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City officials eager to build sports park

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A little over a year after voters approved a \$9.9 million park bond issue, seventy-two acres of former farmland at Eight Mile and Napier roads appear to be on the way to becoming a youth sports complex.

"We want to develop it as quickly as possible," Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

"We have a pressing need for an active area for our youth and adults."

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on the Napier park development plan tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

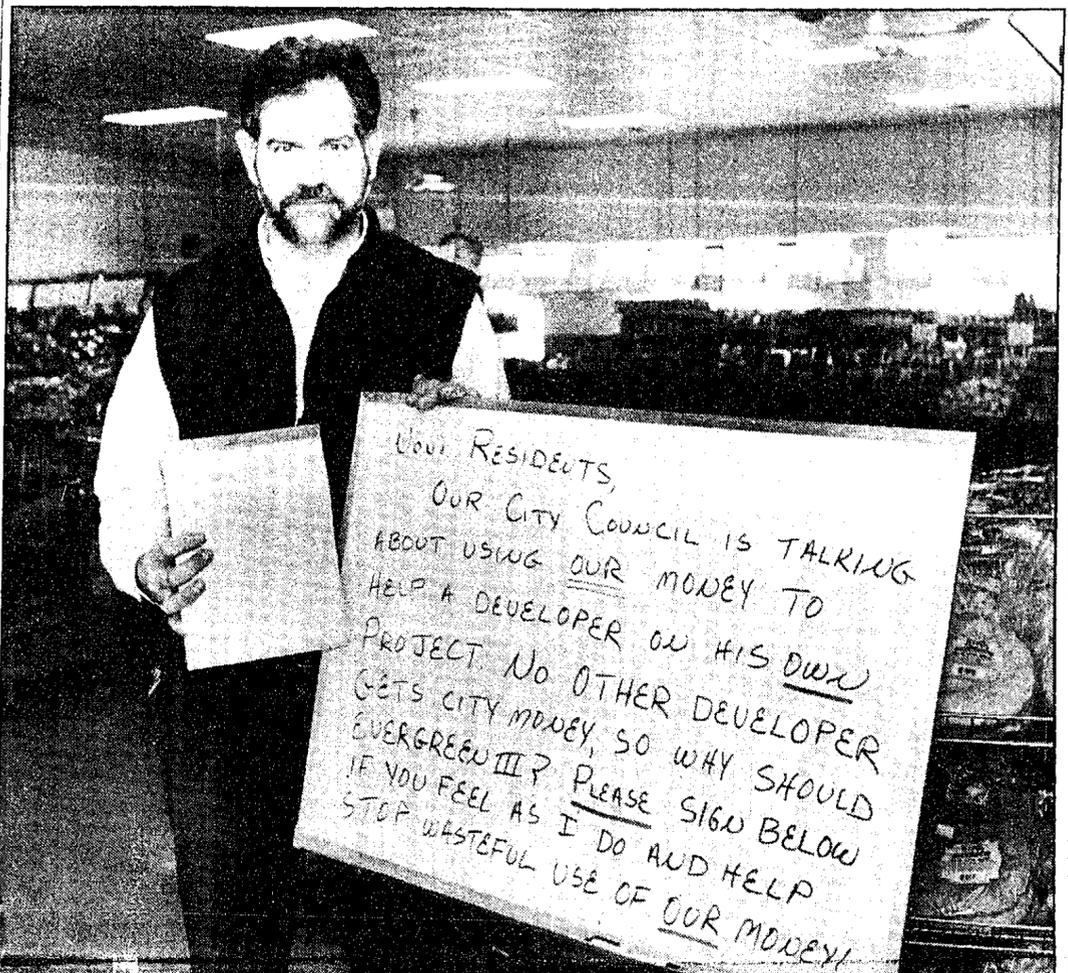
Eyed for the site are 12 ballfields, six soccer fields, tennis courts, a concession stand, rest rooms and of course, a parking lot. No cost estimates for the work are available yet, but it's possible it could eat up most of the \$1.1 million allocated to park development in the bond issue, Davis said last week in a joint meeting with the Novi City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

This site would be a home base for Novi Youth Baseball and the city's own softball and soccer programs. Adult softball programs would be found a home at Power Park.

Ice arenas, pools, new parklands — you almost need a score card to keep up with the recreation plans making the rounds in Novi. Pitching all of the above into one fun-packed district is the latest ball being batted around city hall. The story is on page 7A.

A Walled Lake businessman's proposal to put an inflatable golf dome on Novi city property appears to be stuck in the sand trap. John Avery was at the Feb. 3 City Council meeting to see if there was any support for putting the dome at the city's Department of Public Works yard on Delwal Drive. The story is on page 7A.

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Erwin Farms owner Doug Erwin with his petition of residents opposed to city financing of Main Street.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Petition opposes Main Street

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Christina Rohn was the first of some 700 residents to put her name to a petition asking the Novi City Council to keep the public checkbook closed, when it comes to the new Main Street development.

"I came in at 7 in the morning and said, 'Oh, my God, let me sign this.' I don't think any of our

tax money should be used for anything like this," Rohn, who lives in Westridge Downs, said.

"Around here most people feel that our taxes are out of sight. We can't get out of our subdivisions any more. We don't even get garbage pickup. These planners, I don't know if they have any common sense."

It was easy for Rohn to sign up. She works at Andy's Meat Hut in the Erwin Farms produce store. On Jan. 31, owner Doug Erwin put a no-

vice and a pad of paper right by the store's front door. By Monday, the pages were filling up fast. While Erwin turned in about 400 names to the city council last week, he estimates 300 more have since added their signatures to the list.

The message is: "Our city council is thinking about using money to help a developer on his own property. No other developer gets city money, so

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Developers win council's support

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

With the first major outburst against any city financing of Main Street ringing in their ears, a majority of five on the Novi City Council inked a contract with Evergreen III.

The agreement approved Feb. 9 does not commit the city to the project financially or otherwise, but it does set down guidelines for the developers, as they finance \$194,000 worth of answers the council says it needs to know before making any final decision on Main Street.

Novi has been asked to set up a special assessment district (SAD) to pay for the ring road and water and sewer lines.

"All we're really going to do is sell city land and build a road or he (Evergreen III) would take the land in exchange for building a road. The city is not giving money to a developer, the city is going to build a road. That's done every day in cities throughout the state. It may be economically impossible to build the development without the road," Council Member Robert Schmid said in supporting the document.

Meanwhile, the council discussed the possi-

bility of a referendum election brought up disgruntled residents which could block them from setting up the SAD.

Doug Erwin, owner of Erwin Farms, a produce store on Novi Road near Ten Mile, delivered to the council that night a petition bearing the signatures of 400 residents opposed to city financing of Main Street. Erwin set up the petition in his store on Jan. 31.

"We feel this is a clear indication of where the people of Novi are coming from. We're not going

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Prop 'A' wins nod for funding guarantee

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Cast your personal opinion aside and do what's best for kids . . . regardless of what impact the outcome of the March 15 statewide tax ballot question may have on your own pocketbook . . .

That's the Catch 22 members of the Novi Community School District Board of Education found themselves in Thursday before they voted 4-2 to support Proposal A, Governor John Engler's plan to increase the state's sales tax by two cents.

Four of the seven board members believed Proposal A was the lesser of two evils offered by state legislators to fund public schools. Michigan voters have the choice March 15 to fund schools by either approving a sales tax hike or settling for an income tax increase.

For the sake of the Novi schools, board members say they have had

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Robert Schram
Board of Education Trustee

to resist the temptation of considering which tax plan benefits their individual households and think only of the future of Novi schools.

Thursday Trustee Robert Schram urged his colleagues to cease thinking like property owners in Novi and start thinking like school officials elected to do what's best for kids.

It was Schram who suggested the board take the stance that night to back Proposal A and urge Novi residents to do the same. He faced opposition to his motion from President Ray Byers and Secretary John Streit.

"Originally I looked at it from a personal standpoint," Schram said. "But I've resisted that now and the real issue is what's best for education."

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Break a Leg

Fuerst auditorium came alive last weekend when "Meet Me in St. Louis" opened on stage Thursday night. Here the male chorus in the high school's rendition of the musical takes the crowd by storm. More play photos on page 7.

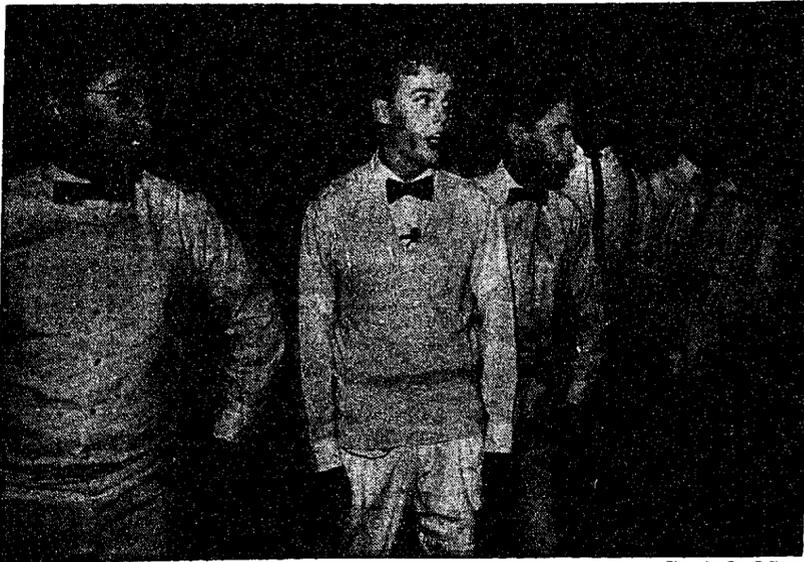


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Community Calendar

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.

Today, February 10

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

Orchard Hills PTO: Orchard Hills PTO will meet at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the school. State Representative Willis Bullard, Jr. will speak on school finance and the March 15 election. Babysitting will be provided.

Saturday, February 12

American Legion Dance: American Legion Post No. 224 is holding a Country Western Dance from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Rd. in Wixom, featuring the music of the Southern Knights Band. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffles, snacks and a cash bar. The cost is \$10 and the public is welcome. The doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 14

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

Property taxes due: Today is the last day 1993 county and school taxes will be accepted without a penalty at the Novi city treasurer's office in the Novi Civic Center. A drop box is available for checks only. Post marks on checks or envelopes will not be accepted.

Last day to register: Today is the last day to register to vote in order to participate in the March 15 special election on Proposal A, which will reform the state school finance structure and add those reforms to the Michigan constitution. Registration can be made at the Novi City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State office.

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.

Arts Council: The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at

6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

ABWA: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at the 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. The cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack at 397-7708. For membership information, call 960-9559.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows in Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

Tuesday, February 15

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.

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, 344-9633 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, February 17

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

Monday, February 21

Presidents' Day: City offices will be closed.

Cholesterol screening: Total cholesterol screening by finger-stick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. The cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

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Toastmasters: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Charisse Ryan 420-2045. Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday February 22

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

FEMALE: The Novi area chapter of FEMALE (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge/Loose Ends) meets at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 684-6096.

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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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Lansing shoots for video pirates

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Video pirates would face fines of \$25,000 a year in jail under a bill making it a felony to copy or distribute copyrighted video.

But people who copy videotapes for their own personal use would be unaffected by the bill, strongly supported by the 4,000-member Video Software Dealers Association.

"Our cost for a feature film is \$65 per cassette," Flint dealer Jeffrey Pedersen told the House Judiciary Committee in Lansing Tuesday. "If a pirate captures 1,000 cassettes over six months, it costs me \$65,000. But it costs them just \$2 a tape."

"We want to go after the larger operators," Pedersen said.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe, passed the senate 35-0 last year. Tuesday it was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee on a 14-0 vote and sent to the House floor.

Pedersen said a group of dishonest dealers often pays one dealer a fee. He sets up 10 VCR copiers to copy a feature film that retails for \$65. The dishonest dealers rent or sell the copies at low rates.

"SDI members say the pirates cheat movie makers, professionals, manufacturers and legitimate dealers of profits, sales and rental fees."



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Tight squeeze

Heat tape around the pipes may have caused this fire at a Chalet Estates mobile home on Chautau Drive. Firefighters had to squish part of themselves and their equipment under the mobile

home to hose it down with water, but they had the flames extinguished within minutes Friday afternoon.

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Trouble surfaces at McDonald's

While investigating the armed robbery that took place at the Twelve Mile Road McDonald's weeks ago, police discovered that someone had stolen \$90 from a purse that was left in the restaurant's kitchen.

Police News

The store manager said the purse was left on a kitchen counter that is accessible to only employees. The woman who owned the purse picked it up, but later returned to report the money missing. Police questioned all of the employees but failed to find the missing cash.

BREAK-IN: Someone kicked in a basement door on a home under construction on Cambridge on Feb. 2. Nothing in the home was stolen or damaged except the basement door and lock.

BREAK-IN: A Beachwalk Apartment returned to his apartment last Tuesday to find that someone had stolen his 12-gauge shotgun and hunting apparel. Later that week, the man told police he saw the apartment complex's maintenance man wearing a hat that looked like his. Police questioned the maintenance man who was able to produce receipts for the hunting apparel and for his shotgun.

PURSE SNATCHING: A Northville woman was walking in the West Oaks parking lot near Kohl's when someone snatched her purse off her shoulder on Jan. 28.

The woman said she was walking through the lot when she heard a car approaching behind her. Minutes later she felt something tugging at her shoulder strap. She looked and saw a white man dangling from a car window and pulling at her purse. The woman said she ran along side the car until she was forced to give up her purse.

The suspect fled the scene in a black sports car.

Few days later police were able to track down the car and the suspect who was a white male between the ages of 18-20. The man told police he and a friend took the purse and used the \$57 inside it to buy gas and food. They later tossed the purse into a dumpster at the Village Apartments. The man retrieved the purse before he came to the police station and admitted to the crime. He will be arrested pending a warrant.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A Novi man said he intends to press charges against his former roommate who allegedly assaulted him in his apartment on Jan. 23. The victim said he had gotten into an argument with his ex-roommate earlier in the day before the suspect showed up at his doorstep just after midnight.

The suspect knocked on the apartment door before he entered and began punching the victim in the head and arms. After the brawl, the sus-

Novi Briefs

Bowl-a-thon: Novi Youth Assistance will be holding its 12th Annual Bowl-A-Thon Saturday, March 19, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Novi Bowl on Novi Road just south of Nine Mile.

Proceeds from this event will be used to assist Novi Youth Assistance with its sponsorship of programs for youth for the summer.

EMBEZZLEMENT: Security personnel at J.C. Penney caught one of the department store's employees embezzling \$2,553.

According to the police report, store officials have been tracking the employee's false refund reports since July.

MISSING CAR: Police have no leads in their search for a 1993 Dodge Shadow that was taken from the Twelve Oaks parking lot on Jan. 25.

The driver of the car told police she parked her mother's car in the lot and then went to spend the night at a girl friend's house. When she returned the next day the car was gone. Police called the girl's mother who said she had not seen the vehicle since her daughter left with it the day before.

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

Looking for new members: The Northville Coop Preschool announces its annual open house for Feb. 12 from 12:30-3 p.m. in their classrooms at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in downtown Northville. Parents and their children are invited to see the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about the program. Classes for 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds will be offered. For more information, call Nancy Manley at 344-4916.

Motor sports memories: Have you ever raced as a professional or amateur any form of motor vehicle, be it car, boat, motorcycle or airplane? If so and you're a Novi resident, the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame would like copies of yourself and vehicle for a special exhibit they're doing for the City of Novi's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Feb. 27.

Send your snapshots ASAP to Jerry LeBlanc, a founding member of the museum, with two stamps so he can mail them back to you. LeBlanc's address is 48801 Eleven Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, 48050. Be sure to include information on yourself, the vehicle and your racing background with the photograph.

Snow business: If you want to race your snowmobile on Walled Lake, head towards the middle of the lake. Novi Police Officer Matt Conquest advised residents at a Lakes Area Residents Association last week. The lake is a designated public snowmobiling area, but late night forays with engines blaring can drive nearby residents nuts.

"It does cause problems when people are sleeping at 10 o'clock at night," Conquest said.

Council to rub out some trails

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

It's an elected official's prerogative to change his or her mind.

And that's exactly what happened last week when Mayor Kathleen McAllen and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford shifted into reverse and decided the city should not keep nature trail easements at Addison, Royal Crown, Maples and Wexford subdivisions. The motion was made by Council Member Tim Pope.

"It's not my neighborhood. It's your neighborhood. To shock I can't support that completely. I am opposed to what I did, but I represent the people and it's your neighborhoods," McAllen said to a group of residents opposed to the trails.

"I haven't talked to one person yet living on a trail who wants it. I can't believe anybody in this audience with a three-year-old little child would leave them in a yard with a trail behind it," Schmidt, a longtime opponent of the plan, said.

The Natural Resources Design Plan Implementation Committee was instructed to review its duties and come up with a more extensive approval process for the trails. Previously, because the system is on the city's master plan and the overall program was approved by the council in 1989, the committee's task was to go-ahead with the trails after the council accepted the easements.

If the trails program continues, it's likely no work on a path will begin without passing under the council's eyes. At present, only one path has been completed, at Chase Farms subdivision.

And on Feb. 14, the council will stage its first reading of a proposed ordinance requiring developers to disclose to new homebuyers in advance the existence of any nearby trails.

However, a summer vote by the prior city council killing the plan in private neighborhoods is technically still in effect.

The Feb. 3 special meeting was to review the controversial Natural Resources Design Plan. Nurtured by the city since 1987, the nature trail system has been the topic of tee shirts, a video, a fundraiser Fun Run and has been funded by \$66,000 in tax dollars.

But the problem has been that many residents simply don't want the trail to loop through the common lands in their subdivisions. And they finally won their point.

"I don't feel the trail system is going to bring crime to a new peak in the City of Novi," Pope said.

Those on the committee which drafted the Natural Resources Design Plan conceded that maybe every aspect hadn't been thought out. Lenke said the trail had always been too narrow at Royal Crown and Addison subdivisions and advised that setback standards be set so that a trail doesn't pass too closely to a residence. The city's consulting engineers, JCK & Associates, are now working on this.

"One of the things that really needs to be changed in the plan is to have exact standards, rather than just accept what one person (developer) wants to give you," she said.

