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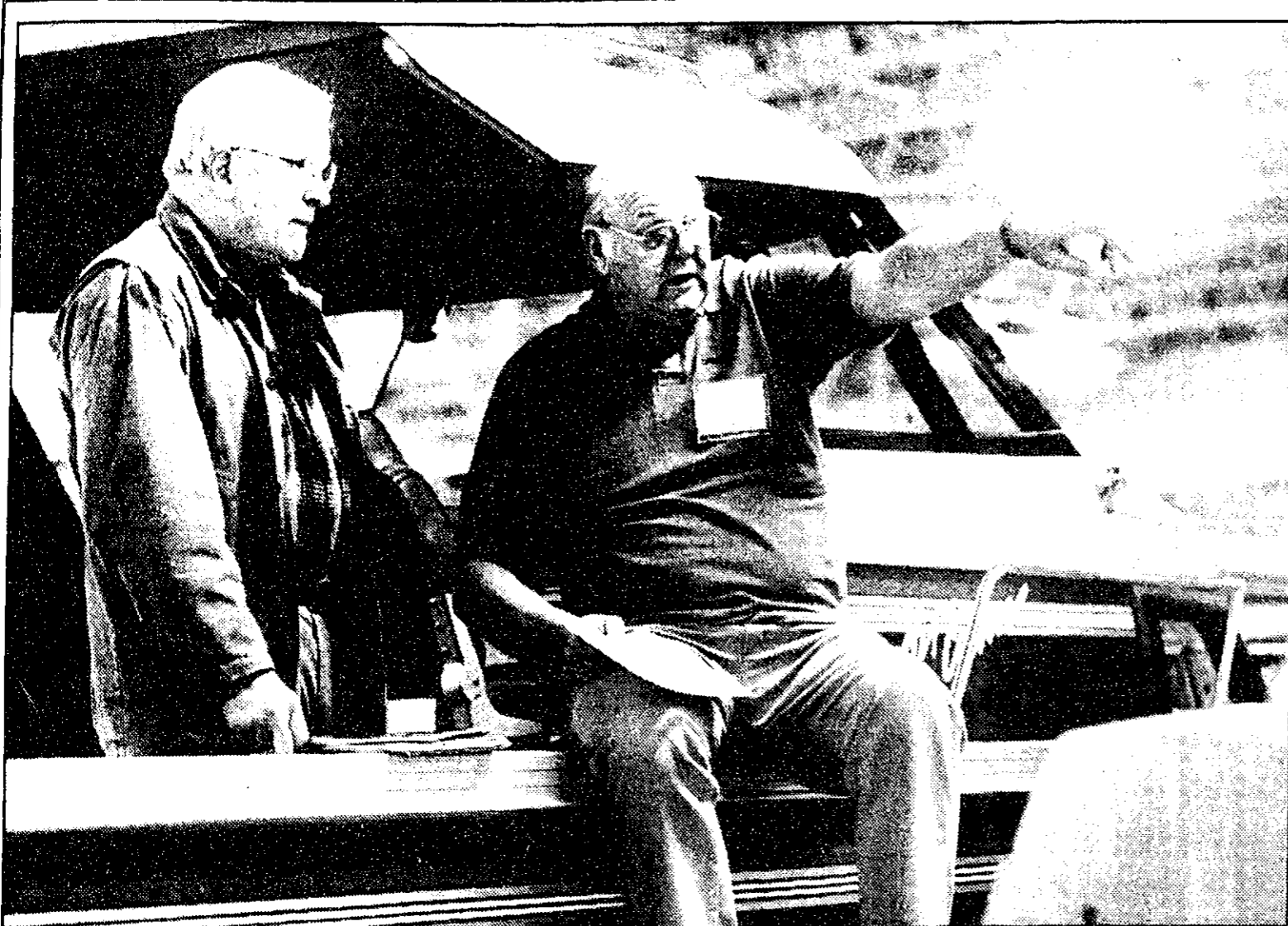


Photo by HAL GOULD

Boat people

OK, so the snow has barely melted, but that is enough to get some people—like about 25,000 of them—thinking about cooling off on the lake on hot summer days in a brand new watercraft. Potential boat buyers turned out in droves for the Michigan Boating Industries Association's second annual Novi

Boating Expo at the Novi Expo Center April 6-10. Enthusiasts shopped for everything from new boats to accessories and slip rental options. Above, Fred Covert and the Acme Boat Company's John Speanoga discuss this popular lake recreation.

Main Street fruit market clears hurdle

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Vic's Quality Fruit Market, the anchor of Main Street, won the variances needed from the Zoning Board of Appeals last week.

Plans call for the market, owned by Vic Ventimiglia, to be set back 387 feet from Grand River Avenue, with a massive parking lot in front of the store and facing the road. Novi's Town Center zoning, to meet the goal of creating a more urban look, mandates setbacks from the street of no more than 137 feet, with parking behind the building.

"The rationale for the setback requirement was to preclude strip malls. This is not a strip mall," Novi staff planner Mike Csapo told the ZBA members.

The majority of those present agreed, despite a plea from Doug Erwin, who is leading a petition drive opposed to any city financial participation in Main Street. He

asked the ZBA to deny the application. "My father and I have been hearing about the Town Center concept for 15 years. Vic's request is trying to change the Town Center concept. His concept looks exactly like the mall (Novi Town Center) across the street to me," Erwin said.

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Chamber hosts public forum on Main Street

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Advocates and opponents of Novi's Main Street project will sit side-by-side Wednesday night to discuss the pros and cons of the project in an open forum at the Novi Civic Center.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 7:30 p.m. forum which will be videotaped and aired at a later date on local cable through MetroVision.

Novi News Managing Editor Mike Malott will moderate the forum which opens with a panel discussion highlighting the particulars of the project.

City Manager Edward Kriewall,

Main Street developer James Chen and project critic Doug Erwin will comprise the three-member panel.

Malott said the purpose of the forum is to talk about the proposed Main Street project. The business community is interested in hearing the particulars of the plan and seeing how it will benefit those in the community.

"They want to see and hear the pros and cons of it," Malott said. Chamber members reportedly remain on the fence about whether to support the project and the land deal that goes along with it.

If Chen agrees to donate the right-of-way through his property

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Kortlandt is lone candidate for seat

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Three petitions for a seat on the Novi Community School District Board of Education were pulled, only one was returned.

George Kortlandt was the only one to return his completed petition to the school board office by the 4 p.m. deadline on Monday.

He will run unopposed in the June 13 election for Robert Schram's school board seat.

