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Twelve Oaks Security Officers Glenn Madison (left) and John Tomanek take a spin around the parking lot.

Mall security officers mount bikes

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Twelve Oaks security officers are now pedaling bikes to keep pace with crime, fashion and customer service.

You'll see them pedaling their two 18-speed Trek mountain bikes around in the mall parking lot. They're there to help customers in need of assistance outside the mall. That means they're equipped to pop open locked car doors or help motorists find lost vehicles. On bikes, officers offer directions, keep fire lanes cleared and enforce handicap parking permits.

Twelve Oaks Mall Security Director Terry McCauley said the Bike Patrol Unit is a relatively

new concept but it's been proven successful at other malls.

Twelve Oaks security officers actually mounted a patrol bike for the first time last fall, but the program has been so well received a second bike was purchased this spring.

Nine of the mall's 23 officers rotate duty on the bike during peak daylight shopping hours. Customized uniforms including navy polo shirts and bike shorts, black gym shoes and standard duty belts with radios allow officers to move freely and keep in touch with inside security. Officers are also required to wear protective biking helmets.

McCauley said the program has proven effective in aiding customers outside the mall and in improving customer service.

"They are visible and approachable," McCauley said. "It has really added a personal touch to our exterior patrol."

"Being out there on a bike where people can easily talk to us gives us a wonderful opportunity to get closer to our customers," he said.

McCauley said officers are required to complete a bike safety course before they ride. In training, officers learn how to travel on different terrains, take curbs, steer safely through congested areas and make fast stops.

Most officers seem to enjoy it, McCauley said. It gives them an opportunity to get outside and get some physical exercise.

"It's fun for them," he said. "They get to enjoy the weather and stay in shape."

Schools face resistance to tax increases

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Jerry LeBlanc doesn't think businesspeople should bear the brunt of school taxes in Michigan.

LeBlanc, a semi-retired tool and die maker, has just launched a more or less one-man, grassroots campaign against the Novi school district's June 13 millage election.

"I own no business property. I am just ticked off by discrimination towards one group of people in our city," he explained.

Under the provisions of Michigan's restructured property tax system, Novi schools will ask voters to approve an 18-mill levy against all non-homestead properties in the city for the next ten years and a two-mill levy for everybody.

"You work ten, 12, sometimes 14 hours a day, you pay for your own health insurance, you get no paid vacations. Sometimes in a recession your diet is hot dogs and beans. You sometimes take money out of your kid's piggy bank to make ends meet," LeBlanc said.

"You are an entrepreneur and small business person. You are now fair game for the Novi Board of Education and the MEA (Michigan Education Association). They want 18 more mills in taxes and if they could get it, your last drop of blood, plus your first born."

The success of Proposal A cut Novi property taxes for homeowners from 34 to 16 mills. Under the new law, in order to be eligible for state aid, a district must levy with voter approval no more than 18 mills for school operating purposes or the number of mills which it lev-

ted the previous year, whichever is less. In Novi, the 18-mill figure is less. Homesteads are exempt from this tax.

The district draws \$6,500 per pupil from the state in foundation grants for education.

To LeBlanc, it's unfair to shift the burden of school support onto business owners, especially small business owners who may be struggling to meet their overhead costs.

He hopes voters will listen to his message, which he plans to broadcast by means of flyers in mailboxes, shopping centers and at the polls, an advertising campaign and possibly signs. LeBlanc has also set up a special hotline, so local business owners who want to jump on the bandwagon can contact him.

LeBlanc says he has other backers who are not yet willing to go public.

He argues that most businesses will pass the cost of their property taxes onto their customers.

"You buy an ice cream cone, you buy a tank of gas, you're still going to be paying," he said last week.

Small manufacturers, on the other hand, LeBlanc said, will be unable to pass on the costs and remain competitive with businesses in cities with lower tax rates.

LeBlanc has "a psychic prediction" that about 15 percent of the students graduating from high school this year will likely end up as business owners themselves, some day.

If you're interested in working with LeBlanc, call 348-7480 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., seven days per week until June 13.

Academy teaches firearms safety

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Cases like Malice Green and Rodney King incidents have heightened the concern over police officers' use of deadly force on the streets.

Both cases have sparked a new wave of non-lethal tactics which officers can now use to stop a criminal. But the slew of new chemical products on the market won't end the debate over deadly and non-deadly force used on the street and



In the homes. New products can and should provide alternatives to firearms. They can also help when officers and civilians have a tough choice to make.

In some cases — like burglary — civilians have to make the same tough choices police officers do. Nowadays, more civilians are carrying weapons or keeping them stored in their homes for protection. Once the gun goes off and someone gets

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Mason questions chief's loyalty

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi City Councilwoman Carol Mason has big concerns about the city's police chief looking for a new job.

She shares her concerns with lakes area resident Jim Korte who raised similar concerns at the Novi City Council meeting two weeks ago.

The connection between the resident and the councilwoman raised concerns with city officials who believe Mason may be leaking confidential information.

Mason and Korte deny the allegations.

Although she has yet to air her concerns to City Council in public, Mason has requested a closed session to discuss Chief Douglas Shaeffer and the idea that he's sending out resumes.

Korte said Wednesday Mason told him Shaeffer was the reason for the closed session.

He also said Mason has told him in the past the topic on the table in closed session, but never told him details of the council's debates behind closed doors.

"I would ask her if something was

discussed in closed session and she would say yes or no," Korte said. "But whatever is discussed is confidential. Carol Mason cannot and has never told me what goes on in those meetings."

Mason denies ever talking with Korte about Shaeffer at all.

"I like Jim (Korte), but as far as him telling me anything or me telling him anything, no that hasn't happened," she said.

She says the two learned of Shaeffer's job hunting from two different sources.

"There are citizens out there that find out things and then call us,"

she said Wednesday. "We both found out from different people. People call us because they feel their hands are tied," she said about the residents' frustration with the response they get from city hall. "They call us when they hear things. But we shouldn't have to find out these things this way."

Mason contends residents confide in Korte because he isn't afraid to speak to his mind.

"He's a very active citizen," she said. "He brings up stuff that nobody else will talk about."

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Metrovision tempts area subscribers

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Couch potatoes would have been all eyes at MetroVision Inc.'s glimpse last week at the future of cable television.

Program guides built into your television. Fifty video games to order up each month. Pay-per-view movies and programs on your own time schedule. These are some of the goodies MetroVision was holding up to tempt its customers at a special reception at the Embassy Suites hotel in Livonia.

The firm's Oakland County franchise serves Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, where contract renegotiations have just begun.

"We feel like awareness creates appreciation," explained Jill Kinsella, public relations director at MetroVision's Atlanta headquarters.

The Livonia and Redford cable commissions have already agreed to allow MetroVision to proceed with rebuilding its coaxial cable-based system with the more up-to-

date fiber optics, an over \$5 million upgrade.

There, plans call for a hybrid system of fiber optic trunk lines coupled with metal coaxial cables to individual homes. What this will do, Kinsella said, is provide better images and more reliable service to customers.

Cable companies pick up signals from broadcast transmissions, satellites and local television stations at a facility called a "head end." The system processes the signals and sends them out to customers via metal coaxial cables. But the signal loses strength along the way and must be boosted with amplifiers every 2,000 feet. Each amplifier adds a level of distortion to the picture, which ultimately shows up on a consumer's TV screen.

Fiber optic technology uses very thin strands of glass to carry light signals generated by laser transmitters. The glass wires transmit the TV signals without losing power, reducing the dependency on amplifiers. Coaxial cables offer the

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Photo by RONALD PONKEY

Virtual reality was one of the new technologies on display at MetroVision's event.

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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, May 26

Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Novi High School, 24062 Tall Rd., from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For further information call Connie Mrosker at 422-2787.

Novi Rotary: The Novi Rotary will meet at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. at noon. Dr. Siddharth Sanghvi will speak on Rotary International World Community Service.

Spring Arts Festival: Novi school district students will be displaying their creative talents at the 1994 Spring Festival of the Arts in the lobby of the Fuester Auditorium from 6-9 p.m. Awards for the high school art competition will be announced at 7 p.m. Immediately following the awards presentation, the school district's choral music department will present a spring concert. Choral groups from Novi High School will be performing.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day: City offices and the public library are closed.

Novi Memorial Day Parade: The parade date will begin at 10 a.m. at the Novi Town Center and proceed south down Novi Road to west Ten Mile, ending up at the Novi Civic Center. A Memorial Service at the Veterans Monument in front of the Civic Center will immediately follow the parade with refreshments after inside the Civic Center. Residents, community groups and local businesses can sign up to participate in the parade in one of five categories: Floats, Marching Unit, Specialty Vehicle, Bands and Civic Organizations. Parade participants will include the

AMVETS, the American Legion, Novi High School and Novi Middle School Marching Bands, Oakland County Sheriff Department Marine Division, Novi Fire Department, Novi Police Department, Community EMS, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Dogmatics (a dog drill team), St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, Novi Village Retirement Community, the Michigan '50s Festival and more. Call Novi Parks & Recreation at 347-0400 for a 1994 Memorial Day Parade Entry Form.

Wixom Memorial Parade: All veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf are welcome to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of VFW Post 3952 and join your comrades and walk or ride in the Wixom Memorial Day Parade at 11 a.m. Meet fellow veterans at VFW Post 3952, Loon Lake Rd., after the parade for an open house. Free food and fun will be available. Bring the family. Call 624-9742 for information on times and locations.

Wednesday, June 1

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

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

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, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, June 2

Good Morning Novi!: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will host a

continental breakfast at Borders Book & Music Store in Novi Town Center at 7:30 a.m. Tour the store and network with other Chamber members. Cost is \$5. Call 349-3743 for further information.

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

Friday, June 3

Diabetes Class: Providence Hospital offers a diabetes education class, "Fridays at the Park" at Providence Park-Novi. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call 424-3903.

Monday, June 6

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

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

Novi Adventurers: The final general membership meeting for this year of the Novi Adventurers will be held at the Tollgate Center at 7 p.m.



Sixth-graders at Novi Meadows participate in their own DARE graduation Thursday.

Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Students earn DARE diploma from officer

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Every teacher dreams of summer vacation.

Novi Police Officer Todd Anger is no exception. As the school year comes to a close, so does Anger's two Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes in Novi.

The first of two DARE classes graduated at Novi Meadows last Thursday. Hickory Woods will graduate its class on June 15.

"It was a great lot of fun," Anger said. "I enjoy myself and the kids have fun."

Anger has taught the 17-week DARE course to well over 400 students in Novi and Walled Lake this year. At Thursday's ceremony, he welcomed guest speaker Bryan "Goose" Finnerty of the Detroit Rockers.

Anger said Finnerty is a tremendous speaker who adds a personal touch to his anti-drug message.

"He's a motivational speaker who tells a story about a close friend of his which does drugs," he said. "It's very motivational."

It was the second year Anger has taught the class and the officer has few regrets about the program because of the message it sends to kids. "We teach consequences," he said. "We teach kids how to say no and not just to drugs. The message applies to all decisions."

Promoting self-esteem is also a desired outcome of the DARE program. This year, several local businesses donated to the cause.

Red Robin gave students who graduated from the class tickets for a free burger. Detroit Tigers Mike Iltich donated 48 tickets to Tiger games to winners of the program's poster and poem contest.

Next week, graduates will show their support of the program by marching in the Memorial Day Parade too, Anger said.

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Peeping Tom scampers into woods

An East Lake Drive woman was undressing in her bathroom when she heard a rustling noise in the bushes outside her half-opened bathroom window on May 6.

The woman peered out and saw a unidentified man run and jump over a fence into a wooded area. The victim called police to report the incident but couldn't give a clear description of the man.

Police News

MDOP: Police failed to find three juveniles who were seen jumping on the hoods of two cars on Bayview on May 6. Officers responded to a woman's call that the teens were damaging the hoods of the cars. When officers arrived at the homes, the teens fled on foot to an apartment complex near Pontiac Trail and West Lake Road. Novi's canine unit tracked the trail of the teens to a local apartment complex but lost their scent in the parking lot.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A workman entered Vic Tany's on May 9 and returned to his truck two hours later to find \$1,430 worth of tools had been stolen. There were no witnesses or suspects to tell police who may have broken the passenger's side window to gain access to the parked van.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: A Lake Orion man was stopped by Novi Police on May 6 for a loud exhaust system when officers discovered the

man had marijuana inside his vehicle.

Police say the man was driving with a suspended license when they pulled him over. Inside the car, officers said they saw roach clips laying on the front seat in plain view. A closer look netted police a marijuana pipe and seeds. The driver was arrested and ticketed for possession of marijuana and of controlled substance paraphernalia.

FRAUD, ASSAULT: A security officer at Sears said a shoplifter assaulted her after she detained the suspect for allegedly stealing merchandise from the store on May 6.

When Novi officers arrived at the store, they found the suspect handcuffed behind the back and cuffed to a wheel chair. She was yelling and screaming. A female security officer told police the suspect had kicked her she caught the suspect in the small parking lot trying to leave with the stolen merchandise in a shopping bag.

The security officer intends to prosecute the suspect for assault and battery and retail fraud.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A man called police on May 10 and told them

he just hit his girlfriend and wanted to be arrested for assault and battery. Police arrived at the couple's Springs apartment home and found the woman locked in the bathroom. The man told them he came home intoxicated and got into a verbal fight with the woman before he hit her in the back.

The suspect told police he hit the woman so she would know he believed her out of his life. Police interviewed the woman who confirmed the man's story. She also said he pushed her, shoved her and then threw a plant at her.

BREAKINGS: A Novi woman told police she suspects apartment personnel may have stolen her \$3,500 diamond ring from inside her mother's apartment in November of 1993.

The victim told police she believes the ring was taken from her mother's bedroom while the elderly woman was recovering in a local hospital from a broken hip last year.

THREATS: A Novi woman told police on May 7 her ex-husband's new girlfriend has threatened her twice over the telephone. The ex-wife said the girlfriend has threatened twice to blow her face off.

The girlfriend told police she didn't want to prosecute this time but wanted officers to be aware of the situation.

ASSIST AREA: A Detroit man who was standing beside his tow truck on Nine Mile Road on May 4 was arrested after police learned he was wanted on an outstanding warrant in Detroit.

An officer spotted on Nine Mile near Heslip Road. The suspect told police was lost and in need of directions. The man gave police his name, ALEIN check of his identity produced the outstanding warrant. Police booked and arrested the 40-year-old man and then released him after he posted \$100 bond.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A woman is seeking to prosecute her soon to be ex-husband for assault and battery. She said he and his attorney and an unknown process server came into the couple's Novi home on May 7.

As soon as she saw the trio approach the home, she told police she went inside to avoid a confrontation and call her own attorney. She told police inside the home her husband grabbed her by the arm and then by the front of her blouse. He then shoved several papers inside her top and said, "You have been served."

The three then left the home. She told police when she filed the complaint she would be seeking charges against the man.

Novi Briefs

Looking For Your Mayor?: Many residents with questions for Mayor Kathy McLallen, wonder how they can get ahold of her. It's very easy... call her at 348-4840. If she's not at home during the day to answer the phone, Mayor McLallen retrieves her messages each evening and returns all calls within one day.

The only reason she won't return your calls that quick is when she's out of town. If you haven't received a return call and need to reach her, you can call Lynn George at the Novi Civic Center, 347-0556. Lynn can usually track down the mayor.

Novi's Mayor has also gone global... if you have a modem you can reach her on America On-Line (Code: MAYOR MCL) or Inter-Net (Code: MCL@AOL.COM).

And if all else fails, you can spot the Mayor around Novi on certain evenings at Little Ceasars, Blockbusters or the neighborhood grocery store. She's never too busy to chat with Novi residents!

Rouge Rescue: The City of Novi needs volunteers for Rouge Rescue '94 which will be held on Saturday, June 4. Volunteers should meet at Rotary Park, off Nine Mile Road (between Novi and Meadowbrook) at 8 a.m. for a day of work and celebration.

This is the ninth year Novi volunteers have participated in the Rouge cleanup, and progress can be seen. Volunteers will be grooming Rotary Trail, cleaning up at Caterpillar and at a site around Walled Lake. For more information or to volunteer, call 347-0585.

Clarification: A May 12 article in the Novi News said a commercial for the Ponderosa restaurant chain was filmed in Roma Ridge subdivision. It was, but the commercial was also shot in Briarwood subdivision. The Bonaventura family's house, to be seen in the TV ad, is in Roma Ridge. The Jones' family house next door, to be featured in a second commercial, is located in Briarwood.

Looking for war stories: Less than a month away, Americans will observe the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

On June 6, 1944, allied troops invaded Normandy one year before the end of World War II. Do you remember what you were doing when that historic moment took place? Whether you witnessed the event from the battle front or the home front, we'd like to hear your stories. If you have any photos, we might be able to use them, too. Send your ideas to The Novi News/Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48167.

