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Teenager burned in Taft Road house fire

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor

A 15-year-old Novi boy was badly injured when fire erupted in the basement of his home at 26030 Taft Road late last Thursday evening. Charles Webb Jr. was taken by his family to the Providence Park Medical Center for treatment and later transferred to the University of Michigan burn center in Ann Arbor. He remained in the hospital as of Tuesday, although his condition was unknown. He suffered second and third degree burns over 60 percent of the lower portion of his body, below the waist, according to Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan.

Eight people lived in the house and were home at the time of the fire. Everyone else escaped the quickly spreading blaze without injury.

Charles Webb Sr., was on the first floor of the house when he heard his son, Charles Jr., scream and begin calling for his father at about 11:30 p.m. As he went to help his son, the basement was already in flames.

The Charles Sr. led his family—wife, Fern, and three other children—to safety out of the house. Fern Webb had to throw a rock through the window of the upstairs apartment to alert the couple living there of the danger. According to Lenaghan, Fern Webb could not go up the wooden stairs at the rear of the house, which provides access to the upstairs apartment, because they were already catching on fire.

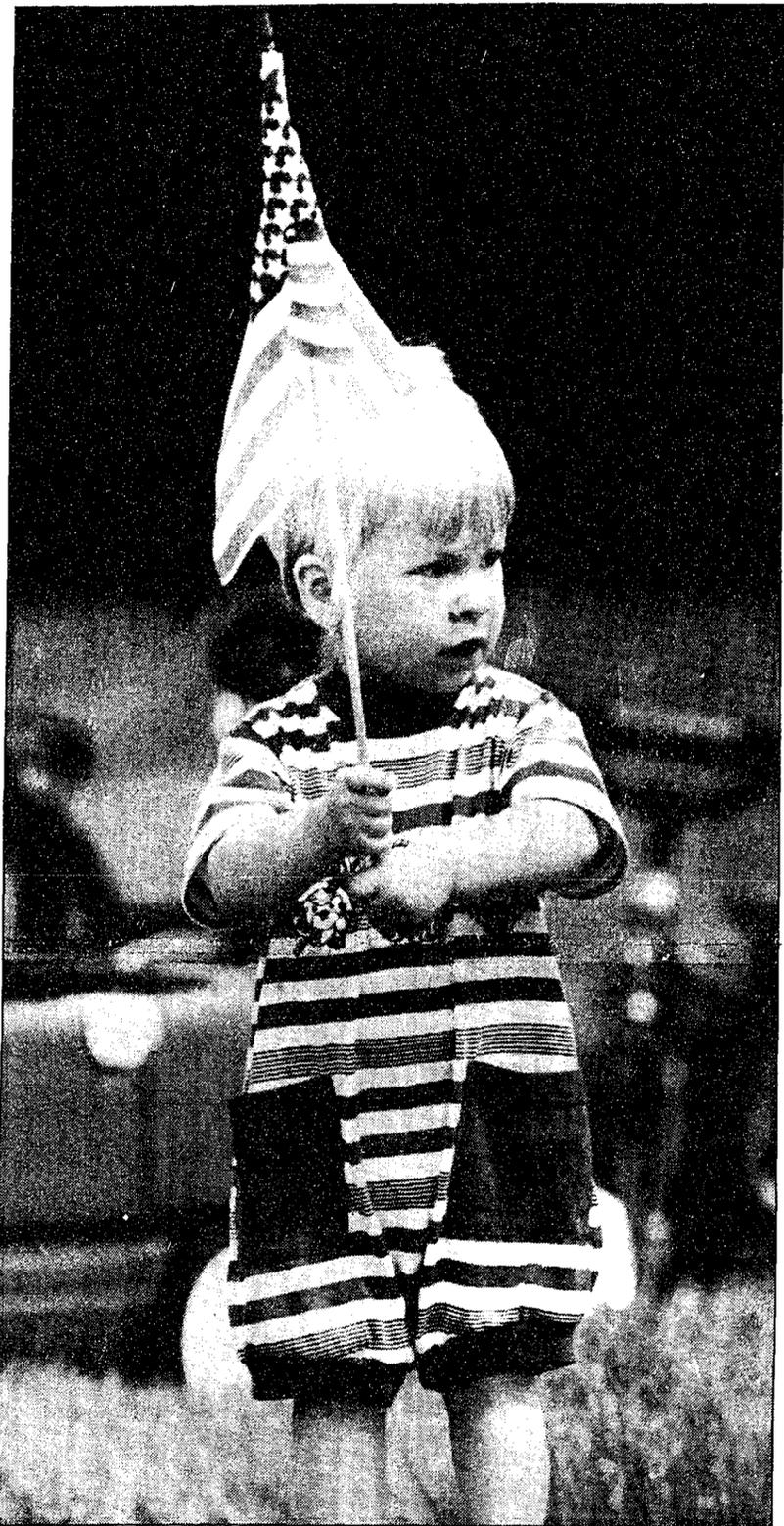
The woman living upstairs was pregnant and expecting delivery soon. The couple escaped down the burning stairs unharmed.

The fire was not reported to the department until after the Webbs arrived at Providence with their son. The only house on that portion of Taft Road, access to a phone was unavailable. The Webbs told Lenaghan they tried to call the fire department by cellular phone, but the device did not work properly.

By the time firefighters arrived, the rear of the house was fully engulfed. Fire was in the basement, on the rear stairs, on the first floor, and had reached the second floor.

Full-time firefighters of squad 507 and two engines manned by on-call firefighters as well as a tanker truck were needed to bring the blaze under control. The fire was "knocked down" within 20 minutes, Lenaghan said, but the department stayed on the scene until 5 a.m. Because of the "balloon construction" used in the house, firefighters had to "overhaul" the home, checking carefully for fires still burning inside the walls. Several fires were found as the walls were opened, Lenaghan said.

The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined, Lenaghan said.



Little flagwaver

Timothy Star, 2, of Novi was on hand to watch the Novi Memorial Day parade Monday... proof positive that patriots come in all sizes. The parade was a special commemoration of

America's war dead because of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy in World War II. More photos of the parade are on page 15.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Opposition to school taxes gains support

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Jerry LeBlanc voted for the passage of Proposal A, but now that it's time to pay the piper the semi-retired tool and die maker isn't willing to ante up.

Neither are at least 50-60 small business owners in Novi who have joined his campaign against the 18 mills the Novi Community School District is asking homeowners to levy against businesses in Novi.

"I voted for Proposal A, but I didn't think they'd ever come after it," he said Tuesday.

Now that state legislators have followed through, LeBlanc said, he and his supporters aren't willing to bear the burden of public education or more specifically the high salaries of school district staff.

"It's greed," LeBlanc said. "They want to tax the business man and people so they (educators) can have more."

And the business community isn't going to stand for it, LeBlanc said.

Instead, he is reneging on his vote to back Proposal A and mounting a campaign against Novi Community School District's split mil-

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lage requests which will be before voters June 13.

The ballot will ask homeowners to approve the 18 mill levy against non-homestead properties and a two-mill enhancement against all properties. The proposals will be separate requests.

"We are getting together and telling everybody to vote no on this thing," LeBlanc said.

That means anti-tax flyers will soon be hitting the streets of Novi

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Students take aim in police academy



By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Wednesday's field trip to the firing range in Farmington was meant to be a quick firearm safety lesson for students in the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy.

Twenty-three of those enrolled in the 11-week class boarded the bus and headed to the range to see what it was like to pull the trigger of a 12 gauge shotgun or semiautomatic pistol similar to those used by officers in Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom.

Students were enthusiastic about firing the weapons as they waited their turn and watched the experts. After the demonstration, each filed into the range and fired the weapon of their choice.

Novi's Ruth Ann Jirasek fired several shots from a Glock 40, the same semiautomatic weapon Novi officers use on the street.

"It was a lot different than I ex-

pected," she said afterwards. "The gun had a lot more kick than I expected. I was really surprised."

Walled Lake Officer Paul Schneider was the officer instructing Jirasek at the firing line. He said she successfully fired her shots into vital zone, but she couldn't see it on the target.

That's when the Novi mother of four asked permission to aim the gun lower to the leg. She fired a single shot to the leg area and then left feeling pleased.

"He said I shot into the vital zone but I couldn't see it so I shot him in the leg," she said.

Students had mixed reactions to firing their weapons even though for some it wasn't the first time pulling the trigger.

"I own a .38," said 62-year-old Walled Lake resident Rose Way. "I bought it when I lived in the city (of Detroit) because we had a lot of

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Society honors parent volunteers

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

There were four Novi recipients of the Beta Chi Distinguished Service Award, an award that recognizes those who volunteer in the Novi Community School District.

This year's winners are Pat Kortlandt, Susanne Szlaga, Maria Falzone and Connie Sabol. All four are avid volunteers in Novi schools.

Kortlandt has continuously volunteered in the classrooms of her three children since she moved to Novi from Pennsylvania. She's also been a crossing guard for four years, a noon aid for five and a Community Education facilitator.

Currently she is the president of Village Oaks PTO and has been treasurer of the same group. She has also served in the past as the

president of the Novi Middle School PTO and as a member of the district's interschool council and long-range planning team.

Kortlandt holds a bachelor's degree from West Virginia Wesleyan University and has taught in Ohio and Pennsylvania. She is married to board of education candidate-elect George Kortlandt. Szlaga was an insurance premium auditor before she volunteered to be a noon aid cashier at Orchard Hills Elementary. She has three elementary aged children in the district which has kept her active in various capacities at Orchard Hills. On the PTO, Szlaga has served for the past two years as treasurer and secretary. She chaired the Spring Fling, Secret Santa Shop and fall fun-

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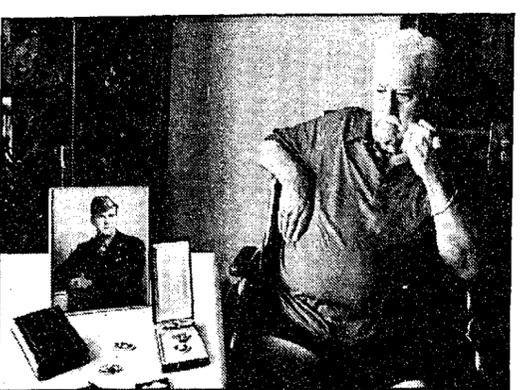


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Old soldiers...

... Never die, they just fade away," says Robert Lehman, a member of the famous 82nd Airborne Division when it parachuted into France in support of the D-Day invasion 50 years ago. Above, Lehman looks over memorabilia from his numerous campaigns and battles. He and other vets reminisce in this week's Living section on the anniversary of the Normandy invasion.

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, 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.

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

Tuesday, June 7

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Jaycees: The Novi Jaycees General Membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Jaycee House, 43315 Sixth Gate, off Novi

Road. The Novi Jaycees are a group of young community men and women ages 21-39 working together on community projects, leadership, spiritual and management skills. Call 348-NOVI for more information.

Menopause Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club: The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Wednesday, June 8

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

Grand Prix Kickoff: The Motorsports Hall of Fame will host the kickoff event of the Detroit Grand Prix by honoring Bobby Unser and nine other racing legends at its Sixth Annual Induction Ceremony at the State Theater in Detroit. For ticket information, call (810) 349-RACE.

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

AARP Meets: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. The scheduled program will be "Rules of good living — how to be 100". Any Lakes Area community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of

Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

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

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 9

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

Unveiling ceremony: An unveiling ceremony and breakfast will be held at 10 a.m. to display the photo exhibit and bronze bust of 10 new members of the Motorsports Hall of Fame. The breakfast to honor Bobby Unser, Cale Yarborough, and eight other racing legends will be held at the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame in the Novi Expo Center. For more information call (810) 349-RACE.

Friday, June 10

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 13

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

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7708. For membership information, call 960-9559.

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Priest celebrates 25th anniversary in the priesthood

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Father James F. Cronk started St. James parish in 1969. This weekend, he'll celebrate his 25th anniversary in the priesthood in the church he built and with the parish he raised.

"We are celebrating the priesthood and honor the commitment," said St. James parishoner Jack Bales who is officiating the weekend's festivities in honor of Father Cronk.

Festivities will kick off Friday night with a dinner dance at the Embassy Suites hotel in Livonia. Father Cronk will be the celebrant for the three weekend masses on Saturday and Sunday. Receptions in his honor will follow each mass.

On Sunday at 3 p.m. St. James and Hammel Music welcomes Pierre Fracalanza to the church to perform. Fracalanza performs a variety of musical instruments including St. James' magnificent Rodgers 955 organ, a Yamaha Disklavier and an array of synthesizer modules.

A reception will also follow the concert. Alwyn Bales has worked with Father Cronk for almost two years in the parish office.

She describes him as a "funny, outgoing and sociable man who is de-

dictated to his priesthood."

