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Letter from the Editor

Phil Jerome



Here's something to think about the next time you get frustrated with the traffic around Twelve Oaks Mall.

Back in the 1960s the land on which Twelve Oaks is located was scheduled to become a gigantic landfill, handling the refuse from the City of Detroit and other communities.

The story about how a bright young attorney named David Fried managed to overturn a court decision granting approval for the mega-dump to be developed is included in a special section about the history of Novi inside this week's paper.

Titled "20 Years," the section is being published in conjunction with the City of Novi's 20th birthday celebration Saturday afternoon. And it's another example of the type of information we bring you to make you more knowledgeable about the community in which you live.

The second week

Hopefully, most of you will recall that I started writing this Page One column last week as part of a campaign to increase our circulation in Novi. Although we have strong penetration in Novi, we want to make it stronger. And to do so we are sending free copies of the paper to just about everybody for a period of three weeks. This is the second week in the three-week campaign. One more issue is coming next week, and then we'll be asking you to get a subscription to the paper.

In the meantime, the purpose of this column is to convince you of the benefits you will derive from having the paper delivered to your home every week.

I'm prejudiced, of course. But I truly love what I do for a living. And I truly believe there are few things finer than a hometown newspaper.

Maybe it's because I grew up in a little New York farming community which consisted of Bill Fesko's general store, Scotty's garage, the Methodist church and the grange, but I have this thing about hometowns. I think that being able to identify with a hometown is even more important today in our mobile society. People are better off, I believe, if they have a sense of belonging... a sense of identity about who they are and where they live.

Added values

The stories about the history of Novi are not the only things you'll find in this week's paper. As an editor, I like to think the "news" is the most important reason to get the paper. But I'm smart enough to know there are many other reasons for getting the paper.

Classified ads, for example. Pages and pages of ads about jobs, apartments, used cars and garage sales that you may find useful.

And very few of them come from Warren, Sterling Heights and other faraway places. The classified ads in this paper are placed by people who live in Novi, Northville, Farmington, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Milford — your neighbors.

Classified ads are only part of the package, however. You'll also find lots of "display" ads from merchants in and around Novi. On Page 9A, for example, you'll find an advertisement about the grand opening of Palm Beach Patio Furniture in the Novi Town Center. There's also an insert this week from the Pine Ridge shopping center on Novi Road at Ten Mile. The savings offered by those merchants would more than cover the cost of an annual subscription to this paper.

We won't promise that you'll become a millionaire by getting a subscription to our paper. But we do promise that you'll be availing yourself of an opportunity to save a lot of money. Not to mention the fact that you'll be learning a lot about your hometown community.

School millage approved by voters

By AMY ROSA
 staff writer

1109 Less than five percent of the registered voters in the Novi Community School District overwhelmingly cast their "yes" votes to renew a 13.0 mill package in Monday's election, thereby allowing the district to maintain about one-third of its operating millage at past levels.

Some 430 voters cast ballots in favor of the millage renewal, while 171 voted against it, according to figures released from the district's

administration office Tuesday morning.

Renewal of the three-year package was necessary as the millage expired with the December 1988 tax collection.

The number of voters in this election — 601, represents only about 4.3 percent of the district's 14,000 registered voters, according to school district figures.

Despite the low voter turnout, Superintendent Robert Piwko said, "We are happy about the outcome.

Seventy-one percent of the votes were cast in our favor."

Piwko also noted that voters in all three precincts favored renewal of the millage.

That was not the case, however, with the 11 absentee ballots cast. Five people who voted by absentee ballots favored the renewal while six were opposed.

Although the number of voters (601) who cast ballots in Monday's three-year millage renewal election

is small compared to the number of registered voters, it is similar in size to the number of voters in past school millage renewal elections.

In 1986 the total number of voters was 678.

However, in the 1983 renewal election the number of voters listed is larger, at 897. In both elections the renewal was approved by an overwhelming majority.

The administration office said it did not have figures as to the number of registered voters in the two

previous elections.

Piwko said confirmation of the millage renewal allows for more school planning down the road. "This gives us the opportunity to do certain long-range planning, and will allow us to plan for the 1989-90 school year," he said.

Piwko mentioned earlier that in this millage package's 13-year history, it has never been turned down. In fact, the millage has always been approved by a wide margin, he noted.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Winter snowfall

Anyone who had forgotten just how beautiful a Michigan snowfall can be was in for a happy surprise when they got out of bed Tuesday morning. Old Man Winter delivered a three-inch laying of snow which draped evergreens and created glorious panoramas for

early-risers. Of course, it also created the need for a little 'brooming,' as Arthur Hoge, an 18-year Novi resident, demonstrates in the picture above.

Schools: millage election is legal

By AMY ROSA
 staff writer

Novi school district officials maintain that this week's millage renewal election was legal and there was no attempt to mislead voters, despite the fact that the election was held on a different date from what the written record says the school board approved.

A number of bewildered voters turned out at the polls Tuesday, Feb. 21, to vote on renewal of a 13 mill package, only to discover that the election had been held the previous day — Monday, Feb. 20.

Contributing to the confusion was the fact that The Novi News on Feb. 16 ran a front page story saying the election was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21. The News did not realize an error had been made until later that day when a representative from the school district phoned the editorial office.

Upon checking with the Oakland County Election Division, it was discovered that the district had filed its application for the election to be held Feb. 20, back on Dec. 14, 1988. A signed copy of the school board resolution establishing the election date was not required to apply.

Howard Altman, director of the Oakland County Elections Division, said the election is legal as far as the county is concerned as long as the district complied with the legal

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Thieves target neighborhood vehicles

By PHILIP JEROME
 managing editor

A mini-crime wave hit the Village Oaks and Turtle Creek subdivisions last week when thieves stole approximately \$5,200 worth of property from cars parked in residential driveways.

A total of six vehicles were hit by thieves in the early morning hours of Sunday, Feb. 12, according to police reports.

The responsible parties used the same *modus operandi* in each of the incidents, smashing out windows to gain access to property contained inside the vehicles.

Victimized in the series of "larceny of vehicle" reports were cars parked on Heatherwood and Village Oaks Drive in the Village Oaks subdivision and Sunrise, Clover Lane and Arbor Lane in the Turtle Creek subdivision.

The \$5,200 worth of stolen property

was taken from vehicles parked in the Village Oaks sub. A Dearborn man reported the theft of \$3,480 worth of property from his 1980 BMW while it was parked in the drive of a Village Oaks Drive residence between 2:30 and 7:30 a.m. Stolen were a Mobira portable cellular telephone valued at \$3,000, a Sony compact disc player valued at \$300 and a Cobra radar detector valued at \$150.

The other theft involved a 1985

Mustang parked in the drive outside the owner's residence on Heatherwood. Property valued at \$1,880 was stolen from the vehicle, including a Pioneer in-dash stereo valued at \$360, a \$100 stereo equalizer, two speakers valued at \$100, 25 cassette tapes valued at \$300 and five compact discs valued at \$120.

Four other vehicles were victimized in what appeared to be the related series of break-ins early Sunday morning, although nothing

was reported missing from any of the vehicles.

Thieves broke into a 1987 Ford Bronco parked on Sunrise, a 1988 Ford Merkur parked on Clover Lane, and two vehicles — a 1988 Ford Club Wagon and a 1988 Ford Thunderbird — parked next to each other in the drive of an Arbor Lane residence.

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City throws 20th year bash

Novi's 20th anniversary/birthday party, featuring displays and exhibits from the city's past, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Novi Civic Center.

The event caps months of planning by Novi Public Information Director Cindy Stewart, plus various community groups and city officials.

"It's going to be a good time," Stewart said. "We hope whoever called for the snow this week keeps it away on Saturday."

A variety of special items will be on display for the one-day event, plus a large and impressive listing of door prizes.

Local merchants have donated prizes ranging from gift certificates to dinners for two at local restaurants to getaways at local hotels. Residents attending the event will be given a ticket at the door, and winning ticket numbers will be picked later.

Awards will also be given to special contest winners. Maya Ravani, a student at Orchard Hills elementary, and Peter Byron and Carrie McDougal from Village Oaks school will be awarded for their essays on Novi's history.

Winners of the Novi Arts and Culture Committee 1988

photo contest will also be announced. Carolyn Duffy will receive an award for "best in show" as well as best amateur black and white photograph. Mary Lou Patrick will be honored for the best amateur color photograph.

A long list of winners in various other categories includes, Pat Sheridan, Ken Marko, Colleen Gorman, Stanley Czarnik, Richard Nawrocki, Hugh Crawford, Ray Keister, Paul Erik Into, and Anna Schmidt.

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.
- 3:30-4 p.m. — Band selections; a performance by the Novi Concert Band.
- 4 p.m. — Balloon launch.
- 4:5 p.m. — Tours of Civic Center facilities and displays. Musical selection from the flute quintet.
- 4:10 p.m. — Slide presentation "Memories of Novi" by Cathy Crawford. Performance will be repeated later.

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Schools to buy furniture

The Novi school board has approved the expenditure of approximately \$295,000 to furnish its new elementary school.

In the meantime, board members are still looking for a name for the new building on Eleven Mile, west of Taft Road.

According to a report the biggest expense for the furnishings involves the purchase of library books, which is estimated to cost \$85,000. Other major items include the purchase of a computer network at \$45,000, audiovisual equipment at \$35,000, and 420 desks at \$31,500.

Assistant Superintendent William Barry told the school board at its Feb. 16 meeting that it costs between \$90-\$100 to outfit just one student with a desk and chair.

Saying it's time to call the new facility something other than "the new elementary school," the board created a committee to come up with a name.

The committee will consist of Trustee Sandra Thornton, three school staff members and three school district residents. One resident will be nominated by each of the three elementary school parent-teacher organizations.

Responding to the belief that the board does not consider people's names in naming school buildings, Thornton said that policy was eliminated from the board's newest policy manual. It was policy before, however, and trustees have continued to follow it since.

The board hopes to have a name for the new school in place before summer so items like stationery can be ordered.

Van pool available

Commuters who travel from Novi to downtown Detroit on the New Center area each weekday can save more than \$1,000 annually by participating in a RideShare van pool sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Several van pools from Novi to Detroit, including the downtown and New Center areas, are now forming and need additional passengers. Fares for the van pools vary slightly, however, approximate cost per passenger is \$55 per month.

Actual costs are based on a fixed rate plus variables which include road trip miles, gasoline expense and number of passengers. Those interested in learning more about van pooling options may call RideShare at 963-RIDE.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Focus on dinosaurs

Novi youngsters had an opportunity to learn the differences between a brontosaurus, tyrannosaurus and several other types of dinosaurs during a special program at the Novi Public Library last Friday morning. The Cranbrook Institute of Science presented the program about

dinosaurs which included fossil specimens, replicas and slides. That's Brian Winslow of the Cranbrook Institute staff pointing out some of the interesting characteristics of the prehistoric beasts to a curious group of potential archaeologists in the picture above.

Council to revote Ten/Beck zoning

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

In an effort to "cover all the bases," the Novi City Council will vote again on the same rezoning issue they repealed two weeks ago, which effectively stopped a developer from going ahead with a proposed shopping plaza on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection.

The council is scheduled to vote on the matter March 6 following a public hearing during a special planning commission meeting in council chambers (See related story on 12A).

"Technically we don't think this has to be done," said City Attorney Dennis Watson, who explained the second council vote will be taken just in case the matter would be legally challenged.

Watson said the second vote is required because there are conflicting court decisions regarding the propriety of citizen referendums on zoning matters.

Specifically, Watson explained, there exists one Michigan Court of Appeals decision which suggests that the manner in which the council repealed the Ten Mile/Beck Road zoning Feb. 6 was incorrect and that the process of gathering petitions can't apply to a zoning matter.

But regardless of that opinion, said Watson, city attorneys are taking the position that council acted properly in the Feb. 6 repeal, because there is a second, more recent Court of Appeals decision that says the petition-referendum process is proper for zoning matters.

"We're just covering ourselves," he said, but added that council had the authority to do what it did Feb. 6 through a clause in the city charter.

Watson explained how two different decisions could come from the same court. In the case of the Court of Appeals, he said, decisions are made by panels of three or more judges from a total of 18 or more judges, and so opinions might not be consistent across the board.

Council repealed the 10-acre parcel from a community business district back to a combined residential and less intense commercial classification, after being presented with a petition bearing over 3,000 names requesting the repeal.

A residents group calling itself "Citizens for Responsible Development" gathered the petitions in an effort to stop development in the western rural part of the city.

Although the parcel's fate will once again be voted on March 6, currently "we (the city) take the position that it is (zoned) B-1 and R-4," said Watson, naming the zoning classifications put in place by the council's repeal.

Watson admitted, however, that the city's stance can't be determined through the legal advertisement announcing the public hearing it ran in the Novi News on Feb. 16. The ad states that the parcel is currently zoned B-2, and is being considered for rezoning to B-1 and R-4.

Watson said listing the legal ad that way was intentional, and is necessary for the city's "cover-the-bases" theory.

Novi citizens head for military posts

Two Novi residents have been nominated for appointment to United States military academies.

Kendra Kewak, a Novi High School senior, has been nominated for appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and Ronald Fritz, a 1988 Novi High School graduate, has been nominated for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy.

Kewak is the daughter of Kenneth and Gloria Kewak of Novi. She is a member of the National Honor Society and enjoys reading and debate. She was nominated for the appointment by U.S. Senator Carl Levin and U.S. Congressman William S. Brodhead.

"One of the rewarding aspects of being a U.S. Senator is the opportunity to nominate qualified young men and women to this nation's military service academies," said Levin, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "I am pleased to

have a role in the education of these fine young people who wish to pursue military careers."

Fritz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fritz of Novi. He was nominated for the appointment by Congressman Brodhead.

As a result of their nominations, Kewak and Fritz are among 10 individuals who will compete for single vacancies at the respective military academies.

All nominees are selected on a competitive basis as a result of SAT/ACT scores, scholastic record, extracurricular activities, leadership potential and letters of recommendation.

Under the competitive appointment system, final appointments to the academies are made by selection boards at each academy. All appointments will be announced before May 1.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

It's a cabaret

Approximately 300 Novi residents attended the "Cabaret" sponsored by the Novi Arts and Culture Committee at the Civic Center last week. They got to see and hear some of the city's most talented individuals as the program included performances by the Novi Youth Chorus, Novi Concert Band and the Novi Chorale in addition to the Novi Players' presentation of a scene from their upcoming production of "Bus Stop." That's Jenny Beam of the Concert Band taking a break in the picture above as she listens to the Chorale perform "Every Day I've Got to Sing" under the direction of Jan Wassilak.



Police suspect car fire as theft-arson

A Sunday night car fire in southern Novi will be investigated as a theft-arson, according to Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan.

Firefighters responded to a report of a barn fire near Eight Mile and Griswold at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Sunday. When they arrived on the scene, they found a new Nissan automobile engulfed in flames, Lenaghan said.

"When we got there, there wasn't much left," Lenaghan said. "So the moone had brought it there, lit it up, and let it burn."

The matter was turned over to the Novi Police Department for a possible car theft investigation, Lenaghan said.

The fire burned with such intensity that it spread to a small grassy area near the car. The Nissan sustained about \$12,000 worth of damage.

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Eight Mile repairs require financing from city, county

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Novi residents could see improvements to Eight Mile begin as early as 1990, but would most certainly have to help foot the bill, according to city and county officials.

However, the fix up of the two-mile section of Eight Mile would begin only if financial commitments to fix parts of Dequindre Road - separating Oakland and Macomb counties, aren't secured by the Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC) by next month.

That was part of the information passed along to the Novi Planning Commission when City Traffic Consultant presented a Novi Transportation Improvement Plan last week.

The two-mile section of Eight Mile - running from Haggerty to just east of Novi Road, would cost approximately \$4.65 million to widen, according to the report.

And it is that section along with another section of Eight Mile east of 1275, which falls just behind Dequindre as the most dangerous road in the county, according to the Oakland County ranking system. But because of Dequindre's ranking, that project gets top priority for state and federal aid for improvements.

If that occurs, Eight Mile improvements might not start until 1992, said the report. That possibility of getting started in three years, however, exists only if the Novi City Council submits a road improvement list to county officials by the end of this month.

From that list, and lists submitted by other Oakland municipalities, the county devises its own road improvement schedule through 1992.

The city council is expected to adopt and submit the priority listing that was just approved by the planning commission at its Feb. 27 meeting.

In addition to widening Eight Mile from Haggerty to Novi roads, the lists include widening Twelve Mile between Dixon and Haggerty roads, and widening Haggerty Road between Twelve Mile and Eight Mile in that order.

The roads listed above are currently carrying over 20,000 vehicles per day on at least one segment, said Arroyo. Traffic on Eight Mile and Haggerty has already exceeded recommended limits, and that status is fast approaching Twelve Mile, he added.

Arroyo said it is likely that funding for Dequindre road improvement money, state and federal aid will cover only 75 percent. The remaining 25 percent is divided by OCRC and the local government, said Blaesing.

In the case of Eight Mile, that 25 percent from Wayne County, 6% percent split from Oakland County and 6% percent from Novi.

Wayne and Oakland counties share the cost because each share the road, but Wayne County cannot split its share with a local government because townships do not participate in this funding program, explained Arroyo.

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make slow progressive road improvements.

"Typically, when you have a large project, you fund and build one mile per year," he said. He added, however, that cities which do that run the risk that their state and federal funding may be allocated to another project the following year.

Currently Oakland county makes available about \$10 million each year for municipal road improvements, but rarely gives the entire amount to just one or even two projects, said Blaesing.

For instance, he said, Dequindre and Eight Mile are not the only roads the county has ranked as needing improvements soon. Sections of Ten Mile between Southfield and Oak Park, Twelve Mile between Royal Oak and Madison Heights, and Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake are also high on the list, he explained.

Besides this factor, said Blaesing, municipalities should be aware of how the distribution of the funding works.

When considering Novi, the reality is that even when adding money from Novi's annual road program budget of about \$75,000, the chances of the city being able to fund all three roads on its priority list within the next six years - as is stated in the city's Capital Improvements Plan, is slim, said Arroyo.

Adding to the burden is the fact that the cost of the other two roads' improvements overshadow Eight Mile's cost of \$4.65 million by huge numbers. Arroyo estimates it will cost \$28 million to widen Haggerty and \$8.25 million to widen Twelve Mile.

"We're going to need some type of help getting these fixed," said Arroyo.

Under the guidelines for distributing road improvement money, state and federal aid will cover only 75 percent. The remaining 25 percent is divided by OCRC and the local government, said Blaesing.

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Schools say election was legal

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advertisement submission announcing the election on the correct date — which it had.

The pickup, said Altman, "doesn't have any bearing on me or the county."

The Novi News was not the only one confused about the date of the election, however, and a review of school district minutes and other paperwork made available to the media and the public contributed to the confusion.

Trustee Sandra Thornton said prior to the school board's Feb. 16 meeting she was unaware that two different election dates had been given out by school district officials.

"I thought we were voting on Tuesday," she said, adding that she based her belief on the language of the resolution authorizing the election which the board adopted Dec. 22.

Thornton acknowledged that there are repeated references to the election date being Feb. 21 in four school board meeting packets beginning with Dec. 22, as well as in the minutes of the meetings themselves.

Another example of the confusion is the fact that board at its Feb. 2 meeting appointed election inspectors for an election to be held Tuesday, Feb. 21.

When contacted before the Feb. 16 board meeting, two other board members, Joan Daley and Stephen Hitchcock, said they were aware of the discrepancy but could not pinpoint a time when the date had been corrected by the board, if at all.

Thornton said that to the best of her knowledge the date had not been corrected by board action either.

The election date was listed as Feb. 21 at least 12 times in the board

meeting packets and minutes of Dec. 22, Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16.

Although that is the case, Novi News Managing Editor Phil Jerome said The Novi News should have noticed the discrepancy after the district ran three required legal advertisements in The News that stated the election was set for Feb. 20.

"Although I understand the confusion which led to the mistake, I regret the error deeply," said Jerome. "It is extremely disturbing that some people may have been denied the right to vote on a millage renewal question because they were misled by false information which we published in this paper."

The Novi News also ran a story in its Dec. 29 edition which stated the election was scheduled for Feb. 21. The story was based on resolution language and backup material provided by the school district.

She said the attorneys felt the resolution should have been held Tuesday, Feb. 21, because Monday was a legal holiday — Presidents Day. But that was never followed through and the paperwork was never changed (to reflect the Feb. 20 date), she said.

It is true that elections are seldom held on a national or legal holiday, said Altman, but he admitted it does happen. He said that although it is the practice in this state to hold school elections on Mondays, he feels Tuesdays are better days for elections — which is the day most other elections are held.

"I prefer Tuesdays. They are a recognized election day, and it gives school working day in advance to prepare."

School District Attorney Dennis

Pollard said obviously a clerical error had been made, but what is at issue is the "substance of what occurred."

He added, "The question is, 'Was it clear to the public?'" and said that even though a wrong date was published by The Novi News, he thought the public was still adequately informed, given the printing of the legal ads.

The district also stated the election was to be held Feb. 20 in community newsletters sent home to parents.

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correction was not "clearly" reflected in minutes of that meeting, nor was it changed in consequent references to the election date.

Piwko cited a phrase that he said referred to the board adopting "corrected" minutes of the Dec. 22 board meeting. In the Feb. 2 board meeting packet it states that on Jan. 19 "It was moved by Mr. Schram, seconded by Mr. Byers that the minutes be adopted as corrected."

There is no reference as to what the corrections were.

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Ten Mile/Beck rezoning: The Novi Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 6, to consider the rezoning of the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection. The meeting will be held in the Novi Civic Center at 7 p.m. Specifically, the planning commission will consider a city-initiated motion to rezone the property from B-2 (community business district) to B-1 (local business district) and R-4 (single-family residential).

Special assessment hearing: The Novi City Council will hold a public hearing to consider establishing a special assessment district for the paving of streets in the Novi Heights subdivision area. The hearing will be held in the Novi Civic Center on Monday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. In determining that it is tentatively necessary to make the public improvements, the council has prepared reports which include preliminary plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost; a description of the assessment district; and other pertinent information. The reports are on file with the city clerk's office and are available for public examination.

Historical commission meetings: The Novi Historical Commission has changed its regularly scheduled meeting dates from the third Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month. All meetings are held in the Novi Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

Free advice on taxes: Your opportunity to obtain free advice on federal and state taxes from a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is coming up this week. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) will offer its free "Ask a CPA Call-in Days" today (Thursday, Feb. 23) and Saturday, Feb. 25. CPAs will be taking calls at 855-2288 on Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callers will be limited to two questions per call in order to accommodate as many calls as possible.

Home heating assistance: The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) has received a grant from the State of Michigan to help pay home heating bills of low-income, elderly and handicapped households. People should apply as soon as possible after Jan. 9 as funds are limited. OLHSA will determine the eligibility of persons applying for assistance. Those eligible will receive a one-time payment between \$50 to \$200 toward their heating costs. OLHSA will make arrangements for payment of eligible applicants' heating costs directly to the fuel provider — Consumers Power, Detroit Edison or fuel oil dealers. Applicants should bring proof of income for the last 12 months for everyone in the household plus a copy of their latest heating bill. For more information call OLHSA's toll-free number of 1-800-482-9250.

School closing reports: Winter's here and parents of children in the Novi Community School District should know where they can hear school closing reports. On days when it becomes necessary to close school because of adverse weather conditions, announcements will be made by 6 a.m. on WJR-AM (760) and WWJ-AM (950).

Radon kits available: The City of Novi is continuing to offer radon testing kits for purchase at a price of \$13. Novi residents can contact Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver at 347-0445 for more information.

Well water checks: Residents who use wells in the City of Novi may have their water checked free of charge by the Oakland County Health Department. Information and bottles for the check are available through the City of Novi and can be picked up at city hall.

Subdivisions hit by series of thefts

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Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt said residents can help prevent similar incidents by trying not to leave valuable items in their cars.

