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Letter from the Editor

Phil Jerome



To some of you my face is pretty familiar. I've been an area resident since 1955. I started working for The Novi News back in 1971. And I've been editor since 1977.

But to others, my name and face are unfamiliar. It's the people in the latter category - people who don't know me and the Novi News - that I'm trying to reach right now.

This front page column is part of a campaign to increase our circulation. Don't get me wrong. Our circulation in Novi is just fine, thank you. But we're also smart enough to recognize that even though most people in Novi subscribe to the paper there are still some stragglers who have not yet signed up.

To increase our circulation we will be sending out free copies of the paper to just about everyone in Novi for the next three weeks. That's why this week's edition is in your home at this very moment. It's not a mistake. It's free. We meant to do it.

What we're hoping is that after you've had an opportunity to see The Novi News you will want to join your friends and neighbors by taking out a subscription.

I'll tell you right now that a year's subscription costs \$18. That's \$8 less than the regular newsstand price and works out to slightly less than 35 cents per issue.

At the end of the three weeks, we will be asking you to subscribe. Inside the March 2 edition, you will find an envelope for you to send in your subscription.

And because we're going to a lot of effort to make you aware of our paper over the next three weeks, you'll also find a readers survey in the March 2 edition. We'll be asking you just what type of information you expect to find in a local community newspaper.

We'll be giving you a chance to tell the editor how to do his job - to let me know what types of news and information I can put in the paper to make it a community resource you cannot live without.

In the meantime, I'll be doing my best to convince you that The Novi News is a friend you will enjoy inviting into your home once a week. I'll be plugging away at all the benefits you will derive by subscribing to the newspaper.

We're not kidding when we say The Novi News is your number one source of community news and information. We work hard at our job. Providing you the news about the community is a big responsibility.

We hope you'll notice that we provide extensive coverage of city council, school board and planning commission news. We hope you'll notice that we have stories and information about assessments and how to appeal those assessments.

We hope you'll notice that we put a lot of time and effort into covering the police department - not just the big stories about murders and stolen car rings - but also the "little" crimes about breaking and enterings, vandalism. Crime which affects you directly as you go about your day-to-day living.

We'll also have several special surprises over the next three weeks. Not the least of them will be a special section about the history of Novi in the Feb. 23 edition. In case you hadn't heard, the city is celebrating its 20th birthday this month.

And then, of course, there are the advertisements. As Novi's number one source of information, we are used by literally hundreds of retailers who want to tell you about special bargains and merchandise.

And we've also got an entire section of classified ads. Ads from your friends and neighbors about new and used cars, garage sales, houses for sale, houses for rent, income tax services, antiques, auctions and much more.

In short, we think you'll want to invite the Novi News into your home every week.

Novi man kills wife, hangs himself.

By AMY ROSA staff writer

An elderly Novi man suffering from a long-term mental illness beat his wife to death with a baseball bat and then hanged himself last week, according to police.

The couple, 74-year-old Edward Avernik Jr. and his 65-year-old wife Mary Elsie, were found dead inside their residence in Novi's Beachwalk Apartments last Thursday by a daughter, who police say had just stopped by for a visit.

Beachwalk Apartment Manager Elizabeth McClung said the daughter, who lives in Farmington Hills, had called her earlier Thurs-

day concerned because she felt her parents' phone might be off the hook. The daughter discovered the bodies after letting herself into the apartment with her own key about 5 p.m. that night, said Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner.

Police have concluded that Avernik bludgeoned his wife of 45 years with a wooden baseball bat repeatedly, and then hung himself with an electric cord in the shower. The bat recovered at the scene was split in two, said Faulkner.

Faulkner said the incident occurred in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Feb. 8, and that a neighbor in the Avernik's apartment building - located near Four-

teen Mile and Decker Road - heard "unusual noises" about 4 a.m.

No motive for the murder-suicide is known, he added.

Apparently Avernik was undergoing treatment for a 15-year mental condition, said Faulkner. The only facts known about Avernik's condition were that he was taking medication for the mental illness at the time - in addition to heart medication - and that he had been treated in the past for the mental illness, said Faulkner.

Both of the Averniks were retired, recalled McClung, who characterized the pair as "the sweetest couple." "I can't understand it," she add-

ed. "There was never any problem."

McClung, who usually only saw Mr. Avernik on the first of every month when he paid the rent, said she always saw them "walking grandchildren around here."

Police say the couple had four grown children, two of whom live in Farmington Hills and two who live out of state.

The Averniks lived in Detroit for 35 years before moving to Beachwalk nearly four years ago, said McClung. According to her, Mr. Avernik was a retired machinist from Karr Manufacturing in Livonia.

When contacted Friday, Aver-

nik's former supervisor Lester Karr said the news "kind of shocks me." Karr said Avernik, who had worked for him for 11 years, was a quiet worker who never showed signs of having a temper.

"I don't think he would kill his wife," he said.

Karr said that although he and Avernik worked together every day, they never socialized because Avernik was the kind of worker who went straight home after work. "He never stopped for a beer."

Karr added that Avernik introduced him to his wife and that she "seemed like a nice lady." Avernik retired from Karr's about two years ago, he said.

School millage up for renewal

By AMY ROSA staff writer

Voters in the Novi Community School District will go to the polls next Tuesday (Feb. 21) to decide whether or not to renew a 13.0 millage package, which represents about one-third of the district's total operating budget.

The 13.0-mill package is one of two packages which must be renewed at regular intervals in the district. The 13.0 mill package expired in December. If voters approve renewal next Tuesday, it will remain in effect for three years.

A 10.5 mill package was renewed last March.

Both packages were first added to the school revenue base in the 1976-77 school year, said Superintendent Robert Pivko.

Although some districts have similar mill packages which stay in effect longer than three years, Novi officials want to maintain the shorter term because holding elections more often "provides some

form of accountability," Pivko said.

Pivko and Assistant Superintendent William Barr said there has never been a concern by the district that renewal of either millage package would fail. "The voters know we only levy the amount needed to maintain our educational programs," Pivko said.

Currently the district levies a total of 27.74 mills, although it is permitted by voter approval to levy as much as 33.04 mills for operations. That includes a 9.54 mill package which is county allocated.

A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV). A homeowner's SEV is equal to about 50 percent of his total property value.

The reason the actual school millage levied totals only 27.74 instead of 33.04 (which is the combined total of all three mill packages), is because of the Headlee Amendment, explained Pivko and Barr.

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Ten-Beck project debate continues

By AMY ROSA staff writer

City officials say they don't know why site plans for the seemingly deposed Ten Mile/Beck Road shopping plaza were scheduled for discussion at the Novi Planning Commission's meeting last night (Wednesday, Feb. 15, after The News' deadline).

Earlier in the week officials both for and against the proposed shopping plaza said they were at a loss to explain the project's appearance on last night's agenda.

A residents group calling itself "Citizens for Responsible Development" was successful in convincing the city council to repeal an earlier zoning decision for the 10-acre parcel of land. The repeal occurred only last week, after city council members were presented with a petition bearing 3,226 names requesting the repeal.

The repeal from a community business district back to a combined residential and less intense com-

mercial classification, seemingly prevents developer Lee Walter from moving ahead with plans for a shopping/convenience plaza on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection.

Before the repeal, however, Walter was in the process of seeking preliminary site plan approval for the plaza. The approval was denied at the planning commission's Feb. 1 meeting, but Walter was told to return to the commission after fine-tuning parts of his plans.

Co-founder of the citizens group Carol Ringvski said she had no idea why the plans were up for consideration again. "I don't understand the intent. Since it's been repealed, why look at it again?"

Ringvski said members of her group were going to attend the commission meeting to ask why the shopping plaza was slated for discussion.

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Daddy-daughter time

Wearing her prettiest party dress, Amy O'Neill, 8, danced with her father Greg during the Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance held at the Novi Civic Center last Friday. Approximately 200 fathers

showed up with their daughters at the event sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Oil spill Truck mishap causes spill

By PHIL GINOTTI staff writer

Approximately 300-400 gallons of diesel fuel spilled Saturday from an above-ground tank located at the Suburban Rent-It Center on Grand River Avenue.

Fire Marshal William Conn said most of spill was contained on a concrete slab in the facility's rear yard, although some of the fuel escaped and collected in a ditch near Lannys Road. Soil samples will be taken in the next several days to determine what sort of surface clean-up will be needed.

Conn called the spill the biggest he has seen thus far in Novi.

"Everything went really well at the site," Conn said. "We used quite a bit of absorbent material to try to keep it on the concrete surface."

Suburban Rent-It owner Jeff Titus said the accident occurred when a customer ran into the tank with a truck. The five to six foot high structure then collapsed, spill-

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ing the diesel fuel out of a cap on the top of the tank.

Firefighters responded to the incident at 1:46 p.m. after workers unsuccessfully tried on their own to contain the spill, Conn said. Firefighters were on the scene for approximately three hours, he added. It isn't clear exactly when the incident took place, Conn said.

The rental company has filed the necessary paperwork to comply with both the city's Hazardous Materials Ordinance and the Firefighters Right to Know Law.

Novi's Hazardous Materials Ordinance is currently in effect, although containment structures

have not yet been recommended.

The law, passed by the Novi City Council last summer after months of study, requires city employers to document the types of hazardous materials they store on site. In some instances, employers would be required to provide containment devices, to protect the environment in case of a spill, or an incident prevention plan, documenting the procedures that will be followed in case of a spill.

The rental company is located in an industrial area off of Grand River. It rents a variety of equipment to contractors and the general public, Titus said.

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Workers remove empty tanks from the former gas station on Novi Road at Thirteen Mile

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Workers remove storage tanks

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Soil and water samples from near an old gas station at Thirteen Mile and Novi Road are currently being checked for signs of possible contamination. Workers removed six underground storage tanks Friday from Victor Muscat's NVC Corp. at 1930 Novi Road. The facility formerly housed a gas station, but has been used as a video game and electronic appliance repair shop for the past several years. Muscat was required to remove the tanks on a Jan. 19 order by 52nd District Court Judge Michael Batchik. Muscat could not be reached for comment. Novi Fire Marshal William Conn said some contamination in the area is suspected. "We're waiting to hear back from the geologist on whether or not the site is contaminated; we suspect it is," Conn said. "I use the term real-

loosely. I don't want to get people alarmed. Conn said there was presence of some hydrocarbons in the hole (gas, oil, etc.) after the tanks and piping were removed.

Soil samples were collected by an official of Clayton Environmental of Novi. South Hill Construction of Wixom removed the tanks. Muscat was responsible for all the costs, Conn said.

Workers uncovered and pumped liquids out of the tanks early Friday morning. Approximately 14,000 gallons of materials — mostly water — had collected in the tanks over time. Conn said he also had a report of the tanks being filled with water when the facility closed.

Conn said the tanks were removed without incident. Soil and water samples were taken, and the holes were then backfilled for safety purposes. Results of the testing will be available in about two weeks, said Clayton Environmental geologist Daniel Rogers. If the tests show a substantial amount of con-

amination in the area, Muscat could be required to reopen the hole and remove the contaminated soils, Conn said.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has asked for copies of the soil testing done in the area.

The removal of the tanks closes, for the time being, a substantial controversy. Concerns about the tanks have been raised by a north end Novi resident on numerous occasions. The city sent Muscat a letter late last year requiring him to remove the tanks within 30 days. He was then issued a ticket and required to appear at 52nd District Court in Walled Lake in January.

Court records indicate Muscat was found guilty of a city fire prevention code that requires underground tanks to be removed within one year of the establishment ceasing operations. Muscat wasn't fined, but was given 90 days to remove the tanks in the Jan. 19 court decision.

Planners approve 33-lot subdivision

A 33-lot subdivision, which the developer says will contain "middle-range" priced homes, has received preliminary plat approval from the Novi Planning Commission. William Roskelley, developer of the proposed Camborne Place subdivision, said in a letter to the commission that he hopes to begin construction in the early spring. Camborne Place is located just north of Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads. Roskelley is president of the engineering firm Basney & Smith, Inc.

Kelly told commissioners his houses would probably sell in the \$130,000 to \$160,000 price range and have a "limited amount of aluminum siding." The subdivision would have a mixture of ranch and colonial-type houses, he added. The 12-acre site is located in an R-4 (residential district), and conforms to the city's master plan, according to Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers. The property is former farm land which was used primarily for growing sweet corn. Because of the nature of the property, Roskelley told commissioners, it is relatively flat and the only trees are located on the boundaries of the site. No woodlands permit was required.

Conditional plat approval was granted upon Roskelley obtaining official permission from the city assessor to split a lot on part of the site. Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo told commissioners that a traffic study was not conducted due to the project's small size. He added that it has been common place not to require traffic studies for similar small developments. One nearby resident didn't agree that there were no traffic hazards,

Kramer: 'It is difficult when you live in an area for a long time and things start changing. But the world doesn't stop developing.'

however. Dave Stanley, who resides on Joseph Drive which adjoins the proposed subdivision, said he would prefer to keep his street a dead-end road. He cited the hazards created by increased traffic for wanting to keep Joseph Drive a dead-end street.

Another resident, Gary Martin, expressed concern that a number of trees adjoining his back yard would be lost when the subdivision is developed. Roskelley indicated he would be willing to work out a compromise with Martin to prevent Martin's privacy from being totally lost. Martin said he has lived in his current house for 13 years.

Commissioner Edward Kramer commented that he was sympathetic with homeowners in similar situations but noted that the trees Martin had talked about were not on Martin's property.

"It is difficult when you live in an area for a long time and things start changing," said Kramer. "But the world doesn't stop developing."



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Not a sneak preview

Valentines Day came and passed two days ago so we know we're not betraying any secrets or revealing any surprises by running this picture now. But there were a lot of happy parents Tuesday

morning who received these stunningly attractive Valentines from their adoring children. The youngsters made the Valentines during a special crafts project sponsored by the Novi Public Library.

Funding options in holding pattern

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

The fate of the Novi Parks and Recreation funding question is on hold until at least next month, city officials said this week.

City Manager Edward Kriewall said Tuesday that a decision on what to do with the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Committee was likely to take place after more substantial figures for the 1989-90 budget come in. Budget requests are currently being formulated by various city department heads. "We haven't really seen any revenue numbers yet," Kriewall said. "We will know probably by the first week in March."

After almost a year of study, the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment report was unveiled before the Novi City Council Jan. 11.

It outlined four funding strategies: a half-mill millage increase, a \$3-4 million bond issue, earmarking of state-shared revenues (about \$300,000 yearly) for parks and recreation, or increased general fund allotments.

The first two options would require voter approval. The city council would have to set a date for the question to be presented to voters — either in the September primary or the November general election. Or they could opt to combine two or more of the funding strategies, like the millage question and an increased general fund contribution, or bond issue. The city budget is slated to be sub-

mitted to the city council on March 20, Kriewall said. Study sessions would be held throughout April. A public hearing on the budget has already been scheduled for May 8. Adoption of a final budget is set for May 15.

Kriewall said it is difficult to tell but that he "expects" another overall millage rollback this year to accommodate new growth. Out of the 50-plus mills levied against Novi residents, city services account for about 12 of those mills.

City taxes are collected in July. Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said he expected some budget work before a decision on whether or not the issue would be put before voters. "They're probably going to be crunching numbers for the next several weeks," Davis said.

Recommended expenditures in the Needs Assessment report include about \$1 million for the acquisition of future recreational facilities, like soccer fields, and the development of an athletic facility.

Another \$355,000 would be targeted for existing recreational facilities, like Power Park and Spirit of '76 Park.

Parks and Recreation currently operates on a half-mill budget, plus user fees and additional general fund transfers from the city budget.

One of the major goals of the Needs Assessment report is acquisition of the 170 acre Novi Tree Farm on 12½ Mile, which the \$1 million is targeted for. Purchase costs would also be defrayed by a state grant of over \$200,000.

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Trio makes off with sunglasses

A well-dressed woman and her two sons are suspected of stealing more than \$1,250 worth of designer sunglasses from Nu Visions at 26116 Ingersoll Drive in the Novi Town Center on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The store manager told police she was alone in the store when the white female and two white males entered the store at approximately 9:45 a.m. and began looking at designer sunglasses. The complainant said the two men referred to the woman as "Mom."

The manager said she remarked that the trio seemed to have slight accents and was told that they were originally from Canada but currently reside in Farmington Hills.

The manager said the woman and the two men asked to look at some of the more expensive sunglasses in a locked display counter at the front of the store. As they were looking at the expensive glasses, the clerk went to the rear of the store to answer the telephone.

While she was talking on the phone, the manager said she saw one of the men walk outside and drive up to the front of the store in an automobile. The woman and the other man then exited the store, got in the automobile and drove away.

When the manager returned to the front of the store, she noticed that four pairs of sunglasses were missing from the locked display case and a fifth pair of sunglasses was missing from a display case behind the counter. The woman and two men were the only people who were near the display cases during the period in which the glasses were stolen, according to the report.

Stolen were one pair of Carrera sunglasses valued at \$375, two pair of Carrera sunglasses valued at \$300 apiece, one pair of Christian Dior sunglasses valued at \$182 and one pair of Fantasia glasses valued at \$10.

The female suspect was described as being 45-50 years old with a thin build and blonde, shoulder-length hair. She was said to be wearing a tan, hip-length jacket, designer blue jeans and tan dress boots. She also was wearing a pair of Laura Biagiotti

Police Beat

sunglasses.

One of the men was described as being 20-25 years old, 6'2" tall with a thin build and black hair. He was wearing a black leather jacket and blue jeans. The other man was said to be 18-20 years old and 5'6" tall with a thin build. He was said to be wearing a leather jacket, pale blue turtleneck sweater and a pair of black dress boots.

THE INDIVIDUAL who burglarized a residence on Dixon Road on Thursday, Feb. 9, could not be accused of having had taste — stolen property included two down-filled comforters and two sets of Bill Blass towels.

Total value of stolen property was placed at \$1,860.

The complainant told police he left home at 7 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m. to find that someone had broken into the home by breaking out the glass in the front door, reaching inside and unlocking the door.

Once inside, the responsible party entered virtually every room in the home, taking items of value from rooms throughout the residence.

Stolen property included a Sears videocassette recorder valued at \$300, an Emerson 13-inch color television set and an RCA 13-inch color television set, a Polaroid camera valued at \$160 and a Timex watch valued at \$50. Also stolen were two down-filled blankets valued at a total of \$1,000, two sets of Bill Blass towels and a beer mug containing an unknown amount of pennies. Several other pillow cases and sheets also were reported stolen.

The responsible party also looked through a china cabinet and a filing cabinet, although nothing was found to have been stolen from either of them.

THIEVES TRIED unsuccessfully to break into a house under construction on Meadowbrook Road near Eight Mile during the night of Feb. 6,

although nothing was reported missing.