Originally, the committee which actually designed the program opted to toss out any trails near older, established subdivisions in the south and east sections of Novi, city land-use consultant Linda Lenke said. That left new developments. But in some of these newer subdivisions, such as Briarwood, Royal Crown and Maple, furious residents said the plan had never been disclosed to them.

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The program calls for developers to donate 90 percent of the easements for the pathway system.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Phil Koneda, who was on the original committee before the trails were turned over to a second, implementation committee, agreed.

"We said those issues needed to be addressed. Shame on us for not addressing them," Koneda said.

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Computer 'hackers' needed by Novi

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Mayor Kathleen McAllen and Council Member Joseph Toth hoped to appoint members to the city's new computer committee, but that didn't pass the Novi City Council's muster.

The committee will have 90 days to decide ASAP what type of computer equipment the city needs. Toth nominated a list of three specialists on Jan. 31.

But Council Member Robert Mitzel asked that the council not waive its standard interview process, which begins after the volunteer job is advertised and resumes are accepted.

"I look at it as 90 days from the time that everyone's appointed," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Robert Schmidt, Carol Mason and Tim Pope backed Mitzel.

"I can't see deviating from the established procedures. The people you requested may be the best. I want to interview them," Crawford said.

McAllen disagreed.

"The issue is it needs to be done. I support Joe. I don't think a higher merit will be gained by going through the process," she said.

"But interviews will be, the majority ruled."

"Democracy is sometimes expensive. Democracy is sometimes slow. This is not a closed club where we submit names. I do not have any knowledge of the people except for Mr. Toth's fine comments," Pope explained.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Thief rips off home builders

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Police thought they had a lead on the thief who has stolen more than \$1,500 in building materials from new home construction sites in Novi. But the tip was ditched after police failed to find the suspect's van where a witness said he spotted it.

Until last week, police had no leads on who was stealing lumber, floorcovering, plumbing equipment, kitchen cabinets and household appliances from Classic Construction, the contractor building homes in the Jasper Ridge and Clarkson Lane subdivisions.

Classic Construction filed six larceny reports with the department between Jan. 21 and 24. With the exception of one incident where the thief entered a locked home and stole a microwave from the basement, all other reports say building materials were taken from construction sites where they were being stored awaiting installation into new homes.

On Monday Jan. 24, police were called back to the construction site after two witnesses said they saw a suspicious man near one of the homes under construction.

The first witness said he encountered a white male near one of the homes who was asking questions about the contractors. The second witness later said he saw the same suspect dragging a box with a hot water heater in it from another home at the same site.

The witness confronted the suspect who then dropped the box and sped off in his red Chevrolet van.

Neither witness could give police a license plate number. But the second witness telephoned police later to tell them he saw a van that matched the vehicle's description in a ditch off 1-696 near Orchard Lake Road.

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Decision wanted on senior housing

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's Senior Citizen Housing Committee has trouble keeping its members.

Several over the age of 65 have retired from the committee to move into senior housing in neighboring communities, because the lower-cost apartments aren't available here yet.

Ruth Crawford, special recreation coordinator with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, said last week.

"I can't tell you how many inquiries I get from senior citizens who want senior citizen housing. This is an important, important thing that should be done," Crawford told the Novi City Council in a special meeting on Feb. 3.

While the city has talked about building a seniors complex since the 1980s, the project appeared to get a boost when the will of Ruby Fuerst was settled out of court last fall. Fuerst's legacy to Novi is \$75,000 for a senior wing on the Novi Civic Center and over \$300,000 for senior housing at Lower Park.

"Several committees have made several recommendations to several council bodies. The bottom line is to move ahead, regardless of the Fuerst dollars," Crawford added.

The city has a waiting list filled up with far more applicants than could fit in the proposed 60-unit complex which may be built here. But the clock is ticking on the Fuerst money — if the city doesn't use it soon, the dollars will go to the Novi school district for a scholarship fund.

"We're still reviewing the effects of the will and have not reached a decision. At this point, we cannot comment on that. We're not in any position to give you an answer. Soon, but not tonight," Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin said.

The council is expected to look more closely into the housing issue in March. A June deadline looms for any application the city might make for a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant. Last year, the council refused to approve a \$5 million HUD application drafted by the committee and a developer, because of unanswered questions about federal housing requirements.

The problem with HUD, Council Member Joseph Toth said, is that a HUD-subsidized housing complex may not be restricted to Novi residents. He asked that a HUD representative be invited to the March meeting, to discuss the city's concerns over possible requirements and restrictions the federal agency might slap on the housing.

"I'm not in favor of HUD housing, there's too many problems with HUD-type housing," Council Member Robert Schmid said.

A member of the senior housing committee, Council Member Carol Mason seemed frustrated by the delay. She says that HUD housing is already located in Novi, just not for seniors.

"We order seismic tests and we're not going to drill for oil. We allow ap-

praisals for city property but we're not going to give it away. We want senior citizen housing, but we can't apply for HUD," Mason said.

"We're doing all the things we need for young adults, not the old. Our community is growing older. Thank God, Farmington Hills allows our residents to go in there and live."

Mason said the committee interviewed 10 developers and all said public subsidies are needed to make it profitable for the private sector to put up low-rent housing.

Both Farmington Hills and Livonia have low-cost senior citizen housing

developments. Novi was scheduled to have a privately-owned and operated senior complex at The Maples, as part of its planned unit development agreement with the city, but that no longer seems likely, according to Crawford, who said she recently discussed the issue with the developer.

"I don't think that's going anywhere soon, if at all," she added.

The senior citizens housing committee has been focused on the issue for eight years.

"Senior housing needs direction. It's not going to happen, it's not going to happen," Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

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School board defers talk of new administrator

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

The decision to bump a teacher out of the bargaining unit and into the administrative ranks was stalled by the Novi Community School District Board of Education last Thursday.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Rita Traynor asked the school board Thursday to approve a job title change for Jim Fry so his technology coordinator could expand his work year to maintain the training and development of an in-district and community access to technology.

The title change from Instructional Technology Coordinator to District Supervisor of Media and Technology Services would pull Fry out of the teacher's union but fall short of making him a director in the district.

School officials say the position would become an administrative position that would increase Fry's work schedule to 52 weeks or 185 days to 260.

There was no pay increase tied to the request for the remainder of this year. Past administrators say a raise would have to be factored in for next year if the new position were approved.

In the meantime, Fry will reportedly collect his current daily pay for each day he works beyond his existing contract requirements.

"He is currently working a teachers' year but we want to make it a 52 week position," Traynor said.

The board voted down the motion to take action on the request Thursday, 4-2. Craig Foreback was absent from the meeting.

Several board members voiced concerns about the request because it came without any firm information about a proposed change in pay.

Board President Ray Byers said he couldn't support a motion to approve the title change without first deciding on a salary.

"I don't want to piecemeal the motions by approving the position and then the salary later," he said.

Byers pushed to hold off on the title change until the pay question had been resolved.

Traynor said the title change was needed for a variety of reasons including but not limited to the opening of the district's Instructional Technology Center to the public. The assistant superintendent said the position had evolved into one that had taken on "strong administrative functions."

She said Fry used to spend the majority of his time in the classroom working with students, but now days he spends less than 15 percent there and more time working with parents and teachers in the computer lab.

He has also "assumed responsibility for budget decisions on hardware and software, and because of his technical expertise was called upon, in conjunction with the consultants, to implement many of the technical decisions," Traynor wrote in her proposal to make the change.

"He works with students but in the last year he's been working with teachers and parents," she said. "He has also been working with Jim Koster (assistant superintendent of operations) on budgets."

The opening of the district's Instructional Technology Center to the public could only complicate things more, she said, because Fry will be responsible for running the new computer lab when it's open.

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Superintendent Emmett Lippe

man Resources John Swallow said the increase in the number of days Fry would be working necessitates the title change.

Board Secretary John Streit opposed creating a new administrative position because he believes Fry's workload will be cut back once the teachers are trained on the new computers.

"He does a good job and he's been working with parents and teachers," Streit said. "But once he gets them all trained, the teachers will be able to teach in the Instructional Technology Center too."

"I really don't think it should be an administrative position," he said.

Streit suggested that Novi follow the leads of other districts and ask building principals to become computer literate.

"In other districts principals are required to teach and monitor the use of technology," he said.

Trustee Julie Abrams asked whether the new position would eliminate the need for additional personnel at the ITC.

The board will take the matter back into consideration at its Feb. 24 meeting after the administration further reviews how the position would fit into the administrative scheme. Traynor said she wanted to see it resolved before March 15.

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Obituaries

RONALD M. HENDERSON

Ronald M. Henderson died Jan. 14. He was 38.

Mr. Henderson was born Nov. 15, 1955. He had been employed by the Novi Community Schools for six years as a bus driver.

He was a member of the Milford Youth Athletic Association, coached MYAA baseball, was unit director of Milford Mustangs Youth Football, was an avid country western dancer, and a veteran.

Surviving is his wife Sue (Sherwood); his son Ronnie; his mother, Betty M. Buckley; and his brothers and sister, Virginia Durazo, Richard, John, Michael and Larry.

Services were held Jan. 17 at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Pastor Dale Cross officiated.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Leukemia Society of America, 19022 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, Mich. 48075 or the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

HERBERT STEPHAN LINGERTOT

Herbert Stephan Lingertot of Fostoria, Mich. died Jan. 28 at Lapeer Regional Hospital in Lapeer. He was 80.

Mr. Lingertot was born Jan. 17, 1914 in Wilkes Barre, Penn. to Otto August and Anna Sinhuber Lingertot.

He was a machine operator in the tool and die industry until his retirement, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millington, Mich., and a former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. Mr. Lingertot served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until his honorable discharge in 1945.

His spouse, Betty McIntire, whom he married on April 14, 1947 in Detroit, preceded him in death on Aug. 16, 1988.

Survivors include his son, Michael Steven of Novi; his daughter, Patricia Ann (Harold) McIntosh of Maryland; four grandchildren; and his sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Gregory of Mayville, Mich. and Mrs. Martha Tuttle of Fostoria, Mich. Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his sister Louise Shanley.

The funeral was held Jan. 31 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millington. Burial followed on Feb. 1 at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery in Livonia. The Rev. Dr. Mark Rasmussen of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millington officiated.

The family suggests memorials be sent to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millington.

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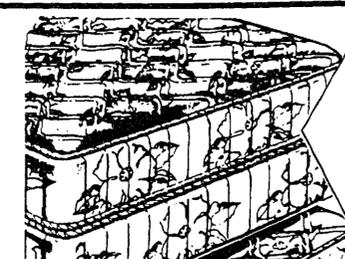
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Voters to make call on appeals

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Michigan voters will decide in November whether to stop automatic appeals by convicts who have pleaded guilty to crimes.

If voters say yes, it would cut the state Court of Appeals' work by about 25 percent.

"You still could ask leave (permission) to appeal," said Rep. Michael Nye, Republican co-chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

The House Tuesday gave 75 to 25 approval to the resolution, which last year had won Senate approval. A two-thirds vote of both chambers was necessary to place the issue on the ballot.

"I don't think we ought to mess with the constitution," argued Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, one of the dissenters. "All we're doing is shifting the caseload from the Court of Appeals to the circuit (trial) courts. It's a shell game. I don't think it will save any costs."

Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, also was opposed. "Those

who plead guilty are pleading so under advice of an attorney to do so under a lesser crime," she said.

But Rep. Alan Cropper, R-DeWitt, favored passage, saying the Court of Appeals would be alerted to grant permission to appeals where the sentencing judge had departed from sentencing guidelines.

The Michigan Constitution (Art. I, sec. 20) grants "an appeal as a matter of right." The ballot proposal would add the words "except that an appeal by an accused who pleads guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) shall be by leave of the court" of appeals.

Spot checks by this newspaper revealed that on many days the Court of Appeals issues 15 opinions; 14 are in cases where a prison inmate has pleaded guilty. 13 convictions are upheld, and the 14th is remanded (sent back) to the circuit court for resentencing because the judge has sentenced too harshly without adequate explanation. Very rarely has a convict pleading guilty had his case reversed.

In a 1990 decision in favor of Scott Milbourn, the state Supreme Court

remanded the case where the trial judge's sentence exceeded guidelines established by the high court.

Proponents say the sentencing guidelines provide an automatic red flag for the Court of Appeals to grant leave to appeal. They say an automatic right of appeal is unnecessary. Prosecutors support the amendment because of the expense they incur in writing 35 page reply briefs to convicts' appeals.

Each appeal is heard by a panel of three judges paid about \$110,000 a year apiece.

Michigan has 24 judges on the Court of Appeals. The court says it has work for more than twice that many judges, and that Michigan has the most overworked appellate court in the United States.

Backers of the amendment say it would eliminate 25 percent of the appellate caseload and the need for many new appeals judges.

The ballot proposal, known now as Senate Joint Resolution D, was sponsored by Senate Judiciary chair William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison, and co-sponsored by Sens. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and Robert Crake, R-Northville.

SJR D next goes to the state Elections Commission to draft ballot language.

Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

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Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager on or after February 1, 1994. A \$50 refundable deposit is required. Sarton Malow Company, c/o Novi High School, 24062 Tait Road, Novi, MI 48374, (810) 348-0293.

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m., local time, February 17, 1994 on the approved bid proposal forms to: James Koster, Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations, 25345 Tait Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, David Price, Project Manager. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Novi Community Schools.

JAMES KOSTER, ASSOC. SUPERINTENDENT
(2-3 & 2-10-94 NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 2, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider an Ordinance to amend subsections 2401.3, 2402.3, and 2516.6 of Ordinance No. 84-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, to revise the time limits relating to conceptual plans and special land use approvals.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 1994.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review meetings will be held at the Novi Assessor's conference room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1994. This year all appearances will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 1994. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

Written protests will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 18, 1994. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a written petition for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the formal petition (available at the Assessor's Office), fully executed along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE:
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Wednesday, March 16, 1994 - 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK
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NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOVI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1994

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register for the Special Statewide Election to be held on the 15th day of March, 1994, in said City.

The City Clerk will be at the Clerk's Office on each working day during regular working hours until and including Monday, February 14, 1994, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors of the City of Novi not already registered.

On February 14, 1994, which is the last day for receiving registrations for said Statewide Special election to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 1994, the Clerk will be at her office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Novi at such election:

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- 6) Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

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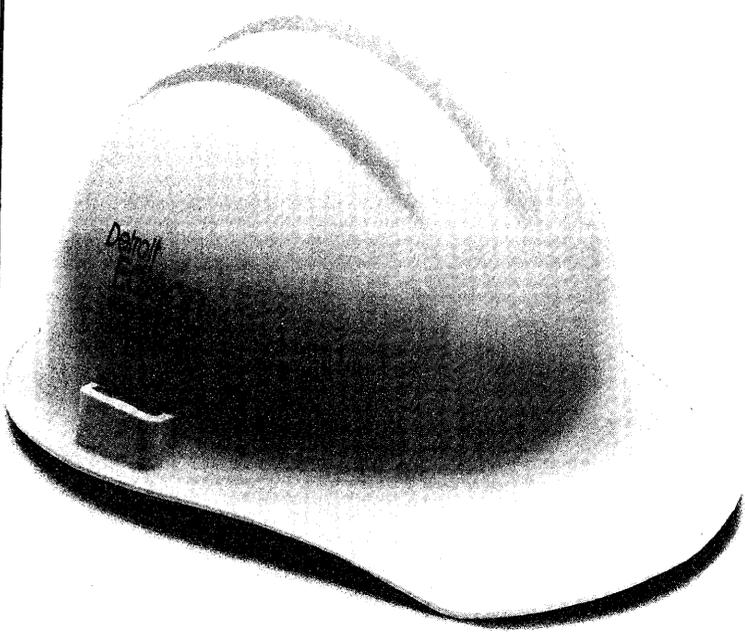
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Council, Evergreen reach accord

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to cease getting signatures so the Novi City Council has a running vote on just how much people are against it," he said.

Council Member Tom Pope, voting with Council Member Carol Mason against the contract, said he discussed the issue with Nov's bonding attorney, who indicated that if voters are against the purpose of a special assessment district (SAD) they can force a referendum election through a petition. City Attorney David Fried confirmed this, adding that the current contract does not commit Novi to the SAD.

Fried also said that the Novi City Charter dictates that the city may not sell land without going out for competitive bids but it may dedicate land for roads without seeking bids.

City Clerk Gerry Sipp said Tuesday that before the city sells SAD bonds, it must place a legal advertisement in the local newspaper advising voters that they may seek to block the sale with a petition drive seeking the special election, 3,750 signatures, or 15 percent of the voters, would be needed.

Appraisals on city-owned land along Novi Road, including the Aladdin building, the old town hall and the old fire station, are among the research work to be financed by Evergreen III. The city land is needed to provide the \$1 million ring road which would be Main Street access to Novi Road. The SAD district would also encompass \$300,000 in sewer and water lines.

A professional cost estimate will



Shoppers oppose Main Street

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why should Evergreen III? Please sign below if you feel as I do and help stop wasteful use of our money."

What the city council might actually agree to is giving city-owned land on Novi Road to Evergreen III. In return for developer's donation of the right-of-way needed to build a \$1 million ring road at the southeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. The council is considering setting up a special assessment district (SAD) to finance the road and \$300,000 in water and sewer lines for Main Street. As in other SADs, Novi would sell city bonds to get the money. Then, the property owners in the new development, would pay off the bonds and interest.

Erwin, whose family has operated a business at Novi and Ten Mile roads since 1895, is vehemently against the project.

"Novi has Twelve Oaks, the Expo Center, the Town Center and West Oaks land. They keep putting more and more big shopping centers in there and they don't care about the traffic," he said Monday.

"They ought to start listening to

the people who put them in office. They don't want public money in a private venture," he said.

Erwin says he's been dead set against Main Street since he learned about it last year. At that time, the owners of the Westborn Fruit Market in Dearborn and Berkley, were trying to buy Erwin out. Then, they learned of Main Street and, while considering putting a farmer's market there.

Westborn backed out and Vic's Quality Fruit Market is now the property for the \$60 million Main Street project, to be developed by the Farmington Hills-based Investors' Group Evergreen III.

Erwin says it's not the potential competition which has him worried.

"Yeah, you can be nervous but he's got to face the same expenses I've got. It's an even keel. The problem is there's public land down there that citizens own and they're going to barter it away to get this developer," Erwin said.

"If the development is such a great idea, he's not going to walk. It's just not that much more money."

