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Citizens to testify about petitions

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

The City of Novi will supply legal help to members of the group Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD), who were subpoenaed over the weekend by developers hoping to build a commercial center at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said Monday that city legal staff will be present when CRD members give depositions the next two weeks.

Individual CRD members may also bring legal counsel, Watson said.

Process servers had a few busy days in Novi over the weekend. About 53 CRD members who circulated petitions in the second petition drive were given subpoenas, requiring them to give depositions that will become part of the court record in Developer Lee Walter's legal challenge of the impending referendum election.

A total of 55 CRD members were scheduled to give depositions. Organizers Jim Shaw, Carol Ringvolski and Dennis Ringvolski were not subpoenaed because they didn't officially circulate petitions in the last drive. Shaw said they spent most of their time organizing the drive and didn't specifically gather signatures.

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Subpoenaed citizens express mixed emotions about Sunday night citations/18A

Rouge results refuted

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Rouge River water in Novi is safe for skin contact, according to a report from the Michigan Department of Public Health.

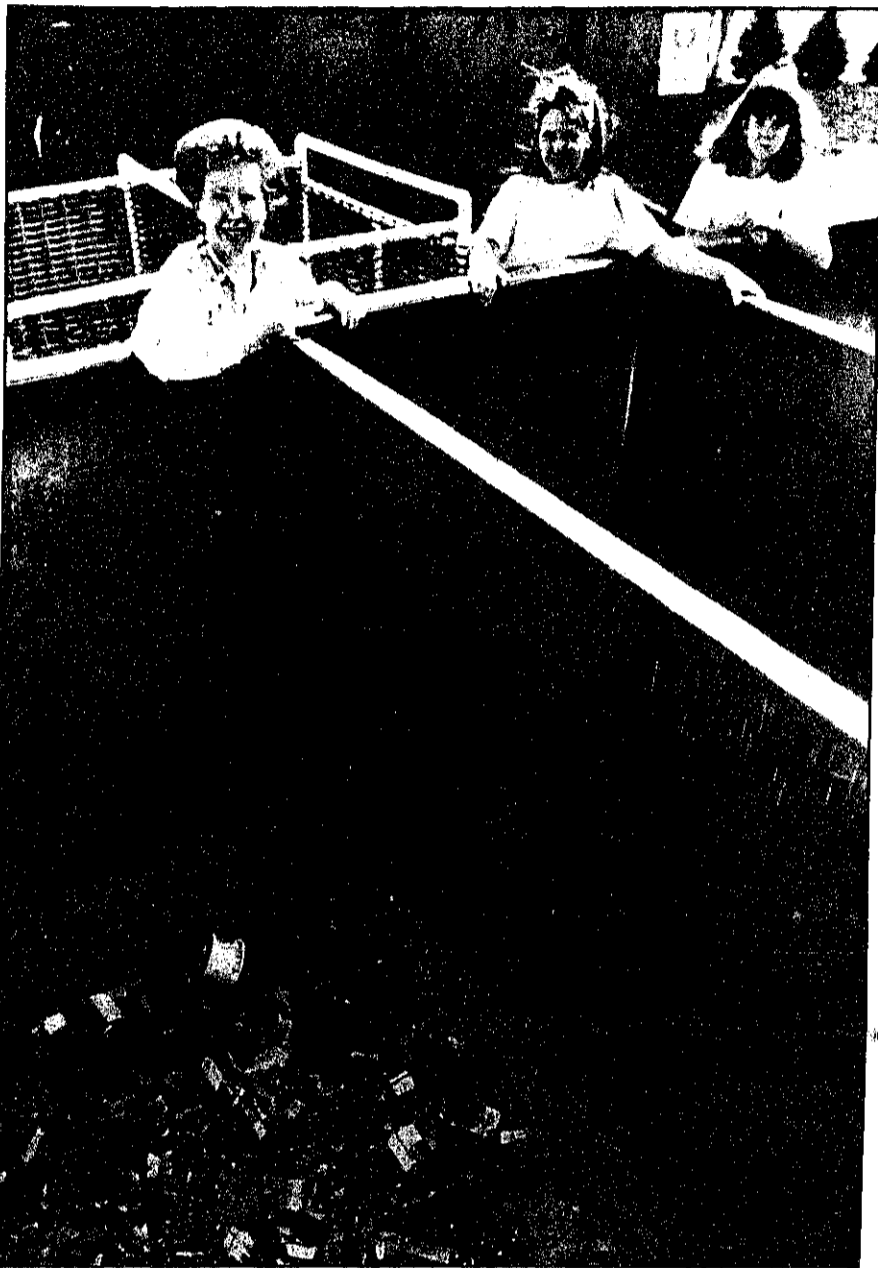
Department of Natural Resources (DNR) official Maggie Fields said Friday that the DNR could not confirm high levels of Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PNAs) found in February by JCK and Associates, the city consulting firm.

Fields said there was a substantial difference between the DNR's results and the city's results — possibly due to a mathematical error. However, concentrations of the PNA are present in the river's base, she said.

The JCK tests, which were part of a routine test for pollutants in the river, detected "extremely high" levels of PNA, which is a product of the weatherproofing material creosote. The DNR was called in to verify those results and spell out the risk.

JCK samples were sent to an unnamed testing laboratory and were not done in-house, according to JCK officials.

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Novi News/CHRIS BOYD
 Nancy Reale, Anita Reale and Star Yager are big supporters of the new recycling center located behind the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile.

In the know Citizen advocates recycling

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Things have changed quite a bit since last November for Nancy Reale. That's when the three-year Novi resident leaned over to a guest speaker she was about to introduce — an expert on solid waste — and asked, "What's solid waste?"

Now, just a few months later, Reale considers herself quite informed about the issue — enough to pitch in and help out with local recycling programs, and try to get her Simmons Orchard neighbors to do the same.

Reale considers herself living proof that old habits can die, and that what's at stake with trash isn't really that difficult to understand.

"With (landfills) filling up... each individual has to be very conscious of what they buy," she said. "And I don't think it takes that much effort to separate it, or bundle it up, and drop it off."

"Is it a little more work? Yes," she said. "Is it a total hassle? No, I don't think so."

"Recycle Novi!" has already hit the Reale household. Husband Jimmie, also kind of indifferent about recycling a few months ago, gave her a half-in-jest scolding when he found a milk container in the family garbage recently.

"My husband said 'Hey, you left a milk bottle in there,'" she said.

Reale, her daughter Anita, 12, and a neighbor Starr Yager, 12, recently sent a Saturday circulating flyers about recycling to their Simmons Orchard neighbors.

Recycling could also open a window of opportunity for junior entrepreneurs in the city. Rusty Herbst, an eight-year-old resident of the Charrington Green subdivision, is charging his neighbors 50 cents to take care of their recyclables.

"It's exactly the type of thing we want to happen," said Mayor Matthew Quinn. "It's really up to us as a city to not let the recycling issue die. We've got to keep it going, as far as education and getting information out to the public."

"And, of course, nothing is going to happen unless the public gets involved," he said. Children in Novi schools were recently given leaflets about recycling to take home to their parents. City mailings, like parks and recreation program updates, will also be coordinated to include information about the recycling center.

The Novi Committee to Assess Recycling Programs was recently given its first update on the progress of the center. The plastics section was full, the newspaper section was about 30 percent full, and the glass drop off section was lagging far behind.

The city opened the recycling center May 1, in an effort to prepare residents for the day when separation of household trash and recycling may well be required. That could happen in as little as two years.

The city is currently investigating drop off capabilities for metals, heavy appliances, and possible special drop-off days for household hazardous materials, like pesticides and some paints.

weekend calling for an end to M-9 plans that involve cutting a swath through their subdivision. Most of the residents want M-9 to follow the existing route along Haggerty Road.

They collected all but two signatures from the subdivision — and both of those homeowners were out of town.

"We watched (Gov. James) Blanchard get up in the helicopter and tell us that the congestion was on Haggerty Road," Valenti said. "Then they ought to keep it on Haggerty Road. Widen Haggerty, don't send it right through here."

Two of the official four options currently on the table involve placing a major interchange about a half-mile west of Haggerty Road on Twelve Mile. That would necessitate the taking of several lots in the area and wipe out the current entrance to Summit Drive off of Twelve Mile.

Valenti's home and two lots — about 11 acres total — would both be purchased for the road right-of-way. Several other homes in the subdivision also would have to be leveled to make room for the interchange serving M-9.

Other residents are simply concerned about the predicament noise from the 6-8 lane roadway.

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Dan Quayle makes plans to visit Novi

By PHILIP JEROME
 managing editor

U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle has tentatively committed to be the keynote speaker at the ninth annual Novi Police Memorial Day, according to Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt of the Novi Police Department.

The event is scheduled to be held outside Novi Police Headquarters on Ten Mile next Tuesday, May 16, at 3:30 p.m.

Gatt noted that Quayle's appearance as well as the time and place of the event remain tentative pending confirmation from the White House and the U.S. Secret Service.

"It's a great honor for Novi to have the vice president here for this important event," said City Manager Edward Kriewall. "It's a major event; we're looking forward to it."

Final details of Quayle's appearance will be ironed out later this week when advance teams from the White House and the Secret Service sit down with local officials to determine scheduling and security needs.

Gatt said the current schedule calls for the vice president to fly into Detroit and then travel to Novi in time to participate in the Memorial Day observation, Gatt said.

Gatt said advance information is that Quayle will be in Novi for only a short time. Gatt added, however, that Quayle has indicated he would

like an opportunity to visit with the relatives of the officers who will be honored at Police Memorial Day services.

"We don't know what the vice president will speak about, but we suggested that the memorial day service might be an ideal opportunity for him to make a statement about the crime, the war on drugs and the importance of law enforcement officials in American society," said Gatt.

This is the ninth consecutive year that the Novi Police Department has sponsored a Police Memorial Day program. The purpose of the ceremony is to honor law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Police Memorial Day was created 27 years ago when President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed into law a joint resolution of Congress establishing the first National Police Officer Memorial Day on May 14, 1962, and the first National Police Week as May 13-19, 1962.

The Police Memorial Day sponsored by the Novi Police Department has become one of the largest in Michigan over the past nine years. Police departments from Northville, South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Detroit and Windsor (Ont.) typically participate in Novi ceremonies along with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police.

The public is invited to attend.

Voters to decide on parks funding

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Novi voters will be asked in November whether or not they favor digging deeper into their pockets for parks and recreation.

The city council Monday opted to put a half-mill funding question before voters in the Nov. 7 general election. It seeks to raise the maximum millage rate allowed in the city charter for parks purposes from the current half-mill to a full mill. If voters approve, it would mean as much as \$400-\$450,000 per year in new revenue.

A mill represents one dollar in taxes per every \$1,000 of state equitized valuation (SEV).

"This is an absolute necessity that this funding come from this source," said Mayor Matthew Quinn.

"This city has never had any funds to buy parkland," said Parks and Recreation Commissioner Phil Konoda. "Most of the parks we got have been donated."

"As the city has grown and the population has increased, the drain on our parkland has become more severe," he added. "We've really

taxed the property that is available."

The recommended extra half-mill follows closely the January Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Report, which spelled out possible funding options to acquire new parkland and improve existing facilities.

Those recommendations were brought forward by the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Committee, a citizens group that met over the course of a year to study overall parks needs. The study included a survey of resident opinion about their favorite programs, and attempted to gain insight on preferred funding alternatives.

The emphasis of the new dollars would be parkland acquisition for both active (like soccer fields) and passive purposes (like nature trails), according to Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis.

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Neighborhood opposed to M-9

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Arthur Valenti is sick of the on-again, off-again saga of I-275, M-9 or whatever else state bureaucrats have decided to call it over the years.

His position is quite clear. He wants it off again... forever.

Valenti and about 80 other members of the Summit Hills subdivision signed petitions this past

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Boosters to collect bottles

Save your bottles and cans. The Novi High School Band Boosters have scheduled a bottle drive for Saturday, May 20, in conjunction with their semi-annual fund-raiser. Members of the Novi High School Marching Band will be visiting residents throughout the community on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to collect empty beverage cans and bottles. Printed stickers will be mailed to various residents throughout the community to make it more convenient to donate bottles and cans to the band. The Band Boosters ask that the stickers be attached to a bag or box filled with empties and left beside the curb. The containers will then be picked up during the bottle drive. For more information about the bottle drive call 348-9314 or 476-3131.

Show off numbers

Consumers Power Company is issuing a somewhat unusual safety message to homeowners and businesses — make sure your house or building number is clearly visible from the street.

Edgar L. Doss, general manager of the Consumers' Metro Region, said employees making service calls are finding an increasing number of instances where no numbers are visible on a building.

"This delays them in finding the location and could endanger lives if there is a gas leak or a downed power line," he said. The lack of a house or building number also could delay the response of emergency vehicles such as police or fire fighters.

Adding to the problem is the traffic hazard to both pedestrians and other vehicles as the service truck or emergency vehicle cruises along a street trying to locate the right address.



Sitting pretty

If you look closely at the picture above, you'll see a sight as pretty as the spring tulips blooming in the foreground. A mother duck is sitting on seven eggs in the Bostwick family garden outside their

home on Beck Road. Mother Debbie called in the news but gives credit for the find to daughter Valerie, 5, who spotted the eggs while cruising the garden.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Police still have Madonna's hanky

The saga of "Madonna's Dress" might not be over quite yet.

The story regarding the theft of the dress from an MTV exhibit at Twelve Oaks Mall during the Novi '88s Festival last summer seemingly came to an end when a Dearborn woman pleaded guilty to stealing the dress in Oakland County Circuit Court on Monday, May 1. Krista M. O'Sada, 20, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of Larceny in a Building before Judge David F. Breck and was sentenced to two years' probation. She also was sentenced to 33 days in jail but was given credit for 33 days already served.

Breck also ordered O'Sada to obtain psychiatric counseling. So why isn't the saga over quite yet?

Novi Police Detective Ralph Fluhart said the dress has been returned to MTV but that police are still in possession of a handkerchief that was stolen at the same time as the dress.

And if MTV officials do not send a representative to pick up the handkerchief at Novi police headquarters within 30 days, it will be sold at public auction, Fluhart said. Fluhart said he had no idea what someone would bid to obtain one of Madonna's handkerchiefs, but noted that the dress stolen from the MTV exhibit was valued at \$20,000.

O'Sada was charged with stealing the dress worn by the rock star Madonna in the hit video *True Blue*. The powder blue chiffon dress was studded with rhinestones and valued at \$20,000.

Theft of the dress from the exhibit at Twelve Oaks received national news coverage.

Three days after the theft, O'Sada and three teenage friends returned the dress to an Oak Park radio station, saying they had found it in the bushes outside Twelve Oaks. Fluhart reported that police never believed the story and subsequently obtained sufficient evidence to charge O'Sada with the theft.

By the time warrants were obtained, however, O'Sada had moved to South Carolina where she was work-

ing as a dancer in a topless go-go club in Myrtle Beach. Police initiated the lengthy extradition process, but O'Sada ultimately waived extradition and returned to Michigan on her own volition after she was taken into custody by police in South Carolina for violating parole.

Fluhart said police were aware from the start that O'Sada had not returned Madonna's handkerchief when she turned in the dress to the radio station.

"After she was brought back from Myrtle Beach, I became aware of where the handkerchief probably was and was subsequently able to obtain it," Fluhart said.

Fluhart said Novi police have sent letters to MTV saying they can have the handkerchief if they send someone to Novi to pick it up.

The Novi detective added, however, that police have no intention of mailing the handkerchief back to MTV officials.

According to Fluhart, MTV officials were considerably less than cooperative in the prosecution of O'Sada.

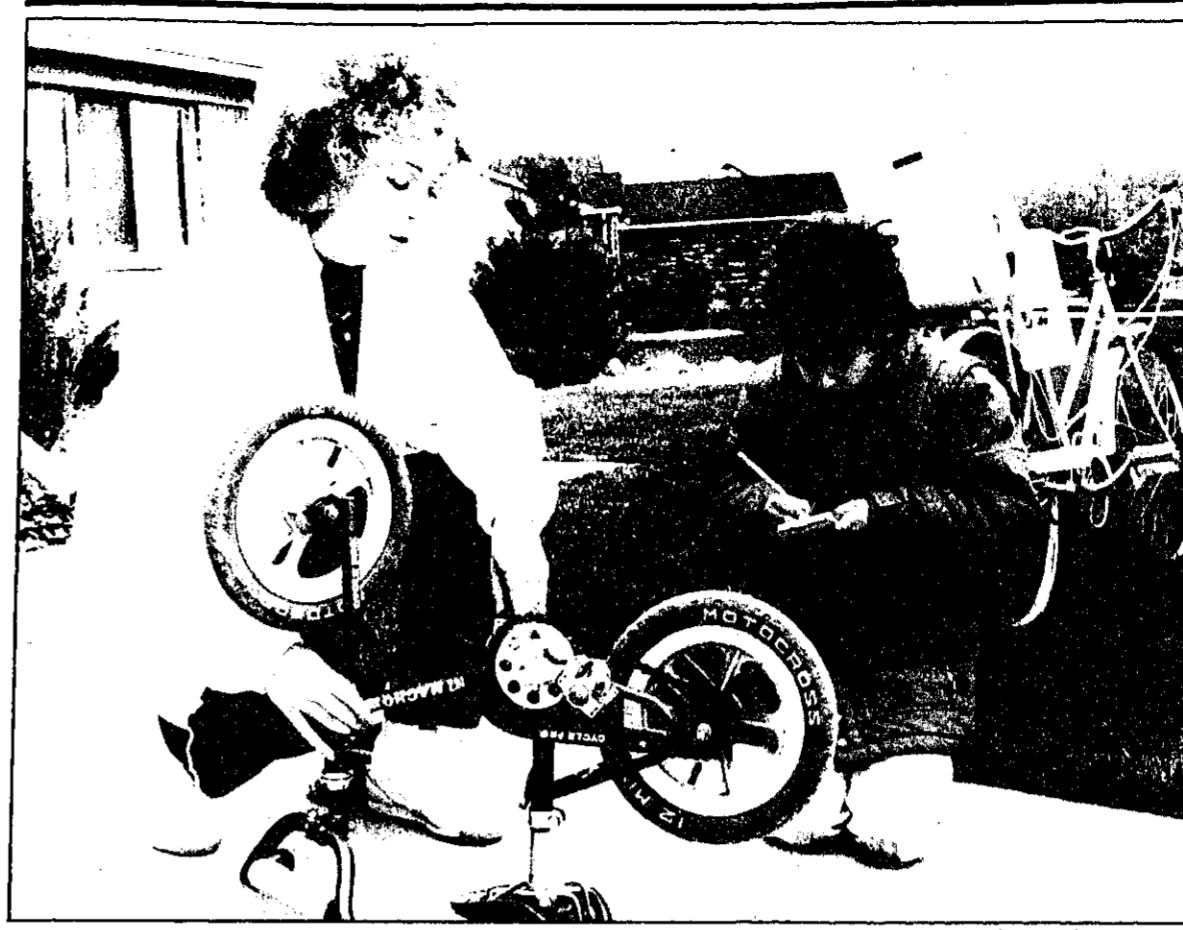
The rock music television station refused to send a representative to testify to the value of the dress in the circuit court trial, according to Fluhart, who added that they also refused to send a representative when police offered to pay travel expenses for the prosecution.

As a result, charges against O'Sada were reduced from Larceny over \$100, a five-year felony, to Larceny in a Building, a four-year felony.

Fluhart said it is necessary to provide testimony as to the value of the dress to prove Larceny over \$100.

"They (MTV officials) have 30 days in which to send a representative to get the handkerchief," said Fluhart. "If they don't, the handkerchief will be considered recovered property and offered at our next police auction just like all other recovered property."

Fluhart said the date of the next Novi police auction has not yet been scheduled. Proceeds from the auction go into the city's general fund.



Checking the numbers

Glenn Gabriel, 8, gets a helping hand from his mother Judy as they check the registration numbers on his bicycle in the Charrington Green subdivision. Novi Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt and

the Charrington Green Homeowners Association sponsored the bike rodeo in the subdivision Saturday morning. The program helps police locate and identify lost or stolen bicycles.

Novi News/PHIL JEROME

Meeting on city development set

The Novi Chamber of Commerce announced this week that it will hold a "Town Hall" meeting at Novi Middle School on Tuesday, May 23, to explore the controversy over proposed commercial development at the Ten Mile/Beck road intersection.

The forum will present viewpoints both in favor and opposed, according to chamber official Amy Hamlin.

"Our hope is to get the pro and con side and have a quality question and answer period," she said. "We don't want a shouting match." Developer Lee Walter is interested in building a

grocery store and commercial center at Ten Mile and Beck Road, which has stirred a substantial amount of controversy and a pair of petition drives in the last few months.

Walter is currently suing the city to block the June referendum, which was scheduled because of the petition drives by the group Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD).

The program is titled, "What's best for Novi? Charting the course of Novi's growth." Hamlin said there will be presentations on the city's master plan, "quality of life" issues, and growth and development.

She said the Chamber of Commerce hasn't taken a position on the June 6 question and isn't expected to.

"This kind of a program is important for the residents of the city so that they can have an opportunity to be informed," she said. "We want people to decide for themselves."

Hamlin said the chamber may sponsor such "Town Hall" meetings on future ballot questions, elections, or issues facing the city. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Middle School.

Ten/Beck area to see subdivision

By AMY ROSA

staff writer

Developers of a proposed 89-acre subdivision on the northwest corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection received preliminary approval from the Novi Planning Commission last week.

The proposed subdivision will be located immediately west of the controversial Briarwoods of Novi commercial center on the northeast corner of the intersection. The subdivision is proposed for development by The Selective Group.

Plans for the first phase of the Green Wood Oaks subdivision now will be considered by the city council for tentative preliminary plan. The commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the plan.

In addition, the commission granted the project a wetlands permit.

Although the plan approval was given a favorable recommendation, the project — which proposes 116 houses on half-acre plus lots, was not without criticism.

The primary concern involved the potential impact on traffic congestion, especially since it would be located across from the Echo Valley subdivision on the south side of Ten Mile.

Jerry Harris, treasurer for the Citizens for Responsible Development, warned the commission against traffic backing up as people turn right into the subdivision from Ten Mile.

The existing middle lane currently serves as an acceleration/deceleration lane. Harris was worried that it would turn into an unsafe passing lane that motorists would use when trying to get around someone turning into Green Wood Oaks.

"We fought hard to get that lane to avoid traffic problems," said Harris, a resident of Echo Valley. "As we look to the future, I think we have to look at Ten Mile as a major artery," he added, saying that all the members of his group feel the development has been well-planned to this point.

The commission conditioned its recommendation for preliminary plan approval on creation of a turning area that is safe for residents of both Green Wood and Echo Valley.

The other concern with the Wood plans centered on wetlands in-

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trusion on two particular lots.

"Would they have a reasonable use of their yards for most of the year?" asked Commissioner Thomas Kavanagh, noting that wetlands comprised a good deal of the back yards. "I think they'll be filling it every chance they get," he said, explaining that turning right into the subdivision from Ten Mile.

"I'm against lots encroaching on wetlands," Kavanagh said. He proposed that The Selective Group eliminate one full lot in the northeast part of the subdivision's plan, which he claimed was "unusable."

Commissioner Kathy McAllen agreed, supporting Kavanagh's proposal to eliminate one of the lots. McAllen also wanted the developers to eliminate an adjacent lot, but received no support from other commissioners.

As a result of the wetland issue, the commission gave its positive recommendation with the stipulation that one lot be excluded from the plan. The decision was made by a 6-1 vote with Chairman Charles Kureth dissenting.

Kureth said he felt it was an "unreasonable request" to have the developers eliminate the lot.

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by Dr. Rob Hyland

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Vandals deface High School

Police Beat

Vandals armed with cans of spray paint contributed to the cost of maintaining the schools by defacing Novi High School property during the night of May 5.

The night custodial foreman told police that unknown individuals spray painted graffiti on the walls of the High School Commons and the windows of Fuester Auditorium sometime between 3:30 p.m. and midnight on Friday, May 5. The complainant said it was not the first time vandals have spray painted high school property in recent weeks.

Investigating officers found "Metallica, 89" and an obscenely printed graffiti on the walls and windows of the school. The cost of removing the paint from the school was not available.

