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Work continues on master plan for Grand River

The Novi Planning Commission has launched a study of the area that Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers calls "the last remaining unresolved zoning question" in the city — the West Grand River Corridor.

Although efforts to resolve the fate of the corridor have been unsuccessful in the past, city officials are hopeful that this time will be different. They are pinning their hopes on the revised I-1 light industrial zoning district.

"The new I-1 ordinance provides a measure of good protection to residents," Rogers told the planning commission as he opened discussion of the master plan changes to the West Grand River Corridor at the Jan. 21 meeting.

Any change in the area's current zoning would effect many local businesses currently operating under the B-3 commercial zoning. Since the majority of the land fronting Grand River consists of deep lots which abut residential in the rear, Tier One and Tier Two uses in the new I-1 ordinance would apply if the land is rezoned to the light industrial classification.

Tier One in the new ordinance virtually limits the types of uses automatically allowed on lots abutting residential to offices. Tier Two allows for additional uses, but a special land use permit must be granted, including a public hearing, when the site abuts residential.

Commissioner Judy Johnson proposed office zoning for the north side of Grand River facing the expressway. "If the Beck interchange is improved, it would enhance the likelihood of getting office there," she said.

Commissioner Charles Kureth noted that the environmental committee's ground water study's initial findings indicated areas where ground water is particularly vulnerable to outside influence.

"One of the biggest areas of concern in the area is along Grand River at Novi Road, almost centered in the Town Center area," he said. "These areas are highly vulnerable to threats from outside and the last thing you want to see in there is light industrial. I would tend to support office in any of these areas."

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Young doctors

Everybody knows that Novi schools are constantly attempting to upgrade the quality of education, but isn't Surgery 101 for kindergarten students taking things a bit far? Actually, students in Pam Starr's kindergarten class at Orchard Hills were merely listening to a program by Wade Adams, an administrator at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Adams brought all kinds of "doctor's things" for the students to wear and play with, including caps, gowns, gloves, tongue depressors and stethoscopes.

Victim surprises burglar in home

A resident of the Pavilion Court Apartments came face-to-face with a man burglarizing his home when he arrived home on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 p.m.

The man told police he became suspicious when he arrived home and found the front door closed but unlocked. His suspicions were heightened when he entered the residence and found several lights on which he knew he had turned off upon leaving the house earlier in the day.

The intruder picked the wallet up from the floor, then ran down the stairwell and out the front door.

Investigating officers were unable to find any signs of forced entry, leading to the theory that the intruder may have had a key. The culprit had searched closets and furniture in the living room, master bedroom and an office area, but did not ransack the apartment, police reported further.

The man made off with an estimated \$840 worth of personal property, including a Minolta 35mm camera and a Beretta automatic pistol as well as a wristwatch and a child's bowling ball.

The resident described the intruder as a white male, approximately 20 years old and standing roughly 6-feet tall. No further description was provided.

Police followed the suspect's tracks in the snow from the front of the apartment to the parking area west of the building where the man appeared to have entered a vehicle at any time during the incident.

The intruder then ordered him to turn around and said he wanted his

Planners veto rezoning issue

Plans to develop a lake-front family restaurant on the west side of East Lake Drive and a shopping center on the east side of East Lake Drive, south of Fourteen Mile, suffered a setback Jan. 21 when the Novi Planning Commission voted to recommend denial or a rezoning request.

Specifically, the commission voted to recommend denial of a rezoning request that would have changed the zoning on the property from R-4 (single family residential) to B-3 and B-2 (community business and general business).

The lots in question are within Groll's Edgewater Subdivision, and are currently vacant. East Lake Drive is under study for a proposed closure which would install a cul-de-sac at the end of the street fronting the empty lots.

Paul Mastrangelo, the attorney for the petitioner, Romain-Andris, told the commission that the parcels under consideration were too shallow for use as conventional single family lots, as currently zoned. "If you leave the land R-4 you are encouraging house building," Mastrangelo said.

He explained that plans for the commercial shopping center would take into account the adjacent residential area and provide a sufficient green belt area to buffer the residential.

The open lot proposed for the commercial shopping center is directly across from the current site of the Frigate Inn. "The business use would be complementary to the tavern use and would provide a natural buffer to the residential," he asserted.

Commissioner Gary Phillips told the board he did not see the need for further expanding the B-3 commercial zoning currently available in the area.

Commissioner Charles Kureth agreed: "No real need has been shown for commercial on this site. Why not leave it residential? Why rezone it?"

commercial at this point," he said.

"This is an entrance point to our city," Commissioner Joseph Toth pointed out. "It offers a good view of the lake, and I'm not so sure we want to build a restaurant on the shore of Walled Lake. The orientation of the design is a convenience center for Walled Lake, with no real need for access for anyone south in the Novi section of the city. The current B-3 zoning is sufficient for a smaller scale restaurant or convenience center," Toth said.

"It should be ultimately designated part of our park system," Commission Chairman Ernie Aruffo said.

The commission voted unanimously to recommend denial of the rezoning request. The recommendation will be forwarded to the city council which makes the final determination on rezoning requests.



If the scene in the picture above looks familiar, you've probably been staying out too late. Cleaning the floors at the Novi Standard station the Novi Road/Grand River intersection in the wee hours of the morning is Night Manager Jim Waters. It's one of several pictures taken by

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Homeowners' group sets goals

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

Efforts to organize Novi's various homeowners associations took another step forward last week when representatives of the associations voted to accept the name "Novi Homeowners Council" (NHC) as its official title.

The action came at a Jan. 20 meeting. Nineteen people attended the meeting to discuss the purpose of the organization and tentatively established the following goals:

To foster, protect and promote the orderly growth, improvement and development of Novi in accordance with the wishes of NHC and those planning concepts most beneficial to its homeowners.

To strengthen communications and cooperation among homeowner associations by disseminating information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to member associations.

To act as an advisory group and to strengthen communications with pertinent officials and groups regarding any position taken by the membership of the NHC. This includes but is not limited to issues concerning zoning, roads, drains, millages and any other issues impacting the NHC.

Utley: 'Some of the developers are like us, very down to earth, and some come in and run rough shod over the city.'

There were several new members at this, the group's second meeting, and many said they were there for the purpose of finding out what the group was all about and to discuss issues of common interest to homeowners in the city.

A show of hands determined that eight of the participants had lived in Novi for up to five years, eight from five to 10 years, and three for more than 10 years.

The group heard reports from members on planning commission and city council meetings, and a rotating list of volunteers was established to cover future meetings.

Jim Utley of the Novi Ridge Estates Homeowners Association told the group the Saturday sessions

between city officials, developers and interested residents were particularly valuable. "I think it was the most important meeting of all. It brought together all the builders and was very educational. We do have similar problems, the builders and us. I strongly suggest that one, two or three of us attend in the future. It is very worthwhile. Some of the developers are like us, very down to earth, and some come in and run rough shod over the city," Utley said.

Neal Greenfield, acting chairperson for the group and a Meadowbrook Lake resident, discussed the effect of the newly adopted amendment to the I-1 light industrial zoning ordinance.

"It is a giant step forward in council consideration of homeowners' problems. It was not a victory, for only time will tell, but a giant step forward," Greenfield said.

Peter Winter, president of the North Hills Homeowners Association, told the group to use the spirit of cooperation in dealings with the city. "If we get involved... if they have commissions, we should get on them, we could gain influence into other problems," Winter said. "We need to work with them and gain their respect."

Rico Digrolamo echoed Winter's advice. "They (city council members) welcome help. Every once in a while they can be pains in the neck, but so can we. We're all human," he said.

The NHC established a committee of three to begin roughing out the organization's by-laws for the next meeting. The members decided to limit membership in the new organization to any representative of a homeowner's organization or any direct property taxpayer. This would include any condominium owner or mobile home resident, but excludes residents of apartments.

The Novi Homeowners' Council will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Novi Public Library. The group plans to meet the third Tuesday of each month.

Novi Briefs

ATTENTION NOVI MEADOWS RESIDENTS: A Neighborhood Watch Group and Mobile Patrol are being formed in the mobile home park due to increased vandalism.

Sue Hoelger reported that periodic monthly informational programs are being held. "We need the support of our entire complex to insure that this problem does not get out of control," said Hoelger.

Novi Meadows residents are asked to contact the park office at 349-6966 for more information.

BRAES OF NOVI, the planned residential development project at Eleven Mile east of Beck Road, will be considered by the Novi Planning Commission at a public hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The project was originally slated for tonight's session.

The residential development is petitioning for a cluster housing option on a heavily wooded site which also contains two ponds. The hearing has been postponed twice.

SCHOOL BOARD study session to discuss the report from a citizens' task force on facilities will be held at 7:30 tonight, Jan. 28, in the Administrative Services Building. The public is welcome to attend.

A \$100 FILING FEE has been waived for the Northville Historical Society by the Novi City Council. The historical society petitioned for the fee to be waived to the city's zoning board of appeals because of the organization's non-profit status.

The Historical Society was required by Novi's sign ordinance to complete necessary forms for a sign permit and to submit a \$100 filing fee. The society then applied for a variance to the board of appeals at which time that body recommended waiving the fee.

The council passed the resolution unanimously.

SIMMONS ORCHARD No. 4 received final preliminary plat approval at the city council's Jan. 12 meeting. The residential project is the fourth in a series of plats developed at the site north of Ten Mile between Taft and Beck roads.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS in the Novi Community Schools will receive a \$7 per day increase following the board of education's approval Thursday of the pay hike.

Substitutes will receive \$50 per day (\$60 after 10 days). Novi formerly paid its substitutes \$43 per day, the lowest of the eight communities it compares with except for Northville which pays \$43 per day. The highest substitute pay among the surrounding school districts is in Farmington, where substitutes make \$51.22 per day (\$73.30 per day after 10 days).

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL played host to the Oakland County Michigan Association of Media in Education (MAME 17) last Wednesday, Jan. 21. The group of 75-100 librarians participated in the program which included a tour of the NHS media center, a catered dinner and entertainment.

This year's theme was "Building the Bridge to the World: Journey to China." Dinner was provided by King Lim's of Southfield and Rochester and the Peking Opera from Ann Arbor provided the entertainment. Centerpieces for the tables were made by Ann Price's first grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School. Memorabilia from the Far East, brought back from travels by MAME members, is on display in the media center.

SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST: The date of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's annual snow sculpture contest has been rescheduled from Jan. 24 to Feb. 7.

Community residents, families, service groups, school classes and homeowners associations are invited to be a part of Winter Fantasy V, which will be held at Lakeshore Park on Saturday, Feb. 7, beginning at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be available, and awards will be presented for the top sculptures. There is no charge for entrants or spectators.

To register yourself or your team for the contest call Novi Parks and Rec offices at 349-1976.

Super Sewer project revived?

Super Sewer lives... maybe.

The North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley sewer, a multi-million dollar, 16-community regional sewer project designed originally to help reduce pollution in the Rouge River, has once again been revived.

Although the so-called "Super Sewer" project has been bypassed for funding for Fiscal Year 1986, Wayne County has called for a meeting at 9 a.m. today (Wednesday) to discuss with the remaining 12 communities the options for some sort of regional project, as well as the prospects for grant funding in Fiscal Year 1987.

The project was down-sized late in 1986 after Canton Township announced it would not participate in the project.

Northville and Plymouth townships have since joined Canton to study the feasibility of sending additional sewage to the Pleasant Community Utility Authority (CYUA) system. However, neither Northville nor Plymouth has officially withdrawn from Super Sewer.

Board examines disease policies

Upon the recommendation of state school officials, the Novi Board of Education last Thursday reviewed a proposed policy on communicable diseases.

The policy, if approved by the board at its next meeting Feb. 5, would establish procedures for dealing with both common communicable diseases and less common diseases such as Hepatitis B, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), pre-AIDS, etc.

School board president Joan Daley said the district is responding to a recommendation by the Michigan Association of School Boards and other organizations which have urged school districts to establish a policy on communicable diseases.

The district's current health and medication policy primarily relates to control and exclusion, if necessary, of minor communicable diseases.

The proposed policy, written in cooperation with the Oakland County Health Department, applies to ages pre-kindergarten through adult.

In accordance with the proposed policy, each case will be determined on an individual basis. Upon notification to the school district, the superintendent will convene a review panel within five days after the case is reported.

The review panel will consist of the physician treating the affected individual, representative(s) of the Oakland County Health Division, school representative(s), a representative for the affected individual (parent, guardian, etc.), and others determined necessary by the review panel.

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The school board will hold a formal hearing on the case with the decision of the board being final.

NHS considered for program

Novi High School has been nominated for consideration as one of the nation's outstanding secondary schools

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Novi High School is among 20 Michigan secondary schools nominated by the state Board of Education to participate in a nationwide school recognition program.

The high school, which was named one of seven exemplary high schools in the state last year by the Michigan Department of Education, is among 10 high schools and 10 junior high/middle schools nominated for the program.

