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Four candidates vie in mayoral election

Two late entrants will force primary

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's last two mayoral elections were hardly cliffhangers.

No one opposed candidate Matthew Quinn in 1991 and 1989. But now that Quinn's ready to step down, four candidates have stepped up.

Filing their petitions for mayor by the Tuesday deadline were retired Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole, Council Member Nancy Cassis, former planning commission chair Kathy McLallen and Council Member Joseph Toth.

This means a primary for the mayoral race on Sept. 15, City Clerk Gerry Stipp said.

And a summer of speculation for fans of local politics.

No primary will be needed for city council, however. With three four-year openings available, only seven candidates will be wooing the voters.

Joining incumbents Hugh Crawford and Tim Pope, will be office-seekers Oliver Hayman, Walter Jenkins, Rob Mitzel, David Ruyle and Robert Taub.

Crawford hopes to return to the council table again for a third term and Pope's entering his second race for city council.

Most of the other council candidates also have strong ties to Novi government.

Mitzel is a planning commissioner and Taub was too, before he decided to aim for the council.

Ruyle is a parks and recreation commissioner and ran for the coun-



LEE BEGOLE

in 1991. Jenkins is chair of the Natural Resource and Design Plan Committee and was turned down by the City Council Monday for a spot on the planning commission. Hayman has worked on Cassis's campaigns.

Cassis ran for mayor in 1987, losing out to Quinn in his first bid



NANCY CASSIS

for the title. At that time, she was on the city council with two years to go in her term.

This year, Cassis is taking more of a gamble. With her council term expiring in November, it's mayor or nothing.

Toth's in a safer position. If he doesn't make mayor, he still has

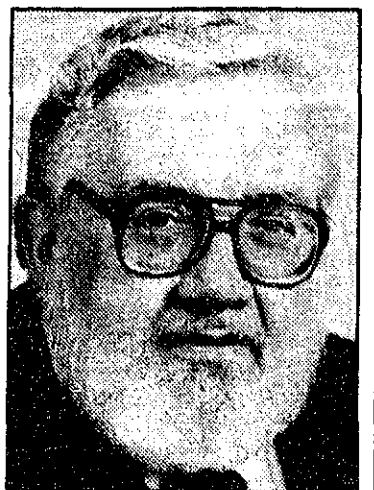


KATHLEEN McLALLEN

another two years to go as a council member.

Unlike the council members, the mayor of Novi is elected every two years.

Edward Phelps, Gerald Haran and Kathy Kendra took out but did not return petitions for city council. An executive secretary for Novi's



JOE TOTH

Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki, Kendra was advised by city attorneys that she would need to take an unpaid leave of absence if elected.

Kendra said that choice was more than she can financially handle.

Vote may stiffen land use penalties

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Scowllaws who ignore city ordinances concerning land use won't get off easily if the Novi Planning Commission has anything to say about it.

The commission voted 8-0 last Wednesday to recommend that the Novi City Council adopt an ordinance amendment concerning the penalties for improper land use. It now moves on to the council, which will have the final say.

Assistant City Attorney David Watson explained in a hearing June 16 that it would make clear that it's illegal for someone to conduct a use or activity contrary to an approved site plan, special land use approval or any conditions imposed relative to such approvals within the city.

The amendment calls for the persons or businesses violating the ordinance — a misdemeanor — to be

subject to a fine of up to \$500 and court costs if convicted. If they don't pay, it could be up to 90 days in jail.

The city enforces its ordinances in two ways, Watson said: by issuing tickets and by going to court.

The ticket, which can cost an offender up to \$500, is quick and cheap, Watson said. However, the district court judges who handle the tickets for the city can't issue injunctive relief, he added — meaning that the offender can repeat their offenses if they're willing to pay the fine.

A civil suit, on the other hand, does allow a judge to issue such relief, Watson continued, but it takes time and money to try the question in court.

The new penalty ordinance does not prohibit the city from pursuing that avenue if someone uses land in a way it wasn't intended, Watson told commissioners.



Photo by HAL GOULD

A last goodbye

It seemed sometimes like it would never come, but at long last the final day of classes came for the Novi school district. Kids and staff said their farewells, mounting the buses

for the last time until fall rolls around. Here, Diane Garbooshian, a teacher at Novi Woods Elementary, waves goodbye to her third and fourth graders.

Engineer job bidding leaves trail of doubts

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In a first attempt by the Novi City Council to place engineering projects out to bid since last summer's "Watermaingate" controversy, city consulting engineers JCK & Associates were narrowly edged out by a newcomer in a process some council members called flawed.

The contract was awarded on June 14 to Finkbeiner, Pettis & Stout, which will come up with the designs to widen Novi road to five lanes between Twelve Mile and Twelve-And-A-Half Mile roads.

Finkbeiner, an Ohio-based firm with offices in Canton Township, originally submitted the lowest of four bids, \$102,000. After negotiations with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), that bid was upped to \$138,000, although the state did pare back Finkbeiner's fees for engineering services by \$17,000.

"None of the other three parties involved were allowed to adjust their figures," protested Council Member Joseph Toth.

"I feel the process was handled extremely badly. I feel extremely sorry for all those other companies."

JCK had come in as the next highest bidder at \$122,000.

"It's the lack of equal opportunity that bothers me here. It's hard to understand how this could be the

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Player of the year

Tom Grigg, now playing for Delwal, has been chosen as player of the year, leading a fine crop of student athletes who made HomeTown's all-area squads. For the full story, see page B7 in the sports section.

Builder eyes site for 'big box' store

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

He'll be back.

A local developer told the Novi Planning Commission at its June 16 meeting that he would soon seek city approval of his request to rezone land he owns in northwest Novi. The move, Joseph Gerak explained, would be the first step in bringing a "big box" retail store to the site.

Gerak said that he planned to submit his formal request to the city very soon, and hoped to be before the commission during one of its July meetings. The Novi City Council has the final word as to any rezonings, however.

What he's seeking is a rezoning of some 66 acres he owns near I-96 and Wixom Road. About four to six

acres of it is zoned B-3 (business) now, Gerak said, and the rest is zoned I-1 (industrial). The developer wants to have the entire parcel rezoned B-3.

The reason, Gerak told commissioners, was that alterations in the surrounding area makes a retail business the best choice for the property.

"There's been so many changes," Gerak said. "The impact of the developments around us requires this zoning change."

Former plans for the parcel, including one for an automobile dealership, have not come to pass, Gerak said. The new plan for the land calls for commercial instead of industrial use, he said.

The commercial use he has in

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Monday, June 28

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.

Bereavement Support: "Taking Grief One Day at a Time" will be the topic of the monthly bereavement support group meeting led by Dr. Michael M. Meyer Bereavement Counselor, held from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road. There will be a brief reflection and prayer by Pastor Kenneth Stevens of Orchard Hills Baptist Church. The meeting is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. No fee and all are welcome.

Thursday, July 1

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Monday, July 5

Independence Day: City offices and the public library will be closed.

Tuesday, July 6

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.

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.

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, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Jaycees: The Novi Jaycees will hold a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Jaycee House on Sixkings.

Wednesday, July 7

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, July 8

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Historical Commission: The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center in the Manager's Conference Room (2nd floor).

Monday, July 12

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet 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.

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

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited to join. For reservations call 349-6281.

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Tuesday, July 13

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.

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Wednesday, July 14

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

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

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Youth baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Thursday, July 15

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Township Hall on Ten Mile Rd.

Town Meeting: The City of Novi will hold an informal town meeting for developers from 7-9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Atrium. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 347-0475.

Monday, July 19

Arts Council: The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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.

Tuesday, July 20

Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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.

Church running out of saviors

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A property owner eager to use his land was assured by two City Council members Monday that they will not back a third extension of a moratorium on the demolition of the historic Novi Methodist Church.

Joseph Roliczak, president of Construction Management Specialists, wrote to the city on behalf of a "disappointed" owner George Keros on June 11, several days after the council was deadlocked on Keros' initial request to lift the ban early.

The moratorium was renewed for a second six-month time period in March and expires in September.

Mayor Matthew Quinn and Council Members Nancy Cassis and Robert Schmid on June 7 favored keeping the September deadline.

Now, Quinn and Schmid have agreed that they won't stand in Keros' way if he wishes to tear down the 117-year-old church following that date.

"I don't know what kind of formal commitment we can make. It's my opinion and my conviction that I will not vote to extend it after that time," Mayor Matthew Quinn said. The Local Historic District Act of 1992 actually only gives cities the opportunity to place one six-month ban on the destruction of a historic property with the option of a six-month extension on that.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Joseph Toth and Carol Mason have already supported shortening the moratorium.

As a founder of Preservation Novi, a group which is fighting to save the church, Council Member Tim Pope has abstained from voting on the issue.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Despite the fierce look and threatening hisses, there has never been a documented case of a swan injuring a human.

Residents roused to protect swans

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A petition drive to keep a long-term residential swan on Walled Lake has gathered hundreds of signatures from people who live in surrounding homes.

Theresa Reed, a member of Save Our Swans (SOS) said at least eight people are circulating the petition, which opposes a drive by at least one Windward Bay condominium resident to have the swan removed.

Several Windward Bay residents have complained that the adult male swan, which is guarding a nesting female and babies, is making it impossible to use a dock built for condominium use.

The swan is reportedly territorial and has acted in an aggressive manner to protect the nest. It has been known to chase people or boats and raise at them.

But Reed said the swan is gentle and harmless, and only acts that way when people are aggressive toward it. She said she feeds the swan regularly and has never had a problem with it.

"Nobody had a problem with these birds until the Windward Bay people moved in," she said. "Swans have a lifespan of 15-20 years, and this swan has lived here peacefully for over 10 years."

Reed said she believes Windward Bay residents are being frightened by false stories about the swan's aggressiveness, and commented that some residents refer to it as "Killer."

"Whenever a new Windward Bay resident moves in they are warned about the killer swan," she said. "There is no way at all that those swans are vicious. It's all oratory sad."

A Windward Bay representative could not be reached for comment at presstime.

SOS, which is a grassroots organization that formed to protect swans on Oakland County lakes after a swan was killed on Walled Lake last year, has contacted an environmental expert to publish an informational book on swans. The book will be distributed to all Walled Lake area residents.

Bonnie Authur, an officer in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' fish and wildlife division, said swans have no teeth and do not bite. She said their aggressive gestures can be frightening and they have been known to knock down children, but they will not stand over a person and peck or bite.

Authur said there have been cases in Oakland County where swans have been relocated to other lakes. An investigation is currently underway by the DNR law enforcement division to determine whether the swans on Walled Lake pose a hazard and should be relocated.

The officer in charge of this investigation was out of town for a training program and unavailable for comment until Friday.

But Reed said SOS will do whatever is necessary to stop the removal of the swans.

"We are not going to sit back and let those swans be moved or harmed in any way," she said.

If you are interested in signing the SOS petition to keep the swans on the lake, contact Reed at 624-9255. If she is not available contact Pat Manlewski at 624-6255; Sue Curtis at 624-9555 or Sheryl Liske at 669-5154.

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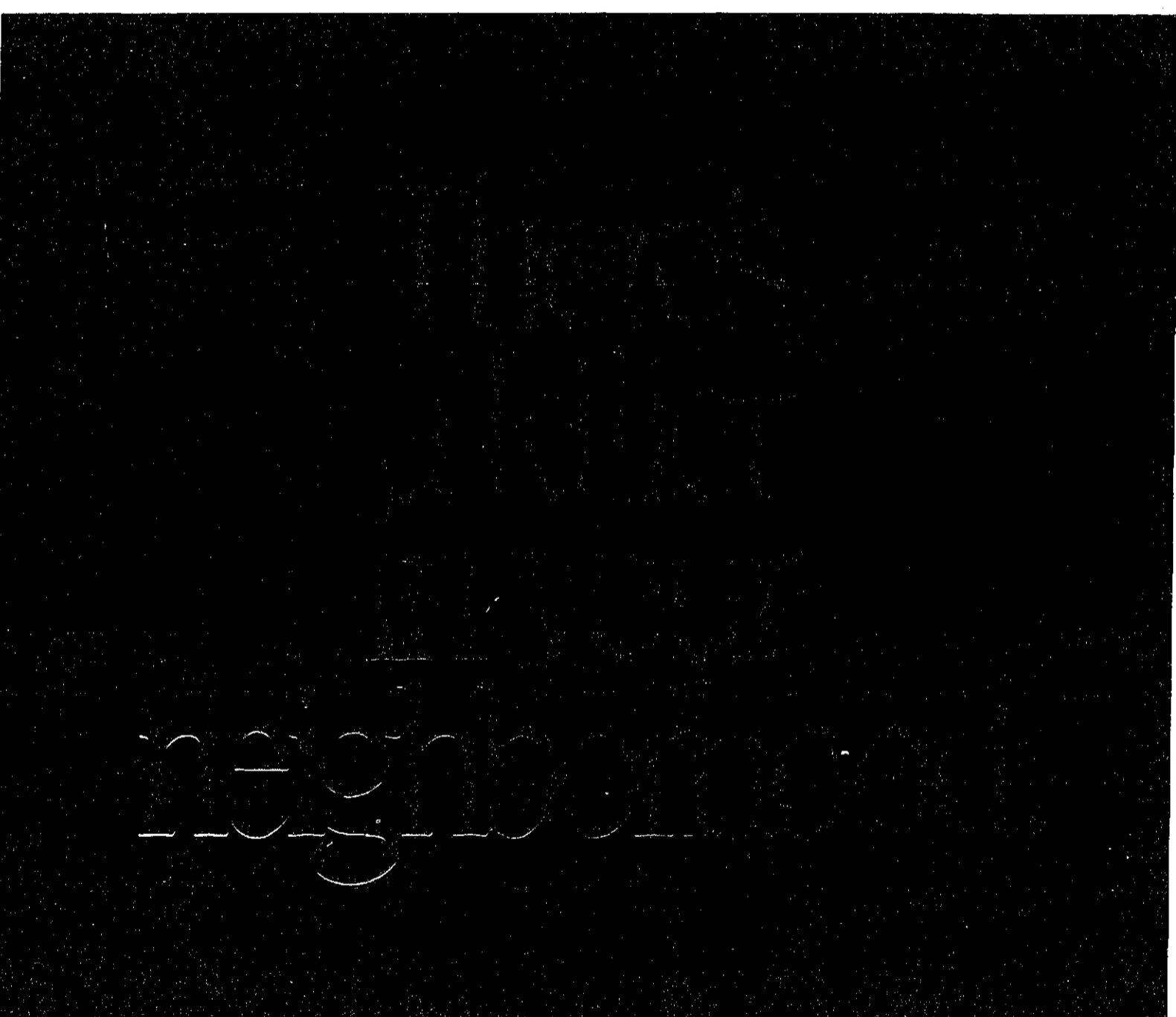
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David Hartman Memorial: James Kovacs and Jennifer Liptow
Novi Secretaries and Paraprofessionals Association: Ann Soper
Novi High School Interact Club: Meghan Perry
French Club: Kristyn Martin and Anne Meyerson
National Honors Society Service Scholarship: Kristen Lind and Stacey Pearl
National Honors Society Exemplary Honor Award: Anne Meyerson
Spanish Club: Colleen Duffy
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Rotary Interact: Stacey Pearl and Meghan Perry
Rotary Vocational: Kathryn Schenkel
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Parks & Recreation: Kathryn Christlieb and Tom Hanton
Novi Police Officers Association: Kristen Lind
Novi Police Lts. & Sgts. Association: Kerri Oikarinen
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University of Michigan/Northville Alumni Club Academic Award: Jennifer Liptow
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Roger Pelchat Memorial: Ronald Kane
Richard Erwin Memorial: Alexis Johnson and Michael Speerschneider
Kathy Radtke Memorial: Jennifer Presson
Cathleen Ziegler Memorial: Brendan Best
Del Gerhardt Memorial: Noel Plaskie
Newcomers: Gregory Fortner and Morgan Misenheimer
Victors Now Inn: Lisa Ivezaj
Mickey Tobin Memorial: Kelly Hewitt
Christy Short Memorial: John Crawford, Lisa Ivezaj and James McAllen
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Association checks lake for zebra mussels

By JAN JEFFREYS
Staff Writer

Walled Lake is being checked for the presence of zebra mussels, pesky bi-valve critters apparently brought to the United States in 1986 by a Russian ship.

Lakes Area Residents Association member Tim Coulter, who is coordinating the Nov 16 of the project, said traps to collect microscopic zebra mussel larvae — if any exist — were hauled up June 15 and were scheduled for a June 16 pick-up. The seven traps were placed at strategic locations throughout the lake by six residents. Coulter, from his West Lake Road home, laid down traps.

They will be analyzed within the next month, although Coulter said there were no visible signs of zebra mussels in the local samplings.

The research is being conducted by the Connecticut-based Mystic Seaport Museum's Maritime Studies Program, which is monitoring 20 lakes in Michigan.

Walled Lake is considered to be at low risk because it has no public access and is viewed as a "quasi-control" lake, the museum's project coordinator Paul Marangelo said last week.

Other Oakland County lakes being examined are Kent, Cass, Orchard, Pontiac, Stoney Creek, Orion and Ponton.

Typically, the zebra mussels would be brought into a lake via the hull of a boat which had been piloted on one of the infested bodies of water, such as Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.

They have not yet been found in Oakland County, he said.

"We don't really expect to find them, but that doesn't mean the possibility isn't there," Marangelo added. "Research we will do here will be of interest not only to Michigan but to other areas of the country where zebra mussels are entering the waterways."

The mussels originated in the Caspian and Aral seas in the former Soviet Union and over the past several hundred years began to spread throughout Europe.

It is believed they entered the United States via ballast water dumped from a Russian freighter into Lake St. Clair, but that's just the most plausible theory, Marangelo said.

"The jury's still out on maritime ecology. A lot of people do believe they will effect the fish population. There are billions of them and they eat tremendous amount of plankton," Marangelo said.

"Two live zebra mussels dropped into an inland lake would not likely lead to an infestation problem, he said. "It takes a certain number — and nobody knows what that number is — to infest a lake. There's a gap in the scientific knowledge."

Within polluted bodies of water, such as the Detroit River, the zebra mussels absorb toxic chemicals — which means their corpses must be disposed of as hazardous waste, Marangelo said.

In addition, some waterfowl may eat the zebra mussels.

Wildlife study will give commission food for thought

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Protecting animals' habitats in Novi could become a habit if the city follows the recommendations of a new report.

The Novi Planning Commission received June 16 a brief overview of a wide-ranging study of the city's animal habitats. Commissioners said they will review the full report in detail and discuss it with city planning consultants in the future.

The report details which animal species live in the city and where they tend to concentrate. It addresses how development affects animals' ability to survive, and offers methods Novi can use to save its habitats as the city continues to grow.

"This should help to tell us where Novi's animals are and where they're going," Chairperson Kathleen McLallen said, "and help to coordinate development with preservation."

City consultants and members of the commission put together the report, entitled "A Quality of Life for the 21st Century."

Kevin Clark, of Wildlife Services in Plymouth and a consultant on the report, said that "the focus of our program is to see that the negative impacts to wildlife of development are minimized."

