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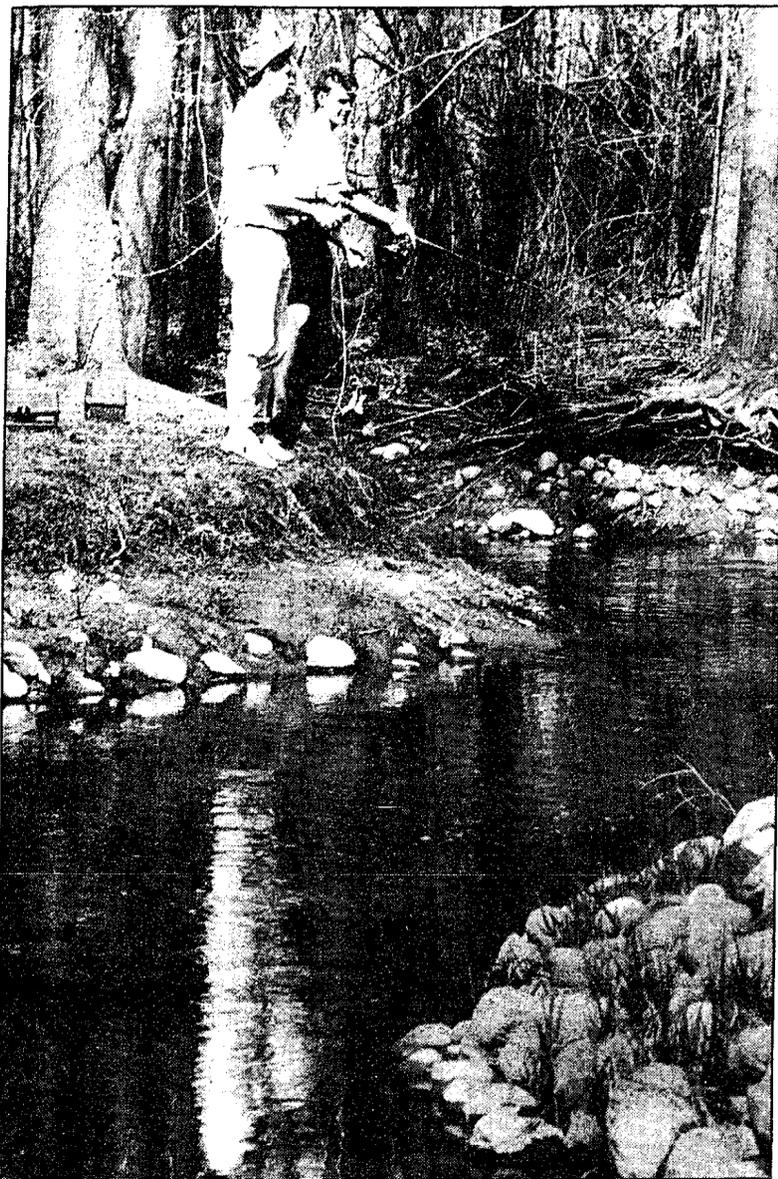
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Spring — at last

Bryant Holly and Ed Lebowsky try their hand at fishing the creek through the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision. Novi residents hit the outdoors in droves this week with the

first warm weather of the season. For a rundown of good places in the area to fish, see page 8D.

Providence Hospital site may revert to residential zoning

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Acting on the request of the Southfield-based Providence Hospital, the Novi City Council on Oct. 16 rezoned the former Westbrooke Golf Course to make way for a proposed hospital complex at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

Now some council members are wondering if the land should be returned to its original residential classification before a light industrial park and/or office complex are built on the 152-acre parcel.

"We rushed. We were told to accommodate Providence to no end, and now they're going to rush and put up an office and an I-1 park. I'm in favor of a hospital but not another industrial park in that area," said Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger.

"Probably next summer we're going to see site plans for office and an I-1 park."

A spokesperson for the hospital said Tuesday that medical offices on the site could be built as soon as the end of this year.

The rezoning of the land at Grand

River Avenue and Beck Road changed 95.7 acres to planned office service district and 33.63 acres to light industrial. The hospital would be built on the 95 acres. Twenty-three acres were left residential as a location for possible senior citizen housing.

Proposed industrial development in the western side of the city includes 300 acres at Wixom, Napier and Twelve Mile roads suggested for a city industrial relocation program. 180 acres north of Twelve Mile and east of Beck Road, and 116 acres north of West Road and west of Beck Road.

Carol Jonson, manager of community relations for Providence, said that a letter was sent Monday to the city community development department outlining the corporation's plans. Building phase one, which could begin late this year, calls for a medical office, a diagnostic lab, a radiology lab, an ambulatory surgery, a clinic for low-risk obstetrics and a facility for radiation therapy.

The second phase calls for construction of the hospital, if and

when the certificate of need is granted. A final, long-term goal is to build a convalescent care center.

For the portion of the site zoned for light industrial, "nothing is planned at this point, all those plans are still under consideration," Jonson said.

The Michigan Department of Public Health turned down Providence's certificate of need application on Jan. 31, on the grounds that the health planning subarea in which Novi is located already has 109 too many hospital beds.

Providence filed an appeal within the 15-day time frame, then subsequently waived the right to a hearing within 90 days of the appeal, said Phyllis Easton, program section chief for the health department's division of construction.

While Providence officials have the option to request a reconsideration of their original application or submit new information, so far no action has been taken, Easton said.

"That's very typical and applicants frequently do that," she said.

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Novi American moving

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Novi American Inc./Novi Plastics Inc., which last summer suffered what was called the biggest fire loss in the city's history, is moving to Atlanta in June.

Meanwhile a former employee, Novi resident Anthony Mallia, awaits a tentative May 3 trial date in Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of arson in the June 28, 1989 fire. The blaze broke out in the early morning hours, destroying a 67,000-square-foot building leased by the company and creating losses reported at \$4-\$5 million.

Judge Hilda Gage is scheduled to hear the case, which could be held no later than within three weeks of May 3.

A forensic psychiatrist for the defense has testified that Mallia was insane at the time he allegedly confessed to the arson to Novi Police Det. Ralph Fluhart. Fluhart said Monday that he had been subpoenaed for a hearing last week to determine if Mallia's confession was admissible as evidence, but the hearing was subsequently cancelled. Calls to Pamela Maas, the assistant Oakland County Prosecutor working on the case, were

not returned.

Following the fire, Novi American President P. Douglas Daniels said that the company spent six months in an unsuccessful search for a 120,000- to 150,000-square-foot building to rent within Michigan. After exploring two other southern locations, Atlanta was ultimately selected, he said, because the company had its pick of 20 suitable locations and could arrange a lease at one-third of the local costs.

"Atlanta seemed to be the most logical choice because of the transportation network to potential customers. We found that the cost of doing business in the south was significantly less than in Michigan," Daniels said.

"It would have been too expensive to build. We tried our best to stay in Michigan. We were founded here. We've been here 30 years."

Novi American manufactures do-it-yourself plumbing products including bathtub enclosures, shower stalls and skylights, selling them to a national and international market through stores such as Builders Square. Founded in 1957 in Detroit, the company moved to Novi in 1965 with 12 employees, growing to a staff of 180 at

40100 and 40200 Grand River Avenue between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Road. The privately held company has annual sales from \$20-\$30 million, Daniels said.

Daniels said that running the business would be cheaper in Georgia, including lower rates for taxes, utilities, building rental and insurance. Employee wages would be comparable and the local staff has been invited to move south with the company, he added. The move will begin the first week in June and may take from 60 to 90 days.

The Grand River site has not yet been sold, Daniels said.

In Mallia's alleged confession, he reportedly told Fluhart that he set the second fire to pallets adjacent to the building because he had been praised two days earlier for extinguishing a small fire in the pallets. Mallia said he did not start the first fire. The second conflagration then got out of hand, Mallia allegedly said. Investigators from the state fire marshal's office and U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau worked on the case.

Mallia had served briefly as a volunteer firefighter in Commerce Township and on the Wixom Emergency Management Team.

Robbery suspect faces trial

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 Staff Writer

A Farmington Hills man accused of attempting to rob a Novi gas station was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court on April 19. Gerald Lynch faces a possible life sentence for allegedly attempting to rob the Speedway station on Haggerty March 28 using a carpenter's hammer as a weapon.

After a preliminary exam in the Walled Lake branch of the 52nd District Court in front of Judge Brian MacKenzie, Lynch was bound over on charges of assault with intent to rob, attempted robbery, and malicious destruction of property over \$100.

He is slated to be arraigned on all three charges May 2 in circuit court in front of Judge Robert Anderson. Police said someone entered

Speedway at approximately 5:50 p.m. the evening of the crime and threatened the cashier with the hammer, saying, "This is a stickup."

After attempting to open the cash register, the robber allegedly smashed the glass door open with his hammer and escaped in an undisclosed automobile.

Schmid to run for county board

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 Staff Writer

Kay Schmid, a state Republican Party leader and longtime Novi resident, hopes to fill County Commissioner John Calandro's vacated shoes.

She recently announced her candidacy for the 24th District and filed her nominating petition with the county on April 23.

The commissioner position will be vacated next December since the incumbent announced earlier this month that he will not seek reelection.

"I care about Novi and as a county commissioner, I think I can help the community," Schmid said. "I think the district's county commissioner can work with the city council to really benefit the community."

"I realize there are other communities in the district other than

Novi, but these communities are growing like Novi is and have similar concerns," she added. "I am familiar with the problems Novi has encountered and feel that knowledge can benefit the other communities in the district."

In addition to Novi, the 24th District includes South Lyon, Lyon Township and a portion of the City of Northville.

Schmid is currently serving a two-year term as one of four people on the Michigan Republican State Committee. She was appointed to this post in January 1989 by the party. If elected as county commissioner, she will not seek reappointment.

Her political resume also includes being a founding member and the current vice president of the Republican Women of West Oakland. But Schmid said that her commission candidacy will force her to step down as the group's vice

president. Previously she campaigned for numerous Republican candidates, Calandro, up to and including the President of the United States.

Schmid said that it is "ironic" that she is campaigning for Calandro's seat because he is the one who got her involved in the Republican Party back in 1977.

Schmid has strong ties to Novi, serving as chairperson of Michigan Week festivities and treasurer of the Civic Center Planning Committee.

In addition, she has worked as the local precinct delegate since 1977 as well as the Novi City District Manager and Southwest Area Director of the Republican Party. Schmid and her husband Bob, a former Novi mayor, have lived in Novi for 18 years and have three grown children.

She attended Hillsdale College and is not currently employed.

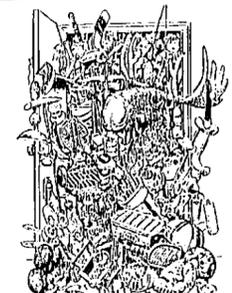
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Health Notes

Permanent weight control: Novi Community Education is offering a class designed to "reprogram" students for permanent weight control. Set up to change the participants' subconscious body image, the class works to make people eat and drink differently. It is offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 at Novi High School room 229. The fee is \$17; \$13 for senior citizens. Call 348-1200.

Stop smoking clinic: Arthur Weaver, M.D., professor of surgery at Wayne State University, and his Better Living Seminars, are sponsoring a Brea Free Stop Smoking Clinic at Novi Meadows School on Taft Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River. The program consists of one program on preparing to quit (April 26) and six stop-smoking sessions (April 30 through May 4, and May 7), starting at 7:30 each evening. Cost is by donation. For further information/registration call 348-1200 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Weaver, a cancer surgeon who is well known for his fight against tobacco, will direct the programs. Weaver's stop-smoking techniques have been popularized by many newspaper articles, television and radio interviews. He attributes the high success rate of these programs to the combined attack on both the physiological and psychological aspects of tobacco addiction. Each of the evening sessions will be filled with lectures, audio-visuals, and group interaction. Every participant receives a personal "control booklet" with instructions and encouragement programmed for each day of the withdrawal program. This program, which has helped over 50,000 individuals to stop smoking, is offered by Better Living Seminars as a community service.

Standard first aid: Learn standard first aid skills so you can act as the first link in the EMS system. Knowing what to do helps you remain calm and make quick decisions to help the victim until EMS arrives. Treatments for bleeding control, shock, burns, eye and nose injury, fractures, stroke, and CPR will be included.

Offered by Novi Community Education in Novi High School room 106, for two weeks starting tonight, Thursday, 6-10 p.m., April 26 and May 3. Fees \$14 (senior citizen \$12). For more information call 348-1200.

Diabetes fair: Providence Hospital, Novi Center, 3950 West Ten Mile Road, will be conducting a Diabetes Fair this morning, Thursday, April 26 from 10 a.m. - noon in the center's main conference room. All area diabetics are encouraged to attend.

The fair will provide free blood testing and blood sugar level for all participants as well as meal planning and other general information dealing with the various aspects of diabetes management. Staff members from Providence's Diabetes Outpatient Clinic will be present to perform the tests and answer any questions.

Company representatives from Boehringer Mannheim, Ames, Binson's Medical Supply, and Lilly Company will also be on hand to answer questions and explain the new advances and procedures utilized in the treatment and control of diabetes. Displays and demonstrations of products, equipment, etc., will aid in diabetic education.

For further information please contact the Providence Hospital Diabetic Outpatient Clinic at 424-3903.

Blood pressure control: The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six blood-pressure control classes to residents of Oakland County. The classes will be held weekly, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Oakland County Health Division's South office, 2725 Greenfield Road, Southfield, on Tuesdays, May 1 through June 5. There is a \$10.00 fee and pre-registration is required as class size is limited.

Classes will be taught by Oakland County Health Division public health nurses and nutritionists. Activities and information shared will help class participants better understand high blood pressure and self-care skills. Spouses and/or other family members are encouraged to attend.

Life support classes: St. Mary Hospital of Livonia is offering two classes in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) throughout the month of May. The Provider Course and a Recertification Course are designed for physicians, nurses, EMTs, and respiratory therapists to teach or refresh advanced cardiac life support techniques. Successful participants will achieve American Heart Association two-year certification in ACLS. The Provider's Course will be held May 15, 18, 19 and 19, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. (except on the Saturday, May 19 (testing day, when it will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)). The Recertification Course will be held May 16 and 19, at the same times.

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Land considered for rezoning

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The hospital sought a delay in the hearing, Jonson explained, because the staff is still reviewing the health department's concerns on the over-bedding, the costs of the project and the costs of operating two hospitals. On March 19, the city council in a closed meeting voted to support the suggestion that Novi lease and run the golf course until the hospital could be built.

At the time he cast his vote for the rezoning, Leininger told hospital officials: "You understand that I would lead the crusade to get this zoned back to residential should you not get the hospital."

Monday, Leininger said that he would support returning the site to a residential classification until the hospital acquires the certificate of need.

"I'm looking forward to a hospital. I have no problem with that," he added.

At the suggestion of Council Member Nancy Covert, the council decided to write a letter to Providence officials requesting an update on their plans for the golf course site.

Providence officials said in October that the non-profit corporation needed the rezoning to exercise their option to purchase the 152-acre site. The hospital's Chief Executive Officer Brian Connolly warned the council on Oct. 16 that it would take five to ten years before the Novi facility could be built.

At the time the certificate of need was denied, a written statement issued by Connolly said that the hospital would pursue the case in court if necessary.

Monday, Council Member Joseph Toth reminded his colleagues that he had voted against the rezoning. The only council member opposed to the rezoning, Toth at the time said that there was no guarantee that the hospital would be built and that the hospital could sell the land or construct another type of development.

Kay Schmid runs for county board

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"At this point in my life, I feel that I have the time to really dedicate myself to the job," she said. "I would be able to talk to my constituents and local city governments to really get a feel for their concerns."

Schmid said that her to primary

concerns are local traffic problems and solid-waste issues.

Her candidacy wiped out rumors that Novi City Council Member Tom Pope might run, because he offered his support to Schmid at this week's council meeting.

In addition, Schmid has garnered

support from other local Republican heavyweights, such as Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols, a Novi resident; state representative Willis Bullard, R-Milford; and Novi City Council Member Nancy Covert.

Schmid is the only Republican announcing candidacy at this time.

Rumors are circulating that have South Lyon Mayor Jeff Potter seeking the office.

Potter said that he is considering running. However, he added that would not make up his mind until he consulted his constituents in South Lyon.

Reps mull federal clean air bill

Area members of the U.S. House of Representatives see the U.S. Senate's proposed Clean Air Bill as a solid step toward agreement on the long-delayed legislation, even though the bill has come under fire from environmental groups.

Though the Senate bill will probably have to be reconciled with the House's own version, area representatives believe both houses could approve a new clean air law before the end of the year.

"This isn't the final step, but it looks like we've finally broken the log jam," said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

The initial Clean Air Act, last amended in 1977, expired in 1988.

As a group, Michigan representatives were concerned about balancing the need for a clean environment with the needs of a slumping domestic automobile industry.

"I'm not different from anyone else in supporting a clean environment, but those of us from Michigan have a special obligation to fine tune the balance between the environment and thousands of Michigan jobs," said Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor.

Environmental groups, however, believe the Senate bill goes too easy on auto pollution, weakening a second round of tail pipe emissions

standards that would have gone into effect after the year 2000.

"The two is trashed and we're very disappointed, no doubt about it," said Alex Sagady of the American Lung Association of Michigan. Lung associations throughout the United States have lobbied heavily for tougher clean air standards.

Loss of the tier-two emissions standards, Sagady said, means the end of a nationwide effort to eliminate harmful auto emissions.

"What this means is that states are going to have to take a look at adopting tough individual standards, like those in California," he said. "I don't know if Michigan is going to be among them, but I could see New England, New York and some sun belt states adopting tougher standards."

The Senate proposal would enact the tougher tier two standards only if air pollution in 11 of 27 key cities falls below minimum federal standards.

The regional approach would suit some area representatives just fine.

"You don't have to advocate it for everyone, but for high smog areas, a regional approach would work well," said Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

Though Pursell said he "wouldn't rubber stamp" the Senate version, he acknowledged Michigan's delegation is generally following the lead of Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, chairperson of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

"Now, the pressure is on the Dingell committee for a well-balanced bill," Pursell said.

The powerful Dingell, however, is seen as an enemy by environmental groups.

"He's been a real impediment — a real roadblock," Sagady said.

At the same time the lung association is continuing its letter-writing campaign, encouraging its members to write their local representatives to express concern over the bill.

At one point in February, Sen. Donald Riegle was receiving an estimated 400 letters a week. "That's not as big as gun control, but it's still a lot of mail on an issue," office spokeswoman Martha Quinn said.

But many writers apparently favored the elimination of the tier two emission standards, as sought by Sen. Carl Levin among others.

Of the 4,500 letters received by Levin, "less than 100 stated they flat out opposed our position," press secretary Willie Blacklow said.



Celebrity waiters

Greg Presley, center above, is probably in no real danger of being mistaken for a "Laker girl" at Friday's annual celebrity waiter luncheon at the Novi Hilton to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Greg Goodman and Bob Bake are the customers. At right, Ted Richardson of Specialty Advertising shows his conviction.



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Earth Day draws many

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

Earth Day, the international environmental awareness celebration, drew thousands of local residents to Northville's Maybury State Park. Record numbers of residents visited Maybury Sunday, many to attend the series of Earth Day events held there.

Park Manager Gary Fischer reported total attendance for the day was 8,863, a record-setting number. Typical daily attendance, even for a pleasant April or May day, is only 2,500.

The park had to schedule several extra people to attend to the large crowds. But the only reported incident was a lost child, who was missing for about 45 minutes before being recovered.

While several Earth Day events were scheduled on Sunday, they were only some of the many activities that visitors to the park enjoyed. "There were a lot of people bicycling and hiking on the trails, and a lot of horseback riding," Fischer reported. "We probably had in excess of 100 horseback rides yesterday."

The farm was very busy; there were a lot of new animals," he added. The baby lambs and chicks were favorites of the younger children.

Other popular activities were kite flying and a softball game. A lot of people who came in were asking about the Earth Day activities," Fischer said. "Quite a few of them were in for the first time. We were passing out a lot of maps and directions."

Among the most popular Earth Day events were Sunday morning's 10-kilometer run and two walks. "We were thinking if we got 125 people we'd be doing good," said Peg Campbell, an organizer of the Earth Day activities.

Instead, the events drew a total of 1,000 runners and 353 walkers. More than 200 people were pre-registered for the races by Friday, Campbell said.

Campbell was amazed by the success of the celebration, particularly the walks. "People are either leaving

running and getting into walking," she said, "or they're getting into walking as an activity for the first time."

"It was a great day, all the events came off really well," she said. Campbell had special praise for a display by the Northville High School group. Students aware of the World, "What Are We Throwing Away?" The booth presented information on what's thrown away and what can be recycled.

The Schoolcraft College Geography Department also presented a display on the disposal of household hazardous waste and the use of environmentally friendly products.

Both Northville city and township had displays describing their recycling efforts. Sue Oden staffed the township booth while City Manager Steven Walters manned the city booth.

Many Novi residents attended the festivities, Campbell said. "I think that many people were really interested in finding information and were receptive to learning about what they could do," she said.

Campbell said local and national media attention on Earth Day "really peaked the interest of a lot of people."

"The national event was the subject of extensive coverage by television, radio and print media across the country," Campbell estimated that 350-400 people, mostly children, watched the noon puppet show entitled "Rafferty Recycles the Rubbish." The show was presented by a puppet troupe known as The Mamas and the Puppets. "I think a big part of our future is recycling the kids to understand recycling," Campbell said.

Face painting by Margo's Salon of Northville was another popular attraction among the younger participants.