School Superintendent Robert Piwko said Novi was selected for the program following a review by a

panel of educators from throughout the state.

He noted that the panel reviewed high schools honored last year in the state program to see if they qualified for exemplary status this year. Those which qualified were selected for the 1986-87 U.S. Department of Education secondary school recognition program.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Education honored the nation's top elementary schools in a recognition program. Orchard Hills Elementary

was among the 270 schools cited in that program.

The 20 schools will be honored by the state Board of Education in a ceremony April 30 in Lansing. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the nation's top secondary schools June 1.

Other high schools named were Brighton High School, L'Anse Creuse High School in Mount Clemens, Lamphire High School in Madison Heights, West Bloomfield High School, Allen Park High School, Garber High School in Essexville,

Iron Mountain High School, Alma High School and Lawton High School.

Junior high and middle schools selected include Seranton Middle School in Brighton, Drew Middle School in Detroit, West Maple Middle School in Birmingham, West Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, Larson Middle School in Troy, Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Petoskey Middle School, Onsted Middle School, Montabella Middle School in Edmore and Grand Haven Junior High School.

Anyone filling out their tax forms, said Bullard. "Because tax laws change so often, many people find it difficult to complete their own forms."

"This publication provides citizens with information in understandable language on the many Michigan tax laws," he added.

The free booklet is available at municipal offices. Anyone interested in obtaining a tax guide stop by Novi City Hall or write Bullard at the State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan 48969.

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Obituaries

EDWARD BARNES

Edward Barnes, who managed the Southville Krogers store for many years, died Jan. 23 in Brandon, Fla.

From Sept. 24, 1986, in Toronto, Canada, he was 70 at the time of his death. He was making his home in Ellenton, Fla., where he moved 17 years ago after making his home in West Bloomfield. He had worked for the Krogers Company, managing several grocery stores, for 42 years before his retirement.

Mr. Barnes was a member of the Walled Lake Masonic Lodge and the Ellenton United Methodist Church where he was involved in the Men's Choir and Men's Club. He had worked as a volunteer at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Florida since 1968.

He was preceded in death by his wife. Survivors include a son, William E. of West Bloomfield, and a daughter, Judy Unick, also of West Bloomfield. Two brothers, a sister and seven grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26 at the Brown-Edwards-Tole Funeral Home in Ellenton with the Rev. Alfred Tracey of the Ellenton United Methodist Church officiating.

DARLENE KANIEWSKI

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Ellenton United Methodist Church's Memorial Fund.

A funeral service for Darlene Joyce Kaniewski of Livonia was held Jan. 21 at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church with Rev. Malcolm Maloney officiating.

Mrs. Kaniewski died Jan. 17 at Providence Hospital. The daughter of Homer and Dorothy Albin, she was born in Detroit on Aug. 5, 1934, and was 52 at the time of her death.

She had been employed as a head cashier at Great Scott and was a member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and the Drifters Yachting Club.

Mrs. Kaniewski is survived by her husband, Carl, who she married Oct. 9, 1954. Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Montroy of Novi, and four children: Carl Kaniewski of Springfield, Mo.; David Kaniewski of Livonia; Darrell Kaniewski of South Carolina and Donna Davey of Lakewood, Colo. A sister, Sharon Ware of Detroit, and seven grandchildren also survive.

Interment was at St. Hedwig's Dearborn Heights through the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

Housing permits up 22 percent

Some 22.5 percent more single-family housing permits were issued in southeastern Michigan in 1986 than in 1985.

And this trend should continue throughout 1987, according to Dennis P. Dickstein, newly installed president of the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan.

"There were approximately 12,000 permits issued for single-family housing in 1986, and we should see an improvement on that number this year," said Dickstein recently. "The calendar year 1987 will be marked by continual growth and stability."

He also believes interest rates will continue downward, although differences will be slight.

Lower mortgage interest rates seem to be a major factor in the resurgence of the two- and three-bedroom houses, although the demographics of the country also plays a big role.

"The demand for the two- and

three-bedroom home has always been there, but with the lower interest rates, the availability also exists now," Dickstein said.

"In past years, the four-bedroom homes have been popular, but the two- and three-bedroom home is now increasing in popularity.

"The five-bedroom house is almost never called for anymore. In fact, a lot of the four-, five- and six-bedroom homes in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area are being remodeled into two- and three-bedroom homes."

Senior citizens make up a large part of the market on these smaller houses, said former association president Fred Greenspan.

"Sixty-seven percent of the senior citizens prefer the smaller, single-family, detached homes. With low interest rates on mortgages, these homes are now more available to the seniors," Greenspan said.

The biggest problems facing

builders will be lack of skilled labor and lack of available lots.

Part of the problem with the lack of skilled labor began with the recent recession. When sales of new houses declined, many skilled tradesmen retired.

Others moved to areas of the country that weren't hit quite as hard by the recession as southeastern Michigan.

"The big problem with lot shortage isn't due to lack of available land but rather lack of developed land," he said.

"The shortage of lots is mainly because there were no lots being developed in the recession period," Dickstein said. "Most of the lots that are up and new lots haven't been developed fast enough to keep up with the builders' demand."

The average price of a 2,000-square-foot house in southeastern Michigan is close to \$100,000. The national average was more than \$84,000 in 1985.

Much of this higher average price was attributed to the use of better materials such as solar pane and triple-pane glass, more efficient insulation, roofing materials and heating systems.

Combining microcomputers and electrical wiring, as displayed in the "Smart House" at the Fall Builders Show at Cobo Hall, will be the most exciting trend, Dickstein said.

"Wiring in new homes will be radically changed over the next few years. There will be one main wire throughout the house, and all the plugs will be interchangeable."

"This system will be faster and much more efficient. It will be three to four years until manufacturers can modify all their equipment. The system is available now."

"The equipment modifications are the only things holding us back," he said.

New road sought for office park area

Action to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for a proposed road and storm drain for the Brookside Office Park has been continued by the Novi City Council.

The office park is to be located between Ten Mile and Grand River, west of Haggerty Road.

The proposed road will run between the Brookside Office Park and the Pleasant Run Shopping Center. A driveway will lead from the center

to the proposed road. City Manager Edward Kriewald said the new road will benefit the community at large by establishing a link between Ten Mile and Grand River. In addition, Kriewald said, the road could relieve some of the traffic currently using Haggerty Road to

travel from Ten Mile to Grand River. The shopping center and the developers of Brookside Office Park will pay 100 percent of the assessment fees.

The council passed unanimously a resolution to continue the formulation of the SAD.

Nearby

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL "DAY OF MUSIC"

will be presented at Walled Lake Western High School on Saturday, Jan. 31, beginning at noon and running to approximately 10 p.m. Admission is free, and people may come and leave as they please.

Appearing during the "Day of Music" will be the Novi High School Jazz Band and the Novi Singers along with musical groups from Walled Lake Western and Central High schools. Also appearing will be the Trinity Gospel Singers, Larry Ballard and his Musical Saw, the Oakland Community College Jazz Band and the 70th Division Army's Concert and Stage Band.

TWELVE OAKS MALL WILL PRESENT

the seventh annual Festival of Community Bands in Center Court on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Community bands from throughout the area will provide a continuous concert from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Radio personality Carl Grapentine will serve as master of ceremonies for the festival which is offered free of charge.

THE CHEMILLE SISTERS

— Grace, Connie and Cheryl — will perform at The Raven in Salem on Friday, Feb. 6, with shows at 7 and 9 p.m.

The three sisters, who recently performed on Prairie Home Companion, are a treat to hear and see," said Tom Rice, owner of The Raven. "While their light harmonies blend into almost a singular voice, their repertoire defies the limits of any one type of music." A typical show will include the music of the Boswell Sisters, Smokey Robinson, Bruce Springsteen and Emmy Lou Harris as well as hilarious take-offs and skits. "Tickets are priced at \$6 apiece and can be ordered by calling The Raven at 349-6295.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S "H.M.S. PINAFORE"

will be presented by the Michigan Lyric Opera at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. The comic opera will debut Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. Additional performances are scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13, 14 and 15. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

All seats are priced at \$10 and can be reserved by calling 349-8110 or 531-2065 (evenings). Tickets can be charged to Visa or Mastercard.

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND

The Novi Hilton will host its second annual Murder Mystery Weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 12-15. Designed for "amateur sleuths" and "part-time detectives," the event will involve three days of excitement and intrigue with participants attempting to solve a murder which they will observe.

The theme of the weekend centers on a modeling agency contest for an international advertising campaign. Exciting prizes will be awarded to the sleuth who solves the crime, and various prizes will be given in other categories. For more information or to make reservations call the Hilton at 349-4000.

THE THIRD ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation will be held Feb. 14 at the Waterman Campus Center at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia. A gourmet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the menu including salmon bisque, marinated artichoke hearts, prime rib of Jus Lie with mushroom hearts, heart-shaped Lorette potatoes and a Valentine dessert. A cash bar will be available.

An after-dinner floor show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be followed by dancing until midnight. Donations to the Schoolcraft College Foundation are \$30 per person. For tickets and reservations call 591-6400, extension 218.

THE BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD COIN CLUB

will hold its annual show at the Masonic Temple in Bloomfield Hills on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Masonic Temple is located at 357 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Twenty-nine tables of gold and silver coins from the United States and Canada have been assembled for coin and paper money collectors. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

TRAVEL SERIES: The Commerce Township Area Historical Society

will present a color motion picture entitled "Yellowstone to Sun Valley: A Tale of Two Rivers," at Walled Lake Central High School on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. The program is part of the society's Travel and Adventure Series and will be narrated in person by Woody Thomas.

Tickets for the program are available at the door. Call 669-1596 for more information.

Developer seeks fair treatment

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"We own some property on Haggerty right at the city limits, near Grand River and Ten Mile. It's a retail development, properly zoned."

By retail development, do you mean a shopping center?

"We don't want to be too restricting, but we see it more geared to retailers like furniture stores and home improvement types of retailers. We have been working on an industrial piece of property near Grand River and Taft that we're hoping to do, although that has some problems. There are some wetlands on the site, and there is some proposed zoning legislation that may have an impact on it."

"We have a small piece of property we're hoping to get some rezoning on, and we have a couple of parcels that we are negotiating on right now for industrial use. We're negotiating on a couple of other parcels as well. We've got a number of transactions that have not been signed."

"Timber Ridge is going to end up being a \$25 million development. Signed up on the drawing boards we're looking at \$10-15 million invested and the proposed could be another \$30-50 million in Novi."

"That's another important issue that everyone has to understand. We are trying to make decisions today that will impact all of us two, three, four years down the line. So when you ask about the dollar amounts of these projects you're talking about projects that will take us through the 1980s into the 1990s. We're trying to read the future. And we're on a daily basis looking at other properties in the city, some for immediate development, some for long-term development."

What drew you to Novi in the first place?

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How would you like people to think of you and your firm?

"We learned real quickly that doing quality development is both profitable and it allows you to continue to go forward. That, doing bad quality development costs you money and hurts you the next time around. I like to think that we enjoy a good reputation in the community. That cities that we've worked in, that lenders and bankers and customers and tenants that we do business with, like us, and that it helps us grow."

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"The flip side of it is that I don't always know if I can take the responsibility of organizing homeowners. I don't know that that should be my responsibility. As far as what our

members were ready to act after only receiving the finished amendment that morning. "How much time have you devoted to reading what it's doing to this property here?" she asked.

In a later interview Foote said, "Given a choice between industrial or a business district, general business is a better option. You don't have the traffic problems." She explained that although the existing businesses may be grandfathered in, any future expansion or change in type would fall under the new ordinance. "They're economically lying our hands," she said.

The commission decided to continue study of West Grand River Corridor and hold a public hearing on previously decided Master Plan amendments on March 4.

Grand River master plan discussed

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The Choralaires currently are beginning preparations for their annual spring concert which will be held at Novi High School's Puust Auditorium on Saturday, May 9.

The choral group also will entertain at the Michigan Jaycees' Winter Convention at the Novi Hilton on Feb. 14 and at the Novi Jaycees' Distinguished Service Awards Breakfast at the Sheraton Oaks on March 7.

Applications out for Jaycee award

The Novi Jaycees are still accepting applications for the 15th annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA). The most prestigious award in the city, the DSA is given annually by the Jaycees to the individual whose dedication to service and humanity during the previous calendar year will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community.

Citizens can be nominated by groups or individuals. Nominating forms are available at the Novi Public Library, Novi City Hall and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Nominating forms also can be obtained by calling the Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI.

Nominees must live or work in Novi and have done their volunteer work in Novi. The forms should include information on why the individual is deserving of DSA recognition.

The 1986 DSA winner will be announced at the annual Community Recognition Breakfast which will be held at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel on Saturday, March 7. Tickets for the breakfast are priced at \$7 per person, and the menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, juice, toast, coffee or tea. Reservations for the breakfast must be made prior to March 2 by calling 348-NOVI.