His dedication she said is evident throughout his 25 year career.

Father Cronk founded St. James in 1969 after the archdiocese of Detroit deemed it necessary to build another parish in the growing Novi area. The move was meant to alleviate overcrowding from Holy Family Catholic Church.

He became its pastor as soon as the church was founded. He oversaw its construction and has watched it grow from a 550 family parish in 1989 to the more than 800 family parish it is today.

Before taking the helm at St. James, Father Cronk was the pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford from 1977-889. Before that he was the co-pastor at St. Dennis in Royal Oak for a year. From 1971-76 he was an associate pastor at St. Paul's in Grosse Pointe. In 1969-71 he was associate pastor at St. Angela in Roseville. He was ordained on June 7, 1969 at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit after serving for one year as a Deacon at the Christ the King in Detroit.

Those who know Father Cronk said he has seemed to enjoy being a priest. They described him as a dedicated, devoted man who "gives good homilies."

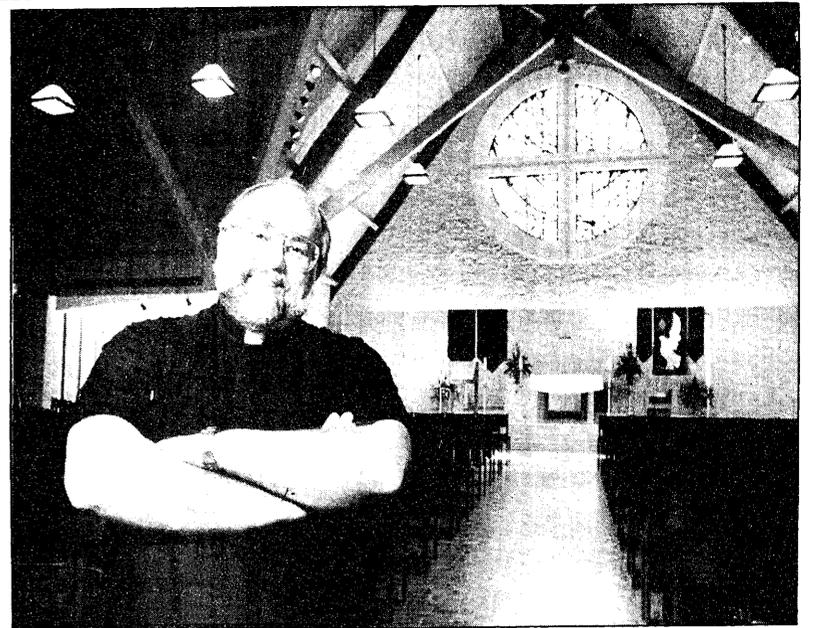


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Father James Cronk celebrates 25th in the parish he built from scratch.

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Man assaults girlfriend in his car

A man suspected of assaulting a woman admitted to police that he had hit her but refused to return to the couple's home or provide a written statement.

Police News

The victim told police she had argued with her boyfriend minutes before he rammed his car into hers and then went into her apartment and destroyed her entertainment center on May 15.

The couple was arguing inside her car until he grabbed her keys and left her to go inside the apartment. That's when the victim drove to the apartment guard shack and asked the guard to call police. When officers arrived the woman was back inside the apartment and the man was gone.

Police said the woman told them the man struck her several times in the face while he detained her in her car. He also pulled her hair and scratched her. He then used her keys to enter the apartment and smash a glass panel on the front of her entertainment center.

While police were investigating the incident, the man called the woman's home several times. The officer who spoke with the suspect said he admitted hitting her car with his hand slapping her. The man will be charged with felonious assault with a motor vehicle, malicious destruction of property and unlawful entry.

WEAPONS VIOLATION: Police stopped a Wisconsin man on Novi Road for a loud exhaust system and ended up ticketing him illegally transporting a firearm in his car.

Police said they saw a 12 gauge shotgun inside the man's car between the driver's and passenger

seats when they pulled him over on May 13.

LARCENY: More than \$10,000 worth of computer equipment was taken from the Digital Corporation before May 16.

A company employee said he noticed five personal computers and 16 memory chips had been taken when he returned to work on May 12. At least one of the computers had been taken from a storage room before April 9. The rest were discovered missing the day the man reported the incident. The employee said the equipment was stored in a room accessible to employees but not cleaning crews.

DISURBANCE, ASSAULT AND BATTERY: Two alleged victims told police a third suspect assaulted them at a mutual friend's house on May 6. The three unidentified subjects said they were all at a Old Orchard home when a fight broke out. The two victims told police the three males hit them because he said they were spreading rumors about his drug use.

When police arrived, the suspect answered the door and invited police inside. In the corner on the floor the woman was clutching phone and crying hysterically. The man had scratches on his hands and body. The woman had scratches on her face, neck, head and arms and blood on her legs.

The butcher's knife was resting on the couple's kitchen counter. Police arrested and removed the man from the home and then interviewed the victim.

She told police the couple were arguing over drugs. She said they had just finished smoking three \$20 rocks of crack cocaine and drinking vodka when the fight broke out.

After the verbal altercation, the woman told police the man lifted the knife and threatened to kill her and cut off her kitten's heads. That's when she called police a second time. Officers instructed the woman to seek shelter after she told them the suspect had hit in the past several times.

OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: A 30-year-old Davidson man was arrested a third time for operating under the influence after police stopped him on I-96 east of Beck Road. The man's female passenger was also ticketed for allowing the intoxicated man to drive her car on May 13.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT, SPOUSE ABUSE: Enroute to a domestic dispute call, police were notified by dispatch that the victim phoned 9-1-1 again to inform police the suspect was threatening her with a butcher's knife.

Police were tipped off to the driver by station attendants at a local gas station. Police sought a search warrant for the man's blood after he refused to comply with their requests for blood test. The man had two prior drunk driving convictions and a single driving while impaired violation. He has also had his driver's license revoked in the past and has been denied a new one.

THREATENING PHONE CALLS: A Novi woman fears her husband will make good on his May 7 promise to hurt her after he is released from a local hospital where he was committed to alter threatening the lives of others.

The woman told police her husband called her from his hospital room and threatened her over the phone. The woman told police her husband is a manic depressive who was hospitalized for threatening a child and several other adults in the couple's neighborhood.

Police advised the woman to move from the home and tell her husband's counselor that he had threatened her before he is released in a few weeks. Officers also instructed her to inform them if it happens again and if and when he is released.

Novi Briefs

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.

Creative minds: The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission's Community Access Computer Group is looking for creative minds. You can be part of an informal and creative team.

The group is developing a database of graphic images on the Amiga platform. However, graphic images created on IBM or Macintosh systems are easily converted for use.

More information? Call Mark at (810)349-2666. Next meeting of the group is Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

All night party: Parents and members of the community will get a chance to view the atmosphere and see what kinds of activities graduating seniors will participate in at the upcoming All Night Party June. A walk through is scheduled for parents from 7-7:45 p.m. they same day. The shindig begins at 8 p.m. and will run to 4 a.m.

The party is put on by high school students to give the youngsters an alternative to partying elsewhere all night to celebrate the completion of their education. The theme is kept secret until the night of the party. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by calling Pat Fisher at 472-2675.

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ing the night on site in their tents. The reenactors were led by Novi Historical Commissioner, Daniel O' Connor. The event, sponsored by the Historical Commission drew reenactors of a variety of periods from as far as Ohio and Canada.

Submitted photo

Former Novi planner selected to manage recycling authority

Mike Caapo has been selected as the new General Manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC). Caapo, formerly a community planner for the City of Novi, was selected for the post by the authority board of directors. He took over the reins of the organization Monday, May 23. Caapo will be responsible for leading RRRASOC as it addresses solid waste issues through innovative and regional approaches. RRRASOC is currently working through a public-private agreement with Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. for the development and operation of a Material Recovery Facility in the City of Southfield. The facility will process recyclable material from much of southwest Oakland County as well as many areas around the metro Detroit region.

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Mill Race opens its season this weekend

Mill Race Historical Village will inaugurate its 1994 season on Sunday, June 5.

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To celebrate opening day this year, several writers and local historians will be on hand.
Helen Gilbert, who wrote *Tonquish Tales*, Jean Fox, the author of several books on the history of Farmington, and Barbara Louie, who wrote *No. 17 On the Trail*, a history of Novi, will all be available to discuss local history and autograph copies of their books.

Photographer Renee Brown also will visit as will members of the Farmington Historical Society.
All buildings will be open for viewing.

The village will offer longer office hours this year, with a staff person in the office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday 9-1.
Mill Race is a compound of eight 19th century buildings located on Griswold in Northville.



AAUW members (seated, left to right) Grace Wilkinson, Winnie Fraser, Marcie McConville, Ann Newton, (standing) Carol Parker, Lillian Nelson, Sue Page, Barbara Wilson, Dorothy Flattery, Lynn Clarke, Verna Lee Hill, Jewel Luckett, Jane Spence, Lorraine Kirkish and Karen Olsen.

AAUW's hands-on camp wins approval

The American Association of University Women Northville-Novt board met May 23 to evaluate the organization's major project of the year—the "Excited About Science" hands-on science camp for girls.

Despite the cold and rainy weather on May 7, close to 100 fifth and sixth grade girls showed up for the science camp organized by the Northville-Novt and Livonia branches of the AAUW.

The May 21 session for seventh and eighth graders featured hands-on activities at the living science laboratory, including: the study of plant and animal communities in the pond, meadow and forest habitat; the study of plants as food factories; collecting specimens for use under the microscope; and finding creative ways of exploring the environment.

The camp was also approved by the Girl Scouts for a badge.
The report on how the girls felt about the camp was very positive—some 94 percent of the girls reported enjoying the hands-on activities in spite of the rain. Fully 82 percent thought the program was beneficial.

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Village Oaks Parent Teacher Organization sponsored a totally made in Michigan breakfast for students last week. Seated in the back from left are Diane Harmer's kindergartners Christine

Skouberdis, Ayumi Mizuta, Natsuko Tateishi and Beth Gee. In front are Kara Kelly, Jeff Fraser and Daniel Coleman.

Photo by SUE SPILLANE

New director leads Novi high bands to honors

It's been an award winning year for the Novi High School bands. The symphony band gave a top notch rating at the district competition that earned members the right to participate in the state competition in Grand Rapids on April 30. At states, the symphony band competed against 20 other bands but ended in the top three with an all star rating earning all 1s, the highest possible score.

First year Band Director Scott Boerma directed the band's in their award winning season.

At the national adjudicators invitation on April 22 in Virginia Beach, Novi's bands fared well against competition from Tennessee, Wisconsin, Ohio, Texas and Virginia Beach. Performances at the competition netted the school's bands four trophies and a plaque.

The Symphony band's performance of "Army of the Nile," "Symphonic Dance No. 3," and American Civil War Fantasy received a superior rating from the panel of judges from across the United States along with a second place trophy.

Concert band performed three pieces which earned members another superior rating and trophy at the invitational.

The indoor color guard performed a skit from "Guys & Dolls" which brought home a first place win.

Sophomore Chris Goss received a first place trophy for his trumpet solo.

One of the highlights of the trip said Band Booster Marie Faulkner was when the Novi Jazz Band provided the music as more than 800 people boarded the Spirit of Norfolk for a dinner cruise.

"... their dedication, discipline and desire to achieve to the best of their ability proceeds once again that they are winners," Faulkner said about the band members.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Fine artists

Novi Meadows students won scholarships this year to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts camp this summer. Pictured in the back from left are Shannon Ringvski, Jack Wang, Michael Wang, Beth Bovair and Sarah Shaul. In the middle row from left are Johnny Wainouth, Jason Kohring, Sarah Adams, Melissa Schneider and Stephanie Weber. In the front are Chris Miller, Brent Frey, and Jennifer Davies.

Changes coming in voter lists

A year later, Michigan is feeling the fallout from Congress' 1993 National Voter Registration Act—a law that will change forever how local clerks list voters.

"We have concerns. We'd like to see a feasibility study first. We haven't seen any cost numbers," Terri Land, Kent County clerk, told the House Local Government Committee Tuesday as it studied implementation of NVRA.

NVRA's purpose is to increase the proportion of Americans—particularly low-income people leaning Democratic—who are registered to vote from 75 or 80 percent to more than 90 percent.

Michigan is likely to see these two major changes:

- Voter registration soon must be done at social services, public health, mental health, public assistance, unemployment compensation and other human services offices designated by the governor. Historically, city and township clerks—and beginning about 10 years ago, the Secretary of State's license offices—have registered voters.
- Clerks won't need out "deadwood"—voters who have been inactive for several years. "Under NVRA, clerks can't cancel because you don't vote. It's a forever file," said Rep. Robert Brackneridge, R-St. Joseph, a former county clerk who co-chairs the House Local Government Committee.

