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## Letter from the Editor

Phil Jerome



It's good news/bad news time, folks. The good news is that this is the last time you'll have to see my smiling face on the front page of the paper for awhile. The bad news is that this is the last week we're going to be sending out free issues of our little newspaper, which we humbly refer to as "your most consistent source of news and information about what's happening in Novi."

As you know, we've been sending free copies of the paper to just about everybody in Novi for the last three weeks as part of a campaign to increase circulation.

And now it's time to ask you to get a subscription so you can continue getting the paper. We think it's a pretty good paper. And we hope you think so, too, now that you've had a chance to see it. Inside this week's edition (back with the rest of the inserts), you'll find a card and envelope for you to order a subscription. We're hoping you'll fill it out and send it back so we can start your subscription immediately.

The only thing left for me to do now is convince you to get a subscription. And I'm going to try to do that by telling you why you're richer, smarter, better-looking, healthier, better informed, more knowledgeable and a better conversationalist as a result of having received The Novi News the last three weeks.

□ **Classified Ads:** During the past three weeks you have received 44 full pages of classified ads. Forty-four pages of ads chock full of ads about jobs, apartments, used cars and tons of other things which you might be looking for.

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And to try to get you to visit their stores, they offer all types of sales and bargains which they tell you about on the pages of The Novi News. The savings offered by advertisers in one single edition will more than offset the cost of a subscription.

□ **Police and crime news:** Sorry, but crime is a fact of life, and you'd better know what's happening in your community to protect yourself and your belongings.

We make a special effort to keep you informed about crime in the community. And not just the big stuff, either. We try to report all the crime. We report the bank robberies, but we also report the little things that take place in the subdivisions, condominiums and apartment complexes.

□ **City and school news:** It's not always our favorite way to spend an evening, but we think it's important that you know what your city council, planning commission and school board are doing.

Another benefit of getting the paper is that we go to all those meetings for you and then let you know what's going on. Are the city council and school board thinking about raising taxes? Is the planning commission considering plans for a shopping center next to your subdivision?

□ **Community events:** What's happening around Novi that you might find interesting? You'll find it in our paper.

Last week, for example, we let you know about the city's 20th birthday party, a Cub Scout meeting at the Civic Center, the BPW Club's fashion show, a Novi Youth Assistance program about families coping with divorce, Photographer Tony Spina's appearance at the Novi Library and tons of other events.

□ **And lots more:** Excuse the schmaltz on this one, but I think it's important. Last week we told you that Paul and Cheryl Bauman have a brand new baby son at home... that Judy Reed hosted a baby shower for Donna Blackburn... and that Novi High School sophomore Mike Gowans did a real good job at the state wrestling meet.

Schmaltzy? Some think so, but not me. News like that is what hometown and hometown newspapers are all about. I hope you agree.

## Schools fight sexual assault suit

By AMY ROSA  
 staff writer

The Novi Community School District will not settle out of court with a parent, who recently brought a lawsuit against the district because a former volunteer swim coach had sexual relations with her daughter in the fall of 1987.

School District Attorney Dennis Pollard said Tuesday that there is "no talk of settlement" in the case, and that he is awaiting confirmation from the schools' insurance

company that the district's defense will be paid for through insurance coverage.

A March 2 deadline to respond to the charges in the suit will most likely be extended two weeks, said Pollard, until the insurance coverage confirmation is received.

The lawsuit actually stems from a year-old incident, in which volunteer swim coach Timothy McCoy Pelfrey admitted to having had sexual relations with a 15-year-old swim team member in the fall of 1987.

Pelfrey, who was 23 at the time, later pled guilty to charges of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree last February. He currently is serving a 2-15 year sentence in Ionia Maximum Prison.

A court document signed by Pelfrey states he knew he was breaking the law by having intercourse with the girl since she was under 16. He also alleged, however, that the girl was a willing participant.

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## Police battle rash of 'LFVs'

By PHILIP JEROME  
 managing editor

What's the fastest growing crime in Novi?

Right now, it looks like "LFVs" (larcenies from vehicles) are heading the list.

A total of six vehicles parked outside the owners' residences in the Village Oaks and Turtle Creek subdivisions were hit by thieves during the night of Sunday, Feb. 12.

And 11 more LFV reports were logged by police during the past week.

The biggest outbreak of LFVs occurred during the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 18, when more than \$4,500 worth of personal property was stolen from a total of nine vehicles parked outside the owners' residences in subdivisions primarily in the southeast section of the city.

Hardest hit was a 1983 Ford Escort parked outside the owner's residence on Park Ridge in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision. In that incident, thieves smashed out a window and stole \$1,600 worth of stereo equipment from the interior of the car while doing an estimated \$500 worth of damage to the vehicle.

Also hit hard was a 1987 Porsche 944 parked outside the owner's residence on Grove Court in the

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## It's not 'The Stroll'

Megan Parker (left) and Kristen Kearney of Novi Brownie Troop 133 join hands to skip down a line of other Brownies during Thinking Day festivities at the Novi Civic Center last Saturday. Megan and Kristen were only two of an estimated

315 Novi Girl and Brownie Scouts who participated in the event which celebrated different dance forms from around the world.

## City reports assessment appeal dates

By PHILIP JEROME  
 managing editor

In real estate, the three most important words are "location, location, location."

In journalism, the three most important words are "accuracy, accuracy, accuracy."

But when it comes to appealing your property assessment, the three most important words are "documentation, documentation, documentation."

That's the very firm advice from Novi Assessor James Klausmeyer as the city's Board of Review prepares to hear Novi residents who feel their property has been over-assessed.

The Board of Review is the body which hears the arguments from residents who believe their property has been assessed incorrectly. In essence, the Board of Review acts as a quasi-judicial body which listens to the arguments presented by the individual taxpayer and the city assessor to determine if property has been assessed properly.

The board is empowered to alter the assessment if the property owner presents information which demonstrates the assessment assigned by the city assessor is incorrect.

And that's where "documentation, documentation, documentation" comes in to play.

Board of Review meetings in the

City of Novi have been scheduled for the week of March 13-17.

However, all appearances before the Board of Review will be by appointment only and the appointment must be scheduled on or before Friday, March 10, at 5 p.m.

In addition, appointments will not be granted until a completed petition is received by the assessor's office in the Novi Civic Center. Blank petition forms are available upon request at the city assessor's office.

All appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five minutes or less.

Persons not wishing to appear

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## Book stores consider 'Satanic Verses' issue

By AMY ROSA  
 staff writer

As the controversy continues over Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses," local book stores are pondering the same questions faced by others across the country — how to balance free speech and safety, and what is the fastest way to order more books.

You can't buy a copy of the controversial book around Novi to save your life, but you can read it if you don't mind borrowing it. However, at the Novi Library you'd have to add your name to the long list of those who already have dibs on it.

"No one raised an eyebrow when it first came in," said Novi Library Director Brenda Burrell. She said the title didn't become popular until Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini offered a reward for

Rushdie's murder, claiming the book insulted the Moslem religion.

That death wish three weeks ago sparked Britain's Rushdie to move into hiding, as well as a world-wide rush to purchase the book.

At Twelve Oaks Mall, both Doubleday and B. Dalton book stores have been sold out of the book for two weeks, and have more books on order. However, in the case of B. Dalton, plans to re-order the title came only after an about-face by the company's New York executives last week.

According to Pat Winter, manager of the B. Dalton store at Twelve Oaks, plans not to restock "The Satanic Verses" were changed Wednesday, Feb. 22.

As for prominently displaying the book when it

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# Fuel spill causes minimal damages

Soils and absorbent material from a February diesel fuel spill were disposed of last week without incident, according to Fire Marshal William Conn.

Conn also said there was little damage to the environment in the spill, which occurred Feb. 11 at the rear of the Suburban Rent-It Center on Grand River.

Approximately 400 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from an above-ground tank at the facility when a customer apparently backed into it with a truck. The live to six foot high structure collapsed, spilling fuel out of a cap on the top of the tank.

Most of the fuel spill was diked up on a concrete slab, though some flowed under a fence and collected on soils at the rear of the facility. Those soils were removed and placed in a

special landfill along with the absorbent material used by the Novi Fire Department and Suburban Rent-It during the incident, Conn said.

"Most of the fuel was contained on the concrete slab, which was to our advantage," Conn said. "The impact on the other area was really minimal."

Conn said the county health department and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) were notified of the spill but that no investigation was likely.

Conn said Suburban Rent-It has been cooperative and filed all the needed paperwork to comply with the new Hazardous Materials Ordinance.

Suburban Rent-It rents a variety of equipment to contractors and the general public.

# Residents named to Rotary awards

Paul Harris Fellows — the highest honor in Rotary International — have been bestowed on five Novi residents by the Novi Rotary Club.

Named Paul Harris Fellows were Diana Canup, Kathy Crawford, Martha Hoyer, Patricia Karevich and Thomas Marcus.

The awards were presented during a joint meeting of Novi Rotary and the Novi Chamber of Commerce at the Red Timbers restaurant on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The Paul Harris Fellows are named after the founder of Rotary International. Local chapters may honor individuals they deem worthy of the award by donating \$1,000 to Rotary International, which uses the funds for various service projects around the world.

Other Paul Harris Fellows are Brent Canup, Mary Jane Baird, John Eckstrom, Bob Friess, Gaye Friess, Chuck Peterson, Robert Pivko, Ron Ward, Anis Ahmed, Floyd White, Martha Atkinson and Philip Jerome.

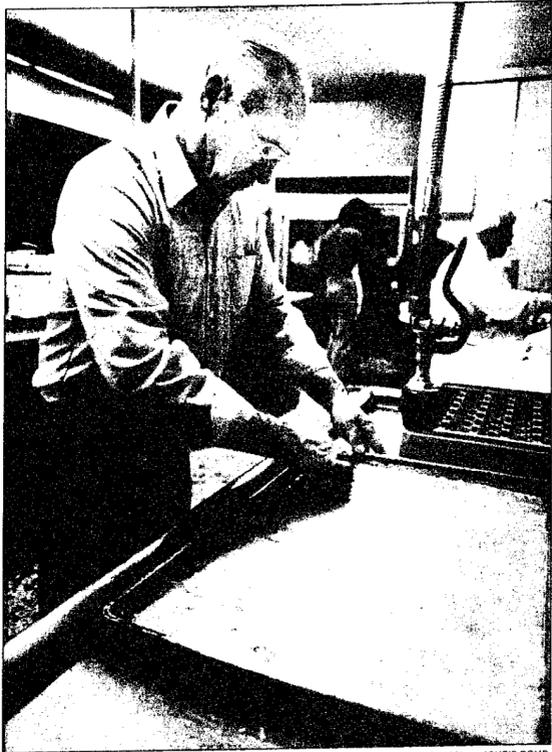
Rotary International spends more than \$25 million annually for 30,000 projects around the world. The organization's chief goals include understanding between nations and service to humanity.

Sanghi noted that the Novi Rotary Club has presented Paul Harris to more than 30 individuals.

Past recipients of Paul Harris Fellows have been Leo Harrawood, Leo BeGole, Bob Stiles, May Sanghi, Don Greengood, Beverly Harrawood, Phillip Manning, Michael Meyer, Wayne Bullen, Beverly Gilbert, Richard Gilbert, Beverly Gilbert, Dick Bingham and Bob Maynes.

Other Paul Harris Fellows are Brent Canup, Mary Jane Baird, John Eckstrom, Bob Friess, Gaye Friess, Chuck Peterson, Robert Pivko, Ron Ward, Anis Ahmed, Floyd White, Martha Atkinson and Philip Jerome.

May Sanghi, a Novi physician and past district governor of Rotary International District 638, noted that the five individuals honored last Tuesday all exemplify the Rotary



# Kitchen patrol

Tom Greaves draws "kitchen duty" following the regular Fourth Friday dinner at the Novi United Methodist Church last Friday. The church offers the family-style, sit-down dinners the fourth Fri-

day of each month to encourage families to eat together and to raise funds for the church's outreach program.

# Scout meeting planned

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

Are you aware of all that advantages that come with being a Scout?

Anyone interested in learning more about Scouts is invited to attend a special Novi/South Lyon mini-conference at the Novi Civic Center on Sunday, March 5, from 1-4 p.m.

Any boy between the ages of seven and 17 is invited to the mini-conference to see how strong Scouting is in this area. Parents also are invited to attend.

Reservations are not needed. Assistant District Commissioner Jay Simacek of Novi will host a gathering of council executives, district executives, commissioners, Cubmasters and Scoutmasters from the Novi/South Lyon area.

For more information call Simacek at 348-1349.

# Hotline available

Michigan residents 55 and older who are looking for jobs have a free service which will connect them to employers looking for prospective employees with a lifetime of experience and knowledge to offer.

The toll-free referral number to call from anywhere in Michigan is 1-800-922-HIRE.

Staffers answering the hotline exclusively for older workers will refer the callers to cooperating job placement and training projects in their area looking for older workers.

The hotline is sponsored by Project ABLE, which has assisted more than 2,000 older adults gain employment.

Project ABLE is a not-for-profit organization supported by funds from the Governor's Office for Job Training, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the C.S. Mott Foundation, Travelers Companies Foundation and corporate contributions.



# 'On you Huskies'

Sergeant Preston never had it so good. Members of Novi Cub Scout Pack 239 out of Village Oaks Elementary School gathered at Lakeshore Park last Saturday afternoon to participate in their own special version of "Klondike Races."

Picture above is Jimmy Penner, while the husky youths providing the energy source are David Thompson, Bryant Huges and Danny Douglas.

# Liquor taxes Oakland County coming up short

Other counties are reaping the rewards of a 1985 liquor-hotel tax increase. But not Oakland.

"We come out on the short end of that distribution," said James Brennan, director of program evaluation for the county Board of Commissioners.

Oakland derived nearly \$693,000 from the liquor tax in the 1987-88 fiscal year. This year it will get a bit more than \$17,000.

The liquor taxes were developed when the City of Detroit sought money to double the size of Cobo Hall, the riverfront convention center whose expanded facilities were dedicated early this year.

There was a battle in Lansing in 1986. The names of Detroit, Cobo Hall and Mayor Coleman Young became fighting words.

The Michigan Legislature said Cobo Hall benefits the economy not just of Detroit but surrounding Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties with more hotel rentals and tourism.

So revenues from the taxes were applied to pay off Cobo Hall bonds.

But a state law can't be applied only to three counties — it has to be levied statewide. What do you do with the rest of the revenue?

Use it for alcoholism programs, the Legislature said. Now surpluses are going back to 80 outside

counties, saving endangered drug and alcohol programs, and acting as balm for the wounds of the opponents.

"You don't hear that outcry much any more," said Rep. Morris Hood Jr., D-Detroit, who sponsored the liquor tax measure that helped build the new Cobo Convention-Exhibition Center.

Part of the \$225 million for the expansion came from a \$180 million bond issue. And part of the bond payments come from a 4-percent tax on retail liquor sales statewide.

The rest comes from a tax on hotel bills of up to 6 percent, depending on a hotel's size, in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

Oakland's Brennan said bond payments on Cobo Hall will go up to \$22 million next year, eating up the three suburban counties' revenue. Thereafter, bond payments will drop to \$18 million and \$16 million, leaving small but growing amounts for the suburban counties.

When the liquor tax passed, some party stores outside Detroit posted signs telling patrons their Chivas Regal scotch was increasing from \$17.50 to \$19.43 a fifth, their Jim Beam Scotch bourbon from \$6.23 to \$7.15 and their El Toro Gold tequila from \$7.32 to \$8.18 to pay for "Coleman Young's new hall," Detroit officials recalled.

"There was a lot of disgruntlement at the time," said Scott Schrager, a staffer on the state House Taxation Committee. He helped legislators, hotel owners and liquor store operators reach agree-

ment. The final bill said that if the tax brought in more than needed for the bond payments, the 80 counties outside Wayne, Macomb and Oakland would get back the revenues they raised.

"If more money remained, it would be divided among those counties and the three in the Detroit area.

At the end of 1986, the first bond payments were met, and the counties outside Detroit got their liquor tax revenue back. The proceeds:

- Wayne County — about \$755,000.
- Oakland County — about \$758,000.
- Macomb County — about \$491,000.

The bond payments rise until fully phased in in 1992. So the return to counties dropped from \$12.5 million the first year to \$9.5 million for 1987 and an estimated \$7 million for 1988.

By law, 50 percent of the money must go for drug- and alcohol-abuse treatment. It has bolstered various sagging programs in counties hurt by federal and state budget cuts, said Candy Black, coordinator of the state Office of Substance Abuse Services.

Son, Gil DiNello, D-East Detroit, called the new Cobo Center beautiful and said Macomb County could well use its returned money.

"It most certainly was very vehemently opposed," Hood said. "But most of them have agreed benefits; most of them are very pleased. Finally some positive things are happening."

# School board's minutes fall to criticism, review

The Novi Board of Education came under fire at its last meeting for sloppy and inadequate minute-taking.

And board members said they agreed with the criticism.

After discussion of how a wrong date for the recent millage election was allowed to be printed in the minutes of four consecutive meetings, board trustees again received a complaint about the procedure.

School district resident and parent Sally Marchak said a better way of recording minutes is necessary, especially in light of the election mix-up. "It is your responsibility to make the minutes clear," she told the community.

Marchak had previously approached the board with the same request. In terms of confusion regarding the date of last week's millage renewal election, it was noted that minutes and backup material from four meeting packets ending with Feb. 16, incorrectly listed the date of the Feb. 23 election as being Feb. 21. The incorrect date was listed 12 times.

The Novi News, repeating information as listed on the election approval resolution, also incorrectly printed the election date as Feb. 21 in a story running the issue prior to the election.

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Marchak suggested that recording the meetings and then transcribing the tapes might be a solution, comparing the board's minutes to those of the Novi city council and planning commission.

"There must be a reason the majority of city council use it (tapes) — it's more accurate," she said.

Pivko said the district used to tape its meetings, but discontinued the practice about 10 years ago. According to the Minutes Secretary Skip Boyer, the tapes were never transcribed and no one ever asked to listen to them.

Board President Michael Meyer said he thought the board meetings might be broadcast on local cable in the not too distant future.

Trustee Sandra Thornton said it is important to reflect when changes appear in the minutes.

Schram agreed, saying, "We've been sloppy with our changes."

He added that a formal motion on changes to the minutes should be done instead of verbally requesting a change to Boyer.

City Manager Edward Kriewall noted that the request for improving the streets in Novi Heights was initiated by subdivision residents.

"If there is support for the program, the council will proceed," said Kriewall. "If the residents have decided that they don't want us to go ahead, we will not go to the expense of obtaining detailed engineering plans."

City Engineering Consultant Joseph Kapteczak of JCK & Associates reported that two preliminary cost estimates have been prepared for residents to consider.

"Estimate A," which includes all incidental drainage and road base reconstruction, would cost an estimated \$417,000, while "Estimate B," a scaled-down version which includes only minimal work required to provide a hard-surfaced road, would cost an estimated \$254,000.

Cost to the individual homeowner would be approximately \$4,250 under "Estimate A" and \$2,504 under "Estimate B," Kapteczak reported.

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# Store loses jackets in break-in

Three varsity jackets were stolen from McNish's Sporting Goods at 4480 Grand River during a break-in which occurred during the night of Feb. 23-24.

The stolen varsity jackets bearing the insignias of Novi High School, Northville High School, and Mercy High School with a combined value of \$50.

The break-in was discovered at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 24 by an employee arriving for work at the Orchard Lake Auto Store located in the same shopping complex as McNish's Sporting Goods.

The employee said he observed the windows smashed on the west side of the sporting goods store and a white windbreaker lying on the ground near the broken windows. Investigating officers learned that the stolen jackets had been located on a display rack within 5 to 10 feet of the broken window. They also noted that the building had not been ransacked and the cash drawer was untouched.

A JEWELRY BOX containing an estimated \$2,500 worth of jewelry was among the property stolen from a Grand River residence during a break-in which occurred Monday, Feb. 20, between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Total value of property stolen from the residence was \$5,875, according to police reports.

The responsible parties apparently gained entry by forcing open a front door while the residents were away from home. They made their escape through a back door.

Investigating officers also noted that the home was not ransacked.

In addition to the jewelry, stolen property included a Fisher videocassette recorder valued at \$500, an electric typewriter valued at \$500, a Zenith 13-inch color television set valued at \$250, an AT&T answering machine, an AT&T cordless telephone, an AM-FM stereo cassette recorder valued at \$150, a Socrates word processor and a General Electric AM-FM clock radio valued at \$100.

Also stolen were a Toro snowblower valued at \$465, a \$400 Shindana leaf blower and a \$350 Shindana weed whip.

## Police Beat

A 1987 HONDA moped was stolen from the garage of a residence on Villagewood Drive on Tuesday, Feb. 14, between 5 and 11 p.m.

