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Budget trimmed with late revisions

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Frustration. That was the word used over and over again by city council members April 22 as they lamented the lateness with which department heads have submitted proposed reductions to hammer out the 1993-1994 Novi budget.

The majority agreed, as a fail-safe measure, to a May 3 Truth-in-Taxation hearing to discuss raising the millage. The vote was 5-2, with Council Members Tim Pope and Nancy Cassis casting the dissenting votes.

However, now that around \$250,000 in extra funds have been "found," primarily in the Department of Public Works budget, a tax increase for the \$12.63 million general fund appears less probable. Some council members indicated they may consider a slight hike in the voter-approved police and fire millage.

Several also questioned the "eleventh hour" timing of the new money-saving proposals, three weeks into the budget process. The final document must be adopted by May 10.

"What's the bottom line on all this new found money? These are great proposals. They're saving us money. Where were they two months ago? I'm prepared to go above Truth in Taxation if necessary. I thought it was a barebones budget, no money anywhere," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

"You guys (the administrators) do this for a living all day long. I work for a living and have to fit this in at other times."

Based on the new financial ad-

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Smoke in the grass

Novi firefighters put out a small grass fire near the rear of the Fountain Park apartment complex shortly after noon Thursday. Firefighters reported that the grass was ignited after a squirrel shorted out the electrical service and hot wires touched the ground wires and pole. The incident caused a minor power outage in parts of the city. Firefighters cleared the scene in just over 20 minutes.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi schools give backing to Proposal A

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District's Board of Education has decided to support Proposal A — and fears what will happen if voters don't.

The board voted 4-1 at its April 22 meeting (members Stephen Hitchcock and Robert Schram were absent) to approve a resolution Hitchcock had drafted supporting Proposal A.

Michigan voters will decide if the ballot proposal becomes law in a June 2 referendum. (See related story.) The main points of the plan will:

- cut and cap school operating millage rates;
- cap property assessment increases;
- increase the state sales tax;
- constitutionally reserve the increase — and revenue from the state Lottery — for school funding;
- guarantee school districts a minimum of \$4,800 per pupil per year, with state aid making up what districts can't raise locally.

The board and administration officials said that their support of Proposal A was somewhat by default: they were not thrilled over the plan, but it was the best alternative they've seen yet.

Many said they were very concerned as well over what would happen if the plan failed. They painted a dark picture of the future should that happen.

The state legislature, they felt, would come up with a new scheme that could cut Novi schools' operating monies by millions of dollars. That in turn would lead to big cuts in school programs or a request for a tax increase.

State Rep. Willis Bullard, a Republican whose district includes Novi and many of its neighboring

communities, pitched Proposal A before the board at the meeting.

"This is a compromise," Bullard said. "It's not my — or anybody's — best idea. We're trying to get support for this from all over the state."

Cutting and capping millage rates won't have a big impact in Novi, Bullard said, which assesses 29.02 mills for general operations, and would be rolled back to 27.

However, the cap on property assessment increases, Bullard asserted, "will over a period of time save Novi (school district residents) a lot of money."

He also said that the guarantee that operating millages can never go above 27 mills, the economic growth a property tax cut would stimulate and the dedication of lottery monies are big reasons for district voters to support the plan.

"This is our last, best chance to solve a problem that's been around for 20 years," Bullard said, referring to school financing/property tax reform. "Without it, we're back to the old parochialism."

That, Board President Raymond Byers said, could mean big trouble.

If the proposal fails, Byers said, funding plans afoot in Lansing would leave the district short in the coming year. Byers and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster estimated that the shortfall could range from \$900,000 to \$2.9 million.

Byers said at a joint meeting between the board and the city council on April 21 that there would be little concern about the effects of cuts on districts in the legislature if Proposal A fails.

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Decision nearing on court location

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Mayor Matthew Quinn predicts that a final decision on whether Novi gets the 52-1 District Court could be made by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners as soon as next week.

Thursday, the same day the board's finance committee recommended, in a 7-3 vote, plans to place the court at a site at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, the land officially changed hands.

However, a spokeswoman for the new owner, Providence Hospital, said this should not impact the proposed district court. Providence's Novi center is just across Grand River from the land. Providence is settling aside the

westernmost 4 of the 67.5 acres for the proposed court, with an additional acre to be earmarked on an as-needed basis for expansion, hospital spokeswoman Amy Punkke said Friday.

R.G. Dryden Associates, the court developers selected by the county board's planning and building committee, would need to buy the land from Providence.

"We don't have any immediate plans for the property. We want to have control of that land across from our facility," Punkke said.

The health care corporation paid \$4.2 million for the land, which was previously owned by developers Gloria Gelstein and Joseph Gerak. The pair formerly had designs for Westbrooke, an office development, on the land.

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Chief: Crime rates on the decline

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Something unusual that defies the odds is happening here in Novi. Suddenly, although the population continues to rise, the overall crime rate has actually decreased by 7 percent, according to Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

And he attributes it to the implementation of community-oriented policing.

The policing system, which became official last October, is a way of putting officers in touch with the community they serve.

Since it went into effect, Novi has been divided into four separate sections and officers have been assigned permanently to each.

Through a program called Problem Oriented Policing, officers look for the causes of crime problems in their particular section, and they work with residents and business owners to stop the problems before they begin.

"If the number of crimes go down while the population continues to grow, you know something is right," Shaeffer said. "We continue to get very good feedback from citizens

about the officers assigned to their areas — that the officers really are concerned about them and the problems they face.

"We've been very encouraged by the reception we've received from residents."

The system requires a give-and-take between citizens and their officers. In general, residents do their part toward prevention by eliminating situations that could be conducive to crime, while officers work to provide surveillance, increase enforcement, or other methods.

"The officers so far have sought out to fix real problems in the communities," Shaeffer said. "It's a two-way accountability — I will if you will."

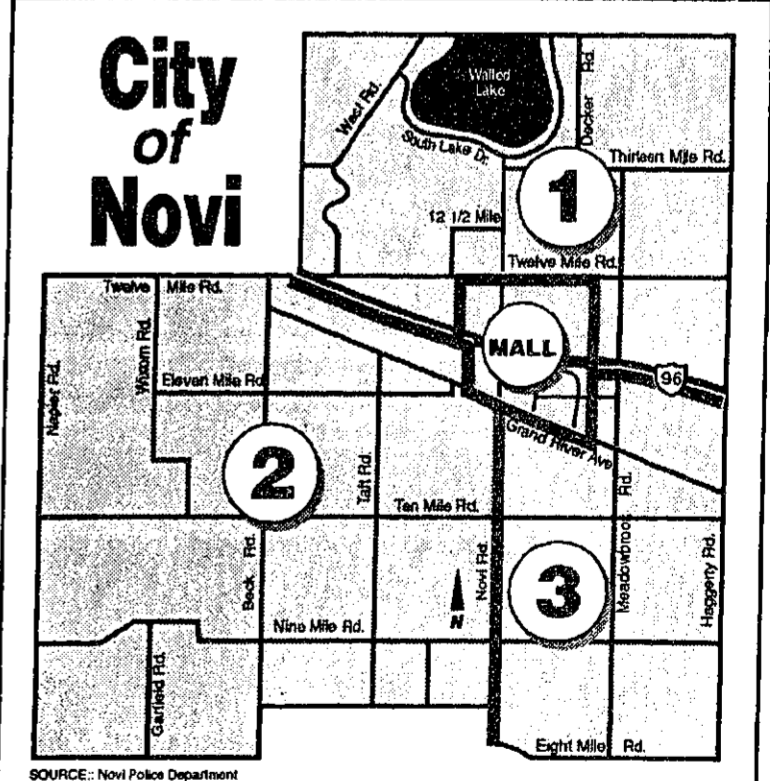
"Of course, some problems are easier to fix than others."

Examples of situations officers have addressed in their communities over recent months include programs designed to target vandals in areas with high numbers of such crimes, and responding to traffic problems.

"We have an officer right now who's working with two or three in-

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Novi Police Districts



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WHAT'S INSIDE?



Council debates bartering of water taps

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor

The question of whether Novi should allow water taps to be bought and sold — or "transferring water system capacity" as the city administration likes to put it — will be back before the city council tonight.

As the issue returns to the table, some members haven't gotten over the discussion from the last meeting. Council Member Nancy Cassis is angry over a comment apparently made by City Manager Ed Kriewall about the difference in how he would view the tap transfers requested by Cookers Grille and Mission Pines developer Laura Terzes.

"Because she (Terzes) is not a major player," is how Cassis quotes Kriewall's response. That angers Cassis because it shows favoritism is being given to Cookers' request based on the size of the company and economic impact of the development. Terzes, and her seven-home subdivision are being discriminated against, Cassis contended. That's "deplorable and despicable," she said, especially in light of the fact Terzes is a Novi resident and the Cookers development firm, Cunningham Limp, is from out of town.

Kriewall, however, said his comment is being misinterpreted. He didn't use the words "major player," he said, and there is a difference between the two requests. Cunningham Limp already has allocated capacity which has gone un-

used. So, to transfer the taps to Cookers, it has to give them up at its proposed Hickory Corporate Park. Terzes, on the other hand, is seeking to gain access to the water system by taking over taps that have been allocated to someone else, but gone unused.

