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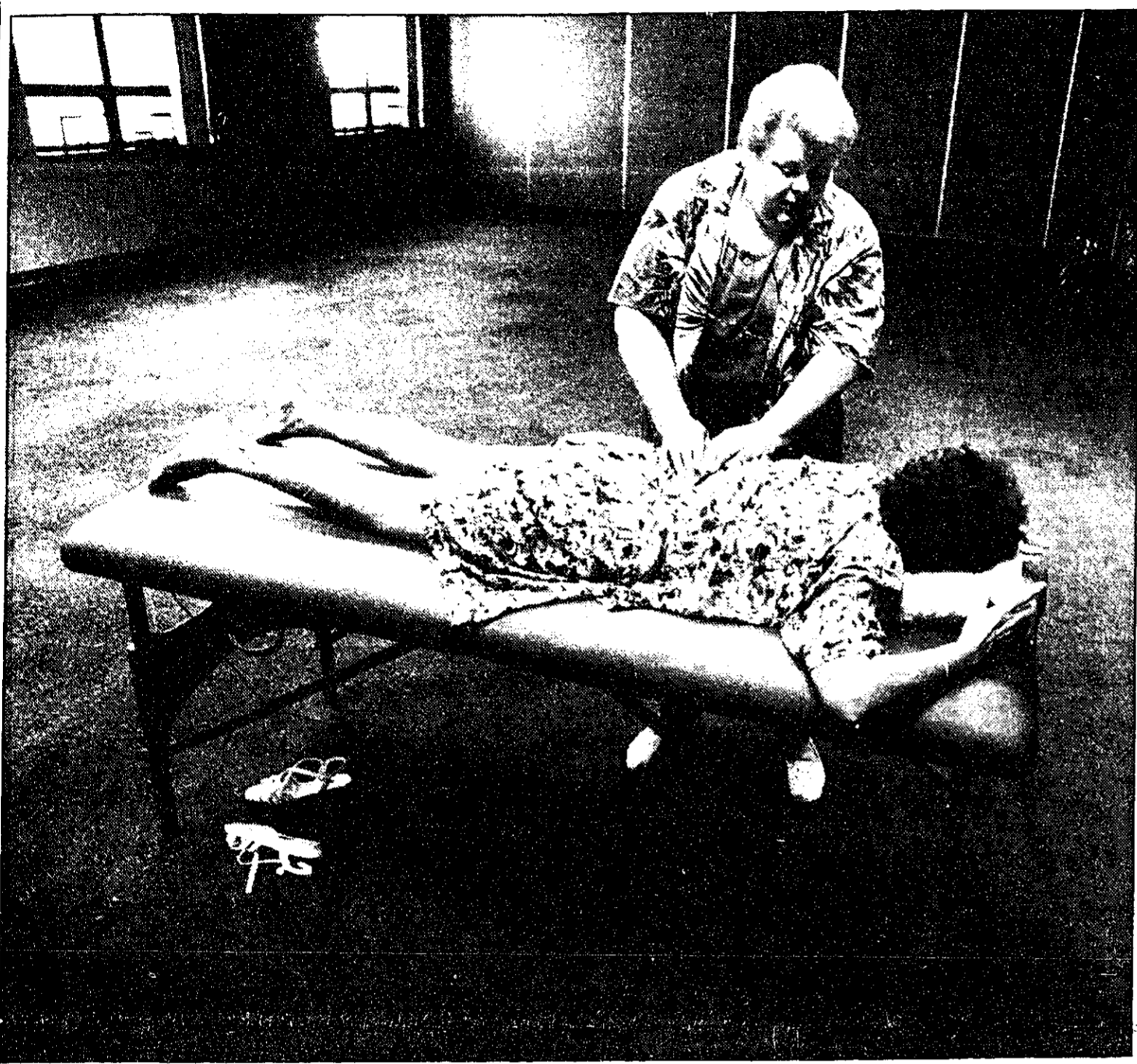


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Therapist Diane Alexander gives a massage to a senior citizen, before it was discovered the practice ran afoul of Novi's ordinance banning out-call massages.

## Massages run afoul of ordinance

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Parks and Recreation Special Coordinator Kathy Crawford thought she had come up with a new idea which would rub Novi's over-55 set the right way—until she found out it was illegal.

Last spring, the Novi Senior Center, located in city hall, began making massage available on site to its members. Then Crawford, who's in charge of the senior programming, learned that city ordinances ban massages done on an outcall basis.

So, she successfully petitioned to get the ordinance changed.

It all started when Novi resident, Diane Alexander, who is studying to become a licensed massage therapist, offered to give the seniors free massages on their hands, feet and neck. After the no-cost tryout, she proposed to give the service for 20 minutes for a highly-affordable \$6.

"She gives them a good deal. It really helps their mobility, to relax the stiffness," Crawford explained.

"It gives them an overall feeling of well-being. It helps their circulation."

While the massages were popular, Alexander tipped off Crawford that outcall massage is banned in some cities. A quick check

"This massage therapy really blows their (the seniors') minds. They think at first it's a little kinky. There's really nothing odd about it, you wear all your clothes."

Kathy Crawford  
Special Recreation Coordinator

showed Novi was one. Outcall massage was a taboo here unless the customer was physically incapable of traveling to the massage parlor.

In July, the Novi City Council agreed to revamp the rules. It's never helped that massage, a legitimate form of physical therapy, has gotten a naughty reputation, that the term massage parlor has been a euphemism for something the Novi City Council is unlikely to legalize here soon.

Previously, the service could only be done in Novi at a licensed massage parlor. The new ordinance permits massage at places like a hospital, a health care facility, rehabilitation

facility or a senior center, even though the businesses are not licensed. The masseuse, however, must be licensed.

"This massage therapy really blows their (the seniors') minds. They think at first it's a little kinky," Crawford said.

"There's really nothing odd about it, you wear all your clothes. There's nothing threatening to them."

Pat Lemire was quick to sign up for the service at the Novi Senior Center. Lemire, who's been getting massages for six years, said she loves it.

"I could tackle the world after a massage," she said.

Novi's seniors have found it eases their stress and for those with high blood pressure, it helps calm them down, Crawford said. The therapy increases the suppleness of a senior's hands and feet.

"You walk on your feet for 80 years and see what happens to them," she added.

"We have so many people who someone never touches them."

The Novi Senior Center offers massages on a by-appointment basis on Tuesdays and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

(Staff photographer Bryan Mitchell contributed to this report)

## Chen vows to develop Main Street

Report concludes a cautious developer wouldn't proceed

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

While a consultant overlooking the Main Street project concludes that a cautious developer would not proceed, Evergreen III remains ready to go ahead.

So are some Novi officials.

"I believe the votes are there. We are ready to take the next step to increase the vitality of our community," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"I'm very excited about the project. It is enormous. I think with Novi's history, it's quite acceptable."

In February, Evergreen III and the city agreed that the developers would finance research into

the council's questions about the project. The results are in, including reports from two real estate appraisers which were then analyzed by a third appraiser.

It's clear the project can't go ahead without help from the city. City Manager Edward Kriewall said Monday.

However, an Aug. 22 vote on Main Street has been put off for several weeks until still more pieces of the financial puzzle can be put together.

Under consideration is a deal between the city and developer which calls for these provisions:

- Evergreen III would donate the road right-of-way for Main

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## Residents to appeal Interlock decision

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Meadowbrook Lake residents plan to appeal the city's Planning Commission decision to allow Interlock Corporation to build a factory behind their homes.

The appeal will be filed to city officials by the week's end, but Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said it could fall on deaf ears.

According to Watson, the residents have no recourse to reverse the decision. Typically, zoning appeals are heard by the city's

Zoning Board of Appeals, but Watson said in this case, the ZBA has no authority to reverse the planning commission's Aug. 3 decision. It was then that city planners gave a 6-3 nod of support to grant a special land use permit and 5-4 approval to Interlock's preliminary site plan to construct the 94,000 square foot facility.

The ZBA could hear an appeal of the site plan approval, but state law blocks an appeal of the special land use permit. It has no

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## Twelve turn out for planning seats

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Monday night the Novi City Council will interview 12 applicants for two seats open on the city's Planning Commission.

The two vacancies on the commission were created by the Aug. 4 resignations of commissioners Lodia Richards and Irene Cahill.

The 12, ten-minute interviews will start at 5:35 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

The 12 applicants scheduled for interviews are Gerald Shulman, Jill Baty, Peter Hoadley, Enrico Digirolamo, Victor Cassis, Peter

Light, Frank Brennan, Debra Ahrens, Michelle Bononi, James Grzybowski, Richard Dietrich, Mark Pehrson, Timothy Tamer, and Arthur Vrettas.

There has been talk that several of the applicants submitted their applications after the planning commission approved the Interlock Corporation's plans to build a plastic injection molding facility behind the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision. The Aug. 3 approval was controversial because residents of the abutting subdivision fought the commis-

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## In Pursuit of Northville



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Puddle jumpers

So much for the dog days of August. The weather turned cold and rainy over the past week. But some youngsters were able to turn that to their advantage. (Left to right) Andy McInnes, Ty Clark and Ryan Duffy, all 14, take a ride down Edinborough Lane after heavy rains.

## 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, August 18

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

**Chamber Golf Outing:** The Novi Chamber of Commerce is holding a golf outing at Tanglewood Country Club, 53503 W. Ten Mile Rd. The complete package includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, competition games and prizes, box lunch, refreshments, pig and turkey roast dinner and open bar. Tee offs will start at 10 a.m., open bar from 5-7 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and prizes and awards at 7:30 p.m. Advance prepaid reservations are required. The cost for the complete package is \$95. For further information call 349-3743.

### Monday, August 22

**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.

**TOPS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Middle School, Room 106. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Breast Disease Support Group:** Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly breast disease support group from 7:30-9 p.m. Anyone who has experienced

breast disease is welcome to attend. Call 1-800-968-5595 for more information.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. For more information, call 348-1800.

**Crop Walk Rally:** The 1994 Crop Walk/Recruit Rally will be at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. This is the kick-off meeting for this year's walk and all churches/organizations are welcome and should be present at this meeting. The walk date is scheduled for Sept. 25.

### Tuesday, August 23

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

**F.E.M.A.L.E.:** The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge/Loose Ends) meets at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 684-6090.

