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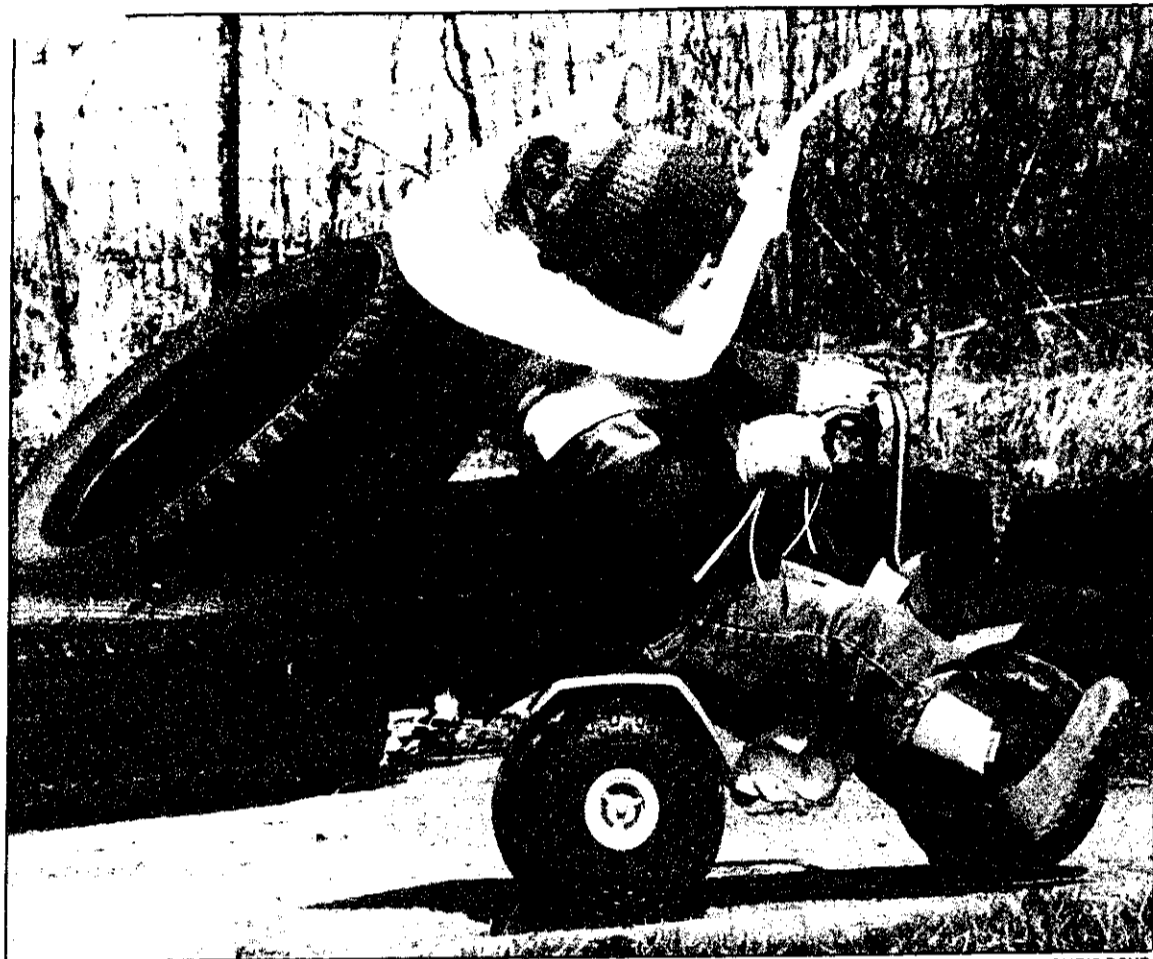
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## Bad sight lines

If people think there are bad sight lines at the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection, they should see what Robert Steiner had to put up with last week. The three-year-old had major visibility problems when his tag blew up over his face during a Trike-athon at the

Creative Center for Young Children. Youngsters participated in the event to raise funds for cancer research at St. Jude's for Kids Hospital and to promote bicycle safety.

## Walter sues city over Briarwood

By PHIL GINOTTI  
 staff writer

The whispering is over. Developers of the proposed Briarwood Plaza shopping center have filed suit in an effort to block a June 6 referendum over commercial zoning at Ten Mile and Beck Road.

Developer Lee Walter, sponsor of the project, filed suit Tuesday in Oakland County Circuit Court, seeking an end to the referendum, plus a restoration of 10 acres of B-2 commercial zoning at the corner. The suit also seeks monetary damages in excess of \$10,000. The case has been assigned to Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien.

"We never wanted a lawsuit," Walter said. "In fact, we've done everything the city has ever asked of us in order to comply with its master plan and all its ordinances."

"But we find ourselves facing a threat to our legal right to develop our land, so we had to act," he said.

Walter did not return phone messages on the suit. His comments were released in a prepared statement to local media.

Walter spokesman Robert Delaney said Tuesday that the company will mount a campaign against the referendum, even though they are trying to get it thrown out in court. Delaney said the group will supply information to Novi voters about why the center should be built on the site.

"Without this community shopping center, you'd have an area with a population larger than that of many entire suburbs, but without a grocery store," Walter said in the statement. "All of them would have a long haul to get to a supermarket, and most of them would likely go to the already very busy store at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook."

Walter said future residents could be facing checkout lines of "eastern European proportions" if the new center isn't built.

Novi City Attorney David Fried said he had little reaction to the suit.

**Walter: 'We never wanted a lawsuit. In fact, we've done everything the city has ever asked of us in order to comply with its master plan and all its ordinances.'**

"It is about what we expected," Fried said. He wouldn't comment further.

Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) organizer Dennis Ringvski said he had not seen the lawsuit and had no reaction. CRD petitioned twice in the last several months to overturn commercial zonings at the corner.

The controversy over the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road began last year when the planning commission and city council opted to rezone the property from three acres of B-1 and seven acres of residential to 10 acres of B-2.

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□ A quick look at the history of the Ten Mile/Beck Road commercial zoning controversy/11A

## Little word out on Providence

By AMY ROSA  
 staff writer

Providence Hospital officials are remaining mum about development plans for a 150-acre parcel on the southwest corner of the Grand River/Beck Road intersection.

Providence officials in February acquired an option to purchase the 150-acre Westbrooke Golf Course. Providence has been seeking a site for a full-service hospital in Novi ever since withdrawing a rezoning request which would have permitted development of a medical complex on the southwest corner of the Ten Mile/Taft Road intersection last year.

The golf course is currently zoned R-3 (single family residential). Providence officials will have to seek a rezoning before moving forward

with plans for health care facilities which are only permitted in office or industrial zoning districts. Providence has until January 1990, when its option expires, to seek the zoning change.

Purchase of the 150 acres is contingent upon Providence obtaining the proper zoning, said Gregg Knepley, vice president of planning and marketing for the hospital, in a previous interview.

However, claiming there is nothing new to tell, Knepley and other hospital officials have been unavailable for comment the past two weeks. The officials have emphasized that the project is in preliminary stages and say there are no drafted plans of the facility yet to speak of.

Also unclear is public reaction to Providence's proposal.

Rick Szymke, a former leader of Concerned Citizens of Novi — the group which fought Providence's Ten Mile/Taft Road bid, said he feels Providence's choice of location is much better this time.

"Most people agree it's a real good spot. Our only concern is the 150 acres. What will they do with all of that?" asked Szymke, noting that the Grand River/Beck Road area is not congested with traffic currently. Traffic hazards and the unfavorable notion of having office and residential zoning next to each other were among the key reasons Szymke's group opposed Providence's first try.

Providence eventually withdrew that rezoning request last April, after the planning commission had recommended that the request be rejected.

Szymke said that 150 acres is a lot of land for any project, and added that his only fear would be the possibility of Providence selling some of the land, which could then result in an overabundance of commercialization.

At least one other individual has that same concern.

Joseph Gerak, developer of the Westbrooke Place Office Park complex across the road from the 150-acre parcel, said he too is worried about a possible outcome if the area is rezoned. "Once it's rezoned anything could take place there," he said, stating that he and his general partner Gloria Gelstein were "taken aback" when they first heard that Providence had taken an option to acquire the golf course.

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## Local sailor safe after Iowa blast

By PHIL GINOTTI  
 staff writer

Richard and Irene Faulkner got the good word Sunday — some four days after one of the worst U.S. peacetime disasters at sea. Son Richard Jr. (Rick), a chaplain's assistant aboard the USS Iowa, was unhurt after a blast that killed 47 fellow crewmen.

Irene Faulkner could only be sure after talking with her son on the telephone briefly Sunday afternoon. "He was on a different deck ... he wasn't near it," she said. "I was so happy to hear his voice. I never want to go through that again."

"He said they were really trying to put the pieces together. A lot of his friends were killed."

The Iowa was rocked by an explosion in a gun turret Wednesday (April 19) morning as it participated in an exercise off the coast of Puerto Rico. Forty-seven sailors were killed, including seaman Richard Lewis, 23, of Northville.

The incident is still under investigation by U.S. armed forces officials.

Ironically, the ill-fated mission will turn out to be one of Rick

Faulkner's last. He is currently moving on to ground duty in Washington, D.C. to spend more time with his wife Christina, and children — Jacob, 5, and Caleb, 3.

Christina Faulkner is currently expecting a third child.

"It looked good the later it got," Irene Faulkner said. "We knew a lot of people were being notified (of deaths) that evening."

"The good Lord really smiled down on us," she added.

The incident stunned Irene Faulkner Wednesday as she watched the story unfold in special television reports.

"I was watching a cable news channel when it flashed across the screen ... I thought 'Oh, my God,' and called my daughter-in-law," she said. "She didn't know about it either."