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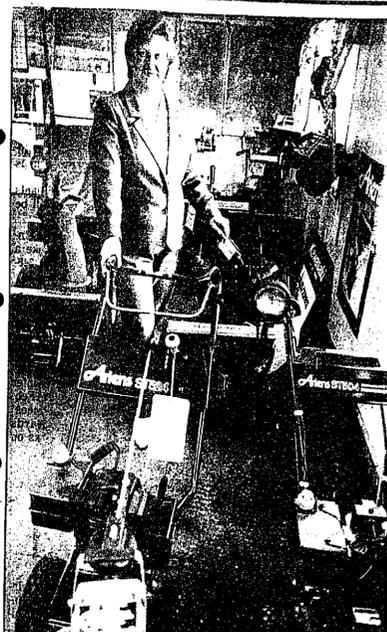
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Lisa Foote, sales manager at Foote Gravelly Tractor on Grand River, hopes to increase membership and expand community involvement during her term as president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Foote seeks more active role

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

What people think of when they hear the words "Novi Chamber of Commerce" is very important to Lisa Foote, the chamber's new president.

Foote, sales manager of Foote Gravelly Tractor Inc., said one of her goals is to get the chamber more actively involved in the community. "I'd like to see us get involved with the Memorial Day parade and perhaps in some sort of Sesqui-centennial event. We'd like to get involved in something for the community to enjoy," Foote said.

She said the chamber is in the planning stages now for an annual festival that will bring recognition to the community. "It's important for us to give something back while encouraging commerce."

Foote has been a member of the chamber for six years and served on the board for the past two, before being elected president last month.

"One of the goals for this year," Foote said, "is to enlarge our commitment from the business community to get more people involved. We're working very hard to find further benefits for our members."

Foote would like to see the chamber implement a variety of benefits such as insurance and dental plans, as well as taking an active role in pursuing discount card structures for area businesses.

"The chamber is a means of networking, and it gives us a political voice in the community. It keeps us abreast of changes. We monitor the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Anything that affects businesses we stay on top of," Foote said.

The relationship of the chamber with city government is another important element, according to Foote. "We want to work with the city and have a positive relationship with the council. We are not insensitive to the needs of residents, many of the Chamber's members are residents who have their businesses in another community," Foote explained.

"Without the people in the community we wouldn't have businesses," she said.

Foote sees several major issues facing Novi in the next year. "With the changing ordinance revisions, the facade restructuring, the I-1, it affects a very large majority of the property owners that belong to the chamber. The sewer capacity problem will affect our potential future

membership. You can't have quality development without bigger capacity."

She believes the chamber has an obligation to be active in local politics. "It's a requirement. When we show no interest, then we won't have representation or communication," Foote said.

With the addition of one full-time chamber staff member, Foote hopes the group will become more involved in the concerns of the community and with other city's chambers.

She supports programs like the chamber's Business Connection, which is an informational night hosted by a local business. "The sponsor invites the rest of the business community to come in and display their merchandise so that everyone can get to know each other and learn more about how each business can help each other."

Foote hopes the chamber's special events committee will be able to finalize plans for a Community Awards Banquet proposed for this March. "It would be a chance to pat the backs of those who give so much to the community," Foote said.

Foote is involved in the proposed rezoning of the west Grand River area on both a personal and a professional level. Foote-Gravelly Tractor

is located on Grand River between Taft and Beck roads, the current focal point of master planning changes.

She expressed alarm that although the planning commission had already debated the effects of the recently passed I-1 light industrial amendment on the Grand River West corridor, she had not received a copy of the completed text.

The areas under consideration will fall within the strict tier one uses, as most of the land in the corridor abuts either existing or proposed residential.

"I have a concern that it seems commercial and industrial businesses are sharing the brunt of any problem in an informed, reasonable way has the best effect."

Foote said she is a proponent of the meetings between developers, residents, business owners and city officials. She said that approaching any problem in an informed, reasonable way has the best effect.

"We need to identify the problems, agree on concessions that each side can live with, and work together. We can't look at either the developer or the city as the bad guy," Foote said.

New tuition plan hotline is offered

LANSING — A temporary telephone hotline has been established for Michigan parents interested in information about the state's new college-guaranteed tuition plan.

Operators will answer questions about the Michigan Education Trust program at 517-373-9435.

"We have been swamped with requests for information about the guaranteed tuition plan, and we had to dedicate personnel to answer all the questions," said State Treasurer Robert Bowman.

Names may have to be drawn randomly if the demand exceeds the program's capacity during the program's introductory years, however. Written inquiries about the guaranteed tuition plan can be sent to: Michigan Education Trust, Michigan Department of Treasury, P.O. Box 15128, Lansing, Mich. 48901.

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New study examines Japanese school system

"Useful" is the word used by Dr. R. Stephen Nicholson, chancellor of Oakland Community College, to describe an unusual study on Japanese education released recently by the U.S. Department of Education.

Nicholson, who lived and worked in Japan from 1950 to 1961 and who speaks Japanese, said, "To the extent we can use the study to help us decide what we want to accomplish within our own educational system, whether our system is to be an equalizer of race, income distribution, equal opportunity or what, the report is useful."

"The failure of the report is our lack of understanding about cultural differences. The purpose of education is to transmit culture. In that sense, our system is heterogeneous. Japan's system is homogeneous."

"Education is a tool that assumes different dimensions in each culture. Educational systems are designed to fit cultures."

"To compare the American and Japanese systems could be very dangerous."

The study grew out of conversations in November 1983 between President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone. They agreed each country would benefit from the study of the other's school system.

The U.S. report, "Japanese Education Today," was conducted by international specialists within the Department of Education and was released January 3.

The document concluded Japanese education provides all students with a high quality, well-balanced basic education. Ninety percent graduate from high school, the equivalency of at least one year longer in school than in the U.S. system.

The report cited two important assumptions in the Japanese system — all children have the ability to learn and habits, like diligence and attention to detail, can be taught.

The report also said problems include rigidity, excessive uniformity and lack of choice. Individual needs and differences receive little attention in school and there are signs of student alienation.

Nicholson said today's educational system in Japan stems from the mid-1800s when the Japanese realized their future lay in competing with the west. The system was modified slightly following World War II but only in certain curriculum content.

The system, Nicholson added, is centralized, tightly organized, highly focused and highly productive. "There are structural differences, patterned after English and German systems."

Nicholson said Japanese children are enrolled in pre-schools at the earliest possible age and attend public school 240 days a year, compared to 180 days in the U.S. All curriculum and teacher training is entirely established by the Department of Education in Tokyo.

Teachers in Japan continue to be viewed as "surrogate parents." They assign enormous amounts of homework and, Nicholson said, Japanese students work harder, sometimes up to eight hours a day, to complete it.

Japanese parents, Nicholson added, are so involved that it is not unusual for a family to spend one-third of its annual income on tutors, after-school classes and specialized instruction to help students pass required qualifying exams to advance from one level of school to the next.

"The linkage between home, school and parent is infinitely different and gives an inherently different message to the child," he said.

The responsibility for failure during any part of this educational process falls entirely on the student and his family, Nicholson said. "Failure carries great shame."

But once the student graduates from high school and is admitted to college, the responsibility for failure falls on the university system. Hence, Nicholson said, every effort is made to guarantee success.

Nicholson believes this is why the Japanese university system falls short of worldwide standards. If it is assumed only the brightest reach college, he said, then it is reasonable to assume they will graduate. To ensure graduation, Japanese college standards suffer.

The U.S. university system, he said, ranks as a worldwide system. While Americans may look enviously at the controlled and productive Japanese system, Nicholson said Japanese express equal envy of the decentralized U.S. system that is noted for individualism and creativity.

The Japanese report on the U.S. educational system, a report undertaken by Japanese researchers and released separately from the American report, praised the U.S. system for its drive for a new excellence and push for reform.

But it did not recommend Japanese educators adopt any of America's educational features.

An English summary of the 70-page Japanese language report (yet to be translated in full into English) submitted by the Japanese panel said, "It is our hope that what has been made clear by the research and investigation... may be valuable as a reform tool in furthering consideration of the many problems in our country."

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The Council will be accepting applications from Novi citizens who are interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy. Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk and must be submitted to the Clerk by 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, January 30th. The Council will interview applicants during the second two weeks of February.
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Information concerning the matter is available at the Dept. of Community Development and any written comments may be sent to that department at 44225 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 4, 1987.
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As We See It

Revised ordinance may not be answer

The "Meadowbrook Lake issue," which waged hot and heavy for several months, has reached a resolution. Unfortunately, it's a resolution with an uncertain future.

The "Meadowbrook Lake issue" had implications which went far beyond the proposal to develop an industrial subdivision immediately adjacent to the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision on the north side of Nine Mile. The broader application is that there are numerous locations throughout Novi in which residentially-zoned land abuts property zoned for industrial development.

In attempting to resolve the Meadowbrook Lake issue, the Novi City Council was keenly aware that a viable solution might be applicable in similar circumstances in other portions of the city. In other words, the council attempted to develop some sort of zoning tool to promote compatibility between industrial and residential zoning districts.

The result was the development of a revision to the light-industrial zoning classification. In essence, the new light-industrial ordinance creates three "tiers" of industrial uses with each tier permitting increasingly offensive uses. The first tier, for example, is limited primarily to office-type uses. Tier One uses are permitted anywhere within the light-industrial classification, and, more importantly, are the only uses permitted along the portion of industrially-zoned property which directly abuts residential development.

The third tier of uses in the new light-industrial district is potentially the most undesirable and must be located farthest away from abutting residential developments.

The revised light-industrial ordinance is the product of many hours of work put in by a committee comprised of city officials, planning consultants, the developers of the light-industrial subdivision adjacent to Meadowbrook Lake and representatives

tatives of the Meadowbrook Lake Homeowners Association.

On the one hand, it is important to recognize the contributions of the private property owners who served on the committee — both the Meadowbrook Lake residents and the developers of the proposed industrial subdivision next door. As a result of the give-and-take during committee meetings, both parties made significant compromises and gained a fuller understanding of the concerns of the other.

Meadowbrook Lake residents gained an amended light-industrial zoning ordinance which should soften the impact of the industrial subdivision that will be developed adjacent to their homes. The developers gained the right to proceed with construction plans when there was a possibility the property could have been rezoned to a designation that did not permit industrial subs.

We are not certain what the city has gained, however. Hopefully, the city has gained a new industrial zoning ordinance which will help to make industrial and residential development compatible neighbors. On the other hand, that might be an optimistic assessment.

There's an old line about a camel being a horse designed by a committee. While we applaud the efforts made by the citizens and the developers, we still have questions as to whether the new light-industrial ordinance is the panacea city officials are hoping it will be.

William Bowman, the individual who represented the developers of the industrial subdivision on the committee, has expressed concerns about the validity of the new zoning district. He questions whether it is feasible.

As one Meadowbrook Lake resident noted, "only time will tell" if the amended light-industrial ordinance will be the solution to permitting industrial development adjacent to residential areas.

Problem still exists

Although funding for Fiscal Year/1986 has gone away, the problems that led to the creation of the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley sewage treatment system, also known as "grandson of Super Sewer," still remain.

So, too, does yet another version of the regional sewer.

Gone from the project are Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships, and a potential 91 cubic feet per second additional peak capacity. Those communities have formed a utility authority and are studying the potential of sending their additional capacity to the Ypsilanti sewage system. Gone, too, is Wixom, facing a federally-mandated deadline for adding tertiary treatment to its sewage system.

Also missing from the latest version is a two-month limit for signing consent agreements for the project, as well as, until the 100th Congress acts, the federal funding provided by the vetoed Clean Water Act.

Still to be resolved is what version of the revised plan, which is due to be discussed today, will take. Will the newest regional sewer system involve all or part of the 12 remaining communities? Will a revised plan have a revised impact on the Rouge River and the Detroit Sewage Treatment Plant? Will the remaining com-

munities work together to achieve a resolution to the problem, or will politics once again rear its ugly head to knock down the plan before it even gets off the drawing board?

Too much time has been spent on former Super Sewer projects placing blame on individual communities. Too much time and too many taxpayer dollars already have been expended trying to resolve the problem of providing additional sewage capacity for very different communities.

There are some towns, like Westland, that already have reached their growth capacity; there are others, like Livonia, which are growing in moderation; and, there are still others, like Novi, which need a plan for sewage disposal to facilitate booming residential and commercial development.

Given the different needs of the remaining communities in the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley project, it is imperative to find a cost-effective solution that benefits the towns and the region equally.

We can only hope that Wayne County, the organizer of the project, will learn from the previous response to the project and take steps to ensure this time that the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley system moves from the blueprints into the ground.

Ruling is a call for action



Michele M. Fecht

The U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling that states may require employers to provide unpaid pregnancy leave is welcome news for the working mother-to-be. However, the high court's decision should be considered only the first step in this country's attempt to deal with the issue of childcare.

While the decision may prompt lawmakers to pass legislation requiring unpaid maternity leaves, I'm not going to hold my breath. Michigan, like the majority of states in this nation, does not have a maternity leave law. Past attempts at introducing maternity/paternity leave legislation have been futile.