The break-in attempt was discovered by the builder who told police that unknown individuals apparently tried to gain entry by prying open a back door.

Investigating officers observed extensive pry marks on the outside of the back door but noted that the responsible parties had not been able to gain entry.

Although nothing was found to have been stolen, damage to the door and door frame was estimated at \$600.

A SHOT GUN and a glass fixture from a hallway light were stolen from a residence on Meadowbrook Road sometime during the period of Jan. 22-24.

The complainant told police the house is currently unoccupied because she is in the process of moving. When she checked the house on Jan. 22 she noted that the back door was closed but unlocked despite the fact she was certain she had locked it the previous day.

After searching the house, the complainant determined that the responsible parties had stolen a .22 caliber bolt-action shotgun in addition to the glass from the hallway light fixture.

A "GANG BOX" filled with tools valued at between \$6,000 and \$8,000 was stolen from the construction site of Lotesh of Novi at 39750 Grand River sometime between 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and noon on Friday, Feb. 3.

The complainant, a Farmington Hills man, reported that the gang box was six-feet by three-feet and five feet high. He estimated that it weighed approximately 1,500 pounds.

A YAMAHA SYNTHESIZER was apparently stolen from the stage of Anthony's Lounge in the Sheraton Oaks hotel sometime between Feb. 4 and

Feb. 8. The theft was reported by a Detroit man who is a member of one of the bands which has played at the hotel. The man said he left the synthesizer keyboard on the stage Feb. 4 and found it missing when he returned Feb. 8.

The instrument was valued at \$550.

A LEATHER JACKET was reported stolen from the coat rack at the Novi Bowl at 21700 Novi Road on Friday, Jan. 27.

The owner said he placed the size 44-regular jacket on the coat rack at 9 p.m. and found it missing at 10 p.m. The jacket was valued at \$400.

VARIOUS TOOLS valued at \$150 were stolen from a 1983 Jeep parked outside the owner's residence on Glen Haven Circle in the Country Place Condominiums during the night of Feb. 5-6.

The complainant said he left the vehicle parked and unlocked outside his residence over night. When he got up the next day, he found the door standing open and the tool box missing.

The responsible parties also damaged the vehicle's dashboard in an unsuccessful attempt to remove the radio.

A TOOL BOX was stolen from the garage of a residence on Hill Road Lane sometime during the night of Jan. 25-26.

The complainant told police that the trunk of his vehicle had been damaged when the car slid off the road due to icy conditions. He was able to get the vehicle into his driveway, but sometime during the night an unknown individual took the electronic garage door opener from the trunk and used it to raise the garage door. He then removed the tool box.

Stolen property was valued at more than \$100.

VANDALS DID an undetermined amount of damage to several offices in the Holly Hills Medical Village on Ten Mile near Haggerty Road sometime over the Feb. 4-6 weekend.

Novi Briefs

Citizens group meets: Citizens for Responsible Development will meet at the Novi Civic Center on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. The meeting is scheduled for Sixth Gates and B.

Citizens for Responsible Development is the group which mounted a campaign to overturn the Novi City Council's rezoning of the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beek Road intersection to permit development of a convenience shopping center.

Anyone interested in promoting responsible development in Novi is urged to attend the Feb. 21 meeting. For more information call Kathy McGuffin at 349-4342.

Attention, jazz lovers: The Novi High School Jazz Band and the Novi Singers will perform at Fuest Auditorium next Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The 21-member jazz band will perform under the direction of Craig Strain. The band will present such all-time favorites as "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" featuring Sarah Cahman on the baritone saxophone and "Jazz Samba" featuring Todd Boschma on drums. It also will perform "Now's the Time" from the movie "Bird."

Providing vocal entertainment will be the Novi Singers under the direction of Paula Joyner.

The general public is invited to attend the concert; admission is free.

Cheerleading competition: Varsity, junior varsity and freshman cheerleaders from Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) high schools will meet at Novi High School this Saturday, Feb. 18, to participate in the annual KVC Cheerleading Competition.

The competition is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and run to 5 p.m. with a luncheon break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$2 for individuals and \$5 for families.

Calendar trouble: Novi officials are asking residents who didn't receive a 1989 city calendar to contact them so it can be delivered... again. An apparent mailing mixup has caused some of the calendars not to be delivered to a variety of city streets. Public Information Director Cindy Stewart said if residents leave their names and addresses the calendar will be sent out immediately.

All-night senior party: Plans are under way for the second annual All-Night Seniors Graduation Party at Novi High School. The next full meeting for parents of all juniors and seniors will be held in Fuest Auditorium on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. The committee is still in need of volunteers — parents of both juniors and seniors. Also needed are contributions and prizes or cash donations. Cash donations are tax deductible through the Novi Education Foundation. Anyone who would like to help may contact Kathy Kasten at 349-6712. Tickets for the event have been priced at \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Mary Kotrych at 624-4663.

Radon kits available: Radon kits are available at the Novi Civic Center for \$13. The kits are available at the Building Department counter. They are also available through the American Lung Association (559-5100).



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Residents hurt in head-on crash

Two Novi residents are listed in serious condition at Botsford Hospital after their car was struck by a vehicle fleeing police in Farmington Hills early Monday night, Feb. 13.

David Solomon Weingarten, 60, and his wife Esther M. Weingarten, 56, were transported from the scene of the accident to Botsford Hospital where they were listed in temporary serious condition Tuesday afternoon.

Also hospitalized is Kevin Rigby, 24, of Farmington Hills. Rigby was the driver of a pickup truck which crossed the center line and struck the Weingartens' westbound vehicle on Grand River, approximately 600 feet west of Halstead Road at approximately 7:37 p.m., according to police.

Witnesses told police that Rigby's vehicle veered across the centerline of the four-lane road and struck the 1985 Dodge being driven westbound on Grand River by Weingarten, according to Cranston.

Cranston said Farmington Hills police, who had been informed of the police pursuit, were on route to the scene when the accident occurred.

Cranston said there is no evidence that the head-on accident was caused by the pursuit which had started in Novi. He said Novi police reported terminating their pursuit of Rigby's vehicle when he crossed Haggerty Road into Farmington Hills jurisdiction.

In addition, Cranston said none of the witnesses of the accident reported seeing a police car in pursuit of Rigby's truck.

"At this point, there is nothing to indicate that the accident was caused by a high-speed pursuit," Cranston said.

Back to the '50s

Sure it's only February, but plans for the second annual Novi '50s Festival are already in high gear. A '50s Festival Kick-off Party was held at the Novi Civic Center last week when the special guest was

the 1959 Classic Corvette which will be auctioned off by Novi Rotary in conjunction with the summer event.

Job line offered

Michigan residents 55 and older who are looking for jobs have a free service which will connect them in employers looking for prospective employees with a lifetime of experience and knowledge to offer. The toll-free referral number to call from anywhere in Michigan is 1-800-922-HIRE.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE CORRECTIONS TO REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to correct a typographical error in the 1989 Regular Meeting Schedule. The second Regular Meeting in June, 1989, of the Novi City Council will be held June 19th and not June 20th.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Historical Commission has changed their meeting dates from the 3rd Thursday of each month to the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:30 P.M. in the City Center.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 6, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 18, 473. A PROPOSED CITY INITIATED REZONING for property located on the NE corner of Ten Mile & Beek Rds. (idwell no. 50-22-21-300-001) from B-2 Community Business District to B-1 Local Business District and R-4 One Family Residential District or any other appropriate zoning district.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 473 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 473

To rezone a part of the SW 1/4 of Section 21, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcel 22-21-300-011 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the SW corner of Section 21; thence N62°28'33"W 500.00 feet along the west line of Section 21 (nominal C/L of Beek Rd.); thence N67°48'04"E 850.00 feet; thence S20°23'38"E 600.00 feet to the south line of Section 21 (nominal C/L of Ten Mile Road); thence S87°48'04"W 860.00 feet along said south line to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Any parts of the above described lands taken, dedicated or used as a street, road or highway.

TO: B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO: B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT

All interested persons are invited to attend. Comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48060 until 5:00 P.M. Monday, March 6, 1989.

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Schools refuse to answer questions on lawsuit

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Novi school officials are refusing to comment on some key questions — including employee hiring practices — in the wake of a lawsuit filed against the district.

The suit charges school officials with negligence on behalf of a former Novi High School student, who claims she was sexually assaulted by a former volunteer swim coach in 1987.

Both Superintendent Robert Pivko and School Board President Michael Meyer refused comment this week, saying anything they say could jeopardize the district's position in the case.

Meyer would not elaborate on a statement he made last week in which he said that preventative measures with new hires, including monitoring of staff, have been in place at the schools since the incident one year ago which sparked the civil lawsuit.

Four weeks ago the mother of a former Novi High School student filed the suit in Wayne County Circuit Court, charging that district officials were negligent in four incidents involving sexual advances and sexual assaults made by a 23-year-old volunteer swim coach.

Her daughter, 15 at the time, was a member of the swim team.

Timothy McCoy Peltrey, now 24, is serving a 2-15 year prison sentence in Ionia, after pleading guilty to charges of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree last February in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Peltrey waived his right to a trial and admitted to having intercourse with the girl twice. He maintained she was a willing participant in the acts.

Specifically the suit charges five school officials with gross misconduct for failing to remove Peltrey from his position after two other girls' swim coaches were notified that Peltrey made sexual advances toward the girl.

The suit claims a second sexual assault occurred after the girl told assistant swim coach Meredith H. Somers of the incident. Somers signed a statement given to police saying she had been notified by the girl and immediately informed head swim coach Harold R. Anderson of the situation.

The suit further blames officials for not conducting a proper background check on Peltrey. Police records show Peltrey was arrested for simple larceny in Farmington Hills just one month before he was retained by the district as coach.

Though the charges were later dismissed, he was assessed \$65 in court costs.

Also named as defendants in the suit are Peltrey; Pivko and the Novi Community School District; Robert Youngberg, Novi High School Principal; and Milan O'Brienovich, Novi High School Assistant Principal.

According to officials from the

nearby school districts of Northville and Walled Lake, routine police checks on prospective employees are not conducted in their districts.

"We make every effort to hire quality people... but unless there is some reason to do a police check, there's no way to know," said Northville Superintendent George Bell. Bell added that it is just not feasible to do a complete rundown on applicants — whether for a paid or volunteer employee, because of the time involved and hassle for the police department. For both kinds of applicants he said the district relies on packages of a resume, application, references, personal recommendations and an interview.

Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner said the only way to get the most complete background check on an individual is to authorize a check through the Michigan State Police.

He said state police are able to turn up arrests occurring in the state for given individuals. Due to state

legislation, all arrests which require a visit to the prosecutor's office are listed with state police, Faulkner explained.

State statute required all misdemeanors to be on that state police list, but the provision only went into effect in June 1988. Therefore, if a state police check had been done on Peltrey prior to his being retained by Novi schools, chances are the simple larceny charge would not have shown up.

"We're very cognizant of the role model our coaches need to represent," said Faulkner. "They are given a talk to, if you will, in the initial hiring process by the athletic director," he said referring to the kind of situation which sparked the lawsuit against Novi schools.

"Certainly this could happen in any circumstance," Bell added. "I think we're taking every realistic appropriate step we can to make sure this sort of thing doesn't happen."

however, do receive a police background check to determine their driving records, he said.

"What we're doing seems to work," he said. "But there are no guarantees. We try to be as thorough as we can."

Roseborough, like Bell, said his district makes use of volunteers, retaining them for athletic programs. Both officials said volunteers in their schools work under the direction of a paid head coach.

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Another alternative to a state police check, said Faulkner, is to check with local police stations. But the time involved would probably make that option not feasible, he said, adding that any such background check must be authorized by the prospective employee first.

Dr. Barry Rosenborough, assistant superintendent of Walled Lake Schools, said his district uses the same methods of hiring as does Northville. Prospective bus drivers,

Council holds annual talk with various city boards

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

The Novi City Council got a chance to take a closer look at several city boards and commissions recently in an annual review meeting.

Council members met face-to-face with members of the Historical Commission, Library Board, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Economic Development Corporation (EDCO), and reported some overall progress.

They discussed past accomplishments, mapped out the upcoming year, and gave brief overviews of budget items for 1989-90.

Here's a quick look at matters before the council Monday.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION: The council supported a series of ordinance revisions designed to help the commission move forward with various backlog projects.

Members said technicalities in the ordinance that originally defined the Historical Commission have made work cumbersome and difficult in some areas.

But Councilman Hugh Crawford said the ordinance revisions weren't needed and that the group should

have made more progress than it did in 1988.

The commission will be expanded to nine voting members, with a seat specifically dedicated for a Historical Society representative under revisions discussed Monday.

Council members from the Novi Library and city administration will also be specified.

Commission meetings will also be held on separate nights from the Historical Society meetings to help assert the difference between the two groups.

The major project the two groups are working on is the restoration of the old Novi Township Hall, although members of each body are at odds on several different fronts over how the project should be handled. Commission members said they would get to work on historical markers, and markers for old cemeteries in 1989.

City Attorney David Fried is expected to come back with the specific ordinance revisions in the next few weeks.

LIBRARY BOARD: Library Board members James Evenhuis and Paul Black gave a thorough report of library activities in 1988, and got positive reviews from council

members.

Black said expansion of the library's new wing is near completion. Evenhuis said circulation was up in 1988, despite the construction activity, and that the library's title base expanded from 48,000 to 52,000 in the past year.

He also gave figures showing that Novi library users are far above local and national averages in the number of books they check out per year. The average Novi resident checks out 7.22 items per year. The national average is approximately 3.5, Northville is 6.5, Farmington-Farmington Hills is 8.54, while Redford Township is at 2.7.

Councilwoman Nancy Covert credited the library for providing "first class" service.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: ZBA members reported a heavy amount of activity in 1988, while predicting similar heavy loads due to new construction next year.

ZBA members also said home-based child care and decks may present a problem. State legislation stripping the right of local communities to regulate home day care is expected to come back up for action this year.

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Novi Bobcat swimmer Kate Nicol, 8, receives congratulations from her father after winning her freestyle event in the 'B-C' Meet sponsored by the Bobcat Swim Association at Novi High School last weekend. Approximately 540 swimmers from 28 USS-M swim clubs in Michigan and Canada participated in the two-day meet.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined it to be tentatively necessary to make the following described public improvement in the City of Novi:

Paving of Streets in the Novi Heights area including incidental drainage and road base reconstruction work.

The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement:

22-15-453-002	22-15-453-004	22-15-453-006	22-15-453-008
22-15-453-010	22-15-453-012	22-15-453-014	22-15-453-016
22-15-453-018	22-15-453-020	22-15-453-022	22-15-453-024
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22-15-453-162	22-15-453-164	22-15-453-166	22-15-453-168
22-15-453-170	22-15-453-172	22-15-453-174	22-15-453-176
22-15-453-178	22-15-453-180	22-15-453-182	22-15-453-184
22-15-453-186	22-15-453-188	22-15-453-190	22-15-453-192
22-15-453-194	22-15-453-196	22-15-453-198	22-15-453-200

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include preliminary plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on Monday, February 27, 1989, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., in the City of Novi, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing objections to the making of such public improvement.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

GERRY STIPP
CITY CLERK - 347-4456

NOTICE DATED: 2/15/89
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SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 20, 1989

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special election of the electors of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Monday, February 20, 1989.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

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

WILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 13 mills (\$13.00 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for a period of 3 years, 1989, 1990 and 1991, to provide additional funds for operating purposes (this being a renewal of 13 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1988 tax levy)?

THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Novi Middle School South, 25209 Tati Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 4190 Quince, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 2333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

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

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Kureth joins committee to suggest landfill sites

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Novi's Charles Kureth has been appointed to a countywide committee charged with recommending a suitable site for at least one new solid waste landfill.

Kureth, president of the environmental consulting firm CLK and Associates and chairman of the Novi Planning Commission, was chosen for the 25-member committee last week by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The group will be presented with a numbered list of potential sites, and will recommend a final site without officially being notified where it is located.

"It should be very interesting," Kureth said. "At this point we're just waiting for more information."

"The common goal will be to put the concerns together and come up with a site for a landfill or landfills in Oakland County," he said.

The committee's first meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Oakland Cafeteria of the County complex.

The landfill must be adequate to handle "non-processable solid waste, bypassed solid waste and incinerator ash" for the next 40 years, according to the county board resolution.

It is scheduled to be in operation by

1993. Oakland County has approximately five years of landfill space left, according to county estimates.

The 25-member group is made up of a variety of local officials, environmental experts and laypeople. They will work with Rogers, Golden, and Halpern, of Philadelphia, a consulting firm hired by the county.

In order to put the committee together, the county was divided into 25 regions, with representatives being selected from each region.

There are already some concerns being raised about the number of elected officials and municipal officials on the committee, and whether or not they will ultimately be amenable to siting a landfill in their region. The committee contains Holy Village President Ardath Regan, Lyon Township Trustee Robert Secombe, Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, and several other elected officials.

Several other appointed municipal officials also will serve on the board.

"If they pick a site in their area, they will not survive in office," said County Commissioner Larry Perneck (D-Southfield) during deliberations before the county board last week.

"If you were making a selection today, would you want a prison in your district? An airport? An incinerator? A landfill?" he asked.

Joe Spear, a representative of the

Philadelphia firm, told commissioners that he didn't see that as a problem.

"The outcome occurs before anyone knows where the sites will be located," Spear said.

Some 17 applications were submitted for the posts, including 14 applications from governmental representatives.

All applications were divided into the 25 geographical regions, with the most qualified candidate being picked from each of the regions, according to Deputy County Executive Pat Nowak.

Applicants were rated on seven different criteria: ability to attend regularly scheduled meetings, experience of working on committees, knowledge of solid waste, area of interest and expertise, group affiliation, occupation or profession, and level of interest.

The Philadelphia-based firm specializes in waste management and facility siting. They recently completed a project for the City of Indianapolis, which included a 200-acre landfill and a 1,300-ton-per-day mass burn incinerator.

Kureth is chairman of the Novi Planning Commission and the city's environmental advisory board.

(Staff writer Tim Richard contributed to this story.)

Woman reports rape in lot at Red Timbers restaurant

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor

Novi police are investigating a reported rape which occurred in the parking lot of the Red Timbers restaurant on Grand River Avenue shortly after midnight on Thursday, Feb. 9.

The victim of the assault was a 42-year-old Walled Lake woman, according to Detective John April.

The woman told investigating officers that she left the restaurant shortly after midnight and walked to her car which was parked behind the building.

The vehicle did not start, apparently because of an extremely cold weather, and the woman decided to go back inside the restaurant to seek assistance.

When she got out of her car, the assailant was standing behind her in the parking lot, she reported.

The woman said the man pushed her back inside the

car and took \$60 out of a wallet in her purse. He then proceeded to force her to have sexual intercourse.