Christina Faulkner was able to contact the Navy through a special line for relatives and family members of crewmen, but couldn't get much help.

Even though the Faulkners were somewhat sure Rick was OK, they still had an anxious wait until Sun-

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Richard Faulkner Jr. of Novi was aboard the U.S.S. Iowa

## Computer outage troubles News

Don't tell us about the joys of modern technology — not this week anyway.

The News was victimized by some sort of computer virus late Monday night and most of Tuesday which effectively destroyed much of the copy which had already been written.

As a consequence, The News is publishing something of a scaled-down edition this week. Due to the losses, the In Shape and Diversions pages have been eliminated this week only from the Sports and Living sections respectively.

In addition, the Sports section has been scaled back from six to four pages because the computer malfunction wiped out almost all of

the sports stories for this week's edition.

The main (A) section of the newspaper also has been cut back slightly due to the problems.

"We have attempted to recapture and recreate as much of the copy as we could, but we know that we have not been able to get it all and some important items have been lost — possibly forever," said Phillip Jerome, managing editor of The News.

Jerome added that the computer problem appears to have been resolved and The News will return next week with all its regular features.

"We'd like to thank our readers for their understanding," he said.

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## Citizens urged to recycle

A brief ceremony will be held next Monday. And then it will be time to get serious about recycling in Novi.

A new recycling center is planned to be open for business next Monday (May 1), giving residents a chance to turn in old newspapers, glass and plastic containers.

According to Novi Department of Public Services (DPS) Director Lenora Judan, the facility will be located in the parking lot of the Novi Civic Center, off Tall Road, near Ten Mile. The center will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Judan says newspapers should be dropped off in paper bags. No magazines should be left, although supplements from Sunday newspapers are acceptable.

A major focus of the center will be to reclaim items that previously were being sent to landfills. Plastic milk jugs, water bottles and laundry bottles can be dropped off in special bins at the site. However, clear plastic containers, and thin containers like the kind used for cottage cheese and sour cream, will not be accepted at this time.

All of the containers should be cleaned thoroughly and the caps should be removed before being dropped off at the new facility. Bins will be available for glass bottles and jars as well. Clear, brown or green glass will be accepted. Judan said residents should rinse the containers out thoroughly and remove the lids before dropping them off at the recycling center.

Scrap tires, heavy appliances and waste motor oil will not be accepted at least for the time being.

Used motor oil is currently accepted at the Sears auto department at Twelve Oaks Mall or Sovels Service Center at 4125 Meadowbrook Road.



Novi News/PHIL JEROME

## Rappin' with kids

Pat Hurley, nationally known comedian and lecturer, spoke to students throughout the Novi School District on topics ranging from grades to peer pressure last week. Hurley's visit to Novi

was sponsored by the Novi Middle School PTO in conjunction with its Health and Wellness Day activities.

## Cleanup planned at Lakeshore Park

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) officials are hoping for strong turnout at their inaugural spring cleanup, scheduled for this weekend at Lakeshore Park.

Dumpsters will be available at the park Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for residents to dispose of old furniture, heavy appliances and other debris. Garbage and household refuse are not desired.

LARA officials and volunteer firefighters will also be helping to remove old ice shanties from Walled Lake, which is a main focus of the event.

"We're crossing our fingers," said LARA President Sarah Phelps. "We're hoping to see lots of people out there."

"The cooperation from the city... the support from the community and local business people has been just great," she said.

The cleanup day idea was brought forward by LARA officials to give residents near Walled Lake a means to clean up the area. Novi residents currently have no such heavy appliance pickup available, although Walled Lake's Department of Public Works (DPW) does supply such a service.

LARA is made up of residents from around the lake - both in the City of Walled Lake and Novi. About two-thirds of the lake falls within the boundaries of Novi.

Various city departments have stepped forward to supply help for the two-day event. The DPW will supply four large dumpsters, the Parks and Recreation Department will make Lakeshore Park available, and the fire department will supply a boat and hook to remove shanties from the lake.

The police department has also been alerted and will supply additional police patrols during the two days.

**Phelps: 'We're crossing our fingers. We're hoping to see lots of people out there. The cooperation from the city... the support from the community and local business people has been just great.'**

Various local merchants also have stepped forward to supply items for a post cleanup picnic.

LARA will make available some heavy appliance pickup for elderly and handicapped persons during the cleanup, although it will be limited since it is strictly on a volunteer basis. LARA members themselves will actually go out and collect the appliances.

Items will be divided up before being placed in the dumpsters, according to Phelps.

For more information, call Phelps at 624-1730.



Novi News/CHRIS BOND

## Stroll in the woods

Ernie Aruffo (right) leads a group of walkers through the woods behind Power Park last week. Aruffo and his friends were participating in the "Walk Michigan" program sponsored by the State

of Michigan in an effort to encourage physical fitness and to get people outside to enjoy the natural wonders of the state.

## City plans to hire new fire officer

The Novi City Council opted to delay the hiring of one new police officer and hire a new fire department training officer instead at a special meeting last Wednesday (April 19), as work wound to a close on the 1989-90 budget.

In the last budget session, council members pledged to go under the Truth in Taxation benchmark in all funds except for Parks and Recreation, and thus, avoid a tax increase for the next fiscal year.

Two other new positions requested by Lenaghan were turned down, however. City Manager Edward Kriewall said the entire recommendations report will be met, despite the recent fluctuation.

In other last-minute budget matters, the council:   
 □ Increased expected revenues in two areas - \$50,000 more for building department revenue and \$12,000 more for regional police and fire dispatch services. The dispatch services are fees collected from neighboring communities for receiving emergency calls and dispatching vehicles.

That, combined with several last-minute cuts, should keep the city's millage rate under Truth in Taxation for the upcoming fiscal year in everything except Parks and Recreation.

Three fire protection officers (FPO) are scheduled to be added next year.

"From an economic standpoint, allowing the position to be added two or three months into the new fiscal year will balance it out," Quinn said.

"It was really necessitated by some of the changes in state law... and new federal standards. The state kind of changed the rules on us," Councilwoman Martha Hoyer said she also agreed with the switch.

"The fire chief emphasized the need for a new training officer. While the police chief came in and said he'd like to see some new positions from Councilwoman Hoyer."

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## Senior issue likely for election

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

Novi voters will probably have a chance to decide whether or not they would favor spending tax dollars for senior citizen housing, depending on what happens with a court case challenging another ballot question.

The Novi City Council voted Wednesday (April 19) to place two senior advisory questions on the special June 6 ballot. However, that ballot also contains a referendum question that is being challenged in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Developer Lee Walter sued the city Tuesday, seeking to prevent that zoning question from appearing on the ballot. (See related story on Page 1A.) City Clerk Geraldine Stipp said the senior questions may be pushed back to November if the zoning election is ruled illegal.

"Until some judge says we can't hold the election, we are going to be holding it," Stipp said Tuesday. "I would assume that if we are enjoined from holding the election the (senior) questions would be moved back to November."

The council opted to place two senior citizen housing questions on the ballot for the June election, rather than the four put forward by the Senior Housing Needs Committee.

Citizens will be asked:  
"Should the City of Novi pursue the development of senior citizen housing for its residents?" and  
"Would you as a taxpayer be willing to support additional tax dollars to supply senior citizen housing for Novi residents?"

**Stipp: 'Until some judge says we can't hold the election, we are going to be holding it. I would assume that if we are enjoined from holding the election the (senior) questions would be moved back to November.'**

Council members, after considerable debate, opted to go with those two questions. Mayor Matthew Quinn called it a "more direct" approach.

"We felt we might as well be as direct as we can and let the citizens know that if they want to support it," Quinn said. "That will give the committee, the council and the people more direction."

Councilwoman Martha Hoyer said she also favored the approach.

"Previously, it was more like a survey going on the ballot," Hoyer said. "This really narrows it down." The Senior Housing Needs Committee had recommended three ques-

tions that took a more broad approach to the issue of senior citizen housing.

The two senior issues will be advisory questions, meaning they aren't legally binding and don't require any specific action. The council and needs committee are expected to review the election results and plot a strategy for what to do next.

Hoyer and Quinn both said the community will have to pay specific attention to encouraging private sector senior developments, if the ballot question is turned down decisively.

The Senior Housing Needs Committee has recommended several different approaches for dealing with what they termed a "crisis" situation in senior citizen housing.

The committee outlined several different options. They include:  
□ That the city obtain land then

turn it over to a private developer for construction and management of a senior citizen facility. The group recommended that land be acquired through a general obligation bond, donations or a trade.

□ Creation of a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) — an option not seriously being considered by the council.

□ A direct millage to city taxpayers, allowing costs for senior citizens in the community to be offset.

Another option that has been discussed is a bond issue to construct and operate a city-sponsored senior citizen housing facility.

Projections compiled by the needs assessment committee show that the number of senior citizens in Novi is expected to triple over the next 11 years, far outdistancing the construction of new affordable units.

The needs committee also presented data showing that senior citizen incomes — some fixed — probably will have a tough time keeping up with the costs involved.

Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) officials said they had no reaction to the senior question appearing on the ballot with the June 6 zoning question, which they sponsored.

"None of us have found that to be a real problem," organizer Dennis Ringvicki said. "Senior citizen housing is a very important problem that needs to be looked at."

## Health Notes

**Free asthma seminar:** Dr. Robert Weinstein, allergist, will host an open forum on asthma and allergies at Novi High School (Room 108) on Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. The program is free but anyone interested in attending is asked to register by calling 548-1204. The program is sponsored by the Novi Community Education Department and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

**Free immunization clinic:** The Oakland County Health Division will offer a free immunization clinic at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 312 Northport in Walled Lake.

