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Citizens launch anti-drug crusade

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Over 150 people showed up at Novi's Holy Family Catholic Church Monday night to demonstrate support for the creation of a new local citizens group against drug abuse.

Parents, children, city and school officials, and senior citizens alike attended the 2½-hour meeting to hear drug prevention professionals from both Novi and Northville, and to watch a highly-acclaimed movie geared toward middle and high school students on the effects of substance abuse.

Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt of the Novi Police Department told the audience that, regardless of its size, Novi is not immune to a drug problem.

In his 14 years as a Novi officer, Gatt said he has seen the city "grow up" and in effect take on the big city problems of drug and alcohol abuse.

"Do we have a problem in Novi?" asked Gatt. "The answer is 'yes.' We're growing up too fast."

Gatt also predicted that Novi citizens will see an improvement in the way the problem is handled locally as a result of the fact that the Novi police department has assigned an officer to the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET).

Gatt will begin teaching a drug prevention program to Novi sixth graders in the fall called Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE). Gatt, who had just returned from an 80-hour training session for the course in Lansing, praised the program, saying it even works in Los Angeles, where the drug problem is prominent.

The audience also heard from Novi parent and Novi Youth Assistance Counselor Karen Bartholomew, who said she has noticed an increased drug problem in Novi just by examining her case loads for the last couple of years.

The number of students with

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Speaking of smooth . . .

Fred Astaire has nothing on 10-year-old Brandon Pender, who showed off some of his fanciest "dips" while dancing with his mother, Sherri, at the Mother-Son Spring Hop at the Novi Civic

Center last Friday night. The event was sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department in response to the popularity of the Father-Daughter Dance held earlier this year.

City officials await lawsuit on Ten/Beck

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

City officials say a lawsuit from developer Lee Walter is imminent, despite Walter's frequent assertion that he has no intention to go to court with the city.

City Attorney Dennis Watson said Tuesday that a lawsuit challenging the city's right to hold an election over a zoning question is expected soon. Such a special election is currently scheduled for June over the zoning for a proposed development at Ten Mile and Beck Road.

"We expect it," Watson said, referring to the possibility of legal action. "Our assumption is that they will file suit to attempt to block an election from occurring."

Walter has thus far been rebuffed in his attempts to proceed with his "Briarwood Plaza" plans at the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road. The proposed 10-acre convenience center would contain a major grocery store and several

smaller stores.

It has been vigorously opposed by a citizens group — Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD). CRD has twice petitioned to remove the 10-acre zoning that would enable Walter to build the center. The group's latest petition drive resulted in the June 6 special election. That question will decide whether or not Walter should be granted the B-1 (commercial) zoning to enable him to build the center.

Current zoning has been "suspended" until the June special election takes place.

Walter's attorney, Norman Hyman of Detroit, has avoided discussing the possibility of a lawsuit with the media.

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□ Planning commission refuses to review site plans for Ten/Beck shopping plaza/8A

Four candidates join school race

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Four candidates will run for two seats on the Novi Board of Education in the upcoming June election, but longtime board member Joan Daley will not be among them.

Saying it's time to move on, Daley announced that she will not be a candidate for re-election at the April 6 school board meeting.

Daley's decision leaves four candidates — Julie Abrams, Craig Foreback, Sally Marchak and John Streit — in the race for two school board seats.

Up for grabs are the seats currently held by Abrams and Daley. Although she is technically the incumbent, Abrams will be running for election to the school board for the first time. She was appointed to the board following the resignation of Trustee Sharon Felchat last fall.

The other three candidates — Foreback, Marchak and Streit — will be making their second bids for election to the school board.

Foreback and Streit ran unsuccessfully for the board in the June 1988 election, while Marchak finished third in a three-person race for two seats on the board in the June 1987 election.

Abrams, who attended Highland Park College, is a former paraprofessional in the Detroit Public Schools and has served as a noon aide at Village Oaks Elementary School. She has participated on numerous school district committees including "Boundaries and Enrollment," the "Task Force on Excellence and Evaluation," the "Novi Meadows Evaluation Committee" and an early AIDS workshop group.



JOAN DALEY

Foreback is a division head of the Clinical Chemistry Department at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and an adjunct professor at the University of Windsor. He has a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of South Florida, is a Novi Meadows PTO member, and has been involved with the Novi Bobcats swim team and area youth baseball.

Marchak has 10 years teaching experience and holds a MA degree in Education from Wayne State University. She spent two years as director of Kinder-Care Learning center in Northville and was involved with the Odyssey of the Mind program in the Novi schools. She is currently teaching in the Farmington School District until the end of the school year.

Streit is a media specialist with Livonia Public Schools. He holds a MA degree in Instructional

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City considers 'parks' millage

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

A parks and recreation funding question is almost a certainty to appear on this November's ballot, City Manager Edward Kriewall said this week.

"We're having a tough time with it," Kriewall said in an interview Tuesday. "There's just nothing left to support that part of the budget."

The proposed parks and recreation budget contains no new funds for parkland acquisition or sidewalk construction. Mid-decade census revenues totaling about \$288,000 were applied towards parkland acquisition and the construction of sidewalks last year. Those funds are scheduled to be placed in the general fund this year.

Kriewall: 'We've got more interest there than ever before. We just have to come up with more than a half-mill to support it.'

"The mid-decade monies are intended to address your increased costs that are associated with growth," Kriewall said.

City council members didn't address the parks and recreation funding measures directly, although several have already indicated their support for asking voters for more money.

A citizens committee studying long-term parks needs recommended in January four different ways to raise approximately \$2.4 million in new revenues for parks programs. The major emphasis of that committee report was the acquisition of new parkland.

Funding options recommended by the committee include:

□ Increasing the millage rates for parks and recreation by a half-mill to one full mill. That millage hike would have to be approved by voters.

□ A bond issue of \$34 million, which would also require a thumbs-up from Novi voters. A millage would likely be imposed to cover the bond debt.

□ Increasing general fund transfers to parks and recreation — an option which has not, thus far, been done in the proposed 1989-90 budget. In fact, general fund transfers have been reduced substantially.

□ Earmarking state mid-decade census monies for parkland acquisition or park programs — which was

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Woman robbed outside local bank

A Novi woman was the victim of an armed robbery immediately after she had withdrawn money from an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) outside the Michigan National Bank branch office on Pontiac Trail near West Road.

The robbery occurred shortly before 10 p.m. on Monday, March 27.

The woman told police she had just withdrawn \$20 from her account when she was approached by a lone white male who said, "This is your unlucky day, baby. Get me \$250."

The victim told police she attempted to convince the man that there was no more money in her account, but the man persisted, saying "Don't lie to me; if you don't get the money I'm going to slit your throat."

The woman said her assailant kept his hand in his pocket throughout the incident, implying the

existence of a weapon although none was seen. He also threatened to "beat her face and rape her" at another point during the incident.

The man was able to secure an additional \$100 from the woman's account before the machine reported that all the cash had been removed.

At that point, the woman broke free and began running toward her car while her assailant began running toward the Senior House development in the general vicinity. The woman said she climbed into her car and chased the man across the parking lot before turning away in order to avoid hitting him.

The man reportedly yelled that he had a gun while she was chasing him and was going to come back and shoot her, according to reports.

The woman subsequently returned to a pay telephone outside the Arbor Drugs Store in the

Novi Square Shopping Center and called police. A tracking dog from the Michigan State Police Post was brought to the scene. The dog picked up the suspect's scent and followed it town a hill until the scent ended where some tire tracks began. The tracks were made by small narrow tires from a small vehicle, police said.

The woman described her assailant as a white male in his mid-20s, approximately 5'10 to 5'11" tall and weighing 145 pounds. He was said to have dark brown hair and a mustache, and was wearing a blue jean jacket with dark pants.

He also was said to have a diamond earring in his left ear.

Novi Police Detective Ralph Fluhart said several suspects are being investigated in conjunction with evidence obtained at the scene of the crime.

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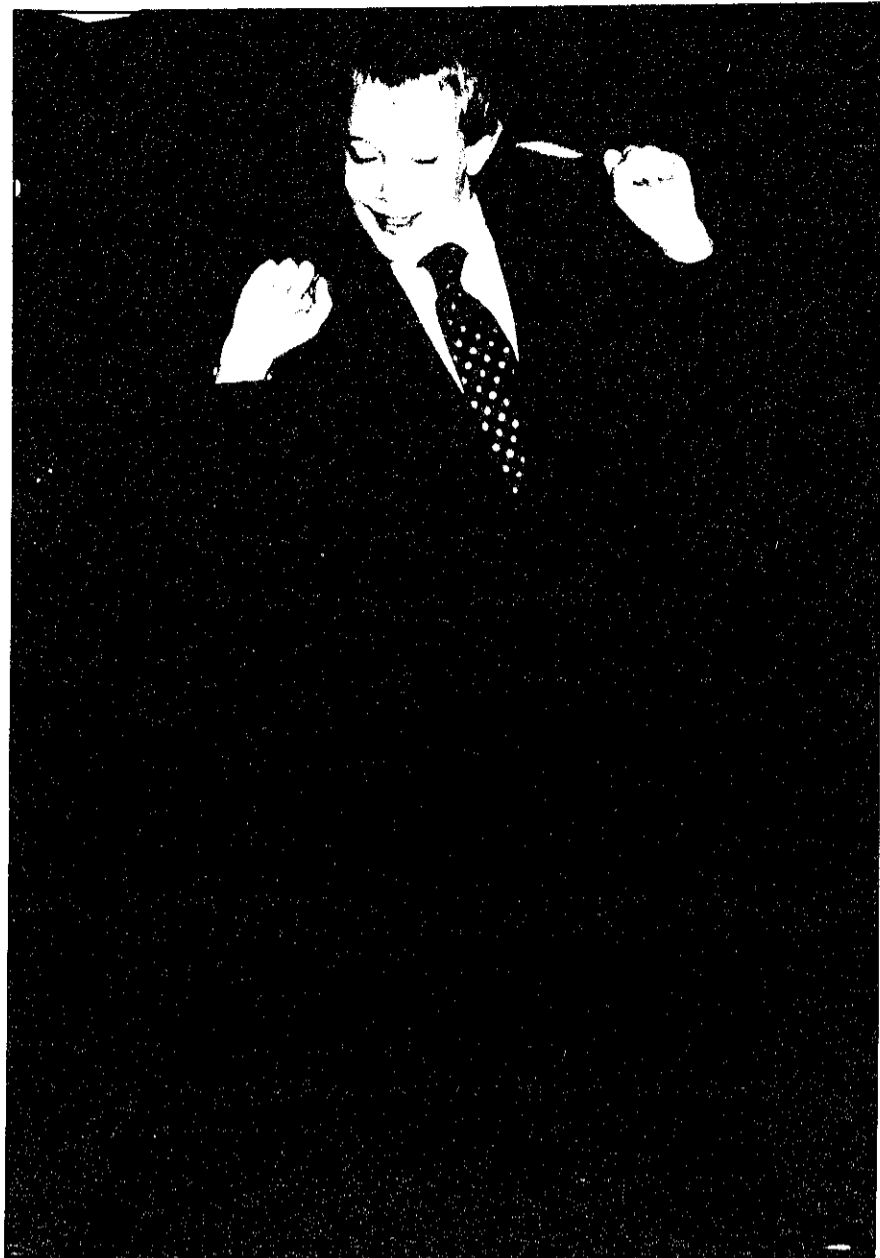
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Parent questions value of board's Florida trip

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Saying her questions had not yet been answered, a Novi school district parent addressed the school board about a trip to Orlando, Fla., at the board's April 6 meeting.

The Orlando trip was attended by nine district officials, accompanied by their spouses.

Kathy Langham, who first raised the trip issue at the board's March 23 meeting, requested an answer last week to what she considered the most important question about the trip: "What specific return on our nearly \$10,000 investment do the taxpayers of Novi get from sending nine people to Florida?"

Langham received a letter of explanation from Board President Michael Meyer, who justified the March 26 trip to Orlando for an American Association of School Administrators (AASA) conference. However, the letter — which did not mention the four-day cruise the group later took to the Bahamas — did not supply the information she requested, said Langham.

Langham commended trustees Sandra Thornton and Robert Schram for voluntarily submitting reports on AASA discussions and workshops they attended — there were 175 in all, and suggested that other trustees do the same.

Such reports would provide insight into the premise that "each attendee was indeed working for us from 9-to-5 on all the days," she said.

Langham stated that she agreed with the district's philosophy of attending such functions, but feels "the citizens are entitled to a specific accounting of what benefits each brings."

Another district parent and candidate for the June board election, Sally Marchak, also stated that reports on such conferences are

Langham: 'It probably was worth the money, but we have no way of knowing that, and we still have no way of knowing that.'

beneficial to the public.

Marchak then suggested that a more effective way of reaping such conference benefits would be to "divvy up" the various functions — state and national, among many board members. That way, she said, the district could learn from more conferences, rather than just one or two that all the trustees attend.

The only answer Langham received from the board regarding her request for more information came from Trustee Joan Daley, who said that Meyer's letter "more than answered" Langham's questions.

Daley said that in her years on the board "we have never made a secret of these conferences" and that to infer anything else is "unfair." She added that in the past some conferences were mentioned in newsletters.

During a break, Langham said she was hurt by Daley's remarks. "It probably was worth the money, but we have no way of knowing that, and we still have no way of knowing that."

Langham added: "I can't say for sure that I won't bring it up again." Meanwhile, during the meeting, Trustee Ray Byers discussed an April 14 National School Board Association (NSBA) conference that he attended in Anaheim, Calif.

Byers passed out information he brought back with him to board members and the media, including copies of The School Board News, which was published especially for

the 23,000 delegates who attended the convention.

The April 4 edition of the School Board News contains an article titled "Don't let media accuse you of attending 'junket.'" The article states that upon returning from such conferences, school officials often face questions about the worth of their trips.

To "get the value across to the public and the media," the article suggests a few tips:

□ Have one board member prepare a summary report to the board following the convention.

□ Bring home copies of speeches and literature from the function relative to your district's need, including copies of newspapers.

□ After the convention prepare a news release commenting on the success of the meeting, its overall value to your district, who attended, and notes on topics discussed.

□ Have board members prepare individual reports for distribution to the media and public at the next board meeting.

The final suggestion is that school officials be available to respond to media and public inquiries. "Be prepared and be direct — but don't be defensive," it states.

Finally, the article suggests that officials make sure to "get the most out of (such functions) for your school district."

It ends, "The more you put into it, the more your district will get out of it — and the easier it will be to explain to press and the public."



'Praise the Lord'

Youngsters in the Children's Choir at the Holy Family Catholic Church will stage a special musical presentation at the church this Sunday, April 16. Titled "Daniel: Chapter Six," the musical will be presented at the church at 7:30 p.m. and the entire community is invited to attend.

City to meet for sewer summit

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

A "sewer summit" has been set in Lansing this week, with city representatives slated to meet with officials from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the governor's office.

City Manager Edward Kriewall said the purpose of the meeting will be to discuss interim solutions to the city's lack of sewer capacity until the proposed "Super Sewer" project goes on line in 1992.

"If there is capacity available... for us and we can work something out, it will be back to business as usual in Novi," Kriewall said. "Everything we have seen indicates that there is capacity available."

Novi is currently in the throes of a DNR-imposed sewer construction ban for the system which serves the southern portion of the city — the area generally south of the I-96 expressway.

The prohibition stops developers from building major new lines, but does allow them to tap into existing

lines in the ground. That means residential construction could be severely curtailed in the next several years, should a resolution be found.

"If nothing is done in the interim, you can project a year from now and see that our volume of new development would be cut about in half," Kriewall said.

Currently, building department revenues and revenues from new growth are slated to be reduced by substantial amounts, due the shortage of sewer space.

Wastes generated in southern Novi are carried by pipeline to the Wayne County system. Improvements to that system — the "Super Sewer" project — aren't slated to occur for several years.

City officials have said their share of the expansion should be paid for with new tap-in fees, rather than increased rates for those sewer users who are connected to the Detroit system.

Policy draws fire from Novi parents

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

The Novi Community School District's proposed transportation policy came under fire from a group of parents at the school board's April 6 meeting.

A revised busing and transportation policy — which was the culmination of 3½ months of work by a 12-member parental committee — was presented to the board and an audience of nearly 100 last week. The policy is scheduled for approval April 20.

The committee, which was headed by Assistant Superintendent William Barr, recommended only slight changes in the current busing guidelines.

Those changes include:

□ Training in proper bus conduct be provided every year for bus riders;

□ A provision that a student may be suspended from riding the bus; and

□ A policy format to handle parental concern complaints.

Although the recommended changes are minor, parents seized the opportunity to air some longstanding dissatisfaction with district busing practices in general.

One area of the policy that many parents would like changed involves the distance a student must live from school before being eligible to ride a bus.

Ron Blumer, who said he represented the Simmons Orchards Parents Council, said his group doesn't agree with the current walking guidelines, which provides no bus service to any student through fifth grade living up to one mile away, nor any service to any student, grade six and up living up to 1½ miles away.

Blumer cited the "unsafe" congested Novi Woods Elementary parking lot — where students are required to walk around and between buses. He also questioned maintenance and liability for the walking path between Cider Mill and Emerald Forest as reasons.

Blumer said traffic flows and some

winter weather conditions are too adverse for children to be walking in.

The current transportation policy, continued Blumer, states that students may have to walk as far to a bus stop as children would be expected to walk to school. "Since this is not the case, we feel your policy should be changed to reflect the average distance children walk to a school bus stop..."

Parent Corina Ludwig of neighboring Yorkshire Place subdivision said she was concerned about children in her neighborhood having to walk to school because Yorkshire has no sidewalks.

Regarding the congested Novi Woods parking lot, she said, "Will it take someone getting killed or hurt for anything to be done?" Furthermore, Ludwig added, Taff Road is simply too dangerous to cross with cars always exceeding the speed limit.

"Novi Woods was never planned to be a neighborhood school," she maintained.

Another Yorkshire resident, John Gotke, agreed about Taff Road traffic and said he would like to receive his school tax money back to provide private transportation for his children.

Resident Rick Szymke appealed to the board's financial senses, saying that the liability factor in the Novi Woods' parking lot is "horrendous." He said board members should consider what is more cost effective — reacting to a lawsuit from injury sustained in the area or providing bus transportation to avoid the situation.

In addition, said Szymke, there is a precedent for the City of Novi owning and maintaining walkways that children must use to reach school.