The sexual assault apparently lasted only a few minutes. The woman said her assailant fled on foot in an unknown direction after both of them heard noises coming from the front entrance of the restaurant.

The woman said no weapon was implied or seen during the incident, but she described the man as being approximately 6'4" tall with a large build.

The man reportedly slapped her across the face at one point during the assault, although the woman's injuries were not sufficient to require hospitalization.

April said the victim was treated and released from Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township after the assault occurred.

The woman said her assailant was wearing a black leather jacket and had a ski mask pulled over his face throughout the incident.

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Varied group makes up landfill siting committee

Here is a look at the 24 members of the landfill siting committee in addition to Charles Kureth of Novi.

- HOLLY:** Ardath Rodan, village president, known for landmark work on recycling, chair of the state Toxic Substance Control Commission (TSCC), member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Council (SEMCOG) of Environmental Strategy.
- ROSE:** Chester W. Koop, chair of the township zoning board of appeals, social worker.
- HIGHLAND:** James H. Doyle superintendent of Huron Valley School District, with experience in state and municipal committees.
- MILFORD:** Charles "Chuck" Cabbage, state environmental consultant, Ph.D. in environmental health service, member of the Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC).
- LYON:** Robert Scowbee, vice-president of Ingersoll Rand, township trustee, and member of several solid waste committees.
- GROVELAND:** William Borowy, member of zoning board of appeals.
- SPRINGFIELD:** Corbin Walls, township supervisor, past chair of Solid Waste Board, real estate broker, active in SEMCOG.
- WHITE LAKE:** Kathleen Aseltine, housewife with degrees in psychology and geology, certified in hazardous waste management.
- COMMERCER:** Timothy Carpenter, engineering consultant with experience in solid waste.
- BRANDON:** Robert Flath, photographer, small businessman, former township trustee, former planning commissioner, and police and fire board member.
- INDEPENDENCE:** Richard Detokowski, owner of Clarkson Disposal, member of Independent Solid Waste Haulers Association, member of builders association, and chamber of commerce.
- WATERFORD:** Linda Alesup, junior high teacher.
- WEST BLOOMFIELD:** Grant Triggler, environmental attorney for TSCC, member of SEMCOG Environmental Strategy group, solid waste planner.
- FARMINGTON:** Edwin Hedrick, senior facilities engineer with Ford Motor Company, experience with industrial wastes.
- OXFORD:** Sharon Foster, township trustee, member of solid waste board.
- ORION:** JoAnn Van Tassel, township supervisor, member of solid waste board, member of solid waste task force of the Michigan Townships Association.
- PONTIAC:** Herbert Hudolin, city public utilities director, SEMCOG areawide water quality board.
- BLOOMFIELD:** Thomas Waffin, acting director of the South Oakland In-Charge Authority, engineer in solid waste industry.
- SOUTHFIELD:** Thomas Vukocich, city public works director, registered professional engineer.
- ADDISON:** Robert Swift, bank vice-president, township trustee, member of lake association.
- OAKLAND:** Susan Hoffman, licensed practical nurse.
- ROCHESTER:** Wilburn Bennett, self-employed waste hauler, member of National Solid Waste Management Association.
- TROY:** Michael Marlow, Ph.D. in resource development, two degrees in geology, Oakland Community College.
- ROYAL OAK:** Harry Denman, Ph.D., professor of physics, Wayne State University, recycling.

Conference planned for potential scouts

Do you know the difference between a Tiger Cub, a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout?

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Reservations are not needed. Assistant District Commissioner Jay Simacek of Novi will host a gathering of council executives, district executives, commissioners, Cubmasters and Scoutmasters from the Novi/South Lyon area. The Scout leaders will be available to describe Scouting adventures in their own particular communities.

Also on hand will be four troops to display some of their events and accomplishments. For more information call Simacek at 348-1349.

Election held Feb. 21

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The Headlee Amendment says we can't levy any more dollars this year than last year over the cost of living," said Piwko. For example, he said, if property assessments go up by 10 percent, the district cannot collect the same taxes plus an additional 10 percent, but can only collect an additional 4.5 percent, which is about the rate of inflation.

Piwko said, adding that the new rate would be in effect for the summer taxes this year. One translation that can be made concerning millage rates for school districts is the actual number of dollars each district spends per pupil. Novi spends approximately \$4,900 per student, said Piwko.

Although Novi is considered to be "toward the higher end" regarding spending per child, said Piwko, there are nine other school districts in Oakland County which spend more. They are Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Troy, Southfield, Farmington, Oak Park, Ferndale and Lamphare.

Districts on the higher end of those mentioned spend in excess of \$7,000 per pupil, said Piwko.

New Doctors Discovery

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Values, taxes increase again

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Novi residents were again hit hard this year by assessment adjustments, marking the third straight year of substantial increases.

Change in assessment notices, or market value adjustments, began going out two weeks ago. The average residential assessment increased by about 16 percent. That comes on the heels of a 12 percent residential increase in 1988 and 7.8 percent increases in 1987.

Residents who believe their estimated State Equalized Valuation (SEV) is more than half of the cash value of their home can appeal to the city's board of review or the state Tax Tribunal later this year. Otherwise, the alternative is get busy lobbying state legislators for tax law reform, according to several local officials.

"If we want to do something about the tax burden, we must look at a different way of financing the schools," Novi Assessor James Klausmeyer said last week. "Don't kill the messenger; work on the message."

"The vast majority of people, even those with the big increases, are still under 50 percent," said State Rep. Willis Bullard (R-Highland). "The tax burden in Michigan is very high, there is no question about that."

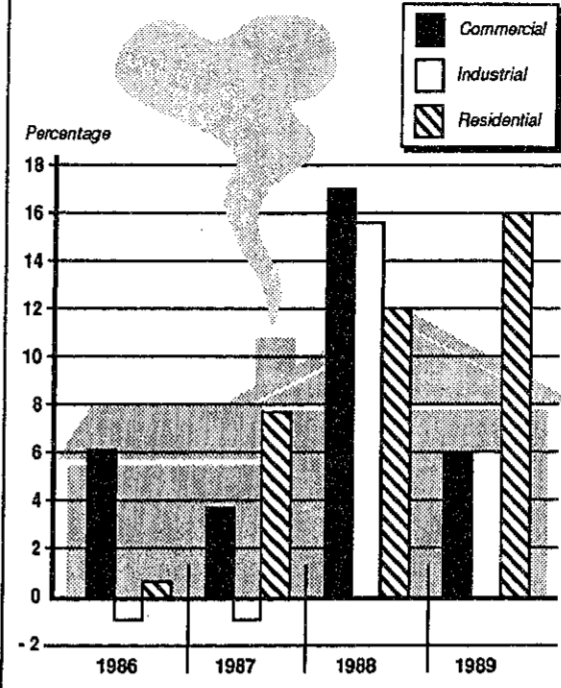
"The people who are upset should be upset with the legislature for a failure to come up with a solution on school financing reform," Bullard said.

Chances for a public vote on that issue died in the last session when the State House of Representatives rejected a senate resolution which laid out a ballot question on the matter.

Bullard said a citizens' initiative might be one of the only alternatives

Through the Roof

Percentage increases in State Equalized Valuation (SEV) for Commercial, Industrial and Residential from 1986-89



left, because of the legislative deadlock. "I'm hoping that several groups who are talking about it behind-the-scenes will come forward," he said.

Bullard said an increase in sales taxes and a break in property taxes was "the only" solution left that is politically possible.

Requiring a 12 percent minimum funding level from the state's general fund to education is also a possibility

being discussed.

SEV figures (assessments) are designed to be set at 50 percent of the true cash value of homes or property. Assessors are required by state law to assess at that 50 percent figure.

The adjustments are based on a 24-month sales study of similar properties.

"I am reviewed by the county and the county is reviewed by the state," Klausmeyer said. "Our goal is 50 percent... some are going to be over and some are going to be under."

This year's jumps are expected to hit retirees, senior citizens, or medium income couples the hardest. Klausmeyer said the city mailed out assessment notices early to give residents plenty of time to prepare possible appeals of their assessments.

"We are urging people to come in and look at their cards to make sure we haven't made an error... make sure we've got the garage where it should be," Klausmeyer said.

City council members said last Monday night that the assessment news wasn't all bad.

Councilman Edward Leininger criticized "negative" news coverage of the assessment increases.

Leininger said the increases are an example that property values "are going in the right direction" and that the truly bad news would have been notices of a declining tax base.

Mayor Matthew Quinn said his assessment increased 35 percent, which, to him, indicates a 35 percent increase in his investment.

"I haven't had many investments that have done that," Quinn said.

The typical Novi taxpayer pays about 62 cents per dollar in taxes for local schools and community colleges, 24 cents for city services, and 14 cents for county services.

Novi house values highest yet

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Novi's total residential property value increased more than \$61 million dollars last year — a figure reflecting the growth of new, more expensive housing being built here and an appreciation rate as high as the city has ever seen.

An Oakland County equalization report lists Novi's total residential property value at \$343,419,850, placing Novi between the cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills in terms of residential property values in Oakland County communities.

That's a 17.5 percent increase from the year before, when the value was listed at \$292,447,650. The \$343.4 million figure represents values as of Dec. 31, 1987, said Gerald Carney, administrator of real property for the county. "That is the assessment people paid taxes on this year," he said, adding that the actual figures for 1988 won't be released until April.

According to retired Novi Assessor John Merrifield, who has seen the trends come and go in the city for the last 17 years, Novi housing values have increased all during his tenure. But he has never seen values as high as they have been in the last 18 months, when the appreciation average has been about 25 percent.

That's good news for homeowners who want to sell their homes at a hefty profit, Merrifield said, but that's not so good for first-time buyers who want to live in Novi.

"If you want to buy a home here, you have to have a large down payment or have large house payments," Merrifield said.

"If you bought (a Novi house) five years ago, your equity probably doubled," added Merrifield, who continues to work part-time in the city's assessing department, handling residential affairs.

Merrifield said a study conducted by his office last June showed the average selling price of a Novi home was \$123,000 during a one-year period ending June 1988.

The average price for Oakland County in general is around \$73,000, he said.

The average, he explained, includes some \$300,000-plus houses being built in new subdivisions, as well as some \$20,000 houses in older neighborhoods. "Three years ago there wasn't a \$200,000 house in this town, now we have sales over \$300,000."

There are even \$750,000 houses being built in the Eight Mile and Meadowbrook area, he said.

"That whole corner is growing," Carney said, referring to Novi, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township. But when comparing property values increases among the communities, one has to be aware of what is actually being compared, he warned.

For instance, Novi's \$81 million increase looks small compared to West Bloomfield's \$169 million increase during the same period. "But West Bloomfield had a lot of value there before last year," Carney explained, saying much of the township's rise was due to housing appreciation rather than new housing developments.

Residential Valuation

A comparison of the total residential property values for local communities as of Dec. 31, 1987

- Bloomfield Twp. \$1.24 bil.
- West Bloomfield \$1.17 bil.
- Farmington Hills \$1.04 bil.
- Troy \$980 mil.
- Rochester Hills \$694 mil.
- Southfield \$634 mil.
- Birmingham \$462 mil.
- NOVI \$343.4 mil.
- Bloomfield Hills \$246 mil.
- Orchard Lake \$92 mil.

Source: Oakland County - Dept. of Real Property

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Although West Bloomfield surely developed extensively last year, "Novi probably built more," he said. So why the boom in building and house costs in Novi?

Location is the main reason, said Merrifield — particularly because of the "I-275 corridor."

Other factors include the school district, which has received a great deal of favorable publicity, and the fact that "the community has been blessed with a very good reputation" as well.

Plus, he said, "When people move to Novi, they feel like they are moving to the country — people want that."

As far as the outlook goes, Merrifield said, "I think we'll see a leveling off," mainly due to rising interest rates. "But property should continue to appreciate."

Q: What do you think of Novi assessments?



HARRY CRAWFORD: "We just got the notice... It doesn't look too good. I've met a lot of people who are upset about them."

KATIE RAETON: "We were expecting it really. We just moved here from Dearborn and we enjoy it. It's a growing community."

NICK SANTORE: "I was really upset about it. I've been hit two years in a row with significant increases. We've got a lot of industry coming in and it should be picking up some of the slack."

RUTH KERR: "We've been out here for 14 years and it has really gone up. We don't know how much longer we can afford to live in Novi. We enjoy Novi."

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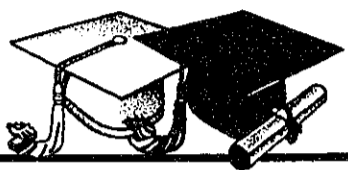
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As We See It

'Yes' vote in order on millage renewal

Voters in the Novi Community School District have an easy decision to make when they go to the polls next Tuesday. On the ballot they will find a proposal to renew 13 mills for operations of the school district for a three-year period.



Education

We recommend a YES vote on the millage renewal question.

Although the legal wording of the ballot question may cause some to believe the school district is requesting a millage increase, that is not really the case.

Here's what's happening. The school district has three separate millage packages to provide revenues for the day-to-day operations of the schools. There's a 9.54 mill county-allocated millage for all Oakland County school districts. In addition, there are two local millage packages which have been approved in the past by school district residents — a 10.5 mill package and a 13.0 mill package. The total of the three packages is 33.04 mills.

Several years ago, the school board moved to consolidate the locally-voted millage packages into the 10.5 and 13.0 mill packages. In addition, they decided to regulate their duration to three-year periods in order to give residents an opportunity to vote on renewals at regular intervals.

The 10.5 mill package expired in December 1987 and was renewed by voters in March 1988 by almost a two-to-one margin, 549 to 280. The district's other major source of revenues — the 13.0 mill package — expired in December 1988 and may not be levied again unless it is approved by the voters.

It is the renewal of the 13.0 mill package which appears on next Tuesday's ballot. The district is not truly asking for more millage; it's only asking for as much as it has had in previous years.

We have few reservations about recommending approval of the

millage renewal. In the first place, the 13 mills represents almost 40 percent of the district's total operating millage. Defeat of the renewal would put the district in serious financial trouble and require additional elections in the near future.

Secondly, we are convinced that the district generally manages its revenues wisely. School district officials have adopted the position that they will levy no more than the amount of millage needed to operate the schools regardless of the amount of voter-approved millage. The operating millage rate for the current (1988-89) school year, for example, is 27.74 mills.

We suspect that district officials might be somewhat apprehensive about this election due to the fact that voters will be going to the polls shortly after having received generally large assessment increases.

Voters should be aware, however, that assessment increases do not necessarily mean their taxes will increase proportionately. The Headlee Amendment in the State Constitution restricts revenues from increased assessments to the rate of inflation. In other words, despite the average residential assessment increase of 15 percent in Novi this year, school district revenues from the assessment increase will be limited by the Headlee Amendment to approximately 4.5 percent — the current inflation rate.

The school district has demonstrated sound financial management practices in the past. Voters should endorse the millage renewal question on the Feb. 21 ballot.

Reform still needed

The assessments have again hit hard in Novi, despite arguments to the contrary by well-intentioned city council members.

Residents will be saddled with average increases of 16 percent this year. Average business assessments went up five to six percent.

First a word about the nuts and bolts of this.

The State Equalized Valuation (SEV), or assessment, is designed to represent 50 percent of cash value of homes or property. That figure is applied against a millage rate imposed by local schools, the municipality, intermediate school district, county, community college, and regional parks and recreation.

Out of the average dollar paid in property taxes here, roughly 60 cents goes to Novi Schools. About 24 cents goes to the City of Novi for city services. The other 16 cents is divided up between the other taxing units.

The assessments are boosted either by inspection of the features of the home (A new deck? Additions?) or simply an estimate of the cash value of the home. A 24-month sales study is done, and spiraling sale prices of homes that are similar to yours play a part in boosting your assessment.

These are fundamental things Novi homeowners must know, and we suspect most are well aware of it.

But, from here, we feel there are a number of fundamental misunderstandings — both on the

part of local officials and the public at large.

First of all, venting your wrath on the local assessor isn't a healthy exercise, and we've already heard a lot of people who seem to feel that it's all his fault. It's clearly not. Novi Assessor James Klausmeyer is simply obeying state laws.

If there is a question about whether or not the SEV figure actually represents 50 percent of cash value, residents can go directly to Klausmeyer or appeal their case to the Board of Review or, further, to the State Tax Tribunal.

The concerns would be more aptly directed to State Rep. Willis Bullard — who admits that the legislature has been quite impotent in dealing with the issue — State Sen. Jack Faxon, and Speaker of the House Lewis Dodak. Legislators need to get to work on a bi-partisan package of school finance reform, which is the only thing that will cure the impact of high assessments. The burden of financing public education is dropped in the lap of the homeowner and that has to change.

Secondly, the argument that increasing assessments are actually a good sign, clearly, doesn't wash. Many people want to spend the rest of their lives in Novi, and that's just not going to be possible the way the current system works.

Homes escalating in value? That's a secondary concern. After all, this is a community of residents, not investors.

Pardon my heresy, but...

A code of conduct for public officials seems to make sense, doesn't it?

Maybe more than any other calling, public officials are constantly faced with conflict-of-interest and other ethical questions. That's true of all levels of government. Cronyism, political action committee contributions, officeholder expense funds, and on and on — the press is full of ethical issues and questions.



Bob Needham

Lots of them are never really settled, since there often two legitimate sides. Let's say an official appoints his best friend from high school for some soft job as an aide — looks bad, maybe, but at least the official knows he can trust his old friend not to be selling secrets to Libya behind his back.

Ethics in public service is one big gray area. So it seems like any effort to make it a little more black and white would be a good idea. Figure out which ethical questions can have reasonable answers, and then put those things down in writing. Like I said, it makes sense, doesn't it?

Well, not everyone thinks so. In fact, when one of the members of the Novi Planning Commission recently proposed such a code of conduct, it was revised — and then turned down. Or maybe I should say shot down. Judy Johnson, who suggested the code, was the only person to vote for it.

Before anyone starts getting offended, I should say that I have never personally seen the commission in action. In our office, my responsibilities deal almost en-

tirely with Northville. When it comes to Novi, like the man said, all I know is what I read in the paper. And I have no reason at all to doubt the integrity of any members of the planning commission.

That's completely beside the point. There's no guarantee — none at all — that a bad apple won't ever end up in public service, in spite of the best efforts of the public, or the city council, or whoever puts the person in question where they are.

There are people who will, if given the chance, use the public trust to their personal advantage. At the risk of sounding heretical, there may even be one or two who live in Novi.

A code of conduct obviously helps guard against such problems. It also can provide a firm recourse if an ethical violation does occur. On the other side of the coin, it helps all the straight-arrow officials by clearly stating the rules of the game, guarding against someone drifting into a problem by accident.