EQUIPMENT VALUED at more than \$3,500 was stolen from the construction site of the River Oaks Apartments on the east side of Novi Road, south of Ten Mile. The theft occurred sometime during the night of May 4-5.

An employee of the construction firm reported that unknown individuals broke into a construction trailer by using some sort of cutting device to cut the lock off the door.

Stolen were a hydro-test pump and engine valued at \$995, a trash pump valued at \$1,000, a power saw valued at \$1,000, a power saw valued at \$500 and a Goodyear automobile tire and rim valued at \$85.

Police are investigating several leads in conjunction with the theft.

A 1989 HONDA motorcycle was stolen from the garage of a residence on Katie in the Whispering Meadows subdivision in the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 2.

The complainant told police he arrived home at approximately midnight and entered the house through the attached garage. The man said he thought he had closed the garage door, but admitted that he may have hit the electric door control twice, causing it to close and then re-open.

He discovered the motorcycle missing at 5:30 a.m.

The man said the motorcycle was stored at the rear of the garage and the responsible party had to move a

Police Beat

ing tile may have been removed to enable the perpetrator to see if money was hidden in the ceiling.

The Cobra radar detector was valued at \$80.

SOMEONE TRIED to break into a residence on Nardere in the Old Dutch Farms Mobile Home Park on May 2, but the attempt apparently was unsuccessful.

The owner told police the metal frame around a rear bedroom window had been damaged as if someone had attempted to break in. Nothing was disturbed inside the residence and nothing was found to be missing.

JEWELRY VALUED at \$500 was stolen from a residence on Ennisher in the Meadowbrook Glen subdivision sometime during the period of April 21 to May 1.

The complainant told police she found the jewelry missing after returning from an out-of-town trip with her husband.

Stolen were a sapphire and diamond necklace valued at \$300 and a tri-colored gold bracelet valued at \$200.

VANDALS SMASHED the front window of a residence on Nine Mile near the Beck Road on Wednesday, May 3, between 3:30 and 4 a.m.

The owner reported that unknown individuals threw a brick through the picture window of the residence.

PERSONAL PROPERTY valued at approximately \$500 was stolen from a 1986 Renault Alliance owned by a Royal Oak woman while it was parked outside the Red Timbers restaurant.

The woman said the responsible party gained entry by punching out the lock on the door. Once inside, the thief stole approximately \$250 worth of clothing, \$125 worth of shoes and a bag containing \$125 worth of school books.

A RADAR DETECTOR was stolen from a 1988 Mazda MX-6 parked outside the owner's residence on Green-

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT valued at \$900 was stolen from the site of Johnson Controls on Genmar Drive during the night of May 4-5.

The complainant said the perpetrators removed the bucket from a Case 580-D backhoe parked in front of the building under construction between 3:30 p.m. on May 4 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

THE REAR WINDOW of a vehicle owned by a Novi woman was shattered while it was parked outside the Whitehall Convalescent Home at 4345 Ten Mile on Tuesday, May 2.

A LIVONIA MAN found his 1982 Ford Expo "gift-wrapped" when he left Twelve Oaks Mall at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2. But he was somewhat less than elated over the gesture.

The man discovered that unknown individuals had thrown four eggs at the car and then wrapped it in plastic wrap while he was inside the mall between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

Detectives suggested that the ceiling tile may have been removed to enable the perpetrator to see if money was hidden in the ceiling.

Novi Briefs

Citizens group to meet: Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) has scheduled a meeting for Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Sixth Gate Rooms (A and B) of the Novi Civic Center.

All interested citizens are invited to attend. CRD is the group leading the fight against the proposed Briarwood Shopping Center on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection.

Meet the candidates: Novi residents will have an opportunity to meet the candidates for the Novi Board of Education at a "Meet the Candidates Night" on Tuesday, May 30.

The event will be held at the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Novi Jaycees and the Novi branch of the League of Women Voters.

All four candidates for the two seats on the Novi school board that will be determined in the June election have been invited to attend. Each candidate will give a five-minute speech on why they are running for the school board. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Congratulations, Jason Kirk: Because he advanced to the state competition of the National Geography Bee, Jason Kirk was presented with a Michigan House resolution, which commended the efforts of all 104 Michigan middle school students who participated in the recent state finals at Central Michigan University.

The Novi Board of Education has also honored Kirk with a certificate of recognition for his achievement.

Michigan trivia buffs: Young Michigan trivia buffs soon will have a chance to showcase their knowledge, thanks to the Novi Public Library.

Librarians are hosting a Teen Trivia Contest in celebration of Michigan Week (May 20-26).

Participants must be 14-18 years old to enter. The contest consists of answering 15 questions about Michigan. Entry forms are now available at the library. The forms must be returned to the library by Wednesday, May 18, by 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to those with winning entries.

In case of a tie, a drawing will be held for the prizes.

Walled Lake parade: The Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Department is making preparations for the 1989 Memorial Day Parade.

The parade will be held Monday, May 29, beginning at 11 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best floats. Any community group or organization which would like to participate in the parade is asked to call Ruby Lewandowski at Walled Lake City Hall at 624-4847 for more information.

About those Novi phonebooks: The "Novi Only" phonebooks were distributed to subscribers of the Novi 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.

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

Dr. Mav Sanghvi is chief medical officer for the disaster control team, but BeGole said additional volunteers are needed to assist during emergency situations.

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

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



The Stars and Stripes

Members of the Novi Singers, a Novi High School chorus, present a United States flag and a taped version of the Star Spangled Banner to Novi Athletic Director John Funduklan (right). The Novi Singers earned the flag for singing the National Anthem before a

recent Detroit Tigers game at Tiger Stadium. Members of the high school choral group are (left to right) Adam Beal, Eric Oakley, Alvis Wayne Duncan Jr. and Stephanie Amelio.

New elementary to receive name

By AMY ROSA staff writer

It appears that residents will soon be able to call Novi's new elementary school something other than "the new elementary school" — as Novi school board members seem to be finally closing in on a name.

Ignoring the lone suggestion of a committee appointed especially for the task of the new school, board members decided they would rather come up with the school's name themselves.

An initial consensus among some board members that it is not appropriate to name a building after a person — either living or dead, prompted the board to all but reject the committee's recommendation of "Ingersoll Trail" last month.

Trustee Sandra Thornton, who was the board appointee to the seven-member committee of parents and staff, said the group chose Ingersoll Trail for a number of reasons.

One reason was to allow for all the first initials of all four elementary schools (Novi Meadows, Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and Ingersoll Trail) to spell "NOVI." The name also would be in keeping with the nature theme in the names of schools.

But more importantly, said Thornton, the group suggested Ingersoll Trail because it was by far the most agreed upon by not only committee members but by school children as well. The children, explained Thornton, wanted the school to be named after Novi's first pioneer, Erastus Ingersoll.

The board discovered, however,

that there is no district policy that prohibits a person's name to be used for buildings. Still, some members — Stephen Hitchcock, Robert Schram and Julie Abrams — felt that naming a school after a person would be unfair, as so many individuals would qualify to have a school named after them.

A motion to officially adopt a policy saying the board will never name a building after a person failed, with Trustees Thornton, Ray Byers, Michael Meyer and Joan Daley voting against the idea.

While the board came to a consensus on that issue, the actual choosing of a name went unresolved at the May 4 board meeting. The board made it clear it wanted to make a choice from a list.

"This doesn't mean we aren't grateful for the committee's efforts," said Meyer, as it seemed likely that Ingersoll Trail might be ignored altogether.

Board members and administrators then shared their own suggestions, some of which included: Red Pine, Long View, Elm Wood, Ivanhoe Trail, Willow Lane, Aspen Grove and Tower Elementary.

Meyer suggested naming the school after the first teacher in space — Christa McAuliffe, who died on the ill-fated Challenger mission in 1986.

All but Byers seemed enthusiastic about the suggestions. He commented, "Let's just name it and get on with it."

The board decided to come back at the May 11 (tonight's) meeting with one or two suggestions each, and then vote on a name May 25.

Meter readers on summer schedule

Attention, Novi residents. Consumers Power Company wants you to know its meter readers will be gone to their summer schedule and are beginning duties at 7:30 a.m.

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Blanchard focuses on small business

By PHIL GINOTTI
p15/writer

Governor James Blanchard steered clear of two major issues facing Novi and the suburbs in his recent visit, and instead touted a two-part program designed to help small businesses cope with rapid growth.

Blanchard: 'The bad news is we have far more demands for infrastructure than the money. The good news is we're growing — faster than we expected.'

Blanchard Thursday announced an assistance program geared to provide technical and consulting services for small businesses during Small Business Day festivities at the Novi Hilton.

But on two other issues facing Novi and other suburban communities — roads and sewers — Blanchard was mum.

"The bad news is we have far more demands for infrastructure than the money. The good news is we're growing — faster than we expected," Blanchard said.

The governor said he personally supports raising gasoline taxes to pay for new roads, but predicted little action in the legislature.

"I think it's reasonable that we will at some point raise the gasoline tax both for repairing existing roads and expansion," he said.

But Blanchard said the state legislature would probably be unwilling to support a gas tax hike until fuel prices level off. In the last two months, pump prices have risen about 15 cents a gallon.

Blanchard said his business initiatives take a more active role in solving local business problems, and are in step with what business people really want. Local polls consistently tab roads and infrastructure at the top of the list.

"Roads and sewer taps are a lot easier than some of the things we're talking about," he said. "There's never enough money to do all of those things, and, as you know, Oakland County voters themselves turned down the road proposal. So there's some controversy as to how important it is to everybody."

Oakland County voters last Nov. 8 soundly rejected a \$25 per vehicle fee for local roads.

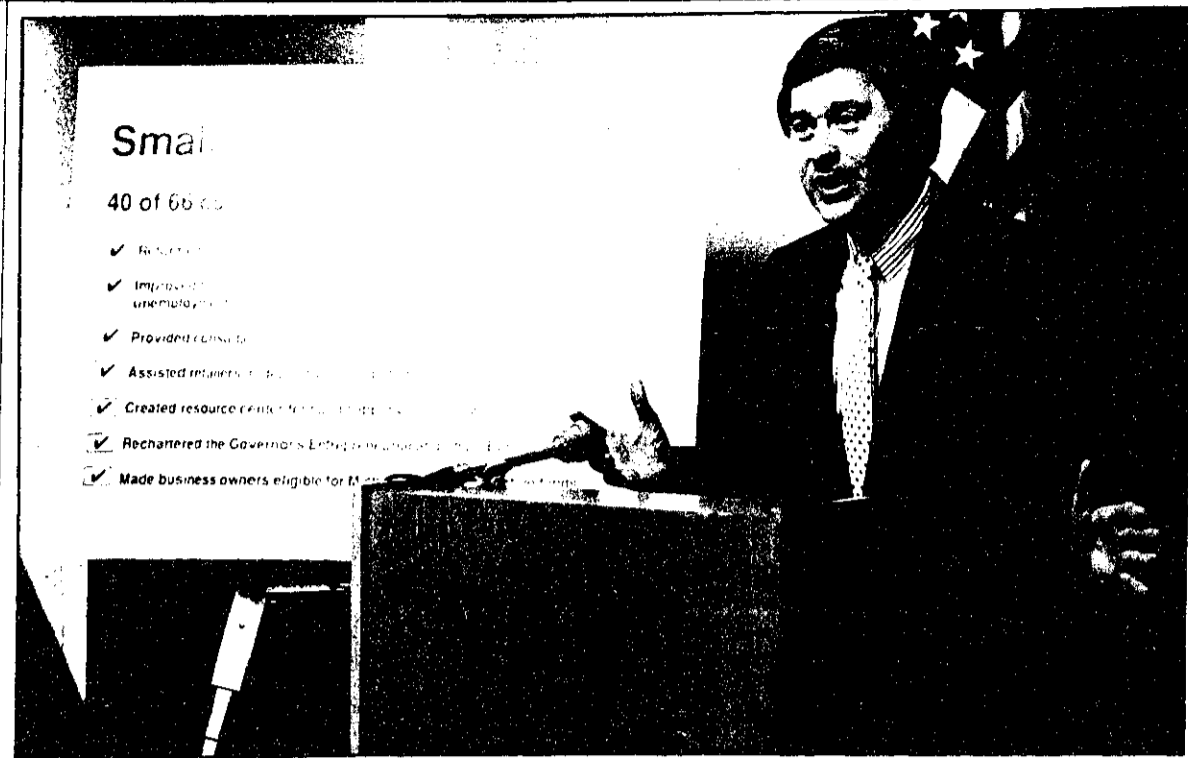
Blanchard didn't address the sewer issue. Novi has been in the throes of a sewer construction moratorium since last year, which has cut down on construction of new residential subdivisions and some commercial ventures.

Novi officials reduced substantially the amount of new revenue they expect in the city budget for the next fiscal year, based on the construction lag.

Novi, like several other Oakland County communities, also faces near-gridlock road situations during peak travel periods, with little relief in sight.

The Oakland County Road Commission is attempting to address a multi-million dollar shortfall in revenue. The road commission is currently seeking to expand its revenue base significantly — more than the two cents a gallon called for in a bill currently under consideration in the state legislature.

The road commission wants increases of two cents a year for the next three years for a new total of 6 cents. That proposal calls for putting half of the money in the general state road fund and another half in an economic development fund, which is doled out to counties experiencing intense economic growth.



Gov. James Blanchard discussed his Small Business II agenda at the Novi Hilton last Thursday.

Blanchard applauds merchants

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Governor James Blanchard among the featured speakers in a daylong "Small Business Day" conference held Thursday at the Novi Hilton.

Blanchard chose the event to unveil new programs targeted at aiding minority and handicapped ventures and helping small businesses manage growth. Both programs, with a price tag of \$1 million, are designed to provide consulting help and technical assistance to business operators.

About 700 business persons attended the event, which featured displays and workshops ranging from employee motivational techniques to child care programs for smaller companies.

The governor applauded the role of small business in supplying a vital role in Michigan's economy, while boasting substantial progress on his administration's "Small Business Agenda II."

"Although we have accomplished quite a bit, there is much left to be done," Blanchard said. "One of the reasons for Small Business Day is to hear from business owners what they need to be successful and to provide jobs for our workers."

He said the state has completed approximately 33 of 59 commitments to improving Michigan's business climate. Those target areas were laid out last May in the Small Business Agenda II and the year before in his first such pledge to state business operators.

Those improvements include modification of the Single Business Tax for struggling businesses and various other changes designed to encourage entrepreneurship and reduce government paperwork and red tape.

Other significant advancements touted by the governor Thursday included changing the definition of disability in the workplace — a savings of about \$5 million, encouraging creation of Business and Industrial Development Corporations (BIDCOs) for financing and borrowing needs, and establishing regular commercial air access to help open up northern Michigan's markets.

Blanchard also awarded Michigan Small Business Person of the Year honors to Marshall Noecker, president of the Noecker Group of Detroit. Five other "small business advocates" were honored Thursday.

Blanchard said the future challenge will be to help small businesses as they grow and develop, since many don't have the time or the resources to engage in long-term planning.

"We're setting records for new small businesses, but the one challenge we have is managing the growth," he said. "There is a pattern of a number of businesses that start and grow that at some point when they are growing, the managers of those businesses — who are entrepreneurs — don't have the help or the experience in managing growth, lose control of their operation. Then they have serious trouble."

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Novi Chamber

Judges recognition breakfast: A Judges Recognition Breakfast in honor of 32nd District Court Judges Michael Batchick, Harold Bulgarelli and Brian MacKenzie will be held Thursday, May 18, at the American House, 45122 West Road in Walled Lake, at 7:30 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Novi and Huron Valley Chambers of Commerce. Guest speaker will be James P. Sheehy, president of the Oakland County District Judges Association.

Tickets for the full breakfast are priced at \$10 and prepaid reservations are requested by Friday, May 12. For more information call the Novi 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 30500 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 349-3360.

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 college is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Free booths are 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 Mallett, executive director of the Novi Chamber, said it may be able to obtain a quantity discount if there is sufficient interest from the Novi retail community. For more information call Mallett at 349-3743.

Membership dues: Novi Chamber of Commerce 1989 membership dues are due, according to Executive Director Connie Mallett.

The 189 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.

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City officials pursue road funds

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Though Novi got left out of a recent round of state grants for expansion of Twelve Mile Road, city officials are confident that funds are forthcoming.

The City of Farmington Hills received word last week that it will receive approximately \$12 million in state funding for expansion of Twelve Mile from one mile west of Farmington Road to a quarter-mile west of Drake Road. That would allow the road to be widened to a four-lane boulevard, still over a mile from the eastern boundary of Novi (Haggerty Road).

Farmington Hills grant money almost assures that Novi will get funds for Twelve Mile as the road is expanded westward, according to City Manager Edward Kriewall.

"It's really kind of a positive thing as we look at it," Kriewall said. "It's a very good indication that they could continue all the way down Twelve Mile... in future phases of the grants."

Novi and Farmington Hills applied jointly last year for state Economic Development Funds to improve Twelve Mile. The application was rejected, since city officials had applied for the entire stretch of Twelve Mile. State advisors told both cities to reapply and seek money for priority segments of the road.

"It makes sense," Kriewall said. "We're (Farmington Hills) had a more immediate need for the funding than we do."

Work is expected to begin next year. Officials are eyeing Twelve Mile expansion closely, since it will be needed when M-9 plans begin to move forward. The M-9 option that appears to be almost a certainty — the "off-Haggerty" route, cutting into Twelve Mile about a half-mile west of Haggerty Road — will require substantial widening of Twelve Mile and the placement of a cloverleaf interchange near Summit Drive.

A public hearing is scheduled in June to discuss the environmental aspects of each of the alternatives of M-9.

Novi will be required to come up with about \$600,000 to \$1 million per mile of land acquisition costs to make room for an expanded Twelve Mile.

The city is currently attempting to get donations of land from "land speculators" and businesses along Twelve Mile.

Approximately \$11.5 million in new funding for a state takeover of Haggerty Road was approved last week, possibly clearing the way for action on M-9. The total cost of about five miles worth of unspecified improvements on the Haggerty connector between I-96 and Pontiac Trail is scheduled to be approximately \$73 million.

Work would begin on that project in 1990, according to current schedules, although deadlines and key dates have changed many times throughout the 20-plus year history of the project.

Assistant Planner John Schlegel said Morgan discussed zoning requirements with him in the general area of Grand River, but that no specifics were offered.

The company has not submitted anything — site plans, conceptual drawings, paperwork — to the city about a Meijer's store, Schlegel said.

The average Thrifty Acres store would include a variety of products, ranging from clothing to grocery items. They would need 30-35 acres of space to construct one, Morgan said.

Morgan used the opportunity to deny rumors about a possible sale of the Meijer's store located on Eight Mile and Haggerty Road in Northville Township. The latest rumor involves closing the store and selling it to a local hotel chain for use as a convention center, according to several sources.

Morgan said the store is expanding and is not planned to close.

"If you can find out where that rumor started I'll buy you lunch," Morgan said in a Tuesday interview. "It's absolutely not true."

He said it wasn't uncommon for Meijer stores to open within 5-6 miles of each other.

Meijer representatives deny rumor

Meijer officials are interested in opening a Thrifty Acres store in Novi, according to Rick Morgan, a real estate representative with the firm.

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Five Novi High School students won regional and state honors for wood working projects. The award-winning students and their projects are (left to right) Andy Christlieb, Scott Gross, Dan McNeil, Kelly Justus and Nathan Shaffer.

Winning woodworkers Students win awards in competition

Two Novi High School woodworking students claimed top honors in the Michigan Industrial Education Society's regional competition at Troy High School.

Dave Haywood, industrial arts teacher at Novi High School, reported that five Novi students entered projects in the regional competition and all five of them placed in the top four.

In addition, all five students qualified for the state competition in Traverse City on April 20-22, and two of them earned top 10 finishes in the competition with woodworking students from across

the state. First-place finishers in the regionals were Dan McNeil and Scott Gross.

McNeil topped the regionals for his walnut wall spice cabinet with etched glass. The spice cabinet received an eighth place award in the state competition.

Gross won the first-place award in the regionals for a cherry stereo cabinet with stripes. The project received honorable mention recognition in the state competition.

Finishing third in the regionals were projects entered by Andy Christlieb and Nathan Shaffer.

Christlieb made a walnut wall cabinet with etched glass that finished third in the regionals. The project fared even better at the state level, however, winning a 10th-place award.

Shaffer's project was a maple wall cabinet. It won third place honors in the regionals and received honorable mention recognition at the state.

A fourth place award in the regionals was received by Kelly Justus for an oak wall cabinet. At the state level, the project was cited for honorable mention.

"I'm very proud of all the students," commented Haywood.

Motorists adapt to traffic congestion

America's status as the most mobile nation on earth is being threatened by traffic congestion so severe that motorists are changing their driving habits, according to an American Automobile Association survey.

AAA's first "Travel Attitude Monitor" shows that 86 percent of Americans believe traffic congestion is worse or hasn't improved in the last year. And more than three-fourths of the motorists surveyed said they altered their vacation or leisure travel plans because of crowded roads.

Dubbed the "Hassle Index," it was developed to learn public attitudes toward the quality of auto travel.

The survey shows:
□ Only 2 percent of motorists feel that traffic congestion in their area has improved since 1987.

□ 40 percent of surveyed drivers believe local roads are more congested than last year.

□ 46 percent say daily congestion is unchanged. Eleven percent were undecided.

The Hassle Index is based on a telephone survey of 1,000 adult respondents who traveled during the first six months of 1988 or planned a vacation trip during the last half of this year. The survey was conducted by the U.S. Travel Data Center which does special research for AAA.

"Americans' love for the open road is being dealt a serious setback by roads so crowded that traveling by car is no longer the enjoyable experience it used to be," said Richard F. Hebert, managing director of AAA public affairs.

"And severe congestion is occurring not only in major urban areas but on rural roadways as well."

"Traffic congestion is of greatest concern to motorists in the Northeast

and Midwest, where 87 percent of those surveyed said local roads are worse or unchanged from last year.

Drivers in all age groups surveyed are affected by congestion, but motorists age 45 and over are most concerned as 90 percent felt traffic is worse or hasn't improved since 1987.

Some 76 percent of adult respondents also said they altered their vacation or pleasure travel plans because of traffic congestion.

Of these, 59 percent left earlier to avoid traffic, 35 percent left later, 53 percent allowed considerably more time to reach their destinations and 29 percent drove at least 10 miles out of their way.

Additionally, traffic congestion was a serious enough problem that 9 percent of those surveyed decided against taking a vacation or pleasure trip, 6 percent altered their destination and 11 percent switched months.

To help relieve serious traffic congestion, Hebert said, AAA recommends the following six-point strategy:

□ The federal government should release the nearly \$10 billion balance in the Highway Trust Fund to construct and improve roads.

□ States should designate scenic roads and promote travel on these roads as alternatives to other heavily-traveled highways.

□ Interstate bypasses should be built around congested metropolitan areas and, where possible, include separate truck-only lanes.

□ Large trucks should be restricted to non-rush hour time periods on crowded key urban routes.

□ Downtown truck deliveries should be restricted to non-rush hour time periods.

□ More car and van pool programs should be initiated with preferential treatment given to two-person car pools.

Reunions

Novi High School '84: The Novi High School class of 1984 will conduct its five-year class reunion July 22 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Nifty Norman's in Walled Lake.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, a disc jockey and dancing.

All class members are urged to contact Mollie MacEachern at 348-7827.

Novi High School '79: The Novi High School class of 1979 will hold its 10-year class reunion at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on Saturday, Aug. 26.

All class members are urged to contact Laurie (Croczni) Wellington at 553-3605 or Shelly Monitz at 348-9455 for more information.

Ladywood High School '59: The 1959 graduating class from Ladywood High School will hold its 30th reunion at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on Saturday, June 24, at 12 noon.

Classmates may call Kathy McGuffin at 349-4242 for additional information.

North Farmington '69: Graduates of North Farmington High School's Class of 1969 will celebrate their 20 year class reunion at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on June 23.

Reunion committee members are searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or 263-6803 or write Reunion Planners at Post Office Box 291, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

Walled Lake '49: Walled Lake High School's Class of '49 will hold its 40th reunion on June 17. Members of the class who have not been contacted are asked to call Glen Dick at 675-5132.

Walled Lake '59: Walled Lake High School's 1959 graduating class will hold its 30-year reunion at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club on Oct. 14. A "bring-your-own" picnic will follow on Oct. 15.

