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Little league to be evicted by July 30

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Twice in recent years, a half-mill tax hike to buy park land struck out with Novi voters.

Now, almost 500 kids in Novi Youth Baseball, socked with an eviction notice from the privately-owned Bosco Field at the end of this season, may have nowhere to play next year.

Their parents are frantically urging the city to buy land, a vast and vacant tract in west Novi that has been under consideration since at least March 1991. That, or the volunteer-run "little league" may face a temporary shut-down after July 30.

The city does have \$220,000 piggybanked to buy recreational land.

Council members have been meeting regularly in non-public "executive sessions" to discuss a possible 100-acre plus purchase. They expect to sign an option on the site within the next 30 days or so, Mayor Matthew Quinn says.

The property was first discovered by parks and recreation director Dan Davis in March 1991. The city is closed-mouthed about the precise location of the land, to prevent developers from stepping in and outbidding them.

"Could it be done a little quicker? Everything could be done a little quicker," Mayor Matthew Quinn

Novi has backed off its objection to a final accounting of the almost \$1 million estate of Ruby Fuerst. The city and the school district, principal heirs in Fuerst's 1980 will, are currently fighting court approval of a 1991 testament which would leave both essentially out in the cold. The story is on page 12A.

said. "A question was called into play as to its actual value. It's been one small procedural difficulty after another."

The Novi City Council recently agreed to hire an independent appraiser to put a value on the land.

But as a frustrated parks and recreation commissioner David Ruyle sees it, the council's not moving fast enough.

"They want something for nothing. That isn't going to happen these days. Try to find land in Novi for those kind of prices. You won't find it. If we don't do something about it in the next 30 days we could lose it and then where do we go from there?" he said.

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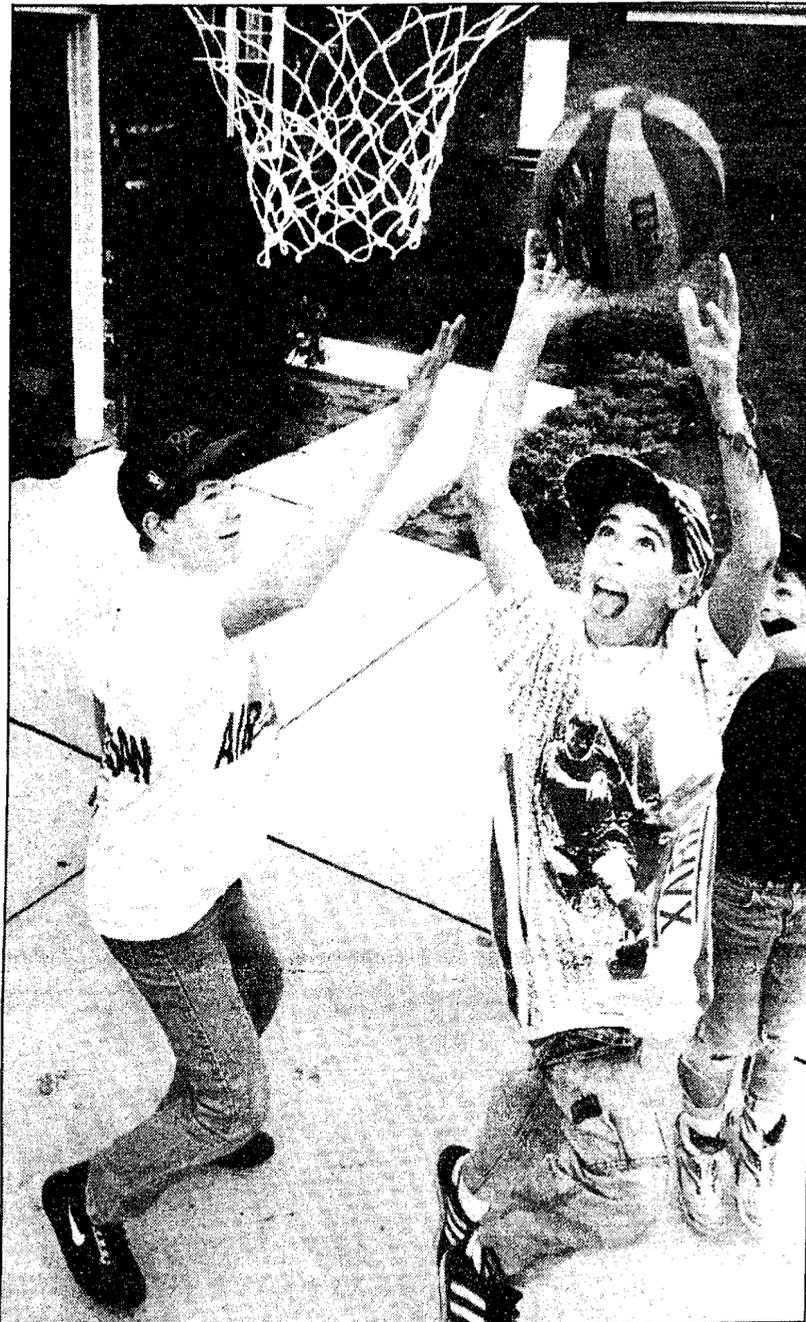


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Rites of Spring

These youngsters used spring break to get out and play some driveway basketball, seemingly a favorite sport of Novi area youth. Shooting the hoops were Samuïda Vida, 12, taking the shot; Corey White, 13, blocking; and Phil Rice, 8, in the background.

Judges: Courts clogged by OUILS

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A new Michigan law that sets a 77-day deadline for deciding drunk driving cases has caused 52-1 district court judges to place these cases at top priority — above serious crimes like armed robbery, rape and murder.

The law, part of a push by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to create harsh and swift penalties for the offense, has created delays in civil trials as well, court officials said.

If a drunk driving case is not decided within 77 days, it is automatically dismissed, although prosecutors can refile. The new law went into effect Jan. 1.

To accommodate the constant influx of drunk driving charges, 52-1 district judges have changed their entire docket to make the court operate around that particular charge.

"We have had to completely change to accommodate (drunk driving cases) said 52-1 District Judge Harold Bulgarelli.

"We've already got the problem in district court where a public exam must be held within 12 days of an arrest," he said. With the new law, the court must also rush to accommodate drunk driving cases, which keep coming in, he said.

"Civil jury trials are suffering, being put off," Bulgarelli said he has not tried a civil jury case in about four months.

Judge Brian MacKenzie, also of 52-1 District Court said he questioned the priority of placing drunk driving cases above all others.

"The legislature created a law, the only one in the state, that makes drunk driving more important than armed robbery," he said. "I question the (logic) that says we are going to place more priority on drunk driving than armed robbery."

Michigan law requires records of drunk driving cases be sent to Lansing with the judge's name as well as the action taken.

"They don't do that for murder, robbery or rape; just for drunk driving," MacKenzie said.

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Federal windfall to mend Novi Road

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi appears to have hit the jackpot in the roulette game of federal grants.

The city tentatively won \$2.4 million to expand Novi Road to five lanes from Twelve Mile Road to Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road, and another \$188,000 to pay for engineering designs to upgrade Novi Road from Ten Mile to Grand River Avenue.

The Oakland County Surface Transportation Funding Committee approved the funds on April 22. The grant guidelines call for the work to be completed in 1993, Novi's Director of Public Works Anthony Nowicki said.

The Novi Road project beat out others from throughout the county based on the high level of congestion on the half-mile stretch, just a short drive from the freeway.

"There were a lot of accidents," Nowicki said. The grant proposal was written by a team of city administrators. "I'm glad we finally have a magic pen," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) must put a final seal of approval on the funds, which are expected to arrive Oct. 1.

"We've never been denied the money," Nowicki said. The Novi City Council Monday gave Nowicki the go-ahead to begin the design phases and discussions with property owners on rights-of-way acquisition.

"There's some positive things going on in one of the most heavily used roads in our city," Council Member Nancy Cassis said.

Department's cars take detour

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

An administrative decision to assign new cars to two top city officials has raised the ire of several city staffers.

Three larger mid-size 1992 Chevrolet Lumina, approved by the Novi City Council at a cost of over \$32,000, were purchased for the city in a year that the building department was expecting to get new cars.

Instead, two smaller mid-size 1991 Plymouth Acclams used previously by Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver and Public Services Director Tony Nowicki for city busi-

ness and commuting to and from work were assigned to the building department. The new cars were assigned to Klaver and Nowicki.

The third Lumina was assigned to Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. Feelings voiced off-the-record by three city staffers, who asked that they not be named, indicated that many staff members believe Klaver and Nowicki did not want to drive year-old cars, so they took the new cars and passed theirs on to the building department.

City Manager Ed Kriewall, who made the decision, disagreed. He said the switch was made to provide several physically larger building department staff members with lar-

Perks... on the public tab

Information provided by area dealerships shows that the Acclams sent to the building department are the smaller of the two models, but head and leg room measurements for the two cars are about the same.

According to Farmington Hills Chrysler-Plymouth, the front seat

of the Acclaim has 38.4 inches of head room and 41.9 inches of leg room. Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia provided measurements of 37.6 inches of head room and 42.4 inches of leg room in the Lumina.

Building Official Don Saven said he had no problem with the cars his department received. "We work as a team here, and if the older vehicles will save money for the city, there's nothing wrong with these vehicles," he said.

When asked where the new vehicles the city purchased went, Saven responded, "I think I would rather you ask Craig Klaver that question."

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A SPECIAL SECTION
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Council voices ire at low-rent home

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The living arrangements of Director of Planning and Community Development James Wahl may be a topic for City Council discussion in the future.

Council Member Robert Schmid said he knew Wahl was living in a city-owned house, but Schmid did not know until recently Wahl paid \$200 in monthly rent.

Council Member Joseph Toth was on council when Wahl began living in the city house.

"I questioned the rent on that at

the time," Toth said. "Nobody expressed any interest in pursuing it any further."

Wahl's stint at 1810 East Lake Drive may soon end. City Manager Edward Kriewall said Tuesday Wahl would be moving within three months.

The city came to own the East Lake Drive home in 1989 when officials began "assembling" property on the beach, including three lots to the east of Wahl's home, for a hotel/marina project known as The Landing, Kriewall said.

Wahl moved into the house because it could not be insured if vac-

ant. The arrangement was supposed to be temporary, but developers and city officials came to disagree on the hotel project and it is currently tied up in court.

"Initially it made sense," Schmid said. "I think probably he stayed too long."

Council Member Nancy Cassis never liked the arrangement. But her problem is not with Wahl.

Cassis opposes city land banking. She said the city should never have assembled property for a developer.

"It gets us into trouble every

time," Cassis said.

She said the Walled Lake property and other city-owned property in Novi should be sold. The revenue could be used to purchase parkland, Cassis said.

"I don't think Jim Wahl is to blame for this. It has been going on administratively," Cassis said.

Kriewall defends Wahl's \$200 rent saying Wahl's \$42,998 salary is lower than the wage for comparable positions elsewhere, Kriewall said.

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Community Calendar

Today, April 30

Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers are scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Choir festival: The Novi High School Concert Choir, Novi Singers and Women's Ensemble will perform in the State Choir Festival in Saginaw.

Friday, May 1

Flower Power: May 1 is the deadline for orders for bedding flowers and hanging baskets for the Novi Woods PTO's first Flower Power sale. Order forms went out in April. Delivery and pick-up at the school will be May 15-16.

Novi Players: The Novi Players perform the play "Alone Together" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 2

Novi Players: The Novi Players perform the play "Alone Together" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 3

Novi Players: The Novi Players perform the play "Alone Together" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 8 p.m.

Monday, May 4

Blood pressure checks: Family Home Care, Inc. in conjunction with Novi Drugs, will offer free blood pressure screening on the first Monday of each month from 3-7 p.m. at Novi Drugs, 24025 Meadowbrook Road.

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center. Council has scheduled a public hearing on its proposed budget for the coming year.

Teacher appreciation: Teacher Appreciation week, May 4-8, begins at Novi Woods Elementary School today.

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE): The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

Tuesday, May 5

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

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

PTO Meeting: The PTO of Novi Woods Elementary School meets at 12:30 p.m. in the school's Community Room. The PTO will be voting on a change in the by-laws to include three new committees - Fun-out, Parenting workshop, and T-shirt/Sweatshirt.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Wednesday, May 6

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, May 7

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building. A budget discussion will precede the regular meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.

Business mixer: The Novi Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business Mixer at 5:30 p.m. at the Hotel Baronette.

Friday, May 8

Novi Players: The Novi Players perform the play "Alone Together" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

Spring concert: The Novi Choralaires will perform their annual spring concert "The Music's Always There With You" at 7:30 p.m. in the Fuest Auditorium of Novi High School. "Little Known Songs From Well Known Shows," will be featured in the program. P.D.G. Bach will be the Novi Choralaires' finale for the evening. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, \$15 for family members. Tickets are available from members of the Novi Choralaires, Novi Parks and Recreation Department, or at the door on concert night.

Novi Players: The Novi Players perform the play "Alone Together" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

Novi Players: The Novi Players perform the play "Alone Together" in the Novi Circle Theater in the Novi Expo Center at 2 p.m.

Mothers Day: The Novi Public Library will be closed.

Monday, May 11

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

Library Board: The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

Tuesday, May 12

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Wednesday, May 13

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Citizens will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Youth baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Thursday, May 14

Bell hearing: A Michigan Bell citizens committee will take public input on the proposed split of the 313 area in 1994 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of Orchard Hills Elementary School.

School budget: The Novi schools Board of Education will be holding a budget workshop session at 7:30 p.m. in the district's Educational Services Building.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Just a' twirling

You have to cuddle in pretty close to Mom when you ride the Tilt-a-Whirl. Four year old Lauren Houston and her mother Liz

Houston enjoy the rides at the Spring Break Festival, which concluded this past week at the Novi Town Center.

Northville millage loses in landslide

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Northville voters sent a resounding message: No new taxes.

By more than a 3-1 margin they rejected the 25.41-mill request — combining a 2.78-mill increase with a 22.63-mill renewal — which the Northville School District sought in Tuesday's special election.

The silence in the board of education room Tuesday night was deafening.

"No way, folks," was all Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski had to say after hearing the first three of six precincts report heavy opposition to the district's request for 25.41 mills.

Of the total 4,889 votes cast, the vast majority — 3,793, or 77.6 percent — opposed it. Yes votes totaled 1,096, or 22.4 percent.

"I think it reflects an anger with government or an issue against raising taxes," he said. "Maybe it's because the city had to raise taxes or a misunderstanding of what the state is going to support in education. It's a variety of things and people are upset."

In all six precincts voters gave the issue a thumbs down by wide margins. Precinct five, comprised largely of township residents, was the first to

report in with 338 no votes and 97 yes votes. Moraine voters in the sixth precinct added momentum to the snowball with their 813-222 no vote.

The other precincts followed suit: Silver Springs, 407-163; Amerman, 855-281; Winchester, 907-287; and city hall, 424-153.

"It was a big surprise," Rezmierski said.

School Board President Jean Hansen echoed Rezmierski's thoughts about the outcome of the election, but admitted heavy voter turnout had her concerned earlier in the day.

"I'm surprised by the percentages," she said after seeing the results. "People really believe we can provide the same quality of programs without an increase. We can't."

But Citizens for a Better Northville, the activist group which opposed the request, says different.

"Voters sent a very strong message with an overwhelming response that 12 percent is just too much," said CBN's Phil Phillips. "The vague explanation of necessary to meet present programs as justification for a 12-percent increase has proven to be incumbent rhetoric meaning, 'We don't want to tell the voters how we really plan to spend their money.'"

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Local businesses report break-ins

Novi police confiscated a .22 caliber rifle after a resident admitted to using it for target practice in his back yard on Cambridge.

Police responded to a complaint from a resident on Lewelyn April 19, who said he heard shots. The officer responding to the complaint reported that he also heard shots.

Police located the suspect, who said he had shot several boxes of .22 caliber bullets at a wood target with his rifle.

The rifle was confiscated, and the suspect was told that if he wants it back he has to talk to Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

DRUNK DRIVING: An 18-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) April 21. He was stopped on Grand River, and was driving a 1983 Ford Escort.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A private workshop at Twelve Mile and Haggerty was reportedly broken into April 11, but nothing seemed to be missing from the building.

An employee at the shop reportedly stopped a Farmington Hills police officer after discovering that a window of the building had been broken out.

Novi police were contacted and searched the building. Although the unknown suspects had apparently entered the building, nothing was reported stolen.

ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND ENTERING: The Arber Drug store on Fontaine Trail was apparently the target of an attempted breaking and entering April 20, Novi Police said.

According to police reports, an air conditioner maintenance man driving past the store noticed that the air conditioning unit "looked torn apart" and notified store management.

Management contacted police, who, on investigation, discovered that someone apparently attempted to remove the air conditioning unit to enter the building.

Police News

Several air conditioning panels were reportedly lying on the ground, and several screws were missing. A screwdriver was found nearby.

STOLEN BICYCLE: A Haro "Shredder" boys bicycle was reported stolen from outside the Novi Town Center movie theater April 19.

The owner of the bicycle told police he left it on the sidewalk, unlocked, for a short period of time. When he returned, it was gone.

The bicycle was painted in fluorescent colors, and had hand brakes.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 27-year-old Farmington man was arrested for OUIL on Shawwood April 22. He was driving a 1991 GMC Sonoma.

PROPERTY DAMAGE: The grass behind Woodland Medical Center was reported damaged April 20 after suspects in a 1976 Buick drove on it.

The suspects told police they drove on the lawn in an attempt to reach a fishing hole behind the building.

VANDALISM: A resident on Villagewood reported April 16 that someone slashed the right front tire of her 1990 Pontiac.

The woman told police she had no idea who may have done this to her vehicle. Police said the damage was intentional.

The incident occurred between 7:30 p.m. April 15 and 10:30 a.m. April 16.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Cloven reported April 21 that someone removed parts from his vehicle while it was parked in his driveway.

Reported missing were two glass T-tops, four wheels and a stereo speaker.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A resident on Clark reported April 19 that someone may have pruned her door open.

The woman told police she left her house at 3 p.m. April 19, making sure the door was locked.

She said she returned at 6 p.m. and found that someone seemed to have tampered with and damaged the front door jamb, and that there was mud on the floor.

Nothing appeared to be missing from the home.

LARCENY: An employee at Woodland Medical Center reported April 21 that someone lifted up a green aluminum shed and stole a lawnmower that was stored inside.

Police reported that there were no suspects, no witnesses, and no further leads.

LARCENY: A customer at Vic Tanny reported April 21 that someone stole his wallet, beeper and blue jeans from his locker while he was taking a shower.

The man told police the locker was unlocked at the time of the incident.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Chippunk Trail in the Nord Ridge apartment complex reported April 17 that someone took four hubcaps from his 1991 Ford Explorer, which was parked outside his apartment.

The incident occurred sometime during the night of April 16.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: An employee at the State Farm insurance agency reported April 15 that someone stole the grille from her car while she was at work.