The tape recording of the April 12 meeting was not available in the city clerk's office last week to confirm whether the comment had been made. The tape had been sent out for transcription into minutes.

But Member Tim Pope said he heard the comment, too. He also objected to the apparent preferential treatment being given to Cookers.

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Community Calendar

Today, April 26

Arbor Day: Novi City Council will host Arbor Day celebrations at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center. The regular council meeting will immediately follow the celebration.

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.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School, Room 109. For more information, call 348-9691.

Summer Camp: Want to send your child to camp? Novi Youth Assistance will hold an information session from 7-9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Volunteers will help you find specific camps, including those with arts, recreation, equestrian or "challenge" emphasis.

Tuesday, April 27

Safety Night: The Orchard Hills PTO will be hosting "Family Safety Night" from 7-9 p.m. in the elementary school's gym, community room.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Novi Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related projects:
USE ABATEMENT - Novi High School, Release Date April 22, 1993, Bid Due Date May 6, 1993 and Award Date May 20, 1993.
 Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager on or after April 22, 1993.
 Barton Malow Company, c/o Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. (313) 348-6992
 All proposals must be submitted on Bid Date before 3:00 p.m., local time, on the approved bid proposal forms to:
 James Koster, Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.
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and library. The events of the evening will cover a variety of safety issues, such as bike safety, fire safety, not talking to strangers, first aid and more. Some parents will be learning to fingerprint children and will make the service available throughout the evening.

LARA meeting: The Lakes Area Residents Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 West Pontiac Trail in the media room.

Youth Assistance: Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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.

Oakland County Chamber: The Oakland County Chamber Division of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Business Expo at 5-8 p.m. at the Pontiac Silverdome's Main Event. Chamber members will display their products and explain their services to the business community. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available, as well as door prizes. The public is invited to attend free of charge. For reservations call 456-8600.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of:
 General Fund .2233 Mill
 Police and Fire Fund .1258 Mill
 in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1993-94.

The hearing will be held on Monday, May 3, 1993, at 8:00 PM, EDT, at the Novi Civic Center, in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting. It is expected that the action will be taken on May 10, 1993, as a part of the adoption of the 1993-94 Budget.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes:

General Fund	5.48%
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over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by —

General Fund	-1.30%
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over the preceding year's operating revenue. The City of Novi has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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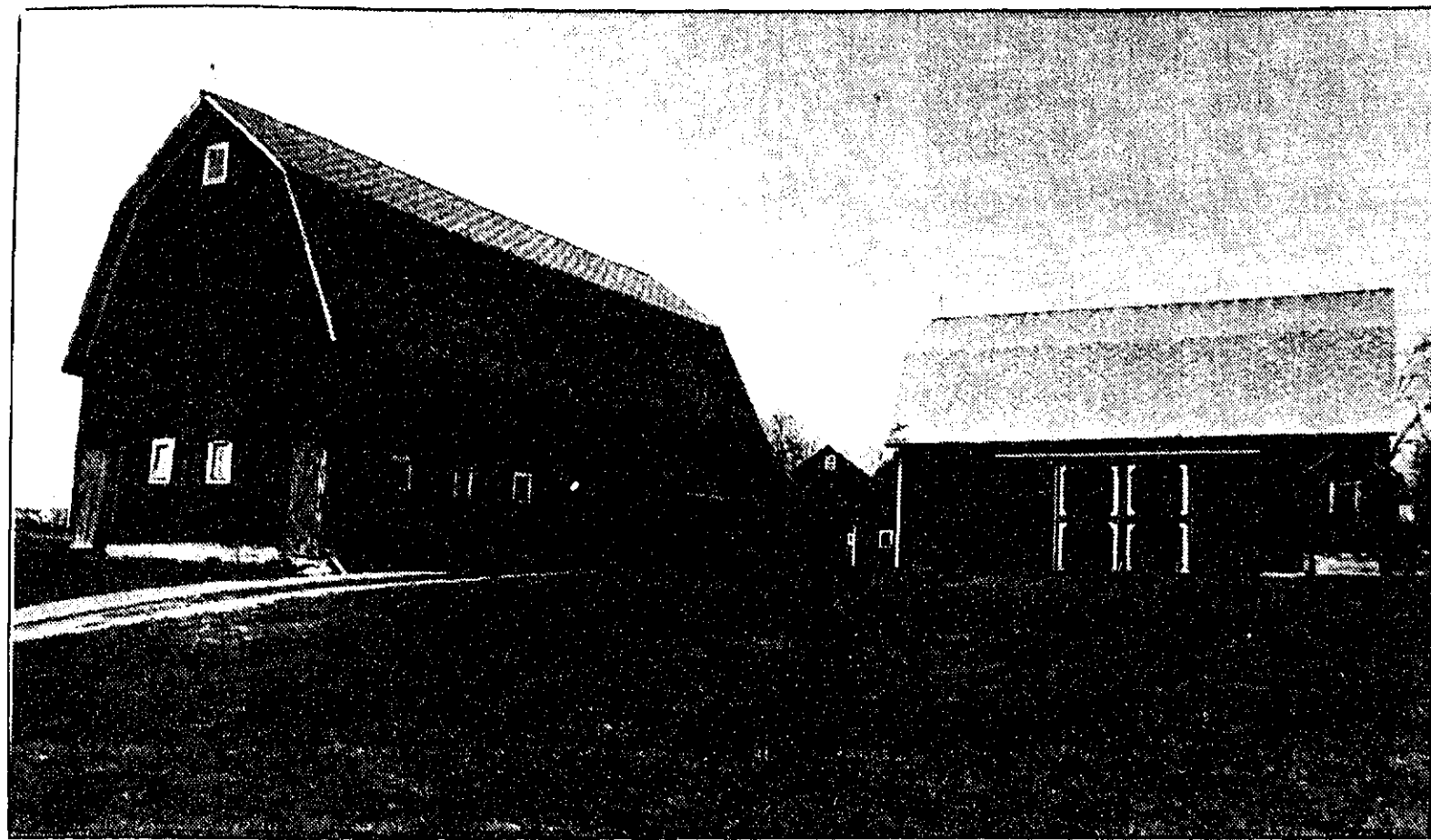
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A view of the barns of the Fuerst homestead, from the Novi High School driveway off Taft Road.

Fuerst farm future to be decided

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

What will be the fate of the homestead of Iva and Ruby Fuerst? Stay tuned.

That's the message a member of the Fuerst Family Farm Advisory Committee gave to the Novi Board of Education and the Novi City Council at a joint meeting on April 21.

The committee has been meeting over the last few months to review proposals for the Fuerst homestead, located at the intersection of Ten Mile and Taft Roads. The school district owns the property, and the board owned the committee earlier this year to seek recommendations about what should be done with it.

Kathy Mutch, a member of the committee — and of the Novi Historical Commission, which hosted the April 21 meeting — said that the

group would issue its report to the board on May 20. She would not divulge any details of what recommendations it may make.

"It's been interesting, informative and exciting," Mutch said. "There's been a tremendous amount of work done by the committee."

The board called for a broad-based group to evaluate the possible uses for the site. The property was left to the district in the will of the Fuerst sisters, and is not part of the current legal dispute the city of Novi is involved in with a former Fuerst caretaker.

District administrators, city officials and citizen volunteers began with 179 different proposals at the start of the process, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koster said. Ideas for the homestead property have ranged from senior housing to a historical site to a petting zoo.

Mutch hinted that the committee's report — which is to identify and detail the best three alternatives for the site — would be very interesting. "I think you'll all want to be there May 20," she said.

Other matters concerning the homestead were also discussed at the meeting.

Koster told the board and council members that the district expects to

complete the sidewalk along Taft Road in front of the property by the end of the summer.

Members discussed the possibility of moving the old Novi Methodist Church from its present location onto the Fuerst homestead. School officials said they would make no decisions about the Fuerst property until the committee makes its May report.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, May 3, 1993 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Development Department, Novi City Offices, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Novi Expo Center, located at 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi, Michigan.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Planning & Community Development, Attn: Gerrie Dent, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30, 1993.

(4-26-93 NR, NN) PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Council to settle watertap disputes

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Cookers is a restaurant proposed for construction at the corner of Haggerty and Twelve Mile roads, along with the new Amco service station. Its developers are seeking the tap transfer because of the water moratorium placed on city by the state Department of Public Health. Until a new water main running from the Detroit water department to Novi can be completed, additional taps will not be allocated.

Construction of the service station will proceed, but a private well will be drilled to supply the station. Likewise, Terzes is seeking taps to allow her to go ahead with the homes in her company's development.

The city has prepared three resolutions for consideration by council tonight. The three resolutions:

- Allow for the transfer of taps, with the approval of city council and the agreement of the property from which the tap is being taken.
- Prohibits all tap transfers.
- Allows for tap transfers, with council approval, if the owners will give the city a "hold harmless agreement" against all possible claims arising out of the transfer. Under this resolution, council would give priority to the health and safety needs of the existing customer over the economic concerns of the new customer.