All members of the Class of '59 and anyone else attending school at that time is invited to attend. For more information call Pat (Kleinhardt) Sullia at 624-1170 or Rhele (Diver) Lundin at 338-1398.

Parents want input with schools

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

A group of Novi school district residents, angered at being excluded from discussions at school board meetings, say they want to have more input at board meetings, and plan on saying so.

"It's time for someone in the audience to take them to task on the way they've been stalling the audience," said resident Ron Blumer, who said he was unhappy about the way he was treated at the board's May 4 meeting.

Blumer, who was representing Simmons Orchard Parents Council—a group concerned with busing of students, was refused twice by Board President Michael Meyer to defer his comments until a transportation matter came up on the agenda.

"Comments (from the audience) should be made at the time the issue comes up," Blumer explained, "not two to three hours before it's discussed."

Blumer said he plans to address the board with that concern at either the May 11 (tonight's) or May 25 meeting.

Another resident, Joseph Gillen, agreed with Blumer, saying the board is in effect controlling the input of the meeting.

"There's a lot of good brain power out in the audience. It's not a good way to do business."

Gillen has approached the board recently as a representative of the Yorkshire Place Parents Council, ad-

Gillen: 'There's a lot of good brain power out in the audience. It's not a good way to do business.'

and the recent elementary boundary presentation.

Gillen, however, believes the issue is "free speech." Gillen said he too will let the board know of his dissatisfaction with its communications policy. "I feel stronger about this than the busing."

"It seems like at the last two or three meetings someone gets imposed on," Blumer added, mentioning a similar incident involving parent and current school board candidate Sally Marchak last month.

During the audience participation portion of the April 20 board meeting, Marchak asked to defer her comments on a communications report, but was also refused by Meyer.

Prior to that refusal, Meyer denied what he called an incorrect perception that "I sit up here in a very pompous way" and do not value community input."

Meyer immediately followed the comment by saying, "As president, I reserve the right to limit audience participation comments to a reasonable length."

Marchak responded by saying Meyer's comments only made her feel more intimidated and that she has seldom seen anyone abuse the time limit. She added that board had been permitting comments to be deferred until matters are discussed on the board's agenda until just recently.

School Board Member Sandra Thornton—who along with Trustee Ray Byers compiled a communications report—said Monday that there is room for improvement in board-community relations.

Thornton said rules governing audience participation can change depending on who is serving as board president. "Some of the things in our communications report could very easily be implemented when we move to the new building," she said that such recommendations as providing a podium for speakers could be implemented easily.

Thornton also expressed disappointment at the fact that the board has not made any effort to implement some of the changes suggested in the communications report nor decided on a real course of action for it.

"No community input was ever given on the dates the board set for that have come and gone," she said. Thornton added that board members were directed to submit their opinions on the report's suggestions by the end of May, and that the board will decide what to do with the report by July.

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Novi budget gets final glance

The Novi City Council put the finishing touches on the \$93.1 million 1989-90 budget Monday, and viewed a tax increase for the city's parks and recreation department.

The council held a public hearing Monday night on the proposed overall city budget and also held the required Truth in Taxation hearing for the parks and recreation fund. Council members would vote on the Truth in Taxation matter Monday, May 15.

It will raise an additional \$36,000 new dollars for parks purposes — or about \$1.80 cents yearly for the average homeowner.

The overall city millage rate for fiscal year 1989-90 will be set at 11.751 mills.

It breaks down as follows: 4.8 mills for the general fund, .76 mills for the municipal street fund, 1.21 mills for police and fire, .422 mills for parks and recreation, .76 mills for the drain revenue fund, and .81 mills for the library fund for a total of 8.8131 mills in operating millage.

Those millage rates are required by state law (Truth in Taxation) to be "rolled back" each year to keep the revenues gained consistent from year-to-year.

Under Truth in Taxation, cities and

school districts can retain monies gained from new growth, but must roll back the millage rate to keep the revenue consistent with last year's levy.

It is designed to prevent the situation that occurs when assessments increase and millage rates stay the same or increase, thereby increasing the overall revenue.

Parks and Recreation should have been rolled back by .0401 mills — 10.5 percent.

DEBT RETIREMENT: Another 2.3 mills in debt retirement will be levied against city taxpayers in the next

fiscal year, bringing the total to 11.751 mills.

The debt retirement mills break down as follows: 3.8 mills for street debt funds, .03 mills for library completion, .22 for the police building fund, .16 for the fire capital fund, .8 for the civic center, and .53 for the drain debt fund.

The budget will come up for final approval at the Monday, May 15, council meeting.

Only a few speakers addressed the council about the budget Monday night and all favored the parks and recreation increase. One resident sent in a letter protesting the increase.

People

ALBERT HWANG of Novi has been selected to receive a \$500 regional scholarship for the study of engineering by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Education Foundation.

A Novi High School student, Hwang was selected from over 1,000 applicants at the annual nationwide competition for NSPE-sponsored engineering scholarships. A National Selection Committee composed of prominent engineers, educators and industry executives reviewed all the applicants and selected the winners.

JEANINE DeLAZZER of Novi has been named to the Dean's List at Madonna College. A 1988 graduate of Novi High School, she resides in Novi with her mother, Barbara DeLazzer, and her sister, Claudine DeLazzer. DeLazzer is majoring in Criminal Justice at Madonna College.

Two Novi residents — **BRIAN HANLEY** and **DOUGLAS SADRACK** — have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the winter term at Lawrence Technological University.

Students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student to be named to the honor roll.

CYNTHIA TILTON of Novi has been named to the Dean's List for the winter term at Northwood Institute. She is the daughter of Edward and Pamela Tilton of Novi.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Northwood Institute is a private, accredited college specializing in practical career preparation and offering two and four year degrees in field of business and management.

Twenty-six Novi residents have been recognized by Eastern Michigan University for outstanding academic achievement during the past academic year.

Students who earned cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 (B) or higher on a 4.0 scale were cited by the university for recognition.

Honored were **KIMBERLY BURKOWSKI** of Strath Haven, **IRENE COLSON** of Haggerty Road, **SHARON DEWITT** of Arbor Lane, **CAROL DONOVAN** of Delaware, **JOAN EDGAR** of Rousseau Court, **KAREN ENSOR** of Sycamore Drive, **KIERSTEN FOURSHE** of Leganberry Ridge, **SUSAN GOODHUE** of Village Woods, **TERRY HAREN** of Holydale, **BARBARA HAY** of Maude Lea Circle, **MICHELLE KIDD** of Penton Rise Court, **NICOLE KIDD** of Penton Rise Court and **RONALD LEIBOLD** of Kentucky.

Also cited were **DONNA LIVESEY** of Buckminster, **TERRI MADLEY** of Strath Haven, **JOHN MANNER** of Rockledge, **HAROLD MEIKE** of Hickory Grove Lane, **ANTHONY PANTUSO** of Terrace Court, **DAWN PLANK** of Old Orchard, **REBECCA PROST** of Cherry Hill, **RICHARD RIPARD** of Bashian Drive, **CRAIG SCHANTZ** of Chipmunk Trail, **KATHLEEN SKAJA** of Park Ridge, **DARLENE TANKERSLEY** of Clark Street, **MARY WEINBURGER** of Durson and **KRISTIN YANCHESON** of Meridian.

Oakland County still booming

PONTIAC — Oakland County is flying high. It continues as "the strongest urban economy in the state" and among the tops in the country, say two University of Michigan researchers.

"Last year, we called Oakland County the strongest urban county in Michigan and nothing has happened to change that assessment," said George Fulton during an economic outlook luncheon last week in Pontiac. The gathering was hosted by the National Bank of Detroit and the county's Economic Development Division.

Both Fulton and Donald Grimes are researchers with U-M's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

In addition to good businesses and diversification, Grimes said, "We believe a major part of that (growth) is education. Education is one of the major advantages this county has over other counties."

Nearly one out of every four Oakland County

residents over age 25 has completed four or more years of college, Grimes said. Other counties with highly educated populations generally have higher employment rates, their research found.

Oakland County saw "incredible growth" in jobs from 1983-87, Grimes said.

Since then, and in the near future, county job numbers are growing steadily, sustainably, they said.

"We like to draw analogies. Oakland County has already achieved cruising altitude," Grimes said. And, the county will continue flying higher than the rest of Michigan. New jobs will increase by 3 percent during each of the next two years, they projected, compared with much slower statewide job growth of 1.6 percent for 1989 and 0.3 percent by 1990.

In total, the county's number of non-farming jobs grew 32.5 percent from 1979 to 1988, including the 1979-82 period of recession. Jobs in Oakland County grew by 137,400 since the recession period.

Nearly all those new jobs — 115,500 — were in non-manufacturing areas.

In fact, the future shows non-manufacturing jobs still growing and manufacturing jobs shrinking, the automobile producers continue downsizing their production. "The hit is all in the automotive industry," Grimes said.

The forecasters show steady growth in Oakland County, with 46,900 new jobs between 1987-90. Manufacturing jobs in that period will fall slightly by about 1,900, while non-manufacturing jobs increase nearly 49,000.

In dividing up the job pie, auto-related jobs carved nearly 13 percent of Oakland County's jobs in 1979 but will provide only about 7 percent by 1990. Other manufacturing jobs took a smaller piece of the job share too.

A larger piece of the pie will go to service industries, increasing from 23 percent of the jobs in 1979 to 33 percent by 1990.

Club to host party

Anyone interested in learning more about wines is invited to attend a wine tasting party at the Country Place Condominiums clubhouse on Wednesday, May 31.

Sponsored by the GM Ski Club, the party is scheduled to run from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Kathy Gauronskas, a Novi resident and a member of the GM Ski Club, reported that the party is being offered in conjunction with the Wine Castle located on West Seven Mile in Livonia. The Wine Castle offers an extensive selection of fine wines and spirits.

Approximately 13 different varieties of wines will be presented by knowledgeable wine dealers at the party. A wine list will be available with discount prices on the wine offered. Cheese, fruit and bread will be provided.

Tickets are priced at \$16 for ski club members and \$18 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to the GM Ski Club and mailed to Kathy Gauronskas at 2887 West Glen Haven, Northville, MI 48162. Deadline for reservations is May 20.

The GM Ski Club is a social club comprised of individuals who enjoy skiing. Although it began as a club for General Motors employees, the designation has been dropped and all interested individuals are invited to learn more about membership. For more information call Gauronskas at 348-8306.



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Rouge tests in

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Health department official John Hesse, in a memo to Fields dated May 1, said there would be no risk to workers in the June 3 Rouge River Cleanup.

"(T)hese are not significantly elevated over what is commonly found in the soils of an urban environment," Hesse wrote.

"If the discrepancy between the DNR and the consultant's monitoring cannot be resolved, we may need to reevaluate. In the meantime, we see no need for restrictions to be put in place against body contact with the stream in the Novi area because of the presence of toxic substances," he continued.

The JCK tests are part of study which has been done for the past two years on Rouge River water quality in Novi. The river's middle branch flows through Novi, into Northville and western Wayne County, with an ultimate destination of the Detroit River.

In April, public health officials issued an expanded warning against eating fish species caught from the Rouge in Wayne County, due to high levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB). They recommended that no one eat largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and several other species due to above-normal concentrations of the chemical.

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Novi Players present

This is not spot news, folks. It's only a scene from the Agatha Christie mystery "The Little Indians," which will be being presented by the Novi Players at the Novi Civic Center. That's Kevin Brady with the rope around Jennine Coughlin's neck in the picture above. The play will be presented this Friday and Saturday (May 12-13) and next Friday and Saturday (May 19-20) at the Civic Center with curtain time set at 8 p.m. A luncheon theater presentation is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, at noon.

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New digs Hotel planned near mall

Plans for a new hotel in Novi were scheduled to be unveiled to municipal leaders at a reception at the Red Timbers restaurant yesterday (Wednesday, May 10, after The News deadline).

Site plans for the proposed Hotel Baronette have already been submitted to the city and are scheduled to be reviewed by the Novi Planning Commission at its Wednesday, May 17, meeting, according to City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers.

The Hotel Baronette is a project of the Tokyo-based Suzuki and Son, Ltd. It is proposed to contain a total of 165 rooms in addition to restaurant and conference facilities on a 6.29-acre parcel located on the Twelve Oaks peripheral property.

Plans call for the hotel to be developed on the east side of Novi Road, immediately south of the Dobbs Furniture building, currently under construction near the Twelve Mile/Novi Road intersection.

"It's definitely a business-oriented hotel," said Robert Horvath of the Belcrest Real Estate Company in Livonia, who is serving as a consultant for Suzuki and Son, Ltd.

Horvath said the hotel is an estimated \$9-10 million project and construction will begin as soon as approvals are received from the city.

"We hope to begin construction this

summer and look to be open by June 1989," he said.

Site plans submitted to the city propose a two-phase construction schedule. The first phase will contain 105 rooms, as well as the restaurant and conference facilities, in a U-shaped configuration. The second phase is proposed to complete the "U," creating an enclosed courtyard and adding 60 additional rooms to the hotel.

Rogers, the city planning consultant, said the hotel is being developed by Suzuki and Son in conjunction with the Taubman Company which owns and manages the Twelve Oaks Mall property.

"It's my understanding that Taubman is highly interested in having such facilities located near its malls across the country," said Rogers in a telephone interview Monday.

"I think they feel it will be an American hotel for the Japanese business traveler," he added.

"The feeling is that this business from the Far East can take a limousine from the airport to the hotel near Twelve Oaks and pretty much conduct their business on the spot after that... visiting stores in and around the mall."

Tad Nagao, president of the Michigan branch of Suzuki and Son, emphasized that the project will be an American project. He noted that the Suzuki and Son is a Michigan corporation and noted that the company

has retained the architectural firm of Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Inc. of Southfield to prepare plans. It is the same architectural firm which developed the master plan for the city/school/library complex at Ten Mile and Tall Road.

Nagao also said the hotel will be constructed by a Michigan-based company and will provide jobs for local residents.

The hotel on the Twelve Oaks property will be the first developed in the United States by Suzuki and Son, although the firm has another hotel in Tokyo, he said. The company is not retained in any way to the firm which manufactures motorcycles and other recreational vehicles, Nagao said.

Rogers said Monday that he had reviewed the preliminary site plans for the hotel and anticipated few difficulties in the approval process. "They may need a variance at two points because there are four floors, and there's a three-story limit in the zoning district," he said.

Rogers added, however, that the hotel will not be obtrusive. "Even with the four stories, the highest point is only 35-feet high and the average height of the entire structure is under 30 feet," he said.

The proposed Hotel Baronette, if constructed, will be the fourth major hotel in Novi, joining the Sheraton Oaks, Novi Hilton and Wyndham Garden Hotel.

County plans spring sale

PONTIAC — Twenty electric golf carts and a baby grand piano are among the items to be auctioned when Oakland County holds its annual spring auction this Saturday, May 13.

Scheduled for auction are the Sheriff's Departments stolen, recovered and confiscated property along with the county's surplus property.

The event will be held at the Oakland County Central Garage on the Service Center Site at 1300 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac beginning at 10 a.m.

The sale will feature a number of name brand tools of various types, bicycles, stereo equipment and jewelry along with other recovered stolen items.

Offered for auction will be more than 70 late model General Motors vehicles including a 1966 GTO hardtop, a 1988 Pontiac Bonneville SE and several Chevrolet patrol cars as well as other General Motors vehicles and several GMC trucks.

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Residents will decide parks fate

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

City Parks and Recreation supporters are already gearing up for what they expect to be a tough fight — getting another half-mill for parks from a community that already feels it is being overtaxed.

"We need to convince the public that this is something the city really needs," said Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Gerald Shulman. "It will have an effect on the overall quality of life in this community."

"Right now, we cannot operate at the level we are operating at without additional funds," Shulman said.

The city council Monday approved placing a charter amendment question on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. It will ask voters whether or not they would favor upping the ceiling for parks and recreation to one mill. Currently, the city charter limits parks to a half-mill tax levy.

No specifics are available, but the millage question is likely to involve a strong push from the Parks and

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Recreation Commission, which presented city council members with the funding proposals.

"No doubt about it, it's going to be uphill from here," said Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis. "But we're doing a quality job providing recreational opportunities. We're very fortunate in that respect."

Parks commissioners said when Nov. 7 residents get the facts, they are likely to strongly support the acquisition of more parkland.

"If you don't buy this land now, forget it," said commissioner David Ruyle.

"Other communities, like Livonia, bought an awful lot of parkland when it was less expensive and just sat on it," said commissioner Phil Koneda. "What's happening to us is that people are telling 'We need the services.' We just don't have the space right now."

Koneda said parks and recreation faces shortages in soccer field and softball field availability and is also prevented from expanding into other new programs.

A main focus, however, will be parkland acquisition. About \$1 million or more, combined with a state

grant, will be needed for acquisition of the Novi Tree Farm, off 12 1/2 Mile.

Parks commissioners said they will also probably address non-resident programs before the ballot question comes up in November. Koneda said non-resident involvement in parks and recreation has been scaled down substantially in the last year. Only several programs, like golf and men's basketball, have heavy non-resident involvement.

"We're in the process of changing our priorities," Koneda said. "Residents are always given first priority, though that might not be entirely evident today. Next year, that will change."

And whoever takes up the cause for the millage, it is likely that they won't have any opposition, at least from the ballot itself. City Manager Edward Kriewall said Monday that an oft-tumored millage question for road improvement will probably be delayed until 1990.

"It is really our desire not to place more than one issue before the voters at a time," Kriewall said. "The road bond issue will have to come some time after that."

Health Notes

Free asthma seminar: Dr. Robert Weinstein, allergist, will host an open forum on asthma and allergies at Novi High School (Room 108) today (Thursday, May 11) at 7:30 p.m.

The program is free but anyone interested in attending is asked to register by calling 348-1200. The program is sponsored by the Novi Community Education Department and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

Alzheimer's support group: The Novi Family Support Group of the Alzheimer's Association will meet at the Novi Care Center today (Thursday, May 11) at 7 p.m. The Care Center is located at 24500 Meadowbrook Road.

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

Narcotics Anonymous: Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship 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.

It is a group of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For more information call 527-1110.

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

The group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Botsford Hospital's Family Service Center. The group is not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, but is a "New Life" program. Membership requires a desire to stop drinking and a sincere desire for a new life. For more information call 527-1110.

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

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

HUGS is a mutual support group for grieving parents which meets at Huron Valley Hospital on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information call Sue Duff at 366-3470.

Pre-natal, post-partum exercise: Debra Hoppe leads pre-natal, post-partum exercise classes at the Providence/Novi Center every Saturday from 10-11 a.m. The center is located on Ten Mile near Hagerly Road.

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Park question placed on ballot

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Recommended expenditures include \$1 million for acquisition of the Novi Tree Farm, located near 12 1/2 Mile and Novi Road. No price has been set for the 170-acre property.

Other objectives include the acquisition of 50 acres for soccer fields and the development of an athletic complex within the city. Existing parks would also be improved under the funding plan.

"We will have a need up front to get the property acquired," Davis said. "Then we'll move into the next stage of development. The funding levels will stay the same, but the needs will change throughout the cycle."

The needs assessment committee had recommended three other funding alternatives — all of which got lukewarm reactions from various city officials over the last few months.

One option involved increasing city budget general fund transfers to parks and recreation, which was regarded as a virtually impossible alternative. Council members said the funds currently being put into parks and recreation — \$120-\$150,000 per year — will have to be applied to capital items in the future.

"The need is going to come when we're going to find ourselves in a position where we need that money and won't have it," said Councilwoman Martha Hoyer.

If the millage were to pass, general fund transfers into parks and recreation could be pared back substantially, city council members said.

The other option which had been considered was a \$3-\$4 million dollar bond issue, which would allow the city to make parkland acquisition immediately and retire the debt over a 10-15 year period.

"The problem with that is that you still have to develop and maintain the parkland, and you need funds to do that," Davis said.

Davis said the millage money would allow the city to use a "pay as you go" system, as opposed to the bond issue, where current and future residents would retire debt over a 10-

15 year period, paying off parkland which would be used possibly 40-50 years from now.

Another funding option would involve transferring city mid-decade census funds into parks and recreation. City officials said that would be virtually impossible to do since the funds are undependable — subject to tleups in Lansing — and also due to run out after next year. Mid-decade census revenues amount to about \$50,000 per year.

Davis said the millage approach will allow the department to enter into land contracts on parkland and acquire it over time, while spending other funds on long-term improvements.

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The Board of Education has the complete authorization to establish that 35.40 operating and 4.75 debt mills be levied in 1989 from within its present authorized millage rate.

The maximum additional proposed millage rate would increase revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem property tax levies in 1989, otherwise permitted by Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982, by twenty one percent (21%).

The 35.40 operating millage to be considered has been previously approved by the voters as follows: 28.5 mills, June 24, 1986; 8.90 mills, County allocated. For 1988/89 the Board of Education levies 32.7911 of the 35.40 operational mills authorized by the voters.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the levy of an additional millage rate. Not less than seven (7) days following the public hearing, the Board of Education may approve all or any portion of the proposed additional millage rate.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider WALLED LAKENOW WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, NE corner Section 9, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL. (Preliminary Approval may follow public hearing.)

All interested persons are invited to attend. Comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 17, 1989.

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The new mother enjoys an afternoon snack with her colt "Lotsa Legs" on Donna Frizell's farm. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Mother of the year? Trainer has a four-legged candidate

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Mother of the Year? For Donna Frizell there really isn't any doubt. It's nine-year-old mare Armbro Amythist, who gave birth to a leggy 150-pound suckling stallion April 12.

"She is just a beautiful mother. She did a beautiful job," said Frizell, a 25-year resident of Novi whose farm is situated at the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Meadowbrook Road.

The farm buzzed with anticipation in the weeks before the foal. There was more than enough evidence to point to this being a difficult, and perhaps dangerous, birth for the retired racehorse. There were a few lessons to worry.

"This was her first foal in nine years," Frizell said. "She had been racing all of her life. Here she is now being asked to do something completely different."

"She is quite older, and is taking on a different lifestyle," she said. "It's always a cause for concern."

Racehorses, especially, have a tendency to be more high-strung and difficult to deal with, she said.

But by this week, in the shadows of

Mother's Day, mother and her gangly son were trotting along quite happily in a field near the Frizell farm.

The suckling stallion — "Lotsa Legs" is an early name favorite, not surprisingly — ventured only inches from his mother's side. She, in turn, warily scanned the fences, the cars out on Nine Mile, and snorted angrily at a Frizell's passing dog Blackie, who got a little too close.

The dog, in over his head, let out a yelp and scooted under a fence.

"She is something, very, very special, that's for sure," Frizell said. Amythist was known as a hard-driving racehorse that was hobbled by a series of minor injuries in her career, never quite reaching her full potential. The horse netted winnings of about \$102,000.

She raced in Canada for several years, then Hazel Park, and finally wrapped up her career at Northville Downs three years ago. She was mated with the stallion "Energy Burner" — a horse with over a \$1 million worth of winnings — last year.

"That's why we're very, very excited about 'Legs,'" Frizell said. "He's got great blood. He loves to run

already."

The owners of the horse, Al Shapiro and his daughter Diane Rosso of Milford, have planned a special Mother's Day celebration for the horse at their home stable in Milford. Frizell, something of an expert in foaling, boards several of the horses, and looks after them when they foal.

She is currently sleeping part of the night on a cot in the stable for another mare, which is due to foal "any day now." Her concern was great for Amythist. She spent several cold nights wrapped in blankets, waiting for some sign of activity in Amythist's stall.

When it finally came — several minutes before 7 a.m. on May 12 — it was a regular family event. As the

birth began, one of Frizell's kittens scooted into the stall and hopped up on the mare's belly for a better view of the other farm animals gathered around while Amythist gave birth in even-tempered fashion.

After the foaling, Frizell was flooded with phone calls from well-wishers. Anyone who drove by the Frizell farm a few weeks back saw a large balloon tied to the mailbox, boldly proclaiming "It's a boy."

"I had children who came up every day, every day, saying 'Did it happen yet? Did she have it? They want to see the horses. They want to pet them,'" she said. "It's a great thing."

Novi's sturdy Mother is likely to move to a new stable in Milford in the next several weeks.

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CRD members subpoenaed

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Walter filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court April 25, seeking an end to the referendum, and restoration of 10 acres of B-2 commercial zoning at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road. The suit also seeks damages in excess of \$10,000.