The complainant said the garage door had been left open while the family was away from home. The moped was valued at \$500.

A BOY'S BICYCLE was stolen from the backyard of a residence on Mallott in the Willowbrook subdivision during the night of Feb. 17-18.

The bicycle was owned by a youth who resides on Old Orchard. The boy told police he loaned the bike to a friend, who left it in the backyard of his home on Mallott at 11:45 p.m. on Feb. 17 and discovered it missing the next day at noon.

THE THEFT OF A Toro snowblower was reported by a residence in Byrne in the Conncinara subdivision.

The resident told police the snowblower was stolen out of his attached garage sometime between October 1988 and February 1989. The machine was valued at \$455.

THIEVES BROKE into the Novi Feed Store at 4362 Grand River during the night of Feb. 21-22 and stole approximately \$200 in cash.

The break-in was discovered by an employee reporting for work at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The employee said he walked in the building to find a rear window had been forced open and a file drawer standing open.

Investigating officers noted that the responsible parties stood on top of a desk located beneath the window to gain access to the file drawer containing the \$200 in cash. Two sets of footprints were found on top of the desk, according to reports.

While checking the exterior of the building, police found tire tracks from a small vehicle directly beneath the window where entry had been gained. They also found a set of footprints in the snow made by tennis shoes identical to the prints found on

the desk inside the office.

A CRAFTSMAN tool box containing tools valued at \$200 was stolen from the attached garage of a residence on Penton Rise in the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision during a theft which occurred Monday, Feb. 20.

The complainant told police the garage door had been left open because the electric door opener was not working. A resident inside the home heard some noise in the garage area at approximately noon, but did not investigate the cause of the disturbance.

The tool box was discovered missing later that evening.

THE VIC TANNY Health Club at 43555 Crescent Drive in the Novi Town Center was the scene of a theft which occurred Monday, Feb. 20.

A Plymouth man said he entered the club at 8:30 p.m. After placing his clothing and wallet in a locker, he proceeded to a padlock and padlock to work out.

The man said he checked the locker at 8:30 p.m. and found everything in place. When he returned again at 9:15 p.m., however, he found that unknown individuals had removed the padlock and his wallet.

The wallet was later found by an unidentified individual in the parking lot outside the health club. The only thing missing was \$40 in cash, according to reports.

POLICE RECOVERED a 1984 Chevrolet Camaro stolen out of Lincoln Park parked behind the Service Merchandise store in the West Oaks shopping center on Sunday, Feb. 19.

An officer on routine patrol at 10 p.m. said he observed the Camaro backed up to a dumpster behind Service Merchandise. The officer said the vehicle's doors were unlocked, the steering column had been smashed and the in-dash stereo had been removed.

Further investigation revealed that the car had been stolen out of

Lincoln Park.

A YORKSHIRE subdivision resident discovered a stripped down motorcycle while walking his dog in the field behind Novi Middle School at approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Resisting officers said unknown individuals had removed the seat and several engine parts from the Husvarna motorcycle before abandoning it in the field behind the middle school soccer/football field.

Efforts to trace the owner of the motorcycle were unsuccessful, and the vehicle was impounded by Novi police.

A LITTLE WONDER leafblower was stolen from a storage shed at the rear of the Copeland Concrete Construction yard at 2500 Meadowbrook Road sometime during the week of Feb. 7-14.

The machine was owned by Astar Paving and Sealing which rents two storage sheds at the rear of Copeland Concrete to store equipment.

Investigating officers found an iron bar on the ground next to one of the sheds and reported that it appeared the responsible parties had used the bar to pry open the shed. Pry marks were found on the doors of both sheds, officers reported.

The stolen leafblower was valued at \$700.

A PAIR OF EARRINGS was reported stolen from Ganto's at Twelve Oaks Mall on Sunday, Feb. 19, at approximately 2 p.m.

The assistant manager told mall security personnel that the glasses were stolen by a white male and white female from an accessories display case.

The male suspect was described as being approximately 25 years old, 5'10" tall and 150 pounds. He was said to be wearing a black leather jacket with a fur collar. The female suspect was also described as approximately 25 years of age. She was said to be 5'8" and 130 pounds and was wearing a three-quarter length leather coat. She also was described as having "wild-styled" hair.

The stolen sunglasses were valued at \$6.

## Novi Briefs

**Attention medical personnel:** Police Chief Lee BeGole is looking for volunteers to serve on the city's Disaster Control Team.

Dr. Mav Sanghvi is chief medical officer for the disaster control team, but BeGole said additional volunteers are needed to assist during emergency situations. The disaster control team assists the Novi police and fire departments on an on-call basis. The team's most notable involvement over the last two years came during the Chateau Estates tornado in 1987.

"We need people with all types of medical backgrounds that we can call on in emergency situations," said BeGole. "Doctors, nurses — anyone with training that could be useful during an emergency."

Anyone who can help is asked to call BeGole at Novi police headquarters, 348-7100.

**Concert at Borders:** Novi High School students will perform a concert at Borders Book Shop this Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. Scheduled to perform are a flute trio composed of Susan Logan, Shana Cox and Karen Howard; a flute and oboe duo with Brian Yancheson and Susan Logan; and oboe and clarinet duo with Brian Yancheson and Jill Jozjak. All the students performed recently at the Michigan Solo and Ensemble Festival.

**All-night senior party:** Plans are under way for the second annual All-Night Seniors Graduation Party at Novi High School. The next full meeting for parents of all juniors and seniors will be held in Puerst Auditorium on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The committee is still in need of volunteers — parents of both juniors and seniors. Also needed are contributions and prizes or cash donations. Cash donations are tax deductible through the Novi Education Foundation. Anyone who would like to help may contact Kathy Keadon at 349-6712. Tickets for the event have been priced at \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Mary Kotrych at 624-4663.

**More honor roll:** The names of four Novi Middle School students were missing from the school's honor roll, which was recently published in The Novi News. School officials said they regret the error.

Seventh graders also named to the middle school honor roll for the third marking period are Anthony Dobson, Angela Donovan, Rockin Dunlap and Kerry Ellis.

**Limerick contest:** Now's your chance to showcase your talents as a limerick writer. The Novi News is sponsoring a Limerick Contest in recognition of St. Patrick's Day.

Stumped? Don't know what a limerick is? A brief explanation may be in order. A limerick is a rhymed nonsense poem of five lines. Here are a few general guidelines to follow — the first and second lines rhyme with the fifth line, and the shorter third line rhymes with the shorter fourth line. The subject matter is up to you.

A contest entry form is included in this week's edition of the newspaper — simply fill it out and mail it to the address printed on the bottom of the form. If you prefer, you can also stop into the newspaper office and drop it into a box at the front desk. Deadline for entries is Friday, March 10.

The overall winner contest winner will receive a specially printed and framed copy of the winning limerick. And of course, we'll share it with other readers by publishing it in the March 15 edition of the News, just in time for St. Patrick's Day. We'll also publish as many runners-up as possible.

**Author luncheon:** Tony Spina, one of America's most distinguished photojournalists, 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 at 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.

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



Members of the Novi Fire Department received inoculations recently in conjunction with a program designed to protect them from various injuries and diseases which they might contract while

fighting fires. Administering the shot in the picture above is Paramedic Peggy Werth of the Botsford Hospital staff in Farmington Hills.

## Firemen receive protective 'shots'

About 33 Novi firefighters got "shots" recently, as they turned out for the first in a three-part series of hepatitis shots.

The shots are designed to protect firefighters from forms of the virus, which can be transmitted easily through blood or other body fluids.

It's another on a long list of things the members of the fire department is doing to protect themselves and their families from diseases that may be easily transmitted due to contact with victims during emergency calls.

"It's something that is badly needed," said Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "There are a variety of contacts in the field where these things can be transmitted."

"You almost have to have it," he said. Latex gloves have been made available to Novi firefighters for over a year. Firefighters are asked to use them on rescue runs.

Fire personnel are also being outfitted for coveralls, gowns, goggles and breathing equipment to aid them in dealing with patients who may carry contagious diseases.

It's a major change from the fire departments of 10, even five years ago, Lenaghan said. "We're trying to avoid them wearing street clothes, then taking them home," he said. "When I was riding a squad back a few years ago, that's what we did."

"Today, we're looking at how we can launder those clothes," he said.

**Lenaghan: 'It's something that is badly needed.'**

"That's how much it has changed."

Firefighters will be given the second series of the shots in a month, then return for the last sequence in six months. Shots were administered by Botsford Hospital personnel at Fire Station Number One on Grand River.

Firefighters responding to medical emergencies were required to receive the shots, which were financed by the city. The cost of the program was approximately \$5,000.

After receiving a full, three-part dose of the vaccine, about 85-95 percent of all adults develop protective immunity.

An estimated 200,000 Americans per year are stricken with Hepatitis-B viral infection. One to two percent of those victims die, while another five to 10 percent become non-symptomatic infectious carriers.

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## Free summer driving classes offered

Registrations for drivers' education classes are currently being accepted by the Novi Community School District.

Students have until March 15 to register for summer classes. Registration forms are available at Novi High School in the main office or in Room 211.

Driver Education Instructor Bob Hubbert reported that Novi High School offers free, comprehensive four-week classes at two different times during the summer.

The first session runs from June 19 to July 14 with classes from 8-10 a.m.

The second session runs from July 17 to Aug. 11 with classes from 9-10 a.m.

Students must be 15 years of age by June 10, 1989, and be a resident of the Novi School District to qualify for driver education classes.

Hubbert said class lists will be published in the main office of the high school on April 14. Daily schedules will be handed out to students on the first day of each session.

For more information about drivers' education classes contact Hubbert at Novi High School, 344-8300.

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# 'Happy birthday, dear Novi, happy birthday to you'

What if you gave a party and nobody showed up? That certainly was not a problem for the City of Novi as a crowd estimated in excess of 1,000 people showed up at the Civic Center last Saturday afternoon to help the city celebrate its 20th birthday.

Among the dignitaries at the party were U.S. Congressman William Broomfield, County Commissioner John Calandro and State Representative Willis "Bill" Bullard Jr. who presented Mayor Matthew Quinn and City Manager Edward Kriewall with a resolution from the State Legislature commemorating the event.

Broomfield offered a few remarks on the occasion, saying Novi is setting a fine example

for the entire nation and lauding local officials and residents for "working so hard to keep pace with growth."

Also present were four of the seven people who have served as mayors of Novi. In addition to Quinn, the current mayor, former mayors in attendance were Robert Daley, Gilbert Henderson and Patricia Karevich.

The real dignitaries, however, were the people who showed up to help the city celebrate its birthday. The Novi Concert Band performed under the baton of Mary Marburger. The Novi 4-H Club's clown group led the singing of 'Happy Birthday.'

And everybody settled down to enjoy ice cream and birthday cake.



Clowns from the Novi 4-H Club serve birthday cake to visitors

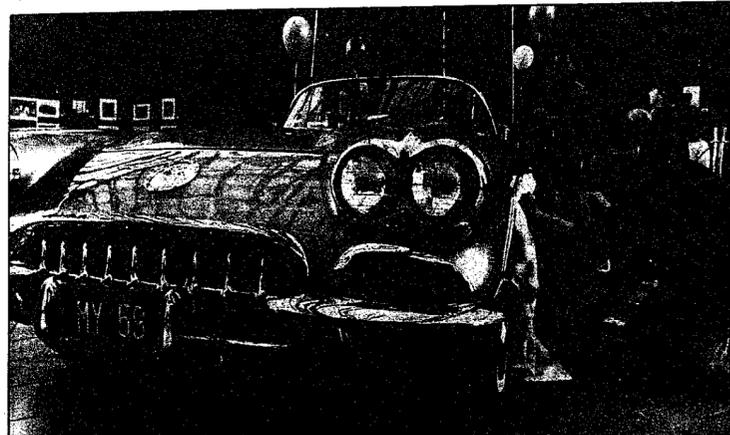


City Manager Edward Kriewall (left) and Council Member Hugh Crawford examine the 20th birthday cake

Photos by Chris Boyd and Phil Jerome



Mary Marburger directs the Novi Concert Band at the Civic Center festivities



Rotarian Tim Kutyna polices up the '69 Corvette that will be raffled off during the Novi '89s Festival this summer



Jason Stewart blows up balloons for the birthday party

## Obituaries

### IRENE A. WENDLAND

Longtime Novi resident Irene A. Wendland passed away Sunday evening.

Mrs. Wendland was a member of the Novi community for more than 50 years, and was very active in civic life, according to her daughter June Hopps.

Wendland, who was born in Bradford, Ontario, in 1908, came to Detroit with her parents when she was a young girl. She then moved to Novi where she spent the last 51 years, said Hopps.

One of her mother's favorite activities, said Hopps, was serving as chairman of Novi Methodist Church's sunshine club, where she organized sending get-well cards and letters to the sick.

She also was a past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge, and was retired from the Novi Post Office.

Because of Mrs. Wendland's roots and long-time ties to Novi, said

Hopps, she was asked to help coordinate part of the city's 20th anniversary party. "She took great pride in Novi," said Hopps.

Hopps, who characterized her mother as "a great lady," said her mother enjoyed "everything" about Novi. "She loved it," Hopps added, saying her mother's only wish was that the city would develop senior citizen housing. "That was her biggest disappointment."

Mrs. Wendland was pre-deceased by her husband, Rudolph; two sons, Orville and Ronald; and two daughters, Doris Bowers and Martha (Midge) Miller.

She is survived by a son, Bruce Wendland; four daughters, Mrs. Arlene Rippey, Mrs. June Hopps, Mrs. Phyllis Aler and Mrs. Carol Renner; a sister, Mrs. Thelma Cook; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was scheduled for today (Thursday, March 2) at 1 p.m. at the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

## FYI

**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).

**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.

**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.

OLHSA will determine the eligibility of persons applying for assistance. Those eligible will receive a one-time payment between \$30 to \$250 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).

# City: 12 Mile gets first repairs

Improvements to Twelve Mile — not Eight Mile — are the number one priority in the City of Novi.

Council Member Martha Hoyer made that point abundantly clear when the Novi City Council considered a resolution to request federal funding to widen Eight Mile at its Feb. 27 meeting.

Hoyer reacted strongly to a recommendation from the Novi Planning Commission that Eight Mile be designated as the city's top priority for road improvement funds through the Federal Aid to Urban Systems (FAUS) program.

The commission recommended that Eight Mile be designated as the number one priority on the basis of input from Rodney Arroyo of Bartlett-Aschman Associates Inc., the city's traffic consultants.

According to Hoyer, the designation of Eight Mile as more important than Twelve Mile could jeopardize construction of an intersection at Twelve Mile and the proposed M-9 freeway.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has made it clear that construction of an interchange at Twelve Mile and M-9 is contingent upon improvements to Farmington Hills, said Hoyer.

"If Twelve Mile is not improved, neither Novi nor Farmington Hills will see their interchange."

Hoyer went on to say that Governor James Blanchard has promised that she will be in the ground by 1989 and suggested that the city should avoid any

## Hoyer: 'The number one priority in this city is Twelve Mile because the interchange will greatly reduce traffic flows on Haggerty Road.'

indication that improvements to Eight Mile are more important than the widening of Twelve Mile.

"The number one priority in this city is Twelve Mile because the interchange will greatly reduce traffic flows on Haggerty Road," said Hoyer firmly.

Improvements to Haggerty Road also are considered a high priority by city officials, who hope that the proposed Twelve Mile/M-9 interchange will help alleviate traffic congestion on Haggerty.

Hoyer also criticized the planning commission for indicating to county officials that Eight Mile is a higher priority for funding than Twelve Mile. "It is the job of the planning commission to plan," she said. "I'm disturbed when the commission makes an indication to an outside agency (the Oakland County Road Commission, in this instance) before it has been considered by the council."

Planning Commission Chairman Charles Kureth defended the commission's action, saying no effort had been made to create the inference the

commission had the right to establish funding priorities.

"When this information (regarding FAUS funding) was presented to the commission, there was a question of timing," he said. "In order to get in line for 1992 funds it was necessary to get into the pipeline right now. We made it clear that the decision rested ultimately with the city council and acted only in order to hold the council's options open."

City Manager Edward Kriewall said the application for FAUS funds to widen Eight Mile would not jeopardize the proposed Twelve Mile improvements.

"The city is already in line for funding for Twelve Mile in a joint application with Farmington Hills," said Kriewall.

In terms of Eight Mile, he added, the city is looking two or three years down the road when funding for that project might become available.

"We fully suspect that Twelve Mile improvements will be well under way if not completed by the time our application for funding for Eight Mile comes up for consideration," he said.

"Our number one priority is

# Novi not a likely choice for landfill

Novi's representative on the Oakland County Landfill Siting Committee isn't concerned about the work that lies ahead for the new 25 member group.

Charles Kureth, who was named to the Landfill Siting Advisory Committee two weeks ago, said committee members will be faced with striking a fine balance between their community's interests and "doing the best possible job."

"I'm obviously going to be a representative of the community, but given that it is going to be a blind draw, that really leaves it down to just picking the best possible site," Kureth said.

The committee held its first meeting at the Oakland County complex basement cafeteria last Thursday, Feb. 23. Committee members were briefed on the site selection process as well as the criteria for ranking proposed sites.

The 25 residents were chosen out of over 100 applicants to lend a hand in selecting the new site. They will represent the various regions of Oakland County.

Committee members will be faced with select-

ing numbered sites which correspond with actual locations in the county. The "blind" system has been used before by the county's consulting firm Rogers, Golden, and Hutzler of Philadelphia.

Kureth said Novi will be at an advantage during the process, since it has already identified most key environmental areas.

"We're in a good position because we already know a lot about the environment in Novi," Kureth said. "If there were a site selected for Novi, we could get together some information that would tell us whether or not it would make sense very quickly."

Among the studies the city has sponsored over the years is a sensitive lands report, a groundwater study and a stormwater detention study.

Kureth said it was unlikely that Novi would end up as a final site, given the sensitive environmental areas in the western half of the city, and rapid development of residential properties anywhere else.

"There are one or two possible sites that I am thinking of, but I don't think they would be good choices," Kureth said. "Given what we know

## These Rabbit Ears Will Get A Great Reception.

It's the Easter Bunny's big arrival at Twelve Oaks on Saturday, March 4.

Talk about a terrific reception. This one includes an honest to goodness parade right through Twelve Oaks on Saturday, March 4 at 12pm. Led by the Kids Fashion Parade with some pretty crazy characters joining them. There's Winnie the Pooh, Tigger and Eeyore, too. It all ends in Center Court, with a puppet show and magic show. And, of course, a big appearance by the Easter Bunny. (He'll be available for pictures with your kids from March 4-25.) So bring the family to Twelve Oaks on Saturday, March 4. For a great reception you just can't get on television.



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**Blue and gold**

Members of Novi Cub Scout Pack 54 held their annual Blue and Gold banquet recently. And, like all good Scouts, they began the activities by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The banquet included a demonstration by a fribble expert.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

**Fire department to buy its own rescue vehicles**

The Novi Fire Department has abandoned plans to purchase a new pumper truck and will purchase two modular rescue vehicles instead. "We're not going into the ambulance business," said Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "But we are faced with situations where we need to transport our employees and other residents." The Novi City Council approved the change and authorized city officials to seek bids for the purchase of the rescue vehicles at its Monday, Feb. 26, meeting. The change of plans was requested by Lenaghan who told the council Monday that the change of plans was predicated on changes in the fire department's responsibilities. Planning for apparatus and vehicle replacement was done by a citizens committee over two years ago, noted Lenaghan in his presentation to the council. Since that time, he continued, the fire department's operations have changed as a result of an upgrading of its service levels, including the 1988-89 First Responder program, hazardous materials enforcement, mandatory training and an increased concern with fire fighter safety on the state and national levels. Lenaghan said that purchasing the two rescue vehicles instead of a mid-range pumper is a more practical approach to meeting the fire department's actual needs and would enable the department to increase its service to Novi residents. The primary reason for purchasing the modular rescue units is that it

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would provide the fire department with the capability of patient transport in emergency situations. Lenaghan said. The vehicles would be particularly valuable in cases of ambulance delay or vehicle breakdowns, multiple patient injury or trauma, and injured fire fighters. "In the situation at Twelve Oaks several weeks ago, we had to wait for a private provider to transport our injured fire fighters for emergency treatment," said Lenaghan. "If we had this type of equipment (rescue vehicles), we would have provided better service to our own fire fighters and the residents of the community." Lenaghan's request to change the apparatus and vehicle replacement plan was endorsed by John Chambers, chairman of the Police and Fire Needs Assessment Commit-

**Council receives high bids for park building expansion**

Plans for an expansion of the Community Building in Lakeshore Park will move ahead despite the fact that bids came in almost twice as high as anticipated. The Novi City Council voted unanimously at its Feb. 26 to award the bid for construction of the addition to the firm of J. A. Jodway General Contractors in the amount of \$5,375, but not before chastising engineering consultants for drastically underestimating the cost of the project. Initial estimates had placed the cost of the 364 square foot addition at approximately \$30,000. Mayor Matthew Quinn noted that it was not the first time the city's consulting engineering firm of JCK & Associates had underestimated project costs by a significant margin. "Perhaps more time should be spent on original estimates," said the mayor. The addition to the existing building will include a concessions stand, a mechanical room and enlarged restroom facilities, according to Dan Davis, director of

the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Davis offered several reasons for the difference between the bid estimate and the actual bids. In his report to the council, Davis said the only explanations for the considerable cost difference are the Davis-Bacon Act requirements of the federal government, the size and scope of the project, and the construction and bidding climate of the Metro Detroit Area. "It's very difficult to get bids on projects this small," he said. Davis said the city's Housing and Community Development Committee had recommended that the city realign Community Development Block Grant funds as a means of proceeding with the project. "This project has been identified as an important addition to Lakeshore Park," said Davis. "The project has already received final site plan approval by the planning commission. We believe this project is vital to the continued improvements at Lakeshore Park."