The vehicle, a 1986 Ford Thunderbird, was reportedly parked behind the building at the time of the

incident.

Police said all of the screws holding the grill had been removed.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A Brighton man reported April 27 that someone stole a Laser computer from the back of his car while it was parked at K mart in the West Oaks shopping center.

Police said there was no apparent forced entry to the vehicle.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Kingspointe reported April 27 that someone stole a car phone and leather jacket from his 1989 Chevrolet Beretta.

The vehicle was parked and locked in his driveway at the time of the incident, the owner said. Police reported no suspects or further leads on the incident.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A resident on Coventry reported April 27 that a cellular phone, color TV and VCR were stolen from his 1988 Ford.

The vehicle was parked at the resident's home at the time of the incident. The items were sitting on the front floorboard.

Citizens with information on the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

Novi Briefs

Vic Tanny in shape: After disgruntled racquetball players filed a lawsuit against the Vic Tanny in Novi Town Center, Mayor Matthew Quinn asked the city attorney to investigate the health club's building requirements.

City Attorney David Fried reported back Monday that the expansion, which is replacing the racquetball courts with a two-level weight and exercise room, meets city ordinance standards for parking spaces.

The parking issue was studied by city consultants before a building permit was issued. Club members told the City Council earlier that the parking lot was so crowded they questioned if it met Novi requirements.

Choralaires plan concert: The Novi Choralaires are getting ready for their annual spring concert, titled "The Music is Always There for You." It will be held Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

Tickets, on sale now, are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students. A family ticket is \$15. Tickets are available in advance from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, or at the door the night of the concert.

For more information, call Ruth Lorenz at 347-1924 or 665-0666; Marcia Stevens at 949-2241 or the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Schools of choice: The Novi school board at its April 23 meeting looked at plans to cap the number of students who can switch schools under an open enrollment policy mandated by the state.

Under the plan, a Novi elementary school student can attend any elementary school in the district. The district must provide transportation. Because the district has only one middle and high school, the open enrollment policy ends with the fourth grade.

Superintendent William Barr told the school board he would like to allow students to take advantage of the choice option if the building they wish to attend is at less than 95 percent capacity. For example, Novi Woods can hold 665 students. If less than 623 students are enrolled, then the building would be available for students who wish to attend.

Panther sighted on South Lake?

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Was a creature sighted in a backyard on South Lake Drive the infamous black panther said to mysteriously appear in Oakland County each year?

But according to Novi police reports, a man in the 300 block of South Lake Drive called shortly before 10 p.m. April 22 to report that he saw a black creature walking through his backyard. He described it as standing about 2 1/2 feet high with a long black tail.

The caller told police that, although it was dark, he believed it may be the panther.

Police checked the yard and reported no signs of a panther or any other animal. There were reportedly no animal tracks either.

The creature was last seen heading east from South Lake Drive.

Council nixes parking rule changes

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Ever crainly the Twelve Oaks Mall parking lot vainly looking for a convenient space to ditch your car?

That's what council members Nancy Cassis and Carol Mason called it independently Sunday.

"It was very unbelievable. Lots of times you can go around and round and never even get close," Cassis said.

Their personal experience underlined the lack of enthusiasm the council felt for several proposed revisions to the city's parking standards ordinance.

The reamp, approved by the Planning Commission on April 15, would have reduced the number of parking spaces required at shopping centers

and banks.

Novi City Council did approve portions of the ordinance calling for more spaces at restaurants and health clubs like Vic Tanny.

Twelve Oaks has 1.2 million square feet. The existing ordinance calls for 7,552 parking spaces. The rewrite would have reduced this to 6,438. The Taubman Company estimates its peak holiday parking demand is 7,700 spaces.

Traffic planner Rod Arroyo said the standards were based on a formula where the available parking would meet 80 percent of the requirement at the 20th busiest hour of the year.

During the 1991 holiday shopping season, at a peak hour about 200 cars couldn't find spaces at the mall.

If Twelve Oaks expands to a "hypothetical" 1.7 million square feet, the new ordinance would require 7,990 parking spaces as opposed to the 9,682 the old rules demanded.

Fewer spaces would have also been required at other area shopping centers.

Cassis said she was concerned that if a new anchor store is brought to Twelve Oaks, the current parking assessment was based on recession-era shopping.

As far as council member Robert Schmid was concerned, the reduced parking standards can be sent "into oblivion."

"This is strictly a developer's dream. It takes no consideration for the clients who have stores in the center of the people who visit them," Schmid said.

One change, which was approved, register for more information, contact Marsha Lynn Tuck, Abrams & Tuck, at (313) 645-9009, or Mark Cody, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, at (517) 457-1755.

Purpose of the Disability Rights Bar Association is to enhance the representation of persons with mental and physical disabilities by lawyers.

Co-sponsor of the conference is the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, a legal advocacy organization designated by the governor to advocate for persons with disabilities.

Lawyers converge for disabilities talk

The second annual conference of the Disability Rights Bar Association will be held on Tuesday, June 2, the Southfield Holiday Inn.

Keynote will be Dennis Archer, former justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and currently a practitioner in Detroit. The program is

geared for the general practitioner. Speakers will cover special education law, use of trusts in the settlement of personal injury cases and estate planning, Americans with Disabilities Act, mental health commitments and AIDS issues.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. To

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Library Notes

Adult book discussion group: The Novi Library Adult Book Discussion Group will present "The Lion Feeder," a novel about old Mackinac Island by Iola Fuller, on Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. Participants should have the book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group. Please register for this free program by calling the library at 349-0720.

Mothers Day Crafts: Make your mom a special hand-made gift at the Novi Public Library on Saturday, May 9. Mother's Day Crafts will be made at two different sessions: ages 4 and 5 may sign up for 11 a.m.; children 6 and up may come to the program at noon.

There is a \$1 materials fee per child, payable at the door. Registration is required. Call the Novi Library at 349-0720.

Lighthouse Program: Experience life in a lighthouse at a free program at Novi Library on Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. LuAnne Gaykowski Kozma, assistant curator of Folk Arts, Michigan State University Museum, will relate some of the tales told by people who have lived in Great Lakes lighthouses.

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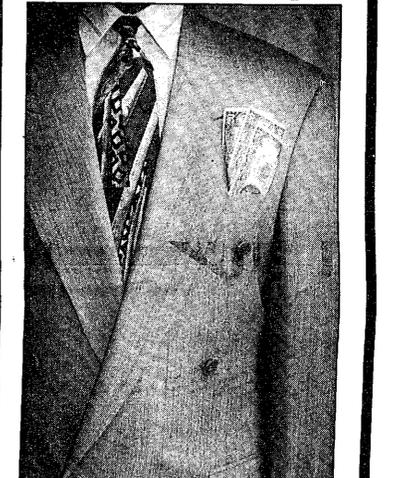
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Planners address attendance issue

By SUZANNE HOLLVER
Staff Writer

Novi's two newest Planning Commissioners have missed more meetings in recent months than the commission's older members. But the commission does not have rules governing absences.

Steven Gargas, who was appointed in June to fill the seat of Harry Avagian, has missed six meetings since September.

Commissioner Lodia Richards has missed four meetings since he was appointed in September, replacing Tom O'Branovic. All of Richards' missed meetings were in the last half of his tenure on the commission.

All that could soon change, as commission rules may soon address attendance.

Rules committee members McLellan and Balagna hope to add an attendance section to the rules. Balagna said.

"I think we need some kind of a rule," he said. Balagna hopes to differentiate between excused and unexcused absences. Past commission minutes identify some commissioners as having excused absences. Others are listed only as absent.

"People get sick. People have families. People go on vacation," Balagna said.

"The planning commission isn't my No. 1 commitment in life, but I

still think we need to have a full commission there whenever possible." Every person on the commission has missed at least one meeting since September.

Commissioners Eric Schaefer and John Balagna have missed three meetings since September. In the same time, commissioners Ernest Aruffo, Kathleen McLellan, Edward Kramer and Judith Johnson have missed one meeting.

Since September, a full commission has been present for three meetings. A Feb. 19 meeting, during the schools' spring break, was delayed until five members showed up, enough to make a quorum.

The rules committee is expected to meet in the next few weeks, Balagna said. Possible rule changes would then be presented to the commission.

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Diggin' In
District officials stand by and watch Amerman Elementary Principal Milt Jacobi make his last dig for the district. Jacobi, who is retiring at the end of the year, broke ground with the district years ago for Moraine and Winchester elementaries. Monday he stood at the forefront at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Thornton Creek Elementary school on Nine Mile Road be-

New school costs \$1 million to date

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

With the official ground-breaking ceremony for the first Northville School District building in Novi behind them, board members Monday night spent more than \$1 million on 15 of the remaining 16 contracts needed for Thornton Creek Elementary School.

The school is to be constructed on Nine Mile Road, east of Beck.

David Boltho, assistant superintendent for the district, presented the contracts for board approval which account for everything needed to build the school — except its roof.

Boltho said the \$237,412 roofing contract was withheld based on the district consultant's recommendation.

Information which surfaced at a recent roofing industry convention suggests there are better techniques for roofing industrial and commercial buildings, according to representatives from Barton Malow Co., the district's consultant.

Insulation differs from residential to commercial to industrial buildings, and that coupled with the contractor's technique for laying roofing material could come into play in getting a better roof for the district's dollar, consultants said.

Based on that opinion, board members took Boltho's recommendation to withhold the roofing contract for review before awarding it at the board's next meeting.

Of the 15 approved, bids were awarded for fence installation, paving and concrete work, joint sealants, doors and windows, life and marble, ceilings and floors, painting, chalk and tackboards, operable walls and casework, toilet stalls, and gym equipment and food service.

Tied to the board's approval is the clause that all work done to the school is not to exceed the figures quoted in the contracts, which total \$1,038,375.

With all but the roofing contract awarded, the district has managed to keep most construction costs under budget. The lone exception is the masonry contract, which exceeded the budgeted amount by \$8,143. That increase was the result of the district opting to use burnished block rather than painted block in the project.

Keeping costs in line with the school's budget was the goal of board member Joseph Dunkerley, who spearheaded the building committee.

"We had a \$37,000 net reduction after going through all the contracts which even included the increase for masonry," Dunkerley said. "Substantial work was done to trim out items that were not required."

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Insurance rate expected to rise

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Auto owners in the metropolitan Detroit suburbs are most likely to see insurance rates rise, now that Michigan has reverted back to a pre-1986 law.

Called "territorial system," it consists of a series of rings around Detroit. Here, according to the Michigan Insurance Federation, is how it works:

Detriters, who have the highest accident and theft rates, pay the highest insurance rates. Suburbanites next to Detroit must pay no less than 90 percent of Detroit's rate. The next ring of suburbs is charged 80 percent—and so on to the 45 percent mark.

If an insurer charged a Detroit driver \$1,000, the lowest price the insurer could charge any other driver in Michigan would be \$450.

That system, in law prior to 1986, resulted in two auto insurance markets in Michigan—one in metro Detroit and one in the rest of the state.

Two groups of four companies dominated the two markets. There was almost no competition between the groups.

Here's why: Suppose the loss experience in Traverse City justified a rate of \$200. A company selling in metro Detroit couldn't compete because it would have to charge \$180.

And vice-versa: A company selling for \$200 in Traverse City could charge a top rate of only about \$440. Hence it couldn't afford to compete in the metro Detroit market, according to MIF.

Michigan reverted back to the "territorial" system when Gov. John Engler vetoed Senate Bill 691 (H-1), an extension of a 1986 law that expired March 31.

That bill sought to cut auto insurance rates 15 percent.

The arguments were the classic Republican vs. Democratic argu-

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ments over cost controls vs. price controls that have reverberated through the State Capitol for a decade.

Democrats and a few Republicans opted for price controls—the 15 percent rate rollback. Their position is supported by consumer groups and the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

Most Republicans buy the insurance industry argument: To control prices, you must control costs. That means capping payouts for catastrophic claims, "pain and suffering" and damages where the insured was partly at fault.

AAA Michigan, top firm in the metro Detroit market, last week started a petition drive for 210,000 signatures of registered voters to put its proposal before the Michigan Legislature.

If the Legislature fails to adopt it in a given number of days, the plan would automatically go on the Nov. 3 ballot, just like the plan to halt state abortion funding.

Lawrence Givens, AAA Michigan vice president of corporate relations, said that the petition drive, called "Lower Rates Now," would save the average motorist up to \$150 a year. It would do so by offering coverage choices and better controlling legal and medical expenses, the costs most responsible for rising premiums.

If approved, AAA's plan would:

- Allow motorists to choose between \$250,000 and \$5 million worth of medical coverage. Currently, unlimited medical coverage is required for all motorists. Since 1973, more than 99 percent of all medical claims have been under \$250,000.
- Decrease the assessment charged by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) for medical coverage. This annual state-mandated charge on each car has jumped from \$32.60 five years ago to \$110.58 today.
- End duplicate payments. Persons who have both automobile insurance and other insurance to cover medical expenses must coordinate those plans to prevent collecting twice.
- Decrease legal costs by allowing only seriously injured accident victims to sue for non-economic losses and reducing the number of minor injury lawsuits which are filed.
- Prohibit drivers more than 50 percent at fault in an accident from suing for non-economic losses.
- Allow motorists to waive currently mandated liability coverage which protects them in case they are sued. This option would benefit those who don't need this protection. At the same time, insurance companies would be required to offer motorists coverage for protection should they be injured by an uninsured, at-fault driver.
- Set maximum fees for medical care providers similar to that used for

workers' compensation claims.

■ Permit discounts for policyholders who are claim-free with the same insurer for the last five consecutive years.

■ Create a premium refund standard—company premiums that exceed claim payments and operating expenses by more than 5 percent would have to be refunded.

■ Close the "revolving door" between the state insurance Bureau and regulated companies. Former insurance commissioners will have to wait two years after leaving state service to work for, or be on the board of, a regulated company.

■ Givens said reforms are needed because medical and legal costs have skyrocketed and are the major reason for the rise of auto insurance premiums each year.

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Givens said cost controls work. During the 1985-90 time period, AAA Michigan's efforts to combat auto theft reduced claims payouts 9 percent per vehicle for Comprehensive coverage.

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Health Notes

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The deadline for registration is April 29. For more information or to register, call 464-4800, Ext. 2297.

Nutrition education: St. Mary Hospital now offers Nutritional Check Point sessions for individuals with special nutritional needs. This ongoing program is designed as a one-on-one follow-up educational for people with cardiac problems, diabetes, weight management difficulties, and others.

A registered dietitian will personally evaluate your progress and provide counseling.

The Check Point program fee is \$30 and consists of four private sessions for medical care per insured vehicle increased four times faster than the local inflation rate, while legal payouts increased five times as fast," he said.

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Forensics team goes to state

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

For the first time in its decade-long existence, Novi's High School forensics team will be represented at a state competition.

High school student James Kovacs will draw on his knowledge of current events for the contest, which runs tomorrow and Saturday at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Kovacs will speak in the extemporaneous contest. Coach and high school teacher Ruth Vigna said the competition requires Kovacs to maintain files on current events occurring after Jan. 1.

In the two-day contest, Kovacs will speak on five different topics. For each round Kovacs will draw three possible topics and choose one. After selecting his speech topic, he will have 30 minutes to prepare a five-to-seven-minute speech.

Vigna said students bring magazines like Time and newspapers to use as references. She said in the past, Novi students have spoken about the economy and the presidential primary.

Students often chose to argue a point.

"Usually they are asked a question about something, and they take a stand," Vigna said.

For example, in a speech about the presidential primary, Kovacs might argue which Democratic candidate has the best chance of winning the nomination.

Kovacs may be joined at the state meet by Novi student Randy Juip. Juip missed qualifying for the state meet by one point. He is an alternate and will compete this weekend if another team misses the contest.

"We're hoping," Vigna said.

Kovacs and Juip scored high in the school's regional competition. Kovacs placed fourth in the region on April 13. Juip placed fifth at the same contest.

In a district-level competition, Kovacs placed first and Juip came in second.

Novi High School took a second in the district for a multiple performance with Nick Fredrick, Toni Stafford, Steve Kelly, Rastko Jovanovich, Greg Smith and Ted Michowski performing.

Tiffany DeVos made it into the final round in the district competition performing a dramatic interpretation.

Other team members representing the Novi debate team include Amy Yang, Patrick Dunn, Eugene Wang, Edna Yang, Niloo Said, Angela Lehman, Angela Kozadinos, James MacLellan, Cyrus Mistry, Nate Kushman, Bridget Jones and Gwynne Veck.

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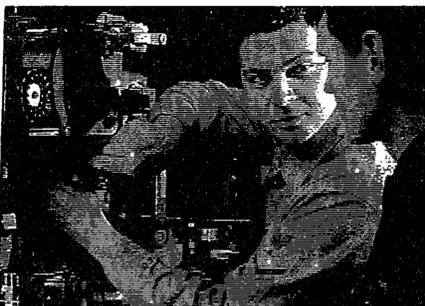
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Local politicians comment on insurance bill veto

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Here is what state and local politicians had to say about SB 691, the auto insurance premium cut bill vetoed by Gov. John Engler:

Engler: "A sham. A cruel and cynical hoax. An election year gimmick. So misbegotten and so technically flawed that by its own provisions it cannot possibly achieve its announced major objective of a 15 percent overall rollback of auto insurance rates. There are simply no changes in this bill relating to cost savings."

Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville (voted yes with Democrats): "The veto is a slap in the

face to Michigan residents demanding an insurance rollback and a kick in the shin to the spirit of bipartisan cooperation. The governor is ignoring close to 50 Republicans who supported this legislation."

Doug Cruce, former senator from Troy and president of the Michigan Insurance Federation (opposed): "Michigan lost more auto insurers than any other state during the 1980s—50 between 1982 and 1988 alone. The bill would set up a state price fixing body and restrict the ability of insurers to charge customers based on the accident rate in their area."

Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn (voted yes): "Veto is an outrageous insult to all the consumers. The governor's cozy relationship with the insurance industry must end. Electing

an insurance commissioner is a way to break up the governor's romance."

Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek (voted yes): "The bill will actually increase rates for those drivers in suburban Detroit and in some out-state areas. The people of Michigan are sick and tired of subsidizing frivolous lawsuits each year in the form of higher insurance rates."

Gary Corbin, state Democratic Chair (favored): "Banditry. Insurance companies are making a good corporate profit on our required coverage. John Engler will deprive hard-working Michigan families of insurance rates."