Immunizations will be available for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB). A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 16 years of age and should bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices sent home from the schools.

For more information call 424-7042.

**Cholesterol connection:** Botsford General Hospital will offer a cholesterol education program that will teach participants how to make changes in their eating styles.

Participants will learn how to find heart healthy food while on the go, survive the grocery store, the secrets of reading labels, and recipe modifications that please the heart and the taste buds, as well as fact and fiction about cholesterol.

The class, "Cholesterol Connection," will be offered four consecutive Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning May 9. The program costs \$50 and pre-registration is required. For more information call Botsford General Hospital at 471-8090.

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

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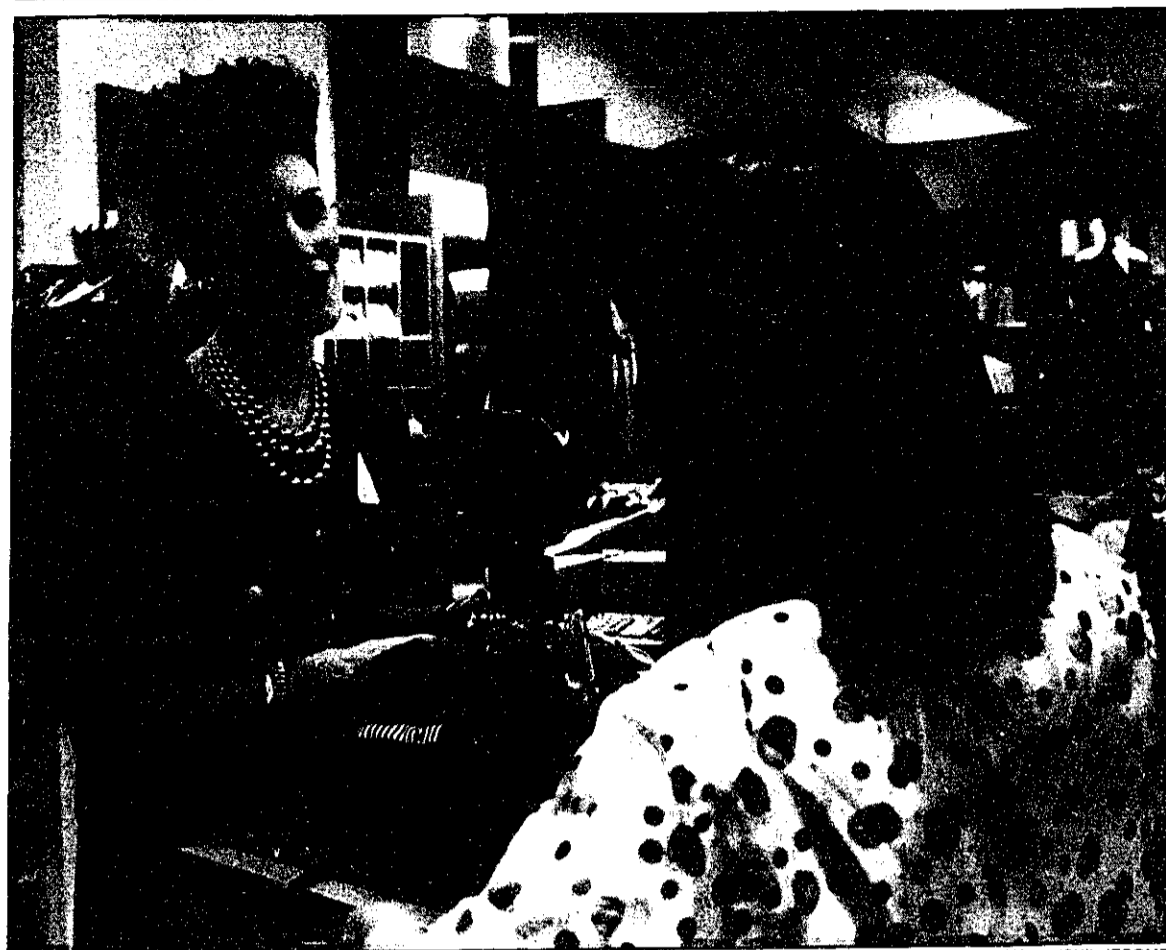
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Clerk Michele Reno assists a customer at the opening of the Liz Claiborne at Twelve Oaks Mall Saturday

## Liz Claiborne shop premieres at mall

By PHILIP JEROME  
managing editor

Lori Buonocristiani didn't really come all the way from California just for the opening of the nation's first Liz Claiborne store at Twelve Oaks Mall last Saturday.

"Just lucky," said the Los Angeles resident.

"I came back to Detroit to visit relatives and I heard about Liz Claiborne, so I decided to stop by. We don't have Liz Claiborne in L.A."

No other city has a Liz Claiborne store either.

Liz Claiborne Inc. selected Novi as the site for its first retail store. One of the nation's most popular women's clothing stores, Liz Claiborne occupies approximately 10,000 square feet in the upper level of Hudson's wing.

Immediately adjacent to it is Claiborne, the fashion retailer's men's division.

Together the two stores occupy some 13,700 square feet, making them the largest single tenants in Twelve Oaks except for the four department stores.

Matthew Langweber, president of the Liz Claiborne retail division, noted that the decision to open a retail store represents an important new direction for the company.

The Liz Claiborne retail division was started approximately two years ago, Langweber said. The company opened 13 stores called First Issue last year. A First Issue store was opened in Twelve Oaks last fall and will continue to operate despite the opening of Liz Claiborne.

Langweber said Novi was selected as the site for the first Liz Claiborne because the company has traditionally been well-received in the Midwest.

"Liz Claiborne appeals to a broad base of customers, but we have found a particularly strong affinity with customers in the Midwest," he said.

"We could have opened in New York, Chicago or L.A. But the high density urban markets don't have all the lifestyles that the Midwest has to offer."

Novi — suburban Detroit — was the ideal place for our first store," he continued. "In this area, the offices are in the suburbs. We have housewives and we have professional women — and those are two types of people who Liz Claiborne has traditionally appealed to."

Also pleased with the company's decision to open its first store in Novi was Philip J. Morosco, general manager of the Twelve Oaks Mall.

"It's definitely a coup to have the very first Liz Claiborne store," said Morosco as he watched customers pour into the new store Saturday morning.

Morosco said the new store can be expected to attract additional customers to Twelve Oaks, but could well have larger, more important, implications.

"As a result of their decision, other retailers on the national level will start thinking that it's important for them to look at Novi and Twelve Oaks Mall as a potential site," said Morosco.

"Nationally, people will become more aware of the importance of Twelve Oaks."

## Planning posts to expire

By AMY ROSA  
staff writer

Three seats on the Novi Planning Commission will be up for reappointment in June. Applications from anyone interested in serving on the commission will be accepted through May 12.

The three-year terms currently held by Commissioners Ernest Aruffo, Edward Kramer and Thomas Kavanagh are scheduled to expire at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.

All but Kavanagh have said they will seek reappointment.

"I don't want to say right now," said Kavanagh on Tuesday, saying his decision will be revealed "shortly." Kavanagh was appointed to the commission in 1986.

Aruffo, who has served on the commission for six

years, is the only one of the three to have turned in a letter stating his reasons for seeking reappointment.

Kramer, a commissioner since 1988, said he will submit a letter listing his reasons for wanting to remain on the commission in the near future.

Planners who desire to remain in their positions are required to submit such letters or applications. Incumbents must undergo the same interview process as other candidates who vie for the positions.

Applications can be picked up at the Novi Civic Center and are must be turned in to the City Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on May 12. The city council will conduct interviews of the candidates at a public hearing in June.

According to city charter, candidates for the planning commission are nominated by the mayor and approved by the city council.

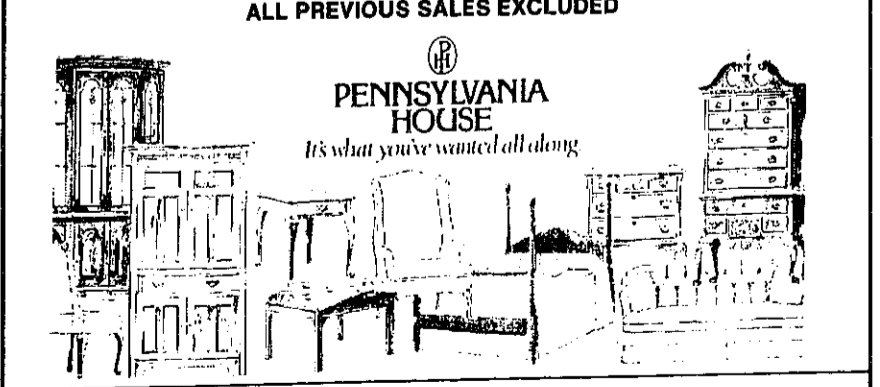
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# Local officials give Safe Roads bills wary review

By TIM RICHARD  
staff writer

LANSING — Members of a state legislative committee got an unusual message at a hearing on proposed tax increases last Friday — Taxes would not be raised enough under the plan, said a group of representatives from Oakland and Wayne counties.

The three House bills are known by sponsors as the "Safe Roads Packages." They would:

- Increase the state tax on gasoline from 15 cents to 17 cents, raising about \$90 million annually for state transportation needs.

- Add a fee of one cent a gallon to all petroleum products at the refinery level, raising about \$55 million annually.

- Allocate \$14 million of the refinery fees to clean up leaky underground storage tanks.

- Allocate the remaining \$41

**McNamara: 'Without a source of new revenue, these new roads will not be built and in effect, we have managed to dismember economic development for counties like Wayne and Oakland.'**

million in fees to finance up to \$410 million in bonds for construction and maintenance projects by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

But members of the House Transportation Committee, which met Friday morning at Metro Airport, were told repeatedly by local officials that the money for roads was inadequate and that their consti-

tuents would support larger tax increases earmarked for roads.

