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## Parade, services set for Monday

Strike up the band. A spirited, patriotic parade is coming to town. Novi's annual Memorial Day Parade will march through city streets on Monday, May 29, beginning at 10 a.m.

City officials will begin Memorial Day ceremonies at 9 a.m. with a special memorial service at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens at Twelve Mile and Novi Road. The service will include laying of the wreath and a memorial ceremony to honor servicemen of all wars.

Representatives from the Novi VFW and American Legion posts will participate in the special service at Oakland Hills. The public also is invited to attend.

The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Novi Town Center at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. The theme for this year's parade is "American Symbols, A Memorial Remembrance."

Parade coordinator Dan Davis said the parade will begin at the Novi Town Center on Crescent Drive, head south to Ten Mile, and then proceed west to the Novi Civic Center. Parade marchers will also make a stop at the cemetery on Novi Road during the route, Davis said.

Parade participants include the Novi High School and Novi Middle School marching bands, several floats from community service organizations, mini-race cars and specialty vehicles, local scout troops, Novi City Council members, Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn, State Rep. Willis Bullard Jr., Oakland County Commissioner John Calandro and State Sen. Jack Faxon.

Davis said he is awaiting confirmation of a fly-over from Selfridge Air Force Base.

Residents and organizations interested in marching in the Memorial Day Parade are encouraged to contact Davis at the Novi Parks and Recreation office at 347-0400.

Following the parade a memorial service honoring all veterans who served the country will be held at the Veterans Memorial Monument at the Novi Civic Center. The ceremony is expected to begin at approximately 11:30 a.m.



## Sky walkers

Iron workers walk along the steel beams of the 107,000 square foot factory in order to make the construction site of the Progressive Tool Company building. Progressive is constructing a robotic equipment for the Big Three auto makers.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## School arson fire leaves minor damage

By AMY ROSA and PHIL GINOTTI staff writers

An arson fire that was started in a Novi High School art room last Wednesday left minor damage and no injuries, while giving 1,130 students who were evacuated a half-day vacation.

A homemade explosive called a "flint bomb sparkler" was cited by fire officials as the cause of the blaze, which left paper and art supplies damaged in an art storage room.

A 15-year-old Novi freshman is being held at Oakland County Children's Village in connection with the incident.

The fire broke out about 11:40 a.m. during teacher June Fox's jewelry-making class. According to Fox, as soon as some of the students saw smoke and alerted her, she instructed one student to pull the fire alarm and ordered everyone out immediately.

"It happened so fast," said Fox, the day after the blaze. "Those kids were great. Everything went right."

As students were being ushered out of the school, two other teachers brought a fire extinguisher to the storage room and began putting out the fire. The sprinkler system was triggered.

Aside from some burned paint and flooring, the majority of the estimated \$3,500 in damages was caused by smoke and water, said High School Principal Robert Youngberg.

"We were lucky that two teachers got in there right away with an ex-

**Youngberg: 'We were lucky that two teachers got in there right away with an extinguisher. Everyone pulled together and made it out safely.'**

tinguisher," he said. "Everyone pulled together and made it out safely." All the students were evacuated and sent home early, he said.

Youngberg said he has no knowledge about a rumor that a secretary, thinking the alarm was a prank, mistakenly cancelled the alarm and thus caused a delay in firefighters' response. "We checked all throughout the building and treated it (alarm) as if it were a regular fire and evacuated the students," he said.

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□ Fire chief is critical of 10-minute delay in school's reporting of fire/10A

## Developer still fighting election

By PHIL GINOTTI staff writer

As of Tuesday afternoon, Novi's June 6 ballot question was still expected to go as planned, although attorneys challenging the referendum were expected to mount a serious challenge to it this week.

Norman Hyman, developer Lee Walter's attorney, said this week that he will ask Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien for a ruling to immediately stop the planned June 6 referendum question — which would seek to stop plans for a grocery store and convenience center at the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection from moving forward.

"We are going to ask the court for a ruling that referendum doesn't apply to the ordinance that rezoned our land to B-1," Hyman said. "We're going to ask the court to enjoin the referendum election."

Hyman said he hoped for a hearing on the matter "within a week." Walter is currently engaged in a lawsuit with the city over the

referendum. He sued after the council put the matter on the ballot, following a petition drive by the group Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD).

That referendum would decide whether or not Walter would be allowed to build a grocery store and convenience center — Briarwood Plaza — on the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said there was virtually nothing to update on the lawsuit this week.

"As far as I know, the election is still going on," Watson said.

He said most of the depositions of CRD members were completed but that no formal hearing date has been set in Circuit Court. CRD petition circulators were subpoenaed by Walter two weeks ago to give testimony that will be entered into the court record of the case.

Watson said it was unclear what

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## Area cities develop waste plans

By PHIL GINOTTI staff writer

Members of the Southwest Oakland County Solid Waste Consortium (SOCSWC) would construct a regional recycling center, but go along with the county on siting a landfill and incinerator, according to a set of recommendations handed down Wednesday night (May 17).

SOCSWC would also unite to form an authority, which would deal with solid waste for the six community group.

Plans were unveiled Wednesday night at the Southfield Civic Center to city council members from the six communities that make up the consortium — Novi, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Southfield, Walled Lake and South Lyon.

"In the next month or so, we should see some action," said Novi Department of Public Services (DPS) Director Lenora Jadun. "We're on a pretty tight schedule the rest of the way."

"It basically laid out the direction we should be taking with solid waste," she said.

SOCSWC will first seek to establish an "authority," which would give the communities funding and billing power to manage municipal solid waste programs for the member communities. If the member communities approve, SOCSWC would be able to move forward with the construction of a 20-25 acre recycling center, equipped to handle newspaper and other types of paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, metal, bulky wood and yard

wastes. Member communities would be asked to submit a possible location for such a facility before a final site is selected. Construction should be completed by 1992, according to current plans.

"It's a good plan," said Novi City Councilwoman Martha Hoyer. "I'm encouraged that we're talking about having it going by 1992. We're moving much faster than other Oakland County plans."

SOCSWC member city councils would be asked to approve individual parts of the authority plan as early as this summer. Resolutions approving SOCSWC's articles of authority are due to be passed by each city council the first week in June. The authority could be in place as early as mid-July, pro-

viding it is not challenged in court.

The authority would then be free to contract with member communities, though the recycling center isn't expected to be built for another two years.

The recommendations specifically call for the authority to operate on a "utility basis," recovering costs from user fees charged to solid waste generators.

It is still too early to tell what impact the authority might have on homeowners' refuse collection bills.

SOCSWC members are also recommending floating revenue bonds to construct and manage the recycling facility, with bond debt payments made through the collection of user fees.

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## Paper to publish new home section

The Novi News will begin publishing June 1 a new Creative Living section which will showcase the area's booming real estate activity.

Creative Living, a separate section to be published every Thursday as part of The News, will include all of the newspaper's real estate advertising as well as stories and pictures of interest to homeowners and potential homeowners.

The new section will also appear in The Northville Record, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald which, like The News, are community newspapers published by Sliger/Livingston Home Newspapers.

The new section was announced jointly by Rich Periberg, general manager of Sliger/Livingston Home Newspapers, and Phil Jerome, managing editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

"Our new Creative Living section offers an exciting housing community to our advertisers," said Periberg. "Advertisers will have the flexibility to zero in on as large or as specific of a market as they desire."

The section will be patterned after the highly successful Creative Living section in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a twice-weekly suburban Detroit newspaper chain owned by Suburban Communications Corporation, which also owns Sliger/Livingston Home Newspapers.

Advertisers in the new Creative Living section will reach audiences in the fast-growing Novi, Northville, Milford and South Lyon communities. Advertisers will also have the opportunity to place their ads in the Creative Living section of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, or in Country Living, a similar real estate section published

weekly in the Livingston County Press and The Brighton Argus.

"Our various zones allow an advertiser to reach a suburban audience ranging from Rochester to Plymouth to Howell or to concentrate on a specific target area," said Periberg.

"The Creative Living section is extremely popular in the Observer & Eccentric papers, and the Country Living section has proved equally popular in our Livingston County papers."

"We are very excited about the new Creative Living section," said Jerome. "The news content will be tailored to the homeowner or the potential homeowner in the Novi, Northville, South Lyon and Milford communities."

"It should be a valuable product for the advertiser and the reader alike."

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Not all the participants in the CROP Walk sponsored by the Novi Ministers Association last Sunday actually walked the full 10 kilometers. The 6.2 mile course from the Meadowbrook Congregational Church on Meadowbrook Road to the Church of the Holy Cross on Ten Mile proved no problem whatsoever for Allison Simms — all she had to do was climb on board and leave the driving

to mom, Sandy Simms. Approximately 85 CROP walkers turned out Sunday and raised funds in excess of \$3,500 to fight hunger. Seventy-five percent of the money raised will go to Church World Services, while the remaining 25 percent will be used for Novi programs designed to serve needy local residents.

## Bus service coming to Novi via federal funds

By BOB NEEDHAM  
staff writer

Novi plans to get its first regular passenger bus service — three lines to Twelve Oaks Mall — as part of a major expansion of suburban bus routes.

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) — a newly formed entity replacing SEMTA — last week announced a 60-bus expansion to be funded by a federal grant.

The money will allow extensive new bus routes in the tri-county area, including several regular passenger lines in the Novi / Northville area.

If the expansion goes into effect as planned, area residents will see buses running on Sheldon, Novi, Eight Mile, Haggerty and Grand River, according to John Sajovec, SMART's director of service development and planning. It will be the first regular passenger bus service ever to run in Novi, he said.

The expansion goes into effect in two phases, the first adding 24 buses and the second adding 36 buses. The first phase of service is expected to start within a few months, but the second phase will not begin until next year, Sajovec said.

The planned new routes are:  
 □ A bus line starting at Grand River and Seven Mile, running up Grand River through Farmington and southeast Novi, taking either Grand River or Ten Mile to Novi Road, and then going up to Twelve Oaks Mall. This line has been included as a definite part of phase one, Sajovec said.  
 □ A new line running off an existing line which comes on Ford Road

into Canton. The new line will come up Sheldon, briefly detour into downtown Plymouth, come back up Sheldon into Northville Township, continue through the City of Northville on Center Street, then go out Eight Mile to Novi Road and up to the mall. This may be part of either phase one or phase two.

□ A line starting in Westland, coming up Merriman to Joy, Joy west to Farmington, up Farmington to Six Mile, west on Six Mile to Haggerty and then up to Grand River where it will follow approximately the same route as the first line. This may be also part of either phase.

In the more distant future there may be even more expansion in the same route as the first line. This may be also part of either phase.

The expansion will be the first fixed route ever into Novi, Sajovec said. In the past Novi has only had some small-bus connector service, he said.

These new routes will also be the first regular passenger bus service to the entire Novi / Northville area in several years. An old bus route along Seven Mile and up into downtown Northville was cancelled in 1981, Sajovec said. The Detroit Department of Transportation runs a few buses to the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, but those are not designed as regular passenger lines, he said.

The booming development in Novi and Northville drove the decisions for the new lines, Sajovec said. The schedules for the new routes are not yet set, and there is no firm date for the start of the new bus service. The start-up depends in part on

when SMART reaches a contract agreement with its bus drivers' union. Sajovec said labor protection agreements are taking some time.

"Those are a little bit time consuming. We're hoping it's a matter of months away rather than a matter of years," he said.

The plans also hinge on getting more federal grant money for the later stages of expansion. "We're hopeful that phase two isn't too long after phase one," Sajovec said.

The first part of the grant is \$12 million, which was presented to SMART last week by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration. It is the first of a projected three-year grant which could give SMART \$28.5 million total.

SMART officials hope to combine the federal money with \$12.5 million in matching funds from the State of Michigan.

"Our goal is a combined federal and state commitment to public transportation in this region of \$41 million over the next three years," SMART Chairperson Patrick Nowak said in a press release. "When SMART was created, we promised the residents of this region that we would improve and expand public transportation to better meet their mobility needs. We are now working to obtain the financial resources to do that."

The federal grant includes a program to meet emissions requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency in which mass transportation services will test alternative fuels.

## Firemen collect oil from spill

An oil spill near the Crystal Glens office park in southern Novi will be monitored this week by Novi fire officials, according to Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. Lenaghan said about 30 gallons of the oil spilled from a backup generator serving one of the offices Saturday afternoon, after a power failure. The generator apparently kicked out at about 4 p.m., but fuel began spurting out of a faulty part on the generator shortly thereafter.

The oil collected in several drains and eventually began showing up in a stormwater retention pond in front of the Novi Hilton, near Eight Mile and Haggerty Road.



Drumming up business

If you want to make it big in business today, you've got to have a gimmick. That apparently was the strategy adopted by Shirley Ellis last week when she donned a clown suit and grabbed a giant

crayon to drum up a little business for a garage sale held by the Willowbrook subdivision. A little marketing strategy never hurt anybody, right Shirley?

## Maples of Novi earns approvals

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

The proposed Maples of Novi Planned Unit Development (PUD) took another step forward last week, but the "crucial" date for the project lies just around the corner.

Maples, sponsored by Classic Construction of West Bloomfield, received several variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Tuesday night (May 16), aimed at getting preliminary aspects of the project up and going. The project comes up for Planning Commission review May 31 at the Novi Civic Center.

"It's moving forward," said Novi Assistant Planner John Schlegel. "To say the least, this is quite an undertaking." Classic Construction official Larry DePriest said the ZBA approvals will allow the project to continue through the planning stages.

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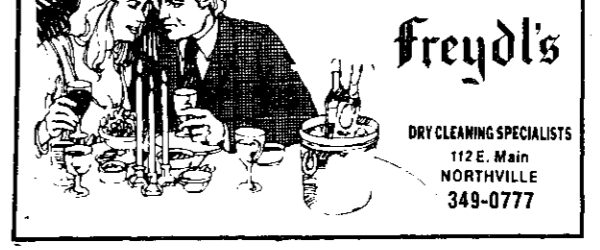
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## Marko to account for missing work

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

Novi Building Inspector Ken Marko is currently on medical leave — due to alleged high blood pressure — after facing the threat of disciplinary action over missing several workdays last week.

Marko was reportedly teaching at a radon seminar in Marquette Thursday and Friday and missed work.

Marko said he took vacation time last week to attend the seminar Thursday through Wednesday, but opted to stay an additional two days teaching a class there. He said he called the building department early Thursday morning to inform them of his actions.

When he returned Monday, he said he was informed by Building Official Earl Bailey that a meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. that day, between him, union officials, and Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, who handles all personnel matters.

Marko, feeling ill, said he went to a doctor, who prescribed two days of rest due to an unusually high blood pressure reading.

"I'm out," Marko said in an interview Monday. "I guess I'm shocked at what is happening. I can't believe it's happening."

Bailey wouldn't comment on the scheduled meeting and wouldn't confirm whether or not it was disciplinary in nature. Several weeks ago, Marko was suddenly relieved of his radon duties by Department of Public Services (DPS) Director Lenora Jadun. The duties were given over to Public In-

formation Director Cindy Stewart. Bailey said the Building Department needed Marko to do building inspections and couldn't afford to have him continue the intense level of work with radon awareness programs.

"That was the only reason," Bailey said. "It was actually cutting into his workload that we have here. We're going into our busiest time of the year."

Jadun, who supervises the Building Department in her role as DPS Director, sent a memo to Marko April 28 telling him to cease his study into radon gas.

"I would expect that you will devote your duties to the building inspection function as you did prior to the radon program," the memo read, in part.

Jadun later said she thought radon was a public information matter, more appropriately handled by Stewart.

Marko had been attending seminars and working with residents about the potentially harmful gas since last fall, when some unusually high radon test results were discovered in southwest Oakland County.

He created the "Radon Buster" outfit, which city officials used to promote various radon awareness programs. The city has been penalized for having the most aggressive home-based radon program in the state by several people, including American Lung Association official Alex Johnson.

Marko is not due to return to work until later this week.

## City adjusted \$4.5 million in taxes

The City of Novi granted about \$4.5 million worth of adjustments in property value during Board of Review hearings in March, according to Assessor James Klausmeyer.

Most of those adjustments came in the residential category. There were no major reductions in either the commercial or industrial categories, Klausmeyer said, and just one appeal from a local strip mall operator seeking to have an assessment reduced due to a lack of tenants.

"We didn't give anything away in commercial or industrial," Klausmeyer said. Board of Review hearings were held in March of this year. Altogether, about 1,000 appeals were filed, Klausmeyer said.

The board is charged with reviewing assessments and ruling on cases where the State Equalized Value (SEV) may have exceeded 50 percent of the market value of a home, property, or commercial venture. The board also rules on hardship cases.

Review figures show a 15.3 percent increase in the average residential property, 5.7 percent increase for the average industrial property and 6.1 percent increase for commercial.

When new construction is added in the city's overall tax base rises to \$909 million. Over \$430 million of that comes from residential, \$275 million from commercial, \$83 million from industrial, and \$23 million from agricultural.

Klausmeyer said the overall SEV — which places the community ninth among Oakland County communities — is likely to rise substantially in the next two years.

"We should be moving up a couple of notches," Klausmeyer said.

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1989 Novi School Election

The Candidates' VIEWS

Does the Novi Community School District place too much emphasis on test scores? Why? Other than statistics, what exemplifies a superior school system?

Julie Abrams



The Novi school district places proper emphasis on test scores. Tests given each year serve as a valuable diagnostic tool for assessing pupil's progress and curriculum needs.

Craig Foreback



The most talked about test scores have, of course, been the MEAPs. Other than an article in the District Newsletter and an article in the local paper there has not been an excessive emphasis on test scores in print.

Sally Marchak



Perhaps the question should read a little differently. Does the Novi school district place too much emphasis on the wrong type of tests?

John Strelt



The question is really not one of too much or too little emphasis on test scores. Rather it is a question of what emphasis and the direction of the emphasis.

Four candidates are vying for two four-year terms on the Novi Board of Education. The 1989 annual school election is Monday, June 12.

This is part four in a series of five questions presented to each school board candidate by The Novi News, followed by their responses. The remaining questions will be featured in subsequent issues of The News to give our readers a chance to become familiar with the candidates' views.

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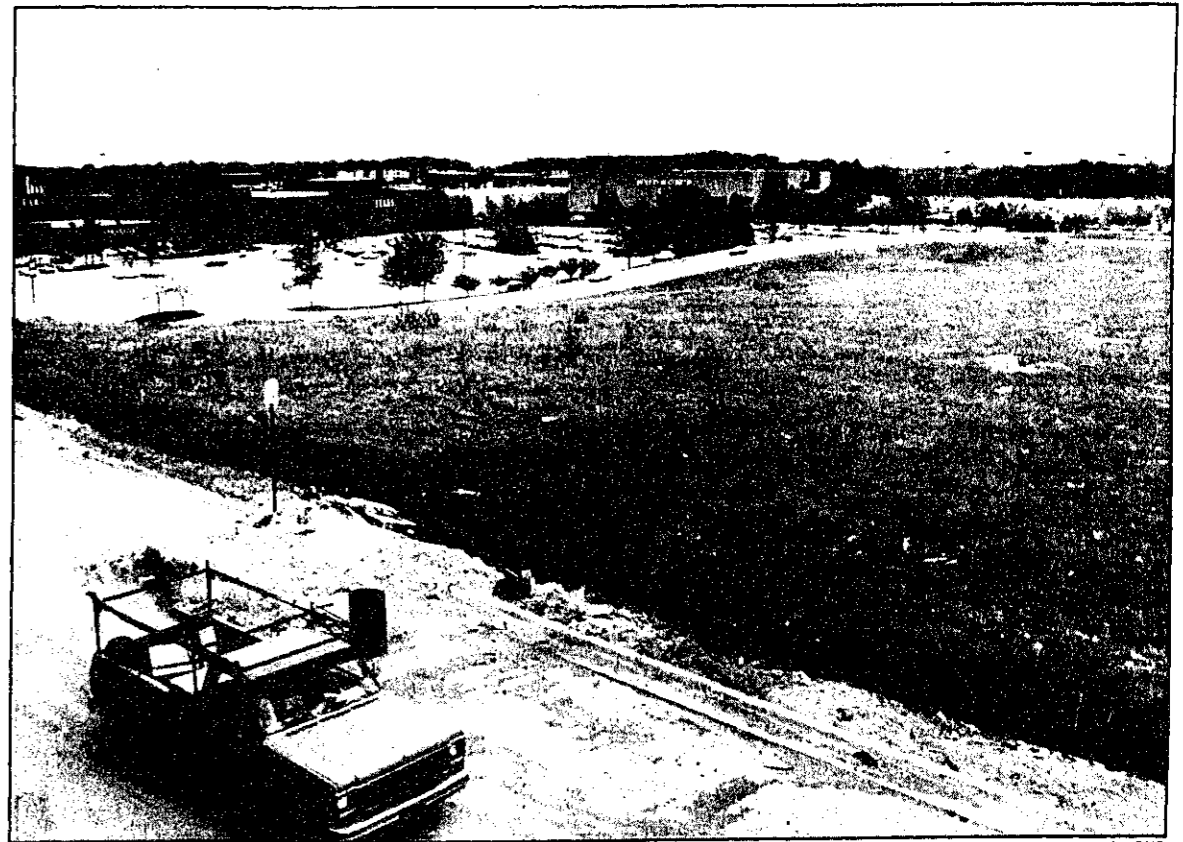
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New hotel plan OK'd by planners

By AMY ROSA staff writer

Plans for a proposed fourth "business class" hotel in the City of Novi received preliminary approvals from city planners last week. Developers for the proposed Hotel Baromette, a three-story, 162-room complex with conference rooms and a restaurant, hope to be able to break ground in June, according to the project architectural engineer Warren Growth.