"Whenever possible, people should try to remove valuables from their vehicles before someone else tries to take them," he said. "Radar detectors are very small and can easily be taken in the house at night."

At the same time, Gatt admitted that there are

times when little can be done to prevent larcenies from vehicles or other crimes. "A series of incidents like these might be a good reason to think about establishing a Neighborhood Watch program," he said.

Gatt said he currently is investigating a California program called "look before you sleep."

"If everybody would look out their windows before going to bed at night, it's possible that somebody might see something suspicious going on in the neighborhood," said Gatt. "When there

are six 'larcenies from vehicles' in the same general neighborhood in the same general time span, it's possible that somebody might spot something suspicious."

Gatt also advised residents not to be afraid to call police at 911 when they spot suspicious activity. "We'll check them out," he said. "We may not find anything on some occasions, but there will be other times when we can prevent things like this from happening."

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Paul Black (left) and Jim Evenhuis of the Novi Library Board study circulation statistics

Library use 'up with big guys'

BY AMY ROSEA

staff writer

Novi readers are apparently serious about their library.

According to recently compiled library statistics, Novi residents use their city library more than just about any other city residents use their hometown libraries.

"We're doing really well. We're right up there with the big guys as far as statistics go," said Paul Black, president of the Novi Library Board.

Black and Library Board Member James Evenhuis recently obtained statistics from the Novi library and the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF) and presented their findings to the city council.

One of the most impressive figures, said the men, was the book circulation per capita statistic. That figure measures actual library use, in that it shows the number of books checked out per person, said Evenhuis.

Novi's average is 7.32 — second only to the Farmington-Farmington Hills area which averaged 8.54 books per person. Evenhuis said Novi's statistic is more impressive though, because the former statistic includes usage at two libraries, one each in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Plus, he said, Novi's population is considerably smaller than that of those two areas combined.

The national average book circulation per capita is 3.5, said the report. Northville and Southfield, for instance, have figures of 6.05 and 5.7 respectively.

The figures were compiled during 1988 and make a comparison with all 52 member libraries of WOLF.

When Black referred to Novi approaching the league of the "big guys," he meant that Novi is on its way up from the medium-sized library category it currently falls into. He admitted that it is currently impossible for Novi to compete with the libraries of Southfield, Livonia, Grosse Pointe and Rochester Hills because the population difference is too great.

For instance, Farmington-Farmington Hills has a circulation record of 59,000 books, compared to Novi's 166,000.

But despite its current size — Novi has a total book collection of 32,167 — other figures show Novi's library is one of the best in WOLF.

Interloan rate — the number of books the library borrowed and lent to other libraries — has grown to a very respectable level, said Black.

He explained that, in the early years of the library, Novi had to borrow many more books than it lent to other libraries. Then, about five years ago, the ratio balanced at about 50 percent each way, he said. Now, however, the swing has gone in the other direction, as Novi borrowed only

one-fourth the number of books it lent to other libraries last year.

Those figures, 504 and 1,696 respectively, "says Novi has a fine book collection," which is aimed at the reading needs of all groups of people, said Evenhuis. It also shows Novi books are up to date, making them more in demand by other readers, he added.

The number of active library cards is also a good indicator of library usage. According to the figures, about 44 percent of Novi's 28,000 residents hold active library cards. The national average is only 26 percent, said Black.

"We have a very literate population," he observed. Evenhuis added that all the compiled figures point toward Novi having an excellent library, which is only going to get better.

After renovation of the east wing of the library is complete — which could be as soon as early April — library officials will focus on acquiring an automated bibliographic card catalog on compact discs, on-line computer data base searching equipment, and a telefax machine.

Another goal is to obtain equipment that will access the catalogs of the state's largest libraries free through the MELITZ network. That will include the libraries of Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State, University of Detroit, Oakland University and the Detroit Public Library.

New ordinance being delayed

By PHIL GINOTTI

staff writer

The landmark Hazardous Materials Ordinance is all but on hold until the fire department gets adequate computer capacity to deal with the influx of new paperwork the law has created, city officials said this week.

City Manager Edward Kriewall said Tuesday that the fire department's request for funds to purchase a new computer system has been delayed while consultants study long-range city computer needs.

"The problem is that they (city departments) all have a different set of needs," Kriewall said. "Transferrence is not easy."

"You have to be careful before you purchase something new," he said. The fire department is responsible for enforcing the Hazardous Materials Ordinance, which was put into effect last year after months of study. The ordinance calls for Novi employers to document the types of materials they store in the workplace.

They could also be required to construct containment devices or put

together emergency action plans in the event of a spill.

It is believed to be the first local ordinance in the state to regulate such matters. Hazardous materials are currently regulated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which has been routinely criticized for being slow to respond due to a lack of staffing and funding.

The surveys sent to local business operators have alone created a mountain of paperwork for fire department staff. Fire Marshal William Conn is currently recording and tabulating most of those surveys by hand, which is causing some delays.

The fire department had requested approximately \$38,000 from the city's mid-decade census funds in October to purchase an advanced data processing system to handle the increased workload.

It was placed on "administrative hold" at that time. Officials from International Business Machines (IBM) have been conducting an analysis of city computer systems since then. The IBM study was produced at a cost to the city.

Bradford to use averaging option

For the first time in five years a developer is taking advantage of Novi's lot averaging option to avoid building upon woodlands and wetlands.

The Novi Planning Commission recently granted approval for the developers of the proposed Bradford of Novi subdivision to utilize the option.

Plans submitted by Seiber-Keast Associates show the subdivision is scheduled to be constructed in two phases on Nine Mile between Taft and Beck roads.

Use of the lot averaging option tends to lessen the intrusion into wetlands and woodlands, according to City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers. If the developers had asked for approval to build the subdivision conventionally, they would still have

been able to create the same number of lots.

According to Rogers' report, the lot averaging option creates a "pie-shaped" lot and one lot adjacent to a wetland. Planning commissioners waived those variances when they granted tentative preliminary plat approval for the subdivision.

Woodlands and wetlands permits were also granted. Phase II of the project will contain 47 lots on almost 29 acres of land — 4 additional acres of the land are wetlands. Phase III will contain 37 lots on almost 31 acres — with almost nine additional acres being wetlands.

The gross acreage, including wetlands areas, brings the total density for the project to 1.13 units per acre, according to the report. That figure is well under the maximum permitted — 1.65 units per acre.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 1, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider A PROPOSED CHURCH (10,750 sq. ft. facility with a 143 car parking lot) on north side of Elgin Mile Rd. between Beck & Garfield Rds. (Sidwell No. 50-22-32-400-015) FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL.

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 48050 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 1st, 1989.

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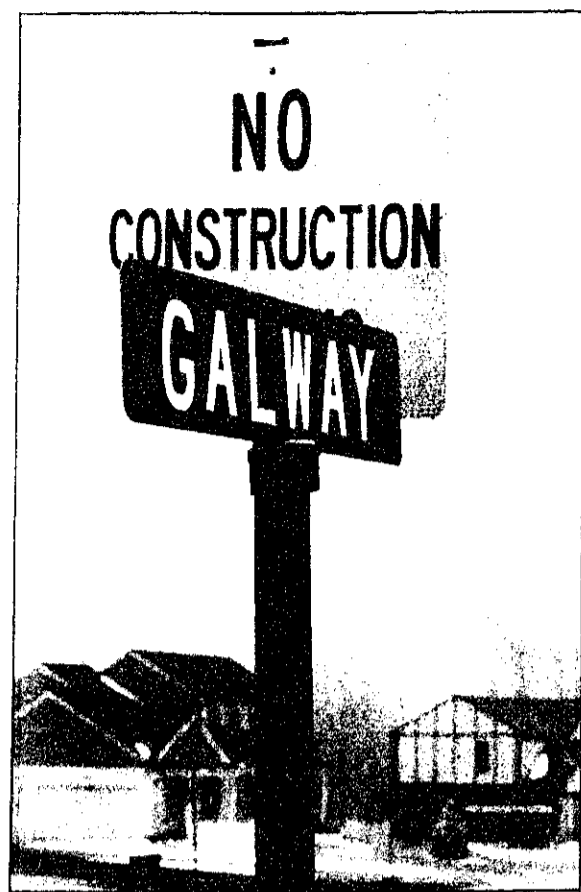
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Many Galway Drive residents oppose the construction of sidewalks

No walks here Galway again says no to sidewalks

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Sidewalks — routine for urban residents. A bitter bone of contention elsewhere.

Safety for children? Slightly easier passage for the elderly or handicapped? Or simply an aesthetic nightmare, increasing foot traffic, maintenance and ultimately reducing property values?

Residents on Galway Drive in Lexington Green — with or without children — are flatly rejecting the prospect of having sidewalks in their spacious, southern Novi subdivision.

When the sidewalk issue resurfaced before the Novi City Council earlier this month, residents again submitted petitions opposed to the move. They collected 46 signatures, representing all but a few of the Galway residents west of Taft Road.

"I would be totally opposed to it," said Lexington Green resident Laura Lorenzo. "We've been established here for almost five years, and it would mean tearing up lawns, yards, and concrete go in here," she said.

"I'm concerned about the safety, yes, but I don't think sidewalks necessarily keep kids out of the streets," said resident Jean Nordstrom, herself, a mother of an 11-month-old daughter. "We've been here for five years, and I'm not sure

Nordstrom: 'I'm concerned about the safety, yes, but I don't think sidewalks necessarily keep kids out of the streets. We've been here for five years, and I'm not sure of any problems.'

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The controversy over sidewalks in the Lexington Green subdivision is rooted in the mid-1980s. When residents began moving into their new homes in the new subdivision, most reported being unaware that sidewalks were planned for Galway (at developer expense.) They found out when workmen began staking the area for sidewalk construction.

Residents petitioned the city then, and got a reprieve. In 1984, the sidewalk requirement was waived until further development occurred to the west of Lexington Green, connecting up with Galway.

Plans for such a development — Bradford of Novi II and III — cleared the Novi City Council on Feb. 6. The walks were required since Galway is considered a "collector street" — a slightly wider street which collects traffic from subdivision

streets and funnels it onto major roadways. The collectors receive the amount of entrances and exits (curb cuts) needed on the major roadways.

Since 1984, money to construct the Galway sidewalks has been held in escrow in a special account, and city officials are concerned because the escrowed amount (about \$22,000) buys less and less sidewalk each year.

Pressure to place sidewalks on Galway was renewed earlier this year when the Bradford of Novi plans came up for consideration.

The city council granted preliminary site plan approval for the project Feb. 6, but deferred to the planning commission on the sidewalk issue. They opted instead to have the Novi Planning Commission recommend what could be done with both the current residents and the new plans.

"We're anticipating that we will have to (build the sidewalks)," said Michael Kahn, a representative of the Singh Development Company, sponsors of the Bradford of Novi plan.

"We can accommodate them no matter how they do it," Kahn said. Residents said they will watch closely for planning commission deliberations on the question.

"We don't really see it as a safety issue," Lorenzo said. "We believe it is a matter of beauty and aesthetics. If other subdivisions want to have sidewalks, that's fine."

Lorenzo said that Galway Drive should no longer be considered a collector road since plans for Galway in other phases of Bradford of Novi no longer call for the street to go all the way through to Beck Road.

"That's one of our main points, really," she said. "I don't know how this could be considered a collector road any longer."



A lot of readers wrote for more details on the "Fame & Fortune" instant game and weekly TV show. This column answers some of those questions.

Q. If my name, address and phone number don't fit on the TV entry ticket, can they be punched on a separate sheet of paper?

A. Do your best to fit them in the designated spaces on the ticket. But also print them clearly as a return address on the mailing envelope. These are kept to assure accuracy.

Q. If you can't make the taping or aren't sure you appear, can someone else play for you?

A. Yes, you can designate a stand-in. This is a choice for anyone with a physical disability that might make an appearance difficult.

Q. Once new contestants and home entries are drawn, are remaining entries held for later drawings?

A. No. Each drawing includes only the entries received in the previous week. Q. What are the odds of having your entry drawn?

A. The odds for scratching off a "TV entry" ticket are 1 in 50. The odds for being drawn as a contestant or home partner vary with the number of entries received each week. There were about 22,000 of these for the first drawing.

Q. How long will "Fame & Fortune" be sold?

A. Unlike previous instant games which lasted only eight or nine weeks, "Fame & Fortune" will remain on sale indefinitely.

Q. If the two parts of the ticket become separated, will sending in one half serve as an entry?

A. Only if it is the half showing the three TV symbols with your name, address and phone number clearly written on the back.

Q. Do contestants really ride in a limo?

A. On the morning of the taping, they are picked up at the Omni International Hotel by a VIP limousine. This is used for their travels throughout the day, including a visit to The Whitney restaurant for a special luncheon.

Q. How does the Lottery contact winners to give them instructions for being on the show?

A. Soon after the drawing, a Lottery representative calls the number printed on the entry until contact is made. An Express Mail package containing full details also is mailed on Friday evening to each new contestant.

For submitting the first question leading to this column, Joe Ventura of Redford Township is receiving 50 "Fame & Fortune" instant game tickets.

If you have a lottery question not yet covered in these monthly columns, send it to: "Winners' Circle," Michigan Lottery, P.O. Box 30077, Lansing, MI 48909.

Board opts for new appointment policy

A policy for making appointments to citizen advisory committees was approved by the Novi Board of Education at its Feb. 16 meeting.

A board subcommittee comprised of Trustees Julie Abrams and Robert Schram was charged with developing a proposed policy for board consideration. The board voted unanimously last week to approve their policy, which spells out exactly which council/committee appointments are to be made by the board.

The board's procedures for appointing citizens committees came under fire last November, when trustees

were criticized for removing a parent from a curriculum council. The board had never before interfered with the makeup of that particular group.

Regarding the curriculum council, Abrams and Schram determined it is an administrative advisory committee and therefore no action is required by the board. The superintendent appoints all advisory committees, according to the new policy.

The policy breaks down all committees into four groups: administrative advisory, board advisory, school advisory and internal

board. Of the four, board approval is required only for a board advisory committee.

The respective school principals appoint school advisory committees and the board president appoints internal board committees. For all four categories of committees, the terms served are to be less than one year unless reappointed, according to the policy.

Other examples of administrative advisory committees are the inter-school council, district transportation committee and gifted and talented committee.

Those groups are designed to provide input and information to the superintendent regarding the needs of the district in addition to making recommendations for meeting those needs.

Examples of board advisory committees are millage requirement committees and task forces on facilities, enrollment and education in the year 2000.

The purpose of those groups is the same as for administrative advisory committees — to provide input and information to the superintendent regarding the needs of the district in addition to making recommendations for meeting those needs.

tee and food advisory committee. They are to provide input and information to the appropriate principal and central office administrator regarding the needs of the school. They are also to make recommendations.

Examples of internal board committees are the policy review committee, communications committee and committee on advisory committee.

Those groups are to undertake the study of a specific subject area and to make recommendations to the entire board on a course of action.

Chief warns residents about fundraiser

NORTHVILLE — The Northville Police Department is warning area residents that a nationwide fund drive for a police memorial is not all that it seems.

Several Northville residents have reported getting mail solicitations from the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Northville Police Chief Rod Cannon said Monday. And although the organization has not

been charged with breaking any laws, Cannon advises residents to be cautious about donating.

"I certainly am not against the memorial," which would honor police officers who "gave the supreme sacrifice, their life," Cannon said. The memorial, authorized by Congress, would honor such officers nationwide.

However, the finances of the fund

drive raise some serious questions, Cannon said — such as where most of the money is going.

The problem is, people are getting these letters in the mail asking for donations, and there are some questions as to how it's being run," Cannon said.

According to Police Times magazine, only eight cents of every dollar donated is actually going to

of the memorial. "The rest of it is for administrative costs, which is questionable," Cannon said.

The magazine estimates that only \$68,000 of the \$12 to \$15 million donated so far is earmarked for the memorial. According to the magazine, a tax return from the fund-raising group showed \$400,000 in public information costs, \$125,000 in general management costs, and

\$250,000 in fund-raising costs.

The fund-raising letter states that the \$125,000 in public information departments of anyone who donates to the fund — and therefore, by process of elimination, of anyone who does not donate.

"Nobody's saying there's anything criminal at this point," Cannon said. "The dollar is not going to do the job," Cannon said.

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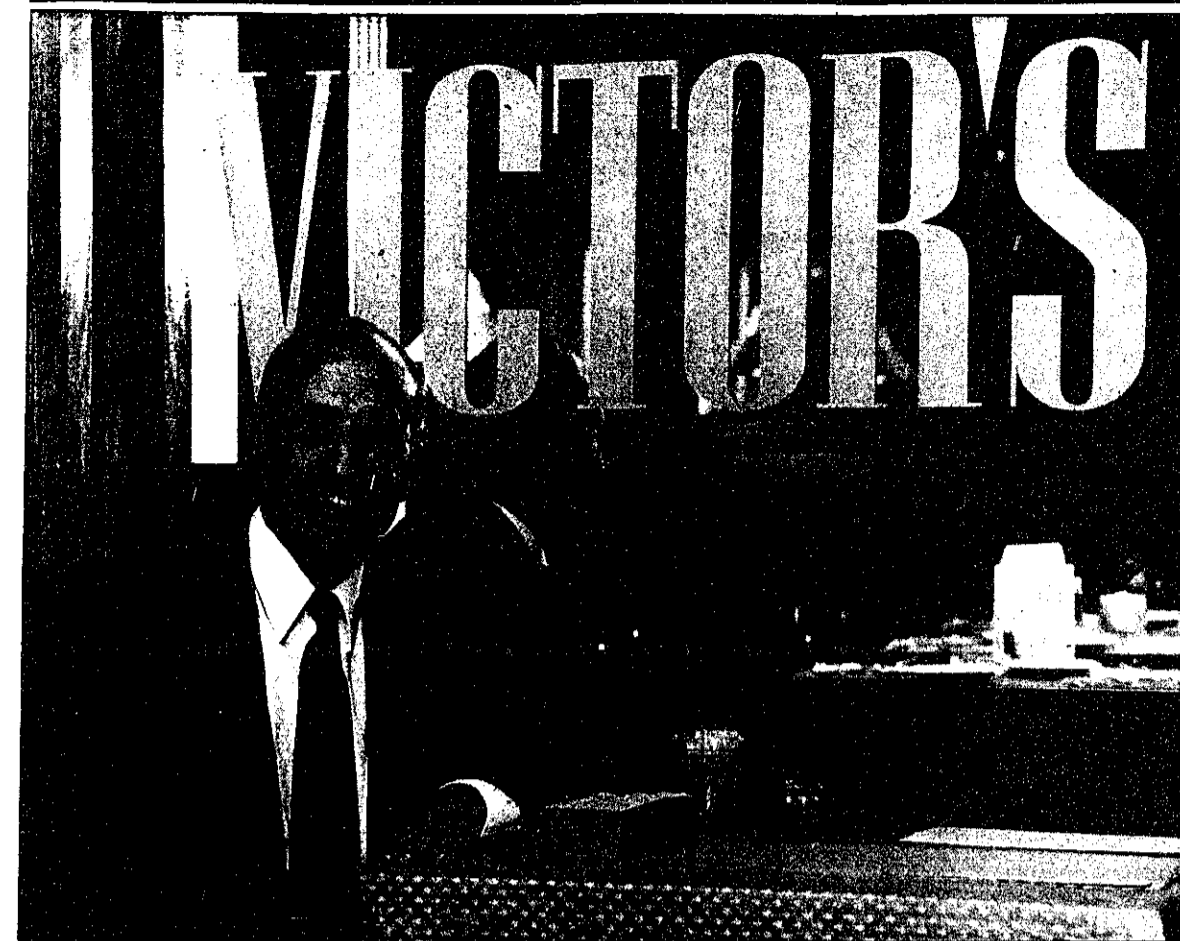
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Vic Cassis has sold the Novi Road Big Boy to concentrate on other projects

Two challenges Cassis tries new areas for success

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

An era of sorts came to a close last month, when Vic Cassis sold a Novi landmark — the "Big Boy" restaurant near Novi Road and I-96. For Cassis, it closed over 20 years of involvement with the chain.

But a new era is promised. In fact, it's just beginning.

He's turning his attention to a major expansion at Victor's Novi Inn, and creation of a large banquet hall, dining room and meeting facility off Grand River.

"After you are in a business for 20 years, you want to do something fresh and exciting," Cassis said. "You want to do something with your own signature on it."

"It (Big Boy) is the best possible franchise operation you could work in, but it has someone else's signature on it," he said.

Cassis, who gambled on Novi in

1976 before there was a Twelve Oaks Mall and Town Center, will take the same spirit into his pair of new projects.

The expansion will double the size of Victor's Novi Inn. The work is scheduled to begin in approximately three weeks.

Plans for the banquet hall and dining facility are in the very early planning stages. It would be located near the Grand River/Meadowbrook Road intersection, down the street from Victor's.

"Right now, this community is so alive and vibrant, I don't know where you could go anywhere else and have the type of success you could have here," he said.

Cassis first became involved in the Big Boy chain 20 years ago, opening a partnership operation in Taylor. He ran that facility for approximately a year and a half before moving on. He operated additional facilities in Farmington Hills at Haledel and Grand

River, and acquired and renovated the Walden Lake Big Boy several years later.

Cassis said he was asked by Novi officials to bring one of the restaurants to Novi in the mid-1970s. The Novi Road site looked extremely attractive, and he launched into plans to put a new facility there. The Big Boy was built from the ground up at Novi Road near I-96 in 1976, a year before Twelve Oaks would open its doors.

Since then, the restaurant has served as a convenient meeting place for Novi residents. Last year, during the Michigan '50s Festival, the Big Boy was made out in 1980s decor, making it a central point of the week-long festival.

"It has been a tremendous success," Cassis said.

He has operated Victor's Novi Inn on Grand River, just east of Novi Road, for approximately two years. Major remodeling was done eight months ago at the restaurant.

The banquet hall and dining facility promises to be "state of the art."

"I feel it is something that is really needed in the area, there is a great demand for this, and I hope the community will be proud of it," Cassis said. "We will serve 1,000 people at a wedding, or 50 people or 10 at a conference."

"I'm very excited about it. I feel the same way I did 13 or 14 years ago," he said.

Cassis also plans to build a home in Novi. He currently resides in Farmington.

Cassis is active on a variety of local projects, including the '50s Festival Board of Directors, the Novi Rotary Club and the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Parks applies for senior van grant

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department has applied for a Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transit (SMART) grant in an effort to bring a senior citizen van program to Novi.

The van would be available by late 1990, if everything works out as planned.

The grant, which would cover part of the operating cost of the new program, would be coupled with acquisition of a van from the Michigan National Bank leasing program. That program allows communities to lease the vans for \$1 per year.

The city budget would fund the program at a cost of approximately \$6,000 per year.

"It would fill a tremendous need," said Kathy Crawford, Special Programs Coordinator for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. "The odd thing is that because these people (senior citizens) are so isolated, we really don't know how many more of these people are out there."

"A lot of people, due to a lack of transportation, just can't get here," Crawford said the van service

would be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays at no charge to Novi senior citizens. It would help transport seniors to some of the many programs offered at the Novi Civic Center, like hot lunch and various health screening programs.

Seniors would be transported to other destinations in the city for a \$1 charge, although city-sponsored events would receive top priority.

Crawford said the program is not designed to replace the current senior citizen cab service, since it wouldn't be offered on a 24-hour basis.

Currently, Novi seniors and handicapped riders pay \$2 per one-way ride and with another \$3.50 subsidized. The service is offered through Community Cab.

Last year, the subsidized cab program provided 4,742 rides — an increase of 636 rides over the previous year.

The program would also be made available to handicapped residents. Crawford said it would probably be several months before any grant is received on the city's work application.

Board approves bus purchases

The Novi school board has approved the purchase of three regular school buses and a special education bus at an approximate cost of \$149,000.

The four buses will replace four aging vehicles.