"We did not support the federal motor voter bill when it passed, but that's a done deal," said Gene Thornton, lobbyist for the Michigan Township Association. "We've not heard any concern about local control." Thornton said MTA supports a bipartisan package of bills to implement NVRA.

Kent County's Land said county and local clerks should have final maintenance authority over voter lists. "Death certificates are filed with county clerks. We can eliminate dead people immediately—within 48 hours," she said.

Brackneridge liked that idea. Christopher Thomas, state elections director, said the Secretary of State will not take over control of the voter lists. "We want to support local control, not eliminate it. In our view, local jurisdictions will continue to conduct elections. We (the state) are setting ourselves up as a data center," Thomas said.

As the system gets under way, many state agencies will offer people voter registration forms when they apply for some type of benefit, a driver's license or a change of address on their licenses. State computers will forward that data to local clerks.

"The technology is faster than the Postal Service," said Thomas. "There will be substantial savings to local government. No longer will local clerks have to handle volumes of paper by sending cancellation notices to voters who have been inactive for several years."

NVRA was a bitterly partisan issue in Congress. In 1992, President George Bush vetoed the first version as "a partisan sham." With Bill Clinton in the White House, Congress re-passed it in 1993.

A Republican minority in the Congress charged Democrats made it partisan by refusing to require states to designate public libraries, public schools, clerks' offices, marriage license bureaus, revenue offices and post offices as voter registration places. The GOP said Democrats' designation of welfare offices "is designed to encourage fraud-prone election-day registration."

Congressional Republicans also objected that there was too little federal money to support the federally mandated work. The bill limits the state's ability to confirm independently the information contained in voter registration applications and severely restricts the state's ability to remove ineligible voters from the polls. The GOP added.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITIZENS OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the June 13, 1994 Novi Community School District Annual School Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 1994, at 2:30 p.m., in the Board Room at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tait Road, Novi, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

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The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents a seminar on the challenges facing working women Saturday, June 11. The seminar, which is free and open to the public, meets in Room J-250 of "J" Building on campus, 10 a.m. to noon.

Vicki Elmer, assistant business editor and "Women at Work" columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*, will discuss the challenges women face in their careers and at the workplace.

This seminar is third in a series sponsored by the Womencenter, a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women.

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If 18 mills defeated it will be a disaster, Byers says

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urging voters to vote on June 13. Campaign organizers have taken ads in local newspapers telling people to do the same.

That's got Novi school officials on the defensive 12 days before voters head to the polls.

"I think it is unfortunate that a one-person campaign can receive so much attention and coverage when there are so many other people in the community who strongly support the educational program here," said Novi Community School District Superintendent Emmett Lippe.

"If the 18 mills don't pass," Lippe said, "it would be devastating to the school district because the foundation grant would not be funded by the state."

Lippe said he's concerned about the campaign because he thinks LeBlanc doesn't understand that the proposed millage against business properties is less than what business owners are paying now.

According to Lippe, all property owners in Novi are currently paying

29.44 mills. But under the proposed change, business owners would pay only 24 mills or 3.44 mills less than what they are currently paying in property taxes.

"The 18 mills isn't new millage," he said. "It was never the intent of Proposal A to roll back taxes on business properties to the extent this resident would like to see happen. The 18 mills is still less than what's currently being levied."

Board of Education President Raymond Byers didn't seem to give LeBlanc's campaign too much credence until he heard LeBlanc supporters weren't limiting their fight to the state mandated 18-mill non-homestead proposal. But taking it one step further and also rallying against the district's request for a two-mill enhancement from Novi homeowners.

Opponents say the district doesn't need the extra tax revenues.

School officials and board members disagree.

"This is a case where one individual has decided that he doesn't like Proposal A," Byers said. "And that's all this is, is one person who doesn't like A."

That was Byers' initial reaction to LeBlanc's campaign. But after hearing LeBlanc had supporters who have printed flyers and pulled advertisements in local newspapers urging residents to vote on both proposals, Byers was more defensive.

"It puts the 18 mills at risk," he said. "And without the 18 mills, the district's 95 percent funding from the state is in jeopardy."

Passage of Proposal A required local districts to pass 18 mills against non-homestead properties in order for school districts to receive their share of the foundation grant for edu-

cation. For Novi that means, voters have to levy 18 mills against business properties owners so the district will receive at least \$5,500 in state aid behind each student. Without it, Novi—or any of the other districts in the state—won't have the money it needs to operate its schools.

The 18-mill levy is a state mandate of Proposal A which passed overwhelmingly in Novi on March 15. The two-mill enhancement Novi school board members are seeking is an extra millage that will be levied against all properties.

The irony of the upcoming June vote is that Novi homeowners will be deciding how much tax Novi business owners will pay.

"For the most part the business community are absentee voters," Byers said. "Most of them don't live here so the determination will be made by the homeowners. But if the homeowners misinterpret that the 18 mills will be levied against non-homeowners only, the district could lose out."

Between now and June 13 school officials and LeBlanc supporters have their work cut out for them.

With less than two weeks to go, each will head their own ways on the campaign trail.

School officials will have to counter the LeBlanc campaign by ensuring homeowners know the 18 mills are levied against non-homeowners only.

LeBlanc's one-man, grassroots campaign surfaced last week. But the response from the business community is more than he ever bargained for. And far more than what Novi school officials needed before the vote.

"I've gotten so damn much support I don't want to do with it," LeBlanc said Tuesday. "This thing has really steamrolled into something I never expected. But we are going ahead."

LeBlanc's intentions are to send a strong message to Lansing and local school officials. The message is that small business owners aren't going to bear the brunt of the school taxes and school officials need to pair down their expenses.

"The state has... a lousy law against the business owner," he said. "So instead of accepting the state's offer, LeBlanc supporters are making a counteroffer."

"We are asking business owners to pay only eight mills and the district to drop its levy from two to one mill," LeBlanc said.

In addition, LeBlanc supporters are seeking a three percent across the board pay out for district employees. That will help trim the fat and lessen the burden on the taxpayers,

he said.

"There's nothing wrong with that," LeBlanc said. "Everybody in business is doing it, even General Motors. It's time the schools started to run like a business too and cut back like everybody else has too."

"School Administrators make a lot more money than the small businessman makes," he said. "It isn't fair."

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Monday June 6, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Travels with Kay: Peru
10:30 a.m.—Women on the Move: H.A.V.E.N.
11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Parenting Skills
11:30 a.m.—(cont'l)
12:00 p.m.—F.H. Police Journal
12:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J. R. Bob Metzger
1:30 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: Richard Lyt
1:30 p.m.—The Word of Life: Bring in the Harvest
2:00 p.m.—What is a Healthy Kid
2:30 p.m.—Library Check It Out
3:00 p.m.—North American Indian Journal
3:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
4:00 p.m.—Just Caring
4:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
5:00 p.m.—(cont'l)
5:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
6:00 p.m.—Dickerman Showcase: One Flight Up
6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
7:00 p.m.—Legally Speaking
7:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics: Lesson 10
8:00 p.m.—Cosmic Connection: Biomagnetic Therapy

Tuesday June 7, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Summit University
11:00 a.m.—Praise, Praise, Praise
11:30 a.m.—Life Matters
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors
1:00 p.m.—(cont'l)
1:30 p.m.—Good Health: Antioxidants
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: The Nubiance Experience
2:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
3:00 p.m.—Cosmic Connection: Biomagnetic Therapy
3:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
4:00 p.m.—Seniors Beware
4:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
5:00 p.m.—Crime Watch
5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions
6:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: Richard Lyt
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks
7:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: The Nubiance Experience

Wednesday June 8, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Capitol Report
10:30 a.m.—Madonna Magazine
11:00 a.m.—Study in Scripture
11:30 a.m.—Annets
12:00 p.m.—The Way, The Truth and The Life
12:30 p.m.—That's Italian
1:00 p.m.—Complementary Health: Church and Health Care
1:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
2:00 p.m.—Kitchen Ceramics
2:30 p.m.—Braiding Simplified
3:00 p.m.—Seniors on Parade
3:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Retired Teachers
4:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
5:00 p.m.—Impact Video
5:30 p.m.—Groove Session
6:00 p.m.—Senior Messenger
6:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
7:00 p.m.—The Word of Life: Bring in the Harvest
7:30 p.m.—Tax Talk
8:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts
8:30 p.m.—Lansing Connection
9:00 p.m.—Speakers Rush: Tiger Stadium
9:30 p.m.—(cont'l)

Thursday June 9, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Senior Messenger
10:30 a.m.—(cont'l)
11:00 a.m.—Prescription for Your Health: Sleep Disorder
11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks
12:30 p.m.—Cooking with Class: Barbecue Chicken
1:00 p.m.—We are all Natives: A Detroit Black Church and a Cherokee Indian Woman Shaman
1:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
2:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts
2:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics: Lesson 10
3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News
3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
4:00 p.m.—Community Kids
4:30 p.m.—Paws with a Cause
5:00 p.m.—Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
6:00 p.m.—1994 Farmington School Board Candidates
6:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
7:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Retired Teachers
7:30 p.m.—(cont'l)
8:00 p.m.—Novi News Week
8:30 p.m.—Women on the Move: H.A.V.E.N.
9:00 p.m.—1993 F.H. Beautification Awards
9:30 p.m.—(cont'l)

Friday June 10, 1994

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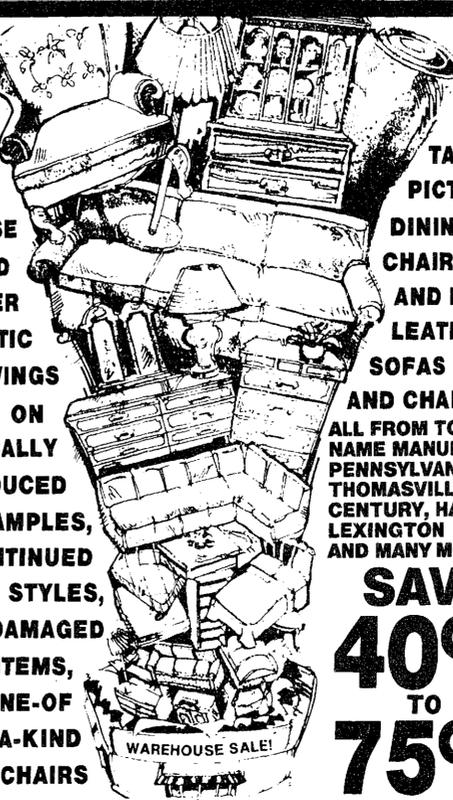
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Academy seeks apps for second session

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Organizers of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy are looking for new recruits for the fall term. Novi Lieutenant David Butler said Tuesday Novi will have 10 openings in the 11-week course which will repeat in the fall starting Wednesday, September 7 from 7-10 p.m.

The cities of Walled Lake and Wixom will have the same number of openings in the class which is a joint venture of the three departments.

The academy, the first of its kind in the Midwest, is intended to give students a better appreciation of community police work. Weekly course work covers everything from criminal law to investigative operations to medical examiner's work at a crime scene. Students are required to ride along with an officer and are invited to attend the firing range in Farmington.

The first near-graduating class has had reviews about the program and the course content.

Novi's Ruth Ann Jirasek, one of 23 who is attending the first session, said the course was an eye opener for her because it among other things

showed her that officers have a code of conduct they have to abide by when responding to each and every call.

"They don't just have the freedom to do as they please," she said.

Jirasek said she has been asked by a lot of people in Novi about the course, each of them wanting to know how they can enroll.

Butler said almost everybody in the spring session of the class has had positive things to say about it before it wraps up with graduation on June 22.

"Everybody seemed very happy with it," he said. "Because it was the first one, we really didn't know what to expect. But everybody tells us they enjoyed it and have learned a lot."

Butler said the class has been fun

for all those who planned and participated in it.

The next class he said will be fine-tuned from the spring pilot session. Anyone interested in enrolling must complete an application which will be screened by the Novi Police Department.

Butler said enrollment will be limited to city residents or persons employed in Novi. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a valid driver's license and no prior criminal background.

Employment information and references are also needed to gain access to the class. Applicants should also be prepared to give reasons why they want to attend.

Butler said anyone interested in attending the course should complete an application and return it to the department as soon as possible so background can be completed and the student roster be filled.

For more information about the academy call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Students head to firing range

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break-ins there. But now out here (in Novi) I don't need it much."

Way said she took lessons after she purchased her .38 years ago. So firing a 9- and 10-millimeter handgun wasn't at all a shock.

"I really didn't mind it all," she said.

Way and Jirasek have attended the academy since it started in April. Now that the class is nearing its June 22 graduation date, both are happy they attended it.