Unless the price is right, Erwin says he'd rather keep the store in the

family than sell it. His daughter, Jennifer, is already carrying on the family business tradition by working in the Erwin Farms bakery.

Last week, the city council agreed to a contract with Evergreen III in which the developer will hire an appraiser to determine exactly how much the city land in question is worth. At issue is the old fire station, the old township hall and the Aladdin Building, all just to the east of Novi Road. The Aladdin Building was purchased by the city several years ago as part of the ring road plan.

In addition, vacant land behind the current Fire Station on Grand River is eyed for a public parking lot for Main Street.

Erwin says he doesn't think building a downtown area such as Main Street—which will feature a blend of shops, restaurants, theaters, residences and other amenities—will work.

"Who wants a downtown? Northville's dying. Plymouth's dying. These downtowns are dying. Why does Novi want this? If they wanted a downtown, why didn't they build the city that is developing too fast?" Platt said.

"Doug should be our mayor."

Ordinance violators, breathe easier

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A bill to increase jail terms and fines for city ordinance violators is in big trouble in a House of Representatives committee.

The bill, by Rep. Agnes Dobronski, D-Dearborn, would increase maximum allowable jail terms from 90 days to one year and fines from \$500 to \$1,000.

"Stiffer sentences, early on, would deter some people," said Dobronski, citing support from the District Judges Association and Michigan Municipal League.

But members of the House Judiciary Committee balked at filling up

jails with relatively minor offenders. They set the bill aside Tuesday after an hour's discussion.

"The only one point where so filled that they couldn't accept more — for example, drunk drivers," said Rep. James McNitt, R-Midland.

"Has anyone done a fiscal analysis?" asked Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods. No one had.

Gubow said it's generally a good idea to deal with offenses at the district court level, the lowest trial court in the state.

Ordinance cases are generally violations of housing, building, zoning and weed control codes. Many involve junk cars and noise. Cities, villages and townships write their own

ordinances, but state law limits the punishment. Dobronski's bill would amend the Home Rule Cities Act.

Committee members hinted they may go along with raising the fine limit but opposed increasing jail terms. "The monetary value of \$500 has been outgrown, but 90 days in jail is still 90 days," said Rep. David Galloway, R-White Lake.

"Why not go up on the monetary value but keep the 90 days? Oakland County doesn't have space to put 'em."

Rick Boyd, representing the Michigan Sheriffs Association, objected to longer jail terms, a cumulative list and accepting a large shift of state prisoners," he said. Under a plan offered by Gov. John Engler,

non-violent state convicts are being housed in lower-cost county jails and the counties are paid a per-diem rate for housing them.

Mike Valluck, representing the Michigan Municipal League, supported the concept of the bill but said its impact should be restricted to specific ordinances rather than all ordinances. He did not suggest which ordinances should be covered.

Refer to House Bill 5236 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. Chair of the House Judiciary Committee this month is Rep. Tom Mathieu, D-Grand Rapids.



There's no place like home. Thousands of prospective homebuyers and renovators jammed into the Novi Expo Center over the past weekend to see the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan's annual Home & Garden show. At left, Travis Gibbons of Fowlerville views the bathtub he may be using in the near future. Above, hundreds of exhibitors were on hand to show their wares for decorating and landscaping around the house.

Byers: school quality ignored

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Lawmakers may have delivered the property tax reform they promised to taxpayers but some say education reform was left behind when politicians passed the new school reform bill in December.

"When this whole process started it had nothing to do with quality education," said Novi Community School District Board of Education President Ray Byers. "It had to do with revenue generating and spending."

Byers aired his frustration with the changes in the school code Thursday night before State Representative Willis Bullard, R-Milford, and Senator Dave Hornigman, R-Westland.

Instead of reforming schools to provide a better education for students, Byers said lawmakers were more concerned with shifting and increasing taxes than improving schools.

"Forget about quality, it's all about revenues," he said Thursday night. "The rest will all be fixed after March 15 when quality will be addressed."

Byers balked at the state's plan for a core curriculum which leaves out comprehensive lessons plans for social studies and fine arts.

"That bothers me and somewhere that needs to be fixed," Byers said.

Even though the school code was adopted by the state legislature in December as part of the new school finance reform package, Byers says little attention was paid to quality reform.

Hornigman agreed. "There isn't much," he said Monday. "And I'm disappointed. There should be more quality reforms."

Hornigman said lawmakers weren't looking to get involved in running the classroom. Instead, they are actually looking to decentralize and give teachers more autonomy in their classrooms.

"To me, we won't be able to do it even if the Republicans take control because the MEA is the most potent

changes to the code but any additions or deletions couldn't be made until after the March 15 statewide tax proposal question, he said.

"There are a lot of other things that we should have done that we didn't do mostly because the MEA was opposed to them."

"We are looking at the quality reforms again because you know the House was tied at 55 all. But since then two Democratic House members have become mayors — David Hollister in Lansing, and Charlie Harrison in Pontiac."

The senator said Republicans have slim chance of winning either of those seats, but they do have shot at replacing a representative in a district in the Upper Peninsula. Even with a change in the profile of the House change to the school code could be slow in coming.

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force in Michigan politics."

In the meantime, Republicans are celebrating a slight victory with the only two reforms in the current code.

"The only two reforms are the charter schools and we are going to be gradually lengthening the school year," he said.

Hornigman said he favored lengthening the school year to be comparable with those in other nations.

"We have the shortest school year in the civilized world," he said. "We have 180 days and most other nations have 240 school days."

"Right now we have these mild curriculums. They are so vague they are just general admonitions. And they are models the districts can accept or reject."

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Prop A wording set

Here is the official text you will see on the March 15 special election ballot:

PROPOSAL A TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES TAX AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increases for each property parcel to 5 percent or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
4. Require three-quarters vote of state Legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property tax.

Should this proposal be adopted?

State affidavit has taxpayers nervous

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Great numbers of callers are concerned — even worried — about the affidavit homeowners must fill out to get the lower property tax rate on their principal homesteads.

The concern is that homeowners will be taxed 24 mills, the non-homestead rate, instead of the lower rate — six mills if Proposal A passes, or 12 mills if it doesn't. Homeowners want to make sure the homestead affidavit is received, filled out and returned properly.

Question: Will every homeowner receive this form? When?

Answer: Yes. In half the state, including Oakland County, it will be mailed by county government. In many cities, the assessor will send it out. Elsewhere, the state Treasury Department will send it to you. They're coordinating efforts to make sure you get one copy — no zero, not two.

It's due to be in the mail about Feb. 15 and is due back to your local city or township assessor by March 1. Don't panic! I've seen a sample. It takes barely a minute to fill out. For non-agricultural homesteads, it will ask for four bits of information:

1. Property identification number — it's already printed on your mailed form.
2. Your signature and the co-owner's (usually your spouse's).
3. Your social security number and the co-owner's.
4. The street address of the property only if it's different from where you receive your mail.

If you use something other than the form mailed by the assessor, you'll need to fill in the "PIN" number. In my city, it's a 12-digit number that appears just above my name on the tax bill.

Q: I have two homes in southern Michigan. Would I be able to change the designation of which is my primary residence at a later date?

A: Yes. Fill out a new form as the assessor's office in the city or township where you're claiming primary residence.

Q: I have two homes — one I live in and one I'm selling on land contract. Can the person buying on land contract get a homestead exemption later?

A: Yes, says the Treasury Department. "Quitting means you hold the legal title to the homestead or that you are buying it on a land contract."

Q: The law doesn't provide for a "grace" period yet, but the Legislature is working on bills to extend the

filling date because so many older folks will be in Florida.

Q: My wife and I are leaving for Florida Feb. 12 and won't return until March 17. Where does this leave us?

A: Have someone forward your mail.

If that isn't feasible, visit your city or township assessor and explain the situation. Take along a copy of your property tax bill with the PIN number. This newspaper can't speak for 2,000 local assessors, but we'll bet they let you fill out the form in the office.

When you go to Florida, take along a couple of blank copies of your Michigan "snowbird" friends who haven't heard about this exemption. Watch the local media. The state and this newspaper will advertise the program in Florida and perhaps Arizona.

This writer's parents are full-year Floridians, but their next-door neighbors spend only the cold months there and are domiciled in Livingston County. When I visit, I'll take Janet and Ed an extra copy of the newspaper as a neighborhood favor.

For a mailed form, this newspaper is offering a fax and mail service with the state Treasury Department form, just in case the assessor missed you somehow. Watch this column.

Q: I own a property but don't occupy it. I rent elsewhere. Am I eligible for a homestead exemption?

A: No. But you're entitled to a separate tax break as a renter. The Treasury form says: "Renters should not file this form, but are entitled to a higher renters' credit on the 1994 Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim that you will file in 1995. The credit has been increased from 17 to 20 percent."

Q: Our principal housing consists of two locations. Can we claim exemptions for both?

A: It's unlikely, but there are rare cases where a married couple could be granted two exemptions. Our Treasury contact cites a pair where the husband works and lives in Detroit five days a week while the wife occupies the home in Lansing. Each may be able to claim one exemption.

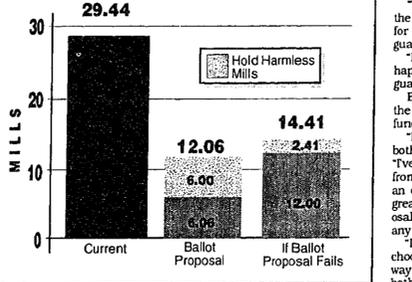
Q: Our new house is under construction and won't be finished until July 1, the date tax bills are due. Can the builder do it or just the potential buyer?

A: The builder can't. Only the occupant may file your affidavit with the assessor when you reside in July 1.

Treasury tells us not to be concerned about the date. The July 1 bill will be calculated on the assessment as of last Dec. 31, when the house was largely unfinished.

If the ballot passes...if it fails A COMPARISON

Homestead school operating property tax for Novi Community Schools



moved out, but I live in the house. No divorce proceedings have been started. What do I do?

A: Ask your husband to sign the form. If he can't or won't, visit your city assessor and explain the situation.

Q: Will officials check my homestead affidavit against my voter registration to see if they match?

A: No, says Treasury.

Q: If my city or township asks, Treasury will run a computer check of the social security number to make sure you're not improperly claiming exemptions for two houses.

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Engler's plan gets school board nod

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elect to do.

"That's what the community wants to know what's good for kids. Then they can make their own decision," he said before voting yes to support Proposal A.

Thursday's meeting was the second opportunity the board had to analyze the effects of the new school finance bill in the company of the state Sen. David Hornigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, has made several recent appearances in the district at the request of the Novi's Parent Teacher Organizations. He and Hornigman hosted an informational meeting in Novi last Tuesday. The representative is scheduled to return to Orchard Hills Elementary tonight.

"Under the ballot proposal that figure is etched in stone."

Bullard told the board it took a lot of lobbying to get the Legislature to agree to give high spending districts more money than other poorer districts that will receive less money in their base grants. A veto of the ballot plan may mean that taxpayers will revolt against the increase in the income tax and force legislators to tighten the purse strings on the higher spending districts.

Hornigman agreed.

"The ballot plan is better for the economy and better for schools," he said. "If you give a constitutional guarantee to the state and reneg on it, if it fails and you're promised \$6,500, there is nothing that says we can't change it all."

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE
To rezone a part of the N 1/4 of Section 14, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcels 22-11-100-001, -002, -003 and -011, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point located N89°24'35"E 1066.73' along the north line of Section 14 (nominal C/L Twelve Mile Rd.) and S00°35'25"E 926.00' from the N 1/4 corner of said Section 14; thence N89°24'35"E 508.65'; thence S00°35'25"E 436.14'; thence S55°05'44"W 554.01'; to Traverse Point "A"; thence continuing S55°05'44"W 6' more or less to the shore of Twelve Oaks Lake; thence Northwesterly, 1211' more or less along the shore of said Twelve Oaks Lake; thence S76°58'11"W 50' more or less to Traverse Point "B"; (said Traverse Point "B" described from Traverse Point "A" as N29°51'14"W 168.76' and N88°13'22"W 425.27' and N86°25'16"E 112.97' and N68°59'49"W 311.77' and S76°58'11"W 145.53' to said Traverse Point "B"); thence continuing S76°58'11"W 599' to the Easterly line of Twelve Oaks No. 1 as recorded in Liber 158, Page 187, of the Public Records, Oakland County, Michigan; thence 187' 63" along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 748.47 feet, a central angle of 14°21'47" and a chord bearing and distance of N15°54'32"W 187.14' along the Easterly line of said Twelve Oaks No. 1; thence N23°05'26"W 91.03' along the Easterly line of said Twelve Oaks No. 1; thence 70.04' along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 45.00', a central angle of 89°10'54".
ORDINANCE NO. 18,559
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 509
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 1994.
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE
To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-31-100-001, -002, -003 and -011, more particularly described as follows:
Parcel 22-31-100-001
The northerly 20.5 Acres of the west 1/4 of the north 1/4 of Section 31, excepting therefrom, the easterly 115.5' of the westerly 379.5' of the north 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31.
Parcel 22-31-100-002
The northerly 20.5 Acres of the west 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, excepting therefrom, the easterly 115.5' of the westerly 379.5' of the north 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31.
Parcel 22-31-100-003
The westerly 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, excepting therefrom the southerly 19 acres and the northerly 20.5 acres of said westerly 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31.
Parcel 22-31-100-011
Beginning at a point distant East 1330.33' along the north line of Section 31 and South 375.00' from the NW corner of Section 31; thence East 455.0'; thence North 375.00' to the north line of Section 31; thence East 863.12' along said north line to the corner of Section 31; thence S00°35'12"E 2030.02' along the N-S 1/4 line of Section 31; thence S77°33'09"W 1362.29'; thence N00°30'11"W 405.64'; thence N00°06'21"W 1602.95' to the point of beginning.
FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO: MH MOBILE HOME DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18,517
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 517
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
KATHLEEN McLALLAN, MAYOR
GERALDINE STIPP, CLERK
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 1994.
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As We See It

Council getting in way of computer purchase

A little bit of knowledge can be a dangerous thing. And it appears the Novi City Council is attempting to prove that singlehandedly.

Last November, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver and Dean Miller, who is responsible for keeping Novi's data processing systems running, brought a proposal to the council to purchase five computers. It was a solid, sound proposal then and it remains a solid proposal today. And at a price of \$9,186, it represents one of the smaller equipment purchases a city the size of Novi will make in any given year.

Had the council just gone ahead with the purchase, city employees would be crunching numbers on those computers today.

Instead, those on council who deem themselves computer "teckies" decided to match their expertise against the administration's, rejected the explanations of the purchase offered by Miller and Klaver in memos written in December and decided in the last meeting of 1993 to form a committee to figure out what kind of computers the city should buy.

On Jan. 31, the council again debated the issue. This time, they decided not to appoint the committee membership immediately, but to go through the city's normal appointive process, advertising the positions, accepting applications and interviewing the candidates.

At the rate things are going, it could be another four months before a determination is made on what kind of computers should be bought. It will take at least another month to screen the members and get them appointed, and then they'll have 90 days to accomplish their task.

In the end, it means city workers will go eight months in total without the proper tools to do their jobs. Frankly, council members should take their trips to the computer toy store on their own time and get the heck out of the way of city employees who need to do the public's business.

Klaver and Miller recommended buying five machines — two personal computers for the Parks and Recreation Department, one PC for the Police Department, and one more PC for the Department of Public Services and a laptop for the city treasurer.

Two main criticisms were leveled at the proposal, mainly from Council Member Joe Toth, who himself is a software specialist. The first was that the equipment was "obsolete," according to Toth. That's a typical line from computer teckies. Anything that isn't the most advanced, most powerful, most state-of-the-art machinery is dubbed "obsolete." But, frankly, it's poppycock.

All the computers on the list were to have 486 processors and would have megahertz ratings ranging from 25 to 50. Now it is true that faster processors are available. Manufacturers have started selling 586 processors, also known as P-55 or Pentium processors. And the manufacturers have managed to soup these machines up to 66 megahertz. Of course, you end up paying



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through the nose for these top-of-the-line machines.

Now, the interesting thing is that the software producers haven't caught up to the technology. Only now are they beginning to release programs that need the 486 to run. Most still operate quite adequately on 386 processors, one level lower.

Rather than being obsolete, the software writers are just now catching up to the 486s.

The second criticism offered was that the computers weren't needed, that the data processing power could be shared with other sources. That might seem like a legitimate concern, but it is also contradictory to the first. If the computing needs are so great that city workers have to have top-notch machines, what sources would make that kind of data processing power available to the city? There are no other more advanced computers within city offices. And if the needs are minor enough that computers could be shared, why the insistence on top-of-the-line machines? You can't have it both ways.

The city's current computer systems are pretty abysmal. In his memo to council, Miller put it this way: "There are 12 computers, in various departments, some of which have been in constant daily use for over five years. Talk about obsolete! Some of these computers have monochrome screens and operate at 4 Mhz. to 12 Mhz. They are all operating, but extremely slow by today's standards. These machines should be replaced, especially those that are being used constantly as in Community Development, the Clerk's office and Personnel."

Ultimately, what is most bothersome is that Klaver and Miller went around to see what city workers needed done with computers and then came up with a proposal to get them good basic equipment to do it.

As Miller put it in his memo: "Most users (at least in this building) use their computers as word processors. Relatively few generate financial worksheets of any size and complexity, even fewer work with unique (one-user only, non-network) software packages. . . . In short, the majority of users will require only basic computer hardware and features. Very few would be "power-users" benefiting from (not necessarily requiring) the fastest, largest computer available."

It is roughly analogous to insisting city workers drive Cadillacs instead of Chevys, because they're bigger; or write with Cross pens instead of Bics, because they're better; or that city police officers carry M-16s instead of pistols, because they are more powerful.

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Longer terms for violations?



Michael Malott

Just a few random notes from a reporter's notebook:

THROW AWAY THE KEY: If you have any doubt that the folks up in Lansing are out of touch, consider the bill now pending in the House of Representatives to increase jail time for ordinance offenses.

That's right, Rep. Agnes Dobronski, D-Deerborn, has sponsored a bill which would raise the amount of time municipalities can put ordinance offenders in jail for from 90 days to a full year. The bill has the support of the Michigan Municipal League and the District Judges Association.

Local communities, of course, are the ones who adopt the ordinances and set the sentences for violations, but the state has given an upwards limit of 90 days for those violations.