One would think a legislature that has spent at least 10 years debating the issue of Medicaid funding for abortion could devote at least a fraction of that time to the issue of childcare. It should be noted that past attempts to deal with this issue haven't even made it out of committee.

The problem with the childcare question is that most legislators perceive it as being another woman's issue. Nothing could be further from the truth. With the majority of mothers working outside the home, more and more fathers are taking on childcare responsibilities.

When Ronald Reagan took occupancy of the White House in 1980, there was considerable talk of preserving the family unit. However, since that time little has been done to assure that institution survives. Women in the work place are forced to contend with archaic laws which could banish them from their place of employment at the first sign of pregnancy. Couples are forced to shuttle children between babysitters and daycare and hope that "quality" time is sufficient compensation

for the many hours missed with their offspring.

Aside from the boom in childcare centers (as evidenced by the growing number of facilities in the Novi/Northville area), little else has been done to assist parents. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision may make it easier for women of childbearing years to keep their jobs and paychecks during and after pregnancy. However, the ruling also could give employers cause to hire older women and men (a fear that has divided many women's rights advocates).

The United States falls far behind the rest of the industrialized nations in its handling of maternity leave and childcare. In countries such as Sweden and Finland, women receive anywhere from six months to a year of maternity leave with benefits. In this country, pregnancy is regarded as a disability. Most employers think six weeks of unpaid leave is sufficient for maternity leave. However, is it sufficient time for the newborn and mother? The experts say it is not.

Among my married women friends, there isn't one who hasn't expressed some concern about the childcare dilemma. One of my former college roommates, who is pregnant with her third child, will be leaving her job in April — with no plans of going back. Having juggled motherhood and career for three years, she's resigned herself to the fact that care providers — for three children under the age of three — are few and far between. It isn't the first time she's sacrificed. She declined a promotion a year ago because the traveling would have kept her away from home. They'll miss the income. She'll miss the job. The company will probably hire a man to take her place.

With the high court's ruling on maternity leave laws handed down so close to the start of the state legislature's new session, perhaps the issue will spark a renewed interest. Michigan long has been among the more progressive states in its handling of social issues. Let's hope they take the lead once again. Even a first step would be welcome.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



Happy Birthday

Hyper cat needs pill



Phil Jerome

"We've got problems with the kids," she said when I got home one night last week. She looked concerned.

"But we don't have any kids," I replied, puzzled. "You know what I mean," she said. "Not kids. I know we don't have kids. It's the cats. Bonnie, Clyde, Bowser, Aretha and Little Bob."

"Actually, it's Clyde who's causing the problem. Your buddy. I don't know what's got into him lately."

"We were all sitting on the couch, talking, tonight. Bonnie was on his chair. Little Bob was over in the corner, still getting used to everybody. Bowser was on the back of the couch and Aretha was sitting on my lap."

"It was nice. We were just sitting there, talking, when all of a sudden Clyde came zooming in from out of nowhere . . . and before I knew what was happening — pandemonium. I mean, there were cats everywhere."

"Maybe he was just being playful," I injected. "One little indiscretion does not a catastrophe make." The clever little quip about "cat-astrophe" eluded her and she kept right on talking.

"That's not all," she said. "The first thing he did when he got up this morning was light into Bonnie. Then he chased Bowser a little bit. Then he scared Little Bob back into the corner behind the clothes dryer. So I let him outside, and he started chasing Spare I and Mustache, Andy-and-Cheryl's cats."

"I yelled at him for that, and the next thing I know he's dive-bombing the birds at the feeder station."

"Your buddy is out of control," she added, emphatically. "He's becoming a juvenile delinquent, and I want you to sit down and have a talk with him."

"You do?" I asked after a pause. "You want me to sit down and have a talk with a cat about his behavior? You really think it will do any good? I mean, Clyde is not the most attentive cat in the world."

"Maybe we could just slip a little valium into his mixed grill."

Single defends multiple units



Anita Crone

I never knew before coming to work at The Novi News that my lifestyle was a threat to life, liberty and the suburban way.

You see, I live in an apartment. No, it isn't next door to Novi, but it is, nonetheless, a multiple dwelling. And judging from the response of those who live in single-family, detached dwellings, I am a second-class citizen who insidiously, along with my neighbors, is working to bring down property values in my community.

Try as I might, and I have been trying for almost a year now, I cannot understand the perceived threat of those of you who live in a house in a subdivision or in a house surrounded by acreage think that those of us who choose to live in apartments or in condominiums have for us.

I do not begrudge you the option of having your own driveway to plow, your own lawn to maintain or your right to close your door when you want to. Yet, judging by the attendance at planning commission meetings, you are pre-judging me. You think my lifestyle will have a negative effect on your property values. You tell me so every

time a planning commission is asked to approve a multiple development.

Personally, I think people who live in multiple housing developments should question the right of developers to put a subdivision in next door. I don't see any advantage to living next door to a subdivision. After all, subdivisions force the creation of new streets, neighborhood associations and probably new schools, not to mention dogs, cats, birds and goldfish.

A single-family subdivision leads to an increase in animal droppings left along the roadway. Since owners of individual homes are usually justifiably proud of their lawns, they are not entirely happy to have their animals mess up those lawns with droppings. So, more often than not, the dogs and cats are allowed, even encouraged, to take care of their business elsewhere.

In most apartment buildings, animals, especially the four-legged variety, are not welcome and in those units where they are allowed, the tenant often pays a premium for the privilege.

Apartment dwellers, and sometimes condominium owners, are often left out of the election process. We do not return home from a hard day at the office in November to find reams of paper stuck under our doors.

Nor are we ever allowed to forget that our taxes (which many people say we don't pay) are not paid directly. Instead, they are

included in our rent payments.

And, try to get a local newspaper in an apartment complex. Even papers which are given free to the rest of the community cost apartment dwellers, who must subscribe by mail and thereby get their news later than the rest of the world.

Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against the majority of the population happily living in single family homes. I just wish you would consider the plight of your multiple neighbors.

We take baths and showers weekly, whether we need to or not; we pay rent (just like you make mortgage payments), we try to maintain our individual units while watching out for the common areas. It's a tough life, but someone has to do it.

And now, with real estate costs skyrocketing, more and more people are looking at condominiums as an alternative to subdivision homes. A condominium can cost as much as a single family home, sometimes more. And it is definitely possible that a condominium community will provide more money in taxes than a subdivision.

If someone can tell me why those of us who live in apartments and condos cause fear among those of you who live in single-family homes, and prove your allegations, I'll start looking for my own single-family abode so I can try to stop the spread of apartments and condos.

Brett lists issues of concern

Letters

To the Editor:
 In your "analysis" printed in your January 21, 1987, issue of The Novi News, you used two headlines. On Page One it was, "Council Vacancy Spurs Political Jockeying." On Page 8A, continued from Page One, your headline is "Candidates Vie for Open Seat."

In your review of my history, printed on Page 8A, you make the statement that "other individuals are considered possible applicants for the vacancy." I wish to state that I am not interested in being appointed to Arlen Schroeder's seat on the Novi City Council.

You printed in your review of my history that, "he is a strong critic of the city on many issues, including planning and zoning matters." Congratulations! You are right on! I have no problem with that line. I am writing this letter to expand and delineate the "many issues."

Let me list them and today I wish only the best, since each issue will provide material for a Letter to the Editor in the future.

1. A double standard of taxation has been applied to Novi for over a decade. Individual homeowners who

live in subdivisions and condos are by far the greatest majority of property owners in the city. These homes are assessed and brought up to real market value each year. Anyone interested can check assessment records at city hall and see what the assessments are in the Town Center or any other developing area, compared to what the property is selling for or the asking price. How much tax revenue has been lost to the city and the school board from low assessments on commercial property?

2. Ordinance enforcement — again a double standard is applied. Any homeowner who wants to put up a store, shed to store a lawn mower, rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, etc. must first install a 30-inch rail wall and pave the floor. Commercial and industrial property can store toxic materials in fields and in yards as they please. Drive by Stricker Paint

sometime and look at their storage bins and behind their building on Novi Road.

3. \$800,000 of taxpayers money was used to build the access road off Novi to open up the commercial development in Section 15. It cleaned out just about every reserve fund in the city and caused our taxes to be raised and our services lowered.

4. There are major concerns to be addressed regarding the safety, health and general welfare of citizens regarding traffic, toxic materials and sewers.

5. Council has shown complete disregard to the homeowners' requests to protect their homes from industrial and commercial encroachment. The new ordinances of the past and in the mill are weak compromises that sell out the interest of the homeowners.

6. The matter of campaign dona-

tions will be a serious problem in the coming election. Will The Novi News pledge to report the list of campaign contributions before the election, rather than after the election? The Public Information Act was passed so that you could get this information.

7. And finally, for now, could you clarify the policy of publishing Letters to the Editor. The last one that I sent in was published about five weeks after delivery. You will be hearing more from me in the future.

Joe Brett
 EDITOR'S NOTE: The News' editorial policy states that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and libel. Mr. Brett's last letter contained several comments the editor believed were potentially libelous. After attempting unsuccessfully to substantiate those comments, they were deleted and the letter was published.

The News generally attempts to run Letters to the Editor the same week they are received but is not bound by policy to do so. Still, we regret the delays in publication of Mr. Brett's previous letter.

Law requires valid city master plan

"The master plan is not just a guide for the city, it's a requirement of the law."

Those were the words of Ernest Aruffo, chairman of the Novi Planning Commission, in explaining the importance of the master plan update currently being considered by the commission.

According to Aruffo, the state enabling act requires cities to have an approved master plan in effect before any zoning ordinances are enacted. "Without the master plan, any zoning is on shaky ground," Aruffo said.

G. Mennen Williams, former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, in an opinion in the Sabo vs. Monroe Township case, provided a treatise on planning and zoning. Four key points of which were printed in the fall 1986 edition of *Michigan Planner*.

The statutes regarding township zoning and planning re-

quire a township to have a master plan before a zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance is based on the master plan. A master plan is a long-term outlook for projected development in a municipality while zoning is one of the many tools to implement the master plan.

One reason for a presumption of reasonableness on a community zoning ordinance is that it is based on sound planning, and the ordinance itself may not be considered as evidence that zoning determinations are reasonable if no master plan is available.

A zoning ordinance adopted without a master plan required by statute is invalid. Within three years after Justice Williams' opinion, the legislature amended existing planning and zoning legislation to incorporate the above points, Aruffo noted.

Annual fruit sale to aid band fund

If the cold weather is getting you down and a quick trip to Florida is out of the question, the Novi High School Band has a suggestion to help you beat those winter-time blues and get your daily dose of Vitamin C all at the same time.

The band is in the midst of its annual citrus fruit sale, offering fresh oranges and grapefruit directly from Florida.

Available are half-cases or full cases of Temple oranges and Marsh Pink grapefruit. A half-case of oranges costs \$10, while full cases sell for \$16. Half-cases of grapefruit

are priced at \$9 with full cases selling for \$15.

Anyone wishing to purchase citrus fruit may place their orders by calling 348-8896 or 348-6483. Orders also may be placed by calling Instrumental Music Director Craig Strain at Novi High School at 344-8300.

Deadline for placing orders is Monday, Feb. 2. Fruit will be delivered by the case or half-case on Feb. 15.

All proceeds from the annual citrus fruit sale will go directly into students' individual accounts to help finance the band's 1988 trip.

Free trees given to Arbor members

The National Arbor Day Foundation will give 10 free trees to anyone who becomes a member of the organization during January 1987.

The free trees are part of the foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America.

Anyone who joins the foundation during January will receive a sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, white pine, red maple, birch, American redbud, silver maple, red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

The trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year — lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors and winter berries as well as nesting sites for song birds.

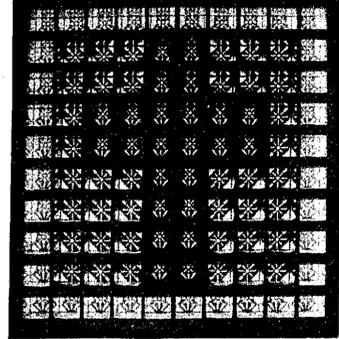
The six to 12-inch trees will be shipped postage paid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting this spring. The foundation makes its spring shipments between Feb. 1 and May 31, depending on the local climate and this year's weather.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a non-profit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting. The foundation will give the 10 free trees to members contributing \$10 during January.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Deadline is Jan. 31, 1987.

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Membership drive starts for museum

"Canton has football. Cooperstown has baseball. Novi will have motorsports."

That's the caption which appears on the top of the first of a series of advertisements that has been placed by the Novi Motorsports Museum Committee to promote a membership drive for the proposed Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America.

"The hard-driving headline says it all," commented Larry Ciancio, chairman of the committee.

"The objective of the ad is to raise much-needed funds and to communicate to the fans of America how important this project really is."