He is seeking to construct the Briarwood Plaza, a commercial center containing a grocery store, hardware store and convenience shops. A referendum to decide the fate of the corner, brought about by the CRD petition, is scheduled for June 6.

CRD officials have complained that the subpoenas are a "scare tactic" and an attempt to intimidate the organizers of the drive.

"We think they've done it wrong," Shaw said. "There's no question in our minds that it was done to scare and intimidate people."

Shaw also questioned the timeliness of the subpoenas. CRD members complained about being hit with the legal paperwork as late as 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

CRD members complained that the subpoenas have called for husbands and wives to testify at radically different times.

But Norman Hyman, an attorney retained by Walters, said the sub-

poenas were a routine practice. It is not unusual in a challenge to a ballot proposal," Hyman said Tuesday. "It's kind of routine that you inquire into all the aspects of it."

The attorney said there were "legitimate questions to ask" about how the petitions were circulated, but wouldn't elaborate further.

Watson said there are no re-remits on when subpoenas could be served.

"It's basically a matter of when they can get to them," Watson said. Watson said city legal consultants may attempt to get the times changed to make it more convenient for husbands and wives to drive to Southfield and testify, or they may attempt to work out an agreement where the depositions can be done here.

Walter spokesman Robert Delaney said the subpoenas weren't an attempt to intimidate and are a routine part of the lawsuit.

"There's a perfectly good reason for this," Delaney said, pointing to alleged improprieties in the way the petitions were circulated.

Delaney said he wasn't sure everyone was aware of what they were signing and that some petition circulators didn't adequately explain what the petitions meant.



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1989 Novi School Election

The Candidates' VIEWS

Q: Does the Novi school district do an adequate job of communicating with the public? With the media? Explain.

Julie Abrams



The Novi school district does a good job of communicating with the public and with the media.

Through my school involvement, I have had many opportunities for communication at the school level and at the administrative level. The lines of communication have always been open. Information has been available to me on a variety of subject matter. I've found that the district has gone out of its way to provide me with needed information. I have maintained open communication with the parents and students of this district. I have always been willing to listen and respond to people and their needs.

Some concerns expressed are difficult to effectively communicate with the public due to the nature of the subject, and to protect the rights of those involved. The board is currently addressing the concerns of communication with the public through a recent committee report accepted by the board. I think some good ideas are reflected in that report that will make the public more comfortable in this area of two-way communication.

In my limited experience on the board, I have found a great desire on the part of the administration and my fellow board members to communicate effectively with the press.

Employer, position: Homemaker and former paraprofessional for the Detroit Public School system. **Education:** Attended Highland Park College. **Organizations:** Novi Schools Task Force on Excellence in Education, Boundaries and Enrollment Committee, Novi Meadows Evaluation Committee, Facilities Task Force. **Activities, hobbies:** Noon aid and volunteer teachers helper, pre-school aid, CARE leader, volunteer with Picture Lady art appreciation program.

Craig Foreback



I feel that the board does an adequate job of communicating with the public. Adequate is an appropriate word because I think that there is room for improvement. Issues such as the schedule changes at Novi Meadows, the conclusion over the date of the last millage election, and the attendance of board members at a recent conference in Orlando are examples.

The intent of the board or its actions are not in question in my opinion, but clearer communication to the public may have kept these issues in proper perspective. Instead, they became highly emotional controversies. I do not think it clear that to be effective the board must communicate as a unit. That communication must be direct and open to the public and must never take place in any indirect manner.

Another area where communication can be enhanced is in the area of school board meeting minutes. Several members of the community have suggested that meetings be taped. This idea has merit and is a mechanism used by many professional organizations. Taping minutes assures accuracy when generating a summary of the meeting as written by the recording secretary. I would not suggest that complete transcripts be published.

In terms of communicating with the media I am aware of recent criticism of the board/district for failure to comment on two sensitive issues that have come into the public eye. The media must be sensitive to the board's position when issues involve potential or actual litigation. Any publicity could significantly affect the outcome of such litigation to the financial detriment of the district. As a taxpayer I do not wish to see my tax dollars going to pay higher liability insurance premiums because of an inappropriate comment to the media.

I feel that the board has been cooperative in answering questions posed by the media when comment will not compromise the district in litigious situations.

Employer, position: Division Head of Chemistry and Toxicology, Department of Pathology, Henry Ford Hospital. Also, adjunct professor at Michigan State University - School of Medical Technology, and University of Windsor - Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. **Education:** Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of South Florida, Tampa. **Organizations:** American Association for Clinical Chemistry, National Association of Clinical Biochemistry, Detroit First Church of the Nazarene. **Activities, hobbies:** Running, stair climbing, bicycling, steam trains and weather observation.

Sally Marchak



Definitions for adequate are "passable" or "sufficient." The Novi School Board does an "adequate" job of communicating its strengths to the public.

We know from the number of awards that the school system has received, whether it be Exemplary School Awards, or the recognition of top ranking on the MEAP tests, or accreditation of the high school by the North Central Association, or recognition of the school district by the Wall Street Journal, that we are doing many things right.

We do not, however, know as much about the areas in the curriculum that need strengthening. We believe that the administration is doing much to improve these areas. We want to hear, just as much, about these improvements as they are developing.

An example of this is the Novi Council on Substance Abuse. The parents assumed this role because the schools seem to be slow in acknowledging that this need exists. The parents saw the need to educate their children and keep them safe in the schools, at the malls, and at social events so they acted to educate interested citizens. The board and administration should and must communicate with the people before an issue reaches a critical stage.

I would like to see the school district newsletter used not only as a public relations tool, but as a means of informing taxpayers of broader issues affecting the district. The newspaper is an excellent means of informing the public. The administration should use it more often to accomplish that goal. The school board members should work in a positive fashion with the media and start addressing the issues that the media raise so the public can draw their own conclusions.

Employer, position: Substitute teacher in the Farmington School district and former director of Kinder-Care Learning Center in Northville. **Education:** MA in Education and Reading from Wayne State University and a BA in Social Sciences and Elementary Education from Madonna College. **Organizations:** Novi's Schools Curriculum Council, Inter-school Council, Gifted and Talented Council, PTOs of Novi Woods, Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School. **Activities, hobbies:** Odyssey of the Mind coach and participant in Picture Lady art appreciation program.

John Streit



In my work throughout the years with board members, administration, teaching staff and parents in Novi, one aspect that initially impressed me was the cooperation, open communication and community input which was sought in making important decisions for the district.

Several examples are the Citizens Task Force which worked on goals for the entire district, the parents and staff members who worked together to write the district mission statement, the task force to consider population trends in the district, the needs and facilities task force, and the task force which evaluated and made recommendations to revise elementary boundaries. I was a part of some of the groups. My wife and neighbors were also asked or applied to serve on others as representatives of the community.

These groups served three purposes: 1) to address, identify and learn about district needs; 2) to propose alternatives and make recommendations for the board to consider to meet needs and; 3) to represent the community in decision-making processes. The process, I feel, led to quality decisions, communication and community support.

Recently, however, I have been surprised that individuals and groups who support the schools have felt themselves disenfranchised from the process. Recent instances such as the attendance area for the new elementary and the new policy on parent committee appointments are examples of times when communication and community input might have been considered and helpful.

As a result, groups, the media and individuals who have questioned decisions and actions of the board have at times met irritated receptions and a lack of explanation by the board. The board is a public entity and open to public scrutiny by both citizens and media except in cases where confidentiality is required.

The State Board of Education recommends guidelines for appropriate community and media roles in decision processes and communication. I encourage and support the board's use of these guidelines and our community resources to develop policies and processes to facilitate communication, community support and the quality decisions our community expects.

Employer, position: Media Specialist for Livonia Public Schools. **Education:** MA in Instructional Technology and BA in Liberal Arts, Wayne State University. **Organizations:** National Education Association, Michigan Association of Computer User for Learning, Michigan Association of Middle School Educators, American Library Association, Livonia Education Association (board of directors), Novi Middle School PTO (past president), Village Oaks PTO, Novi High School Athletic Boosters.

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John McGuire of Guernsey Farms Dairy is celebrating 50 years in the dairy business. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Fifty years Dairy owner celebrates a milestone

By BOB NEEDHAM staff writer

After 50 years in the dairy business, John McGuire has sold an awful lot of milk and ice cream. The owner of Guernsey Farms Dairy on Novi Road celebrated his 50th year of dairy work Friday, with all of it in the Novi / Northville community. A lot of things have changed in that time, including the growth of the area and the price of milk.

"The first day I sold 40 quarts of milk. And I sold it for five cents a quart. Two dollars," McGuire recalled.

Back then, McGuire didn't own the business. It wasn't called Guernsey, either, and it wasn't in the current location. At the time, the operation was called Red Rose Dairy and it was located at 125 South Center Street in downtown Northville. It was a partnership of John A. Applehoff and John E. Livingstone, two men who came from Detroit to the Northville area to run competing dairy farms.

"They each had a Guernsey cow and they became rivals. They wanted to see who could get the best cows and the most cows. Mr. Applehoff was the winner," McGuire said.

Eventually, the two came together to buy the Red Rose Dairy. When they needed someone to run it, McGuire was ready and available and got hired on the spot.

He had a good dairy background already, with agricultural training at Michigan State University and a boyhood on a dairy farm. "I milked 25 cows every night and morning," McGuire said. "I lived with the dairy cows."

In 1951 there were about 600 independent dairies in Michigan. Today there are just 19 — and Guernsey is one of them, having changed along with the times.

McGuire and a partner eventually bought the business, with McGuire taking full ownership in 1952. "We did quite a bit of business there," he said. "We just kind of outgrew it."

After 25 years at the Center Street site, Guernsey moved to its current location on Novi Road. "I was in the country. I was the first one out here," McGuire said.

But even though the move allowed for some expansion, the operation never really became big business. "We never got very big. We stayed a family dairy," McGuire said.

Along the way they added a lot more aspects to the dairy, including a packaged food store, milk delivery and a restaurant. The restaurant evolved as the area around Guernsey started to be developed.

"They kind of forced us into the food business," McGuire said, remembering how construction workers would come over to the dairy, looking for something to eat at lunchtime. They put in a small grill, started selling sandwiches, and eventually dinners.

"In a little while, more people came and they wanted more food." Guernsey tried different ventures over the years, running five other stores for a while and also running retail delivery routes. Those are in the past now, but the main dairy continues to prosper.

It employs 100 people, and has the full dairy service, including filling the milk cartons and flavoring the ice cream. "We got everything here," McGuire said.

He and his wife Elise, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall, have lived in the same Northville home for the last 48 years. He concluded, "God has been good to us. He's given us a living for all these years."

Schoolcraft tax increase slated

Novi residents who pay taxes to Schoolcraft College could see an increase in those payments this year.

For the next fiscal year, the college trustees are considering a property tax rate which would mean a tax dollar increase for most residential taxpayers. The actual tax rate will probably drop — but since tax payments are tied to property value, taxpayers with large assessment hikes this year will likely pay more money.

The college board of trustees was scheduled to hold a "truth-in-taxation" public hearing on the tax increase proposal last night (Wednesday, after The News' deadline). The board is expected to vote on the tax rate Wednesday, May 24.

Schoolcraft College levied 2.11 mills of tax for its current fiscal year, which ends June 30. A mill is \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Since assessments are supposed to be half of actual market value, a \$100,000 home assessed at \$50,000 paid \$105.50 in Schoolcraft property tax last year.

The tax rate for the next fiscal year — the rate which will be levied this calendar year — is expected to be around 2.00 mills, Schoolcraft Vice President for Business Services Butch Raby said.

The college published formal notices last week "on increasing property taxes," a move required by the state truth-in-taxation law for the school's proposed millage rate. Truth in taxation requires the notice-and-hearing procedure whenever a government wants to take in more tax money from existing development than it did the previous year.

In other words, governments get extra tax money from new construction free and clear. However, if assessments on existing property rise, and the government wants to use some of that added revenue without raising its tax rate, the truth-in-taxation procedure must be followed to notify taxpayers of the increase.

By publishing the notice and holding the hearing, the Schoolcraft board may levy up to an estimated .366 mill beyond the status-quo rate — the rate which would give the school the same revenue as last year from existing development. The extra .366 mill would mean about 22 percent more tax money.

Exact figures were not known by Tuesday because of delays in getting tax base data, Raby said. But he did say the board will probably not end up levying anywhere near the additional .366 mill because of the Headlee amendment to the state constitution.

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Headlee is the second major tax limiter in Michigan. It requires a millage rollback so that a government's maximum possible tax revenue stays the same year to year, — the allowance for new construction and for inflation. There is no allowance for inflation in the truth-in-taxation requirement.

"Because of the timeline, we're always working on estimates. We build, if you will, a worst-case scenario," Raby said.

The college board of trustees will probably end up levying the maximum allowed under the Headlee amendment, which will be around 2 mills, Raby said. "It will, quite frankly, be controlled by Headlee," he said.

To go above the millage rate limits imposed by the Headlee amendment requires approval in a full vote of the people. Raby said there has been no discussion of seeking a Headlee override for Schoolcraft this year. "Within the time frame, it's just not going to happen," he said.

The current fiscal year budget at Schoolcraft is about \$23.2 million, Raby said. Next year's budget, figured at 2.00 mills of tax revenue, is about \$25 million.

"I would characterize that as a status quo budget," Raby said. He said the additional money is needed for increasing costs, salary hikes required under contracts, and "all the things that we all face."

Property taxes account for the largest share — roughly 40 percent — of the revenue in the college budget, Raby said. State appropriations are about 29 percent, and tuition and fees are about 28 percent.

The board of trustees will accept written comments on its tax proposal until May 24, Raby said.

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New badge Veteran takes juvenile beat

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor

After less than a month on the job, John Zimmer is already dreaming of California.

"A policeman in this position in California has 120 different agencies he can call on for help," said Zimmer, who took over as the Novi Police Department's Juvenile Officer on April 3.

"In Novi, I have one — Novi Youth Assistance," he continued. "They do an excellent job, but it would be nice if we had additional resources in the community where we can send our juvenile offenders for help."

"If California has 130, it would be nice if we had 10." Although he has been a member of the Novi Police Department for approximately 16 years, Zimmer is just getting his feet wet in his new position as juvenile officer.

He replaced Al Rasmussen who has moved to a sergeant on the road patrol after five years as juvenile officer, the only person to hold the position since it was established five years ago.

Zimmer sees his own personal move from the road patrol to juvenile officer as a logical progression in his career in law enforcement.

Now 54, Zimmer joined the department at the age of 39, leaving a career as an account executive with an advertising agency to become a police officer.

"It was a career change... I guess I was something of a pioneer in that area," he laughed. "At 39 I decided to give up a career in advertising to become a policeman."

"I thought that I could help people better as a policeman than I could in the advertising field. I felt the career change would enable me to make an impact on the world I live in."

Zimmer: 'We try to place these kids into community support groups which will allow them to get through their problems, whether those problems are drugs, alcohol, truancy or family problems.'

One of the things he likes about the move from road patrol to juvenile officer is that it provides him with a change of pace without having to give up the things he likes best about police work... basically working with people.

"After 16 years, I'm out of the uniform and out of the squad car, but I still have an opportunity to maintain contact with the people," he explained. "I'm still meeting problems, but I'm meeting them from a different perspective."

Zimmer sees the role of the juvenile officer as a "traffic policing" position. "What happens is that young people — juveniles — who get in trouble are passed on to me," he said. "It's my job to either direct them through the juvenile courts or to direct them toward diversionary programs."

"Basically, I can send them in two directions," he continued. "The court system or some type of outside agency where the youngster can get help with his problem without being saddled with a juvenile record."

Zimmer emphasized that the major objective is to direct troubled youngsters into diversionary programs. "We try to place these kids into community support groups which

will allow them to get through their problems, whether those problems are drugs, alcohol, truancy or family problems."

Zimmer also believes the position of juvenile is totally warranted. He cited national statistics which show that juvenile complaints occupy about 55 percent of a police department's time.

"And Novi is no different than any other suburban community," he cautioned, adding that he believes the workload will require additional personnel in the juvenile department in the not-too-distant future.

Currently, the majority of the juvenile officer's workload involves young people charged with shoplifting in the city's regional shopping areas — Twelve Oaks, West Oaks and the Town Center.

As for drug, alcohol and substance abuse problems among young people in the city, Zimmer said Novi is like every other suburban community. "Novi doesn't have a problem," he said. "The entire nation has a problem."

"My first objective in this position," he continued, "is to help establish community support groups — groups which can provide assistance to young people with problems in any area, including drugs."



John Zimmer is the Novi Police Department's new juvenile officer

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Group forms local chapter

Efforts to form an Optimist Club in Novi are being made by the Michigan District of Optimist International.

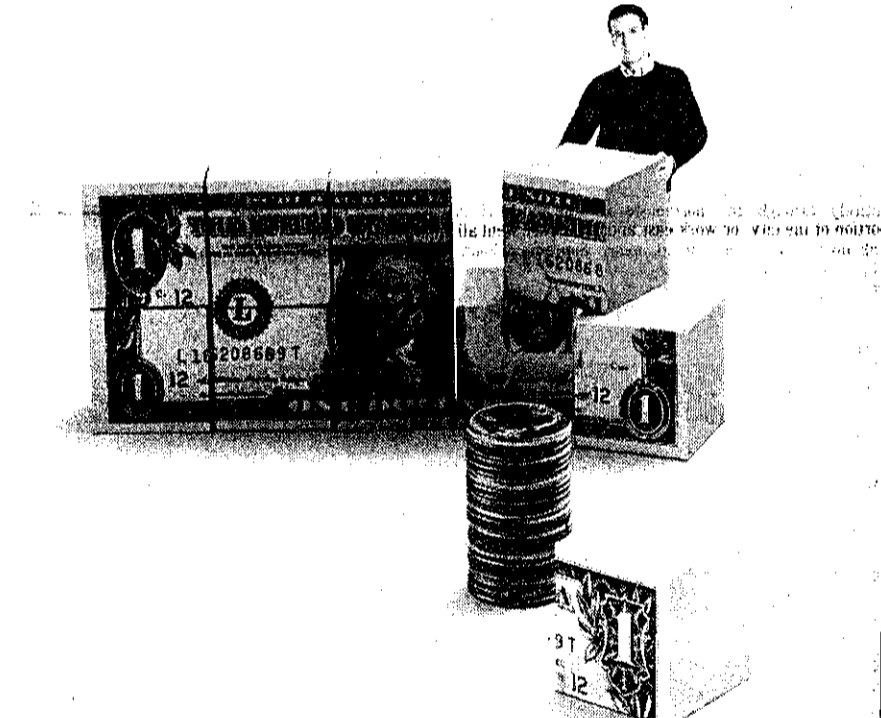
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Optimist International is a worldwide voluntary service organization composed of 196,000 men and women who belong to one of 5,500 community based groups. Optimist clubs currently exist in Farmington Hills and

West Bloomfield, and there are a total of 1,500 Optimist members in Oakland County.

An Optimist club often acts as a focal point for the coming together of persons from school, government and local business. A typical Optimist service club sponsors programs for a variety of youth-oriented activities, including essay and oratorical contests for junior high students, awards to outstanding youth people and distinguished educators, bicycle safety contests, athletic contests for elementary children, substance abuse programs, youth in government programs, and events for underprivileged or disadvantaged children.

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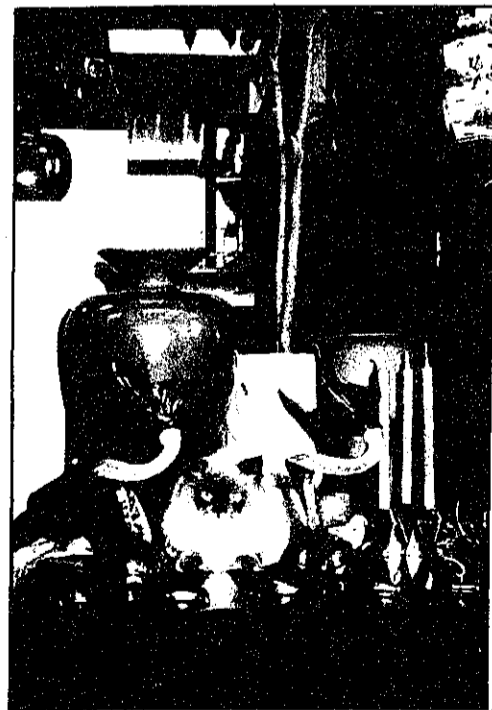
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Planners OK special meeting to study PUD plans

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Novi's first Planned Unit Development (PUD) may get the go-ahead in late May to begin clearing land, as the project developer was granted a special planning commission meeting for consideration of preliminary site plans.

Because of numerous stumbling blocks and delays in Maples' planning process with the city, the project's developer Sam Blumenstein made a "passionate plea" for a special meeting in May. He said he wanted to buy two weeks time and avoid the rising costs incurred from deadline extensions. The project is already four months behind, he said.

Maples of Novi, which is slated for a 27-acre site at Fourteen Mile and Decker Road, would probably have been scheduled for preliminary site plan approval in early June. The project is billed as an affordable housing development for young families and senior citizens.

"We keep running into one problem after another," Blumenstein told

Kureth: 'We're going to have to spend some time on this. It's the first PUD that's come this far. Special meetings like this are not without precedent, especially for the review of complex plans.'

planners May 3, explaining that the city's ordinance regulations "fly in the face of a PUD." Delays also have been caused by numerous zoning board of appeals and consultant meetings, he said.

Blumenstein added that "time is money," and pointed to rising interest rates, an increase in building costs and the loss of most of the building season once they are able to break ground, as reasons for extending the process.

By having only one item on its agenda, argued Blumenstein, the commission could then give full attention to the complexities of the

development and allow the developers — Classic Construction Corporation of West Bloomfield — to begin the site plan process.

"I need the meeting on the 24th. That will save us two weeks time, and that means a lot right now," said Blumenstein.

However, Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers and Engineering Consultant Deborah Gosselin felt a May 24 meeting would be too soon for the necessary paperwork to be completed.

"The odds of getting it done by the 24th are slim to none," said Gosselin, adding that the rush would not pro-

vide for adequate review of plans by city consultants. To hold the meeting on May 31 would "still be a footrace," she said.

"I'm not throwing cold water on it," said Rogers, "but we've had eight new projects submitted in the last two weeks with fees paid." He also pointed out that the developers have yet to receive a woodlands permit.

Despite the concerns expressed by the consultants, the commission decided to move up the date for consideration of the preliminary site plans for the Maples of Novi — but only by one week.

A special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. Plans for Maples of Novi will be the only item on the agenda.

The meeting was approved over the objections of commissioners Enrico Digiralamo, Gary Phillips and Kathy McLallen, who thought May 31 was premature and would "rush" the process. Members Judy Johnson and John Balagna were absent.

"We're going to have to spend

some time on this. It's the first PUD that's come this far," said Planning Chairman Charles Kureth. "Special meetings like this are not without precedent, especially for the review of complex plans."

Commenting on Monday, Blumenstein said he is happy to at least go before the commission before the end of the month. "Any date I can get earlier saves a tremendous amount of money," he said. He said Classic Construction has been losing upwards of \$3,000 per day as a result of the delays.

Having site plan approval would allow the company to begin clearing the site, he said, and added that he thought final site plan approval wouldn't be more than one month away from the preliminary okay.

In addition to the technical problems with ordinances, he said the project has also been delayed by a city decision to have developers increase the scale of their plans.

But so far cost increases have not had a major impact on the project's ability to offer low-cost housing. The only changes in estimated costs for Maples' dwelling units will be the 150

starter homes. They were originally going to peak at \$70,000, but will now border on \$80,000, said Blumenstein.

Revised prices and rates for other units in the development are:

- 350 golf course villas at \$120,000 at \$50 per month
- 100 congregate-type housing units at \$400 per month

A market study indicated it would be better to rent the attached ranch units than sell them as condominiums as previously planned, said Blumenstein.

"The congregate housing we will not touch (increase in price)," he added, saying the developers have made a commitment to offer that type of low-cost housing for senior citizens.

A special density provision allows PUD developers to build more units per acre than regular residential zoning does. Classic Construction said it could only afford to build low-cost housing if allowed the extra units per acre.

A PUD is a planned, coordinated development of a large tract of land that provides utilities, a road system and other amenities.