These kinds of issues led the City of Northville, not long ago, to adopt an ethics code. It applies to all public employees and volunteers — elected officials, appointed officials and city employees. It was done with no conflict-of-interest scandal to move it along; it was done as a precaution. It was a good move.

When faced with the same issues, Novi balked. Parts of it repeat things in the bylaws, they said. It's so negative, they said. It covers what we shouldn't do, not what we should, they said.

Big deal. I say. A code couldn't hurt, and it clearly might help. Johnson's ideas — some of which were stricter than what Northville adopted — need revival, either by the planning commission or the city council. Makes sense? You bet.

Forum

By Chris Boyd

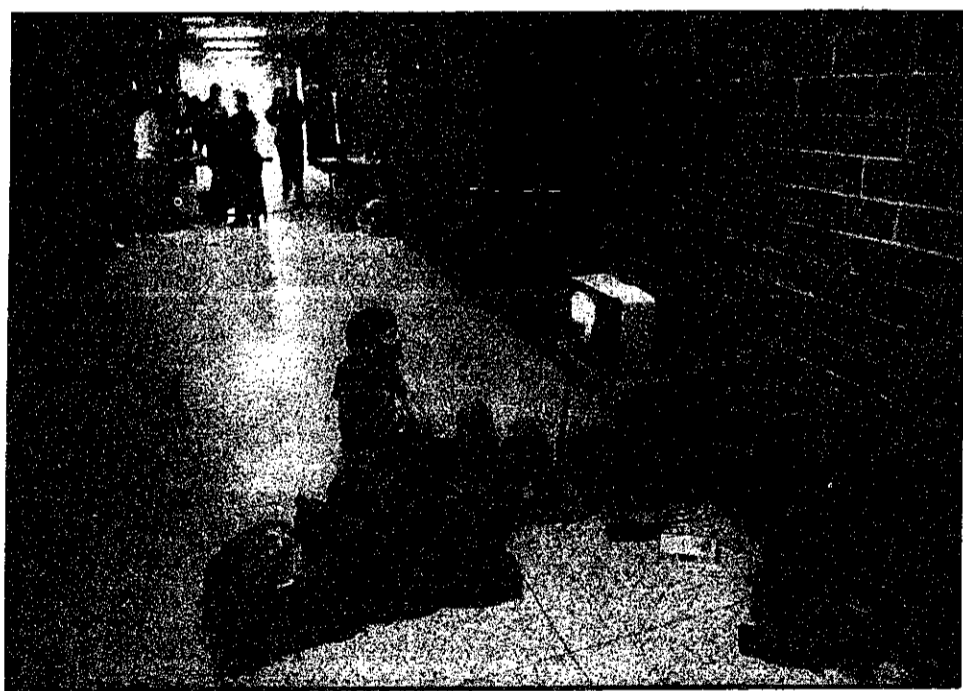


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Saturday morning TV

Boy, have I got stories to tell

Most people realize The Novi News and Northville Record are produced by the same staff. Phil Ginotti and Amy Rosa concentrate pretty much on Novi; Bob Needham and Bruce Weintraub concentrate on Northville. But sports reporter Neil Geoghegan, living reporter Brenda Dooley and photographer Chris Boyd serve both newspapers.



Phil Jerome

Ann Willis is the big boss. She's the supervisor of all the reporters. I only supervise one person — Ann Willis.

All of that fascinating information is by way of introduction to telling you that I have been concentrating on Novi for the past week. Unlike Northville which published its centennial edition in the 1980s, the City of Novi will celebrate its 30th birthday next week.

And to mark the occasion we've been working hard to produce a 20th anniversary section especially about Novi. The section will be published in next week's edi-

tion of The News. The scary thing about the project is the realization that I've been around almost as long as Novi. The city was incorporated in 1969; I started with the paper in 1971.

Reporters are reading through old papers to pluck interesting names, events and tidbits from the contemporary history book we publish every week. And what's scary is that I know most of them. "Did you know the first mayor was a guy named Joe Crupi?" they ask. "Sure, I knew Joe," I respond.

What's neat about the project is the realization that my contemporaries — like Gil Henderson, Ed Kriewall, Romaine Roethel and many others — are a part of history. What's scary about the project is that it makes me feel very, very old.

I guess I'm lucky we're not working on the history of Northville right now. My family moved to Northville in 1955. I knew a lot of the current city leaders when they were kids... and the stories I could tell. There, that ought to make them nervous.

'City officials heard the people'

To the Editor:
As a citizen of the City of Novi for 27 years, and as a member of the Citizens for Responsible Development, I want to thank those members of the planning commission and the city council for repealing the rezoning decision for the Ten Mile and Beck Road area.

It's quite refreshing, after all the years of not being heard, to see that some of the council members remember who put them in their office with a public vote. I am disappointed in our Mayor Quinn and Joe Toth for their vote against the repeal. I guess the opinion of over 3,000 citizens meant nothing to them.

Mr. Toth probably thinks that the voting public will forget this in the next three years before he has to run for his position again, and perhaps Mr. Quinn is not going to run again, so does not have to worry about the general citizenry thinks.

The fact remains that the property is now back to the zoning that was recommended many years ago and will now be an enhancement to the area west of Novi Road on the Ten Mile/Beck zoning issue.

We would also like to thank The Novi News for its fair and accurate reporting of the campaign.

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Letters

Novi News to see the owner of Pleasant Run Plaza asking for tenants. Ride down Nine Mile between Novi Road and Meadowbrook and see the large sign for commercial tenants advertising "below market rental space." Look on Grand River at the new center more than half empty. Ride through the Town Center and it looks like a ghost town in some areas. Enough said.

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Carol Ringelski

Tax burdens

To the Editor:
There seem to be a larger and larger number of citizens who feel their tax assessments are out of line.

We have spoken to many who have had their assessments raised for the past three years which in itself seems unfair; several spoke of leaving the area for relief.

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had only two of three present. No other board in Novi that we know of has only three members (zoning board, planning board and construction board). Two people do not a board make in our eyes.

Once you have met with the board of review the next step is filing with the State Tax Tribunal, but this is a three year wait for any decision.

What citizens can do is write or call your local representatives. Our State Senator is Jack Faxon (517) 373-7888 and our State Representative is Willis Bullard Jr. at 2850 N. Milford Road, Milford, MI 48842. Representative Lynn Jondahl, Chairman of House Taxation Committee, State Capital, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-1786. If you have a complaint about the tax assessing person and the way they have handled your review, you may also file a complaint with the State Assessing Board.

It is only if they hear from us that something can be done for relief of this ever increasing property tax. Take just a moment and contact them.

Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Lenzi

'About time'

To the Editor:
Recycling plans outlined in The Novi News on February 10 was indeed good news.

It's about time. We should have been doing this for the last 10 years.

Evelyn J. Ginn

CITY HALL COMMENTARY



JAMES KLAUSMEYER Assessor

As I suggested last week, you have reviewed your property cards and there are in fact no discrepancies between the land and the building as they exist, yet in your opinion the assessment exceeds the value of the home when multiplied by two, the next step in the appeal process is to present factual data supporting your position to the Board of Review. This supporting data would include: * existing sale prices of similar homes in your neighborhood or community, with or without any written offers. * any relevant material that would adversely affect the value of your property. This data should be supported of your position to be presented. The Board of Review will make decisions based on all factual data supplied by the homeowner. Remember the burden of proving an assessment is in excess is on the shoulders of the taxpayer (home or business). It is necessary to complete this first step in the review process in order to take subsequent steps to the Michigan Tax Tribunal if your appeal is denied at the lower level. The Board of Review Petition must be completed prior to requesting an appointment to see the Board of Review. If you will be out of town the petition still needs to be filed out, but the process can be handled through the mail. Be sure all supporting data is included with the petition prior to mailing. The Board will review all petitions and give the same considerations whether they are mailed or presented in person. The Board of Review Petition must be turned in and an appointment made to appear before the Board on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10, 1989. Written petitions will be accepted on or before 5 p.m., March 17, 1989.

James Klausmeyer

How to Become a Non-Smoker

by Elaine Kissel, Ph.D.



We have all heard of the smoker who suddenly decides to stop smoking, and does. We have also heard of the person who stops smoking after only one session of hypnosis. These cases are interesting because they tell us something about the potential within each individual to achieve a desired goal. But with further investigation we discover that more than 97% of those people go back to smoking within days, months or even years. Some extra stress, trauma or other stimulus even causes them to retreat back to cigarettes.

Cigarette smoking is a coping mechanism, an addiction, and whether it is physical, or emotional, it's an addiction that is difficult to alleviate. Until recently it was socially acceptable and considered harmless. Smoking involves motor as well as psychological processes and is an oral form of satisfaction and seems to relax the smoker. The hazards of smoking are well known yet do very little in many cases to force the relinquishing of cigarettes. Obviously smoking fills many needs.

Many smokers are concerned with weight gain and with withdrawal symptoms if they stop.

For these reasons careful and concerned help through hypnosis is most important. One session of hypnosis, as has been said before can initiate the process of change or in some cases help a person act upon a decision with more confidence. However, it is rare that one session of hypnosis can make a non-smoker out of everyone who smokes.

For a hypnotic suggestion followed by one person may have no effect on another, and the same is true for hypnotic inductions. Personalized hypnosis and the learning of self hypnosis and other self-supporting techniques are the answer. And since no habit is simple, and each person is a unique and complex human being, each subject needs to be understood and literally nurtured into becoming a non-smoker. And hypnosis is a superb tool for alleviating withdrawal symptoms and helping the client develop the confidence and coping skills needed to be comfortable in any situation without cigarettes.

The care, concern and specialized attention Elaine offers people to overcome smoking behavior and desires has proven effective. She teaches self hypnosis and Mind Mastery which enables those withdrawing from cigarettes to instantly overcome the urge to smoke and to re-inforce the new attitudes and behavior.

Some people stop smoking after their first sessions of hypnosis with Elaine, however to make the effect permanent, re-inforcement is essential. Other smokers gradually withdraw by cutting down, and here too, re-inforcement is all important to reach and maintain the goal.

Elaine encourages natural withdrawal from smoking. That is, she encourages her client's subconscious to enact the change utilizing inner resources in whatever way is most comfortable and effective for the individual.

Learning to be a non-smoker need not be painful or difficult, nor need it result in weight gain. The desire to stop smoking, the personal decision is an important factor though, and without it non-smoking behavior is impossible to effect.

The potential in each person to reach a desired goal can be evoked in hypnosis, NOT FORCED. Yet Elaine has been instrumental in helping people who come to her to stop smoking understand themselves better and therefore make the decision to stop.

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OK, so maybe Lear was much better at it than I. Do you think you can do better? Good, because you'll have a chance. The News and Northville Record will conduct the First Annual Limerick Contest to give you, our readers, an opportunity to show us your limerick-writing talents.

The overall contest winner will receive a specially printed and framed copy of the winning limerick. And of course, we'll share it with other readers by publishing it in the March 16 edition of the News, just in time for St. Patrick's Day. We'll also publish as many "runners-up" as possible.

Sharpen your pencil and try creating a limerick of your very own. Here are general guidelines to observe — the first and second lines rhyme with the fifth line and the shorter third line rhymes with the shorter fourth line. There are no other requirements except that the limerick must consist of five rhymed lines — the subject matter is up to you. (Please keep in mind that we're a family newspaper). Next week we'll print an entry form for the contest. Deadline for entering is Friday, March 10.

To give you a start, following are a few examples from the book "Laughable Limericks," compiled by Sara and John E.

Good luck. And happy limericking.

Keeping pace with technology



Neil Geoghegan

Recent technological advances in the world of electronics usually end up making our lives easier. I mean, what would we do without electric apple peelers and pasta makers? But as a music collector, it makes for some difficult decisions.

Advances in this field, especially in the last five or 10 years, have revolutionized the recording industry. For the first time ever, compact discs sales are now exceeding album sales — and that's really been the biggest change. They call it the digital revolution, and I suppose it is.

The world was obviously ready for a non-friction format with unequalled sound reproduction. But with its introduction came the big dilemma for everyone with stereo equipment: when — or if — to make the jump to CDs and what to do with all the music you already have on other formats.

When CDs first made an appearance, the players and the discs were very pricey, and the selection wasn't great. Old-guard vinyl

and tape aficionados dismissed it at first, mainly because they couldn't get a lot of their favorite albums on CD yet. "If I can't get Sonny and Cher's Greatest Hits on CD, I don't want it!" was a common cry.

But in a very short period of time, the CD took off and converts were everywhere. The same people who were dead set against CDs finally broke down. They went out and bought a player for under \$200 and started loading up on their favorites. "I didn't know there was a harmonica solo at the end of Proud Mary," they said.

So that's where we now stand. But unless you have an endless supply of cash, or just won the lottery, the key question is: which discs to buy? Do you try to completely duplicate your album and tape selection with CDs — which is very expensive — or do you buy all those albums you always wanted but never got around to getting. The second choice gives you far more music, but much of it is on a soon-to-be obsolete format. Or is it?

Is the digital format really an obsolete-problem system like they say it is? Sure there is no wear but how do we know these CDs will last forever? I saw an exhibition where a guy put peanut butter on a CD and it still played flawlessly. I'll admit that it was impressive, but what about nuclear fall-out? How does it

effect a CD? I can honestly say I've never seen that one tested.

And what is the future for an apparently antiquated format like vinyl records? Are they history like the reel-to-reel tapes and the 78rpm records are today, and if so, what should we do with them? And what about tapes? Everybody likes them because you can reproduce music on them, but they wear at a fast rate just like albums. Are they on the way out like albums appear to be?

There is another new breakthrough making waves in Japan right now, and it adds to the confusion. It's called DAT (Digital Audio Tapes), and it's basically a combination of CD laser technology in a cassette tape. The tape is played by a laser with superb sound quality, but like conventional tapes, it wears over a period of time. What does this new technology add to the whole picture?

And another thing — will we be able to tape things onto a blank CD some day? And even though it's another area, what about these new high-definition televisions I keep hearing about? There are a lot of questions swirling in my head... and... I can't even remember what the original question was. I have a headache.

When friend help, he called for Help, but Confusion came instead.

At last Help came, and Help knew what to do. In times of emergency are you Help? If not, learn Red Cross First Aid where you work - or call your local chapter.

Obituaries

WALTER M. KASNO

Walter M. Kasno of Novi died Feb. 1 in Winter Haven, Florida. Born in Delray, Michigan, he was 74.

A funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 6, at the Church of the Holy Family.

Mr. Kasno had been employed as a technician by a research company.

He is survived by his wife, Leonilde; two sons, W. Paul and David; and three daughters — Mrs. Michael (Suzanne) Alelio, Mrs. Larry (Rosemary) Buszek and Mrs. Roger (Cathy) Imerman. Also surviving are a sister, Anna Jones; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

MARY LOEFFLER

A funeral service for Mary Magdalene Loeffler of Novi was held Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger F. Aumann officiating.

Mrs. Loeffler died unexpectedly at her residence on Feb. 3. Born in Ironwood, she was 66 at the time of her death.

She had been a homemaker.

Mrs. Loeffler is survived by two sons, David and Donald, and two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Diane) Klosterman and Mrs. Michael (Denise) Allard. Also surviving are seven brothers, two sisters and eight grandchildren.

Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be sent to Christ The Good Shepherd Church, 44243 Cherboung, Canton, MI 48188.

CHARLES (BERT) MOSHIMER

Mr. Charles "Bert" Moshimer, 90, of Northville, died Feb. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Moshimer was born May 30, 1898, in Merrill, Mich. to Charles H. and Francis E. (DeBar) Moshimer. He married Orpha A. Moshimer who preceded him in death in 1970.

He is survived by son Thomas A. Moshimer of Plymouth and daughter-in-law Connie; and two grandsons, Duncan and Michael.

Mr. Moshimer moved to Northville in 1901. He was a member of the Northville Masonic Lodge and Plymouth Elks.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. Eric S. Hammar of First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

MONICA SITAREK

Monica Sitarek of Novi died Feb. 6 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Born in Detroit, she was 77 at the time of her death.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Church of the Holy

Family. The Rev. Kevin P. O'Brien officiated.

Mrs. Sitarek had been a housekeeper and was employed by General Motors.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John (Camille) Cioroch and Mrs. Gerald (Celine) Maslak, and a son, Florian. Also surviving are five sisters, two brothers and 12 grandchildren.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

HAZEL I. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Hazel I. Williams, 82, of Howell, died Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Livingston Care Center.

Mrs. Williams was born April 15, 1906 in Northville to Louis and Dora (Caswell) Lanning. She married George Williams in 1925. He preceded her in death in 1977.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her three children, Pauline Carpenter of Walled Lake; George Everett Williams of South Lyon; Donald Williams of Griffithville, Ark.; 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Lanning of Northville, Louis Lanning of Milford; and one sister Virginia Lach of Northville. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Loretta Sperkowski and Dorothy Maas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Phillips Funeral Home. Interment was at the South Lyon Cemetery. The Rev. Robert Banks officiated.

Memorials would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 725 S. Adams, Suite 1-6, Birmingham, Mich., 48011.

CECIL E. (BUD) ZWICKEY

Funeral services for Mr. Cecil E. "Bud" Zwickey of Novi will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia at 3 p.m. The Rev. Steven Schafer will officiate.

Mr. Zwickey died Feb. 10 at Oak Hill Care Center in Farmington. He was 94.

He was born May 27, 1894 in Storm Lake, Iowa, to John L. and Lydia (Negus) Zwickey. He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl who died in 1984.

Mr. Zwickey is survived by a son Robert of Arizona and a daughter Jean Signor of Northville; brothers Rip of Detroit and Don of Farmington; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He spent 80 years in the area. He was retired from the Detroit Public Schools where he had been a shop teacher at Post Junior High School.

The family would appreciate memorials to Mt. Hope Congregational Church at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

Arrangements were made by the Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

Communities seek growth help

Fisher: 'Traditional tools are not adequate (to manage growth). We may need additional legislation to accomplish growth management.'

FARMINGTON — Officials in some of Oakland County's "boom towns" are asking for tools to manage growth.

Representatives of Rochester Hills, Oakland Township and West Bloomfield Township learned that they may be looking to Lansing for those tools at a recent meeting of the Inter-Government Growth Study Group in Farmington Hills.

"Traditional tools are not adequate (to manage growth)," said Farmington Hills Attorney Gerald Fisher, who specializes in municipal law.

He noted that some municipalities have been ordered to compensate property owners who have lost the use of their land after officials turned down proposed projects.

"We may need additional legislation to accomplish growth management," Fisher said, adding that the purpose of the Inter-Governmental Growth Study Group will be to establish models, including guidelines and legal summaries, for each community to use.

According to Fisher, it's getting more difficult for municipalities to slow development, partially because

of court decisions.

"The Michigan Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court in the last few years has sent some relatively ugly signals... maybe appropriate signals... but tough signals," he said.