"Everybody from the community came out in such a supportive way," Campbell said. "It even had private citizens calling to volunteer."

"It was a lot of work, a lot more than I thought, but it was a labor of love," she said. "There were also so many others who did a lot. I think everybody just got a good feeling from doing it."

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Thieves ransack mobile home

Police Beat

Thousands of dollars of merchandise were stolen when a residence on Perre Street in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park was ransacked the night of April 21.

Thieves got into the home by prying the door ajar before kicking it in, according to police.

Taken in the incident were a \$1,400 Kirby vacuum, a circular saw, a Black and Decker drill, a color TV valued at \$400 and a VHS camcorder worth \$900.

They also removed two boxes containing \$600 worth of tools, a Nintendo video game box with four game cartridges valued at \$300 and a leather purse worth \$40.

A jewelry box containing \$800 worth of items was also stolen. Items included three gold necklaces, two gold bracelets, one gold ruby ring and two wedding bands.

Other miscellaneous property was also stolen.

Several items in the house were taken to the crime lab for fingerprints. There are no known leads at this time.

OVER \$1,000 OF PROPERTY was stolen from a residence on Narder Street on April 21.

Someone entered the home by punching out the screen in the door, according to police.

A Goldstar microwave was taken from the kitchen counter, a cobra-swinging machine from the dining

room valued at \$129 and a Fisher Stereo receiver with a CD player valued at \$600 from the dining room.

Taken from the bedrooms were an 18 carat gold wedding ring and a wedding band.

Police said that a possible fingerprint was found on the ring box.

SIXTY PAIRS of Nike tennis shoes and five Panasonic TV/radio sets were taken from cargo trailers at the Roadway Express on Grand River the night of April 14.

The perpetrators pruned off padlocks on three trailers to gain access to the merchandise.

RINGS valued at \$1,500 were stolen from Victoria's Secret in Twelve Oaks Mall between March 27 and March 29.

The rings belonged to one of the employees, who told police that she left them sitting on the counter behind the cash register on March 27 and forgot about them.

When she came back to work on March 29, the rings were missing. The missing jewelry included a .75 carat wedding ring valued at \$1,200, a ruby ring worth \$300 and a silver

ring valued at \$60.

A PLYMOUTH TURISMO valued at \$3,895 was stolen while parked in the driveway of a residence in the Whispering Meadows Subdivision the night of April 11.

The gray 1987 vehicle was last seen about 10 p.m. but was missing when the owner returned at 10:45 p.m.

The owner told police that she the vehicle's doors were locked.

The car, which bore license plate number 636ZKX, had front-end damage.

TWO WOMEN working at The Women's Store in West Oaks were followed on two separate occasions after leaving the store at closing time, according to police reports.

The first woman was followed about two weeks ago and was able to lose the suspect in traffic.

The second woman was followed on April 7 between 9 and 9:30 p.m. She left the store and proceeded to the Comerica bank across the street to make the night deposit when she noticed that a some one was following her in an aqua colored four door older model car.

The driver is described as a white male with black hair and a grey mustache between 45 and 50 years old.

The suspect followed the employee home and then drove away.

She was unable to get the license plate number of the suspect's vehicle.

A MINOLTA CAMERA valued at \$600, crystal wine glasses worth \$80, and two boxes of Hostess cupcakes were taken from an unlocked Ford Taurus parked on Serenity the night of April 14.

Another Taurus parked near the residence was rummaged through. However, no items were removed.

A WALLET with \$300 and several credit cards were stolen from the men's locker room of the Vic Tanny at the Novi Town Center between 3:40 and 5:45 p.m. the afternoon of April 16.

The wallet was left in a locked locker which was found dented when the owner returned.

A LIGHT BAR worth \$550 and a 20-foot chain valued at \$230 were taken from a red Ford pickup parked on Woodland Glen early the morning of April 17.

The light bar was removed from the cab of the truck and the chain was taken out of the storage bin in the back of the vehicle.

Novi Briefs

Directory corrections: The Novi Directory contained in last week's Novi News contained some errors.

First, the address and phone number for City Council Member Tim Pope were incorrect. The correct information is 21170 Woodland Glen, Northville, 48167; 348-6517.

In the business listings there was an incorrect phone number for dentist Raymond C. Hahn. The correct phone number is 349-2210.

Also in the business listings, Meadowbrook Art Center should have been listed under picture frames.

The News regrets the errors.

Open for business: To assist the city council in a discussion of Novi's sign ordinance, a red and blue neon "OPEN" placard was temporarily installed in the council chamber — leading to a moment of official levity.

"Does this comply with the Open Meetings Act?" asked council member Tim Pope.

City Attorney David Fried was on hand to render a legal decision. "It announces to the press that we will abide by the act," he advised.

Muscular Dystrophy Month: April was declared Muscular Dystrophy Month by Mayor Matthew Quirin. Next month volunteers will be walking door-to-door in an annual campaign to collect donations to support medical research to cure this crippling and often fatal disease.

Choralaires concert slated: The Novi Choralaires' annual spring concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

Tickets, at \$4 general, \$9 seniors, and \$12 family, are available from Choralaires members, the Novi Parks and Recreation office, at the Outfitter in Northville, and at the door.

Rouge River study: Novi High School's Science Club will be studying the Rouge River as an Earth Day-related project.

The group, which is led by high school teacher Don Crockett will be learning about monitoring water quality May 7-18.

On May 10, the students will actually test the water quality of the river and on May 19 representatives from the group will join other area students to conduct a Rouge River Congress.



Rummage sale

Meadowbrook Congregational Church held its annual rummage sale last Thursday through Saturday. Here, Craig Gubert looks over some of the treasures.

Novi man linked to drug ring

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Testimony given in 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights last week linked a Novi man to at least one multi-kilo cocaine deal which carried an alleged street value of over \$210,000.

Douglas Siebert, who lives in the Nine Mile and Garfield area, has been charged with conspiracy to deliver and delivery of narcotics, and faces a possible mandatory life sentence in association with the alleged deal.

Paul McCormick of Westland, one of Siebert's alleged conspirators, testified at the April 18 hearing in front of Judge Ed Plawewick that he and Siebert — who he knew as Sunny — went down to Miami to secure seven kilos of cocaine in mid-January.

"We were supposed to go down to Florida and purchase cocaine and transport it," he said under oath.

McCormick testified that he was to handle the actual drug pickup to pay off between \$60,000 and \$100,000 worth of gambling debts to Siebert.

"I was supposed to see it through as part of the deal with Sunny," he told the judge.

After completing his end of the Florida operation, McCormick flew back to Michigan, where he was delivered a car with seven kilos of cocaine in the gas tank, according to testimony.

After taking the car to a mechanic to have the cocaine removed, McCormick said he "baby-sat" the seven kilos at the Knights Inn at Ford Road and I-275 in Dearborn.

He also testified that Raymond Oakman, who faces a possible mandatory life sentence and is a co-defendant in the case, picked up one of the kilos. The remaining six kilos were allegedly picked up by another individual, said to be McCormick's partner.

It was unknown at press time whether a warrant had been issued for that person's arrest. But the entire case is still under investigation by the Livonia Intelligence Bureau.

McCormick was arrested earlier this month and charged with conspiracy to deliver over 225 grams of narcotics — which carries a mandatory life sentence.

In return for his testimony, McCormick will be allowed to plead guilty to reduced charges of conspi-

racious to deliver over 30 grams, which carries a 10- to 20-year sentence.

An undercover Livonia police officer also testified against Siebert and Oakman.

He said that he was with Wayne Kelly, a prior witness in the case, when he picked up a kilo of cocaine from Oakman's Dearborn Heights residence on Feb. 20. That kilo was confiscated as evidence.

He also testified that Oakman said he possessed three other kilos but could not release them until Sunny got back from Florida and he received the okay. However, the officer never saw those kilos.

Furthermore, did not see whether Oakman or Kelly actually retrieved the kilo of cocaine from the attached garage.

The officer testified that he met with Siebert on March 12 at the Wagon Wheel in Northville to discuss further cocaine purchases.

He said under oath that Siebert told him that he had just returned from Florida in connection with a 10-kilo cocaine deal.

The officer testified that he later met with both Siebert and Oakman at the Red Lobster on Wayne Road in

Dearborn to arrange the details of the cocaine purchase and to arrange a 200-pound reciprocal sale of marijuana.

The fourth part of the preliminary exam was held Tuesday.

John Oliver, an alleged co-conspirator, was scheduled to testify but the case was adjourned because he did not have a lawyer present.

He said that he agreed to testify in order to get amnesty for his role in the cocaine deal. But Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Paul Bernier said that a formal deal will not be drafted until Oliver retains counsel.

Oliver currently faces 10 to 20 years in jail on a drug delivery charge in association with a separate case. However, that charge will not be dismissed, according to Bernier.

The fifth preliminary exam session is scheduled for May 2. Oliver is expected to testify at that time.

Bond was reduced at a separate hearing held April 24 from \$1 million cash to \$500,000 cash for both Siebert and Oakman.

It was unknown if bond was posted for either defendant by press time.

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Agency expects Novi job growth

By **TIM RICHARD**
SCG News Service

DETROIT — A regional planner predicts a significant growth in jobs for the second ring of Detroit suburbs — including Novi — but a nearly 14-percent loss of jobs in the central city.

James Rogers, Data Center manager for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is circulating a preliminary report showing a 16.7-percent growth in jobs in the seven-county region between now and 2010.

The total will grow from 2.19 million today to 2.55 million in 30 years. Novi jobs are expected to shoot up 77 percent — from 25,068 to 44,257, a gain of 19,189.

Walled Lake will grow almost as much: 68 percent, from 7,015 to 11,772, a rise of 4,757. Wixom is ex-

pected to show a 17-percent increase, from 4,782 to 5,591, a rise of 809.

Other big gainers include most of western Wayne and Oakland counties and Livingston County.

Detroit officials, however, served notice they will challenge the projection, due to be voted on May 15 in SEMCOG's Executive Committee.

"We are at considerable odds," Harold Smith, of Detroit's planning department, told SEMCOG's executive committee last Friday. "If it comes to that, we'll publish our own numbers."

SEMCOG's projection shows Detroit losing 54,000 jobs — down from the current 394,000 to 349,000.

"We question your method of deciding on an up-front total and then trying to make everything [local unit numbers] fit," Smith said. "If SEMCOG's numbers are correct, the poli-

cies of SEMCOG [opposing urban sprawl to central cities] are useless... We're wasting our time."

John Amberger, SEMCOG executive director, said the planning agency would be "forthright" in its jobs and population projections "or we don't have any credibility." Amberger admitted the projections "spell big trouble for the region" because growth in the outer suburbs will require massive governmental spending on sewers and roads.

Here are more of SEMCOG's preliminary projections, subject to change next month, on job growth in this area between now and 2010:

LYON TOWNSHIP: up 45 percent from 2,673 to 3,868, or 1,195.
Milford: up 77 percent from 2,788 to 4,930, or 2,142.
Milford Township: up 18 percent from 5,100 to 6,005.
South Lyon: up 43 percent from 4,472 to 6,380, or 1,908.

WAYNE COUNTY
 County total: up 6.6 percent from 889,272 to 947,743, or 58,471.
City of Northville (including Oakland portion): up 20 percent from 6,487 to 7,789, or 1,282.
Northville Township: up 57 percent from 7,356 to 11,563, or 4,207.
Livonia: up 46 percent from 78,530 to 114,845, or 36,315.
City of Plymouth: up 4.5 percent from 6,853 to 7,149, or 311.
Plymouth Township: up 17 percent from 14,125 to 16,528, or 2,402.

Chamber Notes

Here are upcoming events involving the Novi Chamber of Commerce:

Building Design Awards: The Novi Chamber of Commerce is seeking the best-looking business establishments in Novi. It's time for the annual Building Design Awards for 1989. The awards will be presented to the winners at the Community Awards Banquet on May 9 at the Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Nomination forms are available from the chamber, 25974 Novi Road, P.O. Box 187, Novi, MI 48050, 349-3743. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, April 11.

Business After Hours: April 25, joint event with Lakes Area and West Bloomfield chambers. Host: Dick Morris Chevrolet. It runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Membership committee: Meets at 8:30 a.m. April 20 at the chamber office.

Board of directors: Meets April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel.

Community Awards Banquet: Community Awards Banquet is planned.

Annual Golf Outing: The annual event is slated for May 24 at Glen Oaks Country Club.

City council meets long hours

By **JAN JEFFRES**
Staff Writer

Monday, the stress about unusually long hours on the job in April began to show in some city council members. But no one complained about the low pay.

Due to the need to hammer out the city budget by May 14, make decisions and hear public input on the Grand Plan, and on Monday learn about proposed changes in the Sandstone project, the council will have met approximately 10 times before the month is over. Most of the meetings run at least four to five hours each, sometimes longer.

For this, each council member is paid \$15 per session. Mayor Matthew Quinn is paid \$20. Often, their hourly pay averages not much more

than the minimum wage.

In addition, the council leaves today for the first of two trips to tour materials recovery facilities. This week, they're off to Seattle and the San Francisco Bay area. Because two of the top four sites proposed for the eight-community waste transfer station are in Novi, the trip is being funded by the Southwest Oakland County Solid Waste Consortium.

Before they come to all these meetings, the council members have to do their homework. The unnumbered pages of the proposed city budget and five bound volumes on the Grand Plan slacked together create a pile of reading material almost eight inches high. City agenda packets are typically cumbersome as well.

Enough is apparently enough to Council Member Joseph Toth.

"I have found it personally very difficult to achieve everything I want to do in regard to the budget and special projects," Toth said. "I do not want to schedule two and three meetings in a row as we have in the past."

"When you go to 12 and one in the morning on this stuff, it gets to be a little much."

Toth said he had other commitments in his life, including his family. "We agreed to everything. We had the option of not doing it if we didn't want to," said Council Member Hugh Crawford.

Council Member Martha Hoyer agreed with Crawford that some of the blame fell on their own shoulders. "We could have slowed the fast track of the Grand Plan and brought it back to the table in June. We contributed to this ourselves," Hoyer

said.

City Manager Edward Kriewall agreed to try to spread the burden out a little more next year at budget time.

"I think we planned properly going into the situation. We had no control over major issues that landed in the middle of April. We do the best we can to orchestrate things. Typically, April is a bad month for us," he said.

Kriewall suggested limiting the city budget discussions next year to five or six meetings running from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"It's better earlier so more of the public can get involved at the meeting," he said. "It's a little difficult for the public to stay at a budget hearing until 12 o'clock. It's a little difficult to hear how their tax dollars are being spent."

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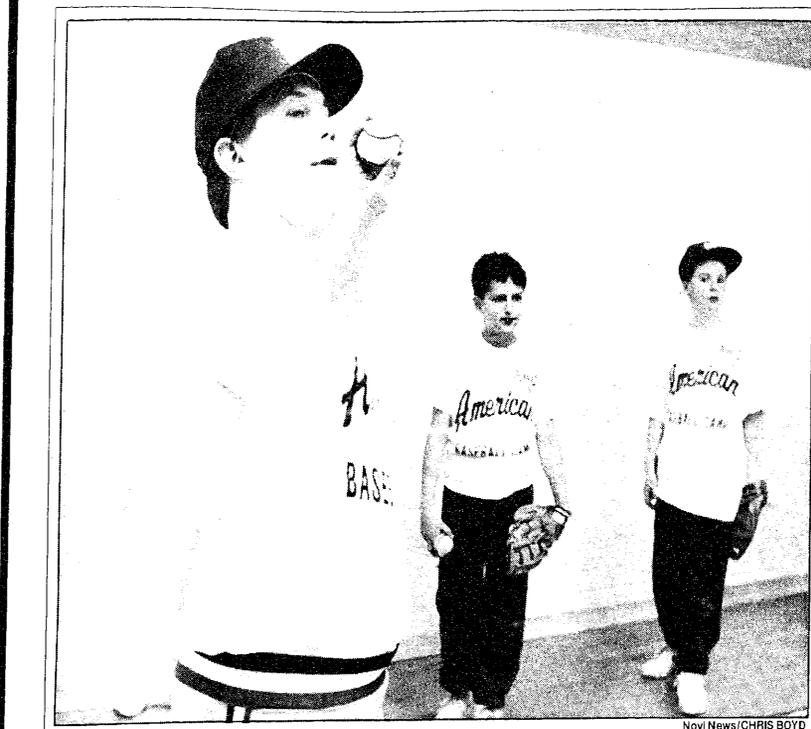
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The basics

Spring break last week was the time to get in some baseball practice in Novi. Above, Gar Frantz demonstrates throwing technique. At left, some of the kids watch in the Novi Meadows gym — it was a little too cool to go outside. The camp was offered by American Baseball Camp and Novi Community Education.

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Sun sets on town center

By **SHELLA PHILLIPS**
Staff Writer

Two city council members made it clear at a recent budget session that the town center committee should be phased out because it isn't doing its job — which is to build Novi a downtown.

"We have set a sunset on the committee of two to three years — after that there won't be a committee. What good is developing a plan when developers don't follow it anyway?"

Tim Pope
 Council Member

And City Manager Ed Kriewall agreed the committee should remain untouched by the budget ax.

"Even though what we end up with doesn't look like the plan, it's better than not having a plan at all," he commented. "I am convinced the Town Center (the mall) would never have happened if we didn't have a plan."

Planning Chairperson Charles Kureth said the Town Center Committee should never be dissolved because even when the area is fully developed, there will still be property turnover.

He even suggested that in the future the committee be converted into a downtown development authority.

Regardless of whether a DDA should be in the works, Mayor Matthew Quinn said that Town Center funding levels should remain healthy for at least a few more years.

"There are still a lot of things we haven't even addressed," he said.

According to Quinn, the county is helping Novi develop plans for the Town Center's southeast quadrant, but planning for the other quadrants are still in their infancy.

"That figure was down from the \$14,000 budgeted for 1989-90 planning."

According to Planning Director James Wahl, this money was a wise investment because without some kind of downtown plan he said that Novi will end up looking like Pontiac.

"That is what we are trying to avoid," he said. "Without a plan for the developer to look at, we wouldn't get anything close to what we want."

But Council Member Martha Hoyer said the city keeps pouring money into planning, but it is no closer to having a downtown than it was prior to Trammell Crow's Town Center development.

"What good is having a town center plan when the builder ignores the plan and builds what he wants?" she said. "We can spend money on a plan but developers just keep coming in and throwing it off."

"The consultant backup on this is killing us — we just continue to spend dollars and may not ever end up with a downtown," Hoyer added.

Council Member Nancy Conert, however, dubbed the Town Center Committee a "sacred cow."

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Top cop

Community-oriented Gatt is Novi's officer of the year

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Novi's Robert Gatt is no ordinary police officer — or at least that's what his superiors say.

But you wouldn't know it from speaking with the crime prevention officer, because he is a humble man.

His superiors, however, forced him into the limelight by naming him officer of the year — and Police Capt. Richard Faulkner said that Gatt was the obvious choice.

"We have a lot of good officers, but because Mr. Gatt has put so much effort into DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and his crime prevention programs, I felt the least the department could do was nominate him."

Police Chief Lee J. Golik explained Gatt's decision by saying that there are "two kinds of cops." One is the TV kind of cop who "doesn't relate to the community worth a damn," and the other type is like Gatt who is "extremely involved in the community."

Gatt has served on the Novi police force for the last 15 years, 13 of which were on patrol. But he really made his mark the last two years as crime-prevention officer — a position for which he seems tailor-made.

"I have this job so much it is scary," he said. "I'll have the opportunity to test for a promotion soon, but I don't know if I'll do it."

"What I like best about my job is that I truly have the ability to help people. That is why I became a police officer and that is what I am doing — whether it is a member of a homeowners' association who I advised how to protect himself or a DARE student."

Bob Gatt
Officer of the Year

"If I had one wish I would wish that I could advance in my present position," he added.

According to Gatt, his capacity as crime prevention officer gives him the opportunity to really help others, which is his life's ambition.

"What I like best about my job is that I truly have the ability to help people," he said. "That is why I became a police officer and that is what I am doing — whether it is a member of a homeowners' association who I advised how to protect himself or a DARE student."

"I can really change people's lives for the better and that's important to me."

Gatt said that he is proud of his role in establishing Novi schools' DARE program, in which he teaches middle school kids about the perils of drug use.

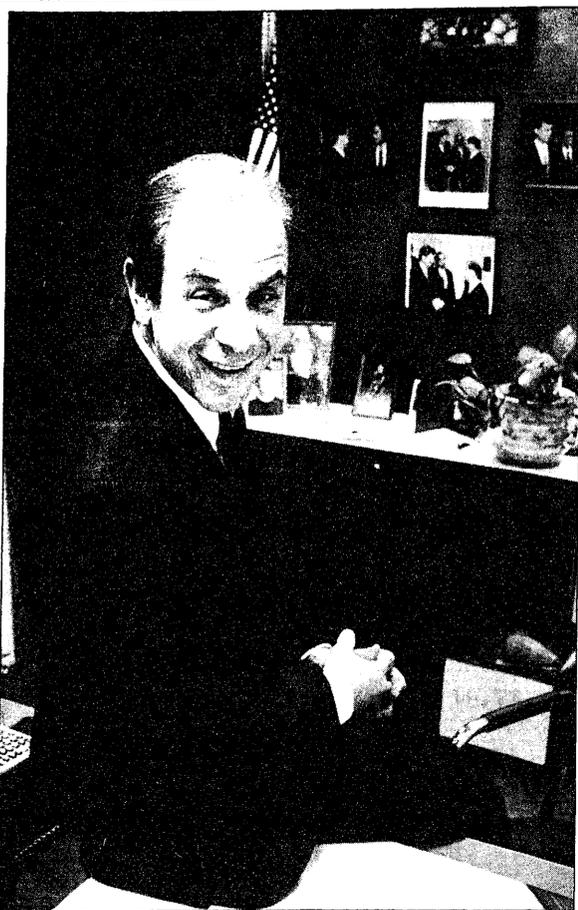
"My biggest accomplishment has been the success of the program," he said. "It has far exceeded even my goals."