In March, Schram a 16-year veteran board member announced to the board that he wouldn't be seeking re-election to what would have been his fifth consecutive term on the school board.

School Board President Ray Byers feared then there would be little challenge for Schram's seat based on the few requests the district had for nominating petitions two weeks before the deadline.

That's why the board and administration hosted a question and answer session weeks ago to try and recruit residents to run.

The session did little to rally anyone else to run, but did manage to convince Rod Steelman

Novi residents who thought passage of Proposal A meant no more local millage elections, brace yourself. On June 13, Novi homeowners will be asked to approve an 18 mill property tax levy against non-homestead property only for 10 years. The story is on page 12A.

not to. Steelman attended the session to learn more about the job but left saying he was still considering whether he would run.

He never returned a petition. Nor did the person Becky Staab said she had pulled petitions for.

So Kortlandt will be a sure thing for Schram's seat.

The board member elect is the spouse of a part-time employee of the district and a father of three children already enrolled in Novi schools. He said he and his wife, Pat moved into the district more than 11 years ago not because of the

schools but because of Novi's geographic location.

"I didn't come here for the school district," he said. "I came here just for the geographic location."

"But in the 11 years I've been here I've learned what a gem the school district is... I'd like to be a part of it and want to be a part of improving it and keeping it the gem that it is. I'd like to commit myself to that."

Kortlandt is employed in the corporate training division at A&W.

"I train people to run their own businesses," he said.

Kortlandt's campaign spurred the district to amend its nepotism policy at a special board meeting last Wednesday morning.

Since his wife, Pat, works part-time substituting in various capacities around the district, the board thought it best to set a new precedent by amending two board policies.

The amended policies prohibit the district from hiring immediate family members of school board members or administrators to perform anything beyond casual employment.

Chief illustrates need to expand

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

On paper, Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer builds a strong case for two additional police officers.

Compared to neighboring communities in Oakland and Wayne Counties, Novi's force of 49 falls short of forces in other communities of the same size with similar crime statistics.

Shaeffer surveyed the size of forces in Oakland and Wayne County communities. He also compared the number of officers to the present population and to the number of the crimes reported.

He compiled the information in time to make his plea for the additional manpower at the city's first round of budget hearings two weeks ago.

According to the results of his study, in 1993-94 Novi has fewer officers for every 1,000 residents than most Oakland County communities including Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township, Livonia, Birmingham, Troy, Royal Oak, Wixom, Madison Heights, Ferndale, Hazel Park and Oak Park.

The average of officers per 1,000 residents in all of those communities combined was 1.43. In Novi, Shaeffer estimates at the current staffing level would produce an officer-per-1,000-population ratio

OFFICER/EMPLOYEE RATIO by population and offenses

city/twp.	1993/1994 population estimate	1992 crimes	# officers	1993/94 rate per 1,000 population officers	1992 rate per 1,000 offenses officers
Farmington Hills	76,000	8,516	100	1.32	11.74
W. Bloomfield Township	55,500	4,273	56	1.01	13.11
Livonia	103,000	9,408	151	1.47	16.05
Birmingham	20,000	2,924	36	1.8	12.31
Troy	74,000	8,903	132	1.78	14.83
Royal Oak	65,000	9,860	89	1.37	9.03
Wixom	10,000	1,787	14	1.40	7.83
Total	403,500	45,671	578	Average 1.43	12.66
Novi	40,000	5,050	49	1.23	9.7
	38,000			1.29	

*Believes an additional 12 Police Officers fiscal year 94-95 will be authorized
**Has authorization for additional 4 Police Officers fiscal year 95-96; has authorization for additional 4 Police Officers for fiscal year 95-96; has authorization for additional 3 Police Officers fiscal year 96-97

of 1.23 officers if you estimate Novi has 40,000 residents, 1.29 if the population is 38,000.

Shaeffer used two conservative population estimates he received from Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments and from the city clerk's office.

The most recent count, taken in 1993 put the population at 38,000, but the population has been growing at a rate of 2,000 new residents every year, Shaeffer said.

The same held true in 1992. According to the chief's statistics the number of officers per 1,000 residents in Novi was .19 below the 1.54 aggregate of officers per 1,000 residents in the Oakland County communities surveyed. Shaeffer's force also fell short in comparisons with 10 Wayne County communities, the chief said.

In that survey, he found that Novi had .23 fewer officers on the street than the county average of

1.58 officers per 1,000 residents. Using the city clerk's population estimate for 1994 of 41,458, Shaeffer figures he now has 1.18 officers for every 1,000 residents.

The city's ratio also falls short of the Federal Bureau of Investigation national guidelines for 2.2 officers for every 1,000 citizens. The FBI also recommends 1.5 officers per 1,000 for midwestern cities of Novi's size.

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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, April 14

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

City Council Budget: The Novi City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center for a budget study session.

Friday, April 15

Diabetes Education: Providence Hospital offers diabetes education classes, "Fridays at the Park," during the month of April at Providence Park-Novi. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call 424-3903.

T-Ball & Softball Registration: The deadline for registration for T-ball and softball is today at 5 p.m. Register at the Civic Center, Monday to Friday, 8-5 p.m.

Rummage Sale: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. between Eight and Nine Mile roads, will hold its annual spring rummage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Family Concert: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2040 South Commerce Rd., Walled Lake, presents an evening of family entertainment at 7 p.m. with Musician, storyteller, and humorist Doug Larson. Admission is free. Call 624-7676 for easy to follow directions.

Novi Youth Theatre: The Novi Youth Theatre presents *Look Homeward Angel* at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Saturday, April 16

Rummage Sale: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. between Eight and Nine Mile roads, will hold its annual spring rummage sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Novi Youth Theatre: The Novi Youth Theatre presents *Look Homeward Angel* at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Charity Auction: The Novi Chamber of Commerce presents "A Night to Remember," a live and silent charity auction to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan at the Novi Expo Center. The silent auction and light supper are at 6:30 p.m., the live auction at 7:45 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. by dancing to the music of the Big Band Express. Tickets are available at the Novi Chamber. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 349-3742 for more information.

Sunday, April 17

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High school bands earn highest rating

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi High School's concert and symphony bands earned the highest score attainable at the District Festival held earlier this month at Walled Lake Western High School.

Under the direction of Scott Boerma, the bands returned from the festival with a total score of "1," the highest handed out at the competition.

At the competition bands are judged on the difficulty of the music, their performance and overall knowledge of the music, according to Marie Faulkner, vice president of public relations for the Novi Band Boosters.