The ordinances usually have to do with such things as housing, zoning and building rules. Most communities have ordinances to control the collection junk cars.

In my humble opinion, you have to be one very bad grower of noxious weeds to deserve 90 days in jail, much less a year. Only heavy duty junk car junkies should have spend anywhere near three months in jail, much less 12. And only the most flagrant of set back offenders should see the inside of a jail cell, regardless of whether it is for 90 days or a year.

It kind of puts the debate over Novi's sign ordinance and false alarms ordinance in a whole new light, doesn't it?

In all seriousness, municipalities have to enforce their ordinances. And I understand that. Usually jail time is re-

served for those ordinance violators for whom other sanctions haven't worked.

But municipalities do have some other means available. They can have workers go in and cut the weeds or remove the cars, and then bill the cost of the work to offender through property tax bills or as liens on property.

And while state lawmakers debate the issue of more jail time for ordinance violations, we still have dangerous criminals walking the streets. Sex offenders are put out on probation. Violent offenders are kicked out by the state parole board after serving only a fraction of their sentences.

Are lawmakers out of touch. You bet they are.

SOMETHING EXCITING THIS WAY COMES: Keep a close eye on the new Partnerships in Education program now getting underway later this month between the Novi school district and the Chamber of Commerce.

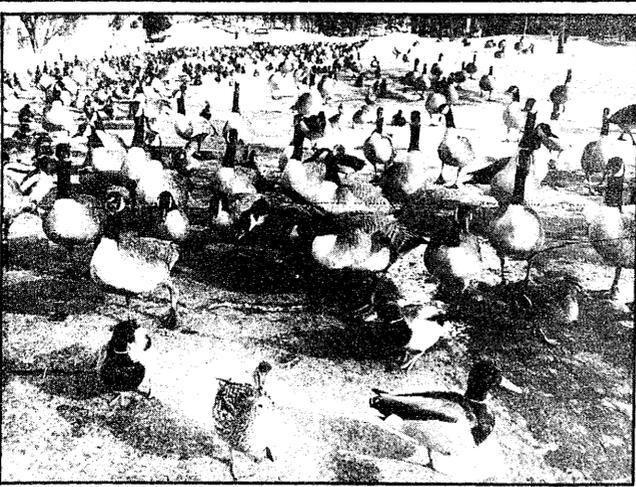
The program has paired Novi High School with Batsford's TRACC program, Novi Middle School with the Motor Sports Hall of Fame; Novi Meadows with National Bank of Detroit; Parkview Elementary with Border's Books and Music; Orchard Hills with Providence Hospital and Medical Center; Novi Woods with Michigan National Bank; Village Oaks with Comerica; and Community Education with the Novi Post Office. Students will tour and work with the facilities, and they'll for what a career in that field will be like.

The program shows a great deal of promise for helping school kids prepare for the world of work.

We'd offer our congratulations to all to who are involved in this innovative effort.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Moments By Bryan Mitchell



Duck — duck — Geese!

The ducks and geese gather at the Ford Plant in Northville

Sometimes you can't forget



Michelle Harrison

I swear sometimes I have the best job in the world because of all the neat people I get to meet.

That feeling was reinforced last week when I interviewed Tony and Virginia Notaranni, a Northville Township couple who have been married for nearly 55 years.

Virginia commented on my job, stating that although the job must be fun, it must also get pretty stressful at times.

Bryan Mitchell, our photographer who was preparing to take the Notaranni's picture, answered yes, because in our profession you're supposed to have an element of toughness to you.

"You try to forget some of the things you see, but you don't," he said.

His comment got me thinking back to the days when I was just beginning my career as a journalist. I had been working for the newspaper in my hometown for about a year when an automobile accident claimed the lives of 36 teenagers. The accident is still regarded as one of the most tragic in Genesee County.

Sometimes what you see isn't as bad as the stories you hear. Although I'll always be able to picture the twisted wreckage of what used to be a Nova in my mind, I shiver when I recall some of the accounts I heard of the accident that week. My editor and I went through a lot of tissue that week as we listened to mourning family members.

A few years later, after some seasoning and several editorials under my belt, my emotions got the best of me again when I read the police reports following an accident which claimed the life of a young woman.

Only out of high school for about a year, the girl was driving home one morning from work after finishing up a double shift. She misjudged a curve on a freeway exit ramp and, in her exhaustion, lost control of her car.

She was thrown from her car as it entered a ditch.

Although I wasn't at the accident scene, I re-lived the entire incident through diagrams and pictures attached to

the police report, which to this day still haunt me.

Once again, I found the need for a hanky as I sat in the lunch room of the police station copying the report.

I've learned a lot from many different people who are good in the business. "When it comes to criticism, be like a duck with water and let it roll off your back," the friendly but don't be friends with your sources; "if you can't be objective when it comes to covering a story, don't cover it," etc. But never have I been advised to be heartless.

I know sometimes we appear that way because we've got a job to do when it comes to tragedy. Some tragedies don't affect you while the memories of others are hard to shake.

And sometimes it doesn't even take a tragedy to make a reporter choke back the tears.

Like when I covered the Pet-A-Pet program at Old Village School recently. Heck, it was just another feature story, I thought, so I felt a little sappy when I started getting teary-eyed. I had interviewed everyone I needed to and thought I would just sit back and observe the volunteers and their cats and dogs in action. Interacting with the handicapped students at Old Village.

The cutest little girl with blonde hair and the loudest laugh I've ever heard was having the time of her life. As she sat in her wheelchair, she collapsed in a fit of giggles when a building jacked her face.

My attention turned to a little boy sitting quietly next to her. He couldn't talk and I was having a hard time gauging his reaction to the pets.

I looked around the room and saw all these precious children, with various stages of disabilities, and cursed the cruel fate they had been dealt. It just wasn't fair.

That's when I noticed the instructors and paraprofessionals interacting with the children. What a gift they had in communicating with these kids. These people deserve all the praise in the world as do the children and their parents.

I slipped out of the room quietly, unnoticed, as tears filled my eyes. I guess even after eight years in the profession, I still need to carry a package of tissues.

Michelle Harrison is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Clinton theories were tested here



Phil Power

President Clinton last weekend announced that the economy and labor

ministries are launching a far-ranging examination of the way to get people back to work. I was part of that effort, serving as the chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council.

Two conclusions came early:

■ Good skills produce good jobs; poor skills lead nowhere.

■ The way to good skills is through training and retraining, but the job training system is a mess.

We took an inventory. What we found amazed even the most hardened bureaucracy watchers. There was no job training system in Michigan. Instead, there was a crazy quilt of 70 separate job training programs with administrative responsibility scattered among nine different departments of state government and no coherent overall management!

Nobody recognized how vital job training was to get back to work. And even if somebody reached that conclusion, the administrative chaos insured that nobody could get training even if he or she qualified.

Workers would go to one office to fill out forms, only to be told to go somewhere else to fill out other forms, only then to be told they couldn't qualify for training. Employers couldn't find workers with the skills they

needed. And the political system had long since concluded that job training was one of those stagnant governmental backwaters of no use and no possible interest.

Out of this chaos emerged a series of innovations that put Michigan on the job training map, later featured in the best-selling book *Retraining Government* by David Osborne.

Instead of a myriad of offices and conflicting forms, create one common office for all programs — an approach now called "one-stop shopping." Instead of confusion, provide people with a "Michigan Opportunity Card," like a credit card, which provided skills information and helped people figure out if they were eligible for help. Instead of unemployment compensation being a form of publicly acceptable welfare, think of the system as the gateway to training and re-employment.

President Clinton's thinkers in this area — Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Doug Ross, assistant secretary for employment and training — will no doubt be rolling out the administration's thinking at next month's summit. It's nice to realize that much of that thinking was initiated and tested right here in Michigan.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His telephone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

Appreciate listening to concerns

To the Editor:

It was with great enthusiasm and pleasure that the Novi homeowner's association representatives came out in force to speak with Mayor Kathy McLallen on Jan. 26 at her invitation.

It was an extremely productive meeting made complete with refreshments and coffee donated by some of the homeowners.

Associations shared ideas, solved problems, and unanimously agreed that they wanted more joint association meetings!

Most people had questions about how the city functions, where and how to get information, and what is the best course of action for problems that arise. Many topics were discussed including waste hauling contracts, recycling, road construction, oil wells, tree trimming, and traffic issues.

All factions of Novi were represented . . . mobile home parks, condominium associations, Novi's newly-formed Westminster Village, and Novi's oldest subdivision, Clark.

An extreme effort was made by many of the Neighborhood board

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members to attend. Some cancelled dinner engagements and one member who cannot drive at night imposed on a friend for a ride.

It was discovered that problems can be handled in-house (for neighborhood) and a visit to a City Council meeting can be avoided.

Many suggestions were given on how to obtain information from city departments. Several associations exchanged phone numbers and packets of information. It was the most positive, energetic meeting that I have attended.

We really appreciate Cindy Stewart for her ability to organize and execute efficiently. She keeps an updated list of all homeowner associations and is going to mail a list to all presidents in order for them to do some networking.

Thank you Mayor McLallen for taking the initiative in meeting the needs of Novi's neighborhoods. We appreciate your listening to our

Proposal will give stable base

To the Editor:

On March 15 we will be asked our preference as to how we want education funded in the State of Michigan. Funding in the past via the property tax is no longer an option. While the ballot plan and the statutory plan approved by the Legislature each have many facets, our basic choice will be to fund schools with a 6 percent sales tax

or a 6 percent income tax.

Hopefully, voters will decide their vote based not only on how the proposals affect them financially, but also on what is best for the economy of the state and what is best for funding education of our children in the future.

Fortunately, passage of the ballot proposal will accomplish all three goals: decrease our individual tax burden, strengthening the state's competitive position and providing a stable base for funding education.

In the next few weeks leading up to March 15, I will write letters dealing with tax fairness, tax effects on the economic climate in Michigan, the comparative tax burden of each funding option, and which proposal appropriately addresses the funding needs of education.

Hopefully this information will help you to make an informed decision. We encourage you to vote on March 15 and will compel you to vote FOR the ballot proposal.

Robert G. Schram
Novi school board
Trustee

Detroit Tiger economics explained



Tim Richard

If you're baffled by the Detroit Tiger Stadium funding mess, these thoughts may help.

Pretend you're a mortgage banker. A businessman asks for a loan to buy a \$225 million house. You ask him how much profit he can make. He says \$5,000 a year. You laugh him out the door.

Next day he's back. You ask if there any changes. He says he has hired a maid for \$7,000 and is going in the red at the rate of \$2,000 a year.

Understandably, you are disinclined to loan him anything.

Tack three zeros onto those numbers, and you have a far approximation of Tiger economics.

A new stadium is estimated at \$225 million to construct. The Tigers' gross revenues (tickets, concessions, etc.) are \$50 million in a good year. Net earnings are \$5 million in a really good year like 1984.

A company earning \$5 million can't possibly handle the debt service on a \$225 million stadium. Politicians are reluctant to use tax dollars, however, to build a new stadium for rich

guys like Tom Monaghan or Mike Ilitch.

Meanwhile, Tiger owners have signed Cecil Fielder to a multi-year contract for \$7 million a year. A profit to minus-cost to service debt on a new stadium has turned into red ink.

The foregoing numbers are based on published reports in the Detroit papers, particularly the recent interview with new Mayor Dennis Archer and Ilitch.

We now understand why, when Bo Schmeblicher was president of the Tigers, he insisted on a fortress style stadium: all parking controlled by the Tigers, all food service, all peanuts. There's no way in the world the Tigers could have a sufficient revenue base unless the club monopolized everything that might draw a nickel. And with Ilitch at the helm, one shudders to think what he would gouge us for parking or a watery beer.

Let's get this business in perspective. A revenue base of \$50 million is the equivalent of an average Michigan school district with an enrollment of 6,333 spending \$6,000 per pupil. This isn't big business.

Wayne County Exec Ed McNamara envisioned a rejuvenated economy around the stadium, which is a community would share in the largesse of big spending by baseball fans. Nice idea but impractical.

The idea of a privately financed stadium is totally incompatible with the idea of a stadium that is part of a local economy. And even if the Schmeblicher fortress idea were adopted,

there's still no guarantee the Detroit Baseball Co. alone could pay for the stadium without a government guarantee.

Let us ponder the contract of Cecil Fielder, a family man who is entitled to charge what the traffic will bear. Yet he's making more than those who invested tens of millions to buy the company.

You and I own no stock in Ilitch's company and have nothing to say about how much they pay Fielder. The dilemma is that the powers that be still are talking about publicly funding a stadium.

Some tentative conclusions suggest themselves:

■ If there's no new stadium, the Tigers — a Detroit fixture for more than a century — may move elsewhere.

■ No way will we build a stadium without a governmental investment.

■ If government capital is required, government ought to have something to say about how much the Cecil Fielders of this game are paid.

■ The next time the right wing ideologues at the Mackinac Center rave how "privatization" is so much more efficient than government, let us shut our backs to words, "Tom Monaghan," followed by two more, "Mike Ilitch."

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. You can reach him by telephone at (313) 953-2047.

New show raises our adrenaline



Lark Samuelian

A new television program always adds new excitement and interest to the week. The adrenaline flows as the creative and technical dynamics are intertwined.

Novi News Week's our most recent news show. Cindy Stewart, Mike Malott, Kevin Souther, Denise Jenkins, Dave Witt, and Bryan Mitchell are the television production team.

Novi issues and Novi news are featured. Tony Nowicki was the most recent guest.

The program may be viewed on Channel 12 Thursdays at 8 p.m. and on Channel 13 before tonight's meetings. If you want to see the news on Friday, call MetroVision for viewers choice at 553-7303.

Business and Residential News, a weekly news program, also provides the same support to Channel 12. Watch for Novi News Week, Residents of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills may send your news items to Kevin Souther and Donnell Conway at the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48335.

Let's Talk is a new television series hosted by Ben Marks of Farmington Hills. Ben will bring a grassroots approach to issues that affect us at home which are being confronted by the legislators.

Going beyond the rhetoric, Ben talks with leaders and activists and encourages them to articulate their positions. Karen McMillan and Kevin Souther will add technical support.

Ben's credentials include his profession as a developer/builder. His recent reign as president of the Michigan Municipal League, years as a

member of the Farmington Hills City Council, previous Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills and vice chairman of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission for the past eight years.

The program Let's Talk will be interesting yet non-confrontational.

You may join the studio audience to observe the taping of the show which are planned Monday, Feb. 7, taping at 2 p.m. at the SWOCC studio and Friday, Feb. 11, taping at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the SWOCC studio.

Some of the guests planned are: Paul Hilligons, co-speaker of the House and Dick Posthumus, Senate Majority Leader.

Watch Channel 12 schedule for Let's Talk on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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Felons may pick up tab for lab

By **TIM RICHARD**
Staff Writer

Convicted felons would have to reimburse the state forensic laboratory \$150 for helping convict them under a bill making its way through the Michigan Legislature.

"Let's place the burden of the criminal justice system on those who create the cost," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth.

"When there's a need for forensic science to come in—either the State Police labor or a large city's—and when it's used in a conviction, the guilty person will pay a fee. It's important to send a message to the criminal element," Vorva told the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday.

That panel voted 5-0 to send the House-passed bill to the Senate floor for action, though not without some eyebrow raising.

"Forensic test" means a drug analysis, toxicology analysis, examination of latent prints, micro-chemistry, serology, firearms, tool marks or questioned documents, according to a Senate staff analysis. It would not cover blood alcohol tests.

"Do you have any idea what number of cases (indigents) are represented by assigned counsel?" asked Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit.

Vorva, a former police officer, estimated 25 to 30 percent of convicts would be able to pay the forensic lab fee.

Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, who does defense work, estimated 90 percent would be unable to pay. "You might be able to afford \$150 (lab fee) if not \$5,000 (for an attorney)," DeGrow added.

Janet Welch of the Supreme Court Administrator's Office also estimated 90 percent of convicts are indigent and unable to pay.

Welch asked that the court system be allocated 15 percent of any fees collected.

That annoyed Smith. "We pay the court's budget. Why are you asking us to do this? We pay for every judge in the state."

If enacted, it would be Vorva's first bill to become law. It would take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns (about April 1, 1995) and would "sunset" two years later.

Vorva's bill would require a judge to charge the convict \$150 in addition to any fine or prison term.

Capt. Richard Lowthian, director of the State Police forensic science division, said his lab performs forensic work on 50,000 criminal cases a year. It also investigated 472 crime scenes and made 1,375 court appearances.

Lowthian said a graduate student at Central Michigan University surveyed 415 criminal justice professionals (sheriffs, prosecutors and police chiefs in the 39 largest cities) and found that 62 percent wanted forensic manpower and funding increased; 55 percent think it's inadequate.

"Simply put, the need for Michigan's criminal justice system for forensic services has out-distanced my division's ability to deliver," Lowthian said in endorsing Vorva's bill.

"Backlogs are on the rise," Lowthian added.

"One of our analysts had 20 subpoenas for 17 different courts in a single day. The emotional strain on these analysts is tremendous."

"Our division budget for fiscal '93 provides \$10.5 million for 163 full-time employees in laboratory operations... The division is in dire need of funding for equipment."

The Senate analysis said that if fees were collected in 25 percent of cases, \$650,000 in revenue could be generated.

Lowthian said Vorva's bill "means augmenting or supplementing our current funding and will permit us to secure the personnel and equipment we so desperately need."

Sixteen states have laws dedicating fines to forensic labs.

Refer to House Bill 4245 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Library Notes

Children's Programs: Winter break programs are being offered for children at the Novi Public Library next week:

■ **Origami**—Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 1 and 2 p.m. Learn the tricky art of paper folding. There is a \$1 materials fee, payable at the door. Third grade and up, registration necessary.

■ **Preserving Family History**—Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. Learn how to record and preserve your family's story. Fourth grade and up. Registration necessary.

■ **Horses & Ponies: Facts and Fiction**—Thursday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m. Hear about the wild ponies of Chincoteague Island, Virg. Kindergarten and up.

Abraham Lincoln: "The Qualities of Abraham Lincoln's Leadership" will be discussed on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Novi Public Library.

Carl Osthaus, Ph.D., Oakland University History Department, will speak on the six qualities of a successful leader, relating Lincoln's success as a president to these qualities.