The advertisement also lists the names of the individuals serving on the organization's board of directors. "We wanted people to realize the calibre of individuals on our board of

directors who feel the same way," Ciancio explained. Ciancio reported that the ad accounted for part of its goal and raised thousands of dollars at the start of the campaign. "The donations came in from all parts of the United States, both individuals and corporations, but we've only scratched the surface," he said.

"If each of the estimated 70-million plus race fans sent in \$1, we would have a ground-breaking ceremony (for the museum) tomorrow," he added.

Ciancio reported that additional advertisements, as well as a direct mailing and several other fundraising activities, are planned. He said the most noteworthy event will be the first Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, which will be held at the Novi Hilton sometime in 1987.

Registrations for adult education classes are now being accepted by the Novi Community Education Department.

Carol Saunders, coordinator of the adult education program, said now is the time to plan your schedule to complete the requirements for a high school diploma or to update your skills.

The second semester of adult high school credit classes will begin Monday, Feb. 2.

In addition, classes in auto body, electronics, floral arranging, graphic arts, drafting, medical assistance and dental assistance are available through the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center.

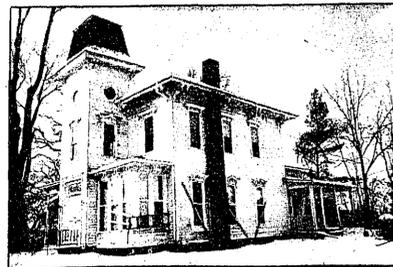
Saunders urged eligible individuals to take advantage of the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and get out of the house by enrolling for classes.

More information is available by calling Saunders at the Novi Community Education Department at 348-1200.

Township residents argue against rezoning bid

In what may be a case of a "misdirected wrath," according to Ernest Aruffo, chairman of the Novi Planning Commission, over 30 Northville Township residents signed a petition against a proposed rezoning of a 1.71 acre parcel of land in Novi.

The small piece of land in question is on the north side of Eight Mile between Meadowbrook and Novi Roads, adjacent to the Woodland Glens apartments. The property is the site of the Yerkes house, a landmark structure in Novi, which is on the local, state and national historical registers.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

The historic Yerkes House on Eight Mile will be renovated and converted into offices.

Patricia Hann, the option holder on the land, petitioned the city to rezone the property from its existing R-A (residential agricultural) classification to a RM-1 (low-density multiple-family residential) designation.

Hann would like to convert the historic house into offices and construct eight "luxury" condominiums on the land behind the house.

Northville Township residents who attended a public hearing for the proposed rezoning and who reside across Eight Mile from the land, expressed dismay at the multiple family designation.

Fred Croxton, speaking for the Rippling Lane Homeowners Association, told the commission that the signers of the petition against the rezoning had two major concerns.

"We're concerned with the increased traffic congestion. The Eight Mile-Haggerty Road intersection is already one of the busiest in the Detroit area. A multiple family development would complicate that," he said.

Croxton said the homeowners also were concerned about the effect a multiple development would have on property values. "I have never seen an increase in property values when

apartments or condos go into an area. Down Eight Mile, 754 apartments have been constructed recently. It's as if it's becoming another Southfield," he said.

Directly adjacent to the property are the Woodland Glens apartments. Another condominium development, Country Place is further to the east.

City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers noted that the area in question is master planned for multiple-

"I'm curious that we have this kind of turnout for eight units that might put eight or sixteen cars on the road. There are 792 multiple units in Northville. This is a worthwhile use of the land," Commissioner Judy Johnson told the Northville Township residents.

Commissioner Charles Kureth agreed. "The RM-1 zoning on the site will have minimal impact when you're talking eight or nine units."

Commissioner Edward Kramer told the audience he sympathized with their concerns but advised them to consider the scale of the project. "It's eight multiples next door to 250, and a high quality development in addition. If the project is built as shown, it will be an additional buffer to the residential. From Eight Mile you will be looking mainly at the historic site."

Aruffo noted that Northville Township and Novi do not share police protection and that, according to density statistics, an eight-unit condominium development could be projected to have a total of only 1.5 children entering the school district.

Williamson told the commission that he had been trying to market the Yerkes house for some time, but the extent of the needed renovation had turned most buyers away.

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The Northville Township residents in attendance at the meeting were visibly upset with the vote. Aruffo was forced to call for a break before the next agenda item, as the residents interrupted the proceedings with remarks during their departure.

Williamson said. "I think she will do an outstanding job. She will make a real jewel out of it."

Some commissioners expressed concern that the Yerkes structure would prove to be too expensive a renovation project, and that once the rezoning was approved, the structure would be destroyed. According to Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, renovation for use as an office is the only use allowed on the site because of the historical designation on the structure and the land it occupies.

"These condos will sell for between \$150,000 and \$200,000. It could be good for Novi and the surrounding area."

The Daniel Williamson Company currently owns the property. Williamson spoke in favor of the proposed rezoning at the meeting.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Information concerning the matter is available at the Dept. of Community Development and any written comments may be sent to that department at 45225 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 4, 1987.

Karen Tindale
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Lois Presley reaches for a chocolate tart at Edward's Catering Company. Photo by CHRIS BOYD

New catering company aims to service Northville market

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN

Ed Postiff, part-owner of a new food service business in Northville, wants everybody to know the official name of the store is "Edward's Catering and Carry-Out Cuisine."

The owners at Edward's, located at 116 East Dunlap, aren't picky, they just want it understood that they offer much more than just catering. Pre-portioned fresh foods are the specialty, along with pastries, wedding cakes, appetizers, salads and even flowers to add that special mood. Compared to your normal catering service, Edward's is much more.

"At first we started out as just a caterer, but people would pop in and say, 'Can we eat lunch here?'" Postiff said. "Needless to say, we quickly added some tables for that."

Edward's opened in mid-December, just in time for the holiday rush, but things were so busy that there was never really any time for a grand opening. So now, nearly three months later, Edward's is planning an open house celebration this Sunday, Feb. 1, from 2-4 p.m.

The business is named after Postiff, who is just 24 years old, but is actually a four-way partnership. Ed's sister, Lois Presley, and her husband, Greg, are financially involved in the business along with close friend, Mickey Head, Ed, Lois and Mickey all work full-time at the catering company.

"Lois has a year-old daughter at home, but she works here three days a week at the counter. Mickey handles the pastry and wedding cakes," Postiff reported. "That leaves me free to do salads, entrees and hors d'oeuvres."

"Mickey is also good at the business end, which I'm not."

The partners first entered the building, which previously was a party store, in mid-November. Four weeks later, Edward's was open for business ... freshly painted and equipped mostly with used equipment.

"After a lot of hard work getting ready, we opened quietly in order to get our act together," Lois related. "We really wanted to get open for the holidays, and we've been so busy we haven't had time, until now, to have an official grand opening."

Lois and her husband reside in Northville and, when the decision was made to begin a catering project, the Northville area was one of the first choices.

"People in Northville were always saying to Lois that they couldn't find a decent place to buy French bread or good desserts, so we decided we had to come here," Postiff explained.

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Consumers Power cites survey

A survey of state-regulated prices authorized for the 50 largest electric utilities in the United States shows the combined rate for all classes of Consumers Power electric customers is seven percent below the national average.

The comparison survey was conducted by Illinois Power Company for rates in effect through 1985. The Illinois Power Study showed Consumers Power's average electric rate was 6.29 cents per kilowatt-hour for the 50 largest utilities. The Consumers Power rate ranked 24th out of 50.

William T. McCormick, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Consumers Power, said the study illustrates the competitiveness of Consumers Power's electric rates.

"In order for Michigan to continue to grow it is important that the state's business climate be competitive, and that includes availability of electricity at reasonable prices," he said.

Consumers Power's residential rates (6.73 cents per kilowatt-hour) were 13 percent below the residential average and 37th on the list of 50. Commercial customer rates (7.05 cents per kilowatt-hour) were seven percent below the commercial average and ranked 25th out of 50.

The utility's industrial rates (5.56 cents per kilowatt-hour) were six percent above the survey average of 5.27 cents per kilowatt-hour and ranked 21st out of 50.

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Business Briefs



RON ROZANSKI of Northville received a surprise holiday present of a trip for two to Las Vegas. Rozanski is shown in the picture above receiving his Las Vegas trip packet from Arbor vice president Don Sturud.

The trip was part of Arbor Drugs' recent coupon book promotion. Rozanski's name was one of four selected from more than 50,000 entries.

NORTHVILLE HOUSE OF STYLES new owner Margo Kramar and her stylists celebrated the change of ownership by inviting the community to a champagne and hors d'oeuvres celebration Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18.

As part of the celebration customers are invited to drop by the shop at 141 E. Cady in downtown Northville to receive a coupon offering 25 percent off on any salon service.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday with hours by telephone appointment (344-9771) Saturday and Sunday.

SMITH-RAE & ASSOCIATES has opened an income tax preparation office for business and individual accounts at 108 N. Center, Suite 205, in downtown Northville above Orin Jewelers.

Owner Sandra Smith-Rae brings 15 years' experience in tax preparation to the business. She is an enrolled agent and active member of the tax preparers organization. She is a resident of Northville.

EARL KEIM REALTY/CAROL MASON INC. has opened an office at 41766 Ten Mile in Novi as a result of increased real estate activity. The announcement was made by broker and owner Carol Mason.

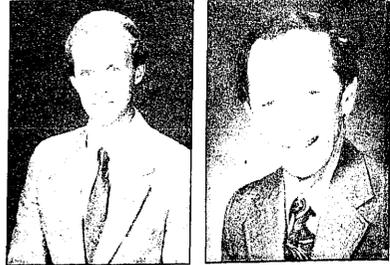
Mason has worked in real estate in Novi for the last 11 years and has lived in the community 27 years. She heads the staff of 10 agents. Mason attributed much of the recent surge in real estate activity to a large development in the downtown area by the Trammel Crow Company. The project in the Town Center Area will contain some 550,000 square feet of office and commercial space and provide many job opportunities. Novi's population is expected to grow from 28,000 to 90,000 by 1990, according to Mason.

"The ramifications of this development for the Novi community are tremendous," said Mason. "Novi already offers one of the best school systems in the state. With the increased tax base, the community will be able to offer more quality services to its residents."

"Housing activity has increased substantially, with our office alone selling some \$15 million in real estate in 1986 and an expectation of more than \$20 million in 1987," Mason continued.

"We at Earl Keim are pleased to be a part of Novi's growth by providing complete real estate services to the community."

With the opening of the Novi office, Earl Keim Realty has close to 100 offices throughout Michigan. The rapidly-expanding company had real estate sales of some \$820 million in 1985 and over \$1.1 billion in 1986.



CHARLES KIRBY

JOHN E. CLARK

CHARLES KIRBY, A.I.A., of Rochester Hills, has been promoted to Director of Architecture for DeMattia & Associates. DeMattia & Associates is the architectural subsidiary of the R.A. DeMattia Company, the leading design/build construction firm headquartered in Plymouth.

Kirby has overall responsibility for the supervision and direction of the architectural division. The R.A. DeMattia Company had construction revenues of \$40 million in 1986.

Kirby, who joined the firm in 1984, is a Registered Architect and a graduate of the University of Detroit.

JOHN E. CLARK has been promoted to Vice President/Engineering for Multi-Elmac of Novi, a division of The Stanley Works, Multi-Elmac designs and manufactures radio control devices.

Clark formerly was Engineering Manager, a position he had held since joining the company in 1981. He holds BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), DORCMA and the engineering societies of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi.



The staff at Edward's Catering in Northville includes Mickey Heald, Lois Presley and Ed Postif

Edward's to celebrate 'grand opening'

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"We're from Plymouth, and we know this is such a growing area, we wanted to start out new and grow with it."

"Another reason to pick Northville is that there is a great corporate area here with the Haggerty Road corridor and I-275 — that firm'd my decision."

After a stint at the University of

Michigan, Postif worked for the well-known Hough Bakery in Cleveland, which is where he acquired much of his expertise. His job included organizing the catering for parties.

"When I went to Cleveland, I was given a good chance to get started," he said. "I had to do a little of everything there."

When he returned to Michigan, Lois brought up the idea of starting a unique catering service of their own,

and from there it was just a matter of time.

"Ed is very talented and creative," Lois said. "He does everything from cooking to organizing parties and such. I really wanted this (business) for Ed."

"We live in Northville and love the great small-town atmosphere. But it's an area that's still developing — you have to have enough growth with busy people around, if you want to make it. If they aren't busy, they will

probably make their own food."

When eating at Edward's, you can do your own thing. There are entrees, but you don't have to order that way. And the lavish and exotic specialties include truffles and croissants.

"People will come in and say, 'I'll have a dollar and a half of everything here,'" Postif said. "In catering, we like to create an interesting dining event rather than a common hotel-type thing. I like things to be fast, but colorful and appealing."

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"The data exists current and forecasted data at the ZIP code level providing the entrepreneur with all he or she would ever want to know about current or prospective resident customers," she said.

