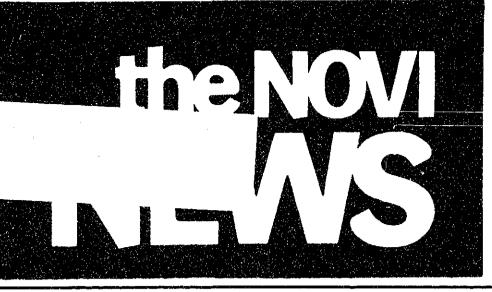


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'Companions' name thinly veils sex for sale

By STEVE KELLMAN and SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writers

The folks at Jasmine's Companions never used the word "prostitution," but the Novi-based escort service seemed more than willing, for a fee, to arrange intimate meetings between women and prospective customers for the purpose of sex.

Jasmine's Companions, the subject of a two-month investigation by the Novi News and Northville Record, appeared to be a well-kept secret to everyone including Novi city officials. Yet the business run out of a 21, the number was disconnected. home off Eight Mile Road appeared to violate at least two Novi ordinances, and act as a prostitution ring.

Since Jasmine's Companions was contacted by a Novi News reporter two weeks ago, the business has not been answering phone calls. Last Tuesday, Jan. an ordinance that forbids local businesses from offer-



A Sept. 25 Metro Times ad for Jasmine's Companions said the company specialized "in creative fantasy fulfillment." while a Jan. 8 ad had it "specializing in unique companions, outcall massage only." Novi has

ing outcall massage, the practice of sending a masseur or masseuse out to a person's home or hotel room. But Jasmine's Companions did not register as a Novi business — another ordinance violation despite the fact that its phone number lists a Novi address under the name Jasmine's Services.

Susan Blumer, with the Novi city clerk's office, said neither Jasmine's Companions nor Jasmine's Services was listed as a city business. She promised to send the company a business registration form.

The Novi police department seemed unaware of the operation as well. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer expressed curiosity about the service, saying, "We may call and ask for more details and we'll assign a detective to look into it." But the business never answered his calls, and a police officer sent to the location found no one home.

Shaeffer said the police department investigates such businesses "as they're brought to our attention," whether by the media, concerned citizens or police officers themselves who notice the ads in the paper (see related story on page 3).

He admitted that escort-type services are a burgeoning business throughout metro Detroit. They're located all over the metropolitan area," he said. "But it's going to be our policy to vigorously pursue these operations when they appear ... because we don't want them in our community."

Jasmine's Companions' phone number was regis-tered to a home on West Glenhaven Circle in Novi, near Meadowbrook and Eight Mile Road. The homeowner's phone number is unlisted.

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Feds give nod to M-5 funding despite critics

By JAN JEFFRES Stall Writer

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The Federal Highway Administration has paved the way for the Haggerty Connector, Alternative 4A, calling the project the only "prudent" and cost efficient way to provide freeway access, reduce traffic jams and improve public safety in the region.

Overruling objections from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the federal government is now prepared to pay 80 percent of th most of the rest to be picked up by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Because the EPA and the U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Service - as well as the City of Novi - have contested plans to replace in St. Clair County most of the wetlands lost here, the highway administration cautioned that "additional adjustment may be needed before this process is complete." The major barricade to surmount now is a pending application for a construction permit, now under review by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. An answer is anticipated in March. Jim Kirschensteiner, project engineer for the Federal Highway Administration's Lansing office, said uncertainty over the permit means a start-up date for the project is not available. "We really don't have any idea right now," he said Friday. "There are some people who feel the DNR will issue a permit and other people who feel they won't. It's kind of hard to read it right now." An additional roadblock could be a Novi resolution suggested by Council Members Robert Schmid and Joseph Toth to withdraw support for the Haggerty Connector. The question has not yet been discussed by the council, but if the resolution were passed, it would kill the project.

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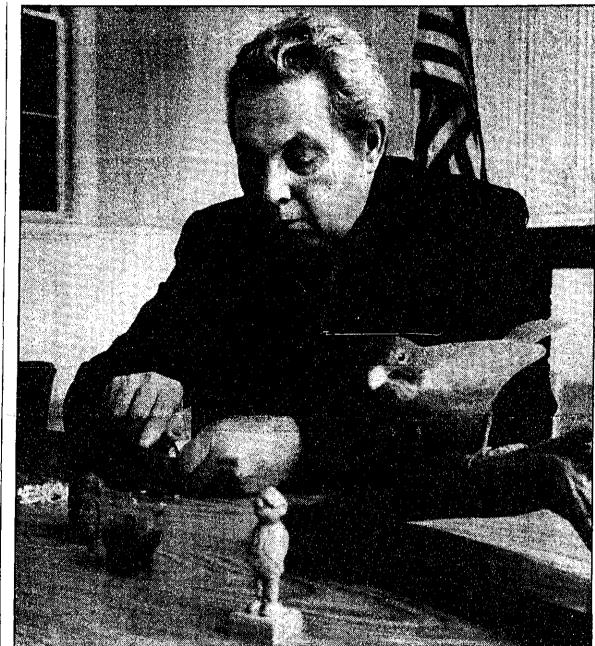
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> Jim Kirschensteiner Project Engineer



Charges possible in tanker disaster

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

M & L Petroleum Company will not be charged with negligent homicide in the flery death of a tankertruck driver on 1-96, but the state police may still seek to press charges against the firm based on alleged motor vehicle code violations.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's office decided earlier this month that M & L Petroleum which has a history of vehicle violations - could not be charged with negligent homicide because the driver, Novi resident John Ziants II,

The highway administration's record of decision was signed Jan. 7 by E. V. Heathcock, Director of the Office of Planning and Program Development.

Cost estimates have shot up over past six years from \$80 million to \$90 million, due to inflation and increased real estate prices.

There is a lot of speculation going on in that quarter in terms of land ownership. This shoots the costs up," Kirschensteiner said.

The landscaped Connector would reduce accidents, improve emergency service response times, reduce energy consumption and cutback on air and noise pollution on Haggerty Road, the record of decision noted.

The road improvement package includes:

■ The Haggerty Connector (M-5): The 3.5 miles of a six-to-eight lane boulevard would extend from the I-96/I-696/I-275/M-102 interchange at Twelve Mile Road north to Pontlac Trail. Twelve Mile Road would be constructed as an interchange with bridges. All cross roads to the north would be improved as grade-level intersections with traffic signals.

Twelve Mile Road is proposed to be re-constructed as a six-lane

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Wood carving

his skills recently to members of the Novi His- worked on a carving of a boot while he spoke torical Society in the old town hall. Shown in to the members of the group. this photo are some of his works, from small

Local wood carver Ron Morin demonstrated statues to a realistic rendition of a bird. He

Photo by HAL GOULD

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Sgt. Larry Richardson of the Michigan State Police Northville Post said Thursday the prosecutor's office determined that the driver was responsible to ensure the vehicle was safe to drive or else he should have refused to do so.

Describing it as a catch-22, RIchardson said. "If a driver knows there's a problem, he should not drive."

Ziants, 32. perished Nov. 12 when the left front steering tire of the vehicle blew out, causing him to lose control of the truck. The tank was torn open under the Meadowbrook Road overpass, spilling 13,000 gallons of fuel which subsequently ignited.

Richardson said he learned that Ziants on Nov. 7 - the Thursday before the Tuesday accident - told

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Board defended for Strain decision

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

The Novi school district's \$25,000 settlement with former band director Craig Strain was in the best interest of the district and the alleged victim, a former school member said Thursday, despite criticisms the board has received for that decision.

Strain was paid \$25,000 and given the opportunity to receive state-funded retirement benefits that he had earned from 27 years of service in public schools. Those benefits include \$25,000 a year.

Strain resigned Jan. 9 as part of a settlement with the school board. Strain had been suspended with pay from his position as band director since October when a student accused him of sexual misconduct.

The school district made the right decision in settling with Strain, according to former school board member and retired educator Gilbert Henderson.

"In my opinion, the settlement may have saved this district a pile of money," Henderson said. calling the board's decision "prudent, rational and compassionate."