The transportation committee also suggested in its report, that the board review the specific starting time at Novi Meadows, relative to the busing issue. One solution, suggested the group, would be to acquire four to six new buses — a proposal the district already accomplished when it purchased five new buses for the 1988-90 school year.

Move over Michael

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Erik Pasini, 7, demonstrated several classic Michael Jackson moves during the Mother-Son Spring Hop held at the Novi Civic Center last Friday. An estimated 300 mothers and their sons attended the event sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

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Thief nabs diamond ring at spa

A man's diamond ring valued at more than \$1,800 was stolen from a locker at the Vic Tanny's Health Spa in the Novi Town Center on Friday, April 7.

A Farmington Hills man told police he placed the ring and his wallet in his pants and then locked them inside a locker before leaving to exercise at 1:30 p.m. When he returned to the locker room at 5:30 p.m., he discovered the lock had been removed from the locker and his pants had been stolen. The pants were valued at \$85, and his wallet contained some \$150 in cash as well as numerous credit cards and miscellaneous pieces of personal identification.

A 38 CALIBER PISTOL was stolen from a display case at Hunter's Run in the West Oaks II Shopping Center on Saturday, April 8, between 1 and 8:30 p.m.

The owner of the store told police he discovered the pistol missing while he was putting the guns from a display case away for storage for the night at 8:30 p.m. He said the gun was last observed in the show case at approximately 1 p.m. The Rossi 38 caliber pistol was valued at \$215.

A NOVI WOMAN reported the theft of a credit card from her purse while she was working at Lerner's in Twelve Oaks Mall on Monday, April 3.

The woman said she discovered her Citibank Visa card missing while she was looking through approximately 10 pounds, at it. The cards were found on the ground at the bottom of the door.

Entry was not gained, however, and nothing was found to have been stolen. Damage was estimated at \$200. The complainant said the thieves apparently were attempting to steal radar detectors and cellular telephones that were on display in a

Police Beat

APPROXIMATELY 60 mobile home tires and rims were stolen from a storage yard at Darling Mobile Homes at 25855 Novi Road during the night of April 7-8.

The complainant told investigating officers that the tires were stolen from a fenced-in area next to several storage buildings on the northwest corner of the property. The responsible parties apparently gained entry to the storage yard by crawling underneath a mobile home unit being used for storage.

The complainant also told police he believes the thieves must have parked a large truck on property adjacent to the storage yard in order to load the stolen tires. Police were unable to find any fresh tire tracks on adjacent property, however.

Stolen were 60 used mobile home tires and rims with a total value of approximately \$2,400.

THIEVES TRIED unsuccessfully to break into Discount Cellular at 4001 Grand River during the night of April 5-6.

The complainant said the responsible parties attempted to gain entry to the office area by kicking in a 3-by-7 foot safety glass window. Police found a foot print on the window. After failing to kick in the door, the thieves apparently attempted to break the glass by throwing three rocks, each weighing approximately 10 pounds, at it. The rocks were found on the ground at the bottom of the door.

Entry was not gained, however, and nothing was found to have been stolen. Damage was estimated at \$200. The complainant said the thieves apparently were attempting to steal radar detectors and cellular telephones that were on display in a

A 1984 FORD MUSTANG stolen from outside a residence on Solomun in the Highline Club Apartments was recovered by Farmington Hills police later the same night.

The owner told police that unknown individuals stole the Mustang from the parking lot outside his residence sometime between 11:30 p.m. on April 4 and 4 a.m. on April 5.

Stolen along with the Mustang were a Whistler radar detector valued at \$200, a Canon AE-1 35mm camera valued at \$400 and a code alarm system valued at \$200. The vehicle was recovered April 5 by Farmington Hills police who also made several arrests in conjunction with the theft.

A NOVI WOMAN reported the theft of a wallet from her purse while she was working at F&M Distributors in the Novi Town Center on Saturday, April 8, between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

The woman said the wallet was removed from her purse after she had placed it behind the cosmetics counter at the store. The wallet contained only \$5.00 in cash, but it also contained the woman's drivers license, vehicle registration and several credit cards.

A RESIDENT on Mariga in the Old Dutch Farms Mobile Home Park reported that the cover was stolen off the spare tire of her vehicle while it was parked outside her residence during the night of April 7-8.

The vinyl tire cover was valued at \$25 and had the word "Jimmy" printed on it. The complainant said there has been a continuous problem with minor thefts in the area over the past several months.

A PONTIAC MAN reported that the smoked plastic headlight covers were stolen from his 1988 Ford Mustang while it was parked outside a residence on Charlemagne in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park on Saturday, April 8, between 1:30 and 9 a.m.

The headlight covers were valued at a total of \$75.

AN UNKNOWN WHITE male is suspected of doing an estimated \$300 worth of damage to a 1989 Ford Tempo owned by a Novi man on Friday, April 7, at approximately 3 p.m.

The man told police he was traveling westbound on Grand River, east of Beck Road, when the vehicle's front windshield shattered suddenly. The man said the window may have been broken by an object thrown by a white male who was walking along Grand River in a west-bound direction.

After the window shattered, the man said he pulled the Tempo to the side of the road. As he pulled to a stop, the unknown white male walked past and said, "You almost ran me off the road." The man then continued walking away.

Investigating officers searched the area for the pedestrian but were unable to locate him. Pieces of shattered glass were found throughout the Tempo, but the object used to break the window could not be located. An exterior rearview mirror was also damaged in the incident.

VANDALS FLATTENED the tire on a 1980 Plymouth driven by a Novi High School student while it was parked in the high school's student parking lot off Tall Road on Friday, April 7.

The student said she returned to the car at approximately 3 p.m. to find the left rear tire had been flattened and an obnoxious note had been attached to the vehicle's windshield. Police said it was unclear as to whether the tire had been slashed or the valve stem had been cut.

Novi Briefs

More about apples: J.W. Erwin of Erwin's Produce Market at the Ten Mile/Novi Road intersection wants everyone to know he does not sell apples treated with Alar in his store. Erwin was interviewed in a story about Alar which appeared in the April 6 edition of The News. The gist of the story was that Erwin — among others — believes the current concern about Alar-treated apples lacks scientific foundation and has been greatly overblown by the media.

Although he staunchly defends the use of Alar, Erwin also said he does not carry Alar-treated apples in his store. "We haven't carried them for three years," said J.W. "I disagree with all the publicity, but — as a merchant — you can't buck the trend."

Good luck charm? Novi school teacher Denise Karkashian gave the performance of her life Sunday when she sang the "Star Spangled Banner" prior to the Detroit Pistons' game against the Milwaukee Bucks at the Palace. Karkashian is currently on maternity leave from her teaching position at Novi Meadows.

Said big-time Piston fan Rick Szymke: "She was incredible. Most singers won't even try to sing that one, it's so hard. She got the best applause I've ever heard."

Not that the Pistons need luck, but Karkashian must have been a charm. Detroit coasted to a 100-91 win over Milwaukee.

It is too big deal: Novi school officials are not very happy with a column by Bob Necham in the April 6 edition of The Novi News. The column suggested that the fact the Novi Community School District was cited as one of the top school districts in the nation by Wall Street Journal was "a big deal."

But people shouldn't pay attention to that drive, School Board President Michael Meyer told an audience of 100 at the April 6 board meeting. "Whatever what you read, this is a big honor. Don't let anyone take that away," Meyer said, just before being presented with a plaque etched with the Journal's piece which cited Novi schools. All the board members got one.

About those Novi phonebooks: The Novi "Novi Only" phonebook recently distributed to subscribers of The News recently. A project of the Novi Jaycees with assistance from the Novi News, we think the phonebooks will prove to be invaluable resources for Novi residents.

But we're also the first to admit they're not perfect. Seems like some residents, particularly those with mailing addresses other than Novi (Northville and Walled Lake, for example) were excluded. Colleen Gorman, vice president of community development for the Jaycees, is urging people who were left out of the book to mail their name, address and phone number to the Jaycees at Post Office Box 249, Novi, MI 48060 to insure their placement in the next phonebook.

The Jaycees also want people to know that additional copies of the "Novi Only" book can be picked up free of charge in the Parks and Recreation Department at the Novi Civic Center.

Providence blood drive: The Providence Hospital Novi Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Providence/Novi Center is located on the northwest corner of the Ten Mile/Haggerty Road intersection. Donors are encouraged to pre-schedule appointments by calling Site Coordinator Joan Boesler at 471-0413.

Attention medical personnel: Police Chief Lee BeGole is looking for volunteers to serve on the city's Disaster Control Team. Dr. Mary 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 landslide in 1987.

BeGole said 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, 349-7100.



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Focus on nutrition

Nathan Nutrition, an electronic puppet, watches Liz Leininger trace the outline of Chris Sad during a special nutritional awareness program at Novi Woods Elementary School last week. The program was sponsored by the Novi Food Services Department and students in Nancy Olgren's home economics class at

Novi Middle School. Nathan Nutrition is provided by the Oakland Intermediate School District to help districts throughout the county teach students about the importance of eating well and making nutrition awareness a part of their lives.

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Budget sessions lack citizen input

By PHIL GINOTTI staff writer

Novi residents missed a golden opportunity... again. That's a general consensus from members of the Novi City Council, reacting to a lack of citizen input at each of two budget study sessions held in the last week.

Not one resident turned out to give input on budget items Wednesday, April 5, and Monday, April 10, as the city council informally debated what would happen with about \$8 million of taxpayer money.

"It's unfortunate," said Councilwoman Nancy Covert. "I don't know how many people really understand the process. This is the time for input... not after the decisions have already been made."

"I get the feeling that a lot of people feel they should take their tax shekels... they react to increases in assessments and not the millage rate. This is where the millage rate is set."

Councilman Joseph Toth said the lack of input was a somewhat positive sign, although he was still disappointed at the lack of input. "We've got a good track record, we're in the black," Toth said. "But, sure, we would like to see more people out here. They yell at us, but quite a few of them probably trust us."

Toth said this was definitely the best time for citizens to lobby for "pet projects."

"If you see something around that needs to be done, this is the time to step forward," he said. "And besides that, it's not a bad idea to see how our taxes are being spent."

One more budget study session was scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 (after The News' deadline). Council members were expected to deal with budgets from the planning commission and community development department, which sometimes amounts to a power struggle — during that meeting.

Another wrap-up meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17, before the regular city council meeting.

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for May 8 at the Novi Civic Center.

County officials disband canine unit

PONTIAC — Sheriff John Nichols is moving to disband Oakland County's canine unit by laying off the German shepherds.

"The dog handlers proceed themselves out of the market," said Captain James Curtis, Nichols' chief of staff, summing up what is actually a labor case.

The public services committee of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is considering a resolution authorizing Nichols to disband the unit.

Chairman Richard Kuhn, R-Drayton Plains, said Nichols plans to retain a golden retriever who is accomplished at sniffing drugs.

"The phone has been ringing off the hook. People are wondering if the dogs will be put to sleep," said Kuhn after a recent committee discussion. "They'll be put in the animal care shelter and probably sold to the handlers for a nominal sum."

The move to disband the canine unit arose from a court suit in Texas called Garcia vs. the City of San Antonio, said Capt. Curtis.

Bus drivers in San Antonio won back pay and overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act, saying they had been required to maintain buses on their own time.

In Oakland County, the deputies had volunteered to take care of the dog, Curtis said. But when they filed the Texas case and filed for two years of back pay, Curtis said Nichols decided the four German shepherds weren't worth the money.

"The sheriff did a cost-benefit analysis and decided they weren't worth keeping on," said Kuhn. Costs mentioned in the committee session were \$50,000 for back pay and \$30,000 a year in the future.

Two of the shepherds are owned by deputies and leased by the county, Kuhn said. They will remain with their owners.

Two other shepherds were purchased by the county from Germany at about \$3,000 apiece, he said. They will be housed in the county shelter until arrangements are made to sell them to the handlers.

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Planners pass on Briarwood plans

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Developer Lee Walter gave the Novi Planning Commission one more chance to change its mind and review plans for his controversial Ten Mile/Beck Road shopping plaza — but the planners wouldn't bite.

The planning commission had been scheduled to review plans for Walter's shopping plaza at its April 5 meeting, but the matter was removed from the agenda after the city council voted April 3 to allow voters to decide the zoning at the intersection.

The council decided to schedule the election after receiving petitions bearing the names of over 3,000 citizens opposed to the plaza. The election was initiated by Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD), which just achieved official political action committee status in the city.

In light of the council's vote, Commission Chairman Charles Kurth announced at the beginning of last week's meeting that the item would be tabled until the outcome of the referendum is known. The vote could take place as early as June 6.

But Walter's attorney, Norman Hyman, countered: "Our position is that the ordinance has not been suspended."

Hyman told commissioners that he and Walter don't agree with the city attorney's opinion and that — in their opinion — the parcel is still zoned B-1, which allows development of their 10-acre plaza.

"You have an obligation to hear our site plan," Hyman said.

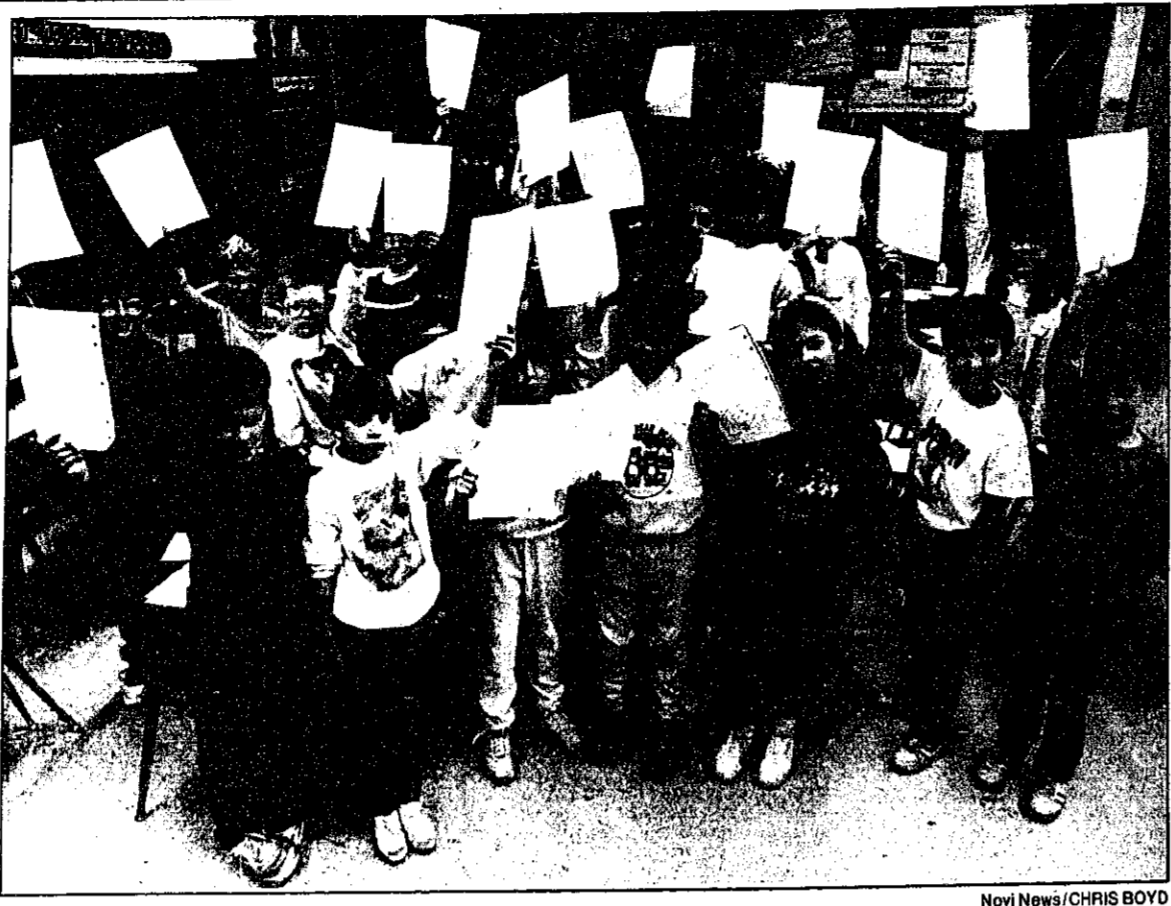
But planners took no steps to reverse their decision to table, and made no comments about the matter, CRD Treasurer Jerry Harris said he was pleased with the commission's decision, noting that Walter wouldn't have been able to proceed with his plans under the situation anyway.

Harris said CRD received PAC approval from Oakland County March 31 and has elected officers to represent the group. In addition to Harris, post, CRD has four directors — James Shaw, Tim Pope, Dennis Ringelski and Kathy McGuffin. PAC status allows the group to accept donations, said Harris.

Harris said the group is anxiously awaiting the wording of the ballot question so it can state whether it supports a "yes" or "no" position. CRD will also file as a Ballot Question Committee with the county so that it can legally spend money toward that effort, said Harris.

Novi City Clerk Gerry Stipp said the election date may have been set Wednesday (after "The News" deadline), as that is the day on which the Oakland County Election Scheduling Committee was slated to meet. Stipp requested the election be set for June 6, which was the soonest date possible after the petitions were certified.

Added Ringelski: "The election will definitely be our focus for now. We want to get a large vote just to prove a point."



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Kids make their voices heard

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Dear Mayor Quinn:

I like Novi because of the schools and my friends. The things I don't like are too many mini-mails. I think 12 Oaks is enough. Bomb every small in Novi and don't build any more stores and leave the trees and animals alone.

Sincerely,
Aaron Biggs,
3rd grade

Sounds a bit harsh, perhaps, but that was the general tone of the message passed on to Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn in that and 23 similar letters from an Orchard Hills Third grade class last week.

The "concerned citizens" decided to let Quinn know of their concerns after studying the environment with their teacher, Cathy Brandau. Plans to save the trees, fields and keep a country-like atmosphere in Novi equalled the soundings for building too many shopping plazas and subdivisions.

"Kids are old enough at eight or nine to know what's going on in this city," said Brandau, who explained that the children initially wanted to circulate petitions for their nature-preserving cause. She convinced them the letters would be a more effective way to go.

"Novi is supposed to be country, not a city," wrote Vicky (no last name) to the tune of "Please plant those trees and green plants!" written by Miss Nause.

Others worried that the city is growing too fast, and that all the new construction is hurting Novi's wildlife. "The animals have no place to live and they die of the cold in winter and drunk drivers run the animals over when the animals try to get to shelter!" explained Tracy Stone.