"Retailers are in the business to provide what can sell — not sell what they can (or choose to) provide," she said.

Before starting MarkeTrends, DiPaolo was employed by Florist's Transworld Delivery Association as the in-house marketing information and research analyst.

"I worked exclusively with our member florists solving a variety of their marketing and management problems," she said. "After being involved in so many situations where retailers were improperly identifying their business problems and pursuing the wrong solutions, I decided to open MarkeTrends."

Since MarkeTrends began over a year ago, DiPaolo has had many interesting experiences working with both the current and prospective

small business owner/operator.

"I've had a number of clients who have blamed a bad location for a variety of problems, including long-term decreases in sales, increase in bad debts and in-store theft," she said.

"In many of these instances, the real problem stems from improper hiring and training procedures of both management and sales personnel who were dealing directly with the public. These employees can 'make or break' not only the sale, but the business if they have no guidelines to follow in how to treat the customer as well as one another."

"If you're a customer or a salesperson, it doesn't take much to 'size up' a business in determining whether it's run well or poorly," she said. "Discarded shopping carts all over the parking lot? Service counters with more than two or three people in them at a time? Customers with children allowed to run wild throughout the store? No salesperson on the floor if you need assistance?"

The above are just a few examples that signal a serious problem in the salesperson/customer relationship at the outlet, DiPaolo said. She said the problem may appear hopeless, especially when it has been allowed to continue for a long time and attracts customers that only add to the mess.

"Unfortunately, there exists a trend among particular groups of retail outlets where these types of problems typically exist," she said.

"The large discount operations are notorious for offering merchandise to customers at lower prices at the expense of being thrown into a zoo-like atmosphere every time you go shopping at one of these establishments."

"Don't be afraid to let top management (the owners) know how you feel," she said. "If you don't inform the right people of existing problems, you won't see them resolved."

Consulting firm seeks to help entrepreneurs

The dream of making it big in small business often remains just a dream for a significant number of entrepreneurs.

According to the most recent government statistics, for every two new businesses in any given year, one will fail within the first five years of operation.

"Especially disturbing is the fact that the common problems owners cite as causing small-business failure are merely symptoms of a much larger problem that the entrepreneur is not identifying."

That's the work from Mary DiPaolo, owner of MarkeTrends, a small business consulting firm in Farmington Hills.

The National Small Business Administration has published the number-one reason for small business failure as "lack of management experience and capability," DiPaolo said.

"This is especially true in the area of marketing management, where many of the necessary marketing tasks of a business are either improperly handled or ignored altogether," DiPaolo said.

"Many retailers forget the goal of their overall shop operation is to best satisfy the needs and wants of the customer... at a profit," she said.

"This would be identifying the demographic profile(s) of customer markets the business serves or would like to attract, analyzing their needs relative to the goods or services offered by firms such as your own, and then structuring the entire operation (across all product, pricing, promotional and distribution decisions) to best meet the needs of current and/or prospective customers."

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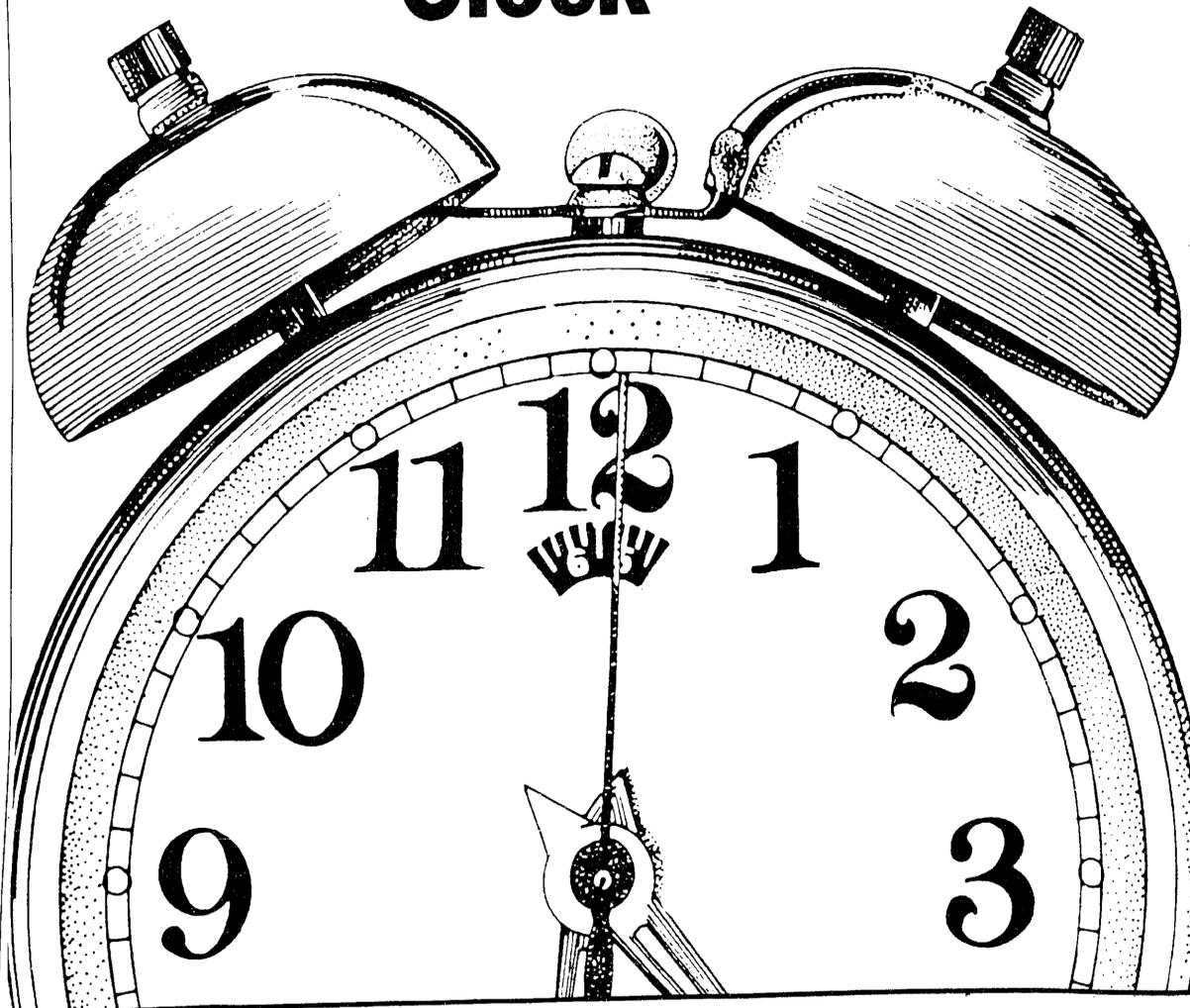
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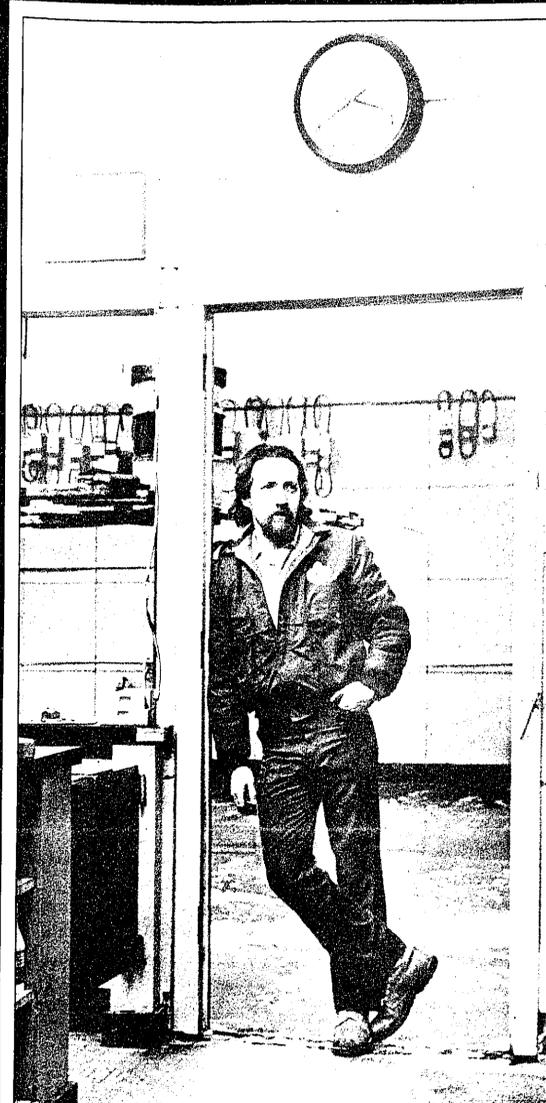
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OPEN ALL NIGHT

Story by Phil Jerome Photos by Chris Boyd



Jim Waters works the graveyard shift at Novi Standard

It's two-thirty in the morning when Paul Van Pelt and Ron Roy of the Novi P.D. pull into Denny's for something to eat.

"What're you doing here?" It's Van Pelt. "Workin'."

"Reporters don't work this late at night," says Van Pelt, smiling.

"They do if they're working on a story about places that stay open all night."

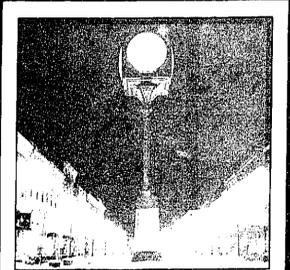
"There're not too many of those. Hey, the 7-11 down on Meadowbrook Road stays open all night. That's the hot spot. At least it used to be until the A&P started staying open, too."

"There's P.J.'s Donuts down on Pontiac Trail. The Total at Ten and Novi. And the Speedway at Beck and Pontiac Trail."

The Novi police officer takes a drink of coffee. "You got more than that," says the reporter.

"Novi Standard at Novi and Grand River. Twelve Oaks Mobil right across the street. kitty-corner. Both hotels, of course. They're open all night. Dunkin' Donuts at Ten and Haggerty. And both A&Ps. You got A&Ps open in Northville and Novi."

"Yeah, I guess there's more than I thought."



Downtown Northville is pretty but empty at 4:30 in the morning

The dispatcher at the Northville City P.D. answers the phone.

"In Northville? The city? Nothing," she says. "Your bars stay open till two, two-thirty. But after that... nothing. Things get pretty quiet. Not much happening after the race track clears out."

It's the same story at Northville Township P.D.

"Everybody's out on the road right now," says the dispatcher. "Can I help you?"

"You got any places in the township that're open all night?"

"The A&P over on Seven Mile. But that's about it," she says. "Nope, things are pretty slow. No place for the boys to stop in, sit down and drink their coffee."

There are more cars than you might expect outside the Northville A&P on Seven Mile at one o'clock in the morning.

Three or four customers pushing carts up and down the aisles. None of them have what you'd call a lot of groceries. A young lady, sort of pretty, is at the check-out counter. Buying aspirin.

Ray Stitt, the assistant manager, is helping stock shelves at the back of the store.

"You got people working here all night anyway," he says. "You got to have the lights on (or cleaning and stocking. You've got to provide heat to protect the merchandise, so there's no reason not to stay open."

"Do people really come in all night long to buy groceries?"

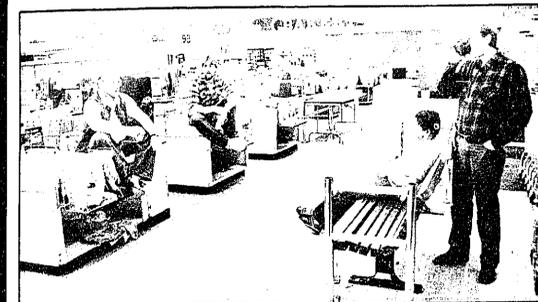
"Up until about 12:30 they do," he says, straightening boxes of cereal. "Not so much from one to five. Mainly your all-night business is express-orders. You know, eight items or less."

"But all night long there's a pretty steady stream of people. Seems like maybe you'd expect an hour or so between customers when it's really late, but that's not how it is. You got somebody coming in maybe every 15 minutes. They get baby formula. Cough medicine. Maybe bread and milk. Right after the bars close, we got a lot of people coming in for snack-kind of things. Frozen pizzas, that kind of stuff."

"Of course, the cops stop by for coffee. We've got a pretty regular clientele."

"I just needed a few things so I came in here." It's Ruth Hook of the Swan Harbour Apartments, pushing her cart through the produce section. Still the Northville A&P.

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While most people are sound asleep in the middle of the night, there are small pockets of activity. Places where you can get gasoline, have coffee and a donut, or do your grocery shopping. In the lobby of the Sheraton Oaks (lower left), Night Manager Mark Elkers bids goodnight to Julie Head, night auditor. At the A&P store in Northville (above left), Mark Hemming, Ron Beltman, Elliot Rosado and Assistant Manager Ray Stitt (left to right) break for coffee while keeping an eye on the check-out lanes. Over at Dunkin' Donuts on Ten Mile at Haggerty Road, Davonna Lividini of Northville fills up the coffee cup of Northville's Bill Wambier, who said he was "just wastin' time."