Novi's housing boom falls short

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Suburbia's residential housing boom stretched further into the green fields in 1993. Some familiar names dropped out of the top 10 list of building permits.

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Westland, in fourth place in 1992, dropped out of the top 10 last year even though it was not subject to a tap moratorium.

Improved employment levels, population growth and decreasing mortgage rates lead to stronger development activity in 1993," said SEMCOG, a seven-county planning agency. "Residential building permits were issued for 17,293 housing units... a 3.4 percent increase over 1992."

Here were the region's top 10: 1. Clinton Township, in Macomb County's second tier of communities

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Improved employment levels, population growth and decreasing mortgage rates lead to stronger development activity in 1993," said SEMCOG, a seven-county planning agency. "Residential building permits were issued for 17,293 housing units... a 3.4 percent increase over 1992."

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State police post sends troopers east

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The troopers at the Northville Michigan State Police (MSP) post are humming the theme song from *The Jeffersons* these days: "movin' on up."

Maybe it should be "movin' out east," though — as in to Oak Park and the State Police's soon-to-be-opened new station.

Gov. John Engler and MSP Director Col. Michael Robinson last week announced the creation of the "metro-north post" there, to be located at the intersection of Ten Mile and I-96. Construction will begin this summer and likely be complete by June 1995.

Road patrol troopers from Northville will transfer to metro-north but will continue providing state police coverage to Novi and the surrounding area, assistant post commander Lt. Charles Schumacher said.

"We're reorganizing our layout of posts and their coverage areas to provide better service to citizens," he said. "This is part of that."

About 40 troopers are assigned to the post now, Schumacher said, but

added that the number varies over time. All in all, metro-north is expected to receive a total of 65 troopers from Northville and the MSP Pontiac post.

One hundred percent of the expressway miles in southern Oakland and Macomb Counties will be patrolled on a consistent basis, once the new post opens, Engler said.

That's not been true in the past, he added, especially since I-96's new stretch between US-24 and I-75 has opened for business.

Schumacher said that the expressways in the local area will continue to be adequately patrolled despite the change. Other posts will combine to provide coverage, he indicated.

The Seven Mile post will still house an MSP forensic science lab, which will have room to expand after the transfer, state officials said. Motor carrier officers and fire marshal division officials, as well as other support staff, will also remain in Northville.

Besides the 65 troopers, the 15,000 square foot metro-north post will be home to 25 motor carrier officers and fire marshal personnel. It will cost about \$2.1 million.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Art scholars

These Novi High Schoolers took honors in a recent juried art show. From left in the front row are Nikki Grecu, Vanessa Lauck, Amy Srednicki and Deb Havelka. In the back row from left are Steve Scherwerther, Sang Lee, Ai Tamai and Matt Lund. Darren Ho was also honored but is not pictured.

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Residents win fight against neighborhood factory

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Meadowbrook Lake residents won the fight Wednesday to keep a 24-hour operational factory out of their backyards.

But the war isn't over. City planners say the site will remain zoned for light industrial as it was when Interlock Corporation purchased it to build its corporate headquarters.

The Novi Planning Commission voted 5-4 to deny the company's request for the special land use permit that was needed to build the 100,000 square foot electronic component factory/manufacturing facility in Hickory Corporate Park.

The denial triggered a round of applause from the angry mob of Meadowbrook Lake residents who had campaigned against the plan since it was first proposed. The tension between the developer and the residents was apparent Wednesday as the pressure mounting between commissioners.

It was the third time commissioners considered plans for the facility. The first version was denied by the commission in March. The second was tabled at the last meeting after an exhaustive five-hour volley between the developer, the residents and the commission.

Talk of the plan again Wednesday

seemed to pit commissioners against one another as the vote was nearing.

Commissioners Kim Capello and Robert Taub locked horns after Capello suggested limiting commissioners comments to two minutes.

"I think you should limit yourself to two minutes," Taub said sharply to Capello's suggestion. "I find it very interesting that Commissioner Capello moved to table it and then moved to have only two minutes time. Something is really wrong here."

One by one members of the commission stated why they could or couldn't support the plan.

But until the roll call was taken residents were finding it hard to gauge whether commissioners were going to insist on strict adherence to the city's ordinances and deny the plan, or approve it knowing Interlock would need a 5-foot variance to side step the city's maximum height restriction.

"The height bothered me a lot," said Commissioner Loda Richards. But not enough for Richards to support the motion to deny the request. He, and fellow commissioners Capello, Irene Cahill and Kathy Mutch voted against Commission Vice Chair Laura Lorenz's motion to deny the request.

"It may be a good project, but it's in the wrong location," said Chairman Richard Clark. Commissioners Glen Bonaven-

tura said he feared the potential of hazardous chemicals spewing from the plant, one of his objections to the plan.

"This is the type of information I need when looking at adverse conditions," he said while sifting through the material safety data sheets he had requested Interlock fill out regarding the potential of hazardous chemicals being used or produced in the company's injection molding process. "Some may say this is worse case scenario stuff. But I see a lot of dangerous stuff here. This is really scary stuff here."

Even though the company's process would have to adhere to OSHA standards, fire codes and city ordinances, Bonaventura said the risk of accident was too severe to approve the facility right behind the subdivision.

"The potential adverse impact of chemicals being released during a fire is a big problem for me," he said. "The 24-hour operation also was a concern for opponents of the project."

"Twenty-four hour operation is too excessive," Bonaventura said. Taub agreed.

"There are too many I's," he said before he voted yes to deny it. "It's a 24-hour operation. It's a factory that would create an all night culture."

"If you are sitting in the backyard of a \$200,000 home, you don't want to even imagine that there's a factory behind it," he said.

Some commissioners argued that the factory would increase Novi's industrial tax base. But that's a theory neither Bonaventura nor Taub were willing to accept.

"Taxes are going down so we don't have to sell our souls and our peace and quiet for a tax base," Taub said. "If we were to make all of our approvals based on taxes, we would be living in a city with high density and low quality," Bonaventura said.

"That's not what we want," Commissioner Eda Weddington voted three weeks ago to table the proposal in the hopes the applicant would return with a revised plan that would be a compromise for both sides.

But that didn't happen, she said. There were few physical changes to the plan. Instead of shortening the building to meet the 25 foot height re-

striction, Interlock proposed adding more feet to the berm to obstruct it from the neighbors.

"It's a no-win situation," she said. "We were hoping there would be some adjustments made or the plan would be redesigned."

"... but nothing presented here tonight is new," she said. "It's a nice proposal and I would like to have it here. If it could be done without any variances I could support it."

Commissioner Mutch was supportive of the plan as presented. She didn't subscribe to the idea that the factory was going to drive down property values next to it.

"I think that Novi is a nice enough community that home values will continue to rise," she said. Residents' and commissioners' interpretations of the city's ordinances was really at the heart of the matter Wednesday.

City consultants all recommended approval of the permit and plan even though Interlock was seeking a fa-

cade waiver and would need a variance from the ordinance for the height of the building.

But Bonaventura argued there was another ordinance violation City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers was overlooking.

"Tool rooms are prohibited anywhere near residential," he said. "I don't care if it is a principle use or not," the commissioner said in response to the consultant's defense that a small tool repair room was to be included in the facility, but it was not large enough to be considered a principle use of the facility.

Meadowbrook Lake resident Lynn Kochan argued that the proposed plan would violate at least two of city's ordinances, the height restriction and the facade requirements.

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New park program sees first volunteer adoption

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

An Oakland County group, the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club, has become the first to "adopt" a park under a new state law.

Multi-Lakes, an affiliate of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, adopted the Proud Lake State Recreation Area, which surrounds the headwaters of the Huron River in Commerce and Milford townships.

Gov. John Engler singled out Multi-Lakes and president Marty Johnson during a tree-planting ceremony on the State Capitol lawn. En-

gler signed a bill freeing the state from liability for volunteers' efforts. This will allow volunteer groups to assist state park staff in spring cleanups, accessibility projects, public information and other efforts," Engler said.

The adopt-a-park program is similar to the Michigan Department of Transportation's adopt-a-highway, in which companies, civic and church groups clean up highway rights of way.

Proud Lake features camping, swimming, boating, canoeing and

nature study areas. It is one of 96 state parks up for adoption.

The hoopla over tree-planting and park-adopting is part of the bipartisan effort to raise more operating money for Michigan state parks as they observe their 75th anniversary this year.

Voters on Nov. 8 will decide on a constitutional amendment to end so-called "diversions" from the Natural Resources Trust Fund and set up the Genevieve Gillette Endowment Fund. Purpose is to raise and dedicate \$40 million in revenues from oil

and gas leases to support the state parks operating budget.

Since 1980 the state parks budget has gone from 62 percent general fund money to 21 percent. But despite higher user fees, parks operations have been scaled back. State park user fees, per vehicle, have been raised from 50 cents a day in 1950 to \$2 in 1966 to \$4 currently. Annual passes cost \$18.

Here is the status of other bills in the "State Parks Initiative" package:

SB 970 — Makes technical amendments to the state park com-

mission act — signed by governor.

SB 951 — Uses state income tax form to promote sale of annual state park stickers — signed by governor.

SB 370 — Honors the 75th anniversary of the state park system — passed Senate.

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Ivory studies massage in the Orient

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

When Americans think of a massage, they typically picture something relaxing, pleasant, a release of tension.

Not so the Chinese, who think that if it isn't painful, it isn't working, says Nov resident John Ivory, after a recent study trip at the China National Olympic Training Center in Beijing.

"American people don't like getting hurt. The Chinese explained to me that if they don't dig into the athletes, they don't feel they're doing any good. Sometimes they'll cry, but it's effective," Ivory explained.

"They are very good, very excellent with what they do but I thought they were just a little bit rough."

Ivory, a licensed massage therapist trained in the Japanese and Swedish methods, works two days a week at Northville Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation. His specialty is massage for injured and strained athletes — both humans and horses.

Ivory became interested in massage over 15 years ago, when his son Brian was hurt in a skateboarding accident. Brian's leg was readjusted through a technique called Rolling. Twelve years ago, Ivory began his training with a private teacher in Rochester.

Ivory understands both types of athletes he works with, based on his

background as a polo player, teacher and coach. From 1958 to 1980, his father, moving company magnate John F. Ivory, owned Ivory Farms in Union Lake. The farm had five polo fields and also offered horse back riding lessons to Girl Scouts.

"Polo was around before Genghis Khan. Genghis Khan made it famous because he used human skulls for balls," Ivory explained.

Ivory says he will use some of the techniques of tui na, or Chinese massage, on his clients but will tone it down a little. Massage has been used in China for thousands of years. Athletes at the China National Olympic Training Center can opt for Western-style medicine, massage or acupuncture. Many choose massage.

The Olympic training facilities are tremendous, Ivory said. And the workouts are fierce. He saw ping-pong players who stay at the game for five hours a day.

Ivory heard lectures and demonstrations by doctors who have been using massage for 35 years or more. He visited the Guang An Men Traditional Chinese Hospital and the children's sports training school.

"This is all scientifically based," he said.

The Chinese feel it relieves a lot of problems including tension, structural problems, misalignment

situations.

Ivory found that in many ways the Chinese lead a lifestyle which is healthier than ours. Their food is not fattening and most are very thin. In the early morning hours, thousands of Chinese, including the elderly take to the streets to practice Tai Chi and Kung Fu, thereby keeping their bodies limber. Millions ride bikes for an hour or two each way to work.

Massage therapy is becoming more and more popular for American athletes. Ivory said, with Western Olympians taking their massages along to competitions to help keep them active.

While in China, Ivory got a chance to see some of the country. He climbed the Great Wall, toured the Forbidden City and saw the 2,000 year old terra cotta army of Qin Shi Huang Di in Xian. He liked just about everything but the food.

Ivory lives half of the year in Florida, where he says massage therapy is more popular than it is in Michigan, in part because people here raise their eyebrows the minute they hear the word massage.

"Florida is very advanced in this work. A lot of the best-trained people are living there. There's a lot of laws here that are restrictive because of the connotation of massage work," he said.

"Physically and emotionally, we impose strain on the body. It is out of

sync, out of balance. Many cases are chronic because of our activities, our overindulgence. People bury their unexpressed traumas. They can be triggered by deep massage.

"It seems like when an accident happens, it triggers a sense of trauma in the body, the body changes. Massage puts it back in balance again."

Horses are like people in many ways, Ivory has found. They have similar muscle structures, they experience the same kinds of accidents. To help ease stress and strain on a prize racehorse, the owners often engage Ivory as a masseuse.

"You treat a horse and a horse finds out you're going to help him, not hurt him, they become very loving and affectionate. They'll stand there and put up with anything," Ivory said.

"The difference is dramatic. They are like little colts the next morning. They're jumping and flying into the air."



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Owner of dog charged with assault

A Northville Township resident stands accused of assaulting a man, a charge he denies.

What no one can dispute, however, is that the man's call to police set in motion the series of events which culminated in a township officer shooting David Plante's dog, Scooter, on April 26.

Police issued a warrant for Plante's arrest on the charge of assault and battery after Scott Harbor resident Joseph Nance said he wanted to press charges. Officers called Plante on Monday after receiving the warrant.

He came to police headquarters voluntarily that day and was soon released on personal bond. Plante faces a May 31 arraignment in 35th District Court.

Nance told police on April 26 that Plante had assaulted him while he was walking past Plante's Cardene Way home. That, as well as a report of

had changed his mind.

It's taken four weeks to get the proper authorizations for the warrant from prosecutors, Nance and Judge Ballof said—which is about normal, Ballof said.

Nance in his statement to police said that he was walking by Plante's home at about 6:40 p.m. on April 26. As he did so, Nance said, Scooter ran towards him, barking and growling. He raised his walking stick, Nance continued, "to make the dog keep its distance."

When Scooter tried to get around the stick he struck him in the mouth and on the back, Nance said. At that point, Plante came out to the street and confronted him.

He tried to grab the stick from him, Nance said, and shoved him during the attempt. After several moments of further confrontation, Nance said

No'ville Briefs

In-class time debated: While a Northville High School teachers' committee narrows down topics for next year's Wednesday morning conferences, a growing group of parents is working to make the effort unnecessary. The parents, led by resident Tom Croves, are circulating petitions asking the Northville Board of Education to overturn approval of the one-year pilot program.

Under the program, students would not have to report to school until 10:40 a.m. on Wednesdays, and they would attend a full schedule of shortened, 30-minute classes.

Teachers would use the time before students arrive for a two-hour "curriculum study" period and half-hour conference period. School officials argue that the collegial planning time is needed to review the current curriculum and brainstorm curriculum improvements.

While the petitions argue on the need for collegial planning, they ask that the planning not be done at the expense of student class time.

District officials state that they already provide more class time than required by the state. The high school now provides 1,062 hours of class time each year, according to state guidelines that allow districts to include the several minutes between classes except at lunchtime. Next year's total class time will be 974.5 hours, a loss of eight percent.

Police still searching for suspects in Northville rape

Northville Township police haven't had a break yet in their hunt for four men accused of taking part in the rape of a 15-year-old girl on April 26.

Detective Fred Vanisek this week said that the four suspects remain at large despite the department's public requests for information on their whereabouts. Anyone who does know anything about this incident is asked to contact Yankee at police headquarters, located on Six Mile just east of Winchester, 349-9400.

The girl is a township resident. Police say the four men pushed their way into her apartment when she answered their knock that day four weeks ago.