Residents seek end to M-9 plans

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"takeover" of Haggerty Road — possibly clearing the way for M-9 — again shook the usually calm neighborhood. The subdivision features winding dirt roads, quiet lots of trees, and an occasional rabbit or two. Even deer.

"They feed them out in the woods," said Valenti, a 27-year resident. "There isn't one neighbor you couldn't count on out here," said Joanne Trachman. "It's something very special and I don't want to lose it."

"We found a paradise," she said. "We lived in Redford for over 20 years and that's why we moved here — to get a break from the noise... the traffic," said Peggy Wilson.

Currently, plans involve extending M-9 north from I-96, either along the course of existing Haggerty Road, or at the point about a half-mile west of Haggerty.

If M-9 follows the off-Haggerty route, the road would either extend entirely through the northeastern portion of the city, or work east and link up with Haggerty Road near Thirteen Mile. The ultimate destination, for now, would be Pontiac Trail.

M-9 would be a six or eight lane divided highway, designed to relieve congestion caused by the lack of a north-south passage through western Oakland County.

A decision on the actual route of the roadway could be made later this year after an environmental impact hearing later this summer or fall. A long-awaited environmental

impact statement (EIS) was due out this week, according to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) official Michael Flajole.

Residents said they feel the city is making too many sacrifices by consenting to M-9 through their subdivision and the virgin turf of northeastern Novi.

"This is the most beautiful area of Novi," Valenti said. "They're asking us to give up everything, the other communities, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield, aren't giving up anything at all."

"It's a glorified driveway from West Bloomfield to the mall," said Virginia Valenti, Arthur's wife. The West Bloomfield Township board has already passed a resolution of support for options that would keep the roadway from being built on Haggerty, out of the township.

Arthur Valenti said the issue has rekindled old feelings about "taking on a city hall." Valenti was one of the residents who pitched in money to fight plans for a landfill at Twelve Mile and Novi Road in the mid 1960s.

"The case went all the way to the state Supreme Court," where residents prevailed.

"We've recaptured that spirit," he said. "We're going to fight this thing all the way, even if it goes to the highest tribunal in the nation."

"If they want my home, my property, I'll tie 'em up in court for the next 10 years and it'll never go through," he said. Residents plan to be out in force for the environmental impact hearing, which is scheduled to be held in early June.

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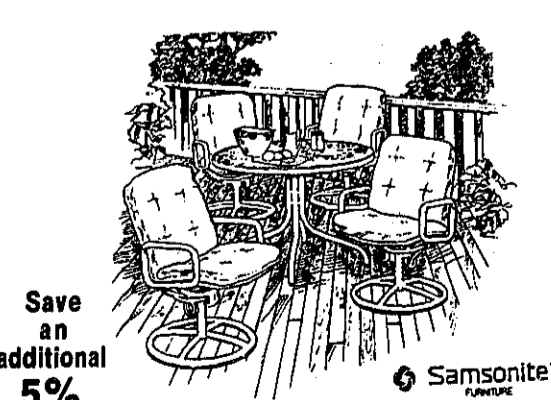
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Area CRD petitioners react to 'getting served'

Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) petition circulators had mixed reaction to being served with subpoenas by a developer they are attempting to block from building a 10-acre commercial center at Ten Mile and Beck Road.

Citizen group angry at writer who now works for Walter

Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) officials this week criticized Lee Walter, Spinal Column columnist Robert Delaney for going to work for the developer after covering the Ten Mile/Beck Road issue as a reporter for the Spinal Column Newsweekly.

"I got about 100 signatures on the petitions," she said. "I was honest and straightforward about what people were signing."

"The people who are running our organization have no interest in our own personal advancement," Shaw said. "Now we're combating people with professional expertise."

"I wouldn't mind at all sitting down and talking to them," Carney said. "I wish they would have."

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Area Briefs

Nation's largest outlet mall: The nation's largest outlet mall may be constructed on a 150-acre parcel near I-96 and Grand River in Farmington Hills.

The mall has been proposed by the Southfield-based Ramco-Gershenson Company. Ramco-Gershenson also developed the West Oaks I and West Oaks II shopping centers in Novi.

Called Michigan Mills, the outlet mall would comprise approximately 325,000 square feet. The complex also would include a food court and hotel.

Brighton City Manager John Stoppes said all that's known so far is that it is supposed to be the country's largest or world's largest factory-outlet mall.

"When people hear that, all of a sudden they think it's going to be bigger than Twelve Oaks," said Stoppes.

"What you have to understand is that factory-outlet malls are fairly new, so it's not hard to be the largest. From what we know, it's only going to be about one-third the size of Twelve Oaks."

Novi to lose jobs — maybe: Digital Equipment Corp. has put a hold on plans to build a regional headquarters on 27.4 acres of land along the I-275 corridor in Livonia.

When plans for the building were announced last year, it was ballyhooed as one of the largest office projects in metropolitan Detroit in recent years.

Digital officials said then that construction of the 350,000 square foot building would be ready for occupancy in 1990.

Digital currently leases space at six sites — four in Novi, one in Farmington Hills and one in Madison Heights. All except the Madison Heights facility were to be merged into the Livonia site, involving the transfer of about 800 employees as the leases — totaling 180,000 square feet — ran out.

But plans for the regional headquarters in Livonia are now on hold, according to Elizabeth Reinhardt, a spokesperson for Digital headquarters in Mass. Reinhardt said the corporation is reassessing its needs for the area and a decision is contemplated in the near future.

Too many malls? Novi residents aren't the only ones concerned about high vacancy levels in area strip commercial centers. The same thing is happening along Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

For merchants who have adjusted, the business climate along the road is fine. Those who found it a bit too chilly have moved on, creating a number of vacancies in the small strip centers that line the corridor north of Maple Road down to the Farmington Hills border.

Bluma Siegel, promotional/marketing director for two upscale malls on the West Bloomfield Orchard Lake Road strip — Sugar Tree and Boardwalk — reports vacancies in both fashion-oriented malls. "Competition in fashion along Orchard Lake Road is keen. It's one of the hottest areas in the country," Siegel said.

School could get revamped parking

BY AMY ROSA
staff writer

Teachers, parents and students hopeful that Novi Meadows would obtain an earlier starting time next year are out of luck — but they could see the school gain a new student crosswalk along with a redesigned driveway for safety purposes.

In response to concerns voiced by parents whose children walk to Novi Meadows, the school board on May 4 reviewed three proposals to revamp Novi Meadows' parking lot and surrounding area.

Parents, who have called the parking lot "an accident waiting to happen," say it is too congested and unsafe with students having to walk in between buses.

All three proposals include creating a new circular student pickup driveway in front of the school, that would be for automobile use only. That driveway would be separated from the larger circular bus driveway located off the school's north side.

The three plans, drafted by Farmington architectural firm, also show a new crosswalk from the main entrance road to the school, and provide for some relocated and/or additional parking in the rear.

The estimated costs for the varied plans are: \$41,800, \$96,770 and \$129,650. No action was taken on the proposals, and Superintendent Robert Piwko told board members that other proposals may be presented in the future.

But the board made one firm decision regarding Novi Meadows May 4, and that was to keep the school's starting time the same — despite

Hitchcock: 'I don't think we should spend \$200,000 for buses just for the 'convenience sake' of an earlier starting time. Even if we bus kids in Yorkshire we don't need five additional buses,' he said adding that he wouldn't support changing Novi Meadows' starting time.

complaints by teachers, parents and students.

The starting time issue was brought up during recent board discussions of busing students, wherein the board has been trying to decide whether or not to bus elementary students living in Simmons Orchard and Yorkshire Place subdivisions.

Busing the additional students may not require more buses, but additional buses would eliminate some "double runs" and allow for Novi Meadows to start earlier like the district's other schools.

Currently the district's school times are as follows:
 □ High School (grades 9-12) — 7:25 a.m. to 1:55 p.m.
 □ Middle School (grades 7 and 8) — 7:55 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
 □ Village Oaks, Novi Woods and Orchard Hills elementary schools (grades K-4) — 8:40 to 3:05
 □ Novi Meadows (grades 5 and 6) — 9:10 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

"I don't think we should spend \$200,000 for buses just for the 'convenience sake' of an earlier starting time," said Board Member Stephen Hitchcock, who said he couldn't support changing the time. "Even if we bus kids in Yorkshire we don't need five additional buses."

Assistant Superintendent William Barr said it was the administration's understanding that the board would approve busing Simmons elementary students to the as yet unnamed new elementary school.

Trustee Joan Daley said students only have to put up with the inconvenient starting time for two years. "The board voted 6-1 to keep Novi Meadows' starting time the same with Thornton casting the lone dissenting vote."

Eight Mile is reviewed

NORTHVILLE — One member of a Northville committee for traffic control on Eight Mile is unhappy with state State Sen. Jack Faxon's view of the road.

Judy McIntyre, a citizen member of a local committee studying traffic control at the Eight Mile / Center Street intersection, sent a letter to Faxon (D-Farmington Hills) recently about concerns with the area.

McIntyre, along with local officials, supports a lower speed limit in the area "because of pedestrian traffic and the nearby schools."

Faxon, asked for his position by Wayne County Commissioner Susan Heinz (R-Northville Township), had responded in a letter that he thought a lower speed limit was inappropriate and would increase congestion and traffic problems. He suggested leaving the speed limit at 40 miles per hour and possibly widening the road to allow for increased traffic.

That might also benefit future developers asking for a higher speed limit, he wrote.

The corner sits within Faxon's Senate district.

McIntyre responded to Faxon in a letter dated April 23, outlining the situation for pedestrian students.

In the widening suggestion, she wrote, "you were not addressing the safety needs of the children crossing the street... When your focus centers solely on addressing traffic congestion and development, you are not centering on the responsibility for advocating and protecting the basic safety rights these children should have."

The letter also opposes an 85th percentile standard used to set speed limits — that is, they are set at a point which 85 percent of drivers will obey, the basic idea being that people traveling at similar speeds will be less likely to get into accidents.

McIntyre calls the standard "a policy which can be interpreted to the best interests of the Wayne County Road Commission, developers and drivers" — but not pedestrians.

"The current situation that exists does not protect or advocate for (children) in any way with the exception of the crossing guards — whose voices and opinions have been totally disregarded in favor of the potential needs of developers and drivers," McIntyre wrote.

She concludes the letter with an invitation for Faxon to meet with the committee. She said she also plans to invite state Rep. Willis Bullard (R-Highland), State Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth Township), State Sen. R. Robert Geake (R-Northville Township) and Carmine Palombo from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to meet with the group.

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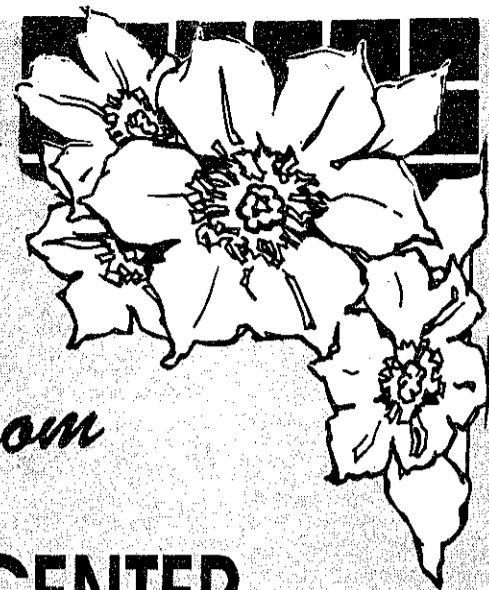
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Low-cal pizza?

Union Lake man goes national with frozen pizza

By CHRIS MURRAY

A Union Lake business owner and his associates are busy warming up sales nationally for a low-calorie frozen pizza.

Mark O'Brien, 31, created Calorie Counter Pizza in 1986 at his Union Lake pizzeria. The product is currently carried in 500 Farmer Jack, Great Scott and Foodland stores across the state.

O'Brien, who attended Milford High School and graduated from Lakeland High School in 1978, signed a licensing agreement with Gilardi's Pizza, Inc., a Sidney, Ohio-based firm, in 1988.

Gilardi's is also testing the product in Ohio, Illinois and Florida. O'Brien conducted much research before deciding on which ingredients to use on the Calorie Counter Pizza.

"The oil used is a soybean-based oil. It's not a palm, animal or coconut oil. Those all contain high cholesterol," he said.

Calorie Counter Pizza with pepperoni contains 300 calories per one-quarter slice of a 12-inch pizza. "Regular" pizzas of comparable size contain 2,500 calories, he said.

The low-calorie pizza also contains a low-fat, part skim-milk mozzarella cheese. The product bakes in about seven minutes in a conventional oven.

Calorie Counter Pizza markets Pepperoni, Sausage and Supreme products — the latter with pepperoni, mushrooms, onions and red and green peppers. The Supreme costs \$3.49; the other two sell for \$2.99 each.

O'Brien opened a pizza parlor on Elizabeth Lake Road in Union Lake in the early 1980s. As his business grew, so did his weight.

"I was 280 pounds with a 6-foot frame and very stressed. I went on the diet and began an exercise program at about the same time I started with the Calorie Counter Pizza," he said.

"I wouldn't say that the low-calorie pizza made me lose nearly 100 pounds, but it did help."

More recently, O'Brien has published "The Calorie Counter" book. The publication contains nutritional values of 908 foods, height and weight tables provided by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and daily calorie needs for men and women.

The book also contains recommended daily dietary allowances and food sources of additional nutrients. In addition, the publication lists how many grams of fat are allowed daily for a diet comprised of 30 and 35 per-

cent fat. "I worked very closely with the chief of the U.S. Human Nutrition Information Service and received information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1985 publication on 'Nutritive Value of Foods,' the International Diabetes Center, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and several specialists in the field," he said.

Of the 15,000 copies printed of "The Calorie Counter," about 87 percent of the books have been sold, the business owner said.

"It's really taken off. Most books are lucky to sell between 20 and 30 percent of what's printed. It has done quite well."

O'Brien donated a copy of the book to every public library in the metropolitan Detroit area. It is available for \$3.95, plus \$1 for postage and handling, to Calorie Counter, 9366 Elizabeth Lake Road, Union Lake, Mich., 48085.

The entrepreneur said he has started to gather information for a second book. The publication will center around various business aspects O'Brien has acquired through the years.

"Business people don't make the bucks the day they open the doors on

their first business. It takes years of hard work and perseverance," he said.

O'Brien said he has strived to become a successful business person since he was a youngster.

"I recall my first entrepreneur venture in grade school. I would fill my red wagon with candy and whatever else I would pick up around the house and start my own little store on the street," he said.

After selling the candy, O'Brien decided to re-invest in ice cream. This venture did not turn out so well.

"I found an old cooler, but didn't realize it needed ice to keep the ice cream frozen. Needless to say, the ice cream melted and so did my profits," he said.

"I learned a good lesson, had a laugh and didn't for even a second think about giving up."

He took on other jobs as he got older. Like many his age, he worked for a fast-food chain. Unlike many people, he saved his money.

"I saved the money for a goal that I personally wanted to achieve, instead of spending my earnings on 10-speed bikes and stereos. I also used every opportunity to learn about the business world by asking questions," he said.

"That is what you have to do to learn. Otherwise, you might never find the answers."



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Community colleges meet needs in rapidly-changing job market

The job market is changing rapidly. Many workers are finding that to retain their positions or to advance in their careers they must update basic math and literacy skills or receive training in more advanced technologies.

And a great number of single parents and women whose children are grown need training in order to re-enter the job market.

Many of these people are finding help from a source close to home—their local community college.

"In 1984 the Commission on Higher Education said that the number one role of community colleges in the future would be job training and retraining," said Richard W. Calkins, president of the Michigan Community College Association.

Calkins, who is also the president of Grand Rapids Junior College, added, "We hope an increasing partnership will evolve between local industry and local community colleges."

"I like to think of a community college as a people's college, where even people with baccalaureate degrees can come back for specific types of training," said Dr. Phillip E. Runkel, president of Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

"Education will occur most effectively at the community college level because these schools have the flexibility and the delivery system to adjust to the needs of business, labor and industry," he added.

Runkel said that in the future

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"there will be less emphasis on going through the degree grind. Instead, community colleges are going to have to meet the needs, on the job, of specific kinds of people."

Dr. Gunder Myran, president of Washenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, said nearly all community colleges do customized training for specific employee groups, during which college instructors often work with the company's training staff.

Community colleges "are not hung-up on whether courses are credit or non-credit," said Runkel. "We're hung-up on getting the job done for the employer and employee."

But going back to school can be nerve-racking for older students, some of whom may not have enjoyed or felt successful in previous school experiences. Most community colleges have a variety of procedures to ease the older student into college life.

For instance, colleges often work with community agencies to help

single parents and displaced homemakers with financial aid, childcare assistance and transportation arrangements, according to Geraldine VerHove-Barber, director of the Student Learning Center at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron.

Community colleges are also still meeting the needs of the "traditional" college students, recent high school graduates and older adults who will transfer to four-year institutions. In fact, when those transfer students go to four-year institutions they do as well or better than students who attend those schools for all four years, according to Calkins.

A better-trained work force is vital to the success of America's economy, said Runkel. "Students have to know about the world they live in. We're not just looking at Michigan or California to sell our products. We have to look at the developing countries around the world as well as the industrial powers."

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Every day, in every city, people are thrown into a state of panic when asked to produce anything from an original birth certificate to documentation supporting tax deductions. The answer to such problems is simple — get out of the shoe box and into the file cabinet.

According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, organized records can make life a lot simpler and, in the long run, less costly.

Efficient record keeping can help you track investments, support insurance claims, protect your family's financial security, shave hours off your tax preparation time, cut your tax bill and make it more difficult for the Internal Revenue Service to disallow your tax deductions.

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kept long enough to back up your monthly statements.

Establish a filing system: As you sort through your papers, devise a meaningful filing system. Some people merely separate their papers into those related to income and those related to expenses. A more efficient system is to establish distinct categories, such as tax materials, insurance information, investment records and homeowner documents.

If you need help in organizing your tax records, review your most recent tax return for clues on what information you should have on hand. Remember, you should be able to document every item listed on the return, including all sources of income and any tax-deductible expenses.

Most tax records — including canceled checks and other papers related to medical bills, charitable contributions, rental expenses, alimony payments or business expense — should be maintained for at least three to six years. In addition,

keep careful records on where you deposit and how you spend loan proceeds since this information determines the tax treatment of the interest you pay.

For insurance purposes you should maintain accident reports, policy statements, an inventory of assets, and receipts for any major purchases. To document your investments, you will need proof of your initial cost, receipts for brokerage or mutual fund transactions, dividend or interest statements and any other papers that can substantiate a capital gain or loss. Necessary homeowner records include your deed, insurance policies, receipts or cancelled checks for home improvements and possibly rental records if you rent your property for more than 14 days a year.

Store your files: Where and how you store your files is almost as important as what files you save. First of all, store your files in one specific location. Your best bet is a file cabinet or, at least, an alpha-accordion file folder kept in a drawer.

Make sure the file is conveniently located. If the file cabinet is located in the basement behind the boxes of Christmas decorations and vacation souvenirs, you will probably be less inclined to keep your records up to date.

Separate your records in a way that is meaningful to you. Whatever method you choose, make sure that you clearly label all folders. If you are married, take the time to explain your filing system to your spouse. If you are single, you should probably know how and where you have organized your records.

Finally, the Michigan Association of CPAs strongly recommends that you file your records on a consistent basis — say, twice a month. Make record keeping as routine as housecleaning and you may be surprised at just how painless the job can be.

Other temporary papers, such as credit card bills or receipts for withdrawals from a bank, should be

Toss out unnecessary papers: Your next priority is weeding through your other, more temporary papers. Start by tossing any papers that are unnecessary, such as cash register receipts for small, daily purchases. The simplest guideline is — if you can't use the document now, during an audit, after a casualty, when making investment decisions, or after selling your house, you probably don't need it. If you need additional guidance on which items fall into these categories, consult your CPA.

Secure your records: If you have a fireproof safe, you should store your records there. If you don't, you should consider a fireproof container at home rather than in a safe deposit box — which may be sealed after an owner's death.

Examples of items that should be kept in a secure location include documents recording how much you pay to purchase and improve your home, forms indicating the amount of your non-deductible individual Retirement Account contributions and photographs or a video inventory of valuables in your home (for insurance purposes).

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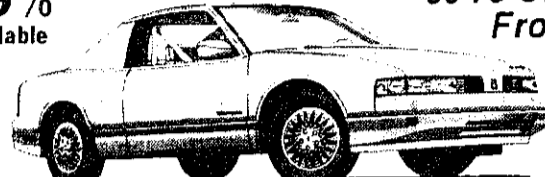
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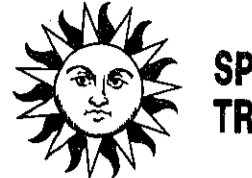
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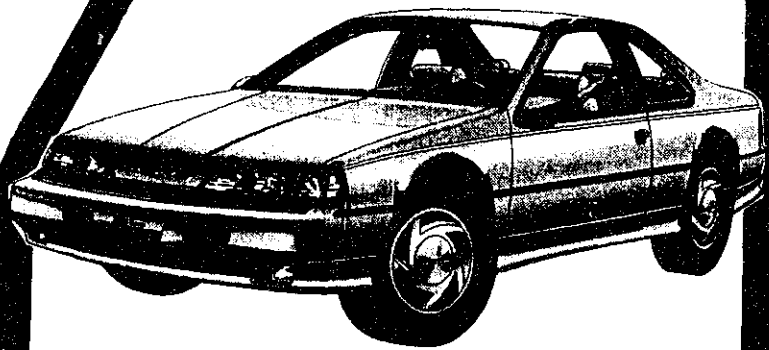
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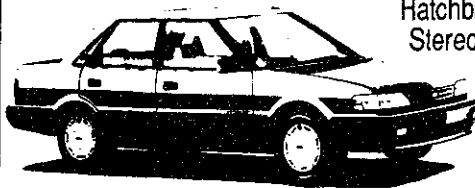
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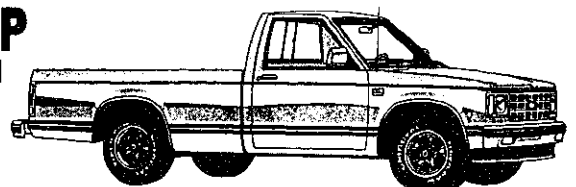


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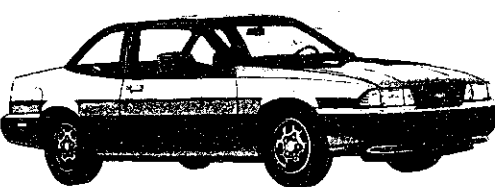
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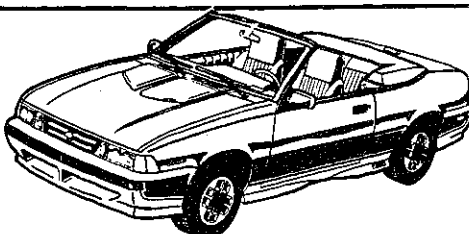
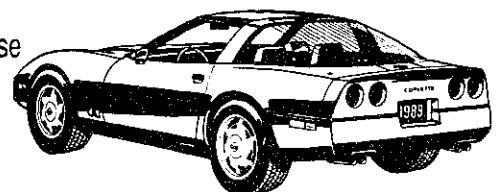
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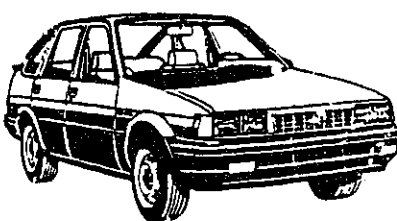
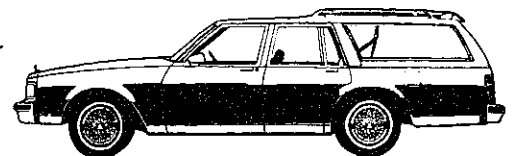
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Pampering mother on MOTHER'S DAY

Local moms share Mother's Day wishes

*M is for memories she gives us,
O is for open-handed generosity she
shares.
T is for tender loving care we feel when
we're with her.
H is for hugs she offers in good times
and bad.
E is for encouragement she freely fur-
nishes,
R is for respect she has worked so hard
to deserve.*

Mother. She shares a special place in our hearts and our lives. A place no one else could ever fill.