The study took information from a variety of sources, he explained, including aerial surveys and ground walk-throughs. It covers many phenomena which animals face in a growing community like Novi.

One example, Clark explained, is "fragmentation" — which occurs when developments isolate animal species from each other and from the resources they need to survive.

Another example, more difficult to find in the city, are the presence of core "reserves." These, Clark explained, are areas where species live with little human intrusion.

"The size of the areas that are left alone has a great effect on the types of species that live there, and their ability to survive," Clark said.

Two core reserves of 300 acres or more exist in Novi, he added. Other terms included such phenomena as "wildlife corridors" and "keynote species."

Corridors are areas where animals travel to reach their homes, resources or other target, Clark explained. Keynote species are those which signal the level of diversity of species in the area. If you see a particular key-note species, you can assume that other species which don't require as much to survive in that area are also present.

Due to a long agenda at the June 16 meeting, commissioners had to cut the consultants' discussion short. They did not have time to give commissioners an overview of the report's recommendations for preservation.

One such recommendation, for example, was to install dry culverts under roads in wildlife corridors. Animals could use these culverts to cross roads and reduce fatalities.

McLallen thanked everyone involved for their efforts on the report, remarking that the work was well worth it.

"This is an extremely important document," she said, "because what's left of high-quality woodlands and wetlands are still under our control."

McLallen referred to the fact that the city can make efforts through planning and development work — particularly in the more rural part of the city — to preserve the environmentally sensitive areas.

"It's our challenge to manage these treasures in western Novi," she said.

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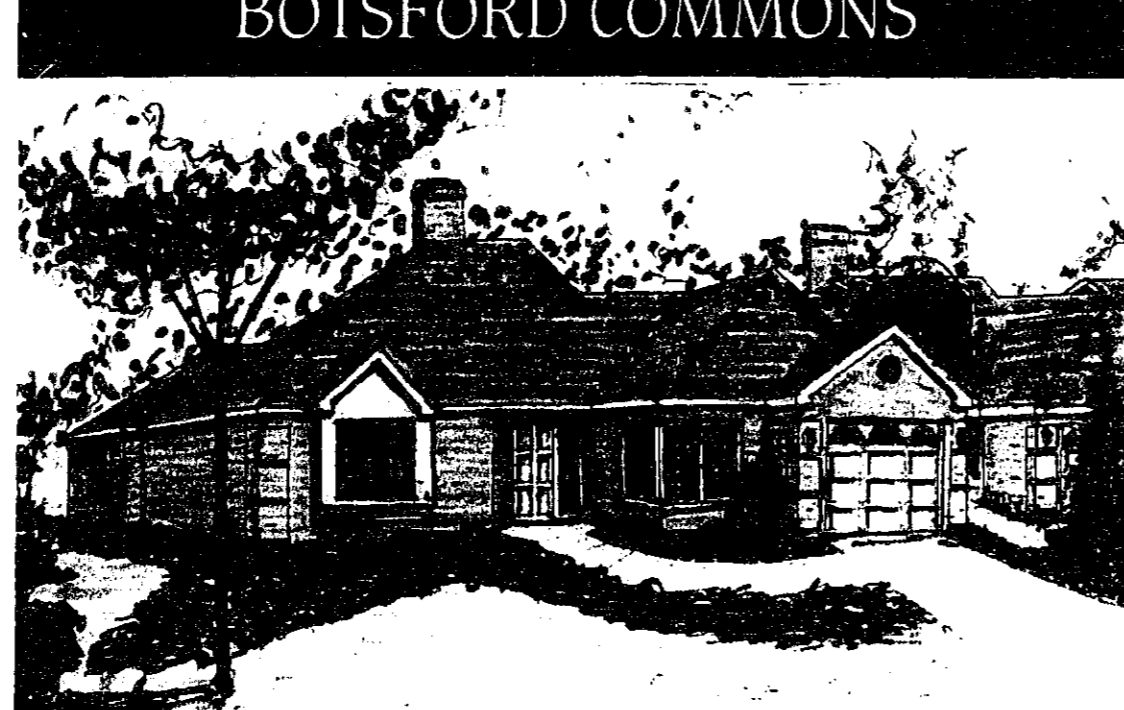
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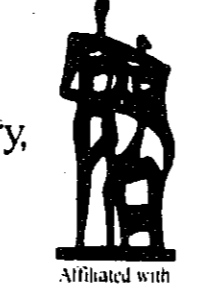
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Injury accident

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sided by a second car that suffered little damage. Firefighters had difficulty removing the driver, and had to use the Jaws of Life to extract the accident victim.

Photo by GREG SIROVEY

Novi teens land role in Oakland musical

Two high school students will be part of the cast when the Oakland County Parks' Traveling Music Show performs around the area this summer.

The traveling stage show provides family entertainment for group functions including block parties, reunions, company picnics and promotional events.

New this year is *All I Need is a Hug*, a musical look at children. Featured tunes include "Desperate For A Dog," "Show and Tell," "Pots and Pans Kitchen Rhythm Band" and other heartwarming songs.

Also available is *7 A Yankee Doodle Melody*, a collection of tunes by George M. Cohan, including "Give My Regards," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Harrigan" and "You're a Grand Old Flag."

Performances can be scheduled through Aug. 6. The cost is \$75 per performance or \$275 with Showmobile rental. A flat surface is required for the show.

The summer-long production features performers from local high schools and colleges. This year's cast includes Corey Davis and Greg Fortner, both of Novi; Adam Carey of Dearborn Heights; Anissa Howard of

"A special performance of All I Need is a Hug will take place Wednesday, July 23, at Independence Oaks County Park's Cohn Amphitheater.

Clarkston; Colleen O'Shaughnessey of Ann Arbor; and Mark Young of Pontiac. Veteran Broadway performer Amy Maloney is the show's director.

The Traveling Music Show is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Oakland County Cultural Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

A special performance of *All I Need is a Hug* will take place Wednesday, July 23, at Independence Oaks County Park's Cohn Amphitheater. The 7 p.m. program costs \$2 per person or \$8 for the immediate family.

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Lawsuits lead city to pay higher rates

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Rest assured that Novi's insured. The Novi City Council at its June 14 meeting made sure of that.

Council members voted 7-0 to renew the city's insurance contract with the Michigan Risk Management Authority, despite the fact that its cost is \$66,000 more than that of the other insurance provider city officials considered.

The reason Novi went with the authority, officials said, and not with the Michigan Municipal League Pool, is that the authority provides coverage in a critical area that the pool does not. The extra expense is therefore warranted, they said.

There are two major organizations that provide the type of insurance coverage Novi needs. Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said in his report on the subject: the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, with which the city now does business, and the Michigan Municipal League Pool.

"We periodically check the marketplace to compare prices and services," said Klaver.

that the difference in price supported a recommendation to join the MML pool."

The pool's quote was \$322,989, while the authority's was \$389,718.

Klaver also asked City Attorney David Fried to review the proposals of both groups to see if each offered coverage for a specific area: claims of "regulatory taking" of property. Fried concluded that the authority did and the pool didn't.

"Due to our large amount of litigation in the area of zoning and property issues," Klaver said, "this lack of coverage would be a significant disadvantage."

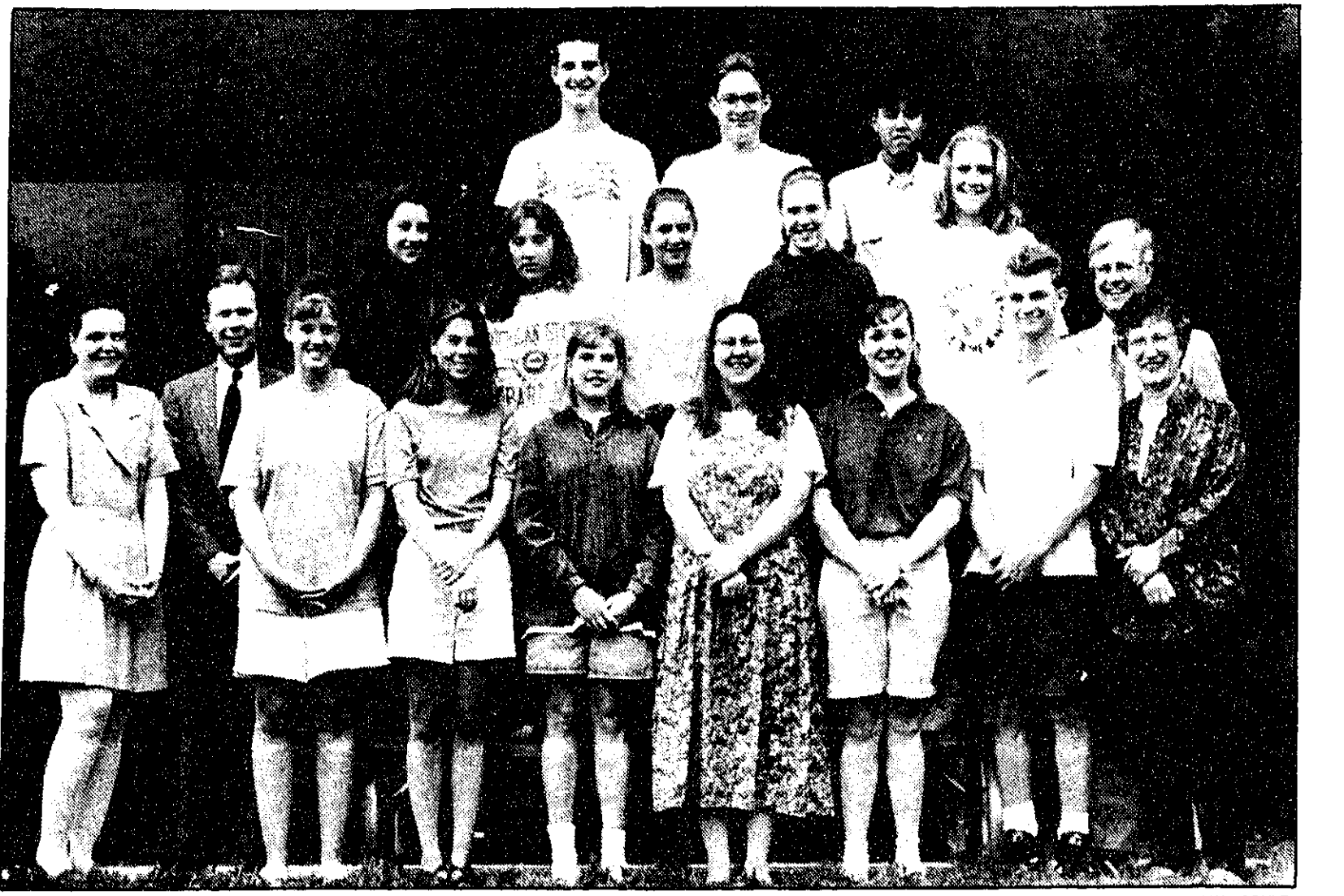
"Regulatory taking" occurs when a governmental body establishes laws that effectively prohibit a landowner from enjoying the benefits of his or her property.

For example, some landowners living in southwestern Novi argue that establishing an "estate lot" zone in their area amounts to just such a regulatory taking of property. The estate lot idea would require minimum home lots of two acres in the zone.

Owners of large tracts of land in the proposed zone say that they could not sell their property for development — and be denied a return on their investment. In effect, they say, the city's regulations would "take" their property.

Because the city often deals with issues related to claims of regulatory taking, Klaver said that officials recommended that the council take the authority's bid and review the coverage offered by both when the issue next arises.

"That should be in one year, when the authority's extension expires.



Leavin' on a jet plane

Talk about a field trip. Some 14 Novi school district students, along with officials and Mayor Matthew Quinn, left for Japan Tuesday. The group will visit Novi's sister city of Owani, which has sent a similar group here three times. Most of the group got together for a final pre-trip lunch on Monday, where they posed outside of the Educational Services Building. They include

(front, l-r) Bridget Dean, Steve Hitchcock, Michelle Gray, Caryn Mazze, Heather Harmon, Anita Reale, Laura Gubert, Joe Meyer, Rose Riopella, Matt Quinn (second row) Heidi Zimmerman, Wendy Grabowski, Lisa Newkirk, Heather Hitchcock (third row) Jay Thornton, John Hardin and Munenori Naruse.

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Guardian to leave with tax break approval

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Guardian Industries, one of Novi's biggest taxpayers, wasn't about to give up a chance for a tax abatement in its move from this city to Auburn Hills.

The Novi City Council failed to give the company its blessing in May, a requirement of Michigan Public Act 198, which governs property tax exemptions for industry.

Monday night, after prior individual discussions with Guardian group vice president Peter Walters, Council Members Robert Schmidt and Carol Mason had a change of heart.

Walters, in a June 3 letter to Mayor Matthew Quinn said he was disappointed by the council's original decision and felt that he had done an "inadequate job" of explaining Guardian's reasons for the request.

Guardian was turned down when

the council majority expressed a philosophical opposition to tax abatements, which were described as contributing to urban sprawl.

"Guardian has been a good neighbor. I disagree in principle with the concept, but because of the people involved, I'm going to support it," Council Member Schmidt explained.

In May, the concern was raised that the new industrial complex would outrank Novi in the race for grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Mason said she has since been reassured that the roads and other infrastructure were already in place at the Auburn Hills site and that more state and county tax dollars were not needed to develop the new facility.

"One thing positive has come out of this discussion. They're not going to use state infrastructure dollars. I still have concerns about Act 198," said Council Member Tim Pope, the

only one to remain opposed to Guardian's petition.

City Attorney David Fried suggested that the council adopt guidelines to specify when it will and will not approve tax abatements, to avoid the potential of a lawsuit. Guardian has not threatened litigation, Fried added.

In his letter, Walters explained that the firm on Nine Mile Road, which manufactures glass and glass products, has long since outgrown its local facilities and has owned the Auburn Hills site since 1986. The 25 acres are next to the Palace of Auburn Hills and were once considered for an outdoor amphitheater.

These plans were dropped when William Davidson, owner of Guardian, the Palace and the Detroit Pistons, instead purchased Pine Knob Music Theater.

Walters said two-thirds of the Nine Mile Road building will be occupied by its current tenant, Qualex, a photo development firm. Qualex employs 220 people. Another Guardian-owned firm, the Frank W. Kerr Company, which has a staff of 170, will remain in its Nine Mile Road offices, Walters said.

He added that Guardian expects to lease the space it will vacate when it moves its 170 employees to Auburn Hills.

Auburn Hills is eager to have Guardian and its city council will likely approve the firm's application for the tax abatement, Auburn Hills City Manager Dennis McGee noted in a letter to Quinn.

Last week, a Guardian affiliate, Optical Imaging Services (OIS) week won from Northville Township a

12-year, 50 percent tax deduction. The firm plans to build a \$100 million plant on 30 acres of land at Five Mile and Beck roads it purchased from Wayne County for \$1.

"Sound business reasons" exist for the move to Auburn Hills, Walters noted, pointing out that "in the last several years Guardian has increasingly become a significant supplier to the U.S. and global automotive industries, and many of the auto in-

dustrial purchasing decisions are made in the northern Oakland County/I-75 corridor."

McGee noted in his letter that due to a federal court ruling 20 years ago mandating busing to achieve racial balance in the Pontiac school system, Auburn Hills, part of that district, has been unable to attract new single family residential development.

The Pontiac schools need tax revenue, McGee said, in asking for Novi to approve the tax abatement.

OIS wins 50 percent tax break from Northville

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Northville Township trustees awarded a 12-year, 50 percent tax abatement to Optical Imaging Systems last Thursday for a manufacturing facility it intends to build there.

OIS is a subsidiary of Guardian Industries, which also successfully sought reconsideration by the Novi City Council Monday for permission for a tax abatement to move its headquarters from Novi to Auburn Hills.

The 7-0 vote in Northville Township for the OIS abatement came after a public hearing on the issue and followed a board member's unsuccessful attempt to cut the term of the abatement.

Of the handful of people who shared their opinions on the abatement, only two township residents voiced opposition to the tax break.

Northville Township resident Dean Lenheiser said he opposes abatements because of the tax dollars they take away from municipalities and schools. He said he's watched Plymouth city and township officials suffer through economic hardships because of the number of tax abatements that have been granted there to stimulate commercial and industrial growth.

"In Plymouth, the city and township have been giving abatements for 12 years," he said. "Now they are asking for more taxes. Their (school) mills has just failed. They have a fire house that has to be closed and a new school they can't afford to open."

OIS is planning to build a \$100 million manufacturing facility on 30 acres of county-owned land at Five Mile and Beck roads. The company plans to make flat-panel display screens for the aviation industry, essentially flat television screens.

The arrangement also includes a cooperative research effort between OIS and the University of Michigan.

Lenheiser was quick to remind trustees that Northville Public Schools had to mothball a new school this year because of financial woes.

"It's just like us in Northville. We got a new school at Nine Mile that's complete, but they aren't opening it this year either. There isn't a school district in the state that isn't in trouble . . .

"Let them go elsewhere," he said about OIS' proposal. "This is an excellent location for manufacturing. Let the ones that really want to make the money come here and they'll do

it."

Lenheiser also criticized OIS officials at the meeting for pitching their idea even though OIS has lost millions of dollars in the last eight years.

"These guys are floating around on an idea," he said. "And yet they've lost so many of these millions already and now there's no guarantee that they are going to make money here."

"I see no advantages, it's like a dead horse," he said.

Laurie Marrs, the executive director of Northville's Chamber of Commerce, took exception to Lenheiser's assessment.

"I think we've been sitting on that empty land for well over 20 years,"

she said. "We strongly feel that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush and that 50 percent is better than zero percent."

Marrs said it was important to look at the jobs and opportunities OIS was bringing into the community.

"We should look at what OIS is giving to the community in exchange for the abatement," she said. "They are affording new jobs and building an opportunity for a partnership for education for our schools."

"I don't think we can just close our minds and say it's a dead horse because in fact it may be a galloping horse in the future," Marrs said.

Northville Public School Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski was also at the hearing to lend support to the project.

"I think this is a marvelous example of us looking at the vision of the future and working collectively for that future in our community," he said. "This is an effective means of using that land and eventually those funds for our schools."

Township resident Larry Scott couldn't sit mum as the issue was debated. Scott, who is employed in a cathode ray tube factory in Ann Arbor, said what OIS is proposing is cutting-edge technology that will

take the consumer electronics industry into the future.

"You aren't going to be looking at CRT's anymore," he said. "You are going to be watching television that hangs on the wall."

After residents offered their input, trustees closed the hearing and set the issue aside. Later, in a special board meeting, Trustee Gini Britton moved to grant the abatement.

Trustee Barbara O'Brien stalled the vote on the issue by attempting to cut the length of the abatement from 12 to six years. Her motion died for lack of support.

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Hoopsville's a sure shot with planners

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Basketball addicts rejoice. Novi is one step closer to seeing a new place to shoot hoops, thanks to the Novi Planning Commission.

Despite some concerns over traffic and parking, commissioners approved a special land use permit June 16 for Hoopsville, a proposed six-court indoor basketball facility to be operated in an existing building off of Ten Mile Road.