"I've really been enjoying it," Way said. "It is a lot of public relations work for the police department but on the same account I've learned a lot."

A trip to the firing range and a ride along with an officer is also a required part of the class.

"There was a lot of information that has opened my eyes . . ." Way said, "including seeing where prisoners are kept. If you've never been to jail it's really surprising. I wouldn't want to be in there."

Jirasek shared Way's rave reviews.

"I think it's great," she said. "It is a great opportunity for residents to experience police work and responsibilities."

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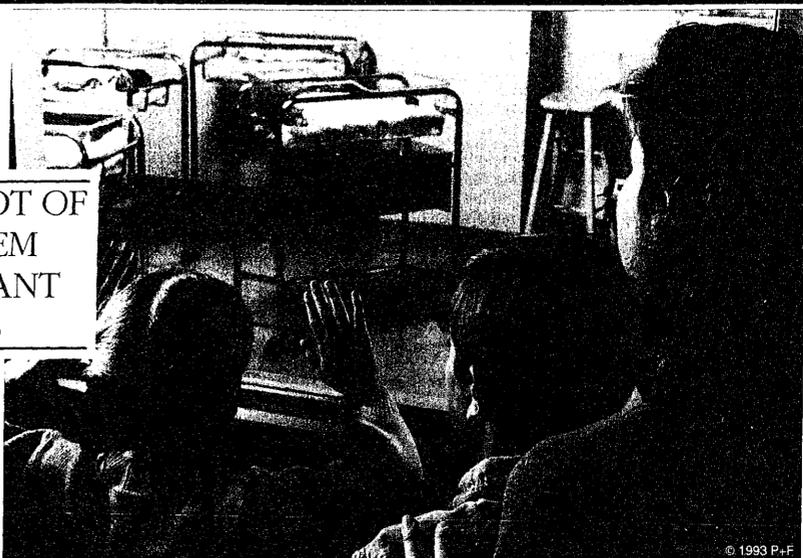
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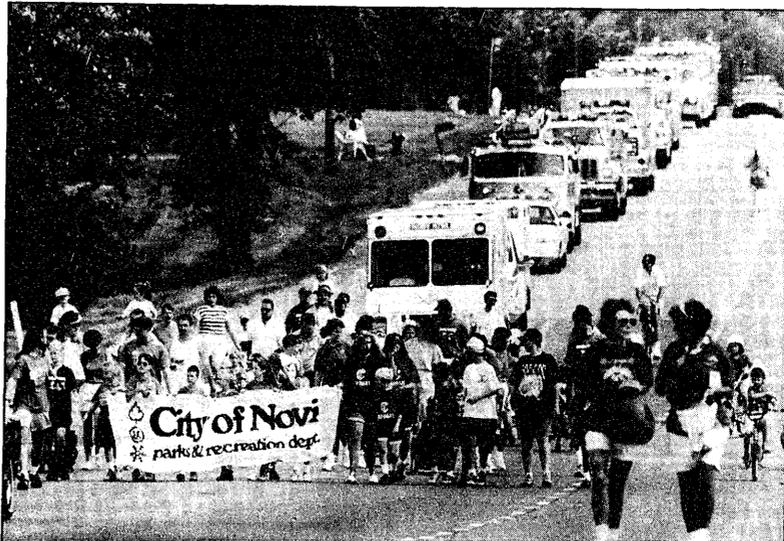
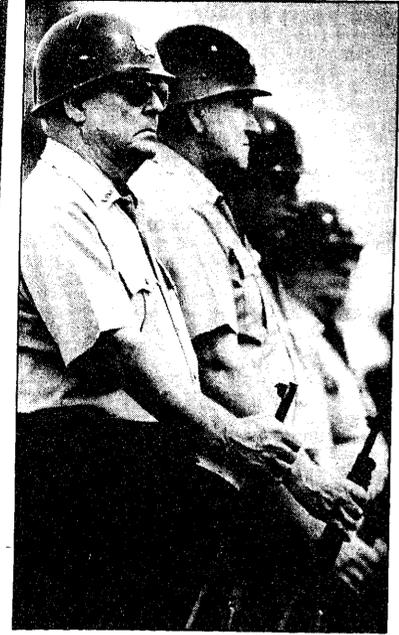
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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC AUCTION
The City of Novi will hold a public auction on Saturday, June 11, 1994 at 11:00 a.m.
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 13, 1994

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 13, 1994. THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the annual school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 1998. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES: George F. Kortlandt

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSITION NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX
This millage will allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homesteaded property required for the school district to receive the revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

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As We See It

Good to see activism, too bad it's wrong issue

We happen to think it's great that Jerry LeBlanc and friends have decided to get politically active in the school district millage campaign. LeBlanc launched the effort on his own, but he's drawing support and says he now has about 50-60 local business people in his corner.

LeBlanc is not the type who typically gets involved in political matters, and certainly not school district matters. A racing car buff and a retired tool and die maker with no children attending school in the district, he is not the type who usually takes an interest in education issues.

So it is good to see him and folks like him taking an interest in the operation of the Novi school district and giving their points of view about the financial matters to be decided in the coming June 13 election.

Unfortunately, he's taken a bad position in his first foray into the public arena. Before folks from around town start jumping on that bandwagon, we think they need to think hard about what they are doing.

Passage of the 18-levy against "non-homesteads" (mainly business and commercial property) is absolutely critical to the functioning of the school district. Not only does the 18-mill amount represent a substantial chunk of change the district would lose, but the wording of Proposal A ties state aid funding to the passage of this millage. Without passage, the district would also be without the state's guaranteed \$6,500 per pupil funding floor.

Without the millage, Novi schools will have almost no money to run their school district on.

Novi school officials suspect LeBlanc is confused about what the 18 mills really is... and we suspect they are.

First of all, while the law requires this be billed as an "increase" on the ballot, it is really a follow up to the approval of Proposal A by Michigan voters in March. And actually, even with approval, property taxes for businesses in Novi will go down this year as a result.

Last year, businesses paid 29.44 mills for school district operations. Under Proposal A, 6 mills can be levied



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automatically. Add to that the 18-mill levy in question and the 2 mills of enhancement taxes the district is looking for in its second question, and it all comes up to a total tax bill of 24 mills.

That's a cut of 3.44 mills for Novi businesses.

This was all part of the plan when Michigan voters approved Proposal A in March. Yes, homeowners get a bigger property tax cut, but that is because they also agreed to pay two cents more in sales taxes.

Businesses don't pay that sales tax... at least not to the same degree homeowners do. They only pay sales taxes for what they buy at retail. Business purchases of wholesale goods and supplies aren't subject to that tax.

In the end, Proposal A wasn't supposed to be a major tax cut for businesses, but it wasn't an overall increase either. Homeowners in the end also got more of a tax shift from Proposal A than a tax cut. But that was exactly the point.

And folks in Novi should not forget that Proposal A was widely supported in the business community. Both the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Novi Chamber of Commerce endorsed the tax plan.

For LeBlanc to say now that, yes, he did vote for Proposal A, but he did not think the state would follow through and he now wants to "renew" on his decision is the epitome of bad timing. Rejection of the June 13 ballot question won't get rid of Proposal A, it will only disable the Novi school district from functioning under the amendment the way the state legislature intended it would.

So, while we are happy more people are taking an interest in the school district operations these days and getting vocal about their opinion, we'd encourage them to get vocal with the school board... about some other issue.

Taking up layout as a hobby



Michael Malott

I'm a little surprised at the number of folks in Novi who have taken up newspaper layout as a new hobby. Granted, it seems to be mostly school district officials who took up this new pastime within the last week or so. We got a number of phone calls from school district types this week who wanted to argue that the story about Jerry LeBlanc's campaign, to convince voters to reject the 18-mill tax question for "non-homesteads" scheduled to appear on the June 13 ballot, should not have appeared on the front page of *The Novi News* last week. It certainly shouldn't have been placed at the top of the front page. Why did the newspaper put it there, they asked.

Because its news, is the simple answer. Big news. And it's news that everyone in Novi needs to know about whether they are for or against the passage of the tax question. (A) Those who are against it need to know that there are others out there who feel the same way, and (B) those who are for it need to know about the opposition so they can get out there and campaign for their position. They need to know about it so they don't assume passage is a sure thing and fall to go to the polls.

Either way, people in Novi need to know this is going on. That's why we would cover any attempt at organizing an opposition to a millage question, be it at the school district or in the city.

Our job here at the newspaper is to make sure that the discussion and debate that drives the democracy in the local governments occurs and that the information is presented so that voters here can make a decision. Simply put, we wouldn't be doing our job if we buried a story like that inside the newspaper.

School officials argue that this is a one-man campaign, so it isn't newsworthy. (It is not clear that's true, since school officials does appear to be gaining momentum.) And they're upset that they didn't get a chance to have their say

in that first article. (They were called by our staff writer, but they didn't return those calls.) Nonetheless, the standard is consistent with our past coverage. When Doug Erwin launched what started as a one-man campaign against the Main Street project, we covered it even more intently. When a north end resident complained recently about the police chief, we put it in the same position on the front page, even though we came out with an editorial directly in the opposite point of view in the next issue.

Now, personally, I happen to disagree with LeBlanc. Of the two questions appearing on the ballot June 13, the 18-mill levy on businesses and other non-homestead property is the most important to pass. The question is a direct follow up to Proposal A, and even with the approval of the levy, property taxes for businesses will be dropping this year as a result.

By the best interpretations we've heard, the 18-mill levy is needed to get the base per pupil funding called for by Proposal A.

Turn this down, and the district won't be opening in the fall. They won't have the money. Seriously, that's the way the constitutional appears to work. Actually, if it's turned down, we expect the school board will come back for another election... and another... as many as it takes to get passage because it is critical.

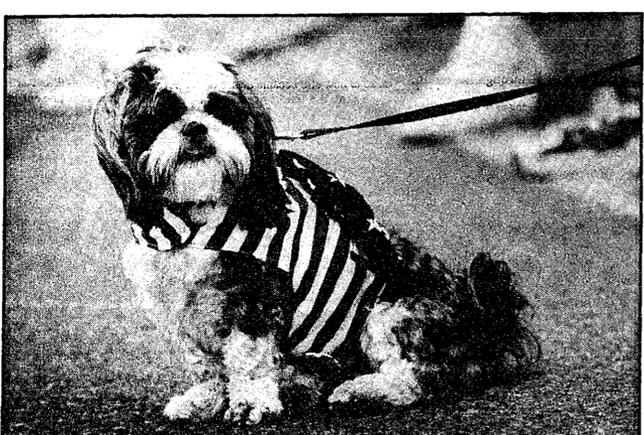
The second question on the ballot is easier to debate. This is for two enhancement mills for three years, and there are more legitimate arguments to be made about whether it should be or should not be approved. (It is also the most susceptible to rejection, since resident voters are more likely to approve 18 mills for businesses than to approved 2 mills for themselves.)

But school district officials can either take this opposition campaign as an opportunity to educate voters here about what is going on in the area of school finance in the wake of the passage of Proposal A... or they can continue to debate this editor's layout skills.

Got a guess as to which would be more productive?

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News*.

In Passing By Hal Gould



Novi canine "Pepi" got decked in appropriate attire for Memorial Day

Patriotic Pooch

"Procedure produces professionalism." That's a little axiom I think is true. It means that when you set out to do a job, do it right the first time: a well-thought-out, well-executed plan cuts down on headaches.

Better procedure could have prevented a lot of what's happened in connection with Northville Township Fire Chief Rick Roselle's recent "resignation."

I put the word in quotes because supervisor people disagree over how it happened. Roselle says Supervisor Karen Baja and Director of Public Safety Chip Snider "pressured him to quit for very unprofessional reasons."

They firmly deny that allegation, however, saying the resignation request came after job performance problems went unresolved. Roselle, in contrast, says he wasn't told most of this.

Also thrown into the hopper is the fact that some members of the board of trustees say they wanted to be better informed and involved in Baja's decision. Some wanted their opinions sought before it was made; others wanted the decision made via a formal board meeting and vote.

Here are two simple changes that might prevent this sort of thing in the future.

Number one: get it in writing. That's one of the oldest caveats of the business world. It ends the "he said-she said" debate. In most of the mental jobs I worked in high school and college I had to sign documents indicating I'd been shown how to operate the machinery and told not to guzzle the hazardous chemicals and so on.

Randy Coble is a staff writer for *The Novi News*.

Tom Washington is among the best



Tom Washington

Pulling together some loose ends: ■ Tom Washington's contribution to the National Rifle Association, is the most unusual and best person I've run into in the natural resources ranks.

Washington, raised in Dearborn, is executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. He's a rarity because he (1) is an old-fashioned hunter and fisherman, one of the Teddy Roosevelt types who begat the conservation movement, and (2) he has a foot in the modern environmental movement, populated by bird watchers, tree huggers, hikers and other believers in non-consumptive enjoyment of natural resources.