A few even suggested the city build an animal shelter and create parks with "waterfalls going into a clear blue pool and bird baths and benches."

Admittedly, said Brandau, some of the comments are probably parent-influenced. "But they have expressed their true feelings about what's going on in the environment," she said.

Brandau told her students the best way to learn about nature and the environment is to take a look at their own surroundings and learn from that. And that's exactly what they're doing, she said.

"My neighbors and I only have two trees," said Beth Leib, who mentioned that she was tired of seeing so many trees get cut down. Randi Shelenberger agreed, saying, "It's 'unfair' for builders to cut down trees and replace them elsewhere. 'We know about this. We are studying habitats and communities.'"

Shelenberger wrote, "Novi used to be a country, but people came and wrecked it!!! Think about what we're telling you," said Kati Blessed, who signed her letter, "Madly concerned."

Quinn reported that he has thought about what the students have told him and plans to respond to their concerns in person. He said he will tell them the city is concerned with the same issues.

"It shows that even at a very young age they are concerned with the preservation of nature and want things to remain the same," said Quinn from his office on Monday.

He said he plans to bring a woodlands map to the classroom, along with an explanation of the city's Woodland Ordinance.

City expects suit

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"He (Hyman) has indicated that he is in disagreement with our interpretation of the law on whether or not a referendum is applicable to a zoning matter," Watson said. "But I imagine that if he does file a lawsuit, he will come with as many theories or bases as he can come up with."

Hyman, in a brief interview Wednesday morning, said: "That's an alternative... and that's an alternative that's on a lot of people's minds. No definitive steps have been taken in any direction as of this moment."

"Several major lawsuits have involved petitions and referendums over zoning matters, although it appears as if the major legal question involved with this case has not yet been resolved by the Michigan Supreme Court."

Planning Commission Chairman Charles Kurth said he was not at all surprised. The Walter suit had been one of the hottest rumors in Novi this week.

"I fully expected him to sue, but I

d didn't know when or at what time," Kurth said. "It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone."

City Attorney David Fried, who was out of town this week, has already issued an opinion saying the referendum would be legal, though a zoning enacted as a result of the referendum wouldn't necessarily be fair. Several procedures, like public hearing and planning commission recommendations, are required under zoning law.

The Ten Mile/Beck Road area was zoned B-2 by the city council in October of last year. That B-2 zoning allowed for the construction of the shopping center, a gas station and a restaurant at the rural corner. Previously, it had been zoned three acres of B-1 — a less intense commercial classification — and seven acres of R-4, which is the most intense single-family residential classification.

In January, CRD embarked on a petition drive to force a referendum on the matter, which is allowed by city charter.

Novi Chamber

General membership luncheon: Judith Hols of the Oakland County Growth Alliance will speak on the topic "How to Make Money through Government Sales" when the Novi Chamber of Commerce holds its general membership luncheon next week.

The luncheon will be held at the Red Timbers on Tuesday, April 18. A cash bar opens at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served promptly at noon.

After-Hours business mixer: The Novi will sponsor an After-Hours Business Mixer at the Iron Workers Union Hall on Trans-X Drive on Thursday, April 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Alpha Catering. The Iron Workers Union Hall is located at 25150 Trans-X Drive in the Trans-X Industrial Subdivision south of Grand River and on the east side of Novi Road.

Tickets are priced at \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Display table reservations are also available. Call the Novi Chamber at 349-3743 for more information.

New members welcomed: The Novi Chamber has added eight new members.

They are Ray Crawford, manager of the Inacom Computer Center on West Oaks Drive; Barry Moore, a partner in Parker Wittus & Company of the Novi Town Center; James Pollard, president of Servicemaster of Northville; Pam Cuddy, a sales representative with AIBL Advertising; John Wheeler, owner of Portrait America of Novi; Ed Kashat, vice president of Novi Video; Cindy Ulgow, vice president of Cent Pointe Systems, Inc.; and Paul Hotting, general manager of Yr Frozen Yogurt on Novi Road.

Building design awards: The Novi Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the best-looking business establishments in Novi.

The Novi Chamber will present awards in six categories — residential businesses, institutional, industrial, commercial, office and renovation. Criteria include attractiveness, general design, appropriateness to business needs, safety considerations, relationship to neighboring buildings, site development and aid in improving the surrounding area.

The 1988 Building Design Awards will be presented at a Community Awards Banquet at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on May 3. For more information contact the chamber at 349-3743.

Chamber golf tournament: The Novi Chamber will sponsor a "Tycoon Tee Off" golf tournament at the Glen Oaks Country Club on Thursday, May 25. The club is located at 38500 Thirteen Mile in Farmington Hills.

Tickets priced at \$75 apiece include 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, open bar, dinner and prizes. Tickets for dinner only are available for \$40.

To reserve a tee time call Denise Johnson at 349-3990.

Summer help available: Local businesses will have an opportunity to interview and/or hire community college and high school students at a Schoolcraft College "Job Fair" on Tuesday, May 16. The job fair will be held in the Schoolcraft Physical Education Building, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia available for businesses interested in hiring either full or part-time students. For more information call Dr. Jean Pike in the career planning and placement office at the college.

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 Mallet, 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 Mallet at 349-3743.

Membership dues: Novi Chamber of Commerce 1988 membership dues are due, according to Executive Director Connie Mallet.

The 1988 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 15-50 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.

Elementary school lines drawn

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Proposed attendance boundaries for Novi elementary schools were unveiled last week.

If approved, the proposed boundaries would effectively divide the adjoining Simmons Orchards and Yorkshire Place subdivisions into two different zones.

The need to realign attendance boundaries was brought about by the construction of a new elementary school which is scheduled to open next September.

The plan, which was recommended by administration officials at the board's April 6 meeting, mainly affects about half of the children currently attending Novi Woods Elementary School.

However, a small portion of students currently attending Orchard Hills Elementary School — students living in the Country Cousins and Highland Estates Mobile Homes parks — also would be assigned to attend the new elementary school under the new plan.

To equally distribute students between Novi Woods and the as yet unnamed new elementary school, officials divided Novi Woods' attendance zone into two sections.

Current Novi Woods students who live south of Grand River and east of Tall Road — with the addition of Yorkshire Place subdivision, would continue to attend Novi Woods. All other students who had been assigned to Novi Woods, would then go to the new elementary school, which is scheduled for completion this summer.

The change would practically cut in half the number of students squeezed into Novi Woods, who had been using facility rooms as classrooms.

Superintendent Robert Plwko said the plan would lower Novi Woods' current enrollment of 513 to 281 in the 1989-90 school year. The new elementary school would then open with a total enrollment of 232, he said.

Housing developments that would continue to attend Novi Woods include Jamestown, Orchard Ridge, Yorkshire Place, Cedar Springs, Novi Heights and Saddle Creek.

Housing developments that would attend the new elementary school include Fountain Park, Simmons Orchards, Echo Valley, Birchwood and Pioneer Meadows.

The actual geographic size of the new elementary school zone is more than triple that of Novi Woods' due to projected development in the new zone, said Plwko.

Plans for housing in the new school zone — which lies north of Grand River and west of Tall Road extending Yorkshire Place subdivision, are expected to bring another 288 students to the new school in the following year.

Additionally, the new school will receive an estimated 350 more students from the Sandstone housing development in the north end of the city by 1997, according to Plwko.

Continued growth is also expected in the new Novi Woods zone. The district's report indicates that by 1992 the Novi Woods enrollment figure could reach 501, with construction of such developments as Cedar Springs Estates, River Oaks West and an addition to Saddle Creek.

The proposed attendance boundaries are expected to be adopted as presented by the school board at its next meeting on April 20.

Of the nearly 100 school district parents in attendance at last week's meeting, only one voiced a concern over the boundary lines in particular.

Ron Blumer, a resident of Simmons Orchards, said he was unhappy with the district's decision to separate his subdivision and neighboring Yorkshire subdivision.

"It is unfortunate that kids in Simmons Orchards won't get to know their neighbors in Yorkshire — as the boundary is not Tall Road as it ought to be, but our back yards," Blumer said. He called the division an "artificial boundary."

Plwko responded by saying the line was drawn between the two developments simply because of the "numbers" that exist in that area now.

Jerry Harris asked Plwko specifically about the need for the new school. "Did we build this before it was needed?"

Plwko responded: "We're trying to stay ahead of the game. We don't want to reach the situation where we're scrambling for a facility, or that we've overbuilt. It's a fine line to reach."

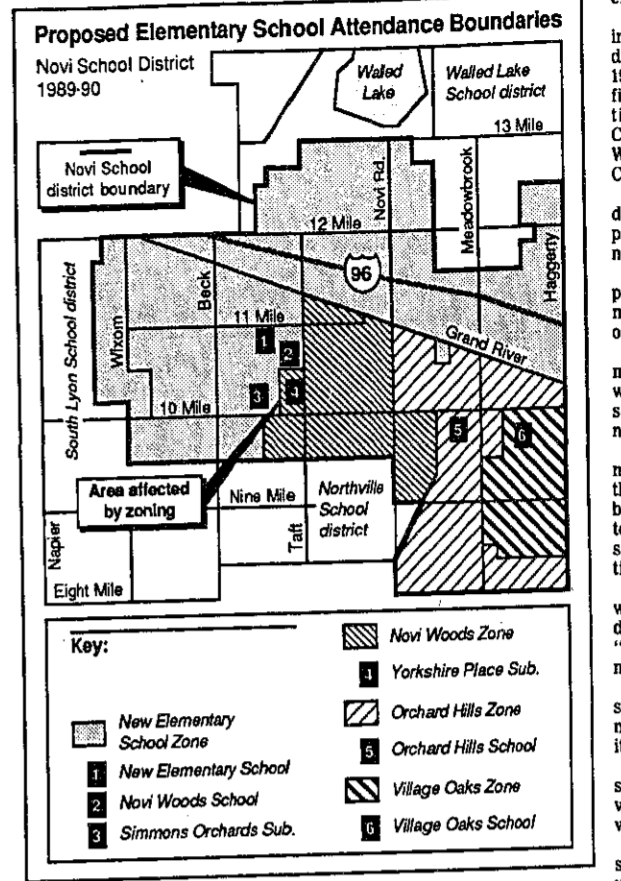
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Daley decides not to run in election

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technology from Wayne State University. He was formerly a Novi Middle School PTO president and served on the Village Oaks Board of Directors. Strelitz is also active in the Girl Scouts program, Little League and served as an area girls basketball coach.

The four candidates have until today (April 13) at 4 p.m. to formally withdraw from the race.

Daley announced her "difficult decision" not to seek re-election at the April 6 board meeting. The announcement, which came in the form of a prepared statement read by Board President Michael Meyer, was somewhat anticlimactic. Rumors that she would not run in the June 12 election were tested by the fact that she had not yet filed nominating petitions and the filing deadline was less than a week away at the time of her announcement.

In an earlier interview with the Novi News, Daley said she had "mixed feelings" about her decision, which took a long time to arrive at. "Twelve-and-a-half years is a long time. I just felt it was time to step down."

Daley said a factor in her decision was that incumbents historically

have always won school board elections in Novi. "I don't know the last time an incumbent lost," she said. "There are a lot of people out there on the wings who would love to be on the school board — and I'm not just talking about those who filed petitions."

She said that while a case can be made for experience on the board, "there is also a time when the past should step aside and allow others an opportunity to bring new views and experiences to the forefront. Now is such a time."

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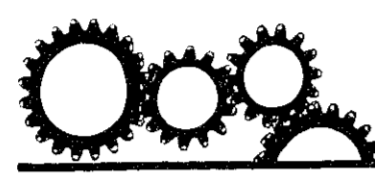
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As We See It

High vacancy rates a cause of concern

If economic prosperity is measured by the number of building permits that are issued, Novi has been a "boom town" over the past several years.

But if economic prosperity is measured by the number of "vacancy" signs in local shopping centers, Novi may not be the "boom town" that building statistics would seem to indicate.



Development

parcels had been assembled — which was bad and has contributed considerably to the current problem with commercial vacancy rates.

As soon as the city council recognized what was happening with the NCC district, it enacted a moratorium on Grand River and subsequently placed restrictions on strip mall development in the NCC zone.

A second problem is that commercial development has far outdistanced residential development. Novi currently has a population of approximately 30,000 but anticipates a population of roughly 80,000 within the next 20 years. As residential development continues there will be more consumers, and more consumers should serve to reduce commercial vacancy rates considerably.

In the meantime, however, Novi has an unhealthy problem.

The point of this commentary is to argue that vacancy rates are a valid concern for municipal planners. The city has not only a right but also an obligation to ask how much is too much when confronted with proposals for additional development.

Developers often preach the sermon of "private property rights" when presenting plans. They often argue that the risk of over-commercialization rests with the property owner and the city has no right to interfere.

But the city does have a right to interfere. When supply outstrips demand, city officials should impose appropriate restrictions in order to avoid the proliferation of vacant buildings. Certainly the commercial vacancy rates in Novi are not in the best interest of the financial health and welfare of the city.

Worthwhile efforts

and alcohol abuse simply because of its smaller size. Saying Novi has recently taken on this "big city problem," Gatt urged the cooperation of citizen groups, schools and law enforcement officials to combat it.

The newly-formed Novi Council on Substance Abuse could learn a great deal by following the lead of similar groups in surrounding communities. Two representatives from the Northville Action Group, for example, attended Monday's night meeting and pledged to do all in their power to help the Novi group get off the ground. They stressed education as the key.

And efforts have already started in the Novi Community School District, which will add a class in the fall for sixth graders called DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). The class will be taught by Gatt, who has just completed 80 hours of training for the course in Lansing.

There are those who claim Novi does not have a serious problem with substance abuse. Hopefully, they are correct. Efforts to establish the Novi Council on Substance Abuse is a positive move toward making sure things stay that way.

Novi Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt told the group that Novi is not immune to the problems of drug

Coach earns explanation

I don't think anybody could successfully argue that high school coaches are in the field for the money.



Neil Geoghegan

Prep coaching takes a lot of time and effort — and can cause a lot of heartache — for very, very little in monetary return. If you take the number of hours spent each season keeping stats, reviewing films, holding practices, planning strategy, etc., and divide it by their yearly coaching pay, I wouldn't be surprised if it's at or near minimum wage.

Most coaches pursue the job because they love the game — the competition, because they like to teach, or because they want to have an effect on youngsters and their development. Those seem like pretty unselfish reasons to me.

But for all the work — and all the pressure to win — coaches aren't treated very well these days. Maybe it's trickling down from the things we see at the professional and collegiate level. College basketball coaches have banded together in the past year, trying to fight a pattern that's seen dozens of their peers fired after years and years of faithful and successful service.

A prime example is 57-year-old Don Donohue at the University of Dayton. In a quarter century of coaching, Donohue led the Flyers to a sparkling 437-275 record and one "Final Four" appearance. Despite being one of the most respected coaches in the land, he was unceremoniously fired this spring. The reason: several consecutive losing seasons. Others like Don Devoe (Tennessee), Andy Rasse (Washington), Bill Berry (San Jose State) and Bob Staak (Wake Forest) have all

been released the last few weeks.

In Novi, the hot topic lately has been the firing of head basketball coach John Cicchelli. I know the Novi administration doesn't like the term fired, but that's what happened. You can sugar-coat it and say that his "coaching appointment wasn't renewed" or that he was "relieved of his duties," but it's really just verbiage.

Many Cicchelli supporters have urged me to write a column to support his position and denounce his firing — but in good conscience, I can't. It's been more than three weeks since Novi Principal Robert Youngberg and Athletic Director John Fundukian told Cicchelli that his coaching position will be posted, but to this day the Novi administrators still refuse to elaborate on the reasons why. How can I defend the man when I don't know the circumstances behind the firing?

That's why I think this whole matter should have been handled in a more open fashion. Most of the outrage expressed by Cicchelli supporters has a lot to do with the fact that no reasons were given. At the April 6 Novi school board meeting, Youngberg said to Novi News writer Amy Rosa: "For the good of our students and athletic program, it was decided that it would be better to post all of the varsity basketball positions next year." He wouldn't elaborate further and neither would Superintendent Robert Piwko.

What kind of an explanation is that? With a civil lawsuit pending against the school district, charging negligence in a year-old sexual incident involving a volunteer swim coach and a 15-year-old diver, you'd think the administrators would be more than willing to be forthcoming on the firing — if for nothing else but to clear Cicchelli's good name. I think he deserves better treatment, simply out of respect for his 18 years of coaching service in Novi.

Forum

But nobody was injured

By Chris Boyd

There isn't a story. But for awhile early this morning I thought there was going to be a good one.

It was shortly before two in the morning and I was getting ready to go home. Turned off the coffee pot. Filled the humidifier. Shut down the computers. Turned off the lights.

And just as I was about to head out the door, I heard the news of the high-speed police chase come in over the scanner. At least I think it was the scanner. But I'm not sure whether I first heard the sirens on the scanner or outside the window.

The chase was coming right at me. Northbound on Sheldon Road (Center Street) from Plymouth toward Novi. Looking out the window, I didn't see the object of the chase. But I saw somewhere between three and five squad cars — I'm really not sure how many, it all happened so fast — in hot pursuit with overheads swirling and sirens blaring.

They blew right through the Main/Center Intersection. Right through the red light. Only one of them slowed down before taking the light.

The scanner was busy with messages, alerting Novi officers the chase was coming their way... trying to get them to set up roadblocks. But the guy got away. Got to Novi Road, then west on Nine Mile — away from the roadblocks. Officers terminated the chase at Nine Mile and Novi Road. Last I heard the suspect was northbound on Beck.

So there isn't a story. No pictures of police apprehending the person who had led them on a high-speed chase which started when they tried to pull him over for speeding in Washtenaw County.

As I got in my car to head home, I was thinking how lucky the guy was to have gotten away. And how fortunate it was that nobody had been driving along Main Street when all those cars came flying through that intersection.



Under the oaks

Parents back coach's dismissal Letters

To the Editor:
It appears that one need not be in possession of all the facts related to both sides of a situation to write a story and have it printed. Inference, supposition, innuendo, partial facts and assumptions appear to be the only prerequisites for a reporter to produce sensationalistic-type headline news.

Facts — whether or not they are readily available — can wait. Producing an article, whether or not it is completely accurate and fair, is irrelevant. Accountability, particularly in the area of practices, whether as a coach or a reporter, seems to be in serious question.