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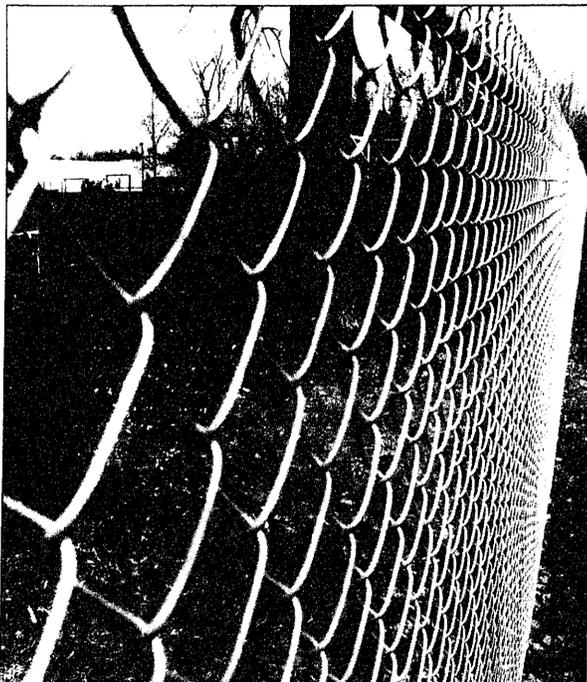
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Courthouse sites unveiled

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

To make their bids for a new 52-1 District Court, city managers from Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom converted on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' planning and building committee Tuesday.

With a senate bill pending which would change the procedure for locating court houses, the issue was tabled.

"They managed to delay any discussion or action for 60 days," Novi City Manager Edward Krievall said. "We urged them to move ahead. We had responsible bids. We think that with the economy down it's an attractive time for a move ahead."

The law currently calls for the district court to go in the most populous community, in this case Novi. A bill has already passed the state house of legislators which would give the county power to select any community within the district.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners recently came out in favor of the bill.

Finally revealed to the public Tuesday were the locations suggested by developers anxious to build the facility, which would be rented by the county.

Twelve sites have been put forth for Novi, many along the Grand River corridor and several in the town center area.

The Michigan Development Foundation, whose proposal is a non-profit corporation using city-owned land for the courthouse was rejected by the city council, found friendlier ears at Providence Hospital. Providence has agreed to offer space at Grand River and Beck Road for the building, which would revert back to the hospital after 10 years.

Schonscheck Inc. is eyeing Wixom. One site is on the northeast corner of Fourteen Mile and Wixom Road for a five year rental of \$1.6 million. The second would be north of Grand River between Taft and Novi roads for a \$2 million fee.

A \$2.85 million proposal in Walled Lake by Kazoo Development Co. would be located on Maple Road.

Most developers hoping to win the contract to build a new 52-1 District Court kept their sights on Novi. Here are the proposals now on the table for the court site.

■ Zeros Development Corp. — Three acres on the Northwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Donelson Drive, near West Oaks II. \$4.5 million to \$6.5 million.

■ G.S. Corp. — part of the proposed 67.43 Westbrook Office Center on the northwest corner of Grand River and Beck Roads. \$3.62 million.

■ R.G. Dryden & Associates — five acres at the northeast corner of Meadowbrook and Eleven Mile Roads (within the town center area). \$2.034 million.

■ Also from R. G. Dryden — three acres on the north side of Grand River, one half mile east of Twelve Mile Road. \$2.034 million.

■ Erie Development Co. — on property to be donated by Novi at the northeast corner of Delway Drive and Eleven Mile Road (near the city's department of public works building). \$7.2 million.

■ 52 Associates — In an existing building on the south side of Grand River, east of Meadowbrook Road. \$5.84 million.

■ David Hermelin — five acres on Karm Road, south of Grand River and west of Haggerty Road. \$2.4 million.

■ KMH Leasing and Rental Inc. — on the 8 acre site of an existing Novi company on the east side of Novi Road and south of Grand River on "Trans-X Drive." \$2.8 million.

■ D.W. Lewis — Six acres on the north side of Grand River between Novi and Taft Roads. \$3.8 million.

■ Michigan Development Foundation — on the west side of Beck Road, south of Grand River. Land owned by Providence Hospital. \$2.6 million.

■ Olsen Co. — at the southwest corner of Taft and Grand River. \$1.88 million to \$2 million.

■ Olsen Co. — Another proposal at the southwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Donelson Drive. \$2 million to \$2.11 million.

College holds music auditions

The Schoolcraft College Honors Recital Division of the Department of Music will hold auditions for its first annual String, Classical Guitar, and Voice Honors Recital/Competition on Saturday, May 2, in the college's Forum building.

Auditions are open to all junior high (grades seven to nine) and senior high (grades 10 to 12) students. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded among the top winners in each division.

The purpose of the event is to encourage excellence in solo performance and ensemble playing, as well as provide students with an opportunity to be instructed by world-renowned pianist and chamber music coach Eugene Bossart. Schoolcraft College's artist-in-residence.

Students for Classical Guitar repertoire must be from the standard literature and must be performed from memory. No more than two pieces

may be performed. If two pieces are programmed, they must be from different historical periods. Playing time for junior high is five minutes; senior high, eight minutes.

Voice repertoire is open to senior high students only, and must be appropriate for this age group. Selections must consist of two contrasting pieces, i.e., one 20th century selection by an American or British composer sung in English, and one song or aria, including German Lieder, French songs or Italian art songs. Pieces must be performed from memory. No musical theater. Performance time is three minutes. All contestants in String, Guitar, or Voice repertoire must provide their own pianist, if needed.

The entry/registration fee for the competition is \$15 per student, and is non-refundable. To obtain an application form or receive further information, please contact Donald Morelock, Honors Recital Competition Director, at 462-4440, Ext. 5218 or 5225. Schoolcraft College is located at 18000 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Judges will select a winner from each division, and cash prizes will be awarded as follows: junior high, \$150; senior high, \$250; junior high classical guitar, \$150; senior high

Talks scheduled

City and schools meet about woodlands

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Walled Lake Schools is meeting today with city officials to reach accord on area woodlands.

The district opened Hickory Woods Elementary this year. Since the opening, residents and city woodland consultants have complained a fence around the Decker Road school intruded into regulated woodlands, causing protected trees to be bulldozed.

Director of Operations Chuck Kisaw said he is meeting today with city woodland consultants and the district construction manager.

"We're meeting to find out if there is anything in this story," Kisaw said. "Up to now I have no reason to believe there is."

Officials obtained a city woodland permit requiring the district to replace any protected trees cut down during construction, said architect Stephen Smith.

Smith said trees around the fenced area were generally unregulated, which means they were too small to be considered protected by the woodlands ordinance.

The scrub will regenerate, Smith said, adding that some consider it environmentally advantageous to allow scrub to regenerate naturally.

But Lakes Area Residents Association member Skip Phelps disagrees about the quality of trees removed for the fence construction.

He said trees with 5- to 10-inch trunks were removed including 25- to 30-foot tall evergreens.

Resident Rick Servello agreed. "Those trees back there were worth money," Servello said, pointing from his back yard to a cleared area on the school's property.

For Sam Servello, Rick's father, the problem was not the loss of trees but the fence's location.

Servello and other East Lake Drive residents surrendered about five feet of what had been considered their property to the school district when the fence was installed.

Architect Smith explained the area's original survey, which was done in the 1910s, was incorrect.

When the school district surveyed the area, it found a discrepancy between the original survey and the district survey, Smith said.

"The way the world is and the way it was recorded weren't the same," Smith said.

Phelps tells a similar story about the surveys.

"When they surveyed the property it was for a different post for the residents than for the schools," Phelps said.

"The schools took the property and the Director of Operations Chuck Kisaw said, 'Sure if you don't like it.'"

The entire fence issue has left a bad taste in Phelps' mouth.

"We worked hard with the architect on this," Phelps said.

"From this day forward anytime the schools ask for anything the answer is going to be a resounding no."

Novi forester gives Earth Day tips

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

This Earth Day, May 2, the University of Michigan Health Center has a list of activities planned to get Novi area residents out to enjoy local parks and to learn about the environment at a day-long program at Maybury State Park.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Novi city forester and Pickering Environmental Consultants will all be available to persons interested in learning how to be more earth friendly. The Novi Chamber will be sponsoring a booth to demonstrate how businesses can be more environmentally sensitive.

The celebration begins Saturday at 10 a.m. with a 10K run and a 2-mile fun walk sponsored by the Northville Parks and Recreation. All entrants will receive prizes and are eligible for drawings. First, second, and third place runners in the men's and women's 10K run will receive awards. For information about entry fees and applications, call the department at 549-0203. Registration for either the walk or run is available at 9 a.m. that morning.

At noon, a two-hour kids program begins with a family concert featuring Mustard's Retreat. This duo entertains and captivates audiences of all ages with their classic tales and musical talent. Face painting will be sponsored by Margo's of Northville. At 1 p.m., a Kite Show, sponsored by BFI, will dot the sky with color and at 1:30 p.m. a kite fly-in is scheduled. Kids can fly their own kites or get one free from BFI.

Naturalist Carol Fink will lead family nature walks. Smokey the Bear, Willy the Hobo Clown, and their friends will be on hand all day to entertain kids of all ages.

Informational booths featuring students' educational displays, environmental career opportunities, gardening tips, and recycling will be set up to share information about the environment and pertinent issues affecting it from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The concession stand will be open all day at Maybury State Park. Admission to the park requires a state park annual or daily pass which is \$3.50 at the entrance gate. For more information call Peg Campbell.

Failing students retake MEAP

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Novi High School sophomores who failed on their first attempt at earning an endorsed diploma likely will have to wait until fall to try again.

A new state law allows Michigan students to earn endorsed diplomas by passing math and reading portions of the Michigan Education Assessment Program tests MEAP test.

In Novi, 56.3 percent of sophomores passed both sections of the reading test and 37.3 percent passed the math test. Students who did not pass the test must retake it if they hope to earn an endorsed diploma.

The idea of the state endorsing diplomas began as a means of showing employers and universities that students had met minimum standards, said state Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Rita Traynor said a Novi High School committee is still in the process of determining when and how students will retake on the MEAP.

She said the law requires school districts to establish a process to help students earn the endorsed diploma.

On Tuesday, Traynor said she was not ready to say whether or not the school district would offer MEAP retests this spring.

But Michigan Department of Education Coordinator Peter Buntion said districts must already have ordered MEAP tests from the department for tests to be available this spring.

About 60 percent of Michigan public school districts will retest nearly 40,000 sophomores this spring, Buntion said.

School districts are not required to retest students until the fall. Students may take the test two times a year until they pass.

In a visit to the school board this year, Bullard said the state House was considering a plan to extend the beginning date of the endorsed diploma plan. Bullard said the low MEAP math scores prompted the

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Knollenberg, who has served in a number of state and county leadership positions during the past 25 years, is a confidant of retiring Congressman William S. Broomfield.

"Our area has been fortunate to have Bill Broomfield in Washington for so many years," Knollenberg said. "Bill could have had the job for as long as he wanted it. But now that his decision has been made I want to try to continue in that same tradition."

Broomfield announced Tuesday he will not seek re-election after serving 36 years in Congress.

Knollenberg currently is a member of the Republican State Committee. He served as Oakland County Republican Chairman from 1978 to 1986.

"Congress has been unable to resolve any of the crises. But 1993 will be a watershed year with a record number of new members of the House of Representatives. I am excited that the new Congress will have an opportunity to make a difference for the future of our country," Knollenberg said.

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Council moves on Fuerst estate

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi has backed off its objection to a final accounting of the almost \$1 million estate of Ruby Fuerst.

The city and the school district, principal heirs in Fuerst's 1980 will, are currently fighting court approval of a 1991 testament which would leave both essentially out in the cold.

The second will favors Fuerst's former hired caretaker, Antonia Kearns, and was written while the 91-year-old's mental competency was under dispute in court.

The Novi City Council Monday agreed to accept four month accounting submitted by Fuerst's court-appointed guardian and conservator Stephen Allery.

"Because we were unfamiliar with the work the conservator did, we had some concern about it," City Attorney David Fried said.

These concerns were laid to rest after Novi's attorneys took Allery's deposition. Fried explained.

Fuerst and her sister, Eva, realized much of their wealth by selling the family farm at Ten Mile and Taft Road

to the Novi school district. Novi High School, the Novi Civic Center, the city library and police department stand on the former Fuerst homestead.

Ruby's Feb. 20, 1980, will set aside \$75,000 for a Fuerst Senior Citizens Wing, to be built onto the Novi Civic Center and dedicated to the city's older population.

The majority of her money was reserved for non-profit housing for Novi residents age 62 and up, the "Fuerst Senior Citizen Home of Novi." Resident fees would be on a sliding schedule based on ability to pay.

If the city doesn't break ground within three years of Fuerst's death, the money reverts to the school district for the "Fuerst Scholarship Fund" for needy college and technical school students.

Iva Fuerst, 93, died in January 1991. She left \$350,000 apiece to the city and school district.

Acting school superintendent William Bair hired Kearns to look after Ruby, who was living alone. Kearns moved in with Fuerst on Feb. 14, 1991.

Kearns then took Fuerst to see at-

orneys Barry Bess and Gordon Gold; the 91-year-old paid them a \$1,000 retainer fee in March 14, 1991, to fight the court appointment of Barr, a long time acquaintance, as her guardian. The attorneys also discussed with Ruby a possible challenge to her will.

On March 22, 1991, Ruby signed a new will, setting up a Comerica Bank administered trust with Kearns as the chief beneficiary.

On March 18, 1992, Oakland County Probate Court Judge Barry Grant issued a preliminary injunction preventing Comerica from disposing or distributing the assets, until the court could determine the validity of the trust.

Both the city and school district oppose the trust on the grounds that "the instrument does not represent the will or desire of Ruby Fuerst but was induced by fraud and undue influence practiced upon her."

Novi has asked for a jury trial. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for May 7.

At the time of her death Sept. 20, 1991, Fuerst was worth \$1,018 million, according to the final account-

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Register early. Space is limited. For additional information, contact Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education services at 462-4448. The Michigan Design Center is located between Woodward, and I-75 at 1700 Stutz, between Coolidge and Crooks, North of Maple Road in Troy. The phone number is 649-4772.

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To register or obtain further information, contact Schoolcraft College at 462-4417 or Jim Miller at 462-4400, Ext. 5239. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

City considers parkland purchase

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"This is the last major piece of land within the city we can afford. It's time to buy parkland and quit building sidewalks that go to nowhere."

In early March, the silence was broken when the council discussed if a Thompson-Brown Realtor had a valid listing agreement before the city began eyeing the property. The Realtor insisted he did and was entitled to a commission on the sale.

Mason says the issue still has not been resolved to her satisfaction.

"What do we keep going into executive session for? They know they'd have more people complaining than Carol Mason. They thought they could embarrass me because it's a parkland issue," she said.

"I am for parkland. What I am against is paying a fee for people who do not do the negotiating. What kind of deal has been made? It's assessed at half of what they want to pay for it."

One alternative to be under consideration by the city is asking voters to okay a \$2.5 million bond issue to buy and develop the west Novi property. About \$750,000 of that money would go towards the land purchase, Davis said, and the rest would be for developing the site.

"If we have parkland in our hands, if the city can purchase a large parcel of land for another park, we feel we can go back to the city for a dedicated millage. We feel the citizens would support it. If we went in and said we want this for five years, it would go over a lot easier," Ruyle explained.

Council member Tim Pope argues

that this may be an unnecessary measure. Pope contends that along with the \$220,000 the parks and recreation department already has banked for a land purchase (and based on a continuing rise in the city's state equalized valuation) Novi could easily set aside as much as \$60,000 annually to buy property.

"The residents don't want their property taxes raised in this economic climate," he said.

But Mason says the dollars simply aren't there.

"In a city \$638,000 in deficit in the 1991-92 budget, there is no money for park lands," she said.

The property the city is eyeing all this time would take care of both Novi Youth Baseball and the needs of the city's own softball and soccer programs.

"This isn't the first time the future looked precarious for Novi Youth Baseball. Twenty years ago, the program was ousted from the school district's playing fields, Angelo Carcone, senior league director for Novi Youth Baseball said. The school feared it would be liable for any accidents during the games.

Paul Bosco, whose children were then in the program, volunteered his land. Since then, Novi Youth Baseball built six playing fields at the site.

"Paul Bosco did say he was getting rid of the land. Nobody blames him. It was just getting too expensive for him to just leave his land," Carcone said.

"The last time when they closed down the program for a year, it like devastated the program. I'd like to see the city buy the land tomorrow. It's not going to be a bad investment, even if they don't use all the land they buy."

"In most of the cities, they play on public lands."

In 1991, the city briefly considered buying Bosco Park, but the land would not have met the need of Novi's own recreational programs, Davis explained.

Novi Youth Baseball is proposing to lease its fields from the city for \$1 a year. Bleachers, backstops and other equipment would be hauled from Bosco Field to the new site. The organization is supplied with insurance and attorneys, as a member of the national Pony League Baseball Association.

"We'd help out with labor and as much as we could financially. . . We don't have a big budget," Youth Baseball president John Goodman said.

Goodman admits that Novi Youth Baseball wasn't out campaigning for the past parks and recreation millages.

"If we'd have known it would have come to this, we surely would have," he said.

Davis is now scrambling around to find an alternative to a year-long hiatus for Novi Youth Baseball, including the probably unpopular possibility of pitching adult softball teams from Power Park playing fields.

Other alternatives exist. The city could spend a \$350,000 bequest from Iva Fuerst to build a few more fields, Pope suggested. Fuerst left the money for improvements to Power Park, on the Novi Civic Center pro-

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Council comments on city home

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Kriewall said figures supplied by the Chicago-based American Planning Association and printed in the *Novi News* last week are not representative of local planning director salaries and should not be compared to Wahi's salary.

A study completed this year of planning director salaries in Michigan showed the median salary for men with over 10 years experience is \$43,000.

Wahi has been with Novi for seven years and been in planning related fields for 20 years.

Kriewall said a 1991 south Oakland County wage survey would be

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more representative. The survey ranked cities by size, state equalized valuation and planning director salary.

The data shows Novi has the fifth largest population and SEV. Wahi's salary is ninth of 10 communities in the study.

"Mr. Wahi could be paid conservatively \$3,000 more per year to a maximum of \$5,000 per year," Kriewall estimates.

Nothing in Wahi's contract discusses his living arrangements or the decreased salary Kriewall said Wahi is paid.

Wahi said he "suspected" he was receiving a lower wage because of the house.

"Toth disagrees that Wahi's salary is lower than would be expected. "I did take exception to the city manager saying Mr. Wahi is not compensated enough," Toth said.

"I think Mr. Wahi is well paid, in fact overpaid. That's my personal

opinion."

Toth cited Wahi's previous job experience with a downtown development authority.

"He had no planning director experience. He's gained that at the expense of the city," Toth said.

Following the publication of a news story on Wahi's housing agreement with the city, Kriewall said he will have to figure Wahi's tax withholdings again. The new figures will include as salary the amount Wahi saves each month in rent.

Wahi said last week he does not consider the difference between market value rent and what he pays for the house to be additional income.

Obituaries

Richard Leo Rowe

Richard Leo Rowe, known as "Gramp" to many, 85, of Novi died in his residence April 22, due to cardiac arrest. He was born Aug. 4, 1906, in Marion, Ind., to Albert J. Rowe and Estella Shepherd. His wife, Virginia, preceded him in death.