The older buses — all 65-passenger vehicles — will be moved to "spare" status. At the same time, three buses currently listed as "spares" will be removed from spare status and retired, with their parts sold, according to a report.

In addition, the current special education bus will be assigned "spare" status. That bus has approximately 250,000 miles on it.

Assistant Superintendent William Barr told the board of education at its Feb. 16 meeting, that each vehicle of the four new buses will cost approximately \$35,000. Administration officials were granted permission to gather quotes and bids for the purchase.

The funds to purchase the buses will come out of next fiscal year's budget which begins July 1, 1989, said Barr. Depending on interest rates, he added, the district might opt to

finance them rather than pay cash as it has done for the last four years.

Currently all 24 district vehicles are made by Ford except one, a Chevrolet model that Chevrolet is the special education vehicle being replaced, and was made in 1984.

Of the other three buses moving to spare status one was built in 1980, and two were built in 1982.

One of the buses being retired was built in 1976, and two were built in 1978.

The new buses will be slightly different than former models in that they will run on diesel, said Barr. He explained that change has been implemented by all major manufacturers of school buses since the Kentucky school bus disaster last May, when scores of children burned to death in a highway accident.

Barr added that once a finalized bus route system is determined for next year — which includes routes for the new elementary school, the administration may ask for an additional bus. Orders should be placed no later than the end of March, so as to guarantee their delivery on time, he said.

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As We See It

Novi planners lost golden opportunity

The recent decision by the Novi Planning Commission to reject a proposed Code of Conduct is disappointing and a cause for concern among local residents.

Specifically, commissioners voted down the Code of Conduct at its Feb. 1 meeting, saying it was "negative" and repetitive of state law and commission bylaws.

Quite frankly, none of the reasons cited by commissioners for rejecting the code seems to make much sense. Commission Chairman Charles Kureth said the proposal was "negative," stating that it said "what we shouldn't do, not what we should do."

Commissioner Kathy McLallen said she didn't feel the commission needed "a total guidebook at this time." And Commissioner Rico DiGirolamo said each commissioner has his or her own code of ethics and suggested that the city council, which appoints planning commissioners, apparently believes in those individual sets of ethics.

The catalyst for considering a code of ethics apparently was provided by revelations in The News earlier this year that three city officials — Mayor Matthew Quinn, City Manager Edward Kureth and Kureth — had accepted a one-day trip to Chicago at the expense of Little Caesars President Mike Hlitch to visit a restaurant similar to one he would like to develop in Novi.

We do not mean to dwell on the issue. Both sides have been reported, and the trip is now "old news." The reason we mention it here is that it does serve to illustrate directly why a conduct code should be adopted. Quinn, Kriewall and Kureth are not dishonest individuals. In fact, all

Sincere apologies

There are times in the journalism profession when editors make grievous mistakes. We made one of those mistakes last week when we reported that the Novi Community School District's millage renewal election would be held Tuesday, Feb. 21. It was only after the paper was on the street that we discovered the election was scheduled Monday, Feb. 20.

When such errors occur, the news room becomes a flurry of activity as we try to figure out what happened... what went wrong. We have never claimed infallibility; we know mistakes will occur. We do everything in our power to make sure they're few and far between.

In this particular instance it was easy to trace the reason for the mistake. The resolution submitted for the school board's consideration of an election date said it would be Feb. 21.

Time to celebrate

We hope everyone turns out and has a good time at the Novi birthday/anniversary party this Saturday. It should be, as city organizers promise, a good time.

Novi sponsors a variety of these types of events, like the Chilly Willy Festival. They are generally characterized by moderate turnout and a homey "small town" flavor, even though Novi is far from a small town anymore.

City officials are, quite appropriately, the city's cheerleaders in many ways, and we don't know that this is all that bad. When the idea for a 20th birthday/anniversary party was first banded around by city officials, the emphasis was on having the best low-cost celebration that could be had. And the emphasis was



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three are hard-working, dedicated public officials who — in the absence of a clear-cut conduct code — accepted a trip which, in our opinion, they should not have accepted.

The argument that the proposed code of conduct was repetitive of state law and commission bylaws also has a hollow ring, particularly in light of the fact the argument was made by Kureth. Kureth is the individual who spearheaded Novi's recently-enacted Hazardous Materials Ordinance, a very fine ordinance which will do much to protect Novi residents from environmental hazards. In developing that ordinance, Kureth acknowledged that it was in many respects repetitive of state law but had value in that it enabled the city to enforce environmental laws that state agencies do not have the means to enforce.

The point is that the city in the past has prided itself on adopting ordinances which meet and exceed state and federal laws in environmental areas, but does an about-face when it comes to considering laws about governmental ethics.

By rejecting the conduct code, the planning commission wasted a golden opportunity to stand up and tell residents that Novi is a state leader in governmental ethics as well as environmental standards. Hopefully, the city council will pick up the ball and not let the opportunity be wasted again.

Board minutes reflected that the election would be Feb. 21. And the board adopted a resolution at its Feb. 2 meeting appointing election inspectors for an election on Feb. 21.

When confusion about the election date came to light last week, one board member confessed that she had believed the election would be Feb. 21.

But even though we know why the mistake occurred, we do not condone it. Legal advertisements said the election was Feb. 20. School district correspondence said the election was Feb. 20. We should have known; we should have had it right.

We apologize deeply for our error. And it is our most sincere hope that our mistake did not materially effect the outcome of the election.

on involving as many community groups and residents as possible.

In case you haven't noticed, Novi's neighbors don't take such an active role on community projects such as this.

Another positive aspect of the 20th birthday/anniversary is that new residents can have a chance to get a feel for the city's past if they wish. It really is a community with an interesting enough history.

Even the last five years has seen a rapid influx of new residents moving into the many new subdivisions. Those residents have a chance to gaze into the area's past on Saturday.

Should be a fun time.

Not bothering anybody

Every year, like clockwork, it happens.

First, the swimsuit edition. Then lectures from women who apparently know more about me than I do.

Digressing for a moment. In college, I learned this interesting theory about women and men, males and females. Men, this theory said, have an innate fear of women, rooted in the fact that females are actually superior to males. Hmmm.

So males react by implementing a three-step process which allows them to be superior to women. They divide, fixate and conquer. "They" meaning males — all males.

First, division; sensing that women are superior, men divide women into their extremely attractive parts. You know what I'm talking about here.

Next, they fixate on those parts. "I'm a leg man," etc. etc.

An interesting theory, I thought then. It all paid off a few years back when I was working for another paper. Our staff radical feminist — newsmen attract these like flies — was blowing off about this theory, as if educating us about the theory. This occurred, as you guessed it, as I was leaving through the swimsuit issue.

"You just don't understand," she squawked. "There is a theory that describes what men do perfectly."



Phil Ginotti

ly. You divide, fixate, " . . . and conquer." I chimed in at the last minute.

Her eyes widened, mouth agape.

"Wha . . . what," she mumbled, this Columbia grad.

"Right. Divide, fixate, and conquer." I replied. "I read books, too."

The whole college education fiasco was suddenly worth it — the sleepless nights, the rinky-dink jobs, no money, loan payments, etc.

"Nope. Don't believe I do it," I said. "I just sit here, read my magazine . . . and keep my mouth shut. And that's one of us."

She stormed off, after a cup of herbal tea and another rice cake, I think.

My mom likes the swimsuit edition. My girlfriend likes it. It's just these bitter few out there who seem to strongly object to it. I won't speculate why.

I do know that males seem to be the only group that can be generalized about or ridiculed cross-sectionally anymore ("Men, yer' all animals").

Which is why keeping my mouth shut and doing a slow burn is becoming a popular pastime for me and a lot of other males. I presume, I just sit there, shrug and try to think of what would happen if the roles were reversed. Like if I dare made a crack about all blondes being dumb, or all women being emotional and subject to easy tears.

And I read my magazine, without bothering much of anything.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



Ya know, sometimes this job ain't easy

Keeping up with technology

You're asking a lot if you expect me to come out and admit it. I've got my pride, you know. So I'm hoping you'll settle for an admission that maybe — just maybe — I'm not quite the contemporary guy I like to think I am.

What I'm talking about is technology. What I'm talking about is my new toaster.

What happened is that I bought a new toaster several weeks ago that has a wonderful bread-lowering device. It's great. You just pop the piece of bread in the slot, and the toaster lowers it automatically into the place where it gets toasted. Amazing, right? What will they think of next?

My suspicions about being a bit behind the times were aroused when I got to work and started telling the staff about my fabulous new toaster.

Everybody sort of glanced at each other with a col-



Phil Jerome

lective look of disdain. And then one brave soul told me that self-lowering toasters are not all that new.

"Really, Phil," said Willis, "self-lowering toasters are not exactly on the cutting edge of kitchen technology. They've been around for years."

"You mean you've been lowering your own toast?" asked another incredulously.

All of which brings me to my new car. I was giving Audrey Murphy a list of all the special things I wanted on the Phil-mobile. Power brakes, power steering, air-conditioning, power locks, power windows, AM/FM stereo radio, stereo cassette deck . . . everything I could think of that I really wanted on my first really new car in 20 years.

"I know I'm asking a lot, Murph, but do you think you could scout around and find something with all that stuff on it?"

"Phil," she sighed, "just about everything you've mentioned is standard any more."

Who enforces city ordinances?

To the Editor: Some random thoughts on recent articles.

The Novi City Council has extended the fishing shanty ordinance from Walled Lake to include Shawood Lake. Although this is, essentially, a duplication of State Law, it is long overdue.

Now, however, the problem will be "enforcement" of the ordinance. The city seems to prefer that the county or the Michigan DNR handle violations of the shanty ordinances. Our enforcement officers will not venture onto the ice — even under ideal conditions. The police will not go onto the ice, stating the Fire Department is better equipped to handle these situations.

So, where does that leave us? When the ice melts, we'll be out in our boats dragging the shanties that have fallen through out again — just like we do every year.

We've formed an Ordinance Review Committee within our association, and have obtained copies of lake-related ordinances from other municipalities (Orchard Lake, Wolverine Lake, etc.) and will be presenting our recommendations to the Novi and Walled Lake city

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councils to strengthen existing ordinances.

On recycling . . . Novi should take the lead in this area (geographic) and plan on not limiting its efforts to newspaper recycling. Let's approach it on a grand scale: newspaper, glass bottles/jars, tin cans, grass clippings

Novi must plan, now to construct a facility to accept all recyclable solid wastes adjacent to the railroad for transportation to facilities who reclaim these wastes. Perhaps a composting facility could be located adjacent to the DPW garage for branches, grass clippings, etc., and make the composted matter available to Novi residents for free, charging non-residents a fee to use the humus for landscaping, etc.

We must plan on this type of recycling facility now, not in three or four years, waiting for the county to take the lead. Landfills will not last that long, and incinerators are not the answer. By the way, the A&P store at

Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road sells biodegradable garbage bags (tall kitchen, 15 for \$1.79), so we should all start to change our lifestyle now.

Thank you for the time and space to address these issues. Sarah J.G. Phelps, Interim President, Lakes Area Residents Association

Stop pollution

To the Editor: Remember Love Canal? Toxic pollution so widespread it endangered the lives of an entire community and forced families to abandon forever their homes and property?

It's scheduled to happen right here in Michigan unless we do something right now to stop it. Without im-

mediate steps, not only is our "Water Wonderland" doomed to become a toxic wasteland, but we and our children could become an endangered species.

State officials, without the knowledge and approval of most of us, have agreed to let Michigan become a toxic dump for the poisonous and radioactive wastes of seven states.

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All against the advice of national science groups and health authorities, who warn that the waste dump will leak!

We need your help to stop this madness which could risk all that we love and live here for! Please join us in letting Governor Blanchard and our legislators know how we feel. Write to Don't Waste Michigan — Northern Chapter, Box 445, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Doris Schaffer, Co-Chair Don't Waste Michigan, Northern Chapter

Thoughts of an almost old-timer



Ann Willis

My family moved to Novi 10 years ago and I know we still don't qualify as old-timers. Old-timers remember voting for the charter that changed Novi from a village into a city. Old-timers remember going to Northville High School because Novi didn't have one.

Old-timers smile knowingly when recent immigrants wax poetic about the advantages of Novi. They've lived with walls and septic systems. They've watched the roads gradually go from dirt to pavement. They went to church in schools before

separate buildings were constructed. They saw the mail go in, voted money for the police station, civic center and library. They've joined committees, volunteered for commissions and turned out to help when called.

They've done the things all the new people will do in the next few years — because 20 years in the life of the city is just the beginning. It's good to look back and see where you've been. It's good to pat each other on the back and remember the times when money was tight and you could get everything together in one room to decide an issue. But this anniversary should be more than that.

Much of what Novi will be is up for grabs. Much will be decided by the people who choose to become involved in the next 20 years.

Going from a village at the corner of Grand River and Novi Road smack dab into the '80s was no easy task. Growth went in spurts. First the expressway, then the mall. Then the traffic, the roads and the houses. Soon the schools and the stores expanded. People wanted to play softball after dark, wanted to ride their bikes and wanted the

trees to remain. That meant lighted ball fields, bike paths and a woodlands ordinance.

The expansion continues. Land to the west is open and waiting. People drive through Novi on Sunday afternoons looking for their dream houses. Senior citizens would like to remain in the city they've watched grow up, but may be priced right out. More people mean more wants and needs. There's lots to do in the next 20 years.

But for one weekend at least, let everyone remember. Happy Anniversary Novi.

On Saturday afternoon let everyone into the spanning new Civic Center for a look at what was — and what will be. There will be pictures and slides of the way things were — older houses and school buildings. People from the past merged with people from the present.

And some of us not-so-new-not-so-old residents will drive along the roads remembering corn fields that are subdivisions, vacant lots that are stores — and we'll wonder what the future has in store.

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For the past several weeks we have discussed the assessment process. By law, the assessment levels of all properties shall be at 50% of the true cash value. We have presented suggestions to property owners on ways to present factual data to the Board of Review. Still many residents discussing the assessment levels refer to the fact that "you have raised my taxes." The assessment level is only one part of the equation for arriving at taxes. As we discussed previously, assessment by law is to be at 50%. In most cases the changes in the assessment level are relatively minor compared to the overall assessment level themselves. This leaves the other side of the tax equation, namely, millage rate, with local schools comprising 2/3 of this rate.

The millage rate varies with the school districts in this community, from a low of \$3.2300 (Northville/Novi Transfer) to a high of \$4.5720 (South Lyon). Novi is the same as your assessed value) of your property. This calculation indicates your tax burden. Over two thirds of your tax dollar is related to the financing of local schools, community colleges, and the intermediate school district. Only one out of every three dollars runs City and County Government, while two out of every three dollars finances the schools. To effect a substantial change of your "tax burden" a different method in funding school programs is required. Presently, your State Legislators and governor are discussing other ways to finance the schools rather than from local property taxes. This highly controversial issue is presented to you in capsule form, but the final message is, if you want a lasting reduction in property taxes — a different method in financing the schools must be initiated.

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Obituaries

ROGER MATTHEWS

Roger James Matthews of Novi died Friday, Feb. 10, at University Convalescent Home. Born in Detroit, he was 62 at the time of his death. A funeral service was held Sunday, Feb. 12, at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Mr. Matthews had been employed as a purchasing agent with an automotive company. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and two children, Susan and David. His mother, Eva Matthews, and a sister, Joyce Lemanski, also survive. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Northville Public Library.

MARTHA SCHULTZ

A funeral service for Martha C. Schultz of Novi was held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Pastor Thomas A. Scherger of the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church officiated. Mrs. Schultz died Feb. 12 at Botsford Hospital. Born in Detroit, she was 93 at the time of her death. She had been a homemaker. She is survived by a son, Robert; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

The Novi City Council is not the only body currently considering matters which have already been acted upon. The city planning commission is doing the same thing.

Following the direction of city attorneys, planning commissioners are reconsidering site plan approval for a controversial shopping center on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection.

And the commission is now being asked to vote again on the original rezoning question of the 10-acre parcel. The commission will make a second zoning recommendation to council March 6 following a public hearing on the matter.

Last week commissioners were ordered to consider preliminary site plans for a shopping center at the corner, even though the project could not be built because it is in violation of the current zoning district.

The shopping plaza, which was proposed by developer Lee Walter, had been considered by commissioners before on Feb. 2 — when the corner's zoning did allow the plaza. Commissioners then did not grant the approval pending further information.

At that time Walter was racing to win his preliminary site plan approval, before a citizens group could convince the city council to repeal the zoning on that corner.

But Walter's fear was realized Feb. 6 when the council repealed the zoning from a community business district back to a combined residential and less intense commercial

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classification. In light of this, City Attorney Dennis Watson said last week that "the applicant needs to know where he stands — aside from the zoning problem."

Watson explained at the commission's Feb. 15 meeting that it was only fair to tell Walter how he would have stood had the zoning not been rescinded, especially since Walter paid additional review fees for the approval process.

A number of residents, most of them affiliated with "Citizens for Responsible Development," attended the meeting to find out why Walter's plans were being considered if the zoning change prohibits any plaza similar to his from being built at the intersection.

Citizens was responsible for gathering over 3,000 signatures on a petition protesting Walter's plaza at that corner.

Commissioner Kathy McLallen said she believed the routine the commission was being asked to follow was unnecessary.

"The action of the city council of six days ago (to rescind the commercial zoning) makes this a moot question," she said. "It has no weight in the future. As of last Monday night this is an impossibility."

Watson then responded that the formality was designed to give feedback to the developer.

Regarding the March 6 commission vote, Kureth said Monday that he is unsure how commissioners will vote.

"They could reaffirm their earlier stand," Kureth said, explaining that commissioners voted 8-1 in favor of rezoning the parcel to allow a shopping plaza Oct. 5, 1988. Commissioner Edward Kramer was the lone dissenter on that occasion, saying he felt a shopping center would be needed there some day, but was premature at the present time.

Kureth said other outcomes could be a commission vote in line with the council's repeal vote, or a split decision if not all commissioners are present at the meeting.

The bottom line, however, is the fact that the commission is only making a recommendation to council, and that the formal decision rests with council, Kureth said. Although not common, council does occasionally disregard recommendations from the commission, he added.

Kureth said it is unlikely that the city council's vote on March 6 would conflict with its earlier repeal of the corner's zoning.

Novi Chamber

Developing foreign markets: Novi Chamber members will join members of the Northville, Farmington/Farmington Hills and Livonia chambers for a special luncheon meeting at the Novi Hilton on Tuesday, March 14.

The speaker will be a representative of the Michigan Export Development Authority who will speak on the European market in the 1990s. Call the Chamber office at 349-3743 to register or for more details.

Membership growth: The Novi Chamber has welcomed eight new members.

They are Denise Johnson of Mamola Associates Architects; Donald Moran, owner of Treasured Gardens; Richard Kern Jr., vice president of First of America Bank; Susan Lenover, owner of Heritage Properties; Robert Walter, owner of Silk Greens & Things, Ltd.; Karen Bol, advertising/promotions manager of Cummins Michigan Inc.; Peg Campbell, public relations director of University of Michigan Health Center in Northville; and Chantal Muldoon, president of Party Suppliers & Gags, Inc.

Political Action Committee: The Novi Chamber's Political Action Committee contributed some \$1,375 to targeted political races in 1988 through the Chamber PAC Network of Michigan.

The only members of the 31-member PAC Network to contribute more than the Novi PAC were Grand Rapids Area (\$5,500), Kalamazoo County (\$3,500), Oakland County (\$2,750), Greater Detroit (\$2,300), Midland Area (\$1,950) and Lansing Regional (\$1,500).

Twenty-four chambers contributed less than Novi, including Monroe County, Livonia, Flint Area, Farmington/Farmington Hills, Greater Royal Oak and Battle Creek Area.

Membership dues: The Novi Chamber of Commerce has sent out notices of 1989 membership dues, according to Executive Director Connie Mallett.

The 1989 dues structure includes an increase — the first time in five years that dues have been increased. In addition, two new levels have been added to the formula. The category of 25 or more employees has been split into two groups to reflect a more equitable level of investment in Chamber programs and total operations.

The new dues structure is as follows: \$185 for firms with 1-4 employees, \$235 for firms with 5-14 employees, \$285 for 15-59 employees and \$325 for 60 or more employees. More information about dues and the dues structure is available by calling Chamber offices at 349-3743.

Road official supports fuel tax fund

By TIM RICHARD
staff writer

PONTIAC — Just increasing the state fuel tax will do little to help Oakland County's traffic-choked roads.

"It has to be put into the economic development fund," said John L. Grubba, managing director of the county road commission.

The reason, Grubba told a county commissioners panel recently, is that Oakland will get a poor return if new fuel tax money goes into the general transportation pot.

There it would "get lost" on state highways and rural counties without Oakland's growth problem.

Grubba appeared before the commissioners' government and transportation committee. But its discussion of 1989 goals turned into a monologue as the road chief rattled off history and numbers, and the seven commissioners listened quietly.

Last year, he said, the state legislature raised

various vehicle fees \$90 million, putting half the pot into a series of four economic development funds to aid counties with growth problems.

From Category A (targeted industries), Oakland was awarded \$8 million of the total \$11.4 million, all of which went toward the Oakland Technology Park in Auburn Hills.

From Category C, Oakland received \$4.5 million of another \$11.4 million, most of which went to widen Big Beaver Road in Troy.

With the general transportation fund, however, Oakland road agencies get only 56 cents for every \$1 its residents send to Lansing.

"In the November election," Grubba said, referring to a defeated county vehicle tax, "we heard, 'We don't need more taxes; why don't you guys go back to Lansing and get back more of what we're already paying.'"

"We can't get a change in the (general transportation) formula. The only time we're successful is when there's a new tax," he said.

"We've got a real battle coming up," Grubba

went on. For one thing, House Speaker Lewis Dodak, D-Montrose, has said he is open to raising the fuel tax 2 cents a gallon — for the general transportation fund. "That's not acceptable," said Grubba.

For a second, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff is discussing a 5-cent increase — 2 cents going for state road bonds and 3 cents into the general transportation fund.

"We'd be opposed to cutting a big slice off and giving it to MDOT," he said. "MDOT said last year it didn't need it, and the governor's state of the state message (in 1988) says our roads are in the best shape in decades — at the same time the cities and counties are saying theirs are in the worst shape."

Grubba said Oakland and other metropolitan counties — Wayne, Macomb and Genesee counties — should continue to advocate a 6-cents-a-gallon increase phased in at 2 cents a year for three years.

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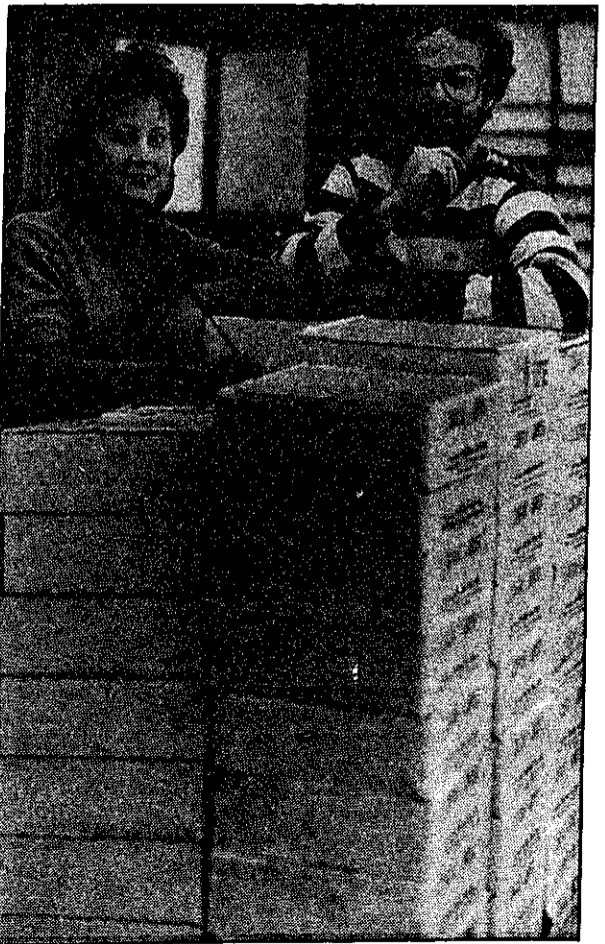
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Repairs on the run

Enterprising Novi company makes 'house calls' to repair windshields

By EILEEN ISOTALO

Motorists troubled by cracked or stone-chipped windshields, but who choose to avoid paying high replacement costs, are offered a convenient alternative at Glass Technologies.