The officials expressed fears that not enough money would be spent in southeastern Michigan, and urged that the gasoline sales tax be raised by five or six cents a gallon.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara was the first speaker before the committee, which was chaired by Rep. Curtis Hertel, D-

Detroit. Committee member James Kosteva, D-Canton Township, was present, while member Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, was not.

McNamara asked for an increase in the gas tax of six cents.

He said that 40 percent of the 1,415 miles of Wayne County roads are classified as inadequate and that 61 of 254 county bridges need major repairs or replacement.

McNamara quoted a state study in 1984 that predicted a shortfall in the county of \$700 million in available funds just to repair road deficiencies, and said that money would have to be found for new roads in and around the airport if development there is to increase.

"Without a source of new revenue, these new roads will not be built and in effect, we have managed to dismember economic development for counties like Wayne and Oakland," McNamara said.

"The cost of continuing to postpone an increase in the statewide gasoline tax would be devastating for Wayne County and all the counties in the state," he said.

Other speakers in favor of a larger tax increase than the two cents the House proposes included Southfield Councilwoman Barbara Talley; Troy City Manager Frank Gerstenecker; Ann Arbor City Administrator Del Borgsdorf; Wyandotte Mayor Jim DeSana; and Brent Bair, deputy managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission (see related story).

Bair blasted the current proposals, saying that Oakland County alone needs about \$940 million over the next 10 years to build and maintain roads. He recommended:

- The state fuel tax be increased by two cents a year for each of the next three years.

- Putting half the money into an

Economic Development Fund for road improvements in areas they are critically needed, such as Oakland County.

- Increase the percentage of gas tax revenues that go to urban areas.

Talley told the committee that Southfield needs \$71 million in the next six years to build and maintain roads and bridges.

"A two-cent or three-cent gasoline tax is not enough," she said. "In Southfield's opening, the five-cent gasoline tax will begin to address the needs and alleviate some of the road (and) transportation problems. . . . Just give us the legislation, and Southfield will work to garner the support for passage."

Gerstenecker told the committee about the near-gridlock in Troy during peak hours. "In our city, you're lucky if you can see the stoplight that's causing the problem."

## Suburbs unite on gas tax

Suburban communities, the Oakland County Road Commission and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara presented a united front Friday in urging an increase in the state sales tax at a meeting of the House Transportation Committee.

The strongest language during the two-hour session came from Brent Bair, deputy managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, who said the proposed plan to raise the state gasoline tax by two cents a gallon was woefully inadequate.

Here are excerpts from Bair's presentation:

- "To the customer of the road system, the road user, this (\$500 million in bond money and gas-tax revenues) sounds like a lot of money. The problems with the roads should now be all over, right? Wrong! Their (the voters') expectations of relief are high. The ability to deliver, under this plan, is harshly negative."

- "We literally plead with you to help solve this crushing problem in Oakland County. The customers of the Oakland County road system, the users of the roads, have clearly and frequently told everyone willing to listen that they will no longer tolerate the scattering of their tax dollars throughout the state when their own needs are ignored. . . . They are demanding to be heard — and somebody better listen up — quickly."

- "You simply cannot drive to work in a 900-square-mile parking lot. The Oakland County Road Commission can't continue to hold together with road patch material and coal hangers a road system that could stretch from Detroit to San Francisco if the pieces were laid end to end."

## Walter lawsuit filed

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The B-2 allows for the construction of a grocery store, commercial center, restaurant and gas station on the corner. The October 1988 rezoning action conformed with the city's master plan for land use. Master plans from 1967, 1980 and 1988 had tabbed the corner for a major commercial use, although the zoning remained at three acres of commercial and seven acres of residential.

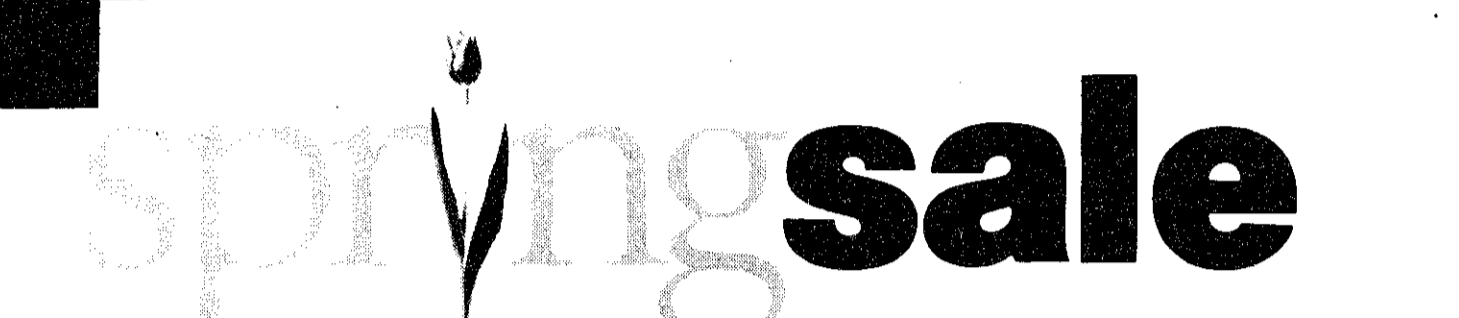
CRD was successful in putting together a petition drive to overturn the October rezoning.

The rezoning issue was eventually scheduled for a special election after the city council and planning commission rezoned the entire 10 acres at the corner to B-1. That zoning called for the grocery store to be reduced in size and also disallowed the restaurant and gas station from being constructed at the corner.

The Novi Planning Commission, Novi Building Official and the Election Commission of Novi were also named as co-defendants in the suit.

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## Company offers video alternative to greeting cards

By MAUREEN NASZRADI

Have you ever spent time looking for a greeting card with the appropriate sentiment only to end up buying one you feel you've "settled" for?

With that scenario in mind, one Northville resident has developed an alternative she says will allow well-wishers to avoid that trip to the card store, get the message across and have some fun at the same time.

Tammy Bylo, the owner of The Tamrick Alternative, bills herself a "creator of video memories." Earlier this year, she started her business of videolaping greetings for customers.

Her enterprise began with plans to open a greeting card store. While trying to develop a unique theme for the business, Bylo beamed enthused about the concept of sending "live" greeting cards. Her first tapes earned a positive response from her trial audience — her family — so she created The Tamrick Alternative.

Marilyn Nettles, Bylo's sister and a satisfied customer, said, "To send a strong message to someone who is dear to you — it's the only way."

The concept is simple, Bylo said. "They're the star of their own video." Customers choose a setting and convey their feelings "face to

face" on a videotape, she explained. Nettles said she thought her Valentine's Day greeting captured her personality. "I spoke about my feelings. There's no way a card could say what I wanted to say," she said.

Another customer asked for a tape to be sent to his father. Elena Nash of Warren recently sent a birthday greeting created by The Tamrick Alternative to her husband Timothy who is stationed in Korea with the military. She said she was very pleased with the tape, which featured their 7-month-old son Sidney in a variety of settings.

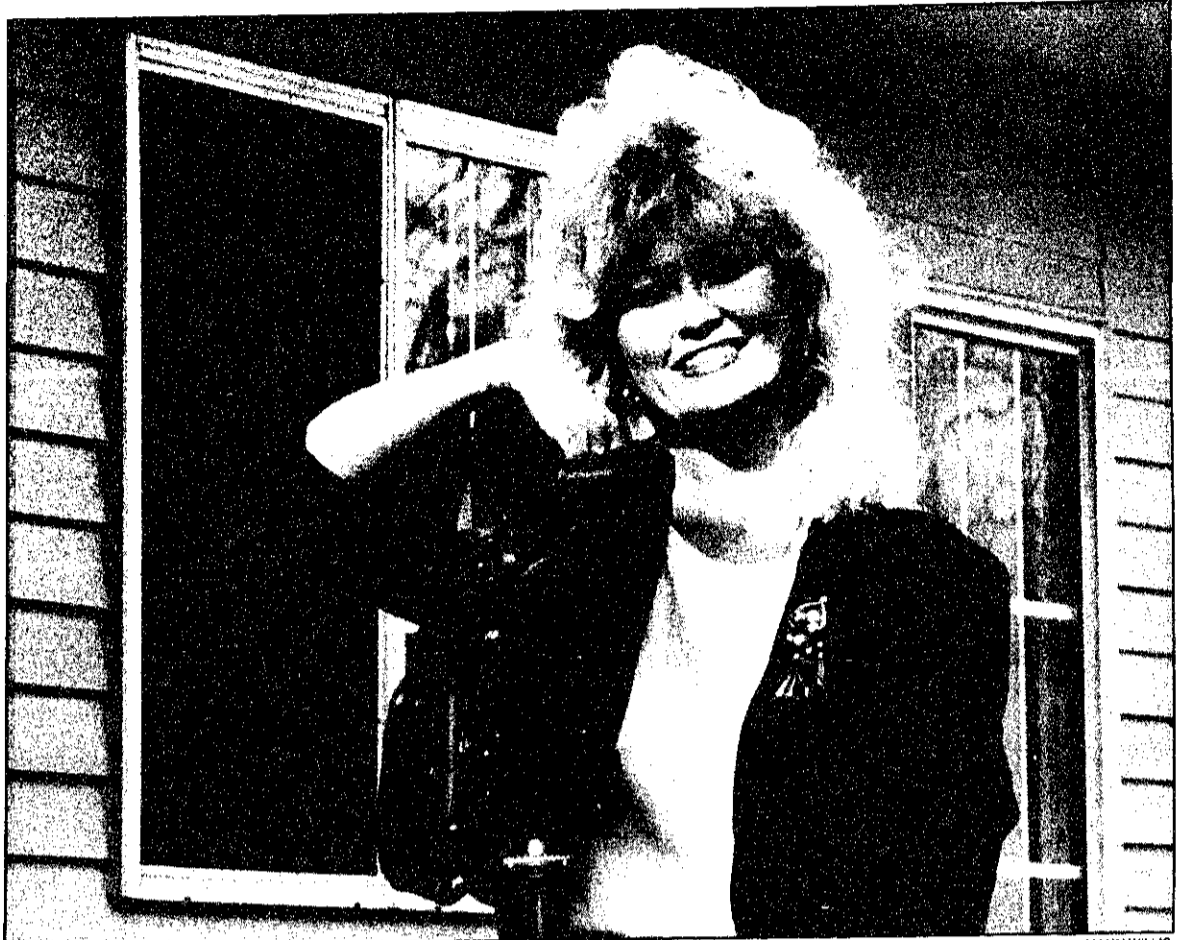
"We watched it over and over," Nash said. "I had everyone watch it before I sent it off." She said the tape was a good way for her husband to see the baby and not feel like he was missing out.