Council member have also received a memo from Kriewall explaining his position.

"What is really at issue is the question of who can transfer capacity [with City approval] and who cannot. The difference in the petitioners has to do with vested interest in the system. Those people that have funded the construction of water mains, be it through private funding or special assessment, prior to the moratorium, have a vested right to use the system."

"In the case of Hickory Corporate Park, the developers installed the water main at their own cost prior to the moratorium. They have a vested right to utilize that system. . . . It would appear that the transfer could only take place between a party that was willing to give up their right to use the system capacity and a party willing to receive it or pay for it," Kriewall stated.

"I believe that City Council would have to limit the transference to a situation such as the one proposed by Hickory Corporate Park and Cookers."

To attempt to remove vested capacity from someone along an existing main and transfer it to a petitioner that has no claim on the capacity . . . does not seem realistic."

The city manager will recommend to the council that it either not allow transfers at all or limit them to cases in which both parties have vested capacity in the water system.

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Bill would remove criminal stigma from ordinances

By **TIM RICHARD**
Staff Writer

Local governments could streamline their ordinance enforcement by turning "criminal misdemeanors" into "civil infractions."

Two Oakland County lawmakers strongly supported a package of bills designed to let violators pay tickets at a violations bureau rather than make them appear in district court.

"All local units can benefit," said Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, a former township supervisor. "This package goes along with making most minor traffic violations civil infractions as we did a number of years ago."

"It inflamed them (ordinance violators)

when they found it was a criminal offense," said Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"We're having trouble with our district court dockets. It sort of jams their schedules when they have to deal with people shoveling walks and posting signs. They (judges) don't want to take these up," she added.

Bullard and Crissman Tuesday joined other members of the House Local Government Committee in reporting out 15 bills allowing — but not requiring — cities, townships, villages and counties to change local ordinances to civil infractions.

Such ordinances cover zoning violations, fences, signs, failure to obtain permits, dog control, burning, junk vehicles, weeds, snow removal, noise and even bicycle riding on

sidewalks.

"This legislation would allow local units to take the onus of criminality from the violation of ordinances like these," said the sponsor, Sen. Joe Conroy, D-Flint. "It's not right to deem a citizen a 'criminal' for having a loose pet, or for not shoveling their sidewalks, or for riding their bicycles on the sidewalk."

"Cities can have a civil infractions bureau, like a parking ticket bureau," said David Osborn of the Michigan Municipal League, an association of cities and villages supporting the bills.

Lansing city attorney Kevin McKinney said cities could save hundreds of hours of attorney time by not having to take rental

housing inspection cases to court.

If ticketed by a city inspector, a person could:

- Pay the fine at the violations bureau in person or by mail.
- Admit responsibility in person or by mail and wait for a court decision.
- Fight the ticket at either a formal (with attorneys) or informal (without attorneys) hearing without jury, before the district judge, just as with many traffic tickets.

Fines and jail penalties would remain unchanged.

One-third of the fine money would continue to go to the local unit and two-thirds to the court. "There's no change. We don't want to fiddle with that," Conroy said in reply to a

question from Crissman.

The House panel amended the bills to prevent the owner from losing his or her home for failure to pay a ticket. The Senate, which passed the bills last month, must concur before the bills become law.

The bills will go to the full House this week.

Conroy praised the House committee amendment. "It's a good argument for two houses in the Legislature," he said, chiding supporters of a one-chamber Legislature.

Conroy said he worked on the bills for six years. Four years ago, the Senate unanimously passed his package, but it got bogged down in the House Judiciary Committee over enforcement procedures.

City waits for word on court

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The board of commissioners' finance committee in March put the courthouse issue on hold, creating more time to research whether leasing or building and owning the courthouse outright would be a more affordable option. They gave the nod to the leasing proposal.

If the county board of commissioners agrees, Dryden would build the courthouse and rent it to Oakland County for \$355,000 a year for five years, with a renewable lease.

Dryden would pay property taxes to Novi.

Quinn, who is on Providence's board of directors, said last week he expects the courthouse will be approved, despite intensive lobbying by Walled Lake and other opponents of the Novi location. Several municipalities in the district have threatened a lawsuit to block the move.

Walled Lake officials presented to the finance committee an alternative plan to expand the courthouse at its existing site, but failed to win support.

"We were very pleased with the outcome. We expected it to squeeze by (the finance committee) in a 6-4 vote," Quinn said.

"Typically, what happens is they will vote (the county board of commissioners) and make a decision that day (April 29)."

Providence is already working with Novi's citizens support committee, which has been lobbying to bring the courthouse here, Quinn said.

"They bought the land as a protection for themselves. They don't want a competing medical facility to come in," he added.

A new bill proposed by State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township, which would change how district courts are sited, remained locked in a senate committee last week.

Quinn predicted that the new law, if adopted, no longer endangers the transferring of the 52-1 District Court to Novi.

Current state law places the court in the district community with the largest population. In this case Novi. The proposed change would give counties a free choice in placing a district court.

Crimes show drop in Novi

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tersections in town, where people have been cutting through areas to avoid a traffic light, causing a problem for residents there," Shaeffer said. "He's working to address that problem."

These are all problems that the officers have identified on their own, and increased familiarity with the particular area of the city that he or she sees every working day.

The crime rates since the program went into effect, Shaeffer said, "show a nice drop beginning in the latter part of last year, in comparison with previous years."

"And that's interesting in terms of population. Usually in a case like this, where you watch the population go up, you watch the crime go up along with it. In our case, crime is going down as the population goes up," Shaeffer said he fully expects the drop in crime will not last forever, though.

"We will certainly reach a point where the impact of Problem-Oriented Policing cannot keep up with the population," he said.

"At some point the population will continue to increase and we'll reach that point where the rate will start going up again, even though the police and community will still be solving a lot of problems."

"Meanwhile, our officers will continue to take on these challenges," he said. "Our officers are seeking solutions and coming up with some very good ideas."



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A clean planet

Jukes Namm, an eighth grader, was one of many students to help clean up the garbage in the bushes in front of Novi Middle School

Thursday. Students cleaned all around the school in celebration of Earth Day.

Budgetmakers call for another public hearing

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Justments, the wrap-up of the budget deliberations was delayed until Thursday, which will be the seventh study session.

Truth-In-Taxation is a state law which requires a municipality to hold a public hearing if the millage is raised above the previous year's level. The possible increases are small enough not to require a vote of the people.

Council Member Joseph Toth said he opposed rising above the Truth-In-Taxation benchmark, but wanted the hearing set as a precaution.

"I'd like to caution the administration. There is no entitlement program here. If it's necessary, it's necessary. If it's a luxury, it should be removed," he said.

The Truth-In-Taxation hearing notification to be published in local newspapers will say that the general fund millage may go up by .2233 to raise \$290,000 for the city. The police and fire millage could be increased by .1258 to draw in \$163,000.

At these rates, an owner of a \$150,000 home would be assessed another \$16 in taxes for the general fund and \$9 for the police and fire fund.

A proposal to increase the library millage by .0276 to gather an additional \$36,000 was dropped by the council.

Mayor Matthew Quinn explained that the \$290,000 sum in the general fund was needed for retired employees pension and health insurance funds, a new expense. Of the \$163,000 for the police and fire fund, \$100,000 would replenish a savings account for heavy fire equipment and \$63,000 would go to union salary settlements.

However, Finance Director Les Gibson told the council that "an oversight" in how the DPW's services were billed to the municipal street fund — a separate voter-approved millage — will free up \$140,000 for the city's general fund. That will account for \$70,000 in the 1992-1993 and \$70,000 in the 1993-1994 budget. The hourly rate charged to the fund for the city workers was too low, Gibson found.

Further budget cuts submitted April 22 were as follows.

- A proposal brought in by the DPW, which has asked for new heavy equipment, would reduce expenditures by \$119,000 in 1993-1994, but require the city to pay about 6 percent in interest annually to finance the purchases. They include two 6-cubic-yard dump trucks at \$130,000, a \$30,000 12-cubic-yard dump truck, a \$14,000 pickup truck and an \$82,000 front-end loader.
- DPW Superintendent Bruce Jerome has advised the council to approve the relocation of the city's recycling center from behind the civic center to the DPW yard on Eleven Mile Road. The current site, which cost \$85,000 to operate this year, is open around-the-clock and is unsupervised. The new location would be open on Saturdays only, would be staffed and would cost about \$45,000 to operate.
- The Historic District Study Committee, under budget for 1992-1993, has decreased its budget request from \$16,000 to \$3,500.

City Manager Edward Kriewal said these proposals were made as a way to help the council draft a budget below Truth In Taxation.

A skeptical Council Member Nancy Cassis accused the city administration of game-playing.

"The game is changing. . . For the administration to come in tonight bearing gifts seems late and requires careful consideration. I am rather frustrated that the administration, who knew about it for some time, brings it in at the 11th hour," Cassis said.

"It's how it's being done that's questionable at this point," Quinn defended the new proposals.

"Les Gibson is a man who plays the game straight. He comes back with whatever he finds, good or bad. We asked him to look through the budget Tuesday (April 20)," the mayor said.