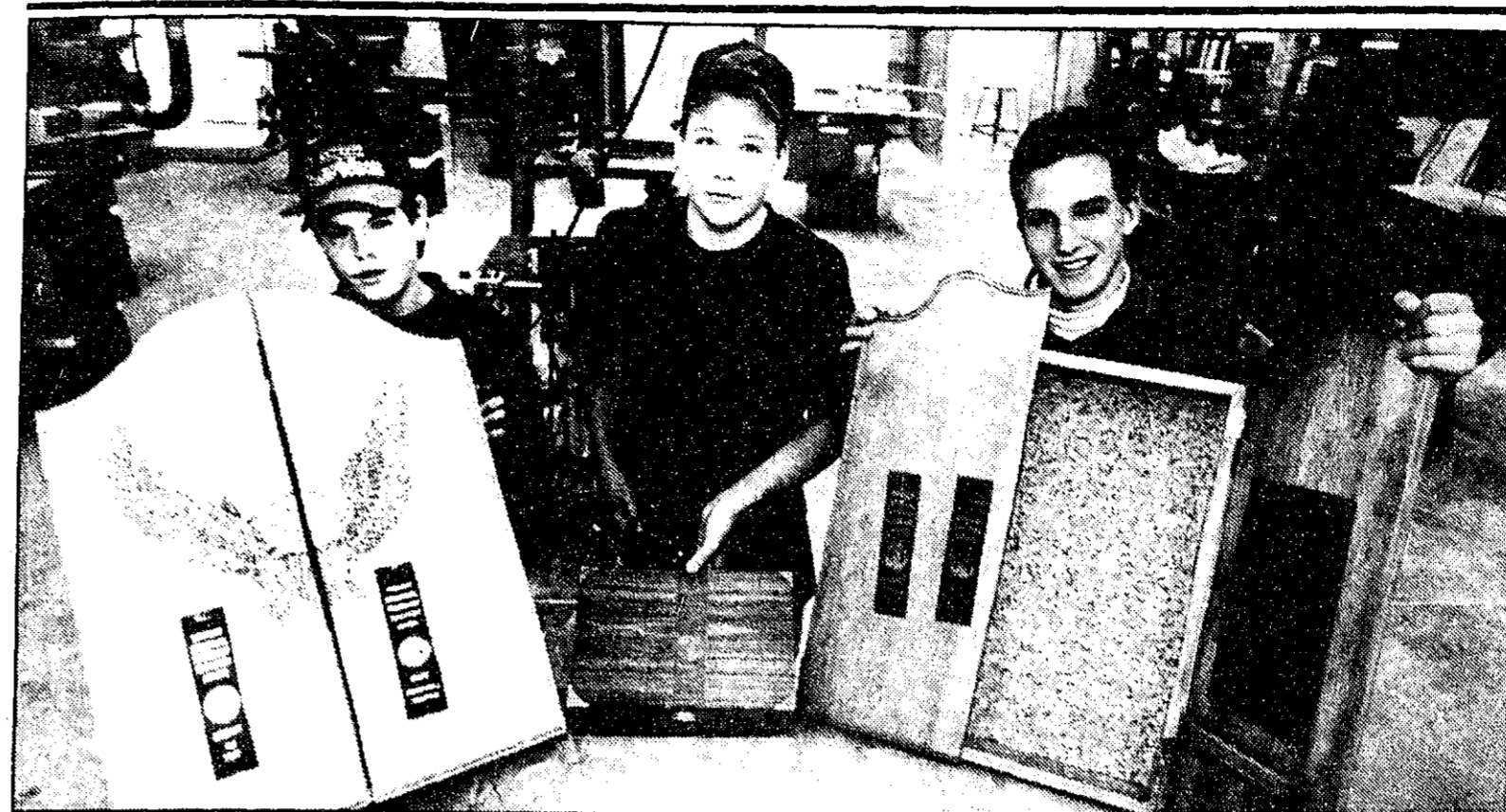
One of the men forced her into a bedroom, police say, and sexually assaulted her. Another held her arms down. All four left the apartment soon after the assault, taking property with them.

The individual suspected of the rape is a black male age 19 or 20, who stands six feet two inches and is thin. He has black hair which is cut flat and combed forward.

The second suspect is a black male, age 19, who stands five feet eight inches and has a stocky build.

The third suspect is a white male, age 16, who stands five feet six inches and has a thin build.

The fourth suspect is a black male, age 16 or 17, who stands five feet six inches and is thin.



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Will Novi get 'wired'?

MetroVision gives a preview of the technology possible with fiber optics

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consumer 100 to 200 channels, while fiber can carry 500 or more. Wes Schick, of ANTEC, which is supplying the fiber optics to MetroVision, said 1,200 separate fibers will be used in the rebuild and overlaid to the coaxial cables in some locations, providing customers with more reliable service. The fiber optics will be less subject to failure in cold weather.

"In the old scenario, if one failed, everybody was out," Schick said. MetroVision plans to place 3,700 miles of glass fiber on poles or under ground to serve its 40,000 customers in Livonia and Redford. Oakland County has 34,000 MetroVision customers, but no new construction is planned for the near future, as contract talks are just beginning.

However, the company has already improved its Oakland County system with 54 miles of fiber optics. What MetroVision sees for the future is up to 500 channels, and not just for passive viewing. Channels could be set aside for interactive education, information services, opinion polling, video games and shopping. Retailers like Macy's, Nordstrom's

and Spiegel's are considering electronic catalogs, which would allow the home viewer to "walk" into the store, select and try on merchandise. Possible data connections would enable workers to perform computer-related tasks at home and send them to the office when they have been completed.

New channels were strutting their stuff at the MetroVision preview. HBO is now preparing to offer its subscribers three channels, instead of one. FOX has a new channel, FX. Changes in federal regulations last fall required cable companies to pay to broadcast networks such as CBS and FOX. FOX waived any fees but asked that the new channel be added to the line-up.

Oakland MetroVision viewers may not get FX in the near future. When they do, they will see more live television, including David Letterman-type talk shows. They'll also see reruns of *Eight is Enough* and *Fantasy Island*.

"Nobody's done much live TV since the 1950s, so it keeps it exciting," Kinsella said.

A new network owned by media giant Scripps Howard, the Home and Garden Television Network, will be

air on some cable systems in the last quarter of 1994. If MetroVision adds this to its programming viewers will see craft shows for kids, how-to-home-improvement programs and a car clinic.

Families with kids will love—or dread—the Sega Channel, which launches in June in West Virginia. Sega, part of the Time Warner conglomerate which includes HBO, offers 50 video games 24 hours a day, for about \$13 a month. The channel will start up nationally late this year, said account executive Paige Holmes.

"It really works out to be quite a bargain," Holmes said. With all this stuff to look at, channel surfing will become an even more popular sport. Within the next 30 days, stores will begin to stock televisions with a built-in, seven-day program guide, Starsight. Within the next few weeks, viewers on the West Coast will also be able to order up the service from their cable company. Starsight bills itself as "the ultimate navigator for the electronic age." Besides ending forever the search for a missing TV guide, Starsight tells you what channel you're on as you zoom through the system; how many minutes are left in the program; and it sets your VCR with one button.

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Monday May 30, 1994

No programming today.

Tuesday May 31, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Drawing Men to Christ
10:30 a.m.—(cont.)
11:00 a.m.—Happiest People Alive
11:30 a.m.—American Health: T.B.
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors
1:00 p.m.—(cont.)
1:30 p.m.—Cooking with Class: Barbecue Chicken
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Derma Coloring
2:30 p.m.—(cont.)
3:00 p.m.—Cosmic Connection
3:30 p.m.—(cont.)
4:00 p.m.—Your Money Matters: Becky Seertsen
4:30 p.m.—Farrington/Farrington Hills Founders Festival
5:00 p.m.—Lansing Connection
5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions
6:00 p.m.—Jr. Japanese: Lesson 29
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks

7:30 p.m.—F.H. Police Journal
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Derma Coloring
8:30 p.m.—F.H. Beautification
9:00 p.m.—Farmington School Board Candidates
9:30 p.m.—(cont.)

Wednesday June 1, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m.—The Job Show
11:30 a.m.—Study in Scripture
11:30 a.m.—Oakland Press Perspective
12:00 p.m.—The Way The Truth and The Life
12:30 p.m.—Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
1:00 p.m.—Medical Update: Multiple Sclerosis
1:30 p.m.—Justly: Recovery
2:00 p.m.—Positive Caring with Leonard Fleck
2:30 p.m.—(cont.)
3:00 p.m.—(cont.)
3:30 p.m.—Night Life
4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Stuttering
4:30 p.m.—(cont.)
5:00 p.m.—River Rouge
5:30 p.m.—Groove Session
6:00 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors
6:30 p.m.—(cont.)
7:00 p.m.—Women on the Move: H.A.V.E.N.

10:00 a.m.—Senior Messenger
10:30 a.m.—(cont.)
11:00 a.m.—Community Update: Arthritis
11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks
12:30 p.m.—Prescription For Your Health: Sinuses
1:00 p.m.—Seniors Beware
1:30 p.m.—(cont.)
2:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts
2:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics: Lesson 9
3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News
3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
4:00 p.m.—Live and Let Live: Veterans Tribute to Wartime Nurses
4:30 p.m.—(cont.)
5:00 p.m.—Night Life
5:30 p.m.—(cont.)
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6:30 p.m.—(cont.)
7:00 p.m.—Travels with Kay: Orient
7:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J. R. Duane Nowargya
8:00 p.m.—Novi News Week

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Book Talk: *Remains of the Day*, a novel by Kazuo Ishiguro, will be the topic at the next Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. Please have this book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group. For information, call the library at 349-0720.

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Chemical sprays give cops alternative to deadly force

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"You have to demonstrate a jeopardy situation," said Wixom Police Officer John Kirkpatrick said. "It is to a less of a degree for a homeowner than it is for a police officer but it is still something any shooter has to be able to prove."

That's the dilemma students in the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy were told Wednesday officers face every time they draw a weapon and fire. Unfortunately, the number of civilians who carry guns nowadays puts residents in the same arena as officers.

A good majority of the class members told officers conducting Wednesday classes they have a firearm. An even larger percentage of the class admitted carrying or having a firearm in their homes.

The use of deadly force and non-deadly force was the topic of the class' sixth session. The 11-week class is a joint venture of the Wixom, Walled Lake, and Novi police departments. It's intent is to see that residents get a closer look at police operations.

Firearm experts from the three departments attended the class to explain when lethal and non-lethal force is used and talk of firearm safety in the home.

The discussion raised some serious issues about homeowners' rights against intruders.

In the case of a burglary, few residents believed officers when they told them they couldn't just aimilly at the intruder and pull the trigger.

"Burglary is not a violent crime," Kirkpatrick said. "That person didn't come to your house to hurt you. They just wanted your stuff."

"It's a question of whether or not the person's life is equal to the VCR," he continued. "You always have to ask yourself, is it worth it? It's not the value of the property."

"The shooter — be it an officer or a homeowner — has to prove their lives were in danger."

Because of the two cases which captured national media attention, local police departments have adopted non-lethal force policies. Non-lethal tactics are now being deployed by officers in a host of circumstances ranging from self-defense to resisting arrest to protection against animals.

Then there's the "one plus one" theory which allows an officer to jump several levels above a suspect who throws the first punch.

"If a person takes a swing at you, you can escalate your level of force one beyond what the person is using on you," Kirkpatrick said.

That means if a person takes the first swing, an officer can use a baton. If the person picks up any kind of weapon other than a firearm, an officer can draw any one of the new chemical agents on today's market to debilitate his or her attacker. And the parallels go on as long as the officers always one up on the attacker.

New developments in chemical agents include a new product line of selective series designed to accommodate officers in various situations. Today's best selling and most effective brand name, "Freeze + P," is a blend of tear and pepper gas that has an immediate effect without long term side effects.

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"It reduces the need for physical contact," said Walled Lake Police Officer Paul Schneider.

Schneider is a firearms expert. He says the new products give officers an alternative.

Sull, an increase in the number of lawsuits because more people are carrying firearms has caused his department to increase firearms training for its officers.

"We train and we educate," he said. "We train a lot because in recent years there has been an increase in the number of use of firearm lawsuits."

On the flipside, officers are also finding ways to educate the community as more and more people are buying firearms to protect themselves.

That's why he practices and preaches the four cardinal rules of firearm safety. They are:

- Treat all guns as if they were loaded. Don't ever assume a gun isn't loaded, handle it like it is.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and never point a gun at anyone.
- Always keep fingers off the trigger and trigger guard.
- And always make sure there's a backstop. Bullets can travel a long way.

There are other precautions in the home, Schneider likes to remind people about.

- Don't play with a gun or show it off.
- "It's not a toy," he said. "And playing with it sends a wrong message to kids. Be cautious."
- Store guns out of sight and away from ammunition.
- For those of you who sleep with or near a firearm, "don't sleep with a loaded gun or revolver. And never surprise anyone who does."

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Mason, Korte stories differ on whether they shared info

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"I've often described him as the mayor of the north end. Without him, the north end wouldn't be what it is today."

"But the city tries to make Jim look like a bimbo, but he's really a fly in their ointment."

Korte, however, has a different account of how Shaeffer's story surfaced.

"I've talked with Carol Mason several times," he said.

In fact the same day Korte came to The Novi News to discuss the Shaeffer-Terrisue, he brought with him a Florida newspaper article that listed Shaeffer as a finalist in the running for the Lake Worth police chief's job.

"I picked these up from Carol's office just this morning," he said.

Both contend the particulars of how the news surfaced are insignificant in the whole scheme. Instead they say there's more to the Shaeffer story that meets the eye.

Mason said Wednesday her concerns about Shaeffer were fueled after learning he left the city in April to attend an 11-week FBI training course. He took a city-owned car and 11 weeks worth of pay with him.

She and Korte believed then the city was paying Shaeffer's tuition to the academy. But Shaeffer and City Manager Ed Kriewall refute that. They say the FBI absorbed the \$7,500 costs of the 11-week training.

"The only expense to the city in the deal is Shaeffer's salary, the city-owned car Kriewall let him take to get around during the 11-week course and his travel expenses back and forth for city business."

Mason also has a problem with city administrators whom she paid to fly the chief back to town twice since he left for the national academy on April 9. The first time to attend a budget hearing, the second time was to host last Monday's Police Officers Memorial day ceremony.

The trips cost taxpayers \$180 a piece.

When Shaeffer departed from Novi last week, Mason got wind that he left for Colorado in Virginia, where the national academy is located. She said Shaeffer's excursion to his parents' home in Colorado is further evidence that city administrators have no regard for taxpayers' money.

"I seem to be the only one who cares how money is being spent in this city," she said.

Mason says city officials aren't taking her concerns about Shaeffer seriously.

"Mr. Kriewall thinks this is no big thing," she said. "But it is a big thing. It's a damn big thing. It's just like Novi's watermaining."

"We need to find a way that if we pay to educate these people that they stay with the city or be required to give ample notice — at least more than two weeks."

Korte is right in her corner, but for different reasons, he said.

"We are paying this man for an 11 week vacation," Korte said. "It is an all expense paid trip with my tax dollars."

The resident has more to gripe about than Shaeffer's training in Virginia.

"He contends the chief has not done his job up in the north end of the city by keeping the promises he made to lakes area residents earlier this year. Those promises, Korte contends have to do with waterfowl protection and removal and illegal dump truck parking around Walled Lake."

Korte claims Shaeffer attended a March meeting of the Lakes Area Residents Association and promised he'd take care of the residents concerns over the number of swans in the area. But nothing was ever done, Korte said.

The resident said at that same meeting, Shaeffer also promised to have officers ticket trucks parked illegally around the lake.

"But it never happened, Korte said because the next time it happened officers patrolling the north end failed to ticket the driver."

"I shouldn't have to beg for someone to do their job," Korte said. "... I just don't think we have a chief who knows how to run the daily operations of policing."

The resident, who is facing a felonious assault charge, also contends his own arrest and booking were not handled by proper procedure.

"The day after my arrest for felonious assault I spent two to three hours with that man (Shaeffer)," Korte said. "He could have stopped the warrant for my arrest if he had investigated the incident within the 48 hours after it happened. Then I'm sure that warrant would not have been secured."

Novi police dispute that. They say it isn't Shaeffer's job to handle the investigation. They said an investigation was conducted and it was deemed that Korte was at fault in the May 19, 1993 assault.

Korte could face 10 years imprisonment if an Oakland County prosecutor proves his intent was deliberate. His case is pending.

When asked whether or not the resident is seeking retaliation against the chief, Korte had no comment.

Shaeffer confirmed last week that he did leave Novi after the memorial to visit his ailing father in Colorado. The trip, which pulled Shaeffer out of class for a day, was approved by Kriewall weeks ago.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 1, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider NOVI CHRISTIAN DAY CARE/FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI, 94415, located southerly of Eleven Mile Road and north of Tall Road for POSSIBLE SPECIAL LAND USE AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVALS.

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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, June 1, 1994.

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Dems fight for transfer tax

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Democrats hope they've stuck a poison pill into a cut in the real estate transfer tax sought by Gov. John Engler.

The House Wednesday passed the tax cut to 28. But it failed to come up with the two-thirds majority (72) to give Senate Bill 999 immediate effect. The second vote was 68 to 32.

So if the Engler-backed Proposal A wins March 15 at the polls, the real estate transfer tax starts at 1 percent on May 1 and drops to 0.75 percent in April of 1995.

Under the statutory plan, which takes effect of Proposal A loses, the real estate transfer tax starts at 1 percent on May 1 and drops to 0.75 percent in April of 1995.

"It will kill real estate sales," said Republicans like Rep. Willis Bullard of Midland and Sen. Michael Bouchard of Birmingham. Bouchard sponsored the bill. Bullard guided it through the House Taxation Committee.