**People**

Three Novi residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter at Michigan Technological University. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to be named to the Dean's List. Cited for academic achievement were JASON EVERHART, a freshman majoring in Engineering; JOHN MAUGE, a senior majoring in Chemical Engineering; and ROB MITZEL, a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering.

MELINDA PARK of Novi is a member of the Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA) at Central Michigan University. A Novi High School graduate, she is the daughter of Peter and Marilyn Park. She currently is a senior studying English, psychology and physical education at Central Michigan.

SMEA is directly affiliated with the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association. The newly-organized group helps students preparing for a teaching profession make the transition from campus to classroom. Four Novi residents have been named to the Hillsdale College Dean's List for academic excellence during the first semester of the 1988-89 academic year. Named to the Dean's List were EILEEN BARNES, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes of Gilbar Drive and a graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills; JENNIFER BROGAN, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brogan of Park Ridge and a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child; KELLY HAWK, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hawk of Woodland Creek Drive and a Novi High School graduate; and PHILLIP MANNING, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Manning of Hickory Grove Lane and a graduate of Novi High School.

JULIANNE BORG of Novi was cast in the role of Susanna in Western Michigan University's production of "The Marriage of Figaro," Mozart's comic masterpiece. Brg is a Novi High School graduate. A senior at Western Michigan, Borg spent the summer of 1988 at the distinguished American Institute of Musical Studies in Austria through a scholarship from WMU. For seven weeks she was instructed by singers, coaches and stage directors from the Metropolitan, New York City, Paris and Salzburg Operas. Intensive training was provided in the German lieder, aria coaching, stage artistry, German poetry, German diction and vocal training. Borg previously appeared in WMU's production of "Summer and Smoke."

**Reunions**

**Cody High School '79:** Graduates of Cody High School's Class of 1979 will celebrate their 10-year class reunion on Oct. 7 at Roma's of Livonia-West. The reunion committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or 262-6803 or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mt. Clemens, 48043.

**North Farmington '69:** Graduates of North Farmington High School's Class of 1969 will celebrate their 20-year class reunion at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on June 23. Reunion committee members are searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or 262-6803 or write Reunion Planners at Post Office Box 291, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

**Seaholm '69:** Graduates of Seaholm High School's Class of 1969 will celebrate their 20-year class reunion on Aug. 12 at the Troy Hilton. The school reunion committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mt. Clemens, 48043.

**Walled Lake '49:** Walled Lake High School's Class of '49 will hold its 40th reunion on June 17. Members of the class who have not been contacted are asked to call Glen Dick at 673-5133.

**City officials review design plan**

By AMY ROSA, staff writer

Realizing that early planning yields the best results, the City of Novi has come up with a strategy to save and recreate much of the city's natural resources 30 years in advance.

Titled the "Natural Resources Design Plan," the project is a maze of proposed nature trails, bicycle paths, picnic and skating areas and the like. It is a project that has been 18 months in the making, and was unveiled recently at a joint meeting of Novi's city council, planning commission and parks and recreation commission.

Everyone gave it thumbs up approval. "We have unique areas in Novi that we want to preserve... to let people see what it was like when the settlers and Indians were here," said Planning Commission Chairman Charles Kureth at the joint meeting in the Novi Civic Center on Feb. 22. "We look at the communities to the east and southeast (of Novi) that have already been developed. They've lost most of their natural resources," Kureth said, explaining that Novi has a unique opportunity to preserve many of its natural areas because the city is only 40 percent developed.

"Farmington Hills is 80 percent developed, and they are just now looking to save," Kureth added. "The plan may take us 20 or 30 years, but it will make the City of Novi very unique."

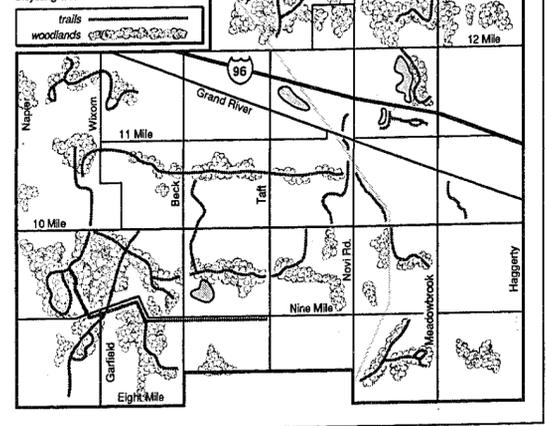
Other council members recommended that the resource plan be adopted as part of the city's master plan. That addition will occur only by a formal planning commission approval following a public hearing. The hearing has not yet been scheduled, according to city officials.

Planning Commissioner John Balagna, who served as chairman of the Natural Resources Design Committee, said the study began in July 1987 to follow through with the city's commitment to saving 11% of its woodlands, wetlands and other natural resources.

He said between 25-30 meetings were held to draft the plan, which includes input from city consultants. The plan proposes a total of 34 miles of trails, a great portion of which are located in the western and northern sections of the city (see graphic). Some of the 12 trail segments follow the route of the Rouge River. Each segment of the design plan has its own name, and some might follow certain themes relating to

**Novi's Natural Resource Design Plan**

A few features the plan offers are picnic areas, ice skating, horseshoe riding, parking, nature centers, and cross-country, walking, running and bicycling trails.



seasonal changes marked by engraved passages or poems on stones, according to Linda Lemke, a city environmental consultant who worked extensively on the project. Activities planned throughout the trails - some of which will be wood-chip trails - include walking, running, bicycling, cross-country skiing, ice skating and horseback riding.

As the plan made its first public appearance in final form only last week, those who participated in its presentation could not give precise estimates of cost to the city for its implementation.

Determining those costs more fully, and deciding which trail segments to begin working on first, will be the job of an implementation committee yet to be organized. The committee will be comprised of one member each from the parks and recreation commission, planning commission, city council and parks

and recreation department, plus two citizens at large. City officials have yet to detail the method by which the two citizens will be chosen. Calling the plan an "ambitious project," Community Development Director Jim Wahl said city officials "can't predict at this time which percent of the segments will be funded by which means."

Funding sources, he said, could come from personal and corporate gifts, land donated by developers, and city revenue. Wahl admitted that since the project is so long-range in scope, exact determination of costs isn't available.

Planning Commissioner Ed Kramer said there are already six trail segments of which outside parties have expressed an interest in helping to fund. He added that citizen involvement is the key to seeing the project become a reality. Lemke added that plans are for the

city to acquire the necessary land within 10-15 years. Cost for the trail maintenance is estimated at about \$10,000 per year for the first five years, according to Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis. He said that figure would include maintaining woodchip trails and cutting grass, but that costs would need to be adjusted accordingly when more of the plan was developed.

Novi's resource design plan will eventually merge with parts of similar plans county and state-wide, noted Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo.

Oakland County is in the process of planning a "Linked Recreation Trail System," which includes part of Novi along the C&O Rail Road. In addition, the State of Michigan is planning a "Discover Michigan Trail," which would incorporate Oakland's Link system.

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**TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF NOVI AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 27, 1989, the City Council of the City of Novi adopted a resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract among the City of Walled Lake, the City of Novi and the County of Oakland, pursuant to the provisions of Act 342, Public Acts of Michigan, 1939, as amended, relative to the acquisition, construction and financing of improvements and enlargements of the Walled Lake - Novi Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**PURPOSE OF CONTRACT**

The contract has for its purpose and provides for the acquisition and construction of improvements and enlargements of the Walled Lake - Novi Wastewater Treatment Plant to serve the City of Walled Lake and the City of Novi at a total estimated cost of \$5,550,000 and for the issuance of bonds by the County of Oakland in the principal amount of \$5,550,000 to defray the cost of acquiring and constructing the project. The bonds to be issued will be secured primarily by the obligations of the City of Walled Lake and the City of Novi to pay their respective shares of the principal of and interest on the bonds when due. Each city will be obligated to pay 50% of such principal and interest.

**CITY'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT**

The bonds to be issued by the County of Oakland will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 15% per annum and will mature serially over a period not exceeding 40 years. The full faith and credit of the City of Novi have been pledged in the contract for the making of payments to the County in amounts sufficient to pay 50% of the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due and for the payment of 50% of bond service charges incurred by the County. Taxes levied by the City for the purpose of its obligations to the County are subject to constitutional, statutory and charter limitations.

**RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON CONTRACT**

This notice is given by order of the City Council to and for the benefit of the electors and taxpayers of the City of Novi and any other interested persons in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the contract. The contract will not become effective until the expiration of 45 days after the publication of this notice. If, within said 45-day period, a petition signed by 10% or 15,000 of the electors of the City of Novi is filed with the City Clerk requesting a referendum upon the contract, the contract will not become effective until approved by a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information relative to the subject matter of the contract and this notice, including the description and location of the improvements, may be secured at the office of the City Clerk where a copy of the contract is available for examination during normal business hours. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 56 of Act 342, Public Acts of Michigan, 1939, as amended.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Act 338 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended, The Economic Development Corporation of the City of Novi has submitted a project plan to the City Council for its approval.

Said project plan deals with the acquisition and renovation of a 39,300 square foot manufacturing facility to be owned by KEL Investments, a Michigan partnership, to be leased by K. J. Law Engineers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, and to be located at 42200 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. Said project plan details all information required by law relative to said project and its impact on the community. No persons will be displaced from the project area as a result of this project. Said project plan also proposes in a separate section the issuance of revenue bonds by said Economic Development Corporation in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 to assist in the financing of said project.

The City Council will meet at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, the 20th day of March, 1989, at the City Hall located at 45775 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, and will conduct a public hearing.

The public hearing shall consider the advisability of the City Council approving, modifying or rejecting by resolution said project plan and the issuance of bonds as proposed therein.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 17 of Act 338, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended. The project plan and relevant maps or plats are available for inspection at the City Clerk's office.

All interested citizens are encouraged and will be offered an opportunity to address the City Council concerning said project, said project plan, and the issuance of bonds to be issued. Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk prior to said hearing.

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# Top taxpayers

## Mall pays highest city taxes

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

So you think you've got it rough. When Twelve Oaks Mall General Manager Phil Morosco cracks open the tax bill twice a year, the term "tax crunch" takes on a whole new meaning.

Forget about a grand here, a grand there. Or squabbling with the city assessor about the half-bath. That's because Morosco, as general manager of the city's top taxpayer, doled out about \$1.64 million in 1988 on an eye-opening assessment of \$38.1 million.

That nearly doubles the contribution of the next highest taxpayer — Trammell Crow's Town Center. In fact, numbers showed that three combined didn't equal what the mall paid out in property taxes last year.

About \$385,000 of the \$1.64 million in taxes paid by Twelve Oaks went directly into city coffers in 1988, representing approximately five percent of the overall city budget. Another \$900,000 went to the Novi Schools.

The additional pittance (about \$400,000) was divided up between the community college, Oakland County Government and county parks.

And if mall officials are unhappy about the cash they are doling out simply for the right to be located at Twelve Mile and Novi Road, they aren't letting on.

"Sure it's a lot of money," Morosco said. "There isn't any question about that. But we're ideally situated here, with the growth to the west towards Brighton, and all around us," he added. "We're happy with the level of services provided to us by the City of Novi... happy to be located here."

In addition to the mall property, most of which is leased out, the "major" stores on Twelve Oaks grounds also show up in the top-20 list. Dayton-Hudson is the city's eighth largest taxpayer, with an assessment of \$7.1 million. Sears and Roebuck is 10th largest at \$5.54 million, while JCPenney's tax bill comes to \$4.394 million.

These stores are owned by their corporations. Putting the Twelve Oaks assessment (\$30.8 million) in perspective isn't easy. You would need approximately 314 \$199,000 homes to equal the amount of taxes levied on the

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mall each year. Drop the cash value down to \$100,000 per home and you would need about 616 homes to accomplish the same objective.

That would require a lot more public services — police, fire, schools, sewer taps, parklands and roadways — than the Twelve Oaks mall has demanded over time, according to local officials.

"The advantage is that they pay a lot more in taxes than they demand in services. That's about it, plain and simple," said City Manager Edward Kriewall. "Town Center, West Oaks and Twelve Oaks Mall have very little impact on the services we provide, like police and fire."

Kriewall said the city has a mall police detail that studies retail crime, but that the unit is made up of one investigator and isn't a burden on the budget. The Novi police cars shoppers see cruising through the mall during the Christmas season are contracted and paid for separately. In addition, the mall foots the bill for its share of city utilities, like sewer and water, which are separate from tax revenues.

Morosco credits a healthy school district, responsive city government, and prime property for continuing rapid growth in Novi.

"The school district continually brings people to the area to live," Morosco said. "I see a benefit to (the mall taxes), particularly with the new residents, attracted by the schools, because our customers."

In addition, this is a community that seems to be very open in the input it seeks from residents and businesses," he said. "We've worked well with a variety of city departments through the years."

Morosco credited the work of the North-Central Traffic Committee with keeping mall congestion down during the Christmas rush last year. The committee, made up of police and city officials, plus local business

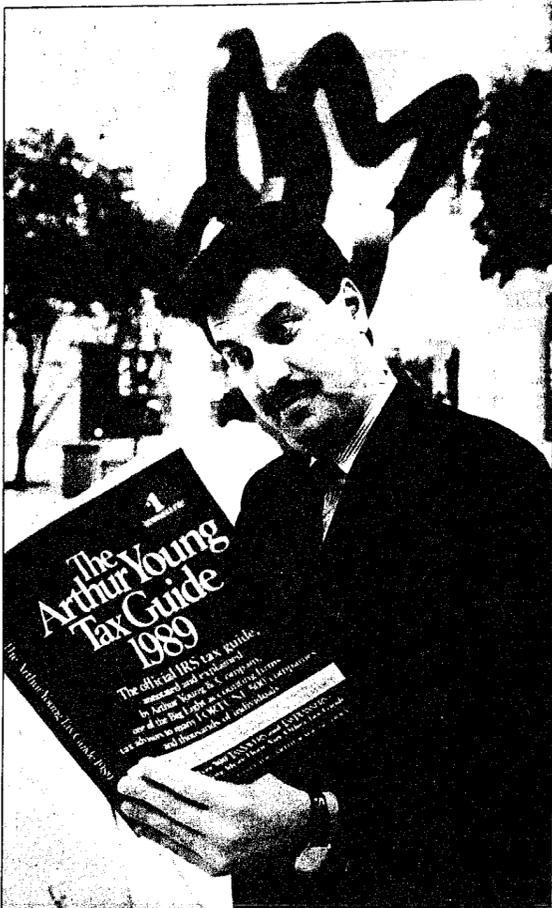
operators, begins meeting at mid-year to plot a strategy for the holiday season.

Traffic congestion in the mall area was still a problem this year, but most sources agreed that it was better than years past. The mall had available an extra 750 parking spaces and a more coordinated traffic light system to combat the sometimes tedious Christmas rush.

"We had one of our better years, if not the best," Morosco said. Problems looming on the horizon for the mall include roads and traffic and staying in tune with the shopper's fancy over time, according to Morosco.

"The traffic issue is going to be very crucial to us because of the growth that is inevitable over time," Morosco said. "We need to make sure that our people are able to get to the mall and back comfortably. If people feel that it is going to be an enormous effort, they just won't do it."

Novi's list of top ten taxpayers is rounded out by Trammell Crow Management (Town Center), Pico Investments (Sheraton Oaks and Chez Raphael), Ramco-Gershenson (West Oaks shopping centers), Hotel Partners (Novi Hilton), the Pavilion Court Apartments, Detroit Edison (various utility locations), Dayton-Hudson, Orchard Hills Place and Sears.



Phil Morosco, general manager of the Twelve Oaks Mall, scans a copy of the 1989 edition of the Arthur Young Tax Guide that will help him lighten the distinction of being Novi's top taxpayer.

# Taxes hit mobile home owners too

You might be surprised to see the Chateau Estates mobile home park in the top-30 list of Novi taxpayers.

But park operators say they are extremely close to pulling down their fair share in property taxes, despite quite common assertions to the contrary.

Chateau Estates management shelled out approximately \$280,000 in taxes to the schools, city and county, on a whopping \$4.8 million assessment in 1988. That makes the 125-acre mobile home park the city's 14th ranking taxpayer last year.

"In Michigan, mobile home owners pay about 50 to 57 percent of the taxes other people pay," said Chateau Novi Manager Robert Steiner. "We're awfully close to paying the full amount... and we believe there will be a time when we're paying the full amount."

Steiner said the common perception that mobile home park residents pay only \$3 per month in property taxes is actually misleading.

"The taxes end up getting paid, but it's more a matter of who hands over the money than where it comes from, Steiner said.

"There's that common misperception — that people are paying the \$36 per year and that's it," Steiner said. "There's more that goes into it than that."

Park owners are assessed for the property the mobile homes sit on. Residents pay lot rent, which is turned over to park management. A portion of that inevitably goes over to the local unit of government each month for taxes.

In addition, residents pay a four percent sales tax to the Department of Commerce when buying a new home or receiving a used one in

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transfer.

In Chateau Estates, lot rent starts at approximately \$276 per month. The well-publicized \$3 per month figure is tacked onto that, in addition to any mortgage payments the mobile home owner might have to come up with on their own.

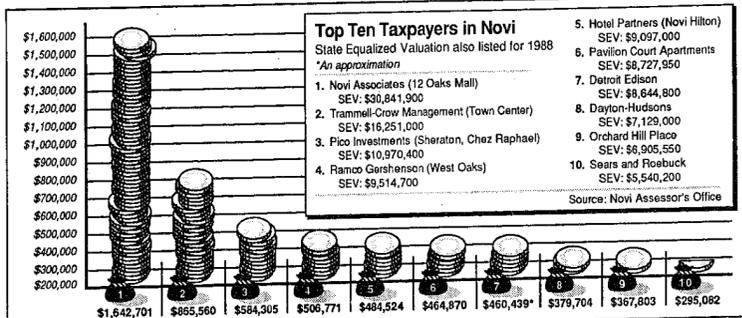
In return residents get a road network, water and sewer, swimming pool, clubhouse, use of laundry facilities and other amenities.

Chateau Estates is a 725-unit park located off Decker Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile. The park has been in operation since 1973.

Legislation assessing mobile home owners like any other homeowner has been considered for the last several years in the state legislature. Steiner said Chateau Estates management has supported such legislation.



Bob Steiner and the Chateau Estate Mobile Home Park rank among the city's 'top 20' taxpayers



# Car poolers asked to join Novi route

Commuters who travel from Novi to downtown Detroit or 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).

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# Contest winners Duffy receives top honors

Carolyn Duffy took top honors in the 1988 Photo Contest sponsored by the Novi Arts and Culture Committee.

Duffy won the "Best of Show" award for the photo contest which was initiated last year by the Arts and Culture Committee.

In addition to the "Best of Show" award, Duffy also won top honors for Best Black and White Photograph by an Amateur Photographer and two other awards — first place for black and white photograph in the Nature Division and best black and white photograph in the Landmarks Division.

Top honors for best Color Photograph by an Amateur Photographer went to Mary Lou Patrick. It was one of three awards for Patrick who also received first

place for a color photograph in the Pets Division, second place for color photograph in the Landmarks Division and third place for color photograph in the Landmarks Division.

Here are all the winners of the 1988 Photo Contest:

**NATURE:** First place (black and white) — Carolyn Duffy. First place (color) — Pat Sheridan. Second place (color) — Colleen Gorman.

**ARCHITECTURE:** First place (color) — Ken Marko.

**CHILDREN:** First place (color) — Pat Sheridan.

**PEOPLE:** First place (color) — Stanley Czarnik.

**PETS:** First place (color) — Mary Lou Patrick.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** First place (black and white) — Richard

Nawrocki. First place (color) — Hugh Crawford.