The group will be meeting in coming months to share information researched by Fisher and fellow attorney Mike Banas. Also doing research will be Mark Wyckoff, editor of the Planning and Zoning News and president of the Planning and Zoning Center in Lansing.

The Planning and Zoning Center describes growth management as "an explicit governmental program designed to control or influence the type, location, rate... and cost of population growth and development."

Growth-management techniques, Wyckoff said, include land-use controls, public facility improvements, taxes and fees, and land acquisition.

Wyckoff said some tools being used widely now, such as impact fees (asking developers to pay for items such as roads that are necessary

because of their developments), are not outlined by Michigan law.

"If it's not clearly authorized by Michigan law, there's a risk in utilizing it," he said. "Additional legislation may be necessary."

Wyckoff said that good planning is necessary to provide a legal basis for growth decisions. The plan should include policies, clear strategic targets and clearly identified tools. It also should establish a mechanism for coordinating the tools.

Wyckoff also discussed new land acquisition techniques, such as purchasing development rights instead of the land itself to save money but still give the municipality desired control of development.

Banas noted that it's getting more difficult for municipalities to pay for development-related improvements because of the loss of federal revenue sharing funds and tax reforms.

Other communities involved in the Inter-Governmental Growth Study Group are Independence and Waterford Townships. One idea behind the formation of the group is that it would be less costly to research growth control together.

Novi party slated for next Saturday

Let the celebration begin!

Novi's 20th anniversary/birthday party is scheduled to take place Saturday, Feb. 25, featuring samplings of a long and complex history.

"I hope everyone turns out," said City Public Information Director Cindy Stewart. "I don't know that we can accommodate 30,000 people, but we're hoping for a big turnout."

The event will cap off months of planning. Events are scheduled for between 2:30 and 4:10 p.m. in the Civic Center on Ten Mile near Taft Road.

A long list of local merchants has stepped forward to supply gifts and prizes for the event. Door prizes range from dinners for two at area restaurants, to gift certificates, movie and bowling passes, to weekend getaways at local hotels.

Residents attending the Saturday event will be given a ticket at the door. Drawings for the door prizes will be made later. Winners of the elementary school essay contest and the photo contest will also be announced during the anniversary party.

A variety of displays from local civic groups will be on display, as well as histories of various city boards, councils, and departments.

Slide shows on the history of Novi will be offered as well as videotaped interviews with "old timers" from Novi's past and present.

The event is being held in conjunction with the city's 20th anniversary of incorporation as a city.

Novi became a city in February, 1969 when voters turned out to approve the charter by a wide margin, after more than a decade of wrangling.

Here's a look at the day's events:

2:30 p.m. — Welcoming remarks from Mayor Matthew Quinn and City Manager Edward Kriewall.

2:45 p.m. — Presentation of prizes to photo contest winners and essay contest winners.

3:15 p.m. — Birthday celebration. Cutting of "Novi" cake. Refreshments.

3:30-4 p.m. — Band selections; a performance by the Novi Concert Band.

4 p.m. — Balloon launch.

4:45 p.m. — Tours of Civic Center facilities and displays. Musical selections from the flute quintet.

4:10 p.m. — Slide presentation in council chambers; "Memories of Novi" by Cathy Crawford.

Planners to look at Walter site plan

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Commission Chairman Charles Kureth said he also was in the dark about the exact reason for the issue's resurfacing, but said it was being done "as a courtesy to the developer."

He added that up until last Thursday the item had been pulled from the commission's agenda because of

the city council's repeal of the rezoning action. But then, he said, he was instructed by City Attorney Dennis Watson to place the item back on the agenda.

"It seems unusual. We haven't had this situation before," he said. Kureth added that the commission could not grant Walter preliminary approval for the shopping center,

since his plans are now in violation of the zoning status. Building permits could not be granted either, he said.

When contacted Tuesday, Walter refused to comment on the situation except to say he didn't know what the real reason was either.

When asked about the rumors that he might file a lawsuit against the city for its actions, he replied, "I don't want to sue the city."

He added: "Let's see what happens tomorrow night."

City Attorney David Fried could not be reached for comment and Watson did not return repeated calls by The Novi News.

Explained City Manager Edward Kriewall: "Our attorney said we ought to at least put it on the agenda and review it."

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Appe'teaser gets 'shot in the arm' on 10th birthday

By DAWN RIFFENBURG

As the Milford Appe'teaser nears its 10-year anniversary this June, owner Chris Angelosante is injecting some new life into the famed restaurant, a move he hopes will give the eating establishment a "shot in the arm."

The management staff additions and changes are due largely to growth, Angelosante explained. Nearly 10 years ago, when Angelosante opened the Appe'teaser, it seated 60 people. Now, it has grown to a 160-seat restaurant.

The success of the Appe'teaser eventually prompted Angelosante to open two additional establishments, including a Birmingham Appe'teaser, opened in May 1988, and Novi's Appe'teaser-To-Go, opened in 1987.

"Since we've done all that expanding, I've come to realize that what I had here was perfection," he said. "It was a perfected place in terms of service and food. When I got done opening all these restaurants, I realized I hadn't developed any managers."

Angelosante recently hired three new managers and a chef, bringing new blood to the Milford establishment.

"It's been a few years of working with people, of sifting through them, of trial and error, but I finally have a management staff here that's everything I could expect," he said. Those new additions to the staff include:

□ Rick Kirchner — Kirchner has lived in Milford for 20 years. He said he's seen the downtown evolve into "a storybook block," and believes the restaurant has been a part of that rejuvenation.

"Rick's very much a business manager," Angelosante said. "He sees a lot of things in and about people and how they're handling their job. He thinks like I do."

Kirchner's immediate goal for the Appe'teaser is to "keep the good and go along with the new," he said.

□ Lucinda Axler transferred to Milford from the Birmingham Appe'teaser, where she trained for two years.

Axler has been with the Milford restaurant since mid-October. "She carries a real strong fist when dealing with people," Angelosante said. "She's firm but fair."

One goal Axler has identified is to accommodate the business customer, perhaps by faster service at lunchtime, for example.

"We have a great staff here, and a lot of the waitstaff has been here for a long time," she said. "But everybody can always get better. If we rest on this plateau, we'll never reach our goal of 110-percent service."

□ Teri Booth — The Highland resident began by waitressing at the Appe'teaser.

"She quickly showed management potential," Angelosante said. "Teri rounds off the whole thing. She brings to the table her corporate experience, plus a pleasing warmth."

Booth's background is with the C.A. Muer Corp. Some of her plans for the Appe'teaser include a new focus on the community.

"For instance, we do things for the senior citizens, like take them our day-old bread and a birthday cake every month to the home as well," she said. "We want people to feel part of our family."

□ Pete Roth — Milford's new chef came from the Birmingham Appe'teaser and has known Angelosante since high school. He said he is working on some menu changes, including the use of more seasonal food.

"I'd like to concentrate on lighter fare, but not real expensive things," Roth said. "I'm not planning 50 things with lobster, maybe something more in the line of in-



Photo by JOHN M. GALLOWAY

Milford Appe'teaser owner Chris Angelosante (left) is shown with some new faces at the restaurant: (left to right) Chef Pete Roth;

longtime manager and waitress Marcy Poquette; and the three new managers Lucinda Axler, Teri Booth and Rick Kirchner.

teresting new chicken dishes. I'm constantly looking for a challenge. I don't want to be complacent."

Roth said he plans to inject more variety into the Appe'teaser menu.

"We have a good chemistry," Angelosante said about Roth. "Pete's contributed a lot to the kitchen, and brought in a lot of creative, new ideas."

Expanding and growing has divided Angelosante's attention three ways. Since the Milford restaurant was already running smoothly, he said service and business dropped somewhat while he concentrated on

the two new establishments.

"What we really had here was perfection," he said. "I was in every corner of this restaurant. Anything wrong was corrected immediately. It was easy to build a business here."

Then we opened a new restaurant, and I'm not here in the dining room anymore. I'm not here in the kitchen anymore. The staff needed enthusiasm and constant reminders."

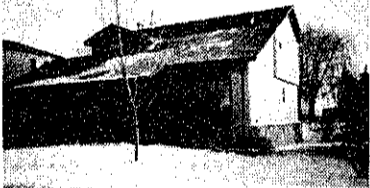
The three new managers will be

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Business Briefs



ERIC C. HANPETER MARY GYORKE

ERIC C. HANPETER of Novi has been promoted to the position of manager by Touche Ross. The promotion was announced by Daniel J. Kelly, chairman of the board and group managing partner for the firm's Michigan practice.

Hanpeter, a certified public accountant, is assigned to the Audit Department of the Michigan practice. He joined the firm in 1983 and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Hanpeter is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. He resides in Novi with his wife, Laura. Touche Ross, founded in Detroit in 1947, provides comprehensive accounting and auditing, tax advisory, actuarial and benefit and management consulting services throughout the United States. Offices of the Michigan practice are located in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Toledo, Ohio.

MARY GYORKE has been named branch manager of Community Federal Credit Union's Northville office. Gyorke will be responsible for the Northville branch operations, staff and member concerns. As past branch manager of the Canton office, she brings with her years of experience in serving member needs.

Gyorke has been employed by Community Federal for six years. She began as a teller, went on to become the personnel director and then moved on to branch manager of the Canton office in 1985.

A Canton resident for 17 years, Gyorke serves on the Canton Rotary Club and served as second vice president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Replacing Jackie Harris, Gyorke plans to continue her tradition of getting actively involved in the community as she assumes her position in Northville.

"I've always enjoyed being an active member of the community I work in," she said. "Getting involved with different community projects and getting to know the people Community Federal serves is really what managing a branch office is all about."

AUCTIONEER JOHN WHALEN of Whalen Auction Service in Salem Township was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan State Auctioneers Association at its recent convention in Lansing.

Whalen's goals on the board include helping to implement passage of a state licensing law for auctioneers in Michigan, as well as development of a state Hall of Fame to compliment the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame in Overland Park, Kan. Whalen's firm also received an award at the convention for advertising excellence.

NORMAN KRIEGER, M.D., a long-time Milford resident, recently was named "Physician of the Year" for 1988 by the medical staff at Huron Valley Hospital. The announcement was made by John Johnston, D.O., 1987 Physician of the Year and a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees.

Krieger's involvement as a member of the Medical Executive Committee and an original member of the Medical Staff Steering Committee demonstrates his commitment to providing this community with a first-rate, quality hospital," Johnston said.

An internist with an office on Union Street in Milford since 1960, Krieger serves as chief of staff on the Medical Executive Committee and is a member of the Huron Valley Hospital Planning Committee. His wife, Teresa Krieger, M.D., also was honored this year for her outstanding service as a volunteer. She currently serves as chairman for both the Nominating Committee and Scholarship Committee, and was the founding president of the Auxiliary.

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Joint returns not always advantageous

Two is not always better than one, according to the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Despite what you may have heard, joint filers do not always pay less taxes than those filing separate returns. Times have changed and, today, a joint return may sometimes result in a higher tax bill.

Before you file your tax return, CPAs recommend that you take the time to calculate which filing method is best for your particular situation.

WHEN SHOULD YOU FILE JOINTLY? A joint return usually pays off for couples in which only one spouse works or earns far more than the other. The reason for this is that the spouse with the higher income is like-ly to have more of his or her earnings subject to a higher tax bracket when filing separately.

Their look at an example. Todd has taxable income of \$40,000 and Annette, his wife, doesn't work. If Todd and Annette file jointly, their top marginal tax bracket will be 28 percent and their tax liability will be about \$7,333. But if Todd files separately, a portion of his income will be taxed at 23 percent — making his tax bill more than \$2,100 higher.

The difference in tax liability would be even greater if the couple could claim losses from a rental property that they actively manage. On a joint return, they could deduct from their ordinary income as much as \$25,000 in rental losses. But as a married taxpayer filing separately, Todd would not be entitled to write off a single penny of their rental losses.

Married couples in which one spouse receives Social Security benefits will find another advantage

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in joint returns. As long as the couple's combined income does not exceed \$32,000, Social Security benefits are generally tax free.

However, when a married couple lives together but files separately, the spouse receiving Social Security benefits will find that every single benefit dollar is taxable. Keep in mind, too, that the type of return you and your spouse file may also affect how much you can contribute to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). One-worker couples who file a joint return are entitled to a spousal IRA contribution of as much as \$2,250. Moreover, if the working spouse is not covered by an employer's retirement plan, the entire contribution is tax deductible. But if the working spouse files separately, the IRA contribution — and the possible deduction — drops by \$250 to \$2,000.

Finally, be sure to carefully review the eligibility requirements for the dependent- or child-care credit, earned-income credit and the credit for the elderly. If you find that you are entitled to any of these valuable credits, remember that they are available only to married couples filing a joint return.

WHEN SHOULD YOU FILE SEPARATELY? After reviewing the benefits available to married couples filing jointly, you may begin to suspect that a joint return is the only

way to go. But that is not necessarily true. If both you and your spouse work, you should at least consider filing separately.

First of all, filing separately may enable you to take advantage of those tax-deductible expenses that are deductible only if you exceed a certain percentage of your adjusted gross income (AGI). To state the obvious, it's a lot easier to exceed a certain deduction limit, such as the 7.5 percent floor on medical expenses, when you are working with one income at a time rather than two.

As an example, consider how Sharon and Michael can benefit by filing separately. Sharon has unreimbursed medical expenses of \$6,000 and an AGI of \$20,000. Her husband Michael has no medical expenses and an AGI of \$40,000. If Sharon files separately, she can deduct \$4,500 of her unreimbursed medical bills. If they file a joint return instead, they can deduct only \$1,500.

For the same reason, couples who have experienced a substantial casualty loss may be able to lower their tax bill by filing a separate return. Unreimbursed casualty losses are deductible only to the extent that they exceed 10 percent of AGI plus \$100. If Sharon had unreimbursed casualty losses totaling \$5,100, she could not deduct a single dollar on a joint return. But if Sharon claimed the loss on her return,

however, she could deduct \$3,000. Again, one spouse is eligible for extensive miscellaneous deductions, separate filing may result in lower tax liability. The floor on miscellaneous expenses is two percent of adjusted gross income. If Sharon has miscellaneous expenses of \$3,000, on a joint return they can deduct \$1,800. On a separate return, however, Sharon could claim \$2,600.

There is one other possible advantage to filing separate returns that few people consider. When filing separately, each spouse must take responsibility for his or her own income, deductions, exemptions, credits and liabilities. However, when a couple signs a joint return, each spouse agrees to be fully liable for the entire tax due, plus any interest or penalties assessed. As a result, if one spouse earns all the income but does not pay the tax, the other can be held liable. And if they divorce, each spouse will generally remain liable for any joint returns filed before the divorce.

If you decide to file separately, be aware that both spouses must treat their tax return in the same fashion — if one itemizes, the other must itemize as well.

CPAs point out one final benefit of filing separately. If a couple files separately and later realizes that a joint return would have been preferable, they have three years in which to file an amended joint return. But if a couple files jointly, they cannot amend their return to file separately.

Small business climate slightly better

The state's small-business climate is a bit brighter than last year, according to a just-released survey, but Michigan small-business owners remain worried about an unresponsive state government and continued increases in the cost of doing business.

The National Federation of Independent Business/Michigan (NFIB/M) annual poll of more than 22,000 members finds 70 percent of the small-business owners rate Michigan's business environment fair to poor. This is an improvement of 11 percent, however, from a similar survey last year when 81 percent gave the state the fair or poor ratings.

The 1988 research finds only 2 percent of small-business owners ranking the business climate as excellent, 28 percent as good, 50 percent as fair, and 20 percent as poor.

attention to detail in his new managers. "Little things like that have to be there, and someone has to make sure they're there," Angelosante said. "A good manager takes care of the details. That's what this restaurant was good at, and we finally have a staff that's geared toward that, too."

The fine-tuning of the Appe'teaser may escape the attention of guests, but the table setting is a streamlining operation that was already successful. Some regulars may notice three new faces because these managers are highly visible, greeting

ratings to Michigan state government officials, various state departments and agencies, and the Michigan Legislature. Contributing to the very low level of improvement of the state's small-business climate are escalating utility and business costs," explained Piernan. "These are areas our state government and legislators can control if they are serious about improving opportunities for small business."

Survey results indicated more than a quarter of Michigan small businesses were hit by electric and gas utility costs that rose more than any other business expense. In addition, almost two-thirds indicated telephone rates increased, and half experienced increased shipping costs.

NFIB/Michigan is the state's largest small-business organization.

Restaurant marks 10 years

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Some of the best little touches at the Appe'teaser include the rock candy stirrers in the drinks served good manager takes care of the details. That's what this restaurant was good at, and we finally have a staff that's geared toward that, too."

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customers, and keeping an eye on the service and food presentation, he said. The bottom line for the Appe'teaser is to ensure quality in the restaurant, both in terms of food and service, said Angelosante.

This measure became necessary when he spread his time and energy between three places instead of one, he said. "By the time I opened the Appe'teaser-To-Go, finding a manager became imperative," he said. "I guess ultimately the bottom line is peace of mind."

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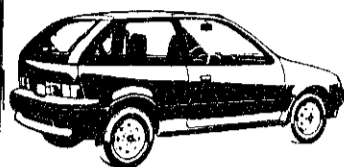
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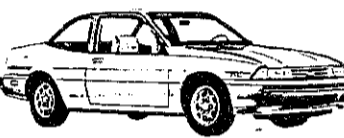
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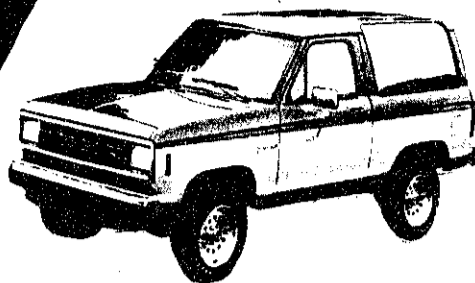
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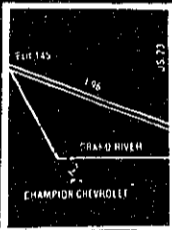
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The cat yawns deeply, stretches her paw high into the air and jumps down to the floor to playfully bat the toy mouse around. It skitters across the ivory tiled floor while she watches with intense concentration.

Patches chases the pink mouse, pushes it again with her paw, watching as the toy glides under the safety of an overstuffed chair. Little foam-filled balls are scattered in several of the kitty's favorite hiding places, ready for her to retrieve when she wants to play with them.

Moments later the sunny windowsill beckons to her and the cat returns to her favorite place to nap.

Not far away Rusty the dog dozes on the pet-weathered red and green plaid basement couch, his wet puppy nose resting upon a well-chewed rawhide bone. Rusty dutifully ignores a basket snugly fit with a pillow that was meant to serve as the dog's bed.