They fear sellers will keep houses off the market in Virginia, where the final vote was 68 to 32.

The final vote followed a long battle along party lines over parliamentary maneuvers and amendments.

One Democrat, Howard Wetters of Bay County, denounced Engler and Republican senators as "willing to change this in mid-stream while the voters are watching... To give this bill immediate effect would only encourage and reward this behavior" and aid the GOP "in their headlong desire to appease the special interests."

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Bullard, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

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As We See It

Mason is out of line in chief allegations

Here is a prime example of exactly why Novi Council members should keep their noses out of the city administration. Here is the best example yet of the charge we have occasionally leveled at the council that it often micromanages the city.

It came out last week that Police Chief Doug Shaeffer has submitted his resume to other departments. The result has been a hullabaloo around here. While Shaeffer is out of town attending the three-month FBI training academy, his name appeared in a Florida newspaper among a list of applicants for a vacant police chief post there.

The article found its way into the hands of council member Carl Mason, and she's making an issue of it.

Shaeffer admits he sent in the resume. In fact, he says, he's been sending out his resume to a variety of departments every six months or so. He says he has no desire to leave Novi, but sends out resumes from time to time to gauge his own marketability and to keep an eye on what other police departments are offering employees. The chief says he's yet to go on an interview.

He did also send in a resume to Colorado recently, he said. And then he took trip there, but he did so to visit his ailing father, not to go to an interview, he said.

That's all actually pretty irrelevant. What is relevant is that the chief has every right to send out resumes if he wants to. He has every right to go on job interviews if he wants to. And he has every right to consider, or even take another job. This is America after all.

He is a public servant, not an indentured servant.

But even if the chief's actions were somehow inappropriate, Mason's handling of the matter has been bungled from the get go. She's erred, in some pretty serious ways, from start to finish.

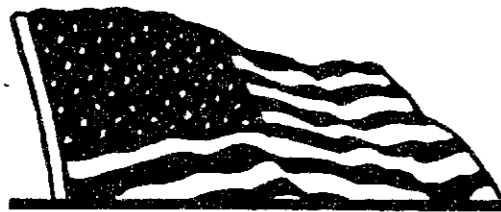
Let us count the ways. First of all, this is a personnel matter. As a result, it is also a confidential matter. And Mason has made it public. She can play as coy as she wants to about whether she has divulged confidential information to a north end resident. Their stories about what conversations they have had and what information they may or may not have shared don't match, by the way. And she can say she hasn't leaked the nature of the personnel matter for which she has called for a closed door session in the coming city council meeting.

Nonetheless, the evidence that she's made confidential personnel information public is in our hands. She began the issue by sending a letter to this newspaper about Shaeffer's actions.

Now, we need to make a distinction here. The appearance of Shaeffer's name on the list of applicants in Florida is a matter of public record. That his resume was sent in is an open matter. The public and press can comment on it all they like. But if Mason believes it is somehow inappropriate, in some way a matter for disciplinary action for the city, that aspect should be dealt with behind closed doors. As a member of council, she is in the position of being Shaeffer's employer. That requires of her a different standard in the treatment of personnel matters. She should know that. Apparently she does not.

Secondly, there is the matter of just plain poor judgment in who she chooses to leak the personnel information to. Political gadfly and city hall irritant Jim Korte says to Mason about the Shaeffer matter. Mason denied that but Korte told this newspaper he had just received copies of the Lake Worth City article from her.

Korte is not known for discretion or subtlety. Nor is he known for accuracy when he gets to making accusations about city personnel. He fired quite a barrage of allegations at the last city council meeting. While Shaeffer was on his hit list for the night, so was planner Mike Csapo. Korte accused Csapo of stealing a drafting table from city hall. But later at the same meeting, the council heard from north end resident Skip Phelps that



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he had offered the table to the city, and when he found the city couldn't use it, he gave it to Csapo. No theft was involved there at all.

Keep in mind Korte has his own reasons to dislike Shaeffer. He is still facing assault charges from the incident last summer in which he allegedly popped a guy in the forehead with a garden rake. So Mason's choice of who to be indiscreet to is curious indeed.

Thirdly, Mason has shown she has no acumen for handling employee matters. She's says the reason she is upset with Shaeffer's sending out resumes is that he is presently in a training course, which is keeping him away from his work here and running up costs for the city. The training is free, but he has a city car in Virginia and has had to fly home twice since starting the class.

Further, she's said she believes a policy should be adopted to withhold pay raises from city personnel who are out on the job market looking for other positions. She says she thinks there should be some kind of commitment to the city before employees get training or pay.

What she is missing is that commitment from employees largely comes from the commitment their employers show to them. Two of the best ways employers can show that commitment is by providing training and paying them competitive salaries.

There is a whole school of thought about whether managers should make counter offers when employees are hired away. That debate could go on endlessly. But withholding scheduled pay hikes because somebody is looking seems like a guaranteed way to make employees disgruntled. That's a good way to make sure they'll take whatever job is offered them by another city.

Putting an employee through such a controversy, forcing a city worker to go on the defensive for the mere fact of applying for jobs elsewhere, sends a very negative signal to the remainder of the Novi staff. It smacks of retribution.

Mason's suggestion, by the way, that the city should have a policy getting a commitment from employees to stay, or at least give two weeks notice, before they're given training is not a workable idea. Such a policy would violate federal labor law. Employers are not allowed to coerce a commitment from employees to stay on the job for a period of time in return for training, according to federal statutes.

Finally, while Mason claims to be doing all this out of sense of fiscal responsibility to the city, she ought to realize she is hampering the administration's ability to be fiscally responsible.

Shaeffer is also getting the blame for balling up negotiations with the police department union because contract negotiations there have stalled. Can't Mason see that this is an obvious attempt to cut the legs out from underneath the city's representative at the negotiating table? Wouldn't that end up costing the city a great deal more in the end?

We don't begrudge the union members a fair wage. We hope, in fact, they get a decent deal from the city administration. But if the play is to get bigger salaries by undercutting the authority of the city's negotiator, that simply is not fair.

Mason apparently is playing right into the union's hands. She should be smarter than that. She should be smart enough to realize that when one city employee complains about another, that is confidential personnel information and it should stop with her. Apparently she isn't.

Big change coming our way



Michael Malott

Dispatches from the editor's desk.

EXCUSE OUR DUST: This office is about to go through its biggest change since... well, since the demise of the Monday edition five months ago.

And if all goes well you, dear reader, won't notice a thing this time around.

HomeTown News Papers is investing in a new computer system for all its papers, including The Novi News. Although the equipment has arrived in Howell, it isn't scheduled to be installed in this office until the first week of August.

Our old computer system is really barely a computer at all. Mycro-Tek, Inc., its producer, didn't even call it a computer. The company labeled it an "electronic text management system." I'd argue that.

You've heard of the term "user-friendly." The Mycro-Teks, in my opinion, are out and out "user-hostile." User-friendly of course means they are forgiving of human errors.

The Mycro-Teks would look for any excuse they could find to shut down and lock up the system, forcing you to search through your file, sometimes for a half hour, to find the error. Often the problem was the result of a single keystroke error.

The new system is to be a network of top-of-the-line Macintosh Quadra 605s and 650s. With that equipment and the help of a program called QuarkXPress, we'll not only be writing our stories on computer we'll be going to full "pagination." If you don't know that word, it refers to computerized layout.

had state-of-the-art equipment before. It's exciting. You may recall the scene from *Indiana Jones* Proposal in which Demi Moore rolls buff naked in a million dollars.

Well, when I walked into the room where all the equipment is being stored until it can be installed, I had a tremendous urge to strip and roll in the Macintosh machinery. I refrained.

OH-BY-THE-WAY DEPARTMENT: You're going to hear a bit, between now and June 13, about how the Novi school district's request for an enhancement tax needs to be passed because "this is the only window of opportunity" for the district to collect it.

Just so you know, it isn't. The district has two questions on the ballot, one asking for an 18-mill levy on non-homesteads (which really needs to be passed) and another asking for two mills for enhancement for three years.

School district officials and board members are correctly pointing out Proposal A, which voters approved in March, will take away local school districts' ability to collect that enhancement tax after three years.

But what they seem to be discounting is that after that time an enhancement tax will be allowed if levied on a countywide basis, and if it is placed on the ballot by the Intermediate School District.

They are treating it as if the three mills of enhancement taxes up and disappears. But it doesn't. It merely transfers to the ISD.

Politically, you know the ISD will have to put the enhancement millage on the countywide ballot the first year it is available. Every district which has had enhancement millage will be pushing to keep it. And every district that doesn't have it will want to test the new ISD electorate to see if their luck will be better there.

I'm willing to bet dollars to doughnuts that the ISD puts the millage to allow three mills on the ballot the very first year it becomes available.

Michael Malott is Managing Editor of The Novi News.

In Passing

By Hal Gould



A camera's eye view of the episode soon recently in these parts

Midday darkness

Different journalists bow out in different ways. Some go out with a bang, taking one last shot at their enemies and recounting all the slings and arrows they've suffered along the way. Others use the occasion to launch a spirited defense of the industry, trying to correct readers' poor opinions of journalists in the slim hope that the ink-stained wretches they leave behind will catch more of a break from their readership.

Steve Kellman

But the only things that come to mind as I clear out my desk are the people I've met and the friends I've made while here. Never mind the controversial stories, the hostile sources or the occasional nasty letter to the editor, all I can think of is how much Northville and its denizens have come to mean to me personally.

Yes, the rumors (as revealed in a recent letter to the editor) are true. After nearly five years in Northville, I'm bounding up my half-filled reporter's notebooks and tattered clippings and taking them north. The *Traverse City Record-Eagle* will soon bear my byline, and the good citizens of that snowy northern clime will have to bear with me.

The job, at a small daily newspaper that's well-respected for its size, represents a good career move, and the area is undeniably gorgeous with water views rivaling those that I grew up on with Cape Cod (though without the briny taste). Even *Michigan Living* calls it the best place to live in the state. Just above my current home town of Ann Arbor.

My wife Barbara has also assured me that one good thing about moving to a vacation spot like Traverse City is that we'll have lots of visitors. And "TC" (as the townies call

it) sounds like a great place to begin raising the twins that we're expecting in August.

Still, that hasn't made the decision to leave any easier. After all this time, I've realized that Northville is more than a news beat. It's become an important part of my life. Whether strolling to the Starting Gate for pizza, Center Street Cafe for a cone of Gurneys' ice cream or Great Harvest Bread Co. for a delicious loaf of "pizza bread," I've grown accustomed to these brick-lined streets.

It's the people I've met who make the move the hardest. I'll miss watching John Genitti work a crowd at his family-style dinners (or work a fishing reel in the Florida Straits), Laurie Marro poke fun at fellow businesspeople at a Chamber of Commerce function, and Mariene Kunz hug a resident down on his or her luck at Cal's Concern.

I'll even miss listening to Paul Folino regale other council members with stories of the city's past, though I might not miss the council meetings themselves.

Here at the office, I've seen great editors and good friends like Ann Willis and Bob Needham go on to bigger and better things, along with fellow reporters like Sheila Phillips and Suzie Hollyer. But it's the people who remain who make the move the hardest.

There's not enough space in this column to list all the people I've met along the way I've come to consider as friends. Suffice it to say that I've been invited into a lot of people's lives over the past five years, and each invitation has been a pleasure and an honor to accept.

I'm leaving (at least temporarily) people I thought I'd never have to say goodbye to, for an uncertain future in a strange and beautiful place.

The change may be good in the long run, but it won't be easy. I'm leaving too much behind for that.

Steve Kellman is a soon-to-be former staff writer for the Northville Record.

Courage to seek center balance



Phil Power

At a recent Republican fund-raiser, former Gov. William G. Milliken drew a standing ovation for a speech which questioned whether politicians these days "have the courage to seek a reasonable, centrist balance."

"Have we the humility," he continued, "to accept that our ideas are not the only ideas and that civility and thoughtful dialogue accomplish more than voices raised in anger?"

His point was echoed by speeches after the May 10 filing date from retiring lawmakers who worried that the Legislature is no longer a place for reasoned debate and compromise. The middle ground no longer exists, they complained, with each legislator increasingly expected to follow in lock-step the instructions of special interests that fund the campaign and supports his or her career.

From the point of view of lobbyists, of course, the disappearing middle ground is just as it ought to be. After all, the money they contribute to fund-raisers is explicitly for the purposes of advancing the specific interests of their clients. In this world, finding a sensible compromise—the traditional Holy Grail of legislative politics—is an admission of failure.

In addition to an especially nasty atmosphere in Lansing, all this has produced big-time public cynicism with the political process, according to polls taken by Public Sector Consultants after the vote on Proposal A. Fewer than one-third surveyed said they believed their total taxburden would go down as a result of Proposal A.

Growing cynicism is not new, of course. It gave major thrust to the successful campaign for term limits for legislators. But in my view, the net effect of term limits will be to remove from the Legislature exactly those veteran lawmakers whose skill at compromise has made the middle ground of Michigan politics so sane and sensible for so many years.

Consider some of those who will not run again: Sen. Fred Dillingham, of Livingston County, who made a career out of passion and conservatism.

Sen. Jack Faxon, of Farmington Hills, who usually made more sense for his western Oakland district than his instinct for the outlandish

would suggest. Rep. Dick Young, from western Wayne County, a sane and smart old-style politician who promoted more common sense than most.

Westland's Sen. Bill Faust and Rep. Justice Barns, both solid citizens who avoided the occupational disease of shouting off their mouths.

Rep. Bill Keith, of Garden City, who single-handedly brought work force skills into the mind of the Legislature.

Every one of these lawmakers took PAC (political action committee) money from the special interests; that's political reality today. But their long service in the Legislature enabled all to balance their obligations to the lobbyists with their instincts for the middle ground. That's what made them so valuable to the politics of our state.

I have no idea what kind of people will be replacing them. But I do know that they are unlikely to have the wisdom and experience to avoid being trapped by a system of political funding from special interests that makes extremism no sin and pointless confrontation merely good PR.

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

Make this Memorial Day the safest

To the Editor:

As post commander of the Northville Post, I am asking readers in this area to assist the Michigan State Police in making the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend the safest one on record. Last year, 23 persons died in 18 fatal crashes in the state. Seven crashes involved alcohol while 9 to 13 victims with safety belts available were unrestrained.

In an effort to make this the safest holiday on record the Michigan State Police Northville Post will be assigning additional patrols during the holiday period (May 27 through May 30). These enhanced patrols have been directed to be aggressive in their enforcement actions and to place special emphasis on speed, seatbelt usage and the drinking driver.

We are asking the media as well as your readers to join in with the Northville Post personnel as well as all of law enforcement in making this upcoming holiday the safest one on record by buckling your seatbelts, obeying the speed laws, and refrain from drinking when you have to drive.

Don't wreck your life. Your Michigan State Police care about you and your travel on our highways.

F/Lt. David C. Werner
Commanding Officer
Northville Post

Disparity in sports coverage

To the Editor:
On Saturday, May 14, 1994 the ninth and tenth grade runners on the Novi High Girl's track team won the Sunshine Meet at South Lyon. This meet is for ninth and tenth grade runners from the Kensington Valley Conference.

The girls not only won the meet, but set two meet records and a meet record in Novi alone.

It pleases me and my co-workers to know when an event like this takes place, we can always count on the people of Novi to stand tall



Mary Linda Calderone

throughout the world from Native Americans in South Dakota to Nigerians in Nigeria.

Both Phil and Tracy are avid readers. They scan newspapers, magazines and books in search of interesting and controversial topics for their program. Their current show deals with a national debate taking place in parent/teacher associations and school boards concerning introducing American Patriotism in the school curriculum.

This has been sparked by the decision of the Tavarez Middle School in Florida, wherein a policy was approved by the school board to teach Lake County's 22,526 students that American culture, values and political institutions are inherently "superior" to other foreign or historical cultures. This position was put forth by the fundamentalist Christians who dominate the school board. Local teachers' unions and citizen groups are protesting the measure, saying it is intolerant, racist and possibly illegal. Furthermore, no one seems sure how teachers should deliver the "America First" message. The New York Times quoted Steven Farrell, a social studies teacher in the Tavarez Middle School, who is required to teach the new curriculum as saying, "We need clearer definitions."

On the "cutting edge" again, Tracy and Phil in Bagels & Talk offer school boards across the nation seven objective criteria by which to measure one country's superiority over another and to introduce American Patriotism into the schools. Their thinking on the subject has been stimulated, in part, by the great American anthropologist, Alfred Kroeber, who developed objectives to measure progress.