Both Nash and Nettles said they plan to have another tape made. Nettles said she enjoyed creating a unique greeting.

"It can't be duplicated," she said. "When you buy a card, many other people buy the same verse."

When arranging a shoot, Bylo said she discusses with her customers the message and the mood they want to create with their greeting. She said her customers sometimes are ner-

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Tammy Bylo of The Tamrick Alternative bills herself a 'creator of video memories'

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AIR conditioning and heating technician...
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
Expanding multi-plant...
EXCELLENT SUPPLEMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY
APPLIANCE Parts Counter
ATTENTION!
RECEPTIONIST
EASY MONEY
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
CLERICAL
Must be excellent typist and well organized.

155 Help Wanted
CABLE TV groundperson...
CARPENTERS and laborers...
ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITIES
VEHICLE DYNAMICS ENGINEERS
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IMMEDIATE POSITION AVAILABLE: RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL HELP
IMMEDIATE POSITIONS AVAILABLE: FLOOR INSPECTOR
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Table of car listings under '239 Classic Cars' and '240 Automobiles' with columns for make, model, year, and price.

Advertisement for 'BILL BROWN USED CARS' featuring 'DOWN!\* ESCORTS' and 'MUSTANG' models. Includes contact information for Bill Brown.

'\$99 down... We're Dealin'' advertisement for 'APOLLO' used cars. Lists various models like '85 BUICK SUMMERSET' and '87 BUICK CENTURY' with prices.

'IT'S SPRING' and 'Time to Save at Superior Olds-Cadillac-GMC Trucks' advertisement. Lists models like '1989 CALAIS 4 DR.' and '1985 OLDS CIERA'.

'BRIGHTON BRIGHTON, MI. MAIN LOT USED CARS' advertisement. Celebrates 25th Anniversary with 'Mustang Madness!!' and lists various models.

'NOT ENOUGH TIME TO SHOP? FEIGLEY MOTOR SALES' advertisement for Buick and Oldsmobile. Features an image of a Buick and text 'BUICK Is Making HOUSE CALLS'.

'FEIGLEY MOTOR SALES' advertisement with phone number '684-1414' and address '750 G.M. RD. MILFORD'.

'REWARD! YOURSELF WITH SAVINGS' advertisement for '88 TAURUS GL'S. Includes 'Special Purchase' and 'Reduced For Spring Clearance!' text.

'ANDERSON HONDA CARS' advertisement with slogan 'LOOK AT ALL THE ADS AND THEN REMEMBER: WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD'.

'WE'RE OVERSTOCKED WITH USED CARS' advertisement for 'VARSITY' used cars. Features a large grid of car models and prices, and a 'SATURDAY 9-5' promotion.



# McDonald Ford's Spring

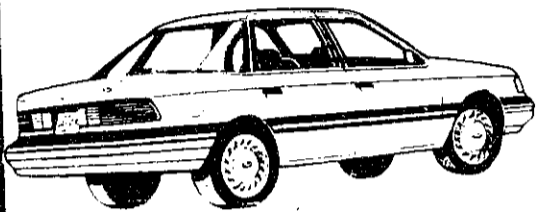
# DEAL-A-THON

**We out-pace every dealer in town!**

Financing From **2.9%** or Annual Percentage Rate

Rebates Up To **\$1,000** On Selected Models

**NEW CARS!**



**NEW TRUCKS!**

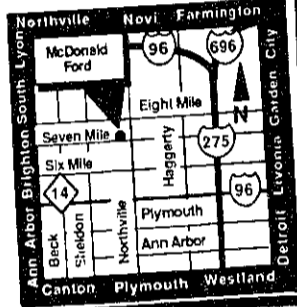
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**349-1400**

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Between Northville Rd. & Sheldon Rd.



# CHAMPION HAS OVER 150 CARS PRICED

# UNDER \$10,000\*

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**IN STOCK**



'89 CAVALIER COUPE  
Rear Defog. Auto. Power Steering. Tinted Glass. Carpeted Mats. Dual Sport Mirrors. Body Side Moldings.  
STOCK # 9161  
**\$8797**



'89 METRO LSI 4-DR  
Air. Sport Mirrors. Console. AM/FM Stereo. Cloth Bucket Seats. Front & Rear Mud Guards.  
STOCK # 9571  
**\$8795**



'89 CORSICA SEDAN  
Air. Inter. Wipers. Console. Auto. Heavy-Duty Battery. Tinted Glass.  
STOCK # 9526  
**\$9995**



'89 S-10 PICK UP  
1000 lb. Payload. 2.5 Liter. 5-Speed.  
STOCK # 9428  
**\$6995**



'89 BERETTA COUPE  
Electric Rear Defogger. Heavy-Duty Battery. Auxiliary Lighting.  
STOCK # 9076  
**\$8995**



'89 SPECTRUM 2-DR  
Air. Auto Trans. Power Steering. AM/FM Stereo. Twin Remote Mirrors. Floor Mats.  
STOCK # 9383  
**\$8479**



'89 NOVA 4-DR H/B  
Carpeted Floor Mats. Front & Rear. 5-Speed.  
STOCK # 8755  
**\$7995**



'89 METRO LSI 2-DR  
5-Speed. Inter. Wipers. Rear Window Wiper/Wash. AM/FM Stereo. Cloth Seats.  
STOCK # 9374  
**\$6995**

FINANCING AVAILABLE AS LOW AS:  
**2.9%**

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SALES HOURS  
Mon & Thur 9 - 9  
Tues - Wed - Fri 9 - 6  
Sat 10 - 4  
SERVICE HOURS  
Mon 7:30 - 7  
Tues - Fri 7:30 - 5:30  
PARTS  
SAT 9 - 12

**229-8800**



**Brighton**

Exit 145 off I-96

\* Price Includes Rebate

the NOVI  
NEWS

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**CONCERT BAND:**  
Upcoming performances  
planned for Novi band/2C**CHURCH EVENTS:**  
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## AWAKENING OF WICKER

## Factory thrives in U.P.

By Marilyn Herald

An exciting story in wicker furniture has developed in the Upper Peninsula during the past 75 years and the country is reaping the benefits in an "awakening of wicker."

Wicker furniture is back in style after a hiatus of more than 40 years. The interest of former Michigan first lady Paula Blanchard in wicker has enhanced this growth and helped provide more jobs in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Wicker not only now adorns porches, but it is popular on patios and right at home in living rooms, both in antique quality and new-style designs.

Decorators are using it everywhere and manufacturers are obliging them by offering a wide variety of pieces, suitable for nearly every setting. Even the new home owner can find something that fits in to almost location.

In the early days, most of the wicker in America was hand-woven in Asia and had to make a lengthy ocean voyage to land on these shores. It also often absorbed moisture aboard ship and was, therefore, not as durable as dealers and owners might have wished.

The art of weaving wicker had been handed down from one generation of craftsmen to the next. Although many tried to improve on the process, most failed.

Enter a "Upper" named Marshall B. Lloyd in 1906 when he opened the doors of Lloyd Manufacturing Co. in Menominee. He specialized in wicker baby buggies and children's furniture, all the time working to improve the quality of the product.

In 1917 his invention of a loom for making wicker revolutionized the wicker industry and in the 1920s and

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Candace Straebel  
marketing coordinator

'30s, much of the popular wicker furniture of the era was woven at Lloyd's factory in the small Upper Peninsula town.

Lloyd developed a process for taking the porosity out of wicker and his mass-produced product was both durable and affordable.

His patented Lloyd Loom had changed the weaving process and this method is still unparalleled in wicker production. Lloyd wicker became something of a "Cadillac" of wicker.

Lloyd, who had become famous for his baby buggies and children's furniture, became a division of the Heywood-Wakefield Co. in 1921.

This company, located in the Lloyd factory in the U.P., produced many types of furniture, including theatre seating, wood dining and bedroom pieces, chrome dinette sets and wicker furniture groups. The firm was also a pioneer in the outdoor furniture industry, introducing the first lounge.

A weak economy and strong competition brought about the closing of Heywood-Wakefield in 1982. The in-

terest and investment of Don Flanders of Fort Smith, Arkansas brought life back to the closed plant and, since 1983, Lloyd/Flanders has manufactured popular wicker furniture on the only Lloyd looms in existence.

This unique woven wicker, combined with new design, has provided the company with steady growth until the 500,000-square-foot Upper Peninsula factory is booming with activity.

The company's Heirloom Series is traditional in style and designed to resemble the Lloyd Loom wicker of the early 1900s, yet it is has the durability for today's lifestyle.