The alleged victim was protected from cross examination by Strain's attorney during what could have been days of tenure hearings, Henderson added.

Henderson lent the school board his support at a Thursday meeting after he saw some Novi residents and the Novi News take the board to task for its decision.

The board's settlement with Strain included a provision prohibiting Strain from bringing future legal action against the school district.

If the district had fired Strain, the former band director could have appealed the board's decision to the teachers' tenure review board. Legal fees during such an appeal process would have cost more than the \$25,000 the school district gave Strain, board President Stephen Hitchcock said.

The agreement, printed in a document called a "Memorandum of Understanding," said the school district was to pay Strain \$25,000 prior to Dec. 31.

The school district also agreed to continue paying Strain's \$54.870 salary through Jan. 17.

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Student asks for King birthday off

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. Day won't go unrecognized by Novi schools if Novi Middle School's student council president has his way.

Student Brandon Griffin told the Board of Education at its Thursday meeting he would like the district to recognize Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the future. Brandon suggested the district give students the day off or use half of the day to educate students about the civil rights activist.

He asked the board to consider it at their next meeting.

Parent Terri Galido told the board she agreed, and former school board member Gilbert Henderson commended Brandon for his courage in addressing the school board.

"Martin Luther King would be darn proud of you. I'd be proud if any of my four kids got up and did that," Henderson said. Brandon's father, Henry Griffin,

pressed the school board for a response. Griffin said the community is uneducated about King.

"You would be surprised how many people in the community don't know the man's name much less what he stood for," Griffin said.

Griffin said the school board would look bad if it did not recognize King's birthday in some way. Board President Stephen Hitchcock told Griffin the district is in the midst of a three-year contract. The days students and teachers will receive off already were established in contract negotiations, Hitchcock said.

When the district negotiated contracts. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was not a national holiday, Trustee Raymond Byers added.

Board Vice President Robert Schram said the issue had never come up in Novi schools before.

Schram said King was a great man, but the board member would not support a day off for students to celebrate King's birthday.

Learning about King in school would be more productive, Schram said. Schram said he would like the school district to get input from Novi's black community, including Griffin and his family if Interested.

"I would sure support a recognition day for Martin Luther King," Schram seid.

Superintendent William Barr said he would research the issue and bring a recommendation for action to the board at a future meeting.

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Community Calendar

Today, January 27

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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Bereavement support: The monthly meeting of Dr. Michael Meyer's bereavement support group will be held 7:30-9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The topic this month will be, "When will the hurting stop?" A brief reflection and prayer will be given by Rev. Cy Smith of the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, January 28 Youth Assistance: The Novi Youth Assistance meets at 7 p.m. In

the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, January 30

Guys and Dolls: Novi High School Performing Arts Department will present its annual all school musical, at 8 p.m. in the high school's Fuerst Auditorium. This year's show is "Guys & Dolls," a musical fable based on a story and characters created by Damon Runyon. Music and lyrics are by Frank Loesser. Tickets are now on sale at the high school during regular school hours. Prices are \$4.50 pre-sale and \$5.50 at the door. Mail orders will also be accepted. Send a self addressed stamped envelope to Novi High School-Musical Tickets, 24062 Tait, Novi, Michigan, 48375.

Tuesday, Feburary 4

Seniors meet: The general meeting of the Novi Center Seniors is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Jaycees meet: The Jaycees membership meeting is scheduled for

e.

Wednesday, February 5 Planning: The Novi city Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

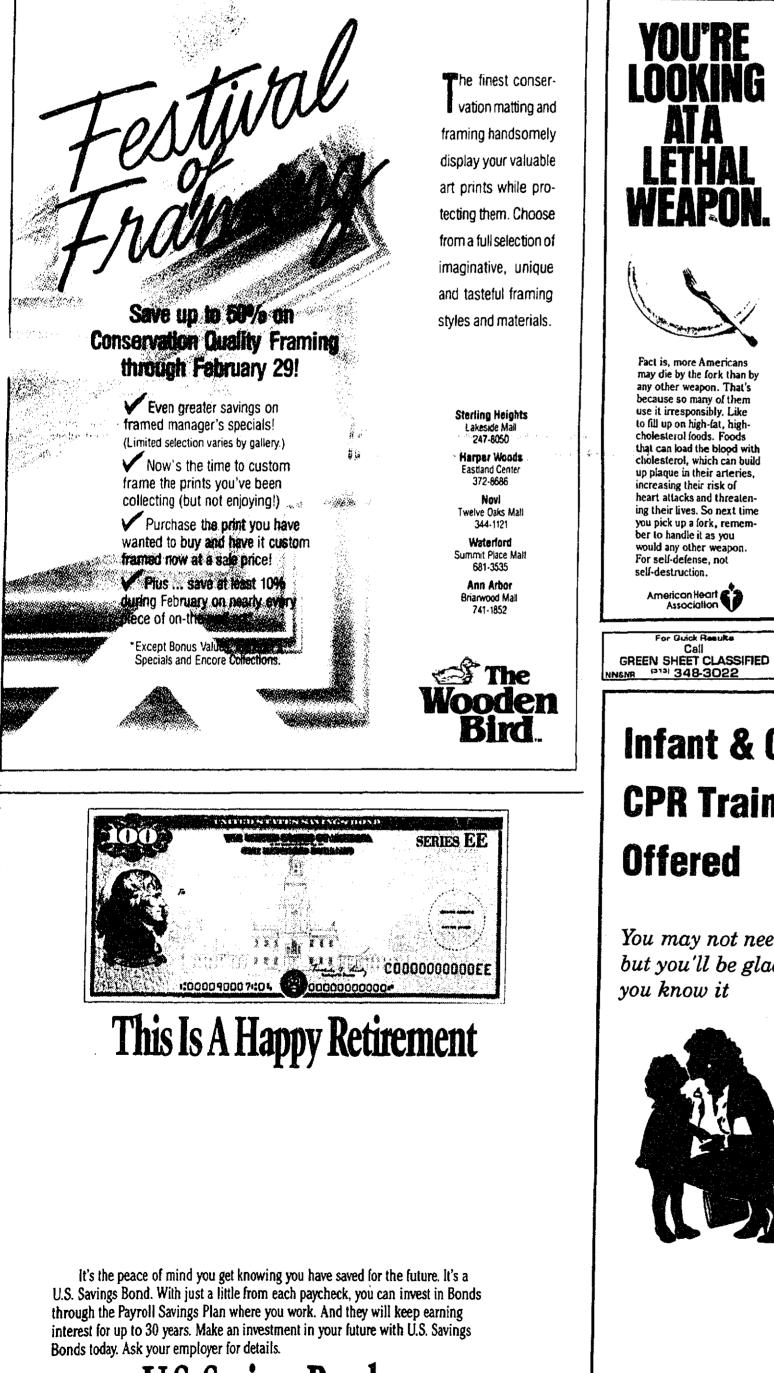
Saturday, Feburary 8

Cabaret: The Novi Arts Council has scheduled its annual Cabaret show for 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Sunday, February 9

DARE to CARE: The Optimist Club and the Novi Council on Substance Abuse will present "DARE to CARE," the third annual DARE dinner, at 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Community Center. The cost will be \$25 per person and all donations will support the DARE program. The evening will include socializing, a buffet dinner, entertainment and door prizes. Tickets are available at Novi Parks and Recreation, the Novi Police Department, and Phyl's Barber-Styling, 41370 Ten Mile Road. Judy Maxwell, 348-8585, and Pat Gilberg, 349-7053, will deliver tickets anywhere in the city. Make checks payable to the Novi Council on Substance Abuse. The purpose of DARE is to equip youngsters with the skills needed to resist peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol

To get your event listed in the Community Calendar, send information regarding the event, activities to be included, who is sponsoring it, location, time and date, ticket information and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northville, 48167.



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By TIM RICHARD

Gov. John Engler's refusal to seek a fuel tax increase for roads left some Engler offered no specific plan for Oakland and Livingston county politicos disappointed.

