great cinematography," she countered. "I've learned not to trust Columbians. And Don Johnson is really cute."

"Besides, you watch one show and you're done. Beginning, middle and ending. None of this 'Continued next week' stuff like you get on that dumb Hill Street. You know the good guys and the bad guys right from the start."

It's hard to argue with somebody who dislikes Hill Street and thinks Miami Vice is a good show. So I dropped the subject ... let her go on thinking Don Johnson is cute, a lot of cops wear designer clothes and Hill Street is nothing but a soap opera.

Besides, I was worried about poor Lucy. Who's going to be her next partner? What's going to happen to her little boy? Will Belker's new marriage work out? Is Furillo really going to run for mayor? Has J.D. licked his alcohol problem?

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## 'Wait your turn, Robert Redford'



Anita  
Crone

They say being a reporter is a glamor job. 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 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 set the record straight. I have never met the president. I let alone spent a day with him. I have, on the other hand, met Mayor Paul Vernon of Northville and Supervisor Susan Heintz of Northville Township.

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 town 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 moving

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 while 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 all choked up when I hear a press, I realize that Robert Redford will have to wait. I hear a police siren.

## Businesses seek insurance reforms

By ANITA CRONE  
staff writer

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

Among some business owners, that fact of life is making the cost of doing business extremely unprofitable.

"Last year, we have declined to write more than 100 policies for business insurance," said Robert Mazzoni, president of Staman Frasier Insurance Co. in Novi. "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," said Fred 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 are totally without Michigan, leaving some Michigan-based companies partially 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 increasing, especially for the amount of coverage required.

"That combination has forced some companies to develop a sort of lottery mentality," said Maynes. "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 still could not be covered.

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Chambers of commerce have taken up some of the slack, explains Laurie Marrs, Northville Chamber of Commerce executive director. Marrs said that as many as 100 companies could participate in a chamber-sponsored insurance program where they could frequent a smaller-scale "downtown Novi." If such a place were available to them?

I know there are many Novi residents who are clientele of Twelve Oaks Mall, but also frequently shop in downtown Northville, Plymouth and Farmington. Residents do not always prefer to shop at large, crowded shopping malls since

simply to appease Novi residents?

In addition to collecting and analyzing data did Zuchelli-Hunter or any members of the Novi city council ever consider the fact that Novi residents whether or not they would frequent a smaller-scale "downtown Novi" if such a place were available to them?

Perhaps the other members of the Novi city council got their original dreams all to easily. Where there's a will, there's a way.

Laura J. Lorenzo

## 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 get 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 when a conflict emerges between the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance concerning residential or commercial use, the residential (i.e. currently developed property) consideration must be given to the adverse impact on economics."

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

1. Evidence shall be needed to reflect the adverse impact on property values if residential could be on 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, whenever 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.

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## A will and a way

To the Editor:

I think that it has not been made very clear that Trammell Crow's Town Center proposal is a residential, regionally-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 developer, companies should not ignore the fact that Novi's "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 in the future is totally false, as sooner or later other reputable developers would come for the area.

Although the projects planned in the other quiet areas of the city, such as the 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 "bubble burst" by the Zuchelli-Hunter study, then I think that a real downtown Novi would not be economically feasible, and why have they continued to promote such a so-called fantasy? Has this been a charade.

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# Sports

## 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

## 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 500-yard freestyle race, competing against swimmers who are as much as three years his senior.

Cohen's exploits for Novi High School this season have been 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 them.

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.

He 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 of 4:05.54 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.

Cohen also won first in the 500 freestyle at the Brighton Invitational.

"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."

Teahan said age-group swim clubs for youngsters — like the Novi Bulldogs, Novi Aquatic Club and the Clarenceville Swim Club — are very important for youngsters if they want to come into a high school program and make a big splash.