Life rolls on at all-night spots

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"It's so convenient," she adds. "Plus the fellows are so nice here late at night. If I need anything, I just call out and they come right away."

"She's one of our regulars," says Still as Hook rolls her cart into the check-out lane.

"No, I'm not," she protests. "I haven't been here in two weeks."

"I count you as one of our regulars, Ruth," says Still.

"The fellows here are real nice," she smiles. "They take real good care of me."

There are eight people at Dunkin' Donuts on Ten Mile at Haggerty, not counting employees. It's one-thirty.

"Things drop off about two, two-thirty, and they pick up again around four," says Jammell Cavill at Novi. She seems to be the one in charge.

"When things slow down, we finish the donuts. Power 'em. Fill 'em. Put them on trays and bring 'em up front."

The reporter asks, "What kind of people come in when you're open all night?"

"People getting off work. After four it's people on their way to work. There's not very many places in this

area you can stop and get coffee and a donut?" The reporter again.

"New. Been in this business 10 years and never had any trouble. The police go by quite often. But there's never been any trouble."

"The thing about working midnights is that it turns your life around," says Waters. "You sleep during the day and work at night. But midnights are O.K. They're not bad at all."

"Do you know what you put us through when they heard you were coming tonight?" It's Julie Head, working the front desk at the Sheraton Oaks with Michele Lennane.

"We just got these new uniforms and had to get fitted special so we'd look good when you get here. You're writing a story about night life in Novi?"

"It's not night life. It's about places that stay open all night," explains the reporter.

"That's good," says Head, "because there's not much night life here around after the bar closes."

Head and Lennane are not desk clerks. They're "night auditors."

"We don't get that many people checking in," says Head. "Maybe 10 or 15 per night. People whose planes get in late. Basically what we do is balance everything out. Post all the charges and credits for the day to get ready for a new day."

Says Lennane: "You don't really have to have a degree in accounting, but you have to know how to treat the guests. That's very important."

The reporter again. "You two get along pretty well? Having to work here with each other all night long?"

"Actually, we can't stand each other," says Head. They both laugh. "We work all the time," adds Lennane. "All the major holidays and everything. You know, hotels are hotels. They've got to be open. We're very important people."

In Uniform

Marine Pfc. PATRICK CONLEY has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He is the son of Thomas and Margaret Conley of Winfield Road in Novi.

During the 11-week training cycle, Conley was taught the basics of battle-field survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class MICHAEL ROOKS recently participated in the commissioning of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, which is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. His wife Diana is the daughter of Earl and Loretta Brooks of East Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Navy Seaman Recruit DANA DAY has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in San Diego. He is the son of Curtis and Florence Day of Walled Lake.

Pvt. RONALD WALKER JR. has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. A 1986 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, he is the son of Brenda Laxton of Wixom.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landing warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of the course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and an indirect-fire crewman.

Marine 1st Lt. JAMES BAMBARD is currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He is the son of James and Lynn Bambard of Walled Lake.

Novi Highlights

Novi Highlights written by Jeanne Clarke does not appear this week due to the death of her husband, Leslie H. Clarke.

Mr. Clarke died Jan. 19 after a long illness. Born in England, he was 67. Funeral services for Mr. Clarke were held Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in Milford. Officiating was Rev. Dale Gross, a former sergeant in the Novi Police Department who is now pastor at the South Hill Baptist Church in Milford.

Novi Highlights will return when Mrs. Clarke feels ready to resume her column. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution to Mr. Clarke's memory is asked to send it to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Church on Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Call 424-7000 for more information.

TRAVEL SERIES: The Commerce Township Area Historical Society will present a color motion picture entitled "Yellowstone to Sun Valley: A Tale of Two Rivers," at Walled Lake Central High School on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the program are available at the door. Call 669-1596 for more information.

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Historical society hears genealogist

"Researching Your Family Tree" will be the topic of the program when the Commerce Township Area Historical Society meets at the Stonestee Building in Walled Lake on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m.

The speaker, Trudi Hester, will provide hints on how to study family histories as well as talk about her own experiences in researching family trees.

SYMPHONY CLASS: An eight-session course entitled "Let's Go to the Symphony" will be offered by the Schoolcraft College Continuing

Community Notes

Education Division beginning Monday, Feb. 2, from 7-9 p.m.

Prior to trips to Orchestra Hall and Ford Auditorium to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, participants will listen to and discuss the music they will hear in performance.

Performances include violin and piano concertos, chorus with orchestra and music of the 19th and

20th centuries. Groups rate tickets are included in tuition; additional discounted tickets will be available. For fee and registration information call 391-6400, extension 409.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: The Oakland County Health Division will offer a free immunization clinic at the Walled Lake United Methodist

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700.

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All-State singers

Five Novi High School students have been selected for the All-State Choir. Pictured above with Choral Director Paula Joyner (left), they are (left to right) sophomore Linda Ede, junior Becky Williams, senior Becky Prosi, junior Ianna Riegl and senior Hope

Yurner. They were selected from more than 900 applicants from across the state and had to survive two auditions before a panel of judges.

Church plans series on divorce

NORTHVILLE — "Starting Over Single," an eight-session seminar on divorce, will be presented at First Presbyterian Church of Northville on consecutive Thursdays beginning Feb. 5 from 7-9:30 p.m.

The first session, "Church and Divorce: Spiritual Help," will offer a "fresh and hope-filled look at the Bible and the church related to divorce." It will be led by Associate Pastor James Russell, a strong advocate for singles ministry and a leader in the Starting Over Single program. He has been a pastor for 16 years, is the father of two children, 10 and 17, and recently has been divorced.

"Stages of Grief," the second session on Feb. 12, will be led by Dick Todd, a clinical psychologist and a United Methodist minister. He notes that to start over single always is to grieve first and then move on to the future with hope and expectation. He will share the stages of grief that many go through whether they are the ones asking for the

divorce or the ones who are the recipients.

"The Passage of Divorce" on Feb. 19 will be a panel discussion on surviving and even growing through the crisis of divorce depending on how personal, spiritual and social resources help in coping, letting go, grieving and healing.

"Getting My Ex in Focus" on Feb. 26 by Lu Wagner, a member of the church and one of the originators of the Starting Over Single program, discusses how persons go so rapidly from love to hate to revenge and how to "end the war" and grow in new areas.

"Networking" on March 5 by Senior Pastor Lawrence Chamberlain will look at the psychological dynamics of loneliness as it impacts our life and share creative approaches of dealing with it.

"Helping Children Through Divorce" on March 12 will be presented by Ted Kalkwarf, a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists in his fourth year as pastor at

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. He will explore the six feeling stages children go through and the four approaches adults can take to enter the children's world.

"Twelve Steps for Spiritual Growth and Renewal" will be presented March 19 by Dr. Vernon Bittner, a psychologist and an ordained minister in the Lutheran Church.

"Friendship and Dating" will conclude the series March 26. Dick Todd will relate how divorce changes relationships and look at how relationships work, the need for new friendships and the role of love in healing.

"Starting Over Single" is sponsored by Single Place, organized to provide friendship, caring and sharing for all single adults.

Cost of the program is \$20 which covers the cost of the book, notebook and child care. Register at the church at 200 E. Main or by calling 349-0911. Scholarships are available.

Seminar explores women's issues

LIVONIA — "Women in Transition: Preparing for Change" is the topic of a workshop that will be presented by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Keynote speaker will be Michigan Lieutenant Governor Martha Griffiths, whose topic will be the theme of the workshop — "Women in Transition: Preparing for Change."

Three workshops will be offered in the morning. The first two sessions offer participants a choice of any two of the following presentations:

- Career Planning — "Take this Job and ...," with Dr. Jean Pike and William Heise of Schoolcraft Career Services.
- Retirement — "Is There Life after Work?" with Virginia Becker, district manager of personnel and support services for Michigan Bell.
- Coping with Career and Family — "Why Doesn't Mom Bake Cookies Anymore?" with Virginia Wilhelm.

All participants are invited to attend the third session when Dr. Robert Goodwin, a psychologist, will make a presentation entitled "Yes, You Can" under the heading of Esteem Builders.

Griffiths will deliver the keynote address following a luncheon.

Sign-in registration for the workshop will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. The registration fee of \$17.50 per person includes workshop materials and the luncheon. For more information call Connie McNutt at 422-3571 or Maria Holmes at 459-7321.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road in Livonia between Seven and Six Mile.

Meredith Jones has been selected as a finalist for the 1987 Michigan State Pageant for Miss Jr. America Petite. The pageant will be held Feb. 1 at the Plymouth Hilton.

Meredith, 5, is the daughter of Harry and Cindy Jones of Novi. A kindergarten student at Orchard Hills Elementary School, Meredith is a violinist, gymnast and ballet dancer. She also attends a Growing Place Day Care Center.

Finalists in the pageant will be judged on beauty, poise, personality and a personal screen test given by the Miss Jr. America Audio Visual Unit.

Meredith is sponsored in the pageant by Farmington Gymnastics Center, the O'Brien Chapel of the Red C. Sullivan Funeral Home and Andy's Country Boy Fruit Market of Novi.

Her grandparents are Bob and Rita Dimakeas of Livonia, Larry Brunett of Detroit, and Morris and Jeanne Jones of Louisville, Ky.



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Jekyll-Hyde Novi team splits two KVC games

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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The Novi cagers continue to wallow in the middle of the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) standings, mired down by their own inability to wrap up close contests while less talented teams like Milford and Howell take control and widen the gap.

For the third straight week, the Wildcats won early in the week only to fall later. And the trend has Coach John Cicchelli searching for any combination that can get the team on a roll. After cllobbering Hartland 57-36 on Jan. 20, Novi went to Howell, blew a late lead and lost to the Highlanders 54-49.

Constant in both contests were tough defense and poor free throw shooting by the Wildcats. If the team can continue to hold the opposition to near 50 points a game, the Wildcats may set a new school record for the lowest average of points permitted.

"The record is 52% and we are at a little over 52 right now," Cicchelli said. "One of the few things we've been consistent at this season has been defense."

Defense was the key in the win over Hartland as Novi surrendered just 20 points in the first three quarters of the game. The Eagles never got untracked after the Wildcats scored the game's first 14 points. Hartland trailed 17-4 at the end of the first quarter, and Novi maintained the lead most of the evening.

"(Hartland) never really threatened," Cicchelli said. "It didn't look like they were ready to play. We came out looking real good, and they looked flat."

The Wildcats led 29-13 at halftime and took a commanding 44-20 margin into the final quarter. Hartland outscored the Novi substitutes 16-12 in the final eight minutes, but the outcome had long been decided.

Hartland's top two scoring threats, Matt Faust and Matt Paul, were completely shut down by the Novi defense. The two, who average nearly 30 points a game combined, were held to two points. Center Brian Schram didn't let Faust score a single point, while Matt

Kamish held Paul to one basket. Senior guard Joe Miskovich scored a game-high 15 points in the Wildcats, while Kamish added 14. Schram pulled down nine rebounds and added eight points, while point guard Jeff Tanderys dished off six assists.

Against Howell, Novi found itself in a familiar position with just 3:20 remaining in the game — ahead 48-45 and with possession of the ball. But the Wildcats didn't rise to the occasion in the clutch as they failed to make a field goal the rest of the way. An inconsequential free throw with just six seconds remaining was the only thing separating the team from a total shut out over the game's final three minutes.

"We missed three one-and-one foul shot opportunities and a half dozen shots in the last few minutes," a disgusted Cicchelli noted. "We just died at the end."

Novi began the game with a burst of offensive firepower and pulled in front 10 after one quarter. But a change in defense by the Highlanders slowed down the Wildcats in the second quarter, and it was down hill from there.

"We got the running game going pretty good in the first quarter, but then Howell went into a zone defense and we slowed down offensively," Cicchelli reported. "We started to play their tempo after that."

Howell cut the lead to five at intermission and pulled within one heading into the last quarter, setting up Novi's late-game fold.

"I was really disappointed we didn't win that game," Cicchelli said. "We were beating Howell most of the game and just blew it at the end. I thought we were the better team. In fact, Howell's coach even said that after the game — we should have won it."

Junior forward Dave Skown played his best game of the season with 11 points and 17 rebounds for the Wildcats. Miskovich added 14 points, Schram had nine boards and Tanderys passed off seven assists.

Novi's 2-3 conference record leaves the team in a fourth place tie with Brighton, two games behind in first place Howell, Lakeland and Milford.



Novi's Joe Miskovich is surrounded by Howell players in Friday night's contest

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Friday night jinx?

Erratic play concerns Cicchelli

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

At the midway point of the current basketball season, the Novi cagers have established some very disturbing trends. The team currently sports a 6-5 overall record, but the 2-3 KVC record is less than impressive and has forced a lot of questions and observations.