Contestants are awarded two scores one for songs they've practiced and another for first time performances of new music.

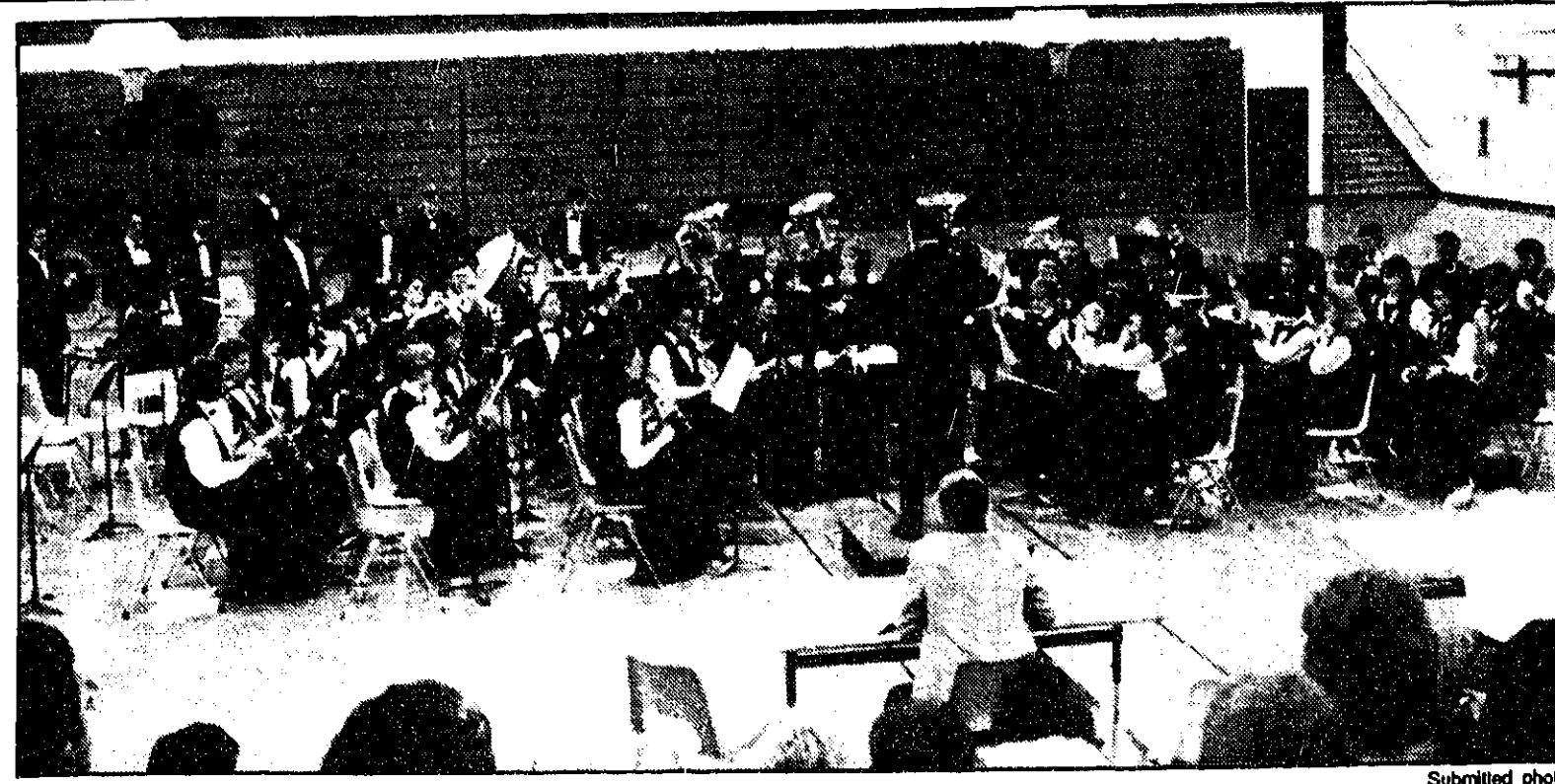
Faulkner said the concert band performed Allied Honor, Fantasy on American Sailing Songs and Sparta-tanburg Overture. Symphony band performed Army of the Nile, Sequola and Symphonic Dance No. 3—Fiesta.

Aside from assigning scores, the judges also commented on the professional appearance of the bands. The guys' black tuxedos and gals' long black skirts, white blouses, black vests and bow ties added a polished look to the overall performance, Faulkner said.

Chris Goss and Sandy Kessler also received kudos for their solo performances in the district competition.

Novi's band will head to Virginia Beach next week to perform in the Dixie Classics Competition before they return to compete at the state level.

Between the school's symphony band will make a stop in Grand Rapids on April 29-30 to compete in the state symphonic band competition.



A 'black tie' performance by Novi High School's symphonic band.

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DNR calls debris burning ban, Novi may comply

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi may follow a state request to place a month-long moratorium on debris burning.

To curb spring wildfires, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Forest Service will not issue burn permits from April 15 to May 16. Cities with their own burning ordinances, such as Novi, are not obliged to follow suit

but have been encouraged to join in. Spring, when the grass is still dry, is considered the most critical time of the year for wildfires in Michigan. Almost half of the wildfires reported to by the DNR are ignited in these months. The ban would give the grass time to "green up" and become less flammable.

"We'd like to support this. The state really wants to get this out. People with chronic respiratory problems, it's difficult for them, as well."

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said. "Very few cities issue permits any more. We're one of the few who still do."

Lenaghan said he will discuss the issue this week with Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall to determine if the Novi City Council will be asked to approve a moratorium.

The city issues about four burning permits per day in this season, as residents begin to clean up their yards.

The state first called a spring burning moratorium in 1993. DNR Director Roland Harnes said this led to almost a 60 percent reduction in the number of fires the department responded to, based on a five-year average.

According to DNR statistics, the department's Forest Management Division responds to 42 percent of its wildfires during the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May.

Some 37 percent of these fires were sparked by outdoor burning of yard and household debris. Further, over one-half of large wildfires—those that burn over 100 acres—have occurred during this time period.

Novi's ordinance only permits the burning of natural debris such as twigs, weeds and grass. It does not allow residents to make bonfires out of tires, garbage or construction materials.

The state does not require burning permits for recreational campfires, for burning done in an approved debris burner, or when the ground is snow-covered. However, officials are asking everyone to refrain from all debris burning during the 30-day period.

Lenaghan said it's possible the state may no longer permit even this type of burning next year. Residents will then need to find an alternative means of disposal for their yard wastes.