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

**Camera Club:** The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

### Wednesday, August 24

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

**Seniors business:** The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

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

**Faith and Film Festival:** Faith Community Presbyterian Church film festival features *A River Runs Through It* at 7 p.m. Admission is free to the entire public, with free popcorn, pop and coffee. Child care is available if requested in advance. Robert Short, author, will introduce each film, provide a brief interpretation following the movie and lead a discussion. The church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd.

### Wednesday, August 31

**Faith and Film Festival:** Faith Community Presbyterian Church film festival features *Lilies of the Field* at 7 p.m. Admission is free to the entire public, with free popcorn, pop and coffee. Child care is available if requested in advance. Robert Short, author, will introduce each film, provide a brief interpretation following the movie and lead a discussion. The church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd.

### Monday, September 5

**Labor Day:** City offices and the library will be closed.

## Novi will be site of 'upscale' Boston Chicken restaurant

By MICHAEL MALOTT  
Managing Editor

Novi will be the site of the most "upscale" eatery yet in the Boston Chicken chain. It will be the first, city planning consultant Brandon Rogers says, to use china plates.

Of higher concern to the Novi City Council, when it took up and approved the preliminary site plan review for the fast food outlet Monday, Aug. 3, was the traffic flow in the area.

The new restaurant is to be located on the southeast corner of the Novi Road and Crescent Boulevard intersection, in front of the Novi Town Center. The site is just north of the existing Old Kent Bank and across the street from Grady's restaurant. Boston Chicken's sole access point will be from Ingersoll Drive, the road which circles the Town Center.

In such a high traffic area, access to and from the restaurant was a concern. But a study of traffic flow conducted Tuesday, Aug. 2 by city traffic consultants Reid, Cool & Michalski, Inc., showed the proposed drive to Boston Chicken would have been "blocked only eight times during the two-hour peak period indicating that ingress and egress from the proposed site should not be a problem." That blockage would have occurred only

for cars exiting northbound on Ingersoll. The consultants noted that drivers leaving Boston Chicken could also turn right to head south on Ingersoll, which was never blocked.

Although it will do about half of its business in the form of carry-out orders, Rogers said there was no plan for a drive-through window. With a building of 3,520 square feet and seats for 50, Boston Chicken's plan for 41 parking spaces on site far exceeded the 23 that would be required, Rogers said.

Architect Mark Drane, of T. Rogno Associates, said this would be "the most upscale Boston Chicken to date." While it would still be a fast food restaurant, Rogers predicted the outlet would have "a presence equivalent to Grady's, equivalent to the other restaurants on Crescent Boulevard."

One problem with the site remains. The construction will force the removal of a portion of a by-pass lane now used by Old Kent Bank customers. That problem will have to be resolved by the time final site plan approval is given.

Novi city council approved the preliminary site 6-1 with member Hugh Crawford dissenting.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### It's hitting time again

The start of the school year is almost here, and that means the high school football squad is out there getting ready for the season. Novi practiced for the first time with pads Monday.

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The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the last week. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and station number which responded to the call.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**  
Injury accident, West I-96 and Beck Road, 0:22 a.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Grand River and Lannys, 8:34 a.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.  
Fuel spill, Novi Road north of Ten Mile, 10:17 a.m., Engine 1.  
Injury accident, Twelve Mile east of Novi Road, 12:48 p.m., Squad 1, Medical, 41431 Ten Mile, 5:47 p.m., Squad 3.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10**

Chemical spill, 1-96 east of Novi Road, 9:40 a.m., Engine 1.  
Trash fire, South Lake and Eubank, 10:03 a.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, 1479 Nardner, 11:35 a.m., Squad 4.  
House fire, 44031 Brookwood, 1:48 p.m., Engine 1 and 3.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11**  
Rescue, 29755 Ferre, 1:13 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 150 North Haven, 1:21 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, 45775 Timberlane, 5:40 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 25650 Napier, 8:34 p.m., Squad 1.  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12**  
Medical, 44170 Grand River, 10:18 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 41750 Manor Park,

### Registration begins for Novi preschool

Novi Community Education is offering a preschool class for 5-year-olds who aren't yet ready to start kindergarten. The class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Parkview Elementary. Tuition is \$890 and students

attend the class from Sept. 12 until June 5. Community Education Director Clara Porter said the class will follow the district's regular school calendar and preschool classes will break for the year when the regular K-12 students do. The program is designed for 5-

year-olds eligible for kindergarten by Dec. 1, but whose parents are not ready to enroll them in a regular kindergarten class. The class is taught by a certified teacher and is designed to promote social, emotional, physical and intellectual development. Students

will play games, hear music, make arts and crafts and listen to stories. Space is limited to 15 students. A \$25 deposit and proof of age is required at the time of registration. For more information and to register call Community Education Director at 344-8330, Ext. 13.

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### City ready to close on more park land

Shopping is fun when you have \$9.9 million to spend. And the Novi City Council was at their fingers into the public pocketbook to buy more park land, just like the voters wanted.

In about 30 days, the city should close on a property agreement to buy a five-acre piece near the Novi Tree Farm on Twelve Mile Road from the Gastor family. It bears a \$200,000 price tag. Novi is coming close to snapping up all the park land it needed, and within budget, too. City Manager Edward Kriewall said. The city's still looking at land in west Novi, as well.

The park purchases could be wrapped up within the next 60 days, leaving residents with plenty of room to roam and play.

"So far we're in our budget. It's coming together really well," Kriewall said.

He couldn't help bragging a bit about the acreage the city has added to its Lakeshore Park. "We've got a tremendous piece of real estate up there."

The Gastor land includes a house which is now occupied by a renter. Kriewall said the city will probably demolish the building.

"The renters have been told they have to be out," he added.

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### Reform will save money, backers say

Michigan businesses can save \$52 million a year and all vehicle owners \$700 million if voters approve an auto insurance reform proposal Nov. 8, say its backers. "Imagine pumping \$700 million into the Michigan economy," said Jim Barrett, Michigan Chamber of Commerce president and vocal supporter of Michigan Citizens for Insurance Reform (MCIR). "This addresses the root causes of rising insurance rates—skyrocketing legal costs, medical costs that have gone out of control."

"Many Detroit area businesses and individuals are at a competitive disadvantage," said Claudia Berry of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, another group supporting MCIR's reform law. She

praised the ballot plan for "offering discounts for those who install anti-theft and theft-recovery devices."

Added Ed Gaffney, of the American Auto Manufacturers Association. "Drivers who chose air bags, enhanced side-impact protection and anti-lock brakes will save on their insurance rates" under MCIR's locked plan.

State officials probably will give the name Proposal C to the auto insurance reform referendum. The Michigan Legislature gave it bipartisan support a year ago, and Gov. John Engler signed it as Public Act 143.

To prevent a voter referendum, lawmakers tacked on a \$50,000

### Library Notes

**Story hour registration:** Novi Public Library is pleased to announce their fall schedule for storytime. Ten story hours per week will be offered starting the week of Oct. 3. Two and three-year-olds may register for the "My Own" class. Registration will be done by a "lottery" format, where caregivers come into the library any time until Sept. 10, fill out the appropriate form, and place it in the lottery box. Forms will then be drawn out of the box until all the classes are filled, and registrants will be notified of their story-hour placement. For more information, call the Novi Library, 349-0720.

**Book talk:** A Night to Remember and The Night Lies On, two books about the Titanic by Walter Lord, will be discussed at the Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Please read one or both of these books and be prepared to discuss them with the group. For more information, call the library at 349-0720.

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The Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan is a business, industry and government partnership to improve and maintain the region's air quality. The Coalition identifies Ozone Action days those hot summer days when higher ozone levels are likely. On those days, business and the public are asked to take no-cost and low-cost voluntary actions to reduce emissions.

**It's working!**

An estimated 630,000 households are participating in Ozone Action days. Ozone levels have remained within federal standards on seven action days this summer. On two of those days the ozone levels remained barely below the standard. The voluntary efforts of more than a million people in those households undoubtedly helped prevent exceeding the standard.

**Clip the List: Join the Action.**

Join the Ozone Action! now. Clip the Ozone Action! Tips section and put it on your refrigerator or bulletin board. Take one or more of those no-cost and low-cost actions each time an Ozone Action! day happens. (In fact, many of those tips are a good idea all the time.)

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5. Turn off engines, rather than idling them.
6. Avoid "topping off" gas tanks.

**HOUSEHOLD TIPS:**

1. Encourage walking or bicycling. Minimize recreational vehicle use.
2. Don't mow lawns on Ozone Action! days, or wait until after 6 p.m.
3. Avoid use of charcoal lighter fluid and other solvent-based paints and cleaners.

**TRAVEL TIPS:**

1. If possible, work at home.
2. Use public transportation. For route information, call SMART at (313) 962-5515.
3. Or, carpool. Special Ozone Action! Ride-sharing information is available by calling (313) 962-RIDE for short-term arrangements.
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# Middle school named as best option

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

The Novi school district's facilities committee has decided that building a new middle school is the best option for providing more space for more students.

Members of the District Facilities Committee are expected to demonstrate the feasibility of building a school just for seventh and eighth graders at tonight's school board meeting.

Board members are expected to receive and discuss the committee's report, but not vote on the issue tonight, said Board of Education President Craig Foreback.

"We aren't slated to make any decisions," the president said. "We want to make sure we have all of the information we need before we make a decision."

Instead, the board is expected to hear the committee's report and then discuss the district's options.

Foreback said board members have had two study sessions to discuss future facility needs, but no decisions nor consensus were reached at those weekend meetings.

The board met last Saturday morning to set and discuss goals for itself and Superintendent Emmett Lippe. Afterwards, board members discussed the three proposed options, talked a bit about grade configurations and debated millage related issues, Foreback said.

The president said it was obvious last weekend that board members aren't prepared to make a decision because there seemed to be no clear consensus about the options on the table.

In fact, board members were still discussing ideal grade configurations. Novi employs non-traditional elementary grade configurations, including K-4 and separate

schools for fifth and sixth graders and seventh and eighth graders.

The proposed new middle school would mirror Novi Middle School by housing seventh and eighth graders only. The other options the committee proposed included plans to build a new school for fourth and fifth graders or construct a middle school and a fifth K-4 facility.