The Hotel Baromette will be constructed on the Twelve Oaks Mall peripheral property

Novi News/CHRIS BOYO

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# Rouge cleanup slated for June 3

Novi residents are being asked to step forward and volunteer to help clean up the Rouge River.

Rouge Rescue '89 is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, starting at 8 a.m. Novi workers will meet behind the Michigan Tractor facility, at 24800 Novi Road. Residents are urged to call the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 347-0495 to get on volunteer lists to help out in the cleanup.

An estimated 2,000 workers are expected to turn out at 22 major sites along the course of the Rouge River.

The past four years, local workers have removed 16 logjams and approximately 60 cubic yards of material from the heavily-cluttered Novi portions of the river. That amounts to about 12 average dump truck loads.

The middle branches of the Rouge River stretch from Walled Lake through Novi and into Northville and Plymouth. The ultimate destination is the Detroit River.

Friends of the Rouge, a Livonia-based group that sponsors the event, estimates that about 10,000 cubic yards of debris and 225 logjams have been removed from the river in the last three years.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recognized Friends of the Rouge by awarding the group the "Keep Michigan Beautiful Award" for the second straight year.

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Novi officials have already logged the areas where the most serious problems exist. They will not disturb logjams that appear to have no negative impact on the river, according to Department of Public Services Director Lenora Jadun. Lunch will be provided after the cleanup effort.



Novi News/PHIL GINOTTI

## Mayor's Exchange Day

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall (foreground) explains the city's Shoreline Project to officials from Petoskey during Mayor's Exchange Day activities on Tuesday. Listing to Kriewall's explanation are Petoskey Mayor Joseph Kilbourn, City Manager George

Korthauer and Councilman Gerald King. Novi officials visited Petoskey on Monday in conjunction with annual Michigan Week activities.

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## New Novi shops aim to fill needs of fitness buffs

By MAUREEN NASZRADI

Randy Step is picking up the pace. The Northville resident this month is opening his fourth and fifth specialty fitness stores. A regular competitor in endurance sports, Step now is putting his business acumen to the test.

After developing a clientele of new and regular patrons at his three Ann Arbor stores, Step looked to the booming Novi area for his next venture.

The two new stores will be located in the Novi Town Center on Novi Road at Grand River and will keep the same names as the original stores — Running Fit and Fitness Source. Step's third Ann Arbor store is Top Floor Sports.

Step is more than doubling his current retail operations in an effort to again capture what he calls "niche" markets — people specifically seeking a technical running shop or an outlet for high-end home gym equipment.

"I'm opening the new stores to make a successful business better," Step said. His goal: to eventually corner those "niche" markets in the Detroit area.

The entrepreneur said he

subscribes to the theory that all retail business eventually will fall into two categories: the stores that sell everything, cheap, and the stores that are highly specialized and do things right, handling sales, set-up and service.

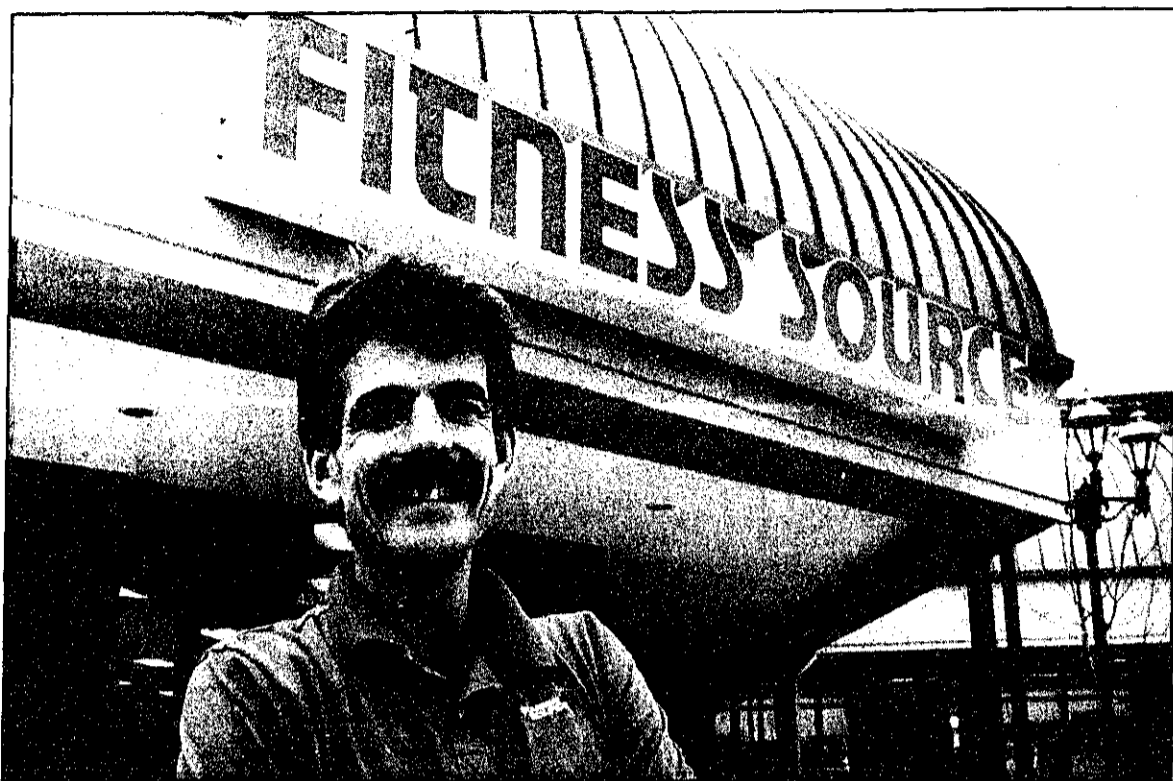
Step said even if 100 people walked into Running Fit asking for basketball shoes, he wouldn't stock them. "There's no place for them there."

What really makes Step's goal credible is his enthusiasm for the activities that his businesses supply.

Step surrounds himself with health-oriented activities. He and his wife, Kathy, have trained for and competed in the Ironman Triathlon, which requires swimming, biking and running expertise.

Among their many contributions to the running community, the Steps founded the Redford Roadrunners. The 140-member club runs every week and hosts the Roadrunner Classic, the Michigan Trail Marathon, the Free Press training run and several smaller area races. Runners meet at their home every day.

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Northville's Randy Step is opening two of his popular fitness stores in the Novi Town Center

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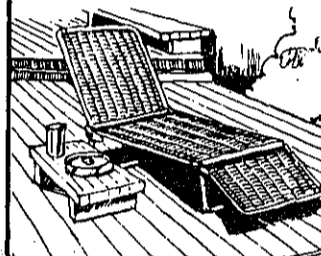
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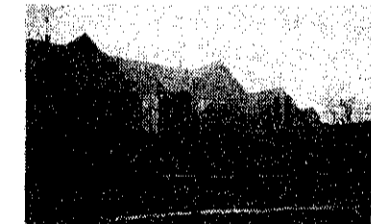
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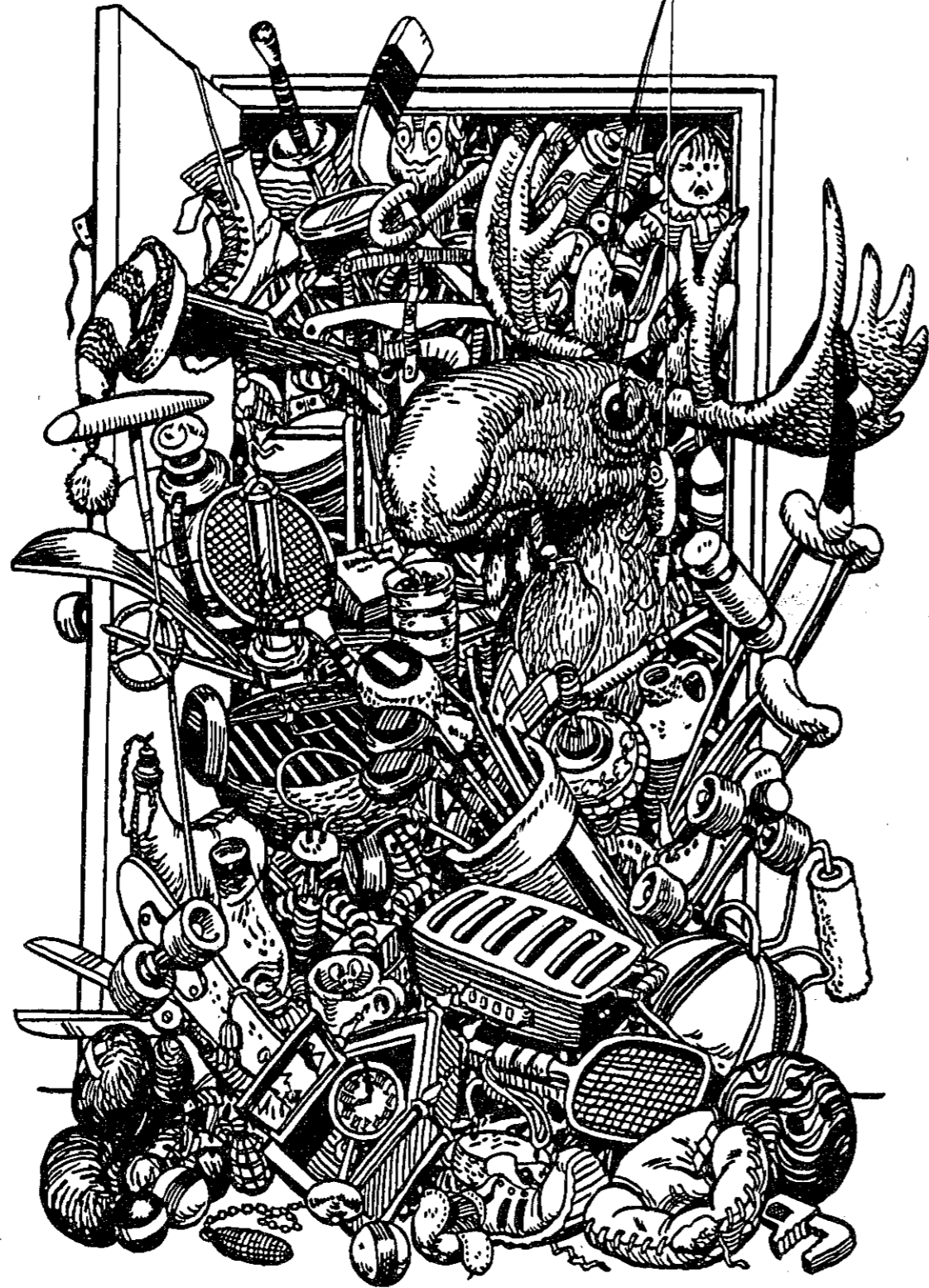
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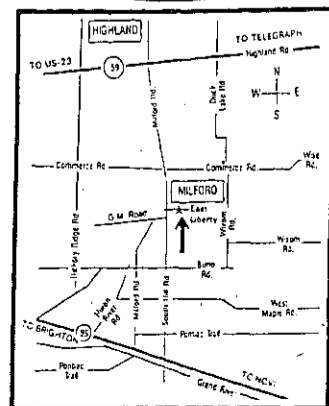
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## Summer brings promises of music

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to host concerts

Music and summer go together like creamy vanilla ice cream and rich hot fudge.

When warm breezes prompt us to spend more time outside, it gives us the perfect chance to take in a musical performance.

Big name bands and performers will appear at the Fox Theater, Pine Knob and Meadowbrook Music Festival throughout the

summer. But residents don't have to stray very far from home to enjoy quality, entertaining music.

In the upcoming weeks and months, local bands and musical groups will be on hand to entertain us. Following is a list of concerts and featured performers. Unless otherwise specified, the listed concerts offer free admission.

## Novi

Melodies will be echoing from Novi city limits during the summer. The Novi Arts and Culture Committee hosts its Summer Concert Series again this year, with performances planned outside the Novi Civic Center. Popcorn, lemonade and frozen candy will be available for purchase at all of the summer concert series performances. In case of rain, the concert will be moved inside.

The Michigan Fifties Festival rolls into town at the end of July, promising concerts by the Contours. Residents will have a chance to show off their performing talents, as well, during the Fifties Festival Lip Sync Contest on Thursday, July 27, at 8:30 p.m. outside the Happy Days Tent at the Novi Town Center. Auditions will be held July 18 and 20 beginning at 7 p.m. and continuing every 15 minutes at the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0400 to reserve an audition time.

Here is a list of scheduled concerts in Novi:

Thursday, June 1, 7 p.m. Novi Community School District Spring Festival of the Arts, a choir concert and artwork display, at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. Novi Concert Band at the Finnish Culture Center.

Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m. Gemini presents a concert at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center.

Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. Novi High School Band Pops Concert in the high school commons. Music will be played by the Novi High

School Jazz and Symphony bands. In case of rain, the concert will be moved inside the commons.

Friday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. Novi Concert Band at the Northville Gazebo.

Friday, June 30, 7 p.m. As part of its Summer Concert Series, Novi Arts and Culture Committee (NACC) hosts a performance by the Brookside Jazz Ensemble outside the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, July 7, 7 p.m. Big Town, a blues band, at 7 p.m. outside the Novi Civic Center, part of the summer concert series.

Friday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. Novi Concert Band at the Northville Gazebo.

Friday, July 14, 7 p.m. Wall Lipiec Orchestra, featuring the Marzurka Dancers, at the Novi Civic Center. A Summer Concert Series performance.

Friday, July 21, 7 p.m. Novi Concert Band at the Novi Civic Center, a summer concert series feature.

Saturday, July 29, 3, 7 and 9 p.m. Concerts by the Contours, during the Michigan Fifties Festival, in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium. Tickets are \$10. For more information about tickets and seats call 349-3988.

Friday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series continues with a dixieland performance by the Good Ol' Days Jazz Band at the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m. Friends and Strangers, a top 40 musical group, at the Novi Civic Center, another summer concert series selection.



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Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. The concert series winds down with a performance by the Rhinelanders, a German band at the Novi Civic Center.

All of the concerts included in the Summer Concert Series are sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Foundation and Providence Hospital Novi Center.

## Northville

Musical performances and entertainment will be featured Friday, June 23, from 3-10 p.m. and Saturday, June 24, from 3-10 p.m., during Northville's Summersong Festival. Also on Saturday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. a street dance will be held around the bandshell with big band music by Joe Vitale. Other featured bands include Big Daddy Lackowski. The event is sponsored by the Northville Merchants Association.

The 13th annual Blue Grass Festival comes to town Sunday, July 30, highlighted by a full day of blue grass and folk music. The festival benefits Huntington's Disease.

Northville Arts Commission presents "Concerts In The Park" every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo on Main Street (across from the town clock). Concerts begin May 26 and run through Sept. 1.

Scheduled performers are listed as follows:

Friday, June 2, Northville Jazz Orchestra.

Friday, June 9, Novi Concert Band.

Friday, June 16, Doree String Quartet.

Friday, June 23, Arbor Winds.

Friday, June 30, Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble.

Friday, July 7, Novi Concert Band.

Friday, July 14, Northville Jazz Orchestra.

Friday, July 21, Detroit Brass Society.

Friday, July 28, Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble.

Friday, Aug. 4, Tom Rice, Mark Mitchell and Jeff Branch.

Friday, Aug. 11, Arbor Winds.

Friday, Aug. 18, Northville Jazz Orchestra.

Friday, Aug. 25, Novi Concert Band.

Friday, Sept. 1, Northville Jazz Orchestra.

## Farmington

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center presents its second season for the Summer Festival of Music. Featured concerts are performed in the outdoor amphitheater on the Community Center grounds, 24705 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills.

Sunday, June 18, 7 p.m. Alexander Zonjic in concert. Tickets are \$10.

Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m. Dances and music by Crossroads Productions. Tickets are \$2.

Friday, July 7, 7 p.m. A mystery cabaret featuring the musical "Who Done It." Tickets are \$12.50.

Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m. "Puppets and Music," a family program by Maureen Schiffman. Tickets are \$2.

Sunday, July 16, 7 p.m. Jerry McKenzie's "Sound Crew." Tickets are \$6.

Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m. Orchard Ridge Arts Camp performance of

"West Side Story." Tickets are \$2.

Sunday, July 23, 7 p.m. Michigan Opera Theater performs "Broadway Show Tunes." Tickets are \$6.

Wednesday, July 26, 7 p.m. "Song Sisters," a children's musical presentation. Tickets are \$2.

Sunday, July 30, 7 p.m. Marcus Belgrave and Phase Two. Tickets are \$6.

Sunday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Folk singer Phil Marcus Esser. Tickets are \$10.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2 and 7 p.m. Gemini, a family folk group. Tickets are \$2.

Sunday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. "B & R," music by Borkowski and Rosochacki. Tickets are \$6.

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m. A guitar jam session with TCC students and Mary McGuire. The concert is free.

Sunday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m. "Footloose," an audience-oriented band. Tickets are \$6.

## Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents Music in the Park, a series of concerts featuring regional musicians, on Wednesdays, June 21 and 28; July 5, 12, 19 and 26; and Aug. 2, 9, 16 and

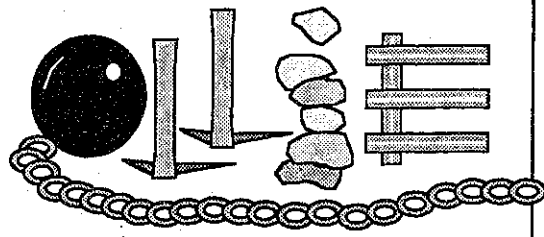
23. The concerts are held at Kellogg Park from noon to 1 p.m. and are free.

Beginning in July, Plymouth Community Band Concerts will be conducted at Kellogg Park.

## Random Sample

**Q:** Should Ollie North go to jail?

Five said: "No"  
Five said: "Yes"



"No, he was only carrying out orders as he saw them."

"Yes, because he was found guilty."

"Jail Reagan"

Random Sample is an unscientific poll conducted by the staff of The Northville Record and The Novi News

## Volunteers

Woman  
serves  
library

By DOROTHY NASH  
special writer

Did you ever wonder how a library runs so effectively? Most often than not, this is made possible by people you never really see.

If you look behind the scenes at the Northville Public Library, for example, you will find an Advisory Commission of seven volunteers meeting twice a month to help provide the kind of service you perhaps take for granted and also may not have expected.

Janis Stevenson, who is vice chairman, frequently presides at the meetings. She said that others in attendance include a Northville Township trustee, the city mayor pro-tem, the library director and assistant library director and a representative of the Friends of the Northville Library.

"We are there," Stevenson said, "to oversee the workings of the library, to share ideas and to assist in problems."

Problems? Yes, problems as varied as arbitrating one employee's salary to evaluating suggestions on a new library site.

One big project in the works now is that of putting local history — city and surrounding county — on computer.

"We're kept apprised," she said, "on the volunteers who are now going around, getting the verbal history for it."

Another project is participation in a search for a director of WOLF (Wayne-Oakland Library Federation), which is a board overseeing the entire library system in the area.

"Our commission," Stevenson said, "is strictly for the Northville Library," but since the library is part of WOLF, the commission is concerned with its smooth operation.

It is because of WOLF that every Northville Library card holder has access to books in the 59 member libraries, and it will eventually also have a computer service of what is available and where to find it.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Janis Stevenson donates time for Northville Library







# Diversions

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## Parks provide family recreation

By AMY ROSA  
staff writer

Spring is definitely in the air with summer fast approaching.

And there's no better time than the Memorial Day weekend to check out what our area parks and lakes have to offer in the way of outdoor fun and relaxation.

For sun and fun with a splash of water, the 13 metroparks of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority provide thousands of acres of woodland picnic areas, beaches and water and the like. The authority serves the citizens of Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

The following is a run-down on those Metroparks nearest the Northville-Novi area.

**KENSINGTON METROPARK**, located on 4,337 acres near Milford and Brighton, is the largest of the group's parks and offers water fun for boaters, swimmers and fishermen.

The 1,200-acre Kent Lake offers two large launching ramps, with sailboats and paddleboats for rent. The lake's speed limit is 10 miles per hour and water skiing is prohibited. Lake fish include bluegill, crappies, walleye, bass and pike.

Beginning Saturday, May 27, the Island Queen sternwheeler boat will resume its 45-minute tours around Kent Lake — daily in the summer and weekends in the spring and fall. Departure from the boat rental dock is from noon until 6 p.m.

Other Kensington parks include two beaches: Martindale and Maple. In addition to an 18-hole golf course, 14 picnic areas and playfields, both beach areas have bath houses, heated showers and food service.

The beaches are also surrounded



Novi News/SCOTT PIPER

Quiet scenes like the one captured above at Kensington Lake are common at the area's Metroparks

by an 8 1/4-mile paved bike trail, nature center and 6 more miles of nature trails.

Kensington Metropark also boasts a farm center with a variety of farm animals, an old barn and hayrides.

Summer farm hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Summer hours for other Kensington park activities are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**HURON MEADOWS METROPARK**, is located on 1,538 acres six miles south of Brighton. This park, although without water sports, has much for the golfer's delight. On site is a Golf Starter Building with an 18-hole course, driving range and food service. The park also has picnic areas and a paved road. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends and holidays and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays.

**LOWER HURON METROPARK** is located on 1,237 acres along the Huron River near Belleville in western Wayne County. Facilities include picnic-playfield areas, shorefishing, an 18-hole gold course, tennis courts, swimming pool and water slide, nature trails and a bike path. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

More information about Kensington, Huron Meadows and Lower Huron Metroparks can be obtained by calling (toll-free) 1-800-24-PARKS.

**DEXTER-HURON METROPARK** is 122 acres wide and located 7 1/2 miles northwest of Ann Arbor. Upon entrance along Huron River Drive, picnic-goers will find shelters, stoves, playfields, swings and other facilities. Park hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call 426-8211.