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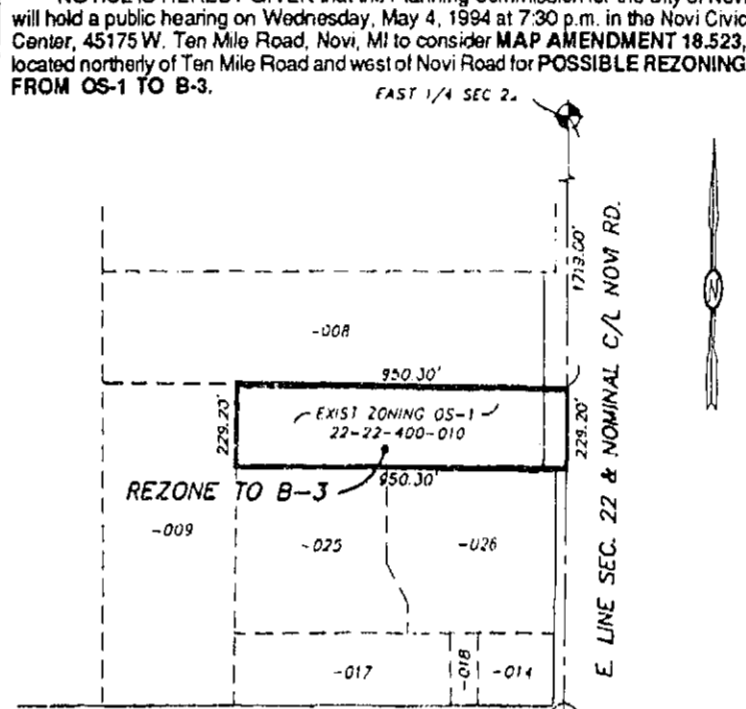
Rollover Accident

The driver of this Ford pickup escaped with minor injuries after she apparently lost control of the vehicle on icy roads and landed in a ditch near Eight Mile and Garfield Roads last Wednesday morning. A Community EMS unit and Novi firefighters were at the scene to help pull the woman out of the truck. She was taken and treated at Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Novi.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAP AMENDMENT 18,523, located northerly of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road for POSSIBLE REZONING FROM OS-1 TO B-3.



To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 22, T. 1N., R. 8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-22-400-010, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east line of Section 22 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) said point being South 1719.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 22; thence continuing along said east line South 229.20 feet; thence S89°30'30"W 950.30 feet; thence North 229.20 feet; thence N89°30'30"E 950.30 feet to the point of beginning.

FROM: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
TO: B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18,523

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, May 4, 1994.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY
GREG CAPOTE, PLANNING CLERK

(4-14-94 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi has prepared a wetland inventory map of wetland areas within the City of Novi. A draft of that inventory map is available for review by the public, and the City of Novi will consider comments regarding the map prior to finalization of the map. Written comments regarding the map may be sent to City Clerk, Geraldine Stipp, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., April 28, 1994.

(4-14-94 NR, NN)

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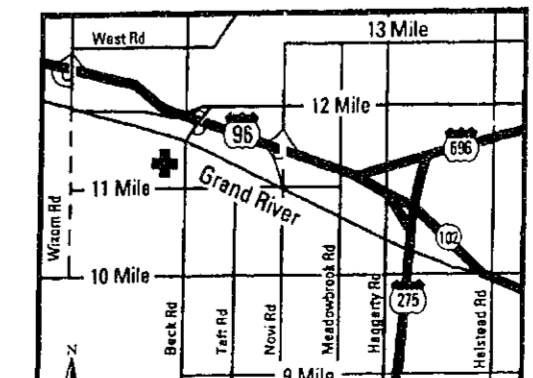
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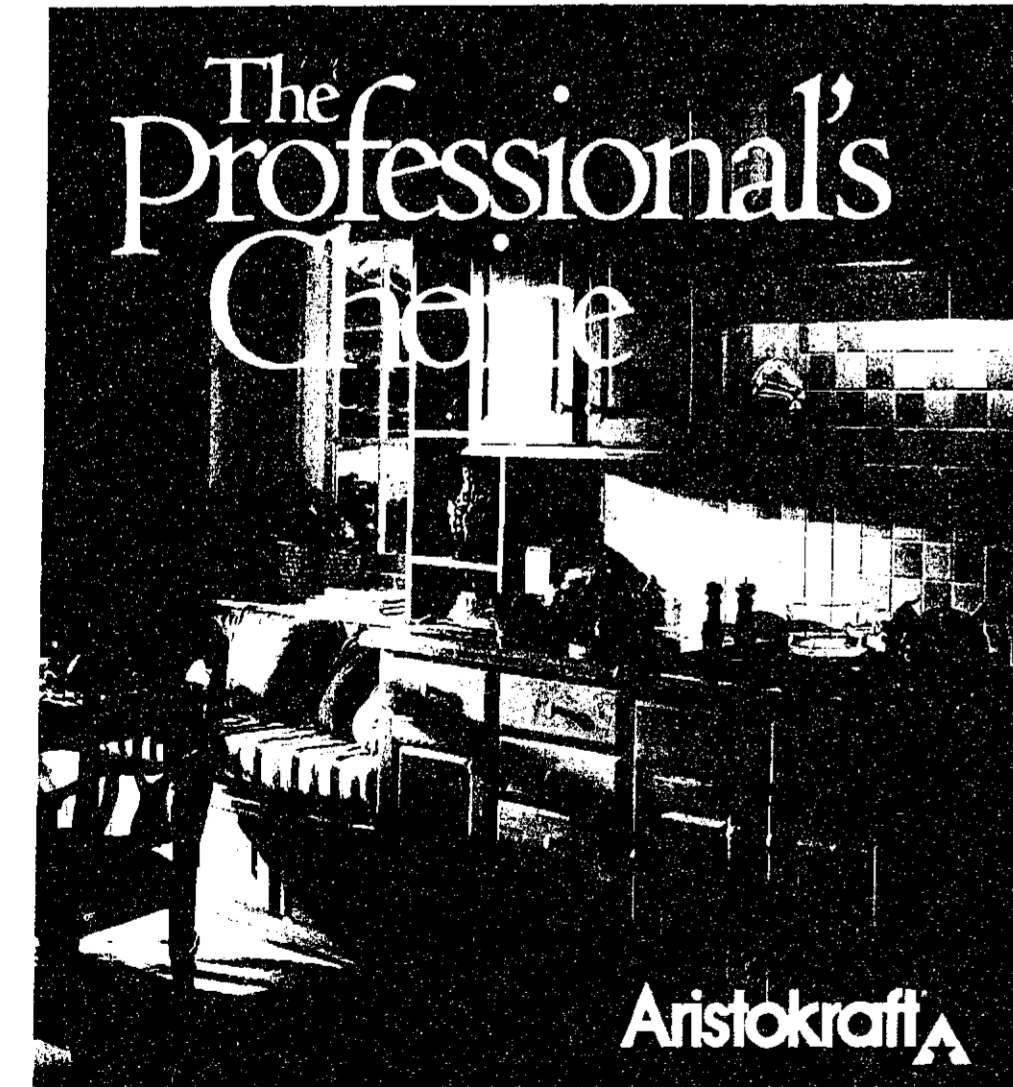
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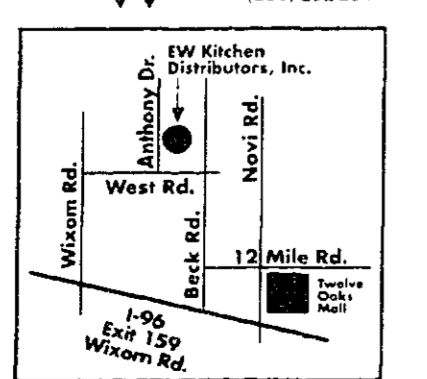
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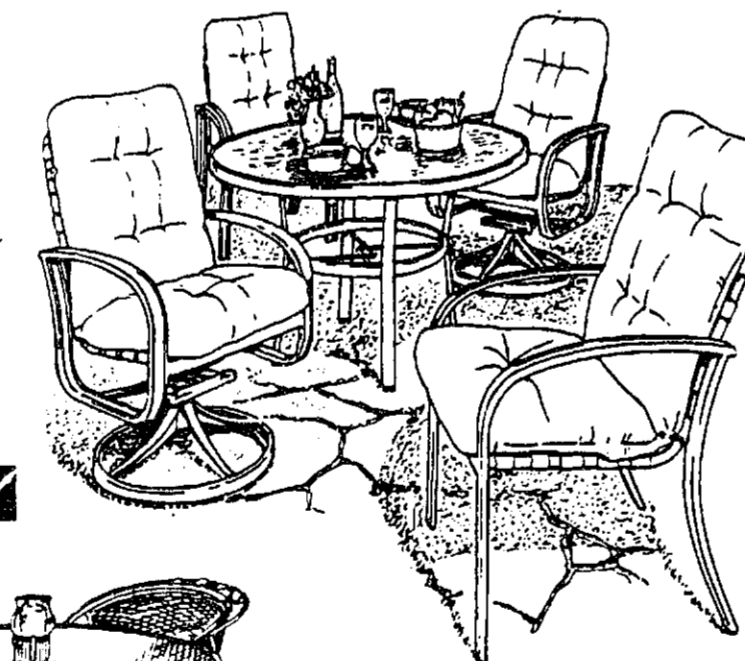