The notion of moving fourth graders out of the existing elementary didn't find favor with the audience who attended the committee's twin public hearings in July. Nor was there a warm reception from audience members to building two new schools.

"We have talked about grade configurations and about starting over from scratch," Foreback said about the board's discussions. "They are still talking about which grades belong in which buildings."

Foreback said there has been

some feedback from other districts who have taken notice of Novi's grade structure.

"A lot of people like our fifth and sixth grade model," the president said. "A lot of people are copying it because they like it that much."

"West Bloomfield has a fourth and fifth grade building now," he added.

Foreback hesitated to call the committee's report an actual recommendation to the board. Instead he said board members are really considering the report a starting point for future discussions.

"I didn't get the impression it was strong recommendation," Foreback said about the committee's report.

Which may be good news for the board but bad news for James Koster, assistant superintendent of business and operations, who had hoped the board would approve a plan in September so he could proceed with plans to ask voters to approve a bond sale for the new construction in December.

"To do that they would need to decide by September and I don't think the board is ready to do that," the president said.

# Chamber plans video to as city promotion

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The City of Novi, soon to be a major motion picture. Well, not quite. But Connie Mallett, President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, is hoping to stir up both interest and money in a chamber plan to make a 10- to 15-minute promotional video of Novi.

"A lot of communities try to market themselves today using video as a commercial tool, rather than print pieces," Mallett said last week.

What the chamber is hoping to produce is a look at everything Novi has to offer convention-planners and owners of businesses which might locate here. Mallett sees the video as a promo piece which can be used by the Novi Expo Center.

Other metro communities eager to promote themselves, including Saint Clair, have been strutting off their stuff via video.

The chamber has requested the Novi Economic Development Corporation to assist in funding the project and is now awaiting a response to the proposal. Mallett says she has found a firm which will shoot the video for \$5,000.

"I'm still very interested in doing it. The chamber just needs a few more dollar resources. As usual, nothing moves forward until you have the funds," Mallett added.

The new Country Festival in September could help the organization generate some of the cash it needs for the project.

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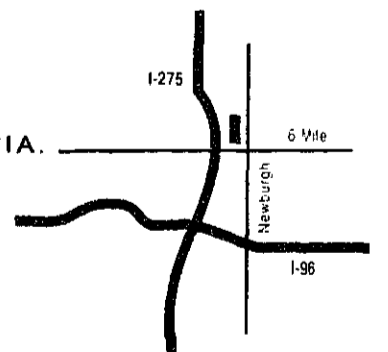
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Last year, the walk involved 350 persons and raised over \$16,000. Co-chairpersons Dave Black and Chuck Jacobs stated that this year's goal is 400 walkers with \$20,000 to be raised.

The walk will begin at the Novi Civic Center at 2 p.m. and will conclude at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville, after winding through 6.2 miles or 10 km of the two communities.

The walk is open to anyone who is interested in raising money for hunger. Sponsoring churches this year include Novi and Northville First United Methodists, Faith Community and Northville First Presbyterians, Holy Family and Our Lady of Victory Catholic parishes, and the Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. Any other churches or community organizations that would like to participate are invited to the rally meeting set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church on Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Information, brochures, pamphlets and sponsor records will be discussed and distributed at the rally meeting. A sponsor record is used to record pledges for the walk and is a person's ticket to participate.

This year's local agencies selected to receive 25 percent of the total funds raised are: Northville Civic Center, Novi Emergency Food Shelter, COFS, Baldwin Shelter, and the Active Faith Center. The remainder of the money raised will go for the many hunger needs in the rest of the nation and world.

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"It's coming along good. The banners are in," Mallett said last week.

"We can look forward to two-and-a-half days of good country western entertainment."

Her's a sneak preview. Not the least of it will be an act straight from Nashville. Shawn Camp, whose song "Confessin' My Love" made the Top 40 on national country stations, will perform on Sept. 17 at the Novi Expo Center-based festa. Camp is but one of a lineup of performers scheduled, including New Hudson's Tracy Lynne & Heartland.

Young Country Radio, 99.5 FM is a sponsor of the fest and will remote on site broadcasting throughout the weekend. Plus, the station will be bringing its Young Country Dancers.

But local cowboy and cowgirl wannabes don't have to sit on the sidelines just because they don't know how to do line dancing. There'll be plenty of opportunities to learn at dancing lessons during the fest.

"That will perk it up," Mallett said.

So will the country Karaoke contest which will crank up on Sept. 16 and continue through Sept. 18 until Novi's best amateur CNW crooners are crowned.

For those who long for the days when the West was wild, The Coe Railroad in Walled Lake is taking care of all that with "The Great Train Robbery." Along with an hour-and-twenty minute train ride, it's more than a little likely that horseback handits will stop the train, climb aboard and relieve the passengers of "their valuables." Any traveler who can somehow hang onto the play money and jewelry they'll be given at the start of the ride will win a discount on tickets to the shows at the Novi Expo Center.

All that singing and dancing and larceny will no doubt work up an appetite in festival goers. Two local caterers will provide the grub-Red Robin and newcomer Ogdard Inns. And of course the liquid refreshments will flow at J.R.'s Saloon, in the Novi Expo Center. Nope, that's not J.R. Ewing. It's Novi's own J.R. Attych, who'll be running the bar and the Millionaire's Party on that Friday and Saturday night.

If the gaming at J.R.'s Saloon leaves you down on your hunk, no problem. Try your hand at a little bingo, courtesy of the Veteran's Alliance of Novi.

Some craft vendors will also be peddling their wares at the Country Fest, which will be held the same weekend as Northville's Victorian Festival. Mallett said she doesn't think it'll hurt either event to be held at the same time, and it could be a plus.

"We might even help each other. People coming from farther away might see two events only three miles away and say this would be a wild weekend," she said.

## Northville resolves busing concerns

Northville school district parents who are concerned about how their children will be getting to school when classroom doors open Aug. 30, can breathe a little easier.

Northville schools Assistant Superintendent David Bolitho presented a transportation plan that solved many parent's safety concerns, while sticking to the \$75,000 his department was allotted to solve the problem.

Bolitho presented the plan at the Northville Board of Education's Monday night meeting.

The plan includes a one-mile magnet program for kindergarten-fifth grade students and maintaining the 1.5 mile magnet program for middle school and high school students.

Transportation service will also be provided for all students within the 1.5-mile radius if:

- They have to cross a street when the posted speed limit is 40 miles per hour or higher (where there is no crossing guard).
- Students have to cross a railroad track to get to school or a bus stop.
- Students who have no other option but to walk along or in a street where there are no sidewalks and the posted speed in 40 mph.

Tensions heated up in the Northville school district this summer between parents and the board after busing schedules were reduced by one mile as a result of the millage defeat in 1992, which forced the district to cut nearly \$300,000 from the transportation budget.

Parents urged the board to reinstate the district's half-mile busing schedule, driven by concerns of children walking and crossing busy roads and an increasing dangerous situation with parents flooding the parking lots to drop children off for school.

Parents of new Thorton Creek elementary students who lived in Dunbar Pines and Royal Crown subdivisions in Novi were concerned over their children walking down Nine Mile Road, which has portions with no sidewalks. Both subdivisions will receive busing under the new plan.

The one-mile magnet program for elementary students paired with the safety criteria will help eliminate a sizable chunk of the district's transportation problems, Bolitho said.

"This is the best we can do with the way the program is funded now," Bolitho said. "We are fortunate it worked out this way."

Parent Bob Epley said he was satisfied with the new plan.

"This was not only a resource issue, but a safety issue," Epley said. "You have combined both and I thank you very much."

The elementary bus schedule will roughly cost the district \$70,434 and implementation of safety criteria will cost about \$6,000, however expenses will not be final until school starts and exact student enrollment is determined. Bolitho's office will have bus schedules completed by next week.

Although he still expects to receive some negative feedback from parents who would still like to see the half-mile resumed, Bolitho said he feels that many of the concerns have been met.

"It is nice to be able to go back," Bolitho said. "Even though it's incremental, it's a step in the right direction."

### Maybury sets coming activities

It's August, and the Maybury Farm's vegetable garden is really growing. In the coming weeks we will be presenting several programs featuring garden activities.

On Saturday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m., Maybury will invite kids ages 6 to 12 to learn about scarecrows and help us make some for the garden. Park officials will provide the materials, but pre-register is required. Call the park office at (810) 349-8390.

On Saturday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m., Maybury will present "Gardening Lore," a lecture featuring unusual facts and lore on herbs, vegetables, and planting.

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 11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Gloria Steinem  
 11:30 a.m.—(cont)  
 12:00 p.m.—F.H. Police Journal  
 12:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.: M-Care  
 1:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: Boxing Trainer  
 1:30 p.m.—The Word of Life: Peter's Perspectives  
 2:00 p.m.—Prisoners of Wedlock  
 2:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 3:00 p.m.—North American Indian Journal  
 3:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 4:00 p.m.—Farmington Dance Recital: Take Five  
 4:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 5:00 p.m.—(cont)  
 5:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 6:00 p.m.—Your Money Matters: Mutual Funds  
 6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
 7:00 p.m.—Farmington Focus: Farmington City Services  
 7:30 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 8:00 p.m.—Impact Video  
 8:30 p.m.—Law Talk: Estate Planning  
 9:00 p.m.—(cont)  
 9:30 p.m.—Groove Session

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 a.m.—Drawing Men to Christ  
 10:30 a.m.—(cont)  
 11:00 a.m.—Happiest People Alive  
 11:30 a.m.—Money Talks  
 12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 12:30 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors  
 1:00 p.m.—(cont)  
 1:30 p.m.—Senior Spotlight: Services for Hearing Impaired  
 2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Experience the Spa I  
 2:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 3:00 p.m.—Founders Festival Parade  
 3:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 4:00 p.m.—(cont)  
 4:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 5:00 p.m.—Lasting Connection  
 5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions  
 6:00 p.m.—Jr. Japanese: Lesson 36  
 6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News  
 7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks  
 7:30 p.m.—F.H. Police Journal  
 8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Experience the Spa I  
 8:30 p.m.—(cont)  
 9:00 p.m.—Let's Talk with Ben Marks  
 9:30 p.m.—(cont)

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00 a.m.—Legislative Forum  
 10:30 a.m.—The Job Show  
 11:00 a.m.—Study in Scripture  
 11:30 a.m.—Oakland Press Per-

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00 a.m.—Senior Messenger  
 10:30 a.m.—Pet Pointers  
 11:00 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
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 2:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics  
 3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News  
 3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint  
 4:00 p.m.—Clydesdale Horses  
 4:30 p.m.—Performance  
 5:00 p.m.—Night Life  
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 8:30 p.m.—The Road: Motorcycle  
 9:00 p.m.—(cont)  
 9:30 p.m.—Travelin' On: South-west

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### District sets bond election

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## High court overrules governmental immunity

By COLLEEN NEWINE Staff Writer

The Michigan Supreme Court recently issued a ruling in a case stemming from a 1989 auto accident that killed one girl and injured another just the other side of the city limits in Lyon Township.