If you cannot readily access the facts and details on both sides and have a predominance of hearsay, circumstantial evidence, should you present anything but the few facts that you do know, i.e., that the varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball coaching positions, as annual contracted positions, will be posted for the following year?

What we do find truly disturbing was the inclusion of various quotations such as, "According to a high school coach at Novi who asked to remain anonymous, Cicchelli... isn't his hearsay and unsubstantiated information presented regarding the parents' meeting that was held with Dr. Youngberg and John Fundukian."

The first error involves the fact that the meeting was held on Monday, March 20, 1989, at 6 p.m. and not on Tuesday, March 21, just hours prior to the annual basketball banquet.

The second error involves the fact that at no time prior to the meeting, or before it came to closure, did the parents have any knowledge that the

administration (i.e., Dr. Youngberg and John Fundukian) would be meeting with Mr. Cicchelli in the immediate future. The information that they (Dr. Youngberg and John Fundukian) would be meeting with the head basketball coach on Wednesday was shared at the end of the meeting.

The parents were also told that in no way would any input from them be a deciding factor in any decision that would be made by the administration regarding any part of the multi-sport athletic needs/concerns discussed. They would evaluate the information they had received. It is also a fact that Dr. Youngberg and John Fundukian had no knowledge, prior to the beginning of the meeting, as to the agenda or the purpose for the meeting.

The next error pertains to the inference that this was a "small group" of "disgruntled" parents of some underclass varsity and junior varsity players in the Novi basketball program.

As parents who were there, we take exception to the assumption that we were a small group of "tar and feather the coach" parents. This was not the case. However, we will acknowledge that a coach, any coach, is accountable.

No one will deny the hours of time, dedication and commitment that a head coaching position or any coaching position for that matter, demands. However, if years of experience, hours of commitment and

an appreciation of the sport were the sole criteria for being a coach, anyone could be a coach — and this we know is not true.

Perhaps, as parents of both a student athlete and a coach (who is also affected by this administrative decision), we can empathize with both sides. However, we find that we support the current administrative decision and wish to acknowledge our appreciation of their position to maintain the confidentiality of any events/evaluations that may have occurred that resulted in their final determination. We salute their professionalism and sense of decorum... we can imagine the sensationalistic fires that would have been fanned had they revealed any details!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Efforts to obtain "both sides of the story" were made more difficult because school officials refused to respond to questions. Although officials have a right not to respond to questions, their behavior must not be allowed to prevent the publication of news of interest to the community. Thank you for clarification of the date of the March 20 meeting. Otherwise, we stand by the story.

No sinister plots

To the Editor:
We question the total lack of understanding in regards to the school administration's position on renewal of basketball coaching assignments.

Articles to date would lead one to believe that a sinister plot was perpetrated against Novi High School basketball coaches and assistants. Assumptions were made that surely, since no one in the administration, who was privileged to all the events would comment, that they had to be in the wrong.

Surely the administration must not have followed proper procedure. How can you presume that no meetings were held with these

coaches, or that they were not made aware of the problems and concerns, and given the opportunity to adjust and correct the situation?

So far only one side of the story has been told and even that has been second-hand information. Mr. Cicchelli has yet to speak on his own behalf. The administration has exercised its right to evaluate the coaching positions and to determine renewal or non-renewal of these positions.

To date they have decided to keep the evaluation process confidential for whatever reason. We admire this sense of professionalism and acknowledge their purpose in refraining from comment.

We totally support the administration's right and obligation to periodically evaluate all coaches and to determine appropriately the renewal or non-renewal of these positions. Accountability to the administration and/or to the parents will never be welcomed or popular, but must exist to ensure success in all athletic and extracurricular activities.

I would not assume that silence on the part of either side of this issue is an automatic admission of guilt. The facts have not been revealed and may never be. But to make assumptions in lieu of the facts can only lead to negative ramifications and detrimental confrontations.

We hope that in the best interest of our young people the determinations made by the school administration will find the support it deserves.

Al and Debbie Monticelli

Fan support

To the Editor:
We are not the parents of a basketball player but we are the parents of a student athlete at Novi High School and, as such, wish to acknowledge and appreciate in complete agreement with the current administrative decision regarding the non-renewal of the head basketball coaching position.

As frequent observers and fans in the stands for many years, we are appreciative of the administration's determination and rationale involved in making the final decision.

Met and Beth Shellenberger

Former cagers support Cicchelli

To the Editor:
Two weeks ago, I was home in Novi on break and I received a call from a friend telling me that Novi's head basketball coach, John Cicchelli, had been fired. I hoped it was just a bad rumor.

Two nights ago I received a letter from my parents containing an article written in The Novi News (March 30 edition) confirming the truth to that bad rumor.

I've known Coach Cicchelli for nine years now and he lives, eats and sleeps Novi basketball. I guess what some people don't understand is that coaching is a two-way street — the more you give as a player, the more you get and it also works the other way. That's how the system works under Mr. Cicchelli and that's fair, win or lose.

As I stated earlier, there might be more to it than I really know but what I do know is that John Cicchelli is a great coach and I'm grateful for being able to play under his direction.

Thank you for your time.

Matt Kamish
Novi High School
Class of 1987

'Dissatisfied'

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter to express my supreme dissatisfaction in the firing of Novi's varsity basketball coach, Mr. John Cicchelli.

I played for Mr. Cicchelli for two seasons and my brother, Barry, who graduated from Novi in 1977, also played for Mr. Cicchelli while he attended Novi Middle School which shows how long he has been involved in the basketball program in the Novi School District.

I found Mr. Cicchelli to be the most dedicated, hard-working and fairest coach I have ever played for. All of these qualities contributed to his success in building character and a sense of fairness among his students.

It's somewhat ironic that he was dismissed in a manner contrary to what he taught. What could he have possibly done in one year to warrant his being fired (no valid reason given)?

I question the politics involved. His knowledge and love for the game of basketball is unquestionable and to not restate him as coach of the Novi varsity basketball team would not only be a great loss to the school district but to the community.

David Skown
Novi High School
Class of 1988

What's next?

To the Editor:
I have just recently learned of the dismissal of Novi's head basketball coach, John Cicchelli. As a former player under him, I was shocked to hear such a thing.

There were no reasons given for his firing other than Athletic Director John Fundukian asked for Coach Cicchelli's resignation because their "assumptions were made that surely, since no one in the administration, who was privileged to all the events would comment, that they had to be in the wrong."

He focused on the whole team, not just the starters. Of course a little more time was spent with the starters, but what coach doesn't? I feel he's been as fair as a coach could be. Not because I was a starter both years, but I was the 12th man my junior year, a sixth man and occasional starter my senior year. And I feel as strong as any starter that played under him, that he shouldn't be let go.

In closing, I'd just like to say I'm tremendously upset to see a fine high school coach let go because of a couple of losing seasons. Or is it not that at all? Were a few parents pressuring the administration because their kids weren't playing? If it is the latter, I think we should take a second look at the administration at Novi High School.

What's next? A child failing a class and the parents wanting a teacher removed?

John Cicchelli is an asset to the basketball program and the community. It's a shame you won't see the coach on the sidelines next year. I'm fully behind fighting the dismissal.

Good luck, coach.

Bill Yankowski
Novi High School
Class of 1987

After watching the movie "Are You Talking to Me?" a 12-year-old boy asked, "Why do kids my age spend \$200 or \$300 on stuff that's going to kill them?"

Stiles responded by saying it was not an easy question to answer but that it has to do with peer pressure. "It starts with friends — when you start smoking that first cigarette with your buddies."

Patricia Gilberg, president of the Novi Middle School PTO — the group sponsoring the meeting — said Monday's meeting was to be held at Holy Family Church on Wednesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. when the agenda will include nominations of officers.

Stiles, who called Monday's meeting a "fantastic gathering," said the enthusiasm he noticed around the room will ensure the success of a new Novi coalition.

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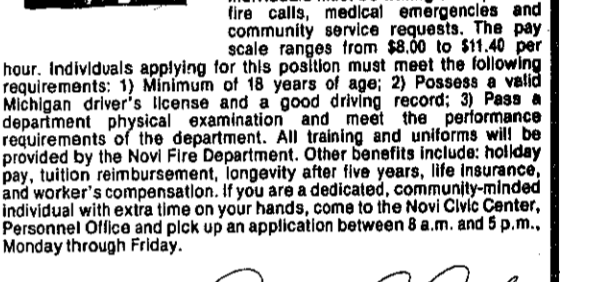
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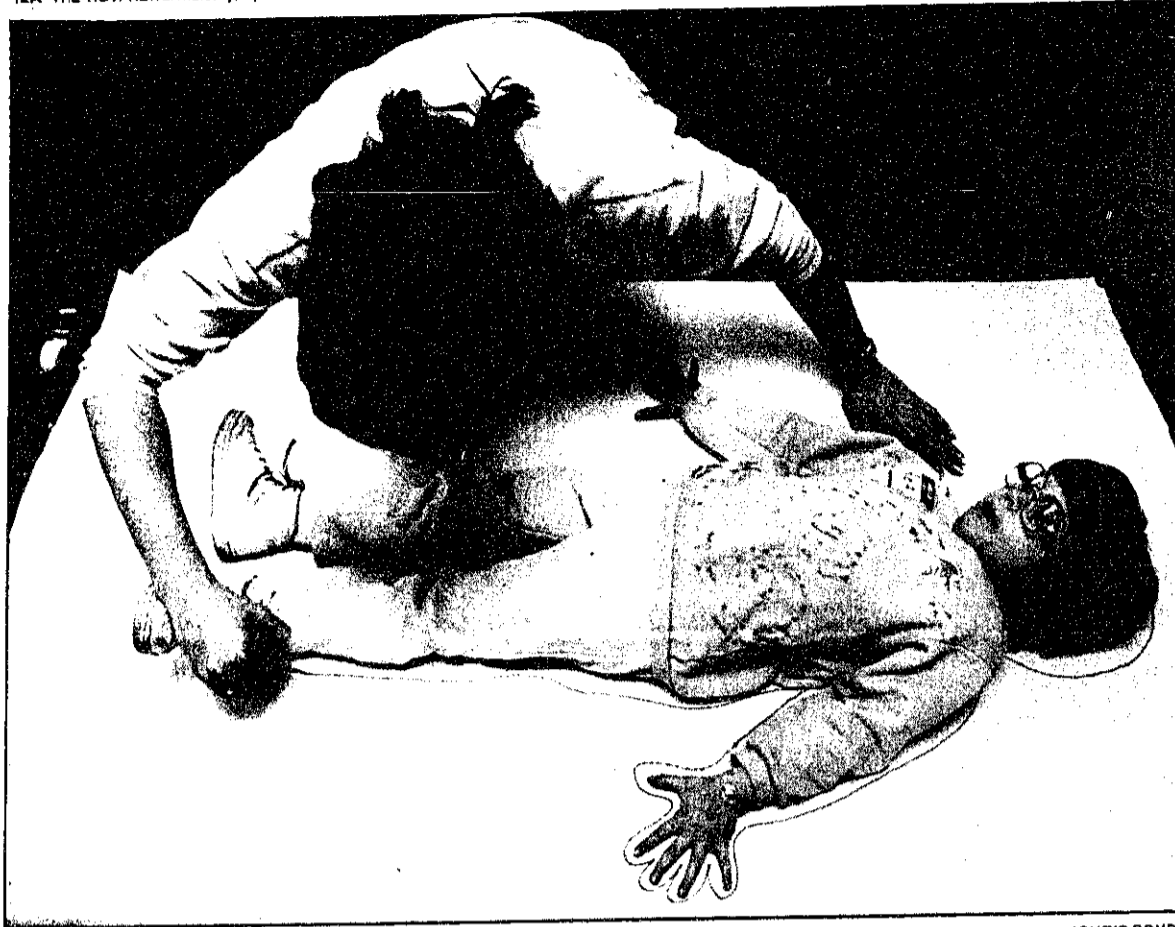
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Life drawing 101

We strongly suspect that this is *not* the way Michaelangelo used to do it. But, then again, you never really know? Mary Konczal uses the direct method for tracing the figure of Alicia Hirshfield during a children's crafts day held at the Novi Public Library last week. We

also suspect that Mary filled in the details or Alicia's form later. And, as far as as obtaining an accurate life-sized drawing is concerned, you can't really argue with the approach.

Parks gets little funding in budget

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also not done in this budget. The city could go for any of those options, combine several, or go for another funding option.

Kriewall said increasing popularity of parks programs and a higher visibility at the Novi Civic Center has caused the need for more money.

"We've got more interest there than ever before," Kriewall said. "We just have to come up with more than a half-mill to support it."

Councilman Hugh Crawford said some last-minute budget changes were a possibility, but that parks and recreation still needs more money over the long run.

"Parks and rec is doing an awful lot on a very limited budget," Crawford said.

The \$857,000 parks and recreation department budget is funded primarily from property taxes (one-half mill), user fees and general fund supplements. The other revenue sources come from federal grants targeted towards specific projects, a small amount of state shared revenue, and a small amount of interest and "other" forms of income.

In the proposed 1989-90 budget, property taxes for parks and recreation are scheduled to expand from \$318,000 to \$381,000 — an increase of 19 percent.

Program revenues are slated to decline to \$295,000, from an estimated \$367,000 this year, mostly because the 1988-89 figures were set a little high.

But the general fund contribution to parks and recreation is slated to decrease from \$444,000 in 1988-89 to \$110,000 in the next fiscal year. That's due to the mid-decade census revenues being removed.

That means the entire parks and recreation budget is off from \$1.217

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million this year to a proposed \$857,000 next year. It represents a drop of about 30 percent.

As a result, no funds were set aside for parkland acquisition in the budget put forward by Kriewall, even though Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis and the Parks and Recreation Commission had recommended \$200,000 for that purpose.

The city council was expected to address specific items in the budget Wednesday night (after The News' deadline) and may recommend some funding for parkland acquisition, despite Kriewall's recommendation. Another budget study session was slated for Monday, April 17, before the regular council meeting.

A recommendation on whether or not to pursue a ballot question for additional funding is likely to be made "within 60 days," Kriewall said.

Church receives chapel

Officials at the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Novi have announced groundbreaking ceremonies for a new chapel.

The congregation will celebrate this milestone this Sunday, April 16, in conjunction with its 10:30 a.m. worship service. Music for the event will be provided by the Sunday School and Adult choirs.

A fellowship dinner will follow at noon. Because of the groundbreaking ceremony, there will be no 8 a.m. service on April 16.

The 2,200 square foot chapel will be added to the north side of the existing church building on the corner of Nine Mile and Meadowbrook Road. It is expected to seat about 150 parishioners. The existing building will then be used exclusively for fellowship and Christian education, such as Sunday school, vacation Bible school and adult Bible classes.

The existing church building was completed in October 1985. Pastor Gene Jahnke reported that rapid growth spurred the appointment of a building committee only two years later. Completion of the chapel is targeted for his fall, according to church officials. Growth projections point to an expansion of the new chapel in about five years.

Good Shepherd is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The Rev. Jahnke has invited the community to join the congregation for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Gift by tax form

Novi residents can contribute to the fight against child abuse when they fill out their Michigan State Income Tax Forms this year.

Residents can donate to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) by checking Line 24 on the state income tax form. All funds will be earmarked for programs aimed at preventing child abuse.

Since it first appeared on the 1982 forms, the Children's Trust Fund has funded 133 programs across the state to prevent child abuse.

This year in Oakland County CTF dollars will fund several agencies — the Association for Retarded Citizens, Common Ground and the Judson Center for parenting programs. CTF is also funding the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County.

Half the money received from the CTF check-off is used to fund these programs. The other half goes into a trust which will become self-perpetuating when the amount reaches \$20 million.

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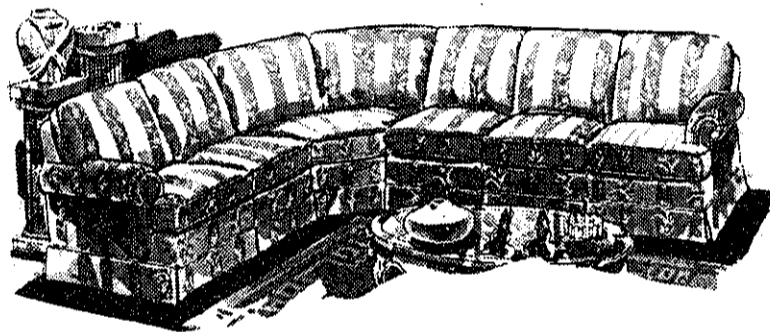
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Sales manager Gordie LaFontaine shows off the line of Jeep Wranglers at LaFontaine Jeep/Eagle in Milford

Jeep dealership enjoys success at Milford site

By RICH HUBER

It's appropriate that an Eagle should land on Liberty Street on the Fourth of July.

And that's what happened when LaFontaine Jeep/Eagle opened for business at 115 East Liberty Street in Milford on July 4, 1988.

After nearly nine months at the Liberty Street location, the staff at the dealership admits that they still consider themselves new kids on the block.

"Many of our customers hear about us by word of mouth," said sales manager Gordie LaFontaine.

In towns like Milford, word of mouth apparently goes a long way. The sales at LaFontaine Jeep/Eagle have been strong and steady.

Gordie and his uncle, Dan LaFontaine, the dealership's owner, point

to Milford's growing economy and population as the reason for their sales success.

They also point to their product. "The area is growing but it still has a country atmosphere which is perfect for the Jeep," the sales manager said.

Gordie, a Howell native, claims that the Jeep/Eagle line appeals to every age group because of its versatility.

The Eagle Summit, a compact car, attracts the teen-aged crowd, while the Jeep Wranglers appeal to the 20-30 age group, he said.