Members of group two frequently sneer at Washington as some kind of redneck, particularly since he will now head the NRA.

Actually both groups need to talk to each other and read each other's literature. MUC's magazine publishes both kinds of articles. It's why the centrist MUC has more political clout

than the leftist environmental groups. In the state Capitol, Washington has championed the ban on throwaways, the natural resources trust fund, the attack on Gov. John Engler's reorganization of the Department of Natural Resources, and the current rejuvenation of state park funding, as well as the traditional fin-and-fur issues.

Washington, as NRA chief, is the person best qualified to straighten out the effete, impudent, intellectual snobs who populate the District of Columbia's news bureaus. Pay attention: The gun issue isn't crime control. It's about Big Brother wanting to keep entire populations under his weighty thumb. To run a dictatorship, you first must disarm the populace.

Washington has a multi-century and world view of guns. He will need to make that view respected.

■ A Michigan Education Association type sent along some ideas to "reform Lansing." Most are predictable fulminations against the Legislature for curbing the union's misuse of power, but one deserves comment:

"All legislators and the governor shall take the high school MEAP test in reading, math and science... Politicians who do not pass will not receive 'endorsed public servant' status. Beginning in 1997, anyone who does not pass all three tests will be terminated from office."

That's a good one, similar to my suggestion that legislators should be able to pass a civil service test. Unfortunately, it will take a major state constitutional amendment.

You see, the Michigan Constitution says a legislator "must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, and an elector of the district he represents" (Art. IV, sec. 7)—in other words, a registered voter. But federal law says states can't impose literacy tests on people wishing to register.

So without a constitutional amendment, no MEAP tests for politicians.

Sorry, MEA—you flunk this week.

■ Boo and raspberries to the Legislature for dawdling 17 months on a bill to establish new judgeships. Filing deadline for judicial candidates was May 10. Lawmakers didn't decide to add circuit judges in Oakland and Cheboygan counties until this May 24-25. To get candidates, they had to push the filing deadline back to May 27, almost screwing up the elections process.

That bill could have been passed back in February of 1993.

Tom Washington reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His touch-tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

Business favors district millage

To the Editor:

In a manner of days the citizens of Novi Community School District will make an important decision regarding the future of their school system. This is an ideal moment to consider the important of the issue.

Each year Schoolmatch assists thousands of families and hundreds of corporations and real estate firms in the process of selecting school systems best suited for

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family needs. Time and time again, the Novi Community School District has exemplified "what parents want" in public schools. We have recently recognized the Novi Community School District with an award which honors only 9 percent

of the school systems throughout the United States.

Research has demonstrated expenditures on education contribute not only to the well-being of the community and its future adults, but to the stability of property val-

ues. In order for Novi to continue as a highly desirable community for families, the citizenry needs to financially support its schools.

Our data indicate pupil performance in the Novi Community School District already outdistances instructional expenditures per pupil. We urge you to support your local schools.

William L. Bainbridge, Ph.D. President and CEO Schoolmatch

Psychic Lee to appear on Coffee



Mary Linda Calderone

Have you ever picked up the phone and known who was on the other line before he or she had a chance to speak? What about traveling through a certain town or city and feeling as if you had been there before? How about that recurring dream that someone is constantly chasing you?

If you ever have—even once—had an experience like these, and would like to learn more about why these things happen, you will surely want to be part of the TV and radio show, Channel 12's award-winning entertainment show, *Coffee and Conversation* at the SWOCC studio on Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. Join Denise Jenkins, hostess for this hour-long program (who incidentally is also WJOL's morning news director) as she interviews renowned psychic, Janet Lee.

You may have already seen Lee on Channel 7's *Kelly & Company* or Channel 50's *Morning Break Show*. Perhaps you caught Bill Bonds interviewing her on the news. She has made more than a few radio appearances including CKLW.

WOMC and WCAR. Lee also has the distinction of working with local police departments such as Pontiac, St. Clair Shores and Burton Township, as well as out of state police departments in Georgia and Florida on numerous missing persons and murder cases over the years.

Lee has a heart rending story to share with us as to how she became aware of her psychic abilities at the tender young age of 11. Her father owned and operated a country airport. She was standing near him one day watching pilots land. Two of the men were getting ready to take off, when she suddenly saw a vision of a plane crashing at the end of the runway. She begged her dad not to let the men go up. He solemnly told her to go in the house, mind her own business, and to stop trying to scare his customers with childish nonsense. Needless to say, 10 minutes later both men lay dead in their plane at the end of the runway.

In the days of her youth, it was not popular to admit one could "see" things. This was a terrifying truth for her. No member of either side of her family had experienced these abilities. Her parents refused to talk about the feelings she had, choosing to ignore the whole situation.

As she matured, she was able to come to grips with her psychic abilities and accept what fate had bestowed on her, actually using the ability to help others.

In addition to all of this, Lee believes she has the capability to communicate with the deceased, often times giving a message so specific that the person receiving it knows it could have only come from the beloved who has passed on.

She is also an expert in dream interpretation and a certified hypnotherapist. In hypnotherapy, she has helped witnesses recall crimes, people find lost articles, and has performed past and present life regressions.

Delve into the world of psychic phenomena with us. Come on down and visit your local community television studio. You may just want to ask Lee what the future has in store for you. We'll put on the coffee, and you can bet there will be great conversation. Pick up that phone today and call the producer of *Coffee and Conversation*, Cindy Stewart at 347-0494 for reservations (seating is limited).

P.S.—Guess who else is coming to *Coffee and Conversation*? Gloria Steinem! Don't miss Jenkins as she interviews the "daughter of feminism," spokeswoman on issues of equality and one of the country's most widely read and critically acclaimed editors and writers. Check your Channel 12 TV guide listing for dates and times.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, which oversees the operations of Metro/Vision cable services.

OCC candidates discuss the issues

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Oakland Community College must improve its already good job of training young people and older workers for work in a changing economy, board candidates agree.

Three of 10 candidates for two unpaid OCC board seats showed up Wednesday, May 25, for a League of Women Voters discussion for southwest Oakland County cable television. The nonpartisan voter service group went ahead with the show.

Agreeing on most issues were Richard Blomfield, incumbent OCC trustee from West Bloomfield, an OCC graduate, and data base analyst with Ameritech, Frank Riley, retired accountant from Royal Oak, and Henry Woloson, Clarkson resident, investment consultant with Kemper Securities and active in the OCC Foundation.

OCC trustees are elected June 13, the same date as local school boards.

Q. How can OCC keep classes and teachers in tune with job markets? Are you satisfied OCC is meeting its mission statement of providing service to employers?

Woloson: As controller of an auto supplier, he worked with OCC's placement officer and was pleased at the college's "pro-active approach" in supplying him names of 20 job candidates. He was "very impressed with their credentials."

Blomfield: He has three degrees from OCC. "I visit one campus at least once a week and sometimes three or four times a week." He made a walking visit to a construction project at Orchard Ridge Campus this week. His OCC contacts date to 1983.

Riley: His wife took nursing and radiology courses at OCC—"very, very positive." As a volunteer, he is working on an OCC Foundation fund-raising project. He also serves on the Independence Township parks and recreation advisory board and is interested in fitness programs for adults.

Blomfield: "There is a segment of the market we may be closing out—the most needy." He noted for the tuition increases but also for cost-cutting measures and to increase scholarships. OCC is conducting a major gifts campaign.

Riley: Two daughters have received OCC degrees, and he uses the Royal Oak Campus library. His civic experience includes a neighborhood association and volunteering on a telephone survey on drugs and alcohol abuse.

Other candidates are David Hackett (incumbent) of Rochester Hills, Richard Aljourny Jr., John Bushart of Waterford, Carol Crew-Sheldon of Westland, Pamela Davis of Clawson, Paula Fleischer of Birmingham and Jan Mack of Waterford.

OCC enrolls 29,000 students, of whom 38 percent intend to transfer to four-year colleges. The rest seek two-year associates' degrees and job skills or are pursuing personal interests.

Operating budget comes from tuition, state aid and a property tax of 0.85 mill. Trustees are unpaid and meet monthly. Campuses are Highland Lakes (Troy), Auburn Hills, Orchard Ridge (Farmington Hills) and Southeast (Royal Oak and Southfield) plus a Pontiac Center.

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Novi district volunteers recognized

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draiser. During the week, Szlaga spends her time volunteering in her children's classrooms and working in the computer lab. At Novi Meadows, she serves on the building planning team and volunteers in the media center.

She also teaches religious education classes at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. In her spare time, she helps students learn to read and manages her son's hockey team.

Szlaga holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Mercy College.

Fallone helps out as CARE employee in the Novi Schools. She also lends a hand teaching computer classes in Community Education and is a lunch aid at Parkview Elementary. Her 11 years of volunteerism as a classroom helper have lead her to create bulletin boards and charts for classroom use and produce a monthly newsletter. She also volunteers as a publishing center

typist. Fallone is also an office aide and active in the PTO.

Sabol has a similar list of volunteer efforts with the Novi Schools. She is a Community Education coordinator for Parkview and a lunch aide.

For nine years, she too volunteered as a classroom helper. During that time she helped to create bulletin boards and running copies and record keeping. She's an office volunteer and a newsletter coordinator. She too is a coordinator of a publishing center and past presidents of the

Novi Woods and Parkview PTOs. She remains active in both.

The four were honored by the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, a professional organization of female educators at a May 3 awards ceremony at Novi Meadows.

Beta Chi, the local chapter of the international organization hosted the awards ceremony. Beta Chi honors their own in conjunction with the one person in the United States the international society honors each year.



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Beta Chi awards winners from left are Susanne Szlaga, Pat Kortlandt, Maria Fallone and Connie Sabol.

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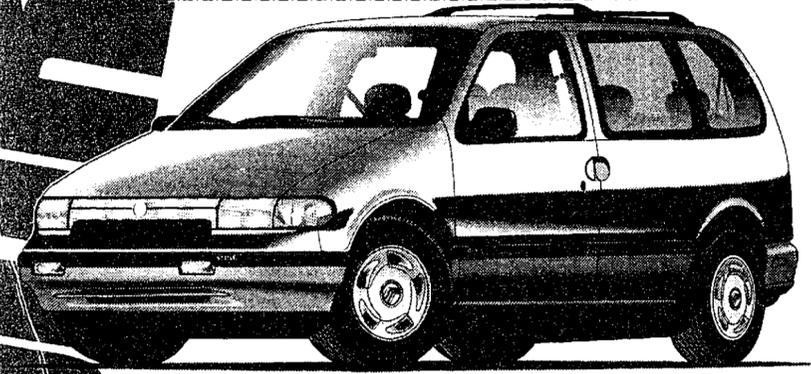
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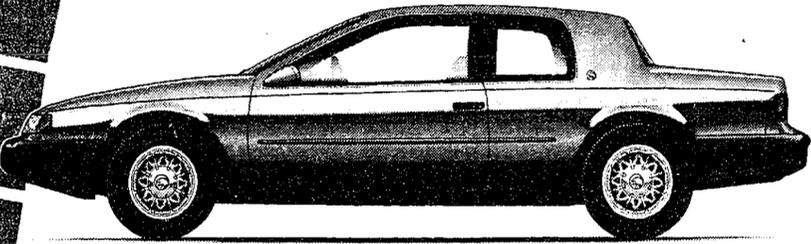
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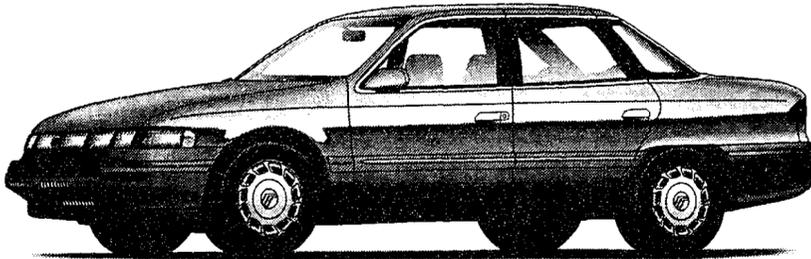
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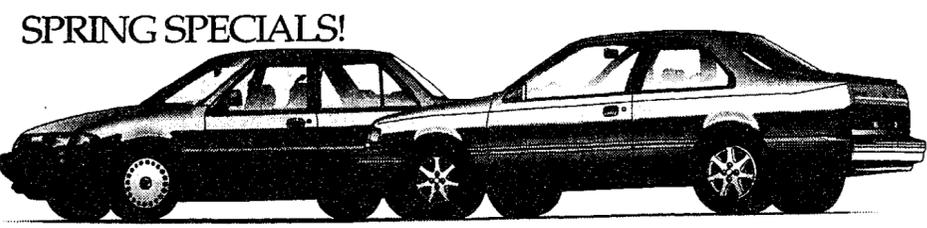
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Lehman helped invade five countries

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

"Old soldiers never die, they just fade away," Robert Lehman sighed. In his nearly 73 years (he'll celebrate his birthday June 7), Lehman can say he's seen it all. Some of it he'd rather not have.