The high court said Jean Asch, then director of transportation for South Lyon Community Schools, and Joan Shifferd, school bus driver, could not claim governmental immunity in the case simply because they were not the sole cause of the crash, overturning the opinion of the appeals court.

Jeanne Dedes, now a Northville resident, sees the decision as a victory for Adrian Dedes, who was killed at age 10.

"We definitely think the Supreme Court was right," she said. "I don't wake up any morning that I don't think about her. I don't go to bed any night that I don't pray for her. We pray every night for justice and this time God answered our prayers."

But defense attorney Warren Hampton sees it as another step in the legal process, and he hopes to see the suit go for rehearing by the state Supreme Court.

"I'm disappointed in the decision," said Hampton, an attorney with Neal, Neal and Stewart in Flint. "It was a tough issue from the start."

In an opinion dated Aug. 2, the Michigan Supreme Court addressed the suit by Michael and Jeanne Dedes vs. Asch and Shifferd and remanded the case to a trial court.

Four justices wrote the majority opinion regarding the case, and three dissented.

Adrian Dedes was killed and Lauren Dedes, 7, had her collarbone broken in an auto accident while standing at their bus stop on Ten Mile Road before school.

The Dedeses allege that Asch designed an unsafe bus route by requiring the girls to cross Ten Mile Road from north to south to board the bus, and Shifferd changed the children's bus stop without notifying the parents, and those actions contributed to the crash when a 19-year-old Wixom man struck the two girls on top of the hill between Johns and Chubb roads in Lyon Township.

The case against the driver of the car that hit the girls is separate from the issue of negligence on the part of the school employees.

It is disputed whether the girls stepped out into traffic or whether they were behind the white line on the shoulder when they were hit.

Although the suit names Asch and Shifferd, Hampton said any settlement would come from the school district.

He would not speculate on the possible dollar amount of a settlement.

## Dedes case sets a precedent for cases state wide

By COLLEEN NEWINE Staff Writer

A recent Michigan Supreme Court decision regarding a local case could have far-reaching implications for the concept of governmental immunity.

As a result of this ruling, lower level governmental employees are left wide open for lawsuits while their higher ups have almost blanket immunity, according to the plaintiffs' lawyer in the case.

Ten of the state's public universities and the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association are among those filing briefs in the case that some say could affect governmental immunity and to what degree government employees can be held liable in court.

"This is a case of overwhelming significance to the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association," said Mark Granzotto, a contract brief writer who called the ruling a victory for his group.

"It will impact all legal entities in the state of Michigan," said Kenneth McAnders, general counsel for Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. "We are a public entity and a decision on that issue had impact on all the public universities."

In an opinion dated Aug. 2, the Michigan Supreme Court addressed the case of Michael Dedes and Jeanne Dedes vs. Jean Asch and Joan Shifferd.

Listed as having filed amicus curiae - or friend of the court - briefs were: Tort Defense Division, Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation Joint Risk Management Trust and the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool and Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar. Also submitting briefs were Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan,

Ferris State, Michigan State, Michigan Technological, Northern Michigan, Saginaw Valley State, Wayne State and Western Michigan universities and the University of Michigan.

In the briefs, interested parties can state why they feel the court should rule for one side or the other.

The lawyers are in favor of the 4-3 decision, which affirms the ability to sue government employees if they are grossly negligent, while the schools oppose it, as it leaves their employees vulnerable in litigation.

The Dedes couple brought suit against Jean Asch, then director of transportation for South Lyon Community Schools, and Joan Shifferd, school bus driver, after Adrian Dedes was killed and Lauren Dedes was injured in an auto accident while standing at their bus stop just over the city limits in Lyon Township.

The Dedeses allege that Asch designed an unsafe bus route by requiring the girls to cross Ten Mile Road to board the bus and Shifferd changed the location where the children were to wait for the bus, and those actions contributed to the 1989 crash when a 19-year-old Wixom man struck the two girls.

The bulk of the Supreme Court opinion dealt with the technical use of the word "the" when referring to "the proximate cause" in the governmental immunity statute; the majority opinion states that "the" does not mean one and only, and that it is not meant to limit recovery in a case where a government employee is grossly negligent.

Granzotto contends that if the state's highest court had ruled that use of "the" meant that there were no other contributing cause, no one could ever sue a government employee and win because the defendant could always show that somehow someone else contributed to the accident.

"It really could have ended any possibility of legal action," Granzotto said. "There would never be a successful way to sue a governmental employee."

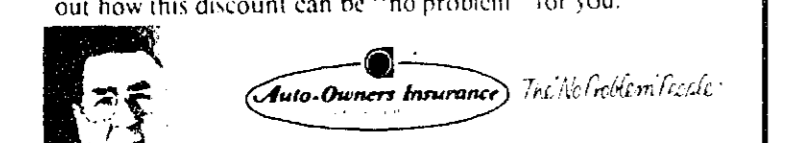
Warren Hampton, attorney representing Asch and Shifferd, said he can easily see why the case would be of interest to the universities.

In most instances, contracts between the employees and the governmental agency would make the agency financially responsible if the employee is sued because of work duties performed. Anything that chips away at the legal protection to those employees is dangerous to the agency, he said.

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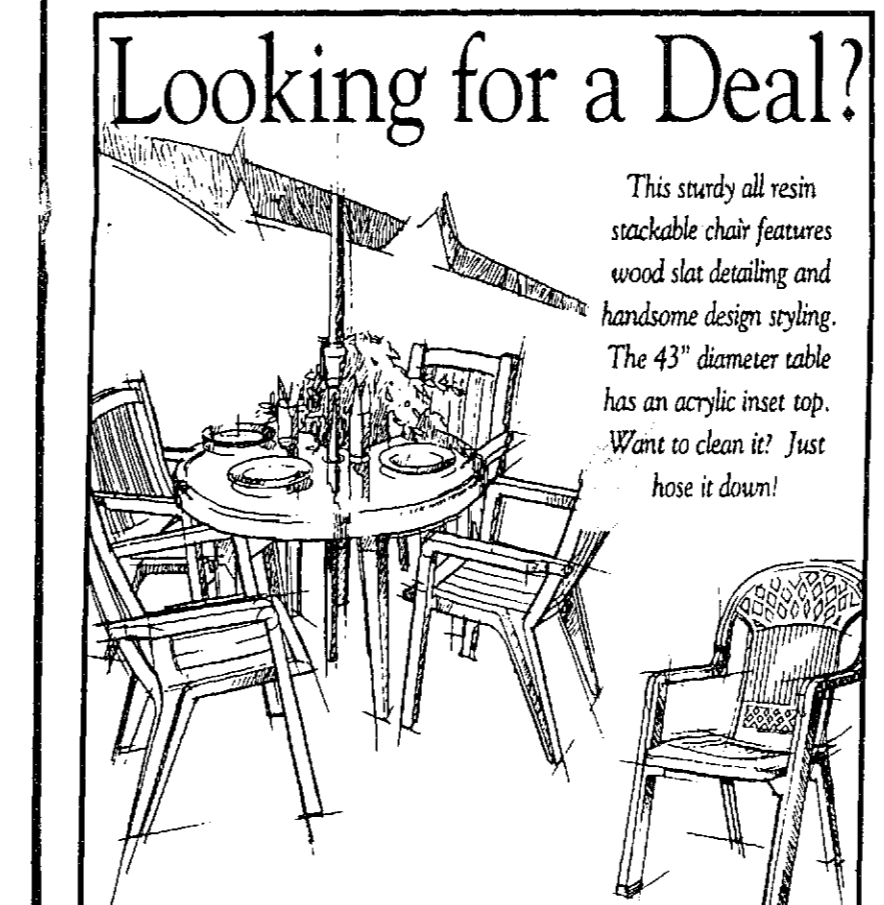
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## Residents will appeal Interlock approval

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jurisdiction to reverse special land use permits. Watson said. Those decisions are final and rest with the planning commission. They are also protected by the State of Michigan's Zoning Enabling Act which governs zoning for cities, villages and townships. The state act supersedes the city's ordinance and exempts the decisions from any appeals process, Watson said.

By the same token, if the land use permit had been denied, Interlock would not have the power to appeal the decision either.

"I don't think they have any avenues left with the city," Watson

said about the residents' desire to appeal the decision. "I don't think the ZBA has any jurisdiction, so I think the residents have a problem."

Meadowbrook Lake Homeowners' Association President Dave Pylar said his association voted unanimously after the Aug. 3 vote to file the appeal. He said the residents have 20 days from the date the decision was made to appeal it with the city.

Pylar said the group met with Watson the night before the commission decided the interlock issue. The association president said the assistant city attorney told the residents then they had

"All we are going to do is make sure the city of Novi knows what's going on."

Dave Pylar

no appeal process with the city if the commission passed the motion. But Pylar said Tuesday the residents have been advised to proceed with the appeal anyway.

"All we are going to do is make sure the city of Novi knows what's going on," Pylar said. "We think we have dealt a bad hand and we are just going to keep complaining."

That means the appeal will go to the city first and then to the circuit court if need be, Watson said, because that is the only recourse residents have now.

"It is a fluke of the law," said Jim Grzybowski, a Meadowbrook Lake resident who helped spearhead the campaign against the

interlock project.

"Normally, we can appeal any decision except for a special land use permit. Watson has told us we cannot appeal it, but we have been advised to appeal it," Grzybowski said.