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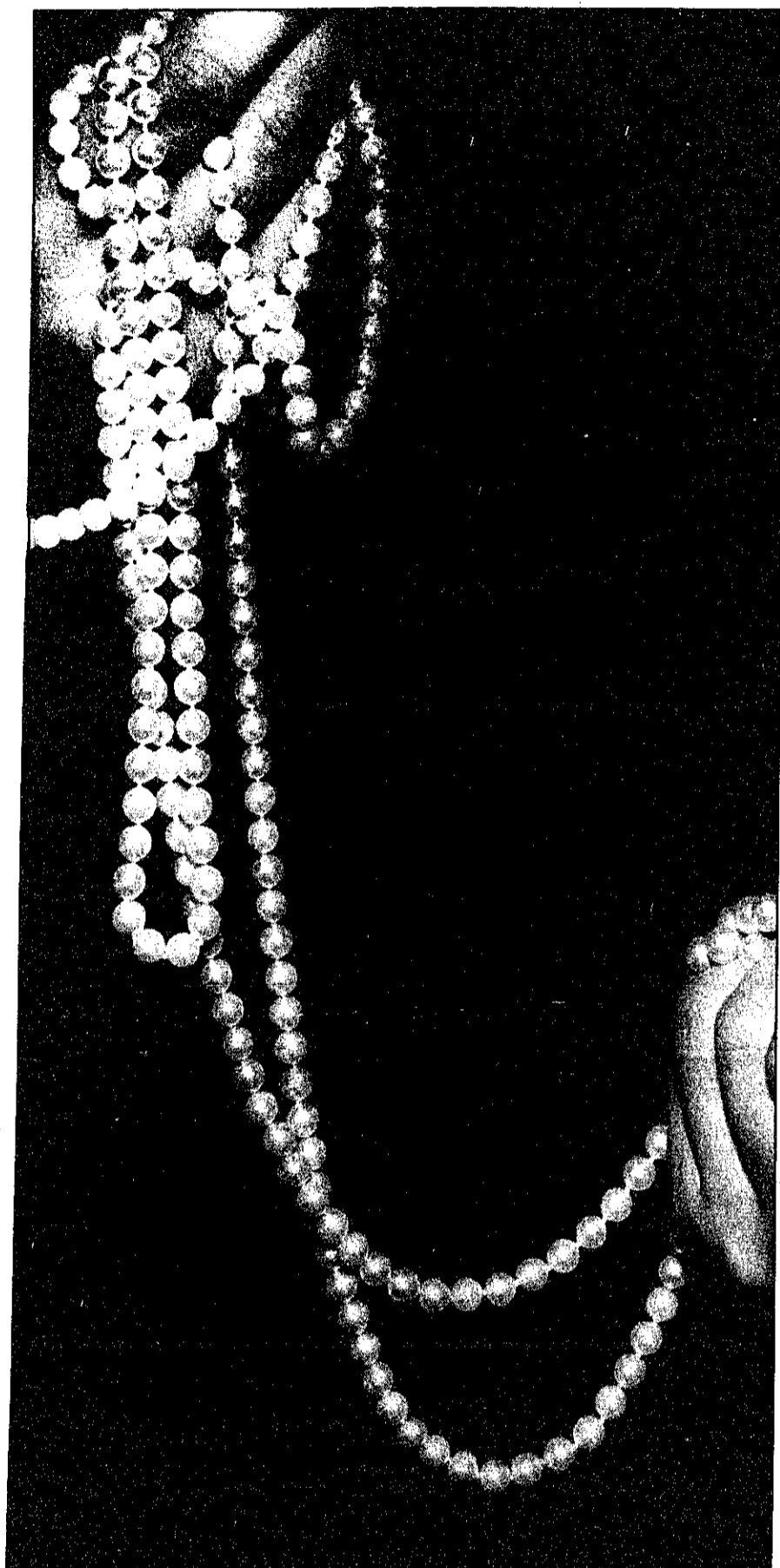
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THURSDAY
April 13,
1989



Quality pearls, like this strand courtesy of Orin Jewelers in Northville, should display high luster

Traditional elegance

Pearls make a comeback for women seeking style

Story by
Brenda Dooley

Photo by
Terese Kredon

Treasures from the sea. Tiny, shimmering white jewels created by the mystery of nature — pearls. When a woman winds them around her neck, strands of delicate rainbow-hued pearls add instant elegance. And when a man gives pearls to a woman the gesture signifies love, respect and devotion.

First Lady Barbara Bush has made them her trademark by wearing pearls to practically every noteworthy occasion.

Pearls are created when an irritant enters an oyster's shell. Cells within the marine creature's cells act defensively to surround the irritant — such as a grain of sand — secreting a smooth, hard substance called nacre.

Layers of nacre build up around the irritant to create a pearl. Cultured pearls are formed when oysters are implanted with an irritant at the hand of a man or woman, instead of the elements of nature.

Dave Beyer, manager of Orin Jewelers in downtown Northville, says that most pearls come from Japan, where a majority of the pearl farms exist. The sea gems are cultivated in calm bays or coves where low salinity helps produce more lustrous pearls within living oysters.

Historically, pearls have been treasured and cherished. In ancient Greece, the word for pearl implied "perfect purity" and in ancient Rome a word for pearls suggested sweetness and pleasure.

They were recognized as jewels of love in India and in Persia where Alexander the Great received gifts of pearls from his bride, Roxanne. The most famous legend surrounding pearls is the one in which Cleopatra was said to have dissolved two pearls in wine to seduce Mark Antony.

Ancient history aside, pearls are currently enjoying renewed popularity.

"Yes, since the Bushes took office there has been an increase in the pearl business," Beyer says.

Maryann Ellsworth, a manager at LeRoy's Jewelers in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, agrees that pearls are becoming more popular. However, she doesn't attribute the upswing in popularity to Barbara Bush. Ellsworth described the Bush-pearl boom explanation as merely a theory. Her answer?

"People are going back to traditional style," Ellsworth says. "We

sold a lot more pearls this Christmas than we have in previous years."

Theory or no theory, there's no disputing that pearls are here to stay. They invoke images of old wealth, traditional values and impeccable style.

When shopping for pearls, it's important to realize that there are no two alike. Beyer advises shoppers to look for pearls with a rose overtone and a high luster, characteristics of a high quality pearl.

He describes "luster" as a mirror effect or a deep-seated glow that can be recognized when looking closely at a pearl. The best quality and most expensive pearls are those with a pinkish tone.

"You should almost be able to see yourself in the pearl," he says.

When assessing size, a six millimeter pearl is most common. Beyer says strands of pearls over 7½ millimeters in size are extremely rare.

"People should have a comparison grade of pearls shown to them when shopping for them so they can see the difference between a good quality and a not-so-good quality pearl," Beyer says.

"Also, they should get a complete written description of the pearls including the color, size, shape and price so they know exactly what they're getting."

Price tags for a 24-inch strand of pearls — the most popular length according to Beyer — range from \$800 to \$1,200. A 16-inch strand runs from \$450 to \$700, depending on the quality.

When caring for pearls, wiping them with a soft cloth after soaking them in a gentle commercial pearl cleaner is recommended. They should be re-strung anywhere between once a year or once every five years, depending on how often they're worn.

How to tell if they're real or fake? Here's a simple test. Rub them against your teeth. If the pearls are real, they'll feel gritty. If they're simulated, they'll feel smooth and simply glide across your teeth.

"Fake pearls are spray-painted beads," Beyer says. "You can tell when something is spray-painted by seeing the bubbles on it."

Without the tooth test the average person wouldn't be able to tell the difference between some brands of simulated pearls and the real thing.

The real difference only shows in the price tag.

Random Sample

Q: Should the U. S. ban the import of assault weapons?

Ten said: "Yes"
None said: "No"

"They just cause trouble."
"We don't need any more weapons in this country."
"Definetly yes."



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

Black enjoys library

By DOROTHY NASH

How do you show your appreciation to your community for the things it has given to you? Paul Black said he's been doing it for "the last number of years" — actually, it's more than ten — by serving on the Novi Library Board, currently as chairman.

"I love to read," he said, and when it was advertised that the City Council was considering applicants for membership on the library board, "I applied."

There are five members on the board. At the present they are four men and one woman, whose professions, Black said, are Detroit librarian, secretary, judge, court accountant, and himself, a property manager.

"We meet the second Monday evening of each month," Black

said. "It's in the city calendar, and citizens are welcome to attend."

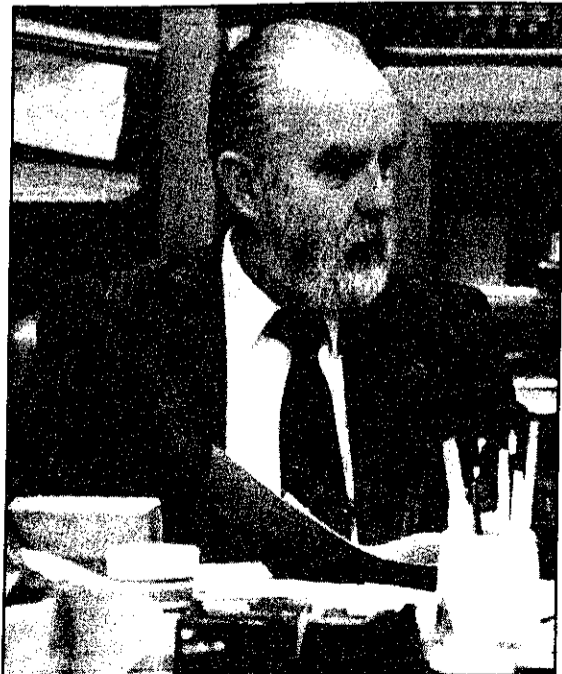
The purpose of the board, he said, is "to set the policies and approve the budget. We have nothing to do with buying books. The library staff does that."

The board and the staff work together "to make the library a service to the citizens" — in things like designating number of days in the week and hours in the day that the library is open, and providing reading matter for both pre-schools and nursing homes.

The big current project the board is working on is the three-year rebuilding plan — working on the library exterior and remodeling the inside.

Where does the money come from? Black answered, "We have a dedicated millage. It's in the city charter. Our purpose is to use the money as best as we can," and he added, the board meets once a year with the City Council to report what's going on and how they're spending the money.

Any interested citizens who would like to be on the library board, Black said, should go to the city hall to apply. One seat on the board is up each year.



Paul Black volunteers for Novi Library

Record/CHRIS BOYD

High school students to perform in talent show

By JEANNE CLARKE, special writer

Novi Highlights

Residents and families interested in enjoying an evening of entertainment are advised to set aside a few hours this Friday, April 14. That's when Novi High School students will present the "Night of the Stars." The high school talent show will be held in the high school's Puert Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the community is invited to attend.

bean cruise. They were accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mote and family of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. David Dartney of San Diego, Calif. They left from Miami on the SS Norway and visited several places of interest including St. Martin, St. John, St. Thomas and a private island.

ARTS & CULTURE: Mark your calendars. Several programs are planned this month, guaranteed to provide family entertainment. Meadowbrook Congregational Church presents "Arts at Meadowbrook," a spring choral festival, on Sunday, April 16.

PERSONALS: Lucy and Tom Needham have returned from a three-month vacation in Sun City, Ariz. While they were there, the Needhams traveled to Las Vegas, where they attended a reunion of Mr. Needham's 91st Division Reconciliation Unit. They also traveled to Orange County, Calif. to visit Jim and Jan Schendel and their children, James and Elizabeth.

Former longtime Novi resident Caroline Garreany was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bell. Ms. Garreany now lives in Detroit.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Have a few spare hours to learn a new craft or skill? New brochures and class listings for Novi Community Education are now available. Registrations are being taken for classes not already filled.

NOVI NEWCOMERS: Members of the Novi Newcomers will have a chance to analyze their handwriting at the group's April 20 meeting. Special guest will be Andrew Shaw, a handwriting analyst, who plans to encourage audience participation.

The community education office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH 22455 Novi Rd. (between 9-10 Mile) Bible Study For All Ages 8:45 a.m. Worship Services 9 a.m. & 8 p.m. Wed., Mid-Week Prayer Serv., 7 p.m. 348-8665 Kenneth Stevens, Pastor	FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4400 W. 10 Mile, Novi 348-5866 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Worship & Church School, 9:30am & 11:30am Richard J. Henderson, Pastor John L. Misher, Parish Associate
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beginning April 25; and Sneaker Painting. Several teen classes are in progress, including an introduction to modeling taught by May Arvo, a former Mrs. Michigan, and Youth Pleasure Boating presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

NACC continues to seek volunteers to help take tickets, serve refreshments, decorate, work in the concession stand, distribute posters and brochures, and other duties. Volunteer coordinator is Helen Stabler. If interested in donating time to the NACC contact her at 349-2383 or Kelley Simpson at 347-0400.

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Novi newcomers continues to form interest groups for its members including babysitting, co-op, book discussion group, partners bowling, bunko, a craft group and others.

A "Golf For Fun" group is being formed for golfers of all levels. The group plans to play every Tuesday morning at a different course and to meet for lunch afterwards.

Needlecrafters will meet April 19 to learn a new craft. The Pre-schoolers group recently visited residents age 60 or over qualify for a 30 percent discount on Novi Community Education classes. Call 349-1200 for more information.

NOVI HIGHLIGHTS: is written by Jeanne Clarke. Groups and organizations may have their notices published by calling her at 624-0173. Individuals with news about births, birthdays, showers, anniversaries, vacations or other special events for the "Personals" section may call her at the same number.

NOVI TOPS: It's no fun to diet alone. Don't despair, there's a group looking out for your best interest. Novi TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets every Monday in Room 109 at Novi High School.

PIN POINTERS: High bowlers were Rosemary Bannish (209 in 514 series), Mitzi Harvey (206 in 541 series), Lori Seizer (202), Barb Detore (189 in 526 series), Dyanna Martin (187 in 535 series), Karen Smith (184) and Barb Walling (187). Standings are as follows:

Eager Beavers	74	38
Bowling Bags	70 1/2	41 1/2
Never A Doubt	64 1/2	47 1/2
Century 21	62 1/2	49 1/2
B&L	61 1/2	50 1/2
Hil Loos	58	54
Lookin' Good	52	59 1/2
Adventurers	52	59 1/2
M&Ms	50	62

Calligrapher creates art



Linda McVicar teaches calligraphy

By BRENDA DOOLEY, staff writer

Novi's Linda McVicar can transform letters and a blank sheet of paper into a piece of artwork. A broad-edge pen serves as her paint brush.

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NYA to host bowling event

A surprise visitor is expected to show up at the Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) bowling this Saturday, April 15.

Who? The No. The colorful cartoon character who pounces relentlessly on Domino's Pizza boxes will make an appearance at the NYA's seventh annual bowling to visit with area children and to boost support.

NYA officials are still looking for bowlers to participate in the annual fundraiser.

"We need more bowlers and we need more people to sponsor bowlers if we're going to make our goal," said John O'Brien, NYA vice chairperson and publicity director for the bowling.

"We're trying to get as many people involved as possible so that we can continue to upgrade the quality of programming for the youth of this community."

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Master motivator

Noted speaker to visit with Novi students

Pat Hurley, nationally known humorist and motivational speaker for young people, will make four appearances in the Novi schools on Tuesday, April 18.

Hurley: 'My approach is to make students laugh so I can make them think. I want them to think about the importance of their lives and the contribution they can make to our world. We need their energy, their talent and their refreshing honesty to make our society a better place in which to live.'

At each of the assemblies Hurley will invite students to return with their parents to the high school at 7 p.m. for a "community session" and question and answer period.

He will also speak on Tuesday to student assemblies at Novi Meadows School at 10 a.m. and Novi High School at 1 p.m.

Middle school releases honor roll

Novi Middle School has announced the seventh and eighth grade honor rolls for the fourth marking period.

7th GRADE
Named to the high honor roll were Michael Balthazre, Christy Carmichael, Michelle DeWitt, Michelle Hahn, Douglas Householder, Yeh Won Hwang, Pamela Kalle, Sherry Kemp, Sandra Kessler, Peggy Lind, Tanya Marchak, Cyrus Mills, Keri Naughton, Rebecca Phillips, Allison Quinn, Daniel Rowell, James Rowlands, Sweta Shah, Theresa Spruill, Erik Strassberg, A.J. Tyll, Rogal Vashi, Stephanie Watson and Jennifer Wroe.

Named to the regular honor roll were Deborah Anderson, Angela Armitage, Jodie Armstrong, Kirk Baetes, Brian Bayer, Nathan Bealor, Monica Bhattacharjee, Christina Bolitto, Craig Borasko, Angela Buckley, Rebecca Butcher, Shannon Butler, Ryan Byers, Angela Cook, Lia Cook, Debra Coonce and Jill Crawford.

8th GRADE
Named to the high honor roll were Brian Emprie, Ryan Goldsmith, Milla Hingray, Jason Kirk, James Kovacs, Jennifer Liptow, Kerri Oikarinen, Anthony Pantuso, Stacey Pearl, Jennifer Presson, Alan Stevens, Matthew Topper, Bethany Vanderhoff, Brian Watson and David York.

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Wellness Day" is a half-day of speakers, programs and workshops on the topics of health and wellness for all seventh and eighth graders.

Following Hurley's presentation at 8:15 a.m., Novi Middle School students will break up into smaller groups for presentations on such topics as nutrition, substance abuse, common teenage sports injuries, personal safety, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, the Heimlich maneuver and steroid use in athletics.

Among the participants will be Pat Shaffer, an RN from Providence Hospital; Novi Fire Chief Art Lehigh; Beverly Cameron, a dietitian from Providence Hospital; Charlie Silicec, Northville substance abuse coordinator; and Dr. Sue Fleming of Harper Hospital.

Births

RACHEL ELIZABETH LESS

Jan (Kozora) and Mark Less of Novi announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, born March 7 at Huron Valley Hospital in Midland.



RACHEL LESS

CHRISTOPHER ADAM HILL

Regan and Karen (Rice) Hill of Clarkston announce the birth of their first child, a son.

Church Notes

Visitors day: Good Shepherd Evangelical Church in Novi will conduct its first Visitors Day on Sunday, April 16. Sunday school classes are held from 9:15 to 10 a.m. and all children from three to 14 years of age are invited to attend.

"We welcome visitors every Sunday, but we wanted to highlight one particular Sunday to especially invite others to our Sunday school and make a special effort to make them feel at home," said Pastor Gene E. Jahnke.

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

In Uniform

Marine Pfc. **MATTHEW PASSINO** has completed the Assault Amphibian Vehicle Repairman's Course at Camp Pendleton, California. A 1988 graduate of Novi High School, he is the son of Richard and Ann Passino of Sheridan Drive in Novi and joined the Marine Corps in June 1988.

Marine Petty Officer 1st Class **DARYL ANDERSON** recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada.

Adoptions include interchange

Change is the key word when talking about today's adoptions.

Einhauser: 'There is a large need for recruitment of families for older kids.'

"We jokingly call it the 'A' word," said Nancy Rebar, supervisor of Children's Services at Oakland Family Services. Rebar counsels pregnant women, prospective adoptive families and foster care families.