The Novi-based business, which specializes in windshield repairs for virtually any car, van or truck, offers a mobile service which permits auto owners to have their windshields repaired at home or at work.

Michael Carano and Michael Logan of South Lyon are co-owners of the business which began operation about 18 months ago.

Glass Technologies bills directly to insurance companies, and generally there is no actual cost to the customer.

"We work strictly with insurance companies," explained the 23-year-old Carano, who resides in Green Oak Township.

"We ask the customer to call their insurance company to confirm their coverage and let them know we will be contacting them. There is no money exchanged with the customer. They only need to sign that the work was done satisfactorily."

The cost of a new windshield can range between \$350 and \$700, depending on its size and special features such as tinted glass or an automatic antenna, Carano said. He added that many motorists are hesitant to acquire a new windshield, which can sometimes leak.

"Everybody wins with our service," added Logan, 23, a resident of the City of South Lyon. "Repairing a crack costs a fraction of that. Insurance companies do not raise insurance rates for having windshields repaired as they look at this as preventive maintenance, not as a claim."

"People should call their insurance agent and check their coverage. Even minimal comprehensive coverage should pay for the repair. We've dealt with large and small companies, and we have never had one that would not waive a deductible," said Logan.

The average cost of repairing a

"We are not in the business of doing the impossible, but we can repair most cracks and chips up to the size of a dollar bill. The longer the break, the more noticeable the repair may be, but sometimes people can't even tell where the repair was done."

— Michael Logan,
Glass Technologies

windshield at Glass Technologies is \$45, said Carano.

Windshields are made of safety glass, which are two plates of glass pressed together. When a rock hits the glass, it opens an air pocket or visible crack.

When the vehicle owner can see black inside the glass the inside layer is damaged and the crack will most likely spread, Carano noted.

"We are not in the business of doing the impossible, but we can repair most cracks and chips up to the size of a dollar bill. The longer the break, the more noticeable the repair may be, but sometimes people can't even tell where the repair was done," Logan said.

Glass Technologies guarantees that its bonding method stops stone chips from spreading.

The year-round repair service can be done in the customer's driveway or in the office parking lot. The process takes approximately 40 minutes to complete.

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Susan Gardner of Milford attended and successfully completed Decorating Den Lifestyle University's introductory design and sales course, held Dec. 6-13 in Bethesda, Md.

DR. ROBERT ANTOLAK and Dr. Robert Hill will hold an open house on Thursday, Feb. 23, in their dental office located in the Eaton Center at 4330 North Mile west of Novi Road in Novi.

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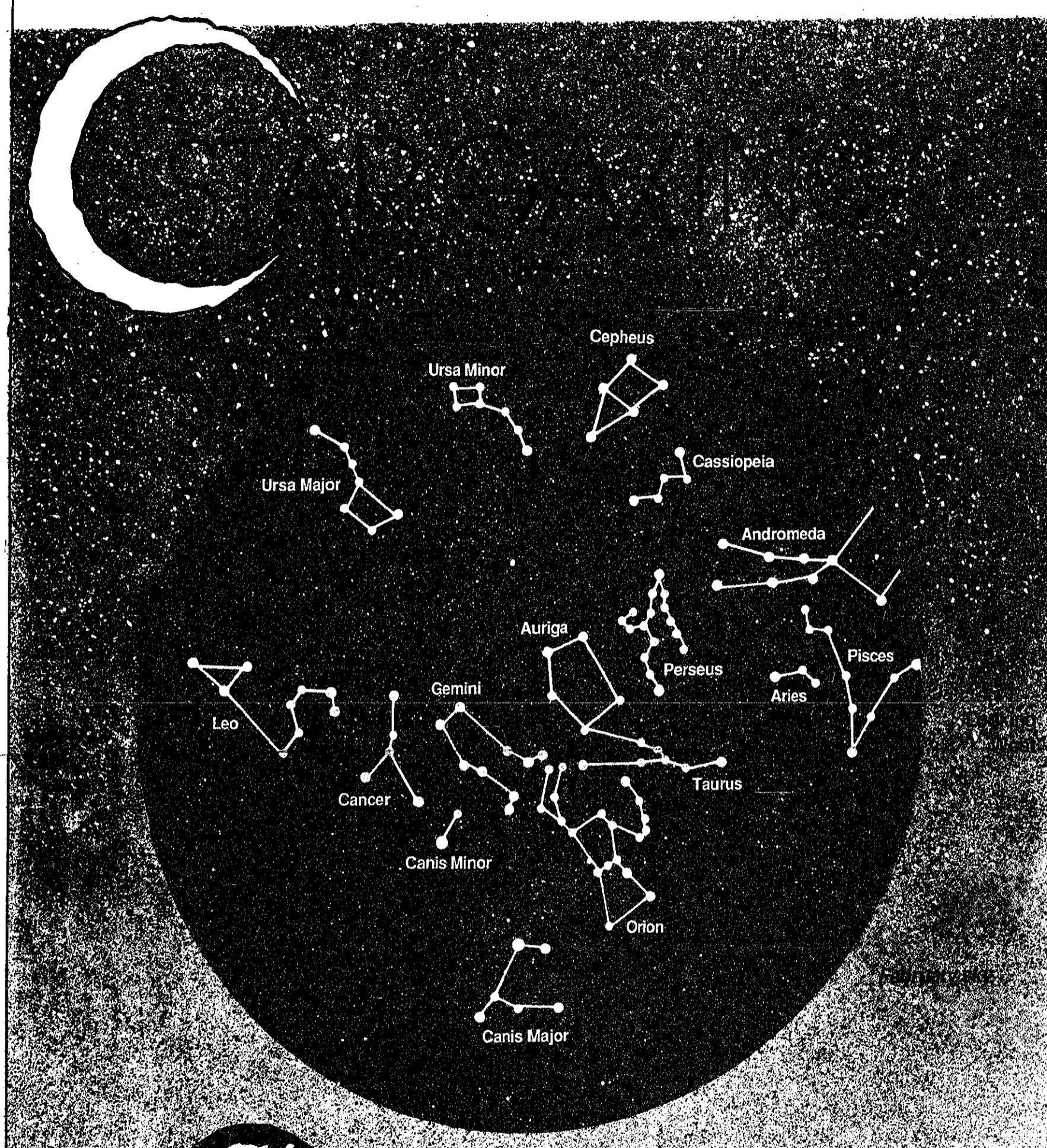
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Looking South

Stars shine brightly in clear winter skies

by Bruce Weitraub

Man's last frontier. The great unknown. The key to the heavens. Space. Man's fascination with the stars can be traced back hundreds and even thousands of years — to the ancient Greeks who told legends about the constellations.

The writings of Homer, Hesiod, and Epimenides of Crete all made mention of the stars, as early astronomers and philosophers tried to unlock the mystery of the universe.

Fascination and wonderment. Man has passed these feelings on the universe from one generation to the next, leading up to John Kennedy's proclamation and fulfillment of a promise to put a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s.

Despite the Apollo and Voyager space missions — among others — the mystery of space will probably remain for eternity, along with the beauty of stars twinkling in the darkened sky.

Watching stars can be both an exciting and educational experience, for young and old alike.

As the brisk air moves across the snow-covered fields and the day's light gently moves toward darkness in the early evening hours, winter is the best time for both the avid and casual stargazer to try and unlock the mystery of space.

"Standing and gazing at the stars provides wonderment, and a contemplation of the sky fuels man's imagination," said Dick Teske, Professor of Astronomy at the University of Michigan.

According to Teske, the winter sky in Michigan provides a great opportunity to view and decipher stars and their constellations.

"In Michigan, the sky is much less hazy in the winter, meaning it is easier to get a clear view of the stars," Teske said. "Also, the brightest constellations show up in the winter because of the earth's distance around the sun in space."

With three stars making up his belt and three others his sword, the

constellation of Orion is the brightest group of stars in the sky, Teske said.

He said Orion can be seen in the southern sky, while other bright winter constellations are Cassiopeia in the north, Canis Major in the south and Taurus in the west.

Cassiopeia can be seen as a large "W" in the sky; Canis Major looks like a large dog, beginning with its brightest star Sirius; and Taurus, the Bull, is shaped around the bright star Aldebaran.

Teske said a bonus for star watchers this year is the excellent visibility of the planets Jupiter and Mars. He said Jupiter can be detected southwest of the Orion constellation, while Mars is due west of Jupiter.

Teske noted an interesting aspect of watching Mars and Jupiter is that Mars is catching up to Jupiter's orbit, and will pass Jupiter on March 12.

Tips for better star gazing results include being away from city and street light, having access to a well-defined horizon without big trees in the way, and watching during the new moon stage.

Teske also said people should become "dark adapted" to get their best view of the stars. "It takes the average adult 30 minutes to become dark adapted and used to his/her surroundings."

For today, Feb. 23, the twin stars Castor and Pollux of the Gemini constellation provide the best viewing, even though they are about 3.5 light years away.

Located in the middle portion of the sky, the stars represent the head of the Gemini twins, while a stream of stars outline their bodies.

"Starwatching provides man thoughts and inspirations of philosophy in relation to our fate on earth and in the universe," Teske said.

Happy viewing.

See inside for more on star gazing - page 4



Group plans fashion show at Novi Civic Center

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special writer

The Tri County Business and Professional Women's Association will present a fashion show at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The special show will include a chicken luncheon and drawings for over \$100 prizes.

Fashions courtesy of City Limits, Dancers, Fashion Bug, Sixteen Plus and Allure will be modeled during the event.

Proceeds from the fashion show will be used for the Business and Professional Women's Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$15 per person.

party included their children. LaRita Roder, Hazel De Saunier, Thomas Duering and Elvin Duering. The party was attended by over 125 guests.

The program was presented by the Rev. Roger Keever, minister of the church. Special music consisted of Mrs. Duering's favorite hymns.

Barb and Mike Pietron have returned from a five-day vacation in Las Vegas. While traveling, they were joined by Mrs. Pietron's aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mr. Paul Rogers, and another former Novi resident, Andrea Boggs.

Linda McVicar, a Village Oaks resident, has two pieces of her calligraphy on exhibit in the annual juried exhibition of the Michigan Association of Calligraphers.

Novi Highlights

Scout program offers. The Sunday afternoon event will include recruiting boys and adults to participate in the Boy Scout program, which has grown into one of the largest youth organizations in America.

The Boosters has recently purchased an Information Center Showcase, which is located just outside the high school gymnasium.

RAINBOW ASSEMBLY: An interdenominational Christian Youth Group for girls ages 11-20, this group is sponsored by the Northville Masonic Lodge and Eastern Stars.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: The Novi Athletic Boosters are currently compiling editions of the 1989 Spring Sports Program.

still available for \$1 and can be purchased at home athletic events or through the Novi High School Athletic Department.

The Boosters has recently purchased an Information Center Showcase, which is located just outside the high school gymnasium.

The girls are looking forward to several service projects such as selling candy to raise funds for a garden they plan to plant at the Masonic Home at Alma for Alzheimer's Disease.

will receive a specially printed and framed copy of the winning limerick. We'll also share it with other readers by publishing it in the March 16 edition of The News.

adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from any of the group members or at the door. For more information call Lisa Roder at 897-9318.

NOVI BAPTIST: Officers for the coming year were elected at the church's annual meeting last Thursday evening.

Novi officers include Scott Allen, Sunday School Superintendent; Dave Stately, Dave Wybo, Ron Harlow and Gary Dush, Deacons; Bill Yoder, Financial Treasurer; Chris Harlow, Robin Pearce, Shellie Cain, Cindy Stanley, Jonnie Hoskins, Sharon Allen, Judy Pherson and Nancy Wybo, Deaconess; and Gerry Stipp, Clerk.

Children in the church conducted a successful Valentine Party attended by about 10 guests. The event was directed by Jim Pearce and included lunch, games, prizes and a program led by Dave Pittsberger.

The church family held a Sing-a-long on Sunday evening with sandwiches and dessert to say "Farewell and God Bless You" to the Roger Blakely family.

Schafer, which will be held next week at the parsonage.

Ladies at the church are continuing their study of "The Wise Heart." The Ladies Bible Class is held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the parsonage.

PIN POINTERS: High bowlers were again Greaves (22 in 48 series), Linda Schroek (208), Mary Scott (189 in 517 series), Barb Deltore (186 in an all-spare game in a 521 series), Irene Kree (206), Shirley Downing (191) and Rosemary Bannish (212 in a 617 series).

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Groups and organizations may have their notices published by calling her at 624-0173.

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Novi Girl Scouts Sherry Kemp, left, and Shannon O'Neill of Troop 848 sell cookies at the Novi A & P store

Novi Girl Scouts to sell cookies

It's Girl Scout Cookie time. And Novi Girl Scouts will be selling cookies through Sunday, March 12.

Don't be surprised to see a handful of hardworking scouts toting boxes of cookies at a local supermarket.

In Northville, Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at a booth set up at the A & P store on Seven Mile Road on March 1 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The annual cookie sale provides 50 percent of the Girl Scout annual operating budget and directly provides programs for girls.

defrays the costs of sending girls to Space Camp and other travel opportunities. The cookie sales also help in other ways, such as supporting camp maintenance and camp programs.

Girl scouts will be selling seven varieties of cookies at \$2 per box. Selections include Chocolate Chip, Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Tagalongs and Echos.

NYA sponsors program about divorce

Novi Youth Assistance will present a special program entitled "My Family - Divorced?" at Novi Middle School on Thursday, March 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Libraries to host lunch with Spina

One of America's most distinguished photographers, Tony Spina, will speak at the third annual book and author luncheon sponsored by the Friends of the Novi, Northville and Plymouth public libraries on Tuesday, March 7.

The luncheon will be held at noon at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. It will be catered by Novi's Home Sweet Home Restaurant.

Spina's presentation will feature slides of some of his finest work. He is the chief photographer for the Detroit Free Press and special assistant to the managing editor.

In 1985, Spina won the Sprague Award, the highest honor of the National Press Photographers Association. The week after the luncheon he will be in New York City for the opening of an exhibit of his photographs in the Nikon House.

photograph of Pope John XXIII became the Pontiff's official portrait. Some of his award-winning photographs may be found in Spina's book, "Tony Spina, Chief Photographer," which will be available at the luncheon. Books will be signed for all purchasers.

As a writer, Spina is the author of a weekly column on photography which appears in the Free Press and more than 200 other newspapers.

He and his wife, Frances, live in Bloomfield Hills and are the parents of three children and four grandchildren.

Tickets for the luncheon are available at the Novi, Northville and Plymouth libraries at \$10 each. No tickets will be sold after March 3.

Awards received by choir students

Members of the Novi High School choir came home with an armful of honors from the Michigan School Vocal Association District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Royal Oak Kimball High School on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Students receiving First Division ratings in solo competition were Jennifer Asher, Angelica Alvarez, Alvin Duncan, Mindy Watkins, Heidi Wendt and Lisa Brandon.

Students receiving Second Division ratings were Bridget Barnes, Kevin Klanagan, Rachel Streit, Audrey Blisko, Christie Page and Heather Marshall; the Butler Trio of Debbie, Pam and Matt Butler; Lisa Brandon, Ginny McKinney and Noelle Brown; and the women's ensemble of Kris Osgood, Julie Johnson, Erin Florio and Angela Peavey.

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Several local planetariums provide special programs for astronomy buffs, families and casual observers.

Cranbrook Institute of Science offers programs in its Robert H. McMath Planetarium Theater. Currently playing is "Wonderful Rocket," for children 3 and older. The show is offered on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

"First Flight: The Space Telescope Story" is shown Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. The program also is featured Satur-

days at 7:30 p.m. The film is geared for children 5 and older.

A special program entitled "The Winter Sky Tonight" is featured on Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. for children 5 and older.

Planetarium fee is 50 cents plus museum admission. The Institute's Observatory is open every Saturday, weather permitting, from 8:30-10 p.m.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is located at 500 Lene Pine Road between Woodward and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. For more information call 946-3200 or 645-3229.

Cranbrook Institute of Science hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children from 3-17 years old and \$2 for senior citizens.

Just a short trip away is Michigan State University's Abrams Planetarium in East Lansing. The planetarium currently offers two special shows.

Its main feature is called "The Universe of Dr. Einstein," which runs through March 19. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. The show examines Einstein's work and life.

Also featured at Abrams Planetarium is a family show titled

"The Little Star That Could." The children's program focuses on a star looking for a planet of its own. Showtimes are Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Admission to the show is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. The planetarium opens 30 minutes before showtime.

Building hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The planetarium is available for school groups by reservations only. For more information call the planetarium at (517) 355-4678.

Two special 24-hour hotlines are also provided by Abrams Planetarium. For program information call (517) 355-4672. For information

about sky conditions call (517) 332-STAR.

A sky lecture and skywatching follows the shows, weather permitting.

Abrams Planetarium is on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. The building is located on Shaw Lane, near Farm Lane.

At the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the planetarium in the Natural Sciences Building provides weekend shows for the public.

On Saturdays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., the planetarium offers "Star Talk" for stargazers of all ages. Admission to the show is \$1.50.

Feature shows are presented on Saturdays and Sundays at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Beginning March 25 the planetarium will be showing "The Mars Show," a three-part look at Mars, including a historical perspective on the planet as well as speculation about future development and colonization of the planet.

"The Mars Show" is for children ages 5 and older. Admission is \$2 per person.

The University of Michigan Planetarium is located in the Hutten Museum Building at 1109 Geddes in Ann Arbor.

For more information call 764-0478.

Telescopes offer close-up views of stars, planets

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Stargazing can be both a fun and educational activity. But having the right equipment can bring your stargazing experience into sharper focus.

For the casual and avid star watcher, there are basically two types of telescopes that will better acquaint people with the universe: refractors and reflectors.

According to John Padula, manager of Science 'N Things in Farmington, refractors are usually the smaller of the two types of telescopes, consisting of a tube containing a lens in the front portion.

Since refractor scopes have smaller lenses, the objects are sharper in detail and produce a more true sense of color, said Eric Adolf of Rider's Hobby Shop in Ann Arbor.

Both Padula and Adolf said the refractor scope is the best choice for seeing the planets and moon as well.

The reflector telescope works by reflecting an image off of a mirror and prism into the eyepiece. Since the diameter of the scope is larger, more light gets to the eyepiece — making faint objects seem brighter.

Adolf said that although objects will appear brighter because of the larger opening, the view will not be as sharp as a refractor scope.

"Reflectors use mirrors instead of lenses, making the view brighter, but less sharp," he said. "The greater amount of light will usually wash out the sharper view."

Both Padula and Adolf said reflector and refractor telescopes have their own advantages when used properly.

Adolf said refractor telescopes should be used for stargazing in the city, since it will be less affected by street lighting.

He said the smaller aperture, or opening which allows light into the telescope, will provide for a sharper view of the stars.

In contrast, Adolf suggested using a reflector telescope for starwatching in the country, as the larger aperture gives the scope better light-gathering ability allowing faint stars to be better seen.

As for the cost of telescopes, the price range of both reflectors and refractors are very similar.

"Our telescopes start at \$170, but avid star gazers can spend as much as \$4,000 per scope," Padula said, adding a decent telescope costs about \$500.

Adolf said Rider's sells refractor scopes for \$300 and higher, while reflector scopes cost about \$600 and up.

Choosing to get the right telescope, be it a refractor or reflector, can be an important decision to getting better acquainted with man's last frontier — space.

Church dinner planned

The fourth Friday of February is coming up this week.

And that means it's time for the regular "Fourth Friday" dinner sponsored by the Novi United Methodist Church.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the dinner which will be served in the Novi Methodist Church this Friday, Feb. 24, from 5-7:30 p.m. The church is located on Ten Mile, just west of Meadowbrook Road.

Jan Talboys and her staff have prepared a menu that features baked chicken along with rice pilaf, corn melody, jello mold, homemade bread, plachio dessert and a beverage.

A donation of \$5 is requested from adults.

The church offers the dinners on the fourth Friday of every month to encourage families to get together to enjoy a supper in a friendly atmosphere before heading off to attend the high school basketball game, see a movie, go shopping or return home for additional family activities.

Newcomers to Novi are particularly invited to attend.

Proceeds from the fourth Friday dinners are earmarked for the Novi Methodist Church's Outreach Program.

Tax help provided

NORTHVILLE — Need help with taxes?

Single Place will present a program titled "Tax Planning/Consequences For Singles" at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville this Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.

The program will explore tax planning and tax ramifications for the divorced and for those thinking of divorce. Special guest speaker will be Sandra Smith-Rae of Sandra Smith-Rae and Associates of Northville.

Rae will address tax planning by sharing some of the new rules for Federal and State tax forms.

Suggested donation for the event is \$2 per person. Childcare is provided.

Single Place is a support group for single adults.

Volunteers sought

Interested in volunteering?

If so, take note. The Providence Hospital-Novi Center is seeking volunteers for evening assignments. Openings are available in the emergency room, laboratory or information desk from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information call Jeanne Pederspill, director of volunteer services, at 424-3300.

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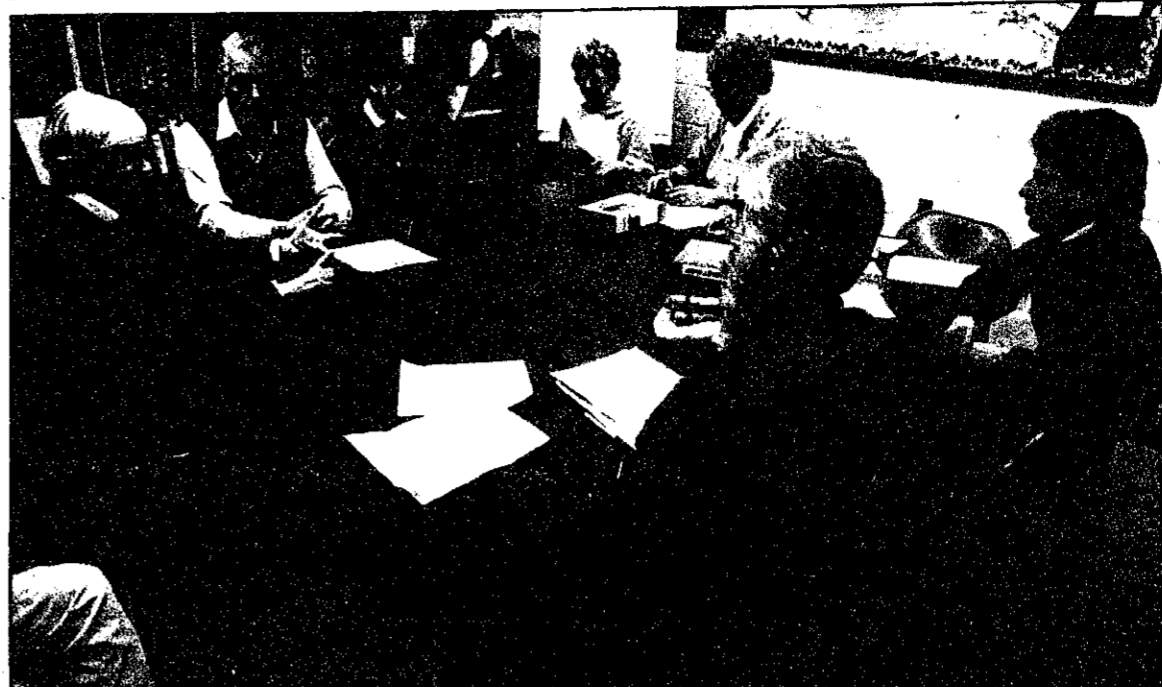
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Volunteers of a local oral history project discuss their plans

Oral histories Group interviews residents for project

By BRENDA DOOLEY
staff writer

Former Novi residents Margaret Nauman and Dawn Holcomb were just two of the people recently interviewed by a group of Northville volunteers who make it their business to listen to people.