The Wildcats, after winning four in a row during the holiday season, have now failed to win two consecutive games in six tries. For the third straight week Coach John Cicchelli's team has come away with a split and, ironically, all those losses since the first of the year have come on Fridays.

For the season, Novi has consistently played quite well early in the week only to drop the close games later in the week. The squad has an impressive 5-1 record on Tuesdays, but a pathetic 1-4 mark on Fridays.

Now that's a hard phenomenon to explain, but it does illustrate this team's up and down, inconsistent tendencies. The Wildcats are less than one of the Kensington Valley's pre-season favorites, but the team hasn't played well enough, on a consistent level, to be much of a contender — at least not yet.

In the 57-36 trouncing of Hartland last week and convincing wins against Dearborn and Edsel Ford, Novi has performed well and the wins came easily. But in all five losses, the team appeared out of sync or flat at various times. And despite the close scores, the games were decided in the final minutes — with Novi on the losing end.

"In every loss we've had this year, we have been winning in the last two-and-a-half minutes," Cicchelli noted. "Every one of them."

The script for Wildcat defeats has been pretty uniform so far: stay close most of the game, have a slight lead with several minutes left, start to make mistakes and miss key free throws down the stretch and lose by a couple baskets.

"That has basically been the story in all the losses. When the game is close, the Wildcats set-up — starting playing not to lose instead of to win — and the result is another close loss. The widest margin in a Novi loss this season has been just six points. That means the difference between a 6-5 record and an undefeated campaign is something like 25 more points.

On the other hand, the margin in every Wildcat win has been substantial. The closest margin of victory for the team was eight points.

In other words, Novi hasn't won a single close game this season. Why is this happening to a team



John Cicchelli is puzzled by his Wildcats' play

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that may have the best overall talent in the KVC? The over-riding factor in all of the close losses has been Novi's poor free throw shooting. Cicchelli reports that his team shot below 50 percent from the charity stripe in all five defeats, including a bundle of key one-and-one close games."

"The only solution is for the Wildcats to finally pull out a close game and get that monkey off their backs. Once the team comes through in the clutch, a lot of those self-doubts will be erased.

"The only way for us to get out of this rut is to win a close one," Cicchelli agreed. "In an ideal world, Novi's only game is scheduled for Friday (Jan. 30) at South Lyon. In addition to the fighting the Lions and a hostile crowd, the Wildcats will be battling that strange Friday night jinx."

"Maybe that will change because we only play once this week," Cicchelli said. "It's on a Friday, but maybe our players will think it's a Tuesday."

Wildcat grapplers extend dual meet record to 10-1

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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Everyone knew Novi would have a powerful team in wrestling tournaments this season. It was the team's ability to come through in dual meets that was suspected.

But after victories over Hartland (49-21) and Pinckney (43-24) on Jan. 22, the Wildcat grapplers had 10 wins in 11 dual meets — and even Coach Tom Fritz was happy. "A 10-1 record — I'll take it," Fritz said with a laugh. "In 25 years, nobody will care who we've beaten, they will just see the good record. We still have a long way to go, but I've been pleased with what we've accomplished so far."

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Hallock in 3:17. Ron Fritz beat Cory Byfield on a fall at 167 and, after another forfeit win at 165, Bret Keir pinned Mike Thompson in 57 seconds at 198 to round out the Wildcat scoring.

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Wildcats of the Week



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Junior Stacy Maresh had an outstanding span of wrestling success last week, and "Wildcat of the Week" honors are definitely in order. Maresh helped Novi beat Hartland 49-21 on Jan. 22 by notching a 5-0 decision over Maurice Connelly in the 145-pound match. Two days later, Maresh stunned everyone by placing second at the Lake Penton Invitational. The unseeded Maresh polished off the number four seed from Flint Hamady to get to the semi-finals, then shocked Clio's Jerry Young, the top seed at 145, to reach the finals. He eventually lost to the number two seed, "Slacy" wasn't even seeded, but he sure rose to the occasion," said Coach Tom Fritz. "He is really improving his performance week by week."



STEVE WARTHMAN

Junior Steve Warthman couldn't have had a better week in the Novi swim team if he wanted to. In a pair of dual meet wins over Ypsilanti Lincoln and Redford Union, Warthman swam six races and won each of them. For the impressive work, Warthman has been chosen as "Wildcat of the Week." In a 100-0 victory against Lincoln, Warthman won the 50 freestyle (23:39) and was a member of both winning relay teams. The 200 medley relay time of 1:45.44 set a new Novi school and pool record. Against Union, Warthman won both the 500 (5:13:38) and 200 (1:54:43) freestyle events and was a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay squad (3:40:38). "We are really getting good performances out of guys like Steve Warthman..." Wildcat Coach Larry Teahan said.

Wildcat tankers win two more

If the Novi swim team has any weaknesses, depth is probably the first to come to mind. After all, Coach Larry Teahan is constantly stressing the need to get more swimmers to contribute regularly.

But last week, the Wildcats didn't have any problems whatsoever in blowing out both Ypsilanti Lincoln and Redford Union in dual meet action. And, ironically, superior depth was the difference.

The 105-0 win over Lincoln was never really a contest as Novi dominated the meet, winning all 11 events.

The Raisplitter coach was looking for some good competition to put up against his best swimmer — Todd Brunto. So Teahan obliged with his superstar sophomores Jon Cohen, The two standouts met in the 200-yard IM and the 100 breaststroke, and Cohen won both to remain undefeated so far this season. It was worthwhile to Brunto though, as he recorded personal best times in both races.

Cohen and Brunto were even at the 100-yard mark in the IM, but Jon pulled ahead in the breaststroke to win by nearly six seconds in a new pool record time of 1:58.47. The 100 breaststroke was the best race of the day as Cohen nipped Brunto by just over a second (1:00.39).

Steve Cohen was the only other double winner for the Wildcats with victories in the 200 freestyle (1:50:38) and 500 freestyle (4:56:50).

Other winners included Steve Warthman in the 50 freestyle (23:39), Joe Jablonski in diving (162 points), Matt Lorenz in the 100 butterfly (58:07), Jeff Cohen in the 100 backstroke (1:02:25) and Rudy Speerscheider in the 100 butterfly (54:71).

The winning 200 medley relay team featured Jeff and Jon Cohen, Lorenz and Warthman in a time of 1:45.44, which set a new school and pool record. Warthman, Josh Matta, Steve Cohen and Speerscheider combined to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:37:51).

Runner-up performances by Novi swimmers included Ed Dodds in diving, Matt in both the 500 freestyle (5:33:02) and the 200 freestyle (2:24:33). Speerscheider in the 50 breaststroke (24:68) and Lorenz in the 100 backstroke (1:04:94).

The 112-57 win over Union was similar to the Lincoln meet in that the Wildcats won all 11 events. Jon Cohen, Warthman and Jeff Cohen were all double winners.

Jon took first in the 100 butterfly (56:44) and then came back to win the very next race — the 100 freestyle (51:98). Warthman provided some great depth by winning the 500 (5:13:38) and 200 freestyle (1:54:43). "We were really getting good performances out of guys like Steve Warthman, Matt Lorenz, Josh Matta, and Rudy Speerscheider, and those are the ones who have to keep coming through for us in the tough meets ahead. We are counting on them."

Second-place finishes were recorded by Matta in the 200 freestyle (2:13:28), Lorenz in the 200 IM (2:13:28), Speerscheider, and both the 50 freestyle (25:63) and 100 butterfly (1:03:38). Ryan Deveraux in the 500 freestyle (6:15:41) and Dave Suchyta in the 100 breaststroke (1:01:91).

"Lincoln was probably a little stronger so we swam our kids around in a lot of different events, but we still had some success so that was good to see," Teahan reported.

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Spikers come close against Hartland

For the first time in what seems like an eternity, the Novi volleyball squad had a victory within its grasp against Hartland on Jan. 22.

After falling in the first game, the Wildcats fought back to win the second game and were ahead in several times in the decisive third game. Novi ended up losing the match to the Eagles 6-15, 15-11, 11-15, but Coach Kathy Bedor and her players left the match with a glimmer of hope.

It's almost been a full year since the spikers have been on the winning end, and at that pace, you look for anything exciting. The fact remains — the Wildcats are still winning in five tries — but the Hartland contest was really the only close outing for the team so far this year. It marks the first time this season Novi managed to win a

game and extended play to three games.

"It was close and I know that that encouraged the girls a lot," Bedor noted.

A recurring problem with serve reception early gave the Eagles some breathing room in game one, and suddenly a close score became a Hartland rout.

"Our setting was really good, but in the first game we had problems returning serves," Bedor explained. "(Hartland) had one girl who was serving well, and we couldn't get it back over the net. She ended up serving nine straight points."

But the 'Cats rebounded and put together a solid effort in game two. The 15-11 Novi won featured frequent long volleys and better serve reception. It carried over in the deciding game as the Wildcats grabbed an early lead only to lose it

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Eagles see winning streak snapped

After over a month of blow-out victories, the Novi Christian cagers were involved in a pair of close games last week, resulting in a split and a season record of 11-3.

The Eagles fell behind early against Detroit's Clinton Street Christian on Jan. 20, but still managed to pull out a 74-69 nail-biter and win number eight in a row. Three days later, Novi Christian fell behind again in the early going, but this time a frantic comeback wasn't quite

enough as Greater Life Academy of Pontiac held on for a 72-68 victory.

Against Clinton Street, the Eagles trailed 18-8 in the first quarter before going on a 26-17 run that made the score 35-32 at the half. Scott Sorby scored 10 points in the second quarter alone to pace the comeback. The scores bounced Sorby into fourth place on the all-time scoring Novi Christian scoring list.

The Eagles led by as much as nine points on three separate occasions in

the second half, but the taller Crusaders stormed back and pulled within two, 56-54, with five minutes remaining. In clutch time, reserve center Jim Gardner scored three buckets and a pair of free throws to preserve the win.

Sorby and backcourt mate Eric Jacobs each scored a game-high 20 points, and junior forward Larry Karvonen chipped in 16.

Greater Life, which had never beaten Novi Christian until last Fri-

day, employed a much taller front line and went ahead by 15 points in both the first and second quarters. The Eagles rallied in the second half thanks to good free throw shooting, but three starters — Jacobs, Karvonen and Travis Porta — eventually fouled out, thus stalling the comeback bid.

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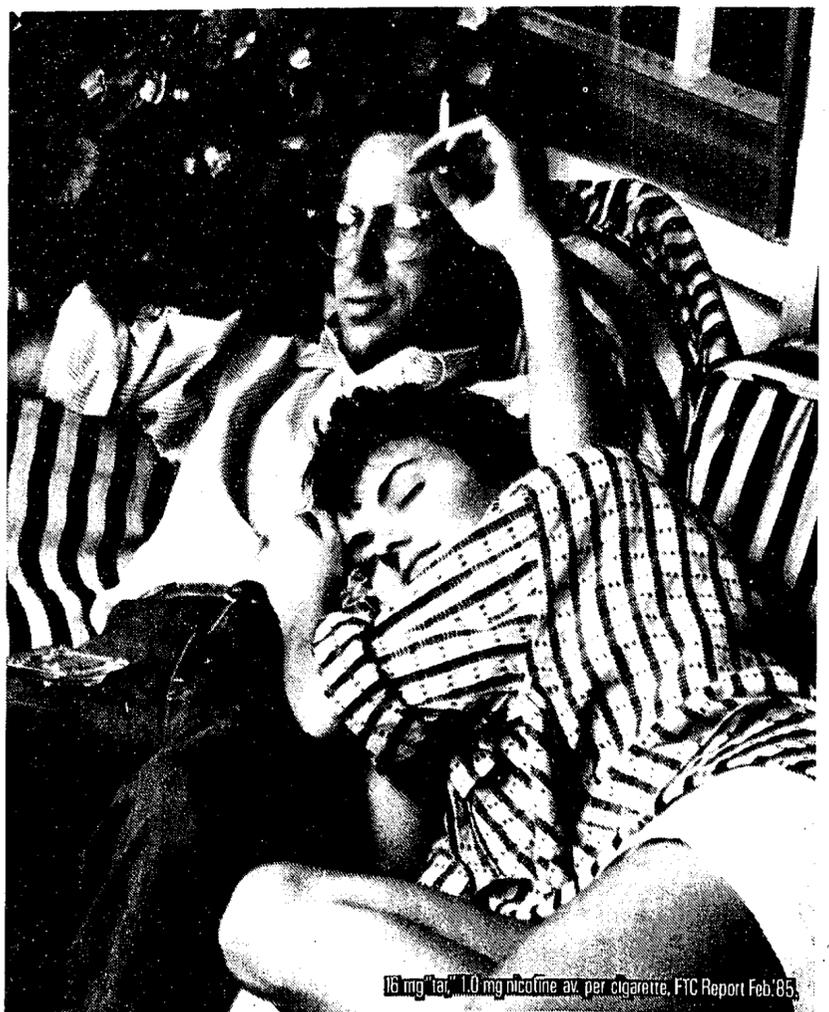
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