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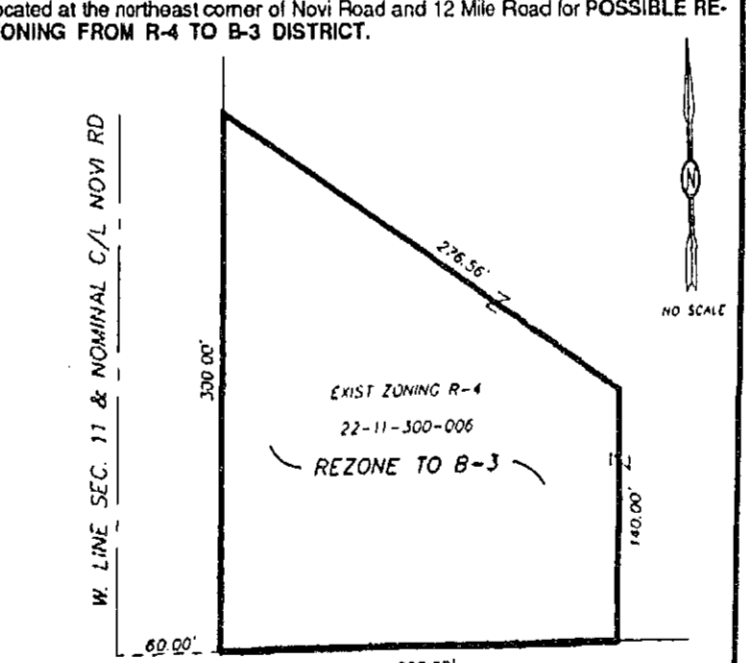
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 1994.

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Schools seek okay for 18 mills

Novi residents who thought passage of Proposal A meant no more local millage elections, brace yourself. On June 13, Novi homeowners will be asked to approve an 18 mill property tax levied against non-homesite property only for 10 years.

Expo hosts college fair for students and parents

Twelve more judges wanted for high court

Wayne County was in the first district with five other counties, stretching west to Jackson. The new first district has just three counties—Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee. It will lose one judge, Thomas J. Brennan of Dearborn.

The Metro Detroit National College Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 19, from 9 a.m. until noon and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Admission is free.

At the fair, students and parents will be able to speak to representatives from more than 150 colleges, universities, trade and technical schools about educational opportunities beyond high school.

NACAC, the National College Fair sponsor, is a Washington-based education association of secondary school guidance counselors, college admission officers, financial aid officers, and other individuals who work with students as they make the transition from high school to college.