Through the combined efforts of the Northville Public Library and Northville Historical Society, a handful of earnest volunteers has embarked on an ambitious project — to record oral histories of 105 residents in the community.

That's where the input from Nauman and Holcomb comes in. The Nauman family was originally from Novi, although Margaret currently resides in Northville's Allen Terrace.

Likewise, the Holcomb family played an important part in Novi's history. The family owned the land where Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall currently sits. However, Dawn Holcomb currently lives in Northville.

The cooperative oral histories project began in July 1988, and volunteers hope to complete it next summer. But the committee needs help.

Most of the people who volunteered for this project agreed to volunteer thinking it would be a short-term project, said Diane Rockall, director of the oral histories project. "It's turning into more than that now. We need more volunteers."

A committee of 11 has interviewed 42 residents so far. The interviewees come from a variety of areas, including Novi, Northville, Northville Township, Salem, Plymouth Township and Livonia.

The project involves compiling a list of prospective interview candidates, contacting them by mail and obtaining a biographical history of the interviewee. Next an interview is scheduled, a list of questions is drawn up and the interview is recorded.

After taping an interview, a written transcript is recorded, a lengthy process that involves listening to the tape and doing some editing. Library Coordinator Al Smiley and Sally Hendrickson have been working on the transcripts.

"There tends to be variations in places and locations and how people remember them," Rockall said.

But the variations don't disturb the project volunteers.

So far only three written transcripts have been completed. Eventually there are plans to compile the tapes into a master index of subjects.

"There are a lot of applications for them (the tapes)," Leo remarked. "If someone was trying to do family history, they could find out about the street they live on, or what the town was like."

Rockall said most of the oral history committee has compiled comes from the 1920s and 1930s, although there is some that dates back to just after the turn of the century.

Longtime Northville Library supporter Betty Griffin first dreamed up the idea of recording oral histories of the area. At the same time, members of the Northville Historical Society combined efforts on such a project.

Northville resident Merle Hines, who is involved in both groups, suggested that the library and Historical Society combine efforts. And the idea was born.

Some of the volunteers themselves have tidbits of local history to offer. "Nicknames in Northville were horrendous," volunteer Marian Zayt

recalled. "Cabbage Town got its name because it's in a rural area where lots of gardens were planted. A lot of people planted cabbage and we all know what happens if cabbage sits too long in the field. The smell drifted into town from that area..."

"And Beal Town was named after Mr. Beal."

Each volunteer has an interesting anecdote to tell as a result of an oral history interview.

"Mr. Amerman bogged my mind when he talked about financing the schools during the depression," volunteer Merle Hines said.

Other project volunteers include Wanda Roberts, Betty Griffin, Lois Winters, Claudine Kinnaird, Fay Reeves and Phelps Hines.

Rockall stressed that volunteers are needed to ensure that the project is completed. Volunteers are sought to help with interviews, transcription and clerical functions such as making phone calls, photocopying and record keeping. If interested in volunteering for the project, contact Al Smiley at the Northville Public Library 945-3020.

Rockall said she also welcomes the names of people from Novi who would be interested in being interviewed for the project.

Births

STEVEN RAYMOND BAUMAN
Paul and Cheryl Bauman of Novi announce the birth of a son, Steven Raymond. Baby Steven was born Monday, Feb. 13, at Providence Hospital in Southfield, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces. He measured 20 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother, Alexander Paul, 19 months old, at home. Paternal grandparents are Don and Norma Bauman of Farmington Hills. Maternal grandmother is Johanna Cothney of Livonia.

Church Notes

Northville Methodist: "Be My Disciple" will be the theme and title of the 1989 Lenten program for the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

The event will be concentrated on the weekend of March 3-5. Dr. Ron Crandall — an ordained minister who is currently teaching at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. — will lead the weekend program.

The program will begin Friday, March 3, with discussion, refreshments, music and a message. On Saturday, March 4, Crandall will lead four workshops on discipleship, its meaning and its application. The weekend will culminate on Sunday, March 5, with dinner and worship.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call 349-1144.

Novi Methodist: The Novi United Methodist Women are selling 1989 "Entertainment" books to raise funds for church activities. "Entertainment" is Metro Detroit's leading dining and leisure discount book.

Each book contains a fine dining section with a distinctive fine dining card plus hundreds of two-for-one coupons for family dining, informal and casual dining, movies, sporting events, special attractions and hotels with savings of 50 percent on almost everything. Jill Hoffman said proceeds from the sale of the books have been earmarked for the mission program.

The 1989 "Entertainment" books are priced at \$30 and can be ordered by calling the church office at 349-2652.

Northville Presbyterian: Singles are invited to play bridge at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Lessons are also available.

The activity is organized for singles, widows, widowers and divorced singles. For more information call 349-9104 or 523-2955.

Health Notes

Bereavement Group: Novi Bereavement Support Group will meet Monday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Topic of discussion will be "Dancing With Winter Blues." The meeting will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and will be facilitated by Michael Meyer.

Lamaze childbirth classes: The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia will offer a series of classes at the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi on Mondays from March 13 through April 17. Classes run from 7:30-9 p.m.

Rockall stressed that volunteers are needed to ensure that the project is completed. Volunteers are sought to help with interviews, transcription and clerical functions such as making phone calls, photocopying and record keeping. If interested in volunteering for the project, contact Al Smiley at the Northville Public Library 945-3020.

Women for Sobriety: An organization of women for women, the purpose of Women for Sobriety, Inc., is to help all women recover from problem drinking through the discovery of self, gained by sharing experiences, hopes and encouragement with other women in similar circumstances.

The group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Boisdorf Hospital's Family Services Center. The group is not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, but is a "New Life" program. Membership requires a desire to stop drinking and a sincere desire for a new life. For more information call 537-1111.

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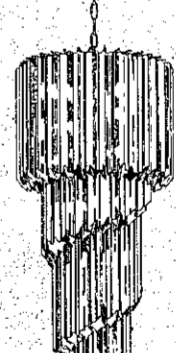
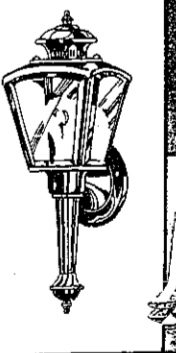


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Bulk food buying popular in city

Convenience, value and health are three important aspects people often look for when shopping for food. And as the consumers' consciousness of those things stays high, one way to meet them all — buying food in bulk — is very popular in the area, two local store owners said.

The idea of buying food in bulk — that is, dipping into a bin and weighing out however much you want of an item — has really taken off in the last few years, they said. Now, there is at least some bulk food available in most traditional grocery stores; and the industry has even seen the rise of stores which deal only in bulk.

Many customers appear willing to sacrifice the store packaging and already-measured quantities for the other advantages offered by bulk. And there are several of those advantages.

The obvious, biggest attraction of bulk food is a significantly lower price.

At Bulk Foods of Novi on Grand River, a 2½-year-old store which deals only in bulk, owner Sam Mahtaney said prices can be almost half of what more traditional, packaged food would be for the same item.

"You can go to the store and buy a bag of candy; it costs you 50 cents. It comes in a nice package, a nice box," Mahtaney said. "You pay for all those things."

Ron Riojas, owner of the Novi Health Nut on Ten Mile, agreed that price is probably the biggest single attraction. "You're paying a significant amount for packaging products," he said.

Convenience is another big factor. Rather than being locked in to an



Sam Mahtaney, owner of Bulk Foods of Novi, displays some of the products available at his store

amount of a product dictated by someone else, the consumers can buy exactly the amount they want. "You can help yourself — one pound, two pounds," Mahtaney said.

Variety is another attraction. A store with a fair amount of space devoted to bulk food can offer many different things: nuts, candy, spices,

flour, cookies, bran, sunflower seeds, dried fruit, and on and on. Mahtaney said his store has more than 50 different kinds of snacks alone.

For the health conscious, bulk food can offer a special advantage, Riojas said.

"In bulk food, people can get whole grains, which are much more healthy

than processed," he said. "One of the reasons people buy a lot of bulk is they can get the raw food, sunflower seeds and (things like) that, which are much healthier than the processed foods."

And for the not-so-health-conscious, there are always the cookies.

Marquis hosts 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 national debut.

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

Performance dates are Saturdays, March 4, 11 and 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 priced at \$5 for children 12 and under, \$7 for adults.

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

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 is Jimmy Perkins, who will play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and Johnny Miller, who will perform on 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 band "Reflections" will play at the Novi Hilton's Whispers Lounge Feb. 20-25 and Feb. 27-March 4.

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

"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.

The Ark plans storytelling event

The Ark in Ann Arbor is hosting its second annual "Storytelling Weekend" this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-26. The event features three nights of storytelling by three different performers each night.

Headlining the Friday series is Folk Tellers. Also appearing Friday is Owen McBride and Stone Soup. On Saturday, storytelling groups include Gamble Rogers, Syd Lieberman and Sheila Dailey. Appearing Sunday are Heather Forest, Susan Strauss and Craig Roney.

Storytelling begins Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Children's stories will be told Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$11 for individual Friday and Saturday shows or \$27 for the series. Tickets for the Sunday afternoon shows are \$5 per person. To charge tickets by phone call 763-TKTS.

Meadow Brook: Meadow Brook Theater presents "The Road to Mecca," featuring Broadway and TV actor William Le Massena beginning March 2 through March 26.

"The Road to Mecca" recently completed a long run off-Broadway. It is a true story about a South African woman who dares to be different from her neighbors, incurring religious bias.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Meadow Brook box office at 377-3300.

Gabe Kaplan: Comedian Gabe Kaplan will appear at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield on Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m.

Kaplan's appearance is part of the "Let Us Entertain You" package at the Center. For more information and tickets call 661-1000, extension 293.

Antique show: Historic Botsford Inn in Farmington hosts an antique show on Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5.

The show will feature a range of antiques, from jewelry to furniture, at moderate prices. Admission to the show is \$1. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Nearby

Botsford Inn is located on Grand River at Eight Mile in Farmington. For more information call 363-9736.

Livonia Ballet: Livonia Ballet presents "Cinderella" on Saturday, March 11, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Plymouth/Canton High School's Little Auditorium, 8415 Canton Center Road.

The performance is a fund-raiser for the Livonia Civic Ballet to maintain ballet arts in the community. Guest speaker is Peter Pawlyns, an artist and choreographer. To reserve tickets call Diane LaFaire at 464-2876 after 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each.

Fleece fair: The third annual Winter Fleece Fair takes place this Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens at 1800 North Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

The event provides an opportunity to see and purchase handspun yarns, spinning fibers and other products of Spinners' Flock, a Washtenaw County based handspinning guild. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 769-1657 or 475-7119.

Amadeus: Ann Arbor Civic Theater presents performances of "Amadeus" March 1-4 at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. Tickets are available at the Ann Arbor Civic Theater box office.

For more information call 662-7287.

Mardis Gras: Schoolcraft College's Music Department will host the second annual Mardis Gras Celebration on 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 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, 48152.

To order tickets by phone call 462-4452.

'Bits of 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 through March 17. For more information call 845-9634.

Fox Theater: Saturday evening performances have been added to the six-show Fox Theater Variety Series. The series features Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme (March 9-12); Wayne Newton (March 23-26); Paul Anka (April 6-9); Bob Hope (April 12-16); Mitzi Gaynor (May 11-14); and Tony Bennett (June 1-4).

Tickets for the Saturday evening series will go on sale Friday, Feb. 27, at Ticketmaster outlets, the Fox Theater box office and by phone. For more information call 567-6000.

Looney Bin: Comedians Ruben Ruben, Mike Connell and Keith Ruff will appear at the Looney Bin in the Wolverine Lounge this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25. The Looney Bin Comedy Club is at 1655 Glengary Road in Walled Lake. For more information call 669-9374.

DIA exhibits: During February, designated as Black History Month, the Detroit Institute of Arts is planning special activities to honor Black Americans. "Voices of Sarafinal," the 1988 film directed by Nigel Noble, will be

shown in the museum auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Weekday showings will be offered Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 at 10 a.m. General admission tickets are \$3 and may be purchased in advance through the DIA ticket office or at the door.

Adult tours of "African and Afro-American Artists on View at the DIA" will also be conducted free of charge. The display contains essays about specific works. Call 832-2730 for more information.

Historical museum:

Detroit Historical Museum presents "From Downtown to the Boulevard: Black Detroit 1915-1946," an exhibition that opened Feb. 3 and continues through August.

The display explores the growth, development and organization of Detroit's east side black neighborhoods from 1915-1946. It will be exhibited in the museum's Stark Hall and includes five major sections — migration, community life, entertainment, housing and black businesses. For more information call 833-1664.

Detroit Historical Museum is at 5401 Woodward at Kirby. Its hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

College lunch: The American Harvest Restaurant, featuring food prepared by Schoolcraft College culinary arts students, has reopened for the year.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A buffet is available on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry-out baked goods and entrees are available outside the restaurant at the Professors Pantry, which is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

"Nearby" lists upcoming events close to the Northville/Novi community. To have an item listed in this column, write to: Nearby, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

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1989Novi grappler
performs well
at state meetBy NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Novi's Mike Gowans was one of only several 10th graders to qualify for the MHSAA State Wrestling Meet at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center on Feb. 17-18.

But according to Wildcat Coach Fritz, Gowans looked more like an experienced senior than a first-time state meet participant trying to survive against the best individuals that Michigan has to offer.

Although he failed to place among the top six in the 130-pound weight classification, Gowans was a force to be reckoned with in Battle Creek.

He won two bouts in four tries on the weekend and extended the state's eventual 130-pound champ to the limit before falling. The Novi sophomore was just 27 seconds away from advancing to the medal round, but a error in judgment — his first real mistake of the entire competition — cost him that chance.

"Mike Gowans did a very nice job — especially for such a young kid," Fritz said. "I'm very proud of him."

In first round action, Gowans edged Flushing's Dave Downen, who was the regional runner-up out of Saginaw and came into the finals with a sparkling 37-5 record. Gowans battled Downen on even terms throughout the entire bout and then ended up winning 7-6 in overtime.

"Mike won the first match because he had the right mental attitude," Fritz explained. "He was ready for this tournament, and he was prepared mentally."

In round two, Gowans was paired with Redford Catholic Central star Matt Helm, who had an impressive 48-3-1 mark heading in. But Gowans wasn't intimidated and battled Helm the whole way before falling 10-3. Helm went on to win the 130-pound state title, but Gowans was one of his toughest matches.

"It was a good match against a senior with tons of state meet experience," Fritz said. "I liked the fact that Mike didn't care who Helm was, he just went out to beat him. I'll tell you what, Helm had to work hard to beat him — Gowans was very competitive."

The third round bout was a rematch of the regional consolation finals at Plymouth Salem a week earlier between Gowans and Todd Skinner of Battle Creek Central. In the regionals, Gowans won the match and then repeated the feat at the state meet, turning back Skinner again, 9-4. Skinner ended the season with a 35-6 record — and two of the losses were to Gowans.

"I can't overemphasize the fact that the kid (Gowans) was poised out there," Fritz said. "He looked like a seasoned veteran who'd been there before. He knew it was the same guy he beat in the regionals, but he also realized it was a new match and he approached it that way."

Fritz: 'I can't overemphasize the fact that the kid (Gowans) was poised out there. He looked like a seasoned veteran who'd been there before.'

"For a 15-year old kid, he's really got it together."

The only real disappointment for Gowans came in the fourth round. A win would have put him into the medal round and guaranteed a finish of no worse than sixth place, but he fell to William Sanders of Dearborn Fordson 9-6 after leading most of the way. Sanders, a powerlifting champion with a 39-6 record, ended up placing fifth overall.

Gowans seemed to be in control with a narrow 6-5 lead and less than 30 seconds remaining, but he made a tactical error and Sanders used his superior upper body strength to put Gowans on his back and pull off the win.

"It was a real big mental error on Mike's part and he knew it," Fritz said. "He was trying to stall, so he tried a token attack but because his opponent was so strong in the upper body, he should have attacked him low instead of trying to go high. I think Mike got tired mentally as well as physically and that was the difference."

"I cried for (Mike) because he was so close to placing and it was a big blunder. He just doesn't have mat experience yet, but he's learning."

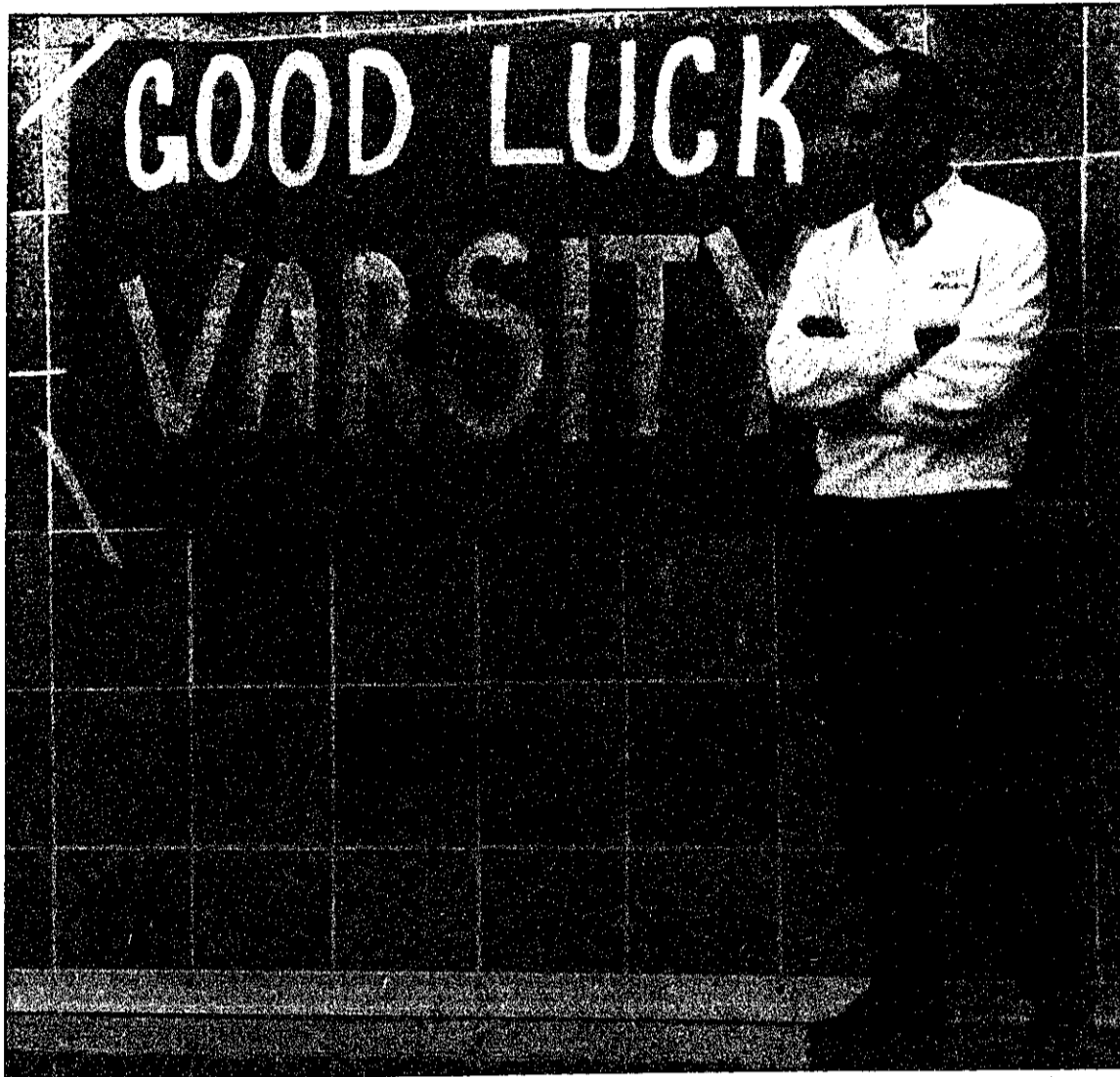
The stunning loss knocked Gowans out of the competition, but Fritz had nothing but praise for Novi's lone state meet qualifier.

"One mental letdown doesn't take away from Mike's great accomplishments for the weekend," he said. "I was really surprised to see him qualify for the state meet, and for him to do that well is outstanding."

"It's a pleasure and an honor to coach a kid like him. I can't say enough about him."

By advancing as far as he did, Gowans is recognized as one of the top eight 130-pounders in the state, although only the top six finishers in the state meet receive official places.

"Mike is a great kid — I'll take a million Mike Gowans," Fritz said.



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Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian supervises the proceedings at a varsity basketball game

Top A.D.

Novi's Fundukian honored by MIAAA

Novi's John Fundukian is one of 11 athletic directors from across the state to receive "Regional Athletic Director of the Year" honors by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA).

It's the first such award for Fundukian, who's been with the Novi school district since last summer, but has served as an A.D. in two other school districts dating back to 1967.

"The MIAAA gives out this award every year to one athletic director in each of the 11 regions in the state," explained Fundukian.

"Our region — number eight — includes Oakland and Macomb counties."

MIAAA Awards Committee Chairman Bernie Larson said in a press release that award recipients "through their positions, have made a significant impact on the lives of their students and have successfully used athletics as a catalyst to achieve demonstrable progress in the social and cultural environment of their respective schools and communities."

Each of the athletic directors chosen to receive the award will be honored at an awards banquet at

the MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference in Lansing in March.

"I'm really complimented by it," Fundukian said. "I've never received this award before. I guess if you hang around long enough, awards like this start coming your way."

"There's an application procedure and you have to meet certain criteria. You need recommendations and involvement at the state level, committee level and at the high school athletic association level. I've generally been pretty active in a lot of those areas."

Fundukian is a 1964 graduate of Adrian College where he majored in English and Physical Education. He later earned a master's degree in education from Wayne State University and was a teacher at Highland Park High School from 1964-1970. Fundukian was named athletic director of the Highland Park School District in 1967 before moving on to the Walled Lake School District in '71.

He held the athletic director's position in Walled Lake from 1984 through 1987 when he moved to Novi. Fundukian is a member of the Michigan and National Athletic Administrators Associations

and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association. He is currently president of the Oakland County Athletic Directors Association; has served as an MHSAA official in basketball, cross-country, volleyball and track; and is a member of the Michigan Association of Track Officials.

Fundukian has received many honors during his career, including the 1969 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Coach of the Year award and the 1970 Detroit News Coach of the Year award. He was an Adrian College Besser Lindsey award-winner and Hall of Fame nominee, and a Walled Lake Teacher of the Year honoree twice.

Significant achievements during his career include the reorganization of Walled Lake School District's athletic policy and procedures, the development of a comprehensive athletic philosophy for the Novi Community School District, and the supervision of the MHSAA survey "Season and Out-of-Season Limitations."

The MIAAA "State Athletic Director of the Year" award went to Wayne Kellogg of Coldwater High School.



Novi's Todd Wise looks for an opening

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Wildcat five slips past Brighton

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

The jinx is over. For the past few seasons, the Brighton hoopsters have made a habit of nipping Novi in the finals seconds and coming away with a narrow victory after narrow victory.

But on Feb. 14, the Wildcats kept the Bulldogs at arms length with a 16-6 first quarter advantage and then held on down the stretch for a crucial 59-52 road win. It was Novi's third win in four games.

"We played very well at the defensive end — that's where we won it," Wildcat Coach John Cicchelli said. "Overall, it was a good effort. We stymied them defensively at the start of the game and it took them a while to figure it out. By then, we had a nice, comfortable lead."

All five Wildcat starters scored in the first quarter, and that balance enabled Novi to open a 10-point margin. Cicchelli employed a new 3-2 zone defense, and it appeared to confuse Brighton.