Registration is necessary. To register for these programs, call 349-0720. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

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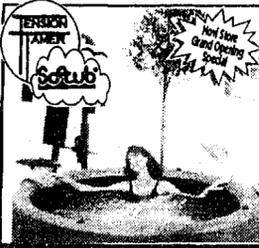
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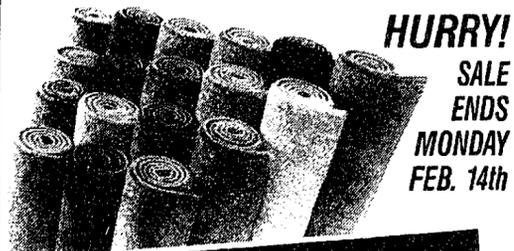
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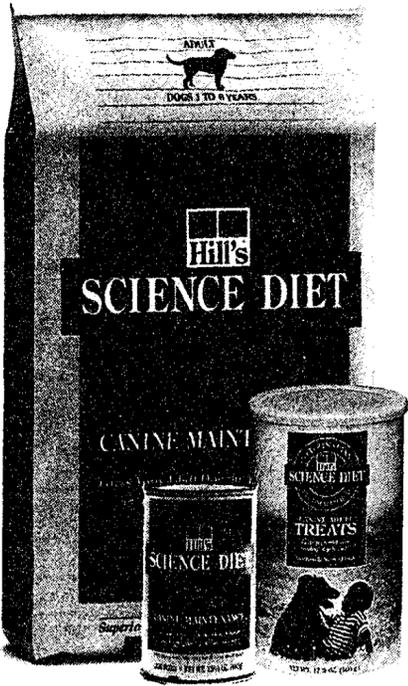
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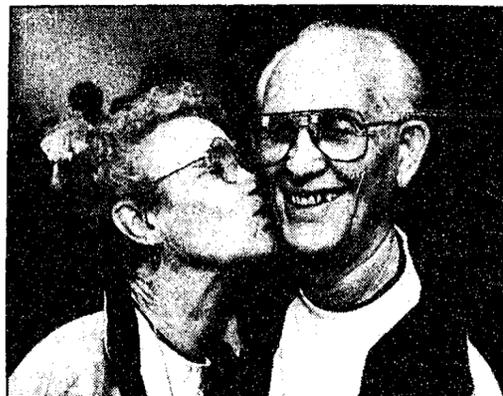


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Staying married for nearly 55 years hasn't always been a piece of wedding cake, but Virginia and Tony Notarainni agree sticking together is the secret ingredient to happiness.



Although Nettie and Glenn Porter have only been married for a little over a year, together they have over 99 years of matrimonial experience under their belts.

SECOND TIME A CHARM

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

while Glenn's daughter, Marilyn Briege, did so for her father.

Glen and Nettie Porter claim they've been married for 99 years. Although the couple celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary Aug. 21 last year, if you add Nettie's 50-year marriage to her late husband and Glenn's 48-year marriage to his late wife to their one year of marriage, you get a total of 99 years of married life. Glenn and Nettie met at the Northville Senior Center in early 1992 playing cards. A resident of Canton, Glenn started going to the senior center in January 1992.

"I didn't notice him until March," Nettie admitted. Nettie was playing cards at Cooke Middle School with other seniors when she signed up to go to a barbershop quartet performance. She asked the senior citizen's director if he could provide her with a ride to the concert from her Kings Mill home when Glenn overheard her.

"He said he would be driving by there and would pick me up," Nettie said. "From then on we've hardly been apart."

The Porters had wanted to get married by the captain of the ship they planned to board for an Alaskan cruise.

"That's only on TV," Nettie said, when she was informed that captains of ships don't really perform marriage ceremonies.

With the wrench thrown into their plans, the couple called a minister and set the ceremony for the same week.

"I called my daughter and asked her what she was doing on Friday," Nettie laughed.

Nettie's daughter, Lois Hollis, stood up for her at the wedding

"She knew I had gotten my ring, but she was quite shocked," Nettie said about her daughter's reaction. "That evening my daughter from St. Louis called and asked if she could stay with me because she was coming up for a wedding on Saturday. I told her, 'good, you can come to one on Friday, too.'"

The guest list grew as more relatives and friends learned of the wedding plans.

In the year that they've been married, the Porters boast that they haven't had one argument.

"At our age we don't have enough time," Nettie said.

"And these people who get engaged for four or five years — we didn't have time for that either," Glen chuckled. "I only got about another 22 years to live in order to get to 100."

Nettie had lived on her own for about four years. Her first husband died of a massive heart attack two weeks after he and Nettie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Glenn had officially been single for almost three years although his first wife had suffered from a stroke 10 years prior to that.

To some potential suitors, though, Nettie may have proven to be a hard catch as she always said she wouldn't get married again.

"I enjoyed being by myself," she said.

But that changed when Glenn entered her life.

"We got along so good that as far as I'm concerned anybody (getting along so well) should get married," she said. "You don't realize how lonesome you are until then."

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Sacred VOWS

Couple has no secret to successful marriage

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

The groom botched a line in the wedding vows and the entire wedding party was issued speeding tickets after the ceremony.

Despite the wedding day snafus, Tony Notarainni and his "awfully" wedded wife Virginia will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary March 15.

On their wedding day in 1939, the nervous groom accidentally vowed to take his "awfully" wedding wife, instead of his lawfully wedded wife.

Following the ceremony at Madonna Church on Oakland and 12th boulevards in Detroit, the wedding party promptly received tickets for speeding and for mak-

ing too much noise as they happily honked their horns while driving on Livernois.

"We still laugh about it," Virginia said.

Virginia and Tony met while on a picnic outing in Walled Lake with friends. Virginia was playing the harmonica when Tony asked a friend to introduce him to her.

It definitely wasn't a case of love at first sight, according to Virginia.

"No, I hated him. I didn't want no part of him," she laughed. "But he started coming around with flowers and candy."

Only 16 at the time, Virginia's father was pretty strict with her dating habits.

"I was a young girl . . . going on 30," she said. "I stayed home and



Despite getting a speeding ticket on the day of their wedding, the Notarainnis have yet to slow down since their 1939 marriage ceremony.

took care of my father, my brother and sister."

When Virginia was 7 years old, her mother left the family. A divorce followed and Virginia and her two siblings were placed in orphanages.

"It was one of those planned marriages," Virginia said of her parents' matrimony. "My mother never did love my father. When she got the opportunity to leave

she just left."

Virginia's father brought the children to live with him six years later.

"One day he was visiting and he said, 'Virginia, do you want to come home with me?' That day the heavens opened," Virginia said.

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Volunteer



Barb Flis

Parents told to be on the watch for children

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Child molestation can happen anywhere — even in your neighborhood — according to Barbara Flis, who is Health and Safety Chairman for Northville PTA and a member of the Board of Managers for the Michigan PTA.

With more children in Northville having to walk to and from school because of busing cutbacks, the danger for personal safety is greater.

But there is something that you, as a concerned citizen, can do about it. Subscribe to the state-authorized program, called Community Child Watch.

You display a sign in a front window, announcing your membership to anyone stalking the neighborhood and also to a child who is concerned. In either case you contact the police and make a report.

As for the child who rings your bell, you don't let him into your house but talk at the door. Then call the parents

and the police. Subscribing to the Community Child Watch program is easy. You fill out an application to assure you have not been involved in any assaultive or child-related activity. Then you attend a one-hour training session on how to be observant, what to look for, and what to do when you see something suspicious.

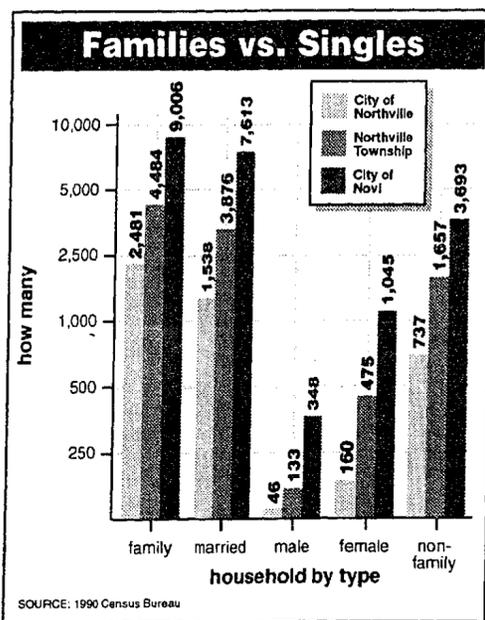
Your sign in the window is numbered, so the police will know your location when you call.

And you don't have to be home all of the time. Go about your usual business. But seeing the sign, according to Barbara Flis, will deter a suspicious person.

"We want to keep our children safe," said Flis, who started in PTA at Amerman School in 1986 when the older of her daughters entered kindergarten.

If you are not already a volunteer in Community Child Watch, call Northville Township Police Officer Matt Mayes at 349-9400 about becoming one.

It's A Fact



Scouts plan rockin' sock hop for April 23

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A large group of leaders of Novi Girl Scouts met last week at the Novi Civic Center to make many plans for the future.

Field Executive Marcie Shannon from the office of Michigan Metro Girl Scouts was present and spoke regarding Family Partnerships. This program is an opportunity for families to financially help support Girl Scouting.

Although it costs only \$6 to join Girl Scouts, it actually costs the council more than \$173 per girl for scouting activities each year. Some monies are raised through the product sales and the United Way gives approximately \$23 per girl, but there is still \$142 that must be raised to reach the \$173 per girl goal.

Any troop which wishes to hear this presentation, complete with a film strip explaining the program and information about the patch the girl scout will get, should contact Barb Michael, former NSU Director for Novi.

Tina Goodacre presented the plans for the scout "Sock Hop," complete with D.J. and pizza, scheduled for April 23. This is for select troops. More information will be available at the next leaders' meeting on Feb. 23.

Also coming up for all troops will be the Encampment at Camp Narrin May 27-29 under the direction of Jert Sunisio. Daisies will go for the day on Saturday, May 28. First grade Brownies will be lodged in troop houses for an overnighter. Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors' accommodations will be platform cabins with tents, or primitive campsites, de-

pending on the girls' skill levels.

Plans are being made for a pre-encampment overnight for first and second graders this month and first grade Brownies this month and first time campers in March. In preparation for the encampment, leaders will be attending Troop Camp Consultant Training on Feb. 26 from 9 to 5 p.m. at Mendowbrook Congregational Church.

Anyone having any questions regarding any of the projects can call Angie Jean at 347-7841 or Connie Lake-Noble at 349-3621.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Special plans are being made for the beginning of Lent on Feb. 16 with a Prayer Vigil from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Half-hour segments are to be scheduled for the congregation. If the participant can't be at the church, they are encouraged to pray at home during their scheduled half hour.

Starting Feb. 20, there will be special sermons during the morning service. In the evening at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Soup'n Snacks Program, which will continue through March 20. Groups in the church hosting the soup and crackers include the Outreach, Education Dept. and the United Methodist Women's Music Department and United Methodist Men.

On Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m., the United Methodist Men will be sponsoring a Bowl-a-Thon, a national fundraising event. In the morning prior to services, the group will be hosting a breakfast with members of Boy Scout Troop 54 as guests. The boys will be wearing their uniforms as this is their Scout Sunday and will be with the congregation during the worship

Novi Highlights

On Feb. 12, Administrative Council members and church leaders will be attending a Leadership Training Day at the Saline First United Methodist Church. The keynote speaker will be Molly C. Turner, Assistant to the Bishop in the Michigan area. The church provides a Church School Program every Sunday for children of all ages and issues a special invitation to parents to join the Adult Seminar meeting, held at the same time.

Feb. 13 will be United Methodist Women Sunday. This is an annual program when officers of the church will plan and lead the worship service. Special speaker will be Mrs. Frieda Spafford of Farmington.

NOVI JAYCEES
After a very busy December, the Jaycees continue with a well-timed calendar of events starting off with the second Annual International Progressive Dinner. Final entertainment will be karaoke and the Windsor Jaycees.

On the Jan. 11 the Jaycees were involved in the dedication of the Novi Police Department's new Family

Room that will be used for private interviews of victims in abuse and assault cases.

The Jaycees usually plan one time during the month for a Family Outing. The first outing of the year was bowling at Novi Bowl on Jan. 16 as a Kickoff to Jaycee Week '94.

At the regular membership meeting in February final plans were made for the eighth Annual Co-ed Charly Sno-Ball Tournament. Proceeds will benefit several charities including Oakland County Food Bank and Reading is Fundamental. The tournament is being co-sponsored by Mr. B's Farm and McNish's, when it will also be held.

This coming Saturday, the Jaycees have been invited to join the Beverly Hills Jaycees in a leadership seminar called "Building A Better You." Senator Michael Bouchard of Birmingham will be the featured speaker and other special speakers will address a number of subjects. Call the Jaycee hotline, 348-NOVI, for more information.

The state convention will be Feb. 18-20 in Romulus. Plans include having 20 members present for the weekend which will include awards,

training sessions, etc.

On Feb. 27, the monthly Family Outing will be a Mystery Outing. For reservations and more information regarding attire, etc. call the above number.

March 1 is the date of the next Jaycee meeting with plans being made to participate in Model Legislature in Lansing on March 12. On the 16th there will be a special meeting to elect the new Board of Directors.

The Annual Distinguished Service Awards Breakfast will be March 26 at 9 a.m. at the Sheraton Oaks.

NOVI YOUTH FORUM
Members of this unique group held their February meeting at the Novi Police Department. The group gathers each month to network regarding their various contacts with youth through their organizations. A review of last month's meeting with special guest speaker John Newmann, Administrative Clinical Supervisor of the Family Trauma unit for the Oakland Family Services, indicated that his presentation of his work was well received and most informative.

Newmann also handles the Sexual Victims Treatment program and the Child Focus Unit. Everyone present also received a folder of information containing a directory of program services. This month the group welcomed Toni McCrum, Manager of Commu-

nity Health Education for Novi Providence Hospital and coordinator for the youth and adult volunteers at the hospital. She brought information regarding the Healtharama being held on March 12 at Providence. Although new to the facility, McCrum's previous experience has been with the Oakland County Health Department.

Gerilyn Fernandez, of New Dimensions Center for Christian Counseling, reported that their programs are growing and now have facilities in seven locations including Woodhaven, Trenton, Allen Park, Ypsilanti, Oxford, Royal Oak and Walled Lake.

Joyce Eskra of New Rainbow Steps wanted the community to be aware of the foster home care or adoption services available. She will also accept donations of clothing or furniture for families. Anyone interested can call her at 348-3390.

Jack Canfield of the Kiwanis reported on a meeting they had at Tollgate concerning meeting with other service clubs in the area to make them more aware of the services they can offer to the Community.

Anyone wishing more information on the Forum can call Detective John Zimmer of the Novi Police Department.

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

Singles

Single Place, an adult ministry for single people meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will gather from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Bob Allwine will be the speaker.

Single Place presents "Singles and Loneliness" with speaker Dr. Jude Cotter at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Ball Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$4.

Also on Wednesday, Mary Wright will speak on "Easy Entertainment with Easy Appetizers" at 7:30 p.m. in the library lounge. An \$3 lab fee will be charged in addition to the Single Place donation.

Volleyball will be played Feb. 11 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, Northville. A \$3 donation is requested. All skill levels are welcome.

Two "Opportunity for Growth" workshops are being offered through Single Place.

"Gut Issues of Singleness," with Dr. J. Harold Ellens will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10, 17 and 24 in the forum room of First Presbyterian Church. The Feb. 10 session will deal with anger while the Feb. 17 and 24 programs will touch on intimacy and sexuality, respectively.

Ellens is a minister and psychologist in private practice in Farmington Hills.

The costs \$25 for the series. Child care will be provided.

"Being Single in the '90s" will be presented by Dr. John Cotter on Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at 7 p.m. in the library/lounge. During this series, singles will learn how to start a relationship on the right track, discover what they really want from a relationship and how to handle commitment, or the lack thereof.

Cotter is a Northville resident in private practice in Farmington Hills and also teaches a class on marriage and the family at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

A \$24 donation is requested. Child care will be provided.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

Single Point Ministries offers a unique opportunity to join over 500 persons of varied backgrounds together for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road (on the corner of Six Mile) in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will officiate.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

Volleyball is played at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.



Elizabeth and Alan Brown

Wedding

Elizabeth Clark Clancy and Alan Brown, the entrepreneurial business partners who established Elizabeth's Bridal Manor on Main Street in Northville have become a bridal couple themselves. They've recently announced.

The romantic atmosphere of the salon no doubt influenced the happy pair, who were married over the 1993 Labor Day weekend, on Saturday, Sept. 4.

The Rev. Gene Sorenson of Unity Church in Livonia officiated at the Candlelight Ceremony before a gathering of 30 family members and close friends.

The wedding and dinner reception took place at MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville.

The bride was given away and married by dear family friend and former Michigan resident, Mickey M. Walker, who presented the bearing bride and groom with an antique sterling silver lower basket, which held the bride's bouquet and graced the bridal table as a centerpiece.

The groom was escorted by his stepmother, Helen Brown, of Brooklyn, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Walled Lake High School and Madonna University.

The groom is the son of the late Marie and Louis Brown.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

The couple returned recently from a belated honeymoon in Southern California.

They are active in community support and have won beautification awards for their restoration of an old home and gardens which became the bridal salon.

astin ribbons was carried by the bride.

Jane Clark of Northville and sister of the bride, was the Maid of Honor, and wore an Eric inspired tea-length gown of bush champagne satin and chambray.

Judith Cagle of Jackson, Mich., the groom's only sibling, was the Matron of Honor in a sapphire silk and wool suit.

The attendants each carried a single long-stemmed Bridal Rose.

Arnie Stubbe provided a mellow background of organ music.

A tuxedoed Tom MacKinnon chaperoned the newlyweds in his vintage Mercedes Benz to the afterglow champagne and hors d'oeuvres at the couples' home in Northville.

A Victorian wedding cake decorated with Australian icing and bedecked with fresh flowers was served as dessert.

The bride is the daughter of the late Sabine (Sylvia) Wojcik Clark and Marcus Edwin Clark who resided in Novi.

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TV news anchor to address Newcomers

Jill Dittmire of Channel 2 News will be the guest speaker for the Feb. 24 general meeting of the Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Club.

A resident of Novi, Dittmire will give her views on the news as Detroit's early morning news anchor at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

The Novi club has been invited to attend a fashion show at Jacobson's, sponsored by the Northville Newcomers. The 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, show will be followed up with fruits and dessert. The cost is \$7 per person which is due before March 1.