"I'm one of very few left to have four stars on their wings," said Lehman, a World War II paratrooper with the 505 Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division. "I've invaded five countries, four of which I got stars for on my jump wings."

His battles included one against the German general "Desert Fox" in Africa who "blew up more tanks" than anyone; the jump into Normandy's White Cliffs of Dover to assist troops who had just invaded the coast of France—known as D-Day; and in the Battle of the Bulge, the last major German counteroffensive launched in Belgium during the second World War.

Lehman has fought under General George Patton—his troops called him "Our Blood and His Guts;" and General Gavin, the youngest general in the U.S. Army.

His decorations and citations include a theater ribbon with six bronze stars; three purple hearts and a bronze star medal just to name a few. Lehman said he's given most of his medals to his five children.

"(President Dwight) Eisenhower came to visit us here in England," Lehman said referring to the D-Day jump preparations. "It was highly strict security. We used our own paratroopers as guards."

"We were ready to go that night, but there was a terrible storm and they had to call it off."

Finally, on the night of June 6, the night before his 20th birthday, Lehman found himself packing his parachute.

"I was thinking about dying," he said. "That may sound a little sentimental. A lot of people pray to God. I didn't pray. I talked direct to him."

"I asked him if I was going to die, then to make it quick. I had seen too many buddies die."

After jumping into Normandy, Lehman and another sergeant rounded up 25 paratroopers who were severely wounded and put them in a French farmhouse. They killed some chickens and boiled them to make soup for the wounded.

Lehman and the other sergeant then drew straws to see who would leave and find the troop's element.

"We were completely surrounded," Lehman said. "I lost, and had to stay ... one of us had to go—we weren't going to save these guys."

While Lehman waited, he stacked all the ammunition into

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Two year wait for Hicks leads to invasion

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

The way his ordnance company was stockpiling bombs, Fred J. Hicks knew something was going on.

The year was 1944 and Hicks had been stationed at an American airbase located northeast of Norwich, England, since 1942.

"It was a hectic time," the Northville resident recalled. "We weren't aware of what was going on, but we knew we were damn busy... everything was so secret."

Although his primary job was as a small arms repairman, fixing up to 50 caliber machine guns for planes, Hicks said it wasn't a full time job. So he helped unload the many truckloads of bombs arriving into his unit.

"I know it was in preparation for D-Day because of the bomb sizes," he said. "Strategic and tactical bombs are two different things."

The size and amount of bombs coming in as well as the increased number of service men both clued Hicks in that something was going on.

"The amount of American soldiers you saw at the pubs and in the streets ballooned immediately," Hicks said. "You knew there was going to be one hell of an effort at sometime."

Hicks enlisted in 1941 with the ordnance company, an attachment to the United States Air

Force. He trained at the proving grounds in Maryland before being transferred to Boise, Idaho, with the bomber group.

"I was stationed there until after Pearl Harbor," he said.

Then it was off to New Mexico at a base situated north of El Paso where servicemen practiced on the rifle range and with bombs.

Three months later, Hicks got his orders to ship out to England. The trip took 13 days.

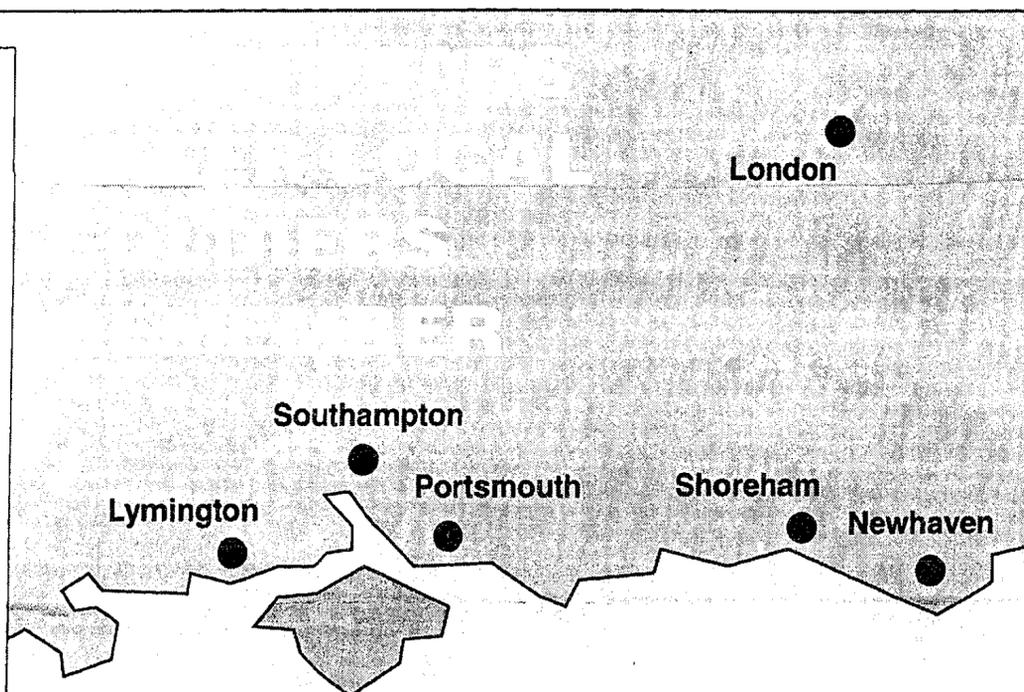
"We landed in Scotland on Oct. 3—or something like that," Hicks said, shaking his head.

While Hicks was overseas, his wife of six months, Laura, went to work for Dr. Russell Atchison in Northville. At the time, rationing was quite severe, she said, with stamps required to buy shoes, tires, gas, meat and sugar.

"You saved your fat and grease," Fred Hicks said. "It was the beginning of women working in the factories—Rosie the Riveter."

One of the most interesting things Hicks remembers while being in England is his job as a

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The Norman conquest

The tide of World War II had already turned in favor of the Allies by the time 156,000 American and British troops invaded Normandy on June 6, 1944, in the largest amphibious assault ever attempted.

The Battle of Britain, the defense of Moscow, the Battle of Midway, the North African campaign, and the invasion of Italy had all gone against the Axis powers. The Allies were winning in every theater — over the Marshall Islands, Rome was in Allied hands, and the two-year siege of Leningrad had been broken. Adolph Hitler's once terrifying Luftwaffe had been decimated. American and British pilots were bombing the German homeland "round the clock."

Still, there was no hope of achieving the Allies' goal of "unconditional surrender" unless the British and Americans could cross the English Channel and open a second front against the Germans.

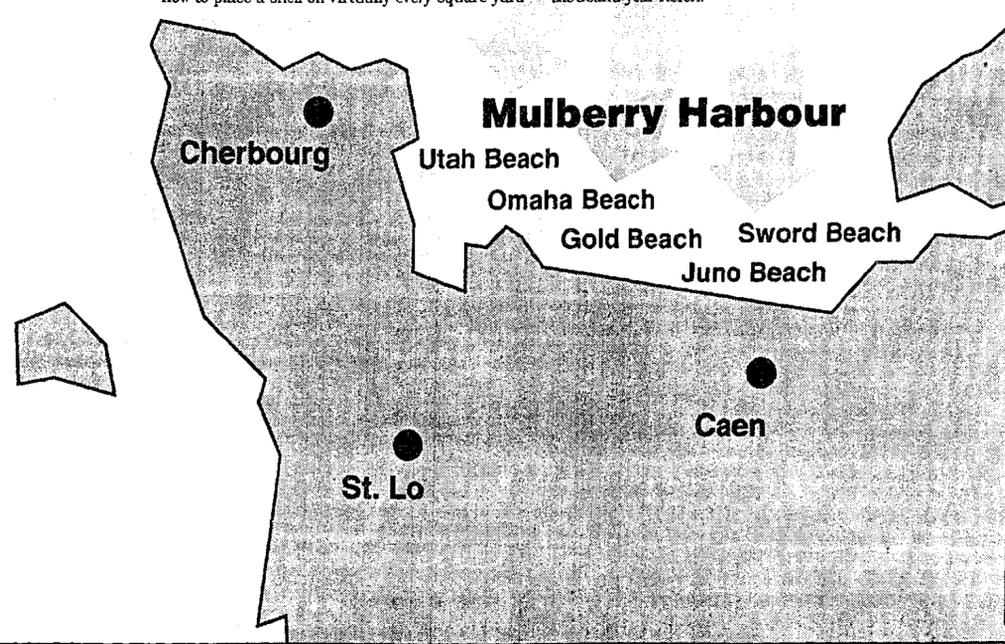
Hitler knew it had to come too, and his defenses were well prepared. The Germans fortified 2,400 miles of coastline with artillery and machine guns. The shore was "pre-sighted," meaning the Germans had already calculated how to place a shell on virtually every square yard

of beach. Just how tough the defenses would be seen on Omaha beach, in the midst of the five-pronged invasion. Allied bombers were supposed to soften the defenses the night before. But on Omaha, they missed their mark and dropped their bombs miles inland. In the morning, the result would be carnage — 4,650 casualties on that beachhead alone.

Still in all, there were only 6,600 casualties among the allied troops that day, about a quarter of what had been expected. And by day's end, the invaders had pushed inland as much as 10 miles.

Hitler took over the direction of the defense personally. Falling for the Allies' deception efforts, which had included stationing decoy divisions around England and feeding misinformation to captured German spies, Hitler was convinced the action at Normandy was a feint. He held back his Panzer divisions 48 hours to defend Calais, where he was sure the real assault would take place. By the time the Germans figured out Normandy was the real target, it was too late. In 10 days, the Allies put nearly half a million troops ashore.

It was the beginning of the end for Hitler's "thousand year Reich."





Fred Hicks of Northville helped unload the bombs used in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day.

Soldier said he knew forces were preparing

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bomb recognition technician.
"When the Germans developed the B-2 rocket, they had no idea where it would go," he said.
The alcohol and oxygen mixed bombs were fired from Belgium and it was Hicks' and another tech sergeant's job to flag the bombs. That way the medical and crash personnel could do their jobs without being in danger, Hicks explained.
"Some live around here," he said. "Some have passed on; quite a few of them in fact. It's kinda sad."

Battle-scarred veteran well decorated

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one room. The house remained dark, so as not to give their hiding place away to the enemy.
"You just sit there," he recalled. "You're a young man thinking I don't know what living is."
Three days later, Lehman heard a rumbling near the farmhouse.
"I thought this is it. I'm going to spend the rest of the war in a concentration camp," he said. "The door opened and there (the other sergeant) was. He said, 'Sarge, I got five jeeps out here.'"
Lehman received a bronze star for

valor for his efforts.
When it was all done, Lehman's regiment lost half of its 5,000 men in the D-Day excursion. One-third were wounded.
"They have more white crosses over there in France than they can shake a stick at," he said.
Death is something Lehman has defied more than once. On Feb. 10, 1945, he was hit by sniper fire, wounding his hand and arm. Seven days later, a sniper shot out his appendix.
Lehman was also wounded while serving in Kojon-Ni, Korea, in 1952.

"We were surrounded by (the North Korean Army) and I was coming out of a bunker, walking down the trench," Lehman said. "I saw a (forean) man, they (North and South Korean) all looked the same. He threw a hand grenade."
"It tore up my eyes, my scalp. A sergeant from Texas grabbed me by the belt and pulled me down and cut this guy in two. I was back on the hill in three days."
Another brush with death came as recently as last September when Lehman suffered a heart attack. He was in a coma for 40 days and in the hospital for 200 days. The heart attack left him in a wheelchair, but Lehman is slowly beginning to walk again.
"The doctors gave up on me," he said. "They said no way was I going to make it."
Lehman's memories of the wars he's fought have stayed with him. It's something you just can't forget, he said.
"I went back 25 years ago and it kind of got the best of me, looking down and seeing the names of buddies," he said. "I had more than one man die in my arms."