The council instructed the DPW staff to investigate financing the purchase of heavy equipment, Kriewal said.

"What's a little bit troubling was 10 to 15 years ago we never had to finance dump trucks and road graders," Kriewal said. "Maybe that's an indication. Maybe it's running a little tight."

"We're trying to present alternatives to the council that has resisted going above Truth In Taxation. They're making it very difficult to run the community due to that posture."

"We're not sure that interest financing is the best way to run the community."

Rather than leaving the administration's proposed budget intact now that the new funds have been found, Cassis suggested that further cuts and a possible millage decrease could be made.

"It creates a certain tendency now with these dollars available that we would leave the budget where it is. . . This isn't the way I want to play this game," she said.

Quinn has already prepared a list of items removed from the budget by the administration which he would like to see added back in, as well as a list of suggested deductions.

Items Quinn would like to salvage include bullet-proof police vests, police semi-automatic guns and repairs to the municipal garage parking lot.

Council Member Tim Pope tried to get the ball rolling by proposing that the city fund \$13,500 for the vests, but his colleagues vetoed this approach.

"I'm very impatient with this process tonight. I have a family and a job. This council has met Monday night, Tuesday night, Wednesday night and Thursday night. . . This commitment is very strong to me, but let's do our job. . . It's time to move on this. It's not time to keep giving our opinions on what we feel about a budget. We need action," Pope urged.

The majority preferred Council Member Robert Schmidt's proposal that the administration rework the budget for this meeting. Individual council members were advised to submit their suggestions today by noon.

"I don't think it's city council's position necessarily to pick out their own likes and dislikes. It's really administration's job. . . Because somebody likes to buy guns or somebody likes to buy this or that, we could be here all night," Schmidt said.

"I continue to have a great deal of faith in the administration and if I didn't, they wouldn't be here."

Pope opposed the motion to let the administration take yet another crack at the budget.

School Happenings

The Novi Board of Education will next meet on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building. The facility is located on Taft Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

Orchard Hills Elementary: April 27 is Orchard Hills safety night, beginning at 7 p.m. Kite night is May 6. A roller-skating party at Bonaventure is set for May 17.

Parkview Elementary: The school's next roller-skating party is set for May 24 at Bonaventure.

Village Oaks Elementary: The next PTO meeting is scheduled for May 3. The school's Spring Flung is set for Friday, May 7. This year's theme will be "At the Zoo." A roller-skating party is set for May 17 at Bonaventure.

Novi Woods Elementary: A Fun Fair will be held April 30 from 6-9 p.m. Family bingo night will be held May 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Novi Meadows: A D.A.R.E. assembly will be held at the school on May 12 for students. May 18 is student roller skating night.

Novi Middle School: An orientation meeting for sixth grade parents will be held April 27 at 7 p.m. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for May 4.

Novi High School: The prom will be held on Sunday, May 1. A parent/principal meeting is set for May 19 at 7 p.m. in the media center.

Volunteer Notes

Hospice Seeks Volunteers: Hospice of Southeastern Michigan is looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks as they are needed. Patient care volunteers help patients and their families by running errands and lending support. With additional training, volunteers may perform simple health care tasks such as giving baths, transferring patients and changing linen.

Volunteers may also train to participate in the Hospice bereavement program, making calls and visits to families after a patient's death and helping with bereavement support groups.

"On-call" volunteers offer to be called in whenever a patient or family needs their services. Services include driving, barbering and hairdressing, lawn care, snow shoveling, and simple home maintenance.

Office volunteers provide clerical support. Volunteers with computer operation skills who are available three to four hours per week are in great demand.

Speakers Bureau volunteers provide information about Hospice to various groups in the community.

Anyone over 16 years of age is welcome to volunteer. Many assignments are for evening and weekends, so students and people who work during the day shouldn't hesitate to volunteer.

The city is seeking resident volunteers for the planning commission and tax board of review. Applications for the two bodies are available in the city clerk's office, located in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi Roads.

The deadline for returned completed applications is May 15; the Novi City Council will conduct public interviews in early June.

Planning Commission Secretary Timothy Gilbert resigned his seat on April 21. The commission works on a variety of planning issues related to

Expo Center plan gets approval

By **RANDY COBLE**
Staff Writer

It was short, sweet and approved. Members of the Novi Planning Commission raised their thumbs for the Novi Expo Center's revised site plan at their April 21 meeting.

The plan is designed to increase parking and improve traffic flow for the convention/exposition center. The facility is located at the Novi Road/I-96 interchange.

Members decided that the matter needed little debate. All of the city's planning consultants had given their approval, and commissioners themselves said that they had no problems with the plan. They unanimously voted to recommend approval to the Novi City Council.

The changes in the revision will create nearly 600 new parking spaces on the site — increasing capacity from 1,400 spaces to over 1,980. Among the measures to get the extra space are center decks with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and nearby Novi Industries, Inc.

Blair Bowman, president of the center's owning company, told the commission that the final details of a lease arrangement with Novi Industries had been completed.

The center will lease several hundred spaces from the business for a 10-year period, Bowman said, with four five-year extension options. The lease arrangement will require approval from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Additional spaces will be created by extending the center's parking areas to its property setback lines where it borders I-96. The proposal calls for obtaining MDOT approval — which controls the highway — and for planting landscaping between the new spaces and the freeway.

That part of the plan will also require Zoning Board of Appeals approval, and the city must receive written acceptance of the plan from MDOT. Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said.

The site includes 212,000 square feet of exposition area. Rogers noted in his report on the subject. Some 18,633 square feet on site covers office space. Warehouse space takes up 30,720 square feet, he said, and the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame occupies some 19,200 square feet. The entire complex sits on 28.4 acres.

Rogers said that 1,895 parking spaces are required under city ordinance for the site, based on floor area. Most of that — some 1,883 spaces — would be required for the exposition area.

Bowman did not give a timeline at the meeting as to when the center's parking lots — currently most are unpaved gravel or dirt lots — will be paved, but said that it is a major goal of center officials.

Bowman indicated to commissioners that off-site parking and the possibility of a shuttle service were still under consideration by center officials. City ordinance limits off-site parking to 25 percent maximum of the required parking for the center; the new site plan satisfies that requirement, Rogers indicated.

Rogers asked center officials to submit the landscaping plan for the I-96 perimeter at time of final site plan review.

The plan also takes steps to ease traffic flow in and out of the facility. Traffic Consultant Rodney Arroyo told the commission. Staircases on the roads during busy shows at the center have caused concern in some quarters.

"There have been recent instances where southbound Novi road traffic has been queuing backing up over the I-96 bridge structure," Arroyo

said. "This has affected both through traffic and traffic destined for the Town Center and Novi Expo Center."

The primary access to the city will still be via Expo Drive off of Novi Road, Arroyo said. Secondary access for emergency vehicles only will be through the Novi Industries property from Grand River Avenue, he added.

Expo Drive will expand to three inbound lanes and two outbound lanes if the plan is approved, and another egress point will be added as well, Arroyo said. Police traffic assistance will continue to be needed during shows, he said.

Arroyo did a study which estimated vehicular traffic entering and leaving the center during shows. The three best periods used, the consultant said, were an average weekday, a peak flow on a weekday show and a peak show on a Saturday.

Some 900 vehicles were the weekday average, Arroyo found, and 2,500 vehicles for a peak weekday. Some 5,417 vehicles came to show on a peak Saturday, he continued. All shows averaged 2.5 persons per vehicle.

The matter now moves to the City Council, which will have the final say.

Reporter hosts cable show on rape

By **RANDY COBLE**
Staff Writer

By all accounts, it will be a very special program.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission and MetroVision will present a television program on rape this Wednesday night (April 28). MetroVision serves the Novi area.

Without Consent, which will be hosted by WDIV-TV (Channel 4) television news reporter Anne Thompson, will discuss the psychological effects of rape and how to avoid becoming a victim of the crime.

The cablecast will take place live at 8 p.m., and can be seen in Novi on cable Channel 12.

A representative from The Haven — a women's shelter and help center in Oakland County — will discuss the effects of rape on victims. Two martial arts experts, Jeff and Connie Duncan, will present self-defense techniques.

Three survivors of rape will discuss their experiences, and will re-enact their attacks to show how to prevent becoming a victim.

The show will be co-produced by SWOCC's Mary Calderone and WXYZ-TV's John Cooper.

"It's going to be a very important show," Calderone said. "Very powerful, and very instructive. It's something that people won't want to miss."

City seeks planning, board volunteers

By **RANDY COBLE**
Staff Writer

If you're in the mood to volunteer, your time has arrived.

The city is seeking resident volunteers for the planning commission and tax board of review. Applications for the two bodies are available in the city clerk's office, located in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi Roads.

The deadline for returned completed applications is May 15; the Novi City Council will conduct public interviews in early June.

Planning Commission Secretary Timothy Gilbert resigned his seat on April 21. The commission works on a variety of planning issues related to

the city's development, and makes recommendations to the city council on proposed developments.

The council is expected to pass an amendment to a city ordinance to night (April 26) that will expand the municipality's tax board of review.