"This will fill a real need in Novi, especially in the winter," said Commissioner Robert Mittel.

The matter now moves on to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals for its review of the special land use. Hoopsville will also have to get the zoning board's approval for retail sales of basketball merchandise at its proposed snack bar.

Hoopsville will go into the building now occupied by Federal Fireplace, located on Catherine Industrial Drive, off of Ten Mile east of Novi Road. That area is zoned for light industrial businesses. Hoopsville needs a special land use permit in order to operate because city ordinance governing that land use permits other indoor recreation but doesn't specifically mention basketball courts. (It refers only to indoor tennis, ice and rollerskating rinks.)

Grand Slam U.S.A., another indoor recreation facility located near the Hoopsville site, received similar city approvals in 1990. That facility has recently filed for bankruptcy.

Hoopsville's representatives told the commission that the complex will include six basketball courts, locker rooms, shower facilities, private party rooms, a kitchen and lobby with a snack bar and arcade area. The courts will have no bleachers or other spectator areas.

Hoopsville will also have to get a permit for the arcade games as well. The commission made its recommendation contingent on it being allowed no more than eight in all.

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers recommended that the commission approve the request, and added that the impact on the area surrounding the business would be minimal. Commissioners wanted to know if Hoopsville would run into parking shortages or increase traffic

congestion on Ten Mile.

The parking spaces available on the site now, Rogers said, would be adequate for the expected 80-90 person average attendance, including employees. The facility has 50 existing spaces, Rogers said, and can put 10 more where a loading dock is now located and is already scheduled to be removed. Hoopsville will not host spectator events or other such high-volume traffic activities, he said.

If Hoopsville experiences higher numbers of customers at its peak times (mainly evenings and weekends, he added), then a problem could develop.

Commissioner Lodia Richards wondered about a worst-case scenario.

With two five-person teams (with

two substitutes each) using all six courts at the same time, Richards said, along with 10 employees, 82 cars would need spaces—everyone drove separately, Hoopsville representatives said that they didn't expect that to happen. The facility wouldn't operate at that sort of peak capacity most of the time, they said, and users would likely carpool to avoid not finding a space.

"We have to hope they're friends and will come together," Richards said in agreement.

How much of a burden Hoopsville would add to congested Ten Mile was another issue the commission considered.

"How much additional traffic are we going to see generated on Ten Mile from your facility?" asked Commissioner Laura Lorenzo.

Not that much, particularly at the peak time uses for the thoroughfare, Traffic Consultant Rodney Arroyo said.

The additional traffic from Hoopsville would not be enormous, he said. Arroyo also said that while Ten Mile's peak hours were generally between 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., Hoopsville's peak time was in the evening and on weekends.

The city also has plans along to widen Ten Mile from Novi to Haggerty roads, Arroyo noted. Until that gets done, however, he said that "it is possible that you could have some traffic problems around 5 p.m."

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Obituaries

FARRELL A. ROSE

Farrell A. Rose, of Novi, passed away on June 17 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was 78.

Farrell was born on July 17, 1914, in Clatte, Missouri to Buford Rose and Mae Adams.

He retired in 1968 as owner of Hly-Tone and Elite Cleaners, in Royal Oak. Rose was involved in the Masons 506 Ferrdale, the Kiwanis, the Exchange, the Detroit Gun Club, the Birmingham Gun Club, the Multi-Lakes Gun Club and the Oakland County Gun Club. He was the recipient of Novi's Beautification Award.

Rose was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie B. Rose, who died in 1974.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia O'Malley of Livonia, and a son, Donald Rose of Sarasota, Florida. He had two grandchildren, and three brothers: Thala Steward, Theibert Rose and Ray Rose.

ELODIA VALERIO DIANGELO

Elodia Valerio DiAngelo died on June 20 at Botsford Hospital. She was 92.

DiAngelo was born November 4, 1900, in Italy to Tommaso Valerio and Maria Santa DiSquale.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Berardo, and son, Fernando.

DiAngelo lived for many years in Novi, working for the automotive industry in a steelmill.

Survivors include Olympia DiAngelo, daughter-in-law; grandchildren Renaldo, Thomas, Mark and Robert. She had three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 23 at Holy Family Church. Father

John Budde officiated. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

ELVIRA SCAPPATICCI

Elvira Scappaticci died on June 18 at Providence Hospital. She was 64.

Scappaticci was born March 23, 1919, in Italy to Vincenzo Tafrale and Filomena Ciccarelli.

She lived many years in Novi and was a housewife.

Funeral services were held June 22 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Father John Budde officiated. Interment was at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

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Novi bridge closing rattles businesses

By STEVE KELLMAN
Staff Writer

The Northville City Council got a careful Monday about the city's June 8 closure of the Old Novi Street bridge.

Baseline Street business owners asked the council to repair the 60-year-old concrete and steel bridge as soon as possible to keep their businesses viable, while nearby residents complained about increased commercial truck traffic through their neighborhoods.

The bridge, which spans the Middle River and links Baseline Road east of Novi Street with Griswold Avenue, was closed to all traffic after city engineers determined that one of the concrete abutments was slowly sliding into the river.

It had been closed to northbound car traffic and all trucks since last September when a routine inspection by city engineers determined that the abutment was falling, though city engineers at McNeely & Lincoln suspect that some trucks continued to use the bridge to get to Baseline Road after its partial closure.

The city applied for state funds through the Michigan Critical Bridge Program when problems with the bridge first surfaced, and updated the application when the bridge was closed entirely.

The state program, which funds projects like the ongoing Lodge Freeway repairs, would pay for 95 percent of bridge construction costs. Other expenses like engineering fees and design work would not be covered.

City officials said Monday that the repairs likely will have to wait on acquisition of state funds.

"I think we do have an obligation to businesses in the area," said City Manager Gary Wood. But because of the city's current budget deficit, he added, "we need to use any outside funds available."

"We've got a real serious interest in seeing that the bridge gets done as quickly as possible," said Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill co-owner Rob Nelson. He and partner Rich Jones noted that customer traffic often is snarled around the mill when the mill opens in September.

"There were periods last year when we had 15 people helping us with traffic," Jones said, and that was when the bridge was still open to southbound vehicles. He predicted a bigger traffic jam now that Baseline east of Novi Street has been turned into a dead-end road.

Stuart Oldford Jr. of Northville Lumber asked whether the city could proceed with temporary bridge repairs to reopen it on a limited basis. Engineer Bob Warner said that was possible but warned that the whole bridge needs to be replaced soon, and added that a closed bridge is more eligible for state funds than an open one.

McNeely & Lincoln has estimated replacement costs for the bridge at \$15,000. The money would pay for removal of the existing bridge and installation of a precast concrete bridge set on poured foundations.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there is a vacancy on the Natural Resources Design Implementation Committee. Persons interested in appointment to the Committee should contact the City Clerk's Office at 347-0456 for an application. The appointment will be made at the July 12th Council Meeting. Applications must be received by July 7th. Additional information regarding the duties may be obtained by contacting the Department of Community Development at 347-0475.

GERALDINE STIPP
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PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NOVI ELLA MAE POWER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Novi, Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on planned recreation facility improvements for Ella Mae Power Park on Tuesday, June 29, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Plans are available for review and the comments will be received at the Department of Parks and Recreation, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375. (6-24-93 NR, NN)

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Budget awaits Lansing's touches

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District has itself a budget — whether it will stay as it remains to be seen. "This is a roadmap," Board President Raymond Byers said. "We're a long way from seeing what Lansing will do to us."

Raymond Byers
School board president

"This is a roadmap. We're a long way from seeing what Lansing will do to us."

Members of the Board of Education approved the budget for fiscal year 1993-94 on a 6-0 vote (Trustee Robert Schram was absent) Thursday, June 17.

Figures in the budget assume two things:
■ That Novi will lose about \$1 million in state aid in contributions for teacher Social Security and retirement payments.
■ That the district will pay the maximum amount of mills allowable for general operations under the state constitution's Headlee Amendment to offset that loss.

Novi had to approve a budget by June 30 by state law. The state, however, doesn't have to pass its budget until Sept. 30. That means that Novi probably won't know how much of a loss in aid it will see until late this summer. If the number is significantly more or less than expected, the budget will go under the microscope again, school officials said.

In the unlikely event the state doesn't cut funds, board members said that they'll reduce the operating millage and give taxpayers their money back from the summer tax levy by proportionately reducing the

winter tax levy.
The budget, prepared by assistant superintendent for business and operations James Koster, anticipates the following amount of revenue:
■ Local taxes (at the Headlee maximum levy) — \$30,126,424.
■ State aid — \$132,677.
■ Intermediate aid — \$66,810.
■ Federal aid — \$302,770.

■ That makes for a total revenue amount of \$30,928,681.
That is \$1,273,462 more than the district will budget to spend in 1993-1994: \$29,655,219. The \$1.2 million will go into the district's fund equity, a bank account kept aside for emergency operating reasons.

It's not going to stay there long, Koster said. The state cutback of \$1 million or more is very likely to be approved, he said, and the district will use the money to cover the loss.
The budget assumes that the state will not freeze assessments or roll-back rates in taxing state equalized valuation (SEV). Such moves would reduce the amount of property taxes the district collects. Koster said that the district will see an estimated 8.39 percent growth in SEV in the coming year.

The district's debt fund is maintained separately from the general operations fundings. The budget estimates that total revenue from taxes, interest and other sources for debt retirement in 1993-94 will be \$4,643,721. Combined with monies from the fund balance of \$548,470, the total debt retirement expense for

the year, including principal and interest payments, dues and fees is \$5,191,391.

The debt fund includes paying off issues from 1966, 1970, 1987, 1988, 1990 and 1993.
One district resident said that he did not support the board's move to raise taxes that are a part of the budget. He said that the hike was partly the result of the salary increases for teachers the board agreed to in a three-year contract signed in February.

"I want to give you the frustration out there among taxpayers," Jim Uley said. "Maybe when the next time for contract negotiations comes around, we can be more cognizant of the political situation out there. I hope we learned a lesson from these negotiations for next time."

Byers said that the teachers' union had promised to discuss the matter of the salary increases if the board said that the situation warranted it.
The board complimented Koster on the job he did in providing them with information on budget alternatives in the face of Lansing's moves, as well as the way the budget itself was laid out.

In an interesting footnote, the budget also assumes that student enrollment will continue to grow, as it has in past years. The total increase for next year is estimated at 194 students, bringing the total district population to 4,443. Parkway Elementary is expected to see the largest single increase in population.

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Education Notes

Transfer credits: Oakland Community College and University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering reached agreement April 18 to allow students from the community college to transfer credits towards a bachelor's degree program offered at the Dearborn campus.

The name "2+2" indicates the average two-year period that students will spend at each institution. OCC has entered similar agreements with Lawrence Technological University and the Detroit College of Business.

"Agreements like this increase the range of educational opportunities for our students," said OCC Chancellor Patsy Fulton. "We are particularly pleased to open the path to an institution of such standing as the University of Michigan-Dearborn."

"This partnership will allow more students to take advantage of the educational opportunities in the region," said University of Michigan-Dearborn Chancellor James Renick. "It's an example of the good that can be accomplished when our institutions work together to serve the citizens of the Detroit metropolitan area."

Further information on the OCC/UM-Dearborn "2+2" engineering program is available by contacting OCC Counselor Roger Zapinski, 471-7589, or the UM-Dearborn Office of Admissions and Orientation, 583-5100.

Accelerated degrees: Oakland Community College has joined with Ypsilanti's Cleary College to offer an accelerated degree program in Business Management at the OCC/Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford. A free information session on the program will be held at Highland Lakes on Wednesday, June 9, 6-8 p.m. in room 110 of the Student Center.

Designed specifically for the busy working person, the program enables students to complete a bachelor's degree in business administration in one year. An associate degree (or equivalent college credit) and at least three years of related work experience is required.

Cleary has offered the program since September, 1990. The OCC campus is one of four locations now hosting the classes.
For more information on the June 9 free information session call Doreen Rick at 1-800-598-1979.
OCC's Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

Golfer Lemmon doing well at MSU

Ever wonder what happened to that outstanding high school student you used to read about on the pages of The Novi News or The Northville Record? So did we. So, in an effort to find out what they're doing now, we're starting a weekly summer series featuring a recent Novi or Northville High School graduate and his or her continued scholastic, athletic, or personal success story. Enjoy catching up with some of your former local celebrities.

By JENNY BEYERSDORF
Staff Writer



Chris Lemmon tees off. Photo by HAL GOULD

Where are they now?

Such dedication to golf and academics is not easy, and Lemmon says he pays the price in what he gives up — such as weekends at school, involvement in other college activities, and a "normal" college experience.

The golf season lasts from September to June, and Lemmon spends most weekends at tournaments. The busiest months, though, are April through June, when Lemmon's typical weekly calendar looks like a mix of Alex Ketton's and Arnold Palmer's — with the pace of a manic depressive on the upswing to compliment the split personality.

Mondays and Tuesdays Lemmon spends on the fairways, competing against other MSU team members for one of the five traveling spots at that weekend's tournament. He crams in a week's worth of studying and making up for missed classes on Monday and Tuesday nights, then leaves Wednesday evenings for the tournament — at which he typically golfs four days (no time for slumbering or studying, it's all golf, he says) and returns to East Lansing on Sunday nights. Only to do it all over again the next week.

"People think it's the glamorous life," says Lemmon of the travel, "but there are days you get sick of it. You wake up, eat, practice, play. You get in a routine where you feel like you're a walking golfer with no social life."

Not that he'd rescind his college golf career for Friday nights at the bars or watching The Simpsons with the guys, though.

"I'll look back and be glad I did it," says Lemmon, who hopes to be an academic All-American next year. He says that while it can get tough, especially during the busiest last two months of the season, playing on the team has its benefits. In addition to the travel — MSU flies players to tournaments in Texas, New Orleans, Kentucky and South Carolina as well as at universities all over the nation — Lemmon says he enjoys the opportunity to play with some of the nation's best young golfers.

"These are the people who are going to be on the PGA Tours in a couple of years," he says. "It's exciting. At the regional tournament this year, I played right behind the national amateur champion."

Lemmon says the level of competition, while stressful, is good for the ego. "Sometimes you feel like you're the best, but then going to tournaments and playing against some of the people we do, you realize there's lots of room for improvement."

Unlike other college athletes, golfers are a pretty humble breed, according to Lemmon. He says it's because of the individual nature of the sport.

And unlike high school competition, where Lemmon received accolades as a three-time all-conference selection and a member of the All-

stars are fewer and farther between. In fact, the same high school standout — about whom former Northville High School golf coach Don Morgan once said, "I don't think there is any doubt that he is up near the best players in the state" — only considers himself "in the middle of the pack" of golfers at the college level.

Lemmon chuckles when asked about the differences between high school and college level competition. In college, he says, "they (the coaches) yell at you if you're not doing well. They expect results. It's a lot of stress."

"(MSU coach) Ken Horvath is very demanding," he says. "It's not going to be your best friend. I respect him, but I had to earn his respect. With college coaches, if you shoot low they're your best friend. If not, they won't even talk to you."

Horvath talked to Lemmon this year. The 6-foot, 3-inch junior placed third out of over 100 golfers at the Ohio State University tournament and helped lead MSU to its first berth in the national tournament in 20 years.

Next year, with leading MSU seniors Heath Fell and Mike Spencer gone, Lemmon will compete for the number one or two spot on the team.

So what are his plans for the future? Right now he's home for the summer, taking a month off of golfing ("I'm burned out," he says) then teaching a golf clinic at MSU.

In the big picture, Lemmon foresees a career in business after getting his MBA. And golf.

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Trustees hand out awards to students

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

It's one of those duties that never gets old.

The Novi Board of Education took time during its June 17 meeting to honor two groups of students whose distinguished themselves through their achievements.

"The people in these programs work very hard and we're very proud of them," assistant superintendent for instruction Rita Traylor said.

First up were the members of the Novi High School choir.

The group of about 120 traveled to Orlando, Fla., in May to participate in the 1993 Musicians national choir competition. The event included performers from the states of Mississippi, West Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

Novi walked away with top honors overall as well as in three separate categories of competition. The choir as a whole received the Class AA Grand Champion trophy, placing first among all the schools across America that competed. Paula Joyner-Clinard is the choir's director. Judy Dautermann is the accompanist.

The Novi Singers took first place in the show choir division, the Women's Chorus was number one in the women's chorus division competition. The concert choir locked up the top spot in the mixed chorus competition. The choir brought their trophies, some as tall as six feet, to the meeting for the audience to see.

"We were very proud to keep hearing the Novi name as they kept going through the categories," Joyner-Clinard said. "This matches what we

did in Boston two years ago, where we walked away with all the first place trophies there. We're going to keep working at it and hope to have the opportunity to travel out-of-state in the future."

Board members led a round of applause for the choir.

"Are we going to have to appropriate money to build a new trophy case?" asked Board President Raymond Byers, who received an appreciative laugh from the audience.

The board then honored the hard work of the Novi High girls' varsity softball team, which won this year's district championship. The event, hosted by Novi, featured a special victory over Brighton (1-0), South Lyon (6-0) and Pinckney (10-3).

Novi advanced to the regional championship round held at Plymouth Canton High School but lost on June 12 to Belleville 9-2.

The team's roster includes Junior Julie Swinehart, sophomore Melissa Waara, sophomore Erin Bjerkie, Junior Alexis Johnson, Junior Kelley Barton, Junior Katie Schenkel, sophomore Katie Shaw, Junior Michelle DeWitt, senior Anne Soper, Junior Jennifer Noland and sophomore Christine Edwards.

John Peace is the team's coach. Athletic Director John Fundukian praised the team's efforts both on and off the field.

"Good kids, good parents and good coaches produce good things," he said.

Fundukian noted that the team's successes in athletic competition mirrored their victories in the classroom. This is the fourth year, he said, that this team has had a cumulative grade point average of more than 3.0, which qualifies it as an academic all-state team. Many of the team members are academic all-conference, he noted, in addition to their softball record of 24-15 and winning three championships.

"They are truly student-athletes and we're very pleased about that," Fundukian said.

Peace was named district coach of the year this year. Fundukian added, and he received a round of applause along with the entire team.

Planners OK La-Z-Boy's plans

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

It just goes to show the value of perseverance.

Despite the opposition of its main consultant, the Novi Planning Commission approved an expansion and traffic re-routing plan June 16 for the La-Z-Boy Showcase Shoppe located in Twelve Oaks Mall. The green light came after the store's owner and the project's architect made their pitch.

Commissioners voted 7-1 to grant a special land use permit for the project and approval of its preliminary site plan. Those approvals are contingent on the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a waiver to La-Z-Boy for deficient building setbacks in the plan and for its parking proposal. If the store receives those approvals, final site plan approval will come from city planning staffers.

La-Z-Boys located in Twelve Oaks near the 24-hour Denny's restaurant. Owner Paul Olferman wants to expand his existing 14,489-square-foot facility by 3,016 square feet. The new floor area will be for retail space, he said, and is required by the national La-Z-Boy chain. After hearing his presentation and consultants' reports, commissioners voiced their support for the measure.