The seven criteria are listed as follows. A culture may be considered superior to the extent it:

1) Emphasizes equal access of all its political institutions to all of its citizens.
2) Emphasizes upward mobility and equal opportunity to all of its citizens.
3) Maintains stability of its political institutions over time.
4) Makes possible for all of its citizens to travel freely within its borders and outside its borders.
5) Spends less attention on superstitions and magic in its daily life.
6) Continues to develop cumulatively its scientific basis of knowledge.
7) De-emphasizes concerns with bodily mutilation (e.g., breast enlargements, clitoridectomy and penile enlargement).

Phil, Tracy and director, Todd Whitman of Bagels & Talk believe any culture may aspire to the above criteria. They also feel these are objectives any reasonable person would agree with. It is only with this type of discussion that it is possible to demonstrate on a rational basis the superiority of one culture over another.

Do you have an opinion on the matter? Would you like to be a guest on Bagels & Talk? Don't be a "ditto head" — become a "bagel head." Send your letters and comments to "Bagels & Talk," c/o SWOCC, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or leave a message at 473-7266.

Incidentally, Rush, in case you haven't heard, is in town in Novi. He's on Channel 12, every Thursday at 11:30 a.m., and every Monday at 6:30 p.m. There's a character on there by the name of Rushton Limburger. That I'm sure you'll fancy meeting.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

Letters

A big thank you goes out to Rosemary Chubb, of our office, who coordinated this event along with the many children, husbands and friends of employees who also helped out.

This food drive is intended to help the less fortunate, and is distributed to the Salvation Army, local churches and food banks in the area.

We should all be thankful that we have families to love, homes to live in, food to eat and a job to go to everyday. To help us help the less fortunate should bring smiles to your faces and kindness to your hearts.

So thank again citizens of Novi you've done yourselves proud, and may we call upon you again next year to help us in our 3rd annual food drive.

Larry Killebrew
Novi Mail Carrier

Editorial was misleading

To the Editor:
Your recent editorial entitled "One student learned lesson in 'reapoltik'" was incorrect and misleading. I was in attendance at the school board meeting. The treatment of Mr. Robert Littleton was indeed inconsistent with the treatment provided the rest of the audience. Mr. Littleton was granted a privilege not granted to the others.

I, like other members of the audience, indicated my intentions to speak to the issue of the sex education program at the appropriate time as indicated by the board rules. Mr. Littleton was not there at

that time to indicate his intention to speak to the issue. After the period for input from the audience had past, the board began debate on this issue before them. At one point I attempted to be recognized to clarify a point to the board. Board Chair Ray Byers indicated that the time for input from the audience had passed and no further input could be given. Shortly thereafter, it was recognized that Mr. Littleton was in the audience. He was then provided the opportunity to speak in response to a question from a board member. Mr. Littleton's comments however were not limited to just an answer to the question put to him.

While I have no objection to allowing him to speak. It is inappropriate for your paper to give the impression that he was treated unfairly, when he was granted privileges not provided to the rest of the audience.

Win. R. Franz

In response to the request for a sex education program to contain information on AIDS and how to protect against it through the use of condoms, the fact of the matter is that the only way to guarantee protection against AIDS is to abstain from sexual contact. All other methods including the use of condoms are not totally effective against AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases. It is this total package of information that the parents wanted included in the program. The desire was not to remove information from the program but to increase it.

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This request will be considered at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 1994, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to June 1, 1994. (5-26-94 NR, NN)

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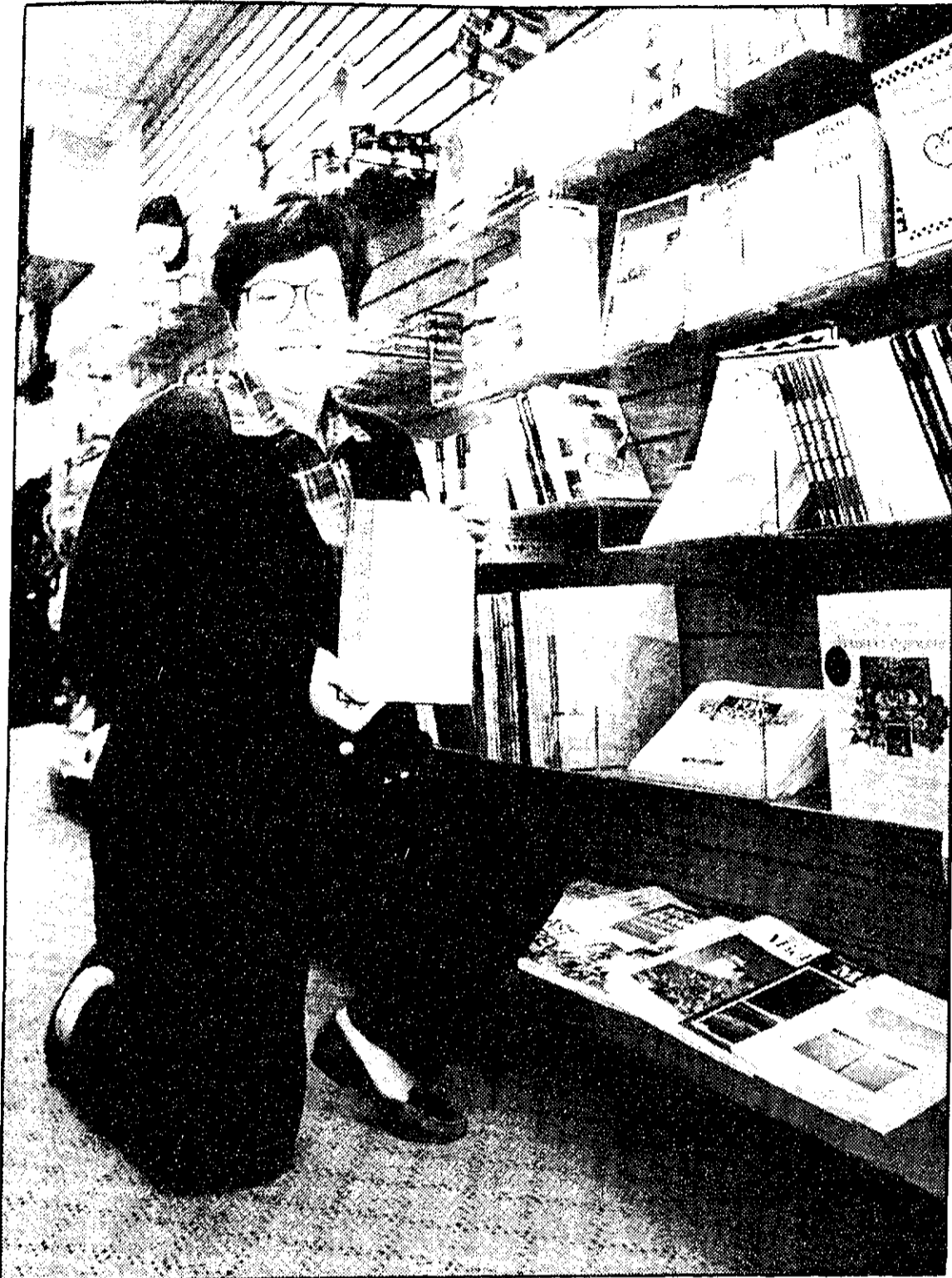


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Made in Michigan store owner Jane Kuhns says sometimes she feels like a tourist guide. She often points out places visitors wouldn't want to miss while traveling through the state. Her guest book lists customers from as far as Australia and New Zealand.

MADE IN MICHIGAN

From practical to bizarre, local store offers local goods

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Sometimes Jane Kuhns feels like a tourist director.

As owner of the Made in Michigan store on Center Street in downtown Northville, she often tells out-of-staters who stop by her store where they should go while visiting the Great Lakes state.

So far, visitors from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the Orient and as close as Northville and Plymouth have walked through the small shop to select their favorite souvenirs.

"Some of the people are here because they've been transferred," Kuhns said. "A lot of them are kids who are going to school to Europe and want to take something with them."

The shop offers gifts from practical to bizarre. Maple syrup, shipped in from all over the state,

and Mucky Duck mustard from Franklin are popular, while dried cherries from Traverse City and mints from St. Johns tempt the tastebuds.

Birdhouses with roofs made from old Michigan license plates have been a hit as of late while a unique bottle holder, a wooden rack in the shape of a mitten, carefully balances a bottle of wine on a top shelf.

"Sweatshirts, T-shirts — anything with the shape of Michigan" is popular, according to Kuhns. "Anything with Michigan imprinted on the side."

Kuhns searches for treasures to sell while vacationing in the state herself.

"I've gotten things from the Upper Peninsula to Lake Michigan to around here," she said. "There are a lot of things made in Ann Arbor and Detroit."

When her family travels up north to their residence on Burt

Lake, Kuhns is also on the lookout for unique items to bring back to her Northville store.

"A lot of people come in and say the store has a feeling of being up north," she said.

A lot of the merchandise offered in her store is also made by Michiganders. For example, artist Nancy Drew grew up in Royal Oak. Some of her humorous coffee cups are on display in Kuhns' store.

Another man, a retiree from Birmingham, made baskets with the Michigan shape on each end.

"The thing is Michigan has a unique shape," Kuhns said. "That makes it go with a lot of things."

Operating the store for almost two years, Kuhns said she has met a lot of people through her line of work.

"People come in the store and they always have a story," she said. "They're not from here, or they used to live here. It's kinda fun."



Photo by HAL GOULD

The items in Kuhns' store are all made in Michigan from the dried cherries grown in Traverse City to the wooden baskets built by a retired Birmingham man. Michigan's unique shape contributes to the many novelties in the store, also, such as the mitten-shaped bottle holders and cutting boards.

Michigan Week honoring 40 years of state's history

This week marks the 40th anniversary of Michigan Week. "Read Michigan" is the theme with former state Superintendent of Public Instruction Phillip E. Runkel serving as chairman.

The Historical Society of Michigan assumed the direction of Michigan Week last year at the request of the Greater Michigan Foundation, longtime sponsor of the annual celebration that began in 1954.

"Our state motto says: 'If you seek a beautiful peninsula, look about you.' As a statewide, community and volunteer-based grassroots program, Michigan Week encourages us all to take

one week each May to look about, learn about and talk about Michigan," said Benjamin Burns, president of the Historical Society of Michigan.

As one "Read Michigan" effort, the society has participated in creating the Great Lakes Book Club, which in 1994 is featuring Michigan books in a free catalog that can be obtained by calling 1-800-860-4522.

There is a theme for each day of Michigan Week:

Saturday, May 21, was Home Town Day, which includes the traditional kick-off parade in Sturgis.

Sunday, May 22, was Heritage Day.

Monday, May 23, was Government Day, which includes Mayor Exchange Day in many communities.

Tuesday, May 24, is Agriculture Day and the day that community achievement awards and volunteer leadership awards are presented in Marshall.

Wednesday, May 25, was Commerce Day.

Today is Education Day.

Tomorrow will be Travel/Tourism Day and Saturday will be Family Day, celebrated in Alma with the Highland Festival and parade.

Volunteer



Patti Barr

Barr organizes club

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Maybe women's rights had something to do with it. No, not really. But Patti Barr, whose father was a Lion's Club member and whose husband is a Lion, thought why not organize a Lioness Club in Novi for women?

It would work in conjunction with the Lions but would also operate on its own. So that's what she did a year ago, and now there are 26 members ranging in age from a recent high school graduate to a senior citizen.

They meet for dinner on the third Tuesday at Denny's Restaurant to socialize and discuss projects they can donate time and money to.

The projects are largely concerned with helping the blind by contributing to a center in Taylor for children who are blind and have additional handicaps, to a Grand Rapids home where self-caring blind adults can live, and to a school in Rochester where leader dogs are trained.

And they help support research, through the Lions International office in Chicago, on prevention and er-

adication of blindness. But some money, Barr said, must stay in Novi. So they help support DARE (anti-drug course for seventh graders), QUEST (anti-drug instruction for middle-schoolers) and Novi Youth Assistance to help deter juvenile delinquency.

Where do they get the money? On two weekends in April there's the White Cane Drive when Lionesses take turns standing with the men in traffic and at store fronts, waving their canes and encouraging contributions. And before Christmas they're out again with candy canes instead of white ones.

Then there's one more time you'll be aware of Novi Lionesses going out for money, and that's at the '50s Festival.

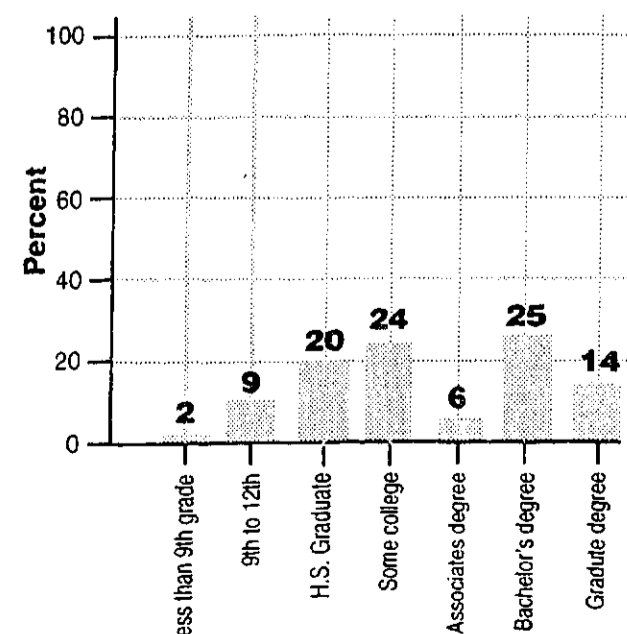
"Last year," Barr said, "we had a scoop—the duck thing for children. 50 cents a chance."

If you are a woman of any age and would like to know more about the Novi Lionesses, you may call Patti Barr at her office—yes, she's a "9 to 5"—348-9098.

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Lakeshore Park opens this weekend for fun, sun

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

At the Mother's Day program, breakfast was served for all the ladies of the Oakland Baptist Church prior to services. All ladies were recognized with a gift of a plant. In addition, the oldest mother was recognized and that was Willie Main, the youngest was Lisa Cupp and the one with the most children present was Kathleen Bayson.

The Ladies group held their last meeting on May 21 with a special trip to Romeo for a day of visiting antique shops. Other activities included a Chili Supper and Game Night for the whole family.

The men of the church attended a program called "Men's Time Out" which was an overnight stay at the Radisson Hotel in Ypsilanti arranged by Pastor Timothy Whyte. The special guest was Larry Kinney who was a missionary to the military, but now is stationed in Italy. While here, he was also a special speaker for the church services.

Last week the church had a baptism service with Pastor Whyte baptizing William DeHunt, and Sandy and Carlo Kehr.

The young people of the church have a Youth Pastor, Steve Cupp, who works with them during the Sunday School hour. Cupp is making plans for fellowship trips, including one in June when to Cedar Point.

Coming up on Memorial Day, the church will be having its traditional family picnic on the church grounds starting at 1 p.m.

Coming up on June 5 will be a special program with Dr. Norm "Uncle Norm" Clotier, who is also a teacher

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at Midwestern Baptist College and will be presenting a number of teaching procedures that could include "chalk talks," Balloon Sculpture, etc. In addition, his wife will be demonstrating storytelling techniques. Call the church office 348-2748 for more information on any of the above programs.

NOVI PARKS AND RECREATION
Lakeshore Park opens this Saturday. As the Parks and Recreation Department suggests, it's time for "fun in the sun."

Anyone in the area who has not received a copy of the brochure in the mail should stop by the Novi Civic Center to get one. Residents can get a free seasonal permit to the park. They must show their drivers licenses and vehicle registration to get the permit. Non-residents have to pay \$4 per vehicle per day.

Now is the time to make plans for a family picnic or reunion if you want to hold it in the park. There are two picnic shelters and two tents available for rental. Call the parks office at 347-0400 for information.

Many activities are available at Lakeshore Park, which is located at 601 South Lake Drive. For those living in the area, the park is accessible by the expressway, via the route to take is Novi Road to Thirteen Mile Road, where you can see the lake. Turn left on South Lake Drive and you'll see the beach on one side of the road and the park on the other.

For your convenience, there is a tunnel under the road where you can walk from the park to the water. Many areas of the park are available for family picnics including grills, pedal boat rentals, and rental of all kinds, including lounge chairs

Strong at 455-1319.

The local Lions Club has been recognized as Club of the Month in the "Lions of Michigan" publication. The article mentioned the annual Pig Roast held in September and the William Weber Shelter that has been built on the Novi City Park for use of the residents of Novi and also their help in acquiring the "family room" at the Novi Police Department. Also coming up will be the Joint Installation Dinner being hosted by the Farmington Area Lions Club when the Novi Lions/Lionesses, Wixom-Walled Lake Lions/Lionesses will be joining in on June 7 at the Elks Club in Farmington.