"We made them shoot the outside shot, and they are basically an in-

side team," Cicchelli explained. "After the first quarter, (Brighton) started to force it inside and they ended up throwing the ball away a lot. They had 31 turnovers in the game."

The halftime lead was 29-20, but it ballooned to 17 at one point in the third quarter. Novi held a 15-point margin early in the fourth before the Bulldogs made a run. With three minutes remaining, Brighton had cut the gap to 52-49 and was at the free throw line shooting a one-and-one. But a miss there and a Mark Fisher basket at the other end moments later built the lead back to five, and Novi held on.

"They made a nice run at us," Cicchelli said. "But (Brighton's) inability to hit the big free throws really hurt them. When you hit 15-of-34 (free throws), it's hard to come back."

Cote led all scorers with 26 points and added an incredible nine steals. Fisher added 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Brett Csordas contributed 11 rebounds and seven steals.

"It was a big win on the road," Cicchelli said. "It was one of our better defensive efforts of the season."

WOODHAVEN 84, NOVI 45: In a very strange non-conference clash on Feb. 17, the undefeated Warriors took Novi's top guns completely out of the rhythm of the game and ran away with an easy victory.

Despite career-high scoring outputs from both center Brad Brockman and point guard Todd Wise, the 'Cats top three scores — Ed Cote, Mark Fisher and Brett Csordas — combined for only six. The three went into the game averaging 43.

"We ran into a buzz saw," Cicchelli said. "(Woodhaven) is a very talented team, and they are well disciplined. I can see why they are 18-0. We were hurrying our shots, and we took some ill-advised shots — but a lot of the credit should go to Woodhaven's defense. Good teams make you do that."

"Cote, Fisher and Csordas were 2-of-26 from the field combined and they are supposed to be our three big guns."

Woodhaven pulled ahead 14-7 after the first quarter and then when on a 20-12 run in the second to build a 14-point halftime lead.

"(Woodhaven) was running on all cylinders," Cicchelli said. "They distribute the ball well and they are

awfully quick and unselfish. They outplayed us — they just had too much firepower."

Novi actually kept things close in the second half, but it wasn't enough after the poor first half. Cote — who averages nearly 20 points per game — was shut out on 0-for-13 shooting from the field. Csordas was 0-for-7 in field goal tries and Fisher was 2-for-6, but did add 10 rebounds. Brockman picked up the slack by hitting for 14 points and collecting eight rebounds in what Cicchelli called "his best game of the season." Wise led the Wildcats with 17.

"Our top players were as cold as I've seen them, and it just happened to come in the same game," Cicchelli observed. "It's very weird — we had two guys with career-highs and three with career-lows."

Novi (6-12 overall) will wrap up the regular season tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 24) by hosting last-place South Lyon in KVC action.

"All in all, the kids are playing better and our defense is improving," Cicchelli said. "We're still very competitive against other teams in our league. The kids have put forth the effort in spite of our record."

Scoreboard

KVC: Byrd resigns as Howell AD

Howell High School Athletic Director Ernest Byrd will be resigning his post at the end of the school year.

Byrd tendered his letter of resignation last week, but it must first be accepted at the Howell Board of Education meeting slated for Feb. 27.

Byrd has already turned over his athletic director's duties to Howell assistant principal Jerry Dodd.

According to Dodd, he and Byrd will be exchanging certain responsibilities for the remainder of the year.

"He has always been an assistant principal here," said Dodd, a former athletic director. "He was responsible for the bookstore, keeping the stock of the bookstore, and he's picked up some of my old duties."

Byrd, a resident of Warren, was hired in early 1987 prior to Howell's malice crisis. He had formerly worked in the Pontiac School District.

TOOTHLESS LIONS: The South Lyon wrestling team set a school record for dual-meet wins this season with 15. The Lions were 15-5.

But the good news in South Lyon sports ends there. The rest of the Lions' winter sports teams had losing records.

The hockey team lost two in a row to slip under .500 at 8-1. The basketball team is 1-15 and the hapless Lion volleyballers are 0-24.

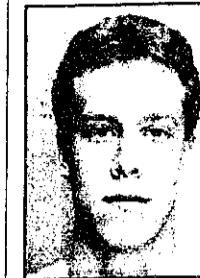
Basketball

KVC STANDINGS table with columns for team, wins, losses, and games played.

KVC LEADERS table listing players and their statistics for various teams.



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Team statistics table for basketball, listing teams like Howell, Brighton, and South Lyon with their records.

Wrestling

KVC LEADERS table for wrestling, listing wrestlers and their records.

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Wildcats of the Week

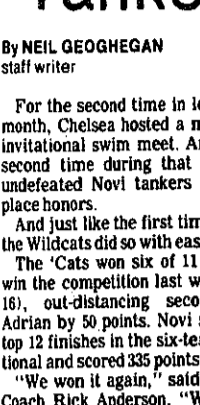


MIKE GOWANS

Sophomore wrestler Mike Gowans came up with an impressive series of performances at the MHSAA State Meet last weekend, and we think he's earned "Wildcat of the Week" honors.

Ten-and-Oh Tankers complete undefeated season

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer



Derek Speersneider

For the second time in less than a month, Chelsea hosted a multi-team invitational swim meet. And for the second time during that span, the undefeated Novi tankers took first place honors.

The "Cats won six events to win the competition last week (Feb. 16), outdistancing second place Adrian by 50 points. Novi spotted 32 top 12 finishes in the six-team invitational and scored 335 points.

Speersneider was a winner (1:45.21), but the Cats failed to place first in the next three races. Rudy Speersneider finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:53.57) and was followed by Steve Cohen in third (1:53.61).

Novi placed four in the top 10 of the 200 IM, led by Josh Matta in third (2:11.11). Derek Speersneider followed in fourth (2:12.58). Bob Bates was fifth (2:13.11) and Mark Bolitho placed 10th (2:27.75).

'Winter-break exodus' dooms Wildcat spikers

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

No, the Novi volleyball squad has not been destroyed by a deadly epidemic disease like the plague.

If you attended the Novi-Brighton girls volleyball match on Feb. 14, it probably appeared that way. But it was only the dreaded "mid-winter break exodus."

Wildcat coach Amy Rademacher had to tackle league-leading Brighton without starter Nicki Kasten or substitute Andrea Schwandt because both were out of town with their families on mid-winter vacations.

With only three regular starters on hand, the Bulldogs smoked Novi's makeshift lineup 15-1, 15-6.

"We only had six girls against Brighton, so it wasn't an ideal situation," admitted Rademacher in something of an understatement. "I had a day to train one of our setters to fill in the front row as a hitter."

"I don't want to take anything away from Brighton because they are a fine team, but we were severely hampered and actually played pretty well."

Brighton stormed out to a 5-0 lead in game one before Novi scored its one and only point. The Bulldogs then wrapped up the win with 10 more in a row.

Game two was much closer, but the outcome was the same. The "Cats actually pulled ahead 4-0 after the first rotation, saw Brighton take a 5-4 advantage and then regained the lead at 6-5 — but it didn't last long. The Bulldogs broke the game open and won it with another run of 10 in a row.

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able to dig a lot of (Brighton's) spikes, but without being able to substitute, we looked a little tired at the end," Rademacher said. "We didn't serve well in game one, but we came back and connected on 87 percent in game two, so that was a big improvement."

Kim Black (three kills, one dink) and Jennifer Forward (two kills) paced Novi at the net. Deanna Reed set at an 82 percent rate in game one, and Dede Kotrych was good on 87 percent of her sets in game two.

UPDATE: On Feb. 9, the Wildcats notched the biggest victory of the season, stopping Howell 2-15, 15-12, 15-10 on the road.

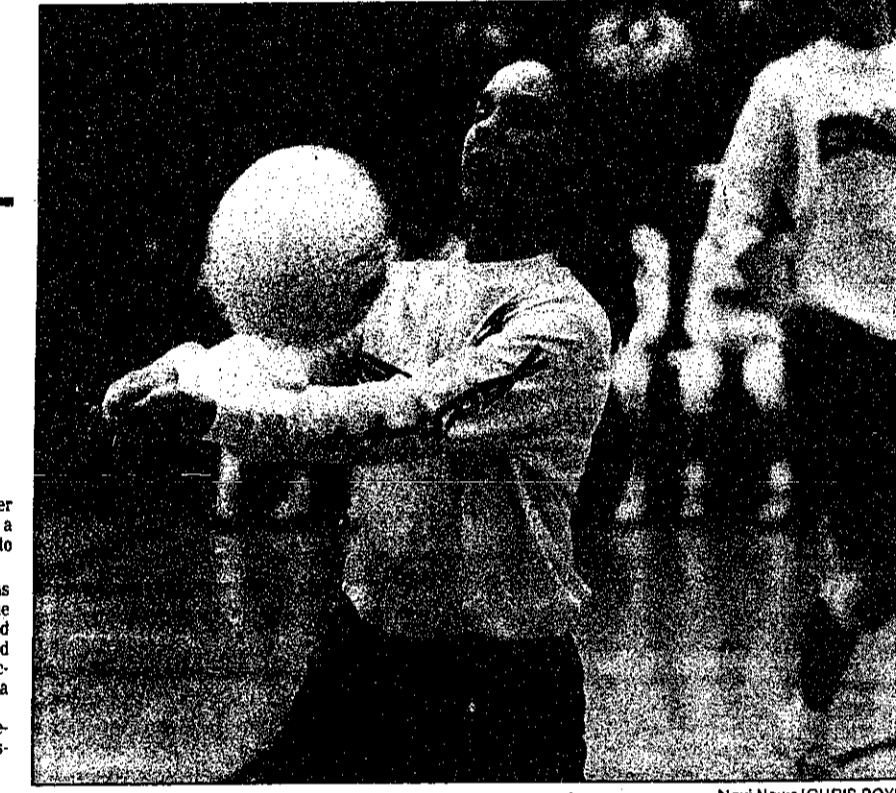
It was Novi's second Kensington Valley Conference win, but the first came at home in January against winless South Lyon. The "Cats staged a fabulous comeback in games two and three, and accomplished the feat without the considerable services of Kasten.

"We came back very strong after a pretty disappointing loss in game one," Rademacher said. "I wish I could remember what I said to the girls in the huddle after the first game."

"They really picked up the slack with Nicki Kasten not in there. She is probably our best all-around player along with Kim Black, so to play a road game without her is a tribute to the girls."

For game one, Rademacher was forced to remove Forward from the lineup when she suffered a pinched nerve during warm-ups. Forward did return for game two and, according to Rademacher, it made a big difference.

"When she came back in the second game, it seemed to be the missing link," she said.



Novi's Jenny LeBert steadies to set the ball to her teammates

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Rec Briefs

High school coaches needed: Novi High School needs coaches for the spring season. Needed are a head coach for the girls varsity track team, an assistant coach for the girls varsity track team and a head coach for the boys junior varsity team.

Help wanted: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is in need of coaches and referees for basketball, floor hockey, soccer, softball and T-ball.

Bass-A-Rama coming up: The Michigan Bass Busters of Oakland County will hold their ninth annual Bass-A-Rama Fishing and Tackle Show on March 3-5 at the Waterloo Community Center.

Over 100 exhibitors are expected at the 1989 Bass-A-Rama, the largest tackle fishing show in the state. Admission is \$4 per adult; children under 12 are admitted free. Plenty of free parking is available.

Eagles finish third in MCC tourney

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

The Novi Christian five was busy in Metro Christian Conference (MCC) playoff action last week.

In the span of just four days, the Eagles registered a 3-1 record to advance all the way to the MCC semifinals before bowing out and settling for third place honors.

The biggest win came Feb. 20 against a much bigger and deeper Rochester Hills Christian squad. Novi Christian — with only 70 students — dumped the Rochester school (enrollment 280) 84-70, thanks to three solid quarters of play from the opening tip-off.

"We played our finest game of the season against (Rochester Hills Christian)," said Assistant Coach Dick Burgess. "We ran the fast break when it was available and executed our half-court offense to perfection through the midway point of the second quarter."

The Eagles pulled ahead 31-20 with 3:35 remaining in the first half, but an obviously overmatched team from Howell.

The outcome was decided in the first two minutes of the contest. Novi raced to a 3-3 first quarter lead and then steadily pulled away from there.

Novi won the third quarter battle 27-14 to go ahead by 19 and then held on in the fourth. Junior point guard Dennis Leech led the way with eight of nine field goals in the crucial third quarter. He ended up with a season-high 41 points on 17-of-23 shooting and five three-pointers. He also had 12 assists and 14 rebounds. Mike Caswell added 17 points, while Mark Row chipped in 14.

For the game, Novi shot 64 percent from the field to Rochester's 41 percent. The Eagles committed only six turnovers.

NOVI 102, HIDDEN SPRING 26: On Feb. 16, the Eagles blasted their tournament run with a blowout against United Christian in the finals, 69-66, to win the tournament.

NOVI 54, LIGHT & LIFE 53: In the fourth game in four days, the Eagles nipped Taylor Light and Life Christian by one point to finish third in MCC playoffs. Novi Christian also finished third during the regular season with a 6-4 record.

The Eagles established a five point lead after one quarter, increased it to seven at halftime, pulled ahead by 10 heading into the final eight minutes and then held on as Taylor staged a furious comeback that fell just short.

Leech was again Novi's top scorer with 26 points, while Row added 15. Light & Life's Jason Landingham led all scorers with 36.

Greater Life of Pontiac defeated United Christian in the finals, 69-66, to win the tournament.

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Action gets hot in recreational volleyball play

By MAUREEN NASZRADI
staff writer

Recreational volleyball has come a long way in Novi.

What started slowly as a pick-up game one night a week has grown to three nights of both men's and co-ed league action.

According to Carla Scruggs, recreation coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation, the three nights of volleyball action in Novi are extremely popular.

"We just had to increase to another league this year," Scruggs said. The department recently expanded its popular Thursday night co-ed leagues to include another co-ed league on Monday nights. In addition, the department sponsors a Wednesday night men's league of 12 teams.

The draw? It's fun and just about anybody can learn to play good volleyball.

Novi charges \$141 per team for the Wednesday and Thursday night leagues, which include play-offs and an awards program. The Monday league is less-expensive because there are not yet enough teams for play-offs.

Teams play at the Novi Middle School on Taft Road. Wednesday and Thursday leagues begin at 6 p.m. The action starts on Monday's at 8 p.m.

In Northville, the expansion has been equally dramatic.

From the first matches played in the Meads Mill Middle School gym more than 10 years ago, the Northville Recreation Department program has grown into weekly co-ed, women's and senior citizens' leagues, as well as an open volleyball night at the Northville Community Center.

Also, expansion of the program is under consideration, said Recreation Supervisor Traci Johnson.

Johnson has watched the sport grow in popularity. She said people now play volleyball to unwind after a day at work and to exercise, as well as to enjoy some friendly competition.

"It's a way that anyone — at their

level — can participate," Johnson said.

And participate they do. Wednesday nights find the community center walls reverberating with the sounds of bouncing balls, referees' whistles, shouts of encouragement and bursts of applause. Six matches — five games each — are set for 7, 8, and 9 p.m. on the co-ed schedule.

The most popular in the recreation volleyball program, the co-ed league regularly includes up to 17 teams during both the spring and fall seasons.

The league is organized in three divisions — the bumpers, the setters and the spikers — to correspond to skill levels. Recreation personnel make division assignments according to team ability, based on a previous season record, Johnson explained.

Terry McPherson, who every week cheers on the "Wreckers" squad, sponsored by Phil's 76, has observed teams at all levels. "The 'A' teams are more aggressive; you can see different skill levels in the 'B' teams, and at the 'C' level, there are less volleys," she said.

Enforcement of United States Volleyball Association rules and skill development within the leagues have contributed to the quality of the program, agreed league participants.

"The league has come a long way," said Mary Pariseau, a member of the "Bump and Grinders" squad.

When the volleyball program was initiated, Pariseau said, it was a "backyard league." Court scheduling mishaps and bickering over calls were commonplace, she said. "Now, the games are more orderly."

Members of the Genitti-sponsored "Dig 'ems" team agreed that the league play is well-organized. Friends, neighbors and "friends of friends" two years ago got together to form this "A" squad, according to team members Denise Noffze and Rob Kuelbs.

Co-workers, friends and neighbors often are called on to round out the squads. Teams can have up to 16 members when registering, Johnson



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Robert Vipperman (right) rises above the net to spike for Tuffy Auto Wise

said.

Like many of the men and women in the league, Noffze said she plays for "fun" and "the physical benefits." And, she said, "I like the competitiveness."

Each team, which may or may not obtain a sponsor, must pay a \$120 registration fee each season. The co-ed league and the women's league participants also are responsible for paying the referees who officiate each match.

More than 60 women show up at 9:30 a.m. every Thursday for the women's league when they wage good-natured battle for two hours.

Members of the women's league join on an individual basis at \$17 per person for the season. Recreation personnel randomly assign participants to teams, Johnson said. Winners from an "all-star" tournament at the close of the season are rewarded with a lunch.

The league for the seniors is the newest offering, initiated two months ago. The league was created in

response to requests made through the recreation department for an activity for seniors during the winter months, Johnson said.

Approximately 20 seniors have been participating in the new league at the center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Johnson said.

"They're just having a ball." Provided at no cost, the league is always open to new members, Johnson added.

Open volleyball is held Thursdays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Johnson said the turnout each week averages around 40. The cost is \$1 per person.


The recreation supervisor said that while some league members use the time to practice, all skill levels are welcome.

Bump and Grinder Pariseau said she had no previous experience when she joined the league 11 years ago. "I was terrible," she confessed. But after instruction and lots of on-the-court action, she said, "I've grown to love to play the game."

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The Novi High School swimming pool is open for general use every Tuesday and Thursday night.

Open swimming runs from 7-8:30 p.m. and lap swimming is available from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

There's a fee of 50 cents per person (senior citizens swim free of charge), and children 10-and-under must be accompanied by an individual at least 18 years old. Call the Novi Community Education Department at 348-1200 for more information.

Blood pressure control: 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 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

Fitness notes

more information call 462-4413.

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.

Fitness Over 50: Twelve Oaks Mall offers a free exercise program titled "Fitness Over 50" in the Lord & Taylor Court every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m.

Designed and field-tested for 12 years at the University of Michigan, "Fitness Over 50" is a safe, carefully guided, low impact aerobic exercise program set to music. It is particularly aimed at older persons and others who can benefit from increased energy, endurance and muscle tone.

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Fitness Tips

What to do when chest pain strikes

By LINDA WARREN, R.N.
special writer

An episode of chest pain can be very frightening.

Chest pain can be caused by many body systems, including the respiratory system, the muscular system, the digestive system and the cardiovascular system.

When chest pain is caused by the cardiovascular system, it is called angina.

Angina is a temporary chest pressure, tightness or pain caused by a reduction in blood flow through the coronary arteries. This results in a reduction of oxygen to the heart muscle and causes the pain. Sometimes the pain radiates to the neck, the arms or the back. It frequently is triggered by exertion, emotional

stress or exposure to cold temperatures.

Classic angina occurs with coronary artery disease or arteriosclerosis, commonly called hardening of the arteries. This hardening causes a loss of elasticity and it happens gradually throughout a lifetime. Arteries can also become narrowed or clogged with fatty deposits. When a considerable portion of an artery is blocked, angina can occur.

Treatment for angina uses a combination of lifestyle changes and drugs. Many episodes of angina will subside with resting until it passes.

Long-term treatment includes weight reduction to an ideal body weight for height, cessation of nicotine and alcohol habits, an exer-

cise program with medical guidance and relaxation techniques for stress reduction.

The two classes of drugs used to treat angina are nitrates and beta-blockers. Nitrates can be used in three different forms. They can be used under the tongue, as a long-acting pill to prevent the episodes of angina or as a chest patch in either an ointment or slow-release disc to prevent or relieve an attack of angina.

Another class includes beta-blockers which help prevent attacks by slowing the heart rate and lowering the amount of oxygen the heart muscle needs by reducing its workload.

If angina is caused by a coronary spasm, a new class of drugs, calcium channel-blockers, can be effective.

Muscles require calcium for contraction; if calcium is reduced in the coronary vessel walls, spasms may be prevented.

Coronary bypass surgery or balloon angioplasty may be recommended in some patients. Many factors enter into this decision.

No single treatment works well for all people. Treatments must be evaluated by individual physicians and monitored closely for effectiveness.

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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20 YEARS

The City of Novi celebrates its 20th birthday





Former City Manager George Athas turned over the keys to city hall to a young Edward Kriewall in 1972. Kriewall became the city's official city manager in 1974 and remains in the post today.

City officials all ready for 20th birthday party

The Novi 20th birthday party will cap off months of planning by Public Information Director Cindy Stewart, a variety of civic groups and city officials.

The party will be held this Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Novi Civic Center from 2-5 p.m.

The program for the day's events goes like this:

□ 2:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks, introduction of guests by Mayor Matthew Quinn and City Manager Edward Kriewall.

□ 2:45 p.m. Presentations of prizes for essay contest winners and photo contest winners, by Quinn, Kriewall, Stewart and the Novi Arts and Culture Committee.

□ 3:15 p.m. Birthday celebration, happy birthday Novi song, blowing out candles and cake cutting with a performance by the Novi Concert Band.

□ 3:30-4 p.m. Refreshments, band selections.

□ 4-5 p.m. Tours of Civic Center facilities and various 20th Birthday party displays. Musical selections from the band.

□ 4:10 p.m. Slide presentation — "Memories of Novi," by Kathy Crawford, Special Recreation Coordinator.

The event will be repeated at 4:30 p.m.

Over 30 Novi businesses have donated goods to the city to give away as door prizes at the birthday party. Goodies range from dinners and over-night accommodations at local hotels to movie and bowling passes.

Participants attending the event will be given a ticket at the door. Winners will later be picked at random.

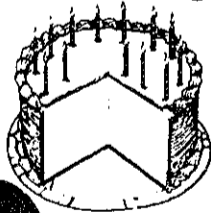
This special edition has been developed by The Novi News staff to provide residents with information regarding the incorporation of the City of Novi.

Although the history of Novi stretches back well over a century, the stories in this special section generally concentrate on the development of the 20 years the city has been in existence.

Included are stories about city incorporation, development of the city/school/library complex, development of the school district, comments from Novi's first mayor (Joe Crupi) and how the property on which Twelve Oaks Mall is currently located was once scheduled to become a major landfill.

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A bright young attorney named David Fried prevented the current Twelve Oaks property from becoming a giant landfill

Twelve Oaks Mall or regional landfill?

Ask the casual observer about the City of Novi in 1989 and the word "retail" is still likely to pop up. "Retail center." "Shopping mall capital of the world." "Malltown U.S.A."

Novi has — perhaps deservedly — been slapped with those titles over time. Most have stuck.

But it wasn't always that way. In fact, the old, old guard of the City of Novi chuckle slightly when residents complain about the Twelve Oaks Mall — the traffic, the roads, the congestion, the proliferation of other shopping malls in the area.

They chuckle to themselves because they know well what *could have been* at the corner of Twelve Mile and Novi Road.

They know the alternative, the one that first presented itself in 1959.

Twelve Mile and Novi Road, now a gleaming shopping mall and Novi's biggest taxpayer, was very nearly a landfill. The sordid, repulsive and dangerous kind. Built in an era that widely miscalculated its own resources and vastly underestimated its own power to destroy.

The city — then just a rural hamlet — was very close to that damning option-taking place.

Were it not for last-minute intervention by a young attorney named David Fried and a group of residents who spent "bread and butter money" to fight the dump plans, it could have been that way for the next 30 years.

A fairy-tale style controversy and intense court wrangling between 1959 and 1966 eventually killed the landfill plans once and for all.

And when a young Edward Kriewall — along with then-State Rep. Richard Fessler, Mayor Gil Henderson and three Novi Associates officials — sank ceremonial shovels into the ground at Twelve Mile and Novi Road on a chilly day in March, 1976, they were the unintended benefactors of Fried's work.