"It teaches kids not only about the dangers of drug use but how to say no — not just to drugs but in any situation," he added.

He said that his next goal is to start a program similar to the DARE program in the high school.

"It is important to get a handle on drugs — it is the biggest problem facing youth today," he commented. "There is also a need for a police officer to go into the high school on a proactive basis to teach the students and be a positive role model."

Gatt said he hopes to be that role model.



Bob Gatt is the Novi Police Department's officer of the year

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City council takes a DARE

The Novi City Council got basic black DARE T-shirts and visor caps and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program was given a \$1,000 donation during a special presentation Monday.

Novi Police Officer Bob Gatt, who is in charge of the anti-drug classes for fifth- and sixth-graders, said that in its first year, 180 children have already been graduated from the program

and 150 more will graduate next week.

During the 17-week course, Gatt said that the children work on managing stress, raising their self-esteem and resisting peer pressure.

"Everybody knows how to just say no," he explained, "Novi is on the leading edge in this fast-growing

proactive program."

DARE was developed in California in 1983 as a way to teach children life skills which will keep them drug-free.

Tim Gilberg, representing the Novi Council on Substance Abuse, and council member Nancy Covert, representing the Optimist Club, gave Gatt a \$1,000 check raised by the community fund-raisers for the program.

Novi officials contemplate city reorganization

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Novi officials are contemplating switching a few hats and reorganizing city government so that it is better equipped to deal with growth related problems.

Planning Director James Wahl, with the blessings of City Manager Ed Kriewall, is proposing to annex part of the Department of Public Works' responsibilities into his Community Development Department — including long-range traffic planning and the entire Building and Safety Department.

"With the resignations of the DPS director (Lenora Jadur) and the staff

planner (John Schlanghech), it seems like a good time to look at assignments," Kriewall commented.

"We have an extreme shortage of administrative staff and we are relying heavily on consultants because we don't have enough staff of our own to handle the responsibilities," he explained. According to Kriewall, the city is lacking in the area of solid waste and transportation management, while other cities are better equipped to handle these problems because they have two or three times Novi's staff.

"We are going into the next decade tremendously understaffed, and the responsibilities are growing," he said. "We have been running lean, but our

current staff is already working 60 to 70 hours a week — they just can't keep it up."

He added that city government will be taking on even more responsibility shortly because a material recovery facility (MRF) is on the "fast track" and will be sited within the next few months.

Although the MRF is not actually sited, at least two, and possibly three sites, being considered are in Novi. The MRF is a transfer station and recycling plant for several communities' trash.

The Novi City Council is the only governing body — out of the eight communities to be served by the MRF

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City manager

— set to four MRF sites in other cities. City officials will neither confirm nor deny that the MRF is coming to Novi.

According to Kriewall, this new

a planning aide and stenographer position.

But not everyone was receptive to the idea of expanding staff.

"I am concerned about increasing personnel in the city — yes, there is a growing number of diversified needs, but we don't need to rely on tax dollars to pay for all of these needs," Council Member Nancy Covert said.

Council members are expected to discuss exactly how much the extra staff will cost the city at a future budget session. Mayor Matthew Gutin said the actual reorganization should be tabled until after the budget is adopted.

Big Boy gets a little bigger

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Big Boy patrons will have more room to sit but possibly less room to park if a 747-square-foot addition to the Novi Road restaurant gains final approval.

Planning commissioners gave the expansion the green light at their April 18 meeting, granting preliminary site plan approval by an eight-to-one vote. Planning Chairperson Charles Kurech cast the dissenting vote.

This is the fourth expansion plan the Big Boy owners have submitted to the city, and according to planning consultant Brandon Rogers, it is the

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Brandon Rogers
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most agreeable.

"We think this is an excellent solution," he said. "This is an improved plan and I think it will upgrade the facility."

There are currently 93 parking spaces on the site plus 15 spaces in the Fonda Street right-of-way, which

surpasses current parking needs.

The expansion, however, will only create four additional parking spaces — which still meets city requirements if right-of-way spaces are counted.

But some commissioners were apprehensive about counting the 15

spaces in the right-of-way because if Fonda Street is ever expanded, the restaurant will lose those spaces.

The exterior of the restaurant will also get a facelift, with a 20-foot landscaped setback along Novi Road. Town Center amenities like benches and lampposts will also be added to the site.

The Fonda Street driveway will be eliminated, a new driveway will be constructed to Adell Boulevard at the northern end of the site, and the parking area in the front of the building will be redesigned.

Planning commissioners still need to give the site plan a final nod before it goes to the city council for approval.

Optimist Club awards oratoricals

For 15 Novi High School students, "A Dream Came Alive" last month at the first Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Novi Optimist Club.

Optimist International first sponsored the oratorical contest in 1928. Developed as an activity that would foster self-improvement of the contestants, the oratorical contest has gained wide acceptance by Optimist Clubs across the United States and Canada. Since its inception, the contest has been limited to youth under the age of 16. Thus, contestants have the opportunity to apply the training received in the program to their formative years.

The first-place winners were Stacy Schaefer

and Brian Emrie. They will participate in the Regional Oratorical Contest at Royal Oak Kimball High School on Saturday, April 7, 1990. Winners of the Regional Competition will move on to the District Competition to compete for a \$1,500 college scholarship.

Contestants must be under the age of sixteen and prepare their four- to five-minute speech beginning with the words, "The Dream is Alive." The second-place winners were Candi Lewis and Alan Stevens. Third-place winners were Anne Meyer-son and James Kovacs. Ruth Vigna, debate and forensics teacher at Novi High School, coached the 15 students who entered this year's competition.

The other contestants were Carolyn May, Kira Salisbury, Ritu Tuteja, Laura Willard, Brendan Best, Thomas Crowley, John Fischer, Randy Juip, and Matthew Piele.

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Family pickets State Farm

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Jones family of Michigan Center, a suburb of Jackson, doesn't think State Farm Insurance Company is a good neighbor.

Emerson and Robin Jones, along with their sons John, 9, and Shawn, 7, spent Monday picketing along Novi Road in front of the firm's local service center. Emerson Jones, who is out of work, says the family is now living in their Ford Ranger and their Ford Mustang at roadside rest stops, following two fires, on Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, which destroyed their home. The house was insured for \$53,000 by State Farm. Robin Jones said, and the premiums were paid up through August 1990.

Cars and trucks passing by honked at the family and several drivers shouted support as the Joneses marched with signs bearing messages such as "Where's our coverage, State Farm?" "State Farm is a rip-off," and "State Farm took my toys."

The firm's Novi office, according to a letter carried by the couple, said the company deemed the fire's cause to be arson, either set or arranged by the family. The letter further stated the company denied any liability for the loss for this reason and because the insurance investigators found that the Joneses misrepresented and concealed material facts relating to the origin of the fires.

"If it's arson, why don't they question and charge us? We've never been charged. What did we cover up? I've never been questioned by the authorities to this day," Emerson said.

"We would like some answers to the questions we've brought up and they (State Farm) won't answer us."

A spokesperson for the Jackson County prosecutor's office said that the Joneses were not under investigation for the December fires and



Emerson, Jon and Robin Jones picket on Novi Road on Monday

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from his job on Nov. 21 because of his health condition following a double-bypass heart operation on Oct. 24. Robin Jones said the family lost most of their possessions in the fire and couldn't afford a new house.

According to Robin Jones, the family received a series of phone calls before the fire threatening to "burn them out." She said the family was added, they were staying in a hotel because their home was uninhabitable. Emerson Jones said after the fire he found a plastic gasoline container which did not belong to the family in their yard and he noticed that a steel

frame of their basement window had been tampered with.

"I would like to see the home rebuilt if possible. The kids lost everything, all their toys, everything," Robin Jones said.

that no warrant had ever been issued relative to the incident. Capt. Mike LaRoque, of the Leon Township Fire Department, which responded to the fire, confirmed that the Joneses have not been charged with arson.

"It was suspicious. As far as we know, nobody's been charged. They've had other fires there (at the Joneses) . . . They had four fires from September to December," LaRoque said.

Emerson Jones said Monday the family intends to picket State Farm offices until they get answers to their questions. Earlier Monday, police stopped their protest in front of the company's Marshall office, Emerson said, so they moved their vigil to Novi.

However, Patricia Parr-Amelagos, a claim superintendent in the Novi office, said Tuesday that State Farm representatives met with the Jones family in the company's Ann Arbor office that morning.

"We advised them to seek legal assistance. We feel that would have better results than picketing," she said, adding that the couple was directed to the Michigan State Bar Association's legal referral services.

"A very thorough investigation was conducted into the matter (the claim) before we made a decision of this nature."

State Farm's advice coincides with what the Joneses were told in March after they appealed their case to the state insurance bureau.

"In a case like this, the only thing that they can do is go to the courts and prove their case. We told them to get a lawyer," said Margaret Borowiak, the director of the bureau's consumer assistance division.

But Emerson Jones said Monday that he was unable to find an attorney willing to take the case without money up front, which he says the family doesn't have. Jones was fired

Barrels removed from Ten Mile dump site

Barrels dumped in a field southeast of Ten Mile Road were picked up by the property owners, Weiss Pollution Control, on Monday.

Novi Fire Marshall William Conn said he was with the company at the site as the owners of rusted 50-gallon drums were hauled away.

"There's a whole truckload of empty ones. The full ones — there's two of them — will be gone too," Conn said, adding that a barrel was also pulled from a wetlands on the site.

The contents of the full drums were unknown, he said, but they were not leaking. "There was no damage or any of that kind of stuff."

"We did not issue a ticket. Typically, on the citizen-type of complaint we review the site with the owner and then give them enough time to get out and do it on their own."

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Headlee threatens suit on solid waste plan

A group of Oakland County commissioners is asking for a strategy session to discuss a threatened lawsuit from an anti-tax group opposed to committing almost \$600 million to the proposed solid-waste program and two building projects without voter approval.

"This lawsuit business has everyone all shook up," commissioner G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, said recently after drafting a letter to Roy Rewald, chairperson of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"We don't have to hold the meeting immediately," Caddell said. "But the sooner the better."

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Planners, city council thrash out budget

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Novi planning commissioners are asking the city for a \$197,000 slice of its \$1.1-billion budget to pay for operational and study expenses.

Planning Chair Charles Kurath told the city council last week, "We know we wouldn't have a lot of money to work with, so we only listed what we thought we really needed."

However, city officials did not haggle over his sum. Instead, the most controversial line item — aside from the \$12,000 earmarked for Town Center planning (see related story) — was conference expenses.

Commissioner Joe Toth said the \$12,000 request for conference costs was excessive. "Some commissioners just go to have a good time," he said. "From my nine years of experience, there are a few that shall remain nameless, that don't attend the actual workshops."

In defense of his fellow commissioners, Kurath said, "We feel these conferences are worthwhile and it is important to provide an opportunity for as many commissioners as possible to attend."

The \$5,000 River Stroll study proposal also sparked some debate.

Furs fly from mall store

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Four fur coats valued at \$4,790 were stolen from the Merle Norman in the Novi Town Center on April 19.

Officers found the front window shattered. Two pieces of glass with partial shoe prints were taken as evidence, according to police.

Police found that the chrome bar display rack in the rear of the store had been torn down and a bluish fox fur was on the floor.

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MONDAY, APRIL 30

6:00 a.m. Novi Talkin' History — Val Mincat
 6:30 a.m. (cont'd)
 11:00 a.m. Crisis in the Modern Family — planned parenthood
 11:30 a.m. (cont'd)
 12:00 p.m. Michigan Journal
 12:30 p.m. Travel's Best Day — Venezuela
 1:00 p.m. Foghorn Report
 1:30 p.m. Beach TV Magazine
 2:00 p.m. Farmington Sewer Improvement
 2:30 p.m. (cont'd)
 3:00 p.m. (cont'd)
 3:30 p.m. Kids 'R Us — dinosaurs

5:00 p.m. Sunset Spotlight
 6:00 p.m. Kids 'R Us — dinosaurs
 7:00 p.m. Junior Japanese — lesson 3
 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi — lesson 3
 8:00 p.m. Vladislav Kowalsky — His Music and His Friends
 8:30 p.m. Behind the Law
 9:00 p.m. Duetwody — Dale Carnegie
 9:30 p.m. (cont'd)

TUESDAY, MAY 1

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Exercise
 10:45 a.m. M100 — Medicare and You
 11:00 a.m. Women on the Move — Linda Zalka
 11:30 a.m. (cont'd)
 12:00 p.m. Summit University — Elizabeth Claire Proffert
 12:30 p.m. (cont'd)
 1:00 p.m. 1990 — The Year of the Woman
 1:30 p.m. (cont'd)
 2:00 p.m. Detroit Live
 2:30 p.m. Home Computer Network — Inside windows
 3:00 p.m. Senior Messenger
 3:30 p.m. (cont'd)

6:00 p.m. Senior Messenger
 6:30 p.m. (cont'd)
 7:00 p.m. Seniors on the Move — glamorous grandmas
 7:30 p.m. Blues Beat — Detroit Blues Band
 8:00 p.m. Horizons — City of Farmington Hills
 8:30 p.m. Women on the Move — Linda Zalka
 9:00 p.m. (cont'd)
 9:30 p.m. Travels with Kay — Venezuela

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

10:00 a.m. A Celebration — Northville Presbyterian Church
 10:30 a.m. (cont'd)
 11:00 a.m. Madonna Magazine
 11:30 a.m. Due Process
 12:00 p.m. Table Topics
 12:30 p.m. (cont'd)
 1:00 p.m. The Job Show — MESC
 1:30 p.m. Seniors on the Move — glamorous grandmas
 2:00 p.m. Farmington Focus — City of Farmington
 2:30 p.m. Senior Spotlight
 3:00 p.m. Crisis in the Modern Family — the challenge of single parenting
 3:30 p.m. (cont'd)

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State appeals court removes Novi from suit

Following a recent state appeals court ruling, the City of Novi is no longer a defendant in a three-party lawsuit involving the traffic accident death three years ago of a 61-year-old Hartland woman at the corner of Twelve Mile Road and Donelson Drive.

Eleanor C. Miller Dohoney was killed when a west-bound tractor-trailer driven by Joseph Alessi of Detroit allegedly crossed the center line, striking the woman's eastbound car. Dohoney's son Peter Miller III filed a lawsuit in 1988 seeking damages from Alessi; his employer, Norse Trucking Co., and Bates Service Co., which leased the truck to Norse.

The three defendants in turn sued the City of Novi, the Oakland County Road Commission and Renee Miller, the driver of a car in front of Alessi subsequent to the accident. This lawsuit sought a contribution from the city and its co-defendants in the event that the Miller lawsuit against Alessi and the trucking companies was successful.

The second lawsuit claimed that Novi was responsible for not prohibiting traffic from turning left from west-bound Twelve Mile Road onto Donelson Drive. Renee Miller allegedly turned left without "adequate warning" from Twelve Mile Road onto Donelson Drive.

Alessi's lawyers said that to avoid hitting her car, he was forced to brake and turn his truck into the eastbound lane.

Dohoney's car and a second automobile hit the truck. Lawyers for her son contended in the first suit that Alessi was driving negligently, was tailgating the car ahead of him and was not driving at a safe speed when he crossed the center line.

The second suit also accuses the Oakland County Road Commission of inadequately posting a warning sign for Donelson Drive, of not installing a passing lane at the intersection of the two roads and of allowing an "unsafe" 50 mph speed limit on Twelve Mile Road. Donelson Drive

is a ring road running behind West Oaks II shopping center.

An April 19 decision by the state court of appeals overturned Oakland County Circuit Court Judge John N. O'Brien's Dec. 7, 1989 decision of summary disposition to the City of Novi. The appeals court dismissed the suit against Novi, finding that the design, maintenance and signing of Twelve Mile Road is within the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Road Commission.

"What this shows is that sometimes it pays to make an application of appeal," City Attorney David Fried told the city council Monday.

Cable offices undergoing changes in 1990

Community Access Television of Farmington Hills and Novi is involved with the renovation of two sites throughout 1990.

At this time MetroVision is renovating its original office and production studio area. The company has moved some of their offices into a new building next door. It is reorganizing 37635 Enterprise Court to also handle increased volume of activity.

City Council accepted an offer to purchase the fire station #1 on Research Drive by the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. At this time the cable commission will take occupancy and renovate the building into a Community and Government Access Television Studio.

Classes and small productions will continue to be held at the Community Studio housed at MetroVision.

Shows requiring more space, more elaborate sets or a stable audience will be hosted at the new site. The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission Administrative Offices and staff will be housed in the new location. Weather permitting, the renovation which is primarily interior work should be completed in the fall of this year.

PTA honors teacher

By MIKE TYREE
 Staff Writer

As district coordinator of Northville Public Schools' Junior Enrichment Series, Margo Smith has spent much of the past five years searching for performers to take the spotlight during elementary and middle school assemblies.

But Smith's talents took center stage last evening when she was honored as Distinguished Guest at the local PTA's 10th annual Founder's Day Banquet.

The banquet recognizes those PTA members who donate their time and skills to the betterment of children in Northville Public Schools and no one could argue this year's Distinguished Guest selection.

Smith's duties as Junior Enrichment Series Coordinator include researching and selecting programs and assemblies for children in the school district. The list of those who have visited the schools during Smith's tenure is impressive.

"We really strive to get quality shows," she said, "licking off such 'resources' as the Detroit Science Center, Sea World, the Attie Theatre, Detroit Edison, the Detroit Zoo and the Detroit Institute of Arts."

"They give the children a whole range of topics and programs to experience and learn from."

Smith said she gives special attention to the enrichment portion of her tenure.

"I try to look for things that will fit into the school curriculum," she said. "What I strive for is to find programs that are educationally enriching that fit into our budget."

The district's budget for assemblies is limited, Smith said, and the burden for contacting, negotiating with, and securing quality acts often falls upon the PTA volunteers.

And that's where the group's dedication to improving the educational opportunities for Northville children becomes obvious. Despite budget constraints, elementary and middle school students see "eight or 10 assemblies per year," according to Smith.

"The kids want more and more," she said. "This year we had a person bring in nocturnal animals and they just loved that program."

"Greenfield Village comes out and Theatre had a Huck Finn that was great," she added. "I kind of look at assemblies as one of the most unique, effective teaching tools."

Smith formerly taught high school psychology and government in Livonia, but she gave up that career while raising her children. Brad, 13, a Meads Mill student, and Kristin, 9, a student at Winchester Elementary.

A desire to impact her children's education led Smith to the Winchester PTA eight years ago. In addition to her position as Junior Enrichment Series coordinator, she has also been involved with the Holiday Shop, Junior Great Books, Cub Scouts and the Meads Mill PTA.

Smith was also part of the high school Strategic Planning Committee.

Smith is presently attending Madonna College to revalidate her teaching certificate and although deeply committed to the enrichment program, she pressed a yearning to get back to the classroom.

"Absolutely love this, but because my children are getting older, I want to get back into teaching," she said. "I've said I'd do this one more year."

Smith passes out credit for the success of the Junior Enrichment Series herself.

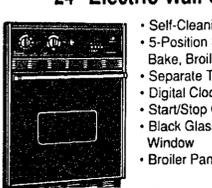
"We get all kinds of support from the principals," she said. "And (Superintendent) George Bell and (Assistant Superintendent) Dolly McMaster are so supportive."

"In all, the enrichment program is wonderful. I think it affects so many children in a positive way," she said. "Everybody benefits from something like this."

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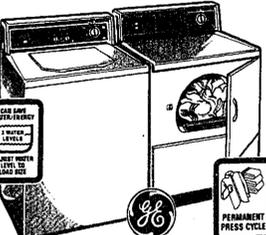
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Obituaries

RONALD IVER NOREN

Ronald Iver Noren of Novi died April 13 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia of chronic lung disease. Mr. Noren was born in Detroit Jan. 9, 1932. A veteran of World War II, he worked as a tool and die maker. He is survived by his wife, Rose, his sons, Rick (Kathy), Ronald J. (Linda), Russell (Sherry), and Rex; his brother, Alvin (Kay) Noren; his mother-in-law, Mary Kramer; his stepmother, Frances; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home on April 17. Fr. Leonard Turtenky of St. Michael Catholic Church officiating.

ARTHUR H. MCKERNAN

Arthur H. McKernan died April 16

at Providence Hospital of cancer. He was 78. Mr. McKernan was born in Canada May 19, 1911 to Daniel J. and Edith (Ely) McKernan. He worked as a Realtor for 40 years, employed by Noling Realty. He was a member of the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Loraine; his children, Judith Rutla, David, Michale, Howard, Ruth Strand, John, Mary Kerwin, Thomas Gregory, Loraine Queenan, and Rebecca; 21 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A funeral was held April 18 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Fr. Kenneth McKernan officiating. Interment was at Evergreen in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Foundation.

Schuette to speak in Novi

U.S. Rep. Bill Schuette, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Michigan, is scheduled to speak in Novi on Sunday.