He worked for Heat Treating Company as a millwright and was a veteran of war.

Survivors include his son Rockwell Rowe, his daughter Donna Jean Suckler and five grandchildren, Rocky, Chantal, Francoise, Lynn and Lori.

A chapel service was held April 24 at the Glen Eden Cemetery, with the Rev. Lawrence Eckart officiating. He was buried at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Barbara A. Dahlbacka

Mrs. Barbara A. Dahlbacka, age 37, died Thursday night, April 16, at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born June 16, 1955, in Highland Park to Daniel and Irene Vogel.

She was married to Daniel J. Dahlbacka in Howell on Feb. 25, 1977 and moved to Novi from South Lyon in 1978.

Surviving with her husband are their daughters, Melissa Sue and Danielle Joyce; a step son, Jason Allen; her parents, Daniel and Irene Vogel of Florida; two brothers, James Vogel of Novi and Daniel Vogel of New Hudson; two sisters, Bonnie England and Suzanne Poole, both of Novi; her maternal grandfather, Harley Waukegan of Illinois; her grandmother Gwendolyn Vogel of Florida; several aunts, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21 from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. Pastor Thomas M. Lubbeck officiated the ceremony and the cremation followed.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Dahlbacka's name are suggested to the Dahlbacka's Children Educational Fund. Envelopes are available at the Keehn Funeral Home in Brighton.

Marie Leone Gameley, 74, of Novi died April 22 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak due to cancer. She lived in the area for years with her surviving husband, Lionel Gameley.

Marie was born Sept. 12, 1917, in Houghton to Timothy Sullivan and Marie Bissonette, and was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are her nephews Gary Paul Sullivan and Morris Lee Sullivan, her sister Evette Mayou of California, and a sister-in-law Myrtle Gameley.

Funeral services began with a rosary on April 26 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. On Monday, April 27, a service was held at the Church of the Holy Family in Novi with Fr. Jerry Slowinski officiating. Interment was at Mt. Calverley Cemetery in Houghton.

New cars cruise into city hall

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Kriewall said the new law is overburdening the courts.

"It's just putting a burden on the courts, especially courts that have a large volume like we do," said Bulgarelli. Courts have not been allocated funds to hire extra help to accommodate the cases.

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"It's all speculation until you start the system," he said. "In Walled Lake (52-1 district court), maybe the problem is just that they don't have enough judges."

"Maybe it's a case of not enough judges, or maybe the law needs to be revisited. I think it's really too early to assess that."

No drunk driving cases were dismissed in the state when the first 77-day deadline hit on March 17. However, juries have been called in more frequently.

The new law was intended to deter drunken driving by increasing the risk of jail time, increasing fines and giving police the power to confiscate driver's licenses immediately.

the Department of Public Works, but there are "several fairly large people in the building department who said they would like a larger car."

In addition, he said, employees in the Department of Public Works also expressed a physical need for larger cars.

Kriewall said these requests prompted him to look at purchasing larger size vehicles this year and purchased the Lumina's "so we could pass on the Plymouth Acclaim to the building department."

So, Kriewall and Novick's Plymouth Acclaim were passed on to the building department, and Shaffer's Plymouth Acclaim was passed

on to the Department of Public Works.

Kriewall said the city might make a habit of using brand-new cars for commuting purposes to keep the mileage down. Seven said the Acclaim assigned to the building department were in good condition and their mileage was low.

Seventeen city employees, including Saven and Kriewall, use city-owned cars to commute to and from work. The city also pays for insurance and maintenance on these vehicles.

Others are Dan Davis, parks and recreation director; Michael Deaton, DPW foreman; Tom Hesse, police

lieutenant; Bruce Jerome, DPW superintendent; Thomas Johnson, fire department lieutenant; James Klausmeyer, city assessor; Arthur Lenaghan, fire chief; Jack Lewis, parks and recreation supervisor; William McEwan, assistant fire chief; Terrence Morrone, deputy building official; Robert Rasmussen, police lieutenant; and Charles White, water and sewer foreman.

The employees are not supposed to use the vehicles for purposes other than city business and commuting. Kriewall said he owns a Ford Taurus for personal use, and pays benefit taxes for the use of the city vehicle.

New law burdens courts

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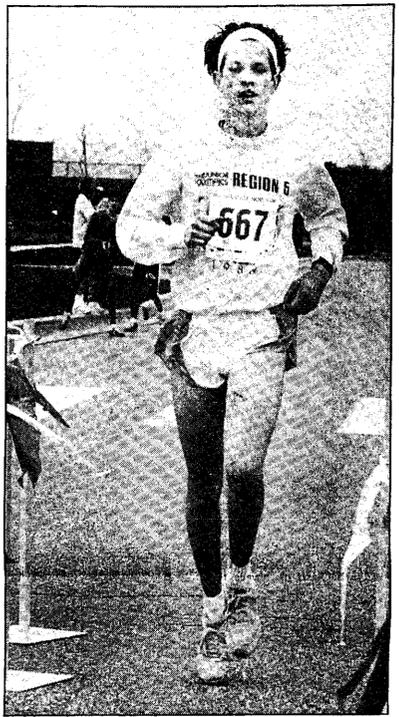
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The Annual Novi Providence Run was held at the Novi Civic Center Sunday. Runners from across the region competed in Fun Run, 5K and 10K competitions. The results of the races were still being tabulated and were not available by presstime Wednesday. Below, Robert Rasmussen of Novi crosses the finish line in first place in the 10K race. At left, Darlene Hunter (left) and Jim Boyd — the only two wheelchair racers in the competition — shared a moment of camaraderie before the start. Below left, Patrick Byrne finished fifth in the Fun Run, but it took a lot out of him. His sister, Amy Gill, attempts to comfort him.



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As We See It

Just calm down and solve the problem

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District, the residents of the Walled Lake area, and the City of Novi appear to be headed toward battle.

Already, sabres are being rattled—a lawsuit has been mentioned. It is, in a word, ridiculous.

The issue is over trees and whether that the school district had promised the city they would save cut down during the installation of a fence around the new Hickory Woods Elementary. Area residents, including Lakes Area Residents Association member Ed "Skip" Phelps, are confident they have it right, that trees designated to be preserved were removed. And they are getting backing from city planning consultant Linda Lemke, who says the district did indeed promise to save those trees when it pulled a woodlands permit, and there was an intrusion into the forested portion of the parcel.

Chuck Kisaw, director of operations for Walled Lake schools, is getting well, shall we say, defensive about it.

He has agreed to a meeting with residents and the consultant, scheduled to take place today, but he has already said he's pretty certain the criticism has no justification to it. He's argued the district didn't promise to keep the trees, nor did it cut them down. All it removed was brush.

And according to Phelps, he's gone so far as to say, "Sue if you don't like it." That now understandably has Phelps angered.

Disappointed with Broomfield

Military history is full of such stories. A general, after a long campaign perhaps at heavy cost in casualties and materiel, finally manages to gain an advantage over his opponent. At that critical moment — when one swift blow, a single brilliant maneuver, even a simple front attack — would gain final victory, he balks. Perhaps his troops are exhausted. Maybe he's just battle weary himself. Maybe he just doesn't have the stomach for the fight. Anyway, he fails to move. And both the advantage and victory are lost.

William Broomfield's recent decision to retire from Congress brings such stories to mind.

Here's a guy who's spent 36 years in the minority party in Congress, gaining experience and influence, gaining that all-critical seniority.

He finally gets the advantage. The House bank scandal has expanded to clear out perhaps as many as 100 representatives. Whatever other criticisms you have of Broomfield, he was untouched by that scandal. Republicans contend,

Environment

Well, everyone needs to just calm down. "Take a pill," as the saying goes. "Chill out."

No one is accused of committing a crime here. If trees were removed in opposition to a woodlands agreement, that should be fairly easy to sort through as a matter of public record.

And if they were removed, they simply should be replaced. No big deal. Phelps has said he doesn't think the cost would be that high — \$1,000 at the most. And he has extended the olive branch enough to offer to get volunteers together to do the work.

All involved really should be working to the same ends. Kisaw has to remember that these residents are Walled Lake schools constituents. And Phelps and Lemke have to do their best to make sure they don't let things already said under their skin.

Ultimately, the goal is an environmentally sensitive school site, part of an environmentally sensitive community. The problem can easily be solved, if cooler heads prevail.

Don't run state like business



Tim Richard

I shudder, in this political season, as candidates and plain citizens declare, "Government should be run like a business."

The Perot types assert there is much waste in government, all the way from the U.S. Capitol to the school administration — as if there weren't in business, too.

Think first of Domino's Pizza's gaudy display of conspicuous electrical consumption in honor of the Baby Jesus in December. No governmental agency, not even the Weinberger Defense Department, blew money so uselessly.

Think also of the \$10 million golden parachute K mart directors have stitched together for five top executives if there's "a change in control."

I quote from page 13 of the proxy statement dated April 15 and ask if you've ever heard of anything like this in government:

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That's \$2 million per man — after taxes. Moreover, their severance benefits include (i) cash payment of two years salary (three years for Joe Antonini), including the most recent bonus, (ii) two years life and health benefits (three years for Joe), (iii) a cash payment equal to the value inherent in their stock options and (iv) some pension benefits (also on page 13).

Under item (iii), Antonini holds stock options exercisable for 431,600 shares; Miller for 182,900 shares; and Thomas for 255,200 shares (see pages 3-4).

The benefits provided by Jimmy Carter and Jim Blanchard, the last president and governor we bounced from office, are piddling compared to what they get at K mart, which is probably typical of large companies. "Run government like a business" indeed!

When Michigan lawmakers passed the acts of majority in 1972, they erected by making 18 legal age for most rights and duties — voting, marriage, contracts, and so on.

I have some personal feelings about it inasmuch as I suggested the idea of the Age of Majority Commission, source of these ideas, to then-Gov. Bill Milliken. My notion was that we should lower all legal ages, but on a sliding scale, not peg so much at 18.

The Legislature should have made kids responsible for their criminal deeds at earlier ages. But it appears the Senate Judiciary Committee is finally getting the message.

Parents of Murdered Children this week will present petitions urging lawmakers "to correct an injustice being done to many survivors of homicide victims." According to the judicial notice:

"Juveniles under the age of 15 are committing murder and, if sentenced, the maximum sentence is until the juvenile turns 19. Some murders are committed before juveniles turn 18 and, if sentenced, are only sentenced until the age of 19 or extended to 21."

Scheduled to testify are: Duane LaMoreaux, of the metro Detroit chapter of PMC, whose daughter, Pamela, was murdered in 1987; Mary Ziecke, mother of Stephanie Dubay, who was stabbed and decapitated in Macomb County in 1990; and others.

Clearly the notion of "adult" needs to be revised — downward.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Northville varsity soccer player Wendy Carroll seems nervous before the big game



'Butterflies' Northville varsity soccer player Wendy Carroll seems nervous before the big game

Doing the politician's polka



Phil Power

Have you heard about the latest dance craze? It's called the Politician's Polka. You take one step forward, two steps back — and sidestep the issue.

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His one step forward is to focus tightly our state's limited resources on education, as the stock of human skill and talent of our citizens is our greatest long-term competitive asset.

Engler is doing just that. Facing nearly a billion-dollar deficit for the coming fiscal year, the governor has imposed drastic spending cuts on all state government. But under great pressure and very much to his credit, Engler has exempted Michigan's K-12 schools and universities from his cuts.

The two steps back stem from Engler's stubborn philosophy of governmental non-intervention. He really believes that government has no business getting involved in the economic life of the state.

First step back: The governor's budget for fiscal 1993 slashes economic development to the bone. Whereas for million and a staff of 304 for economic development, Engler's spending plan calls for \$26.4 million and 195 employees.

"I'm not aware what his economic development strategy is," said GOP Rep. Mickey Knight. "All I know is what I see in the budget. And in terms of his budget containing initiatives, I don't see any."

Second step back: One of Blanchard's most effective innovations was the Michigan Strategic Fund, a small pile of seed capital to be loaned to promising new business initiatives. Engler's state Senate allies are trying to kill off this remnant of the prior administration, proposing to move MSF funds to sewer construction.

According to Engler's own sensible economic development chief, deputy Commerce director Marge Evington, if MSF (ahem) goes down the drain, "there's not going to be any economic development."

The sidestep is the saddest of all. Some of the least noticed consequences of auto industry downsizing are the terrific entrepreneurial opportunities it opens up.

Idled plants can be leased out cheaply to new companies in need of manufacturing space. Blue-collar workers, anxious for jobs and willing to be retrained, make up a pool of experienced, highly-motivated labor. Laid-off managers with talent and brains and roots in Michigan will feel no need to move out if they can get new businesses going right here.

Here is an enormous opportunity for new and diversified business development in Michigan.

But if you listen to the governor, state government should sidestep entirely any role in assisting this process. On the merits, that's just plain wrong. And as to the politics, it's just as short-sighted. Gov. Engler ought to listen to folks in his own party and shape up.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper.

Ol' Phil's out of control once again



Michael Malott

The computer modern's on the blink again. All week, we've had no luck at all getting our computer system to talk to the computers in the other offices within our newspaper chain.

That might seem like just another technical glitch, but the timing is significant. We learned of the problem immediately after Executive Editor Phil Jerome wrote a particularly scathing piece of work and put it, unrestrained, into the Monday edition of the paper.

You see, the way it is supposed to work around here is that Jerome, who now works in HomeTown Newspapers' Howell headquarters, is supposed to write his columns there. I just send them by modem to the Novi News office in downtown Northville for editing. Here, hard-working, morally-upright, all-around-nice-guy

editors (Bob Needham, Rick Byrne and myself) are supposed to get a chance to review his columns and try to keep him under some degree of control.

This week, sure enough, the modems failed again. And they still aren't working.

"Oops, sorry. Guess I can't send you my column for review," I can almost hear him say. And what did he do with his column this week? Yes, he made a brazen attempt to tamper with the results of our otherwise objective, not-quite-scientific readership survey. It was a not-so-subtle effort to make his column come out in the results as the best read opinion piece in the paper.

Not only that, he went so far as to suggest... may, encourage... our morally upstanding readership to partake in outright ballot box stuffing on his behalf. Appalling.

Now that I think about it, I'm realizing that our modern problems began about the time we revived Ol' Phil's column. They don't go on the Fritz all the time, but I'll bet that if we tracked it back, we would find the modern failures coincided perfectly with the publication of particularly tacky Phil Jerome commentary.

In all seriousness, the response to our readership survey has been tremendous. And I just want to take a moment to thank all those who have given us their input. I realized after we had the forms prepared that we really asked quite a

few questions and just filling the forms out could turn into an evening project for many of our readers.

Nonetheless, many have responded, and their comments are very useful to us here. Criticism and compliment alike, we are learning a great deal about what you like and dislike about your twice-weekly newspaper.

Needless to say, it is my hope the survey results will help us to give you a better publication. Just knowing how you perceive the paper is already teaching us a great deal about what we can do to make improvements.

If you haven't already filled out a form and sent it back, we really encourage you to do so. All of the commentary and feedback we can get helps.

If you have thrown out your copy of the survey form, or used it to line the kitty's litter box, don't worry. Another copy of the form is in this week's edition, on page 9B in the sports section. We'll be publishing the form at least one more time before the May 14 deadline.

And if you promise to fill out the form objectively, and not be swayed by Jerome's rather embarrassing pandering, we promise we'll do our best to keep him on a shorter leash in the future.

Mike Malott is the Managing Editor of the Novi News.

Expo Center prepared to cooperate

To the Editor:

I am writing to clarify several issues which have been raised in recent articles and letters in the Novi News concerning the Expo Center Program.

First, concerning the resistance for allowing the property to be used as industrial in the event the Expo Center were to fail. From our perspective we don't care whether the City Council or the building ownership changes their position. We simply want a workable ordinance with reasonable restrictions which would allow us to operate as an expo center. I would say that this issue should be a non-issue. Those who are concerned about this facility converting back to industrial can rest assured that if a compromise is not achieved on this issue and the expo program does not proceed because of the concern for "reversion" back to industrial, the ridiculous conclusion that results is that the property remains industrial, exactly what they are concerned about reverting back to. I would implore the decision makers to review this conclusion and consider it when taking any action.

Secondly, with regards to the idea that the Expo Center property somehow escaped the Town Center Zoning District. I have a map (which verifies) that the overwhelming majority of the properties located in the northwest quadrant of Grand River and Novi Road have been and are currently zoned for either light industrial or heavy industrial use. Only a small portion, located along the frontage of Novi Road and Grand River, is actually zoned for town center. Also, to contend that this property should be zoned for town center at this time would be further complicated by the fact that the ordinance in the process of being written, and I would hope that the ultimate boundary lines of the district should be considered only after this redrafting process is complete. In any event, call it town center, expo district or light industrial, it makes no difference given the fact that we have an existing building which works very well as an expo center and we need only the cooperation of the city decision makers to formally open our doors.

Finally, just a simple comment towards cooperation. While it is understandable that issues will need to be discussed and difficult decisions reached, we truly feel that the reuse of this existing building in an area of minimal impact to any of the existing residences for such a positive program should be encouraged. We are prepared to cooperate with the City to do what we can reasonably do to provide for the success of this highly beneficial program.

Blair M. Bowman

Novi Expo Center Inc.

Letters

Council should help city, not try to ruin it

To the Editor:

I just finished the councilperson Mason's letter as published in the April 23 issue of the Novi News. She is calling for equal treatment for business owners concerning rights and zoning. What a bunch of nonsense. She talks of the Bob Evans restaurant, as well as other merchants, getting such a raw deal in years past. All of these people that she is feeling sorry for are in great favor of the new Novi Expo Center. They all want it to succeed because they know it will bring much-needed business into the Novi area. Councilperson Mason has imaginary ills and should quit trying to fix something that isn't broken.

Yes, dear citizens of Novi, make those calls and write those letters and do whatever it takes to wake up our city council to the facts of life. They are supposedly there to help the community, not ruin it.

Robert J. Pohlman

Draw the line on promotion of alcohol

By KAREN BARTHOLOMEW

The shock some Americans expressed at a survey among elementary school children in the Washington, D.C. area which found that kids could name more beer brands than U.S. Presidents, was a start towards understanding the influence of alcohol promotion.

Studies like this and the work of volunteer citizen groups determined to draw the line against appeals to underage youth by alcohol advertisers may have even helped put Spuds in the doghouse.

Most of us have what we think is a healthy cynicism towards advertising of all kinds. We understand concerns about beer, wine, wine cooler, and even distilled spirits ads featuring rock stars, sports figures, beach scenes, and race car driving, at least once someone has called our attention to them.

But how many of us notice beer sponsorship of pop entertainment, the packaging of wine coolers and fortified wine beverages to appear all but indistinguishable from fruit drinks and sodas? How often do we recognize beer promotions allowed on beach? Or the neighborhood convenience store where local youth can aggregate, with its point-of-purchase promotions advertising beer at prices less expensive than soft drinks, and its underage clerks unlikely to press their peers for proof of age?