The current three-member board considers the requests of residents who feel their property assessments

— which in turn determine the amount of property taxes they'll pay — are unfair.

The council is expected to expand the board to six members, along with four alternate candidates. The six members will form two boards of review.

For more information, call the city clerk's office at 347-0458.

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Picketers suspected in vandalism at Expo Center

Several hundred dollars worth of damage was reported to lights and poles at the Novi Expo Center April 17, and Expo Center employees told police they believe it may have been connected to picketing by several unions in protest of a non-union firm hired to set up for a show there.

According to police reports, spot lights were pulled down, poles were bent, bulbs were smashed and wires were cut along the exit drive from the Expo Center at the cul-de-sac of Fonda Drive.

One employee told police that he noticed the lights were intact that morning as he arrived at work. Others reported seeing picketers at the scene of the damage.

BREAK-IN: A resident on Lebest contacted Novi police after returning

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from vacation April 19 and discovering his garage broken into.

According to police reports, the family came home to discover their vehicle, a 1987 Buick Skylark, in addition, police said, the garage door opener was stolen from inside the vehicle and the suspects had apparently tried to break in through the garage door.

Police said the door frame was cracked and the jamb was out of place. A deadbolt that held the door in place kept the suspects from entering.

ASSAULT: A former employee of Novi Industries on Grand River told police he wants to press charges against another former employee for punching him and breaking his nose.

He told police that, at 7 a.m. April 20, he was standing in line to punch in at work. He saw his co-worker and called him "Spanky."

The co-worker reportedly replied, "Don't call me that." The complainant, thinking he was joking, replied "OK, Spanky."

That's when the suspect punched him in the nose. He was taken to Providence Hospital where it was found to be broken.

Both men were fired from their jobs, according to the police report.

VANDALISM: A Howell woman re-

ported April 21 that someone vandalized her 1986 Nissan while it was parked near Vic Tanny in the Novi Town Center.

According to police reports, the mirror cover was broken and a hole was punched in the taillight cover. A rear reflector light on the driver's side was also damaged.

The incident occurred some time between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

VANDALISM: A Southfield woman reported April 21 that someone stole the hubcaps from her 1990 Toyota Camry while it was parked at Twelve Oaks Mall.

BREAK-IN: A manager at the Novi North bar told police April 21 that someone broke into the building and stole a safe containing cash and various bottles of liquor and cases of beer.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A resident on Walden Court in the Waterbury Farms apartment complex told police April 21 that someone stole her stereo, amplifier and speakers from her 1983 Mercury Capri.

The vehicle was reportedly locked at the time of the incident. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

VANDALISM: A resident on Eubank told police April 21 that someone scuffed his 1988 Chevrolet key with a sharp object, probably a key.

The van was in his driveway at the time of the incident.

HARCOTICS: Novi police confiscated a small bag of marijuana from a 21-year-old Union Lake man April 20.

The man was stopped for defective equipment on his 1988 Ford Van and police discovered his license was suspended. He was arrested and, during the arrest, police found the marijuana.

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

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As We See It

Police Dept. should not be a for-profit venture

Is our police department getting... well... money hungry?

First it was the false alarm ordinance, which instituted an escalating series of fines for those whose burglar alarm systems kept going off when there were no burglars around. Then the chief appeared before City Council and brainstormed with its members about ways to raise more revenue by providing new services — writing more tickets and that sort of thing.

Last week, Chief Doug Shaeffer announced that he would be sending a bill to the Novi Expo Center for the cost of two police officers, on overtime, who were called to that facility on two occasions because of union picketing. Blair Bowman, president of Novi Expo Center Inc., objected when informed the bill would be coming.

We have to ask what justification exists for the bill? Yes, there was a cost incurred when two officers were needed at the Expo Center during picketing by the Teamsters, but why is the Expo Center responsible for the cost? Why not send the bill to Gordon Food Services, the company whose show was being picketed? Why not send the bill to Artcraft Inc., the Lansing company that put on the show for Gordon Food Services and was the intended target of the picketing?

What about the Teamsters? Isn't that the organization that decided to do the picketing? Regardless of whether you believe the Teamsters were justified in their decision to picket, it was their decision. Why not send the bill to them?

Further, is this the way the police department intends to operate in the future? Will it be charging for police response? For instance, were physicians charged for the police department's attention on Good Friday when two or three patrol cars were stationed in front of several medical clinics because of the possibility members of Operation Rescue might show up to protest on the abortion issue?

We are not being altogether fair here. We recognize that. But we are also trying to make a point.

Shaeffer's decision to charge the Expo Center is not without some basis. He and Bowman have worked out a deal in which the Expo Center has agreed to pay for police services when events require more of the department's time. The deal apparently was worked out when the home and garden show caused tie-ups on Novi Road, requiring officers to be on hand to direct traffic.

There is some legitimacy in Shaeffer's determination to charge for police services, at least in some cases. If there is an event (like a show at the Expo Center) that demands additional police service (such as directing traffic or providing security), then it seems fair to consider charging the event sponsors.

But where do you draw the line? What police services are directly the re-

Let's stretch the increments



Phil Jerome

The column I wrote last week provoked a somewhat larger response than usual. In case you missed it, it was about teacher pay again.

I suggested that at the crux of the controversy over teacher pay is a basic misunderstanding between teachers and those of us employed in the private sector.

I noted that one of the recurring cries from teachers is that they want to be paid commensurate with the private sector. And then I reported that both my wife and I make considerably less than what teachers with 11 years' experience make even though my wife and I hold administrative positions and have been employed more than 25 and 21 years respectively.

The problem, I said, is that teachers honestly believe they're being paid lower than the private sector, but those of us in the private sector know that teachers earn a heckuva lot more than we do.

As I said at the start, I received quite a few calls and letters in response to the column. But I'm just going to report on two of them today.

The first was from a lady who lives in Novi and has never been reluctant to tell me about her low disregard for me and the horse I rode in on.

"It hurts me to say it," she said, "but you hit the nail right on the head. I'm sick and tired of hearing teachers whine about being underpaid. In fact, they're making a lot more than just about everybody I know in the private sector."

She referred specifically to nurses who, according to her, rarely make more than \$35,000 a year regardless of how much experience they have.

Teachers in Northville and Novi are in the \$35,000 range after five years' experience, unless they have a masters degree in which case they hit the \$35,000 mark a year earlier.

"I know teachers have an important job," she said, "but you'll never convince me they are any more important than nurses."

The second call was from a lady I have never met. At least that's what she told me, but I can't be sure because she didn't want to tell me her name. She said she lived in Livonia and was a teacher in Northville.

She was also extremely nice. She said she had read my perspectives on private sector pay and wanted me to have the benefit of her perspectives on the same subject.

She then proceeded to cite two examples of people she knew who made more than she did despite the fact they had nowhere near as much education.

She also told me at one point that she thought she was going to cry... that it bothered her deeply that so many people appear to have such heavy resentment about teacher pay. "Where were those people when teachers were grossly underpaid?" she asked.

So where does that leave us?

Despite the input, it leaves me pretty much where I started out. First, I believe that teachers generally make a lot more than people in the private sector do.

Second, I have no objection to teachers making more than \$50,000, but I object strongly when they make that much after a mere 11 years. Stretch the increments to 20 or 25 years.

And, third, I still believe it unconscionable that teachers hold out for big pay increases even though it means that kids have to pay to participate in extracurricular activities.



Eighteen month old Christine James of Novi was herself as she watched this week's Novi Lassie game

In passing

By Hal Gould

What Prop A does to renters

I've been a renter all my life. When my mom was raising me in New York City, we lived in a nice apartment right on the harbor until I was 8 years old. Then we moved across the street to an even nicer and bigger apartment, where Mom still lives to this day.

She holds an important job on Wall Street, but when I ask her why she never bought a house, she says, "What am I missing out on? Cleaning gutters and fixes it for the sink leaks, the superintendent comes and fixes it for me. I like it that way."

I'm kind of on the fence about it. I like the freedom of apartment living, and I'm not much for cleaning gutters either. But I'm saving to buy a house because, in Michigan at least, it's a better investment.

What Mom pays a month in rent would be just a fraction of a house payment in New York. On Wall Street, she can find other ways to invest the difference. But around here, there are plenty of decent homes to be had for a payment roughly equal to apartment rent.

I make this point to illustrate that Proposal A, the school finance reform/property tax cut/sales tax hike measure we'll be voting on come June 2 is patently unfair to people like me. There's nothing in it for renters, except a 50 percent increase in our sales and use taxes.

I get really incensed when people say that if I'm a renter, I don't pay property taxes. Truth be told, my landlord pays the property tax, but if you think he's not passing that cost on to me, well, let's just say I want you to be my landlord.

Proposal A would roll back property taxes by lowering millage rates just about everywhere. I won't hold my breath waiting for the landlord to lower my rent in an amount equal to the break he'll be getting.

Prop A also puts the screws to first-time home buyers. Though it limits assessment increases to 5 percent a year or the rate of inflation (whichever is less), there's a provi-

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What Prop A does to renters

Let's tell it like it is. Proposal A is just another example of the old sticking it to the young.