The resident said he has urged the association to file the appeal as soon as possible and to address it to not only the ZBA, but the planning commission and the City Council as well.

"If we appeal only to the ZBA, it will be rejected," he said. "But if we appeal to all three, then all three would have to address it."

"I really would like to appeal to the city before we proceed."

## Twelve vie for appointments to planning seats

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sion and protested the project because of the perceived adverse impact the plant might have on their neighborhood.

City Clerk Gerry Stipp said that may be one reason for the number of applicants, but she declined to comment any further on the issue Tuesday.

Of the 12 applications submitted, eight were submitted after the Aug. 3 decision.

Among them was James Grzybowski's application. Grzybowski's

application was received in the city clerk's office on August 15. He is one of many Meadowbrook Lake residents who protested the Interlock project.

The two new planning commissioners will be appointed by the city council at the recommendation of the mayor. The new appointees will serve out the remainder of the unexpired terms of the resigned commissioners.

Cahill's term expires June 30, 1996. Richards' term runs through June 30, 1995.

## Assault charge against Korte dismissed

A felonious assault charge against Shawwood Lake resident James E. Korte was dismissed by a circuit court judge Aug. 8 because his accuser failed to show up for several court hearings.

The charge stems from a May 19, 1993 incident which occurred at Korte's Austin Street home. Korte was accused of striking

another lakes area resident with a hand-held rake in the right temple after the two had a verbal confrontation. Korte reportedly told police the man charged onto his property and hit him in the face before he struck back with the rake. The man had several puncture wounds on the forehead that police believed were caused by

Korte's rake, although Korte said he already had those wounds on his face.

Korte was arrested the morning after the incident. The prosecutor reportedly sought the warrant because Korte allegedly responded with more force than that of his assailant and used a weapon.

Korte said his actions were in self-defense.

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hearing on July 5, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred Mester took the case under advisement. Mester then dismissed the case on Aug. 8, according to court records.

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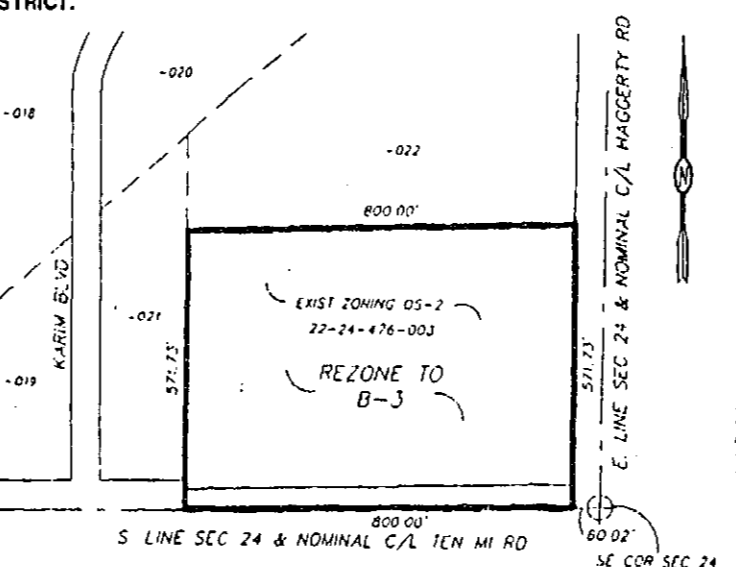
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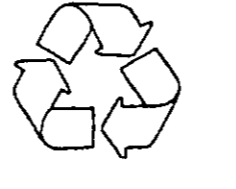
To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, T.1N., R.6E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-24-476-003 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of Section 24 (nominal C/L of Ten Mile Road) said point being S80° 26' 40" W 50.00 feet from the SE corner of Section 24, thence continuing along said south line of Section 24 S88° 56' 40" W 800.00 feet, thence N60° 03' 40" E 571.73 feet, thence N88° 26' 40" E 800.00 feet to the westerly right-of-way line of Haggerty Road, thence S00° 03' 40" W 571.73 feet along said westerly right-of-way line, being parallel to and 60.00 feet west of the east line of Section 24 (nominal C/L of Haggerty Road) to the point of beginning.

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
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## Project is not feasible, report concludes

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Street, valued at \$660,000, in exchange for city land worth \$645,000. The city property is several parcels fronting on Novi Road, valued at \$490,000, as well as Blue Ox Drive, which runs through the Evergreen land, vacating the public drive is a \$155,000 gift.

The city would set up a special assessment district to pay for the \$1.573 million street and the \$1.4 million for landscaping, sidewalks and other amenities, needed to create an attractive "streetscape." Novi would issue low-interest bonds for these projects, the landowner would pay the money and interest back.

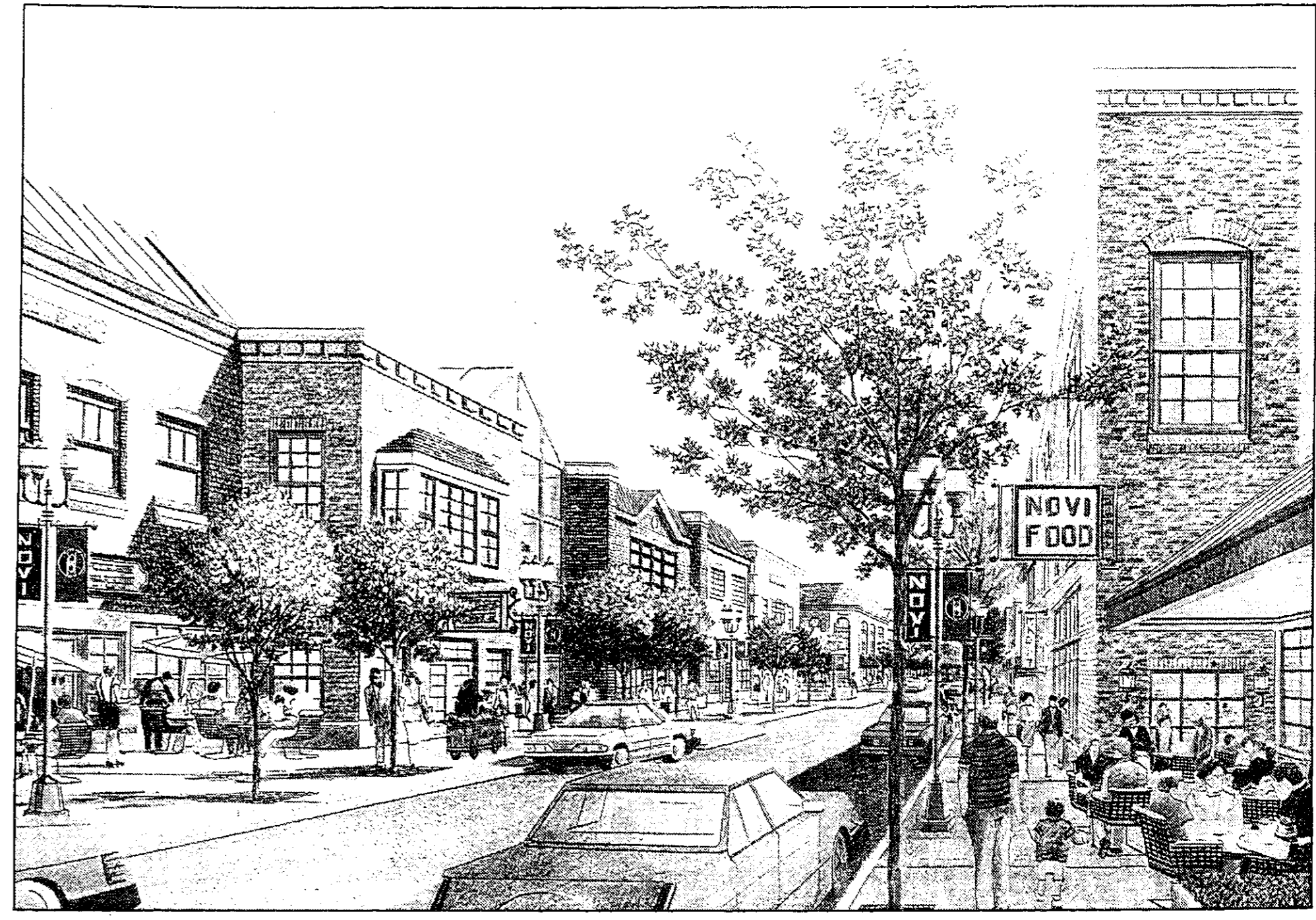
A lien would be placed on the Main Street properties to guarantee that the SAD is paid back. Beyond that, in the case of bankruptcy, the city would also look to the investors to reimburse its expenses.

The city would install \$316,000 in water and sewer lines, with the costs to be returned to the city through tap charges. The upfront money would come from the city's water and sewer fund. A payback of \$348,000 is anticipated.

Evergreen III would lease land behind the Grand River Avenue fire station from the city for \$1 per year. In return, the developer would build a municipal parking lot on the land.

One of the biggest concerns was a report from real estate appraiser James Fuller, who found that the cost of the infrastructure needed for Main Street, \$3.2 million, is more than the value of the property after this work is done, an estimated \$2.67 million.

If Evergreen goes bankrupt, Novi would need to recover its investment.



An artists rendition of the Main Street proposal.

"The project is not feasible. Under these circumstances, a prudent individual would not proceed," Fuller wrote in his report.

"I love Main Street and this concept. Now, can we make it work? We stuck our neck out and we purchased the property. Nobody has taken so much risk before," Chen said.

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believe you're going to get a Main Street done in Novi," I told them. I'm going to do it," he said.

Another sticking point, however, is the new plan for 250 rental units, to be built by Singh Development Company, as the residential component of Main Street. Council backers of Main Street like Joseph Toth and Robert Schmidt say they will withdraw their support if only homes for renters are built. They say apartments dwellers do not create a community.

"You own property in the City of Novi, you get a feeling for the City of Novi," Schmidt said.

Council members said they'd like to see senior housing included

in the project and were interested in an idea raised by Tim Pope, that the city set up a street maintenance special assessment district, so Main Street property owners would pay for the costs of their own snow removal.

It's also unclear just how much public support there is for the project. Doug Erwin, owner of Erwin Farms, has collected 973 signatures of residents who are against any public money or property going to Main Street.