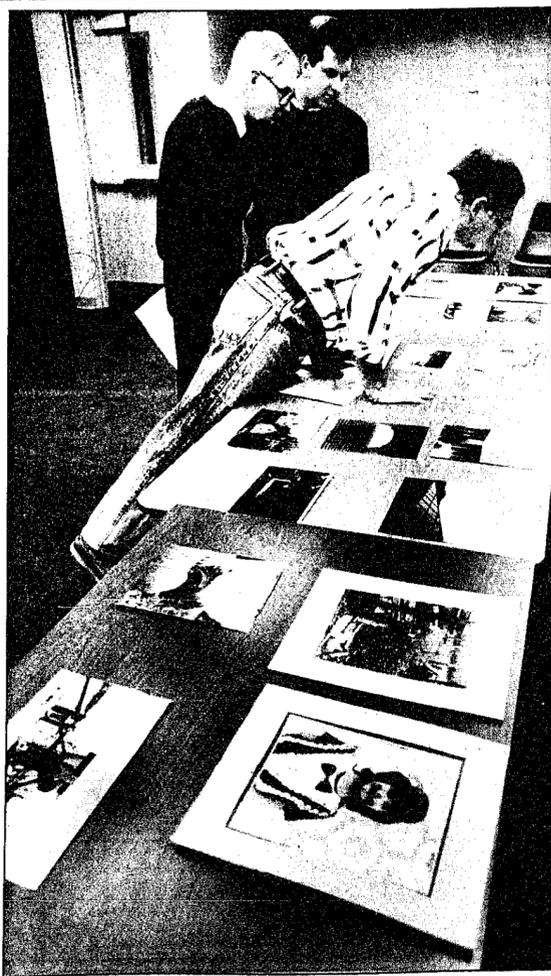
**CIVIC CENTER:** First place (black and white) — Ray Kistler. First place (color) — Stanley Czarnik.

**LANDMARKS:** 1st place (black and white) — Carolyn Duffy. First place (color) — Paul Erik Inlo. Second place (color) — Mary Lou Patrick. Third place (color) — Mary Lou Patrick.

**13-and-UNDER:** First place (color) — Anna Schmidt.

**CHILDREN:** First place (color) — Anna Schmidt.

All of the award-winning photographs will be on display in the Novi Civic Center through March 13. Residents are encouraged to stop by the Civic Center to view the photographs.



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# Spina to appear at annual library book/author event

One of America's most distinguished photojournalists, 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.

A winner of more than 450 state, national and international awards, Spina is well known locally as part of the staff that won the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 for coverage of the Detroit riot.

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 Nixon House.

In his long and distinguished career at the Free Press, Spina has photographed eight American presidents and four popes. His 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.

Known for photographs that combine art with a strong sense of journalism, Spina has had over 80 one-man exhibitions, including shows at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Los Angeles County Museum and the Vatican Museum.

A native Detroit, Spina attended Cass Technical High School and graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology. In 1980, he won the Distinguished Alumni Award from DIT.

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 2.

# NYA offers family program

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

Sponsored in cooperation with Novi Community Education, the program examines how divorce impacts various members of a typical family. Two vignettes are featured: one explores the trauma of visitation day, while the other looks at the relationship between a teenage boy and his

stepmother.

Tying the program together is a series of short monologues that reflect the feelings of both parents and their children who have suffered through a divorce. A discussion session will follow the program.

Presenting the program is Crossroads Productions Limited, a fully professional, non-profit touring theater company. The group was founded in 1979 and its directors and performers are working theater professionals who have earned their

degrees in the performing arts.

Crossroads produces a nationally acclaimed series of original programs that examines many of today's social problems. Each program features a 30-minute play or series of vignettes, followed by a 60-minute discussion period led by a psychologist or subject matter expert.

The public is invited to attend the production. Cost is \$2 per person, payable at the door.

Monte Negler leans over to take a closer look at a photograph, while Jerry Bradley of Dumm's Cameras and Nick Valenti of the Novi Arts and Culture Committee look on. The three men served as judges of the Novi Photograph Contest sponsored by Dumm's Cameras in conjunction with the Arts and Culture Committee.

# Health Notes

**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 7-9:30 p.m.

Classes offer information about pregnancy, labor, delivery, breathing techniques, relaxation exercises and comfort measures. Instructors are RNs and mothers. For more information call 592-8618.

**Free immunization clinic:** The Oakland County Health Division will offer a free immunization clinic at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 7, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations will be available for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB). A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 18 years of age. They should bring any previous immunization records, including notices sent home from the child's school.

Call 424-7942 for more information.

**Alzheimer's support group:** The Novi Family Support Group of the Alzheimer's Association will meet at the Novi Care Center on Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. The Novi Care Center is located at 24500 Meadowbrook Road.

The support group is for care-givers, family members and friends of individuals afflicted by Alzheimer's Disease. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. and offers educational support programs.

**Update on cosmetic surgery:** "Cosmetic Surgery: The New You" is the title of a program to be presented at the Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Colton, MD; Jan Beekhuis, MD; and Michael Milan, MD, will discuss the various options in facial plastic and cosmetic surgery in addition to offering advice on how to decide whether certain procedures are appropriate.

Admission is \$7; refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. The West Bloomfield Center is located at 8777 West Maple Road (east of Haggerty Road) in West Bloomfield.

**'Listen to your heart':** Bolstford General Hospital will host its third annual Heart Fair on Friday, March 17, from noon to 6 p.m. Entitled "Listen to Your Heart," the program is offered in conjunction with Bolstford's cardiac awareness and education programs.

Activities will include cholesterol level checks; blood pressure checks; cardiac risk evaluation; nutritional counseling; and demonstrations of stress tests, EKG equipment and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Participants may bring their medication and talk with a pharmacist from noon to 4:30 p.m.

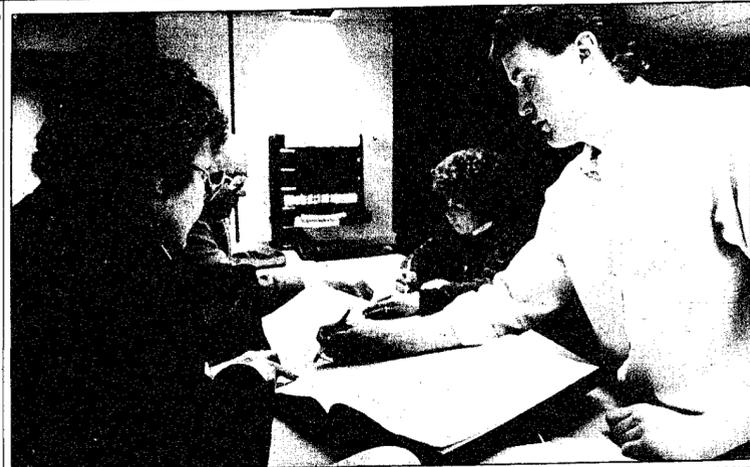
For more information call Community Relations Assistant Debbie Wozniak at 471-9205.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs has become a major problem, meets at Bolstford Hospital's Family Service Center in Farmington Hills every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

It is a group of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For more information call 537-1110.

**HUGS for families:** Huron Valley Hospital's Perinatal Loss Team is offering a HUGS group for families who have experienced the death of a baby.

HUGS is a mutual support group for grieving parents which meets at Huron Valley Hospital on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information call Sue Duff at 386-9470.



David Hieber (right) of the assessor's office helps Marie Crawford check her property description

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# Board plans to hear tax appeals

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before the Board of Review may submit a written protest which will be accepted on or before Friday, March 17, at 5 p.m. Postmarks will not be considered.

When submitting a written petition for consideration of the Board of Review, residents must attach the formal petition fully executed with any supporting information.

The schedule for the Novi Board of Review is as follows:

- MONDAY, MARCH 13: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 14: 12 noon to 5 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 16: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 17: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Klausmeyer emphasized that the city has no special interest in "winning" assessment disputes. "The only objective is to make sure everyone is assessed fairly and accurately," he said, noting that state law requires that property assessments be set at 50 percent of the property's true market value.

The assessor's office uses sales records over the previous 36-month period to determine the property's true value.

Klausmeyer is the first to admit that mistakes can and do occur. As a first step toward appealing an assessment, residents should come in

**Klausmeyer: 'Under state law the burden of proving an assessment is in excess of true market value rests on the shoulders of the taxpayer.'**

to the assessor's office to make certain that the information regarding their particular property is accurate. There are cases, he admitted, where the information on which the assessment is based is incorrect. Those mistakes should be corrected immediately so the assessor's information is accurate, he said.

People who find no discrepancies in city records but still believe their assessment exceeds twice the value of home should schedule an appeal before the Board of Review.

And the key to winning an appeal to

the Board of Review is documentation, according to Klausmeyer. "The Board of Review will have all the information, including sales records, on which we made the assessment," said Klausmeyer. "A resident who wishes to win an appeal should come prepared to present documented information which might indicate the assessment was too high."

Klausmeyer said supporting documentation might include:

- Existing sales prices of similar homes in the neighborhood or community.
- Your home was listed for sale publicly with or without any written offers.
- Any relevant material which would adversely affect the value of the property.

In some cases, Klausmeyer suggested that residents bring photographs of factors which might lower their property values.

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## As We See It

### Schools should act to improve minutes

Admitting that the process of approving minutes has been "sloppy" in the past, Novi School Board Trustee Robert Schram made a constructive suggestion last week when he said a specific motion should be made when minutes are corrected.

The suggestion came as a result of confusion as to the actual date of the Novi Community School District's recent millage renewal election.

We reported in our Feb. 16 edition that the election was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21. In reality, the election was Monday, Feb. 20.

It is unclear as to how many people were unable to vote because they believed the election was Tuesday instead of Monday. It is clear that people who showed up at the polls on the right day voted to renew the millage by a comfortable margin. The turnout was small; but the turnout for school elections is always small. Further, it's been a long time since Novi voters have turned down a millage renewal proposal.

There's no doubt that some people were denied the right to vote by the printing of the wrong election date. At the same time, however, the confusion in all probability did not materially affect the outcome of the election.

Although we accepted responsibility and apologized for reporting the wrong election date in last week's edition, we also believe that the school district is not without some responsibility for the confusion.

School board minutes and backup materials from four meeting packets extending from Dec. 22 to Feb. 16 incorrectly listed the date of the Feb. 20 election as Feb. 21. The incorrect election date appeared a total of 12 times.

And that's where Schram's suggestion may prove to be of considerable value. Superintendent Robert Pivko admitted that the minutes of the Dec. 22 meeting at which the election date was scheduled contained the incorrect election date. Pivko further maintains, however,

## Don't impede input

Although Trustee Robert Schram's proposal for improving the Novi School District's process of correcting meeting minutes was a constructive suggestion (see editorial above), another proposal for improving the board's official minute-taking process should be dismissed.

We refer specifically to the suggestion that residents who wish to have their comments included in the official minutes submit a copy of their statements to the board meeting to give to the transcribing secretary.

Confusion over the correct date of the millage renewal election served to focus attention on the minutes-taking process, but this is not the first time the school district has been criticized for "sloppy" transcribing of its official meetings.

The truth of the matter is that Sally Marchak, an active local resident, has been critical of the school board's minutes for more than a year.

Marchak took advantage of the board's discussion of the minutes-taking process to note that comments from audience members are barely reflected in the official minutes.

In an apparently well-intentioned but perhaps ill-conceived attempt to address Marchak's concerns, Board President Michael Meyer and Schram suggested that residents who

## How about that Ayatollah?

Stupid things and stupid people seem to me timely subjects for this week's column.

And no where is there a better place to start than with the Ayatollah Khomeini. Hey, how about that fearless leader of Iran? What a wonderful example he's setting by pronouncing a death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for offenses taken in Rushdie's novel "Satanic Verses."



Amy Rosa

I hope Rushdie manages to stay in hiding long enough for the whole thing to blow over. As Novi Library Director Brenda Burrell put it, "No one wants a best seller four months later."

By the way, has anyone ever managed to successfully sprout a Chia Pet? This gimmick has to go down in history as one of the stupidest things ever.

The Chia recently adopted by the newspaper staff here looked similar to a balding porcupine, even after months of care. It looked so bad, in fact, that we considered giving up alfalfa sprouts. Perhaps it will happen joining other unsproutables in that Chia Pet place in the sky.

How about this. They've come out with a Nancy Reagan doll. That's right, for a mere \$29.92 you can have your very own superbly sculpted 19-inch Nancy

made out of crafted bisque porcelain. (I don't think they mean bisque as in lobster bisque.)

Nancy will stare at you in adoration (much like she did to hubby Ron) while dressed in the inaugural ball gown she wore in 1981 — genuine rhinestones and 5,000 crystal beads and all.

Yea. That's what I want looking down at me from my fireplace mantel.

The distinguished mail order company, who's name I shan't divulge, advertises the Nancy doll as "America's First Ladies — Presenting the first in an exciting new series." I guess Pat Nixon and Ros Carter don't make the grade.

Lastly, how about Senator John Tower? Surely he's a candidate to the dance cap for not withdrawing his name as a nominee for secretary of defense, in light of all the controversy. (Doesn't he know he'd just get the Dan Quayle treatment for the duration of his term.)

Or perhaps better qualifying Tower for the dance cap was his lack of humor in his response to the Senate Armed Services Committee, when asked if he would now give up women, as he pledged to give up alcohol if nominated. Tower replied, "I will continue seeing women, since I am single."

I think a better response would have been, "Would you prefer that I see men?"

Ah, but none of us can think that fast on our feet.

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that the mistake was discovered and corrected when those minutes were approved.

Unfortunately, the only record of any corrections in the minutes is a one-sentence statement that the minutes of the Dec. 22 meeting were approved as corrected. There was no indication — either verbal or written — as to just exactly what those corrections were.

Frankly, we write this editorial with some reservations. We do not want to be perceived as attempting to shift the responsibility for our mistake to the school district's minutes-recording processes. Nor do we want to continue logging ourselves publicly for the error.

Mistakes happen; nobody — including school boards and newspapers — is infallible. The important thing about mistakes is to examine them carefully, not to affix responsibility but to determine if the proper procedures are in place for preventing them from happening again.

And Schram's suggestion that the board take formal action — listing the changes to be made — when approving its minutes would appear to be a constructive proposal for reducing the possibility that such confusion could happen again.

Would such a process have prevented the mistake which occurred with the recent millage renewal election from having occurred? It is, of course, impossible to say. What is important, however, is that it might have. And steps toward that end should be implemented expeditiously.

Want to have their comments included in the minutes should submit a copy of those comments to the transcribing secretary.

Our primary concern is that residents might feel inhibited about expressing their opinions freely and openly if they feel required to submit them in writing in order to be reflected in the minutes.

Public officials and reporters who attend meetings regularly can sometimes forget that addressing a school board or city council can be an intimidating experience for many people.

Beyond that, it is properly the job of the recording secretary to transcribe the proceedings of a public meeting. Admittedly, it can be a thankless job. As journalists, we know full well that people sometimes make comments at public meetings which seem highly important to themselves but do not seem as crucial to the reporter taking notes.

Anyone who wants to express their opinion in a letter to the school board is free to do so, of course. But one of the purposes of public meetings is to give residents an opportunity to address their elected representatives directly. And all public bodies should do their utmost to promote that concept of community input.

## Forum

By Chris Boyd



## Election mixup confuses reader

To the Editor: We have been zapped again. I was planning to do my civic duty today and vote on the school millage. Unfortunately, I just found out that the election was held yesterday.

This is baffling to me since I tried to reach the city offices yesterday to ask about the vote and no one answered. It was a holiday, I then went to The Novi News to check for information and discovered that the vote was to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

This made perfect sense to me since the city offices were closed.

Upon talking to our board of education office, I was told that it was too bad for those who chose to believe the Novi News that the election was on Tuesday. The millage had passed and that was the end of the matter.

Now I am asking myself, doesn't the board of education have an obligation to reschedule the vote because of the confusion and the inability to reach anyone on the day of the vote? Or since the vote has passed are they going to deny all the citizens their rightful voice? I had nothing to do with the confusion. The board of education is blaming The Novi News and The Novi News is saying they only printed what was acknowledged to them.

To the Editor: In response to the arguments over the Ten Mile/Beck Road shopping center...

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at least 50 more families will have moved into Novi. All 50 new families will need food, and all 50 new families will go to Kroger or A&P which are already sooooo crowded. Novi desperately needs a new supermarket.

I respect what "The Citizens for Responsible Development" are trying to do, however, they asked the wrong people. The signatures they received were from people who live across the street from the A&P. Why are citizens who live on the east side of Novi concerned about a shopping center that will benefit residents who live on the west side of Novi?

Why shouldn't we have the convenience of our own supermarket? I live in Pioneer Meadows, less than a mile from the proposed building site, and was never asked to sign.

Novi has grown so fast there are still houses going up everywhere. A local supermarket is just another normal growth pattern. As a concerned Novi citizen, I say "Go Lee Water Go!!"

Kathy Delany

By the time all the arguing is done,

Finally, the deal about the book "Satanic Verses" by Salman Rushdie has been blown away out of proportion. Informed sources have told me the book contains dry humor and would be a dud without the world-wide attention it has received.

It seems inconceivable that a political and religious leader can actually issue a death threat to the author of a book. But death threats aside, I'm wondering if the people joining the free speech bandwagon would be acting differently if the book poked fun at the Catholic or Protestant religion.

Religion, I've learned over the years, is one thing people don't like to joke about. Per about Judaism I would not be too happy. So, before we get too wrapped up in the sacred virtue of freedom of speech let's try to put ourselves in a similar situation.

After all, it wasn't that long ago when hundreds and even thousands of people objected to the "Last Temptation of Christ" being shown on movie screens in the U.S.

I saw that movie and saw nothing objectionable in it. Thought it was one of the best movies I've ever seen. But, if I wasn't Jewish, who knows?

## Lashing out over current issues



Bruce Weintraub

Making sense of the world.

Ugh. This certainly is not an easy subject. Since the beginning of the year, two baseball players and one mayor have either been slapped with lawsuits or are bracing for lawsuits from former girlfriends.

A former Klu Klux Klan member was elected to the Louisiana Legislature. And the Senate is preparing to reject a presidential cabinet appointment.

Whew. And you thought you had problems. Now for the crowning jewel. The so-called leader of Iran has sent out a death squad to kill a British author.

Oh, where to begin. I guess, since I'm a sports fan, I'll admit that I am sick to death of hearing or reading about the sexual problems of Boston baseball player Wade Boggs. I know that reporters have a tough time coming up with stories during the slow part of spring training. But enough is enough. It's starting to get more sickening than last week's episode of thirtysomething.

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## Debate on prison site continues

By TIM RICHARD  
staff writer

PONTIAC — A split board of commissioners is asking the state for one last chance to pick a regional prison site in Oakland County.

The board is seeking to end a four-year controversy between local units and the state Department of Corrections.

"I think we're playing to an audience, in the balcony, to the peanut gallery," argued Commissioner Dennis Aaron, D-Oak Park, who opposed the resolution.

"I'm not in favor of getting into a lot of work and having the state say it's not acceptable," added Commissioner Anne Hobart, R-White Lake.

The 1984 decision was a victory for freshman Commissioner Ruth Johnson, R-Holly. State officials are eyeing a former private school in her district as a possible prison site.

Two Republicans, Hobart and Nancy McConnell of Bloomfield Hills, joined six Democrats in opposing the request. McConnell's district includes a corner of the city of Pontiac.

Two Holly residents, Roger Welsh

Aaron: 'I think we're playing to an audience, to the balcony, to the peanut gallery.'

and Larry Charest, told commissioners the state has turned the site selection process into a "disaster" by "changing the rules" and ignoring its own criteria.

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, a Republican, and many board members favor locating the prison on state-owned property north of Clinton Valley State Hospital and near the County Service Center.

With such a site, Murphy said, a tunnel could be constructed to conduct prisoners to and from court appearances and the jail. It would save the county \$500,000 a year in transportation costs and reduce the chance of escapes. The tunnel could be integrated into a new court addition on the drawing boards.

Democrats and the City of Pontiac vehemently oppose that site, arguing

the old city has been "a dumping ground" for undesirable state facilities. Relatives fear for the safety of mentally ill patients in the city hospital.

Residents of Auburn Hills, Holly and prospectively, Holly sites have argued just as vehemently that prospective sites in their areas fail to meet state criteria.

The board resolution adopted Feb. 9 asks the state to give the county board decision-making authority and 120 days in which to work.

It noted that for four years the Corrections Department and its consultants "have reviewed and explored various sites for this prison location and have been met with local community opposition and demands for local input into the decision process."

Ruschak said she didn't order any copies of "Verses" when it was first published, because it isn't the kind of reading to which she is interested in that kind of a book. They wouldn't even pick it up off the shelf," she said.

She described the fictional work as a dry, highly intellectual piece.