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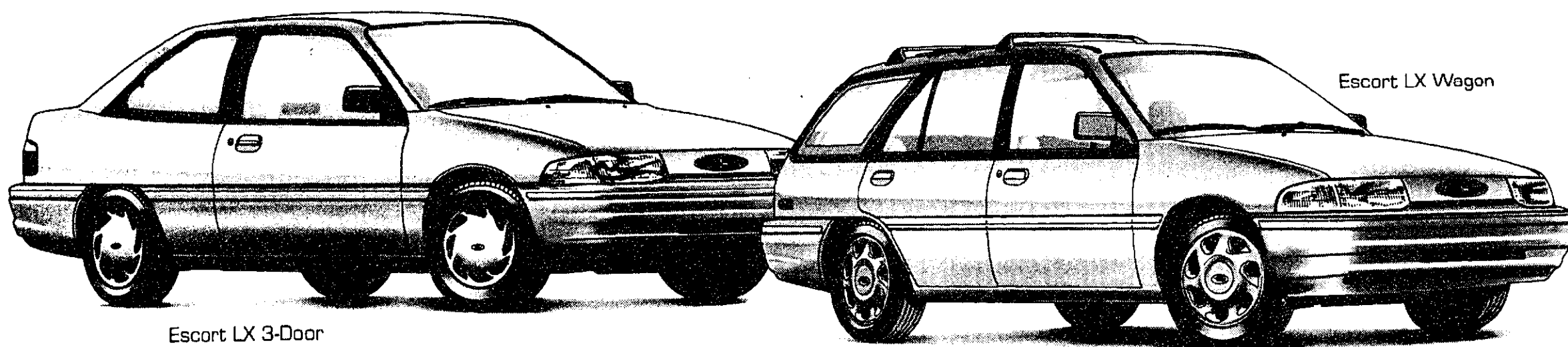
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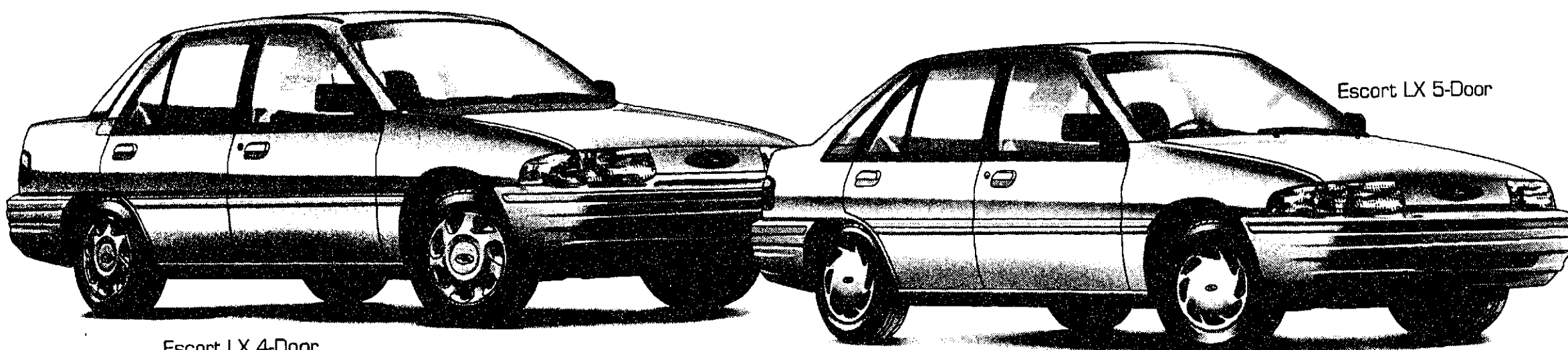
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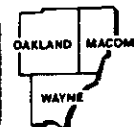


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SCHANNE'S LEGACY

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

It's not an easy task planning for Homeless Hospitality Week. Just ask the 300 to 500 volunteers who help plan meals, arrange special programs and provide for the safety and welfare of up to 100 guests during the annual week-long event started five years ago by LeeAnn Schanne. Schanne, who was in her mid-30s, died in her sleep several months after the first Homeless Hospitality Week took place.

But if those basic programs weren't enough, this year's event will offer even more to the homeless visitors staying at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. "We're trying to do what we can to do some crisis intervention and end the cycle of homelessness," said Pat Green, who is in charge of this week's event.

Professional social workers and psychologists, representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, and literacy, parenting and job skills programs have been added to this year's program.

"We realize we can't make a monumental difference in a person's life in a week, but if we can steer them in the right direction . . ."

Green is the director of human resources for the Roosevelt Center, a 300-bed homeless shelter. Through work with local companies, the shelter has found employment for 150 people, Green said.

"Through the shelter we really try to make a positive impact in people's lives," she said. "It's really exciting."

Green was a natural to head up this week's Homeless Hospitality program, what with her full-time job at the shelter and her experience working the Cass Corridor in downtown Detroit. For two years, she aided the homeless on the streets.

"God has this in store for my life," she said. "I feel like I'm making a difference in someone's life. Some days you can't count the positives you've made, but if you count them at the end of the month or the year, (you) see that you've helped even a few people regain their self-confidence, their self-independence, and bring them back to God. Plus, I enjoy it."

In the four years the church has hosted the Homeless Hospitality Week, Dale Wolke has been in charge of the transportation schedules. That involved taking the

guests from the church back to Detroit in the morning so they could get to or look for work, search for shelter, etc. and bringing them back to the church for dinner and an overnight stay.

This year, though, Wolke has accepted the job of finding life skills and counseling programs.

"It was time to move on and do something else," Wolke said. His new job has required a lot of phone work, but the effort has been worth it. Professional counselors, social workers and psychologists will be on hand just about every night to help those who need it.

Stephen Ministers, counselors with the church, also will be able to help those spiritually in need.

In addition, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous representatives will hold regular meetings with speakers and the Wayne County Reading Council will present a reading skills workshop.

Doug Little is also heading up a resume and job skills workshop, said Wolke.

Wolke enlisted the aid of local residents such as Dave Laycock, a motivational speaker; Charlie Stillec, Student Assistance Coordinator for Northville schools; Cheryl Jones, a social worker; Elsie Barnes, counselor; Carol Haveranek, psychologist; and Stephen Ministers Nancy Shurman and Marilyn Meyer to help make the program a success.

Wolke's wife Julie is also involved, helping wherever she's needed whether it's mending someone's clothing or preparing food for one of the meals.

"I get a lot out of it," Dale Wolke said. "It makes me feel good about myself. I get inspiration from these people."

"They're very spiritual people, homeless people . . . they're very real people. We've become friends with these people. We always have a very good time."

Dave Law shares the same sentiments. In charge of organizing all of the evening activities, Law said there are a lot of misconceptions about homeless people. They're very upbeat, despite the stressful situations they have been placed in, he said.

"We all have so much more in common than we think," he said. "All that separates us with homeless people is a stroke of luck or the hand of fate," Law said. "They give us much more back than we give them."

"That could be us in those shoes someday," Lois Gibbons, who helps prepare the dinners all week long, said. "There's a great misunderstanding about the



Howard Holder, above, carves the roast that was served with potatoes and carrots Monday. A member of the church, Howard says, "It's really nice to be able to help others." Below, Elbert Humphrey gets a close trim from Northville resident and church member Carol McKinnon.

homeless. "You don't have to be poor. You don't have to be of a particular race to have an unfortunate situation happen to you."

Gibbons used her brother as an example. A few years ago he became ill and if it hadn't been for friends and family, he very well, too, could have ended up on the streets, she said.