New members of the club include Laurie and Bob Boral. Laurie grew up in Novi but spent 10 years in California where she met Bob. Bob is a sales representative while Laurie is a full-time mom to 1-year-old Chloe and offers a typing service out of her home.

Linda and Scott Channell. Scott and Linda have lived in Novi since last September, moving here from West Bloomfield. Both are employed by Ford and are waiting for their new home to be built. They have two daughters, Kelly and Michelle.

Jennifer and George Constand. Moving here from Livonia, this couple agree that Novi is a great community. George is employed at Ford. They have two children, Melinda and Thomas.

Rochelle and Rich Lichorobiec. The move to Novi was difficult as the house Rochelle left in Allen Park was the one where she was born and lived in her entire life. Both Rochelle and Rich are employed for the Army Tank Command. They have three sons, twins Benjamin and Nicholas and Jonathan.

Cheri and Jim Myers. Coming to Novi in October 1993, the Myers are looking for a new home. They left North Carolina after Jim completed his assignment in the Marines. He is now employed as an engineer. Cheri and Jim have one child, Allison.

Gail and Paul Steih. Paul and Gail relocated from Saginaw to Novi on Dec. 3, 1993. The couple are expecting and have one daughter, Kathryn. Paul is a senior manager with an accounting firm and Gail will look for part-time employment as an occupational speech therapist.

Upcoming events: Whirllyball — 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at WhirllyBall West, 5700 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. The cost is \$14 per person for members. Reservations are needed by Feb. 18. Bring your own beverages and a snack to share.

Ladies Special Event — Hudson's has invited the group to try their new Clinique colors (blush and shadows). Up to 12 ladies each hour are invited to take a one hour complimentary appointment at the Hudson's Twelve Oaks cosmetic counter. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, or Thursday, Feb. 17. Reservations are required.

Babysitting Co-op 1 — Penny Priests will host the 9:30 a.m. Feb. 24 meeting. RSVP to her at least two days in advance.

Burko (daytime) — The Feb. 23 game will be held at Janet Smith's home. Snacks and dessert will be provided by Sue Horigan.

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Engagement

Julia Watkins/Christopher Wise

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Watkins of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Lee, to Christopher Douglas Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wise of Milford.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School in 1988 and from the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University in 1992. He is employed as a computer systems consultant by MetLife in Southfield.

An October 1994 wedding is being planned. The wedding party includes many local friends; maid of honor Jennifer Henlock, best man Aaron Strand, Brian Schram, Mirny Watkins, Brian Oldenburg, Tracy Watkins, Megan Parker, and Elizabeth Fox.

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Single mom Diane Wise and her daughter Emma make their own traditions, like decorating cupcakes and making out valentines, for those special someone holidays.

Valentine's Day isn't just a holiday for lovers in single mom's opinion

By MICHELLE HARRISON Staff Writer

Does the thought of Valentine's Day break your heart because Cupid hasn't bothered to shoot you with his arrow in quite awhile? Don't let Feb. 14 get you down in the dumps just because you're playing the singles game, says Diane Wise, a single mom who's been divorced for two years.

"Valentine's Day and Sweetest Day don't really matter to me," Wise said. "When holidays like these come up, my daughter fills that big void."

Wise and her 5-year-old daughter Emma will spend this Valentine's Day, like every other holiday geared toward loving, together.

The two plan to make cupcakes and make out Valentine's cards to send to relatives and classmates.

"You make your own traditions," Wise advised. "You try to look on the positive side..."

One year Wise helped Emma make a paper heart. Inside the heart they wrote down things that made Emma happy. So whenever Emma feels sad, she just gets her heart out to remind her of what makes her happy.

The owner of Baby Baby, a maternity clothing consignment shop in downtown Northville, Wise said Emma was her inspiration for opening the shop four years ago.

Since she was married when she opened the business, Wise sometimes finds it hard to appear single.

"The first six to eight months (after the divorce) I laid low," she admitted. "I was very afraid of getting hurt."

Since most of her friends are married, Wise said it was difficult at first to meet other single people.

She joined Laurel Park health club, has held singles only parties and has pursued her outdoor interests such as ice skating and skiing.

"If I run into somebody new than that's good," she said. "If not, I can at least say I exercised today."

Her active lifestyle has helped her make a lot of new friends with diverse interests.

"Making new friends is worth it," she said, advising other singles not to be shy when it comes to meeting people. "You can't have one friend to do everything with. Some friends like to shop. Some like to decorate their homes. Some like to stay in shape."

Wise said single people just need to learn to enjoy the things they like to do.

"I've learned to be content with myself," she said. "You can feel an attitude of another person."

Singles shouldn't be afraid to try something new, either. Wise and her daughter recently took a Club Med vacation. While Emma checked out a circus and participated in other children's activities, Wise took in some water-skiing, wind surfing and roller blading.

Above all, don't make a concentrated effort of looking for Mr. or Miss Right when going out, Wise said.

"I've met a lot of single women who, when they go out, think they're going to meet their husband that night," she said. "You can tell when you meet someone like that — they have that look of desperation in their eyes."

"I've met guys like that. It scares me to death."

Sticking together is couple's secret

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Virginia continued to take care of the family in her father's 12th Street Detroit home after she and Tony married. The newlywed couple — she was 18 and Tony was 25 — lived with Virginia's father until he bought a house on Seven Mile and Huntington roads.

Tony and Virginia bought a "temporary" home in Detroit, only to end up staying there for 29 years. The couple have also lived in Livonia and currently reside in Northville Township.

Virginia lived on her own for two years while Tony went off to defend his country during World War II. She and the couple's 3-year-old son survived on \$80 a month during that time.

Virginia worked for Hudson's, Sears and a catering company throughout her marriage to help send her three children to college.

"All we do now is have fun," she said.

Tony is the card player in the family, playing every day of the week. The couple also works 10 to 12 hours a week at Gentili's, cutting lettuce and vegetables. On Sundays they attend church together and usually catch a show at least once a week.

"We go to a lot of weddings," Virginia said. "We love them. We're family people. If I don't (talk) with my brother or sister for a couple of weeks I get nervous."

Tony and Virginia have three sons, Thomas of Houston, Texas; Ronald of Birmingham; and James, who resides in Connecticut. There are six grandchildren.

Actually, it was matters concerning the children that usually provided the fodder for fights between Tony and Virginia.

"I'd always say no (to the children) and he'd always say yes," Virginia explained.

It was still more than the \$13 a week Tony earned at Michigan State when the couple first married. Tony worked at the Belle Isle plant for 15 years and retired from U.S. Cold Storage, at 14th Street and Bagley, after 42 years of service.

Married life has agreed with Glenn, too. He gained 15 pounds from Nettie's cooking, he exclaimed as he patted his stomach.

There is one drawback to a second marriage, though, according to the Porters.

"The worse part of a second marriage is combining two households," Nettie said. It's a good thing Nettie has a bunch of grandchildren who needed furniture. Other items were taken to the couple's cottage up north.

Glenn said the only drawback he could see about his married life was that he can't find anything now that Nettie is keeping house.

But the companionship overrules any disadvantage.

"Sometimes we sit working a puzzle or watching TV and don't say anything for an hour and a half," Glenn said.

"But you know they're there," Nettie finished.

Second marriages agrees with couple

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"So often we're thinking the same thing," Glenn added.

As far as giving advice to young couples preparing for matrimony, whom Glenn labeled a "different breed of cats," the Porters did have some advice.

"Forget about fights," Nettie said. "Life is too short."

"She does her thing and I do my thing," Glenn said.

Glenn enjoys playing the organ while Nettie crochets and cares for her 300 to 400 flowers in the summer time. Both love to travel and have trips to New Orleans, St. Louis and Sault Ste. Marie on their literary as well as a possible excursion to Hawaii.

The Porters also play pinocle twice a week at the senior center and like to visit friends.

Nettie has four children: Jay of Virginia, Carol of St. Louis, Earl of Conway and Lois of Northville. Glenn has two daughters, Carol of Virginia and Marilyn of Redford.

"We both have Carols and both are school teachers," Glenn said.

Diversions

theNOVI NEWS 5B THURSDAY February 10, 1994

Library luncheon to feature author

An Ann Arbor writer, whose work has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Harper's* and many other magazines, will speak at a book and author luncheon Wednesday, March 2.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library, Charles Baxter will speak at noon at the Nov. Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The author of two novels, *First Light* and *Shadow Play*, Baxter was voted the Michigan Author of the Year by the Thunder Bay Literary Conference and the Michigan Society for the Book. *Shadow Play* was listed in *Publisher's Weekly* as one of the best novels of 1993.

Baxter, who taught recently at the University of Michigan, also taught at Wayne State University from 1974 to 1988.

The National Endowment for the

Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts have provided grants to Baxter as well as the Guggenheim Foundation and the Lia Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation.

Baxter's short stories have appeared in the *Best American Short Stories* five times. One story, *Gryphon*, was adapted and filmed for television. His fiction has been translated into Russian, French, Japanese, Swedish and Romanian.

Friends of the Nov. Plymouth and Canton libraries will co-sponsor the luncheon for the benefit of the four libraries.

Novi residents Barbara Willis, Ruth Bozian and Myrtle Locke are on the committee.

The luncheon will be catered by Home Sweet Home, a Novi restaurant. Tickets may be purchased at \$12 each at any of the four libraries until Feb. 24. Tables for eight guests may be reserved.



Poet and author Charles Baxter will speak at a book and author luncheon on Wednesday, March 2, sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library.

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

Special events

ART LECTURE SERIES: The Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring Michael Farrell in an art lecture series focusing on 17th century Flemish and Holland.

Rubens will be the topic of the Feb. 17 lecture and the works of Vermeer will be presented March 17. A lecture on Rembrandt, originally set for January, has been rescheduled for April 14.

Each lecture will include a slide presentation accompanied by the wit and style of a knowledgeable art historian. Farrell is an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts and an instructor at the Art House of Detroit.

Lectures will be held in the Northville High School Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$8 per lecture. For more information, call 347-9664.

TALENT SEARCH: The Marquis Theatre will hold a talent search on Thursday at 12 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville.

Theater officials are looking for children ages 6-16 who can act, sing and dance. Each participant will be asked to make a three-minute presentation. Come dressed in appropriate stage clothes or costume and make-up.

An accompanist will be provided. You may bring your own taped music if you wish.

The talent search will be videotaped and the information will be shared with other professional theaters and talent agencies.

To make a reservation or for further information, call the Marquis Theatre at 349-8110 and request an application for entry, no later than noon Feb. 10.

The public may view the search. The cost is \$4 per ticket.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by Metrovision and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit an application form and audition tape, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

THEATRE: *THE NOVI PLAYERS* will perform *The Man Who Came to Dinner* during the first two weekends in March.

Barb Underwood of the Birmingham Village Players will direct the winter production. The show will be performed at the American Legion Hall in Northville.

Music

BARBERSHOP HARMONY: The Detroit-Cleveland Chamber Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America Inc. will present "Dearie, Do You Remember?" Feb. 18 and 19 at the Schmidt Auditorium of Clarenceville High School, 21055 Middlebelt, Livonia.

The show will feature barbershop harmony by the Gentlemen Songsters Chorus and three quartets: Jokers Wild, 1993 International second place medalists from Ohio; Full Chord, 1993 Michigan's current premier district champions from Gratiot County; and Expanded Sound, a premier comedy quartet from Missouri.

The show begins at 9 p.m. Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Tickets are \$10 for Friday's performance and \$11 Saturday. All seats are reserved. For tickets, call Fred Peelle at 258-9601.

CAFFE BRAVO: On Fridays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. classical guitarist Carol Smallwood is continuing her engagement at Caffe Bravo, Smallwood also appears on Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Also each Saturday, from 9 to 11 p.m., a local contemporary folk trio, The Color Wheel, performs. The group features Northville High School graduates Tony Stewart, Dave Murray and Chris Dattilo.

On Sundays, from 3 to 6 p.m., Michael Fracassi appears with his guitar, strumming a variety of blues and

jazz numbers. He also performs on Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

The coffee house is in the Main Center in downtown Northville.

For information, call 344-0220.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Nov. 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 is from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

For information call 349-4000.

RIFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Rifles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe. Rifles is at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: Its live entertainment on Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The music is Top 40.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000.

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.

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Gentili's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282.

The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

TOWN CENTER GALLERY: The Town Center Gallery is located at Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Blvd. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 380-0470.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students and \$4 for a family rate. For further information, call 455-8940.

KARAOKE: 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.

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Also available are many prints of Northville's interesting and historical buildings as well as drawings of Main Street.

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REVIEWING THE ROAD: "The American Road," featuring vintage and collectible automobiles and related artifacts, will be on display through June 4 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

NEARBY: 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 474-8308.

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY: Hidden Faces, color photographs of the antique pieces in the storage rooms of a mannequin factory by photographer Elaine Redmond will be on display through March 13.

The gallery is located in Orchard Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 855-8832.

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Michigan State University has announced that the following Novi students have earned a 3.5 or better

grade point average for fall semester 1993:

SUSAN J. COLLINS, MICHAEL J. KREINER, JEFFREY D. SILVERMAN, THOMAS EDWARD SUMER, MASA-NORI YAMATO, PEGGY ANN BALAGNA, ALLEN G. BARBARICH, JEANNA R. BIGGS, KEVIN TIMOTHY BLANCK, MATTHEW D. BUTLER, JONATHAN HAROLD COHEN, STEVEN

J. COHEN, KIMBERLY M. DEWITT, DAVID K. GREYWALL, STACIE M. HRAVATKO, JEFFREY D. HYLAND, DAISUKE ISHIKAWA, AMY ELIZABETH KNOTH, BART E. MASER, MICHAEL S. ROLFSMEYER, LYNETTE D. ROWLANDS, KATHRYN E. SCHOENITZ, SANDRA C. STINE, TRACEY L. TYRELL, DELYNNIE ANNE VAIL, and GWYNNE E. VECK.

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Gabrielle Anwar stars as Marl in Warner Bros.' remake of 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers'

The Body Snatchers — they're back

New Warner Bros.' release updates 1956 science fiction classic, 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers'

Once-normal people, with the full range of human emotions and behavior, have become silent, blank-eyed automatons. Those who have not changed are consumed with fear and paranoia, frantically denying the behavior of their loved ones. And, eventually, denying their own lives.

It should be inspired by the provocative 1956 science fiction classic, "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." Warner Bros. is presenting an updated version entitled "Body Snatchers."

The new version follows the fate of a group of people on an Army base who discover that something is taking possession of the minds, bodies and emotions of the people they once knew and loved.

The film is directed by Abel Ferrara, who directed the controversial "King of New York" and "The Bad Lieutenant."

Ferrara has assembled a cast of well-known stars and rising screen personalities for the contemporary thriller. Gabrielle Anwar stars as Marl Malone, a sensitive, rebellious teenager still mourning the death of her mother and feeling the effects of isolation on the remote Army base.

Meg Tilly plays Carol Malone, the sensitive wife and compassionate mother and step-mother whose warmth turns to ice; Terry Kinney is the idealistic scientist Steve Malone, troubled by the tensions in his family and his frustration with the military brass; and Forest Whitaker is Major Collins, the military doctor who notices frightening changes in his patients which leads to his ultimate act of defiance.

Advancements in special effects enhance latest version of 'Body Snatchers'

The suspenseful heart of "Body Snatchers" depends on the credibility of the transformation from human to alien.

In "Body Snatchers," that transformation is much more graphic than in the original, reflecting the advances made over the years in special make-up effects.

To create those effects, the filmmakers turned to Tom Burman, who had worked on the 1978 version of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

Since the mid-1960s, Burman has been one of the industry's top-ranked special make-up artists, known for his work on such diverse films as "Planet of the Apes," "A Man Called Horse," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Dead Again."

Burman said "Body Snatchers" was an especially exciting project. "We had to create a new kind of nature," he said, referring to the lengthy conversations between himself and director Abel Ferrara that would result in showing the "life process" of the aliens from embryo to death.

Thanks to advances in the art form, Burman and his staff were capable of surpassing their work in the 1978 "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

In the newest version, we've shown the actual birthing of a pod, as though viewing a pulsating embryo in its translucent womb," said Burman. "It's a very eerie effect."

The special make-up effects team was also able to show the aliens in several stages of metamorphosis as they took over human life as well as their effect on their human "hosts."

Beneath the make-up, however, the explosive special effects designed by Phil Cory and the sophisticated military hardware, the deeper meaning of an alien take over of human beings gave rise to intense, often personal, interpretations among filmmakers and cast members alike.

Terry Kinney, who is cast as father/scientist Steve Malone, saw a parallel between the emotionless aliens and the numbness of drug abuse in their generation.

For Gabrielle Anwar, whose teenage character is on the brink of self-discovery, the film is about finding and keeping one's identity when it is easy to be swayed by others.

Forest Whitaker, who plays the pivotal role of a humanistic doctor, believed "In the end, it's better to feel something, even pain, than not feel at all." And, after trying to articulate the meaning of it all, the ever-practical Meg Tilly concluded that "Body Snatchers" is just "a great popcorn movie."

All these viewpoints contributed to what associate producer Kimberly Brent felt may be the core of the film: "If we don't know who we are, or what we stand for, we might as well vacate our bodies and hand them over to someone else."

never be interested in making a science-fiction thriller," he said. "But the truth is that I always loved Marlon movies. I used to dress up as a Martian when I was a kid and terrify the neighbors."

Now poised to terrify filmgoers with "Body Snatchers," Ferrara has his own interpretation of the underlying theme of the film. "For the kids in this film, it's about finding a sense of identity, of their own individuality, that's missing in their lives," he said.

"It takes a cause to rally around, and ideals to believe in, to make them aware of their humanity and to fight for it."

Novi just went stone-cold in the final minutes. Despite not being able to make a shot from the field, the Wildcats had a chance to win it

Ferrara graduated from "underground" status with the 1990 release of his "King of New York," a gangster fantasy starring Christopher Walken, the film caused a furor at the New York Film Festival as much for its graphic violence as its provocative storyline.

Ferrara's most recent works are "The Bad Lieutenant" and "Dangerous Game," both of which star Harvey Keitel.

They all thought I'd

Cagers fall in final seconds to Lakeland 57-56

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

You might say Lakeland stole its 57-56 victory over the Wildcat basketball team Friday.