The selling of alcohol is an enormous business, involving upwards of \$2 billion a year in advertising, promotions, and other aspects of product marketing. It is surprising, then, that college students, more than half of whom are under the legal age of purchase for alcohol, spend more money on booze than on textbooks?

Some people might not think college drinking is a big deal, even though more of our current college students will die of cirrhosis of the liver than will ever earn doctorates in business, management and communications combined. Maybe this same group doesn't even care that college students spend more money on alcohol than on textbooks. But can we as a society accept, much less tolerate, fifth to 12th graders accounting for 35 percent of wine cooler sales plus 1.1 billion cans of beer annually?

Guest column

duct placement of alcoholic beverages in movies or on television shows? How many times have we watched, our children sitting beside us, as a hero or heroine on the home screen consumes what looks like 86 proof liquor, without showing slurred speech, poor judgment, or any of the other manifestations of alcohol-impaired only too familiar to anyone who has drunk this way in real life?

Where do we draw the line? Should we just say no to professional race cars and driver's uniforms plastered with beer logos? Do we worry more about the slick, paid 30-second alcohol commercial in the middle of a TV program, or the back fence billboard promoting booze, visible in every long shot of a telecast ball game? Is it the house-sized canvas pavilion proclaiming a brewer's sponsorship of a beach competition alongside a county sign saying "no alcoholic beverages allowed on beach?"

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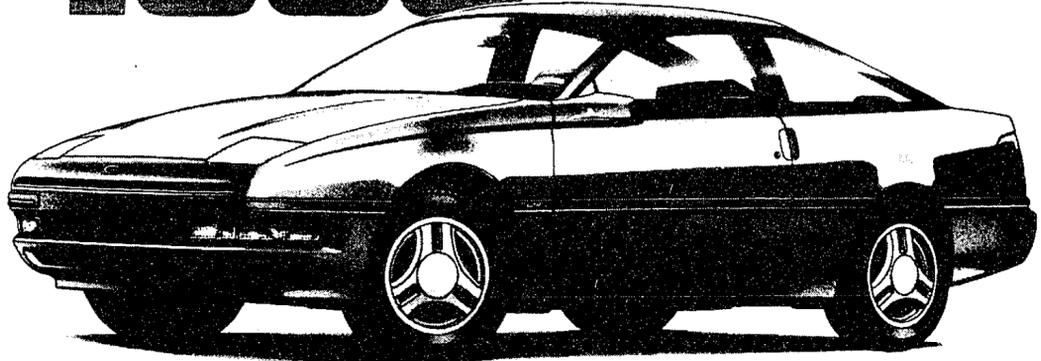
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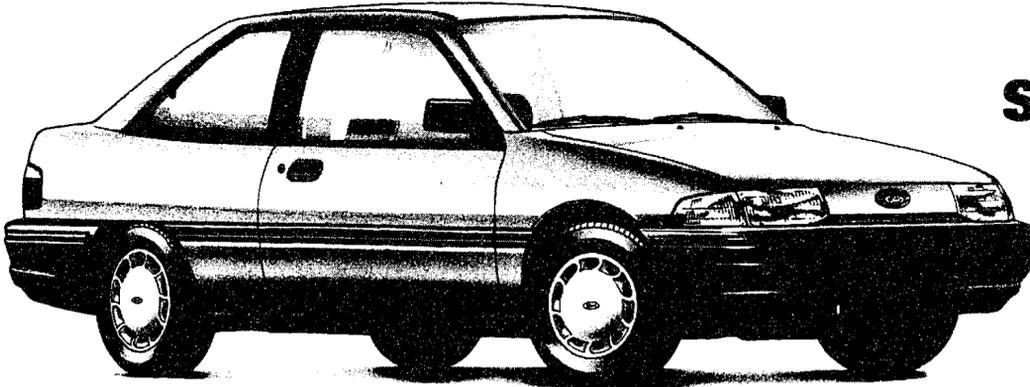
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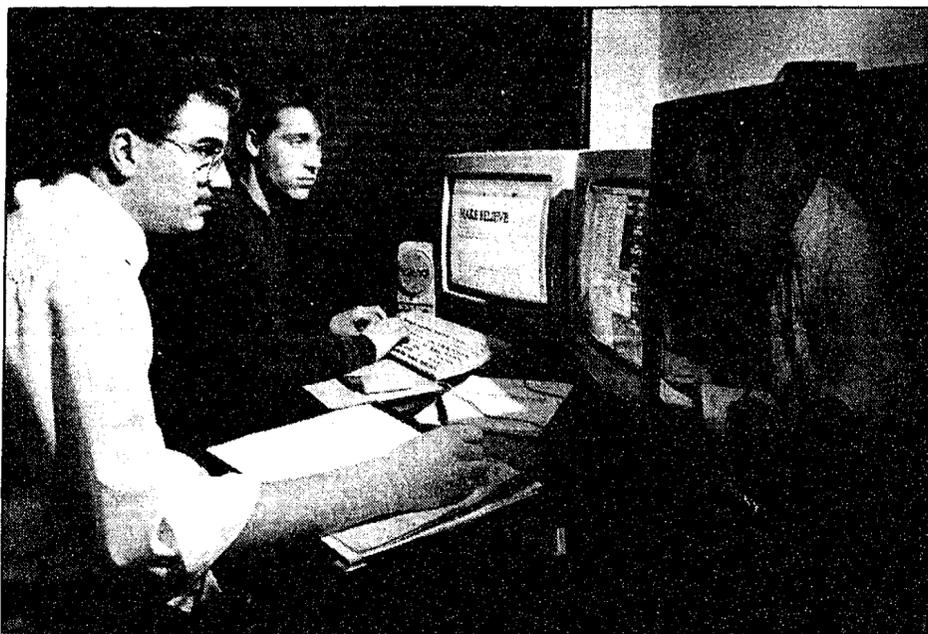
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From top to bottom; Shelby Newhouse, Christa Kirdt, Dana Newhouse and Jim Bonner



Jeffrey M. Wylie, left and Kenneth G. Guertin of Make Believe Productions

Photo by HAL GOULD

MAVERICK FILMMAKERS

Movin' up and takin' names

SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Alan's created a scientific breakthrough that makes all existing forms of energy virtually obsolete. The alternative energy source will replace the burning of fossil fuels — marking a truly revolutionary discovery. But with the exuberance of discovery comes the agony of monopoly as "the establishment" horns in to silence him and monopolize his invention — no matter who or what stands in its way.

That's the premise for *The Incorporated* an action-packed thriller being produced locally by Northville resident Kenneth Guertin and the company he founded with college buddy Jeff Wylie.

Laced with social and political satire, the feature film is the first endeavor from Make Believe Studios, a film-making venture spearheaded by Guertin and Wylie, both graduates of Ferris State University.

Although the movie's script is a fictitious tale, its script writer Jim Bonner said it grazes reality.

"It's an action-thriller that's designed to give a social and political message about giving government too much control," said Bonner, a 22-year-old Michigan State University student from Brighton. "I consider it a fictional telling of a real danger."

In Bonner's mind the script germinated from reports and theories he'd read in newspapers about the Iran-Contra Affair, CIA, and John F. Kennedy's assassination.

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Volunteer



Gretchen Oppermann

Community Council improves resident life

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Crunchy toast and coffee time is on the first Saturday of the month at The Charter House of Novi, and Gretchen Oppermann is always there, sometimes so busy visiting with her friends, the residents, that she forgets to take her turn at making toast.

Charter House is a nursing home on Meadowbrook Road, and Oppermann is a member of the Community Council, which meets monthly, she said, "to enhance the lives of the residents, to get the community interested, and to encourage companionship because so many people have negative attitudes toward nursing homes."

The Council is only four years old, and Oppermann has been on it from the beginning.

Berniece Frederick, a friend who knew she had a bachelor's degree in gerontology and had done volunteer work in the field, had asked her opinion on starting a council composed of community volunteers and family members of residents.

The Council meets monthly. Some residents attend as well as staff members and ministers.

The Council and the administrative staff reach out together in attracting the community's interest by sponsoring a volunteer appreciation luncheon in May and also an annual clergy breakfast.

Crunchy toast, however, is a Council-provided social gathering from 9:30 to 10:45 on the first Saturday of each month.

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Memories on tape provide legacy for the future

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

"Echoes from the Attic," an oral history workshop scheduled for May 9 promises to provide participants with a chance to record history in a way that will provide future generations with an idea of what life was like in the 20th century.

The workshop, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tolgate Center, will be a hands-on experience for anyone interested in capturing and preserving history on audio or video tape.

The program, a presentation by the Michigan Oral History Council, with funding from the Nov 1 Historical Commission, will be presented by Michigan

State University professor Jeff Churnley, Union Lake social studies teacher Glen Ruggles, and facilitator Geneva Kebler Wiskemann. During the program, Churnley will interview Nancy Durn, state editor for the *Detroit Free Press*. Then Ruggles and Wiskemann will give a presentation on how the interview becomes oral history.

"We will be attracting people who are interested in audio and video recording the memories of persons who have firsthand memories of people, events, places or maybe even a problem of historic significance," explained Wiskemann. "Ideally those recordings would be placed in a library or research facility for educational or scholarly research."

Wiskemann is a former archivist for the State of Mi-

chigan, and has been involved in many aspects of history throughout her career.

"A lot has been going on since the development of mylar (recording) tape after World War II," she said. "If properly done, these recordings can be an incredible historical document."

In addition to people who have first-hand knowledge of historical events, Wiskemann also enjoys recording interviews with people who talk about their every day lives.

"Many people will say, 'Why do you want to interview me?' They don't realize how people's everyday lives are interesting to future generations." She said actual recordings of people's experience will provide voices and faces to future generations studying the history of our

Novices break away from conventional film rules

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"You get the feeling stuff like this has happened before with the CIA and when big business gets out of control," Bonner said.

Bonner's interest in global corruption breathed life into Guertin's idea for a series about revolutionizing the world's energy source through the creation of an alternative energy source.

"It just moves me," Guertin said about the script. "I can read it and see how it will appear on the screen."

"Jim wanted to do a spy movie about our own government with no foreigners in it," Guertin said. "And I had the idea for an alternative energy source. This script works well because it ties the two ideas together."

With the help of some well-known colleagues and borrowed facilities, Make Believe Studios diverts from the beaten path in its efforts to keep the film under budget. Cost for the script was "reasonable," and local talent will replace academy award winners.

Borrowing rather than renting production facilities and shooting the film locally will also help contain costs.

Despite their youth (Guertin, 25, and Wylie, 22), the team's endeavors backed by 60-plus years of experience in film and video making.

"Service as producer and post-production coordinator are the husband-and-wife team Shelby Newhouse and Christa Kindt, Newhouse, a prolific character in local production circles with one national and three regional Emmys to his credit, is the founder of the Shana Corp. His company has produced motion pictures, videotapes and discs for a list of big name corporations headquartered in Detroit. His wife's company, Unique Film and Video of Farmington Hills, serves currently as Guertin's full-time employer, but will eventually, once production gets under way, be home to Make Believe Studios.

Dana Newhouse, Shelby's son, will provide an original soundtrack for

the film. Dana plans to combine digital music from his studio with live musicians to get a "full orchestra" sound for the final score for the movie.

Before the onset of the nine-month pre-production schedule which is targeted for July 1, the team is busy tying up legal contracts establishing a limited partnership for the production company, and trying to get investors for the film.

"Ideally we'd like to have \$200,000 by September 1992 so we can go further," Guertin said. "I'm optimistic that we'll make it because we have everything in place that we can really utilize to make it a good film."

Once they reach the \$200,000 benchmark, both plan on quitting their jobs they have now to pursue their dream full time. Wylie, currently a freelancer for Ford Motor Co. in its Communications Network, said he won't quit until he sees that money in escrow.

"I can't take that kind of risk now, but when I can truly say, yes, this film's going to fly, I'll go it at full time," Wylie said.

For Guertin, quitting his job and moving into the suite next to his current employer signals a dream come true.

"It's been an on-going dream for me," Guertin said. "I've always wanted to make a full length feature film."

Getting investors is a tricky process. At investment parties Guertin and Wylie put the script on the coffee table and let it speak for itself while they "schmoose" with people interested in backing the film.

Guertin expects that word of the film will travel through production circles and gain more attention in the hopes of drawing in additional

backers.

"We've been passing it around by word-of-mouth and through networking," Wylie said. "Under our legal contract, we can tell people about the film but we can't ask them to invest in it. But our goal is to spread the word enough so that people in the area know the film is happening."

"We really think we can do a great film or else we wouldn't be doing it," Wylie said. "We really think it's going to be awesome."

Neither Guertin nor Wylie will even entertain the idea of the film being a flop because they say a good script, which they feel they have, is the key to its success.

A badly shot film would still have redeeming qualities if it was a well-written script, Wylie said. "Conversely a poorly written script could never fly even with the best shooting."

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Choralaires slate concert

John Ritter's "The Music's Always There With You" is one of the many songs the Novi Choralaires will perform at their annual spring concert, on Saturday, May 9, as well as being the theme for their concert.

The concert this year is divided into three sections. "Little Known Song From Well Known Shows" will include tunes from the current award winning show "Miss Saigon" to popular tunes from the past, such as "Cats," "Once Upon a Mattress," and "Eye Bye Birdie."

"Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Danny Boy," "When The Saints Go Marching In" — and many other — are included in "America's Popular Songs."

P.D.Q. Bach will be the Novi Choralaires' finale for the evening. This segment of the concert will surprise many of the regular followers of the group. Concert goers who hear and see this finale will acknowledge and agree that the City of Novi is represented by a fine and talented group of men and women. The only hint we can give about this

section is that it will keep you in your seats. Come and hear the Novi Choralaires on Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Novi High School's Fuert Auditorium, on Ten Mile Road west of Novi Road. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, \$15 for family members. Tickets are available from members of the Novi Choralaires, Novi Parks and Recreation Department, or at the door on concert night.

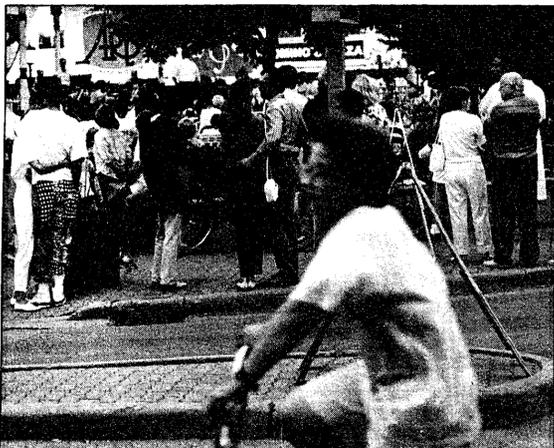
The Novi Choralaires are directed by Janet Wlassiak and accompanied by Stacy Becker.

Group seeks help for bands

Local organizations and businesses will have an opportunity this summer to sponsor local musicians. The Northville Arts Commission will offer local businesses and organizations the opportunity to cosponsor the very popular Friday night music series, The Clock Concerts.

For \$100 co-sponsor fee, the sponsor will not only receive the gratitude of the residents who enjoy these concerts (sometimes as many as 500 gather at the downtown bandshell), but will have the opportunity to promote good will in the community and receive increased public visibility.

Here is how it works:



Each Saturday morning the poster at the bandshell will contain the name of the next musical group scheduled to perform along with the name of the sponsoring business or organization.

Sponsorship will be scheduled in advance and will be posted for one full week at the bandshell.

The sponsor's name will be announced to the crowd at the beginning of the concert.

A high-quality sign, with the name of the business or organization, will be displayed on stage for the entire

concert. Due to the city budget cuts, the Northville Arts Commission is seeking financial help with these free concerts. If enough support is generated the Clock Concerts will be held

each Friday evening all summer. Co-sponsors may make their checks payable to The Northville Arts Commission and mail them to: Northville Arts Commission, P.O. Box 99, Northville 48167.

Intown

Music

CHOIR CONCERTS: The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, will present two performances of its annual spring concert, "Music Through the Ages," on Thursday, May 7, at the Livonia Public Library and on Saturday, May 9, at Faith Lutheran Church of Livonia. Both performances begin at 8 p.m.

The concert will provide a musical walk through time, beginning with 16th century works of Palestrina and di Lasso and continuing a Baroque work by J.S. Bach, selections from Haydn's "The Seasons," and 19th century works by Mendelssohn and Brahms. Traditional spirituals and selections by Samuel Barber and Leonard Bernstein represent the 20th century.

General admission charge is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call Choir President Shari Clason at 349-8175 or Continuing Education Service at 462-4448.

WORKSHOP SERIES: The Giddler Music Store, 302 E. Main, offers a concert/workshop the last Friday of each month. For information or reservations call 349-9420. Each concert runs from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Schedule includes: May 29, classical guitarist Ken Paterbaugh, \$6.50.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

CHURCH CONCERT SERIES: The First Presbyterian Church of Northville presents its 1991-92 concert series. The remaining schedule includes the Men and Boys Choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, D. Frederick DeHaven, conductor, in a concert of English Cathedral Music. Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 each. For more information call 349-0911.

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: The Livonia Youth Philharmonic, three separate orchestras including several local residents, plays its spring concert at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at

the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors; family rate, \$10. For more information call 453-8887.

Local members include, in the Philharmonic Orchestra, Amy Baxter and Beth Canfield; in the Advanced String Orchestra, Lindsay Neuse, Noreen Hughes and Sophie Liao; and in the Junior String Orchestra, Janice Liao.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge.

Sunday is a "Strings 'n' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every Sunday night. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call Mr. B's Farm at 349-7038.

WHISPERS LOUNGE: Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilton, is open Sunday through Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Monday evening is Jazz Monday from 8:30-11 p.m. at Whispers.

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

Master of the Hammond, Mallett charms her audiences as Victor's with such favorites as "Misty," "New York, New York" and "Moonlight Serenade."

PIANO MAN: Pianist Tom Altenuber now performing nightly at the Country Epicure Restaurant, Tuesday through Saturday. Crowds are welcome to sing along beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

Theater

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS: The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, an autobiographical portrait of the playwright as a teenager and his family in lower middle class Brooklyn.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 8, 9, 15, and 16; and at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 10. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$6 in advance. \$1 discount for players 62 and over 18 and under. Advance tickets available at Pennington Deli and Six Speedy Printing in Plymouth, or by mail at P.O. Box 451, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Performances are in Northville at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 Seven Mile. For more information call 349-7110.

ALONE TOGETHER: The Novi Players present *Alone Together*, a comedy by Lawrence Roman, at the Novi Civic Theater in the new Novi Civic Center.

George and Helene Butler, a middle-aged couple, plan a quiet celebration after their youngest son goes off to college. Until all their sons and then some return to the nest, bringing a sudden end to the quiet. Performances are scheduled May 8, 9, and 10. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Available at the Novi Civic Center (347-0400) and the Novi Chamber of Commerce (349-3743).

der Mystery Dinner Theatre are now available for large groups of people any day of the week, day or evening, lunch or dinner time.