"Your own appraisers said it's a bad risk. Any investor who looks it

would walk away," Erwin told the council.

"I think you're going to find the equation is a little off, the money coming back to the city versus the money coming in. We're trying to figure out why the city is so interested in giving an outsider such a great break in interest rates."

Novi's finance director Les Gibson said that because Evergreen will keep some of the project's retail buildings, the property would be enough to pay off the SAD bonds.


"I'm comfortable with project as

it is today, with the understanding that the city is contributing land and bonds," Gibson added.

Council Member Tim Pope, quoting Billy Joel's song "No Man's Land," remains opposed to the city's contributions to Main Street, on philosophical grounds.

"My spirit is somewhat broken in this project. Everybody seems to be excited about it and in a spirit of moving forward, I don't believe we should subsidize private development," Pope said, calling Main Street "a glorified strip mall subsidized by taxpayers."

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## As We See It

### 'Careful' comment only raised more concern

"So where'd the money go?" That's the question Novi City Council and citizens were left to struggle with after City Finance Director Les Gibson dropped what was later described as a "bomb shell" at the meeting last week.

Asked to appropriate \$350,000 for new computers and having set aside \$265,000 for the expenditure, city council seemed ready to allocate the money that night. Then Gibson was asked to step forward to explain where the money would come from in the budget.



Michael Malott

Gibson said there may be a problem "in the carry over," and while he hadn't finished running the numbers, he said he was confident it wouldn't affect the budget this, but it might next year. Gibson then said he'd fill council in when he had the numbers.

The finance director wasn't offering any details, and council didn't ask for any. They were obviously surprised by the news, too. Not knowing what the problem was or why a city employee was being so closed-mouthed about such a situation, they were no doubt unsure how to react, especially in a public meeting. The only one to react was member Carol Mason, who labeled the information a "bomb shell," but other than that said little.

Gibson didn't reveal much more when *The Novi News* tried to pin him down. He declined to answer whether revenues were down or expenditures were up. He would say only that the problem was "in the tally" and that he would have a full report for council Aug. 22.

We've no doubt Gibson's motivations were good. He in all likelihood didn't want council to worry needlessly about money problems until he was sure whether there actually were any. But that was not the effect of what he did. Instead, council members and citizens are left to imagine what the problem

### Government

might be for two weeks... and those imaginations are running wild.

Think about how you feel when your doctor orders tests without telling you what they are for. You end up spending two weeks wondering how long you've got left to live because the doctor didn't want to worry you that you might have an allergy until he can confirm it with a test. The impact of Gibson's announcement was much the same.

No, most of the folks on council and out to the audience aren't accounting experts and most don't have Gibson's financial expertise. But accounting is not some mystery that only the experts can understand. Most people can understand it if it is explained to them... but only if it is explained to them. Certainly, there is no hope they'll understand it if the experts don't even attempt to explain it.

And most people would be willing to wait for an answer if some information is given, like general nature of the problems or a rough guess about how serious it might be. Is this an accounting glitch, or is the city on the verge of bankruptcy?

Gibson shouldn't be surprised if he gets a hostile reaction when he returns to council with his report. He deserves it. In the future, he may want to consider handling such matters differently, not only for the public's sake, but for the folk who were elected after all, to be responsible for the city's financial well being, namely the city council.

## Put ice arena on hold for now



Michael Malott

Despite the recent passage of a ballot question in Farmington Hills giving that city the go-ahead to build an indoor ice arena, Novi will still be considering whether to build one itself.

The city has scheduled a hearing for Sept. 19 to review the question of whether to proceed with the idea or to consider it "dead in the water."

Obviously, the passage in Farmington Hills raises the question because such arenas typically draw on larger regions than just the municipalities in which they are located. And they depend on that draw to keep them financially afloat. Proponents of an ice arena in Novi had believed it would draw from the Farmington Hills area.

Compounding things is the fact Northville Township is also considering construction of an ice arena. The plans are quite preliminary at this stage, but there has been no effort to reveal the proposal in light of the Farmington Hills decision.

Now, despite the common wisdom that arenas need a regional draw to support them, Parks and Recreation Department Director Dan Davis says there is a market study which shows there still is enough demand to support construction of an arena here, too. The study was done by Terry Seyler, president of Center Ice Management, the firm selected to develop and operate an arena in Novi.

Davis himself concludes that study will have to make a

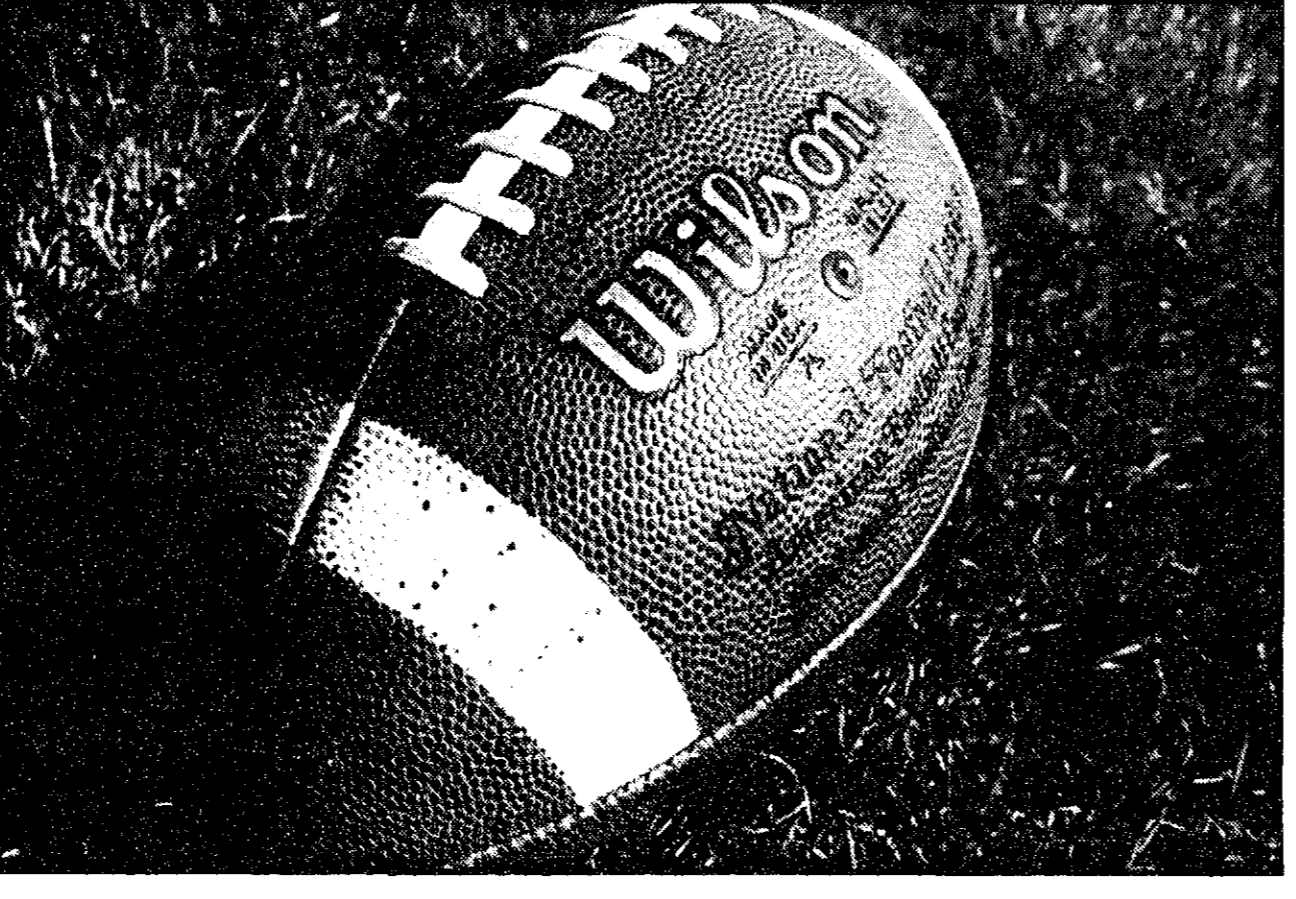
Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News*.

## Moments

### By Bryan Mitchell



Bryan Mitchell



### Forget baseball

So what if there's a baseball strike, football practice is getting underway in Novi

## The very skirt off your...



Jan Jeffres

I started Saturday in a state of mild shock after reading in the paper the startling news that my skirt is being recalled by the U.S. government.

Now, this is intensely personal. We've grown accustomed to recalls of consumer goods like cars, but when it comes to snatching the clothes off your back... I'm glad I found out in advance. I have visions of some nightmare Future World, where I'm innocently strolling through downtown Northville, only to be pulled over by the fashion police.

"That's an illegal skirt, lady. Hand it over."

"But officer, all I've got on underneath is my ratty old slip. The one with the torn lace I'm too lazy to mend."

"Just the skirt, ma'am. You have the right to remain partially clothed. You have the right to a fashion consultant. Anything you wear or accessorize can be held against you in a court of style."

Kids, don't try this at home, but I really think I'm not going to turn my skirt in. The facts are these. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has launched a recall of a certain type of rayon chiffon skirt because it's been discovered the garments are dangerously flammable.

Jan Jeffres is a staff writer for *The Novi News*.

## Mudslinging in the wild West



Tim Richard

Under the 1990 act, the feds found three western Michigan counties in non-compliance: Kent (Grand Rapids), Ottawa and Muskegon. I suspect their west-side pride is damaged even more than their pocketbooks. Now they are in the same category as the money-sucking slums of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Gov. John Engler, facing re-election, has joined the fray, threatening "aggressive action" against the feds. Echoing the official Grand Rapids line, Engler said:

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## Sectionalism is splitting Novi

### Letters

And also to anyone else that is interested in the well being of the City of Novi.

Two rather large articles in the Aug. 4, 1994 issue of the *Novi News* bother me. Both smack of sectionalism—dividing Novi to the benefit of none. One article has to do with the proposed banquet hall at Walled Lake and the other has to do with the "west side" garbage incinerator.

The LARA group has shown in recent years that they are suffering from the HA Syndrome. They want the rest of Novi to pay for their roads but only LARA can use the roads. Now they want a beach club and a private landing but no one else is allowed to use the lake.