Novi had a 10-point lead on the Eagles with about three minutes to go. But the home team came back and pulled within one with 15 seconds left.

A blocking foul on the Wildcats put Lakeland's Tom Hartley on the free throw line with just seconds left. He missed both shots, but a long rebound fell into the hands of Jason VanBuren and he hit the game winning basket in traffic as time expired.

"We played hard," said Novi coach Pat Schluter, "but the last three minutes, everything went their way."

The loss left Novi at 4-3 in the Kensington Valley Conference two games behind Milford. The "Cats" must win almost every league game left to have a chance at the title.

"It's going to be tough now," said Schluter. "Real tough."

Novi plays a crucial game at home tomorrow night against Hartland. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Lakeland took a 13-9 lead after one period. Schluter said his club came out sluggish in the first quarter and had trouble scoring.

Rocky Dunlap returned to the lineup from knee problems and helped to spark Novi in the second period. He scored four points as the "Cats" outscored Lakeland by 11 in the period and took a 29-22 lead into halftime.

"We got into the groove," Schluter said.

The game appeared well in hand throughout the second half.

Shawn Kelly scored eight of his nine points in the third quarter as Novi pushed its lead to 10 points.

The Wildcats kept that lead until the Lakeland comeback in the final moments.

Novi just went stone-cold in the final minutes. Despite not being able to make a shot from the field, the Wildcats had a chance to win it

from the free throw line. But they missed three one-on-one opportunities and left the door wide open for the Eagles.

"That was the only game we've lost I thought we really should've won," said Schluter. "But we're young. That had something to do with it."

Dunlap finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Schluter said the senior makes a big difference in the Wildcats when he's healthy.

"He's big and a good rebounder," he commented. "He knows what to do when he gets the ball."

Chad Dicken and John Wroe also scored 10 points for Novi. Kelly added 11 rebounds to go with his nine points.

SOUTH LYON 64, NOVI 47
The Wildcats road woes started Feb. 1 against the Lions.

Novi trailed just 23-18 at the end of the first half. But the early stages of the third quarter did them in.

South Lyon hit a three-pointer to make the lead eight on its first possession of the half. The Lions then nailed two more shots, after Novi missed, to take command.

"The first thing you know," Schluter said, "we're down by 12 points."

The Wildcats pulled to within seven in the final quarter. But South Lyon made 12 of 17 from the charity stripe to take the victory.

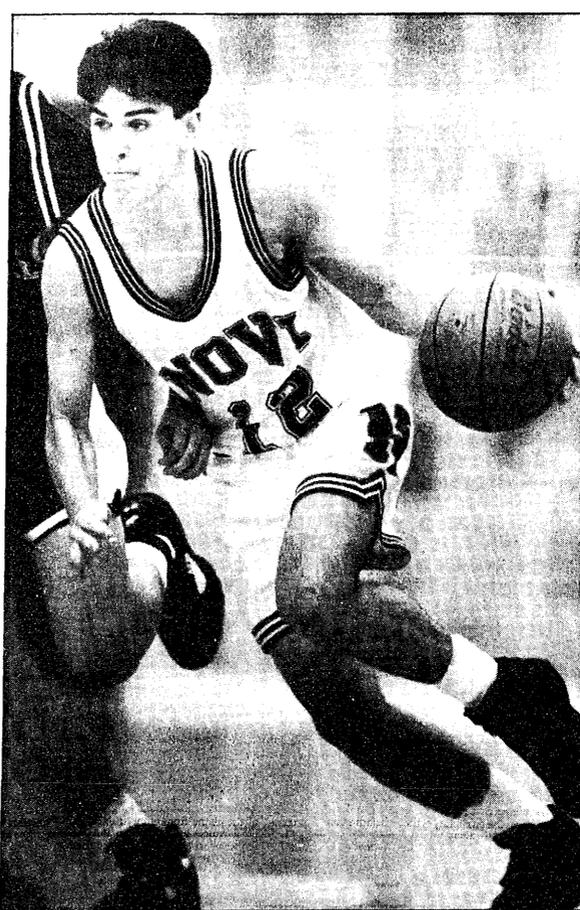
Novi played the game without Dunlap. Minus the big center, Schluter said the Lions dominated the middle.

"If we missed," he explained, "we didn't get any second shots. It was one and done."

Novi easily beat South Lyon at home in December.

"The road is tough," said Schluter. "I don't think we play as well on the road. The kids have more confidence at home."

Jason Fannon led Novi with 14 points and Greg Pierman added 12.



John Wroe had 10 points in Novi's loss to Lakeland Friday.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Eagles down spikers in two

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A long season got a little longer for the Wildcat volleyball team Monday night.

Novi High fell to previously winless Lakeland in two games on the road. The "Cats" got behind in both games, caught up but couldn't quite make it over the hill to victory.

It's really hard to play from behind," said coach Julie Fisetle. "The game is too short."

The loss dropped Novi to 2-5 in the Kensington Valley Conference near the bottom of the standings.

Hartland comes to town tonight at 7 p.m. The Wildcats will also play at the Walled Lake Western Invitational Saturday.

According to Fisetle, inconsistency led to her team's downfall against the Eagles. Novi's blocking, in particular, hurt.

"We never saw the same team twice," said Fisetle. "It's mental, obviously."

Lakeland jumped to a 7-1 lead in game one. Sim by Kristi Jarvis, who served for seven straight points, Novi tied the game at eight.

The teams then traded points and were tied again at 13. Two crucial passing errors allowed the Eagles to put the game away, 15-13, Fisetle said.

Game two was much of the same. Lakeland led 7-3 early on. Becky Oppat helped Novi comeback again and actually takes a 10-8 lead. But the Eagles tied it up and eventually took a hard fought 17-15 win and sweep over the "Cats."

"We beat them before," said Fisetle. "I think they got stronger. We had some errors at the wrong times. But I think it was anybody's match."

Kristin Kenny played well in defeat. The senior had six kills in the two games. Oppat totaled five.

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Tankers beat Churchill, lose to Northville in tri-meet

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A four-point win over Livonia Churchill Feb. 1 moved the Wildcat swim team's season record to the .500 mark.

Novi took second place in the 400-yard freestyle relay to guarantee its rod victory over the Chargers. The "Cats," recent winners of the Kensington Valley Conference title, improved to 4-4.

"The victory came as somewhat of a surprise to coach Dave Maker.

"I didn't expect to beat Churchill," he said. "I knew it would be close, but I thought they had a little more."

"We swam good and got tough."

Novi actually had mixed success on the day. Northville joined the Wildcats and Livonia in a tri-meet to make up for a cancelled dual earlier this winter.

The three teams competed against each other at the same time with each school occupying two lanes. Dual meet scores were drawn from those results.

The Wildcats edged Churchill 48% - 44%. Northville beat Novi, however, 65-30.

Having seen both teams, Maker said he believes his team would beat Livonia by an even wider margin under normal circumstances.

"If we had swam against them in a regular dual meet," he said, "we would've beaten them. I don't think it would be close."

The coach commented that his team will finish the

season strong over the next few weeks.

"I was hoping for a 5-6 season," Maker said. "But we should be able to beat Livonia Franklin and Fenton isn't out of the realm of possibility."

Against Livonia Churchill, Novi started strong by taking first and third in the 200-yard medley relay. Adam Black, Curt Speersneider, Erich Kelly and Jason Tymenski won in 1:49.79 while Brian LeRoy, Henry Newton, Rob Mutch and Tim Kushman were third in 1:59.50.

Novi captured second place in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:00.4. James Galford was third in 2:02.7.

In the 200-yard IM, Kelly's 2:04.80 was good for first place while Newton took third in 2:23.8. In the 50 freestyle, Tymenski was second in 24.9 and Kushman third

in 25.9.

Mutch finished second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:00.6. Speersneider placed second for Novi in the 100-yard freestyle in 58.8 and Black was third in 56.3.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Kelly finished first with a time of 5:13.20 and Galford was third in 5:48.5. The team of Speersneider, Kelly, Black and Tymenski were the winners of the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:38.1. Mike Diciado, Ryan Bush, Galford and Kushman were third.

Eric Brandon scored 158 points to take second in diving. Bush was third with 146.

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Film critics: Send in your movie reviews

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From the onset, we've wanted to make the Movies Page an area where our readers can share their opinions about movies with their friends and neighbors.

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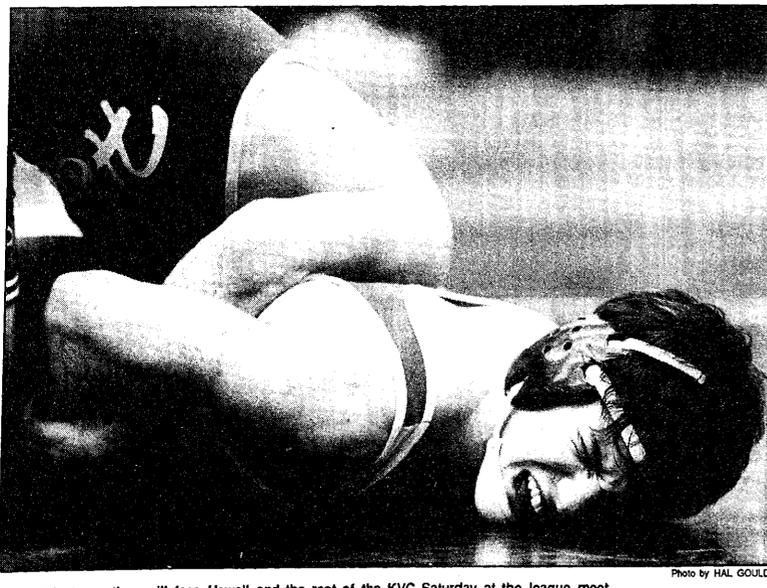
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The Wildcat wrestlers will face Howell and the rest of the KVC Saturday at the league meet.

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Novi drops pair to Lions, Eagles

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat wrestlers will have their work cut out for them Saturday.

Novi and the rest of the Kensington Valley Conference will battle it out for the league championship this weekend in Howell. The "Cats" entered the tournament with a 2-4 KVC record and will need a good showing to avoid finishing near the bottom of the league. Final standings are determined by a combination of schools dual meet records and tournament placing.

"I think we have a reasonable chance of scoring well," said Novi coach Brad Huss.

Novi dropped below the .500 mark Friday after falling to league rivals South Lyon and Hartland. Huss expected difficult matches, especially from the Lions.

"South Lyon is really, really tough this year," he said. "But, the coach added, being tough isn't always enough in the KVC. Huss said South Lyon is strong year after year but hasn't tasted the ultimate victory.

"Larry Jones has been coaching them for 14 or 15 years but never won the league," he added. "and they were eighth in the state last

year."

The Wildcats lost to South Lyon 46-21.

Lenny Christoff, at 103 pounds, started the match off on a positive note for Novi. He earned a first round pin.

"He wrestled well Friday," said Huss. "He was very aggressive."

South Lyon's John Howard pinned Novi's Matt Wells at 150 pounds in 1:50. Chris Young was pinned by one of the KVC's best wrestlers, Chris Addy, in 47 seconds. Nick Blagiri was also pinned at 140 pounds.

James Cini lost a tough decision at 145 pounds to Mike McDaniels, 10-4. Mike Sill fell 10-0 in his 152 pound match.

Mark McBride and Ben Wendt collected Novi's final two victories. McBride pinned Matt Wells at 160 pounds while Wendt defeated Bryan Jones 6-4.

While less publicized, Hartland showed just how good it was by beating the Wildcats 44-22 in the nightcap.

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Rec Briefs

Spring Youth House League: Registration deadline is Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. Games are played on Saturdays. Practice times and days are subject to the availability of coaches on weekday evenings. Three divisions are offered — Pee Wee (born in 1988-89), Co-ed teams (Junior: born 1983-85 (co-ed teams). Registration fee is \$30 for residents and \$36 for non-residents. Games begin Saturday, April 16th. Coaches will not be calling players until the last week of March.

Novi Youth Baseball: Registration for all levels (ages 7-18 by July 31, 1994) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held on Feb. 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center. Fees range from \$35-\$50 per player, with a \$100 maximum for those families registering three or more players. Proof of age is required. For more information, call 349-5669 (7-10 years of age) or 348-9456 (11-18 years of age). If you would like to volunteer for Novi Youth Baseball call 348-4876. The season starts June 4.

Gymnast competes: Novi gymnast John Jones competed in the recent Whitfield Memorial Invitational. He is part of the Conrad Gymnastic Center of Farmington Hills.

Mayberry Park: Mayberry State Park in Northville is open for cross country skiing with miles of groomed trails. Ski rentals are available weekdays and weekends for \$5.25 first hour, \$2 for the second hour and \$1 for every hour afterwards. The rental office is open from noon to dusk on weekdays and 9 a.m. to dusk on weekends. For more information, call 348-1190.

Karate: Learn Tang Soo Do style of Korean Karate under the direction of sixth degree black belt, master Bob Gordon. The spring session starts March 15 and runs through May 3. The fee is \$32 for residents and \$38.40 for non-residents. Registration deadline is March 15. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Weight training: Learn how to burn fat and excess calories and receive a general knowledge of all workout machinery while firming up and improving cardiovascular fitness. Light weights are used with less resting time. Co-ed ages are 16 to 70. Call 347-0400.

Daddy-daughter dance: The sixth annual daddy-daughter dance is coming up on Feb. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A dinner and dance is included for the price of \$5 per person plus \$8 for dad's dinner and \$6 for daughter's dinner. Tickets are on sale now. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Exercise for heart: Exercise for heart will be hosted by Novi Parks and Recreation this year on March 12. Event coordinator Terry Snurka has pledge forms available now. You may pick up pledge forms in the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Sweatshirts: Cok? The Novi Parks and Recreation can keep you warm. Sweatshirts are on sale for \$13 (youth), \$15 (adult small-x-large), \$17 and \$19 (2x-larger and 3x-larger).

Senior Golf League: Novi residents may register now for the league which plays at Pebble Creek (Ten Mile and Currie roads). Returning golfers who are non-residents cannot register until March 1. Divisions include: Monday men's and women's. Thursday mixed. The cost is \$10. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Kensington Metro Park: One of the most popular winter playgrounds in southeast Michigan is Kensington Metro Park near Milford. Facilities for ice skating, tobogganing, sledding, cross-country skiing with a ski rental service, ice fishing, nature hikes, farm center activities and photography are available. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call 1(800)234-6534.

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Addy (South Lyon)	25-8	Perman (Novi)	16.0	Harley (Lakeland)	60
Marckel (Lakeland)	23-8	Stefurak (Brighton)	14.7	Kerril (Lakeland)	492
Deluca (Brighton)	17-17	Coleman (Lakeland)	14.2	Clayton (South Lyon)	490
Young (Novi)	15-14	Etting (Brighton)	13.7	Perman (Novi)	470
		Points per game		Fannon (Novi)	470
		Kofahl (Milford)		Coleman (Lakeland)	468
		Perman (Novi)		Moore (Howell)	455
		Stefurak (Brighton)		White (South Lyon)	450
		Coleman (Lakeland)		Horst (Milford)	440
		Etting (Brighton)		Frazier (South Lyon)	11.5
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Kelly (Novi)	11.0
		Clayton (South Lyon)		Copenhaver (Brighton)	10.2
		Fannon (Novi)		Rebounds	
		Coleman (Lakeland)		Seton (Howell)	10.8
		Etting (Brighton)		Clayton (South Lyon)	9.4
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Blue (Milford)	7.8
		Clayton (South Lyon)		Karell (Lakeland)	7.7
		Etting (Brighton)		Dunlap (Novi)	7.0
		Karell (Lakeland)		Hardly (Lakeland)	6.0
		Dunlap (Novi)		Coleman (Lakeland)	5.8
		Hardly (Lakeland)		White (South Lyon)	5.8
		Coleman (Lakeland)		Keenan (Brighton)	5.6
		White (South Lyon)		Assists	
		Keenan (Brighton)		Fannon (Novi)	5.0
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Klein (Howell)	5.0
		Keenan (Brighton)		Archie (South Lyon)	4.5
		Kerril (Lakeland)		McKernan (Howell)	2.4
		Keenan (Brighton)		Scheffer (Lakeland)	15.9
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Demar (Lakeland)	2.9
		Keenan (Brighton)		Deil (Howell)	2.8
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Levska (South Lyon)	2.8
		Keenan (Brighton)		Gatnes (Brighton)	2.7
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Three-pointers	
		Keenan (Brighton)		Kofahl (Milford)	3.1
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Dixon (Howell)	2.5
		Keenan (Brighton)		Stefurak (Brighton)	2.2
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Lancaster (Brighton)	1.9
		Keenan (Brighton)		Klein (Howell)	1.5
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Nixon (Howell)	1.5
		Keenan (Brighton)		Levska (South Lyon)	1.5
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Suskatis (Lakeland)	1.0
		Keenan (Brighton)		Steals	
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Fannon (Novi)	3.8
		Keenan (Brighton)		Perman (Novi)	3.3
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Etting (Brighton)	2.7
		Keenan (Brighton)		Klein (Howell)	2.3
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Blocks	
		Keenan (Brighton)		Waldo (Howell)	59
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Richardson (South Lyon)	26
		Keenan (Brighton)		K. Reader (Howell)	18
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Sikorski (South Lyon)	13
		Keenan (Brighton)		Richardson (South Lyon)	13
		Kerril (Lakeland)		A. Reader (Howell)	13
		Keenan (Brighton)		Wilson (Howell)	13
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Boss (Howell)	12
		Keenan (Brighton)		Aces	
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Katula (Howell)	36
		Keenan (Brighton)		K. Rende (Howell)	36
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Boss (Howell)	34
		Keenan (Brighton)		Dean (Brighton)	34
		Kerril (Lakeland)		V. Laho (South Lyon)	43
		Keenan (Brighton)		Points	
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Dean (Brighton)	183
		Keenan (Brighton)		V. Laho (South Lyon)	101
		Kerril (Lakeland)		H. Laho (South Lyon)	100
		Keenan (Brighton)		Perry (South Lyon)	895
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Sikorski (South Lyon)	886
		Keenan (Brighton)		Serve percentage	
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Dean (Brighton)	960
		Keenan (Brighton)		V. Laho (South Lyon)	926
		Kerril (Lakeland)		H. Laho (South Lyon)	904
		Keenan (Brighton)		Perry (South Lyon)	895
		Kerril (Lakeland)		Sikorski (South Lyon)	886

Wildcat tankers split in tri-meet

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A time of 1:06.6 took second place in the 100-yard backstroke for LeRoy. Decludio was third in 1:10.7. Speersneider won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.8. "He just blew them out," said Maker. "The meet was over after that."