**DELHI METROPARK**, located near Dexter Huron, is situated on 50 acres just 5 1/2 miles north of Ann Arbor. The Delhi Rapids and picnicking are the primary attractions, with canoe rentals available from May through September. Park hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For canoe rental information contact Skip's Canoe Livery at 769-8686.

Vehicle entry permits are required for the parks: annual — \$10, senior citizens — \$5, or daily — \$2. Nominal fees may apply for some activities.

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## Lakeshore Park Beach to open

The beach at Lakeshore Park in Novi opens for the season on Saturday, May 27. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Lakeshore Park is located on the shores of Walled Lake and offers picnic areas, a multi-purpose field, playground areas, restrooms, a swimming area, a pedal boat rental, lounge chair rental and tennis courts.

The beach offers swimming and sunbathing. Park entry permits will be required for vehicle entry to Lakeshore Park. The permits are free for Novi residents; \$2 per day for non-residents or \$30 for season permits.

Permits can be obtained at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center or at Lakeshore Park. A driver's license and vehicle registration must be presented to obtain a permit. For more information about the park call 347-0400.

**'Grease':** Historic Marquis Theater in downtown Northville announces an extended run of "Grease" due to popular response.

Extra performances will be offered on Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 27 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$9 for the Friday performance and \$10 for the Saturday show.

Tickets for students under 16 are \$7 for all performances. Senior citizen discounts also are

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available.  
For tickets and more information contact the Marquis Theater box office at 349-8110.

**Choir concert:** Novi Community School District presents its Spring Festival of the Arts, a choir concert and artwork display, on Thursday, June 1.

The event will be held at Novi High School's Puerst Auditorium at 7 p.m. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend.

**Pops concert:** Novi High School's annual outdoor Pops Concert will be performed Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m.

Featured performers include Novi High School Jazz and Symphony bands, under the direction of Craig Strain.

The Novi High School Concert Band, directed by Paula Joyner, will also perform. Weather permit-

ting, the concert will be held outside, near the high school commons. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside the commons. Admission is free.

**Concert series:** Northville Arts Commission presents "Concerts in the Park" every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo on Main Street in Northville (across from the town clock).

Concerts begin June 2 and run through Sept. 1. For more information call the Northville Arts Commission hotline at 349-6104.

**Variety show:** Novi Arts and Culture Committee's First Sunday series winds down with a Youth Chorus Concert and Variety Show on the Novi Civic Center stage on Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m. The youth chorus will offer singing, a performance by the Recorder Ensemble and a showcase of individual talents during the special concert. Admission is \$2.

The First Sunday Children's Series will be offered on the first Sunday of every month, except in July, August and September.

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

## Greenfield Village to recall wars

Honoring the men and women who gave their lives for their country has been an American tradition since the Civil War.

Greenfield Village continues this tradition during "America Remembers: A Memorial Day Observance," May 27, 28 and 29.

From Civil War foot soldiers to fighter pilots of the Vietnam War, the nation's armed forces will be saluted with first-person portrayals, weaponry demonstrations, military encampments, musical performances and other special exhibits.

Activities will begin each day at noon with the presentation of the flag by the Michigan National Guard. The ceremony will feature the national anthem, performed by the Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corps.

Military encampments will contrast the lifestyles, clothing, vehicles and equipment from the War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict. Soldiers, dressed in the uniform of the period, will demonstrate the weapons used in combat, from the single-shot flintlock musket to the semi-automatic, M-16 assault rifle.

There is no charge for special weekend activities beyond regular village admission.

**Art show:** The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association will conduct its Spring Pottery Sale on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In case of rain, the show will be held June 10.

The art association is located on

## Nearby



The Stylistics will perform at the Fox Theater this weekend

Cranbrook Road and Fourteen Mile in Birmingham. More than 30 artists will be displaying their pottery. For more information call the association at 644-0866.

**Antique show:** The Villshir of Chesaning will host its first annual "Classic and Antique Car Show" on Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Chesaning Showboat Park.

The show features street rods, classic street machines and antique cars.

Other activities include music, a swap meet, sidewalk sales throughout town and free shuttle service between the park and downtown Chesaning. Admission to the show is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information call the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce at 845-3055.

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## Milford foils Novi's hopes for KVC title

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

Novi Coach Bob Smith and his squad may have seen the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) title slip away on May 16 when they suffered an 83.5 to 53.5 setback in the showdown of the season against Milford.

But the Wildcats certainly didn't go down without a fight.

To get an idea just how competitive the meet was, consider the fact that senior distance specialist Rob Rasmussen set a new school record in the mile (4:33.2) and didn't even place.

The Novi contingent ended up winning five out of 17 events against the Redskins and needed school records in every one to get them.

"We ran and performed the best we possibly could," Smith said. "We gave it all we had, but Milford happens to have some tremendous athletes and depth. We can go toe-to-toe with them on a one-on-one basis, but their great depth was the difference."

Both teams headed into the clash with identical 5-0 conference marks and both were undefeated overall. School records fell for both teams, but it was the Redskins who will head into the KVC Meet on May 23 (after *The News*' deadline) needing only to beat or tie the 'Cats in order to grab sole possession of the season crown.

"If we beat them in the league meet, we'll be co-champs," Smith said. "We're the only team that can give them any sort of problem, so we'll go out and do our best."

Of the six school records set by Novi performers, five were good for first-place finishes.

The highlight of the meet may have been Oscar Merino's outstanding 10.98 effort in the 100-meter dash. It marked the first time a Novi runner has been under 11 seconds in the event and it broke Maurice Richardson's former

record of 11.1 set last season.

"It was a great performance by Oscar, especially considering he's coming off a muscle pull and had missed the previous three or four dual meets," Smith pointed out.

Other individual school records also fell in the pole vault and the 300 intermediate hurdles. Jeff Mielke set a new mark of 13'0" in the pole vault — breaking a 12-year record of 12'11" — and Richardson rewrote the hurdle standard with a time of 40.76.

"We put Maurice in the hurdles when (Matt) Konedra was hurt," Smith said. "He's only been in the event for about a month and he seems to set the record every time he runs it."

The final two records were broken in the sprint relays. Bill Lethemon, Richardson, Jeff Jeffress and Andy Fitzpatrick took the honors in the 400 relay (44.17). And the 800 relay team — featuring Richardson, Merino, Jeffress and Fitzpatrick — took first with a time of 1:31.57.

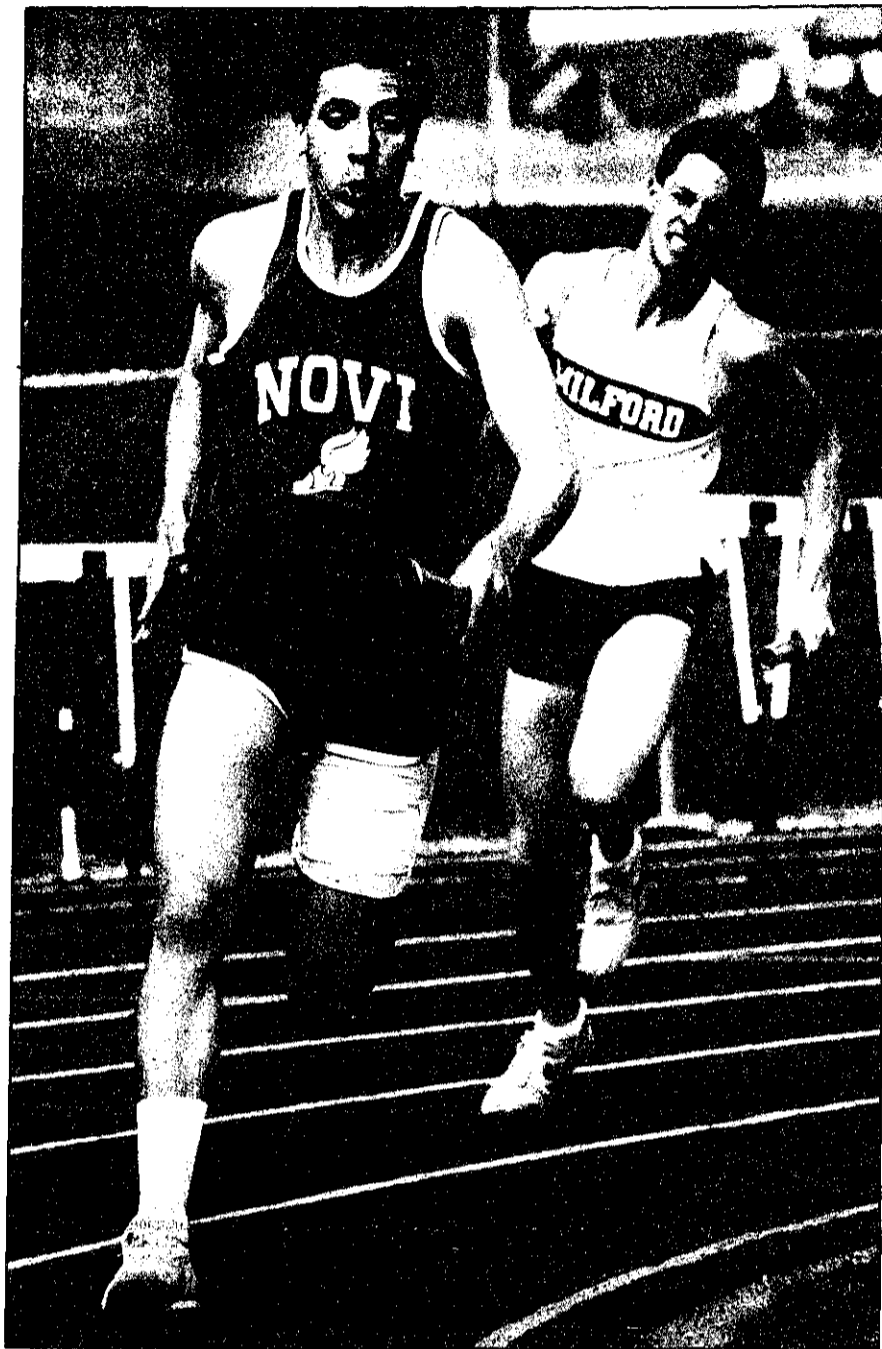
In the 400 relay, the Redskins squad set a new Milford school record and placed second.

"We basically had to break a school record to win an event," Smith remarked. "In Rasmussen's case, even that wasn't enough."

The Novi seconds included Randy Thompson in the shot put (44'5 1/2"), Daren Johnson in the discus (134'11") and the 200 (23.5), Jeff Schram in the high jump (6'2"), Jeffre LaFontaine in the long jump (19'10") and Lethemon in the 100 (11.41).

The thirds included Konedra in both the 110 hurdles (16.09) and the 300 hurdles (43.24), Rasmussen in the two-mile (personal best 9:55.84), Bret VanDyke in the 800 (personal best 2:03.67), Fitzpatrick in the 200 (23.51) and Chris Koth in the high jump (6'0").

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Novi News/MARK HAMMOND

Oscar Merino turns in a strong leg for Novi's 800 meter relay team

## Hitting attack betrays Wildcats

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

When the Wildcat softball squad needed a big hit in KVC doubleheader action versus South Lyon last week, they never got it.

The Lions, on the other hand, got the hits and parlayed numerous Novi fielding mistakes into a 13-3, 6-0 sweep.

The 'Cats haven't beaten a KVC team since April 21 and the losses to South Lyon dropped their conference mark dropped to 2-8 (10-15 overall).

"We didn't play very well at all," observed John Peace, coach of the Novi softball squad. "Especially in the first game. We really booted the ball around on defense."

In the opener on May 17, the Wildcats actually took a brief lead in the top of the third inning. Nicki Kasten singled and scored on an RBI hit by Deanna Reed. But South Lyon scored six times on only three hits in the bottom of the inning, and then added four more in the fourth to take command, 10-1.

Novi got two runs back in the fifth on back-to-back doubles by Chris Yankowski and Reed, and an RBI hit by Angel D'Agostino. But the Lions ended it in their half of the fifth with three more off Wildcat starter Heather Campbell. With a 13-3 lead and five innings completed, the mercy-rule was invoked.

"(South Lyon's) first eight runs were unearned, so we didn't do the job in the field," Peace said. "That third inning really hurt us — we didn't do the fundamental things we should do."

Campbell walked one, struck out two and allowed 11 hits and six earned runs. Offensively, Reed went 2-for-2 with a walk and 2 RBIs, but she was the only Novi player to collect more than one hit.

The 'Cats played better in the nightcap, but failed to capitalize on several good scoring opportunities, particularly in the early going.

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## Wildcats fourth in 'A' regionals

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

Competing directly against schools more than twice its size, the Novi tracksters were very competitive at the MHSAA Class A Regional at Lake Fenton High School on May 20.

The Wildcats placed fourth out of 17 teams with 46.5 points, trailing only huge schools like first-place Ann Arbor Pioneer (74), Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor Huron. Interestingly, Novi placed ahead of five KVC teams — including Milford.

"It hardly seems fair to be going against schools two-times as big as we are, but that's life," commented Novi Coach Bob Smith. "It was an excellent meet for us — we were very close to sending most of the team to the state meet."

Daren Johnson — the defending KVC discus champion — qualified for the state meet and so did distance specialist Rob Rasmussen in the two-mile. But they ended up being the only two Wildcats to qualify for the state meet.

Johnson was second in the discus with a monster throw of 143'5". It automatically qualified him for the state meet.

"He exploded last weekend," Smith said. "He really popped it."

Rasmussen reset his own school-record en route to qualifying in the two-mile. Even though he placed fifth, his time of 9:45.77 was well under the state qualifying time standard. Walled Lake Western's Brian Grosso won the race in 9:00.93, but Rasmussen's last lap was faster than Grosso's.

"Rob was able to outkick Grosso because he needed to get under the cutoff," Smith said. "Rob is probably in the top 10 in the state, but the regional was very tough."

Ironically, the ones who just missed were as big a story as the ones who made it. To qualify for the

state meet, you need to place in the top two, or meet a qualifying cut, at regional action.

Five Novi thinclads placed third — and just missed the qualifying standards.

"The breaks didn't go our way, but the times were outstanding," Smith said. "We missed qualifying in five events by 1.5 seconds combined. It happened in four out of five events in a row at one point — so it was very, very frustrating."

The mile relay team of Jeff Morison, Maurice Richardson, Andy Fitzpatrick and Jeff Jeffress ended up third with a season-best time of 3:26.28, but missed qualifying by .14 of a second.

For the 400 relay team (Bill Lethemon, Richardson, Jeffress and Fitzpatrick), the difference was only .10 of a second. The same quartet also finished third in the 800 relay (1:31.61) and missed the cut by .61.

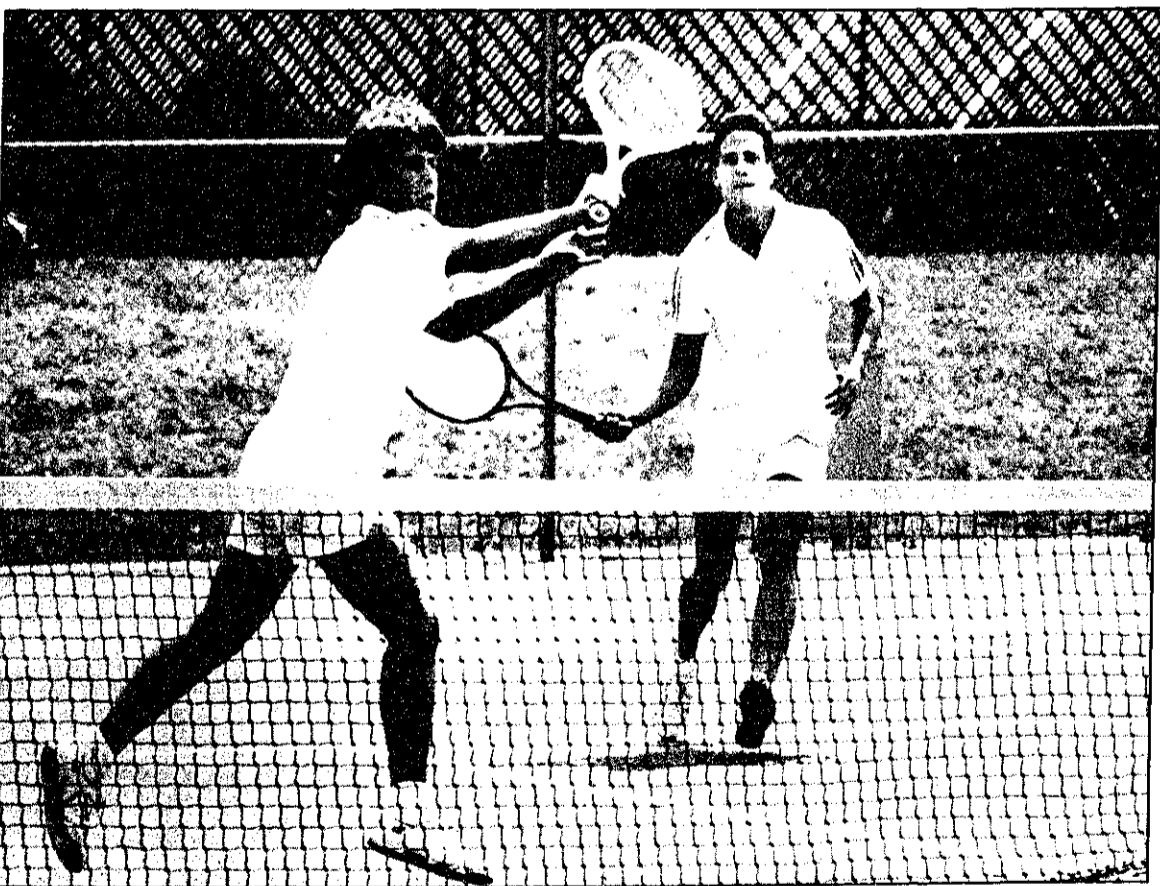
Individually, Jeffress was third in the 400 (50.43), falling short by less than a half-second, and Richardson set a school record in the 300 intermediate hurdles (40.71), but placed third and missed the cut by .22.

"Jeffress — the poor guy — was involved in four of the five that just missed," Smith said.

"Richardson and Fitzpatrick were in three of them."

Other close calls included Jeff Mielke in the pole vault. His effort of 12'4" was good for fourth place and missed qualifying by three inches. But it was one of his better vaults of the season and came in rainy conditions.

"With the times we've been getting lately, the KVC title and the regional title would have been ours in any other year," Smith pointed out. "Every KVC team was there, expect Hartland, and we beat them all. That was kind of neat."



Novi News/TERESE KREDO

Brian Anderson and Rick Mathias finished second in the KVC at first doubles

## Netters grab third in KVC meet

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

It wasn't easy, and it was probably a little too close to suit Coach Jim Newbold. But the Novi tennis squad held on to grab a share of third place at the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) Meet at Howell on May 16.

Because the Wildcats entered the competition in sole possession of third place, Newbold and his net-

ters secured their season-long goal of a top-half conference finish. Novi and Brighton tied with seven points, behind the winners from Milford.

"The kids played rather well," Newbold said. "A few of them were disappointed in their play, but I thought they did a fine job. Third is the highest we've finished in the KVC in a long time."

Novi ended up faring much better in the doubles competition, but that has been the trend most of the

season. Three of the four Wildcat singles players dropped their initial matches. All three doubles teams, on the other hand, won at least once and scored six of the team's seven points.

Novi's first and third doubles teams had the most success of anybody on the team. In the No. 1 bracket, Brian Anderson and Rick Mathias made it all the way to the finals before falling to Howell's Don Thomas and Brad Klontz, 4-6, 6-4, 4-

6. The senior twosome received a bye in the first round and topped Hartland's top doubles team 6-2, 6-3 in the semi-finals.

"They've pulled in a lot of points for us this year," Newbold said. "This was their last year together and I really hate to see them go."

At third doubles, Andy Anderson and J.J. Mullett survived a tough

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Scoreboard

Lions stun Brighton in playoffs

Like two heavyweight fighters, the South Lyon and Brighton baseball teams have taken some good shots at each other during the past week.

South Lyon came out as the aggressor, knocking the Bulldogs out of the state playoffs last Wednesday with a 4-2 victory in a pre-district qualifying game at Brighton High School.

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Wildcats of the Week



OSCAR MERINO and JENNIE GALLAND

Oscar Merino proved last week that he is the king of the 100-meter dash on the Novi track team and in the KVC — at least for the time being.

Rec Briefs

Summer volleyball camp: Schoolcraft College is offering a pair of summer volleyball camp sessions for boys and girls aged 10 through adult.

Galland qualifies for state meet

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

It seems like distance runner Jennie Galland has been on the Novi cross-country and track squads for a decade, but that's only because she was a star right off the bat as a freshman.

At the MHSAA Regional Track Meet last weekend in Penton, Galland added another accomplishment to an already outstanding career by qualifying for the state meet for the first time.

Novi to sponsor adult golf lessons

Golf Notes

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Golf for beginners I, II and III and intermediate-level players.

Personal best times seemed to be everywhere. "I was pleased with my performance, it's just that Milford is a very strong team," Ahrens pointed out.

"The girls seem to be peaking at the right time, and I'm very excited about what I'm seeing," Novi Coach Connie Ahrens said.

Hitting attack deserts Ladycat nine

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"I started Mindy Watkins and, even though she took the loss, she's pitching much better," Pease reported.

"What happened to Lisa was a heartbreaker, but she gave it all she had," Ahrens said.

"Jennie looked the strongest I've seen her all year," Ahrens said. "I'd like to give my distance coach — Sue Tomaneck — the credit, along with Jennie, because she worked with her all season."

Basketball camp

American Basketball Camp (ABC) is conducting a basketball skills camp at Novi Meadows School during the week of July 24-28 for all boys and girls entering the third grade through the 10th grade.