Dinner is served. As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to determine who "committed the murder" through clues given out during heated exchanges between cast members. Small gifts are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the murderer.

The "Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre" is now scheduled the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. All arias are performed by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. Special performances are available for large groups. Reservations are required for all shows.

Genitt's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 East Main St. Just east of Center Street (Sheldon Road). The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and the Verdi Opera Dinner Theatre including the seven-course dinner costs \$25 per person (including tax and tip).

Please phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates are available. Large parties can be accommodated for any performance. The Genitt's Gift Shop will be open for dinner guests. Valet parking is available during the evening.

Art

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

Karaoke

NOVI BOWL: Novi Bowl on Novi Road above Eight Mile offers karaoke every Friday and Saturday between 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

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Travel



By WILLIAM T. TOMICKI
New York Times Travel Syndicate

Q: Can you suggest a good location for sportfishing in Mexico?

A: The Istapa Zihuatanejo area offers some of the best deep-sea fishing in the world. And the spot is still relatively undiscovered.

In these waters, sailfish abound and the yellowfin tuna weigh up to 220 pounds. Roosterfish and wahoo are other popular catches. Marlin in the 600-pound class, as well as 50-pound mahi-mahi have also been caught.

Zihuatanejo was a fishing village centuries before the emergence of modern Istapa. The area still maintains its traditional fisherman's way of life.

For further information about local hotels, fishing outings and travel costs contact the Istapa/Zihuatanejo central travel information desk at (800) 22-IXTA. Information is also available from your local travel agent.

Q: We love bed and breakfasts and are now planning our next trip to New England. Is there a good guidebook to which we might refer?

A: Author Bernice Chester has just published her third edition of "Bed and Breakfast in New England" (Globe Pequot Press, Chester, Conn., \$14.95).

The comprehensive text includes reviews of 450 bed and breakfasts. It also has information on meals, rates, bathroom facilities and other necessities — as well as maps and directional guides.

Q: This summer our family is planning a trip to Glacier Park, Mont. What activities can we expect?

A: Glacier National Park offers more than 700 miles of hiking and horseback trails, as well as river rafting, overnight backpack trips to chalets and llama trekking.

Neighboring Flathead Valley has opportunities for fishing, fishing, hunting, horseback riding and river rafting. It is also home to eight golf courses.

Among them is Eagle Bend, which was rated the No. 2 new public golf course in 1989 by Golf Digest.

Flathead Lake is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River — with summer options that include sailing, windsurfing, scuba diving, waterskiing and fishing.

For further information contact the Flathead Convention and Visitors Association at (800) 543-3105. Or contact Glacier National Park, West Glacier, Mont. 59936; telephone (406) 868-5441. Information is also available from your local travel agent.

Q: We want to stay at a London hotel with a lot of history and atmosphere. Any tips?

A: The elegant Hyde Park Hotel in Knightsbridge is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

A recent lavish restoration allowed the hotel to brighten its marble, shine the crystal chandeliers and unveil gorgeous Persian carpets.

The hotel sits directly on the wooded edge of Hyde Park. That's where the queen's Household Cavalry parades each morning on the way to Buckingham Palace. Guests can observe that ceremony from the hotel dining room at 10:30 a.m.

The area offers 361 acres of equestrian trails, jogging paths and tennis and squash courts.

For further information contact the Hyde Park Hotel, 616 Knightsbridge, London SW7Y 7LN, England or call 01-44-071-235-2000. Information is also available from your local travel agent.

Making reservations for Rome

City of Light's expensive but worthwhile — with qualifications

By ALAN COWELL
New York Times Travel Syndicate

As Europe's capitals go, Romans acknowledge with a mix of pride and envy that theirs best exemplifies the old adage that time is money. In other words, in this city it is virtually impossible to spend time without spending money in substantial dollops.

So the question arises: Is it still worth it now that youth's lost memories of dollar-a-bowl pasta are gone and the famed three coins in the Trevi Fountain won't even buy a cappuccino?

The answer, with some significant qualifications, is yes. And thereasons are as cliché as ever. For all the buzzing, high-decibel motorini, the purse-snatchers, the suicidal lemming-rush of the traffic and the pall of carbon monoxide over the Pantheon, this is still a city of art and amusement, of romance that extends from the young couples locked in a koala-like embrace to the sudden glimpse under some archway on some cobble byway of a cascade of geraniums catching the sunlight by a fountain and a statue.

Starting at 5 p.m., especially on Saturday, Romans take their strolls and do their shopping and coveting along the main central arteries and their tributaries, from the Piazza del Popolo along the Via del Corso to the Piazza Venezia.

Follow the flow to the Piazza Navona with its fountains and curbside artists — \$40 for a portrait in pencil, less for a caricature sketch, the Pantheon, where any number of ice-cream parlors in adjacent side streets offer exotic flavors for just under \$2 a cone; and, for a morning outing, stroll through the open-air market of the Campo del Fiori, where shoppers buy their fruit, vegetables and other produce from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Whatever else has changed — and despite the traffic — central Rome is still a compact stroller's city, and its still possible to experience that particular thrill of getting a glimpse of Italy beyond the monuments for nothing more than the price of a cup of coffee.

EVENTS

The major art exhibitions will be displaying the works of Caravaggio, Raphael and the Italian futurist Enrico Prampolini in May.

And, though its reputation is nowhere near as excellent as La Scala in Milan, the Rome Opera will be presenting a program of opera and ballet from May to early June.

The Caravaggio exhibition, smaller than "The Age of Caravaggio" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York in 1985, runs through May 24 at the Palazzo Ruspoli, located at 418 Via del Corso. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$9.50. For more information call 6832177.

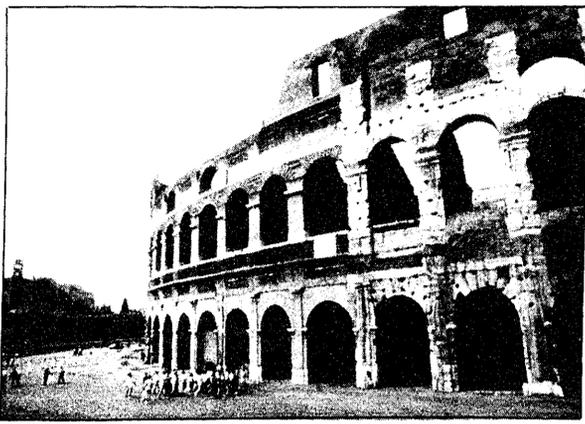
The drawings of Raphael, assembled from many parts of the world, are on display at the Accademia di Francia, located at 1 Viale della Trinita del Monti, through May 30. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Monday morning. Admission is \$9.50. For more information call 676111.

The program includes Guglielmo Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" and Pietro Mascagni's "Amico Fritz" on May 2, 6, 10, 13, 16, Franz Lehár's "Merry Widow" on May 12, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27; and Gaetano Donizetti's "Fillide Regolina" on May 28, 29, 31 and June 4, 6. For more information call the box office at 4874568.

Opera is also performed at the Teatro Valle, located at Via del Teatro Valle, where Gioacchino Rossini's "Caliph of Baghdad" will be presented May 8 and 9. Rossini's "Cinderella," presented June 3 and 5, will be sung by award-winning young opera singers. For more information call 6543794.

The ballet program at the Rome Opera is Gluck's "Iphigene at Aulis," which will be presented June 12, 13 and 14 with the Pina Bausch company.

For chamber music the National Academy of Santa Cecilia, located at 4 Via delle Conciliane, offers Friday-night concerts throughout May. Admission ranges from \$18 to \$30. For more information call 6541044.



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For a more down-to-earth Rome cross the Tiber at the Isola Tiberina to plunge into the tangle of Trastevere itself. For one thing, this quarter of cobbled streets, narrow alleys and street musicians is home to the magnificent Santa Maria in Trastevere church, located at Piazza Maria.

More prosaically, Trastevere is also home to the only exclusively English-language movie theater, Pasquino, located at 19 Vicolo del Piccio. Admission is \$5. Daily shows are at 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. For more information call 5800322.

Hotels in Rome, as in the rest of Italy, can be extraordinarily expensive and in central Rome bargains are virtually non-existent. Even a basic pension can run to \$70 a night for a single.

Despite the high prices, the big hotels fill to capacity in the peak summer season. The following are among the finest in service and style of accommodations.

The most renowned and expensive is the 100-room Hassler, set atop the Spanish Steps, located at 6 Piazza Trinita del Monti, where doubles without breakfast start at around \$500 and breakfast is \$20 per person.



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son. For more information call 6792651. As with other hotels, prices include taxes.

In a similar price range, though in a less alluring part of town, roughly between the train station and the Via Veneto, is the 171-room Le Grand Hotel, located at 3 Via Vittorio Emanuele Orlando. Le Grand Hotel, as its name implies, is in the grand style of the early 20th century. A double with breakfast starts at \$500.

Conveniently situated for the Pantheon and any number of Rome's great churches is the 97-room Hotel Santa Chiara, located at 21 Via Santa Chiara, where a double with breakfast costs \$210 — \$180 for one person. For more information call 6540142.

Less expensive, but by no means cheap, is the 35-unit Residence Velabro, located at 16 Via del Velabro, which offers serviced mini-apartments for stays of at least one week beginning at \$160 a night for a "studio" comprising bedroom, kitchenette and bathroom.

The Residence is conveniently situated within walking distance of the Forum and the Piazza Venezia. For more information call 6793450.

Among the smaller hotels is the 27-room Hotel Portoghesi, located at Via dei Portoghesi, behind the Piazza Navona, in an area of narrow cobbled streets and 17th-century houses. It charges about \$135 for a double with breakfast. For more information call 6864231.

The Hotel Romano, located at 32 Largo Corrado Ricci, charges \$70 for a double with bath — without breakfast — and \$55 without private bath. For more information call 6795851.

The Pensione Coronet, located at 5 Piazza Grazioli, offers a double with breakfast for about \$95. For more information call 6792341.

Budget choice: The 22-room Hotel Pensione Parlamento, located at 5 Via delle Convertite, has a double with private bathroom and breakfast for around \$90 — \$80 with shared bath. For more information call 6841697.

Rome has so many restaurants that the problem is to find exactly what you want at the price you want.

In central Rome a modest meal for two with wine is a good buy at \$45 and most times the tab is \$70 or \$80, even in simple restaurants.

From them on, the sky's the limit, particularly if the meal includes fish or an expensive wine such as a Brunello. Most medium-priced restaurants have a perfectly adequate house wine at \$6 or \$7.

Among the best of Rome's restaurants is the elegant Patrizia a Roberto del Pianca Terra, located at 95 Via Dell'Arco del Monte, in a small, intimate first-floor room with the characteristic vaulted brick ceiling of ancient Rome. It is closed on Monday; open evenings only. A nouvelle cuisine dinner for two with wine starts at over \$200. For more information call 6869893.



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Some times seems to be nothing more than sights waiting to be seen — from the Basilica of St. Peter's at the Vatican to the Coliseum. But there are other perspectives.

From June 1 through Sept. 30 the Aquabus will ply the Tiber on a 20-minute ride from the Isola Tiberina to the Ponte Duca da Ostia via the Ponte Cavour. It will cost about 90 cents — \$1.80 round trip — and can be boarded at any of those three points.

The route goes nowhere near really ancient monuments, but it does permeate through parts of the modern city — Trastevere, once working-class, now gentrified, and riverside apartments that might almost be in Paris. The boat runs, in theory at least, every 40 minutes from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If the pace of the city center becomes too much, a \$15 taxi ride or a 70-cent trip on the No. 41 bus from the city center brings the visitor to the Villa Doria Pamphili park — free admission — beyond Trastevere, where sculptured gardens and waterways offer a setting for walks, jogs and slightly fresher air.

Equally, May is a time for horticulturalists. The Municipal Rose Garden, with 5,000 bushes and 1,000 varieties, is located at Via Valle Murcia and open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 5746810.

At the Spanish Steps a blaze of azaleas offers a delicious display. The Botanical Gardens, located at 24 Largo Cristina di Svezia, is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.75. For more information call 6864193.

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Wildcats take fourth place in Novi Relays

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow... The boys track team won't be taking positions with the post office anytime soon, but the runners must feel a little like those government workers as they have had to trudge through all kinds of nasty weather this spring. Once again the 'Cats plowed their way through less than ideal conditions Saturday en route to a fourth place finish at the annual Novi Relays.

According to coach Bob Smith, his team is used to the foul weather. "They don't even blink if it's raining," he said.

Even though Mother Nature didn't slow Novi down, the absence of several top performers did. Hurdles, pole vault and the 400-meter sprint were some of the events affected by the absences.

Novi finished with 65 points. Farmington Harrison won the 10th annual relays with 96 points. Milan, Dexter, Walled Lake Western, Livonia Franklin and Redford Union also competed.

The Wildcats did continue their strong showing this season in the long jump. Jason Stumac, Nick Terzes and Shady Sardy combined for a total of 54-64.

"We are feeling real good about our long jumpers," Smith said. "It's turned into our best event."

Novi wasn't as fortunate in the other field events.

The 'Cats placed sixth in the high jump. Max Schwartz was the only Novi performer to qualify. He cleared 5-0.

The Wildcats placed third in the discus with a total of 291-1. Tom Hanton had the best throw for Novi with a throw of 119-4.

Novi was fourth in the discus. A team of Hanton, Stu Meyers and Joe Leahy combined for 89-0.

The news was somewhat better in the track events.

Vince Meehan, Leahy, John Crawford and Brian Molloy finished second in the 6,400-meter relay. They took that honor with a time of 19:14.91.

In the 800, Sardy, Matt Topper, Terzes and Ken Fenchel placed fourth with a time of 1:40:33. Smith was disappointed in the showing.

"They can do better," he said. "I think they know it."

A fourth place finish was garnered in the shuttle hurdle relay as well. Tony Kozadinos, Mark Konedda, Jesse Barrons and Terzes ran the 440-meter event in 1:09:29.

Stumac, Ryan Keys, Topper and Sardy finished fourth in the sprint medley (1,600-meters) with a time of 4:02:59.

"I hoped our sprint medley team would click," Smith said. "It's not quite there yet."

The team of Fenchel, Meehan, Crawford and Molloy ended the streak of fourth-place finishes in the 3,200. They won the event in 8:39:25.

Novi placed fifth in the 400-meter relay. Keys, Topper, Terzes and Fenchel posted a time of 48.45.

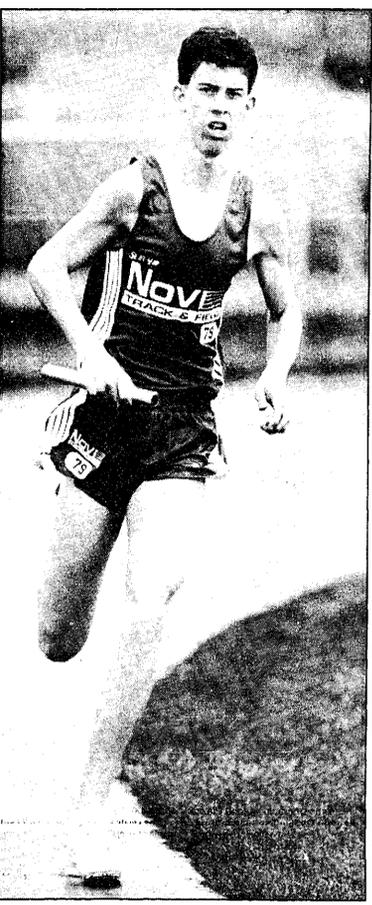
The 'Cats came back with a winning time of 11:37:40 in the distance medley. Crawford, Barrons, Meehan and Molloy competed on that team.

The 1,600-meter relay saw Novi take fifth in 3:55:41. Dave Lykins, Fenchel, Mark McBride and Stumac were on that team.

Novi finished third in the final event — the "Heavy Man" relay. Smith said only a team's larger athletes were allowed to compete in that event.

In addition, a 12-pound shot is used instead of a baton in exchanges. Hanton, Myers, Hardin and Leahy finished the race in 55:92.

"Everybody was hooting and hollering for them," Smith said.



John Crawford helped Novi win the distance medley.

Group looks at ice rink for Novi

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

The first step in bringing ice skating facilities to Novi may have recently been taken.

A committee was formed by the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission earlier this month to study the need for and the possible costs of a publicly or privately owned ice arena in the city. Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said interest in such facilities has increased over the past year — prompting the creation of a study committee.

"We are attempting to allow the citizens to run with the idea," he said. "We think if it's something that the citizens want they will work for it."

The ice rink committee was one of four formed by the commission to address the need for various recreational facilities in Novi. Other groups are studying the need for a golf course, outdoor pool and gymnasium/leisurehouse.

The committee is focusing its efforts in three areas, according to member Bob Shaw. Gathering information on need, construction and operational costs has taken up the 14-member group's time since early April.

At present, there are 170 registered youth and adult hockey players in Novi. Shaw said many more unregistered players likely live in the city.

Players must go to communities like Plymouth or Livonia, where ice hockey programs exist, to compete, he said. Some travel the entire metropolitan area searching for league openings.

Figure skating and ice dancing are just a couple of other activities for which residents must travel to find facilities, Shaw said. In the next few years, however, the option of hitting the road may be severely limited.

Many communities are beginning to close participation by non-residents because there simply isn't enough space or ice time available.

"That concern has turned a lot of people out to work on this committee," Shaw said. "We are all con-

cerned that there won't be a place to play."

Farmington Hills, Farmington, Northville, Westland, South Lyon and Walled Lake are other nearby communities in the same boat as Novi without ice arena facilities. Shaw said he believed a city facility would draw activity from those areas.

"We don't really know what would happen," he said. "But we would expect with a strong financial base (for hockey). We would have growth."

"There is a definite need for Novi and the entire area."

Three options, including a one-rink, two-rink or a rink-and-smaller-ice-surface combination, are being considered for possible Novi facilities.

Economically, Shaw said the two-rink option may be the best. His study has revealed that most one-rink operations in the area break even at best or lose money. The city isn't willing to subsidize such a venture, Shaw said, so it will have to make money.

A two-rink structure, which would need between 70,000 and 80,000 square feet, would cost between \$3 million and \$5 million, Shaw said. A one-rink facility would cost about \$2.5 million.

Davis said it's very unlikely that the city would be able to finance an ice arena with current budget restraints.

"A bond issue might be the most realistic avenue," he said.

The committee is also looking at operational costs.

Shaw said any facility should be planned with the idea of being able to host many events. Craft and trade shows and other summer athletic activities would help cover yearly costs, he commented.

Although privately owned ice rinks tend to be more profitable, Shaw said it would be cozier to residents. A private owner would pass on the costs of doing business in the city (namely taxes) to the public.

"A community rink would serve the public better," said Shaw.

The committee will make a final report to the Parks and Recreation Commission in June.