The measure was cooked up by old, complacent homeowners (the Legislature), who were under pressure from old, complacent homeowners (the Headlines, the McFasters and other assorted greed-mongers and anti-tax zealots), to benefit old, complacent homeowners.

If the measure passes, they'll have pulled off the perfect crime. Millage rates will be going down in aging urban areas, and rural areas. In the rapid-growth suburbs like Northville and Novi, there'll be very little millage rollback, so to compensate, there'll be the benefit of a limit on assessment increases. Everybody wins... except the renters and first-time homebuyers. In other words, young people.

Isn't it bad enough that, as researchers have predicted, my generation is going to be the first one in U.S. history to earn less than its parents?

An older fellow that I know (he and his wife ironically have no children) recently told me, "I'm sometimes ashamed of my generation, and the things we've done to younger people."

That speaks volumes to me. Fortunately, time is on my side. By that I mean that if you want to understand the bill, really understand all its provisions and guarantees, you're going to have to take the time to read it.

State Sen. David Honigman said that may be one of the toughest battles this bill faces.

"It's so complicated, people are going to have a hard time understanding it," he said when he dropped by our office recently to lobby for Proposal A. "When people don't understand something they tend to vote no."

That may be my generation's best hope.

Prop A also puts the screws to first-time home buyers. Though it limits assessment increases to 5 percent a year or the rate of inflation (whichever is less), there's a provi-

Rick Byrne is Copy Editor of The Novi News.

School board lends support to Proposal A

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"They'll take out a meat-axe," Byers said. "The legislature can't take the heat over rising assessments, and they'll cut everything and let the chips fall where they may."

Referring to Nov's loss if that happens, the president added at the April 22 meeting that "I personally believe that \$2.9 million is the minimum we'll see."

Bullard told the board April 22 that the legislature was considering two school financing bills: one to be enacted if the plan passed, and one if it failed — the latter being one for

concern. "Some people would say that's blackmail," Bullard said, "that it's like putting a gun to your head," Bullard said.

If the state does leave the district short by the amounts he expects should the proposal fail, Byers said, real and immediate problems lie ahead.

"If it (Proposal A) goes down," Byers said, "what you see now as the Novi Community School District will no longer be."

The shortfall would force cuts in school programs on a large scale, the president said. The only other alternative — one unlikely to

succeed, he added — was a tax increase on district residents.

"It's not a threat, it's a promise" said Byers, referring to the prediction of program cuts. "We will not be able to provide the services we do now, unless we go out and request and get a tax increase, and that's not going to happen."

Byers asked Superintendent of Schools Emmett Lippe to ask for support for Proposal A from the school community. The school committees that helped lobby district voters for the December 1992 bond issue, Byers said, should be reconvened to push for Prop-

osal A. Byers also indicated that the board would want to get the support of the committees if the proposal failed and the board decided to request a millage increase.

Hitchcock's resolution also described the plan as a compromise. One of the biggest advantages of the deal, it continued, is that it would put an end to the parade of school funding plans Lansing has considered over the years — some of which would hit Novi very hard.

The resolution said that Proposal A represents stability in school funding, and allows

school districts to stop spending so much time wondering what the state will do next. Instead, it said, "it lets us get on with the business of educating our children."

Trustee Michael Meyer was the lone dissenter in the vote. Meyer said that he had concerns that the plan didn't fully address all of the problems school funding in Michigan faced.

While he was wary of what plan might come from Lansing if the proposal failed, Meyer continued, that wasn't enough of a reason for him to support it.

Ballot wording examined

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Proposal A, agreed to by the state legislature last month, is now in the hands of Michigan's voters. On June 2, a statewide vote will decide if the proposal becomes law.

The plan contains these major provisions:

- Property assessments on every individual parcel will be capped. In future years, the maximum increase will be constitutionally guaranteed to be 5 percent or the rate of inflation. This year's rate of inflation was 3 percent, so the legislature has already pegged that as the maximum assessment increase.

- School district operating millage rates will be constitutionally cut and capped. Each district will have the power to levy up to 18 non-public-utility mills. Voters can approve up to an additional 9 mills on top of that; in no event can the operating millage rate be over 27.

- In Nov's case, the district's current 29.02 general operations millage levy would fall to 27. Voters would have to approve any mills above 18 when a millage renewal vote takes place next year.

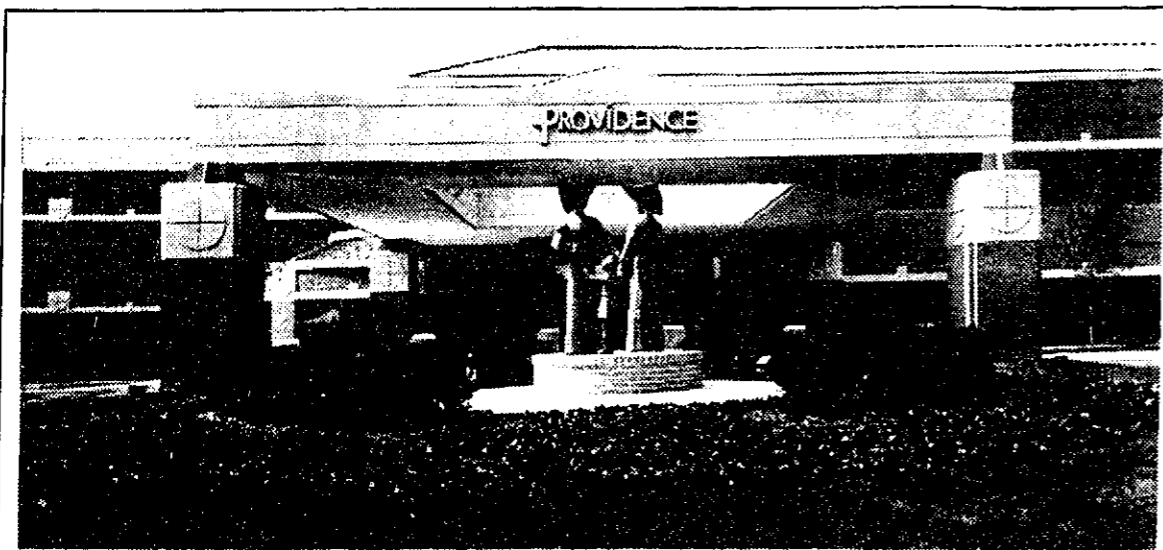
- Revenues from the state Lottery would be constitutionally guaranteed to go to school funding.

- The state sales tax would rise from 4 percent to 6 percent. The in-

crease would be constitutionally dedicated to school funding.

- The constitution would guarantee \$4,800 per pupil per year to each school district in the state, linked to yearly state revenue growth. Districts spending less than \$4,800 per pupil now will receive enough aid to get them to that level — at a maximum rate of 10 percent a year.

The plan guarantees that high-per-pupil-spending districts like Novi's — will next year receive enough state aid to match their current per-pupil figure plus a 3-percent increase. The 3-percent yearly increase guarantee only applies to next



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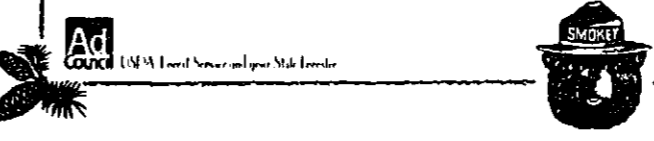
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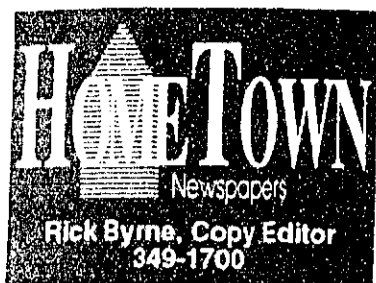
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In California's North Coast wine country, the name John Ash is synonymous with expert food and wine harmonies. His Sonoma County restaurant John Ash and Co has been touted as having "the best California cuisine in San Francisco" (even though the restaurant is an hour's drive north of the city). In addition to supervising his restaurant, Ash is Culinary Director at Fetzer Vineyards.

He was in metro Detroit recently hosting several charity dinners, in particular two connected with WineFest, the annual fund-raiser for the Ann Arbor Art Association in which Fetzer Vineyards is making significant contributions.

We caught up with Ash during his visit to discuss our favorite topic — wine and food. Ash didn't waste any time explaining easy ways for people to pair wine and food at home.

"There are five tastes, not just four," he said. "They are bitter, sweet, sour, salt (the four we knew) and pungent or pepper. The pepper taste varies most from person to person. That's why some people really like hot-spicy food and others don't."

Ash suggests pairing food and wines according to their similarities. If the food has sweetness, the wine should have some sweetness. If the food contains citrus or lemon, be sure the wine exhibits some tartness or lemony qualities.

If the food is salty or smoky, the wine should be low alcohol and off-dry. Spicy or peppery foods require low alcohol, off-dry wines that are low in tannin. Rich, fatty foods need a wine with richness and body.