"It's unfortunate, but when adoption is presented to most teens, it's very negative. All the phrases and words used connote abandonment and things that aren't good."

Adoption has changed dramatically from the way it was done 20 or 30 years ago. Adoptions are much more open today and often include interchange between birthparents and adoptive parents. Many times the birthparents choose the family to adopt their child.

"We do encourage the girls to see the baby in the hospital," Rebar said. "The philosophy is sort of that you have to say hello before you can say goodbye."

Must go through an orientation. They're seen for an initial interview so the adoption counselor can get to know the family on a personal level. Then they go on a waiting list.

"There is always a period of re-education after the baby is born, but by counseling ahead of the birth we can prepare them for the feelings they'll have."

about the type of family they want for their child. Sometimes religion is high on the list.

Rebecca Smith, who has been named to the Dean's Honor List for superior academic achievement at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering for the 1988 fall term, is the daughter of Thomas and Barbara DeFoor.

Rebecca Probst of Novi is a member of the Eastern Michigan University Chamber Choir directed by Dr. Leonard Richt, associate professor of music.

People

DAVID DeROOF of Novi has been named to the Dean's Honor List for superior academic achievement at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering for the 1988 fall term.

KATHY HAWN of Novi has been named to the President's List for the winter term at Northwood Institute. She is the daughter of James and Shirley Hawn of Novi.

REBECCA SMITH of Walled Lake has been named to the Dean's List at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, she is a 1985 graduate of Novi Christian School.

TAMARA JEX of Novi was a set crew member in the Central Michigan University theater production of "It'll Be Back Before Midnight."

JULIANNE BORG, a coloratura soprano, performed in a student vocal recital at Western Michigan University on March 19.

REBECCA FOLLMER of Novi has earned a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Allied Health from Siena Heights College in Adrian.

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TEJAL SHAH of Novi has been elected as a representative of the Student Senate at Algonquin College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramesh Shah of Clover Lane in Novi.

Library presents storytelling session

The old-fashioned art of storytelling will be demonstrated at the Novi Public Library in celebration of National Library Week (April 9-15).

The library will host "Storytelling," a 45-minute presentation of storytelling for the entire family today (Thursday, April 13). The program begins at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Novi Library.

Registration is not required for the program. Upcoming events at the library include a special showing of "Cinderella" on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m. Again, no registration is required.

Children of all ages are invited to attend a viewing of the Walt Disney classic, "Cinderella," is expected to run for about 75 minutes.

The library's "Movie Just For Little Tykes" program features the movies "The Poor Glassblower" and "The Amazing Bone." The films will be screened on Tuesday, April 25, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the library.

For more information about any of the programs listed above, call the library at 349-0720.

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According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Shell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat-bonding process is a "lazy way" to lose weight because the pills also "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is 100% safe and not a drug."

The fat-magnet pills are already sweeping the country with glowing reports of weight loss from formerly overweight people in all walks of life who are now slimmer, trimmer and more attractive again.

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Rules bend for wine shoppers

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Worried about committing that damnable faux pas — choosing the wrong wine? Well, worry no more. Or at least not as much as you used to.

That's according to local wine merchant James Spagnuolo, of "The Liquor Shoppe" of downtown Northville, who's noticed some subtle changes in his many years in the business.

"There are no rules anymore, really," he said. "I tell people to come in, ask questions, and drink what you like. Try them, pick one that is pleasing to your palate, and in your price range."

"It shouldn't be an intimidating experience," he said.

"Most people do not know wine," said Morey Gergis, owner of the Vintage Wine Shop of Novi. "I would suggest that every customer who walks into a store ask questions. There is nothing wrong with that."

Realizing that intimidation in buying wine doesn't really do much for the business, wine dealers have shown increasing amounts of flexibility in dealing with the public.

The basic "rules" are still the same — "red with red." That means red wines go with the red meats or the heavier dinners. Nice white wines are designed to go with other types of meals, like fish, lobster, chicken or other game.

But the emergence of a variety of different wines — like zinfandels and other "bush" varieties — have helped to relax the rigid guidelines.

"We have more wines that are being used with both types of the foods," Gergis said.

"The big thing is that you do not



Jimmy Spagnuolo of Northville's Liquor Shoppe takes stock of the store's wines

have to spend a lot of money to get a good result nowadays," he said. "There are a lot of wines that are pretty reasonably priced."

Spagnuolo believes there isn't necessarily anything wrong with bending the rules slightly, especially for the beginner.

"You have to really look at it as a learning experience," Spagnuolo said. "You should be trying it and en-

joying it . . . not getting caught up with what is supposed to be."

The wine industry has seen some local trends of late, which have made consumption of the products more popular than ever before.

Specialization has become the key. For instance, wine coolers have replaced some of the lower priced wines, which never really represented a challenge to other

higher priced wines in the first place.

Five liter "bags" of high quality wine are also available in more upscale brands, for the knowledgeable palate. The pressurized foil containers prevent oxidation that occurs when the cork is removed from wine bottles. The container can sit upright in the refrigerator, allowing wine to be dispensed by the glass.

In Town

Stores at 135 East Main Street in Northville. Reserved seating is available for groups of 20 or more.

Antique show: "Country In The Inn," an Early Americana folk art and antique show, will be held at the Northville Community Center this Friday and Saturday, April 14-15. Show hours are Friday from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Tickets for the show can be purchased at the door on the day of the show.

Northville residents participating in the show include Beth Sekerka, who will display primitive hooked rugs; Retha Wilson, who will feature dried flowers; Ed and Yvonne Grace, with folk art; and Sue Eppers, who will display country clothing. Featured items include quilts, hooked rugs, salt glaze pottery, country furniture, samplers and period lighting.

An herb plant sale also will be held. For more information call Kathy Yuchasz at 538-1957.

Talent show: Novi High School presents "Night of the Stars," a talent show, this Friday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The show will be held in the high school's Fuerst Auditorium. Admission is free.

Spring concert: Meadowbrook Congregational Church will host "Arts at Meadowbrook," a spring choral festival, this Sunday, April 16.

The festival will begin at 2 p.m. at the church. Several noted musicians are expected to perform, including several members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Admission to the concert is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Mr. B's Farm: The band "Sittin' In" is currently performing at Mr. B's Farm on Fridays and Saturdays. Entertainment is provided at Mr. B's Farm from about 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mr. B's Farm is located on the west side of Novi Road, just north of Ten Mile in Novi.

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

Northville students to host play

Northville High School students are presenting "The Sound of Music" this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (April 13-16).

Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a matinee scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$4 adults and \$3.50 students and seniors.

Sheraton Oaks: Steve King & The Ditties appear at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel April 13, 14 and 15 at 9 p.m.

There is no cover charge for the performances. Sheraton Oaks is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi. For more information call 348-5000.

'Grease': Northville's historic Marquis Theater presents a live rendition of "Grease," the '50s rock 'n' roll musical April 21 through May 14.

Performance dates are Fridays, April 21, 28 and May 5, 12; Saturdays, April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13; and Sundays, April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$9 and \$10 or \$7 for students under 16. Seniors receive special discounts.

Tickets can be purchased in advance over the telephone by calling 349-8110 or 349-0868. Tickets also are available at the door or from The Marquis

Plymouth group performs Mozart

Plymouth Oratorio Society will perform the "Requiem" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart this Sunday, April 16, at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be collected.

The church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, one-half mile west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. This concert is given with the support of the Detroit Council of the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

The romantic legend of the "Requiem" was the subject of the popular play and the movie "Amadeus." The "Requiem" was first performed in Vienna in 1792, the year following Mozart's death.

Royal play: Novi resident Richard Keiso will don medieval apparel to appear in "Yeomen of the Guard," a production by the St. Bede Players.

Performance dates are April 29 at 8 p.m.; April 30 at 2 p.m.; May 5-6 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2 p.m. Productions will be held in the Southfield High School Auditorium on Ten Mile at Lahser Road.

Tickets are \$6 adults pre-sale or \$7.50 at the door; and \$4 senior/student pre-sale or \$5 at the door.

For more information call 557-6527 or 557-7245.

Bob Hope: Fox Theater presents Bob Hope for five performances April 12-16.

Tickets priced at \$32.50, \$25, \$20 and \$10 can be purchased at the Fox Theater box office, the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticket-

Nearby

Master outlets. To charge tickets by phone call 423-6666.

Art & Flowers: Detroit Institute of Arts presents "Art & Flowers," a festival of spring, April 11-16.

Events and displays include flower arrangements created by members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, celebrity invitational floral displays, horticulture and garden exhibits, an art and flowers poster competition, public docent tours and self-guided tours.

Guest speakers Renny Reynolds, Martha Stewart, Judith Smith, Mario Buatta, David Smith and Thomas Hoving will appear throughout the event. For ticket information call 833-7969.

Upcoming drama:

Farmington Players presents the opening of Hugh Whitmore's "Pack of Lies" on Friday, April 21, at the Farmington Players Barn on Twelve Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills.

The play is based on a true incident and follows a family as it is swept into a cold-war whirlpool of deceit and betrayal. It takes place in London and focuses on the moral dilemma of what happens when commonplace people are petitioned to spy on their friends.

Performance dates are April 21, 22,

23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and May 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13. Curtain time for all performances is 8 p.m. except Sundays when it is 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 and can be obtained by calling 538-1670.

Travel film: The Commerce Township Area Historical Society presents a travel and adventure film "The Spanish Season," narrated by Bob Pearce at the Walled Lake Central High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 16, at 3 p.m.

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

Upcoming comedy: The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "I'm Not Rappaport" by Herb Gardner.

Performance dates are April 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29 with curtain time at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. On opening night there will be a \$1 discount for students and seniors.

The Guild Playhouse is at 15138 Beech Daly Road, one block south of Five Mile. For reservations call 538-5678.

Spring events: Upcoming programs at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center include "Dinosaur Days" on April 16; "Full Moon Walk" on April 20; "Nature & Spring for 4-7 year olds" on April 23;

and "Spring Has Sprung" on April 30. Registration is required for all programs. For more information call 1-800-24PARKS or 685-1561.

Odd Couple: The Fox Theater presents Tim Conway as Felix Unger and Tom Poston as Oscar Madison in Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" April 25-30.

Tickets are priced from \$15 to \$27 and available at the Fox Theater box office, Joe Louis Arena box office or TicketMaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone using Visa or Mastercard call 432-6666. For general information call 567-6000.

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

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

Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward at Kirby. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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John Osborne inducted into 'Hall of Fame'

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

ANN ARBOR — Nearly 900 spectators were on hand at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena last Saturday (April 8) to see longtime Novi Coach John Osborne inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) Hall of Fame.

Osborne was one of 25 inductees from across the state to be honored in Ann Arbor, and was only one of two coaches who has been at the same high school throughout his career.

"It looks like there's a great turnout," Osborne said prior to the banquet. "I'm very honored to be here."

It was the largest and most successful coaches' banquet since the program was initiated in 1982.

Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian estimated that 70 to 80 Osborne supporters were on hand including family, friends, fellow coaches and teachers.

"John (Osborne) is a heckuva coach," said Bob Smith, who coaches Novi's track and cross-country teams. "It's amazing what he's accomplished — I don't know how he does it. As you can see with all the people who are here to honor him, John has made a lot of friends over the years."

Everyone from Novi Middle School Principal Chuck Nanas to former Wildcat basketball Coach John Cicchelli made up the Novi contingent.

"Anybody who has the record and the longevity that John has, you have to be impressed," said South Lyon football Coach Bob Scheloske. "He's a good quality guy and a good friend. I've only been at South Lyon for four years, but we've already had a few classic battles on the field and I look forward to more. I'm glad to see him being honored tonight because he deserves it."

The MHSFCA has 1,500 members statewide and has inducted just under 200 coaches into its Hall of Fame over the last eight years. There are hundreds more on the waiting list.

For a coach to qualify he needs to have 20 years of coaching, and/or 100 victories. Osborne has both, and it's all been at the varsity level at Novi. The man they call "O" is the only head football coach in the history of Novi High School.

"He takes care of us," said Dave Hartman, one of Osborne's assistant coaches. "He's the master. He can deal with people — kids in particular — better than anybody I know."

"John is very well respected," commented Bill Ayotte, the former Novi girls' basketball coach. "He's a Novi institution."

Osborne was seated at the head table with the other 24 inductees, Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, MHSFCA President Dan Lauer and Hall of Fame Chairman Tom Fagan.

"We're proud of our inductees," Lauer said. "It's our way of saying thank-you for a job well done. Because of these men in front of you, football in this state is in very good hands."

"These guys are winners on and off the field," Fagan said. "They are respected statewide because they've done so much for their schools, their districts and their communities. They've served the youth of this state very well."

As guest speaker, Schembechler admitted he had a soft spot in his heart for high school coaches. He called them "the most important guys in high schools today."

"Any one of these men here in the Hall of Fame could just as easily be standing here in front of you as the coach at Michigan," he said. "They coach as much about football as I do — I'm just lucky enough to have some of the opportunities and



Bo Schembechler (left) listens as John Osborne is inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame

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breaks they didn't. "No other profession has the opportunity to have such a big effect on our youngsters as a high school coach. These men are as proud to be football coaches as I am. There is no college football... there is no professional football... without coaches like these men."

When Osborne was called up to the podium to receive his Hall of Fame plaque, he received one of the loudest receptions of any coach. He thanked a lot of people — but mostly his family.

"My name is on this plaque, but I have a great team behind me..." he said. "My wife Linda, my mother Evelyn, my daughter Laurie, and my son Derek. I work for a great school district — Novi — and without the players, it wouldn't

be worth it." Osborne said he likes to coach because being around young players keeps him young. He also said his biggest thrill in coaching was the perfect season put together by his 1972 team. It was the first unbeaten team Osborne had coached. "This is a very exciting night for John," Linda Osborne said. "Foot-

ball coaching is his life. I think it's nice for him to receive the recognition — he loves it."

In 22 years as the head coach at Novi High School, Osborne has amassed a 131-79 record and been a MHSFCA "Regional Coach of the Year" six times. In the past three seasons, Novi has a 26-4 record and three Kensington Valley Conference championships.

Ladycat runners post two victories

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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After just one week on the job, Novi rookie girls track coach Connie Ahrens already has more dual meet victories to her credit than her predecessor could manage all last season.

After opening the season with a win over Redford Union, the Wildcats came back two days later to nip Northville 64-63 to give the squad a perfect 2-0 record so far.

A case of the flu, and a lot of cheering at the two meets last week, caused Ahrens to lose her voice — but certainly not her optimism.

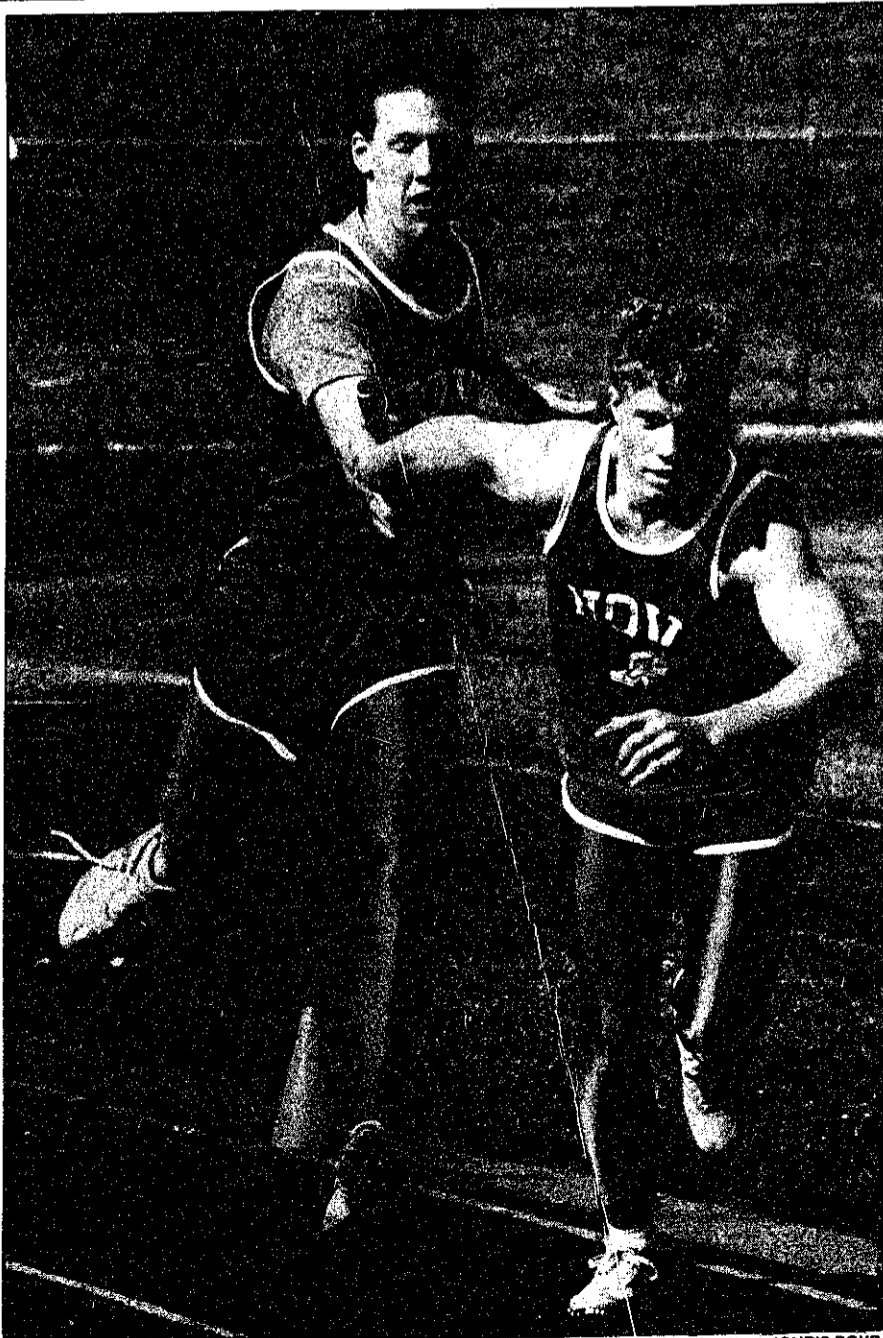
"I'm very happy with what happened last week," whispered the rookie mentor of the girls track team. "We really didn't know what to expect, but the girls went out both times and gave it all they had — apparently, it was enough."