According to Candace Straebel, marketing services coordinator for Lloyd/Flanders, this all-weather wicker is as appropriate indoors as it is outdoors.

The wicker fibre is contoured on an aluminum frame with a baked on enamel finish to prohibit deterioration from moisture, chlorine and ultraviolet rays.

No longer is wicker furniture merely white or brown, Lloyd/Flanders comes in 12 decorator colors from peach to onyx, from slate blue to Aztec yellow.

The factory's newest product, called Reflections, is versatile and comfortable with a more dramatic, oversized wicker appeal. The diamond pattern woven in the fibre is reminiscent of original Lloyd Loom furniture found in antique stores today.

Straebel said Lloyd/Flanders now puts out five different lines of wicker in 12 different colors. They are popular with purchasers in upscale stores all over the country.

"This product is unique," Straebel enthused. "We manufacture the only indoor-outdoor wicker in the world and have European markets for the products. It looks good and fits in anywhere."



New Lloyd/Flanders styles "sit well" in the living room



Tobey Porter enjoys her all-wicker living room

## Porter and wicker go together

By Marilyn Herald

Tobey Porter of the South Lyon area loves wicker furniture and it seems to have an affinity for her as well.

"Just about every piece I have was given to me," she said with a wave of her hand which took in the attractive wicker grouping in the living room of her new home on Crooked Lake.

Porter's curved-back loveseat came with a cottage in Canada purchased by her and her mother in 1964. "The people we bought the cottage from were quite elderly and they didn't want it. I figure it is at least 65

years old."

Another four-piece set of wicker — a straight-backed loveseat, a rocker and two occasional chairs — were given to her by a friend in payment of a debt.

Yet another wicker chair, placed near the entrance of the Porter home, had been left in a rented house. "I thought the landlady would want it, but she didn't, so I have it."

Soft sea-foam green cushions in a floral print now accent the white of the living room wicker. These and the chair backs and cushions were

made to order by local upholster Shirley Bolton.

Recently, Porter added a small round wicker table and an elephant-shaped plant stand to her living room suite. These are her only purchased pieces. She bought them recently at Pier One Imports.

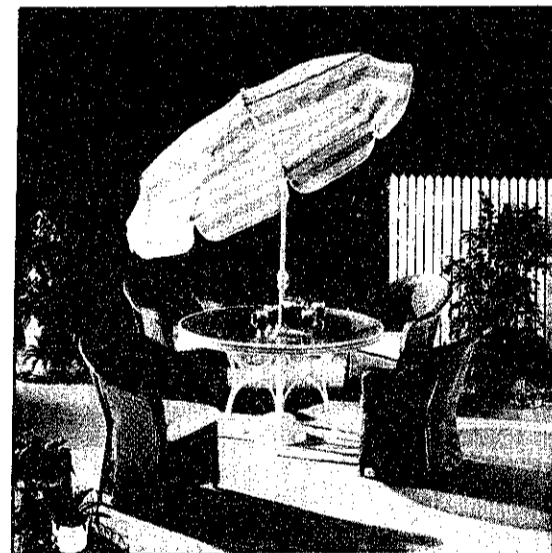
"My brother-in-law, co-owner of the Serv-A-Plane Co. at Detroit Metro Airport, painted the old wicker for me in his shop," Porter explained, adding that it seems to be difficult to keep wicker paint from peeling or chipping.

Although she loves her wicker liv-

ing room, Porter doesn't have much time for lounging on it since she operates her own catering business — AAA Harbour Terrace Catering.

"I started the business in Wyandotte where we used to live, but I have always loved the Ann Arbor area. That's what the AAA stands for. I still have my business in Wyandotte and do catering from there and from here at home too."

And when she has any extra time, Porter keeps her eyes open for more wicker and other antique items that will fit well into her new home.



Lloyd/Flanders "Reflections" perfect on patio

## Area stores carry variety of wicker

Many area furniture stores carry brands of wicker furniture for those seeking that style.

Candace Straebel, marketing services coordinator for Lloyd/Flanders Industries in Menominee, said the all-weather wicker furniture is available in several indoor- and outdoor-furniture stores in the metropolitan Detroit area, such as Hudson's in large area shopping centers.

Other stores in the area also carry various brands of wicker furniture. Fisher's Big Wheel in both South Lyon and Highland Township have several items in stock for reasonable prices, a company spokesperson said.

A spokesperson at Marlin Furniture Co., at 424 N. Main St. in Milford, said the furniture store does not have any wicker furniture in stock, but several catalogs are available for the customers' perusal.

"We don't have the room to have a lot of it, but the wicker furniture we can get is of good quality," she added.

The brands Martin Furniture can special-order include Dixie and Clark

Casual. The store also have designers available to help customers choose the best furniture for their situations.

For those who prefer a large selection of outdoor furniture in stock at a furniture store, there are stores which deal exclusively with outdoor and wicker furniture.

Cornwell Pool and Patio at 3500 Pontiac Trail in Ann Arbor carries a large selection of this type of furniture in stock for consumers seeking the furniture without waiting for a special order to arrive at the furniture store.

Palm Beach Patio Furniture Co., on M-59 five miles east of Milford Road, carries several brands of quality casual furniture and accessories.

The Country Squire, 209 W. Grand River in Howell, has D & F Wicker furniture in stock, according to a spokesperson.

The D & F line includes a group of chairs, rocking chairs, tables, planters, desks and wicker baskets, she added.

The wicker is available in white and natural colors.





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Novi science fair winners, left to right in back row, are Mike Speerschneider, Sherry Kemp and Jen Fitzpatrick. Front row, left to right, are Sara Deringer, Heather Harmon and Tim O'Sullivan

## Science fair winners

### Novi students recognized in Detroit fair

By AMY ROSA  
staff writer

More than a dozen Novi seventh and eighth graders came up big winners at the recent Detroit Science and Engineering Fair.

One Novi student was a grand prize winner and 12 others won first place awards.

Fifty Novi middle school students entered research projects in the fair at Cobo Hall, which came on the heels of their own science fair right here at home.

Winning a grand prize award along with seven other metro Detroit contestants was Novi Middle School's Laura Johnson. Her project was titled "How Do Waves Affect Soil Erosion?"

In addition to Johnson, the 12 first place winners in Detroit were: Jennifer Fox — "Do Different Liquids Affect Teeth Enamel, Weight and Discoloration?"; Timothy O'Sullivan — "Biosphere II: Key to Life on Mars"; Michael Speerschneider — "Where Has Our H2O 'Lead' Us?"; Maria Marchak — "How Are Common Stains Removed From Different Carpets?"; Rebekah Steiniger — "How Do Plants React to Natural vs. Artificial Light?"; Keri Naughton — "Do Insulators Affect the Development of Chicken Embryos?"; Shana Mann — "How Do Different Colored Light Filters Affect Plant Growth and Seed Germination?"; Jason Everett — "Effects of Oil Pollution on Economy"; Sara Deringer — "Windmill: Energy To Do Work"; Amy Williams — "Plastics: Do They All Melt the Same?"; Jackie Overmars — "Chromatography: A Qualitative and Quantitative Separation Process"; and Jeff VanNortwick — "Rocket Structure: How Does It Affect Flight Performance."

All 13 students will receive plaques and certificates at an Honors Con-

gregation Awards assembly in Detroit's Rackham Memorial building in May. The date for the ceremony has not yet been set.

Preceding the Detroit fair was the annual three-day Novi Middle School Science Fair, which produced nine grand prize winners in all. That fair was held March 21-24.

Students competed against each other with research projects that they had been working on since last fall. Middle School Science Teacher Kathy Scullen said some students compiled data for more than a year. They displayed their findings in outstanding data charts and graphs, she added.

**LIFE SCIENCE**

□ 1st place: Tim O'Sullivan — "Biosphere II: Key to Life on Mars."  
□ 2nd place: Kerri Oikarinen — "How Does Osmosis Demonstrate Fetal Alcohol Syndrome?"

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

□ 1st place: Jeff VanNortwick — "Rocket Structure: How Does It Affect Flight Performance?" — and Sara Deringer — "Windmill: Energy To Do Work."  
□ 2nd place: Andy Sill — "Do Colored Filters Affect How Solar Energy Desalinates H2O?"

**CHEMISTRY**

□ 1st place: Sherry Kemp — "How Do Different Fibers React to Acids and Bases?"  
□ 2nd place: Mike Speerschneider — "Where Has Our Drinking H2O 'Lead' Us?"

**EARTH SCIENCE**

□ 1st place: Laura Johnson — "How Do Waves Affect Soil Erosion?"  
□ 2nd place: Heather Harmon — "Decomposition Rates of Trash: Environmental Pollution."

## Newlyweds adapt to new lifestyles

The nuptials are said and done, the honeymoon is over and it's finally starting to sink in... you're married! It's time now to make the transition into marriage.

Your new lives together will adjust much more comfortably once you're able to establish a new environment just for the two of you.

**Getting that place**  
Ideally, you'll have a place to go right after the honeymoon. Buying a house in many of today's housing markets — especially on the West Coast — is difficult. If you've managed to take the leap into home ownership, your next step is finding a loan.

Many are discovering the advantages of using a loan broker. Just as a Realtor finds you that perfect house, a loan broker will find you that perfect loan.

For a nominal fee and percentage of the loan amount (the latter having no financial impact on the consumer), the loan broker will assemble and submit your applications and documents package.

According to Christopher Boccard, loan consultant with ABA Financial Services Inc. in Northern California, "Our packages can go out to 70-80 lenders, each offering five to six different loans. An interested loan shopper going from bank to bank will discover what few options he really has."