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This fitness station at Novi Middle School is sponsored by Botsford General Hospital

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## Exercise courses boost fitness

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

If you're looking to get started in the running game, or shed some extra baggage from winter, there isn't a better place to start than at area running/exercise stations, which promise to lead you step-by-step into a better, slimmer, fitter tomorrow.

The running stations are a somewhat recent technology, developed to give "the entire package" of exercise techniques to a beginner or a person who wants to work out in controlled surroundings.

Novi Parks and Recreation currently has one system in the Power Park area — behind the Novi Civic

Center on Ten Mile near Taft Road. Another is in place at the Novi Middle School.

The course stretches for a little under a mile and offers approximately 20 exercise stations. The stations prescribe exercises ranging from leg stretches to sit-ups — all of which amount to a challenging workout by the time the course is completed.

"It is designed to give you a full, versatile workout," said Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis. "At each station, there is a full list of what to do to take you through it."

The station begins near the retention pond near Power Park, winds out near the high school baseball field, then back towards the starting

point. Most users will run the course several times, Davis said.

A similar running/exercise station is in place at the Novi Middle School on Taft Road, just south of Eleven Mile, sponsored by Botsford Hospital.

The Power Park course was spearheaded by former Novi resident Dr. Terry Nielsen, who, ironically, was forced to give up running and softball after injuring his back putting several of the exercise stations in.

Nielsen, a dentist at Providence Medical Center in Novi, has since moved to Brighton.

"I used to be a runner," Nielsen said. "Two days after putting the sta-

tions in, I threw a disc . . . and that was it.

"But I know a lot of my patients still use it every once in a while, and I'm glad to see that," he said.

After coming up with a site for the stations, Nielsen and several other volunteers, working through Novi Schools' Community Education Department, did a fund-raising drive among local groups. About \$6,000 was used in 1984 to put the facility in.

Parks and Recreation assumed operation of the trails several years ago after a vandalism problem.

A similar exercise station is in place at the Oakland Community College (OCC) Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

## College schedules fitness seminar

"Think Trim, Be Trim" is the philosophy of a one-day fitness seminar offered at Schoolcraft College on Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$40.

An unhealthy relationship to food leads to unwanted pounds. Workshop participants will learn new ways to think and behave that encourage a healthful association between self and food. Participants also will learn to develop a personalized plan of action to maximize dieting success.

For more information call 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia.

**Cancer screening:** To aid in the early detection of colon cancer, the University of Michigan Medical Center's M-Care Health Center is offering free screening kits.

These take-home kits are easy-to-use, painless and can be done in privacy, at home. For your convenience, the sample is mailed back to the M-Care Health Center for analysis. Results will be available three to four days after the sample is received.

To pick up your free kit, stop in the M-Care Health Center in Northville. Hours vary so call 344-1777 for more information.

**YMCA annual run:** The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will sponsor its 10th annual run through the streets of downtown Plymouth on Sunday, June 18. There will be three races — a one-mile run/walk, a 5 kilometer run and a 10 kilometer run.

The pre-registration fee is \$8 for the one mile

### Fitness notes

and \$10 for the 5K and 10K runs. There are 14 age divisions for both male and female runners. Plaques are awarded to the top three finishers overall in all three races.

Long sleeve T-shirts are included in the race fee, and refreshments will be available to all runners at the finish line. Registration the morning of the race (\$10 for one mile, \$12 for 5K and 10K) begins at 7 a.m. The one-mile run/walk and the 5K will start at 8 a.m. The 10K will follow at 8:45 a.m.

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

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

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

**Fitness program:** A fitness program for community and corporate employees is 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 462-4113.

**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.

**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 Tips

## Volunteers derive 'good feelings'

By BEVERLY SMITH  
special writer

Some 90 million Americans donate their time to the service of others. That's about half of all U.S. adults.

During the past year, 2,367 people contributed 88,745 hours of service at the University of Michigan Medical Center (UMMC).

But what motivates them; why do they do it? The answers are as diverse as the volunteers themselves. The volunteer group is composed of equal numbers of men and women of all ages, economic levels and ethnic backgrounds.

The UMMC volunteer group is composed of men, women and young people who donate their time. They volunteer because they want to help others, share special talents or learn new skills, gain valuable work experience, evaluate career options, give something back to a place that gave something to them or meet new people.

These and countless other motives provide the initial impetus, but what keeps people involved? The answer is simple — volunteering makes people feel good both mentally and physically. It increases their feelings of self-worth, helps them appreciate what is good in their own lives and makes them feel needed.

Other dividends are as varied as the volunteers themselves. *Vogue* magazine (August 1988) reported that some people find it exciting to be part of a motivated group working for a worthwhile cause, or they may find their self-esteem enhanced. Others use volunteering to promote their individual goals in their personal lives and their careers.

But even if one volunteers for somewhat "selfish" reasons — to combat loneliness, for example — researchers say a volunteer still derives personal gains from the positive feedback his or her beneficiaries impart.

People who help others tend to have

certain characteristics in common, reports an article in *Psychology Today*. Research reveals that those most likely to help others are people who feel in control of their own lives and who don't require approval from others.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that volunteers enjoy a highly positive outlook on life, feeling good about themselves and others. They care about, and are willing to take personal responsibility for others' welfare.

Scientists speculate that these health benefits may be the result of an increased flow of the body's natural pain-relieving opiates called endorphins. These are the same chemicals linked to feelings of pleasure and the so-called "jogger's high."

A study by the Institute for the Advancement of Health (reported in *Psychology Today*; October 1988), revealed that 88 percent of members

in a large women's volunteer group reported feeling "a high," "warmth" and "increased energy," when they were helping others. Many described a "greater calmness" and "enhanced self-worth."

Physical and emotional problems — headaches, aches and pains, high blood pressure and depression — are reportedly relieved during and after a volunteering session. Even longer life spans have been linked to volunteering among men involved in community organizations.

Whatever the age, motive or individual benefits derived, all volunteers agree that, ultimately, the result is personal satisfaction.

The Novi News is working with medical authorities at the University of Michigan Medical Center (M-Care) in Northville to provide up-to-date information on a variety of health-related topics. The series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the M-Care staff.

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memory and lore as  
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Don Schwarck  
pursues his hobby.

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It's amazing how often many of us never truly get to know our neighbors in this rushed world. We may wave at them while heading out the door on our way to work, dabble in small talk over the backyard fence, or invite them to the house for a brief friendly chat and refreshment on a warm summer's night.

In short, we frequently come to know our neighbors as acquaintances about whose lives we know so little.

But when we move beyond the superficial what we find is our neighbors are interesting people - often with a story to tell - whose back-

grounds and talents vary greatly. They possess character, warmth and humor.

In this 1989 edition of *Neighbors*, the editorial staff of Silger-Livingston Publications offers readers the opportunity to meet face-to-face the families and individuals living next door. Through words, pictures and illustrations, the writers, photographers and graphic artists capture the spirit of the communities we know as home. We hope you enjoy reading this special section as much as we enjoyed piecing it together.

-Matthew J. Valley, project editor

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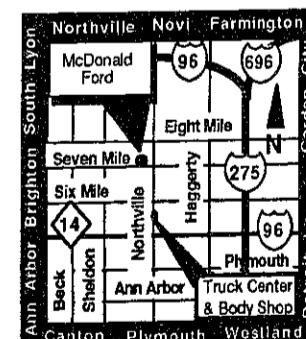
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## Midwestern cuisine, Michigan foods garnish chef's career

By Dawn Riffenburg

Brian Polcyn sums up his profession in one bite-sized sentence: "Food is my life."

And by the words and actions he exhibits while one tours Pontiac's Pike Street restaurant with him, Polcyn shows this is true in a thousand different ways.

Polcyn, 29, is part-owner and chef of the premier eatery, and that dual role has him concerned about both the price of china and the availability of fresh vegetables for the evening's meal.

"My basic philosophy is 'food is my life,'" he said. "I eat, drink, and sleep food. I think about food all the time."

Six days a week, Polcyn makes the 35-mile drive to Pontiac from his home in Milford Township.

Sundays are family time at the Polcyn residence, and most often, chef's day off — literally.

"I cook at home for company. Julia, my wife, is a good cook. She even makes her own baby food," Polcyn said. "She'll cook some carrots or peas and put them in the food processor, then freeze them in ice cube trays and store them in Ziploc bags in the freezer."

Although Polcyn is a self-professed "family man," he also admits, "I'm never home for dinner. I usually come into the restaurant about 10 a.m. and leave between 8 and 9 p.m. during the week. Over the weekend I'm probably here until midnight. The restaurant is closed on Sunday. The chef, he's a family man. Sunday dinner is a very important day for the family."

Polcyn's children also get into the act when they visit the Pontiac restaurant. Alana, 5, plays hostess and Alex (Sasha), 3, acts like a maitre d'hotel (head of the dining staff).

"Eventually I'd like to have a small, exclusive restaurant and live next door to it. That's a dream of mine," Polcyn said.

As chef and part owner, his job is especially demanding. But Polcyn has a healthy understanding of what it takes to make a restaurant successful.

"The restaurant business takes a lot of time, and being an absentee owner doesn't work for a quality restaurant," he said. "It takes on the personality of the people that run or own it, and that doesn't work if they aren't there. It would be like inviting company to your home for dinner, and when they got there, there was good food but you weren't home."

The restaurant is located in the old Michigan Bell building in Pontiac, a 100-year-old structure that has earned a place on the National Historic Register.

"We renovated this building, which has its pluses and minuses. As part owner, I have to be concerned not just with what I am hired to do, which is cook, but also the maintenance and repair bills," Polcyn explained.

"I like the look of exposed brick, and I'd like to do more with the inside, but renovating is very expensive."

The food served is his primary concern once he walks through the door.

Polcyn can develop a new selection for the restaurant almost immediately off the top of his head, a practice which gets daily use at the restaurant.

"We don't try to invent new food because you cannot. You only have so much to work with. All you can do is try new combinations," Polcyn said.

"I think too many people try to invent new food ingredients, but I think by now they've found them all."

The menu is based on nature's cycles and changes with every season. Items on the menu are the ingredients available seasonally and locally.

This creates a certain problem for the chef, who really never knows what ingredients he'll have to work with on a given day.

"Every day, we go into the cooler and see what we have. The specials for tonight are based on whatever we've got," Polcyn explained.

"Certain items on the menu stay the same. For example, you may always be able to come in here and get a rack of lamb, but the sauces will change."

In the fall, he might use a sauce of Calvados apple brandy to complement



Photo by JOHN M. GALLOWAY

No dining detail escapes the eye of chef and part-owner Brian Polcyn.

the meat, while in the summer he would instead use a lemon garlic sauce for the same meat.

Polcyn is an advocate of quality, always stressing the little things that separate Pike Street from other restaurants.

All pastries, soups and stocks are made on-site. A butcher is on hand to bone meat and fillet fish; the pastry chef has his own kitchen upstairs to prepare desserts and homemade ice cream.

"We do it because people notice a difference," Polcyn said simply.

The Pike Street serves at least 100 people a day, and more on weekends.

"Our record is 314, and that's about all I'm interested in," Polcyn said. "If you add more volume, it's harder to control quality, and quality is the most important to me."

Polcyn believes the key to offering a quality dish is to pay attention to detail.

"Detail is the hot dish, the garnishes on the side. For instance, if we have a plate of roast loin of venison, we'll garnish it with a pear, an orange, a starfruit slice.

"It takes a lot to put together a plate —

like a grilled cheese that you slap on a plate with potato chips."

Polcyn and his 10 chefs emphasize classic American cuisine, and highlight regional cooking.

"I'm an advocate of Midwestern cuisine," he said. "Wild mushrooms, leeks, watercress, all Michigan products. I own four acres of land in Milford Township, and when we first moved in I knew I was in the right place when I saw some wild mushrooms growing in our lawn."

His inspiration for regional cooking is France, where the food changes by region.

"It's a basic principle that different food grows in different areas," he said. "I believe that in America the food made will become more and more regional. Right now, Cajun food is the rage, but I think Midwestern food is coming."

The extensive wine cellar located in the basement of the restaurant holds some rare and, to Polcyn, precious bottles. Again and again he reaches for a bottle to

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The dish at hand receives the chef's undivided attention during meal preparation at the Pike Street restaurant.



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On his days off, chef Brian Polcyn enjoys spending time outdoors with his family.

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illustrate a tale — sometimes about the label, or perhaps about the type of cask used to make the wine, or maybe he'll relate a tale of feuding wine makers. He handles the bottles and speaks about them like old friends.

Another consuming passion for Polcyn is, as one may expect, eating. Although he claims to be about 30 pounds overweight (he said his wife calls it a sympathy pregnancy), it isn't a result of lack of exercise.

"Everyone thinks chefs eat all day long, but what they don't really see is that the restaurant business is a grueling profession. It's a lot of work, and it's no piece of gateau, as we say in the kitchen," he grinned. (Gateau is French for cake.)

"We have basically two kitchens, and two flights of stairs. I go up those stairs probably 50 or 60 times a day, and I take them two at a time. And the heat in the kitchen is amazing. But I do taste everything that we serve. I have to make sure what

I'm sending out to the customers is good.

"My principal meal is lunch. I eat a good, solid breakfast, maybe oatmeal, then lunch, generally whatever the special is. My dinner is very light. I never get sick of food. I love food."

This love of food was nurtured by his mother and grandmother while he was growing up.

"I grew up in a household where all the food was real food. My grandmother and my mother, both wonderful cooks, never bought canned soups or canned anything. They made everything from scratch, so I had that in my past," Polcyn said.

He began his restaurant career as a dishwasher, and was made cook ("not exactly in this type of restaurant") when the cook quit suddenly.

After years of vocational training and schooling, he started as an assistant chef at Southfield's Golden Mushroom under Milos Cihelka.

"I thought I knew how to cook when I started, but Milos basically retrained me,

I had made hollandaise sauce probably 500 times, and I thought it was pretty good until I made it for Milo and he did this, 'pfft,'" Polcyn mimed the chef spitting out a mouthful of hollandaise sauce.

"He was the classic European, saying, 'Oh, this is terrible. This is no good. Let me show you hollandaise sauce,'" he said.

"He treated his job very, very seriously, as I do. And actually, his way was better than the way I knew how to do it.

"You don't teach anybody to cook. You can't teach anybody to cook. It's a natural ability. You need somewhere to hone your skills and that's what I did at the Golden Mushroom."

That the restaurant has become a success under the management of Polcyn and partner Jim Fitzgerald appears undeniable. Reservations are suggested at least a week in advance. Monthly theme dinners, held the third Monday of each month, sometimes need to be extended an extra day due to high demand.

But, as Polcyn points out, money is always going out for something — whether it's reupholstering the dining room chairs or replacing plastic tablecloths with linen ones — which means money had better be coming in as well.

"There's such a large overhead in the restaurant business," he said. "Glasses cost \$3 a piece. If a waiter or a busboy drops a tray of glasses, okay, everybody worked today for free."

That negative aspect of the job doesn't really seem to affect Polcyn's enjoyment of it. As he walks through the restaurant, he has a hand in everything.

He touches the red snapper the butcher is filleting. He inspects a handful of snow peas in the cooler. He peeks into the pastry cooler to see what's there.

He stops and gazes out the window at downtown Pontiac.

"The most rewarding part is making a success out of nothing," he said.

# Mason by day, poet by night

By Brenda Dooley

Inspiration comes in many forms for Foster Ashby.

A bushy-tailed squirrel scurrying up a tree. A loving smile from his wife, Barbara. Or memories of life on a farm in South Dakota.

Ashby uses current events and childhood memories when practicing his favorite hobby — writing poetry. During gray, dismal winter days, Ashby whittles the time away at his typewriter.

"Most of them I write about life," he says about his poems. "Sometimes I write them in 20 minutes . . . sometimes I have to put it away for a day and come back to it."

Ashby enjoys the sounds of words and says he often talks in rhymes. "I wonder if I didn't get rhyming from my dad," he says.

In a soft, raspy voice he describes his father as one of the best farmers he ever knew.

"I'm not saying that because he was my father. He was a perfectionist . . . we had a picket fence and the only post you could see was the first one because the others were perfectly lined up behind it. Rows in the field were the same way," Ashby recalls. "Some of it has rubbed off on me."

In a red scrapbook the size of an overstuffed paperback, Ashby has clipped and glued most of his poems. He carefully flips through the pages until he comes to one that was jointly written by he and his father.

"He started it and I finished it," Ashby says.

Other titles within the book include "Love and Marriage," "Life on the Farm," "Old Scrapper," "Home in Northville" and "Baby Dolls." About six years ago Ashby wrote weekly poems for "Poet's Corner" in *The Northville Record*.

"I have a thing for poetry, I guess," Ashby says. "I'm stuck in a rut now — most of them (the poems) are about Barbara."

The kind-hearted Northville man speaks devotedly of his wife. "She's the most beautiful gal in the world," he beams, glancing at a framed photo resting on his desk. "She's the only gal I was ever afraid to talk to because she was so pretty."

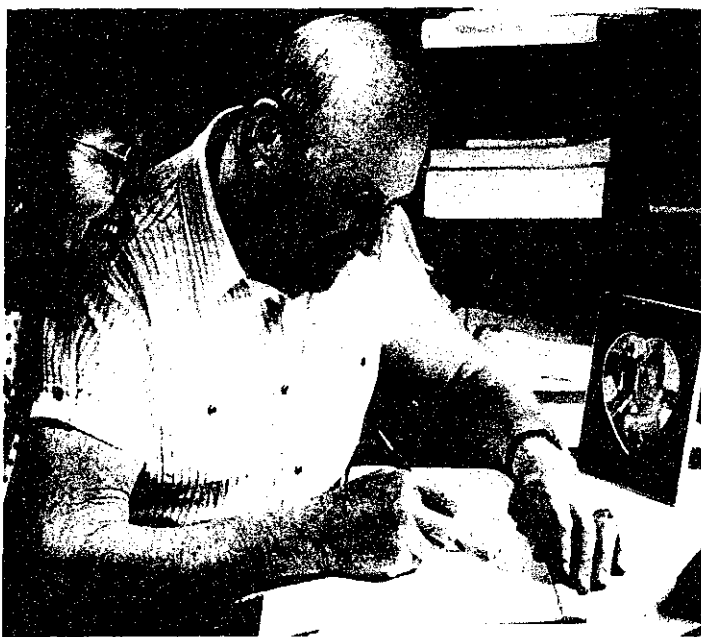
When spring weather breaks, Ashby pushes his typewriter aside and eagerly resumes his work as a mason. At 72, Ashby has certainly earned the luxury of retiring. Years of heavy lifting and cement pouring have prompted him to consider retirement, but for now he continues to work.

"I haven't advertised since the first year I was in business," Ashby says. "I have more work than I can do. In 41 years of business, I only lost one piece of cement."

Ashby moved to Northville from Waterloo, Iowa, in September 1944, and began working at the old Bell Foundry. He had planned to work through the winter and return to Iowa in the spring.



Foster Ashby stirs cement on a project



Photos by TERESE KREDO

Ashby's wife Barb is an inspiration for much of his poetry

first came, there were about 3,000 people living here. Haggerty and Eight Mile roads were just little two-lane dirt roads . . ."

He remembers the Manning & Locklin gravel pit where Highland Lakes subdivision is located now. He remembers when Northville Downs was called Northville Fairgrounds, which consisted of a few rows of open bleachers.

The father of five children and the grandfather of 20, Ashby enjoys perching his cowboy hat atop his head and heading into downtown Northville for an occasional lunch.

He continues to write poems and to keep occupied with countless hobbies.

Dozens of clocks — in the forms of teddy bears, hearts, owls and other shapes — decorate the walls of his home on Ridge Road. He cuts the shapes out of wood and attaches numbers and hands on them.

"I quit making them because I don't have any place to hang them anymore," Ashby says with a grin.

On rainy or foul-weather days, he often putters around in a workshop set up in his home — writing poems, creating clocks or dreaming up new inventions for his wife.

"I'm the happiest man in Michigan," Ashby says.

"But the longer I was here, the better I liked Northville," he says.

Instead of heading back to Iowa, he made his home in Northville and soon started his own masonry business. Ashby and the men who worked for him poured

basements for the first buildings in Mill Race Village and completed an addition to the Guernsey Farms building on Novi Road.