Before settling down for a nap, the long-haired reddish brown puppy spent carefree hours playing with his puppy toys - a squeaky yellow bird, a worn rubber baseball, a brand new rawhide bone just waiting to be chewed. The playthings temporarily substituted for his owners while the house sat empty.

A blue rubber ball lies completely still on the couch cushion where Rusty sleeps. Within a paw's reach, the ball is also pockmarked with teeth indentations.

An afternoon of playful activity has tired the two pets.

Here and there throughout the comfortable country house sit wicker baskets overflowing with rubber bones, small stuffed animals, colorful balls, knitted puppy and kitty sweaters and squeaky toys in the shapes of hamburgers, hotdogs and pretzels.

Obviously Patches and Rusty belong to a generous pet-loving family. Their toys represent the affection often bestowed upon them. And when the owners are busy at work the toys offer Rusty and Patches an outlet for their unending energy.

It's common for pet owners to spend money on toys for their beloved dogs, cats, gerbils, rabbits, horses,

birds or whatever animal species lie closest to their hearts. Trips to the pet store wouldn't be the same without roaming through countless aisles of pet treats, pet food and of course, pet toys.

At Sunshine Pet Center in Northville, owner Yvonne Jacques said business is good for a broad range of dog and cat toys.

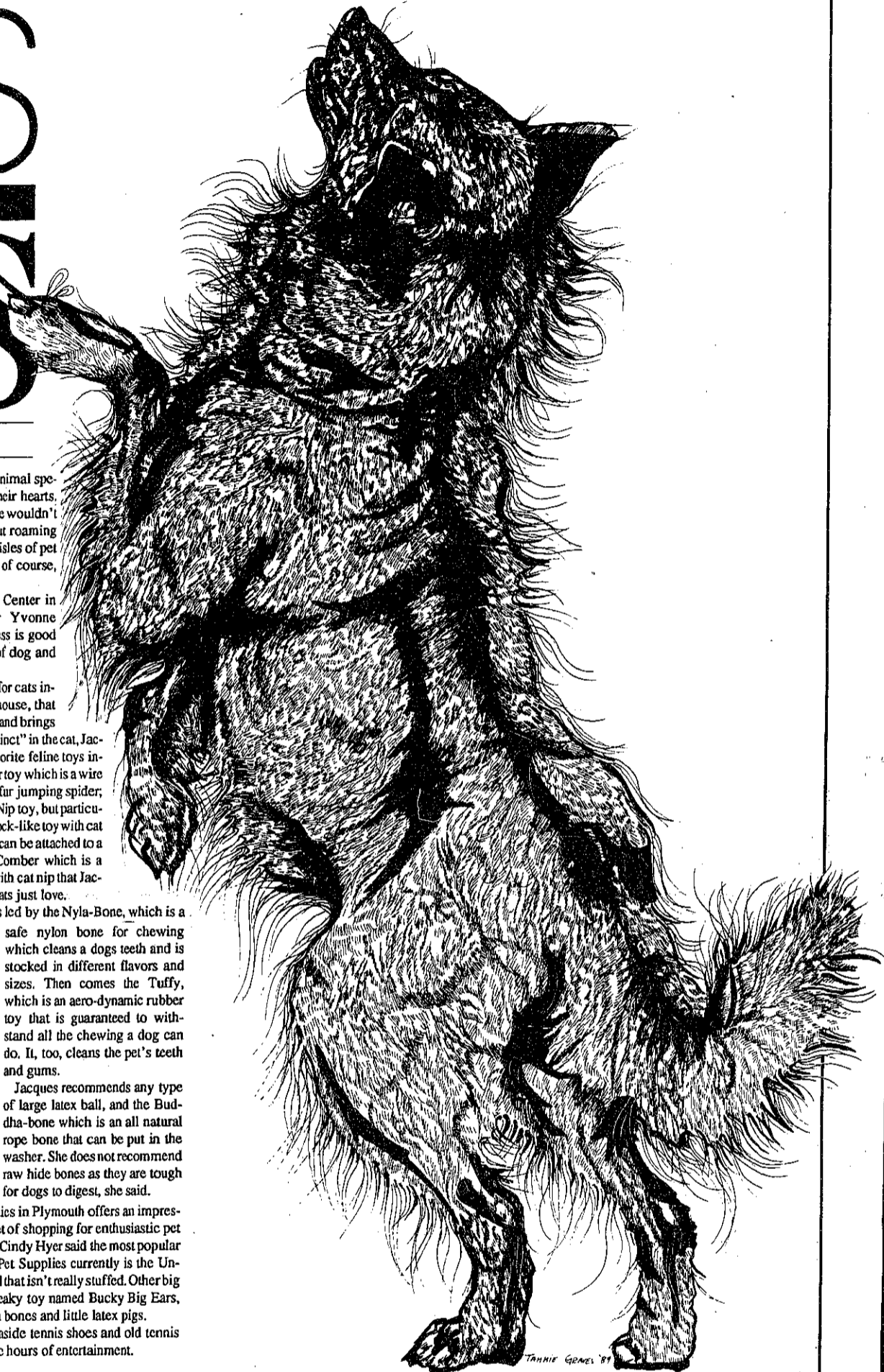
The most popular for cats include an artificial mouse, that looks like a real one and brings out the "hunting instinct" in the cat, Jacques said. Other favorite feline toys include the Cat Dancer toy which is a wire action toy; the fake fur jumping spider; and any type of Cat Nip toy, but particularly the Bopper, a sock-like toy with cat nip and a string that can be attached to a door, and the Cat Comber which is a self-grooming aid with cat nip that Jacques said her own cats just love.

For dogs the list is led by the Nyla-Bone, which is a safe nylon bone for chewing which cleans a dogs teeth and is stocked in different flavors and sizes. Then comes the Tuffy, which is an aero-dynamic rubber toy that is guaranteed to withstand all the chewing a dog can do. It, too, cleans the pet's teeth and gums.

Jacques recommends any type of large latex ball, and the Buddha-bone which is an all natural rope bone that can be put in the washer. She does not recommend raw hide bones as they are tough for dogs to digest, she said.

Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth offers an impressive 5,000 square foot of shopping for enthusiastic pet owners. Salesperson Cindy Hyer said the most popular pet toy at Specialty Pet Supplies currently is the Un-bone, a stuffed animal that isn't really stuffed. Other big sellers include a squeaky toy named Bucky Big Ears, Nylar bones, Buddha bones and little latex pigs.

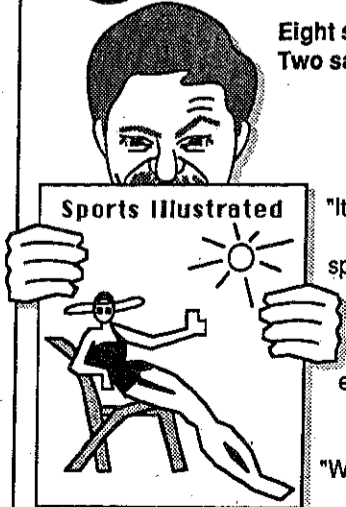
Holey socks, cast aside tennis shoes and old tennis balls can also provide hours of entertainment.



Random Sample

Q: Do you like the Sports Illustrated swim suit issue?

Eight said: "Yes"
Two said: "No"



"It's ok as long as my boyfriend doesn't spend too much time looking at it."
"It's well done."
"It's indecent exposure and leads to pornography."
"You bet!"
"What does it have to do with sports?"

Random Sample is an unscientific poll of 10 Northville/Novi area residents conducted by the staff of this newspaper.

Sellas works to beautify

By DOROTHY NASH
special writer

The most beautiful property in all of Wayne County, according to Catherine (Tina) Sellas, is Northville Township. And, as chairman of the Northville Township Beautification Commission, she volunteers to keep it that way.

She meets monthly with five women and six men, each of whom is employed full or part time, to discuss and implement beautification projects.

For example, they are now talking about having bike paths put west through Six Mile Road and west through Seven Mile to Maybury State Park, Sellas said. This means having landscaping along the roads and encouraging new construction to help keep "the countryish look".

Also, with Arbor Day coming up

on April 15, Sellas said, they have asked the Township Board of Trustees to purchase seedlings of trees like light spruce, pines, and flowering dogwood which Township residents may have at no cost, to plant on their own property.

And to encourage businesses, schools, and institutions to put on an attractive face in landscaping, windows, and overall appearance, the Commission will give Beautification Awards to those most deserving as judged by committee members in September and May.

For a few recent Commission accomplishments, Sellas suggested you look at the Fish Hatchery Park sign and surrounding planting (done cooperatively with the City Commission) and the painting of the exterior of the Northville State Hospital vacant building (done in response to a letter).

If you are a Township resident, interested in maintaining the natural beauty of the area in which you live, why not go to the Township hall to apply for membership in the Beautification Commission?

You can be a part of a group of residents who, as Sellas said, "enjoy thinking about things and seeing that they get done."



Catherine Sellas enjoys volunteering

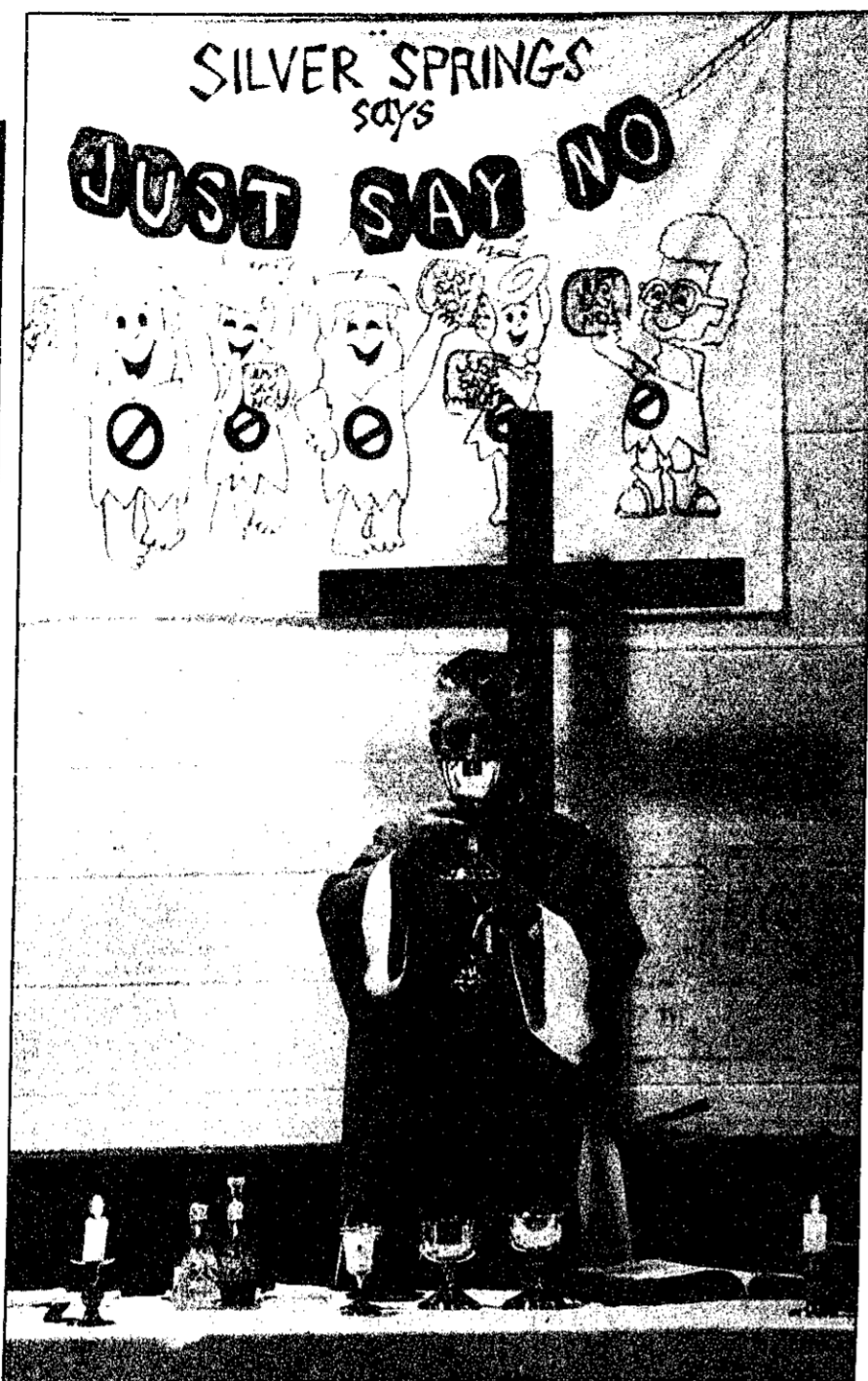
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Craig Roney holds Lara Lea, 6, as they prepare to leave a service.



Bishop Leo Beauchamp conducts a service at Silver Springs Elementary.



Bishop Leo Beauchamp blesses the blood of Christ during Mass.

Photos by Chris Boyd

Keeping the faith American Catholic Church established

By BRENDA DOOLEY
staff writer

Nearly a year ago Father Leo Beauchamp took a gamble. The oblique, kind-hearted, silver-haired man took a dream of creating the first American Catholic Church and molded it into existence. Beauchamp probably wouldn't call his venture into unknown territory a gamble, though. An eternal optimist, he recognized a need for the St. James American Catholic Church and had faith that he would succeed. An ordained priest of the Old Roman Catholic Church in North America, he now leads a congregation of about 26 families, or 60 people. "We're happy with that... we started with nothing," Beauchamp said. "We have new people in our congregation every Sunday." Families from Northville, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton currently attend the church, according to Beauchamp. Some are divorced people who have somehow "fallen away" from the Catholic Church, he added.

"A person's past doesn't matter to us," Beauchamp said in his friendly, soft-spoken voice. "We don't ask any questions — all that matters is that they're practicing their faith. I'm not interested in transferring a person from church to church — we're here for anybody." The congregation currently meets at Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville. Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10 a.m. The church is supported by collections taken at Sunday Mass.

When it was initially formed last March, Beauchamp held Mass at the Mill Race Historical Village Church. Because the building only has one entrance, the Northville Historical Society — the group that rented the church to Beauchamp on a weekly basis — had problems securing fire insurance for the structure. Beauchamp explained that Northville Historical Society members appropriately requested that the congregation find another place to meet, leading them to Silver Springs Elementary School.

"It was no problem for us," Beauchamp said about the move. "It doesn't really matter where we meet, and the school is great." Plans for starting an American

Catholic Church were first discussed among a group of Catholics and priests in April 1986, Beauchamp said. In October 1987 they decided to form a church under the leadership of Beauchamp, the first church of its kind.

Actual formation of the church began in March 1988, when Masses were celebrated at Mill Race Village. Northville was selected for locating the church because Beauchamp grew up in the area, he explained.

St. James American Catholic Church differs from the Roman Catholic Church in four areas — the church welcomes married or unmarried priests, communion is offered for all people (divorced, or divorced and remarried), birth control is allowed within the marriage (although the church does not advocate abortion) and communal confession is provided at the beginning of each Mass rather than the traditional one-on-one confession. However, Beauchamp said that private confession is available upon request.

"Most people don't know much about us," Beauchamp said. "Fifty percent of our exposure comes from advertisements. We get a few phone calls asking what we're all about and I usually invite people to attend Mass. We're a legitimate church." "We use the same altar books, use the same literature and wear the same vestments (as the Roman Catholic Church does)," he added.

Roots of the American Catholic Church can be traced back to the 7th Century. Its origins come from the ancient Catholic Church of Utrecht, Holland, often called the Old Roman Catholic or Old Catholic Church.

"At that time some Catholics wanted celibate clergy and some didn't," Beauchamp explained, trying to keep the historical narrative simple. "All priests were married at one time."

Growth and development of the Old Catholic Church was acknowledged by religious leaders, including the Popes, and the independent Catholic movement came to America in 1914. "We named ourselves American Catholics in 1986," he said. "In 1987 we got serious, obtained legal status

and adopted constitutions and by-laws. We also became affiliated with the Old Roman Catholic Church." Although the American Catholic movement is small it is surely gaining strength, represented by the fact that Beauchamp was just recently consecrated Bishop of the American Catholic Church.

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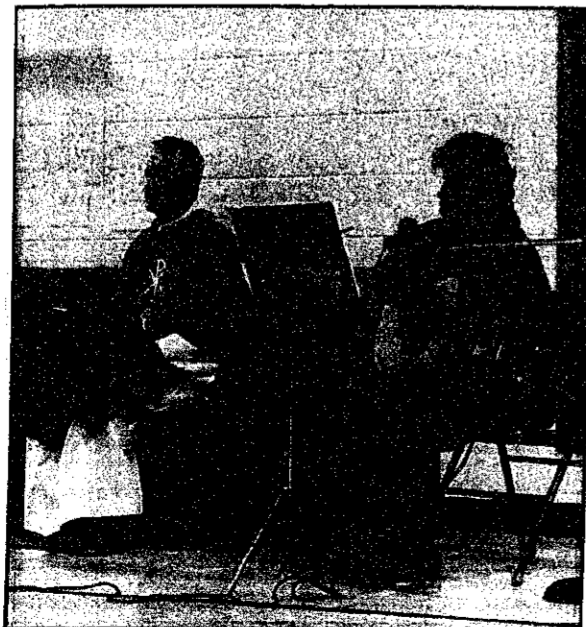
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Kathy Krahaag plays guitar and leads a hymn sing.



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High school releases honor roll

A total of 318 Novi High School students have been named to the first semester honor roll. Cited for academic honors were 91 ninth graders, 53 tenth graders, 90 eleventh graders and 80 twelfth graders.

NINTH GRADE: Amy Ahrens, Bryan Austin, Jason Babcock, Ann Barker, Jeanna Biggs, Kevin Blanks, Audrey Blisko, Janine Bonner, Mikhail Borashko, Brent Butcher, Rebecca Chin, Daniel Cho, Dave Clemens, Adam Cox, Jennifer Crepeau, Tom Crowley, Frank Czech, Nicole Dinsler, Donna Ede, Kenneth Fenchel, John Fischer, Fegg Foen and Christopher Forbach.

Natalie Frank, Jessica Fritz, Timothy Gallegos, Kathleen Gannon, John Garr, Elizabeth Gatt, Susan Gowans, David Greywall, Matthew Guay, Mark Havel, Mandy Hussey, JeWon Hwang, Joanne Johnson, Julie Johnson, Shayne Joyce, Murray Kamish, Jennifer Kasten, Jennifer Kellogg, Christopher Kiczek, Michael Kramer, Jason Kucmierz, Adam Lambertus and Suzanne Lapham.

Mary Beth LeMay, Daniel Lutes, Jennifer Lundgren, Melissa Lutes, Jim Luther, David Lykins, Kristen Mathias, Jody Medich, Kristen Moreto, Amy Morgan, Jonathan Mutch, Whit Neubauer, Christine Page, Tracy Pahl, Elizabeth Palati, Angela Peavey, Todd Pfeiffer, Christopher Polinelli, Joshua Riggs, Christopher Rohatgi, Lynette Rowlands, and Gavra Rohatgi.