Argh! said John Joy, public information officer for the Oakland County Road Commission. "It's really unfortunate because the gas tax money is used for the daily maintenance of roads. We have to 3 percent annually. The plan is 428 more miles of road in Oakland likely to be on the 1992 ballot. County than in 1984 when the last gas tax hike was implemented. Yet we Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, who have the same number of employees

and trucks. This past storm proves how hard t is to get things done." Rep. Susan Munsell, R-Howell echoed Joy's sentiment.

"I was disappointed," she said. We've got a lot of (roads and bridges) work to do." Not all agreed with the need for a

gas tax, however. "I was delighted he's not going to ask for a gas tax increase." said Rep. Georgina Coss, R-Northville. "If we can find a way (to fund it), more

power to him. "It's gratifying his road program does not include a gas tax." said Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-West Bloomfield.

"Now is not the time." "How are we gonna improve roads?" asked Rep. Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, chair of the House Transportation Committee. His panel has a bill for a 5-cents-a-gallon increase proposed by Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch.

"Now is not the time," Engler said. pledging Michigan would come up with a 20 percent match for an anticipated \$3 billion in federal aid without

How? "We have ways. There are things we can do," said Patrick tracting business investment by Nowak, the former Oakland County politico who heads the Department of schools and social services for Gransportation.

a tax hike.

"Change" was the theme of Engler's second state of the stae address - he used the word 23 times Expansion of "Families First - an Tuesday.

More tax cuts, improved schools and better delivery of social services together. will be the themes of his second year Pilot projects called "Communias chief executive.

The conservative Republican in- cial services into the schools. sisted there would be 'no retreat down the path of failure -- liberal, big government, tax and spend approach --- \$150 billion worth during "Families First is excellent," said Rep.

Democrats, who control the House, sat in icy silence 18 of the 22 times Republicans interrupted his speech with applause.

Democrats joined when Engler praised American cars and auto workers, and said he would work to keep open the General Motors plant at Willow Run, introduced former hostage Alann Steen and praised Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld's commission o improve adoption laws. "The governor and I are walking hand in hand on Willow Run. First

time," said Rep. Kirk Profit, D- ting em in the head on medical liabil-Ypsilanti, whose district includes the ity," said Munsell,

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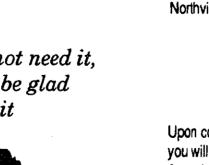
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tions there rather than in Texas. More tax cuts are on Engler's gen-■ Voter approval of his "cut and cap" plan to slice all property taxes 30 per-

cent and hold assessment increases "I'm not a supporter," said Sen.

criticized the plan because it allows assessments to leap up again when the property is sold. A \$1,000 tax credit for every business that hires a person unemployed

for six months. Engler gave no revenue loss estimate. Dillingham said it would have to be done legislatively. An increase in the number of smaller enterprises eligible for relief under the single business tax." Again, Engler gave no revenue loss

His business ombudsman, Judy Miller, said she hadn't seen any detail. Dobb of West Bloomfield praised the idea because "I own a small business, and I know first hand the impact (of SBT) on small business." Additional tax incentives to revi talize Detroit and other urban centers" through enterprise zones.

Unlike Govs. William Milliken (1969-82) and James Blanchard (1983-90). Engler did not issue a lengthy pamphlet with dozens of dealled recommendations and extract 30 minutes' worth for a speech. His total message was the eightpage speech, printed on recycled paper and paid for by his officeholder expense fund. The spartan appearance underscored his theme of atslashing state spending except for

Engler proposed two methods to improve delivery of social services: intensive, in-home service (to) reduce the need for foster care by successfully keeping at-risk families

ties First" to integrate delivery of so-

Republican women lawmakers warmly praised those ideas, which stemmed from their task forces. Susan Munsell, R-Howell

"I'm very glad to see the governor coming out with it," added Dillingham. It will help keep families together, not break 'em up." Dillingham said the school-based delivery system has "some merit."

The Republican side of the aisle roared approval when Engler, on the issue of health care, said, "It's time to stop making lawyers wealthy and start making people healthy."

"It was a direct blast at the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association - hit-

NOVI News investigation uncovers sex service Outcall firm CONTEMPO Company isn't a first TOT all occasions A 1905 encounter 91 OPEN 24/hrs. 7/days (outcall only) refuses 442-2519 Between 9am-7d ROUGETI Latin Women... By STEVE KELLMAN WHERE THE BOYS ARE Staff Writer DISCRE comment uished men In Detroit and surrounding communities. Jasmine's Companions is tive woman Sale, beautiful, erd not the first crotic outcall Call for a complete profile of our service to set up camp in Required For the disch By STEVE KELLMAN services and statt. But the last such service (313) 545-242 Beautiful Staff Writer apparently has since moved tions Available on to greener pastures, and Mon-Sat Noon-2am Anthony Hogan, who answered narrowly avoided being Visa/MC phones and interviewed prospective Women rounded up in the process. VisalMC employees at Jasmine's Companions, Fantasy Dancers, a business refused to comment on allegations CORTS regarding the company and suggested that a reporter from the Novi News and Attactive Northville Record who asked for such DELS comments "find something newswor-

PROSTITUTION

that offered to send nude dancers and masseuses to a customer's home or hotel room. was the subject of articles in the June 20 and June 24 Novi News. The service operated out of a home on Nine Mile Road was also the target of a Novi police investigation under Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. But the business apparently left town last year before the investigation got under

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"We had planned in fact, and set in motion ... a very intensive investigation of them that would result in charges," Shaeffer said. "It turns out they did leave the community. One of my detectives followed them over to another community. We maintained surveillance on the (Novi) property for several weeks, and it was absolutely unoccupied."

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office had been notified of the planned investigation, and had even volunteered staff power and other support. The prosecutor's office is still looking into similar businesses

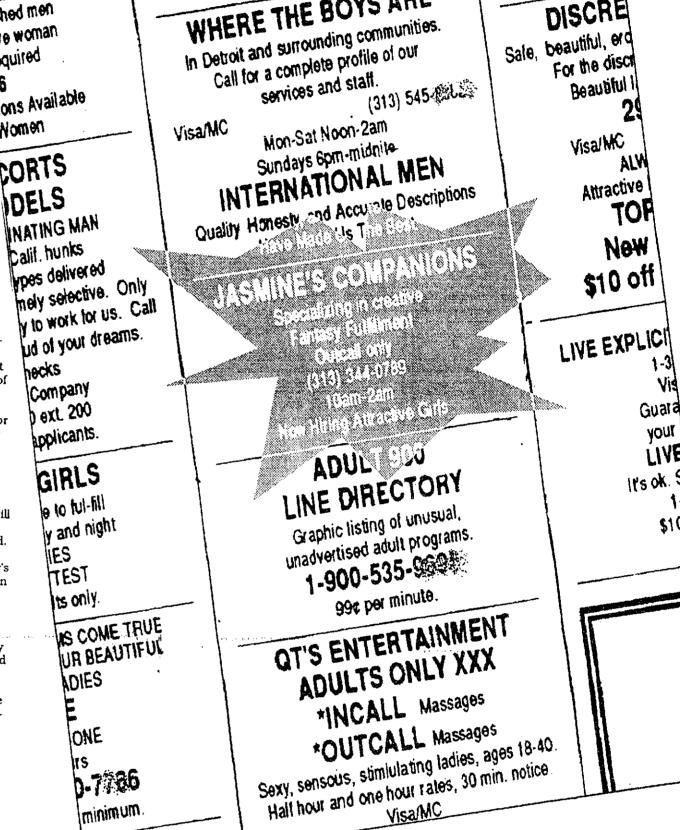
throughout the county, Shaeffer said. Jim Marcinkowski, a prosecutor with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, heads the office's task force on prostitution and obscenity. The task force includes five attorneys experienced in the prosecution of prostitution rings and in obscenity law. we are not an invest as a prosecutor's office ... We respond to police agencies," Marcinkowski explained. "We develop and have developed expertise in the area of the enforcement of prostitution, prostitution-related offenses and obscenity.