The team of Mitch, Tymenski, LeRoy and Kushman were second in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:49.50. They beat out Churchill's third place squad by just more than a second. Maker said his team is becoming more competitive all the time.

"The level of racing is starting to improve," he added. "A certain amount of pride has begun to develop."

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The Wildcats sent a strong group to the county meet Saturday at Royal Oak Dorrando High School and had some good finishes. Maker said some of the best competition in Michigan is found at the meet.

"It's the next best meet to the state meet," he said, "in my estimation."

The 200-yard medley relay team of Black, Speersneider, Mitch and Tymenski finished 13th in 1:49.8. That time was just a fraction off Nov's best this season despite the fact that it was the first time the group had swam with each other.

"For those four just off is incredible," said Maker.

Kelly took sixth in the 200 IM with a time of 2:04.4. He took eighth in the 500 freestyle as well.

Mutch placed 16th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 59.6. The 200-yard medley relay team of Tymenski, Black, Speersneider and Kelly finished 12th.

Speersneider was 22nd in the 100 freestyle and 18th in the 100-yard breaststroke. Kelly, Tymenski, Black and Mutch finished 12th in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:35.40.

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Senior Transit provides services

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer



Weather-wise, it's been a rough winter with all the snow, ice and freezing temperatures. Seems like the perfect time to stay indoors in front of a roaring fire with hot chocolate and a good book. It's a great idea, but not very practical since there's still doctor's appointments, shopping trips and the need for some socializing.

Thank goodness for the Novi Senior Transit. Novi seniors can forget about braving those icy roads and leave the driving to us.

Novi residents are eligible to ride the senior van to the Novi Senior Center without charge. Friendly drivers will pick you up at your front door and bring you over to the Senior Center for lunch, a card game, bingo, arts and crafts and just about any activity that's going on Monday through Friday. Donations are gladly accepted and advance reservations are necessary. Call 347-0414 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., just 48 hours prior to needing a ride.

In 1988, Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford saw a need for the operation of a senior citizens transportation program. The senior population has grown by leaps and bounds, approximately 4,500 residents over 55 in 1989 and the projections for the year 2000 are 12,000. Many people felt that a senior van would be a valuable asset to the Novi community.

"Novi's senior citizen population grew at a very rapid rate and one of their major needs has always been assisted transportation," said Crawford. "We applied for a grant and received a 25-passenger van with a wheelchair lift in 1989 from Independence for Life, a non-profit Michigan corporation. I can't begin to tell you how many people this van has helped. Just ask our Novi seniors."

"If it wasn't for the van, I couldn't come to the Senior Center every day," said Frances Verrardi. "I don't drive and I rely on the van to take me shopping, to the bank or a doctor's appointment and to the center everyday for lunch and socializing with my friends. I say 'Thank God for the van.'"

"I rely on the van during the winter when the roads are so bad," said Mary Craig. "The van drivers will even walk to your front door and help you to the van if you need the assistance."

"I love coming to the center everyday to play cards and have lunch. I also use the van to go on day trips sponsored by the center. It's so convenient and it gives me a chance to be with my friends," said Ed Kodry.

These seniors who come to the Novi Senior Center are just a few of the ones who utilize the van on a daily basis. For seniors who can't or don't drive, it's difficult finding transportation with so many people working today. Seniors can't always rely on neighbors and family members to take them on errands whenever they need it and it's a terrible feeling to be a prisoner in one's own home.

The Novi Senior Van will take people anywhere in Novi they need to go and also up to ten miles outside of the city limits. It is a free service which is helpful to seniors on a fixed income, but donations are gladly accepted. Crawford wants to reach all Novi seniors with information about the transportation service.

"The senior van is an essential service that every community needs," said Crawford. "It gives seniors a sense of independence. They can take care of their shopping and medical needs without relying on busy neighbors and friends. They can get out into the community for daily socializing and fun, as well as taking care of the everyday errands we all have to deal with."

The senior transit helps many people out each year.

Novi Senior Transit has four part-time drivers — Bill Braund, Paul Menninger, Jim Webster and Emil Stiner, who handle the daily van runs. The seniors who were having lunch at the center last week had nothing but praise for all of their drivers. They said they are the nicest group of men and look forward to their trips each day.

The Novi Senior Transit is available to all Novi residents age 55 and over, or anyone who is physically handicapped. Crawford urges all Novi seniors who need a ride to the Senior Center, the grocery store or any medical appointments to pick up the phone and call 347-0414. A ride is only a phone call away. Don't let the lack of transportation stop you from enjoying life.

Come on over to the Novi Senior Center today, we're open for lunch, bingo, bridge, arts and crafts, dancing, movies, pinocchio... the list is endless.

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

Hints for kicking the smoking habit

Health tips

It is estimated that smoking is responsible for one out of every six deaths in the United States. Smoking causes heart disease, cancer, coronary heart disease, strokes and pulmonary disease. Lung cancer now kills more people than any other cancer, including breast and prostate cancer.

Smoking is an addiction driven by nicotine dependency and psychological dependency. Any effective plan to stop smoking must attack both of these issues in order to quit and stay a nonsmoker. It is possible to overcome the body's need for nicotine. The most successful method is a gradual one. Here are a few suggestions to overcome the physical addiction to nicotine:

- Cold turkey: This abrupt halt almost always brings on withdrawal symptoms that most find intolerable and drives them back to cigarettes. This is not a very successful technique, but some people are able to tough it out.
- Use nicotine gum: The name is misleading; the gum should not be chewed, but placed between cheek and gum. Temporarily giving the body nicotine via gum prevents withdrawal while the smoker learns to change his or her behavior. Studies show that a successful trial of the gum needs to be at least six weeks to three months long. Some people may need as long as a year. You need a doctor's prescription for the nicotine gum and proper instructions on its use.
- Decrease cigarette consumption: Have you ever tapered program? The taper must be slow enough to prevent withdrawal, one of the big reasons many go back to smoking. If you smoke 20 cigarettes a day, then reduce to 10 cigarettes on 19 a day the next week. However, it is important to remember to couple this behavior with behavior changes.
- The cornerstone of behavior modification involves replacing the smoking with some other activity that is both healthy and entertaining. If you replace it with something you do not like, you will not reinforce the nonsmoking behavior. Here are some ideas to help change your behavior:
 - Chew sugar-free gum. Smoking is something that is done with the mouth. Replacing this with a different oral activity may be successful.
 - Eat a piece of fruit or vegetable. Same concept as above. However, try to keep the food healthy and avoid sweets or fats.
 - Sing a song, or read a book. Really, anything you find entertaining that avoids smoking and isn't harmful to your health is acceptable. Be creative.

Some other tricks to help your motivation are:

- If you are trying the self-tapering method, keep a log. Keeping an active record is a good motivational technique.
- Try to delay the first cigarette or piece of gum in the morning. This conditions your body to become more tolerant of the withdrawal side effects. But go slow, don't make yourself unusually miserable. Keep a record to see how late you can push back that first dose of nicotine.
- At least at first, try to avoid social situations that involve smoking. If everyone around you is smoking, a new nonsmoker may feel pressured to smoke. After you become more confident in your nonsmoking will power, you can better confront the temptation.
- Involve your spouse or significant other. A team effort can provide much support and satisfaction try to get them to quit along with you.
- Talk to your doctor. He or she would be overjoyed to help you quit the habit. Your doctor may have some other creative ideas.

Smoking is a hard habit to break. It's not easy, but it can be done. The rewards are longer and healthier life. You'll feel great and enjoy a better life without the burden of an addiction. You can do it. If you don't succeed this time, try again, and never stop trying. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Douglas Rhee is a medical student under the direction of Dr. Ray Hobbs of the U.M. Health Center at Northville. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell and the staff at U.M. Health Centers.

High cholesterol leads to heart attacks

Picture a flexible rubber pipe that is hooked up to a water source that regulates flow and pressure. You now begin to run water through it that contains many different elements, including tiny red particles. This process continues month after month, year after year. Periodically, the flow and pressure may increase or decrease.

One day you decide to turn off the water and into the pipe. You note that the insides have a crusty reddish tint, and that the opening for water to flow through has narrowed considerably.

You now examine the deposits inside the pipe and, in fact, find that they are nothing more than the caked red particles that have been circulating in the pipe for years. Although it seems clear what has happened, you are perplexed by what caused the apparent settling of the particles on the inside of the pipe.

A bystander appears and attempts to help you resolve the question. After weighing the information that you have provided him, he suggests that the circulating red particles in the water really had little to do with the narrowing of the pipe.

Increased cholesterol levels are found among countries where the typical diet is high in saturated fats and cholesterol. People who live in Finland and Australia have even higher average blood cholesterol levels (and heart attacks) than Americans do. Accordingly, they also consume more dietary fat and cholesterol.

Increased rates of heart disease are found among countries with elevated cholesterol levels. Heart disease is several times more prevalent in the United States, Finland and Australia than it is in Japan and China, where average cholesterol levels are much lower. But Asians who move to America end up increasing their cholesterol levels and heart disease rate.

Persons with inborn errors of cholesterol metabolism often develop heart disease at a very early age. There are many medical reports of children, teenagers and young adults who have died from heart attacks. Almost without exception, these individuals had blood cholesterol levels in excess of 400. Many had cholesterol levels greater than 600.

Related high cholesterol diseases are associated with heart disease in laboratory animals. Scientists have known for nearly a century that rabbits raised on milk and eggs develop fatty deposits inside their coronary arteries.

Atherosclerotic deposits are loaded with cholesterol. Autopsy and pathology reports have shown unequivocally that it is the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol form that actually deposits in blood vessels. Ultimately, these same blood vessels become clogged by the formation of hardened plaques. In contrast, many health experts believe that high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol actually helps to clear the blood vessel — the human "Drano," so to speak.

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Mustangs win pair of WLAA basketball games

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Offense is fun, but defense wins basketball games.

The Detroit Pistons proved that point by claiming back-to-back NBA championships a few years ago. Friday night, Northville High took a page out of the old Bad Boys' book in beating Farmington Hills Harrison 54-44 on the road.

Tied at 40 going into the fourth quarter, the Mustangs held Harrison to just four points. According to coach Larry Taylor, Northville used a tough zone defense to shut down the

Hawks.

"We went to a match-up zone," he said. "It allowed us to match up better with their outside shooters. When they overloaded one side (of the court) we overloaded too."

Taylor explained that a regular zone often leaves players unguarded when a team places three or four players on one side of the court. Using the match-up eliminated that problem and let the Mustangs extend their defense out away from the basket.

At any rate, Taylor said Northville will have to continue to play strong defensively to stay in the WLAA race.

"We're trying to get them to play better defense," he said.

The Mustangs moved to 3-4 in the conference two games behind Plymouth Canton in the Western Division. Northville is 9-4 overall.

It looked as though the Mustangs would fall further behind in the league race early on Friday.

Northville came out very sluggish and Farmington Hills built a 10-2 lead after three minutes. Unhappy with what he was seeing, Taylor pulled the entire starting lineup.

"We were not playing with much enthusiasm," he said.

In came Jeff Zwiesler, Chuck Appl-

gan, Anthony DeBenedet, George Lemmon and Scott Anderson. The group responded well and pulled Northville to within one, 17-16, at the end of the quarter.

"These guys came in and did a great job," Taylor said. "They added a lot of spark."

DeBenedet scored six points in the first frame to help Northville fight back. That group played into the second quarter before yielding to the starters.

Playing more motivated basketball, Northville took a 24-23 lead into halftime. John Buser scored eight points in the half.

The pace picked up in the third quarter. DeBenedet tied the game at 40 in the final seconds of the period.

Northville dominated the fourth, forcing the Hawks into bad shots and not allowing many second chances. The Mustangs took care of business on the other end.

"We got the shots we needed," Taylor said, "and the kids made them."

The Mustangs held Farmington Hills big man Cal Pruitt to just two points in the game. Taylor said controlling him was a key factor in the victory.

"We didn't want to let him get going," he commented. "He's a spark-

plug kind of guy."

Buser finished with 12 points. DeBenedet added 11 and John Farrar 10.

Northville was slated to play league-leading Plymouth Salem Tuesday. The Mustangs host Livonia Churchill tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. **NORTHVILLE 77, LIVONIA STEVENSON 65**

The Mustangs built a commanding lead after three quarters and coasted into an easy victory Feb. 1 at home.

Farrar and Marc Chlason each scored 19 points to lead Northville. Taylor said Chlason was on fire.

Grapplers fall twice in KVC meet

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Christoff had the first of four wins for Novi in the match. He shutout Jason Poymrich 11-0. Watanabe pinned John Graybal.

Young got a pin as well over Dustin Myers.

"He's wrestling good now," said Huss. "He seems to be able to turn it on when he wants to. When he's in the right frame of mind he can really hurt you."

Wendt pinned Brian Hagonan at 189 pounds.

NOVI 48, MILFORD 27

The Wildcats wrestled a make-up tri-meet Feb. 1 against the Redskins and Lakeland and won both times. Novi faced Milford first and had no trouble earning its first league victory.

The 'Skins did jump out to a 15-0 lead early.

Christoff lost a 5-4 decision to Matt Kozl at 103 pounds. Then Simon and Balagna were pinned to push Milford to its lead.

Fortunately, the Wildcats rallied. Barrons earned a pin over Adam Castiglione at 125 pounds. Watanabe then pinned Ken Perma. All but one of the freshman's 18 wins have been by pin.

Young pinned Bill Ramsey. Biagini pinned 140-pounder Tony Koehle. Cini continued the string of pins by dumping Justin Hicks in 37 seconds. McBride notched a pin of Eric Behnler at 160 pounds.

Matt Buck got himself a win and a pin at 171 pounds.

"He's starting to come around," said Huss. "He's so quick and strong. Now if we can just get him to use it."

Wendt also got a pin in his match. The Cats closed the evening out by edging Lakeland 32-29. Winners included: Christoff (112), Barrons (125), Watanabe (130), Cini (145), McBride (160), Buck (171) and Wendt (189).

Novi is now 6-7 overall on the season. After Saturday's KVC meet, the Wildcats will be at state team district competition on Feb. 16.

Spikers fall to Eagles in two

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Fisette said her team took the loss hard.

"My athletes were upset when they lost," she added.

Novi had two new additions to the lineup for the match. Fisette brought Laura Snider and Nikki Grecco, both juniors, up from JV. Snider is a setter and Grecco a middle hitter.

SOUTH LYON def. NOVI 15-13, 15-4

The Wildcats also took it on the chin Thursday on the road. Again, playing from behind caught up with Novi.

South Lyon led all the way in the opener until Novi tied it at 13. Fisette took a timeout and urged her squad to keep fighting.

But the Lions came out strong and closed the game with two straight points.

"We had a really good first game," said Fisette. "But we couldn't quite push it over the edge."

Novi was never in game two. The coach said losing the opener really took it out of her team.

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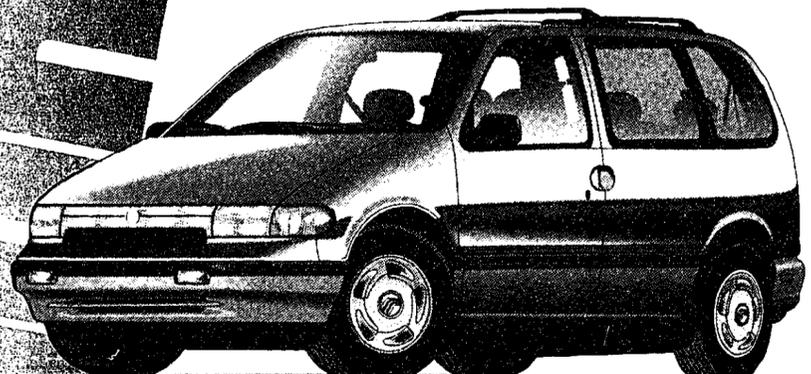
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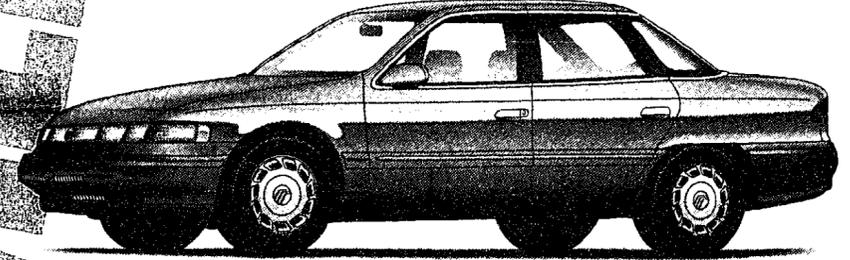


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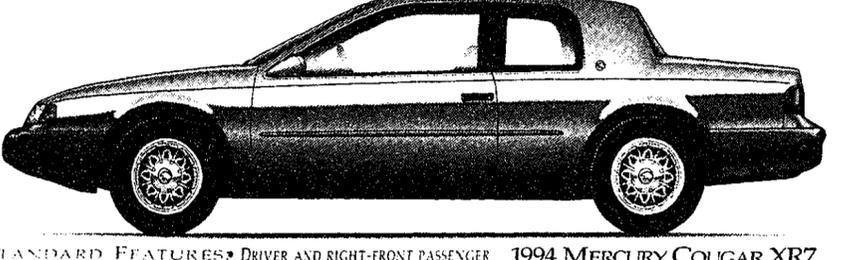


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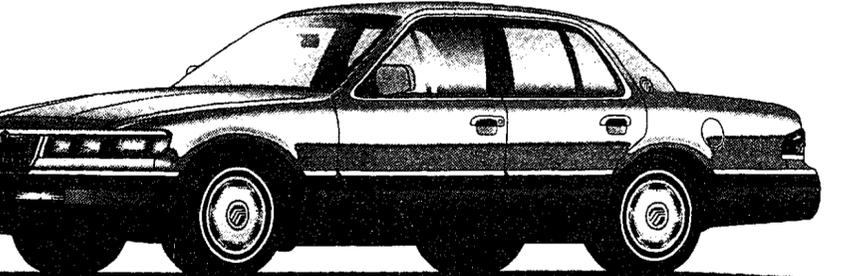
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