Some were luckier than others in battle

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for meals.
"Every day until we got on ship we had to lay out all of our possessions at the foot of our bunks for inspection. We weren't allowed to take any pictures, letters or identification (that could be of any help to the enemy).
"We had to cash in our English pounds for French script (about \$5 worth). Anything over that had to be sent home with all letters, pictures and identification.
"Then one morning we walked to the docks and boarded the ships. We sat on the Channel for two or three days before we sailed for Normandy.
"Just before we sailed, hot air balloons were attached to each ship with cables to protect them from strafing planes.
"The Channel was exceptionally rough and a lot of guys got sea sick, but the sailors gave us paper bags so we wouldn't mess up their ship. We had to stay below deck until we were ready to go over the side into the smaller landing craft.
"We landed on Utah Beach. As we

jumped off the landing crafts into the water, it was deeper than I expected. The water came up to my chest and I had to hold my rifle over my head to keep it dry.
"As we went ashore, it was so scary as hell with all the artillery and machine gunfire and seeing buddies getting hit.
"With the bombing and strafing from our planes and the big guns from our ships it really helped soften things for us. We could identify our planes because they had white stripes painted on the bottom of the wings. They identified our ground troops by orange flags and orange smoke grenades.
"Back a little way from the beach there were small channels filled with water. I don't know if they were there for irrigation or to slow us down.
"Each of us were issued a piece of rope about 3- or 4-feet long that we could tie together if needed to help us cross the channels. As it turned out, we didn't need them.
"We kept moving inland and we moved in quite a bit the first day. At night, we dug in and waited until

morning to continue moving in.
"About 10 or 12 days later, we were moving across an open field when we came under artillery and machine gunfire. As I was running for a hedgerow for cover, I got hit.
"That was the end of the war for me."
"I am now retired from General Motors Corp. (1986) and live in Northville."
Roy Singleton
"We were on Utah Beach. It was 6 o'clock in the morning. I remember when I got topside.
"There were 3-inch guns on the stern and the water around the ship was nothing but bodies — you could walk on them.
"As far as I was concerned, I wasn't in too much trouble there. After the troops got ashore — I was on LST (landing ship tank) No. 49 — I wasn't supposed to go to shore because I was in the Navy, but I did to go get our wounded."
"We took a lot of wounded back and a lot of German soldier prisoners. After three or four trips it was over."
"When we invaded southern France a month or so later, it was even worse for me. Our ship got stuck on the beach and it took two other ships to pull us out.
"I'm one of the lucky ones. I never got a scratch."
Bob Stanow
Harry Krachmal was a flight engineer gunner in the 487 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. He flew 31 missions during World War II, but ended up flying the day after D-Day.
"We were supposed to go, but they scratched us. We were still on the field (in England) waiting for our guys to come back. We didn't know what was going on. . . Our crew was scratched that night. Just our crew, no one else. We went the next day.
". . . the night before (D-Day), the whole country got quiet. We didn't know what was going to happen."

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Photo by MICHELLE HARRISON

Starring in the Marquis production are, left to right, John Kohl (Harley the Goblin Prince), Missy Willman (the goblin king), Laurie Boloven (Princess Irene), Lars Kvalvaag (Curdie), Debbie Franz (ghost of great-great grandmother) and Carla Freshwater (goblin queen).

Marquis production of 'Goblin' continues

Children of Northville will be entertaining young audiences with a musical comedy presentation of *The Princess and the Goblin*, adapted for the stage by R. Eugene Jackson from the novel by George MacDonald.
Performance dates are 11:30 a.m. Saturdays June 4, 11 and 18. Tickets

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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.

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS: Midwest Dance Theatre will hold auditions for its completely new full length production of *The Nutcracker* June 5 at the academy, 1180 Welch Road, Walled Lake. The full two-act production is scheduled for late November.
Young dancers/actors ages 7 to 12 will audition at 2 p.m.; dancers ages 12 and up will audition at 3 p.m. Roles are available for men, women, boys and girls. Female dancers should bring pointe shoes. Some scholarships are available for male dancers.
For information, call (313) 689-9444 or (313) 437-6786.

BOOKSIGNING: The first American in space and later commander of the Apollo 14 mission, Alan Shepard will discuss and sign copies of his new book *Moon Shot*, co-authored with Donald Slayton, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center. Shepard is known for hitting several golf balls on the moon just before takeoff during Apollo 14. Currently, he is involved with several companies and is president of the Mercury Seven Foundation, which raises scholarship money for college science and engineering students.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by *MetroVision* and broadcast to residents.
Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.
For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

CLASSICAL MUSIC: Accompanied by his cello, Stefan Koch will acquaint the audience with each period of classical music and provide a little history, too, at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Borders Books and Music in the Novi Town Center. The Ann Arbor resident is a member of the Abyssinian Quartet and also works for Borders, Inc., as a buyer. Register for the program at the main information desk.
For information, call 348-5000.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.
A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

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.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which

now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person.
Diners are given clues—and sometimes speaking roles in the action—to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.
Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.
Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with 8 p.m. shows.
For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

JAZZ IN THE PARK: Laurel Park Place ignites with the hot sounds of jazz and the latest in fashion's featured during the "Jazz in the Park" concert series.
The free monthly series will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30 in the Park. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.
Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

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, a cover charge live rhythm and blues cafe. Riffles is at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denry's from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
The June lineup, playing from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., includes: Steve King and the Ditties (50s rock'n'roll) June 2; Newwave (top 40) June 9; The Gratitude Steel Band (Caribbean) June 16; C.J. Leftus (country) June 23; and Steve King and the Ditties again on June 30.
Taylor Made will perform from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. June 24; 9-11; 16-18; 23-25 and June 30, July 1 and 2.
The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.
For information, call 348-5000.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi.
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CAFFE BRAVO: Features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues in addition to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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ATRIUM GALLERY: Watercolorist Richard O'Malley is the featured artist for the months of June and July. He is well known for his use of bright jewel-toned colors. His subjects are often cats, boats, buildings, flowers and abstracts.
New multi-media work from Farmington artist Jert Felwick will also be exhibited throughout July.
Ann Arbor artist Bob Black has new clay figures in for Father's Day. The Atrium Gallery is at 109 N. Center St., Northville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.
Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

BORDERS: This month's featured artist in the gallery at Borders Books and Music is northern Michigan resident Suzanne Wilson. Her watercolor features scenes from all over the world.
Wilson has also published *A Sketchbook of Leelanau County*. She is currently director of the Street Studio in Glen Arbor, Mich.
Borders is located in the Novi Town Center.

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, features a changing show of the work of local artists.
Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genetti's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.
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Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 13, 1994.
THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 1 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.
At the annual school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 1998.
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Voting Place: Amerman School, 847 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan

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Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan

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Voting Place: Moraine School, 46811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

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Have a Yabba-Dabba-Doo time

The 'Flintstones' are back — live and in person in a family feature

Journey back to the happy town of Bedrock — 2 million B.C. — where foot-driven automobiles rumble past split-level cave dwellings and every kitchen comes complete with a pig-powered garbage disposal.

The "Flintstones," that modern Stone Age family, is back, this time in a live-action feature comedy.

John Goodman ("Horton Hink," TV's "Roseanne") plays the ever-popular Fred Flintstone, with Elizabeth Perkins ("Big") as his wife, Wilma. Rick Moranis ("Honey I Shrunk the Kids") portrays Barney Rubble, opposite host Bob Odenkirk ("Sleepless in Seattle") as his wife, Betty.



The modern stone-age family is back in Amblin/Hanna-Barbera's live-action comedy, 'The Flintstones.'

Elizabeth Taylor makes a rare screen appearance as Fred's mother-in-law, Pearl Slaghoople. Halle Berry and Kyle MacLachlan co-star in supporting roles.

Steven Spielberg's production company, Amblin Entertainment, had visions of a live-action feature version of "The Flintstones" for many years, and began working with Universal and Hanna-Barbera to develop the project.

From the beginning, recalls producer Bruce Cohen, "Spielberg made it clear that we were only going to make this movie if we had John Goodman to play Fred."

Between the demanding process of script development and Goodman's commitments to "Roseanne" and other feature projects, it was not until the summer of 1993 that cameras were ready to roll. Last with director Brian Levant at the helm.

With Levant on board as director, the filmmakers' mutual goal was to bring "The Flintstones" to life in all their prehistoric finery, creating a movie that would be faithful to the tone and spirit of the original television series.

"When people come to see an entertainment based on another, earlier entertainment, they want affection for, there are things about it that people want to see," said Levant. "They want to hear

Fred yell 'Yabba-Dabba-Doo.' They want to hear Wilma and Betty say, 'Charge it.' They want to hear Dino bark 'Yip, Yip, Yip, Yip, Yip and bark down Fred and kick him silly. And we done those things because we love them, too."

During pre-production, Producer Bruce Cohen devoted countless hours to resolving the diverse challenges posed by a live-action version of an animated cartoon — how do you design a car that people can drive with their feet? How do you create the character of Dino (not to mention the hundreds of other dinosaurs living in Bedrock)? And what does a prehistoric toothbrush look like?

"It's all here," said Cohen. "We took the basics — the two families, the kids, Dino and what would be a typical 'Flintstone' plot — then we embellished it."

"There is something of a traditional American couple who believe in family and want to better themselves so they can make a nice life for themselves, their friends and their children."

"We took that as our background and created from that our conflict — which is that Fred is lured by the trappings of success."

In "The Flintstones," life changes for Fred and Wilma when a promotion lands Fred in the executive suite at the Slate & Co. quarry. While the Flintstones taste the lifestyle of the rich and prestigious, the Rubbles, with their newly-adopted son, Bamm-Bamm, are not so fortunate and tensions arise between these best of friends.

"Casting was the most fun," said Cohen. "Because we found people who defined their characters... people who were born to play these parts."

"Being able to say 'Yabba-Dabba-Doo' does not ensure that people will love it's Fred Flintstone," said Levant. "John (Goodman) fleshed out the character, made you believe him, made you want to forgive him as you

found the balance between what was essential and what filled the background."

"We had a lovely world and we wanted to share it with the audience. But at the same time, this is a story about people. They go first, and they are what is at the center of the story."

Added Cohen: "Our overall objective for this film is for audiences to have more fun than they ever imagined possible. That seemed to be why people loved 'The Flintstones' show — because it was fun from beginning to end. You loved the zany adventures of these kooky people in this wild and wonderful world. With humor and originality, we've tried to bring

all of that excitement to every minute of our film."

"Being a fan of the show, I want people to feel as if I do," said Levant. "I love 'The Flintstones' and I loved bringing them to life. My goal, like everyone else who worked in this film, is very simple. We want people to come and have a Yabba-Dabba-Doo time."

'Lethal Weapon' goes west? Nope, it's 'Maverick'

MAVERICK
By Mike Kapusky
Northville

"Lethal Weapon" goes west? Well, maybe not, with the exception of one scene.

"Maverick" brings back a 1957 series under the same title, originally starring James Garner, and soaks it in the '90s style of movie making. This time it's Mel Gibson as the sly card shark careening across the buttes and small towns, trying to get the money to enter a poker contest with half-million dollar prize.

In the process, he meets up with Jodie Foster, love interest and opponent, and Garner, famous lawman, as they face Indians, lynch mobs, and themselves.

This film definitely is not predictable. It stumbles from one scene to another, each character betraying the next. The constant double-crossing may lure the viewer at times, but lots of action, comedy and mayhem keep the flick rolling. The starring trio is wagon loads of fun, and the satirical characters they meet add up to a great comedy.

"Maverick" gets a deserving four stars on a five-star scale (what five being the best). A superb western spoof! Not really realistic at times,

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but lots of fun to watch.

DAVE
By Heather Wadowski
Northville

Bring America's favorite president home today. "Dave" is finally on video.

Dave (Kevin Klein) is a typical American who just happens to look like the president. So, when the president has a severe stroke, the Secret Service asks Dave to pretend he's the president.

But what's supposed to be a simple job ends up in a national scandal. And Dave has a lot of fixing up to do to put the nation back on its feet. Can a simple man save the nation?

The only problem with "Cowgirls" is that it lacks direction.

ated another winner with "Dave." Dave also stars Sigourney Weaver as the First Lady. If only all presidents were like Dave.

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES
By David Perotta
Northville

"Even Cowgirls Get the Blues" is enough to make anybody sing the blues. This time around, Gus Van San falls to take viewers to the dark side of reality that his previous efforts have accomplished.

"Cowgirls" doesn't live up to the standards of "Drugstore Cowboy" or "My Own Private Idaho."

While most people would agree that extra long thumbs is an oddity, Sissy Hankshaw (Uma Thurman) believes that her thumbs are a prized possession. She is an out-of-work model hitchhiking all across the country. She believes that she can always get a ride because of her unusual thumbs.

She eventually settles herself in the middle of the Rubber Rose Ranch, and one of the cowgirls falls in love with Sissy. This cowgirl, Jellybean (Rain Phoenix), is undoubtedly intrigued by her thumbs.

The only problem with "Cowgirls" is that it lacks direction.

which is ironic since the movie is all about direction, changing and going places.

"Cowgirls" does have its funny moments when Roseann Arnold pops up as a fortune teller, and Keanu Reeves as an asthmatic blind date. Included in the menagerie of stars are Lorraine Bracco, Angie Dickinson, "Pat" Morita, John Hurt, Rain Phoenix, Ed Begley Jr. and Sean Young.