While Law used to take the entire week off work to help out with Homeless Hospitality Week, he now finds himself spending a couple hours at the church each night due to other personal commitments. It doesn't mean his job is any less important, however.

This year's entertainment schedule promises to deliver uplifting music and messages each night.

On Wednesday, the church's youth group performed its musical, *Decide!* Although the youths have taken their annual musical on the road to other churches in past years, this was the first year they performed for the homeless.

"I think it's a real nice opportunity for them," Wolke said.

On Thursday, the guests will be treated to the talents of the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mike Rumbell.

A perennial favorite, "Cass" Duffin will return with her guitar to perform folk, rock, jazz and rhythm and blues with her soulful voice.

Other activities held throughout the week included T-shirt painting—a real hit with all the guests, men included—basketball at Cooke Middle School, haircuts from local stylists, volunteers mending clothes, and a Saturday

morning tour of Maybury Park. Television and movies also will be played for those wanting to catch up on their rest.

"We like to start out low-key and end low-key," said Law, who credited Craig Krueztberg for helping organize the programs.

Bible study groups will also meet during the week.

"Personally, I think this is unbelievable," Law said of the event. "It helps you put perspective on things. This is not a long-term solution to the problem. It's an underlying problem that's terribly complex. It's really important that politicians, leaders . . . understand that."

The day starts early for those on the breakfast shift this week. Breakfast is served between 6:30 and 7 a.m. so the guests can get back to the city in time for work or to job hunt. Guests are given a lunch and snacks to take with them to the city.

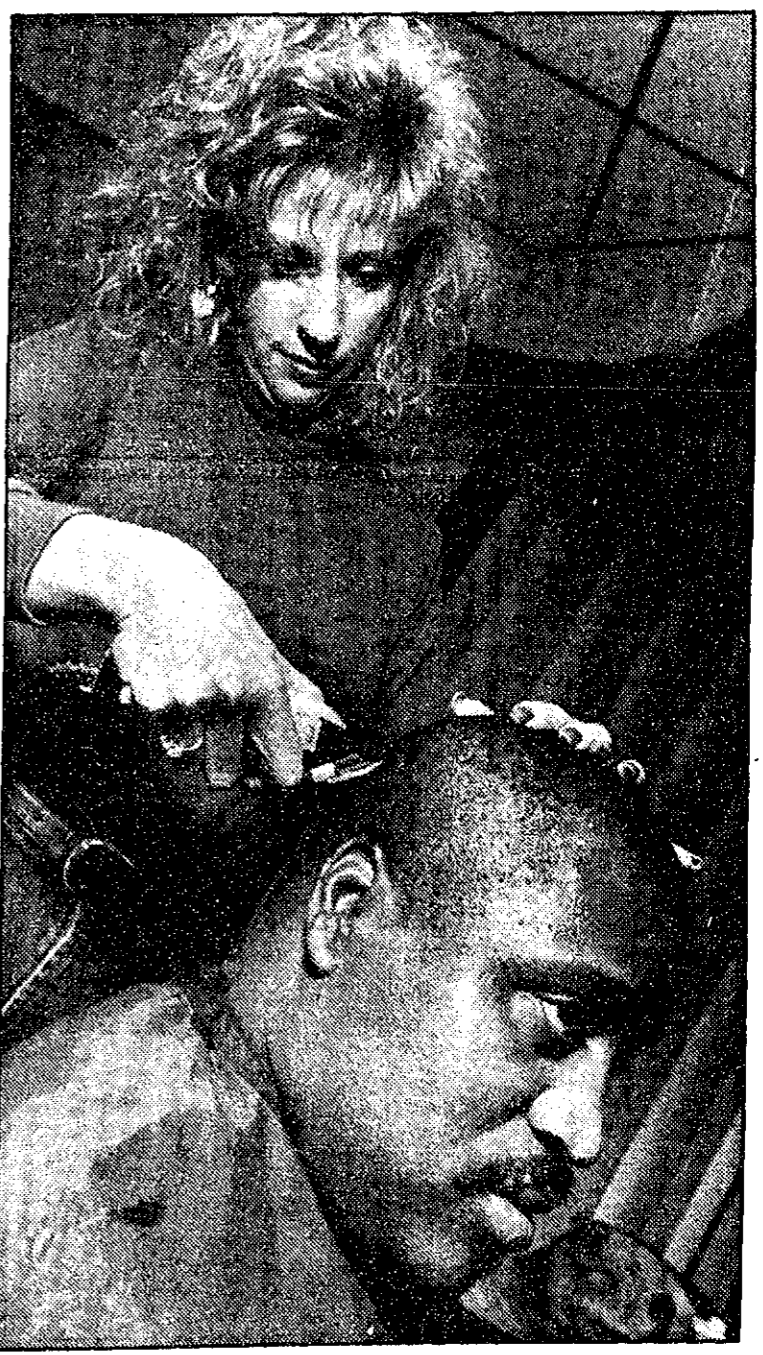
Dinner is served between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

"Most of the food is made by members of the congregation and is donated," Gibbons said. "Also, outside merchants do donate things."

Gibbons said she and her crew usually start making the dinners in the early afternoon or late morning. By the time dinner is served, the plates are cleared and the food put away. It's usually about 10 p.m.

Food is prepared for about 100 people; however, Gibbons said she is expecting about 80 guests.

"It is so rewarding," said Gibbons, who has been helping out since the program's inception. "That's what it is all about, being here to help other people."



Volunteer



Marge Bolton

Charity group set to celebrate 100 years

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Do-gooders are necessary to a community, but sometimes they and the recipients of their actions are the only ones who are aware of what's going on.

Take, for example, the Northville King's Daughters, of which Marge Bolton, a member of 32 years, is past president and current treasurer.

"We used to be known as 'the welfare group' in Northville," she said. "We gave out food baskets, clothing, loads of coal, and we paid utility bills."

And they did it with money they raised through bake sales, bazaars, chicken-ple dinners and dues.

Bolton said they got tips on the needy from churches, the Salvation Army, and the Goodfellows.

Then in 1983 Civic Concern was organized and King's Daughters broke away from the active scene, but started contributing a monthly sum of money to the new organization.

In addition, they now donate funds and/or craft items they make

to Mott Children's Hospital, Angela Hospice Home Care, Salvation Army and First Step.

And there's more. As part of a world-wide organization—the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons—which is concerned with promoting health careers and student ministry—the Northville King's Daughters pays dues to the state, national and international offices.