His legal *touché* had been driven home some 15 years earlier: a frantic rush through the village code of ordinances, an emergency appeal, a hearing at a Circuit Court Judge's sickbed.

A true legal scramble. A promise to "take it all the way to the supreme court." A promise that turned out to be anything but vain.

THE HISTORY

Nineteen-fifty-nine, Novi struggled with its image then.

It's reputation as a "hands-on," aggressively planning community wouldn't be established for another 20-25 years.

There were a variety of landfills operating in the village — permitted and unpermitted — with most wastes being generated by the City of Detroit and other Wayne County communities.

For Fried, a resident of Novi, who had lost a bid for a seat on the village charter commission just a year earlier, the 1959 Wayne Disposal case was Novi at a turning point. Would the city be Detroit's garbage dump, assuredly stymying future development?

Or was there a more progressive future to chart? That was the question Fried took head on.

Old Novi Township had a spotty history in dealing with landfill operators.

It's location near a major thoroughfare (I-96), its rural nature, and a time period of general naivete about the practice of "filling land" made the village a natural to be a recipient of garbage from other communities.

There were essentially no firm regulations on dumps in the late

1950s. Property owners were allowed to draw up independent contracts to "fill land" basically at their own discretion, as long as they secured a nominal dumping permit from the township board of trustees.

Landfills operated at several sites on Ten Mile, one other site would come into being later in the extreme southwest section of Novi. Several other assorted locations would operate without permits throughout the 1950s and '60s.

The same day Novi voters approved a village charter commission (March 17, 1958), the community was saddled with a major setback in the courts. The Oakland County Circuit Court ordered the township to allow garbage dumping at the old Silver Brook farm on Ten Mile, one half-mile east of Willowbrook Road.

The township had twice sought to end the dumpings after a brief flareup four weeks earlier.

When a group of residents from the Willowbrook Village began complaining about odors and possible pollution of a stream that ran through the property, township officials sent Police Chief Lee BeGole and two of-

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City incorporation a hard-fought battle

By the time Novi officially became a city 20 years ago, most of the screaming and hollering was finished.

Names like Raymond Evans, Denis Berry, William Brinker, Russell But-ton, Fred Buck, Joseph Crupi, William Duey, David Harrison and Edwin Presnell — the nine members of the original Novi City Charter Commission — had become household words for anyone who cared about the future of Novi.

Those nine individuals had been fighting, often heatedly, among themselves for a period of six months as they attempted to hammer out a charter to govern the City of Novi.

As one of their final acts, the nine charter commissioners set a date for residents to vote on the proposed charter.

And on Feb. 20, 1969, some 35 per cent of the registered electors in Novi showed up at the polls to approve the city charter by more than a two-to-one margin.

The vote — 629 to 283 — set the stage for the newly-approved city government to replace both the village and township governments on Monday, Feb. 26, 1969.

In addition to approving the city charter on that Feb. 20, 1969, ballot, voters also chose the City of Novi's first set of elected officials.

Joseph Crupi polled 507 votes to become the first Mayor of Novi, outdistancing Philip Anderson (240 votes) and Leo Harrawood (149 votes).

Elected to the first city council were Donald Young (634 votes), William Duey (614), William O'Brien (554), David Harrison (544), Denis Berry (539) and Edwin Presnell (529).

The election, however, was almost anticlimactic. Approval of the city charter and election of city officials brought an end to years of heated debate about the future of Novi.

Should township government be abandoned?

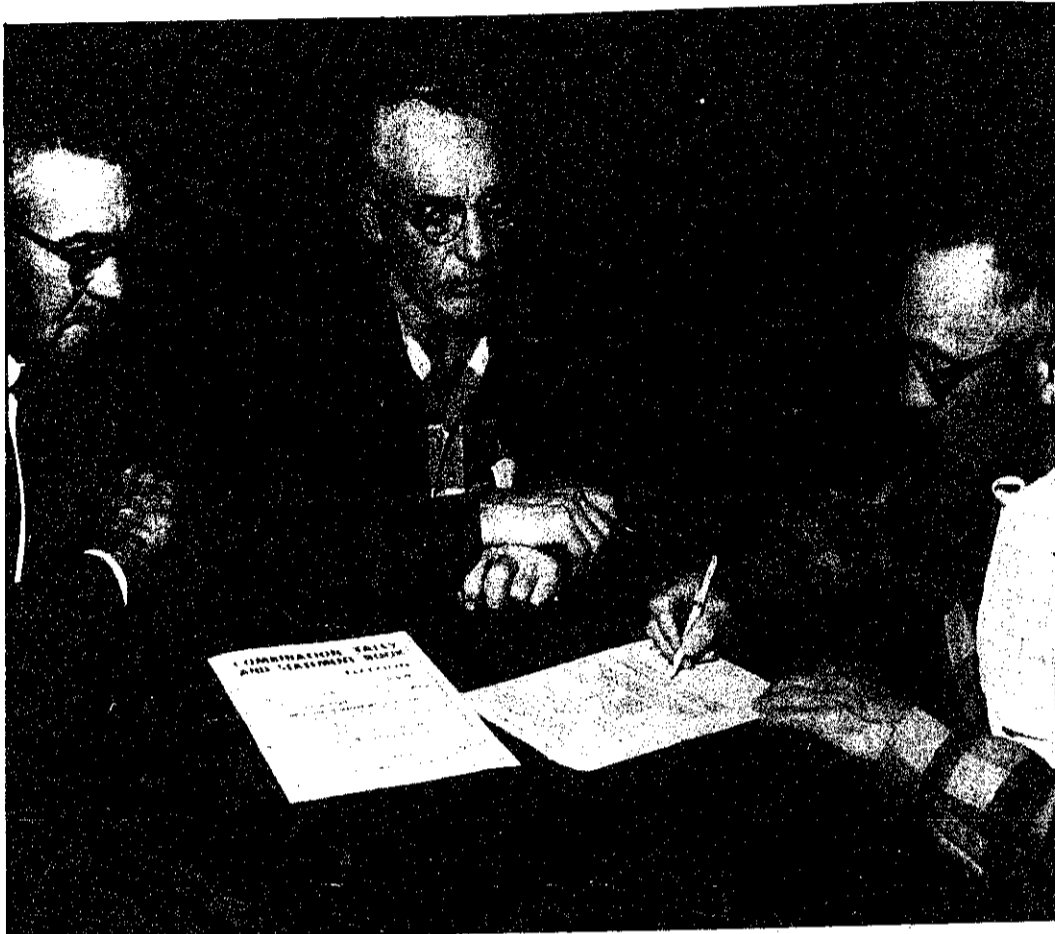
How can Novi defend itself against annexation raids by Wixom and Northville?

Should the new city have a "strong mayor" or "strong manager" form of government?

The real fight for cityhood had occurred almost 10 months before the city was officially incorporated in February 1969.

The Township of Novi was incorporated as a village by a vote of 509 to 442 in March 1958. And while village government proved far superior to township government, it did have one major drawback — township governments in those days were unable to prevent their property from being annexed by chartered municipalities.

And Novi had been hit hard by annexation. The Ford Motor Company's Wixom Assembly Plant — and a large portion of what is now the City of Wixom for that matter — had once been part of Novi Township before being annexed to Wixom.



Canvassers Andrew Burgess, Harry Watson and George Simmons (left to right) double check voting figures from the village incorporation election of 1959. Voters approved village incorporation by a vote of 594 to 470, making Novi the largest village in the state at that time.

Northville also had annexed sizable portions of Novi Township. Northville High School and manufacturing properties along Baseline Road — virtually everything located north of Old Baseline (Eight Mile) were once part of Novi.

Previous attempts to incorporate as a city had been rejected by voters on two separate occasions.

Another major push for incorporation as a city was launched in 1969 with the Novi Jaycees at the forefront of the movement.

The Jaycees in a series of articles in The Novi News cited five major reasons in favor of incorporation:

- Boundary protection (from annexation by neighboring cities);
- Tax base protection (by preventing annexation of revenue-producing property by neighboring cities);
- Simplification of government (by replacing township and village governments with a single city government);
- Modernization of government; and
- Removal of partisan politics in local government.

Opposition, of course, was strongest among Novi township officials who waged a lengthy legal bat-

tle to prevent the eventually successful incorporation issue from being placed before voters on the May 1959 ballot.

And township officials were not without some justification. Led by Township Attorney Emery Jacques, they argued that incorporation of Novi was illegal under existing state law which required a village to have a population of 500 persons per square mile before it can become a city.

The question was argued extensively in Oakland County Circuit Court. Township officials carried the attack, while village officials and a citizens incorporation committee argued in favor of Novi's right to become a city.

Circuit court judges handed down a series of conflicting decisions, which eventually boiled down to "should Novi voters be permitted to vote on cityhood" despite the disputed legality of incorporation.

The circuit court finally set down a so-called composite decision encompassing all previous litigation which — in a nutshell — said Novi voters could not vote on incorporation.

The citizens committee appealed the decision to the State Appeals

Court which reversed the circuit court decision and gave Novi permission to vote on the question. Subsequent attempts by the township to contest the higher court's decision were denied.

Despite legal challenges right up to the end, the city incorporation question was put to the voters on May 20, 1968.

Incorporation was endorsed by the Novi News in a front page editorial: "We are convinced after years of watching and writing about the controversies arising from the present dual government (village and township) in Novi, that the only logical remedy for settling the matter is to dissolve both existing governments and substitute in their place a single city form of government," said the editorial.

Voters concurred. After two previous unsuccessful efforts, incorporation of the City of Novi was approved 694 to 498 on May 20, 1968.

Voters also elected nine individuals to serve on the Novi City Charter Commission. It took the commission six months to complete the proposed charter which was approved by voters in February 1969 — thus creating the City of Novi.

Civic center: A dream becomes reality

Officials displayed foresight

There's no monorail yet. But it's not beyond the realm of possibility that a monorail might someday link the city/school complex at the Ten Mile/Taft Road intersection with the intense commercial areas at I-96 and Novi Road.

If that futuristic mode of transportation ever develops, it would be just fulfillment of a fantasy which led to development of the city/school/library complex on Ten Mile at Taft Road almost 15 years ago.

Newcomers — anyone who lived in Novi less than 10 years, for example — probably tends to take the city/school/library complex for granted.

They might not even think of the convenience involved in being able to "take care of business" at one central location.

The library. The high school. The police department. Athletic facilities. All at one central location.

And don't forget the Fuerst Sisters' farm. The old house and barn nestled among the apple orchards directly on the corner of the Ten Mile/Taft Road intersection.

Sort of a living testimony to Novi past and Novi present. The old farm buildings, still maintained by Iva and Ruby Fuerst, providing a stark contrast to the contemporary architecture of the new high school, the new library, the new police department and the new civic center.

And, in case you were wondering, it didn't happen by accident.

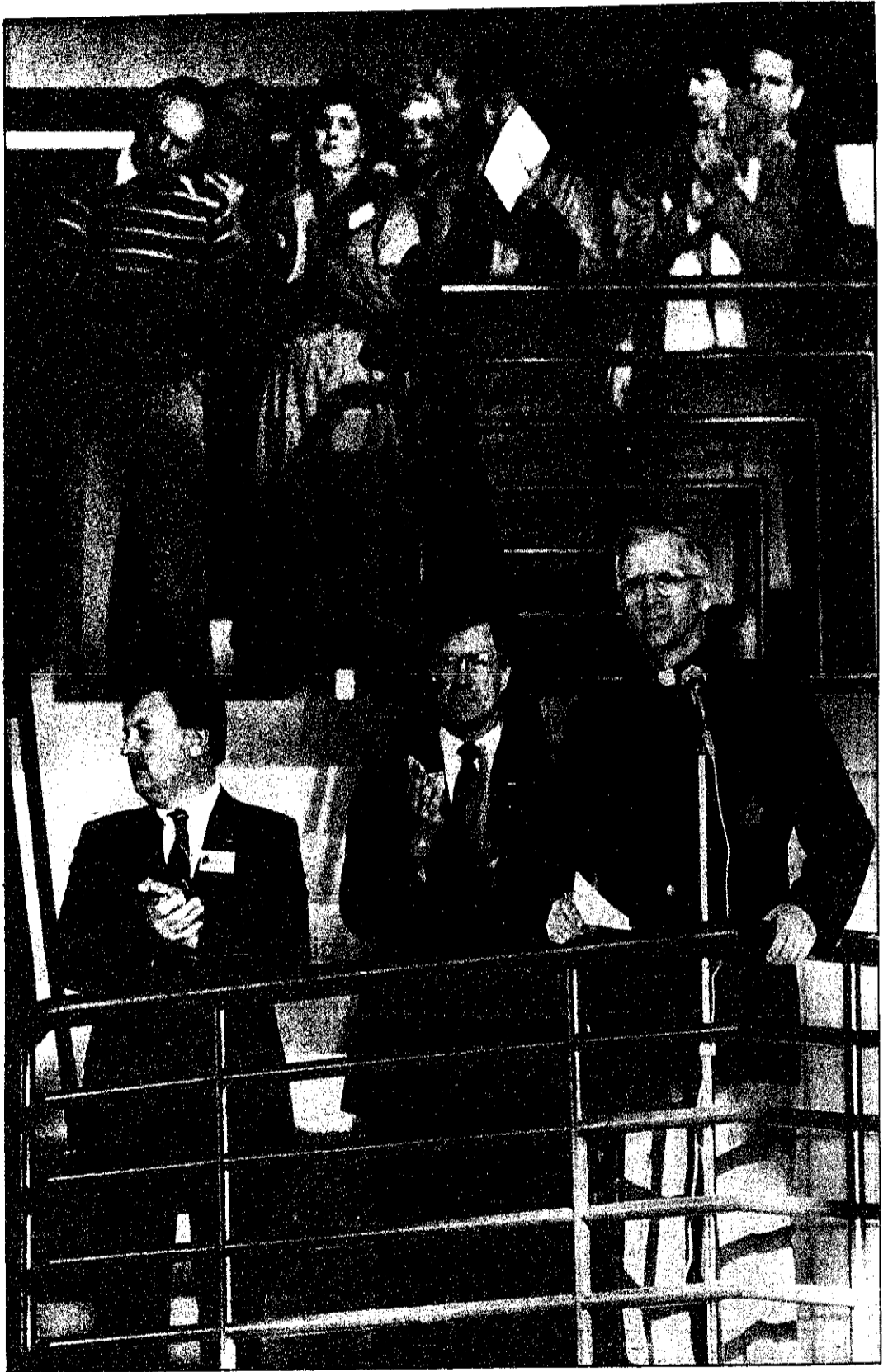
Not at all. A lot of foresight . . . a lot of planning went into creating the city/school/library complex at Ten Mile and Taft Road.

The concept had its genesis back in the early 1970s. Joseph Crupi was mayor of the recently-incorporated city. And city offices were located on the second floor of the abandoned Novi Road fire station.

At the same time the Novi Community School District had a bright, new, forward-looking superintendent named Gerald Kratz.

Those were not the best of times in Novi history. The first phases of the Village Oaks subdivision were just being completed and Novi's roads were a mess. During the spring it was almost impossible to travel down Meadowbrook or Taft roads without becoming mired in the mud.

On a cold Saturday morning late in



Father Leslie Harding addresses the crowd while City Manager Edward Kriewall and Mayor Matthew Quinn stand in the background during dedication ceremonies for the Novi Civic Center in January

1988. Completion of the civic center fulfilled the major portions of a master plan for the city/school/library complex which date back to the early 1970s.

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First Novi school house was log cabin

The district that almost didn't exist

The Novi Community School District has come a long way from its roots as a log cabin school house built in 1827.

The emergence of a nationally-recognized community school district from what was once an educational system lastly to be organized in the area, is quite a feat — not to mention an interesting story.

The first school opened in the fall of 1827 in a log cabin on the farm of Pitt Taft, which was located in what is now the southwest section of Novi. The school was not a public one, unlike today's method of operation, but was supported by subscription. According to records, the first teacher was a Farmington man named Hiram Wilmerth.

That first school was located in what was then West Farmington, and was part of Bloomfield Township — one of the two townships in Oakland County. The area, which was sparsely inhabited by mostly settlers from New York state, did not formally become Novi Township until 1832.

Shortly after construction of the log cabin school, Novi's first one-room wood-framed school was built near "Novi Corners" at the intersection of Grand River and the Northville/Walled Lake Road (now Novi Road.) But because the building and its records were lost in a fire, the date of its construction cannot be determined.

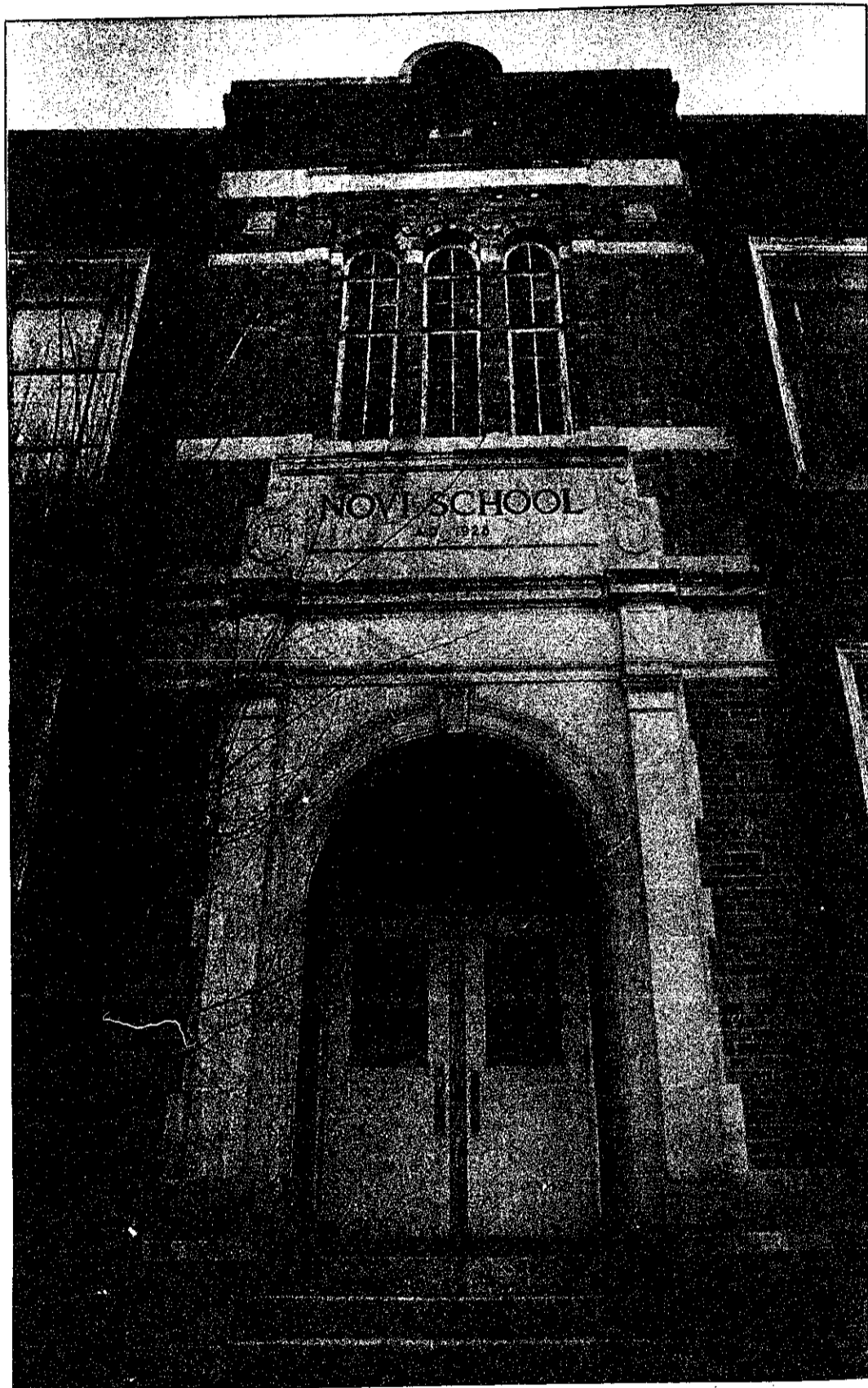
That school, which was called School District No. 8, was replaced in 1864 by another school just north of the four corners. An addition was built the following year due to an increased number of students.

In 1907 School District No. 8 again caught fire, but was saved from destruction by township volunteer fire fighters. The school, with repairs, lasted until 1928 when it was replaced by a new modern building.

In 1917, with nine school districts inside its borders, Novi Township officials voted to form a township school district with Highland Township. However, because of litigation, that Township District was successful for only five years.

By that time there were about 21 members of the Primary School Districts in Novi Township, and all wanted to remain independent of each other.

It was from that premise that over the years the present district grew to become irregular, having neither the same boundary lines as the city does currently, nor having the same lines of the original Congressional



Old Novi Elementary School on Novi Road was built in 1928 and was the district's major facility for many years. It was razed several years ago to make room for the Novi Town Center.

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Annexation battles kept new city busy

Although the city of Novi is celebrating its 20th anniversary this month, February 1989 also marks another important date in Novi's history.

It was 10 years ago this month that the city formally conformed to its present borders by annexing seven outlying parcels of land from what was then Novi Township.

Novi took over jurisdiction of the seven parcels (see map) officially on Feb. 20, 1979. The final order came from Ingham County Circuit Court, which made the annexation retroactive to Dec. 31, 1978.

The city originally proposed the annexation in 1971, but court battles by the township blocked the action. Several lower courts upheld the contentions of township officials wanting to remain independent, before the Michigan Supreme Court reversed a lower court decision.

A township appeal request was even denied by the U.S. Supreme Court, but further litigation and a court injunction halted the annexation until February 1979.

Originally the seven parcels, which were all located on the outskirts of the city, were taken out of Novi's original incorporation movement by petitions in the late 1950s. That was allowed due to a law allowing owners

of agricultural parcels to remove their lands from incorporation actions.

Needless to say, when final word came of the annexation land owners in the parcels were far from happy, according to City Attorney David Fried, who has served the city in that capacity for 18 years.

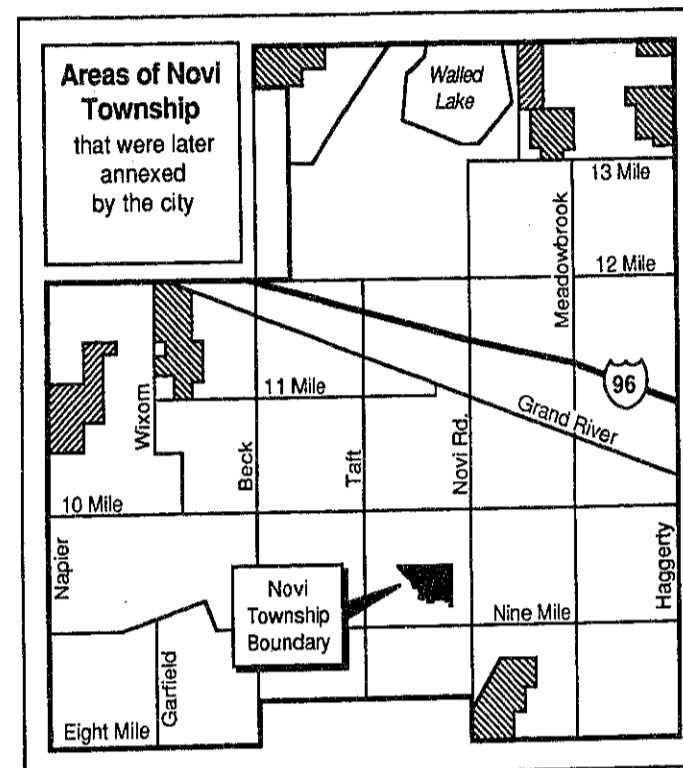
"All the property owners didn't want to be annexed," he said, stating higher taxes as the main reason. Fried said that no residents inhabited the parcels except for the Chase Farm area at the northeast corner of Novi and Eight Mile roads.