Schuette, of Sanford, is expected at a tea hosted by the Republican Women of West Oakland. Originally planned as a membership event, the tea is open to anyone interested, both men and women, host Kay Schmid explained.

State Sen. John Engler, a Republican from East Lansing who is running for governor of Michigan, may also attend the event.

The tea is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at the home of Kay and Bob Schmid, 28105 Summit

Drive in Novi. Schuette is expected to speak at about 3 p.m. Kay Schmid said.

For more information call 349-0099.

Still time to answer census

Lower-than-expected 1990 Census returns have prompted the Census Bureau to launch an urgent appeal to residents to complete and return their questionnaires as soon as possible.

Dwight F. Dean, regional director of the Census Bureau, said in a prepared statement. "The more people who mail back their questionnaires, the

more taxpayers save in census follow-up costs." The Census Bureau is now delivering questionnaires to many of the households which did not receive one, but undelivered questionnaires are only a small percentage of those mailed out.

The bureau is asking everyone who received a return envelope with their 1990 Census questionnaire to fill out the form and mail it back.

There's still time to be counted! Census officials are saying April 1, Census Day, was only a target date, a day to focus on the decennial census; it wasn't a deadline.

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Accused man says there was no kidnapping

By MIKE TYREE
Staff Writer

Northville Township police will present findings of an alleged April 15 kidnapping to the Wayne County prosecutor Friday, but a man reportedly involved in the abduction has denied that a crime occurred.

Doug Allor, of Utica, the maternal grandfather of 1-year-old Brittany Roberts, said Monday that his son-in-law fabricated a story about the child being abducted at gunpoint Easter Sunday.

"There was no weapon," Allor said. "He has a habit of exaggerating."

Attempts to contact Christopher Roberts for comment on his father-in-law's allegations were unsuccessful by press time.

Allor said Christopher Roberts handed the baby over to one of two men that accompanied him to the Northville Township home of Roberts' aunt at approximately 9:30 p.m. April 15.

He said Roberts did so willingly, and without coercion.

"We were there to serve because (custody) papers," Allor said. "He handed the baby over and the papers were delivered. I never even left the car."

Allor would not identify the two men who accompanied him that evening, but he called reports of threats with guns "absolutely false."

"It's not in me. I wouldn't allow it to happen," he said. "He's always coming up with some wild story."

Roberts told police that he, Brittany, and his aunt, Anita Lisowski, were leaving Lisowski's condominium in the Northridge Apartment complex off Seven Mile Road the evening of April 15 when a van blocked their exit.

Two armed men emerged from the van and identified themselves as police officers, Roberts said. The men

then threatened to shoot Roberts if he did not hand over the baby, he said.

"I would not give my kid up if there wasn't a gun stuck to my head," he said last week.

Brittany Roberts was located the evening of April 16 by township police. She was reportedly in hiding with her mother, Deborah, at an undisclosed site in Shelby Township.

Despite Allor's contention that the confrontation with Roberts did not involve weapons, Captain Philip Pressnell said the Northville Township Police Department is treating the case as it was reported.

"We will be presenting our report to the prosecutor by Friday," he said. "He could hand us a whole basket of warrants, or we could come up empty."

"We're going to present statements and facts as we have them," Pressnell said. Charges such as kidnapping, commission of a felony with a handgun and assault could be brought against Allor by the prosecutor.

Pressnell said the statements made by Christopher Roberts and Anita Lisowski to police were "basically similar."

He said township police inter-

viewed Allor last Friday, but would not comment on the content of that discussion.

"It's not fair to him or the investigation (to comment)," he said. "I don't want this to get tried in the paper yet."

Pressnell said he did not know the whereabouts of Allor during the five days between the alleged kidnapping and the April 20 interview.

The alleged kidnapping reportedly was sparked by the separation of Christopher and Deborah Roberts March 23. Deborah Roberts apparently walked out on her husband and took along the baby.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ORDINANCE 90-99.05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council has adopted Ordinance 90-99.05, an Ordinance to amend Section 15-16 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to revise the Novi Fire Prevention Code regulation of existing buildings. The provisions of the Ordinance take effect fifteen days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on April 23, 1990, and the Effective Date is May 8, 1990. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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The provisions of the Ordinance become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on April 23, 1990, and the effective date is May 8, 1990. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available at the office of the City Clerk.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48060 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 1990.

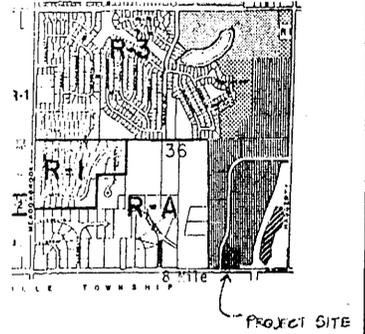
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Wixom issues answer

Wixom Mayor Wayne Glessner said recently that there was a need to clarify a misunderstanding that was arising from the Walled Lake School District's campaign associated with a June 11 vote to override the Headlee tax limitation amendment.

Glessner said in a press release that the campaign information that has been circulated by the school district noted that one of the main reasons for seeking an override vote was the impact that downtown development authorities (DDAs) are having on school district revenues.

School district officials have said that they are losing approximately \$1.5 million in revenue annually to DDAs. There are two DDAs in the district, in Wixom and Commerce Township.

Glessner said that the impact of the Wixom DDA is very minor. The captured school tax revenue for this year amounted to approximately \$20,000, or approximately 1.3 percent of the total captured school tax revenue that has been cited by the school district as being a principal reason for seeking the override vote.

"The Wixom DDA was created to promote valid community development goals, associated with the creation of an economically viable central business district," said Glessner. "The achievement of the city's community development goals in downtown Wixom will require further investment. The actions that are being taken now are designed to stabilize the long-term tax base in the central business district, which will benefit all governmental agencies that are dependent on property-tax revenues to support their operations."

Scholarship is available

By MIKE TYREE
Staff Writer

The spirit of a young girl who died suddenly last year will live on, thanks to a scholarship fund set up in her honor.

Meads Mill Middle School has announced that an annual \$200 scholarship award will be presented to a deserving eighth-grade student in memory of Jody Michelle Schwartz, who died in July 1989.

The fund will be administered by the Northville Public Schools and was established by contributions from family, friends and community groups at the request of Jody's parents, Andy and Shelly Schwartz.

To be eligible for the award, applying students must currently be in the eighth grade at Meads Mill and have exhibited an interest in the study of some extracurricular activity such as sports, music, forensics, art or academic enrichment. The scholarship will be used for further instruction in this field over the summer, in activities such as volleyball camp or music lessons.

Applications are available from the Meads Mill office and are due by April 27. A committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, Principal David Longridge, a Meads Mill staff person, Jerry Middleton, Martha Weid and Cindy Wagner will select the recipient to be announced at the June Meads Mill Honors Night.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Jody Schwartz Scholarship Fund may do so by making checks payable to the Northville Public Schools, c/o Business Office, 501 West Main Street, Northville.

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Student recalls her brother

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

When asked to write a poem from a different point of view, one Northville High School student had only to glance down for her subject.

Amy Lewis, 16, lost her brother Richard in the USS Iowa tragedy last April. Since then she has worn her brother's aluminum dog tags around her neck in his memory.

As a student in Bo Hall's 11th-grade creative writing class, Lewis had a chance to write about what the dog tags mean to her, and about the

brother who originally wore them (see poem).

Amy has been wearing her brother's tags since the family received his personal effects in November. "After about an hour and a half argument with my mother," as Amy recalls, "she thought she was going to wear them."

"She gave in, and I've been wearing them ever since."

"It's a little part of my brother that I can carry around," Amy said. "Every time I hear them I think of him."

While Amy said she labors over much of her poetry, this latest work almost wrote itself. "This one was like

a freak accident, really," she said. "I was sitting in creative writing, feeling really down. I was playing with my dog tags. I got a thought, grabbed my pencil and wrote it down."

The poem only needed minor revisions after that, Amy said.

The Lewis family continues to remember Richard in other ways. Amy and her mother, Nancy Lewis, are in Norfolk, Virginia this week for a ceremony honoring the 47 sailors killed in the USS Iowa tragedy last April 19.

The sailors were killed during an explosion in the ship's center gun turret. The ensuing Naval investigation into the disaster has been re-

peatedly criticized by members of Congress and the House Armed Services Committee.

The group has also had a composite picture of the "Iowa 47" painted by a local portrait studio, Prestige Portraits by Life Touch. The studio donated its time and expertise to the project.

By AMY LEWIS

Silent
I lie on your dresser
waiting for you to cradle me
safely around your neck.

Cling-clanging
I swing to and fro
bouncing on your chest
as you walk to class.

Cool
you grasp me
in your warm pencil-
calloused hands
stilling my voice
in the quiet classroom.

Comforting
your scarred heart,
you remember
who used to wear me.

Tap dancing
a small performance
reminding you of the days
when your comedic brother
was the court jester
in the Navy mess hall.

Imprinted
with his name,
social security number,
blood type and religion,
your memories and I are all
that remain.

Teacher supports writing

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

Though she has been writing poetry for years, Northville High School student Amy Lewis has never felt comfortable enough with her work to share it with others, until now.

She credits her creative writing teacher, Bo Hall, for much of her newfound confidence.

"This is the first year that I've showed anybody else," she said. "I always wrote it for me."

"And then Mrs. Hall came along," she said, laughing. "She taught me how to strengthen it and make it better, and she made me feel better about it. She's really a great confidence-builder."

"A lot of it's her personality. She's very outgoing, open-minded, and she grades on improvement, not on how well you write."

Amy has even entered several of her poems in writing contests. "Even if I didn't get an honorable mention, just the fact that it's getting circulation is good enough," she said.

This is Bo Hall's first year as a full-time teacher after a 25-year hiatus. The Northville resident, 52, only taught two years before her break, but has remained in the Northville school system as a secretary and a substitute teacher.

"I decided after my kids were grown and off to college that what I really wanted to do was get back into the classroom," Hall said. "I'm in for the duration now."

"To find young writers like Amy who really does have some outstanding abilities, is really a thrill for me as a teacher," Hall said.

"She has the ability to put down poetic prose."

Hall explained that she does not insist her students write rhyming couplets, or Shakespearean sonnets. Instead, she encourages them to express their feelings first, and worry about the formal structure of a poem later.

"As soon as you tell kids they have to rhyme something, they get caught up in rhyming the words and lose the ability to put down what they wanted to say," she said.

Amy is so pleased with Hall's class that she doesn't want to leave. "If I could take it over and over again for the rest of my school years, I would," she said.

Though she will not be taking creative writing again next year, Amy will still be in Mrs. Hall's class. Only this time Hall will be teaching journalism.

Next year the teacher will be overseeing the Northville High School newspaper as well as the school's only journalism class.

"Twenty years from now, when I look back, if somebody asks me who had a real positive impact on me, I'll probably think of Mrs. Hall," Amy said.

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As We See It

Steering committee is worth keeping

It's easy to understand why a few Novi city officials want to disband the city's Town Center Steering Committee.

Quite simply, the committee has not done what it was supposed to do. It was supposed to direct development in the area around Novi Road and Grand River into a "downtown" sort of arrangement. Trammell Crow Co.'s Novi Town Center development was supposed to be that downtown area. And under the watchful eye of the steering committee, the plan developed, and grew... and ultimately failed.

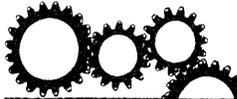
In spite of the committee's extensive involvement in the planning of the project, the end result is not what city officials hoped it would be, and they are now looking to other parts of the Town Center district to provide what the northeast corner has not. The committee could not accomplish its goal, some say, so get rid of it.

It's an understandable, and rational, approach to take, but it would probably be the wrong one. The other officials, who want to see the committee remain in place, have the better argument.

There's no denying that the committee met with less than complete success in using Trammell Crow to bring a downtown to Novi. Yet the committee's influence at the time was obvious; the developer bowed to many of the committee's wishes and adopted many of the committee's suggestions.

In other words, the committee did have some influence, although perhaps not as much as the city would have liked. But if it did indeed have some influence, then whatever Trammell Crow would have come up with independent of the committee would most likely be even less to the city's liking.

The way to fix a problem is not to give it less attention, but that's what disbanding the steering committee would amount to. Planning Commission Chairperson Chuck Kureth suggested



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replacing the committee with a more empowered body like a downtown development authority. This is probably impossible, since it takes declining property values to start up a DDA.

But failing the ability to give the steering committee more power, the city's next best option is to continue using whatever influence it may have in its present form. It makes sense to have an entity separate from the planning commission, since the commission has all the business it can handle without devoting the special attention necessary to the town center.

The failure, or at least lack of success, with the northeast quadrant of the Town Center district can become a learning experience. The steering committee now has a better feel for its role and its authority — and its members have a better understanding of how to accomplish the Town Center goals (and how not to). There are three quadrants of the area whose development remains largely in the future. An active, informed Town Center Steering Committee can play a valuable role in using that land for something closer to an actual community center.

The \$12,000 proposed to continue Town Center planning is a relatively small sum in the context of an \$11-million general fund. The Town Center district is supposed to be Novi's shot at some sort of downtown, and as such, planning for its emergence is a reasonable expense.

The Town Center district deserves a lot of attention. The steering committee is going to do more good than harm. It should remain intact.

Cosmic radiation comes to the schools

I say to-may-to, you say to-mah-to, and the Los Angeles Times says toxic mutation. It's all a matter of perspective.

When the press release arrived in our office — announcing that Novi's own Orchard Hills Elementary School was taking part in a nationwide study to look at the effects of cosmic radiation on tomato seeds — it sounded pretty interesting. We had the typist type up the release, figuring it would make a nice bright item for the paper.

The seeds were exposed to radiation as part of a six-year satellite voyage. The space shuttle Columbia recovered the satellite in January, and NASA and the Park Seed Co. sent 180,000 seed kits to schools all over America. The students were to plant the space seeds and regular seeds and observe any differences. NASA planned to coordinate the results into a final report.

Little did we know that the tomatoes contained the evil specter of possible mutation. Suddenly the program was splashed all over every major newspaper in the country, all thanks to the Times, which quoted an internal NASA memo saying that there is a remote possibility "that radiation-caused mutations could cause the plants to produce toxic fruit."

Good heavens. This revelation understandably worried people in-

voled in the program, leading to some agonizing reappraisal in schools across the nation. Novi administrators were scheduled to discuss the issue on Tuesday.

Everyone involved with the program is completely downplaying the risk, saying it amounts to about the same risk we take eating anything at all. The seeds were tested for radioactivity, and showed no signs of it.

In spite of the quote from the memo, we tend to trust NASA on this one. If there was the tiniest real chance that anything would be wrong with the grown-up space tomatoes, NASA would be opening itself up to 180,000 lawsuits. It is not about to take that risk.

As long as there is any question at all, it is probably prudent for Novi to scrap the space tomato program, nice though it would be to involve elementary school students in a real-life application of the scientific method. The public relations headaches alone would probably not be worth the trouble.

So what's to be learned from all this sound and fury? First, be careful how you write your memos, no matter how internal they may be. And second, keep your vegetables in the ground where they belong.

Changing times at the paper



Ann Willis

Did you ever get a haircut, or shave off a beard or mustache, and have people look at you weird for a day or two until they figure out just what is different about that face they know so well?

Well, in a way, we've had a haircut here at the newspaper. Or maybe a change in hairstyle is a more appropriate way to put it. We're trying out a new look these days in the paper. If you're looking at the Novi News and wondering what makes it seem different this week, let me clear things up.

We've changed type styles — which is exactly like changing the hairstyle of someone you see on a regular basis. The person is still basically the same, but they have a different look. The news in this week's paper and the regular features are all the same, but some of them have a new look to them.

When I got a new haircut I feel different. Sometimes I have to go out and buy some new clothes, just to match the new look and the new way I feel. Well, here at the newspaper, we've taken the new type style and tried to add some new clothes — we've tried to clean up some of the packaging of news in the paper. We're going to continue to have

some regularly established places for certain news items. You'll be able to find news on senior citizens activities under Senior Notes, news about the Chamber of Commerce under Chamber Notes and so on. The idea is to make reading the paper easier and it will also make it easier for us to get the information on specific groups out to you.

As anyone who has ever had their hair cut in a different style knows, it takes a few days to figure out the exact way things are supposed to go. The first day you try to style your own hair after a change is usually a disaster. We're no different. There are bugs to be worked out in the new system and it will probably take a few weeks to get everything up and running like it should.

At the heart of the reason for the changes here at the paper is the continuing expansion of printing technology. As time marches on, the standard way we do business here changes, just like it does in every business in Novi. We're trying to make use of some of the new advances in printing processes and in the long run these changes will make the paper better all the way around.

We'll be able to better suit the paper to you — and that's our ultimate goal.

Ann Willis is managing editor of the Novi News and The Northville Record.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



Road hog

It was with a great deal of dismay that I read through the April 19 edition of the Novi News — the first with the Observer/Excentric typeset.

Sprawl keeps on sprawling



Bob Needham

If you're concerned about the economic health of the outlying suburbs, you call it growth. If you're concerned about the economic health of Detroit, you call it urban sprawl.

What ever you call it, all indications are that it will go crazy in Novi over the next 20 years. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments recently released preliminary projections for population, housing units and jobs in the area. SEMCOG expects Novi's population and jobs to almost double, and its number of homes to more than double. Picture that for a minute: Novi as it is now — then add the same number of homes that are already here. Picture all the commercial and industrial job providers already in the city — then almost double it. That, according to SEMCOG, is the Novi of 2010 — which isn't all that far away.

You can question the exact figures if you want — some Detroit officials deny the population and job losses predicted for their city — but we all know that the outer suburbs are going to continue growing, most likely at the expense of Detroit and, to a lesser extent, the inner suburbs.

SEMOG leaders want to curtail this trend, although they've been watching it for years and have yet to come up with a way to do that. That's probably largely because the suburbs encourage their own growth, always seeking new development, new tax base.

Change is inevitable, but if you ask me — which, as usual, nobody did — the endless outward exodus is not a healthy trend at all. Not for Detroit, and not even for the suburbs which benefit.

For one thing, the benefits are questionable. Although conventional wisdom has always been the more tax base, the better, people seem to question more and more the real value of endless development weighed against its costs. As people's favorite forests and fields become subdivisions and strip malls, they wonder what's going on, and whether "growth" is necessarily such a good thing. It's a sentiment which has elected a lot of people around the metro area, the sentiment which helped get Novi's Nancy Covert such a strong following.

The development feeds off itself. New homes spur new commercial development, which draws people farther out, creating a demand for new homes. The outward push never ends, and meanwhile, back at the start of the line — Detroit — things get worse and worse. And then the problems start to migrate out; the desertion of Detroit for Southfield becomes the desertion of Southfield for Farmington Hills and Livonia.

It just doesn't make any sense to go to tremendous pains to install infrastructure and develop land when those developments are being abandoned just a little way back. Eventually — not within our lifetimes, probably — the development will push right past Novi and Northville, and the officials of the future will be among the moving of Twelve Oaks Mall to Fowlerville. (Remember how Novi looked when the mall moved in?)

Tax board case is an injustice

To the editor: I was rather upset at reading about the property tax board of review in the April 12 edition of the Novi News. I was incensed to hear of a home in Meadowbrook View Estates purchased in 1986 for \$192,000 and still assessed at \$57,000!

Then I read that the entire subdivision is under-assessed. What is going on here? Where were the assessors in 1987 when my assessment went up \$5,200? Where were the assessors in 1988 when my assessment went up \$6,900?

Then I read that it would be "an extreme amount of paperwork" to correct the situation now. It wasn't too much paperwork to raise my assessment \$9,950 in 1989, and it wasn't too much paperwork to raise my assessment \$5,200 this year.

I laughed when I read a \$70,000 assessment was considered a "compromise." What a joke! The home sold for \$192,000 in 1986 and \$70,000 is a compromise? Nobody offered me any compromises on my assessments.

At least that was better than no increase at all, but to make matters worse the article went on to say that the assessment would revert back to the original figure until next year. Why wait until next year to re-evaluate that subdivision? That is an insult and a slap in the face to the citizens of Novi who have had to put up with constant increases in our assessments and higher and higher taxes.

As for the individuals involved, I would like to extend my support to William Gladden. Perhaps he made some comments he should not have, but I saw no grounds for a dismissal based on misconduct. The News mentioned six impermissible deeds from the city charter that would constitute misconduct. Bringing a grossly under-assessed property up

to a fair value was not one of them. If he went about it the wrong way, then slap him on the wrist and tell him not to do that again, but don't get rid of the man for trying to correct an unfair situation.

Kathleen McLallen, the owner of the property in question, said that only her property was singled out. Maybe that's because it deserved to be singled out due to such a low assessment that she's been profiting from while the rest of us keep paying more and more taxes.

She was quoted as saying "This situation is not about assessments at all but about abuse of power." Not in my eyes. I didn't see any power abused. It's all about assessments, and I see a subdivision that for some reason has escaped the city assessors, and I would like to know why.

As usual, the city council was out of touch with how the residents I've talked to feel. Martha Hoyer said, "We cannot have a public perception that leads a person to believe that they could end up on a person's hit list." (Kind of like Carol Mason getting kicked off the review board by the city council?) Tim Peor also was concerned with "public perception."

I'll tell you what the public perception is that I've noticed: There's a subdivision in this city that has gotten away for years with low property assessments while the majority of us have seen ours go up and up and we pay more and more in taxes (you wonder why the millage increase failed both times?); a guy who tries to correct the situation is dismissed from his job, and the low assessments are going to stay in effect for another year. That's the public perception the way I see it.