She's always at our sides when we need a friend. She dries our tears and cheers us on when we succeed.

She knows what to say to make us feel better. She's our tower of support, our confidential friend, our helping hand.

And the day to honor her is almost here. Mother's Day is this Sunday (May 14). In recognition of this special day, we asked several local moms what they would like to receive for Mother's Day.

Their responses varied. But all of the moms we queried put a lot of thought into their answers. A few moms first admitted they couldn't think of a single thing they wanted for Mother's Day.

Take Novi's Sue Korte for instance. When first asked she replied "I have so much... it's not that we're overly wealthy or anything, but I have nice kids and a nice family. I don't really know what I want — I'm very happy and very content with what I have."

Later in the afternoon she called back to say that a new set of metal golf clubs would be nice.

Northville's Barbara Flis said she would like a window box to put outside the kitchen window for Mother's Day.

"An old-fashioned white wooden box like the kind you see on 'Leave It To Beaver,'" she explained.

In that box she said she would probably plant impatiens. Flis said her request would pose a challenge for her

husband and kids because, well, the man of the house really isn't very handy with tools. It seems that he is a financial banker and is more familiar with numbers and ideas than he is with a hammer and nails.

However, miracles never cease. So maybe Flis' request isn't impossible?

"Gee, you really put me on the spot," Novi's Ruth Sill replied when asked what she would like for Mother's Day. After mulling over the idea she said: "I would like some flowers and to go out to brunch."

Susie Rempel of Northville first responded to the question by saying "No one's ever asked me before." Then the idea hit her.

"I would just like to have my family with me and I would like my husband to fix dinner — from start to finish."

Novi's Debbie Fatt said her Mother's Day wish already came true. The family dog, a pug, recently delivered a litter of six puppies, five of which are alive and well and yipping.

The event in itself was rather unusual, she explained, because pugs usually only have litters of three or four puppies.

"That's all I wanted," Fatt said about the newly-born pups. "Now I just want to find good homes for them."

Mary Mattis of Northville was also taken by surprise by the question.

"I'd like a big hug and kiss from my children and for them to be happy forever," Mattis said. "I really like hugs so that's what I would like."

Sue Krause of Novi shared a simple Mother's Day request with us. She said she'd like a tennis bracelet. A delicate tennis bracelet sparkling with diamonds. Did you catch that, Mr. Krause?

The Mother's Day wish for Novi's Diane Davies is to share the day with her husband, Mark, and daughters Alison and Jennifer.

"The happiness and closeness of my family is the most important thing to me," she said.



Random Sample

Q: Have you put away your winter clothes?

Six said: "Yes"
Four said: "No"

"It's a sure sign of spring."
"Not until I lose weight."
"I just put them in the back of my closet."
"Not until May"
"I'm optimistic"



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

Volunteers

Langham works in schools

By DOROTHY NASH
special writer

How does Novi's Kathy Langham, who is a wife and the mother of two grade-schoolers, juggle housekeeping and week-long volunteering in two schools and in Girl and Boy Scouts, too?

"I don't get frustrated," she answered.

As a member of Parent Teacher Organization, she is in charge — for the third and last year! — of the major spring fund-raiser for Village Oaks Elementary School. It's a games and hot dog event, and "We made \$6,000 last year," she said.

As the mother of a son in Village Oaks and a daughter in Novi Meadows, she volunteers in classrooms in both schools for a total of four days a week.

"I help the second-graders with computers," she said. "Three of us

moms work with eight children at a time, 25 minutes each time. It's a program on how to word process — a beginning so they're comfortable with computers."

At Novi Meadows School, Langham said, "I help in the computer lab with a paid staff member, working with 12 fifth- and sixth-graders at a time."

She helps teachers in classrooms, too — one day a week in fifth grade and one day in a split first and second grade.

Why? "I'm keeping my skills up," she answered. "I taught special education before my daughter was born, and maybe I'll go back to teaching."

Girl Scouts? She and two assistants have a troop of 16 girls.

Boy Scouts, too? Yes, she has a Cub Scout Den of seven boys.

Why is she in Scouts? The answer — "It's hard to find leaders, but I get a lot of help." Other moms take over if she can't, she said.

And of course Kathy Langham does church work, too. But that's another story.

Again — why does she tie herself up with so much volunteering? "I enjoy it," she said, "and besides there are more important things than doing laundry and vacuuming."



Kathy Langham volunteers at Novi schools

Record/TERESE KREDO

Novi Jaycees recognizes community volunteers

By JEANNE CLARKE
special writer

Novi is crawling with volunteers. OK, maybe that's a slight exaggeration. But there are a lot of them who make valuable contributions to the city.

Novi Highlights

presented with the industrial design award; Brookside Office Park and owner Sam Karp won the office design award; and Victor Castis and architect Richard Zischkes won the renovation award for their work on the Novi Inn.

Members have decided to become more involved in community affairs and to offer assistance where needed. The group plans to monitor monthly siren tests at all of the city's seven siren locations.

PERSONALS: Cindy Speight, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Speight, was guest of honor at a bridal shower on Monday evening at the home of Shellee Cain.

Other volunteers recognized during the banquet were Kay Schmitt for her volunteer work with the Republican Women of West Oakland, Gretchen Pugay for her work with the League of Women Voters, George Mortimer for his work with the Lakewood Park Homes Condominium Association, Lisa Foote for her work with the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Additional award winners were Bill Charles and Beth Shollenberger for their volunteer work with the Novi Community Education Advisory Council and John Eckstrom for his contributions to the Novi Rotary Club.

People weren't the only recipients of awards. Several Novi buildings — or more appropriately the building architects — were recognized for design awards in five categories.

Architect Alexander Boagaerts won the residential design award for the Saddle Creek Apartments; the architectural firm of Hastings and Chivetta won the commercial design award for the Novi Town Center; Cummins Michigan Inc. was

Co-leaders of Single Place are Rita Roden and Ron Dunbar. Roden can be reached at 347-1268 for more information about the group. Director of social activities for the group is Debbie Anderson.

Group members were meeting at O'Sheehans in Northville for dinner, however, beginning May 17 the group plans to meet at Leon's on Ten Mile on Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Interested residents are invited to join the group for dinner.

On Sundays at 12:30 p.m. group members eat brunch at the Big Boy restaurant on Eight Mile and Haggerty Road in Novi. Other regularly-planned activities include bridge on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming events include attending a performance of "Grease" at the Marquis Theater in downtown Northville on Saturday, May 13. Prior to viewing the play, members will meet at Leslie Ryder's house.

Programs are regularly planned for single adults, as well as those who are widowed or divorced. The group includes members who have young children and members whose children are grown.

NOVI NEWCOMERS: New officers selected for the Novi Newcomers Club include Juanita Montagne, president; Debbie McCracken, first vice president of programs; Terri Miller, second vice president of membership; Terri Schleuder, secretary; and Sue Horrigan, treasurer.

Other officers include Kim Wessel, Lou Ann Nicholson, Beth Hogan, Laurie Bates, Robin Howell, Sue Szyniewy, Roxanne Thurst, Marge Sheffick, Diane Pace and Nancy Patalao.

Members are planning to travel to Plymouth for a farm-lake bicycle tour on June 4. Participants expect to learn more about communications, third party traffic and net type operating procedures. The tour begins at Kellogg Park.

On June 24 the group will host a field day behind the Novi Civic Center, when a novice station will be set up to teach residents more about radio.

SINGLE PLACE: Adult singles in need of a support group have a valuable resource in the neighboring community of Northville — Single Place.

More than 50 percent of the members involved in Single Place are from Novi. The group was organized to provide friendship, caring and sharing for all single adults.

to see "The Gazebo." The evening will include dinner. Kathy Lamb is coordinating the event.

The newcomers regularly offers a babysitting coop and "Get Acquainted Coffee" for new members. Special interest groups within the club include the Euchre group, golf group, needlecrafters group, pinocle group, Silchich' Time with Children, Preschoolers and the Out-To-Lunch-Bunch.

Most of the groups will continue to meet throughout the summer and the golf group will meet every Tuesday morning.

NOVI CARE CENTER: Residents of the Novi Care Center recently hosted a successful bake sale at the A&P/Farmer Jack store. Several residents in wheelchairs attended the sale with the help of community council members.

Recent groups paying visits to the Novi Care Center include the Salvation Army, a ladies group from County Place Community and Joyce Wochomutha from Our Lady Of Sorrows, who distributed gifts of fruit baskets, lotions, soaps and other goodies.

Other visitors included third and fourth grade students from St. Paul's Lutheran School and entertainers

from the Agape Foundation. Residents have formed a rhythm and band choir and a chime choir.

PIN POINTERS: High games were scored by Miltz Harry (189), Margie Greaves (187), Minnie Legal (185) and Rosemary Bannish (182 in a 510 series).

The Pin Pointers recently held their annual banquet, when awards were presented. Margie and Dora Greaves and Marilyn Vaillancourt were awarded for perfect attendance; Sue Bolton was named most improved bowler; Rosemary Bannish received high game with 345 and high series with 537. Leslie Schrock was presented with a special award for a 208 game, which was 105 pins over average; Barbara Detore was recognized for bowling a 196 game, all spares.

Hi-Ls doubles winners included Janet Macdon, Carl Irwin, the team of Samina Boveri and Barb Detore, the team of Irene Kree and Marilyn Vaillancourt and the team of Dorothy Macdermaid and Margie Greaves. Bowling groups will reorganize in August.

This is the last week of bowling. Final standings are as follows: Eager Beavers 84 44, Bowling Bags 76 51 1/2, Never A Doubt 73 52, D&L 73 52, Hi Ls 71 57, Century 21 70 57 1/2, Lookin' Good 64 64, Adventurers 60 67 1/2, M&M's 57 71.

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



Novi High School student Angelica Alvarez was selected to sing in a state festival.

Choir student sings with success

She did it again. She showed them with her singing talent. While performing recently at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival, Novi High School student Angelica Alvarez was selected to participate in the upcoming Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Alvarez was one of 14 soloists chosen from a field of more than 300 singers statewide to participate in the festival.

The Youth Arts Festival presents only the finest talent from Michigan high schools, according to Paula Joyner-Clinard, Novi High School choir director.

While at the Youth Arts Festival, Alvarez will sing in a recital comprised of the 14 soloists.

Michigan University. Alvarez has been recognized for her musical talents throughout the school year.

Other Novi High School choir members who participated in the Michigan Solo and Ensemble Festival included a duet consisting of Michelle Dimer and Matt Butler. The duet received a Number "1" or "outstanding" rating.

Soloists also receiving "outstanding" ratings were Alvis Dunean, Jennifer Asher and Alvarez.

The duets of Amy Morgan and Jessica Fritz; Kristin Bent and Jeni Marin received Number "II" or "excellent" ratings. The trio of Debbie Butler, Mindy Watkins and Amy Morgan also received an "excellent" rating.

High school choir plans concert at Novi church

Members of the Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi will hear voices of a different type during their worship service on Sunday, May 21.

That's when the Novi High School choir plans to visit the church for a special performance. The choir, directed by Paula Joyner, will sing at the 10 a.m. service.

The choir has gained recognition throughout the state and while traveling to other states, Novi High School choir members performed in Colorado last summer.

Community members are invited to attend the special musical performance. Child care is available during the service for children 3 and under.

The Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 2135 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile. For more information call 348-7757.

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Band to perform new musical work

The Novi High School Symphony Band has been selected to premier a new work for band titled "The Purple Twilight."

The premier performance of the work will be given in a special concert at Novi High School's Fuest Auditorium on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Longfield's plan was to ride into space aboard the Challenger, look to the stars and back to earth, and write music which reflected the inspiration and awe which resulted.

Longfield, a former music educator in Michigan, was one of 11,000 unsuccessful applicants for the "Teacher in Space" program — an appointment ultimately awarded to Challenger astronaut Christa McAuliffe.

Other pieces on the program at the May 17 concert include *Panis Antiquus* by Cesar Franck, adapted for band by Alfred Reed; *Finale from the 5th Symphony* by Shostakovich; *Psalm* by Vincent Persichetti; and *Suite of Old American Dances* by Robert Russell Bennett.

The Novi High School Symphony Band has done it again — earning a "1" (superior) rating at the MSBOA State Festival for the eighth consecutive year.

Band Director Craig Strain said the band performed a particularly difficult program at the state festival. The inclusion of such difficult pieces as *Finale from the 5th Symphony* by Shostakovich was a calculated gamble, Strain reported.

The gamble paid off, however, as the band's performance was rewarded with many fine comments. Bands in the state festival were judged on prepared music and sight reading. For the first part of the competition, a 25-minute prepared program. Three judges evaluated the program on the difficulty of the music performed, tone quality and presentation.

Following the sight reading portion of the performance, the adjudicator commented that the Novi band's presentation was "the best performance of the day" and commented specifically on the "great dynamics" demonstrated by the Novi musicians.

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Gracious greeters

Group members act as city hosts

By BRENDA DOOLEY
staff writer

Perhaps you've seen them. Those friendly souls wearing wide smiles and white sashes at countless city functions, conventions and special events.

They're members of the Novi Ambassadors, more appropriately known as official hosts and hostesses of the city.

"We're at the doorway (of local hotels), telling people where things are," explained George Giese, a two-year member who is often accompanied to functions by his wife, Caroline.

Once composed of a mere 10-12 members, the group is now 27 volunteer members strong as it enters its third year of serving the city. The idea of forming such a group was the brainchild of City Manager Edward Kriewall and Council Member Edward Leiminger, who witnessed a similar organization in action while attending a function in Indianapolis. They brought the idea back to Novi, and the rest is history.

City movers and shakers including George Giese, Don and Boots Greengood and Kathy Crawford were among the Ambassadors' first



members. The membership list now includes the Greengoods, Nancy Groenowski, Diana Canup, Linda Detore, Rick and Bev Gilbert, Robert Maynes, Corrine Balagna, George and Caroline Giese, Gary and Connie Kelber, Sharon Larson, Mary Kotrych, Hugh and Kathy Crawford, Brian and Jan Fannon, Donald and Skip Tuck, Lisa McCuskin, Matt and Joyce Quinn, Maggie Champagne and Kathy Johnson.

When the Michigan Elks hosts its convention at the Novi Hilton, members of the Ambassadors make it their business to know about it. And when the American Heart Association gathers at the Sheraton Oaks, the members mark it on their calendars.

At monthly meetings, fellow Ambassadors discuss upcoming events

and take the names of volunteers willing to spend a few hours at a social gathering, welcoming out-of-towners and offering helpful information.

"If someone needs a pair of black socks, we can tell them where to find them," Greengood said.

Members also plan which city functions to participate in such as marching in the Memorial Day parade, attending a community awards night hosted by the Novi Jaycees and others.

"It's fun. That's why I do it," Boots Greengood said.

Recently Boots lended her artistic talents to the group by designing a logo for the Novi Ambassadors. The logo consists of a black top hat resting atop a pair of white gloves with a sash reading "Novi Ambassadors" running through the logo.

Currently the group is seeking new members. "We're looking for members to be meeters and greeters," said Mary Kotrych, chairperson of the group. "This unique ensemble will use 60 English handbells and a variety of other instruments in the concert. Selections include classical and contemporary arrangements, sacred hymns, marches and novelty numbers using special effects."

Whitehall hosts open house

An "Open House Tea" will be held at the Whitehall/Novi Convalescent Home this Sunday, May 14, in honor of Mothers Day and National Nursing Home Week (May 14-20).

The public is invited to attend the event which will be held from 2:30 p.m. The convalescent home is located at 4345 West Ten Mile, just west of Novi Road.

In addition to the open house, Whitehall will offer two one-hour seminars dealing with recent important developments in long-term care insurance policies and Medicare catastrophic insurance coverage. Presentations will be offered on Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

The seminar will be led by Nyal Bischoff of the AMEX Assurance Company and Cora Kummer, president of Whitehall Convalescent Homes, Inc. "Many people are finding they lack adequate protec-

tion in this area, and — in many cases — are even unaware of the need until it is too late," said Kummer in explaining the purpose of the Wednesday seminars. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Anyone planning to attend one of the special insurance seminars is asked to RSVP by stopping in at the main reception desk at Whitehall by calling 349-2640 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kummer noted that both President George Bush and Governor James Blanchard have proclaimed May 14-20 as National Nursing Home Week to encourage more community participation in nursing homes and in appreciation of the care given elderly citizens.

Some 51,000 Michigan citizens reside in nursing homes, receiving the medical, nursing, social and personal care they need from staff and volunteers from the community who are committed to the care of the elder-



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Mary Kotrych, chairperson of the Novi Ambassadors, proudly presents a few of the club's members. From left are George and Caroline Giese, Hugh Crawford, Corrine Balagna, Boots and Don Greengood, Sharon Larson, Diana Canup and Mav Sanghvi

Mother's Day concert set

Telltale signs of spring include blooming tulips, brisk business at local car washes and the Novi Choralaires annual spring concert.

The Choralaires will present its spring concert in Novi High School's Forest Auditorium this Saturday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's concert is "That's Just An Expression." Musical selections will be divided into segments based on familiar sayings or expressions that are heard every day.

Tickets are \$4 adults, \$3 seniors and students, and \$12 family. Tickets are available in advance from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department or at the door.

The concert will open with a group of songs that represent the expression "Have a Nice Day," including "Zip-A-Dee-Do-Do-Dee," "Sunny" and "What a Wonderful World."

Several musical selections of a spiritual nature will be presented with the expression "Oh, God!" including a King Sisters arrangement of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Kumbayah," and John Rutter's toe-tapping rendition of "Down By the Riverside."

A highlight of the concert is expected to be presented near the conclusion of the performance, when the Choralaires will sing an expanded medley of music from Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash hit "The Phantom of the Opera." The medley will be accompanied by and special effects and special lighting and includes the songs "Think of Me," "Angel of Music," "The Point of No Return" and "All I Ask of You," a tune made popular by Barbara Streisand.

For more information about the group or concert call Shirley Brady at 994-8588 or Ruth Sill at 949-2272.

from the musical *Charlie Brown*. Other selections include "The Eyes of a Child" and a "Welsh Lullaby."

The expression "A Little Night Music" will be represented by tunes such as "In the Night" and "On Broadway."

Under the title "It's a Small World," the choir will sing songs about and for children. In addition to the title song, numbers will be performed including "Book Report,"

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Births

ADAM EDWARD MORAN

Clark Edward and Tina Marie Moran of Novi announce the birth of a son, Adam Edward.
He was born April 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, weighing 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces. He measured 20 inches long.
Baby Adam joins a brother, Derek Joshua, 3, at home.
Paternal grandparents are Edward and Frances Moran of Novi. Maternal grandmother is Shirley Ferpes of Brighton.
Great-grandparents are Tony and Margaret Paul of Hillman.

Church Notes

Church banquet: Members at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Novi will host a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 20 at 5 p.m. at the church.

Tickets are \$5.50 adults and \$3.50 children ages 5-13. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Tickets will be sold until Wednesday, May 17. For more information and tickets call Beth at 348-3316 or Faye at 471-2709.

Flowers for the catered banquet will be provided compliments of Farmer John's Nursery.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church is at 23455 Novi Rd., between Nine and Ten Mile roads.

Spring lawn sale: The Novi United Methodist Church will present an All-Church Spring Lawn Sale this Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Council of Ministries is coordinating the event and will accept reservations for selling space. A percentage of the sales will be accepted to Outreach Ministries. For more information call the church at 349-2852.

Classical bells: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will host a Mother's Day special "The Classical Bells," on Sunday, May 14, at 6 p.m.

This unique ensemble will use 60 English handbells and a variety of other instruments in the concert. Selections include classical and contemporary arrangements, sacred hymns, marches and novelty numbers using special effects.

The Classical Bells has performed in local and national conventions, the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade and services for community organizations.

The church is at 21260 Haggerty Rd., north of Eight Mile, across from the Novi Hilton. For more information call 348-7600.

Faith Community: Members of Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi are planning to participate in the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church at the Michigan State Fairgrounds at Woodward Avenue and Eight Mile in Detroit on Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m.

The gathering of the Presbyterian family of Southeast Michigan will feature an 800-voice chorus, massed handbell choir, a parade with the banners of 95 local churches and a communion service.

The two-hour program, marking the 200th anniversary of the denomination, will also include brief vignettes depicting how the Presbyterians came to the area.

Northville Methodist: The staff parish at First United Methodist Church of Northville is seeking volunteers to help in the following areas:

Taking inventory and maintaining kitchen supplies; regularly laundering any linens or towels and returning them to the church; coordinating church functions including serving meals; coordinating, typing and mailing the children's newsletter; coordinating babysitting for special events; arranging for ushers, readers and bulletin covers for monthly family Sunday services; coordinating special family events; and updating Sunday school records.

High school honor roll released

A total of 301 Novi High School students have been named to the honor roll for the third marking period.

The roll includes 84 seniors, 83 juniors, 53 sophomores and 81 freshmen. Here are the names of the Novi High School students named to the honor roll for the third marking period.

12th GRADE: Peggy Balagna, Adam Barry, Melissa Baynes, Rajesh Bazz, Adam Beal, Kathy Bealor, Kimberly Black, Sandra Bragg, Noelle Brown, Tara Cameron, Kenneth Chasse, Douglas Cody, Lori Colough, Melissa Cooper, Diana Danca, Julie Dudley, Erin Ellis, Michael Everett, Tracey Fritz, Jeanne Geraci, Cynthia Gertson, Angela Gordinier and Julie Greywall.

11th GRADE: Angelica Alvarez, Bridget Barnes, Robert E. Bates, Paula Beckman, Kristin Benil, Shelley Black, Adrienne Bolton, Jennifer Borg, Tammi Brandon, Christopher Braue, Cheryl Brown, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Carroll, Alyson Coxon, Shana Coxon, Angela Cramer, Angella D'Agostino, Kathleen Daly, Claudine Delazer and Keith Dixon.

John Dudley, Jennifer Durham, Elaine Ellis, Lynn Emory, Pamela Finlayson, Sarah Gattman, Jennifer Galland, Dana Gannon, Matthew Gdowski, Karen Goldsmith, Jeffrey Grabowski, Laine Haas, Lisa Heath, Haley Hoops, Buddy Harbut, C. Bryan Jacobs, Amy Johnson, Amrita Kang, Kathryn Keller, Kurt Kokko, Matthew Konoda, Heather Kurtz, Matt Latham and Brad Lewis.

10th GRADE: John Allen, Craig Barker, Jennifer Buck, Julia Burk, Heather Campbell, Mark Chirgwin, Andrew Christlieb, Laura Clark, Katie Clozza, Lisa Colough, Helen Cottam, Christina D'Agostino, Kim DeWitt, Christina Ellis, Aaron Federspiel, Jennifer Forward and Jason Frank.

Michael Gowans, Keely Harris, Kristin Henzi, Wendy Hirschelman, Matthew Hoffman, Bridget Jacobson, Virginia Jeffress, Susan Jones, Jill Jozwiak, Holly Kendra, Laura Kieban, Janine Knight, Christine LaHale, Desirée LeBlanc, Melissa Marisanti, Jennifer Marquart and James May.

Amy McMartin, Kevin Mittelz, Marc Mootz, Brian Murphy, Nicole Pargoff, Oanh Parrell, Joanna Pascazi, Wendy Pierman, Renee Schweitzer, Adam Shulman, Marc Sica, Jennifer Sieradzki, Joanne Sull, Jennifer Steward, Toni Sturm, Michel Mizek, Brad Morrow, Linda Mertz, Andrew Mutch, Rob Neil, Jeff

Steven Shultz, Lori Silverman, Derek Speerschneider, Sandra Stein, Rachel Streit, Jeffrey Sugamonia, Ellen Surowiec, Daniel Sweller, Stephen Taylor, Jennifer Thal, Todd Tyler, Regan Walters, Joseph Whitney, Michael Williams, Christopher Williamson, Jeremy York and Vanessa Zizza.

Novi Crop Walk benefits local groups

Get out your hiking boots, the third annual Novi Crop Walk has been scheduled for Sunday, May 21. So what's a Crop Walk?

It's a means of raising funds to combat hunger not only in Novi but throughout the world. Participants obtain sponsors for every mile they walk, and proceeds are donated to both local and international organizations involved in the fight against hunger.

Beneficiaries of the 1989 Crop Walk will be the Novi Emergency Food Program and the Holy Family Relief Program as well as the World Hunger Relief Fund administered through Church World Services.