How? Bolton said that instead of raising money, they invested the money two members willed to them, spending only the interest.

Recently, however, they have had to dip into the principal, but if they can attract new members with fresh ideas on how to support their projects and maybe add more, Bolton hopes they can sail into 1995, their 100th year here, with enthusiasm.

You may call Marge Bolton at 349-3518 for more information or to tell her you'd like to come to a meeting, held on the first Tuesday, September through June, at 1 p.m. at the First Methodist Church.

It's A Fact

City of Novi Tax Rates			
tax rates for the last three years are as follows:			
	1991-92	92-93	93-94
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Library	0.84	0.84	0.79
Drain	0.76	0.76	0.71
Parks & Rec	0.40	0.40	0.37
Total Operating	8.61	8.61	8.03
Total with Debt	10.69	10.69	10.40

SOURCE: City of Novi 1994 Calendar

Rec Briefs

Spring Clean-up: The ultimate kick-off to the garage sale season! Booths are still available for May 14 at the Novi Civic Center parking lot (sale will be held indoors in case of inclement weather). Booth rental is \$20 for one parking space (9x18) and \$10 for each additional space. You can sell any household item you would include in a personal garage sale, plus cars, boats, campers etc. Work your own booth and retain all of the profits. Registration deadline is May 6th.

Gus Macker: Ypsilanti Gus Macker Basketball Tournament officials have begun preparations for the 1994 tournament. Tournament action will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. As in previous years, the tournament will be held on the grounds surrounding Eastern Michigan University Rynearson Stadium on Hewitt Road.

Applications for the tournament are now available at the following locations: Huron services for Youth offices Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti; Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau, Fleet Feet Sports and Joe's Sports in Northville, Novi parks and Recreation.

For additional player or volunteer information call (313) 994-4224.

Providence Run: On Sunday, May 1st the 14th annual Providence Novi Run at the Novi Civic Center will be held at 12:30 p.m. with one and two mile fun walks, and 1:30 p.m. for the 5K and 10K runs. Pre-registration required by April 20. Call Novi Parks and Recreation for more details.

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Sweatshirts: Cold? 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-large).

Senior Golf League: Novi residents may register now for the league which plays at Pebble Creek (Ten Mile and Currie roads). Divisions include: Monday men's and women's, Thursday mixed. The cost is \$10. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Lakeshore Park: Sign-ups for the 1994 season Lakeshore Park Picnic Shelters and Tent Rentals has begun for Novi residents. All reservations must be made in person at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Novi Trackers: The Novi Trackers is a running club whose members range from the casual jogger to serious competitor. The Trackers meet twice weekly and all runners are invited to join any of the club runs. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Novi High School and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Sundowner Restaurant parking lot, across the street from the Northville Post office. For more information, please call Hub Copp, Club President at 348-7779.

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace.

The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

Pool Schedule: Open swimming at Novi High will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. Lap swimming is held from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Call 344-8330, Ext. 71, for more information.

Novi Bike Club: For information on bike club group rides call Gordy Gray at 349-4235 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Senior Spotlight: Novi seniors host a feature-oriented half-hour show on cable Channel 12 Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Topics featured on the show have included health issues, Novi sports leagues and many others.

Early Morning Jog & Swim: Class meets at the Novi High School gym Tuesday and Thursday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. For more information, call Novi Community Education at 344-8330.

Handball, Racquetball: If you enjoy handball, racquetball or paddleball, open court time is being offered by Schoolcraft College. Courts can be scheduled for doubles play. Gloves, paddles, racquets, balls and lockers are furnished.

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Local runners ready for Boston

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hooping.

"It's mentally relaxing and a stress-reliever," he commented. "It's fun."

Copp got a late start in training "seriously" for Boston. An achilles problem slowed him earlier this year and forced an abbreviated training schedule.

"I'm just hoping to finish and stay out of the medical tent," said Copp.

For Gilmore, a township resident, marathoning is about more than just running a fast race. She said it provides focus for her training.

"The crowd treats everybody like a celebrity. They line-up five and six deep along the entire course."

Hub Copp
Novi resident

"It's one thing to keep you motivated," said Gilmore.

The 39-year-old runs five days a week and does marathons twice a year. When she began running a few years ago, Gilmore didn't expect to cover so many miles every month.

"I never thought I could do it," she said. "But you keep building up and your body gets accustomed to the distance."

Gilmore runs with a popular group, the Redford Roadrunners. The group meets several times a week

to run in Northville and do other things.

"It's a real social experience," said Gilmore.

This is the first time she's qualified for the race. Gilmore actually made the three-hour, 45 minute mark twice last season to qualify for this year's race.

"It has kind of been a goal of mine to qualify," she said. "I hope to run a 3:30."

Other local runners heading to Boston are: Doug Kurtis, Doug Dreher, Janice Valade and Dale Yaglela of Northville and Karl Zubal of Novi.

KVC shows balance in baseball

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year, we had a bad season, kind of."

Shooting for the district championship, they hope the Redskin fortunes change this year.

HARTLAND

Less is more.

At least Hartland High baseball Coach Carl Koch hopes so this season. This year's Eagle squad is only 12 players deep, but Koch said he thinks that could be a good thing.

"If there's any blessing given to this team it's that all the kids can

handle the ball and are smart players," said Koch, who guided his team last year to an 18-7 mark and a district title. "If we stay healthy we'll be fine."

Of Hartland's 12 players, five are seniors. John Dechem will hold down the centerfield spot while Scott Hemeyer will also start in the outfield. Brandon Wehner will split time between second base and the outfield. Mark Lutz will play third and Kevin Burgess will play short and each will spend plenty of time on the mound for the Eagles.

"All of our returning pitchers are

gone so we're going to have to get good innings from our seniors," Koch said. "We'll try and bring the juniors along slowly but with our short bench they're going to have to perform."

Twins Dave and Doug Vaughn are the juniors who will see the most mound time and will also play several other positions. Chris Scofield and Pete Osterout—who Koch calls "the Goose Gossage of our staff"—will be short relievers. Scofield will also start at catcher and Osterout is pencilled in to play significant innings in the outfield.

Lefty Gordie Kruger gives the Eagles another pitcher and can play first. Rounding out the squad for Hartland are outfielders Chad Knapp and Shawn Bubuck.

"Last year was our first good year in a long time," Koch said. "We've got some problems with our depth, and a few sore arms or twisted ankles could really hurt us. Toward the end of the year we'll have to bring some kids up from the junior varsity to give us some extra bodies."

One worry Koch won't have: kids complaining about not getting enough playing time.

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