Despite the movie's lack of direction, the actors play their parts to their full potential and are truly believable despite the nonsensical plot.

So, if you're in the mood for a two-hour journey of philosophy and symbolism, check out "Cowgirls." Yee-Haw!

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS
By Helaine Binsteck
Novi

You either love or hate Woody Allen comedies but this departure is a rare, serious film about human nature and how lives are altered by mistakes.

Judah, played flawlessly by Martin Landau, is a highly respected, venerated physician, eternally married to one loving wife. The revered doctor seeks advice from his not-so-exalted brother (Jerry

Orbach).

Judah's problem is an ongoing love affair with a woman to whom he feels irreversibly linked.

She promises public exposure and because he indeed loves his wife and grown family, not to mention his esteemed career, he deliberates his mobbed brother's suggestions to permanently eradicate the other woman (Angelica Huston).

Then there's Cliff (Woody Allen), too old to still be an idealist, whose wife hates his non-compensated mores. Her brother Lester (Alan Alda) is Cliff's opposite with



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Wildcats fall 6-5 to EGR in state lacrosse final



KELLY KROLL

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It just wasn't fair. After fighting their way back from a three goal deficit to take the lead, the Wildcat lacrosse team deserved a better fate than a 6-5 loss to East Grand Rapids Saturday in the MSLA Division A state final at Cranbrook Academy.

With less than two minutes to go, the Pioneers' Jeff Conway scored the winner and his third of the game. The goal ended the Wildcats' 12 game win streak and Novi's best hope for a state title in who knows how long.

"It's a tough loss to take," said coach Kelly Kroll. "But the kids have a lot to be very proud of. They came back played hard and gave ev-

erything they had. They left it all on the field. That's all you can ask for as a coach."

Novi finishes the season, just its second as varsity squad, as the state runner's up with a 13-4 record. Not bad for a team comprised mainly of sophomores.

"I see nothing but positive things for us," said Kroll.

East Grand Rapids dominated the first period of play. Conway scored the game's first goal with four minutes gone by and his second just 40 seconds later. Mark Hoekstra got the Pioneers' third goal in a minute seconds later.

Kroll said his team was a little in awe of being in the "big dance" for the first time and had some jitters. "It was a carnival atmosphere," he added. "We made every mistake

possible and some I didn't even know about."

Andy Muzzini finally got Novi untracked at the 7:16 mark of the second quarter. Steve Wells made it 3-2 less than a minute later.

East Grand Rapids took a two goal lead into halftime after B.J. Taylor scored a power-play goal with 12 seconds remaining in the second period.

"We were very fortunate only to be down 4-2," Kroll said.

The coach said he let his team know in no uncertain terms that he wanted more from them in the second half.

"I told them they had 20 minutes of lacrosse left this season," Kroll said.

The Wildcats responded. Brad Ward scored just nine sec-

onds into the half, off of the face-off in fact, to make it 4-3. Steve Wells tied the game with about two minutes left in the half on a power-play goal.

"The third quarter we controlled," said Kroll. "We played our best lacrosse of the season."

Mike Sill completed the Wildcat rally by giving his team the lead for the first time at the 5:30 mark of the fourth quarter. The lead didn't last long, however.

Taylor scored for East Grand Rapids less than minute later and Conway later scored to give the Pioneers the championship.

Novi had possession of the ball for most of the final minute of play. But, Kroll said, his team couldn't make a second comeback.

"We had our chances," he said.

The coach was very happy with the way his team played in the final 20 minutes.

"We played an excellent second half," Kroll said.

If it hadn't been for goalie Eric Hoffman, the Wildcats likely wouldn't have even been close in the final. He made an incredible 44 saves.

"It was a tremendous effort on his part," Kroll commented. "I can't say enough about the way he played all year."

Novi started the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association playoffs Friday.

The Wildcats beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills 10-6. Mike Hicks and Sill led the team to victory with three goals each.

Runners finish second in KVC behind Brighton

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Karie Jettie and Christy Carmichael have reasons to be proud today.

The two seniors set Wildcat records May 24 and helped Novi finish second in the Kensington Valley Conference championship May 24 at South Lyon. Jettie bested the high hurdles mark while Carmichael eclipsed her own record in the 200-yard dash.

"I'm really happy and proud of them," said coach Connie Atia. "For them to come through and peak at the league meet... was just great."

Novi didn't miss eclipsing Brighton by much. The Bulldogs won the KVC title with 146 points while the Cats were second with 114 points.

"We held our place," said Atia. "We were happy with that. We didn't have any first places, but we had enough depth to hold onto our position."

Novi came out of the dual meet portion of the season in second place. Lakeland provided the closest challenge for second as the Eagles finished third with 91 points.

Events were placed one to seven. Novi did very well in track events but could take just a few points in the field.

"We only had 13 points coming out of the field events," Atia said. "We're really going to concentrate on field events next year."

Jettie got some of those field

event points in the high jump. She was fifth by clearing 4-10. Ursula Place with sixth at the same height.

In the long jump, Jettie had her best effort of the year with a 15-5 1/2. The 3,200-meter relay team of Michelle Sweller, Katie Zimmernan, Lorna Camp and Jenny Hampton were second in 9:48.8.

Jettie got Novi High's record in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.1 seconds and took second place. Lori DeWitt was third in 17.2.

Carmichael was third in the 100-meter dash in 13.1. Sarah Schmidt was sixth in 13.4.

Place, Schmidt, Dyan Ahrens and Audra Wolowicz finished fourth in the 800-meter relay in 1:53.9. Hampton was third in the mile in 5:26.50 and Zimmernan fifth in 5:33.6.

The Wildcats placed third in the 400-meter relay in 53.8 with Schmidt, Sarah McClintren, Ahrens and Wolowicz. Carmichael was second in the 400-meter run. Sweller fifth and Michelle Harrison seventh.

In the low hurdles, Jettie was second in 48.7 while Sarah Blumer had her personal best of 51.1. Camp was Novi's top finisher in the 800-meter. She took third in 2:27.6 while Hampton was fourth and Angel Pelletier seventh.

Carmichael's school record of 26.8 was good for second place in the 200 while Wolowicz was fourth in 27.3. Zimmernan and Camp were second and fourth in the two-mile run.

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Christy Carmichael was third in the KVC 100-meter dash.

Novi closed the meet by taking fourth in the mile relay with Pelletier, Sweller, Hampton and Carmichael.

"Everyone peaked when they should have peaked," Atia said. "All the hard work paid off."

OAKLAND COUNTY
The Wildcats had mixed success at the two county meets last weekend.

Jettie was the only Novi runner to

score a point in the senior meet Friday at Lahser High School. She was sixth in the low hurdles in 48.8.

The news was considerably better at the freshman meet Saturday at Milford. Novi won a county championship by easily outdistancing second place Southfield 90-68.

"We thought we had a chance to win it," said Atia. "We entered 10 of the 15 events. We placed and got a

medal in each one."

Novi won the two-mile relay in 10:19.60 with Harrison, Camp, Zimmernan and Hampton. Schmidt was fourth in the 100-meter dash in 13.3.

The 800-meter relay team of Schmidt, McClintren, Natalie Wroe, and Wolowicz were fourth as well. The same group won the 400-meter in 53.7.

Hampton won the 1,600-meter race in 5:27.6 and Zimmernan was third. Hampton won the 800 in 2:28.9 and Camp was third in 2:30.9.

Novi got another first place finish in the two-mile run. Camp won the race by edging teammate Zimmernan, 12:33 to 12:34.

Angel Rott, Harrison, Hampton and Sweller were third in the mile relay in 4:16.70.

Kickers fall in district final 3-0

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Friday night's district soccer final between Novi and Northville was size and strength versus skill and finesse.

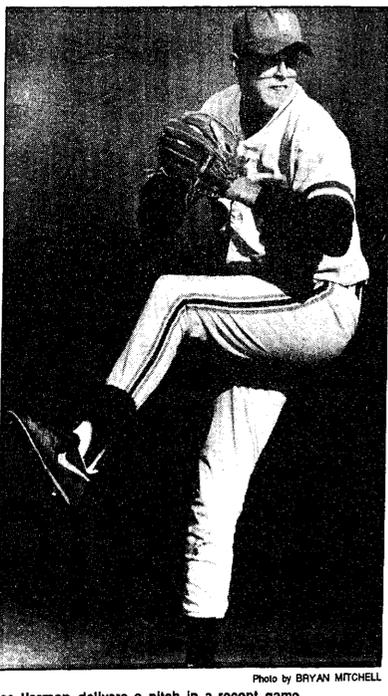
Skill and finesse won out as the Mustangs defeated the Wildcats for the second time this year, 3-0. Before a large home crowd, Renee Androsian led her team to victory with a pair of first half goals.

Northville, in fact, scored all of its goals in the opening 40 minutes. Novi coach Larry Christoff said before the game his team would have to play tight defense to hang with the Mustangs.

"I think if we can stay on them," he said, "we can play with them." That was the case early on.

Neither team got its offense organized in the first five minutes of the game. Northville came alive shortly after that point, though. Lynssey Huot fed Androsian with a crisp pass on the left wing. The senior then sent the Mustangs' first shot at the Novi net. But Wildcat keeper Lisa Antuna came out of the goal to cover up on a bouncing shot.

Katie Kohl squeezed off a hard shot at the 33:30 mark that sailed wide right. Christoff implored his



Joe Harmon delivers a pitch in a recent game.

Baseballers split with Milford, Brighton for third place finish

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Inconsistent until the end. Novi High concluded its regular season Thursday by playing excellent and poor baseball in splitting a home doubleheader with Milford.

Coach Brian Howard was less than pleased following a game two setback.

"It was a little disappointing," he said. "Milford's not a good team. We should've beat them."

But, then, that's been the Wildcats story all season. Novi has played brilliantly in knocking off top teams like Brighton, but faltered in games that could've been won.

Howard's said he takes the blame for his team's shortcomings.

"It's my fault," he said. "Novi was anything but inconsistent in the opener. The Wildcats pounded Milford 10-0 in six innings.

Youchi Matsunaga started the hit parade in the first inning. He led off with a double and then advanced to third base after Tom Grigg reached on an error and Kevin Serrra singled.

A sacrifice fly by John Wroe got Novi's first run home. A Chuck Jabczynski double got two more in before the rally ended.

The Wildcats added single runs in the second, third and fourth innings. Novi ended the game with four more runs in the sixth, which included a two-run double by Derek Gavigan.

Greg Norris was impressive on the mound. The right hander tossed

a three-hitter in blanking the Redskins. He struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

"He's turning into a very solid pitcher," said Howard.

The only problem with game one, the skipper added, was that Milford didn't offer much resistance.

"It was almost too easy," Howard said, "because it made us relax."

Milford took the nightcap 9-6. The Redskins jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third inning. Milford used three hits and three walks off of Novi starter Jason Fischer to engineer the rally.

The Wildcats got three back in the bottom of the frame. A two-run triple by Wroe, who was four-for-seven in the doubleheader, was the big blow.

"He's been hitting the ball with authority," said Howard, "and his outfield play has been phenomenal."

Milford scored three more runs in the fourth inning to make it 7-3 and put the game out of reach. Errors through out the game cost Novi, according to Howard.

"With our normal defense," he said, "we would've won the game."

The Cats close the regular season with a 17-10 overall record and a 12-6 mark in the KVC, three games behind champion Brighton. The Wildcats will open the state tournament Saturday in Northville. Novi plays the winner of the South Lyon-Pinckney pre-district game. BRIGHTON DOUBLE-HEADER Although the May 25 games didn't mean a thing in the league standings, Novi played with a lot of pride. Howard said his team played like the title was on the line.

"(Brighton) was the champion and ranked eighth in the state," he said. "We felt like we were as good as they were."

The Wildcats used another excellent outing by lefty Mitch Jabczynski to win the opener 6-3 at home. He gave up seven hits and in going the distance. He also struck out 10.

Howard said Brighton coach Dave Carroll came away with a lot of respect for Jabczynski.

"He was more impressed with Mitch this time than last," he said. Jabczynski beat Brighton 4-2 earlier in the season.

The Junior and his teammates were down 2-1 going into the bottom of the third inning. A Serrra double knocked in Matsunaga and tied the game, however.

Novi then staged the game-winning rally in the fifth. Matsunaga, who had three hits in the game, singled as did Grigg. Wroe doubled both of them home to make 4-2.

Brighton got a run in the sixth after two were out to close scoring in the game.

"We played very, very well," said Howard.

Novi wasn't as fortunate in the nightcap. Brighton blew open a close 2-1 game in the second inning with four runs.

Joe Harmon started and took the loss for the Wildcats.