And on certain constitutional issues, that being the First Amendment. there's a lot of similarities in the issues that are raised in those types of cases." Marcinkowski said the task force has closed four massage parlors in

Oakland County in the past six months. But telephone referral services can be more difficult to pursue. He cited Fantasy Dancers as an example. "We were getting ready to

pounce on the place in Novi, and they kind of pulled up stakes and left," he said. Even if such a service does stick around long enough to be investigated, the cases are rarely closed overnight, Marcinkowski said. "It takes a lot of time." he said. "From the time the investigation is started until it runs through the courts, we're talking a matter of

Part of the difficulty is that although the businesses may be



based in a single community, they service clients across several communifies and even across county lines. This is actually one of the more complex types of cases," Marcinkowskt satd.

"If the Novi police want to take down one of these operations, they can't do it just in Novi ... What you're talking about here is a multi-jurisdictional group that has to be put

together to take them down." Marcinkowski said his office has heard no complaints about Jasmine's Companions or Anthony Hogan. He added that the prosecutor's office never uncovered any evidence of prostitution on the part of Fantasy Dancers.

Shaeffer said part of the difficulty in tracking such services is the nature of the business "It's very much of a mobile indus-

try: there's no doubt about it," he said. "Of course, with any illegal business ... It becomes very unhealthy for

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But Michelle said both she and

Anthony are "really good judges

of character." They have had no

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Fantasy Dancers, which still advertises in the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press as The Gentleman's Choice, now lists a Redford address as its business office despite keeping its Northville-exchange telephone number. And callers are now told that the service is not licensed to provide massages.

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Firm recruits companions of the illegal kind

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In an attempt to ascertain just what Jasmine's Companions offers its customers, a Novi News reporter called the service late last year. "Hi, I'm planning a bachelor

party," the reporter said. "Do you do those kind of gigs?" "It's \$150 an hour," said the voice on the other end of the line, "and for something like that the young lady would be paid \$200. and that would be for an hour. and you can go from there." "And what kind of service are

we talking about?" the reporter asked. "Just what you ask for."

"OK. do they do massages and things like that?" "As I said, once you get the young lady there, then you can ask her whatever else and negoti-

ate from there." Unable to determine the nature of Jasmine's services through that route, another Novi News reporter called the agency in response to Metro Times advertisements that said the

business was "hiring attractive

girls."

She asked a woman named Michelle what the job entailed. and Michelle replied, "What we do is we set up interviews and that, and we discuss it when we're in person ... We're just ooking for attractive young ladies who want to make some extra money or whatever.'

The reporter subsequently met Michelle and a man named Anthony, who later identified himself as Anthony Hogan, at a Denny's restaurant in Farmington Hills. The business representatives arrived in a Ford Mustang bearing a license plate that read "Dancer" on its front bumper. Michelle and Anthony said

they were the administrative end of a "massage service." But Michelle said only one man in her three years in the business actually wanted a massage.

"What do you think we do?" she asked the reporter. The reporter replied, "It's more than massaging. isn't it?" Michelle agreed that it was.

Anthony asked what she thought the service was exactly. The reporter asked if it was an escort service and Michelle said it was. The two told the reporter that a

customer pays an initial \$150 per hour for a woman, and the woman negotiates for more money once she arrives at the customer's location.

'You don't have to do anything you don't want," Michelle said. "But obviously if you won't do anything, he's not going to have a good time and call back." "Do I have to do anything

weird, or is it just normal sex?" the reporter asked. "No, nothing weird," Michelle said. "Not that at all."

The reporter asked if employ-ees were allowed to use condoms while on the job. "I insist on it," Michelle said.

"If I found out a woman wasn't using a condom, I'd get really angry But condom use during oral

sex is a matter between employees and their customers, Michelle said. "That's up to the girl. That's something she would have to

work out. Some guys don't mind," she said. The reporter also asked if Jasmine's Companions has a fee

schedule for different acts. like \$50 extra for oral sex. They said as they want. "You can't make this much

Women are trained, they said. to school for a lot of years." in how to act in dangerous situations such as when a customer Anthony said. becomes violent or out of control. More and more of the compa Part of their success is a result of ny's business is being done in their training methods, they said. people's homes, Michelle and They teach women to keep the

Anthony said. They also do a lot of work in hotels. They said the company gets most of its clientele through advertisements in newspapers like the Metro Times. The business services minis ters, police and executives, Michelle said, adding that one of her regular customers is a minis ter who sees her once every month. But most of the cus-

tomers are very wealthy executives, she said. "They treat you with more respect than they treat the girls they meet in the bar," Anthony

said Michelle said it can be fun and rewarding finding out about the mens' personal lives. "They dearly love their wives." she said. Anthony added that they never

have problems with the police. "The vice squad isn't going to

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DUTCALL

women up with as many clients money anywhere unless you go



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When asked whether the company was violating Novi city ordinances Jan. 13, Hogan said, "Even if it is, what's it

to you?

"I have no idea what you're talking about," he said. "I don't even know if you are from the Novi News. And even if you were, I don't know what that has to do with you ... You're not any regulatory commission or any issuing agent of anything. So why don't you find something newsworthy, like find out about a kidnapping or something."

Hogan also threatened the reporter with legal action if the newspaper printed any allegations about the company. "Find something more constructive to do. because you're talking about allegations, you're talking about libel suits. and I will contact my attorney if anything is printed that is not founded.

he said. "Get my meaning? "If I read or hear anything by your newspaper, I'm going to own it, OK? I am very wealthy; do not play with me. I know my rights."

When the reporter offered to recite the allegations about the company, Hogan replied, "I don't need to hear

During a second phone conversation, when asked about allegations that Jasmine's Companions was a prostitution ring, Hogan said, "They're not true." But during a third call, when asked again about allegations of prostitution, he replied, "I don't have any comment about that . And as far as the ordinance, I don't know anything about any ordinance."

Hogan went on to say that Jasmine's Companions was moving out of town Friday, and that a news story would serve no purpose.

"There's no need for some hearsay story, even if it is true," he said. "With a person leaving, it is a moot point because there isn't going to be any company or anything in Novi ... We're mov-

Hogan also hinted that this is not the first time the company has moved on to avoid bad publicity. "As soon as some kind of trouble starts, or whatever, we're out of there," he said. "We move peacefully and nobody's hurt. And

answering its phones Jan. 14, the day after the reporter's conversations with Hogan. The phone number was discon-



show up some night," he assured the reporter. "The police have to get the hotel's permission to come in and the hotels aren't going to do it. They don't want to end up on the 11 o'clock news." Anthony, speaking in a soft, reassuring voice, said he considers the whole arrangement to be much less degrading to women

than portrayed in the media. The men treat women really well. he insisted. "I've seen girls 'doing it' in a car in the parking lot." Anthony

said. "And they weren't getting paid for it. That's what I consider Also, what they do is not ille-

gal, he insisted. "You're just selling time. There's nothing illegal about that ... Massages also are not illegal. Don't let anybody try to tell you they are." When pressed. Michelle said

setting up a store to give massages might violate some city ordinance, but outcall massages are not illegal, she said, "not that I have knowledge about it." As for the name Jasmine's Companions. We just made it up." Michelle said. "It's the little

Counterfeit bill used to buy tapes

An employee at Tape World at Twelve Oaks Mall reported Jan. 8 that someone paid for two tapes valued at \$19.74 with a fake \$100 bill. According to police, the suspect a white male approximately 18 years.

old, 5 loot 6 with a medium build. - between the panes of glass. dark eyes and short brown hair -paid for his purchase with a \$1 bill - LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A Novi

and received \$80.26 change. discovered until the store manager parked at VIP Tire, police said. was counting the cash in the drawer at the end of the employee's shift.

Factory told police Jan. 6 that someone stole \$40 cash from an envelope she had placed under the counter. She told police that the only time - rolei pickup truck. the money was out of her sight was during a 10 minute hinch break a.m. Jan. I and discovered the pas- owner's condominium. shortly before 4 p.m.