"I think that improving and up-

grading the site would be a benefit to the entire community," said Commissioner Richard Clark.

"No pun intended," Commissioner Robert Taub said, "but I think we'd be off our rockers to interfere with a successful business."

Combined with the expansion is a plan to redesign traffic flow on the site, architect Lonnie Zimmerman said. The new plan will take away the problems La-Z-Boy is having with traffic headed for Denny's, he said.

"This entire property is sitting in a Denny's traffic pattern," Zimmerman said.

The plan, he explained, calls for closing off the existing north driveway off of the connecting drive with Novi Road. Denny's and La-Z-Boy are close to agreement on a new easement, Zimmerman said, which would allow the store to build a new south-side access road.

Twelve Oaks owner The Taubman Co., Denny's and La-Z-Boy have all given their support to the plan, Zimmerman said.

Olferman also wants to install gates that would block traffic from using the La-Z-Boy parking lot at night. Truckers often park in the lot at night while eating at Denny's, he said. The wear and tear on his lot from that use was unfair, he added.

Consultants and commissioners said that they would not object to the

idea is that if the site ever changed uses to something that requires more parking, the land will be there to build spaces on. In this way, more businesses might be able to use the site.

The La-Z-Boy plan provides 108 parking spaces. A total of 49 parking spaces are provided with the new improvement. City ordinance, however, requires them to have at least 132. The commission can reduce that number if it decides there's enough land on site to build the spaces in the future.

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said that he doesn't think the land is available because of restrictions on its use. Therefore, he said, the number of spaces available are too low to be acceptable.

The plan would meet parking needs for the site if it one day turned into an office site, Rogers said, but would be short if the use changed to more intensive retail.

"I'm sympathetic to their needs (of expansion), but there is this deficiency," Rogers said.

Commissioners said that Zimmerman's presentation, as well as their own consideration of the issue, convinced them that the plan was workable.

The matter now moves on to the zoning board for its consideration.

It was over La-Z-Boy's plan for parking, which also requires zoning board approval that saw commissioners and Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers respectfully part company.

The city adopted a "landbanking" parking ordinance in February. It deals with businesses that have a lot of usable floor space per customer—a furniture store like La-Z-Boy, for example. Such businesses do not usually need as many parking spaces as other types do. The landbanking ordinance allows them to build fewer parking spaces than city rules normally allow.

The catch is that the business has to set aside enough land for future parking space construction so that it could meet the city's requirements.

gates as long as they were designed in such a way to satisfy fire department officials.

The primary issue is the expansion, however, Zimmerman said.

That plan would reduce the facility's setbacks to 51 feet from the Denny's property line and 92 feet from the I-96 right of way. City ordinance requires both to be 100 feet, Zimmerman said, however, that the deficient setbacks weren't a danger.

The spirit of the ordinance wasn't violated, he indicated, and so he wanted the zoning board to grant a waiver for the setbacks.

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Goodbye

It's a great time to finally reach the end of the school year, as students in Novi did last week. June 17 was their final day, and now they're free until September. Novi Middle School students

Mike Marchak and Julie Egner couldn't board the buses for the last ride home without a hug.

Sandstone goes to Walled Lake

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

What was supposed to be a long process wasn't, and so the Novi Community School District will become a bit smaller as of July 1.

The section of the Sandstone subdivision—still not off the ground—that lies in the Novi district will become part of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District at the beginning of next month. The transfer received the approval of the Oakland Intermediate School District on June 8.

At issue is about 20 percent of the subdivision. The remaining 80 percent is already in Walled Lake's district. Board of education members from both districts have discussed the transfer for more than a year and a half.

Officials said that they wanted to avoid sending next-door neighbors to different school districts. The transfer means that all the children who will live in the soon-to-be-built sub will be able to attend Walled Lake public schools.

Walled Lake's board on May 20 approved the measure; Novi did so at its April 22 meeting.

Sandstone will be built on the south side of Thirteen Mile Road be-

between Novi and Meadowbrook in the City of Novi. It has received approval from the city, but construction of the 1,200-unit development has not yet begun.

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Immunization clinic: The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Walled Lake and surrounding areas at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Walled Lake, on Tuesday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB) will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.

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As We See It

Taxpayers come last in board priorities

"The kids come first." is a line educators and school board members like to use. Of course, they do. No one denies that. We all want our children, everyone's children, to get good education. And we don't mind spending money, sometimes big money, to make sure they do.

The problem is that the line is often just a euphemism for, "The taxpayers come last."

At least, that is the way things seem to be working in the Novi school district these days. As the Board of Education voted last week to take the tax rate beyond the state-mandated Truth-in-Taxation level, moving it from 27.737 mills to the maximum allowed under Headlee, 29.4365 mills, consider the following:

Along with "the kids," teachers and other district employees also came first this year. The Novi board, as we are sure readers will recall, went ahead and approved three-year contracts with teachers and other district employees months ago all the while knowing that the district could well be faced with a financial crunch in the coming year due to changing state funding. The board voted to approve those contracts even before it had a preliminary draft of its budget in hand.

Now, it is hard to argue with the 3.5 to 4 percent per year pay hikes most district employees got. These are pretty reasonable raises. On the other hand, if there is financial trouble in the school district, ought not these employees too contribute by taking smaller raises? We think so.

Much more troublesome, however, were the raises given to teachers, which would combine pay hikes of those sizes to "step increases" as they move up in seniority and educational attainment increases. Combined, the step and base increases will combine to give most teachers who are still on the scale something akin to 9 or 10 percent more each year.

Board members say they could call the teacher union back into negotiations if it is needed. They claim they received that assurance from the union back before the contract was approved. Well, if that is truly an option, apparently the school board did not feel it was necessary to call the union back in order to avoid a tax increase for Novi homeowners. Voting last week to approve the tax hike, the option to call back the union for renegotiations remains unexercised.

Buses also come first. Without a budget in front of it and facing the same economic uncertainty, the board went ahead and voted to buy four new buses for the district.

Trips to Japan apparently come first, too. The board of education reviewed and adopted its budget in a single session last Thursday. And then the board voted to hike the millage rate.

Yes, the board had received a budget draft in one earlier session, but all that information had to be tossed out



Education

because of the rejection of Proposal A by voters in the recent election. The school district's administration had calculated all its figures based on the potential passage of Proposal A.

And in that single budget meeting last week, board members did nothing to trim the \$30.9 million overall budget. There was very little discussion of line items within the budget.

Now, compared to that 10 budget sessions the city had over its budget, roughly a third the size.

And why did Novi schools have to act so fast? Why did it take up a budget as big and obviously complex as this and pass it in a single meeting? Simple, because two school board members and two administrators were scheduled to go to Japan to visit the school district in Novi's sister city of Owari.

Even the school district's bank account seems to come ahead of taxpayers. The school district's revenues this year will grow from \$26.9 million to \$30.9 million, a \$4 million jump. Keep in mind that \$1.15 million of that is FICA aid the district got last year but was instructed by the state to keep out of budget documents. It is also \$1.15 million the state could well take away from the district later this year, in fact the school district fully expects it will just that.

Still, for all the district's moaning, the income of district would increase by \$2.9 million over last year's budget.

That is almost an 11 percent increase in revenue, even in the worst case scenario.

More incredible yet, even in this worst case scenario, the school district's "equity" fund — rainy day money — will continue to grow. Even with the state taking a million dollar bite out of Novi schools' finances, the district's fund equity will grow from the current year's \$1.92 million to almost \$2.05 million.

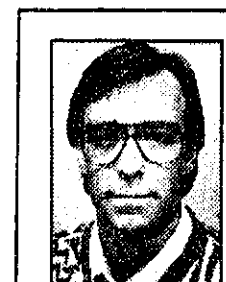
We certainly wouldn't want that money languishing in taxpayers' savings accounts. How much more useful it will be languishing in the school district's savings account.

Novi school board president Ray Byers said the district might still be able to avoid the tax increase, or could at least pare it back. If the state does not cut the district's funding as severely as the district is now expecting, it could well be able to avoid the full levy.

"All we're saying is 'trust us for six months.' If we don't need the money, we'll return it. If we don't," Byers said, "it's because we'll need it."

Well, Mr. Byers and school board members, trust is earned . . . not given.

Penalties and misstatements



Mike Malott

Just some random items from a reporter's notebook:

IS THIS CRIMINAL?: While the Novi Planning Commission is talking about getting tougher on ordinance violators, the state government is moving in the opposite direction.

Planning commissioners voted 8-0 last week to make land use violations criminal misdemeanors, punishable with jail time if the offenders don't pay their fines or fix their problems.

In the meantime, the state House of Representatives has passed a law which would allow ordinance violations to be considered civil matters, in which tickets could be paid just traffic tickets. Lawmakers there see little point in giving someone a criminal record for something like an ordinance violation. Planner commissioners, however, apparently see it differently.

I tend to think to the guys up in Lansing are on the right track. Since making traffic violations civil matters, we haven't seen an outbreak of traffic violations. In fact, accidents and traffic fatalities have gone down during the same time.

In my humble opinion, criminal penalties won't cow folks into compliance. It will just make them more inclined to fight the tickets in court to keep their records clean.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES: From time to time, I've been accused of letting my children write my column for me. I plead guilty. I have also occasionally been accused of having children just so I can get column ideas from them.

Were that true, Charlie would just now be reaching the stage where he would earn his crib and milk. Now 19 months old, Charlie is just reaching the point where he can speak in something akin to decipherable English. He also gets "stuck in one gear," as my wife, Dana, puts it.

Last week, Charlie went to visit his grandfather, who likes to be called "Papa" by the grandkids and who also has a dog named "Tino." On Saturday, Charlie decided to tell me all about Tino. "Tino this" and "Tino that." Dana thought she'd show me what she meant when she said Charlie gets stuck in gear.

"What about Papa? Didn't you visit Papa? Tell Daddy about Papa," Dana urged.

"Yea," Charlie answered. "Papa lives at Tino's house." Samantha is still turning out her little bon mots. She was in the garden awhile ago "pretending" to water the flowers when she gave me her latest offering. Mind you, she was pouring real water on real flowers from a real watering can, but I guess it is more fun to pretend when you are 5 years old. Anyway, as she watered, she recited this bit of verse.

*"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?
With jingle bells and taw shells, and flowers all in a row."*

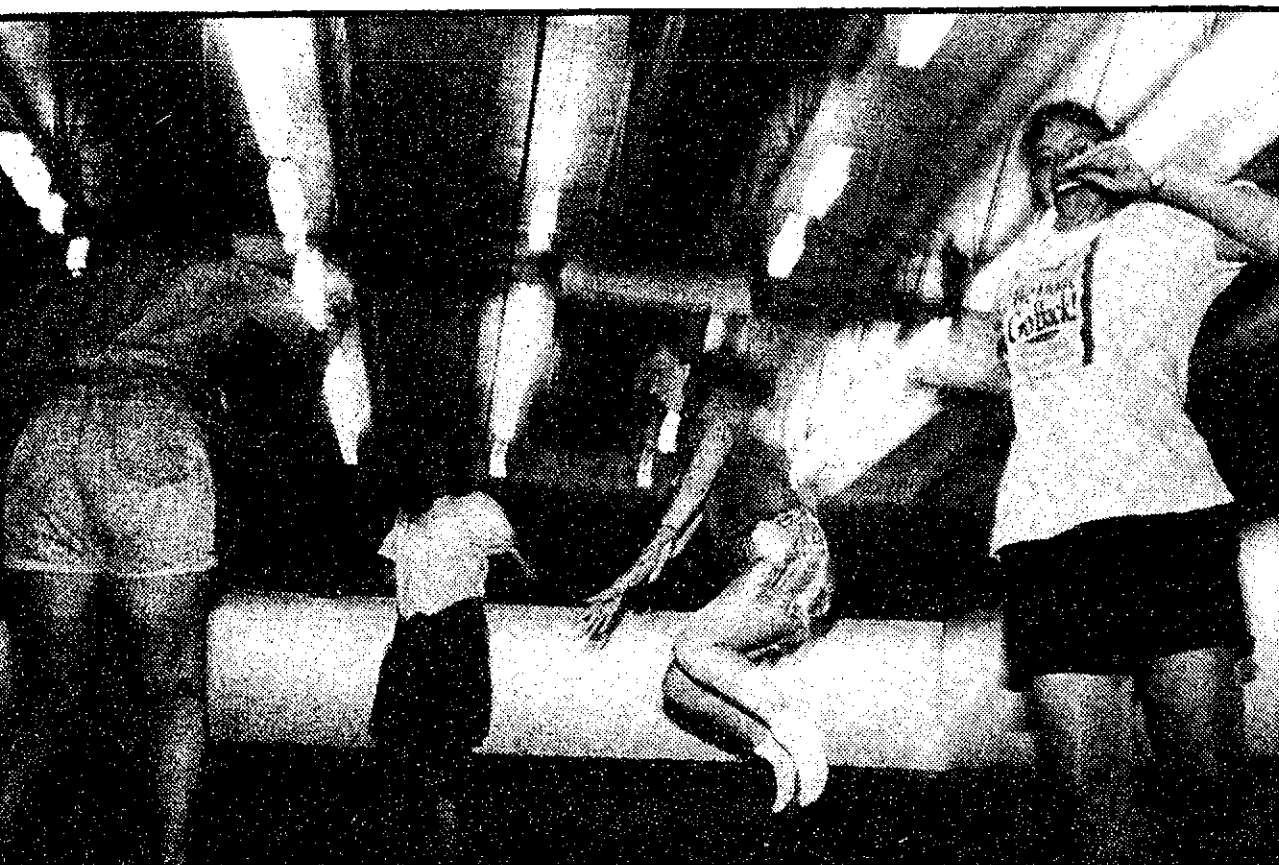
AN ADDITION TO THE CREW: I have also recently taken complaints over the fact I've failed to mention in this space the latest addition to the family, Zachary John is due to arrive in early July.

In another year and a half or so, I'll have another source of column ideas.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Novi grads celebrate by bouncing on the moonwalk at the all-night party.

'Jump'

Downtown change is lasting



Lee Snider

Northville Pharmacy closed for good yesterday. "Some of the people came in here crying," owner Bill Wright said Monday. "I'm very concerned about the demise of small towns."

Wright explained that it was a change in policy from Blue Cross/Blue Shield on March 1 that did him in. Wright couldn't afford to subscribe to the new plan, and, as a result, his long-time Blue Cross customers ended up going elsewhere.

Because prescriptions represented about 80 percent of the pharmacy's overall receipts, the business just couldn't afford the loss. The chain stores, on the other hand, can absorb to operate their pharmacies as loss leaders and were able to survive the change. Wright's inventory was purchased by Troy-based Arbor Drugs.

"It's the end of the American dream," said Wright, who has run the business for the last 14 years. "We lived the dream and enjoyed it, but it's changing."

For his part, Wright said not to worry. He has been hired, on a 90-day basis, by Arbor Drugs and will work at the Northville Arbor's.

But while he expects to land on his feet, Wright wonders what will happen to some of his regulars, like the 96-year-old shut-in he delivered prescriptions to, or the older woman who passed her mornings reading the newspaper at one of the tables near the counter.

"I can't tell you how many people said to me, 'I'm going to miss not having you here,'" he said.

Northville city planning consultant Don Wortman said the closing of the pharmacy may be a sad event, but it's an inevitable sign of the times.

"A lot of shoppers are lured by the big strip malls and nationally-identified stores. Many downtowns are reverting to office, restaurant and specialty stores."

According to Wortman, while many small downtowns are struggling to remain afloat, Northville's business district has adapted to the new market conditions and is doing quite well.

He's probably right, but you have to be saddened by yet more evidence of how the small, independent downtown shop can't be pulled from the endangered species list.

Northville Pharmacy has been an institution in this city for generations. It has an authentic old-fashioned atmosphere and a personalized service style to match.

It probably won't be long before a new business moves into the building which June Mainville, widow of one of the former pharmacists, still owns. But whatever it is, you can bet it won't be a pharmacy with a "50s-vintage soda fountain and an owner who knows the personal problems of the customers."

The closing of Northville Pharmacy is hardly a death knell for Northville, but it is further proof that the character of the city has undergone a change — a permanent one.

Lee Snider is editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Move judicial elections to the spring



Phil Power

"Who knows judges? Nobody really knows their judges."

Judge Michael Connor
Michigan Court of Appeals

Right. And who knows Michigan State University Trustees?

Wayne State University Governors? Or by name the judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Probate Courts, Circuit Courts and various municipal courts?

Nobody, really.

Yet judges and members of university governing boards have an awful lot of clout in Michigan.

"They send people to jail or set them free. They interpret the law, more or less. They set college tuition rates and try to make sure the football coach doesn't run the entire university. They make up a big part of the elected political sub-culture that collectively determines what goes on in Michigan."

And they share two major characteristics:

They are elected and they are almost entirely unknown.

Both stem from one fact: They are all elected in November elections in even-numbered years. Because the news media are preoccupied with more important races — presidents, senators, members of Congress, state legislators — the nature and views of the folks who run for judge or university boards are almost entirely unknown. Having run for the University of Michigan Board of Regents in 1990, I know something about this bizarre system. Nobody knows who you are or what office you are running for, let alone what your credentials are or what your views might be.

One can argue that we should appoint our judges and our university board members. But we in Michigan have chosen to elect them, and the odds of changing this part of our Constitution are negligible.

Last week, somebody with legal standing and political clout took up this problem. Clifford Taylor is not only a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, he's one of the brightest judges in Michigan. He is also very close to Gov. John Engler and the movers and shakers in the Republican Party.

Speaking to a roomful of judges and lawyers gathered at the Oakland County Republican Committee meeting, Taylor said Michigan TV

and newspaper reporters are "so busy with the much more spicy partisan races" that equally important judicial contests are virtually ignored.

Taylor urged moving elections for judges and statewide educational posts to the spring, when the news media are not so swamped with partisan politics and have the time to inform the public fully about the views and qualifications of candidates.

Many in Taylor's audience agreed. "I think (spring elections) would put more emphasis on the candidate's background," said Oakland County Probate Judge Barry Grant. "Voters would have more time to analyze the candidate."

The news media do a lousy job in covering judicial and educational races. Spring elections would allow better and more careful coverage and give voters information on which to base their votes.

Most Michigan communities already schedule school board and local millage elections in the spring, so adding judges and education boards would be easy and cheap.

Sounds like an idea too good for the times.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His touch-tone phone number is (313)953-2047, Ext. 1880.

Affordable senior housing a must

Letters

To the Editor:

I cannot believe that the Novi City Council is opposed to a Senior Housing Center here in Novi. As this community continues to grow, many citizens are becoming older and with the increases in property taxes in this state, affordable housing is a must! Currently live in an apartment in Novi and if rent increases continue, I may not be able to stay where I am now. The reasons for voting no by (Nancy) Cassels (Tim) Pope, (Robert) Schmidt and (Joe) Toth seem unrealistic to me. This community grows older, especially when the vote was to ask for permission to apply for the funding. The council needs to re-think and re-evaluate their decisions immediately.