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The Pack had their May meetings on the 12th and 13th with Den 13 on Thursday having a skit about going bear hunting and on Friday Den 14 had a skit concerning the Armed Forces. Bear Rank advancements included: Matthew Hebert, Phillip Hornshaw, Shane DuQuel, Matthew Gist, David Shulkes, Adam Southworth, Jeffrey Szolanyi, Michael Foster, Nicholas Zurek, Scott Rettmann, Wolf Devulapali, Joseph Heric, Jeffrey Smith, and Ryan Beals.

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

Rohatgi off to Tokyo for competition

Kudos

LISA BRANDOW, daughter of Novi residents Eleanor and Douglas Brandow, has been cast in *Nine* at Eastern Michigan University Theatre.

Brandow is a graduate of Novi High School where she served as vice president of Students Against Drunk Driving, and as a member of the debate team for two years.

Since her arrival at EMU, Brandow has been active in the theatre department. Some of her most recent roles include: Sarah Brown in *Gays and Dolls* and Belinda/Flavia in *Noises Off* in Plymouth, the baker's wife in *Into the Woods* in Birmingham and *Celia* in *As You Like It* at EMU.

MICHELLE STEPHENS of Novi was selected as one of 153 resident assistants to facilitate the development of community and serve as resources for students living in residence halls during the 1994-95 school year at Michigan State University.

The resident assistants and 31 minority aides were selected from more than 700 applicants and receive special training for their duties. Resident assistants serve as the primary facilitator of a floor community and have specific responsibilities for working with the students on a particular floor. They plan programs and activities, refer students to campus resources, help with problem-solving, confront inappropriate behavior and mediate conflicts. In exchange for these responsibilities, residential aides receive a single room with board while school is in session.

Stephens is the daughter of Roberta and William Stephens of Novi.

GAVRAU ROHATGI of Novi will travel to Tokyo this summer after advancing to the International competition of the Introduction to Design contest at MIT.

This year's project was to play a game of "Robo Soccer." Each student was given a kit with identical parts in which to build the robotic machine. In the competition, each machine was to propel a soccer ball into a goal at the opposite end of the playing field. If a goal wasn't scored in the 30 second game, then the machine that didn't have the ball on its half of the field was deemed the winner of the match.

The emphasis of the competition was on the design of the machines.

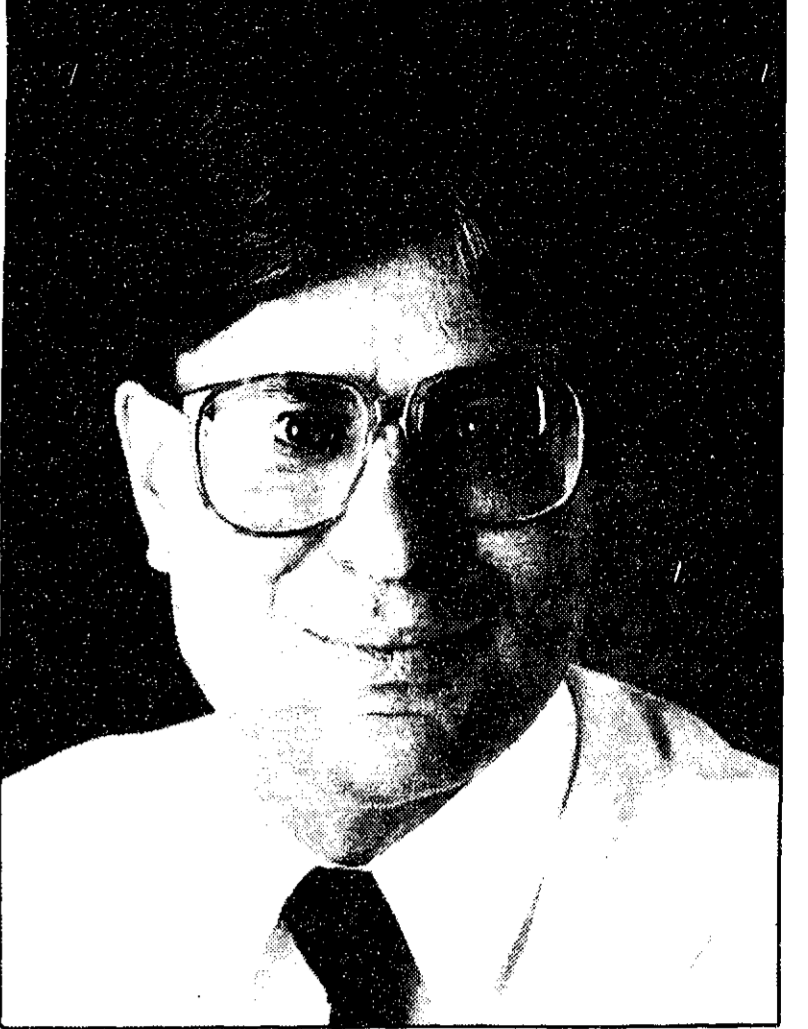
PEGGY LIAO, the daughter of Kenneth and Karen Liao, and a graduating senior at Novi High School, has been named one of 500 finalists in the 1994 Presidential Scholars Program.

Being chosen a presidential scholar is the highest federal honor bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic achievements, leadership qualities, personal character and involvement in community and school activities.

Final selection of the 141 scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the president. Traditionally, scholars are invited to Washington in June to receive a medal and to participate in various activities in their honor.

Presidential scholars include one male and one female from each state, as well as up to 20 students selected from the arts and 15 students chosen



Jogindra Wadehra

Club news

AMERICAN LEGION POST 18
The Auxiliary's membership stands at 39. Despite the impressive number, it has also been a productive year in service to the auxiliary's projects: \$25 to the Nurses Scholarship Fund; \$50 to Novi Youth Assistance; \$100 to Legion Villa; \$100 to Girls State; \$40 to Chapel of the Four Chaplains; \$250 to the V.A. Gift Shop; \$50 to Michigan's Own Military Museum; \$50 to Jacobette Facility's New Alzheimer Unit; \$50 to Lion's Camp for Visually Impaired Youth; \$50 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund; \$50 to MYO Electric Center; Cardiology Unit at the Children's Hospital; and \$25 to POW/MIA.

Don't forget the Memorial Day parade and the potluck lunch to follow on Monday, May 30. Bring a dish to pass.

Novi Post 19 will lead the parade this year with NOVIAETS Post 76, and Novi and Twelve Mile (Novi) at 9 a.m. The parade will begin meeting at Borden Books and Music in the Novi Town Center for future book discussions.

At 10 a.m., the parade will begin at the Novi Town Center (by the building with the clock tower and the copper dome).

A guest speaker and a memorial service are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center Veterans Memorial Monument.

The potluck luncheon for marchers and their families will take place at noon at the meeting hall.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS
A road rally has been planned for Saturday, June 11. The cost is \$13 per person which includes a meal and prizes. There is a limit of four people per car.

Reserve your spot by calling Nancy Moore or Lor Heinowski.

A picnic and swim has been scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 28, at Lakeshore Park. There will be plenty of picnic tables as well as volleyball court for club members to use.

The following is a list of new chairpersons for the 1994-95 interest groups:

Babysitting Co-op I — DEBBIE MCCUSKER, Newcomer member is LORIE BORA and BETH HOGAN.
Babysitting Co-op II — RENEE SORDEL.
Bookclub — DEBY MORRIS. The group will begin meeting at Borders Books and Music in the Novi Town Center for future book discussions.
Bridge (Couples) — PAT and KEVIN McKENNA.
Bunko (Daytime) — PAULA KOVALSKY.
Bunko (Evening) — BETH HOGAN

Men's Night Out — DICK CAMP, Mom and Tot — DEBY MORRIS. A June 7 outing has been planned at Papa Romano's of Novi (located on the southwest corner of Grand River and Haggerty roads in Pleasant Run Plaza). The group will gather at 10:45 a.m. A pizza buffet will be served at 11 a.m. A clown will entertain until noon.

The cost of the program is \$3.75 per person. RSVP with payment to Jo Ozimek by June 2. Spaces are limited.

Morning Coffee with Nancy — LORI KORTE.
Needlecrafters — NANCY GRECO will chair the group again this year.
Out to Lunch Bunch — YVONNE MARKS will also chair the group again this year.
Pinochle — DIANE DAVIES and CHERI FISH.

Musical honors

Evan Hirschelman of Novi was first place in the high school competition of Strings, Guitars and Flute Honors Recital at Schoolcraft College. The 17-year-old performed two classical music selections. Hirschelman is a junior at Novi High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hirschelman.



Seniors

The following is the weekly schedule for the Novi Senior Center.

Friday, May 27
8:30 a.m. Friends of the Homebound
10 a.m. Cards
11 a.m. Center Memorial Service
12 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo

Tuesday, May 31
8:30 a.m. Friends of HB
9:30 a.m. Line dance
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Massage therapy
10 a.m. Cards
12 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo

Wednesday, June 1
8:30 a.m. Friends of HB
10 a.m. Cards
11 a.m. Blood pressure
12 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Clogging

Thursday, June 2
9 a.m. Senior golf
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Massage therapy
12 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Fashion show. Tickets are \$2.

Prizes and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call the Novi Senior Center, 347-0414.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 302 Walled Lake Blvd. Walled Lake, MI 48091 Rev. Roger 348-2483 (behind Ford of America Bank off Rensselaer Rd.) Worship 9:30 a.m. (Novice) Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. (Novice) Nursery Available All Welcome	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St., Northville, Michigan 48161 Rev. James Russell, Minister of Evangelism & Single People, 348-1100 Rev. Mark Smith, Minister of Youth & Church School
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS 23225 Gar Road, 3 spaces S of Grand River 13000 W. 130th St. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. (Novice) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pastors: Christine For & Donnie Cave 474-2566 Lenten Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - E.L.C.A. 4032 W. 130th St. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Church Office 477-2096 Pastor: Thomas A. Schaefer
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Macomber Worship: Lutheran Synod Sunday Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. David A. Gundersen, Pastor, 348-6665 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class Wed. Tom Larson, Music Service	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 200 E. Main St., Northville, Michigan 48161 WEEKEND LITURGIES Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Parish Office 348-2529
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Meetings 7:30 a.m.	FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH 200 E. Main St., Northville, Michigan 48161 Worship: Lutheran Synod Sunday, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Also, First and Third Sunday of 7:00 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Bible Class - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Song Service - 1st and 3rd Sunday of month - 7:00 p.m.
NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 41355 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48161 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. J. B. Brown Preschool 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High & Elm Street, Northville, Michigan 48161 Church School at 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Worship: 7:30 a.m.
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 14617 W. Ten Mile, Macomb/Book 349-2522 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Nursery, Cradle Roll, Baptism Chapel of Jacobite, Pastor Church School 9:15 a.m.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 348-1144 & 9 Mile & Ten Mile Pastor: Rev. Thomas M. Beagan Rev. Arthur J. Spofford Summer Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Nursery Adult 11 a.m. Nursery/Preschool
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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 44325 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48162 Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. John S. Bouda Parish Office 347-7778	FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44003 W. 10 Mile Novi, Novi 48166 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Reverend J. Henderson, Pastor J. Cyrus Smith, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 9:15, 10:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Macomber Road, Novi, MI 48175 Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun. 9:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Pastor: John S. Bouda Parish Office 347-7778	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Waverly, Northville, Michigan 48161 Rev. Stephen Spores, Pastor Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.; Renewal 8:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL On Novi Rd. near 11 Mile Road Sunday worship & school 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21260 Hoggarty, Northville (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Rd.) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Evening Celebration 6:00 p.m. (Nursery provided) Holland Lewis, Pastor

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Church

The food program at ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi, assists 12 families on a monthly basis. The congregation hopes to increase that help to 15 families during the next few months.

The goal for each month is to have all items needed to fill the food baskets donated by the parishioners. To achieve that goal, Food Donation Weekend is held on the first weekend of every month.

During the Masses on the first weekend of each month children (and adults, too) are encouraged to follow the offertory gifts and to place their donations in the box next to the altar.

Donations to the pantry are accepted anytime and a white food donations box is located in the lobby of the church.

Items needed include: mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, canned fruit, applesauce, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce, flour, sugar, brown sugar, tuna, oil, any kind of juice and kool-aid and paper products.

Newly confirmed members of the parish include: eighth grade) Robert Allan, Christine Baca, Brandy Bailey, Ty Clark, Christine Davenport, Quinn Deloughary, Colleen Doyle, Kelly Gatt, Nicholas Getts, Meghan Goodwin, Joe Hall, Ryan Hodnett, Kevin Kruse, Sean La-Pointe, Steven Lewandowski, Michael Male, Stephanie Marza, Becca Martin, William McGuire, John Mione, Kristina Moore, Melissa Mosser, Amanda Mungler, Lezarin O'Keefe, Colleen O'Rourke, John Robinson, Jason Sabol, Timothy Schovers, Ryan Schum, Lauren Szeszory, Erica Szelag, Carolyn Thompson, Michelle Thompson; (high school) William Goodin, Roberto Iaderosa and Corby Robison.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, baptized the following people May 15: Hally Katherine Kociszewski, daughter of Edward and Amy Kociszewski; and Erica Ann McCarthy, daughter of John and Cynthia McCarthy.

The Junior Chorists ended its singing year May 8 at Mass. Awards were handed out at an ice cream party held May 11. Special kudos go to three chorists who had perfect attendance for the year — Jamie Geist, Jennifer Geist and Meghan O'Connor.

Bible School has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 20-23. Experience what life might have been like in the days of Jesus—living in tents and working in the marketplace. All parish children between kindergarten and sixth grade are welcome to attend.

Registration will be held 15.

The Recreation Committee of MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, has announced the following events:

1. The annual all-church picnic will be held June 12 at Lakeshore Park on Walled Lake in Novi. The committee will furnish hot dogs. Bring a dish to pass and a beverage. The cost is \$2 per person and will be collected May 29 and June 4.

2. Canoeing on Kent Lake in the Island Lake Recreation area will take place later this summer. The trip is approximately 7 miles and will take approximately 1.5 hours. The cost is \$8.50 per person. Deadline is June 24.

Six youth have been confirmed. They are: Sarah Scheller, Regan Winans, Matthew Muter, Stephen Brown, Andrew Saari and David Zabihaylo.

Six were also received via applications for membership. They are: Lynn and Steve Buccella and daughters Adrienne and Nicole; Gregory and Debora VanAmberg and son Jacob; and Brenda and Kirk Zingle and daughters Shannon and Meredith.

The United Methodist Women of FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, invite members and friends of the church to the second in an annual series on providing care for the senior citizens. "Health Care Alternatives for Older Adults" will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, in the Fellowship Hall. Speaker Linda S. Myznarek, administrator of Hotsford Continuing Health Center, an award-winning skilled nursing facility in Farmington Hills, will address options in transportation, adult foster care, long-term care, hospice care and more.

There is no charge for the presentation, however, please let your fellowship leader know if you plan on attending.

M.O.M.S. (Moms Offer Moms Support) will take a tour of the Novi Firehouse No. 1, located on Grand River across from the Novi Town Center, Monday, June 6. Meet at the fire station at 10 a.m. There will be no child care provided at the church that day.

Afternoon Fellowship will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, in the parlor. Frieda Spafford will report on her trip to the United Methodist Women General Assembly.

An informational meeting about the 1994-95 Stephen Ministries Training session will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the parlor. The Sanctuary Choir and Brass Choir will perform during services this Sunday.



Rachael Rozycki (left) and Marissa Gazley are precision ice skaters from Novi. Both would like to become professional ice skaters some day.

Novi precision ice skaters take break

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Although it's not ice-skating weather outside, the sport is still on the minds of Marissa Gazley and Rachael Rozycki of Novi.

The two girls both want to some day become professional ice skaters. They've gotten a head start in their careers, performing in numerous precision ice skating competitions, including a national one in Rhode Island.

Precision ice skating is like synchronized swimming on ice skates," Gazley explained.

"It's combined ice dancing and skating," Laura Rozycki, Rachael's mother said.

Nov 9, Gazley has been skating since the age of 3; 10-year-old Rozycki since the age of 6.

Every competition the girls have been in with their teammates, Team Elean of the Detroit Skate Club has taken first place.

Both are in the juvenile group, but plan to advance to intermediate, junior, senior and adult categories as they grow older.

With a few months for rest, practice will begin again in August. Skating camps are also held in June and July.

Gazley said she practices year-round at rinks in Westland and Plymouth when she gets the chance.

Do the girls get nervous before a competition?

Rozycki said she pretty much has her act together when the competition begins.

"I'm pretty calm, but my Mom gets nervous," Gazley said.

Singles

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

Summer volleyball will be played at 6:30 every Sunday evening at Park Place Apartments, Eight Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Griswold. The cost is \$1.