What I would like to see is the city reassessed twice in the last two years, and the property in question has not been looked at in four years. Gladden is the second knowledgeable real estate person to be off the

board this year, the other being Carol Mason, and the assessing knowhow of the board has been lessened considerably.

Strange goings on, don't you think? Martha Jarvis

New view

To the editor: After reading the articles about Bill Gladden and his removal from the Novi Board of Review, I thought it only fair to present a look at the whole situation from a different viewpoint.

I have known Mr. Gladden for some years now and have found him to be a man of great personal and professional integrity, and, unfortunately as it turned out, an off-the-wall sense of humor. This whole affair came about when he, in the course of doing his job, ran across a gross inequity in the assessment on a certain piece of property. As chairperson, he brought this before the board and in due course the board acted on it in the absence of Gladden, who excused himself because of what may have been perceived as a conflict of interest.

The board members increased the assessment in question, and then went to the assessor and whined "the devil made me do it," thereby nearly placing the responsibility for their act on the absent chairman. The city fathers, completely forgetting the character and the track record of the man, freaked out and set up a kangaroo court and found him guilty of misconduct. Oh, yes; the original assessor has been restored, to be looked at next year.

My humble abode on the south end of Walled Lake in Novi has been reassessed twice in the last two years, and the property in question has not been looked at in four years. Gladden is the second knowledgeable real estate person to be off the

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Strange goings on, don't you think? Patricia Thompson

Explanation?

To the editor: When the tax board chairperson was removed from office, it was noted that planning commissioner Kathleen McLallen had purchased a home for \$192,000 in September 1986. Her SEV assessment for 1987 should have been half of the fair market value of her home (\$96,000). Instead, her assessment was for \$49,950 and reached \$57,000 by 1990. Does being on the planning commission allow you to knowingly pay less taxes than other taxpayers?

For years I had been charged the wrong amount for my house taxes because someone in the assessment office changed my house classification in 1979 and did not notify me. Upon touring my home they changed the classification back and lowered my assessment for 1988 and 1989. It took me many hours of investigation to discover the problem. The city would only refund my overpayment of taxes for one year. I have petitioned the Michigan Tax Tribunal to help recover my money for the other years.

I am furious to think that I have been overcharged because of their error and I have to fight to get my own money back, and no one seems to care that the planning commissioner doesn't even have to pay her fair share of taxes.

Come on, city council and assessing office — How about an explanation? Patricia Thompson

Novi used to be a nice place

To the Editor: I used to like living here in Novi. That is:

- Before the Grand Plan came to pass.
- Before (City Manager Edward) Kriewall asked our community and planning director, James Wahl, to look into proposed sights for the industrial developments located within the proposed "Town Center" area.
- Before that project seemed to get entirely out of hand, possibly due to the "private sector" opportunities looked to Mr. Wahl via Thompson-Brown Realty President William Bowman.
- Before Mr. Bowman's position on a MRF facility location task force.
- Before Thompson-Brown Realty became the liaison between Mr. Campbell of the Cayman Islands (owner of the Grand Plan property) and the City of Novi.
- Before the strange combination of office partners between JCK Associates (four city engineering firm) and Thompson-Brown Realty.

Before I discovered that the city planning commission chairperson (Charles) Kureth, has business ties with JCK Associates.

Before I found out (along with all the other residents who attend city council meetings) that our current city manager, Mr. Kriewall, seems to have an insatiable desire to create an industrial/commercial/business Mecca here within Novi seemingly adjacent to every residential area.

Before the recent articles about (William) Wahl and the reported harm he has done to the integrity of the Board of Review, which appears to have been brought about by the desire to develop more property for larger profits.

Before I realized that our planning commission approves issues and concepts prior to complete and accurate reports being submitted.

Before I got involved in the politics of this city.

Before I lost faith in the majority of our elected officials.

I used to like to live here... But

the more I investigate into the areas used to like living here in Novi, that more material comes to the surface (and I'm not speaking of cream). I'm disappointed and disillusioned. I'm a resident.

Gary M. Christensen

Vote no

To the editor: I wonder if the Novi City Council and City Planning Commission members read the article entitled, "Regional Planning Agency Looks at Urban Sprawl" appearing April 12, 1990 in the Novi News, page seven.

If not, I suggest they read the entire article. Milton Mack, chair of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said, "public officials have lacked the political will to manage growth." He further states they are later "surprised by the stress on roads, the stress on sewers" etc. He mentions a "throwaway civic society." Pretty sad, isn't it?

And now for the really sad news! Who will pay for the road improvements, the sewer and water lines — not even mention that tax abatements promised? Novi residents voted down the millage for park land. Do they want to pay higher taxes for the "Grand Plan"?

Those of us who will be adversely affected by that plan hope council will vote "No" when it is put to a vote. Elizabeth Nicastri Leisure Co-op resident

News misses boat on library

To the editor: It was with a great deal of dismay that I read through the April 19 edition of the Novi News — the first with the Observer/Excentric typeset.

No, the "new look" was not my problem. It was the fact that the publicity for the open house at the Novi Library was buried in section D, that the headline gave no indication that indeed this open house had been planned, and the picture copy referred to the Northville Library. Helpful, no confusing, yes!

This open house event was the culmination of three years of efforts to modernize and double the size of our library and we had hoped, with your help, to invite the whole Novi community to celebrate with us. Unfortunately, a lot of our delicious Guemsey ice cream did not get eaten.

The staff and board of the Novi Library have always appreciated the good coverage given to us in the past by our hometown paper. This time

you failed us. Paul D. Black Chairperson Novi Library Board

Paving

To the editor: Dear (Wayne) County Commissioner Susan Heintz: As a concerned resident and businessperson of Northville, I urge you to aggressively support efforts for the widening and repaving of Eight Mile Road, both in and around the city limits, as rapidly as possible.

In its present condition, Eight Mile Road is a threat not only to our vehicles, but to the public safety of all drivers on that road.

I understand this road is in both Oakland County and Wayne County. The differences and priorities between the two county governments must be worked out before someone

is killed while trying to avoid the huge potholes. You have indicated that Oakland County is more concerned with widening Twelve Mile and Fourteen Mile Roads. I believe Eight Mile Road is more of an immediate threat to the general public safety than the widening of the other mile roads. Not being able to drive faster on Twelve and Fourteen Mile Roads is not nearly as critical a problem as a head-on collision with oncoming traffic when attempting to avoid a pothole on Eight Mile Road.

I believe now is the time to repave and widen Eight Mile Road. As you indicated at the Northville City Council meeting recently, Eight Mile Road is not scheduled for actual repaving until 1991. It is irresponsible for both counties to avoid this problem and

not take some definite action this year. With the continuing increase in population and development, "Eight Mile Road is a fatal accident waiting to happen to an innocent person."

Thank you for your continuing efforts in this matter. I urge you to please forward this letter to Oakland County. Charles H. Keys

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Bob Old, millman at Timberlane Lumber puts the finishing touches on a door

Lumber barons Timberlane custom cuts wood

By PATRICK KEATING
Special Writer

"We're one of the largest trim lumberyards, by that I mean millwork and doors, in southeast Michigan," says Tom Bloom of Timberlane Lumber in Novi.

Bloom, who says "manager" best describes his job, has been in the lumber business for 15 years. He worked at Timberlane from 1975 to 1985 and for five years at a mill wholesaler before returning to Timberlane in January.

Timberlane opened in 1970. There was also a second location in Southfield called Northwest Lumber. In 1984 the inventory from Northwest Lumber was moved to Timberlane.

"Lumberyards . . . in a general radius of 10 miles concentrate on 2 x 4's and shingles and plywood and things like that. Our specialty is interior millwork," Bloom says.

Specialty millwork is Timberlane's forte. Daily, an average of 100 interior and exterior doors are assembled and pre-hung. Additionally, radius casings (the interior wood trim for circle top windows and doors) are assembled and prefabricated. Stairways and radius railings can be built as well.

"Most lumberyards would have to special order the type of door that you want, the swing that you want . . . and the type of jamb," Bloom says. "We carry all of these doors in our

"We've been catering to the builders with their doors and mill work for years."

Tom Bloom
Manager

inventory."

There isn't a saw mill at Timberlane, but there is a mill for specialty work. So, if a customer would like a Dutch door, it could be made at Timberlane.

There is also a railroad siding on the property which allows lumber to be brought in by train car.

At Timberlane there is an extremely large selection of pine and oak moldings. "It's very rare for anyone to have this much inventory and this type of selection in that type of product," Bloom points out. "We're not big on plywood and we're not big on 2 x 4's, but if you're trimming out or doing something special, that's where we come in."

Although 2 x 4's and plywood are not emphasized at Timberlane, there are quantities in stock. They also go through a tremendous amount of treated lumber and carry a large inventory of cedar.

"We're very specialty oriented," Bloom says, "moldings, trims, doors, stairways . . . We're going to stock, sometime within the next week, steel

entrance doors and we're going to assemble them as well."

In addition to doors, a fair amount of windows are done at Timberlane, but they aren't carried in inventory. For that, they must be specially ordered.

"We carry the inventory on the doors and on the jambs — all the components, hinges included," Bloom says, pointing out a machine which will apply the hinges, drill the hole for the lock and give the door the proper swing the customer requested. "We do that all here so we don't have to order from someone else and wait four or five days for it to come in and hope that it's right. I think there are probably five lumberyards in southeast Michigan which do this, so it's something that makes us very unique."

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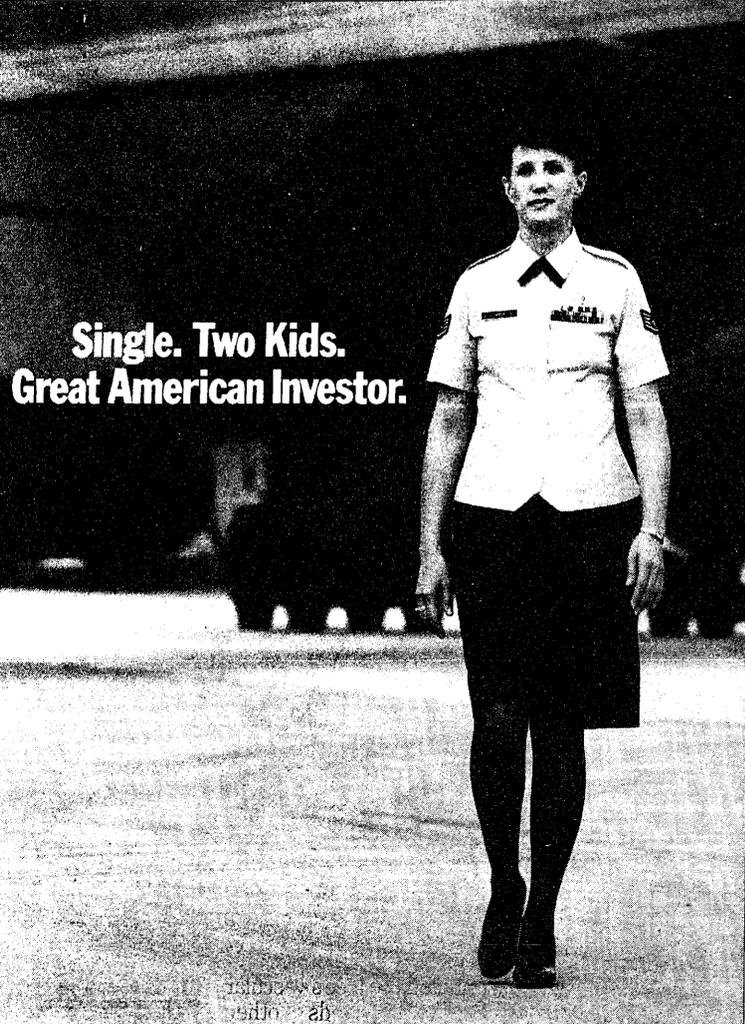
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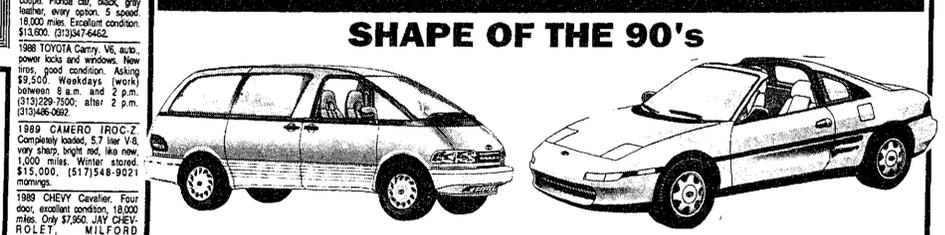
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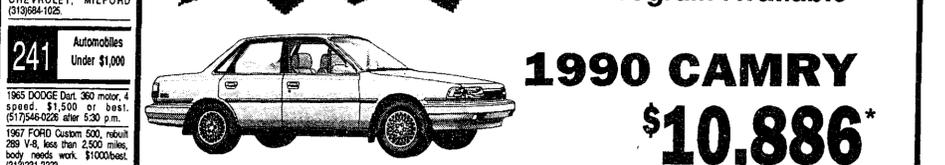
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Backyard compost fits all lifestyles

By Marilyn Herold

The observance of Earth Week, April 22-28, has heightened public awareness of the need to protect and preserve the environment every day, all year long.

Due to this new awareness, more and more individuals are taking a serious look at ways they can get into the act, from recycling papers and plastic to planting trees and shrubs.

One of the most efficient methods of recycling is backyard composting. According to "Compost Michigan," a Cooperative Extension Service bulletin from Michigan State University, "Backyard composting is appropriate for all lifestyles, because it can be done on a small, medium or large scale, using a low, medium or high effort."

Composting is based on the premise that nature recycles its nutrients. Micro-organisms break down the complex structures of dead plants into components which are essential to the growth of new plants.

The slogan for composting, "Let It Rot," is also the title of a book by Stu Campbell, detailing the craft of composting.

While "letting it rot" may sound like an odoriferous business, a backyard compost pile, if properly done, need not annoy the nose, either your neighbors' or your own.

"Soil incorporation is perhaps the easiest way to compost in the backyard, when space is limited and yard wastes are minimal," according to the Backyard Composting bulletin.

Do not include meat, bones and fatty foods in the scraps which are to be incorporated into the garden. Kitchen scraps (minus meats and such) should be buried at least 6-8 inches beneath the surface of the ground or they can be included in the compost pile if they are then covered with soil.

For those who live in homes with limited gardening space, scraps can be buried in around the flowers or tomato plants.

Mulching is also a simple way to utilize organic waste materials. To do this, spread leaves, grass clippings or shredded woody wastes beneath ornamental plantings for initial use as mulch. As these decompose, they provide soil enrichment.

Chipping or shredding machines can be rented or purchased and used to chip materials for mulching or for use on informal garden paths.

A three-foot square holding bin of wire, or a bin made of a circle of fine-mesh wire, provides the simplest method of composting. The bin should be placed in a shady place and gradually filled with grass clippings, leaves and harvest remains as they are collected.

These plant materials should be layered and a handful of nitrogen fertilizer may be added between each four-inch layer of materials to



Photos by JANET L. COX

Darrell Trembath mixes kitchen garbage with soil and grass clippings in his compost pile.

achieve the proper carbon/nitrogen ratio, according to the Backyard Composting publication.

Top soil may also be used for layering and this method adds additional decomposing agents to the heap.

Since moisture and aeration are essential, you should keep the pile damp but not soaked. A usable compost can be produced in this manner in six months to two years, depending on the mix of materials.

The cooperative extension bulletin recommends occasional turning, shredding of materials and addition of high-nitrogen materials or fertilizer to speed the decomposing process. Odors are kept under control by layering the wastes with soil.

If you are really planning to go into gardening in a big way, presumably you will have lots of space for a large

composting bin and a good supply of yard wastes.

An efficient way to manage this volume is to construct a series of two or three turning units, or bins, out of lumber and wire. The compost can be turned and moved to an adjacent bin on a regular schedule.

Bins can also be constructed of concrete blocks and wire. Covers of mesh and lumber can be made for the bins to keep animals out.

Begin the compost pile by alternating layers of organic materials and monitor the moisture and temperature of the pile regularly. Decomposition will bring the heat of the pile up to 130-160 degrees in the middle and warm to the touch on the outside.

According to Backyard Composting, during the initial period of in-

tense decomposition activity, the pile should not be allowed to become too dry. When the pile begins to cool, it should be turned into an adjacent bin with a shovel or manure fork.

This turning mixes uncomposted material from the outer edges of the pile and the temperature should start rising again. After a few days, the pile should be turned into the finishing bin and new layers of compost started in the first bin.

Persistence and a little extra effort in this manner can provide finished compost in a few weeks instead of a few months.

Backyard Composting suggests that household garbage can be easily composted by building a worm box in the basement or backyard. To do

Scraps, grass produce garden

Darrell Trembath of South Lyon takes his gardening seriously. Not only does he compost most of his family's kitchen scraps and lawn clippings, he practices "square-foot gardening" with zeal.

Holder of a horticulture degree from Michigan State University, Trembath has turned a 16-by-16-foot square portion of his backyard into a neatly laid out garden patch which last year produced 20 pounds of carrots, 15 pounds of potatoes, lettuce, onions, cucumbers and more tomatoes than his family of four could eat.

"I'm making good growing soil out of straight clay," Trembath said with a wave of his hand toward the small area where kitchen scraps are mixed with dirt and grass clippings to be composted into humus.

"Those bags of leaves were given to me by a friend to use as mulch around my tomato plants. Mulch keeps the roots cool and moist and stops blossom-end rot," he explained.

Trembath's garden patch is neatly laid out in rectangles with raised plank walks between them. "The walkways keep the planting areas soft and friable" (crumbly) instead of packed down from walking on them when you are taking care of the plants."

In the "square-foot gardening" method, Trembath said plants are placed so close together that there is little room for weeds to grow in between. "It really is an easy way to garden," Trembath added.

In the gardening book, entitled appropriately "Square Foot Gardening," author Mel Bartholomew points out that square-foot gardening is based on squares instead of rows. Each square holds a different vegetable, flower or herb.

"In general, seeds or plants are placed the same distance apart as that shown on seed packets when they recommend that you thin to so many inches apart in the row," the author stated. "The difference is that instead of being planted in rows with extra space between them, the plants are placed in a square, the same distance apart in all directions."

Bartholomew goes on to warn that with the square-foot system, the gardener should never walk on the growing soil. If he or she does, the soil will



Soil's richer since composting

become packed down, eliminating the necessary air space between soil particles and make it difficult for water and air to penetrate.

Pieces of scrap lumber can be nailed together to make neat, attractive walkways between the garden blocks. This means that old board can be recycled with a minimum of labor.

For easy watering, Trembath has a "seeper" hose made from recycled tires which allows moisture to trickle into the soil when needed. "It's available at ACO and other hardware stores," the gardener explained.

At the Trembath home, all the kitchen scraps which will readily decompose are collected in a one-gallon container, transferred to a covered bucket and poured into a trench in the compost area about once a week. Covered with earth and lawn clippings, the material decomposes and before long it is ready to mix into the growing areas.

"You don't feel so bad about any leftovers that may have to be thrown out because they spoiled in the refrigerator as long as you can put them in the compost pile," commented Darrell's wife, Dr. Cherolee Trembath. "They aren't really wasted when they go back into the ground to provide nutrients for new plants."



Darrell Trembath and his children Dannen, 7, and Claire, 5 1/2, plant onion sets in their 'square-foot garden'

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Around the House: Designs for Living



Clarey compact, economical

By James McAlexander

Compact and economical to build, the Clarey fits the needs and the pocketbooks of small families looking for a starter home.

Several other features appealing to parents of young children are the indoor utility room and full bathroom close to both the kitchen and entryway. Kids can dash into the house for a "pit stop" and grab a snack on the way back out without leaving tracks anywhere else.

The roomy kitchen has a built-in dishwasher tucked under the

counter close to the corner sink. Storage and work areas are generous, including a pantry, as well as plenty of cupboard and counter space. With the range so handy, family members can ladle out seconds directly from the stove top without leaving their stools along the eating bar.

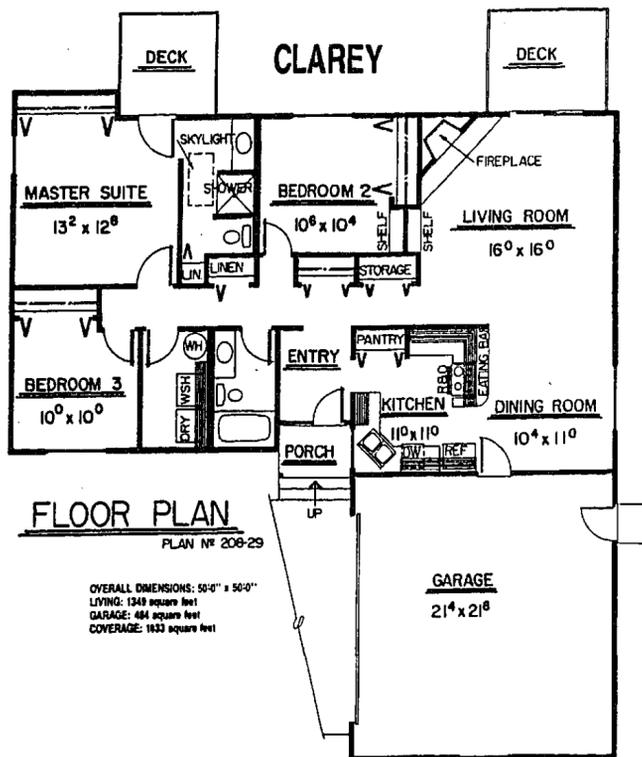
Storage areas line the hallway, and ample closet space is available in each bedroom. The master suite opens onto its own private deck, which could be enclosed, and a skylight brightens the master bath.