STOLEN AUTO: A Hartland woman reported Jan 11 that her 1988. odge bhadow was stolen from the parking lot at Novi Town Center. woman and her date parked near inpped a lamp from a pole in his yard. Kosch's Deli and ate there, then went

to a movie at General Cinema, also at — between (9) and (9,50) p.m. the Town Center.

MDOP WINDOW: An employee at B. Pub. Headimer Real Estate reported Jan. through a window in the building. turned, the items were gone. The man reported that he was sit-

when he heard a "ping," When he on the window. Police searched for the projectile,

but were unable to find it. The em- additional identification, police said,

Novi resident Kevin Vigna pleaded no contest

Jan. 16 to charges stemming from his part in the

Vigna, 34, now faces a Feb. 19 sentencing be-

fore Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis

X. O'Brien for second degree murder, fleeing and

eluding, felonious driving and two counts of in-

Sara Pantke, 20, was killed Sept. 7 when Vigna,

Novi planning commissioners hope to send a

strong message to the state about a bike path that

parallels 1-275 — they want it left open, and they

"It's in their (the state's) right-of-way," said

Planning Commissioner Eric Schaefer. They

Schaefer's opinion seemed to be the concensus

received word of a state letter addessing the bike

want repairs funded by the state.

attempting to elude Walled Lake police officers,

death of a Wixom woman last September.

By CRISTINA FERRIER

flicting serious bodily injury.

miles per hour.

maintain it.

path's importance.

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

Police News

that had been altered into a \$100 bill. man reported Jan. 13 that his hubcaps were stolen from his 1989 The altered bill was reportedly not - Dodge Rim Charger while it was -There are no suspects or account. WUDESSES

LARCENY: A manager at The Cotton LARCENY FROM AUTO: A resident pounds. in the Beachwalk apartment complex reported Jan. 1 that his stereo equipment was stolen from his 1988 Chev-

> senger side window broken and the equipment missing at 12:40 p.m. the same day.

MDOP: A resident on Park Ridge in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision According to police reports, the reported Jan. 10 that someone Police said the incident occurred

When they returned to their park - LARCENY: A Southfield man reing spotnear Kosch's, the vehicle was ported Jan, 15 that someone stole his leather wallet with \$135 cash and his-\$136 coat from his seat at Jonathan

The man told police he got up to go 13 that someone shot a ball bearing to the restroom and when he retang at his desk shortly after 10 a.m. ATTEMPTED BAD CHECK: An employee at Security Bank reported

cash a bad check there. When the teller asked the man for ing noises at about 12:30 a.m.

The teller then reportedly became suspicious and went to verify the checking account. When she began to do that, according to the police report, the man left immediately. She said she discovered that there were no funds in the

The man was described as a black male, approximately 5-foot-11, 175

STOLEN AUTO: A resident on Bashian reported Jan. 16 that someone stole his 1984 Olds 88. The vehicle The man told police he parked at 3 was parked in a lot south of the

> The resident said he parked the vehicle at approximately 5:30 p.m. When his daughter went to use it at approximately 6:30 p.m., it was gone.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A Walled Lake woman reported Jan. 10 that her radar detector and stereo were stolen from her 1979 Ford Mustang parked near Vic Tanny Police said the left side windows of the vehicle were smashed out,

MDOP: A resident on Valley Starreported Jan. 11 that the passenger windows were smashed out of her 1987 Ford Escort.

The woman said she heard her doorbell ring twice at 12:30 a.m. and and discovered that his clothing was she looked out the window, but didn't see anyone

At 10:30 the next morning, she turned around he discovered a hole Jan. 6 that an unknown man tried to discovered the damage to her vehicle. A neighbor said he heard the smash-

ployee later discovered a ball bearing the man showed him a slip of paper. LARCENY FROM AUTO: A resident Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

on Cascade reported Jan. 11 that someone stole the stereo from her 1989 Isuzu Amigo parked in her driveway Police said the incident occurred between 11 p.m. Jan. 10 and 12:30 p.m. Jan. 11

MDOP: A resident on Daleview reported Jan. 11 that someone drove a vehicle over her lawn. Police said tire marks ran north-south along the entire length of the lawn, causing over \$100 worth of damage.

ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND EN-TERING: A rear office window at Novi Auto Wash was discovered pryed open Jan. 18. However, police said the unknown suspect who pryed if open was unable to gain access to the building

In addition, a piece of equipment that assists in pushing vehicles through the car wash was reported damaged.

LARCENY: A Linden man reported Jan, 19 that \$175 was stolen from his wallet at Vic Tanny

The man told police he placed his wallet and clothing in his locker at approximately 12:30 p.m. and sec-

ured it with a combination lock, then went to work out. At approximately 2 p.m. he said he was paged to the front desk, where an employee told him his wallet had been turned in as found property. His money was missing from the wallet. The man returned to his locker,

still inside, and the lock was on the The Vic Tanny employee said the man who turned in the wallet said he

found it on the locker room floor. Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the **Novi Briefs**

Nominations accepted: The Novi Jaycees are putting out the call for nominations for the 20th annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA), the most prestigious award in the City of Novi. The DSA is presented annually by the Jaycees to honor an individual whose dedication to serving humanity during the previous calendar year will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community.

groups or individuals. Nominations must be for individuals, not groups. Nominating forms are available at the Novi Public Library, at the Novi Parks and Recreation and Recreation Deptarment in the Novi Civic Center and by calling 348-3121.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 25.

Correction: A Jan. 20 Novi News article incorrectly quoted Novi Police Chief Doug Shaefler. It should have said Shaefler used to investigate fake bombs, usually made by children. We regret the error.

Millage renewal: The Novi Community School District will ask voters to renew 13 mills on Feb. 11. Community members with questions about the election are invited to attend one of two informational meetings on Jan. 29 and Feb. 3.

Both meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Anyone who cannot attend the meeting, but who would like further information, can contact Superintendent William Barr, 344-8330, Ext. 22.

A word to the wise: Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan reminds homeowners to make sure their furnaces, fireplaces and heating stoves are well-maintained and are in proper working order, now that winter has come in with a vengance.

Also, check smoke detectors and furnace filters, he advised. And keep those fireplaces well-cleaned.

"People are using more fireplaces and things like that. They just need to be careful," Lenaghan said.

Traffic study: Novi City Council agreed Monday to meet with members of the Walled Lake City Council on Feb. 3 at the Novi Civic Center at 8 p.m. The meeting was requested by Walled Lake after Novi closed East Lake Drive as an experiment last year. After a public outcry, from both Novi residents who do not live on East Lake and residents of communities to the north, the road was reopened. The two councils will discuss regional traffic concerns focusing on East Lake.

Advisory Council members sought: The Novi Community Education Advisory Council is looking for new members to fill the positions vacated by resignations and the expiration of terms. The council exists to assess and identify needs, interests, resources and problemms within the community, and to establish programs to meet those needs. The group meets the second Monday of each month, and members serve for a term of three years. Contact Clara Porter, Novi Community Education Director, at 344-8330,

Ext. 13. Casino memories: Do you remember the golden years of the Walled Lake Casino? If you worked, played or performed at Novi's mostrenowned entertainment center at any time during the 1920s through the 1960s, the Novi News would love to hear from you for a special nostalgia project. We are also looking for old photographs, brochures, posters and other memorabilia of the casino to be re-copied.

Please contact Jan Jeffres or Scott Daniel at 349-1700.

Sports Briefs

NOVI LOSES: The Wildcat volleyball squad's modest winning streak came to a halt as they fell Jan. 20 to KVC rival Brighton in two games.

Novi had won two in a row, both against conference rivals, prior to the match. But the Bulldogs proved a little too tough, winning 15-5 and 17-15.

Top performers for Novi were Beth Vanderholf with seven points and Laura Jones with four. Mary Yankowski managed the Wildcats lone ace of the day.

Novi will travel to Milford to take on the Redskins tonight at 6:30 p.m. They will host South Lyon Thursday, also beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Health Notes

Attention deficit disorder group: The Attention Deficit Disorder Associon, dealing with the problems of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorer, is the only support group in Wayne and Oakland Counties. It is a nonrofit information and support group to parents and professionals.