Varsity status eludes lacrosse team

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

When Novi High School teams begin preparing for competition next spring, lacrosse may not be among them.

According to Athletic Director John Fundukian, the Novi lacrosse team, which is currently sponsored by the city's Parks and Recreation

Department, likely will not receive school funding for the 1992-93 school year.

The school district's administrative council has recommended to the Novi school board that lacrosse not be funded for the upcoming school year, he said. Fundukian added that the administration has instead recommended a girls golf program be implemented for

1992-93.

"That program would be a 'logical addition' to school athletics and would create further equality between the number of boys and girls sports teams offered in Novi," he said.

Despite the recommendation, Don Silis, coach for both the high school and middle school lacrosse teams in the city, and a group of ab-

out 30 parents asked the board to implement the program at a March 26 meeting.

"I'd like to see them do both," said Silis. "It would keep the athletic department balanced."

The board has the option of disregarding the administrative council's recommendation and approving funding. A final decision will not

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Host tracksters take fourth at annual relays

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Sports Writer

With less than half of its squad on hand, the Novi girls track team managed a fourth place showing at the annual Novi Relays Saturday.

It was, of course, Easter vacation for the high school last week. Many of the Wildcats' top performers took advantage of the break to travel to Florida or other warm spots, according to coach Corinne Ahrens.

Despite the team's reduced numbers and less-than-ideal weather for the seven-school meet, she said she was happy with the results.

"It was a really competitive meet," Ahrens said. "In spite of the weather, I thought the girls did well. I was really pleased with them."

The coach said she had to juggle the lineup in some areas to cover each event. Many of the 'Cats' top sprinters, for example, were gone.

"It makes coaching interesting," Ahrens commented.

Dexter won the meet with 97 points. Walled Lake Western and Milan finished above Novi's 54 points. The 'Cats did finish above Livonia Franklin, Redford Union and Northville.

Novi didn't win any events, but did manage several second place finishes.

The 'Cats garnered one of those in the high jump. Becky Opat, Chris Patee and freshman Angela Rimbold combined to clear 13 feet.

The trio of Claire Sheldon, Opat and Christy Carmichael placed third in the long jump. The team combined for a total of 37-1 1/2.

Sheldon's throw of 12-5 1/2 was tops among those.

Kate MacKenzie, Angel Konarske and Leigh Graves placed fourth in the shot put. They combined for 66-3. MacKenzie, Konarske and Angela Cook placed fourth in the discus as well.

One of Novi's best showings in the relay events came in the 800 meters. Sheldon, Brita Powers, Lori DeWitt and Carmichael placed second with a time of 1:58:30.

In the shuttle relay, which is comprised of four legs of 110-meter hurdles, Novi was fourth. Powers, DeWitt, Graves and Konarske came in with a time of 1:17:60.

In the 1,600 sprint medley, the 'Cats came back for a second place finish. Tanya Frank, Opat, Sheldon and Carmichael posted a time of 4:57.7.

Elle Johnson, Dana Mason, Patee and Je-Won Hwang placed third in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 11:46:70. Ahrens said the team was happy to get a medal in the event.

"They were very happy," she said. "I really thought they did particularly well."

Novi placed sixth in 6,400-meter relay. The 'Cats were also fifth in the distance medley and 1,600 meter relay.



Angela Rimbold helped

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Novi hosts karate tourney

By CINDY STEWART

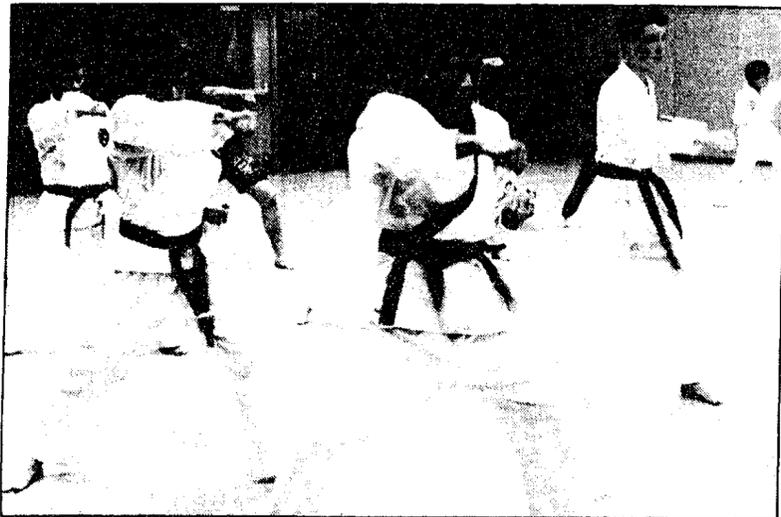
Karate Master Joe Joon Kim, head of the Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do Association will be coming to Novi for a Karate Tournament on May 9, but the real karate "master" lives in Novi.

Bob Gordon brought the karate program to Novi Parks and Recreation approximately 10 years ago. His students have ranged in age from 6 to 50 and he considers them all his family. If you talk to any of the students or the parent spectators you get the exact same response.

"My sons have only been involved in the karate classes since 1991, but I have seen a tremendous growth in the class in that time and it's all because of Bob Gordon," said Randy Fischer. "He is so great with the kids, teaching them how to focus and developing their self-confidence. This is just one more great activity offered by Parks and Recreation for the youth of Novi."

At a "typical" class last Tuesday evening there were 30 students ranging in age from 7 to 40. The students were primarily prepping for the upcoming Karate Tournament on Saturday, May 9 at noon at the Novi High School gym. Approximately 25-30 of Bob Gordon's students, as well as karate students from all over Michigan and other nearby states will be competing in weapons, form and fighting. Several hundred first-, second- and third-place trophies will be awarded to participants.

Gordon, a fifth-degree black belt,



Bob Gordon brought karate to Novi Parks and Recreation approximately 10 years ago.

is co-directing this tournament with Greg Bollard, a sixth-degree black belt who teaches karate in Canton. "It's a great way to promote Novi karate club, bring local clubs together and also to show the diversity of Novi Parks and Recreation programs," said Gordon. "But really the main reason is for all my students."

Nancy Hendricks and Pat Dunwell were also spectators last week. They both expressed how much their sons loved the class and the instructor. "He's such an innovator with the kids. My son Jeff started last September when he was 7 years old and he has his purple belt now," said Pat Dunwell. "He loves it."

"Bob Gordon tells the students that they are family and their goal in the class is to improve themselves," said Nancy Hendricks. "They are also told that they can feel comfortable trying new things in the class because no one will ever laugh at them there."

Brent Medaras has been taking classes from Bob Gordon for almost two years. He is also a green belt third degree fourth Gup. "I started taking karate to keep myself in shape for football and also for self-defense, but I've never had to use it. I've had three other instructors but Bob Gordon is the best. I recruited my best friend Kristian Schleck to join the class and he is not a purple belt, eighth Gup."

Twelve-year old John Uglow also started taking karate as a means of self-defense. "When I started three years ago it was primarily for self-defense, but Bob Gordon has taught me control, balance and motivation," said John. "This will be my first tournament and I know it will be a good experience. I just have to remember what Bob taught me — our biggest goal is ourself."

Both Adam and Jack Fischer agree with the other students that instructor Gordon is great! "He always helps us," said Adam, who advanced another level for his green belt last

week. "Karate helps me get away from it all and be one with myself."

"It teaches us to be disciplined and the best part is that it's fun," said 10-year-old Jack Fischer.

Anyone is invited to attend a Tuesday evening karate class and also the May 9 karate tournament. The karate parents will be out in full force as volunteers for the tournament.

"It's one more great opportunity for parents to come watch their kids and see the progress they've made," said Randy Fischer. "It's important to be there for their success, since they're only young once."

The karate tournament begins at noon on Saturday, May 9 at the Novi High School Gymnasium. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door only. There will also be demonstrations by masters in various martial arts disciplines.

Cindy Stewart is director of public information for the City of Novi.

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Karate: Spring-summer session for ages 8 and older begins Tuesday, May 12 and runs through June 30. Beginners' class runs from 6-7:30 p.m. and the advanced class meets from 7:30-9 p.m. The fee for the course is \$28 for residents and \$33.60 for non-residents. Learn the "Tang Soo Do" style of Korean karate under the direction of fifth-degree black belt, Master Bob Gordon. A qualified staff of black belts assist with instruction.

Adult Golf League: A limited amount of openings are still available in the adult league at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Tee times are from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Also, anyone interested in being a substitute at Pebble Creek or Links of Novi should call the Parks and Recreation office at 347-0400.

Adult Tennis: Sign up now for adult tennis leagues: singles, mens and womens; doubles, mens and womens; mens and womens over 40; and mixed doubles. Call Novi Parks and Recreation for more information at 347-0400.

Novi Bike Club: Cyclists who are good with people, organized and who are willing to coordinate the organization for the club are be-

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ing sought. The club was formed last year to support safe cycling. Primarily a recreational club, they intend to provide rides throughout the season to accommodate all levels and ages of riders. Call Marilyn at 347-0400.

T-Ball Clinic: Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Novi Power Park Field for 5-7 year olds (coed). The clinic is limited to 50 participants. Cost of the program is \$6 for residents, \$7.20 for non-residents. You must bring your own mitt. Registration deadline is May 8 at 5 p.m. or at limit.

Softball Clinic: This clinic will be held May 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at Novi Power Park Field for 7- to 15-year-olds (coed) and noon-1 p.m. for scrimmage. Limited to 100 participants, the cost is \$12 for residents and \$14.40 for non-residents. Bring your mitt. Registration deadline is Friday May 15th at 5 p.m. or at limit.

Parade: The Novi Memorial Day parade and related activities are being finalized for Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m. If you are interested in submitting a float entry or participating, please contact Dan Davis at 347-0400.

Tournament: Competitors from most of the Detroit Metro Korean Karate Clubs will vie for first, second and third place trophies in weapons, forms and sparring. Several hundred trophies will be awarded at the event on May 9

from 9 a.m. to noon. Demonstrations by masters in various martial arts disciplines are planned.

Mercy Center: The Mercy Center is offering a number of activities at its Eleven Mile location. Swimming, water fitness and various camps are offered. For more information call 473-1815.

Senior Golf: Novi's golden retrievers golf league will begin play on the week of May 11 at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Choose from either the Monday or Thursday leagues. Novi residents can register now at at Novi Parks and Recreation.

Open Gym: Open gym time is available at Novi Meadows school from 8:30-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. You must be a Novi school district resident. A \$1 charge per person is asked and you must present I.D. For more information call Novi Community Education at 344-8330.

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more info call 344-8330.

Fitness for the '90s: Aerobic conditioning is combined with progressive resistance using weight machines to reduce body fat and achieve good muscle tone. Meets in the Novi High School weight room. For more information call 344-8330.

Therapy eases asthma trauma



Raymond Hobbs, M.D.

Asthma is a disease that affects people of all ages and can be caused by many things. Fortunately the therapy is excellent and the majority of asthmatics do extremely well.

Asthma affects between 2 and 6 percent of the population. Approximately half of asthmatics develop the disease by 10. Thirty-three percent of asthmatics develop it by 40, and another 10 percent of the asthmatic population develop it after the age of 65. Many people think asthma is more of an annoyance than a serious problem. It is a serious problem, and a small percentage of people die from it each year. Unfortunately, the number of asthma cases has increased in the past few years.

Asthma has no single cause. However, all

Health tips

forms of asthma have several things in common. The first is extreme irritability of the airways usually associated with inflammation. In the lungs are small breathing tubes called bronchioles which are surrounded by smooth muscle. In asthmatics these muscles may contract and cause constriction of the tubes. It becomes more difficult to exhale air and a whistling-like sound called wheezing occurs.

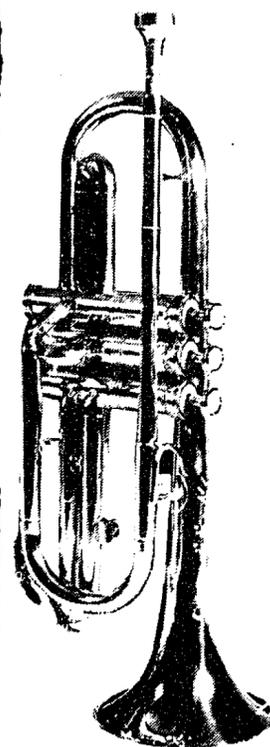
The second thing common to all types of asthma is its reversibility. Unlike other lung diseases such as emphysema, where the patient never breathes normally no matter how well controlled he is, the asthmatic is usually normal between attacks.

Two-thirds of asthmatics suffer from asthma cause by excessive airway irritability with no single cause. Other asthmatics have asthma

because of allergies to specific things such as ragweed pollen, cat dander and house dust. Two percent is caused by industrial gasses or dusts, which the asthmatic is exposed to at work. Lung infections may also bring on an asthmatic attack. Unusual causes include asthma caused by exercise, aspirin, and certain preservatives and dyes (especially yellow) used in food.

The typical symptoms of asthma are wheezing and difficulty breathing. A rapid heart rate is also quite common. After the attack begins, the duration and severity may last from a few moments to weeks, with symptoms ranging from mild to severe breathing difficulty that could cause death.

The therapy of asthma is excellent, since by its very nature asthma is reversible. It is important for asthmatics to avoid those things that bring on an attack and to take the necessary medications early enough during the attack to restore normal breathing as quickly as possible. Most fatalities have occurred because the patient did not begin therapy soon enough.



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Slumbering housing market begins to stir

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

The current housing market is a lot like a sleepy bear, rising for the first time after spending the winter hibernating in its den.

That old bear lumbers around the forest half-awake, looking for food. He's hungry and motivated for action, but still emerging from his seasonal stupor.

It's spring, and the housing market also is awakening after a deep recession sleep. Buyers and sellers are hungry for action. There's lots of pent-up demand to be satisfied. But it's not cresting into a sales boom period.

In most areas, however, housing sales are up. Recovery is definitely on its way.

"Throughout most of the nation, the housing market has settled on a course of recovery," said Dorcas Hellant, president of the National Association of Realtors.

The recent increase in sales activity results primarily from four factors: general improvement in our economy; mortgage interest rates slowly starting to increase from super-low levels; pent-up demand from increasing numbers of home buyers, and special financing incentives for first-time buyers.

When mortgage interest rates start to edge up, it tends to convince buyers that the downward trend is over and now is the time

to buy before rates rise higher.

An example of the special financing for first-time buyers is the mortgage plan recently announced by Fanny Mae (secondary mortgage buyer) whereby a mortgage loan can be obtained with only a 5 percent down payment—and 2 percent of that amount can be loaned to the buyer by a relative. For example, a \$100,000 home could be purchased with a cash down payment of only \$3,000 plus closing costs.

The current outlook is bright for all sectors of the housing industry, according to an NAR report. That includes single-family and multi-family home construction, as well as existing and new-home sales.

Today's sluggish but improving real estate market will evolve into lasting expansion by summer, NAR predicts. The list of positive economic reports in recent months is long and wide-ranging.

1992 should be a good year for everyone involved in housing—buyers, sellers, brokers, builders. Perhaps the current market analogy would more appropriately be a bull, rather than a bear.

Q. Why are there so many multimillion-dollar home sales?

A. This is still a very small niche of the housing market, but it is growing. One key reason is that there are more people in a financial position to buy them.

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Light from doorwalls illuminates the living room for Dennis Horwatt and Marcy Peters.

They don't do windows

By RICK BYRNE
Copley Editor

What's a home without any windows? Ask Dennis Horwatt and Marcy Peters and they'll tell you they don't see anything different, despite the fact that their home fits that description.

To be honest, their condominium in the Coves of Northville is not entirely devoid of glass. However, their view of the outside world is confined to four large doorwalls

and a skylight which constantly bathes their foyer in a soft glow.

"I didn't realize it until I thought about it, and I said, 'We really don't have any windows here,'" said Horwatt. "But every room has these enormous windows which are the doorwalls. And it is southern-exposed, so it is bright. All my plants have to be up front, though."

There are some advantages to limited windows, not the least of which is the savings on drapery, although Horwatt and

Peters have decorated the doorwalls tastefully with valances and drapes.

Because their unit is surrounded by other units on nearly all sides, it's also thermally efficient. The Coves was built just about four years ago, so the construction—and low heating costs—reflect the benefits of modern insulation technology.

"We've never had a heating bill over \$60," said Horwatt. "I've compared it to

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Dennis Horwatt, Wiley the dog and Marcy Peters enjoy their point of view.

Photos by Hal Gould

HOME DESIGNS



The Pedro features privacy for living

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Spacious living areas and plenty of privacy are two of the outstanding features of the Pedro. The garage is at the ground level of this contemporary tri-level home. Family living spaces and bedrooms are at midlevel and a master suite is located a half-flight up, over the garage.

The angled front entrance opens into an air lock entry foyer. A closet, which stretches the length of the nearly triangular room, is easily large enough to hide the jumble of boots, coats and umbrellas that tend to accumulate in such spaces.

Straight ahead down the hall, you step into a huge family room dining room-kitchen combination. Couches, easy chairs, a home entertainment center, a pool or ping-pong table—there's plenty of room for all of it here.

One long, uninterrupted wall could easily be shelved and used to display photos and family trea-

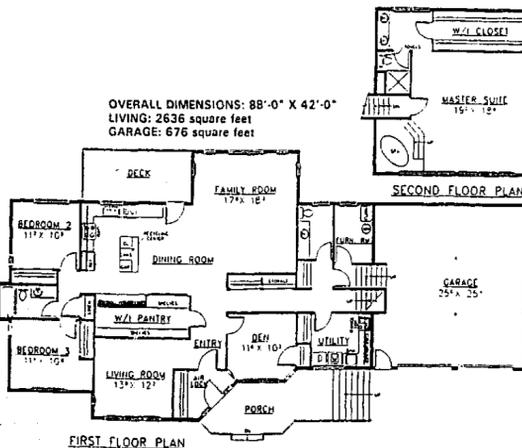
asures or as a library.

A recycling center, with separate spaces for glass, cans and trash, is tucked beneath a central work island in the L-shape kitchen. The walk-in pantry is positively enormous and includes reach through shelves that can be accessed from in the closet or from the kitchen.

The den, located to the right of the front entry, makes a convenient home office. In addition to the usual washer, dryer and utility tub, the utility room has a range top, complete with hood and fan.

A half-flight up puts you in a luxurious master suite, complete with step-up spa, compartmentalized bathroom and a 16-foot-long walk-in closet.

For a study plan of the Pedro (400-12), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.) Designers, Architects and readers with plans they would like to see featured are also invited to contact Landmark.



Self-sowing blooms

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Q. I bought some beautiful foxgloves at a garden nursery last spring. I planted them in my perennial bed thinking I'd have them year after year. My sister tells me they won't come back. Is this a fact, since I thought foxgloves were perennials?

A. It is true that the vast majority of foxgloves are biennial; they bloom in their second growing season and usually die that winter. However, most biennials, including foxgloves, self-sow profusely in the garden.