If indeed the local bookstores are wondering if copies of "Verses" will sell when available in a month — as Ruschak said, "I do think this will die down," — the library doesn't have to worry about sustaining a loss from tickle readers.

"The purpose of a bookstore isn't educational and cultural, but to make money," Burrell said. She ordered the book when it was first published because of rave reviews. "The whole philosophy of a library is different. We are archives of ideas."

Despite the deep emotional issues that spawned the controversy, Ruschak said there was never any consideration given to pulling "Verses" off the library's shelves.

"It's good that there is a choice (to read it). At least it's there."

## Working class

### 'Market place' — 1980s style

I was checking to see if "Bull Durham" was available when I spotted Ben Lauber looking through the tapes in the comedy section.



Phil Jerome

"Hey, Cowboy," I said after flipping to catch his eye. "The movies you're looking for are in the back in the Triple-X section."

"It was only then that Lauber looked up and broke into a grin. It's been awhile since I had seen Ben, so we spent some time chewing the fat while keeping an eye on the shelves for our movies to be returned.

Moments later, Conrad Jakubowski walked by carrying about six tapes. "Hey, Cowboy," I said, "The movies you're looking for are in the back in the Triple-X section."

Then, noticing his handful of tapes, "You either like to watch movies or the real estate business isn't doing

that good and you've taken a part-time job restocking the shelves."

More small talk. Turns out Conrad's wife hasn't been feeling well and all the tapes were for her to watch. Ben doesn't particularly miss coaching his high school swim team.

Ben and Conrad hadn't known each other before I introduced them. They discovered Conrad's kids had had Ben as a teacher at Northville High School. So they caught up on how Conrad's kids are doing in college. They're doing well, incidentally.

In the middle of all the conversation it occurred to me what a nice play video store can be. Sort of a high-tech version of the old Greek market place where you bump into old friends and catch up on the latest news.

And just about that time, the clerk put "Bull Durham" and "A Fish Called Wanda" (the movie Ben was waiting for) up on the shelves, so we grabbed them and headed for the check-out line. All things considered, it had been a real nice afternoon at the tape shop.

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Assessor

In the previous weeks I addressed the need for property owners to come into the Assessing Office and review their property cards for accuracy. I have also discussed at length the fact that the tax burden is a result of both the assessment levels and the millage levies. We have reviewed the fact that two thirds of your tax burden dollars are a result of financing the local schools, community colleges, and the intermediate school district. What in effect needs to be done is to have a permanent reduction in property taxes. This requires initiating a different method for financing the schools. Assessment notices which were sent out this year on January 27 are not required by Statute to be delivered until one (1) day before the Board of Review begins (March 23, 1989). In essence, this office believes it is very important to give Novi property owners as much time as possible before the Board of Review to discuss their concerns, objections or satisfactions with the assessment levels of a particular property. In our case, we were able to get the notices out five (5) weeks prior to the statutory requirement. It is my intent in the future to continue sending out notices as early as possible to give Novi taxpayers the opportunity to discuss their assessments prior to the Annual Board of Review. Come in and talk with your Assessor and staff, and discuss your concerns. We are here to help you. "Have You Hugged Your Assessor Today?"

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## Area Briefs

**Livonia assessments rise:** Novi residents aren't the only ones facing double digit increases in their property assessments this year. Livonia City Assessor Ron Mardiros said homeowners in that community have received notices of 12 1/2 to 13 percent increases in their assessments this year. Home values in Livonia jumped 11 percent last year. By comparison, property assessments on residential property in Novi rose an average of 16 percent in 1988.

**More news on assessments:** Assessments on residential property in Farmington Hills are expected to increase an average of 10 percent this year, with some areas increasing as much as 15-20 percent. "We're still catching up to the 1987 sales market," said Farmington Hills Assessor Dean Babb, noting that a 24-month sales study is used to determine assessments. Babb also noted that the assessment increases are not as high as they were in 1988 when residential property assessments increased an average of 12-15 percent, with some increases as high as 20 percent. Elsewhere, the average assessment in Lathrup Village is rising 15 percent. Assessment hikes range from 3.6 to 41.3 percent. Local real estate agents say the 40 percent increases accurately reflect home market values.

**Muirwood expansion rejected:** The Farmington Hills Planning Commission has recommended denial of a rezoning request that would allow a multi-million dollar expansion of the Muirwood Square shopping center. The rezoning would permit the Farmington Hills-based Beztak Building Company to expand the center on Grand River at Drake Road to 105,000 square feet — approximately twice its current size. The planners voted 5-3 to recommend denial of the rezoning request despite a recommendation for approval from Planning Consultant Claude Coates, who said it would "not be a significant change" to the city's master plan. The commission's recommendation will be sent to the Farmington Hills City Council which is expected to debate the rezoning request in March.

## 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.

**Help for retailers:** Copies of a book titled "A Retailers Guide to Preventing Shoplifting and Apprehending Shoplifters" is available through the Novi Chamber. Published by the Michigan Retailers Association, the book explains three new laws in lay terms and is priced at \$4. Connie Mallett, executive director of the Novi Chamber, said it may be able to obtain a quantity discount if there is sufficient interest from the Novi retail community. For more information call Mallett at 349-3743.

**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.

## Developers to use aerial photos

Novi's Woodlands Ordinance is going "high-tech."

The Novi City Council granted variances from ordinance requirements to two developers who propose to utilize "aerial photography and stereo interpretation" to determine the extent of woodlands which must be preserved on their respective sites.

Specifically, variances were granted at the council's Feb. 26 meeting to the Classic Construction Company for the proposed Maples of Novi project and Novi Golf Associates for the proposed Links of Novi project.

Maples of Novi is a residential development on a 228-acre parcel located on the southeast corner of the Fourteen Mile/Decker Road intersection, while the Links of Novi is a 27-hole golf complex proposed on a 199-acre parcel on the south side of Ten Mile between Beck and Napier roads.

Both developers requested

**DePriest: 'This will be accomplished by a controlled flight to take place as soon as possible, while the leaves are off the trees and field vegetation is at a minimum.'**

variances from the ordinance due to the size of their respective developments.

Without the variances, the developers would have been required by the ordinance to make actual field surveys of all existing trees in areas to be disturbed by construction.

Larry DePriest, vice president of Classic Construction Corporation, explained that the mapping of woodlands will be initiated by aerial photography. "This will be ac-

complished by a controlled flight to take place as soon as possible, while the leaves are off the trees and field vegetation is at a minimum," he said.

From the aerial photographs, trees will be plotted on a topographic site map by means of stereo interpretation, he continued. After plotting trees on the topographic map, various field checks will be conducted by the developers' engineers to verify the accuracy of the map.

The field checks also will be available for review and clarification by the city.

The council granted the variances permitting the developers to utilize the aerial photography instead of regulation field checks following assurances from city consultants that the procedure would provide accurate information.

City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said the proposed aerial photography method would give the information required by the Woodlands Ordinance except that the trees to be preserved would not be tagged.

Deborah Gossein of JCK & Associates, the city's engineering consultants, also endorsed the method. "We have no objection to these variances as we feel they will serve to meet the intent of the ordinance and provide a manageable method for monitoring projects of this size," she said.

## Thieves strike vehicles in city subs

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Pavilion Court Apartments. The owner of the Porsche reported that thieves smashed the passenger's side window of the vehicle and proceeded to remove \$1,345 worth of property, including the AM-FM in-dash stereo cassette system and a lady's Longines wristwatch valued at \$650.

Also stolen from the Porsche were \$20 in U.S. currency and a pair of Porsche sunglasses.

And while those two thefts were the most costly in terms of the dollar value of stolen merchandise, they were not the only thefts which occurred during the early morning hours of Feb. 18.

Some \$300 worth of personal property, including stereo speakers and a Cobra radar detector, were stolen from a 1985 Ford Escort GT parked near the owner's home on Clearwater in the Pavilion Court Apartments.

Another \$300 worth of property was stolen from a 1986 Oldsmobile parked outside the owner's residence on Nilan in the Village Oaks subdivision.

And an 18-inch gold rope necklace valued at \$200 was stolen from a 1986 Jeep Cherokee parked outside another Nilan Drive residence.

Also hit by thieves were vehicles parked outside residences on Chattman Drive, Cherry Hill, Woolsey and Knollwood.

In virtually every incident, the responsible parties gained entry by smashing out windows, adding the cost of repairs to the dollar value of the stolen property.

What can be done to prevent the thefts?

Robert Gatt, crime prevention officer with the Novi Police Department, said there are times when little can be done.

At the same time, Gatt suggested

that residents can take some common sense precautions to prevent themselves from being victimized.

In the first place, Gatt advised against leaving valuables in clear sight through automobile windows. A radar detector or a case of cassette tapes can be easily carried inside the house and away from potential thieves, he said.

Another common sense precaution, he continued, is to make sure car doors are locked and windows are rolled up. Although thieves can still gain access to the inside of a car by smashing the window, locking the car at night can be a mild — and sometimes effective — deterrent.

Yet another common sense precaution is to put the vehicle inside the garage at night, if possible.

"Anything you can do to make it a little more difficult for the thieves to steal your belongings should be done," said Gatt.

Above and beyond that, Gatt encourages homeowners associations to develop "neighborhood watch" groups. Additionally, he suggested that everyone should look out their windows for suspicious activity before going to bed at night.

"It's very likely that somebody observed something that looked a little bit out of the ordinary on the night all these thefts were taking place," he said.

"Police officers can't be in all places at all times; we need the help of the people to effectively cut down on crime in the city," he continued. "Whenever people see something suspicious, they should not be afraid to give us a call at the 411 number."

"If we can form a partnership between the citizens and the police department, we can do a great deal to cut down on crimes like this from occurring."

## School district to respond to lawsuit

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The suit, on the other hand, refers to the sexual encounters as "sexual assaults."

Named in the lawsuit as defendants are Pelfrey; Harold R. Anderson, head coach of the girls' swim team; Merideth R. Somers, teacher and assistant girls' swim coach; Milan O'Brien, Novi High School Assistant Principal; Robert Youngberg, Novi High School Principal; Robert Piwko,

Novi Schools Superintendent; and the Novi Community School District.

The district will represent all parties but Pelfrey in the defense, said Pollard. Pelfrey must retain his own attorney, he added.

Pollard said specifically the district is waiting to see if any "reservation rights" that would preclude a defense from being funded exist within its insurance coverage.

Pollard added that Friday, Feb.

24, he received verbal confirmation on paying for the defense from an attorney for the insurance carrier, Citizens Mutual, based in Howell. But before the district can proceed with the case, the confirmation must be obtained in writing, he added.

There is still no word on the amount the mother of the girl is attempting to recover. According to the lawsuit, which was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court on Jan. 13, the amount is "in excess of

\$10,000." School Board President Michael Meyer said in an earlier interview, however, that the range the woman is seeking is between \$400,000 and \$1 million.

Confirmation of any amount could not be obtained by either the school district's or the woman's attorney.

Ronald DeNardis, the Detroit attorney representing the woman, has declined to talk with The Novi News.



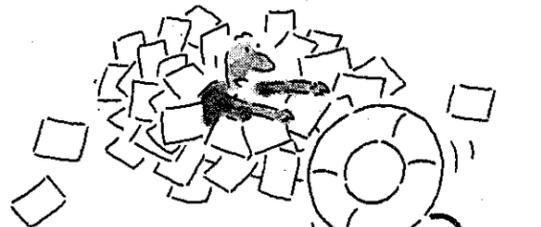
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Mike Sylvestre (left) and John Chevillot display some of the merchandise at Phones Gadgets & Things

## Phones Gadgets & Things

### Novi store concentrates on electronic gadgetry

By PHILIP JEROME

There's a telephone shaped like a University of Michigan football helmet.

Another phone is a dead-ringer for a tennis shoe.

There's even a talking crystal ball.

"You ask it a question, rub your hand across the top and it gives you a response," explained Mike Sylvestre, a Northville High School graduate and a Novi resident.

Sylvestre, 23, is employed by Phones Gadgets & Things, a store which has branches on Northwestern Highway in Southfield and in Novi's West Oaks II shopping center.

He's manager of the Southfield store, but also keeps tabs on the West Oaks outlet because it's... well, because it's in his home town.

Phones Gadgets & Things is owned by Neil Sporn, owner of Sporn Systems Inc., a firm which installs various electronic systems from alarms to intercoms to stereo wiring.

The Southfield store has been open eight years, but the Novi store opened only last summer.

"In a way, it (Phone Gadgets & Things) is sort of a hobby; Neil Sporn is a certified gadgets freak," explained Sylvestre.

"He (Sporn) goes to trade shows across the country looking for interesting and unique items."

At the same time, Sylvestre said, it's a serious business venture. Sporn

is looking at opening another Phones Gadgets & Things — possibly in Rochester. And, ultimately, he would like to franchise the operation nationally.

It's difficult to describe the store any better than its name already does. Basically, said Sylvestre, we carry "phones, gadgets and things."

The mainstay of the retail business, however, is telephones... designer telephones which are bound to be conversation pieces wherever they're installed.

In addition to the Michigan football helmet phone and the tennis shoe phone, there are telephones of Disney characters and stuffed animals — ideal for a little girls' room.

Another popular phone has a clear plastic coating and neon tubing on the inside.

Beyond that, Sylvestre said, Phones Gadgets & Things carries a wide array of telephone accessories.

"We carry just about everything that has anything to do with telephones or telephone accessories," he reported.

"Cords, installation jacks, wires. You name it; we carry it."

Aside from the telephones, Phones Gadgets & Things concentrates on electrical items.

"We carry big radios, little radios, clock radios, mini-computers, personal televisions, big-screen televisions, compact disc players, videocassette machines and some hi-fi and stereo equipment," reported

Sylvestre. Sylvestre also says the store carries only high quality merchandise — brand names like Sony, NEC and Panasonic.

"We try to stay away from the lower-end merchandise," he said. "All the brands we carry are high quality; you might pay a little more for them, but the quality is there."

"We guarantee to match or beat anybody else's prices on similar equipment," he continued, explaining that the guarantee is possible because not all stores carry the quality of merchandise carried at Phones Gadgets & Things.

Although the store carries many of the so-called big ticket items, it also features a wide array of... well, as the name says, "gadgets and things."

"It's a good store for picking up inexpensive, but useful, gifts," said Sylvestre.

There are battery-operated

manicure sets, a variety of travel items including shoe brushes and shoe shine kits, and a lot of little gift items for golfers.

Some of the gadgets aren't even particularly useful. Sylvestre said gag gifts like "applause boxes" and "laugh boxes" are surprisingly good sellers.

Also available are electrical items for the kitchen such as toasters, knife sharpeners, coffee-makers, vacuums and juicers.

"We like to call ourself a store of unique offerings," said Sylvestre. "We try to specialize in the little things you can't find anywhere else. People who come into our stores are surprised at the unique things we have available."

"It's the type of store," he continued, "where you can get serious and buy top-line electronic equipment. Or you can buy two or three little gifts for less than \$10."

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CORNISH: Cornish and Irish...

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019 GREY and white DMH cat

GREY and white DMH cat, sprayed, declawed...

020 FEMALE Lab/Shepherd

FEMALE Lab/Shepherd, 3 months old...

010 Special Notices

JURIED: Callers, Saturday, March 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

011 Card of Thanks

Thank you to friends for expressing their sympathy...

012 REAL ESTATE

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011 Bingo

BINGO: Enjoy your summer in this immaculate home...

012 Car Pools

CAR POOLS: Help needed, transportation for disabled female...

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014 In Memoriam

BARBARA JEAN: In loving memory of a dear mother and wife...

015 Still Missing

Still missing: 1982 Buick Wildcat, 1982 Buick Wildcat...

016 Found

Found: BEAGLE, Male, in color, 4 years old...

017 Brighton Builders Close-Out

BRIGHTON BUILDERS CLOSE-OUT: 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage...

018 30 Day Occupancy

30 DAY OCCUPANCY: ADLER HOMES: Model Office (313) 229-5555

019 Career Opportunity

CAREER OPPORTUNITY: We are expanding our office space...

020 Political Notices

POLITICAL NOTICES: 009 Entertainment

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ENTERTAINMENT: BAND available for all occasions...

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016 Found

Found: FEMALE Golden Retriever, Older, GM Road/Comp...

017 Brighton

BRIGHTON: Lake of the Pines 3 bedroom ranch...

018 Brighton

BRIGHTON: Custom 3 bedroom ranch, 2 1/2 baths...

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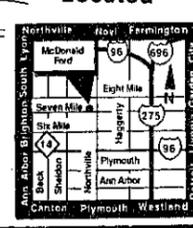
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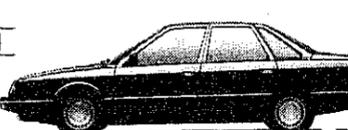


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# Living

**EASTER CRAFTS:**  
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Novi Library offers  
special programs in March/4C

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**ARTS AWARD:**  
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Committee receives recognition/4C

**MUSICAL BRUNCH:**  
Detroit Institute of Arts  
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Photographer Carl Sams isn't easily distracted, but when the model lands on his cap, it's hard to keep the chickadee in focus.  
Photographs by SCOTT PIPER

## They put the focus on wildlife

By DOROTHY WEBSTER

Carl R. Sams II isn't concerned about appearing dignified despite the formality of his name. The former all-state basketball star has launched his 6-foot-5 frame into deep snowbanks with arms flailing wildly to attract the attention of a nearby deer herd. He has arrayed himself and partner Jean Stoick in homemade sandhill crane costumes to infiltrate a flock of the half-grown birds. He wears an outlandish hat with earflaps, which has become his trademark, simply because the soft, deep crown easily becomes a birdfeeding station when a handful of sunflower seeds is placed in the pushed-in top.

Despite the antics, Sams isn't a clown. He's a widely recognized and highly regarded wildlife photographer who sometimes resorts to strange behavior just to develop a fragile and tenuous bond with the feathered and furred creatures he captures on film.

Color transparencies by Sams and Stoick grace covers of glossy magazines worldwide—from Italy's *Airone* and France's *Terre Sauvage* to America's *Audubon* and *Birder's World*. Michigan's own *Natural Resources* magazine has repeatedly featured work by the pair.

Their photographs appear on Sierra Club greeting cards, on posters and calendars, in catalogs and textbooks, and on home and office walls. And wildlife artists all over the United States purchase slides from the two to use as reference material for paintings of waterfowl, raptors, songbirds and a wide variety of mammals.

Meeting the public and making contact with other artists and photographers means the pair often give up weekends of perfect shooting weather to appear at art shows, where they sell their color prints. Recently, at Midland, they exhibited large scale pieces, framed or matted. Among the images were wolves peering balefully from a dark forest, a bobcat hotly pursuing a terrified snowshoe hare, a fawn delighting in freshly-blown milkweed and a pair of loons breasting Northern Michigan waters.

"We photograph a wide variety of subjects," says Sams, "but of the more than 100,000 slides we've saved, approximately 40,000 are of whitetail deer. And most of those were taken at Kensington Metropark, near Milford."

Working with the Kensington herd has occupied much of Sams' time since he made the leap into full-time wildlife photography four years ago. Previously working as a real estate salesperson, he was able to arrange his days to keep the early mornings free for photography.

"I like being out when the frost is still on the leaves, or before the ground fog has lifted," he comments. "The wind is usually still then. It picks up during the day."

See SAMS, STOICK, page 2

## Artist brings nature to life on her canvas

By DOROTHY WEBSTER

Conversations rarely proceed as planned in the Dexter living room of Catherine McClung. Trains of thought are forgotten, interruptions are frequent, and exclamations of surprise punctuate one's words.

Birds are the distraction.

The contemporary cliffside home of the well known wildlife artist is designed to take advantage of the outdoors, which is dotted with bird feeders close to windows on every side. Visitors find themselves forgetting why they came due to the continual, changing display of activity.

"Our deck off the second story living room is probably the best vantage point," says the smiling woman who uses feathered visitors as live models in her work.

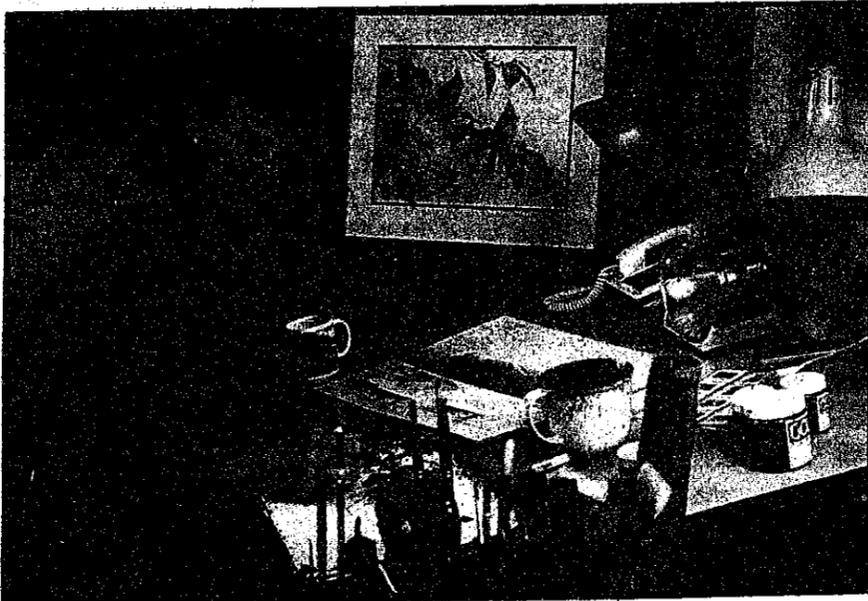
Painting with layers of transparent and semi-opaque acrylic pigments, McClung has built her reputation on finely-detailed pictures of songbirds, but has recently completed a commission for a painting of three bear cubs.