Mary Mitr
Wake up to the housing needs

To the Editor:
It is extremely disappointing that the Novi City Council members voted against a proposal to

Letters

apply for a Federal Housing and Urban Development Grant to build a Senior Citizens Complex. Novi is very much in need of affordable senior housing, and as a senior citizen, I am fully aware of the years Kathy Crawford has spent promoting such housing.

I am a former resident of Novi. Five years after my husband's death, I found it necessary to sell my home and property because I could no longer afford its upkeep and continually rising taxes. There were no affordable apartments in Novi to move into, so it was necessary for me to seek housing elsewhere. I am acquainted with many other former residents of Novi, who also found it necessary to move into affordable or subsidized housing outside of Novi, because nothing is available in Novi. It's time the Novi Council members wake up to the necessity for building a Senior Citizen Complex in Novi. As I

see it, Novi is "taking a back seat" to all the other outlying cities who've had the praiseworthy insight for building affordable and subsidized senior housing.

Eleanore Malchic

Vote them out, as they did grant

To the Editor:
Affordable housing is a must for our seniors who now have to live in poverty, because a few members on the council are against giving the seniors a break, for all their hard work making this nation as great as it is.

But all is not lost. Election is coming and time to go to the polls and put some people in who are for all the people and the good of the community.

Voters have clout. All they have

to do is use it for the better of the community. Let's vote them down, out, now, just as they did for affordable housing.

Edward Kody

Start now, while it cost nothing

To the Editor:

I have lived 44 years in Novi. Our taxes in 1950 were \$500 a year, now they are \$3,000. A simple apartment is more than \$500. For a widow, this is impossible. We need subsidized housing very much. We have been working on subsidized housing for more than 10 years and now it seems possible. The new proposal is so wonderful — only 80 units — three stories and no expense. Please start with no expense now to Novi. We need this — we have the land.

Arlene E. Gillett

Better be wary of government help

To the Editor:

Novi's Planners are in the process of developing a new zoning district that could adversely affect many Novi taxpayers. They are considering increasing the minimum lot size requirements in a major portion of the city.

Although this may, at first glance, appear to benefit existing homeowners in our area, it may in fact, be a detriment to our lifestyle and property values.

Typically, they would increase set-back requirements in these areas and that could create many non-conforming buildings. If you live in a non-conforming building, your right to make additions or to re-build after a disaster, are limited.

If you own sufficient property to make more than one building site today, the new zoning may prohibit that from happening.

Even if your property is currently at or under the current minimum requirements, you might

want the current growth rate to continue. The larger lot requirements will impede (if not halt altogether) development in our area. You could suffer further delays in bringing needed services to our area because densities would remain too low to justify the extension of those services enjoyed by the now-developed part of Novi. We have patiently waited for such things as cable television, natural gas, better road maintenance, city water, city sewers, etc. Without more residents in our area, these services will never be available to us.

Larger lots does not necessarily mean that there will be larger, more expensive homes. I certainly would not expect that any sensible person would want a two or three acre lawn! And the city requires that a subdivided lot shall be mowed (obnoxious weed ordinance).

Larger lots could slow or stop the gradual rate of building homes in the area that we are currently experiencing.

Larger minimum sized lots would obviously have a negative impact on the land values. Some of the property in the area has already suffered by a reduction in value because of recent re-zoning from half-acre to one acre.

What terrible things might happen if they just leave the zoning as it is right now? Probably nothing, because of the fact that much of the land being proposed simply does not have the capability of supporting individual septic systems (as evidenced by the recent "no percolation" condition existing on the now-abandoned Nine Mile and Napoleon new park proposal). More building of homes would only take place when and if utilities could be extended (past your house maybe?) to the development.

Keep in mind that the area on our side of Beck Road is an entirely different drainage district than the rest of Novi, and we may never see sewer service coming from the East unless expensive pumping stations are built. The investor and developer have historically been the ones to extend all of

the utilities mentioned.

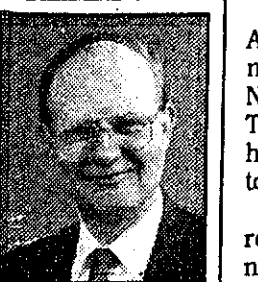
The only hope we have to ever achieve the benefits of added services is the same way that all of the other improvements in Novi have been developed: by the entrepreneur who is willing to risk his capital in developing land in our area. It is evident by the lack of one acre lot subdivisions in Novi today that two, three or more acre developments just won't happen. I say "leave the master plan and zoning ordinance as it is. . . I see no benefit for us at all!"

We have a smaller voice in government simply because we are outnumbered by the "subdivision people." We also tend to receive less value, proportionately, from our tax dollars. Unfortunately, we, the rural residents of Novi, have no influential subdivision association nor a large enough population to impact politically at the ballot box.

Be wary when you hear, "I am from the Government, and I am here to help you!"

William D. Gladden

Stunning news and 'a joyful noise'



Tim Richard

theory of evolution is unproven. Not even our nation's space shots have shaken their belief that the stars are embedded in a firmament (Genesis 1:6-8 and 14-17) rather than drifting in deep space.

Darwin demonstrated that evolution indeed occurred, but he didn't know how. That step was taken by a Catholic priest in Austria named Gregor Mendel (1822-84). Working in a cloister garden, Mendel gave us the idea of genes, tenacious units of heredity. Darwin died (1882) without learning of Mendel's work.

Tom Rice operates the GtOldder shop on Northville's Main Street. I met him when I acquired my banjo. Each summer he organizes a Bluegrass Festival with some of the biggest names in the country. It's a benefit for Huntington's disease.

Rice's sister, Donna Jarski, died in 1974 at

31 of Huntington's disease, an inherited, incurable and fatal disorder of the nervous system that usually strikes people between ages 30 and 50. A folk music hero, Woody Guthrie, died of Huntington's. It affects about 30,000 Americans.

The scary thing about Huntington's is that one person in 12,000 carries the gene, but doesn't know whether it will affect his or her children. Donna's three kids don't know if they're carriers.

The Bluegrass Festival this year will be on a Sunday at Ford Field. Watch the entertainment people, times, details and ticket information.

University of Michigan scientists are part of a six-laboratory consortium in the United States, England and Wales doing genetic research. Headline in the current Michigan Alumnus magazine: "Scientists Finally Snare Elusive Huntington's Gene." Out of 100,000 genes in the human body, they spotted the one that causes Huntington's. It was the most difficult gene to find.

Francis C. Collins, the internationally famed leader of the U-M team. "It's a great relief," said Rice.

Probable result: Scientists will be able to predict the onset of Huntington's — "We'll be looking into a crystal ball with clarity never before provided," said Collins.

Meanwhile, Time magazine (May 31) reported on the "first attempts to cure a disease by gene therapy." Cure! It seems they can insert genes into babies to

treat genetic diseases, but now they're talking about replacing defective genes with beneficial genes. An early subject: Andrew Cobea, a Los Angeles baby born with defective genes that left him defenseless against infection. A decade earlier, the kid would have had to live in a sterile bubble and would have died anyway.

Rice is hopeful that within a few years a genetic cure will be found for Huntington's.

There are religious footnotes to this tale. According to the Michigan Alumnus magazine, "Some scientists think that some of the Salem witches may have suffered from Huntington's."

Laurie Jarski, Donna's college student daughter, recalls that the onset of her mother's illness started in her 20s, and that people at first thought Donna was mentally ill. Donna's father died of a similar disorder that people associated with the devil. It was all genetic.

Will this be enough to shake the religious right out of badmouthing Darwin, evolution and genetics and insisting on the scientific status quo for creationism? Let us pray it does.

If the Bible is unreliable on genetics, it's still a marvelous guide in other areas. I like Exodus 20, St. Matthew 7:12 and St. Luke 10:25-37. On July 25, join us in Northville to practice Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional news. His office phone is (313)349-1700.

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Contract award concerns council

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lower bid when it's gotten up so high and they (Finkbeiner) had the opportunity to change so many things," Council Member Carol Mason said.

"Everybody should have the same opportunities for adjustment." Novi's Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki said he recommended Finkbeiner as the firm best qualified for the job. He was given the go-ahead by the council in January to negotiate a draft contract with Finkbeiner and MDOT, which is paying for a share of the roadwork.

"MDOT says you provide us with a firm you feel is qualified and we will go over it with them and define the scope of the project," Nowicki explained.

MDOT then fine-tuned the Finkbeiner proposal, including adding in \$26,000 for an environmental impact assessment.

Joseph Kapelczak, president of JCK & Associates, told the council that his firm's bid of \$122,000 already included the environmental study.

But Nowicki disputed that: "The proposal prepared by JCK & Associates, regardless of what is stated publicly here, does not include the environmental assessment as mandated by MDOT."

Kapelczak contended that the re-

view, which includes a historical, cultural and environmental assessment, was not spelled out in detail in the JCK bid but that all the work would be done at the \$122,000 price.

"In the last year and a half, JCK has had a lot of criticism from this council as to their cost and so on. There was a lot of interest in this council to go out to bids on a lot of projects," Schmid said.

"What I don't want to do is turn this thing around and when we go out to bid, not to take the low bidder because they happen to be JCK and we want to punish them in some way. The intent is to do what's right with the dollar value we can get."

However, Schmid did not join Toth, Mason and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford in their unsuccessful attempt to block the award of the contract.

JCK was the target of criticism last year when it was learned that a member of the firm apparently gave the developer of Mystic Forest, who was also building a city-funded Novi Road water line, approval to veer the main's route into the subdivision.

Nowicki said that it was not possible to determine how high the other bids would land if MDOT also fine-tuned them, but said that Finkbeiner remained the best-qualified firm for the job. He said the city was "scram-

bling" to have the roadwork done by 1994.

"I agree with your concept of fairness and I agree that sometimes the selection process isn't always entirely fair, but speaking for my department, I think we looked at what we could provide for the community — the best qualified engineer we could find, the best possible costs we could put together," Nowicki told the council.

Mayor Matthew Quinn defended the bid selection.

"My personal point of view is you've been honest with the proposal and told us what you've done," he told Nowicki.

Library Notes

Adult book discussion: *Lonesome Dove*, a western by Larry McMurtry, will be the subject at the next Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

If you would like to join this group, please have the book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group. Copies of the book are available at the Novi Library.

For more information, call the library at 349-0720.

Make a splash — Read: Children of all ages are invited to dive into Novi Library's Summer Reading Program which is going on now at the library. Register now to have a "whale" of a summer with listening days, craft projects, and special programs. Call the library at 349-0720 for more information.

The jammin' J.P. Express: Musicians and storyladies Pat and Judy will present a fast-moving hour of songs, stories and sillies for all ages on Wednesday, June 30, at 1 p.m.

Developer will soon seek land rezoning

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mind, the developer added, involves large retail outlets. While he would not mention any names, Gerak did say that they were of the Meijer or Pace Warehouse type of store.

"We have interest from 'big-box' retailers who want to have a presence in southwestern Oakland County," Gerak's assistant said.

Whomever it is won't be alone. A Meijer store is going up in the city of Wixom not far from the I-96/Wixom parcel. Gerak also said that Wixom is pushing for further commercial development in that area as well.

Gerak indicated he was interested in a speedy decision from the city on the rezoning. He wanted to try to cut a deal, Gerak indicated, before potential customers for the land "felt that the market is saturated."

Conventional and Advance Payment Program lease payments based on '93 Villager GS with PEP 962A MSRP \$20,104 '93 Sable GS with PEP 451A MSRP \$19,899 and Cougar XR7 with PEP 260A MSRP \$16,643 excluding title taxes, in case fee. Monthly lease payment based on an average capitalized cost of 91.17% of MSRP for Villager and 89.22% for Sable and 95.00% for Cougar for 24-month closed-end Red Carpet leases purchased in the Great Lakes Region for the period 12/92-2/93. Some payments higher, some lower. See participating dealers for payment and terms. For special lease terms, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 7/5/93. Lessee may have the option to buy vehicle at lease end at a price to be negotiated with the dealer at signing. Lessee responsible for excess wear and tear and 5.11 per mile over 30,000 miles. Credit approval/insurability determined by Ford Credit. Cash savings based on comparison of total of monthly payments plus cash down payment under a conventional 24-month Red Carpet lease vs. one lease payment under the Advance Payment Program lease. \$8,422 vs. \$7,396 on Villager; \$8,194 vs. \$7,254 on Sable; \$8,736 vs. \$7,979 on Cougar. Take new vehicle retail delivery from dealer stock by 7/5/93. MSRP for Topaz GS 2-door includes \$500 cash back, excludes title and taxes. See your dealer for his price. For cash back take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 9/22/93. *Always wear your safety belt. *Except on models with privacy glass.

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Katherine Johnson was one of 12 students who donned caps and gowns and graduated from the Bryant Center over a week ago. Operated by Northville Public Schools, the Bryant Center provides special education services to students in 15 surrounding school districts.

By MICHELLE KAISER
Staff Writer

Unlike most people, Bruce Tabashneck does not look forward to his weekends.

"When Friday comes I'm sad because it means I'll have to wait until Monday comes before I can get back to work," said Tabashneck, a social worker at Bryant Center. "There is so much love in this building."

The love radiates from the warmth of the staff and students, according to Tabashneck.

"The people here are very kind and sensitive," he said. "The students are appreciative of people who recognize them and are accepting. When they're outside with their peer group, they tend to be rejected... they get ridiculed and feel like they stand out."

But not at Bryant. Everyone is the same there. No matter what the disability — physical or mental, or both — the students are all accepted.

Located on Merriman Road in Livonia, the Bryant Center, formerly a Livonia junior high school, began operating over 10 years ago.

"In 1975 Northville Public Schools took over the education of residents of Plymouth Center," school supervisor Joe Blake said. "There were hundreds of developmentally disabled residents there. As those residents were placed out in the community in group homes, the Plymouth Center closed down but the education services continued."

"At one time, over 600 to 700 students were housed in five different buildings. Now, we have just two — Bryant and Old Village."

Bryant serves the older students, ages 14 through 26, while Old Village caters to younger children. It serves 15 school districts besides Northville, including Crestwood, Dearborn, Huron, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Redford Union, Romulus, Southgate, South Redford, Taylor, Wayne/Westland, Westwood and Van Buren.

The student population is 120. There are 16 teachers and 35 paraprofessionals who assist the teachers in the instructional program and education of the students.

The center also provides ancil-

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lary services in speech and language, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, psychology and social work.

"In terms of having a lot of different components, the needs of many of our students are such that ancillary services are a necessary component," Blake said.

Blake began his career as a social worker with the Northville Public Schools 18 years ago. Before being named as supervisor last September, five of those 18 years were

spent at Bryant.

"When I was the school social worker I had an opportunity to work in all of the buildings," Blake said. "In the last six years I became involved in this program by doing social work, serving on a part-time basis."

"As I became more involved, I became more interested in what was going on here. It's very rewarding. It's very challenging. But I have found this is where I like to be."

As supervisor, Blake's job is

comparable to what a principal does in a regular school setting.

"Just the everyday kind of running of the building and schedule," he explained. "There's a lot of liaison work with the local districts — there's a lot of different kinds of communication that needs to go on with them."

Bryant officials also have close contacts with group homes, case managers, Community Mental Health and the Department of Social Services.

"There's a lot of involvement with different systems," Blake said. "It's an ongoing challenge to try to mesh and bring together a common purpose — working together, putting together a program for the education of students."

Students report to school at 8:45 a.m. and are dismissed at 2 p.m. After school, the staff plans meetings with parents to discuss Individual Education Plans (IEP) — a state requirement for special education students — as well as discuss curriculum issues, programs and activities with their co-workers.

The class hours and time set aside for staff development are

common factors in a school setting; however, Bryant still differs from the majority of schools making up the educational system.

"Our students are involved in a special education course study," Blake said. "They get no credits or report cards. In that sense, there is a difference."

Blake said goals and objectives are identified for each student in four areas: pre-vocational and vocational skills, home living, community living and leisure/recreation.

"Our hope is, to the extent they can, students will be able to find a meaningful, productive employment situation," Blake said.

A satellite class at the Northwest Skill Center helps train students for jobs. It trains students how to perform jobs in restaurant, workshop and laundry situations. It also has access to contract work.

Bryant has a job training program. Some students learn banquet set-up at the St. Mary's center next door to the school. There is also an in-house restaurant for staff and students.

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Volunteer



Sherry Kemp

Volunteerism leads to scouting honors

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Novi resident Sherry Kemp has put hundreds of hours of volunteer work into the community.

In the past two years, she has logged more than 200 hours of volunteering at A Growing Place day care center alone. In addition to that she volunteers at Spirit of Christ church by performing various duties that include teaching Sunday school.

"And my mom delivers Meals on Wheels to seniors and I help them," she said. "And I do some work through Girl Scouts and the Interact Club at Novi High School, which is part of the Rotary."

How does she find time for all this? "I enjoy doing it so I guess I just find the time," she said.

Her work at Spirit of Christ led to a project that Girl Scouts of America felt was worthy of an award. She was recently one of 20 Detroit area girls

presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award.

To receive the Gold Award, the girls must learn about themselves, explore careers, build on their talents and skills, develop leadership and conduct a service project in the community. It reflects a personal dedication and commitment to oneself, the community, the world and the future.

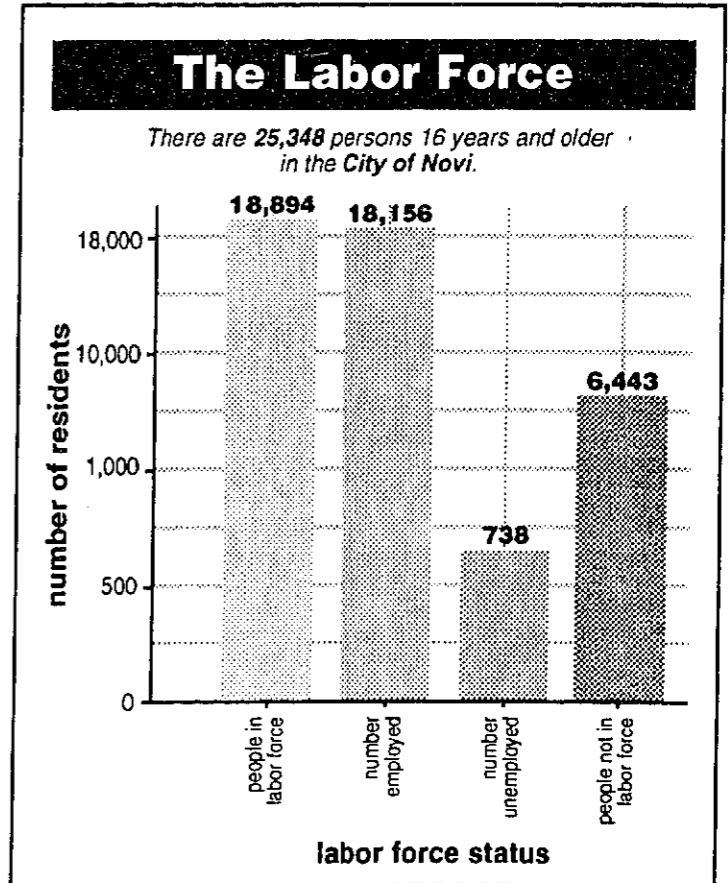
Sherry, 17, is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 1027. As a service project she planned and conducted a one week session of Vacation Bible School at Spirit of Christ.