Nileofar Said and Stacy Schaefer, Stacy Schwandt, Bryan Shlpway, Lori Silverman, Derek Speersmeider, Sandra Stine, Mark Stransberg, Rachel Street, Jeffrey Sugamosto, Ellen Surowiec, Daniel Sveller, Stephen Tapley, Jennifer Thal, John Truong, Todd Tyler, Min-dy VanSchoyck, Gwynne Veeck, Regan Walters Joseph Whitney, Jason Whittenberg, Michael Wysocki, Jeremy York and Kimberly Zwar.

TENTH GRADE: Jack Abate, Craig Barker, David Borer, Heather Brosch, Jennifer Buck, Kristen Burk, Julie Burk, Dan Bush, Brian Campbell, Heather Campbell, Rebecca Chappel, Mark Chirgwin, Andrew Chitlesh, Laura Clark, Katie Clazza, Jennifer Crawford, Christina D'Agostino, Kim DeWitt and Lisa Donnelly.

Aaron Federspiel, Jennifer Fornwald, Mike Gowans, Keely Harris, Kristin Henzi, Matthew Hoffman, Virginia Jeffress, Susan Jones, Sybil Cummins, Donna Kadar, Laura Kleban, Janine Knight, Christine LaHale, Desiree LeBlanc, Melissa Marlanelli, Jennifer Marquardt, James May, Kevin Mittel and Marc Moele.

Brian Murphy, Nicole Nelson, Nicole Pargoff, Oanh Parrett, Wendy Pierman, Adam Shulman, Marc Sica, Jennifer Sieradzki, Joanne Sill, Kelly Silverman, Cherie Stewart, Michael Stine, Steven Strausberger, Randall Thompson, Ericka Utz, Jeffrey Watson, Brendan Weaver, John Debra Coonce, Jill Crawford, Brian Csordas, Laura Deveraux, Jason Fischer and Jennifer Fox.

Daniel Gourlay, Leigh Graves, Joseph Grierson, Bryon Groom, Colleen Gruenwald, Jennifer Hadad, Aaron Hietcock, Jeffrey Jarvis, Jennel Johnson, Laura Johnson, Kristopher Jones, Arielle Kardell, Ryan Karvola, Stephen Kelly, Sherry Kemp, Kenny Kristin, Susan Krachie, Danielle Kuenzel, Nathaniel Kushman, David Le Clear, Erica Lee, Amanda Letman and Christe Lorenze.

SEVENTH GRADE: Twenty-one seventh graders were named to the high honor roll: Angela Buckley, Christy Carmichael, Michelle DeWitt, Julie Pahner, Michelle Hahn, Douglas Householder, Yeh Won Hwang, Pamela Kalle, Sandra Kessler, Peggy Liao, Tanya Marchak, Laurie Martin, James Rowlands, Ann Seymour, Svetla Shah, Theresa Sproull, Erika Strausberg, A.J. Tyll, Roopal Vashi, Michelle Walter and Jennifer Wroe.

Named to the regular honor roll were Deborah Anderson, Jason Armstrong, Jodie Armstrong, Kirk Baetens, Brian Bayer, Nathan Bealar, Michael Beltaire, Monica Bhatnagar, Christina Bolitto, Craig Borastko, Rebecca Butcher, Shannon Butler, Ryan Byers, Angela Cook, Lisa Cook,

ELEVENTH GRADE: Michael Altman, Angelica Alvarez, Jennifer Asher, Bridget Barnes, Robert E. Bates, Paula Beckman, Kristin Benit, Shelley Black, Marc Bolitto, Jennifer Borg, Tammil Brandon, Cheryl Brown, Chris Brown, Libby Carroll, Jennifer Chin, Allyson Clancy, Shana Cox, Brian Crowley, Angelina D'Agostino, Kathleen Daly and Claudine DeLazer.

Kevin Dobson, John Dudley, Jennifer Durham, Lynn Emery, Jennifer Erwin, Amy Finlayson, Tamara French, Sarah Galhman, Jennifer Galland, Dana Gannon, Matthew Gdowski, Karen Goldsmith, Jeffrey Grabowski, Laine Haas, Lisa Heath, Haley Hoops, Buddy Hurlbut, C. Bryan Jacobs, Amy Johnson, Elaine Johnson, Antrita Kang, Kathryn Keller and Brian Kemp.

Kurt Kokko, Brad Morrow, Scott Koller, Matthew Konedda, Heather Kurtz, Matt Latham, Brad Lewis, Kelley Lind, John Mach, Jim Malsonville, Charles Marshall, Lisa Martell, Dan McNeill, Michelle Mears, Sandra Miller, Steve Mitzel, Michael Molloy, Dennis Moon, Jeff Morrison, Linda Morts, Andrew Riedel, Jason Muzzarelli, Rob Nell, Jeff O'Neill and Colin O'Sullivan.

Tracy Page, Michelle Pejakovich, Kristen Pembroke, Leslie Reinke, Lara Rosalki, Gwen Rowlands, Laura Scerbo, Sandra Schaefer, Andrew Schwandt, Brad Seppala, Kristin Shaw, Rudy Speersmeider, Wendy Stine, Steven Strausberger, Randall Thompson, Ericka Utz, Jeffrey Watson, Brendan Weaver, John Debra Coonce, Jill Crawford, Brian Csordas, Laura Deveraux, Jason Fischer and Jennifer Fox.

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Daniel Hartzel, Theonda Ihke, Melissa Jacobs, Christopher Jozefowicz, Randall Juip, Richard Kanda, David Kerr, Kristopher Kokko, Mark Konedda, James Kovacs, Kristin Lind, Gary Loyola, Mack Lubbert, Gregory Mackay, Kate MacKenzie, Carolyn May, Vincent Mehan, Anne Meyerson, Matthew Mitchell and Vaden Murray.

Noel Plaskie, Jennifer Presson, Brennan Sicks, Michael Speersmeider, Denise Suenkonis, Jeffrey Terski, Matthew Topper, Joanne Toth, Jeremy Trudell, Rita Tuteja, Marc Van Poperin, Daniel Weidon, Leslie White and Jolie Ziegler.

Middle school students recognized

A total of 181 Novi Middle School students have been named to the honor roll for the third marking period.

The Middle School names two honor rolls — a high honor roll and the regular honor roll. To qualify for the honor roll a student must have all grades of B-minus or better. Students who have all "As" and citizenship marks of "2" or better are named to the high honor roll. Students who have all "As" and any citizenship marks of "2" are listed on the honor roll.

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EIGHTH GRADE: Sixteen eighth graders were named to the high honor roll: Sara Dertinger, Robert Gdowski, Mia Hingewant, Jason Kirk, Jennifer Liptov, Barbara Lawes, David Marguard, Heidi Nemeth, Kerri Okarinen, Anthony Pantoso, Stacey Pearl, Meghan Perry, Ann Soper, Alan Stevens, Bethany Vanderhoff and Brian Watson.

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Singles group sponsors workshops

Single Place presents "Starting Over Single," a divorce recovery workshop, March 2 through April 20.

All workshops will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville at 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$22 per person, which includes the cost of a book, notebook and child care.

Single Place is a Northville-based support group for adult singles. It was organized for the purpose of providing friendship, caring and sharing for all single adults.

The first seminar is entitled "Stages of Grief" by Dick Todd. Todd will share the stages of grief that many go through when experi-

encing divorce. His presentation will be held March 2.

Todd is a clinical psychologist and a United Methodist minister. On March 9, Lawrence Chamberlain will present "Networking." He will examine the psychological dynamics of loneliness as it impacts our lives. Dr. Chamberlain is senior pastor of the Northville Presbyterian Church.

"Legal Aspects of Divorce: How to Keep the Scales of Justice From Tipping" is the title of the March 15 seminar, which will be conducted by attorney David Jerome. He will explain how the legal process works as

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On March 30, the presentation will deal with "Helping Children Through Divorce" by Robert Geake. A Northville resident, Geake is a state senator for northwestern Wayne County. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he also teaches Sunday School. He is a licensed psychologist specializing in children. Geake is also former director of the Plymouth Home for Children and has been in private practice as a child psychologist.

A panel discussion about "The Passage of Divorce" will be held April 6. The panel will share experiences of divorce — both positive and negative.

On April 13 the workshop will be entitled "Church and Divorce: Spiritual Help" by Jim Russell. He will take a fresh and hope-filled look at the Bible and the church related to divorce.

"Friendship and Dating" is the subject of the April 20 workshop by Nancy Ray. She will explore how divorce changes relationships with married friends, neighbors and co-workers.

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Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Moore of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Penny Lou, to Jeff Anthony Platte of Westphalia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Platte of Westphalia.



PENNY MOORE and JEFF PLATTE

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Novi High School. Currently she attends Central Michigan University. She is employed at "The Main" in Mt. Pleasant.

The future bridegroom is a 1986 graduate of Pewamo/Westphalia High School. He is also enrolled at Central Michigan University and works at Sighaw/Chip. The couple plan a May wedding.

Births

CASEY AMANDA DYE

Daniel and Shannon Dye of Northville announce the birth of a daughter, Casey Amanda. She was born Dec. 28 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces. She measured 16 1/2 inches long. Casey Amanda is the Dyes' first child.

Paternal grandparents are Hugh and Anita Dye of Novi. Maternal grandparents are Lawrence and Caroline Reiser of Novi. Maternal great-grandparents are Anthony and Ruth Reiser of Posen and Louise Mink of Roger City. Casey will be christened at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi on March 5.

In Uniform

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class CHARLES COLLINS recently participated in community relations projects while deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Alameda, California.

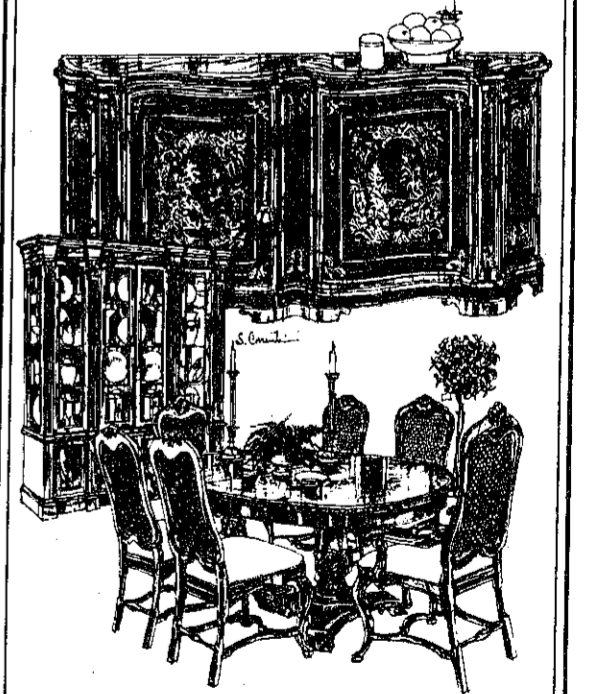
The son of Hector and Doris Collins of Summerhouse Court in Novi, he graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 1981 and joined the Navy in Nov. 1983. During a port visit to Puttava Beach, Thailand, Collins assisted in painting an elementary school building and in distributing supplies and materials to an orphanage and several other schools.

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Gallery showcases new artwork

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Splashes of brilliant color — the reds, the oranges, hot pink. Or confounding grey images of sadness and personal pain. These things confront you on your very first step into the Homestead Gallery of Contemporary Arts, a surprising new venture near downtown Walled Lake.

The studio, located at 136 South Pontiac Trail in the old Tuttle homestead, promises "non-intimidating" surroundings to experience, study and buy new art. It's been open approximately two months.

"That's the idea of it," said Terri Shapiro, a co-founder and president of Homestead. "We want people to walk in and not be afraid about what to do or what to ask."

It's a unique environment, full of twists and challenging contradictions. New, but old.

The Tuttle homestead was one of the first to go up in the area. Back in the 1830s, settler Jesse Tuttle and his wife Martha carved their property out of the wilderness near the northern shores of "Chin-A-Bee-Win," which, of course, later became Walled Lake.

George Ross Tuttle was born in 1832 — the "first white birth" in Walled Lake Village, according to history books.

Now the home with the rich history — the still-solid oak floor — houses a variety of provocative artistic creations, difficult to pigeonhole as avant-garde or "new wave."

The offerings range from stylish new furniture to clothes and earrings, plus a wide range of drawings and sketches in between.

On one side of the small "working studio" sit bright, traditional new watercolors from a local talent — lake scenes, landscapes. On the



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Terri Shapiro stands inside Walled Lake's Homestead Gallery

other, spread across the ancient wall-sized German expressionist-plaster wall, is "You ain't woman enough for my man," one artist's style portrayal of a difficult time in her life.

Sitting on a nearby display table is "the bondage box," a ceramic creation (about the size of a hat box), illustrated with dark and realistic portrayals of human bondage and the tools of the craft.

"Working on consignment allows us to be a little bit more adventurous," Shapiro said. "We don't say to the artists 'Give us the just the stuff that will sell.' We ask them what they've got in the corner of their studio, what other things they're working on."

But in Walled Lake, of all places? Shapiro admitted that it was a chancey move.

"We just fell in love with this place... it's absolutely intriguing," she said gazing at the view out over Walled Lake.

"We're very happy to be here.

"We hope it's going to draw people from all of the western suburbs," she said.

Shapiro and her partner, Doree Schwartz of Franklin, are currently leasing the bottom floor of the old home, but are moving towards purchase once various improvements are completed.

The gallery has a number of special events planned for this year, including a visit from the Michigan Sculptor's Guild in late May and sponsorship of Walled Lake's Market Days, scheduled for Sept. 17.

It also is leasing out studio space to artists and holding periodic classes, all with the goal of creating a "working gallery" for local artists.

The Homestead Gallery is closed Mondays, but open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the rest of the week, and 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

The phone number of the Homestead Gallery is 669-8960.

Cabaret concert planned in Novi

Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Novi Arts and Culture Committee presents a Cabaret Concert this Saturday (Feb. 18) at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

The special concert will feature performances by the Novi Concert Band, the Novi Chorales, the Novi Players and the Novi Youth Chorus.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for those who would like to enjoy pizza, soft drinks and snacks. Tickets are \$3 per person, \$10 per family or \$24 for a reserved table for eight. Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office or at the door.

'Box and Cox.' The First United Methodist Church of Northville will present "Box and Cox," a 19th Century one-act play on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. to benefit patients at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

The play will be performed in the church sanctuary. The church is located near the Eight Mile/Taft Road intersection.

Sponsoring the event are the Church and Society Committee, headed by Lee Ann Schere and Friends of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, headed by Director of Community Relations Carol Parks.

"Box and Cox" was written by James Madison Morton. Eric Farber will produce the play. Actors in the production are associated with the Actors Equity Association.

Refreshments will be served following the pro-

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duction, when those attending will be given the chance to talk with the actors. Admission is \$5 at the door. All proceeds will assist patients at the hospital.

Jazz concert: The Novi Singers, Novi Jazz Band and Jazz Cats will present their annual Jazz/Pop/Rock concert on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School.

Music will include a medley of 50s and 60s rock music, a selection by Duke Ellington and several others.

Admission is free.

Mr. B's Farm: Dean Rutledge and Hank Williams will play at Mr. B's Farm on Fridays and Saturdays during the month of February. Also appearing throughout the month are Jimmy Perkins, who will play Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Johnny Miller, who will perform Mondays and Fridays during Happy Hour.

Entertainment is provided at Mr. B's Farm from about 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mr. B's Farm is located on the west side of Novi Road, just north of

Ten Mile in Novi.

Novi Hilton: The musical group "Heartbeat" will perform through Feb. 18 in the Whispers Lounge of the Novi Hilton.

The Novi Hilton is located on Haggerty Road near Eight Mile in Novi.

Velveteen Rabbit: Northville's Marquis Theater will present productions of the classic children's story "The Velveteen Rabbit."

The production features an original script and musical score by two Michigan writers — Joseph Haynes wrote the script and Paul Bruce wrote the musical score. Its appearance at the Marquis Theater is a Michigan and national debut.

The Velveteen Rabbit will play for 12 performances only from March 4-19, on weekends only.

Performance dates are Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sundays March 5, 12 and 19 at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for children 12 and under, \$7 adults.

For more information call the Marquis box office at 349-8110.

"In Town" lists entertainment events in Novi and Northville. To have an event listed write to "In Town," Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

Fox Theater presents illusionist

Superstar illusionist David Cooperfield will appear at The Fox Theater for four shows on Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5, as part of an international 62-city tour.

"The Magic of David Cooperfield" features an array of new and challenging illusions staged to musical compositions ranging from Sting to Harry Belafonte.

Showtimes are Saturday, March 4, at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, at 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets priced at \$22.50, \$20 and \$17.50 are available at all TicketMaster outlets.

For more information call 567-6000.

Mardi Gras: Schoolcraft College's Music Department will host the second annual Mardi Gras Celebration Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Waterman Center.

Members of the college's jazz choir will be the jubilant costumed revelers, led by pompous King Rex. They will march into the hall promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Trumpet fanfares will herald each course of the New Orleans Creole Dinner, including seafood gumbo, catfish, chicken breast, vegetables, red beans, rice, corn bread and sweet potato pie.

Following dinner and the performance of the court jester, the jazz choir will perform selected jazz tunes under the direction of Bradley

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Bloom. Tickets are \$22.50 each. To order by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check or money order payable to Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

To order tickets by phone call 462-4452.

Computer art: The Sisson Gallery at Henry Ford Community College's MacKenzie Fine Arts Building presents "Bits of Art," a national exhibition of computer art.

The exhibit runs Feb. 22-March 17. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22. For more information call 845-9634.

Joint concert: Michigan Theater presents a joint concert by the Kronos Quartet and Electric Phoenix on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m.

Kronos Quartet's repertoire includes music from composers Dmitri Shostakovich, Astor Piazzolla, Steve Reich and Frank Zappa. Electric Phoenix makes its Ann Arbor debut at the Michigan Theater. The group plays contemporary music.

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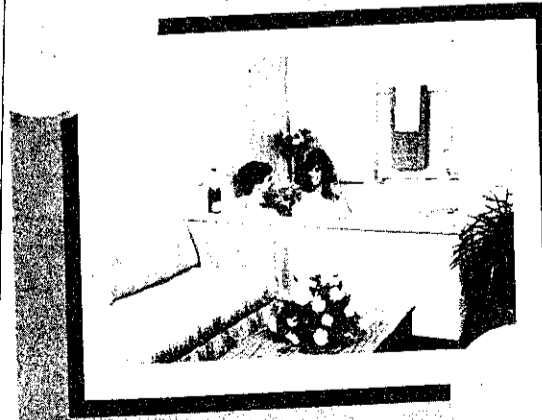


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1989Cote scores
37 points in
losing effortBy NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Howell basketball coach Jerry Johnson has seen enough of Ed Cote.