The finished print depicts a trio of orphaned cubs which are now cared for at Domino's Pizza owner Tom Monaghan's retreat on Drummond Island. A second commission from Monaghan was for a painting of rare pileated woodpeckers, which lived in a dead tree near a golf course on the island.

McClung visited the remote island in northern Lake Huron last year in preparation for the work, and scouted the interior of the thickly wooded area, hoping to catch a glimpse of the elusive birds. Meanwhile, her husband, Mike, comfortably drinking coffee on the lawn outside the lodge, spotted six of the rare birds in a nearby tree.

"That's the way it sometimes happens," says McClung, who uses a variety of reference material for her finished pieces. "I like to observe the actual habitat whenever possible, however."

See McCLUNG, page 2



Birdseed bills run high at the secluded Dexter home of Catherine and Mike McClung. Catherine's paintings feature the feathered creatures which frequent the couple's bird-feeders.

## Wildly successful at wildlife art

By DOROTHY WEBSTER

Selling art is far removed from building air and water pollution devices, but Plymouth's Kal Jabara isn't sorry he made the transition from manufacturer to art gallery owner several years ago.

It wasn't an overnight change. For several years he developed real estate before opening Wild Wings Gallery on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

"It's a dream come true for us. We had hoped to open an art gallery up north sometime after retirement, but a series of events helped us realize our hopes far earlier," says Jabara.

"As a child I saved calendars with wildlife illustrations and even framed them for my bedroom walls," he chuckles. Growing up in Mancelona, in northwestern Michigan, Jabara spent hours in the field and woods, observing animals and birds.

Jabara, 62, and his wife, Julia, were

at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for physicals when he leafed through a magazine in the waiting room. Inside, he found an ad urging readers to send for a Wild Wings catalog featuring wildlife art. Jabara did-and that first catalog, with many black and white illustrations, is still a cherished souvenir.

"William Webster at Lake City, Minnesota, had started a part-time business marketing wildlife prints-and

See JABARA, page 2

## Area galleries feature best in wildlife art

By ALICIA GARRISON

The Midwest's most prominent wildlife artists will display their works of art at the Sixth Annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, March 17-19.

Co-sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation and the City of Southfield, the festival will be held at the Southfield Civic Center and the Southfield Hotel and Conference Center.

Original paintings, limited edition prints, carvings, photographs, sculptures and taxidermy will be featured.

Show highlights will include special demonstrations, silent auctions, a decoy painting contest and the People's Choice Award.

Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 17; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19.

Festival admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (over 60) and free for children under 5. For more information, call the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation at (517) 882-3630.

The Dahlem Environmental Center presents its Bluebird Festival on March 11-12 at the Jackson Community College Field House.

Wildlife artists from across the state will feature their work, and a special series of environmental lectures will be given throughout the event.

Professional storyteller Susan Strauss and musician Doug Wood will be present.

Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the Dahlem Environmental Center at (517) 782-3453.

If you can't attend the festivals, visit one of Southeast Michigan's wildlife art galleries. Most of the galleries feature the work of nationally recognized wildlife artists.

**S & R ART GALLERY**, 33163 Ford Road, Garden City.

The S & R Art Gallery has original wildlife art.

See GALLERIES, page 2

SAMS, STOICK, con't.

He began working with white-tails in 1982. Shooting photographs at first light meant setting his alarm for 4:30 a.m. and driving the 20-mile round trip to Kensington. After a few weeks of scouting the herd, he found a doe which led him approach within a few yards.

"Many of the deer in the park area are used to seeing people, and when I took down apples from an old tree for the doe, she began to accept me," he recalls.

Building the trust took time, but when the doe brought her fawn to the doer, Sams said he knew a sense of joy. By the next season, both the doe and her new fawn accepted the tall, quiet man. The following year, the doe had twins, and her former fawn, now a yearling doe, had a fawn, too. Sams was able to work with a family unit of five white-tails.

In 1983, two yearling bucks, which normally leave their mothers, stayed with the herd. "I was able to photograph 11 deer for a few months," Sams says. In the autumn, one of the bucks spotted a 9-point rack and the other displayed a tremendous 12-point set of antlers.

Two sets of triplets have been born to doe in the herd since then, Sams says, giving the photography team a chance for even more exciting images.

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Jean Stoick and Carl Sams of Ann Arbor have been photographing a deer herd at Kensington Metropark near Milford for several years. They've saved more than 40,000 color transparencies of the white-tails, some of which will be used to illustrate a coffee table size volume later this year. Photographs by the pair appear in national magazines world wide.

Scott Piper photograph

"An artist's time is better spent at the easel than in the field"

- Carl Sams

"Jeannie taught me the principles of composition, form and color—and I taught her the mechanics of photography," Sams acknowledges with a smile.

Together since 1972, the pair lives in Ann Arbor. For 19 years, Stoick has committed to teach art classes at Hartland Consolidated Schools.

Teamwork is a vital factor in the field, Sams says. "When we're shooting white-tails, we occasionally change roles—one of us always the animals while the other is ready to record the action. Or I'll shoot in a vertical format while Jeannie covers the subject with the camera held horizontally, or with a different focal-length lens. Having both of us out there is a tremendous advantage."

Stoick adds that they approach subjects from differing viewpoints. "I tend to look for details—the

spider's web on a branch—while Carl is taking in the whole valley. When we don't miss much." "That's important when they travel to distant locales, such as Alaska's Denali National Park, to the Florida Everglades, or when a wildlife artist sends them to photograph a specific subject.

"One prominent painter needed reference slides of a mountain lion and sent us on a four-day shoot to Kalispell, Montana," Sams recalls. "An artist's time is better spent at the easel than in the field."

Stoick remembers that photographic journey as the one which also provided them with the pursuing hobby. "We caught all the action," she adds.

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A major portion of the commissioned prints will be donated to conservation and wildlife groups in the United States and Canada, says McClung. "I understand that most initial donations will go to chapters of Ducks Unlimited, and some of the funds that are generated from sales of the print will be earmarked for wildlife habitat on Drummond Island."

As featured artist of the 1987 Michigan Wildlife Art Festival in Southfield, McClung felt she reached a personal goal. Her painting of Canada geese in soft light was acclaimed by festival-goers. Last year, her poster featuring birds feeding on an antique rocking horse was greeted with numerous advance sales, always an indicator of success.

"One of my earlier prints of a rufous-sided towhee actually sold out before it was off the press," she says. That painting was selected for Birds in Art, an exhibition held at the Leigh Yockey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau, Wisconsin, which is regarded by artists as the top show in the country for wildlife artists. Exhibitions from the institution travel world wide and have been displayed in Russia and China in recent years.

"I was delighted to have my work in the Leigh Yockey Woodson show twice, in 1982 and 1983," says McClung, who submitted her slides at the last minute, even photographing her finished painting on the easel to make the entry deadline.

Viewing the finished works by the artist, one has visions of years spent in art schools, learning various illustration techniques. "That at the Leigh Yockey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau, Wisconsin, which is regarded by artists as the top show in the country for wildlife artists. Exhibitions from the institution travel world wide and have been displayed in Russia and China in recent years.



"Second Chance Bears" by Catherine McClung of Dexter, features three black bear cubs which were orphaned. The trio are being raised on Drummond Island at the corporate retreat of Domino's Pizza owner Tom Monaghan, who commissioned the edition to benefit wildlife.

important to be involved in all aspects of one's business," says McClung. "It's especially enjoyable to attend exhibitions/sales and meet the people who buy your work. There are so many birdwatchers out there and they all like to talk about the birds who visit their own feeders."

McClung, who sometimes attended as many as 25 shows a year, has cut down to what she considers the top six in the country.

She tries to publish two new prints each year, one in the spring and another in autumn, and attempts to master at least one new medium each year. "I like to experiment with a variety of techniques, because I've

learned that some of the most exciting areas of a painting result from "happy accidents" which weren't really planned at all. When I'm working in a new medium, more of those accidents happen," she laughs.

Nearly 400 galleries nationwide carry prints by Catherine McClung, and more than 20 Michigan galleries display her work. Her next public appearance will be at the Michigan Wildlife Art Festival at Southfield's Civic Center March 17-19. The soft-spoken, articulate artist will again be explaining to viewers how she captures the lifelike poses of the birds who frequent her feeders.

GALLERIES, con't.

works, prints, porcelains, sculptures, decoys and stamp prints. In addition, the gallery offers custom framing and takes orders for commissioned artwork. Store hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (on Thursdays they're open until 8 p.m.) and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Prices range from \$35 to \$5,000. Call (313) 281-5680 for more information.

WILD WINGS WILDLIFE ART GALLERY, 975 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Wild Wings specializes in wildlife gift items (mail boxes, lamps, door mats, clocks etc.). They also sell original prints, limited edition prints, and competitive and decorative decoys. Prices for prints range from \$35 to \$500, decorative decoys cost anywhere from \$75 to \$250 and original works and competitive decoys sell for \$750 to \$5,000.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call Kathy at 548-9769 for more information.

If someone purchases five prints or more, Wild Wings offers a discount on framing. The gallery also takes orders for commissioned artwork. Wild Wings is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays they're open until 9 p.m.

Novi Highlights

By JEANNE CLARKE Special writer

The Novi Community Education Department will hold several holiday classes including a special one-day workshop to teach participants how to make a small bow Easter basket on Thursday, March 23.

Another class is offered to teach residents how to make a braided Easter basket. Two sessions for the braided basket class will be offered - one on March 7 and one on March 14.

For those interested in Easter fashions, a one-day workshop entitled "Fashion and Color Update" will be offered on March 13 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop is free and features slides and displays.

Other available classes include a "Sticker" workshop on March 8; an ACT (American College Test) workshop for high school juniors and seniors on March 9; and a porcelain doll-making class on March 14 and 15.

Special rates are available for senior citizens interested in enrolling in a new class called "Organizing For Success: Paper Paradise." The class features a presentation by a weekly newspaper columnist and will be held March 9. Another new class is "Back Flip," which will be offered March 9 for anyone interested in preventing back problems.

Clara Forster, director of Novi Community Education, is looking for people willing to share their skills, hobbies or crafts with other people. If interested in becoming an instructor for the non-credit enrichment courses call 349-1390.

As a reminder, the Novi High School pool will be available through March 23. Scheduled activities include Senior Swim, Lap Swim and General Swim at 5-6:45 p.m.

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PERSONALS: Emily Rose is the name of the new baby at the home of Barry and Victoria Richardson. Baby Emily was born Feb. 16 at Sinai Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Richardson of Novi and Mr. and Mrs. James Gale of Milford.

Mrs. Bea McQueen has returned from a visit to relatives. She was accompanied on the trip by her daughter, Sharon Jones. They went to Missbury, Ky., to visit Bea's

daughter, Imogene Campbell, and her family. They also went to Knoxville, Tenn., to visit Lonnie and Judy McQueen.

Mrs. Leslie Clarke and her mother, Mrs. Marie Travis, attended a party at the Bonanza restaurant last week to celebrate the 10th birthday of Tony Timko, son of Karen and Pete Timko.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Blakey and their children, Becky and Jonathan, were guests at a farewell dinner at the Novi Christian School gymnasium last Sunday evening. The family is planning to move to Sarasota, Fla.

NOVI NEWCOMERS: A special coffee will be hosted by the Novi Newcomers Club on Tuesday, March 14, to give interested residents a chance to learn more about the group in an informal setting. The coffee will be held at the home of Kathy Digitalmano in the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision.

The group's regular monthly meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School with a potluck dinner. A program will follow at 7:30 p.m. when a representative from Plymouth Garden and Nursery will speak about landscaping and beautifying your home. Members are encouraged to bring friends and spouses to the meeting.

Special interest groups within the Newcomers also are planning meetings this month. The Babysitting Co-op will host a "Get Acquainted Coffee" on March 9. In addition, the Book Discussion Group is interested in becoming an instructor for the non-credit enrichment courses call 349-1390.

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Women Voters, which was held in Plymouth. During the area meeting a discussion was held on "Prison Census" for an area that includes Canton, Novi, Northville and Plymouth. Plans will be made to furnish a new slate of officers. Novi's representative on the nominating committee will be Lee Reibling.

Members are still looking for volunteers to interview Representative Gerald Law and James Kosteva. Upcoming events include a Leadership Training Seminar on March 7 in Clarkston and a Child Care Workshop in Birmingham on March 13. Special speaker during the

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During the meeting, plans were made to conduct a rummage and a potluck dinner. Plans for the next meeting will be discussed.

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child care workshop will be Detroit City Council Member Marianne Mahaffey, who will discuss the problems of family day care zoning. Several workshops are planned throughout the afternoon.

The League of Women Voters meets the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

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NOVI SENIORS: More than 40 members attended the Novi Senior Citizens Club's last meeting, hosted by Jane Watson, Betty Carter and Janet Field.

During the meeting, plans were made to conduct a rummage and a potluck dinner. Plans for the next meeting will be discussed.

Novi Seniors will be meeting on March 7 in Clarkston and a Child Care Workshop in Birmingham on March 13. Special speaker during the

group plans to begin making a Christmas decoration from a kit. Preschool activities include an outing on March 25 to see the Easter Bunny at the Merritlow Lanes in Livonia, where the kids will have a chance to play bumper bowls.

The Out-To-Lunch Bunch is still planning to attend a taping of Kelly and Company. Other trips planned by the Out-To-Lunch Bunch include visiting Meadow Brook Theater and Greentown.

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<p><b>OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 1451 N. Center, Northville Sunday Worship: 9:30-10:30am Worship: 9:30-10:30am, 7:00-8:00am Full Children's Ministry &amp; Nursery, Both Services Open Door Christian Academy (K-8) Mark Freen, Pastor 348-2101</p>	<p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 200 E. Main St., Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Dr. Lawrence Chamberlain, Pastor Worship: 10:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Rev. Mark Freen, Minister of Youth &amp; Church School 348-2101</p>
<p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21250 Hagerty Rd., 348-7600 (1/2 mi. S of Milford) Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m. Dr. Richard Parrott, Pastor</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 21250 Hagerty Rd., 348-7600 (1/2 mi. S of Milford) Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m. Dr. Richard Parrott, Pastor</p>
<p><b>WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 300 Market St., 624-2483 Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday Nursery Available At Services Pastor: Dr. Bryan</p>	<p><b>FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 2205 Oak Road, 18th S. of Grand River, 38th W. of Farmington Road Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Church School: 9:45am Pastor: Dr. F. J. Vicari 348-2101</p>
<p><b>CATHEDRAL OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Meeting at the Novi Hilltop Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery provided at all services Grady, Pastor 348-6055</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI HIGH &amp; Elm Streets, Northville</b> L. Lucke, Pastor Church School: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes: 10:00 a.m., Saturday Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Lutheran: 348-6055, Wednesday 7:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile &amp; Meadowbrook Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School &amp; Bible Class: 9:15 a.m. Gene E. Janke, Pastor - 348-0665</p>	<p><b>HOPPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 12 Mile East of Hagerty Farmington Hills Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:45am Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., 11:30am V.H. Messerling, Pastor 348-5770</p>
<p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST</b> 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth, Michigan Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Meeting: 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 8 Mile &amp; Tall Roads Rev. Eric Hammar, Minister Sunday Worship: 11 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Worship Service: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Church School: Nursery thru Adult: 8:45am Nursery thru 4th Grade: 9:15am 349-3477</p>
<p><b>FAIRLAKE ANGLE WEST - (Assemblies of God)</b> 41355 Six Mile Rd., Northville Sunday Worship: 11 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Rev. Peter Bryan Fairlake West Christian School Preschool &amp; K-8 348-2031</p>	<p><b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 2155 Meadowbrook Rd. Now at 876 Mile Morning Worship: 10 a.m. 348-7271 Minister: Rev. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Ray Ferguson 348-6055</p>
<p><b>METHODIST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 41671 W. Ten Mile-Meadowbrook Church School: 9:45am Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Church School: 9:15 a.m. Charles R. Jacobs, Kearney Kirby, Pastors</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NOVI</b> 45311 11 Mile at Tall Rd. Home of Novi Christian School (K-12) Worship: 11:00 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:30 p.m. Richard Burgess, Pastor 349-3477</p>
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Kelley Simpson, left, a programming coordinator for the Novi Arts and Culture Committee (NACC), and Karen Christlieb, group president, display the NACC's state award.

## Arts committee receives award

By BRENDA DOOLEY  
staff writer

It's encouraging when hard work pays off. The Novi Arts and Culture Committee recently was recognized for the work its members have been doing. And at least two of its members said the recognition was uplifting.

The committee recently received the 1988 Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Innovative Programming Award.

Purpose of the award is to recognize creative new programming by an individual or group belonging to a member association.

Kelley Simpson, a member of the arts committee's programming division, accepted the award on behalf of the entire group at the annual Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Banquet, which was recently held in Grand Rapids.

"I was really proud to receive it," Simpson said. "But the honor goes to the committee for its hard work."

"I've had seven to eight hard-working volunteers who have stuck with me during the past two years. I think it's nice to be recognized," she added.

Members of the Novi Arts and Culture Committee were recognized again at the Feb. 27 Novi City Council meeting, when the award was presented to them by city officials.

Karen Christlieb, president of the Novi Arts and Culture Committee, said she thought the award was "terrific."

"It was nice for the commission to be recognized," Christlieb said. "We were really pleased."

The award recognizes innovative programming by the Novi Arts and Culture Committee (NACC), including a contest to design the NACC logo, sponsoring a welcome reception for the Bremen West Germany Youth Choir in February 1988, presenting Phil Marcus Esser in concert in April 1988, operating a concession for the 1988 Summer Concert Series, jurying Novi's "Art at the Oaks" arts and crafts fair in September and contracting Bob Lowe of the Detroit Institute of Arts to design art display units and pedestals.

Other events spearheaded by the NACC included assisting Borders Books Shop with its Grand Opening in September 1988, coordinating the purchase of a grand piano for the

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Novi Civic Center, providing promotion for the local musical groups, featuring a film presentation titled "Sexuality in World Cinema" in October 1988, providing a field trip to the Fisher Theater on Oct. 23 to see the "Follies," and developing Novi's first photo contest.

In addition to the state recognition, Christlieb said she has been getting more response from residents about the Commission's quarterly newsletter "Artifacts."

"I've had many local events that have been noteworthy as well, she added.

"People are starting to notice us," she remarked. "I'm hearing from people."

Christlieb explained that children's productions scheduled by the committee have been well-received by the community.

Meanwhile, the committee continues to plan for the future.

Committee members are in the process of applying for a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts.

If all goes as planned, the grant would provide funds for an new project — an photography exhibit chronicling the history of Novi.

Christlieb said the project is only in preliminary stages and would involve help from the Novi Historical Society. The idea was suggested by Nick Valenti, a local photographer who enjoys documentary projects.

When completed the project would serve as a type of "Then and Now" perspective on the community, Christlieb said the project would be very visually oriented.

Novi recently arts committee members set up a photo exhibit in the Novi Civic Center in conjunction with the city's 20th birthday celebration.

The Novi Arts and Culture Committee was established in the fall of 1987. For more information about the group call 347-0900.

## Novi Library offers March programs

Puppets and Easter fun will be featured at the Novi Public Library in March as part of the library's ongoing children's programming.

On Saturday, March 11, the library will host "Puppets!" an exciting puppet program including songs, stories and lively fun presented by Maureen Schiffman.

The special program is for children of all ages and begins at 11 a.m. No registration is required. Due to limited space, the puppet program will be held in a meeting room at the library.

The library also will present an

"After School Special" on Thursday, March 16, at 4 p.m. for children in fourth grade and over. During the program, children will make an Easter craft. Cost is \$1 for materials. Registration begins March 1.

On Saturday, March 25, the library hosts "Craft Day," when children of all ages are invited to attend and make an Easter craft. The 45-minute program begins at 11 a.m. for children ages 4-5 and at noon for children ages 6 and up.

Cost for "Craft Day" is \$1 to cover materials. Registration begins March 1.

The Red Rug Puppet Theater will visit the library for a special performance on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in celebration of upcoming National Library Week. Children of all ages are welcome to attend the 35-minute program. No registration is required.