It was obvious why the city wanted the annexation, said Fried. "Look at it. Would you want to develop around that?" he said, citing the difficulty in running sewer lines for instance. "Where would you stop (the sewer line)?"

It was for the reason of logistics that the state boundary commission agreed to the annexation, said Fried, as well as the judges who sided with the city.

The 75-acre parcel of land that now makes up Novi Township, might have had a similar fate to the seven parcels, had it not had enough residents to vote the annexation down, said Township Supervisor Raymond Schovers.

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10/Novi 20th Anniversary

City's first mayor recalls thankless job

Former village president and first-ever mayor Joseph Crupi won't be attending this year's 20th anniversary party for the City of Novi.

In fact, Crupi, who by his own admission is "disillusioned" about his tenure in the city, hasn't kept tabs on Novi events for about 10 years.

"Since, I've been here, I've kept track of very little about the city and the people," Crupi, now 73, said in a telephone interview from his home in Indian Lake Estates, Florida. "It's kind of embarrassing really."

"But it was the most thankless job on earth," he said. "I lost a lot of sleepless nights trying to work things out . . . running over in my mind what we should and shouldn't do after the meetings."

Crupi was an early proponent of city incorporation and a leading vote-getter on one of the earliest city charter commission attempts in 1959.

Crupi led a field of 17 candidates in Sept., 1959 for a post on the charter commission, but that commission was automatically dissolved when a referendum for cityhood failed.

He was elected to a four-year term on the village council in 1960, and was soon nominated village president by his peers. He resigned in 1968 after failing to win a consensus on a the council over a sewer issue. He

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then re-entered Novi politics when the city charter was being drafted. He was elected to the city's charter commission and played a vital role in formulating the weak mayor/city manager style of government that still exists today.

Other charter features advocated by Crupi included limiting the mayor's term to two years and tagging council terms at four years.

While campaigning for mayor in the fall of 1969, Crupi urged voters to approve the city charter, oftentimes forsaking his own mayoral campaign.

"Without adoption, our plans will go for naught. Novi will face loss of valuable boundaries and industrial tax base through annexation by

neighboring communities," Crupi wrote in a statement to Novi voters Feb. 13, 1969.

"The mayor is subject to change of opinion every two years, while other councilmen hold office for four years. Therefore, you may select a leader of your council along with three new councilmen (a majority) who might best represent you, every two years. This, I feel, is important," he continued.

Crupi was then elected Novi's first mayor Nov. 18, 1969. Voters also overwhelmingly approved city status. Crupi outdistanced veteran village official Philip Anderson by a 507-240 vote. Leo Harrowood finished third in the race for mayor, tallying 149 votes.



FIRST MAYOR JOSEPH CRUPI

The charter passed by a 623-385 vote with approximately 35 percent of the village voters turning out to cast ballots.

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Dreams became reality at city/school complex

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January of 1973, city and school officials met to discuss mutual concerns — foremost of which was the need to cooperate in the development of joint facilities.

Kratz told city council members he knew the city was considering a location for a new city hall. "And we also know that we will need another secondary school site within the next five to 10 years," said Kratz, who then proceeded to report that the school board would like to locate one of its new schools near the municipal complex in order to promote concept of shared facilities.

Novi High School in those days was the current Novi Meadows School building. But with the influx of new residents and students brought on by the burgeoning Village Oaks subdivision, school officials knew the building would soon be too small.

At the same time the board was proposing the shared facilities concept to the city council, it also was forming a citizens committee to examine long-range planning projects in general and a new high school in particular.

Based on the committee's recommendations, the board placed a \$13.5 million bond issue on the June 1973 ballot to fund construction of a new high school, two new elementary schools and purchase additional school sites.

The proposal was approved 705 to 401 in what was the largest school district turnout to that date.

Meanwhile, two veteran board members — LaVerne DeWard and Bruce Simmons (owner of the land on which the Simmons Orchard subdivision currently is located) — were negotiating with the Fuerst sisters to purchase the 160-acre parcel on the southeast corner of the Ten Mile/Taft Road intersection.

In an act of civic charity the sisters sold the 160 acres to the school board at a price of \$640,000 — far below its true market value. The purchase agreement permitted the sisters to retain their residence on the corner.

While negotiations with the Fuerst sisters were being completed, planning for the city/school/library complex was moving forward.

The firm of Harley, Ellington, Pierce and Yee Associates was retained to develop a master plan for the 160-acre site.

That plan, unveiled in February 1974, described the "proposed land use and master planning for the new high school, new community library, city administrative offices, board of education offices, police headquarters, court facilities, community recreation building, municipal golf

course and other civic amenities."

Officials with Harley Ellington Pierce Yee and Associates were hardly newcomers in designing municipal complexes. They previously had designed the Dearborn Civic Center and the City-County Building in Detroit.

And they were clearly excited about the opportunity presented by the Novi proposal.

"It's a unique situation that the city, school board and library are joining together to develop the site," commented Joseph Stout, project director for the planning firm.

"As a result of their cooperation, the project will take on a magnitude far beyond what would have evolved if they had all acted individually."

Stout also lauded the Ten Mile/Taft Road location. "It's an ideal location for a civic center — just one mile off the geographic center of the city and set apart from the commercial center which will be embodied in the regional shopping center (Twelve Oaks) at the corner of Novi and Twelve Mile Roads," he said.

"Our architects ultimately see a monorail between the commercial and civic centers," he added.

The ensuing complex has been developed step by step. The high school and the library were the first buildings constructed on the site — almost exactly as proposed on the original master plan.

The police building came next. And the Civic Center was officially opened in January 1988.

There have been changes from the original master plan in terms of development of the municipal buildings. Originally, the architects had proposed four municipal buildings — a joint city/school administrative building with shared council/board chambers, police headquarters, a district court facility and a community recreation building.

Police headquarters were constructed pretty much as proposed. But the district court facility was dropped from the plan. And the concept of a joint city/school administrative building also was abandoned.

The community recreation building has been incorporated in the existing civic center.

Also proposed on the original plan was a municipal golf course across the back (just north of the Dunbarton Pines subdivision) of the 160-acre city/school parcel.

That hasn't happened, of course. But the overall concept drawn up in that 1974 master plan has been followed relatively closely.

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Novi school district survived rocky start

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Township of Novi. Beginning in 1944 — because of a Novi Township population climb — students who desired a high school education (or those parents who desired one for them), were forced to travel or "take up" room and board in the nearby districts of Walled Lake, Northville or Farmington. Novi had reduced the education level offered to the eight grade, and would not have a high school for decades yet to come.

Also during those early years, parents were required to pay tuition for their child's education. However, after consolidation of four primary school districts with Novi Township in 1956, Novi schools were required to pay all tuition and transportation costs to other high schools.

By the time Novi became a full

kindergarten through 12th grade school district, it had paid Northville more than \$2 million in high school tuition.

Because the school districts of Walled Lake and Northville (north and south of Novi Township respectively) were more aggressive in establishing high schools, some of Novi's primary districts along those borders were annexed or consolidated with those of Walled Lake and Northville.

In fact, Novi's district lost so many of its primary districts to Walled Lake and Northville that by 1963 it was doubtful Novi would continue to exist as an independent school district. Novi's district at that time covered 16 square miles, had 800 students and still no high school.

A proposal was even suggested to reorganize the district by dividing it along Grand River Avenue, and con-

solidating those schools to the north with Walled Lake's district, and those to the south with Northville's district.

The change did not occur, however, because in 1964 residents of Novi's district voted to become a K-12 district and to issue bonds for the construction of what was to become the present day Novi Meadows School.

In June 1969 — one year after Novi Village achieved city status — Novi schools saw its first graduation of senior high school students. Ninety-three students graduated at the first commencement, followed by 122, 108, 119 and 120 in successive years.

Currently the district operates with three K-4 schools, one fifth and sixth grade school, one middle school and one high school. Total enrollment is 3,635 students. Slated for completion later this year are two new buildings

— another elementary school and a new administration office.

Today the Novi Community School district is recognized in educational circles as being among the best in Michigan. That it did not happen by accident is clear. Designed planning was a key factor, as was the dedication of past school boards and administration.

The district's 350 staff members together with its students, continue to strive for the recognition which has preceded it all these years.

Information for this article was obtained from a school district report written in 1976 titled "A Brief History of Novi Community School District." District officials are unable to determine the author of the project, which was listed as the formal property of former Superintendent Thomas H. Dale.

Courts became battle ground for annexation

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"We had a choice to stay," said Schovers explaining that because residents of the area — which was largely determined by the Brookland

Farms subdivision — signed petitions and voted the measure down. The parcel contained just over the 100 residents needed by a Boundary Commission by-law to require a vote

on annexation proceedings.

Schovers, who said he was a fairly new resident of the subdivision at the time, said he and his fellow residents were relieved to be excluded from

the city incorporation. "We liked the idea that we were small. We don't like a lot of growth," he said of the 49 homes that make up the smallest township in the state.

Fried led fight to prevent huge landfill

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Officers to warn off the incoming trucks, which were operated by a contractor collecting Detroit refuse.

The dumping ceased for several weeks, and the township again denied a dumping permit for the area. However, the circuit court injunction ended that and allowed the dumping to continue.

After first deciding to appeal, village officials would later consent to the dumping when informed by a circuit court judge that they had "a weak case."

Controversy erupted again in early-1959 when a proposal for a landfill near Nine Mile and Beck Road was turned out by the village council after a raucous public meeting.

Their own village attorney, Howard Bond, was stripped of the right to represent the village in any possible litigation, after recommending that Novi probably couldn't win in the courts if the applicant, Gus McCreedy, entered an appeal.

A long string of other landfill controversies would follow.

After being threatened and battered and bruised in the courts, the Twelve Mile/Novi Road plan rolled in later that summer. Another plan for an area near Ten Mile and the C&O

Fried: 'It was literally that close. There is no question that the character of that region, the city itself, would have been changed forever.'

Railroad, was submitted in mid-1959.

It was in this environment that the plans for a 93-acre landfill, that would later become Twelve Oaks Mall, would be hashed out.

THE CASE

The village took the hardline with the Twelve Mile/Novi Road plans, which had been entered by the Wayne Disposal Company in mid-1959. The disposal company sought to locate the large landfill on farm property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Russell. It was an old peat farm, containing a variety of old bogs and wet areas.

Novi's vigilance — its appeals board denied the plans in August, 1959 — soon began to unravel in the face of a legal challenge.

Wayne Disposal, the Kinneys, the Russells, sued the village with their case going before Judge Russell Holland at the Oakland County Circuit Court. Facing a prolonged suit, the likelihood of lengthy appeals and almost certain defeat, the village entered into an agreement Nov. 9, consenting to placement of the landfill at the corner with stipulations.

When protest began surfacing, village officials told the media and the public that they had, in effect, lost the lawsuit.

The lead headline of the Nov. 19, 1959 Novi News read "Judge okays landfill over village refusal." In actuality, the village, facing the promise of a costly Supreme Court case and a less-than-optimistic opinion from Holland, agreed to the landfill with eight conditions designed to protect the area's natural amenities.

They included stipulations that would protect the constitutionality of the landfilling ordinance and also require the landfill operators to abide by "strict" standards laid out by the village.

Actually, the requirements only provided for minimal protection of a stream that ran through the property. One of the requirements was that no rubbish be dumped in water. Another was that water pumped into a nearby drain "not be polluted" and that water collecting in the landfill's low spots "not cause a nuisance" — relatively lax regulation by today's standards.

With resident opposition mushrooming, village officials said they would not appeal, in effect, what was their own consent agreement with the disposal firm.

The newly formed group of residents, who would call themselves the Novi Protective Association, hired Fried.

GOING TO WORK

"It was literally that close," said City Attorney David Fried, last week, showing a small glint of light between

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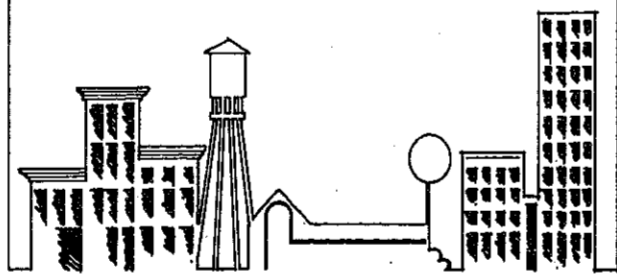
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First Novi mayor says it was a thankless job

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Charter Commission Chairman Raymond Evans swore in Crupi and the six other members of the first city council at a Feb. 24, 1969 meeting.

The first council consisted of Crupi, William Duey, Donald Young, David Harrison, Denis Berry, Edwin Presnell and William O'Brien.

Crupi, unafraid of speaking from the hip or advocating unpopular stands that he thought were in the best interest of the city at-large, recorded a few scrapes with the press, fellow council members and the public in his tenure.

He pushed hard for passage of a three-mill road question in 1970, though it failed by a wide margin. He also pushed for sewer expansion in Novi, but was hamstrung by continual budget problems and an economic downturn that slowed new growth in Novi.

Crupi was re-elected to a two-year term in 1971, but was ousted from office by a virtual newcomer in 1973. Robert Daley, making his first bid for elected office, beat Crupi by a shocking 1,327 to 565 margin, ending his almost 13 years of community service.

"The way I figure it, you lose 10

percent per year, so you might as well get out by your fifth year," Crupi said last week.

The ex-mayor said he enjoyed his career in public service, although there were some low points.

"The average person really didn't care. I had a neighbor walk up to me at a party one day — she had just heard someone else say 'Hello, mayor.' She asked if I was really the mayor. My own neighbor," Crupi said.

"I was disappointed, in a sense, with the people of Novi," he said. "They weren't involved unless they had to squawk. I wasn't going to give in to the squawkers."

Ironically, Crupi had first run as the candidate who would listen to residents at public meetings.

A young Joe Crupi told Novi voters in 1960 — as he made his first bid for village council — the current council "... has not taken an interest in the desires and feelings of the people. The present councilmen consider spectators at public meetings to be pressure groups rather than representatives of public feeling."

After a few nasty bouts with during the bizarre political turmoil of the early 1970s, that stance soon hardened.

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Village acceded to consent judgment

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his thumb and forefinger. "There is no question that the character of that region, the city itself, would have been changed forever."

When the group of residents, called the Novi Protective Association, contacted Fried, the outlook was not good. In fact, it was quite grim.

The landfill was all but a certainty in the eyes of many observers. If allowed, within a few short years, the 93-acre landfill would expand to take up the entire Twelve Mile/Novi Road corner, handling rubbish originating from the City of Detroit and points south.

The village council was backing away from funding any possible "appeal." Their consent judgement had already been put in place, even though they were still informing residents that they had "lost" in a ruling by the judge.

The village stood pat, following Bond's recommendation that an appeal would be fruitless.

Fried told the residents that chances for a new hearing "were very slim" when they met with the council in a special meeting Nov. 25, 1959.

The village already had its one chance to present all of its testimony on the matter, Fried said.

There also appeared growing tension between Fried and Bond.

"I think Bond did a good job, but it wasn't the job I would have done," Fried was quoted in the Novi News as saying to the residents at that meeting.

Later Fried would say that Bond and the village cooperated "100 percent" in overturning the landfill plans, when indeed, a victory was in sight.

Fried recalled the incidents two weeks ago from his Southfield offices.

"The property owners in that area were watching this matter very closely. They were not only concerned about what effect it would have on the area but what effect it would have on their property as well. It was a very well maintained, large-lot residential area," he said.

"When they heard that the village consented to this, they contacted me," he added. "They were obviously very upset. They felt they had been written off."

Fried, who had gained a reputation as an energetic young attorney in his first 11 years of practice, had about 20 days to ask for a new hearing on the matter. First, he had to be given permission to intervene. Next, he had to come up with any shred of evidence, a breakthrough, that would

convince Holland that the consent decree shouldn't stand up on its own.

It wasn't easy, and Fried spent several nights working until the wee hours of the morning in his Detroit office, attempting to undo the court's decree.

The breakthrough came when Fried discovered that Wayne Disposal hadn't yet addressed the permit issue in its dealings with Novi Village.

Up until the matter first went to Holland, only the zoning issue had been addressed. Fried maintained that the firm still needed to apply to the Novi Village Council to receive a permit to operate a landfill at Twelve Mile and Novi Road.

"When they contacted me, and I looked at the procedure that had been followed . . . I checked the court records and I found and that a two-tiered procedure was involved," Fried said.

"One, the property had to be zoned for it. And two, they had to be issued a permit. Wayne Disposal had only applied for relief under the zoning ordinance — they hadn't addressed the permit issue yet," he said.

Fried coupled the permit argument with a series of arguments about the environmental impacts the landfill would have on a very boggy, wet area between Novi and Meadowbrook roads, and about the impacts on

housing values near the site. It took a special hearing before Judge Holland to allow the case to be reopened.

"He (Holland) was at home with a cold and he asked us if we would mind going to his house. He had a court reporter there and his court officer. It was a charming old house in Pontiac," Fried said.

With Novi residents crowded into the home, sitting on the floor and on a stairway that spiraled up to the second floor, Holland heard oral arguments from Fried and Wayne Disposal attorneys.

"He was a very gracious man. A good jurist," Fried said.

Holland allowed Fried to intervene. He later ordered that the consent judgement be amended and the matter be sent back to the Novi Village Council for review of the permit issue. The ruling behooved the village council to act as if the zoning for the area had already been approved by its appeals board.

On the same day the Novi News reported that three council members had been swept out of office, and three new members were seated (including Eugenie Choquet, Novi's first-ever woman council member), results of three months of court hear-

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Legal fight changed the city — forever

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ings were reported on the front page of the paper.

"For this court to pre-emptorily order a license would be to usurp the legislative and discretionary functions of the village council," Holland wrote. Holland said the court "did not intend to do that" when issuing an opinion and decree on the landfill matter.

Though that decision would later be challenged — and survive — it was the first headway the small resident group made in their battle to stop the 93 acre landfill.

THE FALLOUT

"In my opinion, I think this (court) action made the character of the city of Novi," Fried said. "If these people had not had the fortitude to or were willing to put up the money to handle it, the character of that area would have been changed forever."

"We had muckholes throughout the city. You couldn't build on them. If this would have gone through they would have taken each of those muckholes and expanded them into landfills."

"There were small isolated places. This gave the impetus to the village to stop allowing 'one more landfill,'" he said.

The rest was elementary, as they say.

The new village council, led by new president Joseph Crupi saw Wayne Disposal again in April 1960.

With Fried urging council members that the court decision had absolutely nothing to do with the council's ability to decide the case, the council postponed its action on the Twelve Mile/Novi Road landfill for 60 days.

"I remember turning to Howard Bond and saying 'Howard, am I going too far?'" said Crupi, recalling the incident last week.

Crupi, active in a number of Novi boards and commissions throughout the 1960s and 1970s, besides serving as mayor and village council president, recalled the Wayne Disposal case as one of the most significant events in his tenure in Novi.

"I wasn't going to approve that thing come hell or high water," Crupi said. "Of course, you know what happened to the area later. I think it turned out to be a very good decision."

Wayne Disposal entered an appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court at the same time it had re-applied for a license for Twelve Mile and Novi Road in 1962.

However, that appeal was turned down in a 1962 Supreme Court ruling because the matter wasn't "ripe" for an appeal. All of the remedies hadn't yet been exhausted, the court ruled, and there was no record of the permit issue being resolved by the village.

After three more years of additional wrangling, and another trip to the state Supreme Court, the courts finally held that the Novi Protective Association, was quite correct in seeking to have the matter sent back to the village for further review.

The Supreme Court issued a decree on April 5, 1966, to sustain the decision it had previously made besides sustaining the decisions of the village council, the village appeal board and the circuit court.

The case marked Fried's first appearance before the Supreme Court. "I was very pleased with the questions they asked me," Fried said. "Very impressed with the outcome of the case."

He had argued all along that the landfill would have a drastic effect on the area, since neighboring properties used wells for their main supply of water. He also argued that property values would be reduced for that entire portion of the village.

"You've got to remember that this was back in 1961 — well before the environmentalists were concerned about the groundwater. The property owners were written off; they were very concerned," Fried said.

But the lynchpin was the permit issue. It hadn't been resolved, Fried maintained, before the village council opted to enter into the consent judgement with Wayne Disposal in

1959. "The court said 'Hey, the village can't agree to things in violation of its own ordinances,'" Fried said.

"What would the area have looked like some 30 years later? "I believe that it would have destroyed the residential character of that area . . . it would have destroyed the community," Fried said.

"They (the landfill operators) would have bought all of the surrounding property because it was more valuable to be used for landfill purposes."

"There has to be some balance there. But if a village or a city, or a community isn't going to defend its interest in court because of the cost factor, they are headed for some very serious problems," Fried said.

The landfill that the village council agreed to in a much simpler time ended up holding quite a fortune for the City of Novi. In the mid-1960s, Dayton-Hudson expressed interest in the area and by the early 1970s, plans for a major mega-mall unlike any other were being formulated.

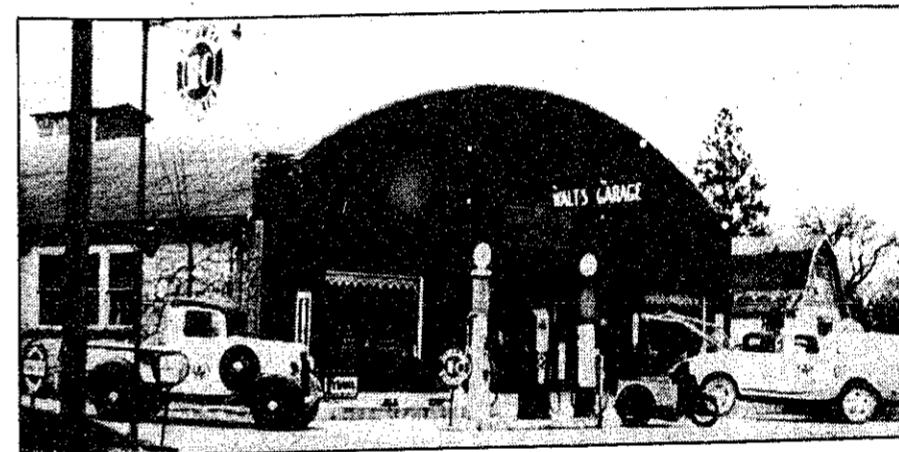
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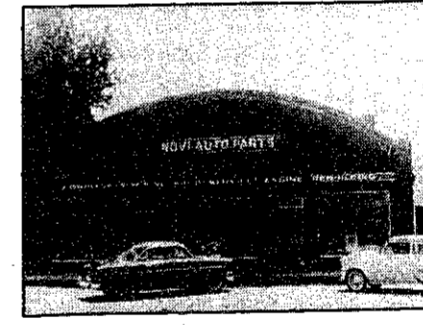
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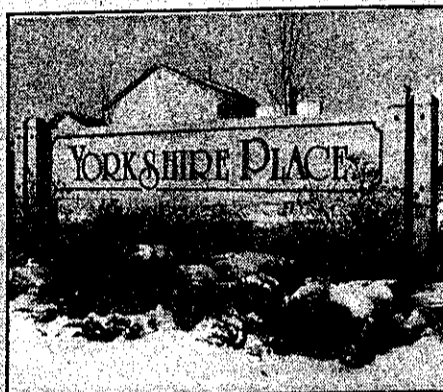
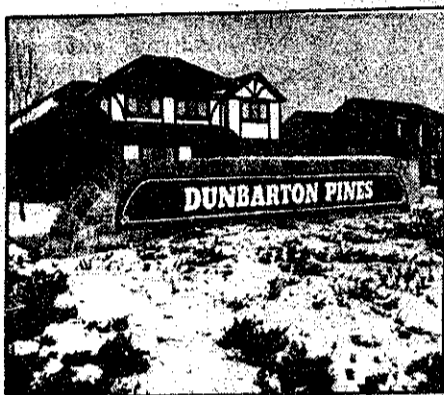
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