Book-lovers can create a small wall of books by installing floor-to-

ceiling shelves in the living room and front bedroom shelf nooks, or shelving only the upper area leaves a convenient recess for a desk—a natural for the family computer.

A large fireplace fills the back corner of the living room. Adding a ledge along that angle would create an inviting spot for toasting backsides and reading bedtime stories.

For a study plan of the Clarey, (208-29) send \$5 to landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



Eager to compost? Some dos and don'ts

Anyone who wants to make the most of kitchen scraps, lawn clippings or leaves may be tempted to dive right into composting.

However, according to the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, there are a few dos and don'ts of which one should be aware.

• Don't use unfinished compost. It will rob your plants of nitrogen instead of acting as fertilizer. You can also spread garden diseases with unfinished compost.

• Do mix finished compost with topsoil to prepare a garden, flower beds or for potting mixtures.

• Do mix mature (if available) or high nitrogen fertilizer with yard wastes. Sprinklings of fish fertilizer, ammonium sulfate (20 percent nitrogen) or urea (45 percent nitrogen) also work well.

• Do not use more than one-fourth pound of fertilizer per 15 square feet of compost. When composting low-nitrogen materials — such as sawdust, paper or woody plants — in-

crease fertilizer rates.

• Do add lime, small amounts of wood ashes or crushed eggshells to neutralize acids which may form in compost and can cause an odor problem.

• Use shredded cardboard, newspaper strips, partially decomposed leaves or peat moss as a bedding material. Add one to two pounds of red worms. These can be purchased or obtained from mature piles.

• Do add topsoil to layers to provide a good source of microorganisms.

• Don't compost weeds that are heavily laden with seeds (some will not be killed during the heating process).

• Don't ignore strong odors. Simply turn the pile when odors are detected.

• Don't add meat or fish scraps to the compost mixture. They may attract animals (dogs, cats, rats) and they do not decompose easily.

• Don't add diseased vegetable plants to the pile if compost will be used on a vegetable garden. The disease organisms may reappear the next year.

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this, prepare a 3-by-2-by-1-foot wooden box with a hinged cover. This size will accommodate the kitchen wastes from a family of four or five persons.

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grounds, eggshells and moldy leftovers can be fed to the worms.

The garbage should be buried in the bedding and covered with more bedding so that the worms can work.

Two pounds of worms can process a pound of garbage a day, according to the Backyard Composting bulletin. Keep the bedding damp but not soaked.

After several months, you should move the vermicompost (worm castings, uneaten garbage, bedding) and worms to one side of the box. Begin placing fresh garbage and bedding on the other side and the worms will leave the finished compost.

At that time, the completed compost can be used as a potting soil supplement or for enrichment around tomato and other plants.

One of the benefits of composting is that you may not need to purchase fertilizer after you have the composting underway. Compost contains some nutrients, but its greatest benefit is in improving soil characteristics, according to Backyard Composting.

If manure has been used during the composting process, the compost may be all that is needed to achieve good plant growth and production.

To use compost for lawns, screen the material and use as a seed-

starting material or as a top-dressing.

It is recommended to work the compost into the soil of flower beds or vegetable gardens (before or after planting) to a depth of two-to-three inches.

For the "indoor" gardener, compost can be mixed with topsoil for use in potting plants. It should, however, be sterilized by baking it in a 200-degree oven for one hour.

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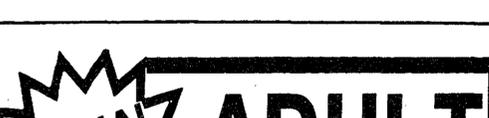
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Cloudy glassware can be cleaned up

By Gene Gary

Q: I have several cut-glass vases which have developed very unattractive water stains over the years. Do you know what can be used to clean these vases and restore their beauty?—A.K.

A: Sometimes cloudy glassware can be cleaned by simply adding a little ammonia to water and letting it stand in the vase for several hours or overnight. Rinse with clear hot water. Another recommended product for removing water stains caused by mineral deposits is "De-Solv-It," manufactured by Orange-Sol Inc., 9 N. Roosevelt Ave., Chandler, AZ 85244.

If the staining is more severe, and acid solution is best. Try vinegar first, but if that is not strong enough, use a solution of muriatic acid and water, equal parts. Pour the acid into the water to prevent splattering. Remember that muriatic acid is dangerous. Wear old clothes and rubber gloves to protect the hands and goggles to protect the eyes. Use with extreme care. The acid solution should dissolve the stains on your vases.

If this treatment does not work, mineral deposits could have actually etched the glass surface. If this is the case, you probably will not be able to remove the stains. However, if the glassware is valuable, you might consult an expert on restoration of glass products and antiques.

Q: Our driveway has some unsightly stains, including some rust imprints from cans left standing on the surface. Can you make any recommendations for cleaning concrete and removing rust stains?—C.C.

A: For general cleaning of grease and oil stains on concrete, we recommend that you first scrub the stains with paint thinner or grease solvent. Then mix one part sodium citrate to six parts of water and six parts of commercial glycerite. Add sufficient whitening powder to form a thick paste. A coat of this paste should be kept

on the stain for one week, and a new paste should be applied every week. Then flush the dried-out, second layer away, and the stain should be gone.

For rust stains on concrete, use the same mixture—but if the stain still remains, make another paste of one part sodium citrate crystals to six parts of water and add sufficient powdered whitening heavy layers of this spread and dried on the rust stain will usually remove it.

Another method of removing rust stains calls for an acid/water mixture. Since working with acid is dangerous, extreme caution is recommended. Wear old clothes, goggles and rubber gloves. Avoid skin contact and inhalation of fumes.

Use a solution of 1 pound oxalic acid powder or dihydroxylic acid mixed with a gallon of water, never water to acid. Avoid splashing. Mop this solution on the stained area (don't reuse the mop for other projects).

After two or three hours, rinse with clear water, scrubbing at the same time with a stiff brush. Do not use a brush with metal bristles. They tend to leave small metal pieces which also will rust. Tough stains may require a second treatment.

Once the concrete is cleaned, it is a good idea to use a good masonry sealer or water sealer to protect the surface from further staining.

Q: We moved into a house where the previous owner had painted designs on the wall of one of the bedrooms in a bright fluorescent orange paint. We repainted the walls using sealer and wall paint. Unfortunately, the orange paint keeps bleeding through even after several coats of wall paint. Do you know what can be done to cover this orange paint permanently?—D.W.

A: There is a primer on the market which might solve your problem. Sikkli primer (No. 164 White) is manufactured by Porter Paints, 400 S. 13th St., Louisville, KY 40203. The manufacturer claims that this product will cover and seal paint problems such as yours.

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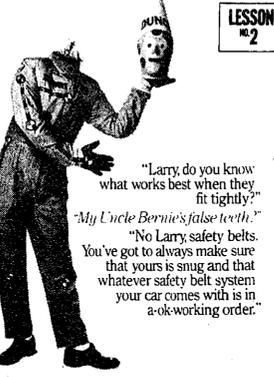
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ROUGH
RIDINGMountain bikers unite to take
back the trailsBy LESLIE PEREIRA
Staff Writer

As the mountain biking season heats up with the weather, there seems to be a lot of confusion as to where the thick-tired, rock-hopping bikes will be permitted.

Last fall, an outspoken assortment of park rangers, hikers, horseback riders and environmentalists claimed mountain bikers were tearing up nature trails and terrorizing nature lovers with their excessive speeds and irresponsible attitudes. "We've gotten an awful image," said Linda Skrok, acting secretary for the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association (SEMBA).

The unseemly innuendoes eventually reached the ears of David Hales, director of the state Department of Natural Resources, who pronounced an emergency ban of all-terrain bicycles from state lands.

But when mountain biking enthusiasts got wind of the impending restrictive rules, over 100 quickly joined forces, formed SEMBA and undertook a successful letter-writing campaign to counter the opposition and convince Hales not to sign the banning decree.

It worked, and miffed mountain bikers have mounted a vociferous defense, insisting that instances of reckless riding by mountain bikers are overblown and the incidence of collision between cyclists and other trail users is minimal to nonexistent.

"There have been no signed complaints about conflicts with mountain bikers," Skrok said. "There have been some close calls, but no signed complaints."

Gary Fischer, park manager for

Maybury State Park, agreed that the perceived problems with mountain bikes on public lands is exaggerated.

"The only problems we have is when the bicycles get on the horse trails, they sometimes startle the horses," Fischer said. Similarly, Skrok said the notion that mountain bikers are facilitating soil erosion in recreation areas is also unfounded.

"A lot of environmentalists say we are causing erosion but there are no studies to support that," Skrok said. Stephen Timoszyk, an avid cyclist and assistant manager at Town and Country Cyclery in Waterford, agrees with Skrok.

"They are saying that it (mountain biking) ruins the trails but I think it is the horses that ruin the trails," Timoszyk said.

But other public land users insist there is evidence of erosion in the form of deeply rutted land, dead plants and a loss of nutrient-rich topsoil.

Ken Langton, a hiker affiliated with the Sierra Club, leads group walks through Stinchfield Woods near Ann Arbor.

"We often come across areas where bikers have gone off trails and have torn them up," Langton said. "We want areas where they are not supposed to be, not to be torn up."

And Margaret Searing, who handles conservation care for the Sierra Club's Huron Valley Group, insists that an awareness of environmental degradation is not foremost on the minds of riders as it should be. She cites compaction and rutting of the soil, as well as disruption of wildlife and breeding as the main problems with rampant riders.

"People need to be educated as to the proper use of public lands, other-

wise we will all lose them," Searing said.

Despite the wide range of views on the effects of rugged-terrain bicycles, a consensus appears to be building around designating specific trails to meet the diverse needs of all land users.

"Michigan is really behind in exercising some sort of control," said Neil Lacasse, state parks coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources.

Lacasse cited Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario, as all having rules specifying areas of use for mountain bikes, but defining legislation may sting more in Michigan as it has over four million acres of state land devoted to parks, forests and recreation areas.

Although SEMBA believes bikers and hikers can exist in harmony on the same trails, they indicated a willingness to accept separate trails if they are "separate but equal."

"We tend to be getting less and we don't think this is right," said SEMBA president Christopher Delridge.

For now the DNR is holding meetings with citizens groups representative of the diverging points of view in trying to come up with a "fair and equitable plan."

"The DNR is studying the issue to find out where there are conflicts between state land users," Lacasse said. Lacasse anticipates some sort of decision within the next 30-60 days.

So for now trail users are making the most of their freedom to decide where they want to hike, bike, horseback ride or just take a Sunday stroll with their families before the specialization of trail use sets in.



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Above left: Maybury State Park's wooded areas are no obstacle for Carlos Gonzalez or his rugged bike. Left: Carlos Gonzalez rides over a grassy knoll on his mountain bike at Maybury State Park

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer helps out

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Do you know why the five members of the Northville City Library Board meet twice a year for five minutes just to prove their existence? Lois Winters, who has been president of the board ever since it was formed in 1979, explained it this way.

Originally Northville's library was a Community Library, a subsidiary of the Wayne County Library, and therefore without its own jurisdiction as to hiring personnel and purchasing books.

In 1979 the City Council proposed that the library become a public library, cooperating in service with Northville Township, and most importantly that it join WOLF (Wayne-Oakland Library Federation) system.

With membership in WOLF, the Northville Public Library would be one of 60 libraries, operating independently as to hiring personnel and buying equipment but also providing card carriers with availability of books in the whole federation.

Making this move meant setting up a Library Board which would be the tie with WOLF.

According to Winters, a council member knowing about her tremendous interest in the library, especially in her volunteer activities with Friends of the Library, asked her whether she would like to be on the new Northville City Library Board. She said yes. She was appointed by the council. She was elected president.

And so she has stayed, reappointed by the City Council every five years.

"We meet," Winters said, "for five minutes. If there is business to take care of, we do it, but usually there is none."

It's a case, she said, "of being there because we have to be there to maintain membership in WOLF."

And volunteering for the Northville City Library is that important to Lois Winters. It's a place she visits two or three times a week — not just to borrow books but to work on projects of the Friends of the Library.



Volunteer Lois Winters

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Statewide race,
local riders enter

Local cyclists will soon be heading for the hills to compete in one of the nation's largest mountain bike races.

On June 9 and 10, the 1990 NORBA National Point Series and Sleeping Bear Mountain Classic will be held at the Sugar Loaf Resort in Leelanau, Mich.

"This is a weekend-long event," said Marcus Opie, owner of the Tour America Bike Shop and mountain biking team based in Rogers City, Mich., "and it's the biggest race in the Midwest."

Two of Opie's team racers, Lori O'Neill and Jeff Braumberger, are Northville residents.

"Lori is one of the area's top female road riders," Opie said.

O'Neill has been a cyclist for the past five years and raced as a member of Team Lycra, a national road racing team, last year.

However, although O'Neill has been training on her mountain bike since last fall, she has yet to try her hand at one of the woolly races.

"I think I should do fair," O'Neill said. "I really like mountain bik-

ing. It is different than road racing but still has many of the same movements."

Unlike traditional street bikes, mountain bikes have curved racing bars and all-terrain or "fat" tires which allow a cyclist to easily handle the bumpy back roads of mountainous areas.

Opie said mountain bike races are very similar to road races with a set course, "except it is over the river and through the woods." Races are generally held in ski resort areas, through muddy woods and up and down steep hills.

According to Opie, all-terrain biking has become an increasingly popular sport in the past few years. Most active mountain bikers are men and women between 20 and 40 years old, with nearly half of all cyclists riding two to three times a week.

The sport has become so popular that major races are held in eight states, including Michigan. And the 1996 Summer Olympic Games will include mountain biking in the cycling events.

Adult Girl Scouts meet tonight

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The next meeting for all adult Girl Scouts — including leaders, prospective leaders or moms who may want to become involved next year — will be tonight, April 26, at Village Oaks at 7:30 p.m.

Reports will be heard on the successful Thinking Day International Program headed up by Barb Michaels with 100 people present. Additional plans will be made for the Leader Recognition dinner on Tuesday, May 22 at the Holiday Inn in Farmington at 7 p.m. Val Flannery will be working with Carol Elfring on this program. Reports and further plans will also be made for the Encampment scheduled for June 8-10 for all troops on Camp Tinsieff. This will be for 2nd graders and up.

There will also be a patch contest announced to be used at the Encampment. Kathy Laughlin will be reporting on the again successful cookie sale. T-shirts are available for sale at \$6.50, the shirts were designed for Nov 1989 Scouts.

There is a real need for TEAM members next year. Several of the troop service directors at the various schools will not be able to serve next year, and also Carol Elfring will not be heading up the local Girl Scout organization next year. A new registrar is needed, along with cookie and calendar chairpersons. Contact Carol Elfring if you can assist her in this matter.

Six troops — 249, 133, 523, 1005, 1343 and 518 — went to a science museum for an overnight. There were 78 girls from 2nd through the 4th grade and 16 adults who went. Other activities with troops include Troop 979, led by Chris Kohl and Lauri Barclay, with their 11 girls from the 5th grade who visited the Hands on Mu-

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seum in Ann Arbor; Nannette Douglas also accompanied the troop.

The girls are working on the personal health badge and will be visiting the Virginia Farrell Beauty School. Plans include a trip to Wheels Inn in Canada in May.

PERSONALS: Cheryl McNamara was guest of honor at a baby shower last week given by Montique Skinner and other coworkers at the Novi Civic Center. About 40 were in attendance.

Mrs. McNamara is employed in the Finance Department at City Hall, and her husband, Tim McNamara, is a Novi police officer.

Four girls have returned from Center of Service and Industry at Columbus, Ohio: Becky Kohl, Sarah Elfring, Christa Moore, Kristy Calando. This was quite an honor as girls were chosen all over the state of Michigan to attend, and four were chosen from Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Porter have returned from several days vacation in Toronto, Canada.

Recent guest at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Burgess was Dr. DeChalens Dertau, a missionary from the Iron Curtain who also spoke at services on Sunday.

Jordan Michael Reilly is the new baby at the home of Cathy Daugherty and Michael Reilly, born April 19 at Sinai Hospital weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces. Cathy is a Novi High School graduate. She and her husband have lived in Simmons Orchards for two and one-half years.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Zella Daugherty of Meadowbrook Glens and paternal grandfather is Philip Reilly of Pinckney.

Other recent activities included the Blue and Gold Banquet, with spe-

cial guest Thomas Johnson, who presented a program called "Toma Mime Time" which the youngsters really enjoyed. He is from Grosse Pointe Woods.

Awards that were given out recently include the Wolf badge to Mitchell Mader, Christopher Emric, Patrick Seymour, Justin Shaw and Mark Watts. The Bear badge was given to Daniel Christopherson, Erik Preston and Dale Parker. This pack is the largest in Novi with 90 boys registered and led by Daniel Kahl, cubmaster.

Other recent activities included the Honklike Races that were held at Lakeshore Park with 13 dens participating. Den 10 was the winner.

Other events coming up will include the Father and Son Overnight to be held at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center in June.

They recently participated in the Clinton Valley fund-raiser, which was a bowling held at Novi Bowl.

At the April pack meeting the following boys received the Arrow of Light award and will be crossing over into Boy Scouts: Nick Angelocci, Todd Anselm, Jack Clayton, Chip Dayton, Michael DiClaudio, Gary Finger and Rick Wiederhold.

ORCHARD HILLS CUB SCOUT PACK 249: The pack has 62 boys with six dens in it this year, and the cubmaster is Joe Stincowich, assisted by Keith Salo as assistant.

Other adults working with the pack include Lary Lalchall as committee chairperson, and Mary Platt as advancement chairperson, also in charge of the very successful popcorn sale they head this year.

Anyone with personal or club news for "Novi Highlights" may call Jeanne Clarke at 624-0173.

Engagements



CHRISTINE ANN BOGLARSKY and THOMAS AURTHUR FERGUSON

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boglarsky of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Lynn, to Thomas Aurthur Ferguson, son of Leslie and Corinne Ferguson of Novi. The bride-elect is a graduate of Lavinia Franklin High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan and majoring in accounting.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Novi High School and the University of Michigan. He is currently working as an electrical engineer at Ford Motor Company.

The couple plan a June wedding.



CHERYL A. MASON and EDWARD M. PELIC, JR.

Carol Mason and David Krom of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl, to Edward M. Pelic Jr., the son of Edward and Marge Pelic of Redford.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Novi High School. She is employed as a systems analyst for Washtenaw County.

The future bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a product manager at Tullaghan.

The wedding is planned for May 19.

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Artist's projects span globe, try to unite people

By LESLIE PEREIRA
Staff Writer

Generally when you go to see an artist's show, you expect to see their actual work.

However, when you go to see a showing of David Barr's work, it is almost impossible to see anything but pictures or videotapes of his work.

Barr, a resident of Northville and Novi for the past 11 years, is not the

archetypal artist who sits alone at his easel sketching with charcoal or painting with acrylics, although he does teach conventional art classes at Macomb Community College.

Rather, he has pioneered his own brand of art.

His most talked about pieces are larger-than-life structures that combine his sculpting talents with complex geometric and geographic calculations and set out to promote his so-

cial cause.

"The mixing of people of diversity is one of the greatest things you can put your energy into," Barr said, as he spoke to a group at the Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery in Detroit, where his latest show is being held.

Barr's most expansive project was the Four Corners Project, begun in 1976 and not completed until 1985. Dubbed by Barr as the "largest sculp-

ture with the least amount of material," the project virtually spans the globe.

Imagining a tetrahedron—a four-cornered, three-dimensional triangular figure—within the globe, Barr selected four land points at which the invisible tetrahedron's corners would touch.

The resulting project took Barr and his entourage from Easter Island to South Africa to New Guinea and Greenland. At each location a small hand-held marble model of a tetrahedron was laid.

"I am making something that no one owns," Barr says of his geotronics.

And it is ambitious projects like this that have won Barr his reputation as a man who does what he sets out

to do.

His current project, the Borders Project, sounds equally formidable. Barr's basic idea is to erect structures at selected intersections of the borders between the U.S. and another country to promote cooperation and understanding between them.

Amusing the audience with his tales of battling with government bureaucracies, Barr recounted the details of his experience with the sculptures he put up on the U.S.-Canada border.

"These projects take me to completely different problems," said Barr, whose conversation jumps quickly and easily from physics to world politics to geometry. "Every place I have been, there has been a

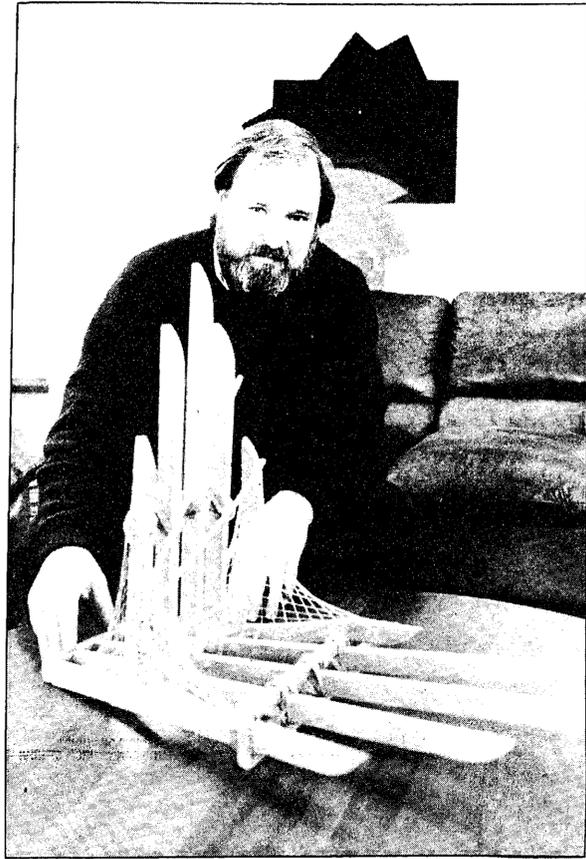
great suspicion of Americans. And this is unfortunate."