Regardless of the loan, you'll need a down payment — generally 10 percent or more of the purchase price — and a figure of about 3 percent to 3.5

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percent of the loan amount for closing costs.

Depending on when you close escrow, your first mortgage payment may not be due for as many as 60 days (you've prepaid in your closing costs and, unlike renting, a mortgage payment isn't due until the end of the month).

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Whether you're renting or buying, most likely you'll be starting out in a small or limited space. With space at a premium, patience, humor and diplomacy must prevail when combining gifts, personal belongings and two separate styles into one home for

the both of you.

**Out with the old**  
Now is a good time to give away or store your stuffed animals, school books, throw pillows and mismatched kitchen items. It's not a total abandonment of your former life, just a nudging to make room for clean, uncluttered living.

**In with the new**  
Chances are you have got brand-new sets of everything from dishes and flatware to sheets and chairs. Your base has been started, a frame around which you can add new things as purchased.

The bedroom is a good place to begin decorating together. It should reflect both tastes and personalities.

Since you may not have the luxury of a family room, turn your bedroom into an all-purpose retreat by adding a good reading chair and floor lamp,

small television, exercise equipment or maybe even a small table suitable for a romantic Sunday morning breakfast.

In the center of all this, of course, should rest a bed that meets your standards for comfort, support and durability.

Just as your wedding gifts have sparked your imagination, browse through the department store advertisement inserts in your Sunday paper for additional ideas.

**Hand-me-downs**  
You never know what's lurking in Grandma's attic or Auntie's garage. Older family members, often with different tastes, may have tucked away pieces of furniture that under re-examination are real treasures to you.

**Decking walls and windows**  
Window coverings and artwork can not only complement and unify a room, but strategically placed, can also hide flaws and create a desirable effect. The right fabric and colors can add softness, depth and height to any room.

**Outside it all!**  
If you've moved to a new area — even if it's the same town, but especially if you're miles away from familiar ground — get involved with your surroundings.

Subscribe to a local paper and peruse the advertisements — you'll become familiar with local services.

## Time-saving cooking tips offered for couples

Cooking for two is very similar to cooking for one, but unfortunately, it's not as easy as doubling the ingredients.

Your new partner brought more than an electric razor and large shoes into your union. Enter a new realm of culinary likes and dislikes, hopes for savory snacks and sweet treats.

**Overwhelmed? Nah!**  
By now you probably have an idea of his general eating habits and preferred foods. Supplement your knowledge with a good cookbook and a few tips on how to make cooking for two a bit easier.

□ Preparation: Use weekends to chop things, wash lettuce, scrub potatoes and make sauces. They'll come in handy later in the week when you get home from work late and want to eat before 9 p.m.

□ Get innovative with leftovers: Chicken,

potatoes and vegetables on Monday night can become a hearty pot pie on Thursday night by layering the ingredients in a pie dish, moistening with a hot gravy made out of canned chicken broth and covering with a quick pie crust. (Mash the potatoes to form the bottom "crust"). Bake 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven and the pie will be ready for eating.

**Hint:** Warm the layers up one by one in the microwave to speed even heating (excluding crust). Pull pie out when top crust is browned.

□ Invest in a good soup and stew cookbook. Homemade soup and salad make a wonderful meal and many recipes are very easy and quick to prepare.

Browned chuck, coarsely chopped carrots, potatoes, celery and onion, garlic, beef broth and a bay leaf combined in a Dutch oven and left alone

for three hours in a 300 degree oven takes less than 10 minutes to prepare and makes a hearty supper (not to mention terrific pot roast sandwiches the next day).

□ Corral your partner into some preparation work. Tell him chopping mushrooms is therapeutic (it is!) and make cooking a joint effort.

□ Prepare meals that are fun to eat as a team. Fondues are quick, easy and make a fun shareable meal. Cheese fondues simply require melting together a fine Swiss such as Emmentaler or Gruyere with white wine and a bit of cornstarch.

Peanut oil works best for meat fondues; prepare various kinds of meats and fish by cutting into bite-size chunks, then skewer and submerge in hot oil. Have mustard, tartar or barbecue sauce available for dipping.

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Novi backstop Angel D'Agostino awaits the throw as a Lansing Everett player slides across the plate

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Ladycat nine wins twinbill from Howell

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

After dropping five of the first six games this season, the Novi softballers made a remarkable turnaround last week by sweeping a KVC doubleheader against Howell and then going 2-1 as host of the Novi Softball Invitational over the weekend.

The 4-1 record for the week raised the Wildcats' records to 5-6 overall and 2-4 in the KVC.

"We're getting a lot more competitive and we're playing much better overall," Coach John Peace said. "Things are definitely looking up for us."

The sweep at Howell on April 21 is what really turned things around, but it wasn't an easy task. Novi nipped the Highlanders 2-1 in the opener and then held on for an 8-6 extra-inning triumph in the second game of the twinbill. A big key has been the improved pitching of sophomore Heather Campbell, who won both games and also pitched well in the tournament.

"The 'Cats scored all their runs in the first inning of the opener and held on behind Campbell and some solid defense. Angel D'Agostino led off the game with a walk, Nicki Kasten followed with a single and a stolen base, and both scored on a clutch single by red-hot Deanna Reed.

Howell strung together three straight singles in the fourth to score their only run off Campbell, but they never threatened the rest of the way. For the game, Campbell allowed five hits, one run and only one walk. She also fanned two batters.

"Heather was outstanding," Peace said. "She forced Howell to hit the ball, and they ended up hitting into 12 flyouts. Another key was that she only gave up one walk — I'm real happy about that."

In the nightcap, Novi built a 6-1 lead early, saw it evaporate, and then pulled out the win in the 10th inning.

"Heather didn't pitch quite as well in the second game, but after the sixth, she settled down and went four scoreless innings."

The Wildcats scored a run in the first, without a hit, and then exploded for five in the second. Campbell singled, Darcy Cupp walked, and then they both scored on a single by Chris Yankowski. Two walks then loaded the bases and Reed came through again with a base-clearing triple. That made it 6-1.

Howell came back to tie it with a

pair of runs in the fourth and sixth innings and it remained deadlocked until Novi scored twice in the top of the 10th. Mary Grace Yankowski reached base on an error, stole second, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a fielder's choice. Cupp later belted in an insurance run and it ended 8-6.

Campbell went the distance, allowing three earned runs, six hits and just one walk.

**NOVI INVITATIONAL:** The Wildcats won two of three games in this eight-team event on April 22 and ended up placing second in the 'B' bracket to Plymouth Canton. State-powerhouse Waterford Mott ended up winning the tourney title.

"It was a very good tournament," Peace said. "We were in all our ball games and that's because we seem to be limiting our mistakes."

In the first game, the 'Cats outlasted Lansing Everett 14-11, but not before blowing a commanding 9-0 lead after a couple innings. Heading into the sixth, the Vikings trailed 11-4 but went on a seven-run rally off starter Mindy Watkins to tie things up at 11-11. Campbell then relieved her and got the win as Novi scored three times with two outs in the bottom of the inning. After two walks and an error, Reed came through again with a three-run hit.

"It was a little on the sloppy side," Peace said.

The most exciting game of the tournament may have been the 'Cats' 6-5 extra-inning win over Wayne Memorial in the second round. Again, Novi blew a big lead but still managed to pull out the win in the ninth thanks to two walks, two steals and a passed ball. Campbell notched the win.

"It was an exciting game," Peace said. "We were ahead 5-1 and Wayne came back to tie it with two runs in the sixth and two in the seventh."

The 'Cats then fell to Canton 3-2 in the 'B' bracket championship game, and for the third time, Novi was unable to hold a lead.

The Chiefs broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fourth on a triple and two singles, but the Wildcats regained the lead in the bottom of the inning on a single by Cupp, a double by Campbell and a two-run hit by Stacy Onofrey.

Canton then won it with two runs on two hits and a walk off Campbell in the fifth.

"Heather went 4-1 on the week and she pitched well," Peace said. "She pitched a lot of innings in two days."

## Local runners battle in 'Boston'

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

Eight local runners were among the finishers of the most prestigious 26-mile running event in the world on April 17 — the Boston Marathon.

But complaints of heat and humidity put a damper on the race for many of the participants.

Novi Planning Director Jim Wahl, 41 — a veteran of over 80 marathons — may have had the biggest struggle of them all. Wahl did finish the race, but suffered most of the way with a stomach ailment and ended up placing 4,689th in a time of 4 hours, seven minutes and 36 seconds.

"It was certainly a humbling experience," he said. "I didn't get much of a chance to experience the tough part of the course with all the hills because I was already sick by then. It was between 65 and 68 degrees and sunny, and I'm not a

**Swanson: 'It was harder than last year because of the weather. I was satisfied but not thrilled with how I did. I had hoped for a faster time.'**

very good runner in the heat."

Wahl qualified for the Boston Marathon at last fall's Detroit Marathon and hopes to qualify again next year and, as he puts it, "redeem myself." It was his eighth straight appearance in Boston for the race, but his first as a participant.

Northville's Donna Swanson, 37, also had some trouble with the heat, but managed to place 3,347th overall with a time of 3:35.39.

"It was harder than last year because of the weather," Swanson said. "I was satisfied but not thrilled with how I did. I had hoped for a faster time."

It was Swanson's second Boston appearance and she had the distinction of qualifying along with sisters Vicki Webster, 32, of Livonia and Laura Johnson, 22, of Westland. In a battle of sibling rivalry, experience won out over youth as Swanson finished ahead of both

sisters.

"We really didn't run together much because we all have different paces, but it was neat that we could all qualify and were able to travel to Boston together," she said. "This time, age won out."