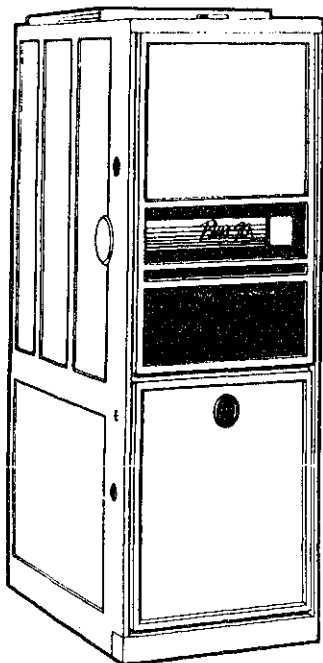
"Everything has changed," he says about Northville as it is today. "When I

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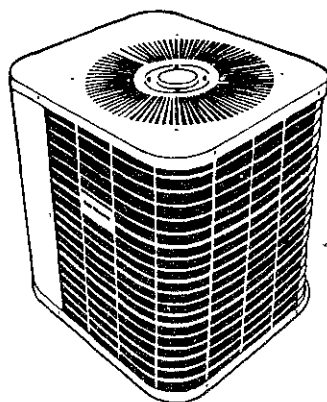
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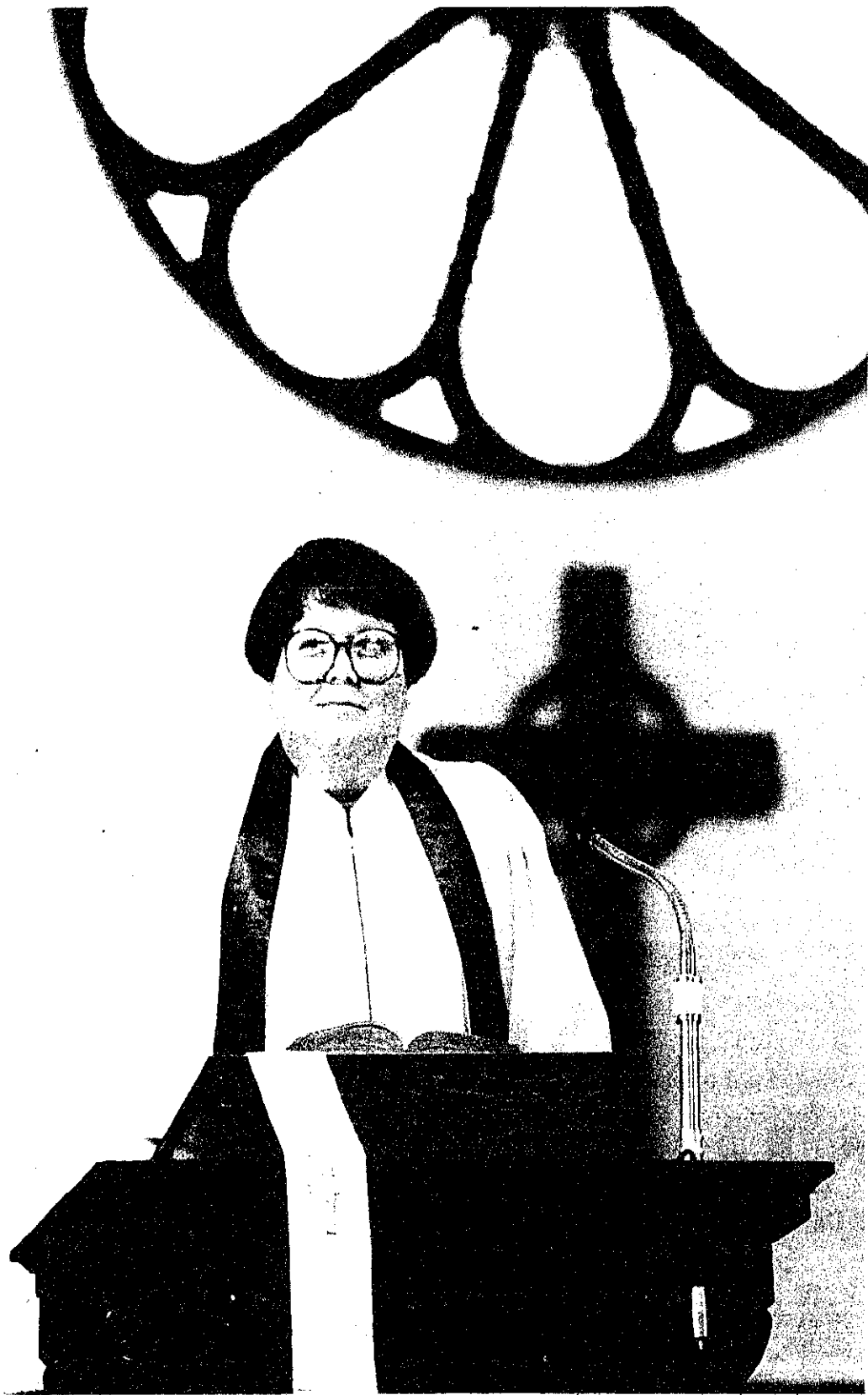
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# Wife and mother seeks ordination in church



By Sue Kauppla

Seeking an advanced degree, being a full-time wife and mother and holding down a 40-hour-plus job per week is not an easy role for any woman.

Add the facts she must commute weekly to Chicago for her schooling and plans to complete her requirements to be a Presbyterian minister next year and one has an idea of the kind of life Deborah VanLeuven Kerr of Milford leads.

Unlike her hectic pace now, Kerr led a rather quiet, simple life dividing her time between her family and part-time job. A graduate of Oakland University, Kerr served as the coordinator of psychological group testing for the Oakland County Juvenile Court from 1975-1985.

When daughter Jennifer Audrey was born to Kerr and husband Jack, she worked part-time for the court. As Jennifer grew the couple knew they should be taking the child to Sunday school.

"I had not been active (in the Milford Presbyterian Church) for about 12 years. And Jack was Catholic, so we just weren't attending church," Kerr explained.

However, her home church was seeking to fill a 12-16 hour per week job for director of Christian education. "I found myself being nudged in that direction," Kerr noted.

At a committee meeting in October 1983, Kerr found herself suddenly saying she wanted the job. "I couldn't believe it came out of my mouth. No one was more surprised than I," she said.

The church personnel committee completed its advertisement and interviews and Kerr was chosen for the job.

"I feel it was definitely God working in my life, but I wasn't aware of it," Kerr added.

As the church grew, Kerr's job also grew. Meanwhile, the Presbyterian Church began a program of certification for church educators. Having taken graduate courses in clinical psychology, she began thinking which direction her life should take.

"Jack encouraged me and we talked about it a lot. I finally decided I would rather go for the whole pie so to speak — ordination," Kerr said. And in March 1984 she enrolled in her first seminary class.

"Until then, I had experienced an absence of peace. Once I decided to study for the ministry the churning within me stopped. But I also had no idea how I was going to do it as the closest Presbyterian school — McCormick Theological Seminary — was in the Hyde Park section of Chicago.

"Then, too, I didn't know how I was going to manage my time, family and finances. Jack and I decided it would just have to be one step at a time," Kerr related.

While she has taken some classes locally at St. John's Catholic Seminary in Plymouth, Kerr usually commutes to Chicago, flying out Monday morning and

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Sometimes Kerr studies late at night

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returning Tuesday evening for the 10-week terms.

This is in addition to her work at the church where she oversees the Sunday school and youth program, counsels, serves on numerous committees, preaches sermons and conducts funerals. In addition, she also fills the pulpit for area Presbyterian churches when their pastors are absent.

"The only things I can't do until I receive my degree are administer the sacraments and pronounce couples husband and wife at weddings," Kerr explained.

Being away from her family when she is commuting to Chicago or attending a hectic week of church meetings is always difficult for Kerr. "You can do anything for 10 weeks," she said, referring to the trips to Chicago. "But I don't like being gone more than three nights a week. You just have to have parameters.

"And if you have a schedule, it helps things to run smoothly. Every Sunday night my husband and I get out the calendar to figure out where we will be. Jack has been extraordinarily supportive for being reared in a traditional household.

"When we first talked about my entering the ministry, he encouraged me. 'If that's what you want, that's what we'll do,' Jack said. He has made sacrifices so that I could do this," Kerr related.

The most difficult aspect of her life, Kerr believes, is balancing everything. "That means keeping priorities in order so that my husband and daughter, congregation, school and even me all receive some prime time. Believe me, I have become much more organized than ever before in my life," she continued.

"I also couldn't do it without the help of Mom," Kerr said of her mother, Alice Van Leuven, who picks Jennifer up from school and does a host of other things for her daughter and family.

Kerr firmly believes that daughter Jennifer will grow up and become a fine, responsible adult despite the pressures of a busy Mom.

"Children will rise to the expectations of them. Jennifer is more independent and more adaptable. Being her mom is the most important thing I do and she knows that. She is better able to take care of herself than I could at the age of 12," Kerr reflected.

Within the Presbyterian church, Kerr feels she is generally accepted. Occasionally when she conducts a funeral, for example, at a different church Kerr notes some raised eyebrows.

"I still run into some surprise and you can see heads turn because I am a woman. But that's okay. That is education for them. I am proud of my denomination for recognizing the call and gifts women have to offer," she explained.

If she is proud and appreciative of her denomination, Kerr is even more so of her local congregation members.

"They have given me so much . . . more than I can ever give them. They have always been there for my family. There are individuals in this congregation, for example, who pay for my airline tickets to Chicago.

"Members will say, 'How's it going?' or just give me a hug. That goes a long way and helps me forget that my high heels are hurting or how tired I am," Kerr noted. "It is a very enabling congregation . . . very supportive of one another . . . and very nurturing."

What Kerr will do when she completes her studies next year is unknown. At least for now she isn't worried about it.

"I have a lot of time and energy to give my husband and Jennifer. When she is on her own, I can think about having my own church. But I really don't have to be a top banana to do my ministry," Kerr said.

And for her, the best part of her job is working one on one counseling people. "It's a bad day when I just have paperwork all day," she continued.

"It (counseling) is work that I love with people that I love. While I can't be all things to all people, I can be a facilitator to help people to get their needs met — spiritually, emotionally and physically," Kerr concluded.



The Kerr family — daughter Jennifer, 12, Jack and Deborah.

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Tony Cucinella

Photo by JOHN M. GALLOWAY

## Soccer Coach Cucinella scores with players

By Matt Seidl

His head may have been spinning at the time, but Highland's Tony Cucinella will never forget his entrance into the world of soccer.

The memorable event took place nine years ago in the parking lot at Highland Junior High School. Cucinella — who earlier in the day learned that his wife, Cathy, had enrolled their oldest son, Michael, in the Huron Valley Soccer Club — brought Michael to the school for his initial practice session.

Cucinella and his son arrived a few minutes before the practice was scheduled to start, as did several others. It was a time of great anticipation as parents, with very little knowledge of the sport, waited with their 6- and 7-year-old athletes.

They actually waited, and waited and waited some more. Forty-five minutes passed before an automobile, driven by former HVSC Vice President Dan Hanlon, pulled up and caught everyone's attention.

Hanlon stepped out of his car and explained that the Under-8 team, nicknamed the Wasps, did not have a coach. He then approached the parents, asking if any of them had previous coaching experience or at least a general understanding of the game.

"It was funny," Cucinella said. "One of the parents, Don Slankster, said he knew a little bit about the game. . . and he was named head coach right then and there. Then they asked me what I knew and I told them, 'absolutely nothing.' So they made me the assistant coach."

The unlikely coaching staff worked together the entire season plus half of the next, and, believe it or not, both of their teams enjoyed success in the win column. But Slankster eventually resigned from his post, leaving Cucinella to run the team by himself.

And what a job he did. The combination of talented players and Cucinella's desire to learn the game resulted in an Under-8 state championship for the Wasps in 1984 — four years after that memorable day in the parking lot.

Ironically, Cucinella's second-oldest son, Joey, was a member of the championship squad.

"I did lots of reading and watched quite a few videos," he said, explaining his increased knowledge of soccer. "I also went to a lot of local games. I watched the coaches coach and the different styles of play. I was learning something new every day."

Today, Cucinella, 44, arguably is the most important soccer figure in the Highland-Milford area. He has coached in the HVSC since 1980, was equipment manager for the organization from 1984-87 and currently is serving his second two-year term as president.

Some are convinced the club has never been in better hands.

Despite his popularity, Cucinella says his current term — which expires in June of 1990 — will be his final one. He hopes to continue coaching within the club, at least one of the two seasons (spring and fall) if not both, but his main objective is finding a high school coaching job.

Cucinella definitely has come a long way in nine years. He recently attended a United States Soccer Federation National Coaching School in Tampa, Fla., where he received 80 hours of advanced training and a national "C" license.

The license is one of three offered by the federation and conforms to the standards of F.I.F.A., the governing body of soccer worldwide. The other licenses offered are "B" and "A", with the latter being the highest obtainable in the United States.

Cucinella hinted that a "B" license is within his reach, but that "A" status requires an extensive playing or coaching background.

Cucinella grew up in the Livonia area where he attended Bentley High School and Schoolcraft College. An athlete early in his life, he was unable to participate in high school sports when a divorce situation in his family forced him to take a full-time job.

After college, Cucinella entered the Navy for 27 months. His service included two tours of duty in Vietnam as he built sniper towers and bridges for the Marine Corps.

He was discharged in 1968 and returned to Ford Motor Co.'s Livonia Transmission

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Plant, where he worked as a machinist before the war. He has been with the plant for nearly 24 years even though a move to Highland in 1976 increased his driving time considerably.

Cucinella currently is head coach of the HVSC's Under-13 Premier team, which features a few names — including Joey Cucinella — from the 1984 Under-8 Wasps. At last look, the squad was leading the Little Caesars Division II Traveling League.

Cucinella describes himself as a hard-working coach who sometimes lacks diplomacy.

"Parents either like me or they don't," he said. "I let them know where their kids stand. I always know if he's been practicing or not... and I'll lay it on the line if he hasn't been. Some like that approach, but some don't."

"I'm never disrespectful, though," he added. "I think of myself as more of a Bo Schembechler-type than a Bobby Knight. The things I say and do are in the best interest of the club."

As for playing the game, Cucinella competes on a men's recreational team through the HVSC.

"Our team does some traveling during the indoor season, but right now we just kind of get together and play pick-up games," he said. "It's a good time. It keeps us old guys busy."

Cucinella feels he has the tools of an excellent soccer player and could have been one had he participated in the sport as a youth.

"The one thing about the coaching school is they took you out on the field and made you perform the skills," he added. "So I have a lot of the fundamentals down. The only thing holding me back is experience... and, of course, my age."

According to Cucinella, the only thing holding soccer back in the United States is numbers — the ones that appear on the scoreboard. He says Americans love high-scoring affairs, not the common 1-0 and 2-1 counts recorded on a soccer field.

"If no one scores, we tend to feel there's nothing going on in the game," he commented.

He believes, however, that the identity problem will diminish during the next five years or so — with the World Cup providing a spark when it comes to the United States in 1994.

"Soccer is just starting to blossom," he said. "The real explosion will come when the kids playing right now get through college and then come back and promote the sport. They'll come back and coach... and more than likely get their own kids involved."

Cucinella admits he doesn't have many interests outside of soccer, his family and his yard. Soccer requires approximately 20 hours of his free time each week, his yard gets three or four and his family the rest.

Cucinella has three sons, with the youngest being 11-year-old Nicky, and all three are on HVSC Premier teams. Michael also was the lone freshman let-



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terwinner on the Lakeland High School soccer team last fall.

"Soccer's in my blood, and it's a big part of our family life," Cucinella said. "But we try to get the kids involved in other things, too. They play baseball, take dance lessons..."

The Cucinellas moved to Highland shortly after taking a Sunday drive with friends who wanted to show off area property they had purchased. They had no intentions of moving when they left their Livonia home that afternoon, but simply couldn't resist what they saw.

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# 50-year commitment to law, order and hard work

By Bob Needham

John Nichols' career has spanned more than 50 years, from combat in France to riots in Detroit, and finally on to the somewhat-calm surroundings of Oakland County.

The whole time, he's been carrying a gun.

"There ain't a hell of a lot of call for old battalion commanders or old cops, so you have to stick with the career you know the best," Nichols laughs. "I think I've been in uniform since I was 14 years old."

An Oakland County sheriff since 1984, Nichols lists a long string of public-service positions he held before that. For the last several years, his home base has been Novi.

"It's a nice neighborhood," Nichols says of the Galway Drive home he's occupied for the last several years. His only complaint is that "it's hard getting out of the subdivision."

He doesn't picture himself moving out of the city, although "I threaten every time I get a tax raise . . . I like the house I'm in and I like the neighborhood. I like Novi's style."

Nichols shares his home with his second wife, Jean, herself a former police officer. He has two grown children, Jon and Sharilyn. Another son, David, died in an auto accident at age 16.

Nichols appreciates the attitude of his city. "The one thing about Novi is they don't build for yesterday, they build for tomorrow. You've got to build for the future and you've got to look to the future," he says.

The John Nichols' approach to life is even more obvious looking around the walls of his office in the Oakland County Jail building; jammed in among the photos, certificates and his famous pig collection are all kinds of slogans and mottos.

*I know I have a lot of faults, but being wrong isn't one of them . . . Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem . . . I consider the day a total loss unless I receive hell from someone . . . Some people call policemen PIGS / Maybe it's because they get the slop off the streets.*

His sense of humor also shows through in the fabulous collection of close to 300 pigs — stuffed, ceramic, painted, wooden and any other kind you can imagine — which are jammed into his office.

At one time, the collection included a real-life specimen weighing 780 pounds, good enough for a second-place finish at the 1972 Michigan State Fair.

Along with the weightier items on his resume, Nichols can list among his accomplishments the start of the "Pig Bowl" football game between Detroit

police officers and Wayne County sheriff's deputies.

He also claims the main administrative role in the formation of Blue Pigs, the combination public relations / crime education / rock band unit of the Detroit Police Department.

Today, his recreation is a little more pedestrian, including activities such as golf. "They don't clock me by score, they clock me by days on the court. I don't count strokes, I count the number of balls I use," he says.

Born in Detroit Nov. 23, 1918, Nichols grew up in the metro area except for a three-year stint in Nebraska. His interest in the army and in law enforcement started early, through a friend whose father was a Detroit police officer.

He took all the necessary exams and joined the department in January 1942 as a beat man, patrolling the downtown riverfront on foot. He continued walking beats into 1943, working for a few days on riot control and seeing the army move in to the city. But four days into the riot, the army called him up to serve in the second World War.

After a few stateside posts, Nichols went overseas in the infantry in 1944. The first time he saw combat, his commander asked the young soldier how he felt getting shot at — expecting Nichols to be awed or afraid.

"I told him I got shot at more in the riots back in Detroit. It did not go over good at all," he chuckles.

Nichols spent 11 months in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, including a role in the Battle of the Bulge. He would stay active in the reserves until 1965.

On returning to Detroit, he went back to the police department, steadily climbing all the way through the ranks, up to commissioner in 1970.

"I was a predictable entity. They knew I was miserable and wasn't going to change," he says. "Most of the department knew what kind of person I was. I knew the department and that made it a hell of a lot better too."

*"Leadership, commitment, intelligence and pure grit." Those were the words contained on a Detroit Citizen of the Year citation, 1970, describing John Nichols.*

"I was a veteran of two riots" in Detroit — in 1943 and 1967, Nichols recalls.

"I soldiered in the first riot as a patrolman in the first precinct . . . I was part of the crew they saddled into an old 1932 Lincoln," about 15 cops on two long benches, he says. "We were a kind of reaction force that went to where the ac-

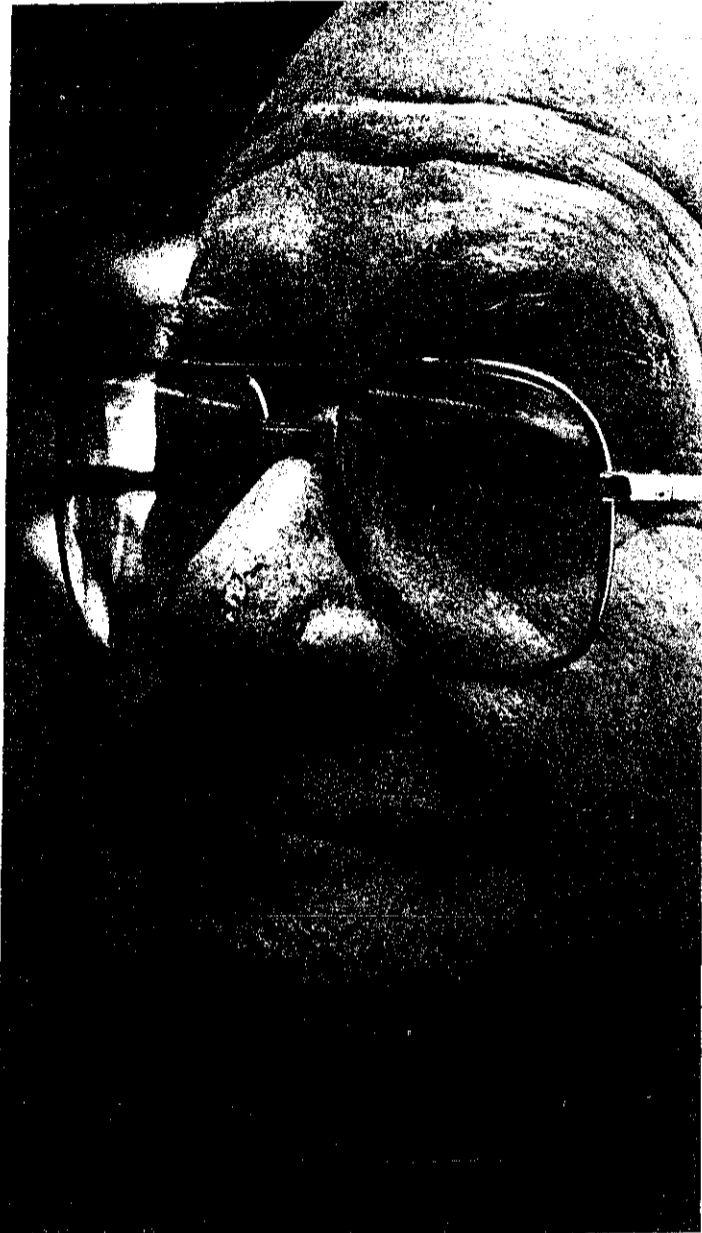


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Sheriff John Nichols

"I was one of the performers, not one of the deep thinkers at all . . . On the street, the only thing you had to worry about was your own crew."

But by 1967, Nichols was way up in the department hierarchy. In addition to the obvious problems, the rioting created all kinds of bizarre behind-the-scenes twists for the supervisors.

"One of the heaviest problems we had was what to do with prisoners. We had prisoners stuck into any closet we could find."

"You gotta worry about timesheets," he recalls. "You've got part of the department responding to barking dogs and neighbor trouble, and the rest of the department . . . almost in a full-scale warfare situation."

Nichols stayed as commissioner for three years before entering politics — with a run for mayor of Detroit.