A movie night at Laurel Park Theater has been scheduled for May 28. Meet at the theater at 6:45 p.m. to see a show of your choice. A Single Place host will be there. After the show people will gather for dinner or dessert.

A picnic has been scheduled for Memorial Day. Bring a dish to pass (serving six to eight) and a beverage. A \$3 donation is requested to cover the costs for hamburgers and hot dogs.

"Just for the Health of It: He/She Who Laughs Last" with Walt Strasski or "Take a Scrapbook Photo Album to Repair Your Life" with Marilyn Knapp will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. A donation of \$4 is requested.

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

Holy Family Singles is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never been married persons. A special events night has been planned for Wednesday, June 22, with a murder mystery dinner and theater train ride. The cost is \$67.50.

For more information, call Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

Single Point Ministries offers a unique opportunity to join more than 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 lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

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

For further information about Single Point Ministries, call 422-1854.

Farmington Single Professionals is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 200 activities per year.

Volleyball is played at 6:15 p.m. every Tuesday in Heritage Park (Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads). Meet at the volleyball nets (when entering the park, turn right). The cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members, which goes toward equipment.

A "Single Mingle" dance has been scheduled from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the Clarion Hotel, on West Twelve Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. There will be a disc jockey, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Admission will be \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members. Attire is dressy; men must wear a coat and tie.

A burger and movie night has been scheduled for Saturday, May 28. Join the group at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby at J.W.'s Saloon, located on Twelve Mile Road, just west of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. After enjoying burgers, members will split into two to three groups and move to the Old Orchard and West River theaters to watch different shows. RSVP by May 27 by calling 478-9181.

On campus

DAVID EVENHUIS, a Hope College junior from Novi, received the Junior Prize in Philosophy during the annual Honors Convocation held April 28.

The prize is awarded to that member of the junior class judged by the department to have written the best philosophy paper during the current academic year.

JOANNE M. SILL, a Hope College junior from Novi, has been inducted into the Mortar Board, a national

honor society that recognizes students for scholarship, leadership and service. The students were recognized during the college's annual Honors Convocation on April 28.

STEFANY DROZDO of Novi was initiated into the Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in ceremonies held recently on the Miami University campus. Election to Phi Beta Kappa is recognition of intellectual achievement in acquiring a liberal arts education.

Diversions

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Ships ahoy

Nautical Nonsense, Genitt's Little Theatre spring/summer production, is now playing through July. The cast includes top row, left to right, Laura Genitt as Marcy; John Riley as Lenny; Theresa Weiss as Penny, Mike McCafferty as the captain; bot-

tom row, David McKnight as Badger; Brad Heureux, director; and Brad Herbst, first mate. For more information, about the show and costs, call Off the Wall Productions, 380-9999.

Entertainment listings

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

Special events

AUDITIONS: The Northville Players will hold auditions from 7 to 10 p.m. June 6 and 7 at Northville United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, for its fall melodrama, which will be performed during the Victorian Festival Sept. 16-18.

Music

FRIGATES INN: Dance with The Globe from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays at Frigates Inn, 1103 East Lake Drive, Novi.

JAZZ IN THE PARK: Laurel Park Place ignites with the hot sounds of jazz and the latest in fashions featured during the "Jazz in the Park" concert series.

MORE JAZZ: Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays featuring the work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of Northville and Terrence Lester of Southfield.

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

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

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia, is offering live entertainment. Larry Nozoro and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

RIFFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Riffles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: THE BRADY'S MURDER MYSTERY:

Matt Brady's, located in the Holiday Inn, West Ten Mile Road in Farmington Hills, offers a murder mystery package for guests which includes dinner, overnight accommodations and breakfast.

Show dates are July 8, 22 and 29. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Call (810) 477-4000 for reservations or more information.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi.

TWO TWENTY: A five-piece band which performs the music of Motown, will perform May 27 and 28 at 9 p.m. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

Because the lead singer of Two-Twenty is a virtual sound alike for Jackie Wilson, part of the band's act consists of a special tribute to the late singer.

THE HOTEL: Located at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000.

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

SUNDAY IS A "STRINGS 'N' THINGS JAM" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

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

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

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First of America is opening the '94 season with a five-star first. It's the All-Tour Skins Game, with PGA champs Curtis Strange and Peter Jacobsen up against SR. PGA legend Tom Weiskopf and LPGA great Nancy Lopez and Meg Mallon. They'll be shooting it out on Memorial Day, May 30 at the Golden Fox Course at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, Michigan. And the only place to get discounted advance tickets (\$10 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under) is at participating First of America branches.

A special "Family Package" including two adult and two child's tickets is available for \$25. A portion of the proceeds benefits Michigan Special Olympics and their heroic athletes.

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Movies

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'The Crow' marks final performance of kung-fu star

Mixing the traditions of film noir and high-style action, "The Crow" is a gothic urban fantasy for the 90s.

Based on James O'Barr's popular underground comic book series of the same name, "The Crow" introduces a mesmerizing hero out of the urban music scene, an ordinary guitar player who becomes a ray of supernatural hope in a city of fear.

The film features the extraordinary final performance of Brandon Lee in the title role of Eric Draven. It's Devil's Night in the inner city, a fiery eye of decadence and debauchery, when working-class rocker Eric Draven and his fiancée are brutally killed by Top Dollar's band of thugs.

Endowed with preternatural strength and vision, and watched over by a hypnotic black crow - the spirit guide between the world of the living and realm of the dead - Eric avenges his pain by taking down the city's master criminal and his urban thugs.

As musician Eric Draven, Lee was faced with the challenge of creating a hero unlike any he had portrayed before - a mythic creation whose physical prowess is driven by fierce inner angst and emotion. He called it the greatest challenge of his career.

Lee's haunting work is the centerpiece of a visually stunning film directed by Alex Proyas, an Australian director making his American feature debut. While adhering closely to O'Barr's vision of Eric's battle with evil, Proyas adds his imaginative turn (turned the graphic novel's black-and-white art work into a music-driven full realized cinematic tale of love, death and revenge).

Following Lee's tragic death on March 31, 1993, his mother Linda Lee Cadwell and his fiancée, Eliza Hutton, expressed their desire to see "The Crow" completed to stand as a testament to Lee's talent. Lee's filming had been virtually completed, but the filmmakers decided to put the production on hold for two months while they made the difficult emotional and logistical decisions about how to best finish the film.

With rewrites which were sensitive to the psychological aspects of the accident and additional dialogue by screenwriter David J. Schow to clarify key plot points, production eventually resumed in North Carolina.

Throughout the process, the filmmakers remain focused on the powerful performance of Brandon Lee. "Everyone stuck with 'The Crow' because of the work Brandon Lee had done," said executive producer Robert Rosen. "There was no question in our minds that this was a complete performance of remarkable intensity."

"We felt that, as difficult as it was to go back, we knew we had an immensely powerful film."

Comic book artist James O'Barr wrote the first installment of "The Crow" in the early 1980s as a response to a personal tragedy. "I joined the Marines to stop thinking and have some structure in my life. But I was still filled with such rage and frustration that I had to get it out. So one day I just began drawing 'The Crow'."

Inspired by such sources as Dr. Seuss, Iggy Pop and Edgar Allan Poe, O'Barr created a hero who gets a chance to avenge the violence that claimed his life and his fiancée.

"Eric is able to return from the grave because some things cannot be forgiven," said O'Barr. "I believe that there could be a love so strong that it could transcend death, that it could refuse death, and this soul would not rest until it could set things right."

"And as Eric kills those who perpetrated the crime against him and his fiancée, he is erasing his reason for being and moving towards resting in peace."

Visually, O'Barr's unique and explicit black-and-white vision of an inner city battle between the forces of good and evil drew from Renaissance sculpture, Forties crime films and O'Barr's two years of medical school.

After being discharged from the Marines, O'Barr took a series of odd jobs in Detroit while trying to sell his book which was turned down by a number of publishers. Finally, a small local publisher released the first issue in 1989 when Tundra Publishing released the series in a trilogy of graphic novels in 1992.



Brandon Lee stars as Eric Draven in "The Crow," a gothic urban fantasy directed by Alex Proyas.

Since that time, "The Crow" has quietly grown into one of the comic book world's biggest success stories, captivating a young audience with its stark graphics and story of dark justice, and selling out in bookstores and conventions all over the country. Original versions of the comic book (published by Calibre Press) are valuable collector items. Kitchen Sink Press currently publishes an expanded compilation of the comic as a single collection.

The producers knew exactly what O'Barr's Eric Draven should look like. But casting the lead role also demanded an actor who could display a superhuman athleticism, as well as convey Eric's intensity and emotion.

Their choice was Brandon Lee. For his part, Lee lost 15 pounds, learned how to play the guitar and even joined the film as co-fight choreographer.

O'Barr, who visited the set several times and became friends with Lee, was floored by the actor's performance. "When I saw the dailies of Brandon, it was amazing," he said. "He had Eric down; it was a full drawn character. Now I can't even imagine anyone else playing him."

Finding a director was an equally challenging prospect. Pressman and Most both wanted to make the film as music-intensive as possible and began looking for a director

Brandon Lee followed late father's footsteps

who had the talent to bring the story to life.

"The music is like another character in this film," said Most. "We knew the music would need to both drive and capture the style and mood of the comic book as it was translated into moving images."

Eventually, they were able to lure the talents of renowned music video and commercial director Alex Proyas, a 31-year-old Australian whose work for artists like Sting and INXS and products such as Nike, Kleenex, American Express and Coca-Cola made him one of the most sought-after directors in the industry.

Proyas came with a number of original ideas about how to make O'Barr's vision a screen reality. "The comic book is black and white, and it takes place in a very black-and-white world of good and evil," he explained.

"We've given it that quality through lighting and being very selective and specific about color. We're not using any blues or greens, giving it a dark, expressive, stylized look. It's a very aggressive style, driven by rock-and-roll music."

"I read somewhere that anyone who can be persuaded not to be an actor should be persuaded, but I have really never felt that there were other paths

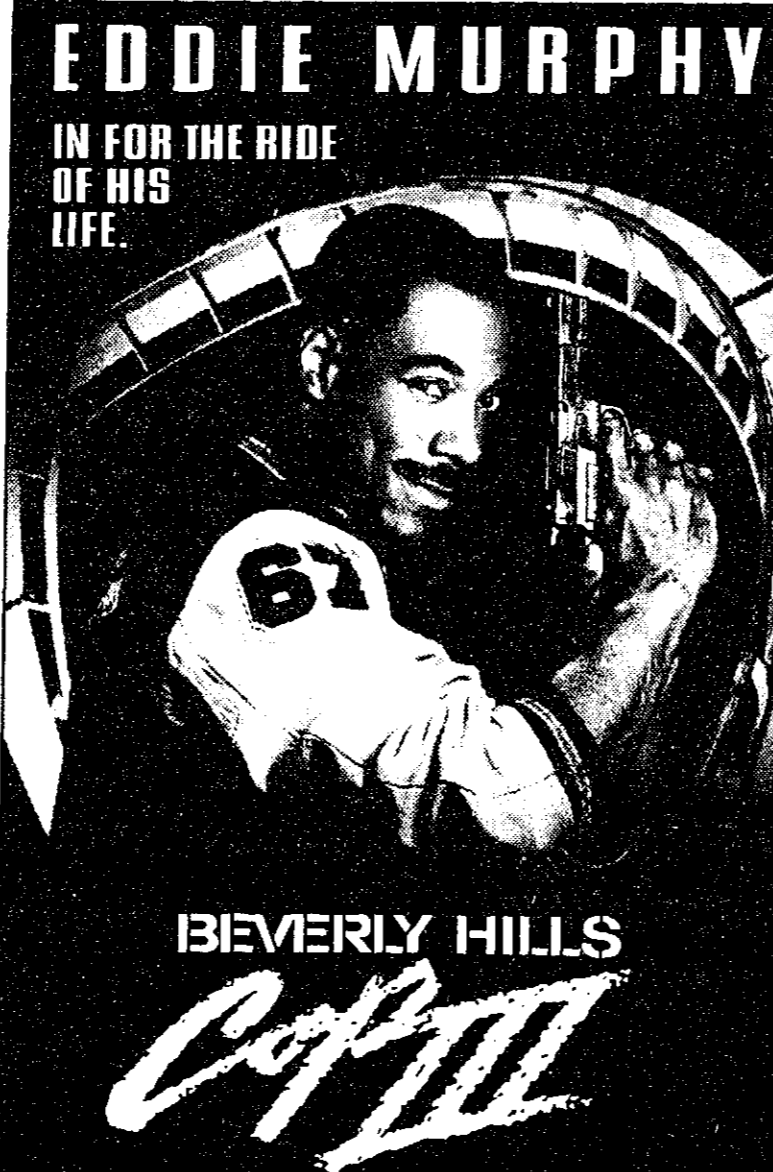
for me. It is all I have ever wanted to do."

Lee studied acting at Emerson College in Boston — and after that he joined Eric Morris' American New Theatre Company in New York City.

Lee appeared in an off-broadway production of "Full Frontal" for playwright John Lee Hancock ("A Perfect World"). When the company relocated to Los Angeles, Lee made the move as well.

His first professional job was in 1986, playing the son of Kwai Chang Caine in the television film "Kung Fu: The Movie." Lee went to Hong Kong to make his first feature film, "Legacy of Rage." His next film was the spy thriller "Laser Mission" in 1990.

This was followed by his American film debut in 1991, "Showdown in Little Tokyo," where he was paired with Dolph Lundgren.



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CONEHEADS
By Heather Wadawski
Northville

"Saturday Night Live's" Dan Akroyd and Jane Curtin star as zany extraterrestrials from the

plant Remulak in this outrageous comedy.

After landing on earth and taking residence as citizens "from France," Jane Curtin soon discovers she's pregnant. So Beldar (Akroyd) gets a job. But after 16 years of living in comfort, soon the INS realizes something's up. And the only one who's stopping the Coneheads from returning to the safety of Remulak is their daughter.

This movie is funny but it was better on SNL. Still, I recommend it to anyone who needs a few laughs.

PCU
By David Perrotta
Northville

"PCU" is the typical college party movie. It's sensationalized, unrealistic and funny.

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Wildcats send 'Energizers' to state track finals

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Energizers are going to the state finals. Novi High's group of electric freshmen runners joined regional competitors Friday night by qualifying for the 3,200-meter relay, 1,600 and 3,200 runs next month in Midland. Coach Connie Alta was left nearly speechless following the performance.

"Totally awesome," she said. "I thought we were right on target. I was really, really impressed with how the girls rose to the occasion."

The Wildcats placed fifth as a team, tied with Baseline rival Northville, with 41 points. Plymouth Canton won the Redford High regional with 118 points and Salem was a distant second.

"A lot of credit goes to the girls," said Alta, "who were competing against upperclassmen mostly. Everyone gave a 110 percent."

The 3,200-meter relay team of Michelle Sweller, Katie Zimmerman, Loma Camp and Jenny Hampton were the first to qualify for the finals. They set a school record with a time of 9:47, some 15 seconds better than the previous mark, and finished in second place.

"Michelle Sweller set the pace for the entire race." Alta said. "We led until the last leg."

Hampton's 5:26.40 in the 1,600-meter was good for third place but made the state cut by about two seconds. Camp had her personal best in the two mile and just missed the Wildcat record by taking third place in 11:38.70.

That time easily qualified for the state meet. Zimmerman also had her personal best time and took fourth in 11:49.40, which was also good enough to qualify for the state meet.

Alta said she's very proud of all her runners. But, she added, much of the credit for their success should go to assistant coach Sue Tomaneck.

"She's provided motivation and inspiration for our long distance runners," she said. "She's the one who has trained with them and for them."

Tomaneck is a former Eastern Michigan University runner.

Novi had several other excellent performances Friday.

Christy Carmichael missed the state cut in the 400-meter by less than second. The senior finished third in 1:00.8 seconds.

Sweller, Hampton, Angella Pelletier and Carmichael took third in the mile relay in 4:13.30, which was less than a second off the state cut time. Karie Jettie ran a strong high hurdles time of 16.6 for fifth place.

The 800-meter relay team of Audra Wolowicz, Sarah Schmidt, Dyan Ahrens and Carmichael were fifth in 1:51.5. Pelletier ran her personal best in the 800-meter in 2:31.50.

NOVI 88, MILFORD 38

The Wildcats closed their best Kensington Valley Conference season in years May 17 by pounding Milford on the road. Novi wound up 5-1 in league meets and 6-1 overall.

Alta said pay-to-play has hurt the Redskins. "They are down this year," she added.