The 5-foot-10 Novi guard exploded again against the Highlanders — scoring 37 points and hitting a school-record eight three-point baskets — but it wasn't quite enough. For the second time in two meetings this season, league-leading Howell survived Cote's scoring heroics to turn back a gutsy Wildcat squad 79-74 on Feb. 10.

Most of the attention after the game centered on Cote's record-setting performance and how it paralleled his effort against the Highlanders back on Jan. 6. Howell won that game, 78-66, but Cote hit for a career-high 37 points, including seven three-pointers. Sound familiar?

But Novi Coach John Cicchelli was more interested in stating his displeasure with the officiating.

"It's very hard for us to stay in these games," he said. "We don't even get the calls at home any more."

Cicchelli was particularly peeved because his team outscored Howell from the field but still lost the game because of a 25-8 difference at the free throw line. It's an all too common occurrence for Novi — but it was still a sore point.

"We've outscored our opponents in 13-of-16 games this season and we have five wins to show for it," Cicchelli steamed. "Howell tripled the number of free throw opportunities we received — and we only had three more fouls than they did."

Cicchelli's outburst may have overshadowed what was a fine late-game comeback by the 'Cats, who erased a 13-point deficit with six minutes left, but lost it in the final 19 seconds.

Novi scored the game's first seven points, but soon Howell made

up the difference and then both teams traded baskets for the rest of the first half. Center Mark Fisher's 10 points kept Novi close but the Highlanders led 29-26 at halftime.

The offensive production picked up in the second half as the two teams combined to score nearly 100 points. Howell slowly pulled away with 27 points in the third quarter, and appeared headed toward an easy road win until Cote started hitting from all over the court.

In a five-minute span, the 'Cats methodically cut a 13-point deficit down to eight. With 46 seconds left, Cote canned a three-point rainbow and was fouled by Todd Clickner. Even though Clickner threw Cote to the floor after the shot, an intentional foul was not called.

"There is no doubt that it was an intentional foul — if not flagrant," Cicchelli said. "For whatever reason, the officials chose to ignore it. If they call an intentional foul, we get two free throw shots and possession of the ball."

Instead, Cote missed the free throw and a chance for a four-point play. But Brett Csordas alertly grabbed the rebound and completed a successful put-back to cut the lead to 74-71 with just over 40 seconds left. On the inbounds pass, Fisher stole the ball, and again Cote poured in a three pointer from long-range to tie the score with 19 seconds left.

After Clickner put the Highlanders ahead by two with a bucket with six seconds left, somebody on the Novi squad made a glaring, costly mistake.

"Somebody called a time out when we didn't have one left," Cicchelli said. "That was a big mistake."

The resulting technical foul and possession of the ball was at Howell



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Eagles
cruise
to easy
victory

Novi Christian basketball coach Harold McMahan — suffering the effects of the flu himself — was concerned about playing West Highland Christian on the road without leading scorer Dennis Leach, who was home in bed with the flu.

McMahan's fears were quickly removed in the first quarter of play as the Eagles jumped to a 21-10 lead and cruised to an easy 87-46 victory on Feb. 10. The Novi lead was 36-16 at halftime and 51-25 after three quarters.

Leading the way was junior center Mark Row, who hit for 11 first quarter points on his way to a game-high 32. Defensively, Novi shut down the Mustangs — especially in the middle two quarters — and held leading scorer Rob Lang to 17 points (only four in the second and third quarters combined).

Sophomore forward Mike Caswell added 14 points, guard Geoff Caddell contributed 12 and Chris Mahn tossed in 11 more for Novi Christian. The win closed out the Metro Christian Conference (MCC) schedule, and the Eagles are now preparing for the league tournament, which starts today (Thursday, Feb. 16) and continues through the weekend at the Inkster Recreation Center.

PLC 69, NOVI 59: On Feb. 7, the Eagles dropped a tough 10-point decision to PLC Christian of Detroit and had to play the game without coach Harold McMahan on the bench and with Leach playing at less than 100 percent due to the flu.

The Panthers held a 30-25 advantage after two periods of play. But in the second half, Novi couldn't figure out how to stop 6-foot-3 center Dwight Ricks of PLC Christian as he scored eight points in both the third and fourth quarters to help the Panthers pull away. Ricks ended up with 21 points and 16 rebounds.

Continued on 2 Novi's Mike Gowans (top) dominates an opponent during MHSAA tournament action

Gowans is lone Novi qualifier for state mat meet

NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Mike Gowans may not be as famous as his brother — sometime Detroit Red Wing goaltender Mark Gowans.

But the Novi High School grappler is making something of a name for himself in the MHSAA Class A Wrestling Tournament.

By placing third overall in the 130-pound weight division, Gowans is the only Wildcat grappler — and one of only two sophomores from the entire Lansing Sexton Regional Tournament — to qualify for the state finals.

"Mike's definitely been a pleasant surprise for us," remarked Tom Fritz, coach of the Novi mat squad. "I'm very impressed with the way he's peaked in the tournament. Going to the State Meet is great experience for a young kid."

Gowans was one of three Wildcats to advance out of district action and into the Sexton Regional. He was joined at the regional tourney by senior Ed Price and junior Rich Helfer. But Gowans was the only Novi wrestler to place in the top four in the regionals and move on to the State Meet, slated for Feb. 17-18 at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek.

"The tournament for us went about as well as should be expected," Fritz said. "But it never goes exactly as you think it will. I thought Eddie Price had the best shot at making it (to the state meet), but it was Gowans who rose to the occasion and did it."

Gowans fell to Eric McCourt of East Lansing 12-7 in the 130-pound semi-finals, but fought his way back in the consolation rounds and eventually topped Todd Skinner of Battle Creek Central 6-3 in the consolation finals to register the third place finish.

Gowans' first round victory was a wild and controversial 6-5 decision over Marc Lillemoen of Milford. In head-to-head battles this season, Gowans is 3-1 against Lillemoen.

"I knew when I looked at the bracket that Mike would have to beat Lillemoen to advance, and that's exactly what he did," Fritz said. "It was controversial because a two-point stalling penalty against

Fritz: 'I thought Eddie Price had the best shot at making it (to the state meet), but it was Gowans who rose to the occasion and did it.'

(Lillemoen) gave Gowans the win — but it was a good call."

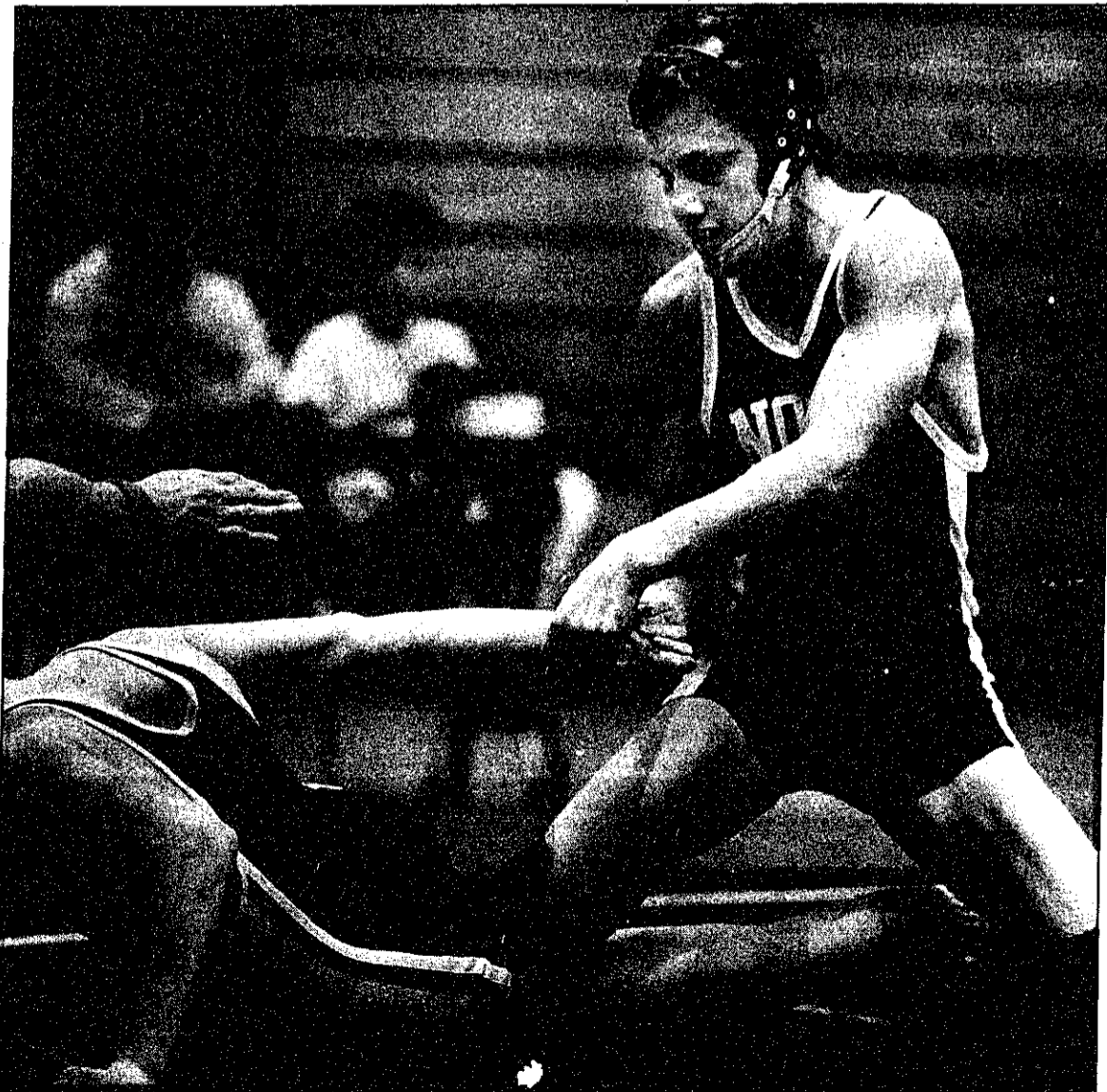
Price — on the other hand — had a disappointing day. He lost two of his first three bouts, which knocked him out of contention and, unfortunately, it really didn't matter that they were all very close. Fritz said earlier this season that Price was "one of the best 171-pounders in the state."

"Eddie just had a bad day," he said. "I still feel he's one of the best in his weight division in the state but you can't have an off day at this level of competition and survive."

Price dropped a tough 9-6 decision to William McFadden of Sexton in round one, then nipped Chuck Wisenbaugh of Owosso 8-7 in round two before being eliminated by James Tippen of Waterford Kettering in another close match — 6-4 — in the consolation round.

"Both guys he lost to advanced to the state meet and they were very close matches," Fritz said. "Even when he's having an off-day, Price is tough to beat. The problem was that he wasn't hot like you have to be. That weight class was very tough too."

Helfer also won a match but lost to the third and fourth-place finishers and failed to place. Helfer edged KVC-foe Chris Klebba of Howell 2-1 in the second round for his only win.



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Novi's Ed Cote (24) looks for shooting room against a Howell defender

In Shape

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Staying fit the inexpensive way

It doesn't have to cost a mint to stay fit and trim. During the winter, exercise buffs tend to look indoors for a way to keep in shape, and there are several types of equipment to help them meet their objective.

And here's the best news of all — basic items of home exercise equipment can be bought for less than \$50. Most essential to any type of workout that involves sit-ups, push-ups, leg stretches or similar muscle-toning activities is a floor mat. There are several brands of floor mats on the market now and most of them are small enough to roll up and stash away in a dark corner of a closet when they're not needed.

Valerie Sedestrom, a manager at Herman's World of Sporting Goods in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, said most people prefer floor mats with removable covers rather than the all-vinyl models.

The removable covers simply zip off for easy washing after a vigorous workout. Exercise mats are generally priced from \$20 to \$35, Sedestrom said.

For fitness-conscious people who need help in motivation, there are dozens of exercise videos available and most are priced in the \$19.99 range.

Jane Fonda's workout videotapes continue to enjoy top popularity but



there are others tailored to special groups of people, including senior citizens, teens and children. They range from fast-paced music videos to the low-impact variety. Take your pick.

Those seeking to build endurance can find help with a simple but often forgotten piece of equipment — a jump rope. Again, there are several brands available in a variety of colors and materials.

Sedestrom said the biggest sellers are nylon jump ropes with swivel handles, priced at \$10 to \$12. However, there are dozens to choose

from including a weighted jump rope that has weights in the handles and throughout the length of the rope.

Handweights are also "handy" ways to keep in shape. They're small and inexpensive and go a long way toward strengthening the upper body. Wrist weights with velcro fasteners can easily be converted into ankle weights, doubling their value.

Whether they're small dumbbells or wrap-around weight bands, these items are a good investment for any home exercise program.

Tennis or golf fans can work on strengthening their grips by using small, inexpensive hand grippers. They work their magic when exercisers squeeze them with their hands — an activity that doesn't take long but does a lot of good.

Another helpful fitness item to add to the home exercise equipment list is a pull-up bar. The bars don't take a lot of space to mount and some are expandable to fit any type of doorway.

By doing a few chin-ups or pull-ups, both men and women are sure to tone and strengthen their upper bodies.

College offers fitness program

A fitness program for community and corporate employees is now available at Schoolcraft College in Livonia Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Participants can take advantage of a full-competition swimming pool with a separate diving area, six racquetball courts, a weight training room, a dance training room and muscle soothing saunas. A 12-week membership is \$40 and a six-week membership is \$22. The facilities also can be used for \$3 per visit.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information call 462-4413.

Hearing screenings: Portable stereo headphones are popular among joggers, walkers, teenagers and children. But research is uncovering just how potentially harmful they can be to the inner ear nerve endings. In addition, the ears of babies and young children are extremely delicate.

Hearing loss can happen to anyone at anytime. The University of Michigan M-CARE Health Center in Northville is offering free audiograms for children on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 1-4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 344-1777. The

Fitness notes

M-Care Health Center is located at 650 Griswold between Eight Mile and Main Street in Northville.

CPR classes: Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is offering adult CPR classes and infant/child CPR classes.

The adult program is offered the first Thursday of every month in the Administration and Education Center from 7-10 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

The infant/child program is offered the first Monday of every month in the Administration and Education Center from 7-10 p.m. Pre-registration is also required.

Fee is \$5 for each class. Call 471-8090 for more information.

Anonymous programs: Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills offers Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous and Smokers Anonymous meetings every week.

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m., Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. and Sundays from 7-9 p.m.; and Smokers Anonymous meets Saturdays at 7 p.m. For more information call 471-8090.

Walking at the mall: People who enjoy walking are invited to use the climate-controlled corridors at Twelve Oaks Mall. Walkers are welcome Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

All walkers must register at the Twelve Oaks security office.

The lower level track is five-tenths of a mile, while the upper level track is eight-tenths of a mile. A complete trip around the mall is one and one-third miles.

Blood pressure education:

Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is sponsoring a series of blood pressure education classes. The classes will run for four consecutive Tuesdays and will start on March 28 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$25. For more information call 471-8090.

Fitness Tips

Are you at risk for a heart attack?

By SYLVA DVORAK
staff writer

Approximately half of the people in the United States today die of some form of cardiovascular disease, most commonly heart attacks and strokes.

A heart attack is caused by a lack of blood flow and oxygen to the heart tissue and a stroke is caused by lack of blood and oxygen to the brain. The result can be tissue death.

Unfortunately, there is no inoculation for heart attacks or strokes. There is hope, however, that we will be able to prevent or reverse coronary artery disease.

Artery disease often begins with a condition called hardening of the arteries, or atherosclerosis. In atherosclerosis, cholesterol (also called plaque) forms on the inner walls of the arteries. This causes the arteries to lose their elasticity as well as to narrow the passage for blood flow and oxygen.

There are many "risk-factors" that, when present, increase the likelihood of having a stroke or heart attack. Some of these factors are beyond our control. For example, the average risk of heart disease is greater for men than women, particularly before the age of 65.

Heredity also plays an important role.

According to Dr. Carl Orringer, Medical Director of Cardiac Preventive Programs at the Medsport located at Domino's Farms, the three most important risk factors for heart disease are high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and cigarette smoking. These are facts that we do have some control over.

Other important factors include diabetes, overweight, lack of exercise and stress.

To determine your risk of heart disease, score yourself in the table to the right.

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Risk of Heart Disease Table								IF YOU SCORE:
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Heredity	no known history of heart disease	1 relative with heart disease over 60	2 relatives with heart disease over 60	1 relative with heart disease under 60	2 relatives with heart disease under 60	3 relatives with heart disease under 60		
Weight	more than 5 lbs. below std. weight	(+/-) 5 lbs. and weight	5-20 lbs. overweight	21 to 35 lbs. overweight	36 to 50 lbs. overweight	51 to 65 lbs. overweight		
Tobacco Smoking	non-user	cigar and/or pipe	10 cigarettes or less per day	20 cigarettes per day	1 1/2 pack of cigarettes per day	2 or more packs of cigarettes per day		
Exercise	intensive occupational and recreational exertion	moderate occupational & recreational exertion	sedentary work and leisure increase	sedentary work and moderate leisure	sedentary work and light leisure	complete lack of all exercise		
Cholesterol	diet - no animal or solid fats 180 mg.	diet - 10% animal fats 181-205 mg.	diet - 20% animal fats 206-230 mg.	diet - 30% animal fats 231-255 mg.	diet - 40% animal fats 256-280 mg.	diet - 50% animal fats 281-300 mg.		
Blood Pressure	100 upper reading	120 upper reading	140 upper reading	160 upper reading	180 upper reading	200 or over upper reading		
Sex	female	female over 45	male	male over 45				
	1	2	3	4	5			

Source: M-Care Health Center in Northville

tors associated with atherosclerosis, don't become one of the approxima-

ly 63 million people in the United States who suffer from some sort of heart disease or related disorder. For good health, and to avoid cardiovascular disease, stop smoking

and reduce blood pressure and weight, if necessary.

Eat a balanced, adequate and varied diet; reduce fat intake, especially saturated fat; increase activity; and now that you have it all under control — enjoy life.

The Novi News is working with medical authorities at the University of Michigan Medical Center (M-Care) in Northville to provide up-to-date information on a variety of health-related topics. The series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the M-Care staff.

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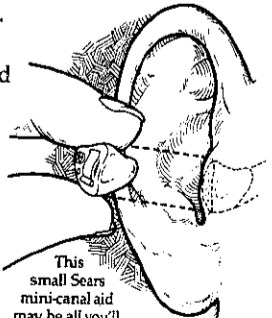
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