"I did all the planning and coordinating on my own," she explained. "It was my responsibility to find a project to do, and to get it done."

As the holder of a Gold Award, Kemp is now eligible for various Girl Scout scholarships.

"And it's a personal goal that I've now fulfilled."

It's A Fact



Novi Trackers clubs is looking for members

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Trackers is extending an invitation to anyone who is interested in running, whether it is as a casual activity or more serious competitive sport. The club is sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation and is open to both men and women regardless of ability to run. Ages range from one to 60.

The club meets twice a week regularly for a run on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi High School Taft Road parking lot and later meet at the Pizza Hut in Novi for socialization.

On Saturday morning, members meet at the Sundowner Restaurant in Northville at 8 a.m. Dues are \$5 and there are about 45 members.

In addition to the regular weekly runs, some members also participate in other local events like the recent "Invest in Youth" run in Farmington Hills.

Members participated in the Providence Walk in the Park by assisting in a volunteer capacity as course marshals, manning water stops, working at the finish line, helping to record times, and stuffing the race packets.

The Boston Marathon was another event that several members participated in. More recently, two of the club members — Larry Molloy and Mike Everett — were race directors and 20 Tracker members ran in the 12th Annual Faith Community Run. All of the profits from that event go to support the Novi Food Program.

Coming up will be the annual meeting when new officers will be chosen. Present officers are President Hub Copp, Vice President Lyle Hamilton, Treasurer Ron Mariani, Membership John Cole and Statistician Bill Scott.

Plans are being made for the annual Crystal Lake Team Marathon August 14. Anyone wishing more information can call Parks and Recreation.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
June 28 is the date set for Hope's Second Annual Drive and it will be held from 2-9 p.m. Contact the church office at 553-7170 for more information.

Blood Donors need to be healthy, between the ages of 17 and 70, weight at least 110 pounds and have O, A, or AB blood types. Every blood type is needed, however, the most common blood type O is most often in short supply.

The church is finishing up its Vacation Bible School for children from

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age 4 through the 5th grade for this year, June 24. The coordinator this year was Chris Veres and the theme was "In His Time." The school gave children the chance to see how Jesus lived through storytelling, music and special craft projects.

The church now has summer worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., with the Sunday school finished for this year and will resume in the fall. A special Bible study is offered on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and is entitled "Scripture Songs." Everyone is welcome: Senior citizens, children, singles and families. This program provides a second worship opportunity each week. Many of those attending find this a good opportunity for worship when they plan to be away over the weekend.

The Junior High Group (6-8th grades) met on a recent Saturday for pizza and then visited Charter House, where they presented the activities department with a radio/cassette player. The young people had earned the money for their Talent Show.

QUEST
This program that involves young people in the Novi Middle School is finishing up the year with a pizza party. Under the direction of sponsor Claudia Wiseman, the club has had a busy year.

Members meet once a week and are a community service group. The club is similar to the high school Interact Club and gives members the opportunity to participate in the community as volunteers. In this way, the group has a goal of providing opportunity for students to develop leadership in several areas including communication, organization, planning and cooperating.

Members have occasional fundraisers throughout the year and again, their goal is to purchase or provide something for the community. Last year, they presented a VCR to the activities department at Charter House. During this year, they did a lot of one-on-one weekly visits to

between the ages of 17 and 70, weight at least 110 pounds and have O, A, or AB blood types. Every blood type is needed, however, the most common blood type O is most often in short supply.

The church is finishing up its Vacation Bible School for children from

the Novi library. Call above number if you have items you'd like to donate.

CROP WALK
An organizational meeting was held at the Northville United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Jacobs heading up the program this year. He was assisted by Mr. Dave Black.

The goal this year is recruiting 500 walkers to raise \$20,000. This amount will leave 25 percent in the local area to fund local hunger programs, such as 10 percent to the Novi Emergency Food Program, 10 percent to the Northville Civic Center and 5 percent to Focus Hope in Detroit. Seventy-five percent is funneled through Church World Service, an international church agency working in 70 countries around the world providing leadership and assistance in developing self-help programs in needy countries.

Last year, the walk was the largest so far with almost 400 walkers and collected \$16,000. At that time, the Novi program and Northville concern group both received over \$1,600 each and Focus Hope over \$800.

Plans for the CROP walk was presented at the monthly ministers meeting that was hosted by Orchard Hills Baptist Church this month with Rev. Jacobs reporting that his church had 23 walkers with \$1,175 pledged and hopes to do much better this year.

The next meeting will be held at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church for the CROP walk organizers. For additional information, call Carol Ann Donnelly at 349-8553.

The organizers are interested in hearing from other churches, service groups, youth groups, any organizations, individuals who would like to assist in this program. On August 30 there will be a recruitment meeting.

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Community Education also offers a wealth of opportunities to those families with children who wish to stay home for vacation this year with nature studies, computer camp, a baby-sitting clinic, many cooking and crafts classes, including sponge-shirt painting, rubber stamp art, gallery glass creations, creative shoes and visors, also piano classes, dancing, and once called Movie Star Camp, swim lessons, aerobics. There are all kinds of sports camps, including tennis, volleyball, lacrosse camp, basketball and baseball. Summer time classes also offer opportunities to help those adults looking for jobs with career transition workshops. Also there will be classes for those interested in

buider's licenses. As always, classes will be offered about computers, piano, dancing, dog obedience classes, cooking class Indian style, shirt painting and rubber stamp art. Swimming lessons are available both in the daytime and in evening classes. Scuba diving is also available. Families should check out the programs available at Maybury State Park or Heavens in Milford for canoeing adventures, nature walks, and much more.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, please call 624-0173.

NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
This group has been busy hosting programs for those interested in the history of the area and presenting programs to help those interested in finding out more about how to preserve information about the "good old days."

The organization hosted a program called "Echoes from the Attic," which was presented by the Michigan Oral History Council at the Novi Civic Center. This was an oral history workshop, teaching the techniques of the tape-recorded interview. Some of the special guest speakers were Glenn Ruggles, well-known historian and teacher from Walled Lake; Geneva Kebler Wiseman of Lansing; and Dr. Jeff Charnley of Michigan State University.

The program included information about tape recording techniques, how to interview, legal aspects of taping and effective ideas for sharing the heritage and values of the community. It was an all-day workshop and was attended by those interested in history from Flint, Grand Blanc, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield and other local areas.

The local group led by President Kathy Mitch, who can be reached at 349-6774, will be starting regular meetings in the fall. The group also hosted a spring meeting of area historians called "Solving with Lego Logos." It is a computerized program. Older students may register if space is available. Classes will run from 9 a.m.-noon July 26-29.

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Students have the opportunity to plan a meal, go grocery shopping, prepare the food, serve it and then clean up.

Other ways the students get involved in the community include a group which goes to the bowling alley and another that ice skates regularly. Another group walks to the mall and goes shopping while some students visit the Bentley pool.

"Our focus, as it is with society in general, is that once they (students) get out and become more a part of the community, they'll be integrated into what's going on in the community."

Blake said he thinks society is beginning to accept the handicapped more readily than it used to.

"I look on the other side of it now," he said. "I'm more excited about how society has responded to the rights of the developmentally disabled. Look at the American Handicapped Act program—that did wonderful things for developmentally disabled people."

Tabashneck has taken over Blake's former role of social worker. "I help students with their self-esteem," Tabashneck said. "Many times students come here hurt in terms of self-esteem. They don't have any self-confidence."

"Some come from loving families, but because of general differences, physical or mental issues—they see themselves as different and not fitting in."

"It's an ongoing challenge to try to mesh and bring together a common purpose—working together, putting together a program for the education of students."

Bruce Tabashneck
Bryant Center social worker

Tabashneck said he also works closely with the teachers. "They're the real saints here," he said.

Blake agrees. "You have to have a great deal of patience," he said. "You have to be very realistic in terms of what your expectations are for your students and at the same time you have to be challenging for the student. It's a constant challenge trying to get students to reach their potential."

"Sometimes we have the natural inclination not to expect what we should. That's no different than in regular education. People involved in working with our population have to be excited about the possibilities."

Tabashneck said it's important not to forget about the parents. "Parents need a lot of support," he said. "By the time their children reach the age to come to Bryant, parents are somewhat saddened with having to deal with many of the issues."

Tabashneck said he learned a lesson about special education stu-

dents while visiting a class of developmentally disabled children in Livonia.

"It was sofab day," he recalled. "I was surprised. I saw all these students taking turns on the pitcher's mound and standing behind home plate. They were calling fouls and they were calling strikes."

"They treated all of their students as normal. It was a real wake-up call for me. Even if somebody is disabled or mentally impaired, if we have low expectations of them, that's all they'll measure up to. They were all able to hit the ball and play by the rules. That taught me a lesson."

This is Tabashneck's first year at Bryant. Formerly he worked for Community Mental Health and other school/counseling settings. He had also once served as a probationary officer for Recorder's Court in Detroit.

"The staff here is unbelievable," he said. "We're all in this together. Everyone really helps everyone else out. This is the best place I've ever worked."



Scott Laczek is Bryant Center's Student of the Year.

Photo by JON FREELICH

Holland attends convention

Eleanor Holland, president of the Novi Garden Club, was one of more than 400 Federated Garden Club members from around the country who attended a national convention at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

The day included bus trips to the state Capitol as well as the new State Library and Museum. Varied activi-

ties around the campus included a horticulture show, tours of the children's garden and other special demonstration gardens.

There were also a variety of workshops and meetings for garden consultants, landscape design critics and foundation members.

Keynote speakers for the event included Jane L. Taylor, curator of the

4-H children's garden at MSU; Pat Leimbach, an Ohio newspaper columnist often referred to as "the Erma Bombeck of the '80s"; Dr. Will Carlson, MSU Extension Specialist in horticulture who spoke on "New Bedding Plants"; and Dixie Freudenberg of Colorado Springs, Colo., who was guest designer.

Tollgate hosts air quality teacher workshops

The University of Michigan School of Public Health will present air quality education materials, developed for the National Consortium on Environmental Education and Training, in a two-day teachers' workshop at the Tollgate Education Center in Novi June 28 and 29.

This is the first in a series of workshops to be presented to children on air quality research. Children are targeted because they are beginning to make lifestyle decisions that affect their own health and the quality of

the environment. Teachers attending the workshop can learn about indoor radon, ground-level ozone, and other air pollutants of significance to human health. The educational materials include resource information for teachers and hands-on activities designed to be meaningful and fun for middle-school children.

The workshop will be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center. Lodging and meals will be provided to teachers and environmental educa-

tors at no cost. Those who wish to participate should contact Suellen Cook at (313)936-0727 or Tamara Krantz at (313)764-5385 by June 15 to register.

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Michelle Starnes (left) and Anita Del Farero set the example at a past Novi concert.

Music to graze in the grass by

Start planning your al fresco dinner menu now.

And mark down these dates for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's annual summer concert series "Sounds of Summer."

The location's close and the price is right. The Thursday night entertainment is absolutely free. Just bring yourself, your family and friends along with a full picnic basket and blankets and lawn chairs to the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center.

(Indoors if the weather is so uncooperative as to rain.)

■ June 24: Janet Tenaj and Sven Anderson Ensemble. A small jazz group with a featured vocalist.

■ July 1: Brookside Jazz Ensemble featuring singer Ursula Walker.

■ July 8: Myk and Mary, a rock duo playing hits of the 1960s and 1970s.

■ July 15: Straight Blue, a jazz quintet from Hope College.

■ July 22: No concert this week.

Compensate yourself at the Michigan '50s Festival at the Novi Town Center.

■ July 29: Bakra Bata, an American steel drum band based in Seattle.

■ Aug. 5: This one's a treat. Old-time jazz artist Howard "Louie Blue" Armstrong will perform with Ray Kamalay.

Armstrong, who is the star of the feature film *Louie Blue*, got his start as a musician in southern "juke joints" during Prohibition years.

■ Aug. 12: Same time, different place. The Novi Concert Band performs the season finale at Providence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

For more information, call 347-0400.

The project is coordinated by Terry Gahman. Joining the City of Novi in sponsoring the series is the Ford Motor Co. Foundation and Providence Medical Center-Nov.

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Special events

ART GALLERY NOUVEAU: "Women of Artistry" is the first exhibit scheduled for the new Little Art Gallery at Genitt's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville. The gallery will feature two shows a month by Michigan artists.

Today, the work of Julie Giordano, Susan Angrilli, Sharon Dillen-Beck, Carol McCreedy and Norma McQueen will be on display. The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main Street. All proceeds from sales go to the artists.

Michigan fine artists who would like to show their works are encouraged to contact Giordano at 348-0282.

Theater

WHO DUNNITS AND SIDE SPLITS: Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant continues to present its Murder Mystery Dinner Theater performances.

Genitt's has two different production companies performing different Murder Mystery Dinner Theaters every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater are available.

The restaurant is now featuring *The Soap Opera Murders*. Soap stars are dying off as the program "The Tears of Our Life" is being filmed.

As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to discover who "committed the murder" through clues given out by cast members. Audience members are asked to perform roles in the play. Clues are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the culprit.

Also running is another mystery, *An Acty Brecky Murder*. The restaurant also offers comedy weekends once a month. Kirk Noland

and Steve Bills are feature acts Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19. Dinner and show tickets are \$29.95.

Genitt's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St. just east of Center Street (Sheldon Road).

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Dinner Theatre including the seven-course dinner costs \$29.95 per person (including tax and tip). Phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates available.

Music

COUNTRY EPICURE: A jazz duo featuring pianist Wilbert Peagler is now performing at the Country Epicure Restaurant, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Friday and Saturday, the entertainment at the Country Epicure is a jazz quartet, featuring some of Detroit's finest vocalists.

Country Epicure is located at 42050 Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads. For more information, call 349-7770.

HOME, SWEET HOME: Live jazz every Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. is on the menu at Home Sweet Home restaurant, at 43180 Nine Mile, just east of Novi Road. The 1920s home provides a setting conducive to music popular in that era as well as today.

There is no additional charge for the performances but a two drink minimum is required. For more information, call 347-0095.

HOTEL BARONETTE: Pianist's Anthony Lang and James Jewhurst play every Tuesday through Saturday from 7-11 p.m. in the Tara Lounge, in the Hotel Baronette at Twelve Oaks Mall.

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 week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

NOVI HILTON: Whispers Lounge in the Novi Hilton, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Two-Twenty is slated to play June 22-26 and Reflections takes over on June 29-July 3.

RIFFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., the Northville eatery becomes a rhythm and blues cafe.

Riffles is at 18750 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

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.

SHERATON OAKS: The Cool Notes Concert Series continues on Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cover charge is \$3. The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

Upcoming performers are Steve King and the Dittles on June 24, the Regular Boys on July 1 and Steve King again on July 8.

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

Art

ATRIUM GALLERY: Contemporary arts and crafts, including pottery, glass, painting and jewelry are the focus here.

The Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center St. in Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information call 349-4131.

NEARBY AND NEW: Just opened in Farmington is the Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road. Featured are highly unusual and non-traditional dolls created by fiber art techniques.

Works by eighteen artists are now on display. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kath Landers. Landers and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker are both artists.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, and features a variety of changing exhibits.

Karaoke

GETZIE'S PUB: Getzie's holds "Karaoke Nights" on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 9 p.m.

The pub is on Main Street at Hutton.

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

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

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Special effects make 'Jurassic Park' special



Dinosaurs come to life in new Spielberg flick

By JOHN MONAGHAN
Special Writer

"The special effects are incredible. I could see that his answer didn't impress my friend, who had been looking forward to the 'Jurassic Park' movie long before Steven Spielberg decided to direct it. 'You mean it stinks,' he said with a knowing look. 'The dinosaurs are great, but the script was written by Cro-Magnon, right?'"

After all, anything negative I have to say about 'Jurassic Park' isn't going to keep him or anyone else from paying six bucks to see it. Despite the shortcomings in the script, man and dinosaur do share some exciting moments on screen.

Based on the bestselling book by Michael Crichton, 'Jurassic Park' proposes the intriguing thought that genetic engineering can create a dinosaur theme park with real, live prehistoric specimens.

Laura Dern, Sam Neill and Jeff Goldblum play scientists enlisted for a Jurassic Park preview. The park's owner, a billionaire science buff played by Richard Attenborough, hopes they will write glowing testimonials before the official unveiling.

Instead, the scientists prove skeptical about reviving long-extinct plant and animal forms, and grow even more so when their electric-powered safari Jeep strands them in the middle of the park.

It's raining outside, and puddles ripple from the thundering footsteps of an approaching Tyrannosaurus Rex. After chomping down on one of the party, the deadly dino picks up

Jeeps like toys and starts teething on the rubber tires.

The state-of-the-art effects, which combine models and computer animation, help 'Jurassic Park' rise above your typical 1990s monster movie. Of course, there are kids tossed in, though their intense battles with dinosaurs will probably frighten younger viewers. Parents will be glad to know that despite a disembodied arm, the hungry dinosaur munching scenes (so graphic in the book) are surprisingly bloodless here.

'Jurassic Park' won't win Spielberg his much-coveted Oscar this year. But rest assured that, critical nitpicking aside, this will be the big summer winner at the box office. And with a wow-factor as big as a brontosaurus, who's to say that it doesn't deserve it?

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Fundukian: athletic program in solid shape

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Unlike many of its neighbors, the Novi Community School District's athletic program is in solid financial shape, according to Athletic Director John Fundukian. Districts such as Northville, Plymouth-Canton and Livonia have been forced into pay-to-play or cutting programs over the past few school years. Novi has avoided such drastic measures and will again in 1993-94.

approximately 482,000 was allotted for athletics — a 1.6 percent slice of the pie.

"Most districts can't afford 1.5 (percent)," Fundukian said. Recently published figures showed that the average Oakland County district spends less than 1 percent of its budget on sports. When funding falls below 1 percent, Fundukian said administrators are forced to look at pay-to-play or provide inadequate programs.

Figured into the new athletic budget is \$35,554 for coaches fringe benefits, which includes social security and retirement funding.

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ALL-AREA BASEBALL

Kris Adler outfield

Dave Lewicki outfield

Randy Naumann second base

Nathan Saffran first base

Tom Grigg shortstop

Bob Furmanek third base

Steve Christenson pitcher

Tom Busard designated hitter

John Lahti catcher

Ryan Farron outfield

Wildcats dominate All-Area teams

Novi High trio earns first team honors

Talk about Murderer's Row. This year's HomeTown Newspapers' East All-Area baseball first team makes the fabled Bronx Bombers of the 1920s look like a group of T-ballers. Headed by Player of the Year Tom Grigg, this squad can hit for average and power.

The Wildcat shortstop hit a spectacular .444 while teammates and fellow first teamers Randy Naumann and John Lahti hit .429 and .407, respectively.