"It's kids want to come to a high school program and have as much success as a Cohen, they definitely need to swim in a club," Teahan said. "A lot of the current swimmers come from one of these clubs and they seem to be able to jump right into the varsity line-up and contribute."

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 hasn't been unusual to see Cohen shatter school records on a regular basis — and this super-frosh isn't an overnight sensation.

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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 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 race 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.

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So in Saturday, Cohen decided to take control of the race from the start and 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.

After the next 100 yards, a third swimmer, Steve Pancratz of 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.

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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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"When I hit the turn I thought to myself, 'I've got 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.

"It was really too close for comfort, but Jon did edge him by about a half-second," Teahan said.

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## Wildcats of the Week

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

The super-frosh capped off a truly impressive 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 to win with a school record time of 4:38.97.

Earlier, Cohen placed fourth in the 200 IM with another school record time of 1:57.93.

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## Business Briefs



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 (\$2.82 million), Chris Knight (\$2.480 million) and Patsy Rollins (\$2.168 million). Standing (left to right) are Robbie Andreasen (\$1.68 million), Billie Massaro (\$1.678 million), Yvonne Teevenes (\$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 Longshore and Warehouse Union. He has served on Delta's board and is a former president of UAW Local 735.

Delta, a non-profit service corporation, administers pre-paid dental benefit programs for over 1.8 million Michigan residents, including the employees of the State of Michigan and the UAW-bargaining employees of General Motors and Chrysler. Its headquarters is in Okemos with a branch office in Southfield.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE has appointed Jim Polkowski director of purchasing.

Polkowski comes to the college with six years' experience in purchasing. He previously was director of 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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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 started anything quite like this. There are a lot of group practices, but they all usually serve one particular practice."

The switch-over from the independent practice to the new family practice required a few changes for Pappas. "The public is invited to attend the grand opening of our new center this Friday, March 16, from 1 to 5:30 p.m. There will be free refreshments and a drawing for a color television set. The drawing for a color television set. The

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"We hope these things will help the people get to know us," Pappas said. "In addition, we will be making ourselves available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays."

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## NYA welcomes new caseworker at open house

By JEANNE CLARKE  
special writer

Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) will sponsor an open house to welcome new caseworker Karen Bartholomew at the Parks and Recreation Building on Monday, March 17, from 4-6 p.m. Karen Bartholomew replaces Bill Knapp as NYA caseworker.

All Novi residents are invited to attend the open house to meet St. Patrick's Day.

The General Citizens Committee Meeting will follow the open house, starting at 7 p.m. The Teen Center Committee composed of Dennis Lampron, Al Rasmussen, Terri Tarver and Debbie Shaw will present a report on plans for summer activities. The Camp Committee composed of Kathy Barlow and Carol Kolodowski also is working on program plans.

The Parent Education Committee is completing its STEP program and is now taking reservations for the STEP-Teen Program under the direction of Novi Public Health Nurse Kay Babich. The STEP-Teen Program is designed for parents of teenagers. Children are welcome to attend for nine consecutive Tuesdays at Novi Middle School South from 7-9 p.m. Registration fees are \$15 for one parent and \$25 for two parents. Call 349-3398 for more information or to register.

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with a child from a one-parent home. Call 349-3398 for more information about the PLIS program or any other NYA program.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** Members of the Church of the Holy Family are building a float for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit on Sunday, March 16. Terry Jolly is again heading up activities. The float theme is "Reunion."

Anyone wishing to carry the flag of their native country or wear their native dress should come inside the float and have it added to the church office. Participants will return to Holy Family after the parade for a corned beef and cabbage dinner.

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calling 349-8837. The Clothes Closet is located in a mobile unit at Novi Woods and is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment at 349-8837.

The committee currently is looking for participants for a crib, playpen, car seat, highchair and other infant needs. Anybody in the community who can donate blankets, sheets, towels, glasses or dishes is asked to call 349-8837.