The "North Novi" folks (as they often refer to themselves) want all of Novi to pay for their good living but the rest of us are not to enjoy the same benefits. No way do I want any of my tax money paying for a project that has any selfish private use connected with it.

The residents of "West Novi" (as they often refer to themselves when their snobbiness is at its highest) want the rest of Novi to put up with their cars, throw away their garbage, etc. but they don't want the rest of us to pay for their good living but the rest of us are not to enjoy the same benefits.

### Citizens of Novi - WAKE UP!

This city's development was begun by protecting the future of families and well being of this city. The Novi Planning Commission and City Council at times seem to turn their backs on this premise. Too often their decisions have been made to coddle the developers or special interest. First they seem willing to abdicate the wetlands to developers, then they are willing to develop industry and hurt their back on current and long time property owners.

Take for example August 3rd's City Planning Commission decision to allow a hazardous business to locate next to Meadowbrook Lake Subdivision. Granting the use of carcinogens by the plastics plant can impact the lives of many citizens in the city and cites the Commission's latest malfeasance to the city's welfare.

I'll grant the Commission could allow this plant to locate in Novi, but it should be located at a COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL ZONE, not near residential property. The City is opening itself to liability in case of emergency, when people would need to evacuate, not to mention

the long range health problems which could occur because of such emergency.

I certainly hope that the City Council will more critically re-examine this project when it comes before them for approval.

Since moving to Novi 18 years ago, Novi has been a contradiction for me. At first Novi seemed to be a city whose goal was developing a wholesome environment for family living; now it seems with the increased commercial development and growth in size, Novi is more willing to allow variances favoring the special interest of businesses over people's rights and their families. (A real deviation from the original master plan which focused on high quality life in the city.)

On one hand Novi says it wants to protect the environment, the wetlands and progressively developed the city's Recycling Center; on the other hand Novi allows the development of property on wetlands and designates another area to replace the lost wetlands. Now Novi may recklessly approve a business that endangers the environment, threaten the lives of the citizens of Novi as well as its environment.

Why not consider offering a tax abatement to locate the plant in a COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL ZONE in Novi that won't lower the value of the existing homes. There are other locations which could support this plastics plant. Residential property and zoning ordinances are both important to the city. They cannot exist when the safety and wellness of many is jeopardized and hazardously placed in a residential area.

Have you considered the traffic problems that this plant will pose to all subdivisions on Nine Mile Road as well as the new complexes on Novi Road? If this plant works 24 hours as discussed at Wednesday's meeting, it would bring added traffic congestion around the clock. I'm for added jobs in Novi, but not at the expense of the safety of its citizens in the area.

I live in Meadowbrook Glen Subdivision (a mile from the proposed site) and this plant is an infringement on my rights as a citizen to a clean and safe environment. You need to rethink where this plant should locate in Novi.

If this isn't reconsidered, it can happen in other residential neighborhoods that have vacant land nearby. The Planning Commission and City Council need to keep foremost the citizens' welfare in mind when they consider the use of Novi's property.

I was appalled how little regard the Planning Commission gave the homeowners of Meadowbrook Lake Subdivision last night. Homeowners have been the backbone of the community of Novi for longer than this proposed business, which has contributed nothing to Novi to far. Their only contribution is future risk to the environment, more congestion in traffic on residential streets, and some additional jobs in Novi.

A friend of mine predicted Novi would not be the New Dearborn of the 21st Century when we moved here in 1976. Not if the city continues to make decision like Wednesday's Planning Commission ruling.

Susan Huschen  
Meadowbrook Glens Resident

## Cable rate hike raises eyebrows



Mary Linda Calderone

Our phones have been ringing off the hooks all week. That's because cable subscribers received their August bills and had a multitude of questions.

The most-cherished refrain is: "Why have my cable rates gone up again?" And the answer is that they haven't. Yes, your August bill is more than your July bill. But the rate increase took effect July 14, 1994. So, in July you paid the "old" rate for half the month and the new rate for the second half of the month. Because this new rate is now charged for the full month of August, you are indeed paying more in August than in July. But this is the rate you should see on your bills next month and so on.

Then the next question is: "Why did my rates go up in July? I haven't seen any change in my service?" And the answer to that one begins with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). But this is an extremely confusing issue. I sat through a week of special seminars and workshops on this very topic and I still have a number of questions. But, since you don't have a week for my explanation, I'll refer you to your cable bill.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) felt that subscribers were not getting enough information as to why their rates were going up, so we requested that MetroVision include a more detailed explanation of the rate hike in their August bills. I hope that wasn't one of the bill stuffers you tossed into the circular file! But if it was, you can call MetroVision (553-7300) or SWOCC (473-7266) and we'll be happy to send you a copy of the bottom line is that the FCC came up with a new (and complicated) formula in an attempt to reach a rate structure comparable to what the FCC estimates those rates would be in a typical competitive environment. But there are a number of factors and exceptions to this formula which, in our case, caused the rates to go up.

Stay tuned (as we say in the TV biz) to this column and I'll give you a more detailed explanation on some of the specifics of this rate hike next week.

The next question is: "What can I do?" You can voice your concerns. You may have noticed that your cable bill now lists the address and phone number for SWOCC (the local regulatory authority over your cable operator) and for the FCC. So, now if you want to file a complaint, you know where to turn. However, if you have questions or concerns about your service, it's still best to call MetroVision first to take care of these issues.

But, here's the catch, in order to file a complaint with the FCC regarding this most recent rate hike, you have to act fast (by August 15). You would contact the FCC with complaints regarding your expanded basic service, that's channels 23-38 and 47-61.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
Cable Services Bureau  
Consumer Protection Division  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554  
202/418-2856

If, at any time, you have complaints regarding broadcast basic service (channels 1-23) you would contact:

Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC)  
24021 Research Drive  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
(810) 473-7266

Hopefully, I've begun to answer a few of your concerns. But that doesn't mean we don't want you to call us and let us know what you think. Better yet, why not call and get involved with your community access television, Channel 12. Free TV production classes begin at MetroVision right after Labor Day, so sign up now by calling Joan Little at 553-7303, ext. 251.

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This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer feels bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, label, and taste. The work prior to an election. This newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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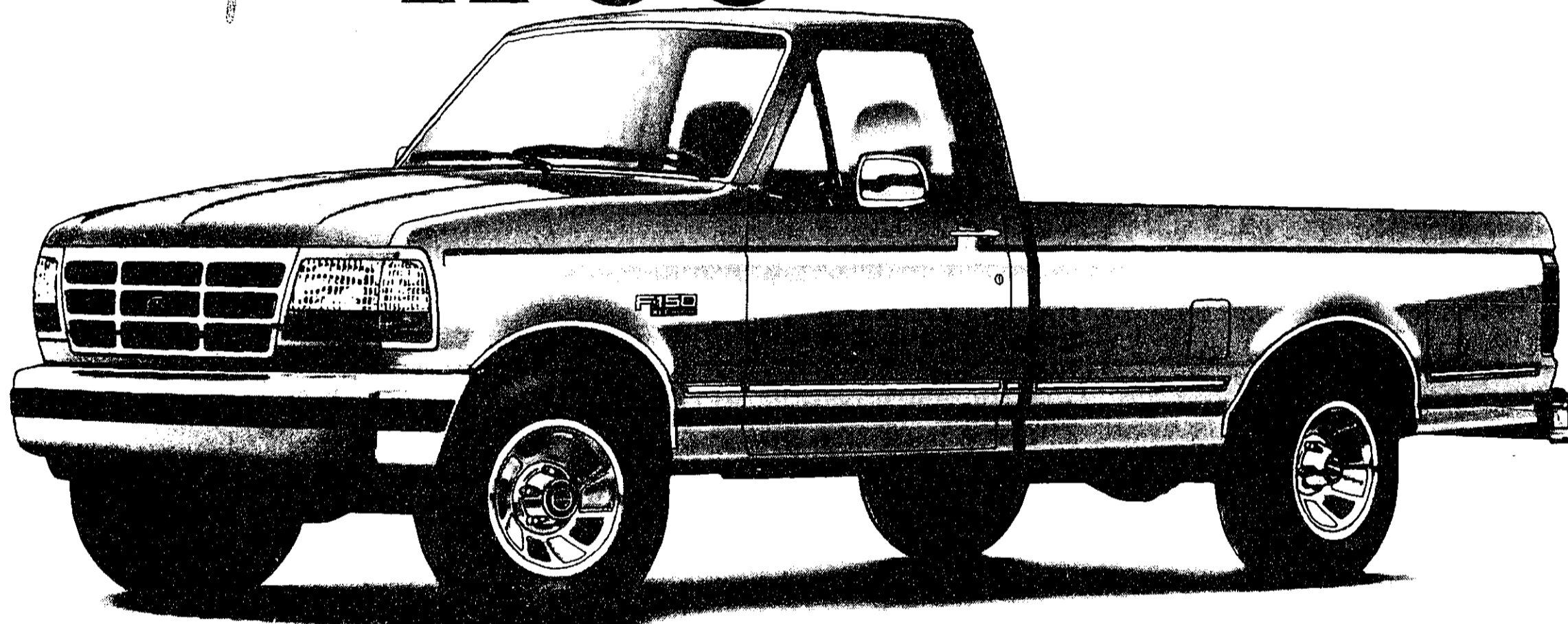
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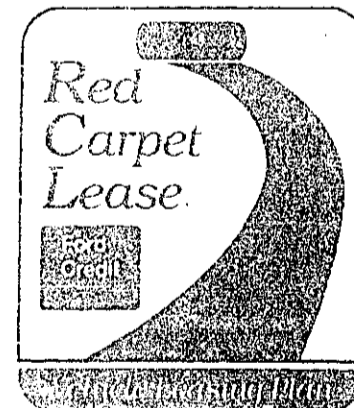
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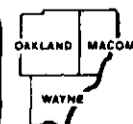


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# the edge

Bob says his daughter is one of the lucky ones. After several years of exhibiting "oppositional behavior," the girl finally has her life on track. It all started around the time she was 11 years old.

*(Note: Last names have been omitted from this story to protect the identities of the parents.)*

"She wouldn't obey any rules," the Novi parent said. "She'd make a mess anywhere in the house. She was verbally abusive, and sometimes physically (abusive)."

When she was 13, Bob's daughter ran away from home.