The association will meet Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The Civic Center is on Five Mile Road. Just east of Farmington Road. Drs. Paul Jacobs and Steven Spector, along with a panel of psychologists from Beaconhill Clinic will present an overview of A.D.D. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for this meeting. There is a \$5 non-member donation. For further information, please call 464-8233.

Cancer support group: Make Today Count, a national organization that brings together persons affected by cancer and other lifethreatening illness, meets monthly at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. Individuals with serious illness, family members, health care professionals, clergy and concerned others are welcome at group meetings held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For more program information, call Make Today Count, (313) 363-5233.

Alzheimer's support group: Huron Valley Hospital is hosting a supprot group for family members and caregivers of individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders. The focus is on information, resources, coping strategies and general support. This free community program meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Please call 260-2214 for more program information.

Diabetes awareness program: The second Tuesday of every month Huron Valley Hospital hosts a Diabetes Awareness Program. It is a free community health education program. All diabetics and their support persons welcome. For more information call the Office of Community Health at 360-3314.

Lung disease support group: The Breather's Club, a support group for people with chronic lung disease, is held in cooperation with The American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan. This free Community Health program is offered the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. For further information call the office of Community Health at 360-3314.

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A 19-year-old passenger in Panike's car was Vigna survived his injuries and was arraigned injured The Sept. 7 incident began when a police officer Valley Hospital. approached Vigna, who was sitting alone in his car at 1:30 a.m. at Mercer Beach. When the officer identified himself as a police officer, Vigna repor- lice had not pursued Vigna, their daughter would edly looked at him, said nothing, and abruptly be alive.

Driver pleads 'no contest' in crash

backed out of the park. Police in a marked car with lights flashing followed Vigna, who refused to stop and ran through two red lights, then turned onto Pontiac Trail and

began heading west. Just west of the light, Pantke and her friend were pulling out of the parking lot of the Town and _____ He said they were never "chasing" Vigna, but

Country apartment complex when they were were pursuing him and attempting to indentify broadsided by Vigna.

creasing and the condition of the path is deterior-

ating," Eldred wrote.

Commissioner Ernest Aruffo

the make of the vehicle and the driver. Novi wants state to fund upkeep

funding Novi's small section of the path between

on the charges before he was released from Huron

It remains unclear why he fled from the police.

Pantke's parents said after her death that if po-

However, Walled Lake Police Chief Ken Borieo

maintained that the Walled Lake police car was

never closer than 600 feet behind Vigna's car, and

that officers were driving at a "safe and prudent

significant in cost. The commission directed Community Development Director James Wahl to write a letter to the state in support of continued funding for the path. Friday, Eldred said in a phone interview the state has spent about \$35,000 a year to maintain

are funded by local municipalities, Eldred said. But when the 1-275 path was built 15 years ago, the state did not consider requiring local maintenance, he said. Most of the response the state has received to date has supported continued state

People think it's an asset, but no one has the ability to fund maintenance with the current economic situation," Eldred said. Parts of the path are in need of resurfacing. The state may look at closing parts of the path that are unused and using its

alternative mode of transportation by connecting city bike paths to the state path. "It's a joint government undertaking, and it at a Wednesday meeting where the commission should stay joint," she said. Schaefer said he was surprised the state feels the path gets little useage --- a sentiment that was echoed by local biker Gilbert Henderson. Henderson said the path is used by local bikers, "It is being used seven days a week, year-round,

Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads might not be Commissioners said much local planning has centered around the expressway and the path. "We had expected the facility to continue," said

speed."

funding of the path, Eldred said.

budget to repave highly used sections of the path,

State Transportation Planner Terry Eldred wrote in a letter to Oakland County Parks and Recreation that low use of of the path, which runs joggers and even rollerbladers. from 10 miles north of Monroe to the I-96 interchange in Novi, has led the state to re-evaluate the except when there is heavy snow which is not often," Henderson said. Commissioner John Balagna suggested that he said. "Maintenance and repair costs have been inskates.

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the path. Other state-developed paths in Michigan

Commission Vice Chairperson Kathleen McLallen said the city has attempted to give residents an

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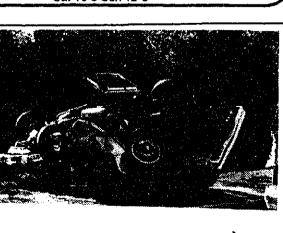
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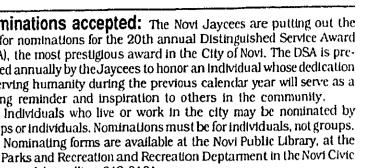
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As We See It

A shot across the bow of the move to kill M-5

Members of the Novi City Council should consider this as a shot across their bow...a warning that they should not proceed ahead tonight with a resolution, drafted only last week, that would withdraw the support of the community from the M-5 / Haggerty Connector project.

Regardless of whether you are for or against the construction of that road, the passage of such a resolution so fast — a resolution which could actually kill the project — would represent a major breach of trust with the public. Considering that the resolution represents a re- promised to sue should the project evenversal of the council's previously stated tually get final approval. And the arguposition, the council ought to take input ments revolve mainly around the envirfrom the public before it considers such onmental impact and that it would a move. And it ought to give ample time promote sprawl. for public debate.

one week and attempting to pass it the council member Martha Hoyer has next is more closely akin to a "pre- pointed out, some 1,100 citizens signed emptive strike" than representative a petition in support of the road back in government

Council members Robert Schmid and Joe Toth drafted the resolution and uffo, an ardent supporter of the project, distributed it to other members of coun- would argue that the Novi electorate has cil last week. The resolution cites a number of problems with the Connection, claiming it would have a detrimental im- approved by voters last year included pact on the environment, disturb wet- road improvements to support the Haglands and woodlands and promote gerty Connector. And it is his contention further urban sprawl. The resolution that should be interpreted as indicating also claimed the road would destroy one that the Novi public supports the Conof Novi's "finest subdivisions," Summit nector project. Hill, and draw businesses out of the city

suggested he would like action on the re- support the project back in June of solution in tonight's council meeting. Now, there has been some suggestion by other city council members that action is not likely to occur tonight. The item isn't there is substantial support for the proeven listed on the meeting agenda. But ject among the Novi public. Given that, since the possibility has been raised, we any reversal of position which the counfeel compelled to warn against it.

and was part of the federal interstate off. system. Since then, the project has gone through many incarnations and been switched to numerous different funding ceptable. And if the council is serious absources. But essentially it has remained out reconsideration, a timetable for ridor through western Oakland County. considered mandatory.

Fifty years of parks Today it couldn't be done. South- ity and winning 2-1 approval of voters in

east Michigan couldn't launch a series of five counties for a property tax. 13 metroparks covering 23,000 acres.

Tax fighters would battle the niversary. We toast HCMA not just for quarter-mill of property tax the metro- running good parks but for keeping alive parks cost. Politicians would be unable that stupendous dream in the face of poto cooperate on a multi-county basis. litical pressure, backlashes and power

Indeed, the state is shutting down campgrounds and spinning off parks rather than preserving scarce open doesn't ring a bell, but we all know its space.

In 1942 it was different - better. 1948; the chain of Hudson Mills. Dexter-

Dr. Henry S. Curtis, one-time play- tween Pinckney and Ann Arbor: Huron grounds director from New York City, Meadows, south of Brighton and the and Professor Harlow O. Whittemore, newest; Lake Erie Metropark, with one of landscape designer from the University the state's first wave pools. of Michigan, had a vision: a series of parks along the Huron and Clinton rivers, encircling the urban area.

Leroy C. Smith of the Wayne half-century ago. County Road Commission put the dream together politically, winning legislative approval of a law to incorporate 1940s for the unspoiled outdoors we enthe Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Author- joy today.

circumstances.