**FAITH COMMUNITY:** Harry Cook will speak on the topic, "Jerry Falwell and Religious Right." The Lenten lecture series at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church continues on Sunday, March 16. Terry Jolly is again heading up activities. The church office is "Reunion."

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**PERSONALS:** Kathy Crawford, special recreation director for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, is convalescing at home following an operation for an injured suffered from falls on the ice. She extends her thanks to everyone who sent her cards, flowers and well-wishes.

Ba Diem accompanied by her mother Viola Holman has returned from a month in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she visited her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Phil Little, and their son, Nicky Anne. She also visited her son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Jan Dene, and their son Dennis while in Alaska.

Janice Waite has returned from 10 days in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she reports record-breaking heat. The Gillette Pack 54 have been busy lately. Their latest Pack 54 Lenten lecture series at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church continues on Sunday, March 16. Terry Jolly is again heading up activities. The church office is "Reunion."

The dates of the next Marriage Encounter session at St. John Seminary in Plymouth are March 21-23. Call the church at 349-5666 for more information.

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## Western students set marathon

### Community Notes

The students from Walled Lake Western High School will stage their annual 24-hour volleyball marathon this Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at the Western gymnasium.

The marathon will begin this Friday at 4 p.m. and end Saturday at 4 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Pontiac. Pledges 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 15.

For more information or to register call Coordinator Duane Sank 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 12, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be led by Joan Bittner.

## Middle School lists top honor students

A total of 18 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 "B" or better. To qualify for the regular honor roll, a student must have attained all grades of B-minus or more. 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 Campfield, Helen Cotman, Christine D'Agostino, Courtney D'Agostino, Kristin D'Agostino, Keely Harris, Nichole Kuensel, Jennifer Marquardt, Kevin Mitzel, Oahn Parrett, Christina Piccirilli, Kristen Sallee, Rebecca Selle, Joanne Chris, Cheryl Stewart and Michelle Timreck.

Named to the regular honor roll were Jack Abele, Erika Altmann, Andrew Anderson, Shannon Barnes, David Borchardt, Heather Brink, Brian Bruckman, Jennifer Buck, Kristen Buck, Julia Burk, Debora Butler, Brian Campbell, Rebecca Chappel, Mark Chirgwin, Andy Christlieb, Laura Clark, Kathryn Closser and Kimberly Cosentino.

Jennifer Crawford, Kimberly DeWitt, Laurie Dill, Julie Duke, Diane Evans, Diane Evans, Diane Evans, Diane Evans, Angela Ferrara, Elizabeth Fisher, Jennifer Formwald, Eric Haenke, Jennifer Harrison, Matt Hoffman, Tara Humphrey, Sean Johnson, Jason Johnston, Jill Jozwiak, Hollie Kendra, Laura Kieban, Janine Knight, Christine LaHie and Desree LeBlanc.

**Todd Marsha** — Bernadette Macias, Jennifer May, Carol McDaniel, Steven Megei, Rebecca Messer, Christa Micale, Danielle Mickelson, Marc Moote, Brian Murphy, Stephen Myers, Nicole Nelson, Stacey Norrthrup, Davina Novoselac, Joana Pasucci, Melissa Petrech, Wendy Pienman, Timothy Robb, William Robinson and Christopher Rush.

## Novi Jaycees cite local businessmen

The Novi Jaycees have honored a total of 28 local businessmen for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

The annual Merchant's Appreciation Dinner was held at the Country Club restaurant on Grand River.

Jaycee President Charley Staub said the businesses were honored for their willingness to provide assistance to the Jaycees in carrying out the organization's numerous community service projects.

Receiving certificates of appreciation were Gay Toys, A&P, Guardian Industries, MetroVision of Oakland County, Gallagher Fire Equipment, ERA Rymal-Sykes, Russell Button, Shaw and Slavsky, Mohawk Liquor, B&V Construction, Novi Parks and Recreation, Standard Federal Savings, Mc-

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