"One of the great failings of restaurants is they usually present the customer with the wine list before seeing the menu," said Ash. "Restaurants need to help the diner make a good wine and food match. A restaurant patron cannot know what the food will taste like by reading the menu. What I describe on my menu as being hot and spicy and what you may describe as hot and spicy may be two entirely different things."

Ash suggests that restaurants need to make wine recommendations on the menu. For each menu item, at least three wine recommendations should be included. If not specific wines, then at least, a style recommendation. Ash's point is that the chef spends significant time and effort creating a dish that people will enjoy, but then allows it to be ruined by a poor wine selection.

"Restaurants should offer a small wine tasting with the entree," he suggests. "A taste of three wines, selected to complement the food, would allow the diner to make an experienced selection when ordering wine by the bottle or by the glass."

Ash contends that cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay are much more difficult to pair with food than gamay, riesling, chenin blanc, sauvignon blanc or gewurztraminer.

"The worst wines to serve with spicy Thai or Latin foods are cabernet and chardonnay because they have too much alcohol and tannin," Ash said. "The fruitier the wines, the better they match with food."

At Fetzer's Valley Oaks testing kitchens, John Ash keeps referencing wines like gamay and gewurztraminer because of their great versatility with food.

"French food is heavy with one-dimensional flavors," he said. "With the infusion of Latin, Asian and Mediterranean foods, our American table features a light, flavorful, healthy cuisine. The same thing is reflected in the wines of America with their lower alcohol and tannins."

We then asked Ash to make specific wine and food recommendations using the Fetzer wines with which he is so familiar.

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Fire up the wok to fire up your palate with these Indonesian Corn Shrimp Fritters.

Wok this way

Chinese cookpot fuels the fire in food

By TERSHIA D'ELGIN
Copley News Service

Texture, spice and color seem to erupt out of fine Asian cuisine.

If there were a single secret for producing these sensational results, it would be the wok. Cantonese for "cooking vessel," the wok has changed little over the centuries, and for millions of cooks of the world, it is indispensable.

Even with its ancient history, wok cooking is particularly suited to contemporary cooking concerns: low-fat, low-calorie, low-cost ingredients, and speed and ease of preparation. Moreover, the food pyramid trend that emphasizes the presence of vegetables and carbohydrates over proteins and fats (new in the West) is second nature to Asian cooks. The wok is an ideal addition to the vegetarian kitchen.

The wok's shape, originally dictated by the Chinese stove, has remained constant for centuries. The steady, even heat afforded by the shape assures the very short cooking times crucial to good results.

Nowadays, you can either purchase a metal ring to adapt a round-bottomed wok to a gas or electric range or buy a flat-bottomed wok. The best woks are made of light iron manufactured in Asia. However, high-quality spun-carbon steel woks are efficient and respond well to temperature adjustments. Stainless steel, cast alumi-

num and non-stick finish woks are less useful.

"Wok hay" is the special fragrance and flavor exuded by a well-seasoned wok. Scrub a new carbon-steel wok thoroughly inside and out with hot water, mild soap and a steel-wool scouring pad. Rinse thoroughly with hot water and dry.

Heat the wok over medium heat until a few drops of water sprinkled in it dance across the surface. Pour in 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil and rub with paper towels over the entire inside surface. Reduce the heat to low and let the lightly oiled wok heat for 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool, then repeat the process without scouring.

After using, never scour clean or use dishwashing liquid on a wok. Rinse only with hot water and use a dish washing brush, not a scouring pad to remove cooked-on food. If food is burned on, use 3 tablespoons salt in a dry wok and scour with paper towels.

The most popular use for the wok is stir-frying. In most manifestations of Oriental culture, a specific ritual is crucial to the process. Stir-frying is no exception. Food flavor, nutrients and texture are assured by very brief exposure to high heat, usually only three to five minutes.

This can only be achieved by keeping the prep work and cooking separate. No chopping as you fry. Everything must be pre-prepped, laid out and ready to be

popped into the wok at its turn. Always pat ingredients dry before frying. Food can be easily turned along the steeply sloping sides and evenly covered with oil as it falls back into the bottom.

Once part of the ingredients are cooked, they can be moved up the sides of the wok while the rest of the ingredients are fried at the center. Wait until both the oil and wok are hot before adding additional food. When adding liquids, splash them against the sides of the hot wok so they sizzle. If too much liquid accumulates, push the food up the sides to reduce the liquid in the center of the wok before continuing.

A few tips on stir-fry ingredients:

- Seasoned oil is added to the wok after it's hot enough that a few drops of water dance on the surface.
- Preheat over a medium, not high, heat to avoid scorching the oil.
- Coat the entire surface with oil.
- Adding a bruised ginger slice suppresses the oily smell.

Press the ginger, garlic, green onions and salt against the sides of the wok to extract their juices and warm them gently for about 30 seconds. Then turn up the heat for the meat, if that's part of your recipe.

Soybeans have been called the cows of the East, so reliant on them for protein are the Chinese. Bean curd or tofu is used in a variety of dishes, but must not be over-

cooked or stirred or else it will fall apart. The thickened curd skin is another form of soybean milk that appears in some dishes.

Noodles symbolize longevity in the East. Egg noodles, bean thread noodles, flat rice noodles and rice stick noodles can be prepared in a wok in a wide variety of ways. Rice, though most commonly boiled, is also a tasty addition to stir-fry cooking.

Condiments, such as salted black beans, bean sauce and chili paste are the bases of Asian sauces. So are the reconstituted dry ingredients like mushrooms, lily buds and shrimp. Activate their flavors by frying them in hot oil for a few seconds.

Vegetables are either hard like broccoli, carrots and cauliflower or more fragile like sprouts and peas. Hard vegetables should be pre-steamed prior to stir-frying. Again, add vegetables only about 1 cup at a time to avoid reducing the temperature in the wok.

As a versatile culinary utensil the wok is pretty much unsurpassed. Although it is essential for stir-frying, there are few cooking methods for which it cannot be used, either Asian or Western.

The wok can be used for making those deep-fried specialties that are such a presence in the Orient. In the following recipes from the California Culinary

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Chef Mary Brady

Festive mood prevails through hectic time



Our wonderful staff handled a weekend without us with flying colors. We could have stayed a few days longer. Next time. Although we don't normally like "regu-

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lar" vacations of a week or longer our dream is to return to Ireland sometime soon. That will have to be a 10-day visit.

The only time that our family has all been together over the last 10 years has been weddings. Since this was the last, we made a pact that once a year we'll gather in different places for a few days of fun and visiting.

One of the highlights of our recent trip was spending time with my nieces and nephew. They are really, really nice children and behaved wonderfully throughout all of the commotion. They provided the entertainment at the reception... dancing and singing. Doing kid's stuff.

By the end of the day they had to be carried out. Elizabeth, the 7-year-old, is into

splits. So are her girlfriends. They showed off their gymnastic abilities for hours, each trying to outdo the other. Liz has just become athletic. Up to this time we were sure that her formative years would be spent as a couch potato. Luckily, this has changed.

Her latest dream is to become a cheerleader. I guess this is not unusual for second grade girls. She is quite a runner. Hopefully she'll end up on the track team with someone else cheer leading her on.

Her sister Madeline just turned 2 and is hell on wheels. She really kept everyone going. Her wish better be our command or else. Thank heavens she is so cute. A flash of her beautiful eyes and voila, we do what she wants. It was a delight to be with them.

Aunt Betty and Aunt Dorothy, from

Buffalo, had a nice time also. It was pleasant for my mom to spend time with her sisters in a relaxed atmosphere for more than the usual two-day trips to Buffalo. It seems hard to believe that three weeks have passed already...

Easter was a success as was the salute to Michigan's great women chefs. Preparing for special events is fun and creative. However, a tremendous amount of energy goes into them. Our Easter menu was extravagant requiring much preparation. Once again the crew pulled together and got it done. I would love to close for these holidays so that everyone could be home with their families but in today's age it is expected that we stay open.

The nice thing about working a holiday

is the festive mood that prevails. No one is in a hurry. Everyone is relaxed. That same sort of feeling was dominant at the women chefs dinner. Most of us arrived at 8 a.m. and left after midnight. It was outstanding working alongside my talented fellow chefs. Many people commented that the meal was one of the best ever.

I can't express enough thanks for the support of the Culinary Arts Department and Student Activities. Without them the evening wouldn't have been possible. However, the nicest part of the day was working with the students. They were pleasant, interested and dedicated to making the event pleasant for all involved.

And they succeeded. Take a bow for a job well done.

The Refrigerator Door

AUTHOR APPEARS AT TWELVE OAKS: Acclaimed cook and cookbook author, Cornelius O'Donnell, will be appearing at Hudson's Twelve Oaks in Novi on Wednesday, April 28, from 6-8 p.m. Known as the "kitchen magician," he will be demonstrating his kitchen magic and signing copies of his new cookbook, *Designed for Living*. His previous book won a prestigious Testmaker Award, and his new book promises to be the prototype cookbook for the '90s. This is the book for the way we eat, live and entertain today.

Cornelius studied under the late James Beard, has traveled throughout the United States, Europe and the Far East demonstrating and teaching cooking, and is a long time spokesperson for the Consumer Product Division of Corning Inc.