There are many opponents to the project, not the least of which are the environmentalists. The East Michigan Environmental Action Council has actually

There are also clearly many sup-Drafting such a major resolution porters of the project. As former city

> Planning Commissioner Ernest Aralready voted to approve the road. As he pointed out, the road bonding program

Finally, and perhaps most signific-Most disturbing was that Schmid antly, the Novi City Council itself voted to

All that is enough to indicate that cil might want to consider should be taken up slowly, giving the public a chance The Haggerty Connector, or M-5 as to thoroughly discuss and debate the t has recently been redesignated, is a merits of the road against the problems it project that has been on the boards since would cause, as well as against the probthe 1950s. Originally, it was called I-275 lems it would cause if the project is killed

No vote on the matter tonight is acthe same, a limited access road which making its decision --- giving the public would provide a north-south traffic cor- plenty of time for comment — should be

This year it celebrates its 50th an-

To most folks, the HCMA name

good works: Kensington Metropark,

4.300 acres, the first one, opened in

Huron and Delhi on the Huron River be-

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We can thank the visionaries of the

fighting to preserve open space and wet-

lands, HCMA did the job by starting a

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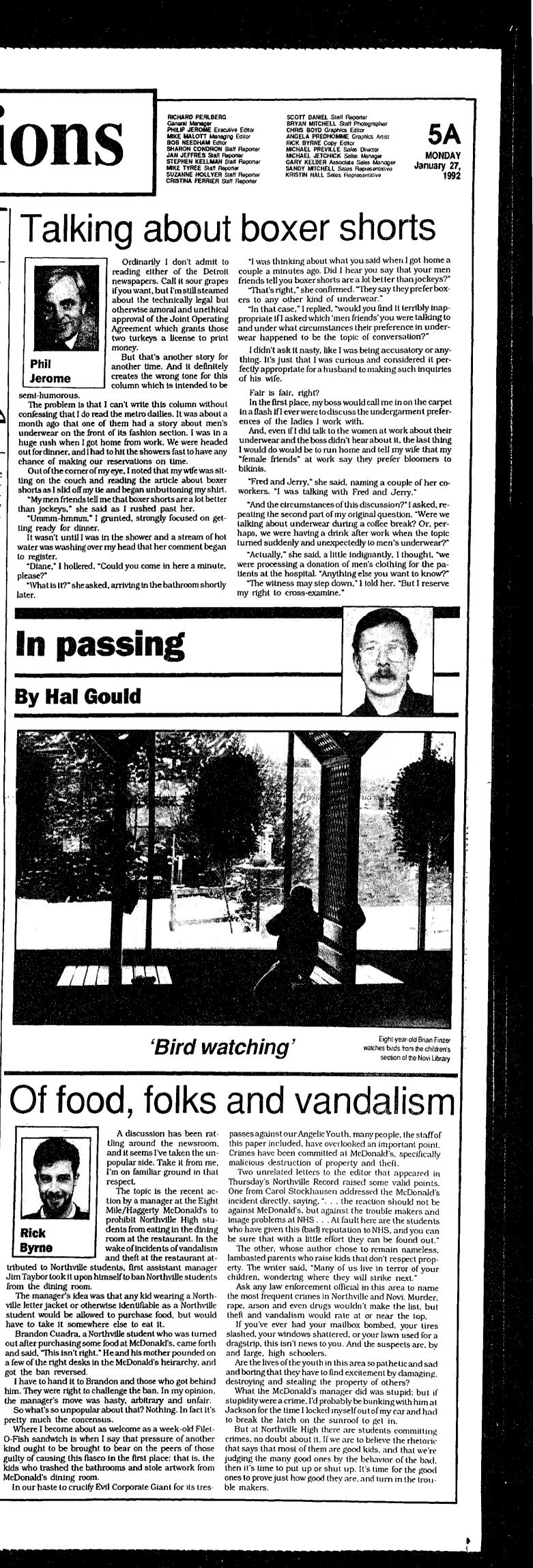
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By Hal Gould



But that's another story for

bikinis.



Byrne

a few of the right desks in the McDonald's heirarchy, and I have to hand it to Brandon and those who got behind

him. They were right to challenge the ban. In my opinion, the manager's move was hasty, arbitrary and unfair. So what's so unpopular about that? Nothing. In fact it's

from the dining room.

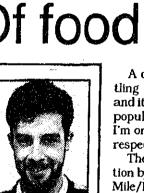
have to take it somewhere else to eat it.

got the ban reversed.

pretty much the concensus.

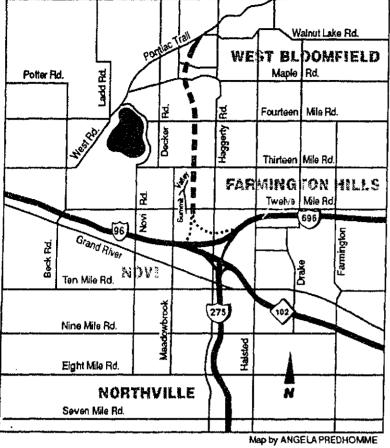
McDonald's dining room.





Haggerty Connector Alternative 4-A

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Feds clear way for M-5 funding

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boulevard from west of Meadowbrook Road to 850 feet east of Haggerty Road, including 1.3 miles of improvements to the cross road intersections.

Novi voters agreed to assist with this job, by okaying in 1990 an \$18 million road bond millage which includes \$6.4 million for Twelve Mile Road right-of-way acquisition. Haggerty Road at 12 Mile would be

revamped starting 800 feet south of Twelve Mile to 1,400 feet north of Twelve Mile, including cross street improvements.

Thirteen Mile would be reworked as a two-lane roadway from 500 feet east of Meadowbrook Road moving east to Haggerty. The approaches to the Connector here would be five lanes with right-turn lanes. Thirteen Mile would be realigned with turn lanes at Haggery Road.

In addition, an eight-foot bike path would be built along Thirteen Mile road from Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road, in cooperation with Novi.

■ Fourteen Mile Road would become a three-lane roadway from just east of Welch Road to Haggerty Road, with a five-lane approach to the

Connector

Maple Road would gain four lanes from 2,000 feet east of Welch Road to 1,800 feet west of Haggerty Road, including 1.2 miles of crossroads Improvements. Welch Road at Maple Road would

have four lanes from 600 feet south of Maple Road to 600 feet north. Pontiac Trail is slated for five lanes from west of Big Trail Road to 1,670 feet east of Haggerty Road, along with 1.3 miles crossroads improvements.

The alignment of the road may be adjusted to protect one historic house on the north side.

Haggerty Road at Pontiac Trail would be reconstructed from 1,200 feet south of Pontiac Trail to 1,900 feet north.

Natural vegetation would be kept where possible. Plans are also in place for landscaping, including trees, shrubs and earth berms to screen headlight glare from adjacent homes

Prior to contruction, woodlands and wetlands permits will be needed from Novi. Farmington Hills has already issued a permit for tree removal for the road.

The highway administration found Alternative 4A was consistent and supportive of land use and eco-

nomic development in Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield and Wolverine Lake.

The other alternatives would have cost 35 percent more than 4A, according to the record of decision. They were: do nothing; enlarge Haggerty Road from Eight Mile to Pontiac Trail with no freeway access; provide access to the interstate from Haggerty Road and beef up the existing thoroughfare from Thirteen Mile to Pontiac Trail; or build the approved realignment without swerving to the east.

The eastward jog is to avoid disrupting a peat bog on Fourteen Mile Road.

But 46 acres of wetlands will be removed - 12.7 acres to be replaced on Detroit Edison land south of Twelve Mile Road in Novi and 3.6 acres will be recreated within the rebuilt highway intersection. Another 29.5 will compensated for on St. John's Marsh, DNR-owned land near Algonac in St. Clair County.

If the new road goes in, traffic volumes are anticipated to drop on Haggerty Road from Eight Mile to Pontiac Trail, as well as on Nine and Ten Mile roads. Noting that most area intersections are approaching the "breakdown" level, the document states that these will be improved through the year 2010.

But north of Pontiac Trail, traffic is expected to increase after the Connector is built from about 29,000 vehicles per day to 31,200.

The highway adminstration noted that traffic problems will continue to exist in Novi and the Farmingtons. but that the Connector will postpone the need to address them.

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the manager to get a new front tire.