Local book store offers youth trivia contest

Do you spend a lot of time with storybook characters? Avid young readers are invited to enter a Storybook Trivia Contest sponsored by Borders Book Shop.

The shop offers two contests — one for children 5-8 years old and another for kids from 9-12 years old. Entry forms are available at the book store, located in the Novi Town Center.

All correct entries will be entered into a prize drawing to be held Saturday, June 3. Questions about popular favorites such as "Charlotte's Web" and "Where the Red Fern Grows" will be included in the contest. Newer books such as "Mirandy,"

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Tigers tickets rate as best deal

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

What's the best deal going if you want to be there — in person — to watch professional athletes from local teams showcase their talents?

Everyone knows if you want to see a winner, you go to the Palace of Auburn Hills to see the Pistons, who finished the regular season with the eighth-best record in NBA history.

You certainly wouldn't go see the Lions at the Silverdome.

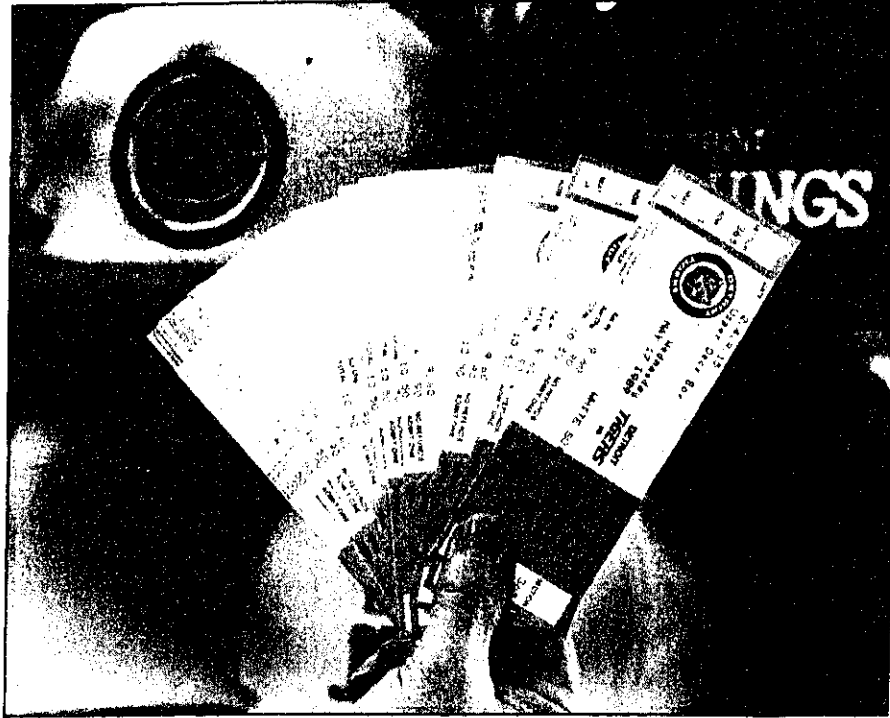
But what about costs? The Tigers have been around a lot longer than any other pro team in Detroit and are still the best deal in town — for a number of reasons. Tiger Stadium is the second oldest major league ballpark currently in use in the country, and single-game ticket prices have that old-time value that you just don't see any more.

The best seats in the house — upper and lower level boxes — go for only \$10.50, and reserve (\$8.50), grandstand (\$6) and bleacher (\$4) seats are also very affordable. For more information, call 962-4000 or 963-9944.

Another advantage Tiger Stadium has over rival venues like the Palace, the Silverdome and Joe Louis Arena is parking prices. Private parking lots within a few blocks of Tiger Stadium offer spaces in the \$2-3 range. A spot at the Joe Louis Arena Parking Garage, for example, costs \$5.

Both the Pistons and Red Wings have had their share of successes the past few years, but as a spectator, you'll have to pay a hefty price to support them in person. Piston ticket prices rank second among all NBA teams (behind — who else — the Lakers), and Red Wing prices are also near the top of the NHL list and may be rising.

The face value of a lower level seat at the Palace is \$23, but those are not available on a single-game basis. All of the lower level and most of the prime upper level seats are reserved for season-ticket holders only. Second level seats located in the corners and ends at the Palace run for \$19 and \$16.50 respectively, while seats in the last few rows at the top of the arena are priced at \$10.50. There



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are also several dozen \$5 seats at the very outermost reaches. For more information, call 377-0100.

The Wings' prices aren't much better. The prices for 1988-89 are roughly equivalent to the Pistons, but next season prices haven't been set yet. Executive level (lower bowl) seats cost \$23 and Arena Level (upper bowl) go for \$18. Unfortunately for the single-game spectator, all of the Executive and half of the Arena level seats are reserved for season ticket-holders. Joe Louis Arena does have several hundred \$9 seats located at the very top of the arena and also standing room only (\$12) passes to individual games. Call 567-6000 or 567-7425 for additional info.

Despite having the second worst record in the NFL last fall (4-12) the

Detroit Lions raised their ticket prices for this coming season. To minimize publicity, the shrewd Lion management announced the raise on New Year's Eve. Most seats in the lower and upper level now cost \$18 (up from \$16). Club Level seats go for \$23.50, and several thousand bleacher tickets can be had for a reasonable cost of \$7.50. Call the Lion ticket office at 335-4151.

If you prefer major college athletics, you'll probably be disappointed to hear ticket prices are rising there also. In football, all University of Michigan tickets have been raised from \$18 to \$20, and Michigan State University football passes are now \$18 (up from \$16).

The best basketball deal is at the

University of Detroit (\$6 reserved, \$4 general admission). U-M and MSU basketball tickets were \$10 and \$7 last season but it looks like both are on the rise. The Wolverines are fresh off an NCAA National Championship and the Spartans are moving out of venerable Jenison Field House and into the soon-to-be-completed Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

As for hockey, if you can get a ticket at MSU's Munn Ice Arena, the cost is reasonable (\$8 for chair seats, \$7 for benches and \$6 for standing room only). At U-M's Yost Arena, hockey tickets are easy to get, and are only \$6 reserved, \$4 general admission. For all U-M ticket inquiries, call 764-0247. At MSU, call (517) 355-1610. At U-D, call 927-1700.

Concert features premier work

Novi High School Symphony Band will perform "The Purple Twilight" during a special concert in Fuerst Auditorium on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The musical selection was written by Robert Longfield of Miami, Fla., formerly a Michigan music educator. He wrote the piece in memory of the Shuttle Mission 51-L crew, the Challenger Seven.

Longfield was one of 11,000 unsuccessful applicants for the Teacher-In-Space program, an appointment that was awarded to Challenger Astronaut Christa McAuliffe.

Other selections featured in the concert include "Pans Angelicus," the "Finale from the Fifth Symphony," "Psalm for Band" and "Suite of Old American Dances."

Choralaires: The Novi Choralaires will present its annual spring concert this Saturday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

Theme of the concert is "It's Just an Expression." Musical selections will be divided into segments featuring every day expressions and sayings.

Tickets are \$4 adults, \$3 seniors and \$12 family. Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office and from members of the Choralaires.

'Ten Little Indians': Novi Players presents the third show of its season, Agatha Christie's whodunit "Ten Little Indians." Performances are scheduled Friday and Saturday,

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May 12-13 and May 19-20, at 8 p.m. There also will be a Sunday matinee on May 21 at 1:30 p.m. Performances will be held at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 and available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office. For more information call 476-2099 or 347-0400.

Storytelling: Storyteller Christine Jenkins will appear at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center on Saturday, May 20, at 2 p.m. Children aged 5-8 are invited to join Jenkins as she tells stories about the clever, resourceful girls and women featured in her tales.

On Sunday, May 21, Robyn Limberg will visit Borders Book Shop to teach some of the basics of American Sign Language. Limberg and her hearing-ear dog, Maggie, will be on hand to answer questions on what it is like to be hearing impaired. The program is for children ages 5-8. Advance registration is required for the program. For more information call 347-0780.

Borders Book Shop is at 43263 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center.

'Grease': Northville's historic Marquis Theater presents a live rendition of "Grease," a '50s rock 'n' roll musical through May 14. Performance are scheduled on Friday, May 12;

Saturday, May 13; and Sunday, May 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 by telephone by calling 349-8110 or 349-0868. Tickets also are available at the door or from The Marquis Stores at 135 East Main Street in Northville.

Upcoming comedy: Northville Players presents a benefit performance of "The Butler Did It," a comedy in two acts, on Friday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive (Six Mile at I-275). The production is directed by John Hall. It is presented by special arrangement with Baker's Plays of Boston.

Tickets are \$8 each. Proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sponsor of the production is ERA First Federal Realty.

Spring concert: Northville High School presents its spring choir concert on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

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Boblo Island offers new shows

Boblo Island has kicked-off its 91st season by adding three new live shows, a bicycle path, a roller skating area and a maze to provide more family entertainment.

The Incredible Acrobats of China, a troupe of professional acrobats, will present juggling, balancing, comedy and contortionism in the Carrousel Theater. The show is scheduled five times daily.

Also in the Carrousel Theater is a song and dance, laser and light show "The Vantastic Revue," sponsored by the Pontiac Motor Division. Ten singers and dancers will perform high energy skits during the 25-minute show.

"Ski Fever" is the name of Boblo's new water ski show, which features water acrobatics and maneuvers performed by professional stunt skiers. Daily performances will be offered beginning May 27 on the west side of the island, south of Boblo's Port O'Call Marina.

Special spring weekends are offered at Boblo Island on May 6-7 and 13-14. Passage to the island is available from the Gibraltar and

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Amherstburg, Ontario, docks. All docks, including Detroit, will be open from May 20 through Labor Day.

Antique talk: Jean and Larry Clark, owners of Timely Antiques in Milford, will be guest speakers at the Wixom Historical Society's May 15 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Wixom City Hall. The Clarks plan to exhibit an assortment of antique clocks.

All meetings of the Wixom Historical Society are free of charge and open to the public. The Society meets the third Monday of the month at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses for the May 15 meeting will be Jackie Lee, Florence LaCasse and Lorita Anderson.

Grandma Moses: Detroit Institute of Arts presents Cloris

Leachman in "Grandma Moses — An American Primitive" for four performances starting Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8.

Evening and matinee performances are scheduled as follows: Tuesday through Thursday, June 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets for weeknights are \$22.50, \$20 and \$17.50. June 7 matinee tickets are \$19.50, \$17.50 and \$14.50. Matinee fans may also reserve a noon luncheon at \$15, which includes a dessert reception visit with Leachman following her 2 p.m. performance. A senior citizen discount of \$2.50 per ticket is also offered. For more ticket information call 832-2730.

Grandma Moses was centenarian painter Anna Mary Robertson. She was praised by critics for her self-taught painting skills.

Farm tours: Cobblestone

Farm, an authentic 1844-1860 farm homestead at 2781 Packard Road in Ann Arbor, will be open to the public for tours from May through October, Thursday through Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

Admission fees are \$1.50 adults and 75 cents children and seniors, with a \$5 maximum per family. For more information call 994-2928.

Art gallery: The Homestead Gallery of Contemporary Arts is now open in the 140-year-old Tuttle Homestead in the downtown district of Walled Lake.

A mixed media gallery of contemporary art, the Homestead represents works from more than 40 Michigan artists. Limited studio space is available to artists seeking a lakefront environment.

Call 669-8980 for more information. "Nearby" lists upcoming events close to the Novi community. To have an item listed in this column, write to: Nearby, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

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Wildcat nine now 12-4 after red-hot week

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

For the first time all season, the Novi baseball squad is getting a chance to compete against some non-league opponents.

And the Wildcats are proving that their success so far in the rough, tough Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) hasn't been a fluke.

In action last week, Novi increased its season record to 12-4 by winning four of five games against some solid non-conference teams. The 8-1 whitewash of a much-heralded Waterford Kettering group on May 2 raised a few eyebrows, simply because it was so easy. The Captains entered the game with an 8-2 record.

"I thought it would be a tough game, but we beat them pretty bad," observed Gar Frantz, coach of the Novi nine. "We hit the ball hard, and (Kettering) couldn't get anything going against (Steve) Ross."

Starter Steve Ross pitched his best game of the year. He had a one-hit shutout heading into the last inning before surrendering a run-scoring double. Nevertheless, Ross went the full seven innings, allowing just two hits while fanning eight and issuing just three walks.

The big blow in the game was a monstrous grand slam homer by Scott Wladischkin in the sixth. Wladischkin's prodigious blow broke open a relatively competitive game. For the day, Wladischkin ended his hitting slump by stroking two hits, scoring a pair of runs and collecting four RBIs.

"Scottie's unleashed himself," Frantz said. "He's ripping the ball."

Ken Hendrian drove in a run in the first with a double. And back-to-back singles by Wladischkin and Ross set the stage for the three-run rally in the third. Ross helped his own cause by going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and three stolen bases.

NOVI 5-6, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 3-3: The 'Cats wrapped up the week with a pair of unspectacular wins in a doubleheader sweep of the Trojans on May 6.

In the opener, Ross was again tough on the mound as he struck out a season-high 11 and scattered nine hits to register his fifth win of the year.

At the plate, Novi wasn't particularly sharp but did squeeze out a run in the first — on successive hits by Wladischkin, Ross and Hendrian — and two more in the third on a hit by Rick Timerick, two walks and two stolen bases.

Clarenceville tied it at 3-3 with a mini-rally in the sixth, but the Wildcats came back with a run in the sixth and another in the seventh. Brad Lewis drove in the first run, and Hendrian concluded the scoring by belting his first homer of the season.

"We played a lot of guys, but we really didn't hit the ball that well," Frantz said. "But the defense (zero errors) and the pitching was solid."

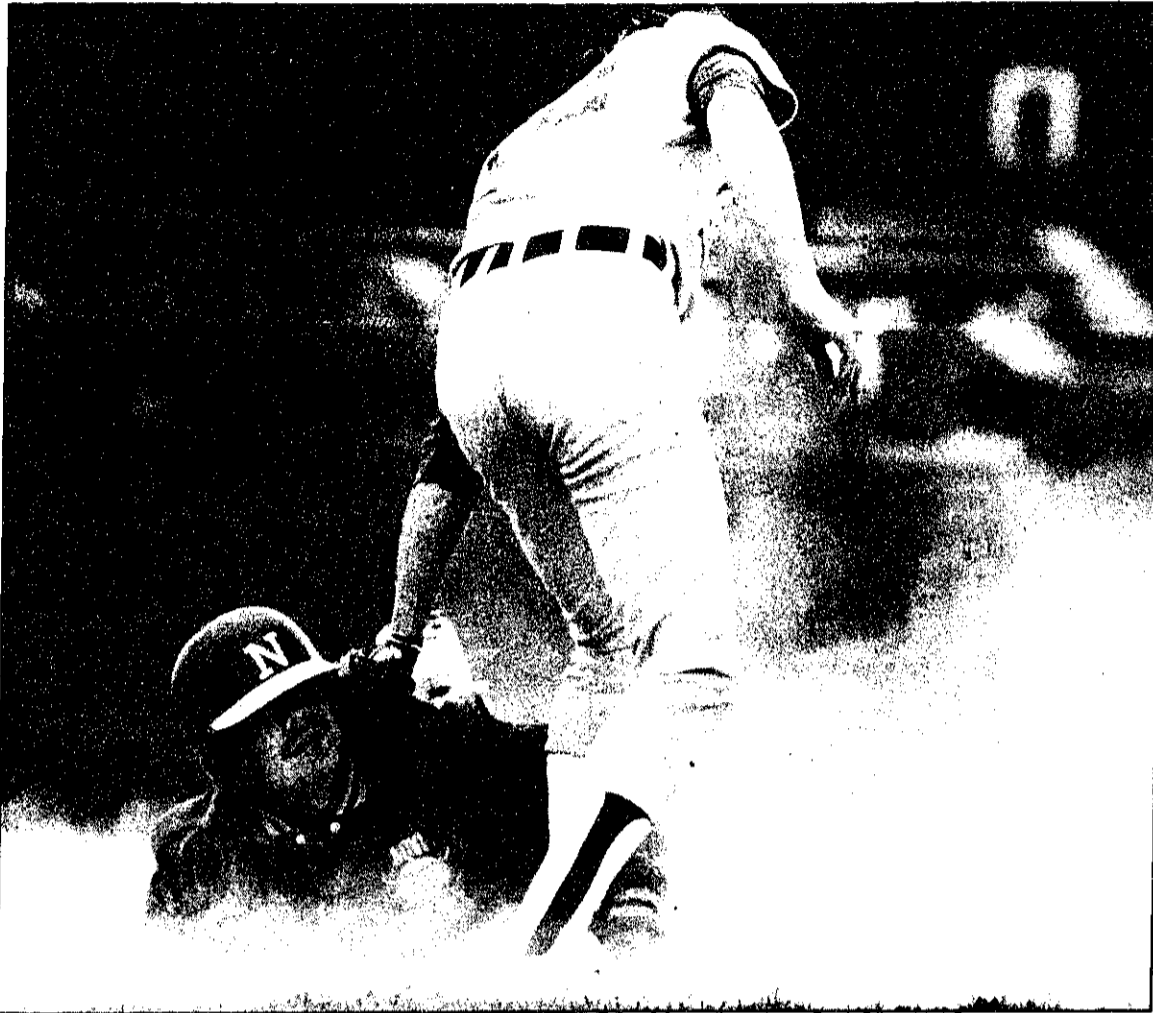
In the nightcap, Novi took an early 2-0 lead and then cruised to the victory. Lewis was the starter and winner. Reliever Rick Friedrich was tagged for all three runs on two hits and a walk in the final inning of play.

"Lewis only gave up one hit in 3½ innings, but he did walk quite a few (4)," Frantz said. "We hit the ball a lot better than we did in the opener."

Wladischkin led off the first inning with a single and scored on a triple by Ross. Hendrian followed with a run-scoring hit to make it 2-0 heading into the second. The 'Cats added three more in the fourth on hits by Marc Tolsdorf, Wladischkin and Ross, and then wrapped it up with a single run in the sixth.

Wladischkin (2-for-3), Ross (2-for-4) and Hendrian (2-for-4) paced the hitting attack for Novi.

NOVI 5-1, GARDEN CITY 4-3: The



Novi's Steve Ross slides safely under the tag into third with a stolen base

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only defeat of the week came in game two of a twinbill with Garden City on May 5.

The Wildcats struck out 15 times in the nightcap and didn't do anything at the plate, with the exception of a fourth-inning home run by Wladischkin. First-time starter Mark VanAmede pitched very well (six hits, six strikeouts, two walks) but still suffered the loss.

"VanAmede threw super in his first start," Frantz said. "Unfortunately, we struck out a lot and didn't give him any run support."

The Cougars didn't get much going against VanAmede either in the early going, but a two-run rally in the fifth wiped out the Novi lead in a hurry. Garden City added another insurance run in the sixth.

The setback came after the Wildcats had grabbed a 5-4 win in the opener. Hendrian went the distance on the mound to notch the win — his fourth of the year; but had trouble getting his fastball over the plate and ended up struggling most of the way.

Novi scratched out single runs in

the first and third and then went ahead 4-0 with two more in the fourth on two hits, two walks and a sacrifice. Garden City rebounded with three runs in the fourth off Hendrian to keep it close. Both teams exchanged runs in the sixth as the game ended with a 5-4 Novi victory.

Offensively, Hendrian went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI to pace the Novi attack. Wladischkin (2-for-3) and Timerick (2-for-4) also contributed.

"We had three or four excellent defensive plays, and two of them

saved runs," Frantz reported. "That's very important when you win by one run."

The 'Cats (4-2 in the KVC) will host Milford in a doubleheader tomorrow (Friday, May 12).

WOVI BROADCAST: Student radio station WOVI (89.5 FM) will be broadcasting the first game of the Novi-Northville doubleheader on May 13.

Air time is 11 a.m. and the announcers will be Randy Thompson and Kirk Yodzevics.

Wildcat runners topple Brighton

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

According to many coaches, the key to a successful track program is strength in the field events.

When Novi played host to Brighton in a key Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) showdown on May 2, Wildcat coach Bob Smith was concerned that his squad's unbeaten record could be in jeopardy because the Bulldogs are the only team in the conference able to match Novi in the sprint events.

As things turned out, Brighton did outscore the 'Cats in many of the running races, but Novi took 44 of a possible 45 points in the field events to complete a convincing 81-55 victory.

"Our field event people are really coming around," Smith said. "We pretty much locked up the win in the field events — that's the sign of a good track team."

The Wildcats swept the top three places in the shot put, the discus, the high jump and the pole vault. Daren Johnson set a personal best mark of 138'6" to win the discus, Kris Krueger also set a lifetime best (5'9") in his high jump victory, Randy Thompson cruised to a win in the shot put (41'3¼"), Jeff Jeffress outdueled a teammate to triumph in the long jump (18'9") and Jeff Mielke was the pole vault winner (10'0").

The rest of the Novi wins against Brighton came from Jeffress in the 400-meter dash (52.3), Maurice Richardson in the 300 intermediate hurdles (42.63), the 800 relay team of Bill Lethemon, Johnson, Richardson and Fitzpatrick (1:34.77) and the 400 relay team of Lethemon, Jeffress, Jeffre LaFontaine and Fitzpatrick (45.91).

The seconds included Joel Schefler in the shot put (39'6"), Aaron



Stephanie Groom shields the ball from a defender

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Kotrych shines for Novi kickers

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Without experiencing much success at home lately, the Novi soccer team took to the road last week. And the change of scenery seemed to help.

The Wildcats managed to double their win total for the entire season by winning two of their three games for the week. Both wins were shutouts for goalkeeper Dede Kotrych, but that's nothing new — all four Novi triumphs this season have come when Kotrych has held the opposition scoreless.

The biggest victory of the week came May 2 when the 'Cats blanked host Howell 3-0. The score may indicate a relatively competitive match, but shots-on-goal numbers tell another story.

"We outshot them 35-1, so basically we did everything except put the ball in the net," Coach Nick Valenti said. "We expected to win, but we wanted to avoid being overconfident."

"A win is a win, but I know the girls were a little frustrated because we had all those chances and we didn't score more."

The only goal of the first half came at the 22-minute mark when defender Wendy Pierman fed Lisa Gatt who beat the Highlander goalie on the short side to break the scoreless deadlock. It remained 1-0 until Jessica Fritz scored just two minutes into the second half on a pass from Stephanie Groom.

In the final two minutes of the game, Groom provided an insurance goal off a corner kick, as the game ended with Novi on top 3-0.

"The score wasn't a good indicator of how much we dominated the game, but the shutout is credit enough," Valenti said. "Howell has a very young program and we should have won the game."

NOVI 3, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 0: The Wildcats won their first back-to-back games of the year with

another shutout over the Vikings on May 1 in a non-league clash.

After a scoreless first half, Novi rallied for three goals in a 17-minute span to pull out the win. For the game, the 'Cats had a 28-12 shots-on-goal advantage.

"Even though we didn't score in the first half, we had opportunities and we felt confident we could cash in on a few in the second half," Valenti explained. "We were able to control the game, and it was just a question of when we'd start putting the ball in the net."

The scoring parade started at the 15-minute mark when Gatt fought off several defenders in the corner and delivered a perfect pass to Fritz in front of the net. Fritz buried the ball into the back of the net for what Valenti called "one of the nicest goals of the season."

Five minutes later, Kerry Parnley made it 2-0 with a break away tally. The assist went to Kotrych, who sent a clearing pass to Parnley at midfield, and she took it from there. The final goal — at the 32-minute mark — was scored by Groom off a Cristy D'Agostino throw-in.

MILFORD 2, NOVI 1: With revenge on their minds, the Redskins nipped the visiting 'Cats on May 4 to end the team's bid for an undefeated week. Just 17 days earlier, Novi knocked off Milford 5-0.

"It all comes down to consistency and playing your best at every outing," Valenti said. "We didn't do that against Milford. We didn't exhibit the kind of play we are capable of."

The Wildcats were down to just 12 players because three — including starter Jessica Fritz — had a previous commitment with the high school band.

With a distinct wind-advantage in the first half, the 'Skins took control and led 2-0 at halftime. In the second period, Novi peppered the Milford goalkeeper with 14 shots — and scored once — but were unable to tie it up. For the game, the 'Cats ended up with four more shots.