Add to that the might bats of Milford, with Ryan Farron hitting .474 and Dave Lewicki blasting .468 for the season. Mix in a .426 by Lakeland's Bob Furmanek, and you have a recipe bad for any pitcher's diet.

The All-Area team is backed up by a fine pitcher. Northville's Steve Christenson turned in an excellent senior season by posting seven wins and an ERA under 3.00.

Now, let's take a closer look at the '1993 HomeTown Newspapers' East All-Area first team (some positions have been changed around to put who the writers feel is the best players on the first team):

JOHN LAHTI
Novi Catcher

The senior went from part-time status last season to being irreplaceable in the Wildcat lineup. "We wouldn't have been league champs without him," Novi coach



Grigg named best player

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Living up to expectations is never easy, especially when they are sky-high.

But that's the burden Novi High shortstop Tom Grigg carried into the 1993 season. As a sophomore last year, he earned all-state, all-league and all-area honors.

"I felt a lot of pressure this year," Grigg said, "from making all-state." Instead of folding, instead of trying to hide, the 16-year-old rose to the occasion. Grigg posted career highs in many offensive categories as well as playing the best shortstop this side of Michigan and Trumbull.

"Tommy is an All-American kid," Wildcat manager Brian Howard said. "He's a good student, hard worker and responsible kid. He answers for his actions."

For the second straight season, Tom Grigg is HomeTown Newspapers' East All-Area Player of the Year. As much as some expected of him, nobody put more pressure on Grigg than himself. Always analyzing, always trying to improve, the junior assessed his own season.

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Delwal defeats Wendy's 11-4; whips Tecumseh

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Delwal continued its winning ways Friday with an easy 11-4 win over Ann Arbor-based Wendy's at Novi High.

Tom Kretschmer had four hits and Matt Recht hit a three-run homer to lead the home team past Wendy's. Delwal has won 10 of its last 11 games.

Trailing 1-0, Delwal took the lead for good in the bottom of the first inning. With two out and a runner on first, Kretschmer got an infield single.

A walk to Recht then loaded the bases. Right fielder Nash Bremner followed with a two-run single.

Delwal added four runs in the second inning.

Tonny Grigg singled home Mark Temple, who had led off with a triple to right center. The home team added three more runs on a balk, ground out and double by Kretschmer.

Wendy's cut the lead to 6-2 by scoring a run in the top of the third off of Temple. With the game out of reach in the fifth inning, he allowed two more runs.

Recht's three-run blast came in the fourth inning. Delwal closed scoring in the fifth on a single and a Wendy's miscue.

Temple, a University of Michigan hurler, pitched a strong game. The right-hander allowed five hits while striking out 10 and walking four.

Delwal is currently in second place in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

DELVAL 11, TECUMSEH 4
The June 16 game followed a similar pattern.

Playing at home, Delwal fell behind 2-0 to the Canadian team in the first inning. Novi quickly regained the lead with three runs in the bottom of the frame, however.

Delwal put the game on ice in the second inning with four runs. Kretschmer hit a three-run homer to cap the inning.

Recht had two RBIs in the contest. Grigg, Chris Munson, Andy Duncan and Kretschmer all scored twice.

On the mound, John Vanderbrink gave Delwal a solid performance. He went six innings, allowing three runs while striking out four.

Delwal plays league-leading Hines Park of Plymouth tonight at Novi starting at 6 p.m.



Photo by HAI, GOULD

Mark Temple pitched a gem Friday night.

FARMINGTON 6, PONTIAC 3

Former Wildcat Mike Samolin was the story of the June 15 game.

The left-hander dominated one of American Legion's traditional power-house squads. In nearly six innings of work, Samolin allowed just two hits while striking out 12.

"He shows a lot of promise," Pintar said of Samolin. "He looked very good against Pontiac."

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League Line

MINOR LEAGUE: Harrington Law defeated Guardian Industries 17-4 on June 17. Jeff and Scott Weyand led the winners with four RBIs each while Jeff Gdowski and Josh Christopherson each had three hits. For Guardian, Kyle McLeod had three hits while Andy Cash and Dan Pasquerelli both had two hits.

Financial Network beat Oakland Therapy 24-10 on June 14. Mike Ward, Brandon Cooke and Casey Olling had four hits each for the winners. Matt Hebert had three hits while Alex Foster played great defense at third base.

Financial Network beat Heritage Property 30-19 on June 12. Brandon Kummer had five hits and Chris LaChance had four. Alex Foster had three home runs.

Harrington Law beat Heritage Properties 21-2 on June 5. The winners were led by Josh Christopherson, Scott Weyand, Mike DeMea and Tim Wilson all with four hits. Jeff Gdowski, Jeff Dunwell, Adam Kenny and Evan Rodriguez all had three hits.

Harrington Law beat Oakland Physical Therapy 32-8 on June 9. Jeff Dunwell hit for the cycle while Harrington Law teammates Nick Noles, Josh Christopherson, Scott Weyand and Mike DeMea all had four hits as well. Tim Wilson, Evan Rodriguez and Allen Koskella each had three hits. For Oakland, Todd Wasik had three hits and Dave Meyer had two hits.

PONY LEAGUE: Cone Zone defeated Fife Electronics 8-3 on June 10. Kyle Sveally had a home run and four RBIs for the winners. Dan Christopherson had a three-run homer for Fife. Will Folumbo got the win on the mound.

J.S. Trudeau beat Novi Video 18-6 on June 12. Josh Sabol and Chad Nadolini led Trudeau with three hits each, including a home run. Kevin Hammer got the win in relief of starter John Gauruder.

Hayes-Ligon shutout Novi Video 11-0 on June 10. Kevin Wade pitched the shutout allowing just one hit and struck out 13. Todd Greshaw had two hits for Hayes-Ligon and Mitch Mader had three RBIs. Ryan Rose had Novi Video's only hit.

MAJOR LEAGUE: General Filters beat Tri-Mount Homes 14-8 on June 15. Kirk Stanika had two hits and a walk for Tri-Mount. Tom Bragan got the win on the mound for General Filters.

Tri-Mount beat Allied Building 9-8 on June 10. The winners were led by Matt Ladow, Brian Hill and Kyle Sneyary each with two RBIs. J.J. Balagna had two hits for Allied.

Tri-Mount beat Heslops 11-9 on June 12. Ashley Earl had three hits for the winners.

Keford Collision beat Heslop's 13-0 on Novi Youth Baseball's opening day of June 5. Brian Wardell pitched seven innings to record Keford's first win. He allowed five hits and three walks while striking out 11. Offensively, Wardell had three hits and Dan Callaghan had two hits. Brett Farkas had two hits for Heslop's.

NPOA defeated Advance Carpet Care 6-4 on June 5. Mike Ducey got the win on the mound and struck out eight. Kevin Dunn had two hits for NPOA while teammate Jason Dinsmore had three RBIs and Jason Dupell scored twice.

SENIOR: Novi American beat South Lyon 16-1 on June 14. Matt Carcone had two hits and two stolen bases, while Dan Ambrose and Chris Ostrander each had two hits as well. Tom Simo hit a home run. Ostrander pitched Novi to victory allowing just two South Lyon hits and 11 strikeouts.

Novi American beat Swartz Creek 19-8 on June 13. Novi had 19 hits including four from Angelo Fallone. Matt Carcone and Kevin Stricker had three hits.

Legion squad nips Royal Oak in 10

Farmington American Legion Post 346 kept its record perfect Friday with an 8-6 win over Royal Oak in 10 innings.

Novi High's Andy Sill knocked in the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly to lead the post past Royal Oak. Team spokesman Paul Pintar said it was an important win for Farmington.

"Royal Oak has a very good team," he said.

Post 346 draws players from Novi, Walled Lake and Farmington.

Novi High graduate Paul Roma got the win in relief of starter Dave Schall. Derek Lindsay led the post with two hits and three RBIs while Novi's Jeff Benit added three hits.

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Jaguar Rumblings

JAGUARS TAKE FIRST IN OHIO: The Under-12 premier soccer team captured first place in the annual Findlay, Ohio Invitational Soccer Tournament recently.

The Jaguars won their division against three Ohio teams, tying Dublin, and defeating Maumee and Lima. Novi squared off with Plymouth in the tournament finals.

Derek Ormekian scored a pair of goals to lead Novi to a 3-1 victory. David Lusky got the Jaguars' other tally.

Many Jaguars played well in helping Novi to the tournament victory, including: Chris Christoff, Robbie Strikulis, Kevin Avenius,

Paul Ansara, Sevan Sahiner, Matt Smith, Danny Basse, Eddie Scheffler, Scott Herc, Rusty Herbst, Chris Cadwell and Joe Hart.

HONORS: Matt Maier and Joe Hart of the Novi Jaguar Under-12 boys team have been named to the state development program. The youngsters will play for the Metro-West team this summer.

CANTON TOURNAMENT: The Jaguars Under-11 Select squad finished runner up in the premier division of the recent Canton Invitational soccer tournament. The Jaguars advanced to the semifinals with wins over Whitehouse (Ohio), Kalamazoo and Schwa-

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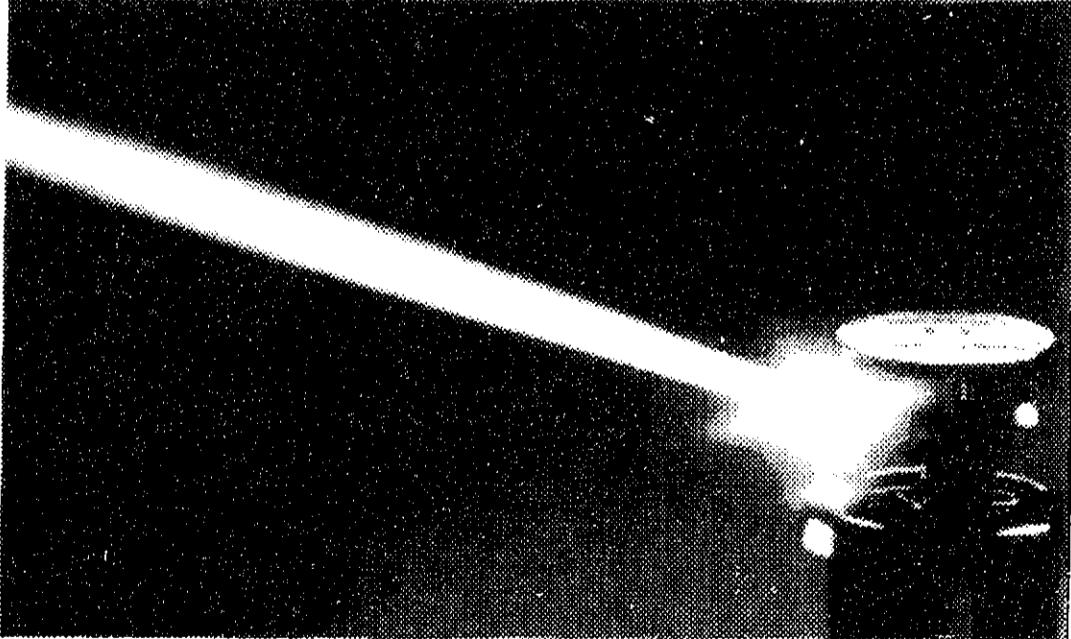
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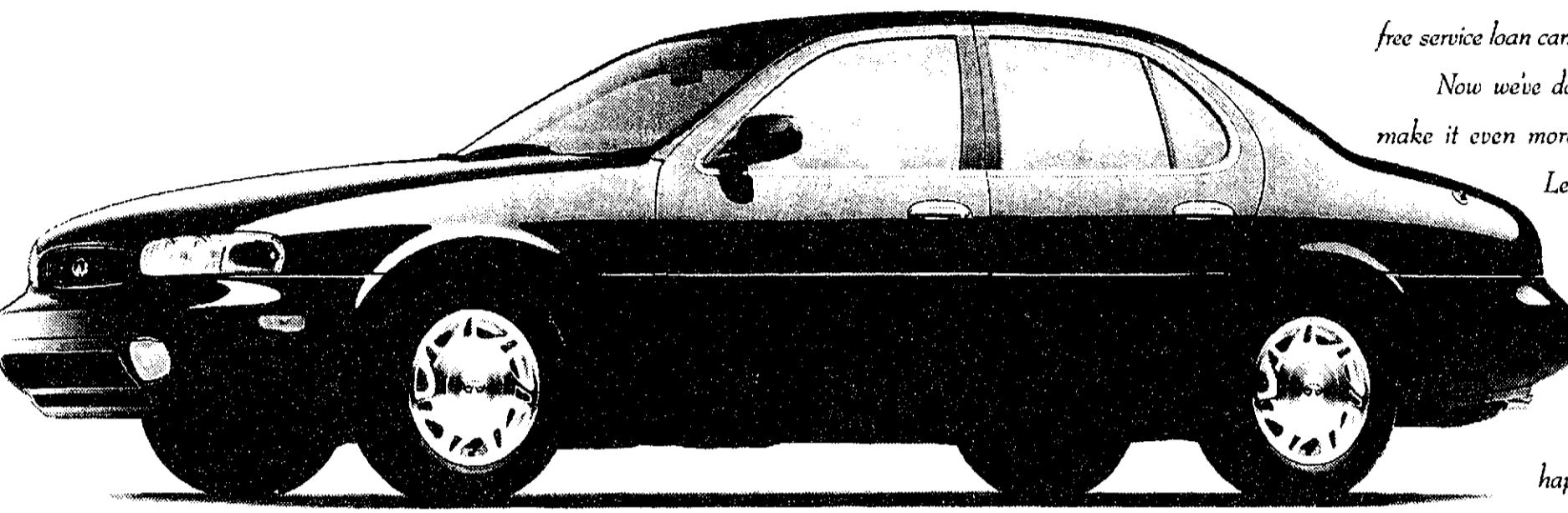
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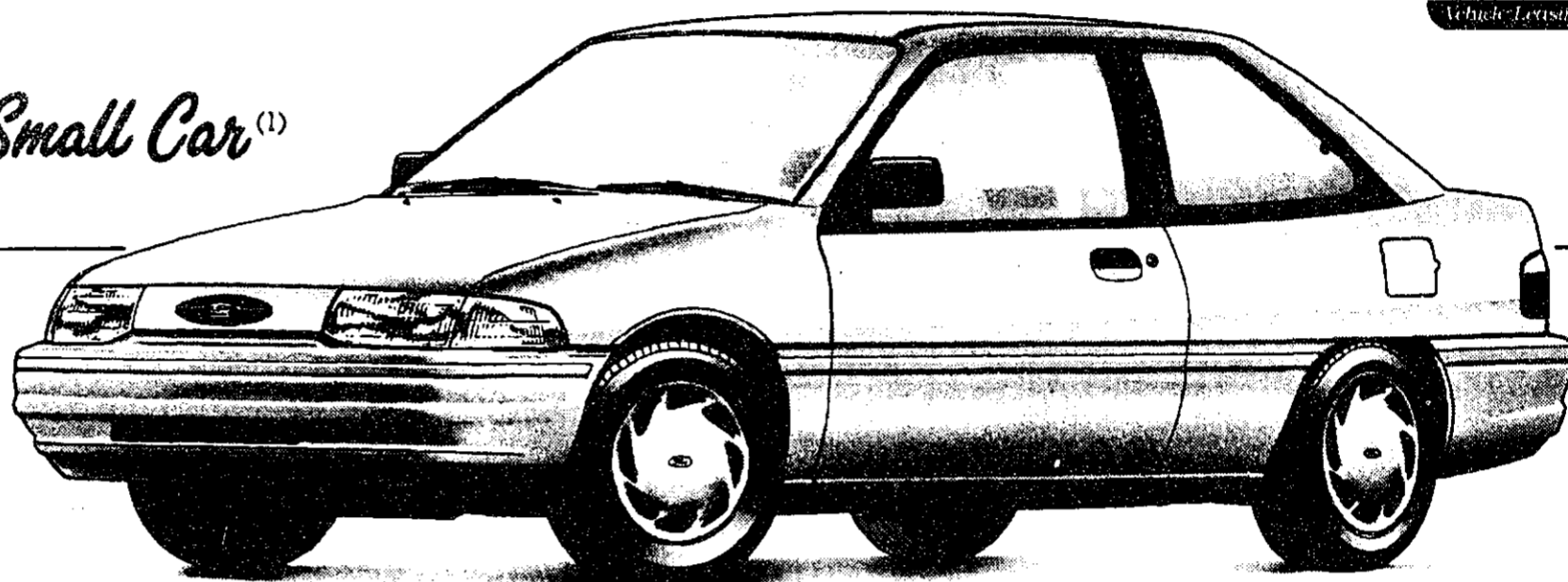
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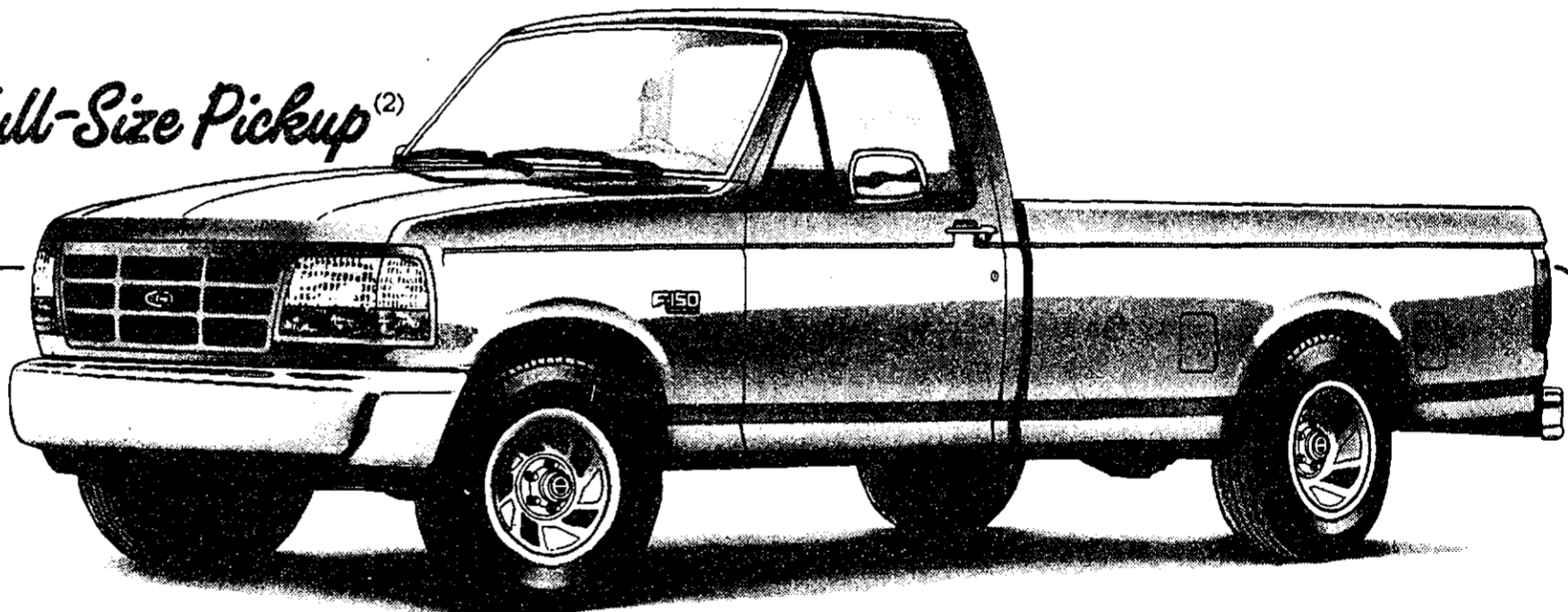
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MLS operations improving

James M. Woodard
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Multiple listing service operations are about to evolve into a new era of major change. And those changes are designed to provide more and better services for home buyers and sellers.