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"The Refrigerator Door" is a list of coming events and short notes about food and drink. If you have an event planned or a brief announcement you would like included here, send it care of this news paper, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos and other artwork are welcome.

Getting to wok on cooking hot stuff

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Academy's "Wok and Stir-Fry Cooking," we experience part of the Thai tradition.

These recipes from *The Chole Group's California Culinary Academy Series Cooking, "Wok & Stir-Fry Cooking at the Academy,"* available from the publisher, 4415 Sonoma Highway, Santa Rosa, CA 95409; 1-800-959-2712 or your local book seller for \$11.95.

Wherever you wander in Indonesia, you never seem to escape the tantalizing and seductive aroma of frying fritters. This corn fritter with shrimp and Indonesian spices makes an exciting appetizer.

INDONESIAN CORN-SHRIMP FRITTERS (PERKEDEL DJAGUNG)

3 large ears corn, scraped and coarsely chopped (about 2 cups) or 1 (10-ounce) package frozen corn, defrosted
1/2 pound shrimp, shelled, deveined and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1/2 teaspoon chopped garlic
1/2 green onions, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
2 stalks celery, finely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander
3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
Peanut or vegetable oil, for deep-frying
Sriracha chili sauce or hot sauce, for dipping

Yields 12 (2 1/2-inch) fritters; serves 6 as an appetizer

In large bowl, combine corn, shrimp, garlic, green onion, celery, ground coriander, cumin, fresh coriander, flour, salt and eggs. Mix thoroughly.

Preheat wok over medium-high heat until hot. Pour in oil to depth of 1 inch; heat oil to 375 F. Add corn mixture in 1/4 cup batches, leaving 1/4 inch space between fritters.

Fry until fritters are golden brown and crisp (about 2 minutes per side). Remove, drain on paper towels, and keep warm while frying remaining mixture.

Serve hot at room temperature with chili sauce.

Try this hot dipping sauce with grilled or fried foods

THAI HOT SAUCE

2 tablespoons hot water
2 tablespoons Thai fish sauce
4 tablespoons lime juice
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons finely minced garlic
2 teaspoons finely minced green onions

Yields 1/2 cup
In small bowl, combine water, fish sauce, lime juice, sugar and garlic. Let cool then add green onions.

Serve in shallow dipping bowl.

In this variation of the classic Szechuan kung pao chicken, jumbo cashews are used in place of the traditional peanuts, and shrimp are substituted for the chicken. When charring the chilies, be sure your exhaust fan is on and avoid breathing the strong chili fumes.

Tersita d'Elgin is a free-lance food writer and former caterer.

Vinophile picks light wines for spicy dishes

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The Fetzer Sundial Chardonnay (\$9) has clean, citrus flavors with apple overtones. Ash takes his own advice about pairing similar flavors in wine and food by suggesting a grilled chicken breast marinated in an apple-cider-citrus sauce.

The Fetzer Barrel Fermented Chardonnay (\$13) is a big, round wine with noticeable malolactic character. Ash selected an oyster stew prepared with butter and cream to bring out the buttery character of the wine. He also suggested fresh pasta with pine nuts or hazelnuts, cream and basil, topped with grated Asiago. These foods emphasize the toasty flavors of barrel aging.

Ash recommends a gratin of salmon prepared with Gruyere to accompany the Fetzer Reserve Chardonnay (\$18). The nuttiness and richness of the wine and food make a great match. If the salmon is grilled, Ash prefers the Fetzer Reserve Pinot Noir (\$17). He recommends painting the salmon with olive oil infused with roasted garlic and grilling over charcoal. "Toss a little rosemary on the hot coals near the end of cooking time," he said.

Ash said he prefers Fetzer Gewurztraminer (\$6.25) with Asian food. He is partial to soy steamed chicken or game hen. Prepare a bouillon containing fresh ginger, chili, soy, sugar, white wine, a cinnamon stick and star anise. Steam the food in the liquid and then let it rest in the pot to absorb the spices.

He likes a clean, crisp sauvignon blanc, such as the Valley Oaks Fume (\$6.25), with grilled fresh fennel and roasted peppers with grilled scallops in a lemon-tarragon vinaigrette.

His favorite meal to accompany Fetzer Gamay Beaujolais (\$6.25) is a Mexican pot roast (beef brisket) covered with tomato and peppers and served with crisp roasted potatoes. Ash said tomatoes and tomato sauces go best with red wines that are low in tannin. The acid in tomatoes serves to magnify the tannins in a big red wine.

Try your hand at preparing some of Ash's recipes inside, and match them with the recommended wine.

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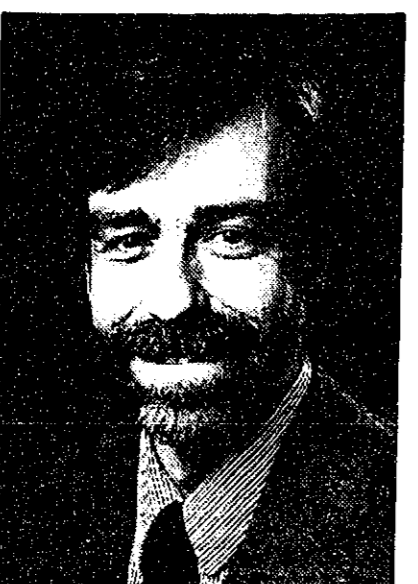
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Tracksters fall to Northville

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

There's an old saying in track and field: depth wins. Nowhere was that more apparent than Tuesday's showdown between Baseline rivals Northville and Novi. The Mustangs used their superior depth to outdistance the Wildcats 84-53. Redford Union finished third with 27 points.

Novi went into the meet without solid performer Kelly Kearney then lost Karie Jettie and Charity Slaughter during the meet.

"We were up against some good athletes," Wildcat coach Connie Alta added. "You have to give Northville credit. They're a well-rounded team."

The coach said she wasn't disappointed with her squad's performance.

"Our times came down from South Lyon," Alta said. "All you can ask is that the times come down."

Northville coach Ann Turnbull said she was pleased with her team's performance.

"We had a strong meet," she commented. "We were a little surprised at our depth."

Novi began the meet on a strong note.

Jettie took the high jump competition. She cleared 4-10 while teammate Kristen Pate did 4-9. Northville's Tammie Cook was third at 4-8.

The Mustangs took first and second in the long jump. Alana Bradley leaped 15-11 and Wendy Forster did 15-7.

Novi's Erika Strausberg was third with 14-4 and teammate Dawn Kukulzka was fourth at 14-2 1/2.

Northville took the 3,200-meter relay as well. The team of Rachel Ledel, Sara Goshorn, Monica Hayward and Laura Brown finished in 10:57. Dana Nayson, Pate, Tiffany

Goley and Elle Johnson was third in 11:33.

Sara Kolb took first in the 110-meter high hurdles for the Mustangs in 17.3. Jettie was third for Novi in 18.7.

Northville's Carrie Dalziel placed second in the 100-meter dash in 13.2. Christy Carmichael was third for the Cats in 13.3 while teammate Claire Sheldon was fourth in 14.0.

The Mustangs' Adrienne Browne won the 400-meter dash in 1:04 while Carmichael was a fraction behind for second place in 1:04.4.

Northville won the 400-meter relay in 53 seconds behind Browne, Kolb, Forster and Bradley. Kukulzka, Ursula Place, Dyan Ahrens and Sheldon were second in 56.5.

Liedel took yet another first for the Mustangs with a time of 6:02 in the 1,600-meter. Novi's Johnson was second in 6:10.2 and teammate Lori DeWitt was fourth in 6:15.2.

According to Alta, DeWitt has become a jack-of-all-trades for Novi. She competes in hurdles, relays or wherever she's needed.

"When you need someone," Alta said. "She's the one."

In the 800-meter relay, Northville won with a time of 1:55 with Dalziel, Jessica Pereira, Forster and Bradley. Novi took second in 1:57 behind Sheldon, Place, Strausberg and Carmichael.

The Mustangs nearly swept the discus. Jenny Sekerka won with a toss of 87-4. Michelle Felerman was second with 85-11 and Christine Werda was third with 82-4. Kate MacKenzie did take fourth for Novi with a throw of 75-4.

Results were mixed in the shot put. Tanya Frank won the event for Novi with a throw of 27-3. Werda was second with 26-10 and MacKenzie third with 25-8 1/2.



Karie Jettie won Tuesday's high jump competition for Novi.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Northville's Brown took the 800-meter run in 2:37.80. Frank was second in 2:45.50. Jettie took the 300-meter hurdles in 55 seconds. DeWitt was third in 56.7.

In the 200-meter dash, Dalziel was good for first. Carmichael was second for the Wildcats in 28.6. Northville's Roopal Vashi was third in 28.7 and Bradley fourth in 28.8.

Novi closed the meet with a second-place time of 4:47.60 in the 1,600-meter relay behind in Strausberg, Erin Leib, Place and Frank.

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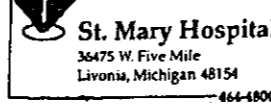
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