"The announced candidates, and those we thought were going to announce, were all very liberal," Nichols remembers. "What I saw was everybody wanted to

give the city away. What I foresaw then was what you see now . . . You can't refurbish a neighborhood if you're afraid to go out after dark."

A group of leaders had to talk Nichols into running, he said. The political rookie eventually found himself losing to a person who, at the time, was a state senator — Coleman A. Young, who built a successful campaign largely on criticism of the police department.

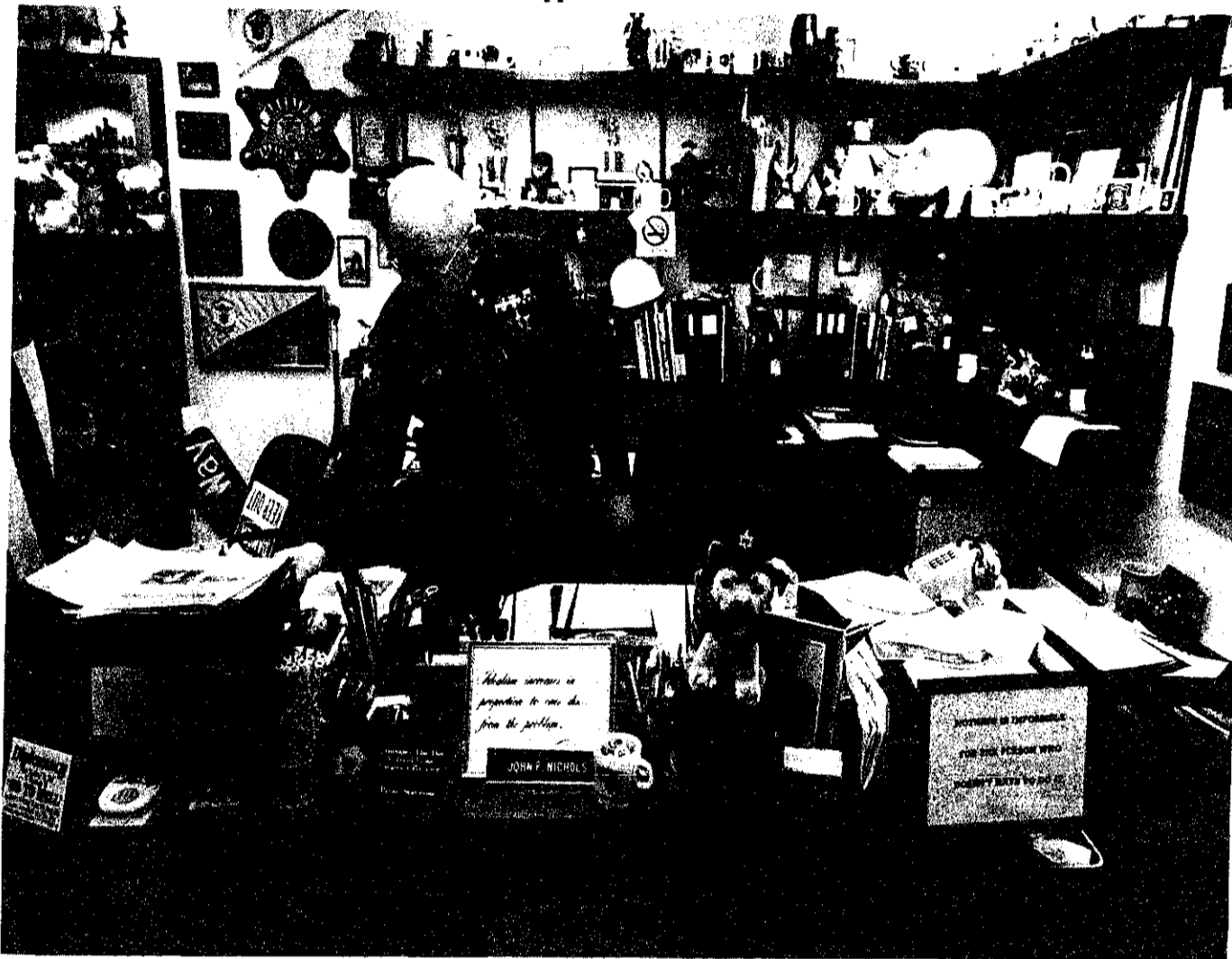
"I tried (and did) better than anyone's done against Coleman since. I gave him his only good fight," Nichols said. "The team we put together, I think, did a hell of a job."

Looking back at the city now, Nichols shakes his head. "The polarization then was not half as high as it is now, I don't think . . . The department is under political control. You can just look at a policeman, or look at a soldier, and tell what kind of an outfit it is."

"They have crime conferences and crime summits and nothing really happens . . . Four or five months later the impact is gone. When a thief perceives a lack of risk, he'll do it. When a thief perceives a lack of risk, he'll do it. When a thief perceives a lack of risk, he'll do it."

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of enthusiasm, he will operate a lot easier than with a dedicated, hard-charging police department.

"Yesterday I drove down Woodward for the first time in several years . . . There are some very nice parking lots where buildings used to be. The number of people on the streets seems to have decreased dramatically."

Now, he says, he understands the attitude of many suburbanites who dislike the city. "They're afraid of getting hurt . . . When I was in Detroit I used to figure suburban people were being melodramatic. Having been out in the suburbs for a couple of years, it's what they honestly believe."

You see a building in Detroit that has a tall fence with barbed wire at the top, Nichols says, and you figure, "There's some reason they built the damn thing."

In 1975 Nichols moved into the private sector, briefly, working as an executive in a security company until offered the job of undersheriff of Oakland County. That lasted about three years.

"I could see myself and John Spreen getting farther and farther apart. John was a dreamer, and I'm not an idealist.

I'm more inclined to go with action, rather than philosophies," he says.

When the position of Farmington Hills police chief opened, he snapped it up, and now calls his seven years there "one of the best times I ever had as a police officer."

But then he was again called back to the political arena — in a run for Oakland County sheriff. Name recognition helped him with the largely-Republican voters of Oakland County. "We won pretty handily in the primary, and the general election was pretty much decided along partisan lines," he explains.

The "diversification" of being sheriff intrigues Nichols — the water patrols, the different communities — "and then you can be the proprietor of a thousand-room hotel," known locally as the Oakland County Jail.

He's proud of his tenure so far, pointing to the end of rented jail space in other counties and the end of a consent judgment on jail operations as major accomplishments.

With an easy re-election last year safely behind him, Nichols rattles off lots of goals for the future: accrediting the jail, continued growth in township contracts, expanding drug enforcement.

And, perhaps most important, "to continue to manage the jail properly so there is never a time when a thief who should go to jail doesn't have a place to come."



Sheriff John Nichols talks to Capt. Richard Hubble, jail administrator.

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Corey, 4, keeps mother Sarah busy at home

Photo by CHRIS BOYD

## Sarah Phelps seeks unity to protect Walled Lake

By Phil Ginotti

For Sarah Phelps and members of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA), the last few years have brought with them an understanding of what it takes to influence government and shape long-lasting public policy.

LARA was formed this past October to unite residents around their very valuable resource — Walled Lake.

But the group is made up of a group of Novi "north end" residents — outsiders — who have been bitter, vocal critics of the city's policies, or lack thereof, in dealing with the problems of the heavily stigmatized area.

Now, slowly, LARA members are coming to the realization that honey does, indeed, work better than vinegar. The protest signs have been put away, the angry outbursts in city council chambers are gradually becoming a thing of the past.

And things are getting done.

"I've always known that it is easier to work from within the system than outside of the system," said Phelps, an admitted "ex-hippie."

"It's always better to be rational . . . to back your statements up with fact.

"Of course, we're not just going to go in and demand things. We're going to go forward with some solutions," she said. "We just expect now . . . we know . . . that it is going to take time."

That alone has been the toughest adjustment for this bold group — that the wheels of government rumble into action quite slowly. It takes meetings, lunches, follow-up letters, hearty handshakes, happy talk, pats on the back every once in a while.

Under her stewardship, that's a game LARA has been making a go at.

It's a far cry from a few years ago, when Phelps and another north end resident organized a floating protest to a marina development proposed for the southern shores of Walled Lake. Boats of all types were adorned with patchwork protest signs for the day-long event.

"The picketing and everything that went with it . . . that was strictly an emotional response," she said. "It got a lot of media attention and it got the city's attention, but it got their attention in the wrong way. It was strictly out of the '60s and '70s.

"It worked okay, but it put us in an

adversarial situation with them," she said.

The project — called "The Landing" — has been a long time in the making. Last month, the Novi City Council voted on another extension, amid continuing resident objection. Phelps' protest amounted to a two-minute speech opposed to the project, while dressed in a conservative business suit.

In the past few months, the group has lobbied city leaders in both Walled Lake and Novi to come up with more stringent standards to regulate ice shanties for Walled Lake. The large lake straddles both city boundaries — with about two-thirds of it in Novi and the other third in the City of Walled Lake.

The group studied ordinance language in place in other communities and presented a full report to the city councils of both cities two months ago.

Much of spring was spent planning a Walled Lake area cleanup weekend for April 29-30. They began planning the event in February, in an effort to help residents dispose of heavy household products. Ice shanties that had fallen through the ice in the last thaw were also removed from the

lake. Nearly every city agency came forward to assist. The Department of Public Works (DPW) supplied four huge dumpsters. The police department stepped up patrols to look out for vandalism. The fire department volunteered a boat and claw to remove shanties. And the Parks and Recreation Department made its facilities available for a special party afterward.

In addition, a long list of local merchants stepped forward to support the effort with food, drink and donations.

"We got cooperation up and down the line," she said. "It's very encouraging."

As she gazes out over Walled Lake on a sunny, but crisp day in April, Phelps has a good vision — a vision of ongoing cooperation — for the future.

Frayed edges began showing in the north end after years of being regarded as a posh, suburban resort. Many of the area's homes are currently converted cottages or cabins, platted in the early 1900s, and most weren't suited for year-round use.

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Sarah Phelps is a frequent speaker at the podium at Novi City Council meetings

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Not too long ago, the area was characterized as a suburban slum, with rundown and ill-kept housing, labyrinthical gravel roads, cars on blocks, and a stubborn petty crime problem. While it hasn't come full circle yet, the area may well be past a turning point.

"It's been changing for the last 10 years ... it's changed drastically the last two years," said Phelps.

While LARA doesn't pretend to take credit for that, its membership is making a long-term pledge to help refine and tailor city and county policy to this highly specialized area of Novi.

"We see the association as a very strong voice as far as protection of the lake, both ecologically and economically," said Phelps. "We have a lot invested here.

"It's a matter of understanding," she continued. "A lot of people in Novi have a boat they take to Kent Lake or Lake St. Clair, whenever they have a free day.

"But in this particular part of the city, that is a way of life ... every day."



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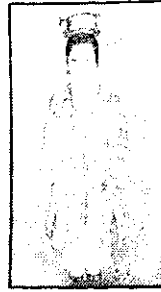
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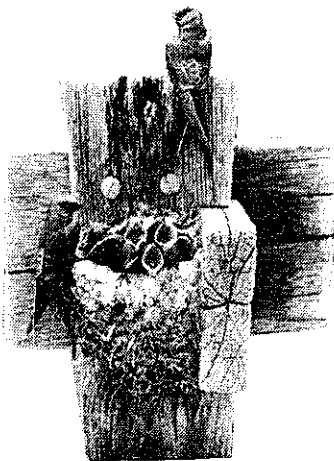
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## Echoes of the old west linger today in teacher Don Schwarck's memory

Many youngsters have spent their childhood days reading books about the Old West and dreaming of leading the U.S. Cavalry to battle.

For South Lyon city resident Don Schwarck, that fascination has led to spending many hours seeking memorabilia on Gen. George Armstrong Custer.

The Centennial Middle School science teacher has traveled to several states for the past 10 years, searching for information on the American army officer who was killed in June 1876 while fighting Sioux Indians in the Battle of Little Bighorn.

A book about Custer piqued Schwarck's interest when he first began teaching in South Lyon.

"There was a reading program called Silent Uninterrupted Reading Experience (SURE). The school set aside a time for people to stop what they were doing and read. It included students and personnel, and it could be a novel, comic book or magazine."

"I picked up a book titled 'Crazy Horse and Custer' by Stephen Ambrose, a dual biography about the two men and the events leading to the battle. That got me hooked," he said.

Although Custer is best known for "meeting his Waterloo" at Little Bighorn at age 36, Schwarck wanted to know about the rest of the general's military career.

"From reading 'Crazy Horse and Custer,' I got the feeling that everything most Americans read about him wasn't the entire truth. I wanted to find the truth," he said.

Schwarck learned that Custer fought for the Union Army in the Civil War after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. The young military officer became a brigadier general at the age of 23, and was promoted to major general when he was 25.

"Custer fought about 50 battles in his lifetime and he only lost once. But that battle is the one everyone thinks of when they hear about Custer," Schwarck said.

The reasons for Custer's current popularity are due to his earlier battlefield victories and the timing of his demise at the Battle of Little Bighorn.

"Remember that it was 1876, when the country was celebrating its centennial. The battle happened in June, but word didn't get back to the East Coast until around July 4. It was a great blow to the celebration," Schwarck explained.

The teacher has visited the Custer Battlefield National Monument near Hardin, Mont., located in the southeastern section of the state, and other places where Custer had been in various stages of his life.

"I'm lucky in that my family is half-way interested in this. My son Matt (age 16) has been to the battlefield a couple of times and is becoming more interested in my hobby as he gets older. My other son

(Paul, age 11) went with me last summer. We had a great time and found a few things from Custer's lifetime," he said.

Schwarck is a member of the Little Bighorn Associates. The national organization conducts its annual convention in places where Custer spent part of his life.

A few years ago the convention was held near Canton, Ohio. While all of these Custer fanatics were doing their thing, his wife Karen — in an attempt to escape the convention atmosphere — took the kids across the street to a mall.

"There happened to be an antique show going on in the mall. I looked around and asked a vendor if he had anything related to Custer," Karen said.

"He said 'sure' and pulled out these stereotypical views taken during Custer's expeditions in the Black Hills. I couldn't wait to get back," she added.

"She came back and everyone there was appalled that these items were right under their noses and a non-member found them," Don said.

Another year the convention was held in Monroe, Mich. Custer lived there for a time with his half-sister and met his wife, the former Elizabeth Bacon. She and her husband visited several friends in the area during their lifetimes.

Because of its proximity, Schwarck has spent much time in the Monroe County Library, where thousands of books are in the Gen. George Custer collection.

He learned that Custer had befriended a former Detroit mayor — Kirkland C. Barker.

The mayor founded the Detroit Audubon Club, whose members collected animal artifacts and other scientific items of interest.

"It has nothing to do with the present-day Audubon Society," Schwarck added.

While Custer was roaming Indian Territory with the military after the Civil War, he sent wild animals back to the Detroit Audubon Club, including a wild pelican an Indian had captured.

Schwarck is currently writing a manuscript as a contributor to a book about Custer.

The book, to be titled "Custer and His Friends," is the fourth in a series about Custer's life. Schwarck's manuscript is due to the editor in December 1990.

"The chapters are about Barker and some of the other members of the Audubon Club who went on a buffalo hunt with Custer in 1869," Schwarck said.

Researching for the manuscript has led him to potential sources in unlikely places — like South Lyon.

"There's one member of the buffalo hunt party in particular for whom I've been trying to find information. I finally got a lead a couple of months ago at a parent-teacher conference.

"There's a girl in one of my classes whose mother is a relative of John B.



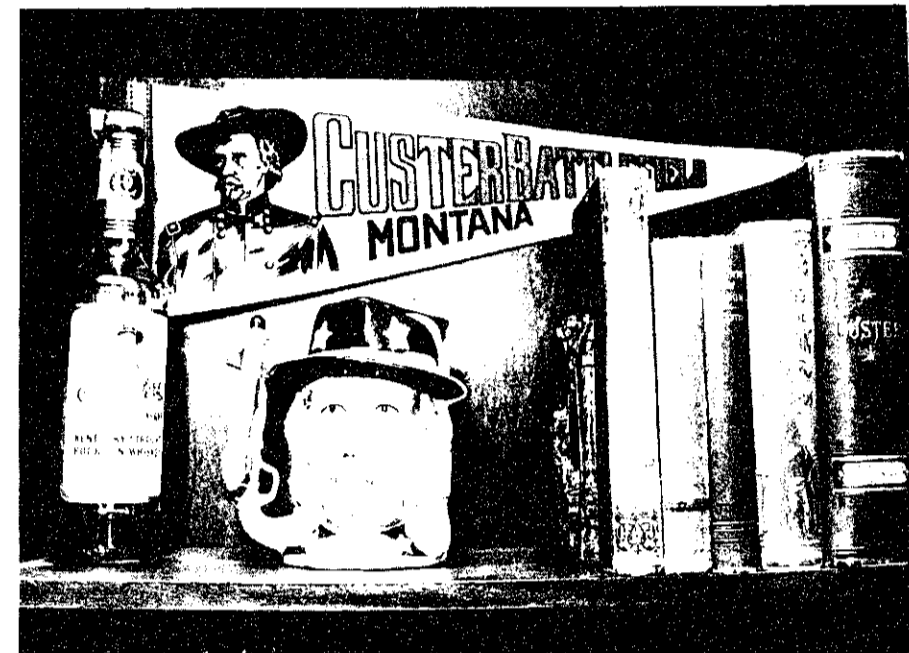
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- Don Schwarck  
South Lyon Teacher

Sutherland. He was involved in the Michigan Central Railroad. The woman lives two streets down from me in the same subdivision. It's unbelievable," he said.

Karen said while she is interested in Custer, she doesn't share her husband's enthusiasm and dedication in obtaining



While one side of this mug features Custer's face, apparel and weapon, the other side depicts similar features belonging to Chief Crazy Horse.



From left, Don Schwarck and his family, wife Karen and sons Matt and Paul, go over pictures and artifacts taken from Don's various travels in his research of Custer.

## Township employee enriches life with art and snowmobiling

By Mike McGilennen

In a fast-paced world where people are sometimes too rushed to be friendly and courteous, Lyon Township receptionist Mary Ann Moening stands out with her cheerful demeanor.

Perhaps Moening's pleasant nature can best be attributed to her participation in a variety of activities. No matter how bogged down she may be, Moening makes sure to devote time to her hobbies as a relaxing escape.

"I love to do my little crafts. I find them to be relaxing and fun, although I wish I had more time to devote to them. Since I started working full time, I don't have as much time to spend on my quilting anymore. But on the other hand, I enjoy my job very much and don't want to leave it," said Moening.

Moening and her husband Bruce, who works at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, have been married for 25 years. The Moenings have two adult daughters, Cynthia, a 24-year-old sophomore at Lake Superior State College, and Lisa, a 22-year-old junior attending Eastern Michigan University.

Moening spent many hours in the past making quilts for members of her family, friends and assorted relatives, but has not had sufficient time to devote to quilting the past several years.

Since she started working at the Lyon Township Hall in August 1986 as a secretary/receptionist, Moening has concentrated her energies on less time-consuming activities.

Moening has participated in weekly oil-painting classes at The Artcraft Shop, 113 N. Lafayette, for the past five years and continues to devote much of her free time to the activity.

Carlene Atchison, wife of Lyon Township Supervisor James Atchison, owns The Artcraft Shop and instructs Moening and others in painting techniques.

"Carlene is great. She works very closely with the students and we have lots of fun," said Moening.

"It's kind of funny. I work for Jim Atchison and I go to painting classes taught by Carlene Atchison," Moening added.

She explained that students usually create their paintings from photographs provided by Carlene Atchison, although Moening is making some initial attempts to branch out with her own subjects.

"I am painting a picture for some friends of ours from California. When they came here last fall, they loved the autumn colors... so I'm making a painting from this photograph of them among the trees," said Moening.

Moening enjoys comparing her paintings with those of other members of the oil-painting class.

"It's funny... everybody has a slightly different perspective. Each picture looks different although we are all painting from the same photo," Moening said.

One of her personal favorite paintings is hanging in the kitchen. It is of a watermelon on a table.

"My great-aunt was a painter and she had a painting like that in her kitchen. Nobody liked it but me, so when I completed this one, I decided to hang it in my own kitchen."

The frame selected for a painting can often have more of an impact on the painting itself than most people realize.

"Sometimes I will have a frame that I like a lot and I will make the painting fit the frame. For instance, I had an old frame in the basement that I decided to use before I started with the actual painting," said Moening.

Painting is not Moening's sole activity. She and her husband are avid snowmobilers, which is a major reason they moved to South Lyon nearly 14 years ago.

"When we moved out here in 1975, we were mainly looking for places to snowmobile. A friend of ours lived out this way and we used to come snowmobile out here," Moening said.

Moening is concerned about the impact South Lyon's recent growth spurt will have on riding snowmobiles in the area.

"I'm sure it will hamper snowmobiling. It will probably cut away our route to Brighton," added Moening.

The Moenings can snowmobile to the Brighton State Recreation Area by using a trail at the end of their property.

Growth is not the only factor having an influence on snowmobiling in the South



Photo by JOHN M. GALLOWAY

Lyon area. The recent mild winters in Southeastern Michigan have already eliminated much of the snowmobiling in this area, said Moening.

"This is the second year in a row that we haven't been able to snowmobile around here."

Moening became interested in snowmobiling 15 years ago when the family lived in Plymouth.

"One day Bruce brought home a couple of snowmobiles and we've been involved ever since," she said.

Moening enjoys snowmobiling for many reasons.

"The sport of it is fun. It's nice to see all the beautiful scenery and it is fun to get outside. I also enjoy the power of the machine. You are in control of a lot of power when you are on a snowmobile," said Moening.