Barr is also working out the specifics of placing border sculptures on the U.S.-Mexican border and in the Soviet Union.

"This summer it is very likely that I will be going to Moscow to work out details of a project," Barr said. He anticipates the sculpture to be placed on the southeastern corner of the Soviet Union.

A little closer to home, Barr is trying to stir up interest in doing a project in Michigan.

"What I would love to see in Michigan is an art park showing our history and what it took to get here," Barr said. "Not a museum of artifacts, but something that makes you feel it."



Novi artist David Barr works a model of his sculpture "Arctic Arc" which is erected in Alaska near the Bering Strait



Members of Bob Gordon's karate class practice their Tang Soo Do style karate at the Novi Civic Center. Nine of Gordon's classmates, including himself, came home from a recent tournament with 10 trophies

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Area women win medals in major culinary contest

By LESLIE PEREIRA
Staff Writer

Northville has been blessed with some good cooks. Or rather, some great chefs.

Mary Brady of Northville, one of only two female chefs in the entire state of Michigan, and her protegee Pamela Ford, also of Northville, recently returned from a culinary arts competition in Singapore with several medals.

As part of a group of nine traveling as the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Salon Team, they went for "12 grueling days" of non-stop food preparation and cooking.

"It was quite an experience," said Brady about the Salon Culinaire, which is held every two years.

And Ford, with her blond hair styled up under the tall white mushroom cloud hat, happily agreed with Brady's assessment.

"It was a great experience. I received a bronze medal and I never expected it," said Ford, who is only a first-year student at Schoolcraft.

At one of the world's top culinary events, the Schoolcraft team competed in several different categories against some of the best international chefs.

"We were lucky to fare as well as we did," said Brady of the gold, three silver and three bronze medals with which they returned.

Brady said the Schoolcraft team started with a disadvantage in the competition because they cook American style, which is generally plainer and more natural-looking than European dishes.

"Their food is very decorative," Brady said, "and international competitions tend to prefer this pretty look."

According to Brady, one of the most nerve-wracking events required each chef to prepare a selected food item in a simulated plating kitchen in a panel of judges looking on. Important to the contestants' score were such factors as cutting techniques, cleanliness and the food's final appearance.

Brady stresses the fact that being a chef no longer means just being able to cook well.

"The education is much more important now — people skills and management," said Brady, who holds a degree in hotel and restaurant management which gave her a "head start" on the road to becoming a chef. And she looked the part of the gracious hostess in her crisp white tuxedo shirt and red bow tie.

"Front-of-the-house treatment is so much more important than people realize," Brady said.

After only three years she was able to acquire the necessary combination of education, experience, competition points, nutrition background and proper food-handling techniques.

"Master chef Jeff Gabriel started to encourage me," Brady said. "He has really been a mentor."

Master chef is the highest rank a chef can attain and is achieved by successfully passing a 12-day examination given at the national Culinary Institute.

Brady, who is a certified executive chef, has taught Schoolcraft culinary students for the past three years and will begin offering her expertise to the general public in May. She will teach "Cooking with Style" through the college's continuing education program and recommends it for beginning and seasoned cooks alike.

At the few specialized culinary art schools like Schoolcraft, students are put through two years of intensive training which includes courses and lessons in everything from cutting meat to folding napkins and greeting customers.

"It's real important to know about the all-around business," said Ford, a former waitress at Home Sweet Home in Northville. But, "I love to cook," Ford said. "I think it runs in my blood."

And in her family.

"My grandfather's father was a butcher in Scotland and my father's brother is a chef in California," said Ford.



Group of university women graduates has long history

Ann Thompson and Ann Weston of the Northville branch of the American Association of University Women mull over their notes. The AAUW will announce its scholarship winners on May 16

By LESLIE PEREIRA
Staff Writer

As complaints grow over the relative decline of quality education, there is still an active group of people dedicated to furthering their own education as well as the education of others.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is an expansive organization which has been filling the gap for out-of-school college-educated women still seeking mental challenges, and facilitating the learning process for many others on an international, national, state and local level.

"No matter what you do in the organization, you are always learning something," said Ann Weston, state program vice president for the Michigan division of the AAUW.

Started in 1881 by a collection of 17 college educated women from eight different universities, the group initially served as a haven for intelligent, thinking women looking for an outlet for their ideas in an age when women were supposed to be seen but not heard.

"Early women that were educated were very much alone because they were considered strange for going to school," Weston said.

Through the years of the association's existence, the university education requirement has stuck, although the requirement that members be female was dropped two years ago.

"The willingness to change is not always there," said Ann Thompson, president of the AAUW's Northville branch, who said the decision to admit men was a difficult one for the organization.

The Northville branch still has no male members, although statewide there are about 35 active men.

Northville women banded together and started their own branch during the fall of 1975 and it now claims about 65 members. Statewide, the AAUW has 62 branches boasting more than 5,125 active women and men.

One of the organization's main purposes is to help women network more effectively and open up more doors to them.

"We have never really gotten the good-old-girls network going like the good-old-boys," said Weston.

Weston, who received a bachelor of arts degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, has been involved in AAUW book sales, wine and cheese parties and various other fundraising events for the past 25 years.

The AAUW's work is done

throughout the year, raising funds used to finance the educations of promising young students.

On the national level, female graduate school students can apply for fellowships if planning to enter a field where women are underrepresented.

On the local level, the AAUW branch awards two scholarships every year to high school seniors planning to attend college. The awards are given to both male and female students.

Raising and awarding money for educational purposes is viewed by the organization as the most effective tool for attaining their goals of advancement of women, education over the lifetime and positive social change.

In addition to helping to facilitate the education of others, AAUW members meet once a month to hear speakers on topics ranging from education to osteoporosis to recycling.

"We usually bring speakers on topics of community involvement things," said Thompson. "We like to keep people up to date."

Also on the local level the women organize themselves into smaller topical study groups to discuss anything they have a common interest in.

"There are many homemakers looking for something a little more educational to do," Thompson said.

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Schoolcraft culinary arts student Pamela Ford-Knauss prepares some pastries as instructor, Chef Mary Brady, watches



Young models Stacey, Mike and Robert Pisha sport the newest spring fashions for the Novi Center Senior's fashion show last week

Local lamaze classes begin

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association (LCEA) of Livonia is offering several series of classes beginning in May.

Classes should be started two to three months before the baby's due date. Weekday classes are 7 to 9:30 a.m.; Saturday classes are 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Classes starting soon: May 3-June 7, Thursdays at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Livonia; May 9-June 13, Wednesdays at Novi High School; May 14-June 25, Mondays at Faith Community Church in Novi; May 31-July 5, Thursdays at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

Classes offer information about pregnancy, labor, delivery, a childbirth film, breathing techniques, relaxation exercises, and comfort measures. Instructors are RN's and mothers themselves. LCEA is a non-profit organization established in 1975.

For class information call 462-0890 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Thursday evenings between 4-8 p.m.

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Margaret Junker, a teacher at Novi High School, received a unique honor from Northwood Institute. She was selected as a "distinguished teacher" and was honored at a luncheon on the college's Midland campus.

Junker was selected for the recognition by one of her former students, Yathy Hawn of Novi. Hawn was among honor students at Northwood who were asked to nominate the high school teacher who provided the most helpful influence.

Edgar A. Madden, provost of Northwood for the Michigan area, presided over the ceremony and presented the awards. He was assisted by Catherine Chen, academic dean for the Michigan campus.

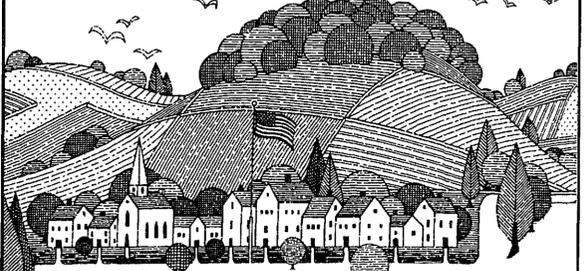
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Margaret Junker, left, receives her award from Kathy Hawn. Junker as an outstanding educator part by teachers from her hometowns. "We are in our honor student. Kathy pleased to recognize Margaret Hawn."

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Jacobson's

New York choreographer with area play **Outdoors**

By LESLIE PEREIRA
Staff Writer

Derek Wolshonak's visit to Michigan could more appropriately be described by the phrase "... a funny thing happened on the way to Ann Arbor."

By a stroke of luck, the Marquis Theater happened upon the talents of the New York choreographer in time for its next show, Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," set to open on April 28.

"I just came to visit friends," Wolshonak said. He had intended his trip to Ann Arbor to be a vacation and visit to a friend who teaches dance at the University of Michigan.

At this point in the explanation, director Art Fizzo jumped in. "When I was staffing the show I contacted a woman at U of M but she was unavailable," Fizzo said. "But she said she had a friend out of New York."

Wolshonak said he didn't mind the dual purpose of his two weeks vacation time and said it has happened before. On previous visits he has taught "a few master's classes" for the dance department at the University of Michigan.

Wolshonak said the entire cast has put a lot of long, hard hours into rehearsing because of the nature of the play.

"There is a lot of movement in this play," Wolshonak said. "The play does

not include any structured dance, he explained, but all of his movements reveal the influence of the ballet, jazz, tap and oriental movement he specializes in.

When a local theater decides to do a Broadway revival the director receives the script and music — everything else is up to the director, choreographer and cast to create the final product.

"They don't give you the choreography," said Wolshonak. He said this really allows each Broadway revival to have its own special flavor while retaining the ingredients which created the musical's original success.

Said Wolshonak, "You have to do the show for the performers you have." He said it is an art to adapt the show in such a way that exploits each individual's talents and minimizes their limitations.

A performer himself for 10 years, Wolshonak now puts his energies into choreographing other performers. He has worked on the New York performance of "On Second Avenue" and has choreographed the national tours of "Tintypes" and "Ain't Misbehavin'."

Currently, he is working on a video to promote a local New York club act in Europe and Japan and will soon begin working as choreographer with the Delaware Theater Company.

"This is really a zany show," Wolshonak said. "It is a great comedy."



From left, Charles Van Hoose as Hysterium, Phil Cole as Senex, Michael Talon as Marcus Lycus and (front) Edward Lewin can be seen in the Marquis production of "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum"

Several nature events will be held at the Huron-Clinton Metro parks during the period of April 28 thru April 29.

KENSINGTON METROPARK

Two nature events will be held at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton.

"Spring Along The Trails," a naturalist-led walk searching for signs of spring, will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. "Dinosaur Days," an opportunity to learn about dinosaurs through slides, fossils, and a discussion, will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m.

KENSINGTON FARM CENTER

"Slipping The Hogs" will be held at the Farm Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton on Saturday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

HUDSON MILLS METROPARK

"Birdwatching For Beginners," a program consisting of identifying birds, choosing binoculars and a field guide, will be held at Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter/Ann Arbor on Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. Participants should meet at the Activity Center.

OAKWOODS METROPARK

"Our Bloomers Are Showing," a naturalist-led walk highlighting the first blossoms of spring, will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m.

Reunions

Plymouth High '40: The 50th reunion of the Plymouth High School Class of 1940 is planned for September 8, 1990 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge. Contact Bill Thomas at 453-1925.

Henry Ford 1970: Henry Ford High School is seeking graduates from the class of 1970. January and June graduates. Committee forming. Call 453-0613 (Cantoni) or Mary 538-9593 (Detroit). Information is needed. Please contact as soon as possible.

Cooley High 1965: The 1965 January and June graduating classes of Cooley High School will be celebrating their 25th reunion at the Nov Hillton on Friday, November 23, 1990. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$80 per couple. Contact either Lynn and Bob Rivers at 981-5185 or Greg and Marie Campagna at 684-2886.

Northville 1970: The Northville High School Class of 1970 Reunion Committee is still trying to locate classmates.

The missing classmates are: James Armstrong, Linda Bellier, Cynthia Beyer, Susan Bourlet, Randy Brown, Janice Church, Salma Clark, Deborah Cobb, David Coe, Robert Cook, Mark Dixon, Jean Marie Fay, Michael Fitzpatrick, Paul Gobush, Bob Greer, Janet Grieger, Gary Harper, Robert Hutcheson, Steve Kaake, David Kenger, Regina Kramer, Linda Leach, Richard Liebold, Peter Lindberg, Dan Lister, Karen Loudy, Elizabeth Loy, Jeff Mahoney, Pat McAlilly, Geoffrey Nast, Kathleen Newell, David Nichols, Dale North, John O'Brien, Michael Pressly, Robert Reimer, Doug Sartoris, Thea Smith, Doug Taub, Mark Telle, Dave Trotter, Debra Trotter, Robert VanNieuwerk, Phil Wegeng, Steven White, Bonnie Wilson, Carolyn Wood, Craig Young, and Robert Yudashkin.

The reunion date is set for May 19. A cocktail party is also planned for May 18 and a family picnic is scheduled for May 20. For more information, call Patu (Ejaj) Tomasak at 349-5694.

Northville 1955: The Northville High School Class of 1955 will be holding its 35th reunion this summer. Reunion organizers are seeking the addresses of the following classmates:

Shirley Adcox Pickert, William Allen, Carol Borowski, Mike Collins, Claudette Doan France, Elaine Drew Ulrich, Darlene Nagel, Marianne Ratliff Heaton, Florence Raub, Marilyn Sharpe, and Barbara Springer Smith. Anyone with addresses for any of these people should contact June King at 313-349-0662 as soon as possible.

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Travel

AUSTRIA Motoring through the heart of Europe

By Audra Hendrickson

We cross the border from Liechtenstein into Austria at Feldkirch near the El River, and can hardly tell we've left one country and entered another. The scenery and the buildings are so similar; the same red tile roofs, the same stucco, the same stone.

The population of Austria is 7.5 million, 90 percent Catholic. The initials we see here and there—A.E.I.O.U.—stand for "Austria est imperatoro universer" or "Austria shall rule the world." I say they stand for vowels. Everywhere are little chapels and shrines. Byzantine onion steeples and towers are common.

We enter Arlberg province, a popular ski area, stopping in St. Anton for lunch.



The road to the Arlberg Pass winds around a cliff face and a long steep drop to the River Inn far below us. We see peasant women working in the fields. There are tall churches with thin spires on both sides of the valley wherever there is a clutched of houses and many high perfectly-tended green meadows with chalets sprinkled about.

We are on our way to Sunny Salzburg. During the afternoon we cross into Germany briefly, then back into Austria. Salzburg (Salt Fort), is located on the banks of the River Salze. Our hotel is the Ausperg. It treats us to comfortable twin beds, think warm comforters and warm radiators. We begin to taw. Ich bilbe hier! I stay here!

It's cold, foggy and damp outside. We tramp through a tiny cemetery where everybody who was anybody is buried. Fresh flowers adorn many of the tombs. Not all the bodies are beneath the stones which bear their names. It was the custom in other days to bury the head of an important person such as a monarch or saint in one church or churchyard and bury various other body parts at other sites.

We see the catacombs dug into the face of a cliff near the ancient cemetery, and we see the castle on the hill-top. We see St. Peter's Cathedral, the original of which dated from 696 A.D. We see Mozart's birthplace and the dwelling of an archbishop who had a mistress and 15 children.

Finally, cold and tired, we board the coach and leave for Vienna. There are wayside shrines along the roads and highways; a crucifix, a statue of the Virgin Mary, a statue of St. Joseph—each in its little roofed niche.

There are fewer red tiled roofs. They are grey now, laid in diamond patterns or vertical rows, like sheets of corrugated aluminum.

We cross the Danube, the second largest river in Europe. We saw it first in the Black Forest where it rises for its run to the Black Sea. We pass through Durnstein, where Richard

Austrian homes in Durnstein are surrounded by mountains near the Italian and Yugoslavian borders. There is very dense fog. We see blue sky for the first time in days as we climb toward the Semmering Pass along winding narrow roads. The scenery is spectacular—trim green fields and meadows, clumps and groves of pines and mixed deciduous trees whose leaves have begun to change. There are roadside shrines everywhere in this Styria region of the Steinmark and, of course, the castles and churches on every important peak.

We reach Villach Ferntum in late afternoon, skirting the shores of Lake Worth, a water sports center with resorts round its edges. Our hotel is the Parkhotel Karnien. The hotel is about 10 miles from Lake Worth, and closer to other smaller lakes. There are boats for hire. Including motor boats for water skiing. Our rooms are spacious and warm and the beds are soft and comfortable. Larch French windows open onto a balcony.

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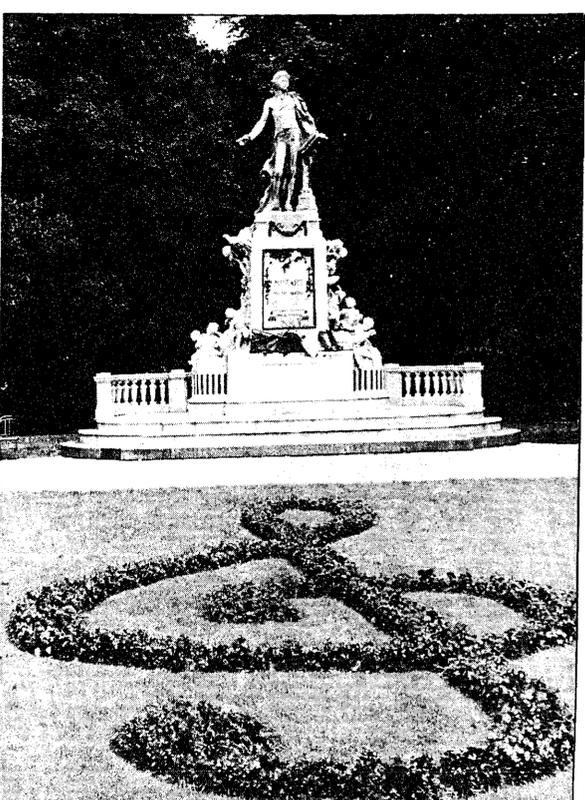
Lonheart was incarcerated after the First Crusade. Richard's prison on a pinnacle overlooking Durnstein is, like the Lonheart himself, now in ruins. There are terraced bluffs along the way, with thick grape vines.

The Danube is tranquil, slow, wide and beautifully gravel-banked on both sides. In the distance are rugged, rocky mountains. As we approach Vienna the moderate to rolling hills and the valleys, woods and meadows.

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Golf Notes

KENSINGTON TOURNAMENTS: There are more tournaments in store for area golfers this summer at the Kensington Golf Course.

Last year, the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority sponsored a series of golf tournaments at Kensington Metropark in Milford. The series included six different tournaments including both team and individual competitive formats.

The objective in sponsoring these tournaments, according to tournament director Doug Curry, is to offer the golfing public well-run tournaments using USGA rules and handicaps at a low cost. The tournaments are designed to challenge tournament veterans and first-time tournament players alike. The formats allow players with a wide range of skill levels to have a successful tournament experience.

Entry fees are kept low (\$3-\$4 per player) and prizes are modest (usually trophies and free greens-fee certificates). That places more emphasis on participation and enjoyment.

USGA handicaps are required thus allowing players at all skill levels an opportunity to be successful. Curry also said that establishing and using a USGA handicap makes the game more enjoyable.

Last year, the tournaments generated a great deal of interest. Over 850 entries were accepted for the six tournaments. This was highlighted by 240 entries in the Individual Championship held in September. At least 75 percent of the golfers entered had never played in a USGA-style tournament before.

This year, the program has been expanded. There will be a playoff among at least four of the HCMA courses for both a Senior and Individual Championship.

Course Senior Championships will be held on July 30, with the HCMA tournament—featuring the top eight from each course to follow on Aug. 10.

The Individual Championship will feature qualifying rounds on Sept. 8 or 9, with Course Championships on Sept. 23. The HCMA finals will be on Oct. 7.

In addition, there will be the regular lineup of a Women's Championship, Junior Championship, Two Person Best Ball and Four-Person Scramble tournaments.

For more information on Kensington or HCMA tournaments, call Doug Curry at (313) 849-2025 by day, or at (313) 437-1835 in the evenings.

MICHIGAN GOLF: Between now and next winter, Michigan golfers will "chip in" an estimated \$500 million to the state's tourism economy, AAA-Michigan reports.

"Michigan leads the nation with courses open to the public," said Peter Erickson, AAA Michigan Club Services director. "In five years, we've seen a 15 percent increase in the number of Michigan courses and all projections indicate more growth."

Michigan has close to 1.3 million golfers. The typical participant plays 18 rounds a season and spends \$390 annually on fees, equipment and related costs.

To attract additional spending and ensure that Michigan remains the nation's summer golf capital, developers are investing at least \$1 million for each new regulation 18-hole course. And that figure doesn't include the cost of buying 130 to 180 acres of land or building clubhouses and other facilities.

In 1984, Michigan golfers could play a round at 632 regulation courses. Another 19 opened last year, bringing the total to 727. Twentythree facilities are now being developed, with 27 more in planning stages.