The rest of the Northville finishers included Dale Yagiela, 39, who placed 1,519th and had the area's best time of 3:08.43; Louis Yeager, 56, who was 3,154th (3:32.14); Larry Huff, 44, who was 3,393rd (3:46.03) and Richard Brown, 45, who was 4,723rd (4:08.28).

The Novi finishers included Hub Copp in 2,590th place (3:24.15) and Hugh Sweeney in 3,440th (3:37.10).

The overall winner was Abebe Mekonnen of Ethiopia, who covered the course in 2:09.6. The women's winner was Ingrid Kristiansen of Boulder, Colorado, who had a time of 2:24.33.

## Wildcat netters on a hot streak

After dropping three in a row to start the season, the Novi netters rebounded to win three in a row last week, including KVC victories over Howell and Brighton.

The Wildcats nipped Howell 4-3 on April 19 and the winners included Ken Chasse (at No. 1 singles), Brian Anderson and Rick Mathias (No. 1 doubles), Mike Everett and Phil Hutchins (No. 2 doubles) and Andy Anderson and J.J. Mullett (No. 3 doubles).

The following day, Novi slipped past Brighton — for the first time in many years — by a score of 5-2. Chasse and Matt Butler were victorious at first and fourth singles, and all three doubles teams won again.

The 'Cats wrapped up the perfect week with a convincing 7-0 win over an outmanned Livonia Clarenceville squad. In eight singles sets, the Novi players lost just three games. The team is now 3-3 overall, 2-1 in KVC action.

**BOYS TENNIS:** In Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) baseball action last week, Novi dropped an important conference doubleheader to Howell, the pre-season favorite, on April 21.

In the opener, starter Steve Ross experienced unusual control problems and was tagged for five runs in the second inning, including a grand slam — and the Wildcats never recovered. The final score

was 8-3.

Novi's Doug Justus paced the hitting attack with his second homer of the season, but only Justus and Todd Wise had multiple hits against Highlander pitching ace Steve Hirschman.

In the nightcap, the 'Cats found Stuart Hirschman even tougher on the mound. He blanked Novi 5-0 on only four hits — two by Ross. Ken Hendrian allowed only three earned runs and fanned five, but suffered the loss.

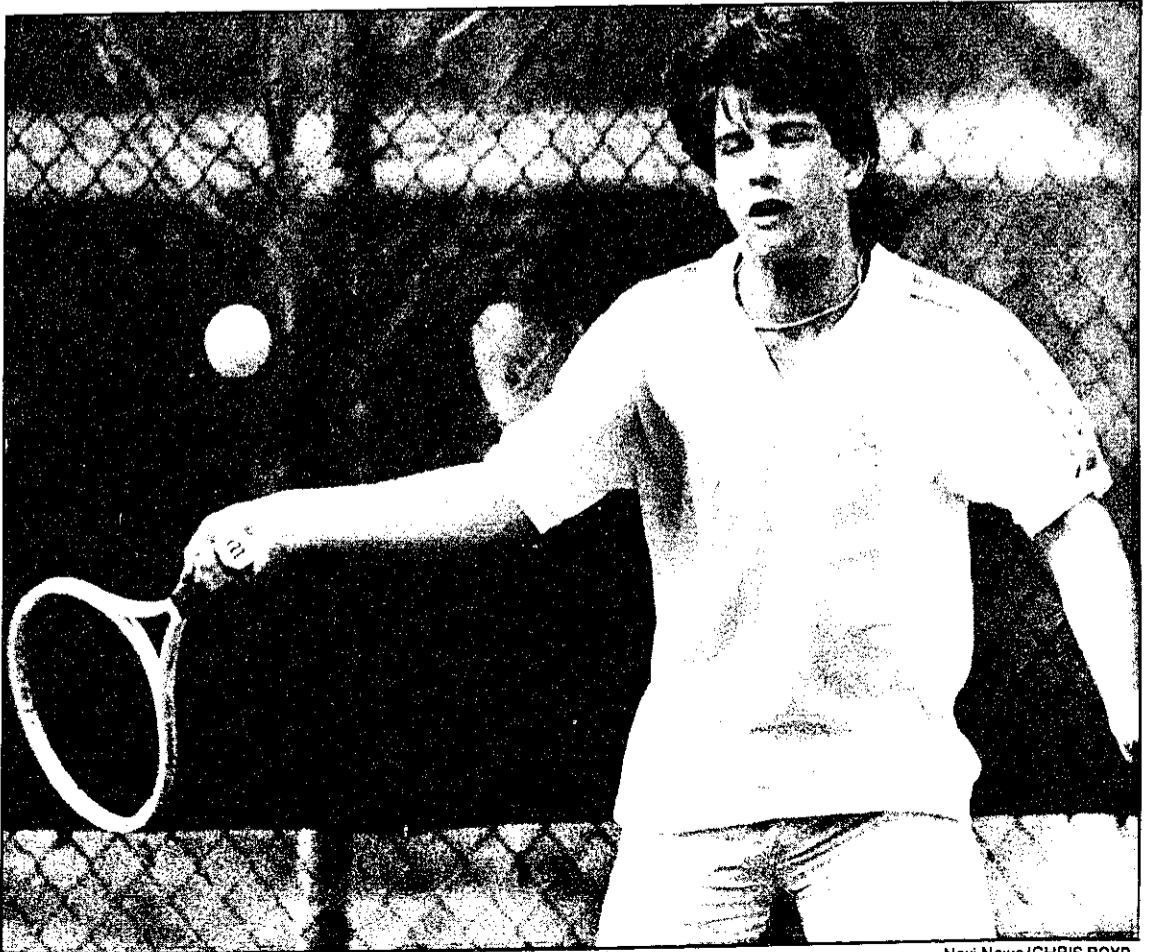
In a non-conference battle on April 18, the Wildcats clobbered previously unbeaten Southfield Lathrup 12-2 in a mercy-rule shortened game. Novi scored five in the first and five in the fourth to complete the rout.

Scott Wladischkin (2-for-4, 3 RBIs), Ross (2-for-3), Hendrian (2-for-3) and Justus (2-for-3) paced the attack. The Wildcats are now 4-2 overall, 3-2 in the KVC.

**BOYS TRACK:** The first-place Wildcats kept their unbeaten streak alive on April 18 with a 100-37 whitewashing of Hartland.

Novi took firsts in 13 of 17 events and is now tied with Brighton and Millford in the KVC standings.

The 'Cats also performed well in placing third at the eight-team Belleville Relays last weekend. Highlights of the meet included



Novi's Bryan Anderson hammers a forehand during action at first doubles last week

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# Hot Shots

## Novi cagers fare well in finals

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Two Novi youngsters were among the six teenagers who represented the Detroit Pistons at the 13th Annual Pepsi/NBA HotShot competition earlier this month in Cleveland.

Mike McDonald, 15, and Karen Pump, 14, were two of only 156 national qualifiers for the HotShot finals. Both McDonald (in the boys' 13-15 division) and Pump (in the girls' 13-15 class) ended up placing fifth out of 13 competitors representing the NBA's Eastern Conference teams. McDonald — a Novi resident — was 12th overall out of 26 and Pump — a Novi resident and a Northville High School sophomore — was 13th.

"These kids are all good shooters once they reach this level," said Karen's father Tony. "The whole weekend was fantastic for the kids."

Tony, his wife Carolyn and their son Tom were in attendance for the competition along with McDonald's parents, Ray and Louise. The sponsors had a fun-filled weekend planned for the competitors — including movies, a dance, sightseeing tours and an awards banquet.

"In those few days, they struck up some beautiful friendships — it was a wonderful thing," Pump said.

The HotShot event is a shooting contest from five designated circles on the court. The more difficult the

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shot, the more points it's worth, and there are certain ways to receive bonus points. Each participant has one minute to accumulate as many points as possible.

The preliminary rounds of the competition were held April 8 at Cleveland State University, and the finals were held the following day at the Ritchfield Coliseum. The boys and girls champions in three age divisions were crowned at halftime of the Cleveland Cavaliers/Charlotte Hornets basketball game.

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For Pump, a slight change in the timed music — which is played during the competition — caused her problems in the first round. By the

time she adjusted to the change, it was too late to recover.

"The music was about three seconds shorter than what Karen was used to," Pump said. "She ended up not having enough time to get her last shot off and it cost her a possible 15 points. From there, it was an uphill climb."

Pump did bounce back to have a spectacular second round. Her score was the third highest single-round total of any girl in the contest, but it wasn't enough to pull her into the top two of the Eastern Conference competitors. That would have enabled her to advance to the finals.

McDonald didn't have quite as much trouble in the first round, but still failed to qualify.

Sadly, the NBA announced that it will drop its sponsorship of HotShot, so the 1989 contest may be the swan song of the event.

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outstanding individual performances by Jeff Schram in the high jump (6'4"), Brad Brockman in the discus (118'0") and Randy Thompson in the shot put (411'1") — all were personal best efforts.

Novi's only win, however, came in the mile relay with Bill Lethemon, Jeff Jeffress, Jeoffrey LaFontaine

and Andy Fitzpatrick toting the baton around the track in a time of 45.65. The Wildcats are 4-0 overall.

**GIRLS TRACK:** Hartland dumped the young Wildcats 88-40 on April 18, dropping the squad's KVC mark to 0-2 (2-2 overall).

Coach Connie Ahrens' team notched only three firsts — they came in the 100-meter dash (Heather Hum-

phrey in 13.73), the mile run (Lisa Heath in 5:40.69) and the 300 hurdles (Angel Konarske in 50.3).

At the Belleville Relays, Novi finished fifth out of eight teams. Humphrey registered an individual win in the 100-yard dash (11.8).

The other Wildcat victory came in the distance medley relay (14:00.06) featuring Amy Ahrens, Bria Powers, Jennie Gailand and Heath.

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