It was overheard that he needed a

'baloney' on his tire," Richardson

"They had it changed the Friday

The highway administration shot down like a flock of clay pigeons most objections to the Connector.

Critics of the plan argue that it will increase urban sprawl, but the record of decision notes that this will happen anyhow and that development is subject to local government controls.

While the EPA, the U.S. Department of Interior and environmentalists have said that the project's final environmental impact statement does not take into account a possible future extension of the Connector up to M-59 — through the sensitive lakes area - the highway administration said M-5 stands alone and a further analysis is not required at this time. It also cautioned that M-5 doesn't foreclose future roadbuilding projects.

The federal highway administration also agreed with the state department of transportation that 4A is less disruptive, requiring fewer business and residential relocations. Four businesses and 28 residences would be bulldozed.

The Connector design selected was also found to have the least environmental impact, with less highway runoff into ground and surface water. It also has the least impact on the only state threatened species in the area, a fish called the Redside Dace.

But the road-could have the "greatest potential impact" of the five alternatives on plant and animal life in the area

Carbon monoxide levels from traffic on M-5 are not expected to surpass the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Strain settlement vote defended

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The agreement prohibits Strain from coming onto school district property.

Strain has until April 30 to apply for early retirement benefits under the Michigan Public Schools Retirement Act. Benefits will include health, dental and vision insurance, (based on Strain's salary and a for- Court.

mula supplied by Hill) for the rest of Strain's life.

The district may have protected the alleged victim from cross examination in an unregulated tenure hearing, but she still faces testifying in a criminal trial.

Strain stood mute to charges of second degree criminal sexual conand approximately \$25,000 a year duct Jan. 3 in the 16th District fondling. Novi Police Chief Doug

The case resumes with a preliminary exam Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. in the Livonia courthouse.

The criminal sexual conduct charge is a felony carrying a penalty of up to 15 years in jail and mandatory AIDS testing.

A female student accused Strain of criminal sexual conduct involving Shaeffer said.

But because the incident occurred in Livonia, Shaeffer said, the case was turned over to the Livonia police. Strain lived in Livonia two years ago at the time the alleged sexual

conduct occured. Strain declined to comment on his settlement with the school board or the pending criminal case on the ad-

Company could still

said

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which was hanging out.

City pesticide laws defended to state

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Two suburban women begged a state Senate committee not to kill off city pesticide ordinances as if they were bugs.

"I have been confined to my home because pesticides are spraved indiscriminately on lawns, gardens, up in the air at trees, in schools, houses, offices and restaurants," Linda Weiss, a village of Milford resident, said by letter.

Weiss said Department of Natural Resources regulation 637 under the pesticide act "made no posting requirements for commercial space which would enable me to decide whether or not I would be safe if i entered the grocery store, the post office,

Control Act to "pre-empt any local ordinance, regulation or resolution that purports to duplicate, extend or revise in any manner the provisions of this act.

The issue arose in mid-1991 when the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated pesticide ordinances in the western Oakland County village of Milford and in Wisconsin.

Milford's ordinance requires notification of chemicals used in pesticides, a registration fee of \$15 and a 48-hour advance notice of spraying. It was suspended when the Professional Lawn Sprayers Association won challenges at the U.S. District Court and Court of Appeals levels.

Weiss became ill prior to reinstatement of the ordinance.

townships of West Bloomfield and Bear Lake have such ordinances. Generally, they require prenotification on the use of pesticides.

"I would like to have those local ordinances before we pass this bill on to the Senate," Smith said. The committee took no action.

An advocate of pre-emption, Sen. James Barcia, D-Bay City, cited "lunatic fringe" efforts to halt hunting in Milford Township, asking, "What is going to be next?"

"Chemicals. That's where you draw the line," snapped Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood, who appeared to oppose the bill.

"The state reacts so slowly. It's good if people can go to their village hall and get something done," Koivisto said.

of the Michigan Commercial Motor Vehicle Code.

face crash charges

A list of possible violations the company could be charged with --all misdemeanors — include failure to maintain driver records and motor vehicle records, failure to record hours of service for the driver, failure to review the driver's driving record annually, failure to record training for the driver, failure to require vehicle inspection reports and no double bulkhead between the cab and the trailer of the truck.

A maximum penalty for each violation is normally a \$100 fine, but

vice of his attorney.

or any place else I might need to go."

Weiss said she must wear a face mask when she goes out. She said she's one of 16 million Americans sensitive to such chemicals.

She suffers "visual disturbances, headaches, central nervous system impairment, digestive disorders, bladder irritability and muscle spasms with accompanying pain."

Her letter was read by Duane Karr, Highland resident and Milford business owner. "We like it," Karr said of the village ordinance. "We like to be informed."

But Sen. Nick Smith, R-Addison, chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, wasn't convinced. "I'm very nervous about having each local gov-

ernment decide what pesticides can or can't be used," said Smith, author of Senate Bill 643. Smith's bill would amend the 1976 Pesticide

A Troy mother told a similar story. "My child was poisoned by pesticides (at St. Dennis School, Royal Oak) in February of 1990.

He was unable to attend school the rest of that year," said Joanne McConaghle. "He had a severe short-term memory loss. He

couldn't read for nine months. It wasn't an allergic reaction. It was pesticide poisoning. "He needs a no-spray zone around his home. He

can't go to a movie, a mall, the library. "He is not fully recovered. Leonard (his new school in Troy) uses non-petroleum products.

You have denied my child protection at the state level," said McConaghie, advocating a man-

datory pre-nolification rule where pesticides are being applied. Besides Milford, state DNR officials said, the cities of Livonia, Marquette and Holland and the

Michigan Municipal League lobbyist Don Stypula asked legislators to honor local home rule. He said Smith's bill "will scuttle the authority of local government decision-makers to analyze local factors and conditions, balance constituent viewpoints and tailor ordinances that protect public health and safety."

Backing the bill were the Michigan Nurseries and Landscaping Association, the Michigan Agri Business Association and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Vicki Pontz of the Farm Bureau said a "patchwork" of local ordinances would "make it impossible for farmers in more than one jurisdiction. Local governments don't have the scientific knowledge. Farmers use only safe, tested products."

Pontz also blamed "chemo-phobia" for public opposition to pesticides.

before the accident, we were told. Thursday he called and the next Mack said an additional civil penbought a used tire, a replacement sought. tire that blew,"

Ziants was delivering fuel to a school in Fowlerville. The employee asked about the term 'baloney,' a slang word for a truck tire, and Ziants explained it to him.

Richardson said the state police found discrepancies in the case -store records showed that the "alleged replacement tire" was a Michelin retread, but the tire on the truck at the accident scene was a used Goodyear.

M & L did not keep any records. he added.

Ziants also did not fully lock the trailer to the tractor, Richardson, explained: "That's why they separated.

Ziants was traveling west on 1-96 from a refinery in Taylor. The trailer separated and careened into a ditch on the north side of the expressway, while the driver struggled to control the cab, which rammed into the median strip. The burning peiroleum created a 600-foot long wall of fire on 1-96.

Thursday, Officer Geneva Mack of the state police Motor Carrier Division said she plans to seek prosecution in Isabella County. M & L's home base, on the alleged violations the case.

day supposedly it got changed. He alty of \$2,000 per violation could be

Richardson said the company logged 132 vehicle violations in 15 random inspections of M&L trucks by the state police Motor Carrier Division from Jan. 1, 1988 to Sept 30, 1991. Each inspection had violations and the company was given 23 citations.

M & L Petroleum trucks also failed 52 of 63 annual state police vehicle inspections.

The firm's president was not available for comment by press time.

Local tire salespeople agree that a tire worn down to the cords meaning all rubber is gone from that spot - is dangerous. Carl Lantto, manager of Seng Tire of Novi, which sells truck tires, said the condition is "very, very unsafe" and that a tire might reach that level of deterioration after 100.000 miles.

"If you're down to the cord on a tire, there's a danger of explosion or a blow-out on the tire. There's nothing left to drive on," Ron Scudder, assistant manager of Discount Tire in Novi, said.

Richardson said an attorney for Ziants' estate is also investigating



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