Highlights from the meet included: Ursula Place first in the high jump at 4-8. Jettie first in the long jump at 15-1.3. 200-meter relay team of Ellie Johnson, Pelletier, Camp and Hampton first in 10:19.8; Lori DeWitt first in the high hurdles in 17.7; Sarah Schmidt first in the 100-meter dash in 13.3 and Camp first in the mile run at 5:34.

Other winners included: the 400-meter relay team of Schmidt, Place, Ahrens, and Wolowicz 54.4; Carmichael in the 400; Jettie in low hurdles. Camp in the 800-meter and Carmichael in the 200.

Wildcats win 10-0 as Hoffman shines

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

What a way to head into the playoffs!

The Novi High lacrosse team shutout Grand Rapids Forest Hills 10-0 Saturday at home. For the surging Wildcats it was their tenth straight win.

According to coach Kelly Kroll, the win came as the result of a solid effort from the entire team. He was particularly impressed with goalie Eric Hoffman.

"Eric played incredibly well," Kroll said. "Our defense played very well, too."

Getting a shutout in lacrosse is akin to a baseball pitcher throwing a perfect game — it just doesn't happen very often. Kroll said Hoffman made 10 tough saves to get the goose egg.

"It was his second career shutout," he added.

Perhaps more important than the win was the momentum it sent Novi into the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse League playoffs with a 10-0 record.

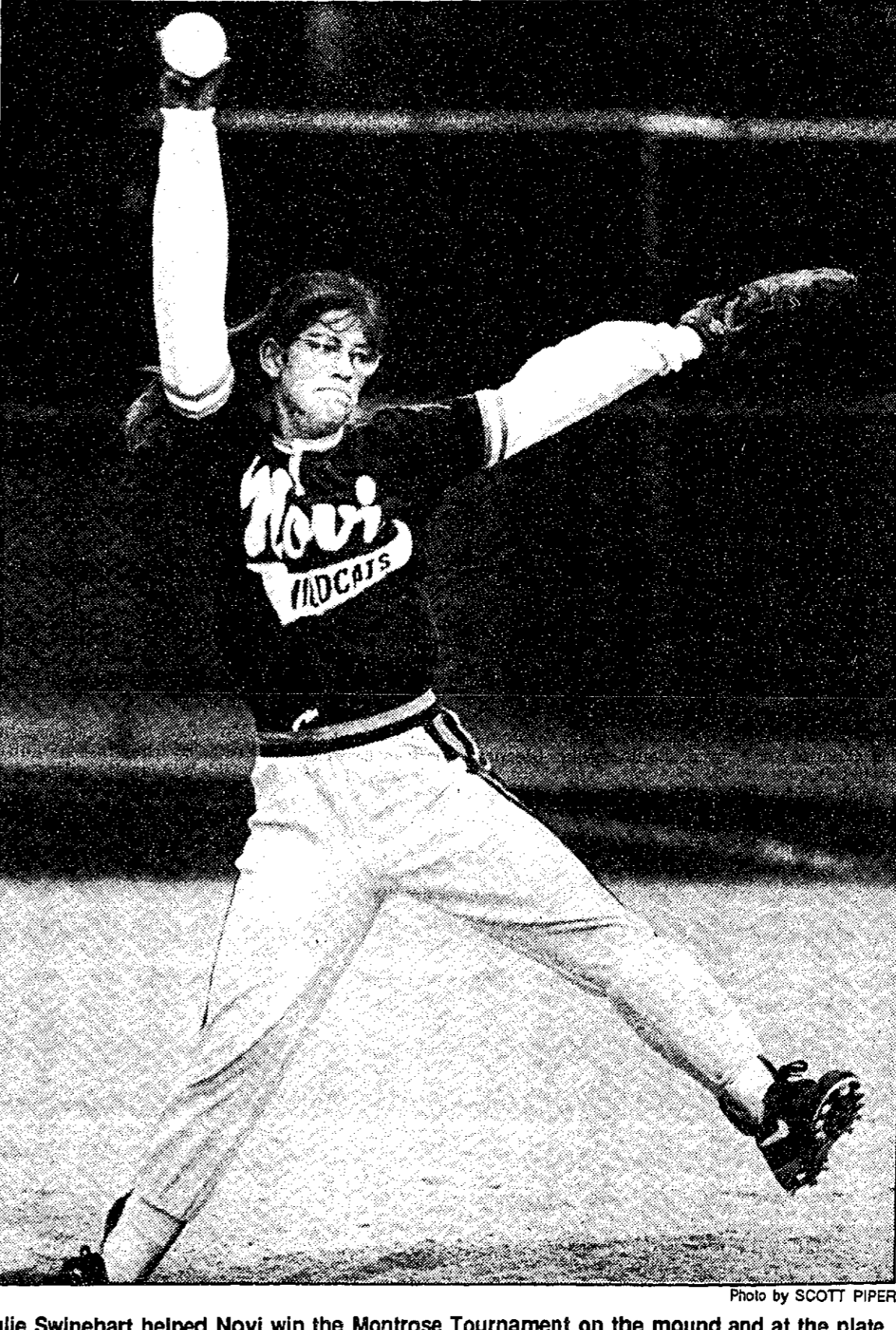
The Wildcats drew a first-round bye. Novi opens in the tournament semi-final tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the Cranbrook Academy in Bloomfield Hills. A win there would move the squad into the finals, also at Cranbrook, at 10 a.m.

Kroll said as well as his team has played of late, a MSLA championship isn't in the bag. East Grand Rapids beat Novi for the regular season division championship and will be tough to get by, he added.

"We have improved," Kroll said. "But East Grand Rapids is undefeated in the division."

The Wildcats certainly played like champions Saturday.

Novi jumped out to a 4-0 after the first 10 minutes of play. Mike Still



Julie Swinehart helped Novi win the Montrose Tournament on the mound and at the plate.

Howell foils Novi hopes of three-peat

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Any hopes of three-peating as Kensington Valley Conference baseball champions ended Friday as the Wildcats split a road double-header with Howell.

Old nemesis Ben Way put a fork in Novi's title chances by tossing a three-hitter in the opener as the Highlanders took a 5-1 victory. The Howell senior right hander has been a thorn in the Wildcat's side for three seasons.

"He throws a lot of junk," said coach Brian Howard.

Novi entered action last week two games behind Brighton for first place. The split left Novi at 9-5 in the KVC and no shot at first place.

Novi ace Mitch Jabczynski opposed Way on the mound. The Wildcat lefty kept Howell in check until the fourth inning.

The Highlanders loaded the bases with one out on an error, single and walk. A ground out got the first run in and a two-run double followed to make it 3-0. Howell got its final two runs of the game before the inning was over.

"(Jabczynski) let the error get to him," said Howard.

Novi's only run came in the fifth inning. John Wroe singled to lead off and was knocked in on a double by catcher Derek King.

Jabczynski probably deserved



John Wroe fouls off a pitch.

6-6 in the bottom of the fourth and then tied it with two more runs in the fifth. The home team took the lead in the sixth with an unearned run to make it 9-8.

Novi staged the winning rally in the seventh. With two outs and the bases loaded, Wroe tripled in three

runs with a one-hop bullet off the right field fence.

Howard worried that the winning rally would be nullified. He said it was so dark in the last half of the seventh, the game probably should've been halted.

You could no longer see the

ball," Howard said.

Greg Norris struck out two batters and ended the marathon on a ground out to first base. He pitched 3% and got the win in relief.

Novi closes the regular season today with a doubleheader against Saline on the road. The Wildcats be-

gin the state tournament June 4 playing against the winner of the Pinckney-South Lyon pre-district game.

A win that game would put the Cats in the district final against either Northville or Brighton.

Milford downs kickers 2-0; Brighton wins KVC

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Sometimes hard work doesn't pay off.

Take Nov's 2-0 soccer home loss to Milford Friday night. The Wildcats outplayed the Redskins but had nothing on the scoreboard or in the win column to show for it.

"It was frustrating," said coach Larry Christoff. "We played more than well enough to win the game."

It's to the Wildcats credit that they played as hard as they did. Brighton clinched the Kensington Valley Conference title by beating Nov just a few days before.

"Overall, it was a good year," Christoff said. "Injuries took their toll in the second half."

Numerous starters went down in the last part of the season. Nonetheless, Nov finished the regular season with a 9-3 KVC record and 10-4-1 overall mark.

The Wildcats were scheduled to open the state tournament Monday (after *The Novi News's* deadline) against Lakeland on the road.

Novi could face Baseline rival Northville in the district final (tomorrow night in Northville at 7 p.m.) with a win over the Eagles and South Lyon in the second round.

As for Friday's game, Christoff said the turning point may have occurred early in the first half. Novi had a penalty shot opportunity at the 10-minute mark but missed.

The Wildcats had other chances in the half but couldn't convert. Milford got the only goal with just eight seconds left before halftime.

Novi got a little less aggressive defensively in the second half and paid

by surrendering a second Milford goal at the 10 minute mark.

"We tried to back up and play defense," said Christoff.

Meanwhile, it just didn't happen offensively.

"Offensively, we played one of our better games," said Christoff, mentioning that his team passed very well. "We dominated."

NOVI 4, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 0
The final score of the May 18 game

was deceiving as far as Christoff was concerned.

"It was the worst game we've played all year," he commented. "The kids came out and thought they would walk all over them."

The coach said he wasn't happy with his team's effort despite the win.

"We didn't put two passes together," Christoff said.

Neither team scored in the first half. Laura Snider finally got Novi un-

tracked in the second half by scoring at the 25 minute mark.

Forward Jamie Vandernass took a pass from Michelle Koons and scored four minutes later to make it 2-0. Novi added insurance goals from Lisa Antuna and Erin Vogel.

BRIGHTON 7, NOVI 0

The Bulldogs won the league title easily May 16 playing at Novi. Brighton opened a 2-0 by halftime and then ran away from the Wildcats

in the second half. Injuries during the game may have been a factor.

Antuna, who was in goal, was lost in the first half after having her hand stepped on. Vogel and Beth Gourlay were faced to leave action later on.

"We were in a bad way," Christoff said.

Injuries or not, Brighton dominated.

"We were just too intimidated in this one," Christoff said.

Golfers compete at region

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Hope and disappointment.

Those were the two feelings the Wildcat golf team experienced at Friday's regionals, held at Oakpointe Golf Course in Brighton.

Novi improved on its state competition showing from last season, but was still miles behind finals qualifiers.

The squad finished ahead of four other schools with a score of 481. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the region with an amazing 349 while Ann Arbor Huron and Saline also qualified for the state finals.

"I look at it as an improvement," said Novi coach Deb Harris. "They did better than last year. They're coming (along)."

Allison O'Mura was the 'Cats top finisher at 117. Kelly Worges followed with a 119. Lisa Mott a 122 and Gretchen Harvey a 123.

With almost the entire squad returning next spring, Harris said Friday's experience will help her team in the long run.

"I think they have improved," the coach said in summing up the year.

Novi will conclude its season this week with dual matches against Northville, and Plymouth Canton. Besides the regional, the Wildcats split a pair of matches last week.

Farmington Hills Mercy edged Novi 229-235 on May 17. Playing at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon, Mott led the way with a 55. O'Mura shot a 57, Erin Wilsie a 59 and Havey a 64.

Novi's luck was a little better May 16 at Hartland Glenn Golf Course. The Wildcats beat a combined Milford and Lakeland squad.

Mott posted a round of 49. Worges shot a 56, Wilsie a 65 and Johns Meredith a 72.

N'ville misses state cut

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Making the state golfing finals turned out to be a little tougher than Trish Waldecker thought.

The Northville High coach believed a team score of about 400 would be good enough to make it out of Friday's regional at Oakpointe Golf Course in Brighton.

But Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Saline shot significantly better than that projection with scores of 349, 374 and 385, respectively. Northville finished ninth at 428.

"Obviously 400 was way off," Waldecker said.

Northville didn't play poorly Friday, she added, just not good enough to advance.

"It was kind of an average day for us," Waldecker said. "We definitely didn't shoot the lights out."

It isn't likely the Brighton regional will get any easier in years to come, she added.

"You'll see 349 possibly be broken," Waldecker said. "The region will get tougher."

Lindsey Casterline led Northville with a round of 96. Heather Nix and Kyle Mills each shot 110 and Brittny Ahern closed with a 112.

Waldecker said she challenged the team to forget the disappointment or not making the state finals and concentrate on the WIAA championship.

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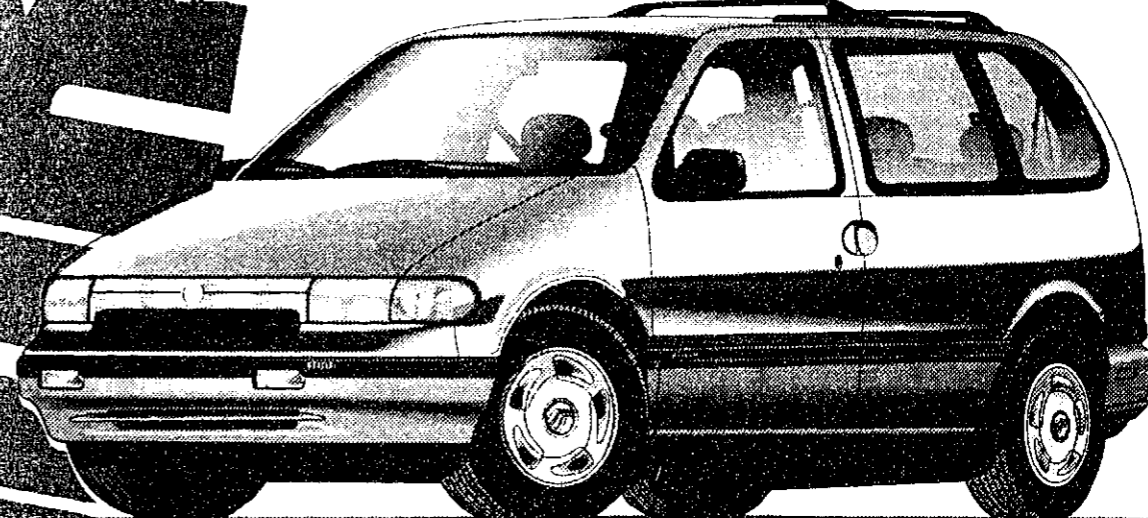
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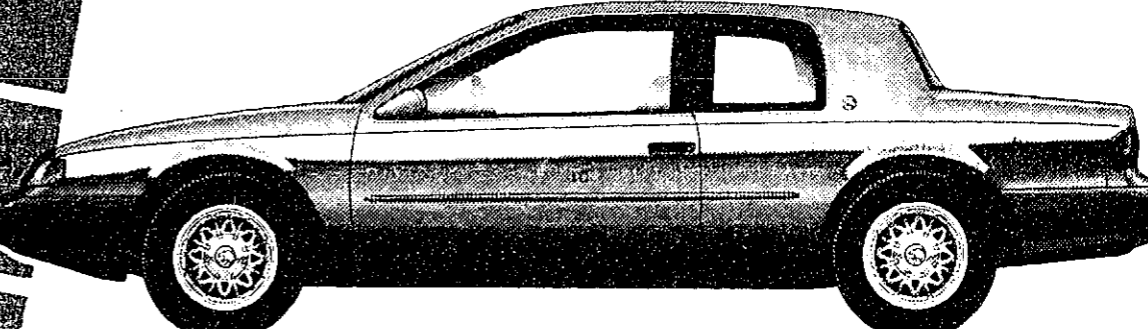


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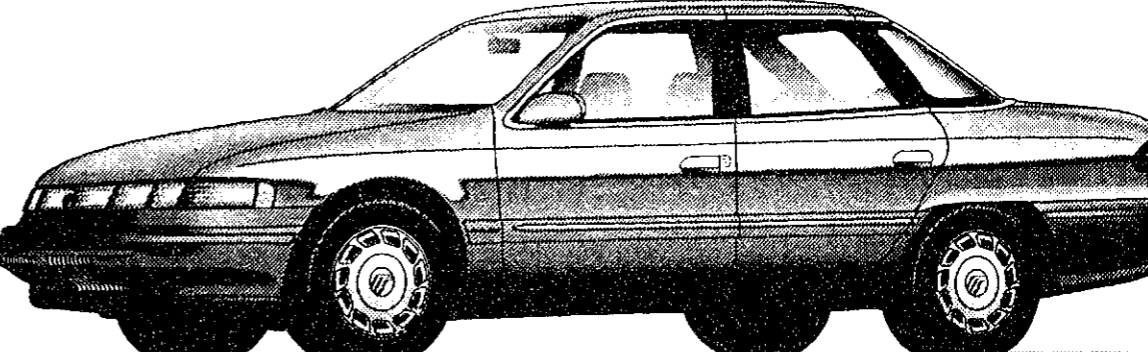
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