Against Northville, the 'Cats led comfortably most of the way. But the Mustangs gained eight points in the 800-meter run, when Novi's runners were disqualified for illegal lane changes, and that tightened up the battle considerably.

"The turning point was when we were disqualified in the 800," Ahrens said. "It ended up being a 16-point swing. Otherwise, it wasn't really all that close."

Novi won eight of 16 events, including three of four relay races. The winners included Michelle Smith in the high jump (4'6"), Angel Konarske in the 100-meter dash (13.7), Jennie Galland in the mile (5:58), Bria Powers in the 400 (1:09), Heather Humphries in the 200 (29.15), the 400 relay team of Jenny Smith, Konarske, Humphries and Patti Corbin (57.3), the 800 relay team of Krista Golebsky, Powers, Humphries and Corbin (1:57.3) and the two-mile relay team of Galland, Wendy McBride,

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Darren Johnson hands the baton to Jeffere LaFontaine in the Northville meet

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Novi thinclads rein Mustangs

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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Early season contests always provide a few surprises. And Novi's boys track meet against Northville on April 6 was no exception.

As it turned out, Novi was much better than Mustang Coach Dennis Faletti had expected. At the same time, Faletti's team performed well below the level he had hoped, and the result was a lopsided 102-35 Wildcat victory.

Novi Coach Bob Smith couldn't have been much happier as his team notched wins in 14 of 17 events. The squad was led by two-time winners Maurice Richardson and Rob Rasmussen.

Richardson took first place honors in the long jump (19'1/4") and the 100-meter dash (11.23), while Rasmussen dominated the distance events, winning the mile (4:56.32) and the two mile (10:30.69).

The rest of the Novi victories came from Daren Johnson in the shot put (41'1/2"), Chris Koth in the high jump (6'0"), Jeff Mielke in the pole vault (11'0"), Matt Konedra in the 110 high hurdles (15.97) Jeff Schram in the 300 intermediate hurdles (45.20), Jeff Morrison in the 400 (54.94) and all four relay teams.

Bill Lethemon, Richardson, Jeff Jeffries and Andy Fitzpatrick (45.88) took the honors in the 400 relay; Oscar Marino, Johnson, Jeffere LaFontaine and Fitzpatrick won the 800 relay; Marino, Ken Senchel, Schram and Koth were the winners in the mile relay; and Rob Herman, Yash Rohatgi, Jeffress and Bret Van Dyke grabbed a win in the two mile relay.

The Novi seconds came from Schram in the high jump (5'10") and the 110 hurdles (17.10), Jeffress in the long jump (18'4") and the 200 (24.15), Lethemon in the 100 (11.54), Rohatgi in the 800 (2:15.43), Rob Neil in the mile (5:08.13) and Brian Molloy in the two mile (16:51.10).

Thirds included Joel Scheffler in

the shot put (37'5/2"), Rob Faletta, Steve Myers and Mark Skodack in the pole vault (all tied at 9'0"), Fitzpatrick in the 200 (24.23), Lee McMains in the 800 (2:22.04) and Herman in the two mile (10:54.61).

"I always consider (Northville) beatable, but they always seem to give us trouble," Smith said. "This time, they didn't. Our guys took care of business and ended up winning all but three events."

"It was a real nice win."

NOVI 88, REDFORD UNION 49: The Wildcats opened their season April 4 with a 39-point home victory over the Panthers.

This time Jeffress, Rasmussen and Konedra combined for six individual wins to pace Novi. Jeffress won the long jump (18'1/4") and the 400 (51.4), picking up the slack for an absent Maurice Richardson, who didn't compete for disciplinary reasons. Rasmussen took firsts in the mile (5:52.07) and two mile (10:37.09), and Konedra won the 300 (43.41) and 110 hurdles (16.59).

The rest of the firsts came from Van Dyke in the 800 (2:12.13), the 800 relay team of Marino, Konedra, LaFontaine and Fitzpatrick (1:36.26), the 400 relay team of Johnson, Konedra, LaFontaine and Fitzpatrick (46.75) and the mile relay team of Jeffress, McMains, Albert Hwang and Morrison (3:47.0).

The Wildcats had numerous runner-up finishes including Fitzpatrick in the 200 (24.05), Koth in the 400 (54.45), Schram in the 300 hurdles (45.77), Molloy in the mile (4:56.66), LaFontaine in the long jump (17'8/2"), Mielke in the pole vault (11'6"), Marino in the 100 (11.86), Schram in the high jump (6'1"), and Johnson in the discus (136'6") and the shot put (42'2/2").

The thirds included Greg Larson in the pole vault (9'6"), Jeffress in the 100 (11.90), Koth in the high jump (5'11"), Scheffler in the shot put (39'9/2"), Rohatgi in the 800 (2:14.94), Johnson in the 200 (24.09) and Brian Murphy in the two mile (11:24.09).

Rebuilding job awaits Wildcat softball coach

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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Novi softball coach John Peace has only been around three years, but he's already facing a potentially difficult rebuilding campaign.

And it comes just one year after leading the Wildcats to their first winning season in years.

A total of 10 players have been lost to graduation, including a fine pitching staff that included Lisa McCarthy, Jill Sobkow and Jodie Nagel.

Peace must find replacements for all but two positions and is abundantly aware that the season could be rough, particularly in the early going.

"We have a lot of newcomers at key positions," said the Wildcat softball coach. "Early this season, it will be a learning experience for our young club — but I think we should be respectable."

The only real returning starter is outfielder Nicki Kasten (Sr.), who was a standout for the squad last spring. Kasten will see action in either left or center field and should be one of the team's top hitters.

The other returning starter is junior catcher Angel D'Agostino, who substituted behind the plate for McCarthy when McCarthy was on the mound last season. D'Agostino eventually worked her way into the starting lineup late in the year.

"Nicki is a fine athlete, and Angel has good experience as a catcher," Peace said.

Senior Darcy Cupp, a returning left-winner, is also back. She was a spot starter last year in the outfield and is expected to alternate with Kasten in either left or center field on defense. Chris Yankowski (Sr.) is an ideal designated hitter but she may see some playing time in right field as well. Yankowski split time a year ago between the varsity and J.V.

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"Cris" bat is what keeps her in the lineup," Peace said.

Deanna Reed (Jr.) and Stacy Onofrey (Sr.) will be very important pieces to the puzzle, even though they have no previous varsity experience.

Both played on the junior varsity team last season and have looked impressive in early workouts. The only other real pitcher on the roster is another sophomore — Mindy Watkins — who saw a little varsity action last year.

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At third base, Ashley Plavls (Sr.) and Michelle Mears (Jr.) will share the position, while Courtney Townsend (Sr.) and Jennifer Sieraszki (So.) will do the same at second.

The bulk of the pitching load will have to be carried by young Heather Campbell (So.), who has great potential but lacks experience. The only other real pitcher on the roster is another sophomore — Mindy Watkins — who saw a little varsity action last year.

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Nicki Kasten will be a mainstay for the Novi softball team this season

Powerful Lakeland squad overwhelms Ladycat nine

The Lakeland softball squad may be one of the state's finest teams.

Novi, on the other hand, has newcomers and inexperienced players at almost every position.

In what was the season opener for the Wildcats against the Eagles on April 7, a combination of those two factors made for a pair of one-sided games.

The Eagles crunched Novi 13-0 in the opener and then wrapped up the sweep with a 10-1 triumph in the nightcap. Lakeland senior hurler Kelly Forbis pitched both games and was dominating at times. In 12 innings, she surrendered only seven hits and one earned run.

"We got crunched twice," Novi Coach John Peace admitted. "In the first game, they scored eight runs before we even got an out. Forbis was dominating and we are a young team. I know the girls were nervous because it was our first game and Lakeland's fifth."

Sophomore Heather Campbell suffered the loss in game one, but according to Peace, she made the Eagles hit the ball. In five innings of work, she struck out five, walked four and allowed 10 earned runs. The "mercy rule" ended the opener after five innings.

Novi's only hit of the game came from senior Stacy Onofrey. Forbis faced 17 batters and fanned 12 of them.

The Wildcats were more competitive in game two. Forbis allowed six hits and one run while registering six

strike outs, but the Eagles battered Campbell again for 11 hits. Campbell also gave up six walks and had only two strike outs.

"We started hitting the ball in game two, and we made them play defense a little," Peace said. "We're still not sharp on defense, but we did better on the last four innings."

Lakeland jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings, but only one of the five runs was earned. Novi scored its only run in the doubleheader in the third inning on a Onofrey single, a bunt single by Angel D'Agostino and an RBI double by Deanna Reed that went over the head of the Lakeland centerfielder. The Eagles added a single run in the third and two more in the fourth to take a commanding 8-1 lead and cruised from there.

"We started to relax and make some good plays toward the end of the game," Peace said. "I really feel that for us to be competitive, we need to play good defense."

"Lakeland's one of the better teams in the state, so I don't want to be too disappointed with what happened to us. As young as we are, we'll make the mistakes — and most of them are mental, not physical. We did improve in the second game."

The 'Cats will host KVC foe Hartland tomorrow (Friday, April 14) in a doubleheader.

Title-bound? Novi nine eyes KVC crown

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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Novi baseball Coach Gar Frantz believes he has the best all-around squad of his coaching career.

But even Frantz wonders whether the 1989 edition of the Wildcat nine will be strong enough to overtake powerful Howell with the fabulous Hirschman twins — Steve and Stuart.

The Wildcats will be trying to bring the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) title back to Novi, but the road to the crown travels right through Howell. The 'Cats won the conference title in 1987 behind the pitching and hitting of Jeff Tanderys, but gave way to the Highlanders last spring. Frantz thinks his '89 squad has the potential to be better than any previous team.

"We have the potential to be an incredible team," Frantz said. "Defensively, we are better than we were two seasons ago, and we have more team speed. The only thing we're missing is Jeff Tanderys."

Frantz does have a superstar player in senior outfielder Scott Wladischkin, who has batted over 400 for his illustrious high school career. Wladischkin has the kind of speed, athleticism and power to draw the attention of professional scouts and college coaches. He is currently listed as a top prep prospect by the Major League Scouting Bureau.

"Scottie just needs to relax and do what comes natural," Frantz said. "The only thing that can stop him from being successful is if he starts to press and tries to do too much."

"He's loaded with talent." As a sophomore and junior, Wladischkin belted out 10 homers and stole 57 stolen bases. He is a two-time All-Conference and All-Area selection.

"You can't put up the numbers he has and not be considered a great player," Frantz said. "He can dominate games all by himself. He is so fast on defense, he gets to everything in center field. The way he throws and runs is the thing that really impresses coaches. He's got the most accurate arm I've ever seen from a high school outfielder."

Another outstanding returnee is pitcher/second baseman Steve Ross (Sr.), who batted .414 last season and had a fine 5-1 record (3.9 ERA) as a pitcher. Ross was an All-Area infielder, but was virtually ignored by the KVC coaches a year ago. He plans to prove that they made a big mistake.

"Steve had a great junior year but didn't get the publicity," Frantz asserted. "He is — simply — an excellent player."

Novi also sports one of the area's top defensive catchers in Brian Daniels (Sr.). He hit .377 last season and excels behind the plate. Daniels was an All-KVC second team selection in '88.

"Brian is a tremendous catcher," Frantz said. "I don't usually let my catchers call the pitches, but he calls a good game and I have a lot of confidence in him. I think Daniels and Jeff Irish from Milford are nose-to-nose defensively."

Senior Rick Friedrich will take over the starting first base chores after the departure of Dave Skown, the Sliger-Livingston East "Player of the Year" last year. Friedrich was a reserve outfielder last season, but did see a lot of action as a designated hitter. Marc Tolsdorf (Sr.) will also see action at first.

Senior shortstop/pitcher Ken Hendrian is back for his final season. He has a wealth of talent but a broken jaw sidelined him for two-thirds of last season. Consequently, he still doesn't have much varsity experience.

Ken runs and throws very well, but shortstop is a difficult position for someone without much experience," Frantz pointed out.

Hendrian was a starting outfielder, a regular in the pitching rotation and was hitting over .400 when the injury occurred. On the mound, he sports a blazing fastball but occasionally has trouble getting his breaking pitches over for strikes.

Speedy Doug Justus (Sr.) will return to his starting spot at third. Last year, he batted .300 and was a star on the base paths. Junior Brad Lewis and Mark VanAmeeyde are two of the top infield backups. Lewis will move into the shortstop position when Hendrian is pitching and will also provide Frantz with another pitcher. VanAmeeyde is an excellent defender and has been impressive in workouts.

Joining Wladischkin in the outfield are Rick Timreck (Sr.), Tolsdorf and Todd Wise (Sr.). Timreck will start in right field and has great power. Tolsdorf and Wise will probably split time in left.

"Timreck has more power than anybody on the team," Frantz said. "Tolsdorf got a chance last season and really showed me what he can do. Wise has good quickness and I like him because he is so feisty."

The Wildcats lost pitching ace Bernie Fornwald (7-2, 1.90) to graduation, but Ross is poised and ready to step right into that spot.

"After Fornwald, Steve Ross was our most successful pitcher last year," Frantz said. "I've never seen a kid work harder to become a complete pitcher. He looks like he'll have a great year."

Lewis and VanAmeeyde are both potential starters, and Timreck and Friedrich will be on hand for relief. But the key to the whole staff is probably Hendrian. If he can have the kind of year that matches his potential, Novi could end up with its second KVC title in three years.

"Ken is definitely the key for us," Frantz admitted. "If he can pitch the way I think he can, we will do very... very well."



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Scott Wladischkin crosses home plate after belting a homerun during the '88 campaign

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Surprising Eagles claim state crown

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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With no varsity players returning and only six members of last year's junior varsity squad moving up, everyone expected the Novi Christian basketball program to suffer a long, rebuilding season this year.

Longtime head coach Dick Burgess stepped down last year and Harold McMahan took over, so the program had to work its way through a coaching change as well.

In addition, several newcomers — who rounded out the roster — had virtually no basketball experience. All this prompted Burgess to predict "with this year's talent, four or five victories would be a realistic goal. Our 11-man roster averages less than 5-foot-6 per man and we have no one over six-foot tall."

With expectations very low, the undefeated Eagles went out and put together a very successful season. Novi Christian ended up the surprise of the Metro Christian Conference (MCC) with a 6-4 record (12-8 overall). But the biggest highlight came in mid-March when the Eagles ran off with the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Schools State Championship.

The Eagle cagers have now qualified to represent Michigan at the International ACE Convention at North Texas State University in Denton on May 22-26.

A total of 17 teams from throughout the state competed in the tournament on March 18 in Holt. All ACE tournament basketball games consist of only two, eight-minute halves due to the number of participants.

In the first game on March 18, the Eagles defeated rival P.C.L. Christian Academy of Detroit. Novi Christian

In its 13-year history, Novi Christian has won 267 basketball games — an average of more than 20 wins per season.

then cruised in the second half to a 40-32 victory to advance to the next round. Dennis Leech poured in 22 points for the Eagles in only 16 minutes of play. As a team, Novi hit 73 percent from the floor.

In round two, Novi Christian dumped Pilgrim Christian Academy of Cedar Springs 39-30, and again Leech led the way with 20 points.

Mark Row added 15.

The Eagles took on the Factoryville Falcons — the pre-tourney favorites — in the semifinal round and came up with a stunning 28-25 upset. Leech scored 15 of Novi's 18 first-half points to give the Eagles a seven-point lead at the intermission.

When Row fouled out with three minutes left in the game, Factoryville closed to within one on two occasions, including once in the final 10 seconds of the game. But Leech nailed both ends of a one-and-one situation to provide the final margin of victory. Leech had a game-high 21



Dick Burgess and Harold McMahan (center) coached Novi Christian to the ACE state basketball championship.

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points, while the Eagles held 6-foot-6 center Dick Brubaker of Factoryville to eight.

In the finals, Novi Christian faced Greater Life Academy of Pontiac — a team that had defeated them twice during the regular season. The Cougars took an early five-point lead, but Leech and Row combined to score the final six points in the half to give Novi an 19-17 lead. In the second

half, the Eagles outscored Greater Life 16-6 to take the state title match, 34-23.

"The victory gives Novi Christian the distinction of qualifying for the ACE National Tournament for the last nine years," Burgess said. "No other team in the nation has equaled this feat."

The Eagles have attended the national tournament six times in the

last eight years and are the only team to reach the quarterfinal round all six years. Novi Christian won the national championship in 1984 and finished fifth last year.

For the tournament, Row led the team in rebounding with 30 in four games and hit 13-of-16 field goal attempts and 8-of-15 free throws for 34 points.

But Leech was easily in a class by himself. The 5-foot-8 junior guard scored 77 points (19.2 average), pulled down 20 rebounds and dished off 17 assists. He now averages 27.1 points per game.

"Mark Row and Dennis Leech both played outstanding ball in the tournament," Burgess said. "I believe Leech, in spite of his size, is one of the top point guards in the area."

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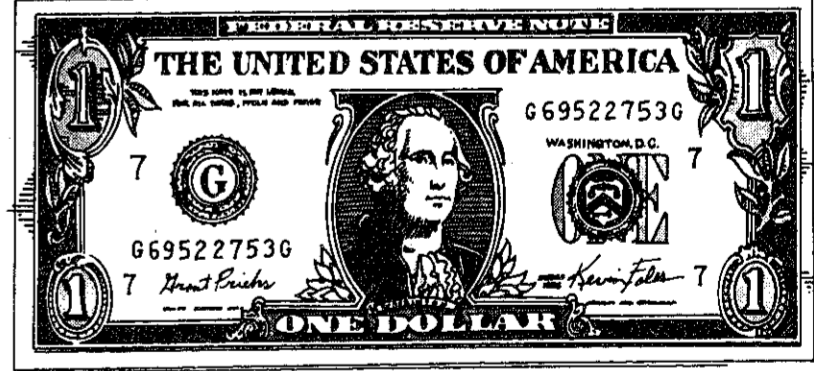
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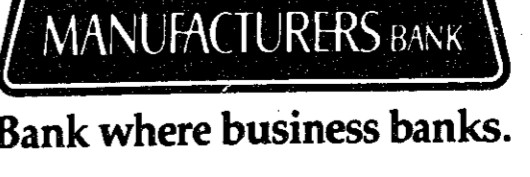
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With expectations very low, the undefeated Eagles went out and put together a very successful season. Novi Christian ended up the surprise of the Metro Christian Conference (MCC) with a 4-1 record (12-8 overall). But the biggest highlight came in mid-March when the Eagles ran off with the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Schools State Championship.