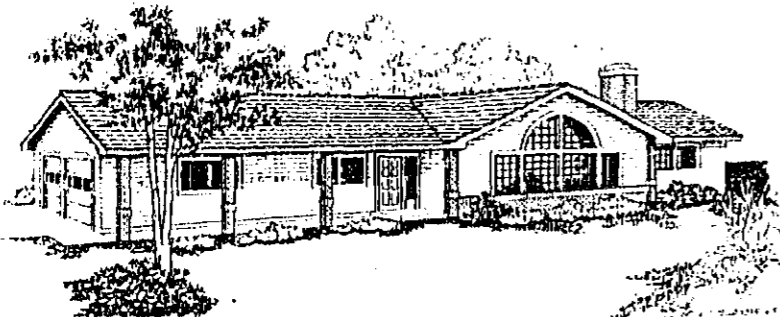
MLS systems are usually (but not always) owned and operated by a local board of Realtors. They have been a key real estate marketing tool for Realtors over the past 25 to 40 years.

The simple concept of sharing information on listed properties with other brokers in the same marketing area, and allowing all cooperating Realtors to participate and share commissions in sales transactions, has proven to be a highly successful means of marketing real estate.

But consumer needs and high-tech capabilities are changing. And that may strongly impact the operation of MLS systems in the future. In many cases, the weekly or

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HOME DESIGNS



The Wild Rose is Striking

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

Two huge quarter-round windows crowning a rich wall of multi-paned windows, and a covered porch supported by brick columns, combine to give the Wild Rose a dramatic front facade.

Inside the spacious vaulted living room/great room, the impression created by the windows is even more striking—almost cathedral-like in its effect.

There's space here for the spirit, as well as the mind, to loosen up and relax.

And during the winter months, a tiled-hearth, brick fireplace adds fire-watching and body-warming to the relaxation options.

A wall provides full separation between the living room portion of the great room and the kitchen, but the kitchen is open to the dining area. A counter that could serve as an eating bar marks the boundary between the two spaces, while offering additional cupboard and work space.

Sliding glass doors in the dining room open onto a railed deck with built-in benches. This design makes it easy to serve meals out-

side in summer.

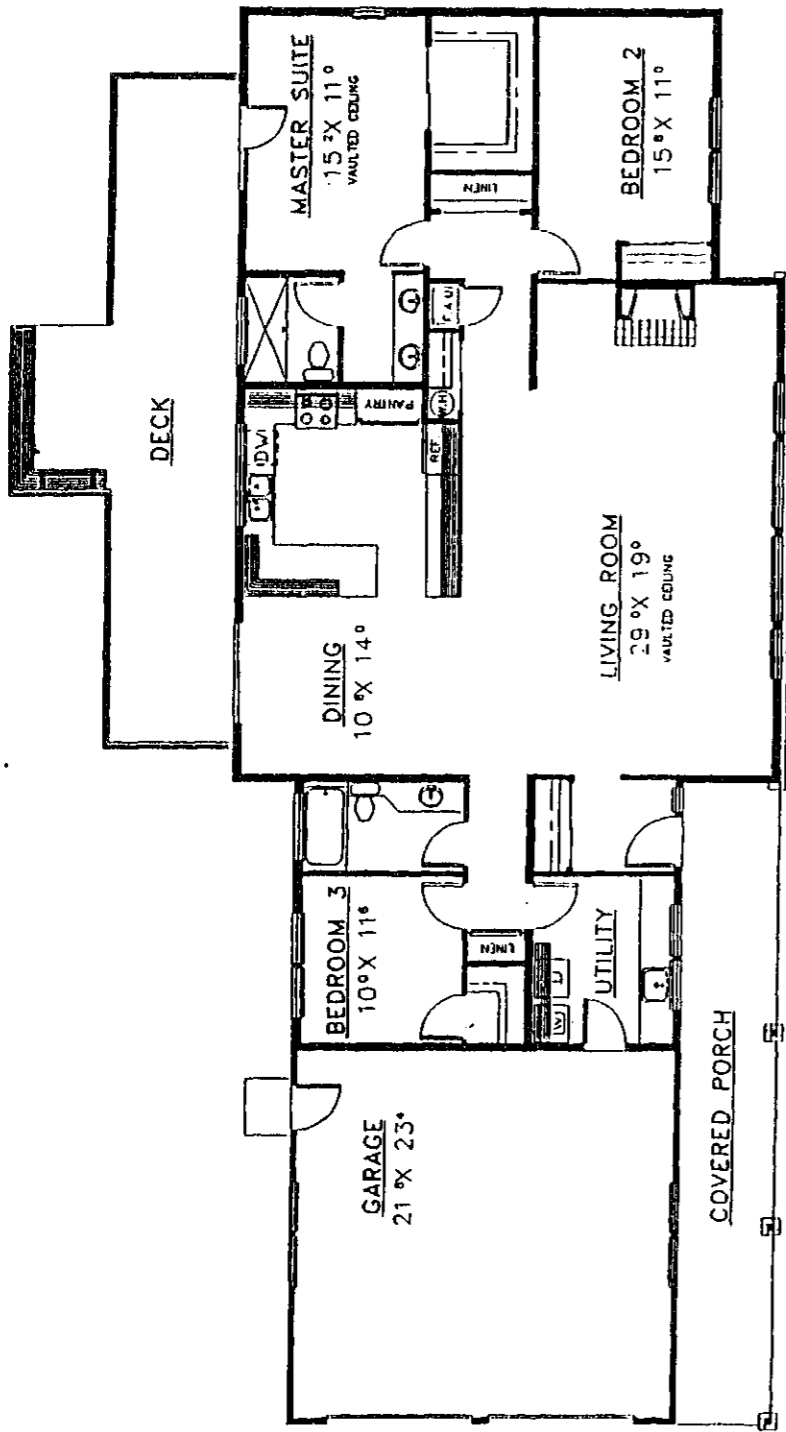
The vaulted master suite also has glass doors that open onto the deck. Its private bathroom is divided into two compartments. The section that includes the water closet and a double-headed shower has a door that can be closed for privacy, and to keep steam contained.

A dressing room with his and hers vanities is open to the sleeping area. The walk-in closet is easily large enough to accommodate all of the owners' clothing, and more.

The second bedroom is nearby—close enough to be used as a nursery when children are small. A good-size linen closet is in between.

A third bedroom and utility room are located in the wing on the other side of the great room. The utility room comes equipped with a deep service sink and is accessible from the garage.

For a study plan of the Wild Rose (401-24) 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.)



Using water more efficiently in home landscaping

In any given year, there's a significant chance of a drier than ordinary summer. For that reason, as well as to reduce the costs of plant care, it makes sense to landscape with an eye to conserving water.

That doesn't mean you have to landscape with desert plants, says Curt Peterson, Michigan State University Extension horticulture specialist. It simply means becoming more efficient in using water.

If you're building a landscape from scratch, your task is fairly straightforward — you simply pick trees, shrubs, turfgrass, and annual and perennial species that do nicely with little or no supplemental watering after they're established. Of course, you need to consider the growing conditions in the intended planting site — soil type, drainage, exposure to sun and wind, available space — and such plant characteristics as hardiness, mature size, shape, presence of flowers and fruits, potential pest problems, fall color, etc.

"If some of the plants you'd like to plant because of their ornamental characteristics have moderate to high water needs, you can still use them in the landscape," Peterson says. "Just group them together to make meeting those needs more efficient."

If you're working with an established landscape, creating areas of low, moderate and high water use can be more difficult. One approach is simply to stop supplemental watering and wait to see which plants survive. Plants that can't adapt can be replaced with less demanding types. Another approach is to move plants that you know need lots of water so they're together in one part of the landscape. You can then water only that limited area.

Whenever you are renovating or adding to your landscape, include drought tolerance in your list of desirable

plant characteristics, Peterson suggests. Observing native plants that thrive along roadsides and in other low maintenance areas and consulting with your local nursery operator can help you determine what plants are hardy in your area and able to survive and grow with minimal watering.

Unless you can move plants from one part of your property to another, leave wild plants where you find them, Peterson advises.

Use a field guide to identify trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants; then look for the same or similar species at your local nursery or garden center.

Because of limited root systems at planting time, most landscape ornamentals will require supplemental watering during the first growing season or two, Peterson notes. Watering then, as at other times, should be deep rather than shallow, to encourage plants to develop large, deep root systems. Such plants are more drought tolerant than

similar plants with shallow root systems.

Other steps to improve water use efficiency can include mulching to slow the evaporation of water from the soil and using soaker hoses or drip irrigation to apply water when it's needed. These methods apply water to limited areas and place it right on the soil surface. Overhead sprinkling throws water through the air, where much of it is lost through evaporation, and applies a lot of water to large expanses of foliage, soil, driveways and other surfaces to apply a little to the plants' root zones.

"However you water, you want to apply about 1 inch per week in hot, dry weather," Peterson sums up. "The aim is to moisten the top 6 inches of soil without runoff. The best time to water is in early morning, while temperatures are cool. Evaporative losses increase in the heat of the day. Evening watering may leave plant foliage wet for long periods, and this may contribute to the development and spread of plant diseases."

— Cooperative Extension Service,
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Natural insect repellents

By C.Z. Guest
Copley News Service

GARDENING

Many new organic insecticides could be on nursery and garden center shelves in several years.

Chinaberry (Melia Azedarach), a plant related to neem, grows widely in tropical areas. Research in the United States, China and Philippines has found leaf extracts from this plant inhibit growth of leafhoppers, corn earworms and plant-hoppers.

Other Chinese botanical insecticides show promise, too, in controlling root weevils and cucumber beetles.

Another product from pawpaw bark extract has worked well against cabbageworms, squash bugs, striped cucumber beetles and bean leaf beetles. The pawpaw tree (Asimina Triloba) is native to the Eastern areas of the United States.

Similar compounds have been found in the seeds of quanabana fruit, a Central American plant grown commercially for juice.

Many odiferous herbs show promise, too, particularly tansy as an insect repellent. A 10 percent solution of tansy applied weekly repels Colorado potato beetles and other pests of the cabbage family.

The active ingredients in

tansy are camphorlike compounds. Levels may vary from plant to plant, so more research is needed to determine if climate or time of the year affect results.

Until then, you can make your own tansy repellent: Process in a blender (use an old one) 1 ounce fresh-cut tansy with 1-1/2 cups water. Strain through a triple layer of cheesecloth, then spray on your plants.

Tansy seeds are available from Park Seed Co., Greenwood, SC 29674, and Burpee & Co., Warminster, PA 18974.

The main elements of good organic garden practices include:

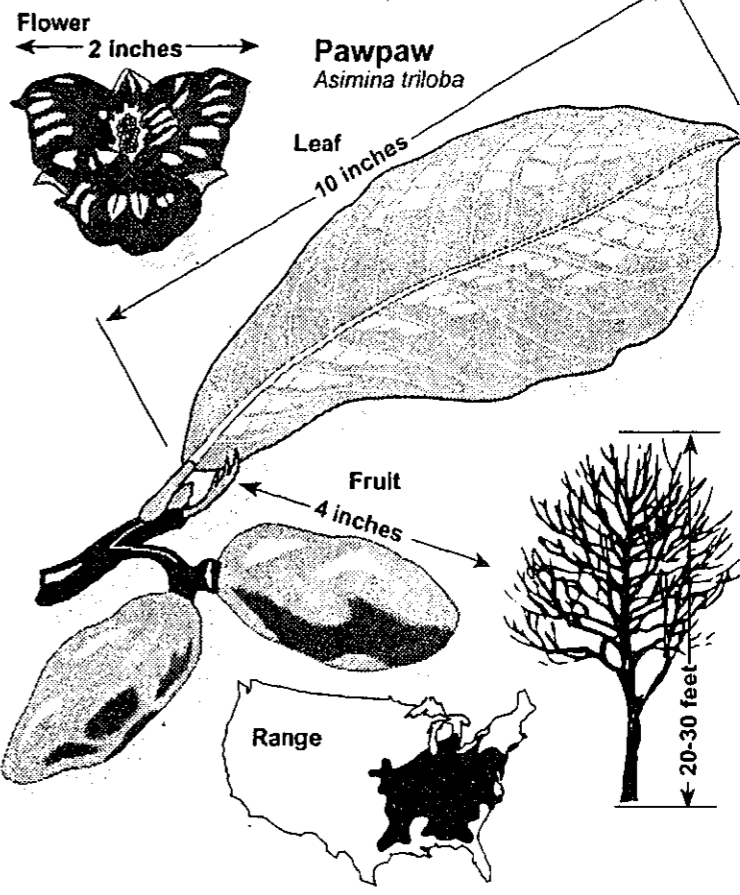
- Use resistant varieties. Choose plants for their ability to fend off insects, pests and plant diseases.

- Rotate crops. Keep changing where, when and how you place your plants. Don't plant the same plant in the same place each year. Diversification creates places for helpful insects to live, so get as many different varieties of plants in your garden as you can. Rotating your beds each year stymies soilborne insects and plant diseases.

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The organic garden

- Plant pest- and disease-resistant varieties.
- Rotate crops.
- Learn which weeds are good for your garden.
- Feed soil regularly with compost.
- Many new organic insecticides are available: pawpaw tree bark extract, derivatives from quanaban fruit seeds and blended tansy.



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Wind River Gallery owners Tim and Nancy Smith put the finishing touches on their new location.

Gallery owners enjoy customers

By Anne Seebaldt Gogolin

Wind River Gallery owners Tim and Nancy Smith agree that the best part of owning a business in Milford is getting to know the residents.

"We really enjoy talking to our customers," Nancy said.

The gallery was a necessary retail outlet for the wildlife art Tim sold and collected for six years prior to its March 1989 opening.

"Michigan Wildlife Art was the company we had formed to provide that service," Tim remembered. "Our stock had grown so much that we had to find a retail outlet."

Tim and Nancy recently relocated their business to its third site within

the Village Center Mall, 400 N. Main, and expanded its area by 800 square feet. The last site they occupied across the hall was approximately 1,000 square feet.

During the past four years, Wind River's art retail items have expanded beyond the scope of wildlife art to include Southwest/American Indian art, traditional art prints, and a variety of art posters.

When the Smiths opened their business in Milford, they had no idea that framing would become an integral part of their business.

"Custom framing has been a very large part of Wind River Gallery," Tim said. "It was actually an afterthought — a service we were going to provide for our customers."

The volume of framing orders they take in changed the Smiths' minds about their plan to open a second gallery.

"Our goal is to just serve Milford and Highland... not to spread ourselves too thin," Nancy explained.

Nancy said that she and assistant manager Carl Cabot help customers to choose the picture mats and

frames they want, which Tim then puts together at his other business. Tim is co-owner and vice president of Michigan Manufacturers Service in Wixom.

"We utilized a portion of our shop to do the custom framing," Tim said. "It gives us the opportunity to keep

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Wind River Gallery expands from original wildlife art

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our gallery clean."

Framing is an art form in itself, Tim said. Those in the framing business are looking for new ways to present art prints.

"I want to try some new concepts in the framing area I've been working on," he said. Having the framing workshop on site at his other business is both convenient and necessary, he said.

"I can be basically on call for both businesses at the same time," Tim explained.

Like most small-town business owners, the Smiths emphasize service.

Nancy said that regardless of their customers' ages, all receive a friendly greeting and specialized assistance.

In fact, she encourages young people to look around and often helps them select presents for their parents, working within whatever budget they have.

One reason Nancy loves to have children come in the store is that she likes to see children take an early interest in art.

The Smiths have tried to promote that interest by helping the schools — Tim judged a Johnson Elementary Art Show for three consecutive years.

"I am finding children (usually aged 10 to 12) come in to browse," she said. "They enjoy the art. I think that's terrific."

Tim said that what fascinates him about children and art is that they have definite opinions about it and share them.

"They will bring in their friends

and show them 'something neat,'" he added.

Prices of art items can range greatly — from \$3.50 for a small item to \$10,000 for a signed original oil painting. At any given time, the gallery will have approximately 1,500 prints in stock and 500 in reserve. And they are always adding new prints to keep up with art trends.

"People want to see what's current," Tim said. "It's nice when they come in and make a request and you can pull that print out of your folders."

"Tim and Nancy agree that while owning their own business brings upon certain responsibilities, they would not trade the experience."

"In a small business you do everything," Tim explained.

"It's a team effort," Nancy added. "You do what needs to be done."

Tim said that Wind River Gallery has a good business niche in the Milford-Highland area, adding that they want to stay here and grow with the community.

In the future, he added, they would like to expand their stock of art forms.

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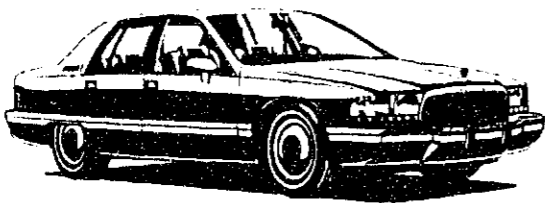
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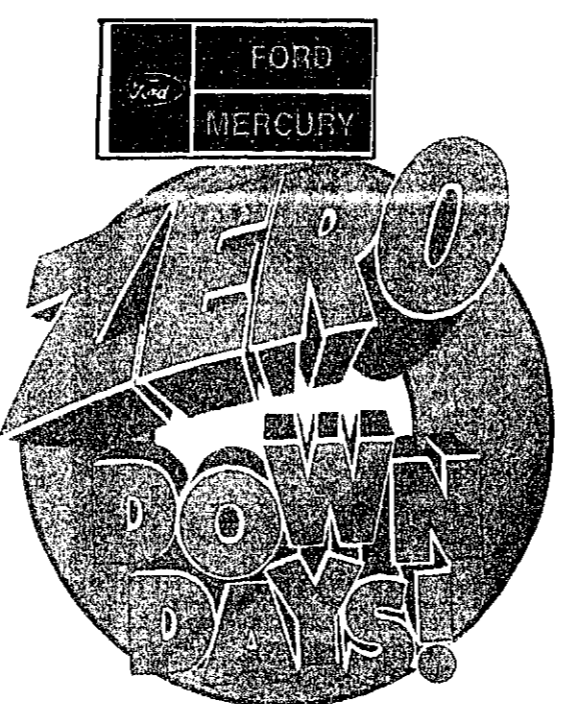
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