The Moenings travel to northern lower Michigan virtually every weekend along with their informal snowmobiling club, "The Drifters." This group is comprised of several friends from Livonia, Westland and South Lyon, said Moening.

The group has traveled to Cheboygan,

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Cadillac, Indian River and Lewiston on various occasions in search of optimal snowmobiling conditions. Of the locations visited by the club, the trips Moening enjoys most are the ones to Indian River.

"There is a lot of snow and good, well-groomed trails. We traveled between Indian River and the Mackinac Bridge this winter and really enjoyed it," said Moening.

She explained that snowmobilers can travel along an abandoned railroad bed while completing the 30-mile trip to the bridge.

The Moenings have a cottage in Atlanta, Mich., but they use it mostly in the summer since they prefer to snowmobile at other locations.

These tours of the state in search of good snowmobiling have their drawbacks, however.

"We've spent more money than ever on motels this winter," said Moening with a laugh.

In addition to her painting, snowmobiling, and occasional quilting, Moening also has a long-distance relationship.

"I have a pen pal in Australia that I communicate with three or four times a year. Her name is Liane and I've kept in contact with her since I was a girl," Moening said.

"I have never met Liane, but I hope to go to Australia someday and visit her."



Moening demonstrates her painting technique while seated at a picnic table in her backyard.

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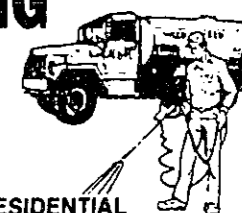
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## Firefighting is consuming passion for Hatch

By Bruce Weintraub

The motto of many law and firefighting agencies throughout the United States is "to serve and protect."

For Northville Township volunteer fireman Frank Hatch, that motto has been a way of life since he became a fireman back in 1948.

Before beginning his firefighting career with Engine Co. 39 of the Detroit Fire Department nearly 31 years ago, Hatch spent three years on an attack transport ship in World War II.

"I was on a ship in the Pacific Ocean from 1943 through 1945, and we faced danger almost every day," Hatch said, recalling his days on the vessel.

"Being in the war developed maturity. Nobody looked out for you but yourself."

"I remember when the Japanese tried to blow me out of the water in Okinawa and Iwo Jima. That's when I saw my first kamikazes. When they started coming down, you knew they weren't going to stop. I was plenty scared."

Instead of being drafted into the U.S. Army, Hatch said he dropped out of school at age 17 to become a sailor in the Navy.

"The ship I was on carried troops to various stops, including Hong Kong, Korea and the Philippines," he said. "All my friends got drafted at 18 into the Army, and I wanted to join the Navy. So I did."

Born in 1925 on the east side of Detroit, Hatch said he returned to the city following his discharge from the Navy in 1945.

Going from one construction job to the next, Hatch was introduced to firefighting by his brother-in-law in 1948.

And he's been dedicated to the profession ever since.

"I was dabbling in construction after the war. I had a brother-in-law who was a fireman, and it looked like a good job with some security," Hatch said.

"In my teens I wanted to be a fireman," he added. "I had security. Because I grew up in the (Great) Depression, security meant a lot then to a lot of people. "And the first day I was on it, I knew I liked it."

"To become a firefighter back then, you had to take a written, physical, and an agility test, which included climbing a rope. The rope climbing test eliminated a lot of people," he said.

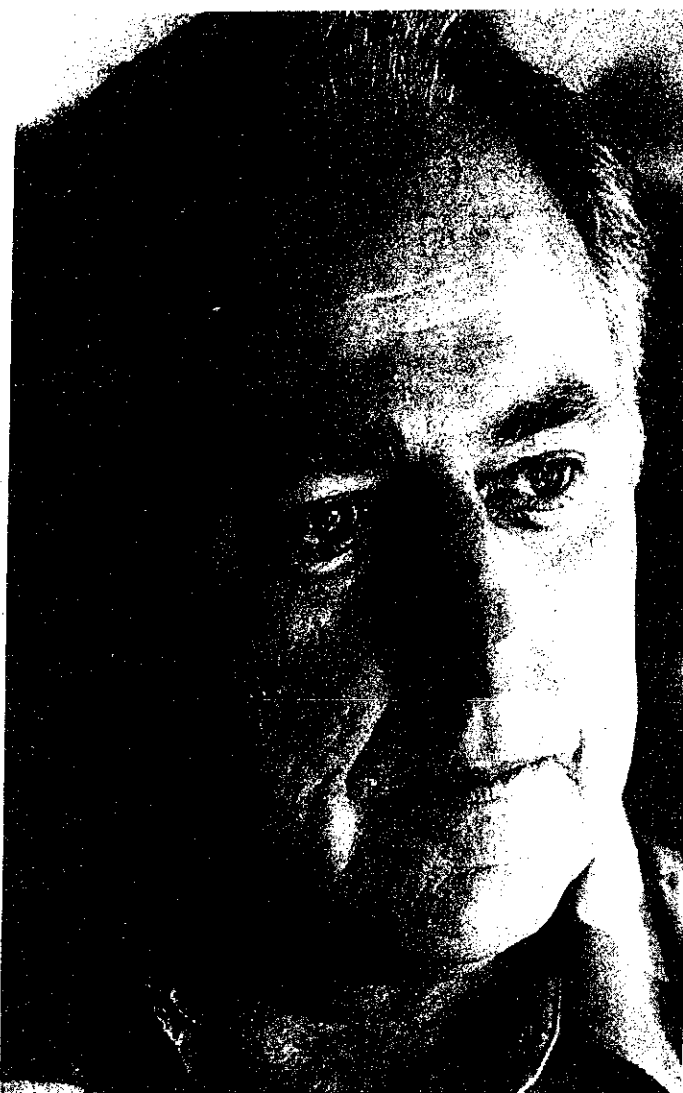
A lot of guys in World War II became firefighters after they came back home Hatch said, noting the requirements for new firemen were extremely rough.

"I remember going to a fire when I was a trial man (on probation) and if you got one black mark against you it may mean getting fired," Hatch said.

"Well, I pulled up to a fire once and the building had flames coming out of it. I thought, 'How are we going to put it out.' But we did."

"You really had to earn the respect of your fellow firefighters."

While Hatch said fighting fires in Detroit made for a very challenging career, he added that, nothing quite



Frank Hatch

Photo by CHRIS BOYD

equalled being a fireman during the Detroit Riots in 1967.

"Our station was right in the middle of the riot in 1967," Hatch reminisced. "The police came to our station on a Saturday night. We had six or seven runs already that day, and they wanted to borrow our ax to bust the Blind Pig."

Tension in Detroit had been building from many incidents, but the police raid of the blind pig is seen as the catalyst for the beginning of the riot.

"Bottles were flying everywhere and the police told us to be careful when driving on 12th Street," Hatch recalled. "Well, we got a call at about 4 a.m. and a bunch of bottles started hitting our truck. We had to back off and it turned out to be a false alarm."

Hatch said he worked at the department during the first day of the riot. "Saturday

day, but was quickly called back on Sunday. "I didn't get home until the next Thursday."

"One day, three carloads of black people came to our station and they had guns with them," Hatch said. "They asked the fire chief if we could help them protect their houses from burning and they said they would protect us."

"So, we went with two trucks to the fire and I held a hose. Everybody was throwing their refrigerators and sofas into the street because the fire had already burned three houses."

"I had a fella with a shotgun standing by me and said, 'You stay by me.' And he said, 'That's my house over there and that's all I've got in the world. Nobody will come near you.'"

"We put that fire out and it felt pretty good," he said. "We were tired and scared that day, but the fellas I worked with

never wanted to be any other place or do anything else."

From the hectic, sometimes brutal life in the Detroit to the serene, quiet life in Northville Township, Hatch has continued his career as a firefighter.

"Once a fireman always a fireman," he said.

"I've been a volunteer fireman since the township department started in September 1977," Hatch said. "I said I'd help them for six months, to get started. But here I am still in it."

"I really like it," he said, with a grin. "Chief Robert Toms and I took these raw fellas and trained them, and it's been kind of satisfying to see them turn out."

Having to respond to fire calls at unusual hours and in trying weather conditions can become a grind for even the most dedicated fireman.

While fighting a fire at a house near Meadowbrook Country Club last February, Hatch said it was very cold and he wondered, "What the heck am I doing here?"

"But, later on I realized that I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

In addition to serving as a captain for the township fire department, Hatch said he helps instruct a fire training school in Livonia every two weeks.

"I help teach new, as well as veteran, firefighters on all aspects of firefighting," he said.

Including the training and fire fighting, Hatch said he makes approximately \$900 to \$1,000 per year as a volunteer.

Money is one of the things that matters least to Hatch when it comes to firefighting.

"I've seen the township staff grow from only two engines and a tanker and its response time still amazes me," he said.

"I was on the committee to see what was needed in the township, and 12 years later I'm very proud to see what progress has been made," he said. "The people of Northville Township are in very good hands."

In addition to his volunteer firefighting, Hatch said he and his wife Jean, also spend time volunteering at the First Methodist Church of Northville.

Married to Jean for 42 years, Hatch said he has two children and two grandchildren.

"My twin grandsons are 18 months old and they are the apple of my eye," he said.

Serving as a firefighter for the past 41 years has brought with it a share of painful memories for Hatch, not to mention a large amount of cuts and bruises.

Hatch said his worst memories are of children being hurt or killed in an accident. "I really hate to see kids who are hurt," he said.

Then there was that one fateful day during the riots in 1967.

"A friend of mine was killed during the riot when he climbed an aerial ladder and hit an electrical pole with his helmet," he recalled. "That was sad. I still think of him once in a while."

Once a fireman, always a fireman.

"We were tired and scared that day, but the fellas I worked with never wanted to be any other place or do anything else"

- Frank Hatch  
Volunteer firefighter



Frank Hatch, center, and Northville Township firefighters at a fire scene last February

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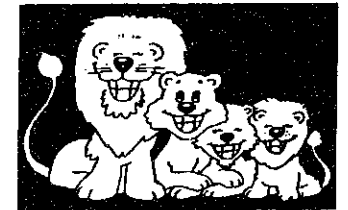
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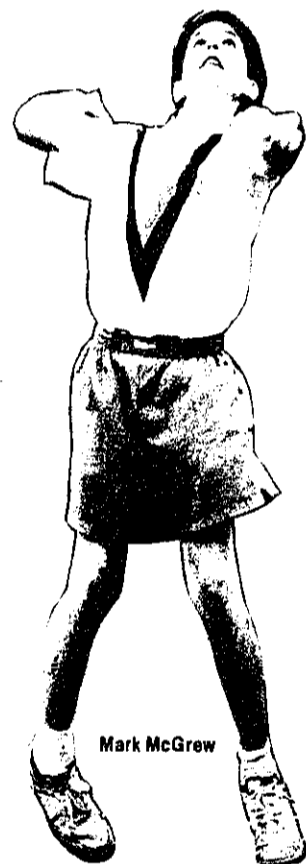
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## Tennis whiz at 13, Mark McGrew places in top competitions



Mark McGrew

Photos by TERESE KREDO

By Neil Geoghegan

If you phone the McGrew residence in Novi and nobody's home, you'll hear Mark McGrew on the answering machine.

His voice will tell you he's a young teenager, but he communicates like somebody much more mature, much more advanced in years.

Just like on the tennis court, Mark stands out — he's special.

McGrew has been a Novi resident for three years and attends Novi Middle School. He was raised in Wisconsin and learned to play tennis on neighborhood courts in Waukesha. Now — at age 13 — he's one of the top players in his age group in the nation.

"I really enjoy the game — it's fun for me, and that's why I play it," Mark said. "I like competing, especially against kids who are better than I am. It makes me a better player and it feels great if you can beat them."

Mark's parents — Mike and Gayle McGrew — have always enjoyed recreational tennis. Mike put a tennis racket in Mark's hands at age 3 and he started in a tot program the next year.

"The local pro told us then that Mark had excellent hand-eye coordination and that he could develop into a fine player," Mike recalled.

McGrew started competing in local club tournaments at 6 and moved up to United States Tennis Association (USTA) events at 8. The little kid from Waukesha with the two-hand backhand and forehand continued to improve and show great potential.

When the McGrews moved to Novi from Wisconsin in 1986, Mark thought it would be a big setback because he'd have to find a new coach, a new tennis club and new friends. But after some searching, Mark was paired with personal coach Jon Fisher at the Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield.

"When we moved from Wisconsin, I was disappointed," Mark admitted. "But we found the club, and Jon ... and right away I knew it would work out. He's improved my game completely and we get along very well."



At age 11, McGrew was ranked 106th in the nation for under-12 boys by the USTA. The following year — 1988 — Mark was a year older, a year better, and his ranking jumped up to 14th. In the seven-state Western Tennis Association, McGrew is currently ranked second.

"He's a natural athlete and he has a good coach," said Gayle McGrew. "Tennis has given Mark the opportunity to make friends all over the country."

To get a USTA national ranking, players must compete in four specific tournaments per season. At the National Hardcourt Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, Mark beat the number one and number three seeds and ended up placing third overall in the boys' 12-and-under division — his best tournament finish ever.

In addition, he was ninth at the Nationals in San Diego, lost to the eventual champion, placed 16th at the National Indoor Championships in Indianapolis and was 17th at the National Clay-Court Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"I really don't look at the rankings, I just try to get through each match," he said. "I'm physically smaller than most of the kids, but I can hold my own because I'm fast and I try to be smarter."

Mark practices two days a week with Fisher at the racquet club and also follows an exercise program every other day in an attempt to increase his upper-body strength.

"Mark is, from a personal standpoint, a fun kid to work with because he's willing to try different things and he has a wide range of skills," Fisher said.

"He's one of the smaller kids in his age group. There are a lot of kids bigger and stronger than he is, but he makes up for it with his speed."

"He's definitely one of the quickest tennis players for his age in the country."

McGrew is the highest ranking pupil Fisher has ever coached. He describes Mark as a shot maker who knows all the angles, has a good feel for spins — like top-spin and slices — and has the potential to hit a fantastic winner at any time.

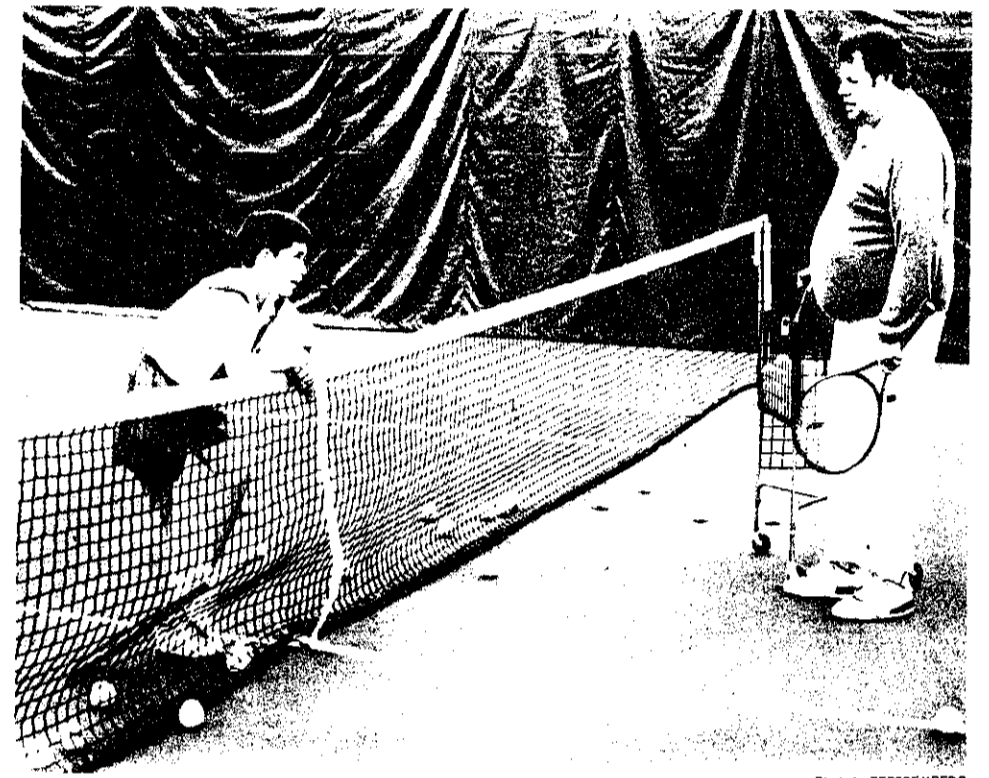
"Mark really doesn't have any weaknesses," he said. "He hits both his forehand and backhand with two hands, and I think that has a lot to do with picking up the game at a very young age. He is able to hit one-handed shots when he needs to, but at this point, it's not holding him back."

For a youngster with such immense talent, Mark isn't making big plans for the future — like professional tennis — that may never work out.

He is content with the prospect of playing at the high school level and perhaps in college after that. Getting onto the pro circuit is certainly a dream, but not necessarily a goal.

"I'm really looking forward to playing

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Mark McGrew talks things over with his coach Jon Fisher

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at Novi High School and hopefully going on to college," he said. "The pros are what every tennis player dreams about, but I don't think much about it because it's such a long way away."

That kind of attitude is exactly what Fisher likes to see in his students.

"I don't think of professional tennis as a goal for someone like Mark," he explained. "I look for him to be an outstanding high school player and maybe getting a scholarship to play in college. Mark's at a point now where an average progression of his talent will put him in that situation."



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Clint Richards, standing beside Corporate Flight Inc.'s LearJet 35A, recalls his career as a military fighter pilot as one filled with 'fun and exhilaration.'

Photography by John Galloway

## Pilot Clint Richards is always on call

By Matt Valley

The urgent phone call typically comes at night.

A traffic fatality outstate results in a donor match for a kidney transplant patient at Henry Ford Hospital of Detroit.

The coordinator of the hospital's LifeShare program places a call at 10 p.m. with Corporate Flight, Inc., a Romulus-based air ambulance service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The caller requests a 3 a.m. flight to Grand Rapids to harvest the organ.

A four-member team consisting of two surgeons, an organ perfusion coordinator and the LifeShare coordinator will make the trip to harvest the organ.

Time is of the essence.

Pilot Clint Richards is on call but within telephone contact, relaxing at his Green

Oak Township home on Post Lane, when he receives the message that he will fly during the early morning hours.

The retired U.S. Air Force pilot will arrive at the hangar 90 minutes before takeoff to conduct some pre-flight tests to ensure all instruments are working.

Richards will study the flight plan, review weather conditions and make arrangements for catering service aboard the aircraft for the transplant team.

"We get priority handling as far as getting in and out of the airport and getting en route to our destination to harvest the organ."

"We fly using a lifeguard call sign. When we use that we receive priority handling to move in front of other traffic," Richards explained.

"You don't dally around. You don't allow the air traffic controller to put airliners in front of you or delay your arrival."

Medical experts say efficiency of time is paramount in the organ harvesting process. Once it is determined the donor's body is brain dead, the organ is regulated and maintained by external forces such as a ventilator and respirator.

The longer it takes to harvest the organ the greater the chance the organ may expire before transplantation, said Alfred Bolden, RN, LifeShare program coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital of Detroit.

"The pilots are an important part of the planning process. They are intensely involved," said Bolden.

"We want to know exactly when we're going to touch down so we can tell the ambulance service at the other end."

Typically it takes two hours to surgically remove the organ, which is then placed into a sterile bag, flushed with a preservation fluid, placed into a small Igloo ice chest packed with ice and transported back to Detroit.

The surgical team will again perform surgery upon arrival at Henry Ford Hospital. The entire process can take up to as long as 24 hours.

"It seems like when they come (organ transplants), they come in bunches. We may go a couple of months without one and then have quite a few in a couple of months," said Richards.

Generally, the organ transplant flights are within one to two hours of Detroit to destinations such as Harbor Springs,

Pellston, Saginaw and Kalamazoo.

Since the inception of the LifeShare program at Henry Ford Hospital in 1986, surgeons have performed hundreds of transplant operations in the following denominations: 88 heart, 5 pancreas, 5 pancreas/kidney, and 708 kidney. Of the 20,000 potential donors each year nationwide, only 20 percent actually become donors, Bolden said.

"People don't always understand the process. There's a lot of superstition involved. The better educated they are, the more willing they will be to donate," according to Bolden.

As immuno-suppressive drugs in the medical world become more and more effective, the body is less likely to reject the transplanted organ, he added.

Though the bulk of Richards' work for Corporate Flight, Inc., is spent transporting top business executives to places throughout the country and the world, flying the transplant teams gives his job a special sense of purpose.

"Every year Henry Ford Hospital has a party for the transplant patients. They invite our chief pilot to it. He comes back and tells how grateful the recipients are, because if it hadn't been for us flying the team, then of course they wouldn't be here," said Richards.