The Eagle cagers have now qualified to represent Michigan at the International ACE Convention at North Texas State University in Denton on May 22-26.

A total of 17 teams from throughout the state competed in the tournament on March 18 in Holt. All ACE tournament basketball games consist of only two, eight-minute halves due to the number of participants.

In the first game on March 18, the Eagles earned 9-of-13 field goals in the first half to take a commanding 22-12 lead over rival P.C.L. Christian Academy of Detroit. Novi Christian

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In round two, Novi Christian dumped Pilgrim Christian Academy of Cedar Springs 39-30, and again Leech led the way with 20 points.

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The Eagles took on the Factoryville Falcons — the pre-tourney favorites — in the semifinal round and came up with a stunning 28-25 upset. Leech scored 15 of Novi's first-half points to give the Eagles a seven-point lead at the intermission.

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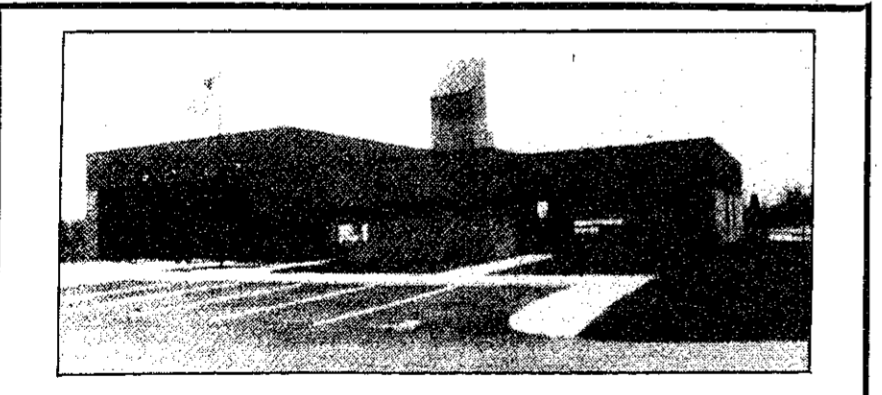
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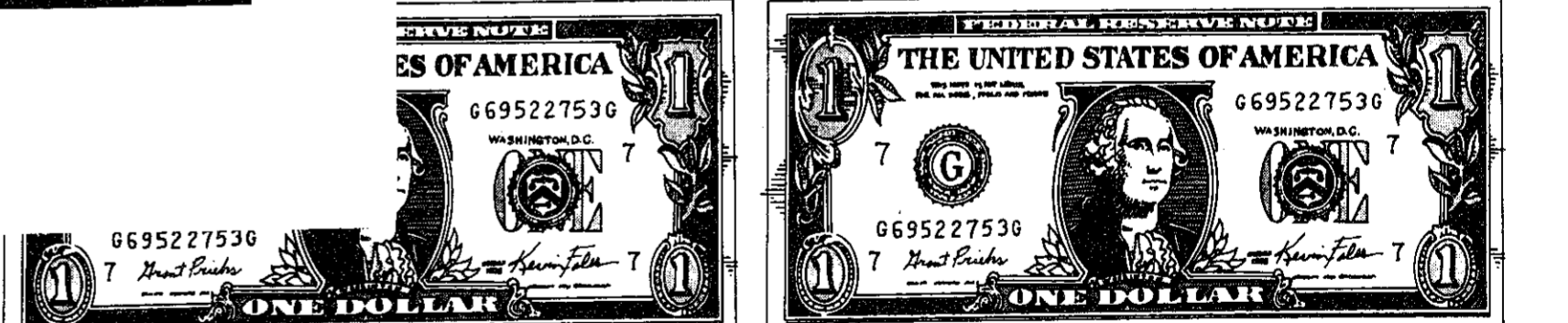
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With no varsity players returning and only six members of last year's junior varsity squad moving up, everyone expected the Novi Christian basketball program to suffer a long, rebuilding season this year. Longtime head coach Dick Burgess stepped down last year and Harold McMahan took over, so the program had to work its way through a coaching change as well.

In addition, several newcomers — who rounded out the roster — had virtually no basketball experience. All this prompted Burgess to predict "with this year's talent, four or five victories would be a realistic goal. Our 11-man roster averages less than 5-foot-6 per man and we have no one over six-foot tall."

With expectations very low, the undaunted Eagles went out and put together a very successful season. Novi Christian ended up the surprise of the Metro Christian Conference (MCC) with a 6-4 record (12-8 overall). But the biggest highlight came in mid-March when the Eagles ran off with the ACE tournament basketball games consist of one- to two-hour halves due to the number of participants.

In the first game on March 18, the Eagles canned 9 of 13 field goals in the first half to take a commanding 22-12 lead over rival P.L. Christian Academy of Detroit. Novi Christian

In its 13-year history, Novi Christian has won 267 basketball games — an average of more than 20 wins per season.

then cruised in the second half to a 40-32 victory to advance to the next round. Dennis Leech poured in 22 points for the Eagles in only 16 minutes of play. As a team, Novi hit 73 percent from the floor.

In round two, Novi Christian dumped Pilgrim Christian Academy of Cedar Springs 39-30, and again Leech led the way with 20 points, 73 percent from the floor.

The Eagles took on the Factoryville Falcons — the pre-tournament favorites — in the semifinal round and came up with a stunning 28-25 upset. Leech scored 15 of Novi's 18 first-half points to give the Eagles a seven-point lead at the intermission. When Row fouled out with three minutes left in the game, Factoryville closed to within one on two occasions, including once in the final 10 seconds of the game. But Leech nailed both ends of a one-and-one situation to provide the final margin of victory. Leech had a game-high 21



Dick Burgess and Harold McMahan (center) coached Novi Christian to the ACE state basketball championship

points, while the Eagles held 6-foot-6 center Dick Brubaker of Factoryville to eight points.

In the finals, Novi Christian faced Greater Life Academy of Pontiac — a team that had defeated them twice during the regular season. The Cougars took an early five-point lead, but Leech and Row combined to score the final six points in the half to give Novi an 18-17 lead. In the second

half, the Eagles outscored Greater Life 16-6 to take the state title match, 34-23.

"The victory gives Novi Christian the distinction of qualifying for the ACE National Tournament for the last nine years," Burgess said. "No other team in the nation has equaled this feat."

The Eagles have attended the national tournament six times in the last eight years and are the only team to reach the quarterfinal round all six years. Novi Christian won the national championship in 1984 and finished fifth last year.

For the tournament, Row led the team in rebounding with 30 in four games and hit 13-of-16 field goal attempts and 8-of-10 free throws for 34 points.

But Leech was easily in a class by himself. The 5-foot-8 junior guard scored 77 points (19.2 average), pulled down 20 rebounds and dished off 17 assists. He now averages 27.1 points per game.

"Mark Row and Dennis Leech both played outstanding ball in the tournament," Burgess said. "I believe Leech, in spite of his size, is one of the top point guards in the area."

Rec Briefs

Novi/Providence Run: The ninth annual Novi/Providence Run will be held Sunday, April 23, at the Novi Civic Center. The event is co-sponsored by CK & Associates and Providence Hospital of Novi.

Hunter education: Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services division is offering a four-session course on hunter education beginning Friday, April 14. This safety course will meet April 14 from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon and Friday, April 28, from 7-10 p.m.

Begging kayaking: Schoolcraft College will offer a beginning kayaking course on Friday, April 21, from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$75.

Parent-tot swimming: Schoolcraft College is offering two sessions of "Parent and Tot Swim" on Thursdays (4-5 p.m.) for seven weeks beginning today (Thursday, April 13) and Tuesdays (6-7 p.m.) for the next six weeks. The fee is \$15.

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

Metropark permits increase: The metropark annual and daily boating permit charges will be increased for 1989. The new boating permit rates are \$13 for annual passes (\$6 for seniors) and \$3 for daily passes. Metropark vehicle entry permit charges remain the same as 1988.

Novi settles for tie with Hawks

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Novi soccer coach Nick Valenti knows first hand what Red Wing coach Jacques Demers goes through from time to time.

Valenti's soccer squad dominated Farmington Harrison from start to finish on April 7 — outshooting the Hawks 28-14. But the dominance failed to show up on the scoreboard as the two non-conference foes battled to a 1-1 tie.

"I looked even more lopsided than that, but we just couldn't buy a goal," reported Valenti. "We had some nice passing and we kept the attack in their end of the field, but we only put the ball in the back of the net once."

Harrison scored the first goal of the game at the 25-minute mark of the first half.

With three minutes remaining before halftime, freshman Jessica Fritz took a crossing pass from Julie Greywall and beat the Hawk net-minder on the wide side to knot the score at one each. The score remained tied throughout the second half.

"It's unfortunate we didn't win the game, but we'll take the tie," Valenti said. "I think it was a typical opener, with typical first game problems," Valenti said. "We had a lot of opportunities, but we didn't capitalize on them. We weren't very consistent."

Novi took an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Jennifer Formwald about 10 minutes into the game. The goal was assisted by Stephanie Groom and Greywall.

Valenti: '... we just couldn't buy a goal. We had some nice passing and we kept the attack in their end of the field, but we only put the ball in the back of the net once.'

GARDEN CITY 5, NOVI 2: The Wildcats opened the 1989 season on April 6 with a loss to the Cougars. "I think it was a typical opener, with typical first game problems," Valenti said. "We had a lot of opportunities, but we didn't capitalize on them. We weren't very consistent."

Runners get ready for half-marathon

The West Bloomfield half-marathon will mark its 13th year of competition this Sunday, April 16. The event is ranked as one of Michigan's best organized races by the Michigan Runner magazine. Between 700 and 900 runners are expected to participate in the half-marathon again this year.

Last year's overall winner was Paul Audemberg, 23, of Detroit with a time of 1:11:38. The best female finisher was Diane East, 31, of Detroit with a time of 1:26:30.

Other top finishers were Nick Plaxton, 17, of West Bloomfield; Greg Hellar, 33, of Trenton; David Kanners, 41, of Rochester; Gene Davey, 62, of Birmingham; Michelle Gillispie, 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.

The 13.1 mile race travels through scenic and rolling southeastern lower Michigan community located northwest of Detroit. The starting gun is fired at 12:30 p.m.

Over 150 volunteers are recruited as race support staff. Volunteer groups man one of the six aid stations set-up every two miles along the course.

Others register runners or act as route marshals stationed at every turn.

For an entry form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 5225 Middlebelt Road, West Bloomfield, MI, 48083. Registration on race day is \$13. Fees will be accepted only in U.S. funds.

The West Bloomfield half-marathon is sponsored by the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department and Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield.

For more information contact Scott Van Meter of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department at 313-324-5660.

Ladycat thinclads register two wins

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Gina Knight and Lisa Heath (11:39). The biggest second came from Heath in the two-mile. Heading into the race, the Novi contingent knew it could clinch the victory by finishing either first or second in the event. Heath went out and grabbed the runner-up spot with a 12:55 effort.

"Lisa is a strong competitor," Ahrens said. "She went out and responded."

The rest of the second came from Humphries in the 100 (13:72), Chris Ellis in the shot put (24'0"), Ginny Jeffries in the discus (65'3") and Jennifer Smith in the high jump (4'3").

Third place finishes were registered by Jenny Rayburn in the 200 (30:2), Knight in the 300 hurdles (57.0), Lena Lalosevic in the shot put (23'6"), Ellis in the discus (62'3"), Powers in the long jump (13'9"), Diana Danca in the 110 hurdles (28.38) and Corbin in the 100 (14.2).

NOVI 79, REDFORD UNION 53: In the season-opening victory on April 4, the 'Cats managed to win 16 events, including three of the four relays.

The two-mile relay of McBride, Heath, Amy Ahrens and Galland took first (10:47.66), as did the 800 relay team of Michelle Smith, Melissa Marianetti, Humphries and Corbin (2:01.45). Also finishing first was the 400 relay team — featuring Rayburn, Jenny Smith, Humphries and Corbin (56.79).

The other Wildcat wins were posted by Corbin in the 100 (13.7), Heath in the mile (5:49.06), Jeffries in the discus (74'4"), Michelle Smith in the long jump (13'9"), Konarske in the 300 hurdles (53.80), Humphries in the 200 (29.20) and Becky Messner in the two-mile (17:19).

"We used a lot of girls in a lot of different events, so it was a team win," Ahrens said. "Everybody contributed."

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Stretching exercises will help golfers prepare for the upcoming season

Time for golfers to get 'in shape'

By BRENDA DOOLEY
staff writer

The greens are turning green. Carts are being tuned-up. Golf is in the air.

When the temperatures turn balmy it won't take long for most golfers to get the itch to swing their clubs.

Before heading out to the golf course with a box of bright white balls and pocketful of tees, there are a few elementary procedures golfers can follow to make their first game a bit easier.

John Koch, pro golfer at Brooklane Golf Club in Northville Township, recommends practicing a variety of stretching exercises to loosen up the lower back, tone winter-weary muscles and lubricate the joints.

Koch suggests riding a bike or exercise bike to tone and strengthen leg muscles.

"Something as easy as walking also does wonders," Koch added.

Simple stretching exercises can mean the difference between a painful injury and a recreational game of golf. And the exercises aren't extremely strenuous or time-consuming.

"It's important to stretch the back," Koch noted. "The older you get, the harder it is to maneuver your lower back and spine."

An easy exercise to loosen back muscles involves tucking your knees to your chest and rolling back and

forth. Koch also recommends rotating the shoulders 10 times to the left and 10 times to the right to loosen tense muscles.

Reaching your hands up to the sky is another simple stretching exercise.

Golfers also may want to use a swing trainer to accustom their wrists to the feel of a golf club. Koch said there are several commercial brands to choose from such as the Power Swinger. However, a heavy workout for the wrists is not necessary.

"A golfer's wrists have to be pliable... They have to work lightly with the swing and to do that, the wrist should be flexible," Koch said.

Using any type of weighted golf club for practice swings also may be beneficial. But it's important to remember that overexercising the wrist may tighten it up, ultimately affecting a golfer's swing.

"You'll only be swinging 13 1/2 ounces of material," Koch remarked, referring to the weight of a golf club.

Generally, lifting heavy weights is not advised or necessary for golfers.

"Golf muscles are meant for flexibility," Koch said. "You can be the strongest person in the world, but if your muscles are tight it won't help you much when you golf."

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Alzheimer's group sets meeting

The Novi Family Support Group of the Alzheimer's Association will meet tonight (Thursday, April 13) at 7 p.m. at the Novi Care Center.

This support group, which is for caregivers, family members and friends of individuals afflicted by Alzheimer's disease, meets the second Thursday of each month. Novi Care Center is located at 24500 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. For more information call 477-2000.

Providence/Novi Run: One of the first organized runs of the spring, the Providence/Novi Run, is slated for Sunday, April 23, at the Novi Civic Center. Runners can prepare for the coming race season by entering the five kilometer or 10 kilometer event. Both begin at 1 p.m. Families and friends can enter the one-mile fun run/walk which starts at 1:30 p.m.

Entry fees are \$5 for the fun run/walk and \$8 for the longer runs (\$10 on race day). The first 325 entrants will receive a two-color race T-shirt.

The Novi Trackers Running Club, which has assisted with the event since it began in 1981, will serve as hosts. For more information call the Novi Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Diabetes classes: A series of six diabetes classes will be held on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium of the Oakland County Health Division's South Office at 27725 Greenfield Road in Southfield. The classes are scheduled to begin in early April.

There are no fees charged for this class, but pre-registration is encouraged. Call 424-7042.

Expectant parents: The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six Expectant Parent Classes beginning April 27 in the Bartlett Friendship Center (Room 116), Community Education, 350 School Street, South Lyon. Classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. and be taught by public health nurses. There is no charge for attending the series of classes, but pre-registration is requested.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting. Please call 424-7042 to register.

Fitness notes

Teen behavior: The M-Care Center in Northville is offering a class for teens, dealing with personality traits and life circumstances that serve as a warning for self-destructive behavior. The class will be held Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Maternity fitness: The Motherwell Maternity Fitness Program at the University of Michigan Medical Center offers classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the M-Care Health Center in Northville.

The medically-approved exercise classes, designed specifically for pregnant women, are taught by certified instructors and provide many benefits.

A package of information is available by calling 936-5186.

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

Open swimming runs from 7:30 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 462-4413.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information call 471-8090.

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

All walkers must register at the Twelve Oaks security office.

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

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.

Fitness Tips

Good news in war against smoking

By SHARON SHELDON
special writer

Finally good news is being conveyed in a recent report by the Surgeon General on cigarette smoking in the United States.

The report, entitled "25 Years of Progress in Reducing the Health Consequences of Smoking," states that many positive changes have occurred in the last 25 years as a result of the major anti-smoking campaign.

Further, more than 40 million Americans have quit smoking since 1964, and 789,000 smoking-related deaths were avoided or postponed as a result of decisions to quit or not to start smoking.

According to the Surgeon General, the success of the anti-smoking campaign is expected to carry on into the next century. To ensure this success

many states have enacted legislation restricting smoking in public places, and many companies are also participating by either limiting smoking in the workplace or enforcing smoke-free environments.

Implementation of a smoke-free environment often includes a company-sponsored smoking cessation program to help employees who do smoke and would like to quit and may include other health-related activities and information. With this type of support for the anti-smoking campaign, the Surgeon General's goal of a smoke-free society by the year 2000 seems achievable.

However, this good news story does have a more solemn side. The Surgeon General's report states that the decline in cigarette smoking has been substantially slower among women than men. If current trends

continue, the number of women and men smokers will be about equal in the mid-1990s.

Unfortunately, in addition to the major health risks associated with smoking, there are special health risks for women. Smoking during pregnancy can be a factor in low birthweight and infant mortality, and women smokers who use oral contraceptives have a higher incidence of cardiovascular disease.

The key to addressing the issue of women smoking, according to the report, is to prevent young women from starting to smoke. Public health officials are now planning to target future anti-smoking campaign material at the teenage population, where smoking habits often begin.

Cigarette smoking still remains the most preventable cause of death in the United States. One out of every

six deaths in 1985 was attributable to smoking-related diseases such as cancer, heart disease, respiratory diseases and stroke.

Future anti-smoking efforts will continue to focus on educating the public on the dangers of smoking and offering individuals who do smoke information and help in quitting.

The progress that has been made over the last 25 years is commendable. Let's all work together toward the goal of a smoke-free society in the year 2000.

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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