The greatest expansion since 1984 occurred in municipal courses, increasing from 73 to 87. Total courses open to the public jumped from 419 to 493, while private facilities rose from 140 to 147.

But this rapid pace still leaves some players marketing time at the teens. Nationally, 290 facilities opened in 1989, but the National Golf Foundation estimates 400 new courses must open annually by the year 2000 to satisfy rapidly mounting demands.

Golf's popularity in Michigan may exceed other states, with 14 percent of its population playing the game, compared to 10.4 percent nationally. Women form 27 percent of Michigan's participants, but 22 percent nationwide. In addition to playing, golfers flock to view professional tournaments. The AAA Michigan Open, the state's oldest golf tournament, is scheduled for June 25-28 at the Grand Traverse Resort Village.

Other major events include the Mazda Senior TPC Championship at Dearborn Country Club, June 7-10; Anemtech Senior Open at Grand Traverse Resort Village, July 20-22; Buick Open at Warwick Hills Country Club, July 26-29; and the Greater Grand Rapids Senior Open at Elks Country Club, Sept. 14-16.

In the non-professional tournaments, Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club is hosting one of the biggest: the State Amateur.

HOLE-IN-ONE SHOOTOUT: A \$1,000,000 Hole-In-One Shootout qualifier, sponsored by Wayne County Parks, will be held at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights on April 24 (from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.), April 28 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.), April 29 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.), May 5 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) and May 6 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.).

The finals will be held on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per participant and proceeds go to charity. Closest to the pin golfer from each hour of the competition advances on to the finals. Anyone who holes out in the finals wins the grand prize.

For more information, call 261-1990 for more information.

Brighton pounds Novi netters

Brighton may or may not be able to contend for the Kensington Valley Conference tennis title this spring, but the 7-0 whipping they handed to Novi on April 9 is a good indication that the young, inexperienced Wildcats certainly aren't among the KVC's elite.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Novi Coach Jim Newbold said. "Most of our guys don't have much experience, and (Brighton) has four or five returnees from last year—so that was probably the difference."

"We still aren't used to playing together yet, but we're getting there."

In the four singles flights, the Wildcats were very competitive. Three times Novi players pushed their Bulldog opponents into tie-breakers, but the Cats came out on the short end each time. At No. 2, Zubin Antia fell to Jason Colin 2-6, 6-7; at No. 3, Matt Butler dropped a 3-6, 6-7 decision to James McCabe; and at No. 4, Chris Bayer lost to Mark Timeman 6-7, 3-6.

In the other singles match, Paulo Saranga fell victim to Shannon Browne (3-6, 4-6) at No. 1.

"We need more experience in order to, hopefully, pull some of these tie-breakers out," Newbold said.

In doubles, Andy Anderson and Tim Robb fell to Marco Ammon and Chadd Young (2-6, 3-6) at No. 1; Chris Kucek and Jason Babcock didn't have much luck against Ryan Hill and Chris Reichardt (4-6, 1-6) at No. 2; and Brendan Sicks and Marc Sica dropped a 3-6, 4-6 decision to Mike Jones and Brent Mussatto at No. 3.

"In doubles, we still aren't used to playing with each other, but we're getting there," Newbold said. "It's the beginning of the season, so I'm not worried that we will eventually come through."

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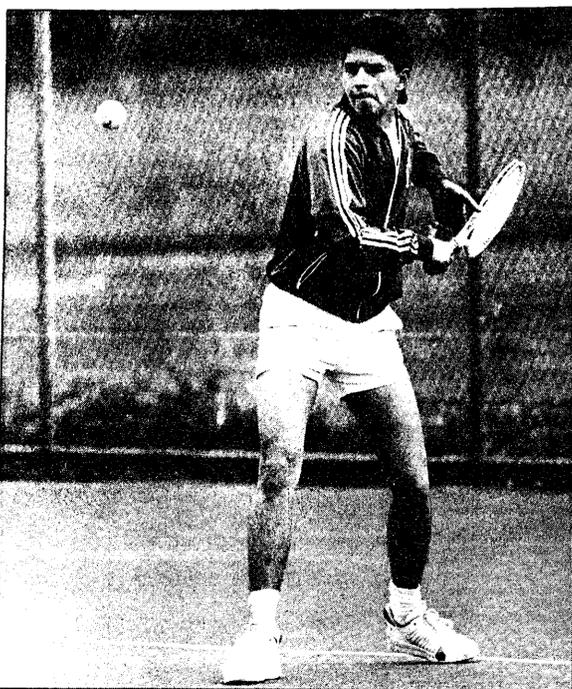
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Wildcat singles player Zubin Antia in action earlier this season. Novi News/CHRIS BOYO

Area coaches favor eight-class system

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another big supporter. He feels the playoffs are a positive experience and that as many players as possible should be allowed to compete in those exciting games.

He also likes the new plan because it alleviates the pressure to go 9-0 every year.

"You might be able to go 7-2 and still make the playoffs," he said. "It also takes some pressure off scheduling. Teams that are Class B are always trying to schedule all A schools. Class A schools are trying to schedule all A schools. Now some could drop down a bit and still make the playoffs."

"You also know that once you're in the playoffs you'll be playing teams that are closer to your size. Novi was a good example of that a couple of years ago. Here they were with 1,150 kids, playing Traverse City with 3,500."

Novi Coach John Osborne concurred.

"It affords us a better chance to get into (the playoffs) and once you get

there, the match-ups will be more even, enrollment-wise. I like it."

Barbieri later explained the reasons that the MHSAA doubled the number of classes for football and the other sports.

"The difference is that football is the only sport where everybody doesn't make the playoffs," he said. "Everybody makes the district in basketball, but in football, you have to qualify to make it."

"What I think—and I can't really speak for the state here—is they're

going to experiment with it for a couple of years, and then you may see it expand to other sports."

Darrel Schumacher, the coach at Northville, has mixed feelings about the change. He likes it because it gives small Class A schools like Northville a better opportunity to compete for a state title, but wonders if that same title might be tarnished since so many will be awarded.

The area's lone opponent of the new format is Fincley coach Tim Cogswell, whose team qualified for

the Class B playoffs in 1989. The Pirates were elevated to Class A last January.

"I don't think it's real great," Cogswell said. "I think they should have kept Class B, C and D the same, and made four divisions out of Class A."

"In Class D, they're making two divisions, but the highest total would only be about 200 anyway. In Class A, you could have an enrollment of (1,400) and can still play someone like Traverse City."

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Wolves soccer tryouts: The Livonia V Premier Soccer Club will hold tryouts for boys and girls on May 6 and May 20 at Joyce Park in Livonia. For girls born in 1979-80, tryouts will be at noon. For boys born in 1979-79, tryouts will be at 5 p.m. For boys born in 1980-81, tryouts will be at 2 p.m.

For more information, please call 427-3336.

Coach sought: Northville High School is currently accepting applications for the head coach position for boys varsity soccer.

Anyone interested should contact Northville Athletic Director Dennis Colligan at 344-8403.

Youth baseball tryouts: Tryouts for all four divisions of Novi Youth Baseball will be held on May 5 at Bosco Field.

The Seniors (age 14-16) and the Travel Team (15-16) will try out at 11 a.m.; the Majors (12-13) at noon; the Ponies (10-11) at 1:30 p.m.; and the Minors (7-9) at 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in late registration for 10-16 year olds should phone 344-1609.

Girls travel softball: Any girls 16-18 years of age interested in playing on a slow-pitch softball team this summer, should call Larry Bowerman at 453-8610 or 459-0077.

Lifeguards needed: Novi Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for lifeguards to work at Lakeshore Park from May 20 through Sept. 3.

You must have an advanced lifesaving certificate. Pay rate is \$5-\$6 per hour. Please call Novi Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 347-0400.

U.S. Diving Club: The U.S. Diving Club of Novi has been formed for those interested in competitive diving.

Students must be eight years old or more and able to swim the pool width. To join, call Coach Mark Heiden at 478-0775.

Adult softball: Novi Parks and Recreation spring/summer softball registration is underway. A few openings remain in the Men's Resident and Women's Friday leagues.

For more information, call 347-0400.

Pleasure boating: Learn basic watercraft, equipment, rules of the "road," knots, first aid, and a skipper's duties at the DNR Youth Pleasure Boating class. A Boating Safety Certificate will be given upon class completion.

Instruction will be given by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the three week class is for teenagers between 12-16 years of age. Fee is \$4 and classes start on May 8. For more information, call Novi Community Education at 348-1200.

Early Bird softball: Registration is now being taken for team wanting to participate in the 1990 Men's Early Bird Softball Tournament on April 20-22.

Entry fee is \$75 per team in this double-elimination tourney. For more information, call 347-0400.

Motorcars on display: Historic racing vehicles and exhibits honoring the Motorsports Hall of Fame inductees are on display daily at the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Admission is free.

Currently featured are Barney Oldfield's first and last cars—the "909" and the "Golden Submarine"—as well as the 1965 "Novi Special" Indy Car driven by Bobby Unser.

Bronze plaques and other displays honoring the eight Hall of Fame inductees are also on display. The charter class includes Cannon Ball Baker, Jimmy Doolittle, A.J. Foyt, Don Garlits, Phil Hill, Bill Muncey, Barney Oldfield and Richard Petty.

For more information call 349-RACE.

Novi trackers: Membership in the Novi Trackers Running Club is open to all interested individuals regardless of age, sex or skill level.

Prospective members are invited to join the Trackers for either or both of their twice-weekly runs. The group meets Wednesdays at Novi High School at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at O'Sheehan's on Seven Mile in Northville at 8 a.m.

Area runners tackle streets of Boston

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN Staff Writer

Hugh Sweeney's sixth consecutive appearance at the 94th Annual Boston Marathon on April 16 certainly wasn't his best, but the 59-year-old Novi resident was still thrilled about competing in the world's most prestigious running event.

Temperatures hovering in the low-to-mid 60s with partly sunny skies caused Sweeney some trouble, and by the 15-mile mark of the 26.2-mile race, fatigue set in. Sweeney did finish the race, but his time of 4:19:00 wasn't what he had in mind.

"I did not have too good a time," he said. "My time of 4:19 was my worst marathon time ever, but I was still happy to finish."

Sweeney covered the first 15 miles in a little over two hours—which is about the same time winner Gelindo Bordin of Italy was crossing the finish line.

"That's the point I ran out of gas," he said. "The place they call 'Heartbreak Hill' was still a few miles away, but the 15-mile mark was my 'Heartbreak Hill.' I struggled the last 11 miles, but I knew I'd finish. It's a very humbling experience."

For Sweeney, a member of the Novi Trackers, it was his sixth straight Boston experience. His best time was 3:13 back in 1987.

"I was looking to run it in the 3:30-3:40 range, but it was about 15 degrees warmer than you want and that took a lot out of me."

"It was still a good experience, but not great."

The race drew 9,300 total participants. The following is a list of other local residents who finished the grueling race: the highest finisher for Northville was Michael Webster of Northville, who placed 598th in 2:52:27. He was followed by Dale Yaglich of Northville, who was 2,834th (3:21:09); Larry Hull of Northville, who was 3,074th (3:23:32); Joseph Bonno of Novi, who was 3,222nd (3:37:26); Lisa Milecanski of Novi, who was 4,311th (3:34:33); Victor Barkoski of Novi, who was 4,682nd (3:37:54) and Patricia McFadden of Novi, who was 4,694th (3:38:01).

The only other Novi Tracker to run the race was Lyle Hamilton of Southfield. He finished in 3:23 and placed among the top 3,000.

Here is the top three finishers in

each of the age divisions:
MENS UNDER 20: 1. Steve Coon, 37:29; 2. Dwan Rose, 38:27; 3. Robert Burns, 41:30.
WOMENS UNDER 20: 1. Anita Cothand, 49:27; 2. Cara McDonagh, 50:55; 3. Jodi Fisher, 58:25.
MENS 20-29: 1. Mike Lasley, 34:18; 2. Hugo Moran, 34:58; 3. Greg Joyce, 38:46.
WOMENS 20-29: 1. Lisa Walthem, 47:30; 2. Kim Billeh, 47:38; 3. Sharon Hickey, 48:12.
MENS 30-39: 1. Greg Seaman, 34:50; 2. James Crenshaw, 37:47; 3. Joe Evans, 38:12.
WOMENS 30-39: 1. Mary Beth Wilson, 42:26; 2. Donna Swanson, 42:51; 3. Marilyn Barger, 44:29.
MENS 40-49: 1. Ralph Evans, 36:30; 2. Larry Wilbright, 38:21; 3. Thomas Maloney, 38:57.
WOMENS 40-49: 1. Kathleen McGillis, 49:43; 2. Bea Flanagan, 50:04; 3. Helen Hurst, 52:05.
MENS 50-59: 1. Ralph Judd, 38:50; 2. Leon Lockwood, 48:02; 3. Mike Cypul, 48:23.
WOMENS 50-59: 1. Mary Divinere, 63:38.
MENS 60 AND OVER: 1. Ed Allen, 46:38; 2. Mike French, 48:02; 3. Richard Huston, 49:28.
WEST BLOOMFIELD HALF-MARATHON: Northville's Doug Kurts, 38, won the West Bloomfield Half-Marathon on April 22 in a time of one hour, seven minutes, 45 seconds. He edged Don James, 25, of New York, by five seconds.

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Fashion show for walkers slated

After mall walking for over two months, the Laurel Park Pacers are ready to step out in style.

Laurel Park Pacers, a walking club sponsored by Botsford General Hospital, the Livonia Marriott and Laurel Park Place, will host a "Fashions for Walkers" fashion show on Friday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the Grand Court of Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

All ensembles for the show will be supplied by the shops of Laurel Park Place. Both men's and women's walking fashions will be on display.

"Exercise clothes no longer have to consist of gray sweatshirts and t-shirts," said Debbi Avers, assistant marketing director for Laurel Park Place. "Today's exercise clothes blend bright, rich colors with contemporary design to create ensembles that are very versatile."

Fashion consultants from Laurel Park Place retailers will be on hand to comment on the fashions and give fashion tips.

Laurel Park Pacers promotes health and fitness through exercise and developing healthy habits. Walkers can walk everyday in the mall beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays and at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

Botsford General Hospital is a 336-bed osteopathic teaching hospital serving Farmington Hills and surrounding communities. It is affiliated with the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Lansing.



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Laurel Park Place will host a "Fashions for Walkers Show" on April 27

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Laurel Park Place, located in Livonia, is Michigan's newest premier, mixed-use hotel, office and retail

development. Laurel Park Place is east of the I-275 expressway at West Six Mile and Newburgh Roads in Livonia.

Charity walk-a-thon scheduled April 29

There is still time to join the fun while contributing to a great cause. The March of Dimes wants you to walk for healthier babies on April 29, in WalkAmerica/TeamWalk.

WalkAmerica is the country's largest walk-a-thon and the March of Dimes most successful national fundraiser. Be a part of the southeast Michigan Walk as one of 15,000 Detroiters who will try to raise \$1.2 million for the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies.

There are ten walk site locations to choose from: Algonac, Ann Arbor, Clarkston, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Monroe (Monroe's walk is Saturday, April 28), Metro Beach Metropark, Port Huron, Troy and Wyandotte. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk starts promptly at 9 a.m.

The 25-kilometer walk (15 miles) promises to be fun as well as good exercise. Each walk site will have entertainment, snacks, music and Victory Vans that stop along the route for those who don't walk the entire 25 kilometers.

Participants can walk as individuals or as team walkers. TeamWalk is for businesses, unions and organizations who want to walk together as a team.

WalkAmerica plays a crucial role in the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. Monies raised by the walkers helps fund research programs, public and professional health education, and community service projects that focus on preventing birth defects.

For more information on WalkAmerica/TeamWalk call the Walk Hotline at 423-3232. Registration and sponsor forms are at any Kentucky Fried Chicken or K mart stores.

Run for the kids: The seventh annual Run for the Kids will take place April 29 at Fairlane Charley's in Dearborn. More than 500 runners, walkers and roller skaters are expected.

All proceeds from the 10K run and one-mile fun run will benefit charities. Registration the day of the race will begin at 8 a.m. and the race will get underway at 10 a.m. For a \$10 entry fee you get T-shirt, two complimentary dinners at any metro Detroit Charley's restaurant, and will be eligible for a random drawing of prizes. For more information, call 336-8550.

Open swim: The Novi High School Pool will be open for swimming from now until June 14. Open swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be from 7-8:30 p.m. and lap swimming follows until 9:30 p.m. Fee is 50 cents; senior citizens are free. Children age 10 and under must be with an adult. The

Fitness Notes

pool will be closed on April 19.

Walk Michigan Program: The Novi area is participating in the 1990 Walk Michigan Program, and Twelve Oaks Mall is the site for the next event. On May 15, walkers will be meeting at the Lord and Taylor mall entrance at 8 a.m. There will also be three other events this summer.

Each time a person participates in one of the scheduled walks, their name will be entered into a grand prize drawing: a trip for two to MacInac Island to participate in the annual bridge walk on Labor Day.

For more information, call 347-0400.

Exercise program: A one-hour exercise program is held Monday and Wednesday mornings at Twelve Oaks Mall. It takes place 9-10 a.m. in the Lord & Taylor corridor near the east entrance.

The program, conducted by the University of Michigan Division of Physical Education, is particularly aimed at older people and others who would benefit from an invigorating but non-strenuous exercise program.

"The format consists of carefully guided warm-up and stretching exercise followed by light aerobics and a cool-down period, all synchronized to music," according to Phyllis E. Weikart, director of U-M's Adult Lifestyle Program. "Our objective is to improve the participants' strength, flexibility and energy level through activities which are safe and enjoyable."

Weikart and her staff have been leading the popular Fitness Over 50 classes for 12 years on the U-M campus and for the past two years at Ann Arbor's Briarwood Mall, where it regularly attracts some 125 participants.

By expanding the program to Twelve Oaks Mall, they have made it more accessible to residents throughout Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties.

Twelve Oaks is open an hour before the stores open (at 10 a.m. daily and noon Sunday) to accommodate people who want to use the mall for walking. "Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Elaine Kah said, "This exercise program adds a new dimension to this activity. We are pleased to be a part of the program."

Fitness Over 50 welcomes all interested per-

sons, regardless of their age and current activity level. Call the Twelve Oaks Management Office, 348-9438, for further information.

Twelve Oaks is a major regional shopping center located in Novi on I-96 and Novi Road. The center hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Mercy fitness classes: The Mercy Center, located on Eleven Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Farmington Hills, is offering a wide variety of swimming and fitness classes in 1990.

Mercy is offering open swimming daily from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in addition to several fitness classes: like the Trim-Gym-Fitness Class, the Pool and Gym Class and the Coed Trim and Swim Fitness Class.

For information, call 473-1815.

Fitness Over 50: Twelve Oaks Mall offers a free exercise program titled "Fitness Over 50" in the Lord & Taylor Court every Monday and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m.

Designed and field-tested for 12 years at the University of Michigan, "Fitness Over 50" is a safe, carefully guided, low impact aerobic exercise program set to music. It is particularly aimed at older persons and others who can benefit from increased energy, endurance and muscle tone.

The class is open to all interested persons regardless of their age and current activity level. For more information call the Twelve Oaks Management Office at 348-9438.

Walk 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.

Swim sessions: The Mercy Center on Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills is again offering swimming sessions this year.

Open swimming is available Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The Saturday session includes a lap swim, swim classes, private lessons and adapted aquatics for adults. Call 473-1815 for more information.

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Fitness Tips

Training, diet optimize athletic performance

By KATHY SADD, R.D.
Special Writer

Spring stimulates us to exercise and participate in athletic events, and training and proper diet are important to optimize athletic performance. Diet supplies the body with the needed fuel sources, and training helps to improve the body's utilization of fuel.

The following is information on nutrition and upcoming events for the athlete.

While good nutrition can't replace a sound training program in preparing you for an event, it certainly can enhance your efforts and help to assure that you perform well.

Carbohydrates are the ideal energy fuel for the body. Carbohydrates are stored in the muscles and liver as glycogen. To maximize glyco-

gen storage (and thus maximize endurance), it is suggested that athletes eat a diet containing approximately 60-70 percent carbohydrates.

There are two types of carbohydrates: simple and complex. Simple carbohydrates are found in sugar, fruits and lactose (sugar found in milk). Complex carbohydrates should comprise the largest portion of the athlete's diet. Foods rich in complex carbohydrates include vegetables, cereals, breads, grains, beans, potatoes and pasta.

Protein has a minor role as an energy source during exercise; however, it is needed to build, maintain and repair tissue. The athlete's diet should contain approximately 15 percent protein. Most people can obtain this quota by eating only four or five ounces of lean meat a day.

Fats, although needed in the diet in small amounts, are not thought to enhance performance. Fat intake may be anywhere from 15-25 percent of the athlete's training diet.

Although many race participants skip breakfast before a race, the best thing to eat before a race is a moderate meal containing mostly complex carbohydrates. This should be eaten about three hours prior to running, so it may mean rising extra early. The ultimate goal is to minimize the amount of food in your stomach while you exercise. You need the blood flowing to your muscles, not to your stomach to digest a big meal. Carbohydrates digest more quickly than fats and protein.

The most important supplement during an event is water. In events lasting more than 90 minutes, a car-

bohydrate snack may enhance endurance.

Once the race is over, enjoy yourself. Eat what you like, but remember the guidelines for your training diet. After an event, you've depleted your muscles of glycogen and you need carbohydrates to replenish them.

Contact your local recreation department for information on races, softball teams and other recreation activities.

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