In addition to the special events, the library offers "Toddler Time," a four-week reading session consisting of 25 minutes of books, rhymes, songs and fingerplays. Sessions begin in September, November, January and March.

Children must be two and three

years old to participate in the program. Advance registration is required and begins March 1.

Sessions for the next "Toddler Time" program will be held March 6, 13, 20 and April 3 at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. The sessions are conducted in the meeting room of the library.

For more information about any of the programs call the library at 348-0700.

# Diversions

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## DIA offers 'Brunch with Bach'

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

Outside snow is falling and a cold February wind blows. Inside, guests are seated at small tables in an authentic open-air garden much like those found in Italian palazzos. While brunch is served a pianist entertains and soon diners are treated to the sounds of Chopin. Settling back with a hot cup of coffee, the cold is forgotten in a half-hour of delightful music.

Every Sunday morning the Detroit Institute of Arts plays host to the unique musical series, Brunch with Bach. Began in the summer of 1974 with a minor lay-off, the music and dining combination in the Kresge Court of the DIA has run continuously for 45 Sundays each year.

Musicians are treated to the wonderful acoustics and intimate setting of the Kresge Court, while art lovers enjoy the beautifully renovated court itself, a composite of four periods of design.

The museum itself offers a wonderful setting for the series, as participants can wander through the galleries on their way to and from the musical program.

Musicians from southeast Michigan are usually featured at Brunch with Bach, although occasionally guest artists from throughout the U.S. and Europe will perform.

During the Feb. 26 performance, Fontaine Laing, a teacher at the Center for Creative Studies/Institute of Music and Dance, played four



Musicians enjoy a Brunch with Bach concert at the DIA.

selections from the music of Frederic Chopin. Upcoming musical selections include the music of Telemann, Couperin and Handel on March 5, played by Davis Brooks on violin and

Ray Ferguson on harpsichord. March 12 will be the music of Pergolesi, Couperin and J.S. Bach played by the Scarborough Ensemble of Martha Aarons on flute, Elizabeth Camus on oboe, Lynette Diers Cohen on bassoon and Lucille Gruber on harpsichord.

The Performing Arts department of the DIA presents Brunch with Bach and offers three separate ticket options for the audience. A full brunch is served both at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. concerts for \$11. This includes reserved seating and advanced reservations are required. The price includes a main course, fruit, bread and beverage.

A continental brunch is offered for \$9.50. This includes reserved seating and advanced reservations are also required. The menu includes fruit, collage cheese, bread and beverage. Stairway seats are also available at \$4 each. This is the no-frills choice offering a seat on the carpeted stairway stretching up from the Kresge Court. These seats are available on the day of the performance on a first-come, first-served basis.

Information and reservations on the series are available by phone at 832-2730 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. daily. The ticket office is located on the ground floor of the DIA and is open for business Tuesday through Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Seating begins 20 minutes before each performance and management suggests that children under the age of 5 are too young to attend performances.

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## Novi group performs 'Bus Stop'

The Novi Players will present its production of "Bus Stop" on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

A matinee performance will be held Sunday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

A classic William Inge play, "Bus Stop" is set in a "bus stop" during a blizzard. Main characters include Cherrie, a would-be singer, and her persistent suitor, Beau.

Admission is \$5.

Winter concert: The Northville High School Instrumental music department presents its winter concert "Music For a Festival" today (Thursday, March 2) at 7:30 p.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium.

The performing ensemble will include the Symphonic Band and the Jazz Ensemble. The concert will also include music for soloists and small ensembles.

Band concert: Novi High School Band Boosters sponsors a "Festival Concert," featuring

performances by the Novi High School Concert Band and Novi High School Symphony Band.

The special concert will be held Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Novi High School's Puerst Auditorium.

Admission is free.

"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 Hayes 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 4-15.

## Antique show held at historic inn

The Botsford Inn in Farmington will host an antique show on Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5.

The historic inn is beginning its 21st year of presenting two antique shows annually, marking it as one of the oldest shows in the state.

The show will feature antiques ranging from jewelry to furniture at moderate prices. Admission to the show is \$4. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Botsford Inn is located on Grand River at Eight Mile in Farmington. The inn was the first stagecoach stop on the route from Detroit to Lansing in the early 1800s. Later it was owned by Henry Ford, who decorated it with magnificent antiques.

For more information call 363-9736.

Mardis Gras: Schoolcraft College's Music Department will host the second annual Mardis Gras Celebration March 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Waters Center.

Members of the college's jazz choir will be the jubilant costumed revelers, led by pompous King Rite. 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 bread, 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 \$2.50 each. To order by mail, send a self-addressed, money order payable to Schoolcraft College, 1860 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, 48152.

To order tickets by phone call 462-4432.

"Cinderella": The 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 494-9878 after 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each.

Adventure film: The Commerce Township Area Historical Society presents "Peruvian Adventure," a travel and adventure film narrated by Romain Wilhelmsen. The film will be shown at the Walled Lake Central High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for students. For more information call 624-1483.

Pancake breakfast: Kensington Metropark hosts pancake breakfasts Saturdays and Sundays, March 4-5 and 11-12 at 9:30 a.m. Cost \$2 per person and includes a free guided tour of the sugar bush to learn how maple syrup is made.

Visitors can learn how maple trees are tapped and how sap is collected. They will also be invited to visit the sugar house to see how the sap becomes syrup.

Tickets should be purchased in advance at the park's Farm Center Food Bar any weekend day. For more information call 685-1551.

Glass collection: DuMontellect Art Galleries, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit, features a collection of rare Tiffany, Handel, Moser and Baccarat glass for auction March 17, 18 and 19.

Belonging to the estate of Mrs. Vane Porter of Toledo, Ohio, the collection includes several richly-colored, one-of-a-kind pieces. For more information call 358-9103.

"Enter Laughing": University of Detroit's Theater Company presents "Enter Laughing" March 3-19.

Performances will be held in the Earl D.A. Smith Studio Theater on the second floor of the Architecture Building at the University of Detroit campus.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 reserved, \$5 students and seniors. For more information call 927-1130.

"Road to Mecca": 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, successful 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.

Cleopatra: Cranbrook P.M. sponsors "Cleopatra: Her Loves and Her World," an audio/visual presentation by Dr. Stephen Bertman, professor of Classics at University of Windsor.

The lecture will be held March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Cranbrook Hous Library. Cost is \$10. For information and to register call 645-3635.

Gabe Kaplan: 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 6:30 p.m. Late shows will be held March 10 and 11 at 10:30 p.m. Performance Network is at 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor.

A 1950s beach party/dance musical, the play revolves around a murder. For more information call 663-9681.

Art gallery: Swider Gallery presents "Functional Ceramics As Art" March 10 through April 6.

The exhibit opens March 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Swider Gallery is at 308 West Fourth Street in Royal Oak in the

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## Cleopatra remembered at DIA

One of the most significant and fascinating transitional periods in history is in focus at The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave. this spring.

From now through April 30, "Cleopatra's Egypt: Age of the Ptolemies" is featured in the first international art exhibition to examine the drama of this kingdom in transition.

The extensive exhibit gives substance to this little-known period — between 305 B.C. and 30 B.C. — which began with the conquest of Egypt by Alexander the Great and ended with the death of Cleopatra VII, the last of the Greek ruling dynasty begun by Alexander's general, Ptolemy.

The exhibition includes 140 masterpieces of stone statuary and relief, gold jewelry, silver vessels, figurines in terracotta and faience, painted papyrus, a selection of coins, and a wealth of objects in glass, bronze and wood.

"Cleopatra's Egypt" will be open to the public during regular museum hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; closed Mondays and holidays.

Advance reservations are recommended. Admission to this special exhibit is by date/time ticket only and tickets are \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and students; \$1 for children 6-12 years.

Members of the Founders Society are entitled to complimentary admission obtainable from the ticket office.

Groups of 15 or more may combine admission and use of a recorded tour at \$6 per persons by making arrangements in advance.

All orders must be placed with the DIA ticket office, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Mich. 48202. The telephone number exclusively for "Cleopatra's Egypt" information and tickets is 313-833-0485. VISA and MasterCard are accepted.

To receive the full educational value of the exhibition, you may obtain an audioguide audio tour with William Peck, DIA curator of ancient art, as commentator at \$3 each.

Free docent tours are offered at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Docent tours for groups (no additional charge) must be scheduled in advance through the ticket office at the above telephone number.

"Through this exhibit we see Macedonian Greeks ruling Egypt," Peck explains, "and respecting her ancient traditions, even as they

created a Mediterranean empire bridging the classical culture of Greece and the centuries-older culture of the Near East."

Despite the presence of Ptolemies, building the fortunes of Egypt from their capital city of Alexandria on the Mediterranean, and the advent of Roman legions in the first century B.C., Egyptian art retained its vitality and inventiveness.

Among dozens of noteworthy objects in the exhibition are:

- the stela of the Lady Tathmuthis, who died during Cleopatra's reign. This remarkable funerary monument contains a posthumous message advising her husband to "eat, drink and be merry" while he is still alive.

- a series of portrait heads of native Egyptian dignitaries. Among the most arresting images ever created in antiquity they include masterpieces known as the Brooklyn Black Head, the Boston Green Head and the Berlin Green Head. All three have realistic lines of age etched into their polished stone surface.

- luxurious precious objects, which include a cameo glass perfume vase with a scene of pharaoh and an obelisk; inlays of colored glass used to decorate shrines, and an array of gold jewelry, often bearing serpent designs alluding to both the Egyptian goddess Isis and rebirth.

- two of the best-preserved ancient portrait heads of Cleopatra, one from the Vatican Museum, one from West Berlin, as well as busts of Julius Caesar, Marc Antony and Augustus — the Romans with whom she lived, loved and fought.

In addition, the DIA, has organized a variety of public programs in conjunction with the major exhibit.

Included are:

- a series of Hollywood films on Cleopatra and other pertinent historical figures beginning March 16. Series tickets may be purchased in advance at DIA Ticket Office; individual admissions at the door. All films begin at 7 p.m.

- a workshop analyzing "The Cleopatras of Hollywood," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29.

- family workshops for ages 7-12, accompanied by a parent or guardian — "Reconstructing Tablets: A Workshop in Clay," from 1:30-3 p.m. March 11; "Precious Objects: Mixed Media Workshop" 1:30-3 p.m. April 8.

- stories and folk tales from Egypt told by Susan Danoff of World Awareness, for ages 7 through adult



Funerary Cartonnage of a Lady of Means (First Century A.D.) The Brooklyn Museum, 69.35; Charles Edwin Wilbour Fund

(with sign-language interpretation). These are free at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. April 1 and at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. April 2.

For information on registration and fees, except where otherwise noted, write or telephone the DIA Education Department at 313-833-9804.

Talks and lectures planned during March and April are:

- "Selected Works from Cleopatra Exhibition," with William Peck, DIA curator of ancient art, 3 p.m. March 19. The lecture is free with exhibition

admission.

- "Glass Working in Ptolemaic Egypt" with Dr. E. Marianna Stern, guest curator of Roman Glass, The Toledo Museum of Art, 8 p.m. April 18; general admission at the door \$3 (students and seniors \$2; Founders members \$1).

- "Selected Photographs from Splendors of the Nile" with Christine Swenson, DIA Department of Graphic Arts, describing the photography exhibition complementing "Cleopatra," 3 p.m. April 23. Free admission.

## Sweet Afton Tea Room: A return to romance

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often found themselves feeling trail by afternoon. As legend goes, Anna, wife of the Seventh Duke of Bedford, was the first to serve tea and cakes as a four o'clock pick-me-up. The custom quickly spread through the aristocracy.

That short explanation appears on the menu of the Sweet Afton Tea Room located on Mill Street in Plymouth.

And it goes a long way toward explaining what the restaurant is all about. Owned and operated by Sylvia Thacker, a resident of Northville, the Sweet Afton Tea Room represents her efforts to recreate a "return to romance... a revival of the tranquil art of afternoon tea."

The Tea Room also represents the attainment of one of Thacker's personal dreams. She readily admits that the inspiration for the Tea Room emanates from her Canadian-British heritage. And many of the items in the restaurant — dainty tea cups and saucers, for example — come from her personal collection.

It is clearly a labor of love. Sweet Afton is located in the middle of an unassuming little strip of shops. But the mundane setting is quickly forgotten after only a short period of time inside the restaurant.

Walls are papered with a small floral print. Crocheted table cloths grace the tops of the tables. And a lovely wooden buffet displaying

Though tea had been popular in Europe since the 16th century, the British tea time tradition began in the 1840s. As people of the era ate large breakfasts and did not dine again until 8 or 9 o'clock, ladies



A couple enjoys tea after their meal at the Sweet Afton Tea Room

Thacker's collection of tea cups stands against a wall.

The decor creates a mood of gentility so effectively that one is surprised to walk outside and discover that he has not been in a fine old Victorian house.

Thacker emphasizes that the afternoon teas served at Sweet Afton should not be confused with "high tea."

"High tea," she says, is a hearty supper complete with meat or fish, usually served around five o'clock, especially in rural areas of Scotland and Ireland. Afternoon tea, on the other hand, features British nibbles and treats to provide a break in the middle of the day.

Sweet Afton generally offers a lighter fare. The casual diner can stop by for a bowl of soup or tiny tea sandwiches. Typical are dainty cucumber, roast beef and Neufchatel cheese sandwiches.

That does not mean, however, that you cannot have a heartier luncheon at the restaurant. The menu offers four standard selections for those who want more than a bowl of soup and/or tea sandwiches. Included are the Wellington, a pie filled with vegetables and chunks of beef; the Henry VII, slices of ham served with a thick slab of bread and a cup of soup; and the Prince of Wales, slices of roast beef served with a slab of bread and a cup of soup.

Also available is the Ploughman's Lunch, a hefty chunk of Scotch cheddar cheese served with a slab of bread and a cup of soup. "It's

what British farmers have long enjoyed as their mid-day feast in the fields," Thacker explains.

Available for dessert are British butter tarts, scones, shortbread and several choices which vary from day to day. Recent selections have included an excellent British sponge cake and an even-better bread pudding.

Of course, Thacker also offers a wide selection of teas and coffees, many of them imported from England and all of them ground fresh daily in the restaurant.

Mention should also be made of the wait staff which is friendly and efficient. Thacker maintains that she is attempting to revive the tranquil art of afternoon tea — and the objective is furthered by the attentive waitresses.

There are a few things that anyone planning to visit Sweet Afton should keep in mind. First, reservations are highly recommended. The restaurant is small... and popular. Secondly, liquor is not available and smoking is prohibited by "decree of her majesty." Third, the bill must be paid with cash — credit cards and checks are not accepted. And, fourth, Sweet Afton is open only Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sweet Afton Tea Room, 965 North Mill Street, Plymouth. Open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. No liquor. Cash only; no checks or credit cards. 454-0777.

## MAR What's Going ON

### Theater

#### THEATER: "Velveteen Rabbit."

Marquis Theater in Northville presents the children's classic tale "Velveteen Rabbit" for 12 performances March 4-19. Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville, will feature only weekend productions of the play. Performance dates are Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sundays, March 5, 12, 19 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. For more information call 349-8110. Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor, presents "Wowie Kazowie" March 2-12. The new play by Naomi Saterstein is a 1960s dance party/beach musical that takes place on the Pier in New York City and revolves around a murder. A reception follows the March 3 show. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays; 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$9 general admission, \$6 students and seniors. For more information call 663-0681. Wayne State University's Hilberry Theater presents "The Scarlet Pimpernel" by Baroness Orczy. Performance of the play is at 2 p.m. For ticket information call 577-2972. The University of Detroit's Theater Company, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, presents "Enter Laughing" March 3-19. Written by Joseph Stein, the play is based on Rob Reiner's semi-autobiographical novel, published in 1958. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 reserved and \$5 students and seniors. For more information call 927-1130.

### Sounds

#### MUSIC: Dance Company to perform.

The Paul Taylor Dance Company will perform two dance concerts in Ann Arbor's Power Center for the Performing Arts on March 7 and 8, under the auspices of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan. Each program begins at 8 p.m. and features different musical selections. Tickets are \$14, \$16, \$19 and \$20. For more information call 764-2538. American Artists Series features the world renowned Brazilian duo guitar team, the Assad Brothers, Sergio and Odair, in a musical concert March 5 at Cranbrook, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The performance is at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$11 at the door and half price for students. Call 851-5046 for more information. Livonia Symphony's Cabaret Concert will be held at Madonna College April 29 at 8 p.m. The concert will be performed in the Activities Center and features "Fat Bob" Taylor, the singing plumber, and others. Bar and snacks are available at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 851-4524. Madonna College is at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell Street, Detroit, presents a recital series to share the excellent acoustics and visual setting of the church with the public. On March 5 select choirs and handbell choirs present "Sing The Lord a Song." On April 23 "A Beethoven Extravaaganza" by the Wayne State University's Chorus and Symphony Orchestra will be performed. Donations are accepted for the concerts. For more information call 831-6659.

#### SPECIALS: Antique show and sale.

Arborland Consumer Mall, at US 23 and Washtenaw, will host its Winter Antique Show March 9-12. The show will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. The show features interesting displays, including old pocket watches from the 1800s, vintage clothing and antique oak furniture. For more information call 421-0762. Ann Arbor Art Association presents an appearance by Leonard Baskin, sculptor, printmaker, book creator and designer on March 6 and 7. Baskin will give a lecture and slide presentation entitled "Interconnected Media: An Exploration of the Themes in Baskin's Work" on Monday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Ford Amphitheater, University of Michigan Hospital. At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, Baskin will give a second lecture/slide presentation entitled "Self-Portraits: Expressions of the Inner Person," at the Art and Architecture Lecture Hall, UM School of Art. Tickets are \$6. For more information call 994-8004. Ice Capades return to Joe Louis Arena March 14-19 for 10 performances. Headlining Ice Capades "Return to Romance" are 1988 Olympic Bronze Medalists Jill Watson and Peter Opegaard, along with the California Raisins. Tickets are \$11, \$9.50 and \$8. For more information call 567-6000.

#### CRAFTS & ANTIQUES: COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW

AND SALE, Springfield Oaks Center, Davisburg, 5-9 p.m. March 3, admission \$6; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 4 & 5, admission \$4. ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE, Arborland Consumers Mall, US-23 and Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 9-11 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, free admission.

Joela Shulman has been a Novi resident since 1972. She is active in the Novi High School Band Boosters and is a member of the city's Stormwater Management Financial Review Committee. In her rare moments of free time, she enjoys a variety of hobbies.

1. OIL PAINTING, water color and calligraphy. She also enjoys reading, going to movies and "doing all the things normal people like to do."
2. PLAYING SPORTS such as softball and bowling. Her favorite position to play on a softball team is catcher. She's interested in watching all types of sports, including basketball, football and baseball, on TV.
3. EATING OUT is also big on her list of favorite things to do. She especially enjoys "any meal I don't have to cook." One of her favorite places to eat is Mama Pasta's in the Novi Town Center and for one particular reason — because her son works there. She also enjoys brunches at Novi's Sheraton Oaks Hotel.



### My Favorite Things

**EAGLES WIN:**  
Eagles too strong  
for PCL Christian cagers/2D

**COMEBACK VICTORY:**  
Wildcat spike team  
rallies to beat Lions/3D

**CALLING ALL RUNNERS:**  
West Bloomfield  
schedules half-marathon/3D

**WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES:**  
New course designed  
for wheelchair athletes/4D

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## Recruiters snub Novi grid star



Neil Geoghegan

One of the biggest non-stories in Novi lately was the snubbing of football great Scott Wladischkin by big-time college recruiters.

Number 48 is — at least statistically — the best runner the Wildcats have ever produced, but his lack of size scared Division I teams away. Wladischkin was the main weapon last fall when Novi advanced all the way to the MHSAA Class A semifinals, as he gained nearly 1,500 yards (a school-record), but only smaller schools like Ferris State and Grand Valley were interested in his gridiron talents.

Wladischkin's 5-foot-10, 180-pound frame is a little on the small size for a Big Ten runner, but what about the Mid-American Conference? Most insiders believe Wladischkin would be better suited as a defensive back in college anyway — and his size isn't out of line with the average MAC safety.

As for speed, Wladischkin was timed at 4.6 in the 40-yard dash, which isn't world

class speed, but certainly isn't abnormal for a typical MAC defensive back. And that doesn't even take into consideration things like footspeed and smarts, which were Wladischkin's bread and butter.

The whole fiasco has many local football figures in a uproar. Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher said, "I am surprised because I felt (Wladischkin) was the best back we faced. I'm not sure why nobody in a league like the Mid-American Conference didn't jump at him. It's a shame because he is a tremendously talented player." Surprisingly, Wladischkin's outing against Northville was his worst of the season — just 77 yards — thanks to a swarming Mustang defense.

Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian had stronger comments: "I don't know everything about college recruiting, but I do know a quality kid when I see one. The recruiters, in my opinion, are over-entrenched with the 40-yard dash time and how tall and big a kid is. But how do they measure things like winning desire and dedication? A guy like Steve Largent — the greatest receiver in NFL history — would have never got a chance to make it if somebody didn't give him a chance somewhere along the way. If anybody would take the time to look at Scott, they would see

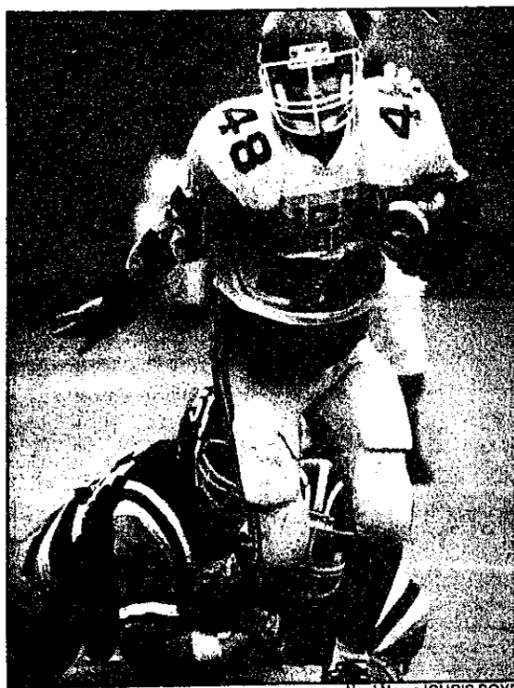
what he can do and see that he is a Division I prospect."

Fundukian paralleled Wladischkin's current situation with what happened to Reggie McKenzie when he was coming out of high school in the early 1970s. Fundukian was the athletic director at Highland Park and McKenzie was a star for the Polar Bears, but, initially, no Big Ten school was willing to give him a scholarship. With their last scholarship, the University of Michigan finally came through and McKenzie went on to excel for the Wolverines and had an All-Pro career blocking for O.J. Simpson.

"We practically had to beg teams to take a look at Reggie and look what eventually happened," Fundukian said. "He ended up as one of the game's great offensive linemen."

The bright spot in this mess is that Wladischkin is an outstanding baseball player and will probably get a chance to play Division I baseball. But that means nobody will ever again get to see Wladischkin dodge a defender in the backfield, swing to the outside, outrun a linebacker to the sideline and then bowl over a cornerback for yet another electrifying touchdown.

What a shame.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD  
Scott Wladischkin was overlooked by Division I recruiters

## Tankers finish third at invite

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

The initial disappointment left the Cats stunned.

Due to a scoring error, the Novi swimmers learned that they actually finished third instead of second at the Brighton Invitational, but it didn't put a damper on the squad's accomplishments in the pool last weekend.

Novi, the fourth-ranked team in the state with a 10-0 dual-meet record, scored 221.5 points in the nine-team event on Feb. 24-25, finishing 40 points behind Gosse Pointe South (ranked 5th in Class A) and seven behind Milan (ranked first in Class B).

The Brighton competition is one of the premier invitational swimming events in the state.

"We were disappointed we didn't get second — especially after we thought we had it, but we had some very impressive swims," reported Assistant Coach Rick Anderson. "We beat Ann Arbor Huron (ranked 3rd in Class A)."

"This is the best invitational or league meet-type event in the state — no doubt about it. We tapered to get ready for it and we had time

drops all over the place. Our improvement rate was 95 percent."

The highlight of the meet — other than a pair of record-breaking victories by All-American Jon Cohen — was his brother Steve's successful bid to notch a state meet qualifying cut in the 500-yard freestyle. Despite missing most of the second half of the season with a broken foot, Steve Cohen reached the cut with a preliminary time of 4:53.13. He ended up placing second in the finals (4:55.86).

"I was a little surprised," Anderson said. "I thought he'd do it in the 200 freestyle because it's a shorter race, but he wanted it in the 500 and he swam a great race."

Jon Cohen was the winner in the 500, and did so with a meet-record time of 4:36.99. He was also first in the 200 IM (1:55.93) — also a new meet record.

In addition to Steve Cohen in the 500, the other runner-up finishes for Novi came from Bob Bates in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.36) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Jon Cohen, Steve Cohen, Dan Sveller and Rudy Speerschneider (3:21.19). Speerschneider was third overall

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Novi News/CHRIS BOYD  
Brett Csordas (53) and Jason Earl (51) battle for a rebound against South Lyon last Friday night

## Wildcat tank star granted 'full-ride'

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

The Novi News has learned that Wildcat All-American Jon Cohen has been offered — and will accept — a full-ride swimming scholarship at Michigan State University.

Cohen, who will be going for his fourth state swimming title in four years this March at the MHSAA State Meet, has already made a verbal commitment to Spartan Head Swim Coach Bill Wadley and plans to sign a binding National Letter of Intent on April 12.

The News earlier reported that Cohen "will receive at least a partial scholarship from MSU" and that the exact amount wouldn't be known until April.

"Jon likes the school and the coaches, but he told them he wanted a full, five-year scholarship covering everything," Jon's mother Cyndy Cohen said. "(Wadley) agreed and we are very pleased with the decision. It's the best situation for Jon."

The Michigan State swimming program reportedly has just one and one-half athletic scholarships to award each season. By giving Cohen one, Wadley must now split the remaining half-scholarship among all other recruits.

"Wadley wanted Jon so much, he was willing to give him a full-ride — and that's rare in college swimming," Cyndy Cohen said. "He told Jon that he was willing to do it because he thought he had a chance to place in the Big Ten meet and qualify for the NCAA meet as a

freshman."

Although he's sent letters to all interested college coaches informing them of his decision to go to MSU, Cohen is still getting calls and letters. Just last week, coaches from Georgia and Northwestern called Cohen at home, trying to sway his decision.

Cohen is considered the top recruit from the state of Michigan this year and one of the top senior swimmers in the country by most recruiters. He is Wadley's biggest recruit since becoming the Spartan head coach two seasons ago after being an assistant coach at Iowa.

"Wadley has the (Novi News) article saying that Jon is going to MSU framed and hanging on his wall," Cyndy Cohen said.

Wadley was contacted and asked to give a few comments on Cohen's decision to attend MSU, but he declined.

"The NCAA rules state that coaches can't comment on any recruits until they official sign National Letters of Intent," he said. "But I'll be in Novi to get Jon's signature on April 12th, and I'd be glad to talk at that time."

Cohen's stock continues to rise this season. In early February, Cohen set two more meet records and grabbed two more county titles at the Oakland County Championships. His time of 4:33.83 in the 500-yard freestyle was just 17-hundredths of a second off the Oakland University pool record and was the fastest time recorded in the state this season.

## Cagers on a roll Novi five heating up as playoffs begin

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

The trend continued early in the second half. Cicchelli kept Novi packed into a 2-3 zone defense that forced the Lions to shoot from the outside.

The result was just six Lion points in the third quarter and a 17-point Wildcat cushion. South Lyon outscored Novi 19-17 in the final quarter, but both teams emptied the bench with about four minutes remaining.

"South Lyon isn't a good shooting team, so we forced them to shoot from the outside, and it seemed to frustrate and confuse them," Cicchelli said.

Center Mark Fisher led all scorers with 18, while Wise ended with 15. Ed Cote scored 11 points, well below his KVC average of 20 per game.

Brett Csordas had nine rebounds and added six blocked shots. As a team, Novi blocked 14 shots.

"Cote was kind of cold (3-of-18 from the field) and teams are really starting to key on him," Cicchelli said. "Every team we play wants to stop him."

MILFORD 63, NOVI 41: Once-beaten Milford held the Cats to just four points in the third quarter to end any hopes for an upset on Feb. 21.

The visitors from Novi didn't fall behind until late in the first quarter, but a big discrepancy at the free throw line was the key factor in the Redskins' 33-22 halftime lead. The Wildcats outscored Milford 22-21 from the field, but failed to get to the charity stripe in the first half.

"I was happy with our defensive play in the first half," Cicchelli said. "The effort was there offensively, but we didn't execute as well as we can."

that was the total offensive output for Novi as Milford took control, 44-26. The home team coasted from there.

"We shot very poorly in the second half and (Milford) maintained its pace," Cicchelli said. "We never got any free throw opportunities until the outcome was already decided late in the fourth quarter. They had 27 free throw tries, we had six."

Late in the game, a frustrated Cicchelli was tossed out of the game by officials after he vehemently questioned a call.

"I felt it was a terrible call. I let (the official) know it and he threw me out," Cicchelli explained.

Csordas led Novi with 10 points and six rebounds. But Fisher and Cote — who average over 30 points per game combined — had just 14, and were in foul trouble most of the game. As a team, Novi shot just 34 percent from the field.

DISTRICT PAIRINGS: Novi was slated to take on Livonia Stevenson yesterday (Wednesday, March 1, after The News' deadline) in the first round of MHSAA District Playoffs at Plymouth Canton. The winner will advance to the district title game on Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

"I watched (Stevenson) play last Saturday and they are a big, inside-oriented team," Cicchelli said. "They also have some quickness and some outside shooters, so we'll have to play a good game to beat them."

Scoreboard

KVC: Howell matmen win regional title

The Howell High School wrestlers overcame some intense competition to win the Class A regional last week at Wallied Lake Central.

Basketball

Table with columns for KVC STANDINGS, KVC LEADERS, and various team statistics for basketball.



ED COTE

Table with columns for Team Defense, Team Offense, and individual player statistics for Ed Cote and Mark Fisher.



MARK FISHER

Table with columns for Team Defense, Team Offense, and individual player statistics for Mark Fisher and other players.

Wildcat tankers take third in tough field at Brighton

Continued from 1. The 200 freestyle (1:52.00), Derek Speerschnieder in the 200 IM (fifth, 2:08.36), Josh Malta in both the 100 backstroke (seventh, 39.25) and the 200 IM (seventh, 2:06.20), Adam Cox in diving (eighth, 301.85 point total), Leahy in the 100 butterfly (eighth, 58.13), Devereaux in the 50 freestyle (ninth, 23.54), Bates in the 200 IM (ninth, 2:08.77), Stratsberg in the 100 freestyle (ninth, 51.98) Sweller in both the 200 freestyle (ninth, 1:54.71) and the 500 freestyle (10th, 5:09.89), Stratsberg in the 50 freestyle (10th, 23.38), Jon Mutch in the 100 butterfly (11th, 1:00.50) and Jim Luther in diving (12th, 273.35).



Novi's Dan Sweller competes in the 200 individual medley

Eagles stop PCL Christian

Eagles — who average just 5-foot-6 across the front line. The two teams played on even terms in the second half, exchanging baskets most of the way, but PCL failed to gain any ground and ended up losing by nine. Leech led all scorers with 29 points, while Row added 13 more. Leech — one of Oakland County's top scorers with a 25.8 average — also contributed a strong floor game with six assists, five rebounds and five steals.

Advertisement for Chesaning Showboat featuring Mickey Gilley. Includes show dates (July 10-15), ticket prices, and contact information for reservations.

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Wildcats of the Week



TODD WISE

Novi's Todd Wise — one of the best point guards in the KVC? If you look at what a point guard is supposed to do — handle and distribute the ball — Wise certainly fits into that category.



DEANNA REED

Setter Deanna Reed was the key figure in Novi's tremendous volleyball comeback against South Lyon on Feb. 23, and that's why she is one of our 'Wildcats of the Week.'

Rec Briefs

PGA golf show: The first Michigan-sponsored PGA Golf Show will be held at the Cobo Convention Center in Detroit on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 10-12.

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

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 Waterford Community Center.

St. Patrick's Day Fun Run: The Livonia Family YMCA will sponsor a St. Pat's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast at Prost Junior High School in Livonia on Sunday, March 12.

Canton softball center: Canton Softball Center is currently accepting registrations for the spring season which begins April 9.

Metropark permits increase: The metropark annual and daily boating permit charges will be increased for 1989.

D'ANNE M. KLEINSMITH, M.D. and RECIA KOTT-BLUMENKRANZ, M.D. take pleasure in announcing the opening of their office for the practice of Dermatology, Dermatologic Surgery and Cosmetic Dermatology.

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Wildcat spikers rally past Lions

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

For the first time in many years, the Novi volleyball squad started down defeat with determination, character and confidence.

"We didn't play as well in game two," Rademacher said. "Maybe we relaxed a little when we had the lead. I think we got a little lazy — a little cocky — and assumed we would win it, but we didn't execute."

West Bloomfield slates 'half-marathon'

The West Bloomfield half-marathon will mark its 13th year of competition on Sunday, April 16. The event is ranked as one of Michigan's best organized races by the Michigan Runner magazine.

Other top finishers were Nick Flaxton, 17, of West Bloomfield; Greg Hollis, 33, of Trenton; David Kaners, 41, of Rochester; Gene Davey, 62, of Birmingham; Michelle Gillespie, 23, of Roseville; and Janet Murphy-Walker, 40, of Windsor, Ontario.

All finishers receive a commemorative key chain, and category winners receive place awards. T-shirts are guaranteed to pre-registered runners only.

Large advertisement for Spartan Toyota. Features 'NO MONEY DOWN SALE' with financing options, and lists various car models with prices and discounts. Includes contact information for the dealership.

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## Course aids wheelchair athletes

By BOB NEEDHAM  
staff writer

A new physical fitness course for people confined to wheelchairs has been installed in Wixom and may soon be available for use by the public.

A 10-station "gamefield" for wheelchair users has been fully set up at the West Maple Park site in Wixom, although the park itself is not yet open to the public. But once the facility becomes available, anyone in a wheelchair will have a challenging workout plan available to improve strength, skill and cardiovascular endurance.

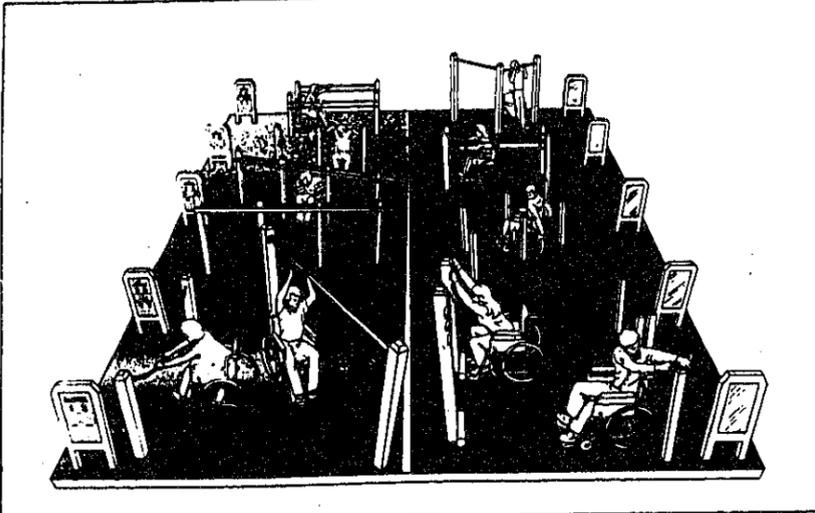
"It has different activities for strengthening different muscle groups in a wheelchair," Denise Gomez of Wixom Parks and Recreation said. Plans for the park also include installation of picnic tables built to accommodate wheelchairs, she said.

The park is scheduled to open in late April. It is located on the south side of Maple Road just west of Beck Road.

The wheelchair gamefield is built on a cement slab at the park. A series of signs explain the idea behind the course, how to do each exercise, and the purpose of each. There are 10 different stations, with two exercises to be done at each one.

The course is set up so that it can, if you want, be a competition. Successful completion of each exercise is worth a set number of points, and a scale shows a perfect score for each of three different levels of skill.

The exercises at the gamefield in-



Wixom's new wheelchair fitness course is comprised of 10 stations

clude reaches and stretches; overhead bars to twist, stretch, and do pull-ups and chin-ups; a series of gates for a short wheelchair slalom, going backwards as well as forwards; and similar activities. For the more experienced athletes, the course recommends a break in the middle of the course for a 15- to 30-minute wheelchair jog.

The exercises are divided into

three sections: the first four are for warm-up, the next 12 for conditioning and agility, and the last four for cool-down.

It is advised that anyone interested in the facility check with their doctor before trying the exercises.

The wheelchair fitness course was built with a grant from Botsford General Hospital and the National Fitness Campaign, together with

some of Wixom's own money. It was designed at the Stanford University Heart Disease Prevention Center and the Arizona Heart Institute.

Wixom Parks and Recreation can be reached at 624-4606. For information on building a wheelchair fitness course, contact the National Fitness Campaign's Grant Committee at 50 Francisco Street, San Francisco, California, 94133.

## Blood pressure classes slated

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

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

Open swimming runs from 7-9:30 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.

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

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

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information call 463-4413.

**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

## Fitness notes

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 8:30 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.

More than 100 people have joined the program since it began at Twelve Oaks in October 1987. Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Elaine Kah said new participants are always welcome and can sign up the day of the program. There are no age limits.

**Pre-natal exercise:** Debra Hoppe leads pre-natal/post-partum exercise classes at the Providence Hospital/Novi Center every Saturday at 10 a.m.

Hoppe is a member of IDEA (the Association for Fitness Professionals) and certified through the IDEA Foundation.

Classes are on-going and participants may enroll at any time by calling 227-7284.

**Novi Trackers:** Enjoy comradery with fellow running enthusiasts of all ages and abilities by joining the Novi Trackers Running Club. For more information contact Lee Karvola at 349-7224 or Kelley Simpson at the Novi Parks and Recreation office at 349-1976.

**CPR classes:** A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class is offered by Schoolcraft College on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-10 p.m.

An American Red Cross CPR certification card is issued upon successful completion of the course. Cost is \$18. For more information call 591-6400, extension 410.

**Swim sessions:** The Mercy Center on Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills is again offering swimming sessions this year.

Open swimming is available Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The Saturday session includes a lap swim, swim classes, private lessons and adapted aquatics for adults. Call 473-1815 for more information.

## Fitness Tips

# Testing your weight loss knowledge

Everywhere we turn we hear something about how to lose or maintain proper body weight.

So many people are preaching that they have the perfect answer to weight loss that it is almost impossible to know what is fact and what is fiction.

Take the following quiz to find out how much you know about weight control. The first part of this quiz appears below. The second part will appear next week.

### TRUE or FALSE:

1. It is possible to spot-reduce specific areas on the body.
2. Wearing a sauna suit during exercise helps you lose fat and keep it off.
3. It is better to eat three or more small meals per day than to eat the same amount of calories in one or two meals.
4. Walking or jogging two miles burns off the same number of calories.
5. Exercising twice a week is sufficiently frequent to aid in losing weight.
6. It is important NOT to exercise

while dieting.

7. The recommended weekly caloric expenditure from exercise to aid in weight loss is 600 calories.

8. Eating one plain cake-type doughnut (125 calories) every day in excess of your caloric expenditure can result in a five-pound weight gain in one year.

### ANSWERS:

1. False — Studies show that spot exercises do not reduce body fat locally. Total body movement — like walking, jogging or swimming — is required to lose body fat. Unfortunately, fat is lost in the reverse order that it is put on; the first area which gains weight is the last area in which weight is lost.
2. False — Use of a sauna suit during exercise not only does not increase fat loss, but it can be dangerous. Wearing a sauna suit causes the body to sweat at an increased rate, so any apparent weight reduction is due to loss of water and salt which is replenished almost immediately.
3. True — Research shows that

eating three or more smaller meals a day is more effective for weight control than eating only one or two meals. Increasing the time between meals forces the body to adapt to "famine" conditions. Therefore, when a meal is eventually eaten, the body stores more of the food as fat than it would under normal eating conditions.

4. True — Both intensity and duration affect the number of calories that are burned during exercise. While walking is done at a lower intensity than jogging, it compensates by increased duration. Consequently, walking can be an excellent means to aid in weight control.

5. False — According to the American College of Sports Medicine, exercising three times a week is the minimum recommended frequency for achieving weight loss.

6. False — There are several reasons why it is important to exercise when dieting. (1) It helps prevent loss of muscle mass normally associated with strict dieting. (2) It helps prevent decreased metabolic activity that normally occurs with dieting alone. The slower the metabolism, the harder it is to lose

weight. (3) It is more fun than strict dieting. (4) By combining exercise with diet, you can eat a little more by burning off the additional calories through exercise.

7. False — The American College of Sports Medicine recommends a caloric expenditure of 300 calories a day through exercise, three or four times a week, or a weekly expenditure of 1,000 calories to aid in weight loss.

8. False — In one year, a 13-pound weight gain could result; 3,500 extra calories equals about one pound of stored fat. On a yearly basis, the surplus number of calories would be 45,625 calories (365 days times 125 calories.) Theoretically, if all eating habits stay the same and the energy output is unchanged, this weight gain could occur.

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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