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Ladycat nine struggles to break losing streak

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

With just one win in five tries last week, the Novi softballers appear to be slumping again.

To get an idea just how bad it has been, the Wildcats were outscored 56-7 in that span.

And, in the middle of a 10-0, 15-0 doubleheader disaster against mighty Chelsea on May 2, Coach John Peace let his players know — in no uncertain terms — that he expects more.

"Against Chelsea, I thought the girls were more worried about the lousy weather than they were about the game," groaned the Novi mentor.

"I was upset, and I let them know it." Unfortunately, the heart-to-heart talk didn't seem to make much difference — but Chelsea had a lot to do with it. The Bulldogs entered the contest ranked third in the state among Class B schools.

"I didn't think we played all that horrible — Chelsea was just that good," Peace said. "That's why they are ranked so high."

In game one, Novi fell behind 4-0 after one inning and a late three-run rally in the sixth ended it as the mercy rule was evoked. The losing pitcher was Heather Campbell, who gave up 13 hits, 10 earned runs and four walks while striking out only three.

Offensively, Chris Yankowski garnered the Cats only two hits in the second to take control, 11-0. Campbell (11 hits, 10 earned runs, one strike out) again suffered the loss. Deanna Reed was the only Novi

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player to get a hit. "You'll never win a doubleheader when you get only two hits in two games," Peace said.

NOVI 3, WEST BLOOMFIELD 1: The only win of the week came May 1 against the Lakers.

Angel D'Agostino accounted for two runs, including the game-winner, as the Wildcats scratched out single runs in the second, fourth and fifth innings. She went 1-for-1 with a walk on the day. Sherry Peyton drove in another run with a double.

"It was our best ballgame of the week — by far," Peace said. "We played good defense — especially Darcy Cough in centerfield. She caught the ball and threw it to the pitcher. West Bloomfield managed just two hits and no earned runs against her."

GARDEN CITY 18-4, NOVI 4-0: Novi culminated the week with a pair of lopsided losses to Garden City on May 5.

In game one, starter Mindy Watkins was rocked in the first inning and — in a flash — the Cats were down by five runs.

Novi chipped away at the lead and eventually narrowed the gap to 4-0 after five innings with D'Agostino on the mound making her first pitching appearance ever in relief of Watkins. She was a pleasant surprise, allowing only three runs in four innings, but she lined and surrendered eight runs on five hits and four walks in the sixth and that put it out of reach.

The hitting leaders were D'Agostino (2-for-4), Chris Yankowski (2-for-4) and Deanna Reed (2-for-2 with a pair of walks).

The Cougars pulled ahead 2-0 after two innings in the nightcap and then rallied for four more in the fifth to complete the sweep. Campbell went the full seven innings (six earned runs, four strikeouts, two walks, nine hits) but didn't get much support from the offense. D'Agostino and Stacy Onatry were the only Novi players to register hits.

"We didn't get much going," Peace said. "It was the first time all season we've faced a left-handed pitcher, and I think it really crossed the hitters up."

Novi (8-12 overall and 2-6 in the KVC) will host Milford tomorrow (Friday, May 12) in a conference doubleheader under the lights.



Nicki Kasten steps into a pitcher earlier this season

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Foiled again Novi netters lose to Milford

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Despite an earlier guarantee from Novi Coach Jim Newbold, the Wildcat netters failed for the second time this season in their bid to upset KVC-favorite Milford on May 1.

The final score of 4-3 was exactly the same as it was when the two teams met back on April 12.

"We just can't seem to beat them," Newbold said. "Paulo Saranga — our number two singles player — was out with a muscle pull, so that was a big factor, considering we lost by one."

Milford's Jason Kirk gained a measure of revenge by knocking out Ken Chasse, Novi's top singles player. In the first meeting, Chasse stunned Kirk. The rest of the makeshift singles line-up didn't have much success either. Phil Hutchins at No. 2 and Mike Everett at No. 3 both fell in straight sets, making youngster Matt Butler the only singles winner. He beat Pascal Delesselle, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4.

In doubles, Travis Ruetnick and Seung-Won Iwang topped Tim McDonald and Henrick Samuelson (6-1, 7-6) at No. 2, while Andy Anderson and J.J. Mullett at No. 3 turned back Glenn Egan and Dave Caswell

(6-4, 6-3). But Novi's top team of Brian Anderson and Rick Mathias lost in a three-set tie-breaker. Like Chasse at first singles, Anderson and Mathias were victorious against Milford in the first meeting.

NOVI 4, HARTLAND 3: The doubles flights came through on May 3 to help lead the Cats to a close victory over Hartland, but Chasse did his part at No. 1 singles with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Doug Moffat.

Brian Anderson and Mathias outlasted Mike Czap and Duncan Murray (2-6, 6-4, 6-4) for a win in the No. 1 doubles match. Hutchins and Everett handled Scott Carpenter and Don Bender rather easily (6-4, 6-3) at second doubles, and the Andy Anderson/Mullett team provided the margin of victory with a 7-6, 6-4 triumph over John Aldighieri and Joel Allmand at third doubles.

"I am very happy with the way the doubles teams are playing," Newbold said. "Every meet, we seem to be getting two and sometimes three points out of the doubles."

NOVI 5, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 2: Three doubles victories paced the

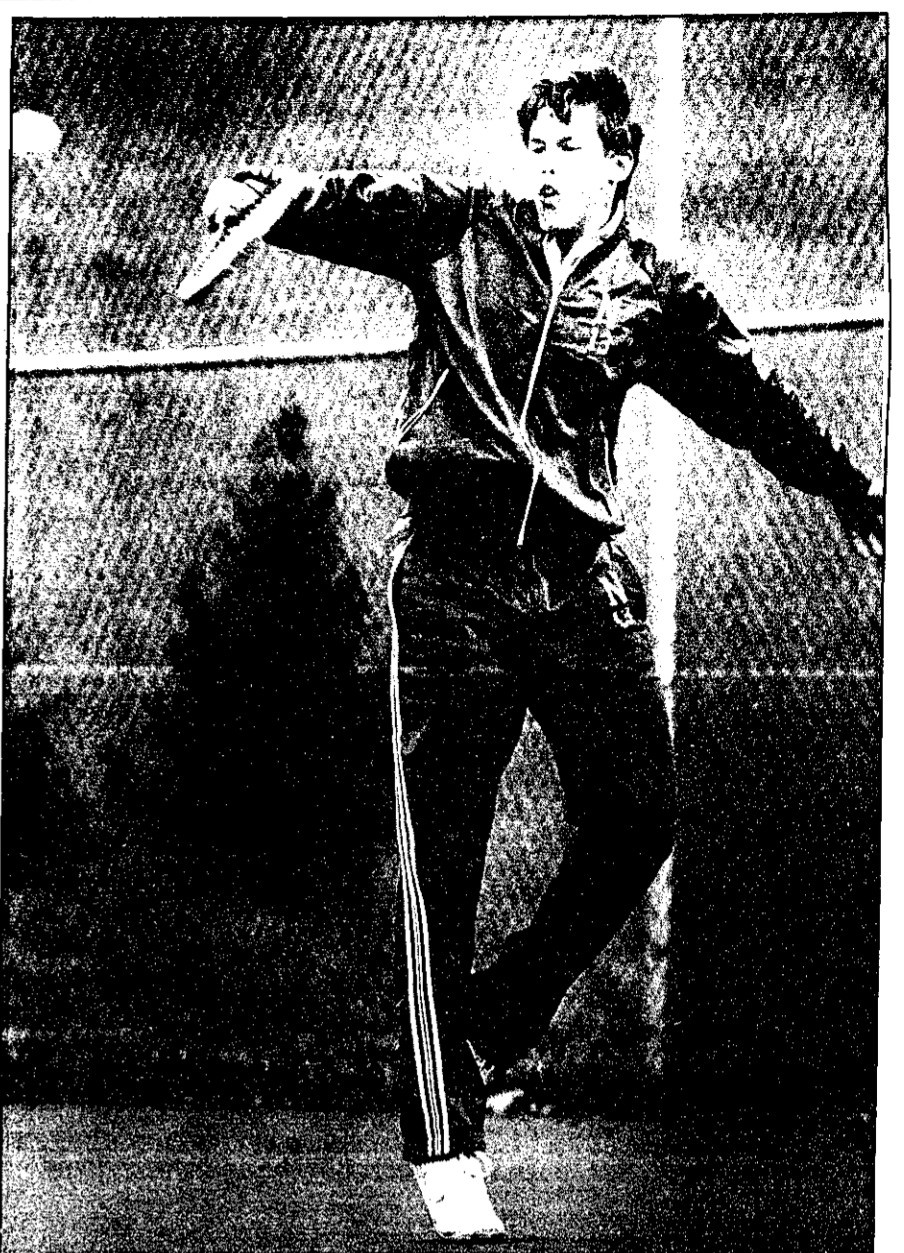
Cats to this non-conference win over the Warriors on May 4.

Brian Anderson and Mathias earned a case of pop from Newbold with a 6-0, 6-0 dismantling of the Warrior's Vince Brust and Jason Tabacak in the first doubles match. Hutchins and Everett cruised past Scott Edward and J.R. Morton at second doubles (6-4, 6-2), and Andy Anderson and Mullett kept their winning streak alive with a 6-0, 6-4 victory against John Bull and Brad Stoller at third doubles.

Against his better judgement, Newbold put Saranga back into the line-up against Western but he lost a tough three-setter and is still being bolstered by the muscle pull. Chasse managed a 7-6, 6-2 win over Rex Noren at first singles. And Hwang topped Nate Slovaks (7-5, 6-1) at third singles.

"Except for putting Saranga back in too early, it was a good practice match for us," Newbold said. "We're slowly getting more and more youngsters into the line-up, and they are performing well. That's why I'm so optimistic about next season. There is some good talent out there."

Novi (7-6 overall and 5-3 in the KVC) is scheduled to host Walled Lake Central today (Thursday, May 11) in another non-conference clash.



Ken Chasse holds down the first singles slot for the Novi net team

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Thinclads continue march toward KVC championship

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Federpsiel in the discus (114-8"), Chris Kohl and Jeff Schram in the high jump (both at 5'4"). Kohl in the 400 (55.46), Richardson in the long jump (18'9"), Mark Stodack in the pole vault (10'0"), Lethemon in the 100 (11.59), Fitzpatrick in the 200 (24.36) and Brian Molloy in the two-mile (10:26.26).

The long-awaited battle in the 100 between Brighton's John Zarembo and Novi's two quickest sprinters — Oscar Marino and Richardson — never materialized. Marino was nursing a hamstring pull and didn't compete in the meet, and Richardson was used in other events for team reasons.

Scoring third-place points for the undefeated Wildcats were Johnson in the shot put (39'3"), Brad Brockman in the discus (113'2"), Steve Myers in the pole vault (10'9"), Rico Lapinski in the 110 high hurdles (17.26), Ken Fenchel in the 100 (11.99), Molloy in the mile (5:04.59), Lethemon in the 200 (24.40) and Rob Herman in the two-mile (10:30.88).

87. SOUTH LYON 50: The Cats remained atop the KVC standings (5-0, 7-0 overall) with a relatively easy win over a stubborn South Lyon squad on

May 4.

"They always seem to rise to the occasion against us, so I was actually more nervous about this meet than Brighton," Smith admitted. "At one point, it was very close until the field event scores started coming in. Our kids were not psyched-up for it because they were expecting an easy win."

Novi ended up winning 11 of 17 events. The firsts included Thompson in the shot put (42'1"), Johnson in the discus (123'3"), Schram in the high jump (5'10"), Mielke in the pole vault (11'6"), Rob Rasmussen in the mile (4:45.8) and the two-mile (10:12.2), Richardson in the 300 intermediate hurdles (41.9) and Bret VanDyke in the 800 (2:09.5).

Also scoring firsts were the mile relay team of Koth, VanDyke, Jeff Morrison and Fenchel (3:48.7), the 800 relay team featuring Lethemon, Johnson, Richardson and Fitzpatrick (1:34.8), and two-mile relay team of Rohatgi, Rob Neil, Rasmussen and VanDyke (9:08.9).

The runner-up finishes came from Jeffers in the 400 (53.2), Rohatgi in the 800 (2:10.3), Herman in the two-mile (10:42.8), Lapinski in the 110 hurdles (16.9), Lethemon in the 100 (11.2), Aaron Federpsiel in the discus (112'1/2"), Kohl in the high jump (5'10") and Richardson in the long

jump (17'6").

MADISON RELAYS: Without taking a single senior or junior, Novi still managed to place third in this seven-team event last weekend with 82 points — just 14 out of first place.

"It was a great meet for us and our youngsters that the non-200 sophomores and freshmen were more than competitive against everybody else's seniors and juniors. We ended up placing in every single event."

The Wildcats managed a pair of firsts. The two-mile relay team of Herman, Joe Taylor, Brian Murphy and Molloy took the honors (8:53.86) and so did the distance medley team of Tim Gakkegos, Tony Stubbs, Herman and Molloy (11:38.03).

The seconds came in the high jump — with Schram (5'10"), Krueger (5'1") and Andy Beat (5'0"), the discus — with Federpsiel (sophomore record 120'3"), Scott Mackrecher (89'6") and Jim Kehoe (82'9"). The 100-yard low hurdles — with Mark Havel, Joe Taylor, Stubbs and Schram (1:24.6); the shot relay — with Rob Fieta, Kehoe, Federpsiel and Mackrecher (1:53.8) and the long jump — with Taylor (16'9"), Fieta (15'2") and Derrill Lowry (14'2").

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Scoreboard

KVC: Eagle nine hurt by injuries

The Lakeland softball team will have to dig deep to find the tools necessary to defend its Kensington Valley Conference title.

For the third time this season, the Eagles have a player sidelined due to injury.

Power hitter Karen Grace sprained her ankle in a scrimmage with Ann Arbor Pioneer earlier this month.

That left the Eagles 1-0 overall and 0-1 in the conference. The Redskins are a dismal 2-4-2.

NETTING A WINNER: Although the Lakeland tennis team is winless both overall and in the KVC, the team is paced by perhaps the best singles player in the league.

SPRINTER'S SPORT: Track and field. No matter what they say, it is still a sprinter's sport.

That effort, combined with their prowess in the weight events and surprising victories in the 800- and mile runs, propelled Milford into first place in the KVC race at 3-0 in the conference (5-0 overall).

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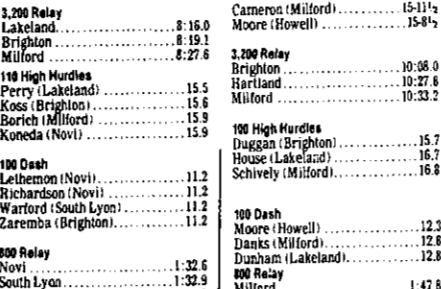
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Wildcats of the Week



STEVE ROSS

Senior baseballer Steve Ross did the job for Novi Coach Gar Frantz at the plate and on the mound last week.

Novi girls win Madison Relays

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

Two dual meet defeats — including one heartbreaking loss — couldn't dampen the spirit of Novi girls' track coach Connie Ahrens.

It was the first time the Novi girls have won a relay event in years and helped soothe the wounds from two more KVC defeats earlier in the week.

The individual firsts came in the distance medley relay, the 180-yard hurdles, the shuttle relay and the shot put relay.

Ahrens: 'It was really nice. It was a big boost to the kids. The KVC is very tough, so it was nice to go someplace outside the league and experience some success.'

The Wildcats won four events and scored 96 points at Madison to notch the win — just four points in front of second-place Madison.

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The Wildcats won 10 of 16 events, but still managed to lose the meet.

Rec Briefs

Eagle Run Classic: The Eagle Run Classic, a sanctioned 10K race and one-mile fun run will be held this Saturday, May 13, at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Summer swim lessons: Registration for swim lessons will be accepted at the Novi High School gym on Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Pool rental: The Novi High School swimming pool is available for groups to rent on Fridays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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

Introduction to sidesaddle: A class titled "Introduction to Sidesaddle" will be offered by Schoolcraft College on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Metropark permits increase: The metropark annual and daily boating permit charges will be increased for 1989.

Girls soccer tryouts: Girls born in 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 who are interested in playing spring soccer for the Livonia Hawks may contact Tom Coyne.

PGA pros coming to Northville

The stars of the PGA Golf Tour are coming to Northville. The American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Metro Buick Dealers will host the second annual Metro Buick Dealers Charity Golf Classic on June 5 at Meadowbrook Country Club.

Michigan Open field will be held Monday, June 5, at Chemung Hills Country Club in Howell, Grand Haven Golf Course in Grand Haven, and Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

Qualifying rounds will be hosted June 6 at Bay Valley Golf and Country Club, Heather Highlands Golf and Country Club in Holly, and Schuss Mountain Golf Course.

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Lycra strong in fitness fashions

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

It may seem like you've been seeing more spandex pants jogging the streets lately, but that's only because you've been seeing more joggers out for the first time this year.

And rarely do you see a jogger any more who isn't equipped with those satiny-looking, light-fitting, knee-length or longer spandex pants.

But look out spandex — there's a new material that's threatening to take over the fitness fashion market, and it isn't just for runners either.

It's called lycra. This synthetic material is similar to spandex, except it's lighter to wear and easier to launder. Lycra made a brief appearance on the market last summer and is in full bloom this season.

"It's a real light stretch material that's great to run in," said sports clothing manager Debbie Lahar at Herman's World of Sporting Goods in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. "It doesn't shrink in the wash, and it's definitely not just for running," she added.

Lahar explained that the material is used a great deal in the manufacture of aerobic wear, including knee-length pants and half-length tank tops.

"It's easier to run in and move around in than a T-shirt, which doesn't move with your body," Lahar said. Conceding that bodies look almost "trapped" in the tight-fitting material, she said the appearance is misleading.

"It seems like it would be hard to run in, but it isn't at all. It's incredibly light and doesn't cut off circulation," she said, comparing the effects to a woman's girdle, which was traditionally made out of

spandex.

In her store, and indeed in most sporting shops with active wear, lycra will be the big thing this year. Most of the major sports clothes manufacturers already have their lycra-wear lines in the stores, said Lahar.

And although the lycra clothes come in mix and match colors, or wildly colored sets, they are definitely not for women only. Plenty of men own lycra bottoms for running or aerobics, and wear the tops too, Lahar added.

Another sporting activity benefiting from lycra — and perhaps more associated with the fabric, is bicycling.

According to Marc Beaudoin, an assistant manager in Northville's D and D Bicycle Shop, lycra pants actually started with the biking industry.

Lycra biking pants are different from other lycra active wear, however, said Beaudoin. The biking pants have a special padding sewn into the crotch that is made from a synthetic material called polypropylene.

"The padding helps absorb the shock and subtle soreness that comes from extended bike riding," Beaudoin explained, saying the padding is very discreet and is only three-eighths of an inch thick.

The fabric brings the same benefits to the biker as it does the runner and aerobic athlete — freer movement without the feeling of heavy or restricted material.

Another benefit of the close-fitting lycra pants, added Beaudoin, is the aspect of aerodynamics. Competitive racing bikers have known that fact for years, he said, which gave rise to the first tight-fitting biking pants.



Jason Riddell models what accessories very fashion conscious biker should have. The Lycra-wear pants sell for \$39.99 and the Oakley Blades sunglasses go for \$110.

Program explores osteoporosis

A special program on osteoporosis will be held at the M-Care Center in Northville on Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. Judith Behn, M.D., will speak at the seminar and will answer questions at its conclusion.

Topics include high-risk groups, the role of diet, exercise, medication and lifestyle in controlling osteoporosis and factors affecting the development and progression of the disease.

Call 344-1777 to register. A fee of \$2 is payable at the door.

Fitness Expo: The fifth annual McAuley Spring Tune-Up Run, Walk, Fitness and Children's Expo will be held Saturday, May 20, at the Reichert Health Building on the campus of Catherine McAuley Health Center in Ann Arbor.

The 8-kilometer run and 1.5 mile fun walk will begin at 9 a.m. Wheelchair participants are encouraged to enter the run or walk.

The Fitness and Children's Expo will run from 7:30 to 11 a.m. For adults there will be information on fitness plus free cholesterol testing, blood pressure screening, body fat composition analysis and nutrition displays. The Children's Expo will include fun health tests, nutritious snacks, free health certificates, giveaways and a special guest appearance by Ronald McDonald.

The entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 14 and senior citizens. Both runners and walkers will receive a T-shirt.

Registration forms must be postmarked by May 12. Late registration will be held in the Reichert Health Building on May 19 from 3-8 p.m. For entry forms or more information call 572-4000. Parking is free.

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.

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Fitness notes

A package of information is available by calling 938-5186.

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

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

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

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.

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

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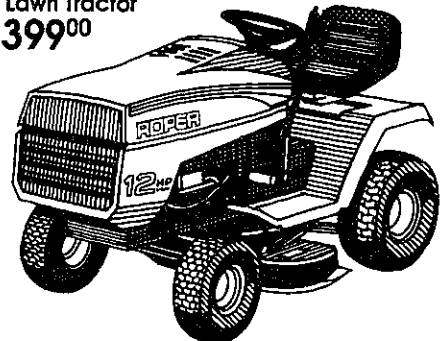
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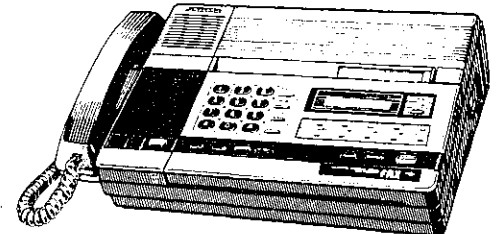
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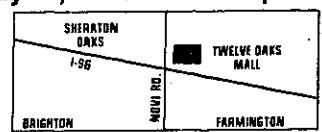
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Fitness Tips

What to do when kids have fevers

By TONI WILSON, R.N.
special writer

In many cases parents can trust their own judgment about their child's illness because they know their child's health, moods and habits. However, parents should call a physician if the child looks or acts much different from normal, especially if fever is present.

The average body temperature is 98.6 degrees. Generally speaking, a fever is present if the temperature taken under the tongue is above 99.5, the temperature taken by rectum is above 100, or the temperature measured under the arm is above 99 degrees.

Fever itself is not an illness, but a sign that something is wrong. Fever is the body's way of fighting an infection. Most fevers are due to viral illnesses that last two or three days. The fever may range from 101 to 104 degrees.

Teething does not cause fever. A common cause of fever in small children is ear infections. Children can be comfortable and even playful

with temperatures of 104 degrees. On the other hand, they can be seriously ill and have only mildly elevated temperatures. The key to determining the seriousness of an infection is not body temperature but the way a child looks and acts.

Fevers are often accompanied by shivering or sweating. Many children with mildly elevated temperatures have no other symptoms. As the temperature rises, however, the fever becomes more apparent — breathing becomes faster and the skin appears flushed. When fever approaches 104 degrees a child is likely to become listless and uncomfortable. Uncomplicated convulsions from fever are believed to be harmless and happen in approximately 4 percent of children, but a doctor should be called if this happens.

An electronic thermometer is recommended for children because it is safer, faster and easier than a glass mercury thermometer. Forehead strips are not very accurate and sometimes fail to detect fevers.

If you are unsure about how to take your baby's temperature, the nurse at your doctor's office will be happy to show you.

Children with a fever should be given extra clear liquids to drink to prevent dehydration. Popsicles, gelatin, gelatin water and cold drinks are good choices. Dress your child in light clothing. Children over two months old can be given Tylenol or Tempra to help bring the fever down. Follow dosage directions according to age and weight.

If the fever is still elevated over half an hour after anti-fever medication is given, sponge the child with lukewarm water. Do not add alcohol to the water.

You should call the doctor if your child:

- Has a temperature higher than 104 degrees.
- Is less than two months old and accl ill.
- Is difficult to awaken.
- Is confused or delirious.
- Is crying unconsolably.
- Is acting very sick.
- Has a seizure.

- Has difficulty breathing
- Has ear pain.
- Has burning or pain with urination.
- Complains of abdominal pain.
- Has a fever for more than 72 hours.
- Has a fever for more than 24 hours without obvious cause or location of infection.
- Has a fever that ceases for more than 24 hours, then recurs.

During a baby's first few months of life it is important to seek your physician's advice if your baby seems sick even if there is no fever. Your physician should also be contacted if an ill child has not improved with home treatments or if you do not feel confident that you can handle the situation yourself.