Possessing a sense of purpose and duty is a trademark of Richards' life. Born

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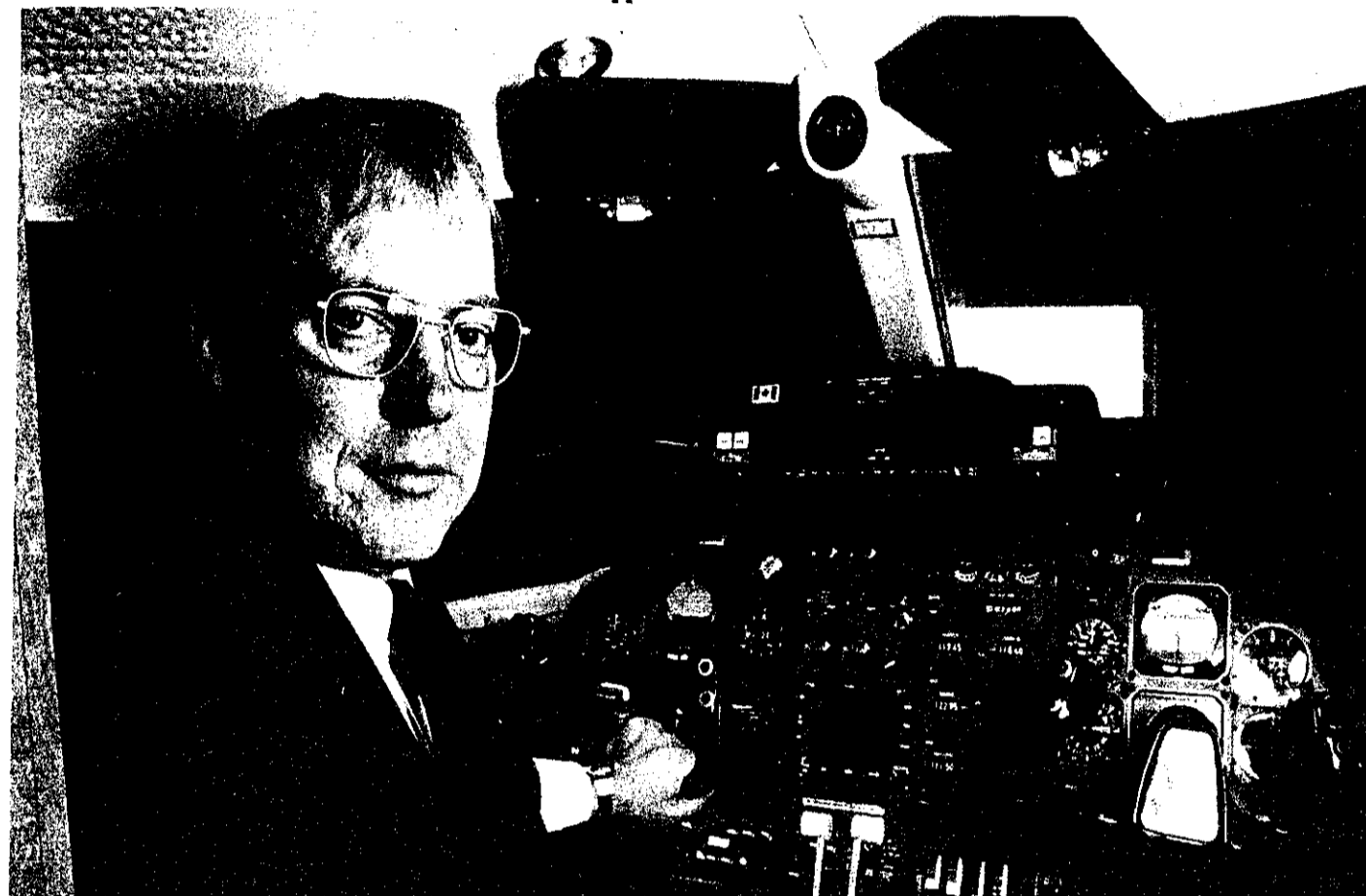


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**"There's no other flying than fighter flying. That's like driving a sedan versus a sports car. If you had your choice, why would you drive a sedan?"**

- Clint Richards  
Private company pilot

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near Indianapolis, Ind. in 1943, Richards and his family moved when he was 13 to Rockford, Ill. when his father, a mechanical engineer, switched jobs. Richards spent the next four years in Rockford before the family moved again, this time to Kalamazoo, Mich.

Though Richards is unable to precisely pinpoint when his fascination with flying began, his father probably played a factor.

"My father flew when he was younger (in the Detroit area when he was a student for General Motors Institute in the 1930s). He didn't fly for commercial or military. He flew for recreation before he had his family and he'd talk about it."

After spending two years at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Richards enrolled at the University of Michigan.

"I guess I realized I could fly for the Air Force when I enrolled in Michigan. I stopped at the ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) and they said I could join the flying program."

"I was walking around on campus during registration. I stopped in and they signed me up. I had been in ROTC at Western Michigan (University) but that was Army ROTC."

When he graduated from the U of M with an engineering degree in 1966 he was commissioned by the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant.

Following graduation, Richards spent one year in a pilot training course at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. He graduated from the course in June of 1967.

Richards' next stop was F-100 fighter plane school at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. A smile spreads across Richards' face as he recollects his days as a fighter pilot. It is unmistakably clear he

has always enjoyed a sense of adventure.

"There's no other flying than fighter flying. That's like driving a sedan versus a sports car. If you had your choice, why would you drive a sedan?" asked Richards.

"As far as fun and exhilaration, military flying is the best. Flying airplanes low to the ground is a lot of kicks," the veteran pilot added with a chuckle.

Richards served in South Vietnam as a F-100 fighter pilot from April 1968-69. The squadron of which he was a member served as air support for the ground troops. His job was to drop bombs anywhere from as high as 3,000 feet to as low as 100 feet.

"It was exciting. There were moments of terror . . . night missions with thunderstorms and ground fire. At night you can't see the ground and ground fire, which increases the fear factor."

"I didn't ever have anybody I flew with (on a mission) . . . a leader or wingman shot down. We did lose some people on the squadron (comprised of 20 to 25 people)."

Following his stint in Vietnam, Richards worked as a primary jet flight instructor for nearly four years in San Antonio, Texas. From 1973-78 he served as a communications operations officer for the Air Force in Austin, Texas.

Richards served one year in Korea, 1978-79, in an air support advisory role in Korea before moving to Tucson, Ariz. to occupy the next four years in yet another advisory role.

The last three years of Richards' Air Force career were spent as U.S. Air Force advisor to the Air National Guard (ANG)

in Battle Creek, Mich. The purpose of the ANG is to maintain readiness for any potential conflict or crisis situation.

"We tried to keep the moves to every two to three years so that it wouldn't be hard on the family," he said, referring to his military career.

Richards has been flying for Corporate Flight, Inc., primarily a business aviation firm, for nearly three years. He logs about 500 hours of flying time per year, averaging between 150-160 flight days annually. At other times he is on call. It is unusual for him to be on the road several days a month. Sometimes the traveling can become downright tiresome, though Richards takes it all in stride.

Recently he transported some business executives to Nuremberg, Germany for a week. A few weeks later it was off to Iowa for a few days. Richards periodically undergoes extensive flight training in Toledo, Ohio to keep his skills sharp.

He is married and has two children: Terry, 13, and Pam, 18. Josephine, his wife of 20 years and a native of Manchester, England, is owner of Josephine's Threadneedle Shop in the City of South Lyon. "My wife's very supportive," he said.

"It's always interesting when he comes back," his wife explained. "He always has interesting stories to tell. The thing is though you have to have some other kind of life of your own. The kids and I do a lot of things together when he's gone. It can get lonely."

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The Richards family studies a map of Germany, following Clint Richards' recent business aviation trip to the City of Nuremberg. Family members shown (from left) are Josephine and her husband Clint, daughters Terry and Pam.

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Josephine said nearly half of the couple's friends are divorced because of their jobs.

"I stand behind him. Whatever place he has to go or whatever he has to do, I don't hold him down. I've learned to make the best of it.

"The kids have learned to adapt real well. They've been amazing in that respect. I think that's because we're a close-knit family," said Josephine.

Those who work with Richards appreciate his experience as a pilot and his low-key temperament, qualities which have helped the company maintain a top-notch reputation as both a business aviation firm and an air ambulance service.

"We were really glad to get Clint. We knew he was a military pilot who had high flying time. He knew how to take orders," said Rosemary Goodes, director of marketing for Corporate Flight, Inc.

"We've had a couple of military men (hired as pilots by Corporate Flight, Inc.) and we've been extremely pleased with them. They've seen it all and probably twice," she added.

Perhaps what Richards likes most about his job is knowing he makes a difference in the lives of others. He recalls the crisis of a man who suffered a heart attack while in Traverse City on vacation.

Richards was contacted immediately to pilot a medical evacuation flight from Traverse City to Houston, Texas for a

heart bypass operation.

"On that flight we stopped in Memphis (Tenn.) to refuel. In Memphis they had the fire truck standing by so we could refuel with one engine running so we could keep the air conditioner going. We did not want to unload the patient from the airplane. We wanted to get fuel as quick as possible.

"All along the trip we had to be ready to stop at the nearest airfield in case the people (nurse and medical assistant) in the back said, 'We've got to get him on the ground now,'" Richards said.

"Since then we have flown him and he is still grateful for us getting him down there (to Houston). He's still active today."

A sense of purpose...

## NEIGHBORS

# Heidi Wendt triumphs over physical condition

By Amy Rosa

Abnormally common. That's what doctors at Detroit's Children's Hospital said about Heidi Wendt's condition the day she was born in 1971.

When baby Heidi came into the world two months premature her esophagus and windpipe had not fully developed and separated correctly.

She was diagnosed as having tracheoesophageal fistula, or TEF, a life-threatening disorder requiring immediate treatment.

Weighing only 2½ pounds and less than 24 hours after she was born, Heidi underwent the first of what was to be many operations.

"Abnormally common" is how doctors described Heidi's anomaly to her mother Karen. An estimated 4,000 babies are born with TEF each year.

Ten years before she was born, children would die with this condition," said Karen, who together with Heidi's father Skip, endured five years of hospital stays, collapsed windpipes and trachea tubes. What seemed like an endless — and at times nightmarish existence — ended for the most part when Heidi was 4½ years old and doctors took out her "trach" tube permanently.

Her windpipe held its own, and only then was she able to speak through her mouth for the first time.

Half a dozen operations and 18 years later, Heidi, a senior at Novi High School, has blossomed into more than a "regular" teen-ager.

Although no one knew it when she was very young, Heidi also had been born with the ability to sing. She's currently a soprano with her school's jazz group and nine-girl ensemble, and is taking private voice lessons to enhance her talent.

She remembers that during auditions for a special ensemble in sixth grade, her voice — although not necessarily the nicest, was the loudest. That talent earned her the right to sing "America the Beautiful" in a crowded auditorium, which was the event that began it all for her, she said.

Heidi reacts to her childhood fight with TEF the way anyone would probably react to a long-ago period of captivity. At times she was like a prisoner, having to be careful not to eat too fast or laugh too hard for fear of passing out — which she did on occasion.

When those occasions occurred, she was revived by her parents, who learned emergency medical training to deal with their daughter's condition.

Still, for all the attention she received from her doting and — understandably — protective parents, Heidi says she doesn't feel any different than anyone else.

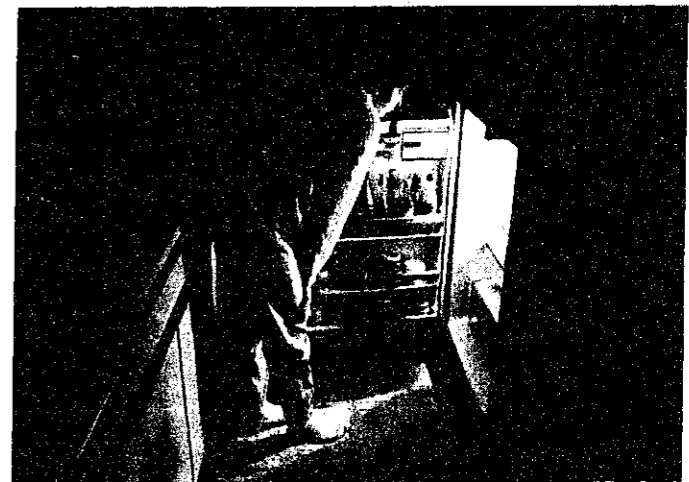
"I don't think about it. I think of myself as ordinary," she said, but admitted that when she does listen to her parents' stories of their five-year ordeal, she thinks, "It's amazing I survived."

Heidi just recently relived the experience through her parents for a paper she wrote on herself for a composition



Heidi Wendt surveys the refrigerator at home

Photos by Chris Boyd



class. Heidi learned that she was a successful case study of sorts, because not many babies had yet been treated for her condition.

In fact, she was the first true intensive care baby at her birthplace of St. John's Hospital in Detroit, where a neo-natal unit had just opened.

"Even though I don't remember it, having TEF has made me more cautious," said Heidi, noting that she is a very wary driver.

And there should never be a worry about mixing alcohol and driving, because she doesn't drink. Not because she is forbidden — on the contrary, her parents impose no restrictions on her — but because she simply doesn't want to.

"I just won't do it," she said, saying she doesn't like the way it tastes. "And I won't smoke either." At some parties she may be in the minority, but that doesn't bother her, she said.

Somehow, she thinks overcoming her disability has also made her a more independent person. Heidi has been babysitting since she was 11 years old, and balances that with working part time as a daycare instructor for The Children's Ark in Novi.

She never takes a dime from her parents, even when it's offered for a shopping spree, which is one of Heidi's favorite events.

Most of all, though, her favorite activity is singing and performing. Heidi used to prance around the house as a youngster "pretending to be Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz" or some other musical character. That must explain why she feels so at home on stage and comfortable performing for people.

"The normal things" are what this college-bound teen does with her free time: hanging out with friends, going to

the movies, checking out the boys and occasionally fighting with her younger sister Wendy.

Yes, she said, she'll miss Novi and her family when she goes to Adrian College next year, but she is looking forward to experiencing life on her own for the first time.

"My mom says there's a reason for everything," Heidi stated.

When asked what could possibly be the reason for her being born with TEF, Heidi responded matter of factly, "To let other people know of this disorder and how it can be helped. I was a positive example."

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## Laotian widow, children find new life here in Milford

By Marilyn Herald

Living in a country like Laos, torn by strife, existing day to day in fear of the Vietnamese, is probably a traumatic enough experience to last anyone a lifetime.

For Chieng Sophabmisay, it was just the beginning of harrowing times. In the past five years, this young wife and mother has survived fleeing in terror to Thailand with her husband and four children; the later death of her husband in the refugee camp; and finally the anxiety of coming to "the promised land" of the United States where she could communicate only with a timid smile.

Losing a husband suddenly can be a tremendously emotional experience anytime. To lose him while in the refugee camp, in a strange country with her young children to care for, could have been a disaster.

Yet, Sophabmisay, a 31-year-old native of Laos, has surmounted all these difficulties and adjusted well to America. She has applied the same determination which she exhibits in all areas of life and has succeeded in making a new life for herself and her youngsters in Milford.

Sophabmisay, her husband Sethong and their children had escaped their native land, traveling by boat late in the day across the Mekong River to Thailand in 1984.

In describing it, she said only, "It was scary, running away. Two families leave every day. The Vietnamese not let Laotians go in the morning. They not want us to leave."

It had been Sethong's strong desire that his family come to America, the land of the free, where his children could learn English and become educated in a variety of subjects. A teacher in Laos, he knew well how important an education can be.

Unfortunately, he was not to see the fruition of his dream — his offspring speaking and understanding English and doing well in school five years after leaving Laos.

In the Thailand camp in January 1986, the refugees received the welcome word that the congregation of St. Mary Catholic Church in Milford had agreed to "adopt" the displaced family.

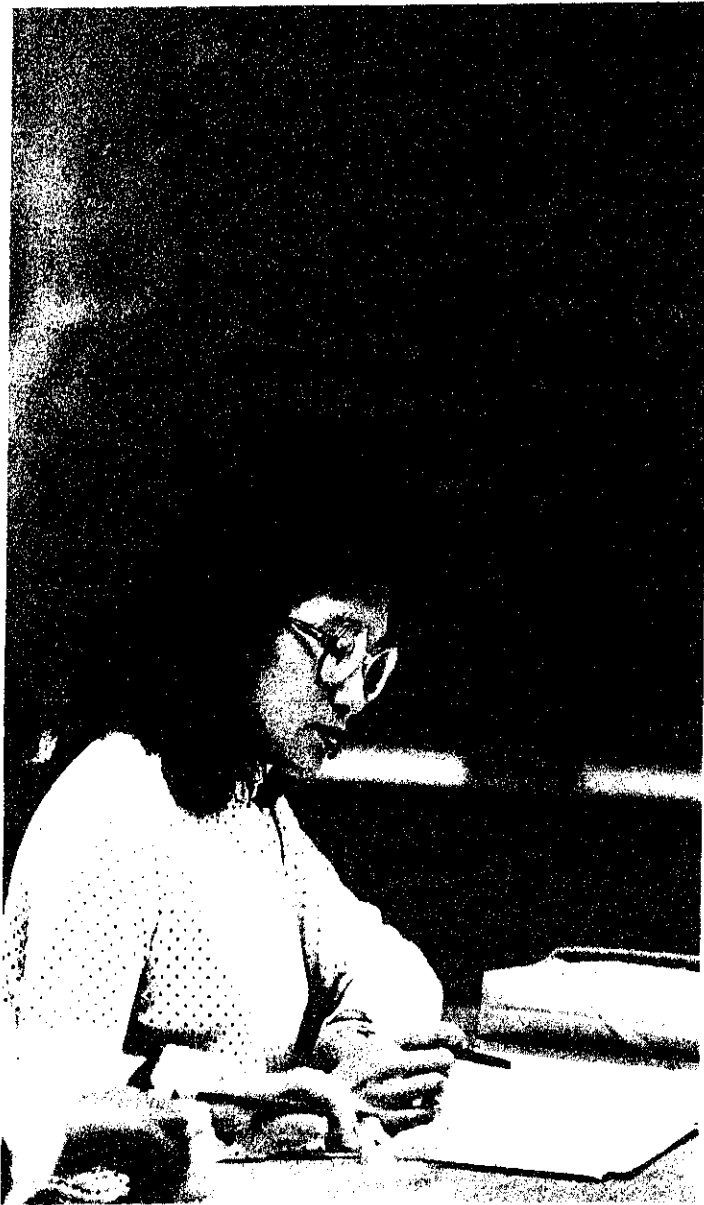
Governmental red tape delayed their departure from Thailand until July 1986. Sethong, who was several years older than his wife, died of a heart attack that April, only three months before the family's scheduled trek to a new land.

"He was just sitting at the table and suddenly he was gone," Chieng related, sadly.

For some time, Father William Sinatra of St. Mary's church had been communicating with Sethong about the planned move to America.

When the priest received the sad news of Sethong's death, he had to go back to his Milford parishioners and seek additional support for the now fatherless family.

The parish accepted the responsibility, knowing that Chieng was totally unfamiliar with the English language and



Chieng Sophabmisay is a dedicated student!



Mother Chieng and son Kahong puzzle together

would be unable to support the family, according to Sister Donna Hart, IHM (Immaculate Heart of Mary).

She has continued to work closely with the Laotian family members since their arrival in Milford.

"We have six committees set up at St. Mary's to help them — housing, clothing, food, furniture, transportation and education," Hart reported.

"The Lutheran national organization paid for their air fare from Thailand, but the rest is our responsibility."

When Chieng and her children — Hatsady, 8; Setha, 7; Kanha, 6, and Kahong, 5 — stepped off the plane, the only English word they knew was "hello."

It has been easier for the youngsters to learn the language than for their mother, but all five go to school regularly.

Chieng attends English classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings and mathematics classes Wednesday mornings at the Duck Lake Continuing Education Center. Her children are good students at Johnson Elementary School in the Huron Valley School District.

Chieng is not only content to learn to speak English, but also wants to conquer reading and writing and learn math.

English teacher Lee Johnson said Chieng's determination is tremendous and she is making great progress. "In her country, she didn't make any decisions or

work outside the home," Johnson said. "When her husband died, she was forced to become much more independent. I'm sure it was very difficult."

Math teacher Margaret Wolynski commented, "Chieng has a fantastic desire to learn and the people in her class have been very helpful. She is very receptive and they love her."

While Chieng speaks with a distinct Laotian accent, her youngsters sound as American as the other students in their classes.

"They like it here and are doing well in school," Chieng said with a pleased smile,



From left, the Sophabmisay family: Setha, 10, Kahong, 8, Chieng, Hatsady, 11 and Kanha, 9.

Photo by JOHN M. GALLOWAY



The Sophabmisay family in their comfortable Milford apartment

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remembering how important education always was to their late father. "They speak English together and only speak Laotian with me to help me understand."

"That was very hard. I had never worked, but stayed home and took care of the

family. "When they came to the United States, they had to learn nearly everything about this country," recalled Hart. "We had to show them how to turn on lights and how to flush the toilet."

Chieng, who was raised a Catholic, attended a missionary school in Laos where she "learned about God."

While the parishioners at St. Mary's have made her welcome and she has many friends in the congregation, Chieng still does not feel comfortable approaching new persons.

Her children, on the other hand, after almost three years, feel right at home — enjoying tacos and pizza, just as American boys and girls do.

"We like hot peppers and lots of rice," Chieng said. "We received a microwave oven for a Christmas gift and a friend is helping me read how to cook with it. Some words are hard."

Added Hart: "She never gives up. She always keeps on trying. It is easy for the children to learn. They are very gentle, docile and very affectionate. Simple things satisfy them."

Now that Chieng has learned to read and speak English, she plans to learn to drive a car, something she would not have done in Laos since there are few cars. She also hopes to get a part-time job when the children go back to school next fall.

Currently, the family receives

payments from the Department of Social Services. They live in government housing and have Medicaid to take care of medical expenses since they are a family without a husband and father and no current means of support, except the help they receive from the church.

Shopping is accomplished on a weekly basis when a member of St. Mary's transportation committee takes Chieng to the stores.

Hatsady, now 11, related with a smile the story of her first day at school in Milford. She was supposed to receive a free lunch under the government program. She didn't know this and saw other children with money to pay for their lunches.

"I didn't have any money so I didn't go into the cafeteria. I didn't have any lunch that day. But I like school now, especially math and social studies."

Setha, the oldest son, has also adjusted easily to the routine here and is currently a member of the safety patrol at his school.

Becoming an American citizen is another step down the road for Chieng and her children.

Are they glad they fled their homeland and came to live among strangers in a strange country?

The happy smiles on the faces of the Sophabmisay family are mute testimony that life in Milford is pleasant and safe.

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