Simply leave the flowers to ripen on the plant and you'll have plenty of seeds to fall naturally or to sow yourself in the fall. Other biennials or short-lived perennials that can be handled the same way are Iceland poppy, hollyhock and Queen Anne's lace, to name a few.

Q. I have a very large weeping willow that is about 13 years old and approximately 20 feet away from a pool, which I had built last year. When they dug the hole for the pool, they cut away quite a lot of the roots on that side.

This year, the tree is still growing nicely. Is it possible

that the roots on the pool side could continue to grow even though some of the roots were cut away and eventually crack the concrete and damage the pool?

A. The roots of willows will weave their way into the tiniest crevices where they may obtain moisture, and unless all joints are filled with lead, you may have trouble in a few years.

DAMPING-OFF

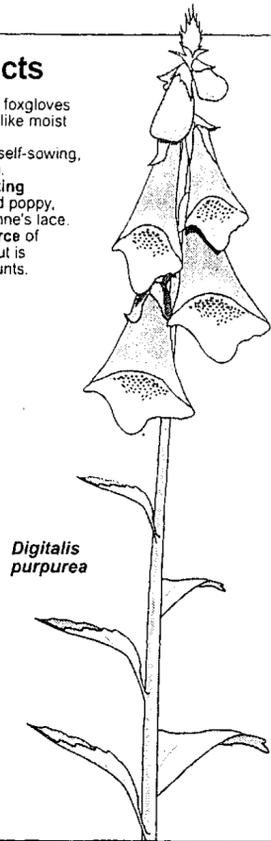
Vegetable seedlings are susceptible to a disease known as "damping-off." As gardeners start bedding plants, it becomes a problem early in the season.

Damping-off is a fungus that affects seeds and seedlings of flowers, vegetables and ornamentals. The greatest damage occurs to seeds and seedling roots during germination either before or after emerging from the soil. Special attention, therefore, must be paid to the growing medium.

C.Z. Guest is a gardening authority whose work appears in *House and Garden* and author of numerous books and videos, including "Five Seasons of Gardening" (Little, Brown and Co.).

Foxglove facts

- The vast majority of foxgloves are biennial. Foxgloves like moist soil of loam and sand.
- Most foxgloves are self-sowing, requiring little reseeding.
- Other self-perpetuating biennials include Iceland poppy, hollyhock and Queen Anne's lace.
- Foxglove is the source of digitalin, a heart drug, but is poisonous in large amounts.



Copley News Service/Dan Clifford

Coves of Northville sheds light on 'windowless' living

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something of comparable size, and we keep the money we save in a little kitty. Then we go to the Chop House and say, "This one's on Edison and Michcon."

And the view out their "windows" is enough to make any homeowner envious.
All overlook a central pond, with its gracefully arching bridge, and a fountain that fills the air with its soft rushing noises in the summer.

"It's like being on vacation," said Horwatt. "When you wake up in the morning and hear that fountain, it makes you want to go back to sleep. It's so relaxing."

In fact the whole lifestyle at the Coves is relaxed. There is no pool, no clubhouse and no wild parties. The only wildlife is the forest creatures that come around frequently for handouts.

"There are couples of rabbits that like to come by," said Peters. "They like to sit just in view of the dogs, but at a safe distance."
There are few children, though children and pets are welcome. The couple's own Cairn terrier, Willy, is typical.

"There are a lot of small dogs," said Peters. "The rules say they have to be under 25 pounds. There are some that are larger, but nobody minds."
All four dogwalks open onto a single ground-level deck. The long, wide patio lends itself to large parties.

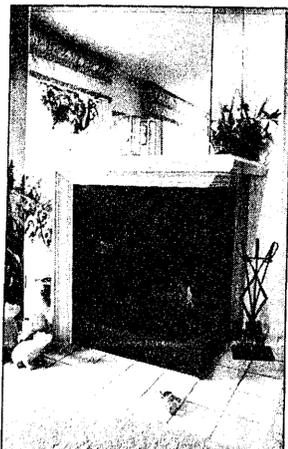
"It's great for entertaining," said Horwatt. "Being one of the better barbecuers I know, I appreciate this."
What the unit may lack in windows, it more than makes up for with mirrors. The living room, den and a long hallway are each enhanced with mirrors, not to mention the large expanses of the same in the master bathroom.

"I've been thinking of hiring a service, just to come in and clean all the mirrors," Horwatt said.
A well-laid-out floor plan is just one attractive aspect of the interior.

"We've had 30 to 40 people in here, and they just melt in," said Horwatt.
A corner fireplace in the living room adds a cozy atmosphere, which Peters likes because "you can always see it, no matter where you are in the room."

A hardwood floor in the kitchen is a feature that Horwatt said is unique among all the condos they viewed before choosing this one.

"This was the first one we saw that had hardwood



A unique fireplace and mirror combination help bounce sunlight.

floors," Horwatt said. "The pickled wood was reminiscent of the home we left in Rosedale Park. Since then I've heard of others switching over to it. I think there's a return to that natural look, and away from the linoleum and plastic. I just love it. I mean, how do you ever get tired of looking at oak?"

The kitchen was an important aspect of the home for Horwatt and Peters, as each will claim he or she is a more prolific and proficient cook than the other.

"We do a lot of cooking," said Horwatt.

"It was something we looked at when we bought it. Is it convenient, is it viable and does it work?"
Along with a long, angled bar and scads of counter space, there is a wealth of storage space in sleek, modern cabinets. There's even room for a breakfast table in the kitchen.

The master suite was decorated in pink and black with unique multicolored molding and attractive ceiling strips. These items came with the unit, as it was used as a model by the builder. The master bathroom, appointed in pink tile with black fixtures, features a large shower.

Other touches, like the entry from an upper level, a long, wide hallway connecting opposite ends of the home, and a separate laundry room combine utility with uniqueness.

Both Horwatt and Peters were natives of the east side of Detroit, and they lived in a home in Rosedale Park for several years. When Horwatt suggested a move to the suburbs, they decided on a condominium for a reasons of convenience and investment.

The tax advantages of a condominium were enhanced by the possibility of a high demand should they decide to sell.

"As the baby boomers get older, they're going to be looking for something like this," said Horwatt. "I liked it because I really hate mowing lawns and raking leaves and shoveling snow."

Even if this particular unit in the Coves hadn't been such a shoe-in on its own merits, the couple would probably have picked Northville for their home. Their search took them

around the entire metropolitan area — from the East Side to the western suburbs, and even into the Downriver area.

"I was charmed by the whole Northville area," said Peters. "I never even knew this town was here. But when I first drove down Main Street, I knew this is where I wanted to live."

She said that doesn't sit well with the friends they left back on the East Side.

"Some of our friends are reluctant to visit," she said. "They think the quickest way to get here is to fly to Kansas City and take a cab."

But convenience to the major highways eventually brings them around.

Horwatt said that proved proves the old real estate agent's motto about the three most important aspects of buying a home: "Location, location, location."

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Housing market awakens

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There are now a million more millionaires than in 1982. And more than 100,000 households now have a net worth of more than \$10 million.

Q. Are home prices expected to increase or decrease during the next year?
A. The national median home price is expected to reach \$103,900 this year. That's a 4.2 percent increase from last year. It's expected to

rise another 4.2 percent by next year, to \$108,300, according to analysts at the National Association of Realtors.

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Q. In what part of the country are home sales increasing most rapidly?
A. In the Midwest. The home

sales rate there is double that of 1991 and is the highest it has been since 1978.

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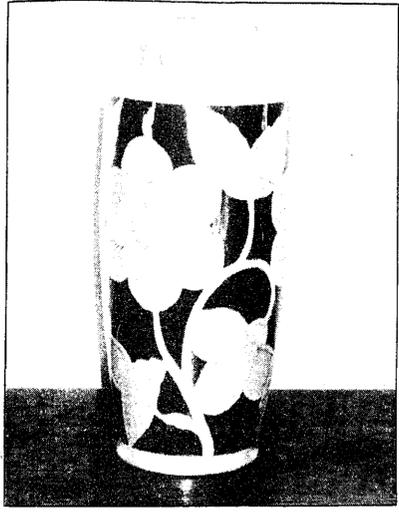
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This French cloisonne vase was made in the early 1900s.

French cloisonne is valuable

By James G. McCollam
Copy News Service

Q. This lovely vase belonged to my mother. So far, I have been unable to determine its age or value. It is 8-1/2 inches high. It is cloisonne made of a silver base with shades of green enamel.

A. This appears to be a beautiful example of French cloisonne, probably made in the early 1900s it might sell in the \$500 to \$600 range.

Q. The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a crackleware vase. It is bulbous with a short, straight neck. It is decorated with pictures of butterflies. Can you tell me anything about its origin and value?

A. Your vase was made by the Dedham Pottery in Massachusetts in the early 1900s. It would probably sell for about \$450 to \$475.

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The pottery was established in 1896 and went out of business in 1943.

A generation after the origin of Imari china in the Hizen province of Japan, some of the potters moved to the Kaga province and built their kilns around the town of Kutani. They produced exquisite porcelain from 1639 to 1694.

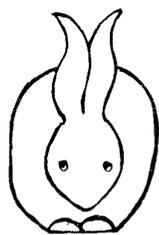
After almost a century, there was a revival of Kutani styles and designs. Throughout the 1800s, large quantities of porcelain were produced for export to Europe and America.

The best examples are noted for their brilliant colors in a series of panels on a red patterned background.

Virtually all the Kutani ware encountered today was made in the 19th century. The exception is 20th-century china marked with the name "Kutani." These modern pieces are neither real Kutani nor are they valuable collectibles.

Any identifiable old Kutani (1639-1694) will cost at least \$1,000 while 19th-century Kutani can be acquired for less than \$100 to almost \$1,000.

Examples of 19th-century Kutani are illustrated by a 7-inch bowl in the Thousand Faces pattern listed at \$100 and a box shaped like a



bulging bag for more than \$1,000. A colicpot obviously from about 1900 listed for \$800. For less than \$200 you can acquire a 10-inch dish decorated with a riverscape or a tea caddy with floral panels. You can buy an 11-piece service-for-four tea set with hand-painted red roses on a cobalt background for about \$300.

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McCollam is a member of the Antique Appraisers Association of America.

Stained plastic counters can be a tough problem

By Gene Gary
Copy News Service

Q. The Formica top of my kitchen counter has become stained and has some minor scratches. One particularly bad stain is apparently rust. I have tried all kinds of stain removers and nothing has worked. Since a new counter top will cost \$1,500, I hope you can suggest a solution for my problem.

A. Stains on plastic laminated surfaces are difficult, if not impossible, to remove at times. Cleaners with abrasives and chemically harsh cleaners, such as rust removal products and even household bleach, tend to damage the surface and take the patina off. Any time the surface of the laminate is scratched or rubbed

away, the chance of liquid or chemical penetrating the surface becomes greater.

There are some commercially marketed repair kits made especially for repairing scratches and burns in laminate. However, Wilsonart (a major manufacturer of laminates) has informed us that they have tested these products and found them to be merely cosmetic corrections and by no means a repair.

The laminate industry generally does not recommend abrasive cleaning products, even such mild abrasives as Bon Ami. Favoring instead such non-abrasive cleaners as Fantastik, Simple Green or Formula 409.

To remove more difficult stains, use baking soda and water with a soft cloth material. Even though

baking soda contains tiny abrasives, they are water soluble and water tends to break them down. This step can be used repeatedly until the staining is removed.

If you are unable to remove a stain, and it is confined to one area, you can consider an insert for your laminate counter top, such as a wood chopping block or even a synthetic material which can withstand extreme temperatures for use as a hot plate. Cutting the laminate and installing an insert is a fairly simple procedure and should not be very expensive.

Try using a stiff brush and

strong solution of trisodium phosphate (available at most paint dealers) mixed with water to remove the residue that remains. Test in an inconspicuous area first to be sure it does not lighten your colored siding.

It may be impossible to completely remove the staining. Your only option may be to paint the siding. Be sure and select a primer and paint recommended for aluminum. One such product is Metal Siding Refinish marketed by Pittsburgh Paints. It is a urethane-modified acrylic paint that produces a harder, more durable film than ordinary house paint. This latex paint dries to a low-luster

eggshell sheen, which is much like the finish on new siding.

For other readers considering ivy removal, I recommend that you begin by cutting the plant at the roots and letting the vines dry before removal from the walls. This makes the ivy easier to remove (the suckers release their hold) and lessens the damage that can be done.

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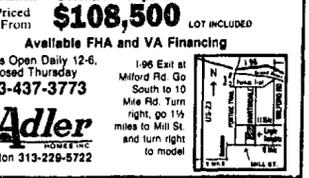
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Stamps make indelible mark at this store



By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

There was a time when rubber stamps were only used by bureaucrats and bankers, rejecting loans and classifying forms.

Now, with the right equipment and about five minutes of training, rubber stamps are fast becoming the trappings of friends and lovers. The new Stamp Peddlars Plus Gifts and Collectibles at 150 Mary Alexander Court in Northville provides the tools and the know-how to make works of art and professional-looking printwork.

Store owner Margene Mieras has expanded the line of stamps, inks and stationery that once filled a small corner of the store once known as the Peddlars IV. She has also decorated the area with examples of the embossing and decorating that can be done with stamps.

The rainbows of color and sparkles of metallic magic appear to be the work of skilled craftspeople, spending hours on each one. According to Margene, nothing could be farther from the truth.

"People look at it and say I can't do that," Margene said. "But they can."

To demonstrate, she broke out a piece of stationery, and a stamp. In this case, the stamp depicted a pair of roses.

Using a special colorless ink, she stamped the image on the page. She then sprinkled the stamped area with a special gold powder, which adhered to the clear ink. After shaking off the excess she held the card over a heating plate for a few seconds.

What emerged was a flawless embossed image of a gilt-edged rose. Margene touched up the rose and

stem with peach and green colored markers to create a striking composition.

The entire process took less than a minute.

"I can teach anyone to do it," Margene said. "And there's no limit to what you can do. They make special pens to write your name, and then you can add the embossing powder and have your own signature on cards or whatever. We had a lot of people come in around Christmas-time who wanted their names in gold on their cards."

It just takes a quick demonstration of stamp embossing to get people thinking about the infinite possibilities.

"The part that gets them hooked is when they see how easy it is to become a stamp artist," said Margene. "I do the demonstrations in here, and now I'm offering classes too. They can take the rookie rubber stamp class, and there's more beyond that."

Margene points out that there are thousands upon thousands of stamp images to suit all tastes and occasions.

"I have hundreds here to pick from, but I have catalogs that list thousands," said Margene. "Someone wanted a Groucho Marx nose and glasses, and I was able to find it and order it for them."

Looney Tunes characters, Flintstone, Jetsons, Mickey Mouse and Disney Babies are just a few of the cartoon characters that have been licensed for use on stamps. The uses for stamps run the gamut from wedding party invitations and personal stationery to thank you notes and gift tags.

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Seminar to help older job hunters

More than 40 companies plan to participate in the sixth annual "Ability is Ageless" job fair Thursday, April 30, in Southfield.

They will be recruiting workers over age 45 for positions currently open within their companies.

The fair runs from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. in the Sheraton Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive.

All job seekers over 45 are welcome. The event is free. Organizers

advise that job seekers dress in business attire and bring 15-20 copies of their resume.

Sponsor is the Southeast Michigan Older Worker Coordinating Committee (SMOWCC).

Terry Barclay, president of Operation ABLE of Michigan, said, "The goal of the job fair is to show the thousands of laid-off, unemployed and

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It's a great way to make an impression, Margene said. "If you send something to someone, it's neat when they know that it was done by you. You can even get one that says 'Custom Stamped by...'"

And if you don't want to be that structured about it, then just use them to play with. Margene said kids love stamps, and she has a child's table and chairs set up in the store where they can experiment too.

There are animals and flowers, as well as numbers and letters that kids can use to learn the alphabet. More are always on the way.

"Most of the stamp companies are in California. They have stores out

Mary DiPaolo/Focus: Small Business

Substance abuse harms business



In their recently published book, "Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace," Drusilla Campbell and Marilyn Graham state that for every 10 employees, at least one is impaired by chemical dependency with the cost to businesses being in excess of \$100 billion each year.

These employees take home salaries for working at two-thirds the capacity of healthy workers, receive employee benefits while having four times as many accidents, and are a primary cause of employee-related discipline and morale problems. Regardless of the type of business, "playdrug" abuse has reached epidemic proportions and has been described as "the most serious problem facing American business between now and the end of the century."

In recent years, arbitration and court cases have made it clear that employers cannot afford to ignore this problem any longer. A growing majority of firms have been held liable for failure to remove an employee whose abuse of alcohol and/or drugs endangers co-workers. While most managers acknowledge these grim statistics, many are reluctant to provide sources of information and outside assistance to employee staff — let alone consider the possibility of offering in-house treatment services.

The reason behind this form of "managerial denial" is numerous; as one example, many honestly do not know that their business is being negatively affected by employees' abuse of chemicals. Business "losses" may be attributed to the economy, shoplifters, foreign competition, union hassles, or the time of year.

Others deny the problem exists so as to "protect" the image and reputation of their company. This is especially dependent. "Most everyone in upper management was an alcoholic," says one now-retired business executive from Grosse Pointe. "... and since we were employed in the health-care industry, it's ludicrous to think that several major company decisions were made while management was intoxicated."

Another common reason for managerial denial is a feeling of hopelessness about the whole issue. "She's going through a divorce and supporting three kids... If I were married to him, I'd drink too," and "... his wife just died," are just a few of the many excuses that serve to enable and encourage abusers to ignore their problem.

Breaking through the denial as business owners and managers is crucial if employers are to take responsibility in helping to control chemical abuse in the workplace. What businesses don't seem to realize is how much clout they really have; when the boss says, "Get well or get out," the addict/alcoholic has no choice but to look for help.

Next week we will discuss how business owners and managers may identify a drug-impaired workforce and sources of available assistance.

Detroit area index slips but still fuels optimism

The Detroit region's economy is in a "first gear" recovery mode — 10 percent better than a year ago, but not having shown any acceleration since August 1991, according to David L. Littmann, economist at Manufacturers Bank.

The Detroit Area Business Activity Index (DABAI) lost four points in March, averaging 142 compared with February's level of 146.

Detroit's economy averaged 144 during the first quarter of 1992, vs. 146 the preceding quarter.

Despite these setbacks, business activity in the local area is up 10.6 percent from the depressed first quarter a year ago, said Littmann.

During March, the average hourly work week in manufacturing and employment both increased. Michigan motor vehicle output was steady.

But these signs of strength were overwhelmed by declines in the more volatile steel output and car sales components of the index, he said.

Manufacturers Bank compiled the business index monthly from eight measures of activity which are seasonally adjusted, corrected for inflation, and expressed as an index with 1982 as base year equal to 100.

Job fair aids older workers

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discouraged job seekers over 45 that there are jobs and that we are here to help them locate these jobs."

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