It was then that Bob and his wife decided they needed professional help and admitted their daughter to a substance abuse and psychiatric center. Counselors told Bob his daughter was dabbling in drugs.

"We didn't suspect anything," he said. "It was the last thing that crossed our minds."

Now 16, Bob's daughter has a 3.0 grade point average and her own job.

"She knows she came real close to falling off the edge," Bob said.

While Bob's daughter was receiving the help she needed, Bob also felt he needed somewhere to turn.

"You're a professional person, a college graduate. One day you come home from work and find out your kid has been busted for using drugs and skipping school," Bob said. "All of sudden you're facing a myriad of problems you never knew you would have to face."

Bob and his wife turned to Families Anonymous, a 12-step, self-help organization of parents and family members who choose to face their problems.

There are no therapists or counselors. There is no professional facilitator or religious affiliation. Members are known by first names only.

"Families Anonymous provides a sounding board," Bob said. "It's positive reinforcement. It gives you a chance to talk to another parent when you just don't know what to do."

Parents merely share suggestions or give examples of how they handled a particular problem.

"There isn't any instant formula that says this is going to work," Bob said. "It's just a group forum."

And members are always at ease when they realize that what they have to say is nothing worse than what others have heard.

"The hardest thing for a parent is to initially admit, 'Hey, we've got a real problem,'" Bob said. "Some hide their head in the sand. They don't want to believe it. They may say, 'Yeah, the kid gets drunk on Saturday nights, but he's not using drugs.' They don't want to admit it. But we do."

On Feb. 20, 1978, the first Families Anonymous chapter was founded in Michigan.

Robert and his wife headed the

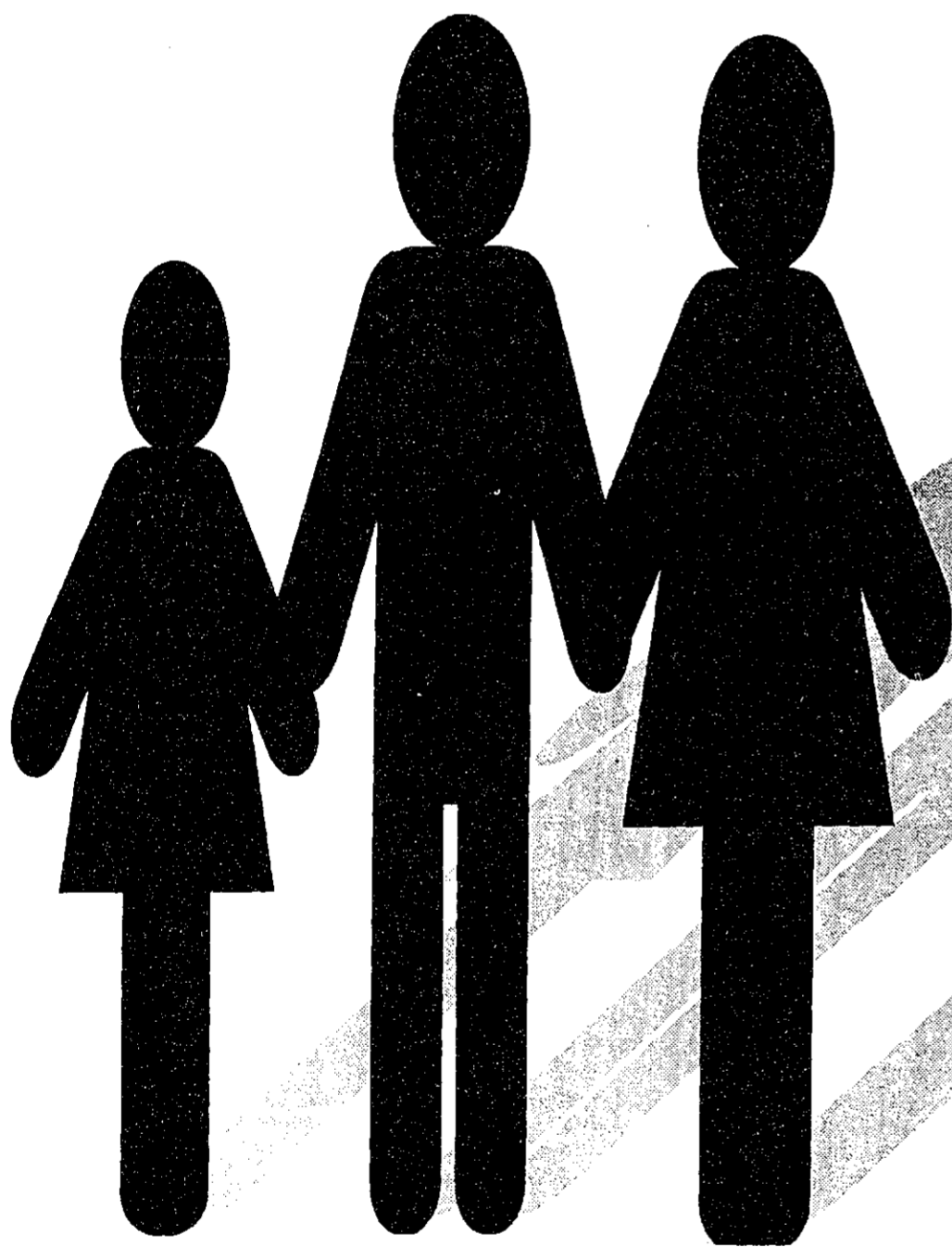
first meeting at Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital after unsuccessfully dealing with their son's drug problem.

"We tried everything we could muster to bring it under control," Robert said, explaining that his son had repeatedly failed all counseling and recovery programs.

Robert's son started using drugs at age 13.

"I felt something was wrong with the things that were happening to him," Robert said. "There were strange phone calls at night, strange people knocking on our door."

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STORY BY MICHELLE HARRISON

## Volunteer



CAROL KEMP

## This volunteer delivers

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

"You have to put your foot down," Carol Kemp said, when it comes to requests for your time.

Once a year The American Cancer Society and The March of Dimes ask her to collect money, and she said, "I'll go up the street for them."

And on a regular basis for the last four years Kemp has been delivering meals once a week in the Senior Adult Nutrition program from the Novi Civic Center to "18 persons but sometimes as many as 27, 28. I've said I'll quit at 30."

The food is brought from the Mercy Services for Aging in Farmington Hills in "huge restaurant catering trays," Kemp said, to the Novi Civic Center kitchen where other volunteers make up individual packages of hot and cold.

The people to whom she delivers are mostly seniors, mostly women, maybe two or three couples.

Some I've had from the beginning. Some are temporary."

You walk in the door," Kemp said, "and you give them their

meals."  
"Sometimes you visit, and some would like you to spend the whole day with them."

"Then some are grumpy when I come in. So I kid with them and joke, and pretty soon they get a smile on their faces."

Once in a while nobody will be home, but there'll be a sign on the door. "Don't leave food. Have gone to the hospital" or "Leave meal. Have gone to doctor's. Will be back soon."

Why does Carol Kemp volunteer? Her reason is in a quote she found and doesn't know where, but it goes like this:

"Volunteering is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on Earth."

But "you do have to put your foot down" or it will change your life style—and, in her case, "Nothing interferes with my bowling."

There is a need for drivers in this Home Delivered Meals program. If you interested, call Jan McAlpine, manager of the Novi Senior Center, at 347-0414.

## It's A Fact

### MDOT QUIZ

What is the total replacement value of Michigan's 9,629-mile state highway system and 4,175 highway bridges?

- a. 26.1 billion    b. 78.6 billion    c. 34.8 billion

The federal tax applied to gasoline is 18.4 cents per gallon, of which 6.8 cents per gallon is applied to reduce the federal deficit. Michigan's state gas tax is how much?

- a. 14 cents/gallon    b. 15 cents/gallon  
c. 16 cents/gallon

What costs more?

- a. Highway users fee for construction and maintenance of roads  
b. Monthly cable TV costs  
c. A bushel of Michigan potatoes

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SOURCE: Michigan Department of Transportation

# Novi Senior Center keeping members busy

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

The fun and fellowship continues at the Novi Senior Center for all senior citizens in the area whether they want to have lunch with others or come for the many interesting programs that center manager Jan McAlpine has planned.

A warm welcome awaits from site hostess Camille Kelley and senior aide Louis Hagen and Eileen O'Brien.

Transportation should not be a problem for anyone in the area. Call 347-0414 for information on a free ride to the center in the van.

The calendar of events can be picked up outside the Parks and Recreation Office on the brochure rack or stop in at the office of the Senior Center located at the end of the hall. The staff will be happy to explain the program to anyone who has a question.

The menus for the month are also available on the back of the calendar. Reservations should be made in advance.

The cost is a minimum contribution. Meals include chicken breast, meat loaf, turkey, Salisbury steak, etc. Many seniors just have soup and sandwiches for their evening meals after eating lunch at the center.

Over the past month, seniors had one of their many fun days when it was National Left Handers Day. Seniors had to eat left handed. If they used their right hand, they had to pay a one cent fine.

The annual Senior Citizens Day at the Michigan State Fair will be held on Monday, Aug. 29. Bus transportation will be available for \$3 leaving the Novi Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance.

The other special annual Senior Citizens Day will be held at the Detroit Zoo Aug. 31. For more information, call McAlpine at the center.

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Those who worked at the '50s Festival reported having a good time with other members of the Veterans Alliance and making many contacts for membership in their organization.

The raffle was a success. The first prize was a 20-inch RCA television with remote which was won by Arvo Bickbarr. A 17-foot flag pole kit was second prize won by Don Munson. The third prize was a 3 by 5 foot nylon flag which was won by Rudy Johnson.

Those who didn't get a chance to purchase the 17-foot flag pole kit can still get one by calling Norm

# Novi Highlights

Schollett. This will be the last supply of the post will be getting as shipping costs are getting too high. Replacement flags will continue to be available.

The post and auxiliary are both looking forward to the annual family picnic this Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. at Novi's Lakeshore Park. The picnic will be held in the small pavilion and last as long as the families want to stay. Each family is asked to bring a passing dish, hot dogs and sweet corn will be furnished.

The auxiliary unit, led by Shirley Schollett, is prepared for the new year recently by installing new officers. Plans have been made to concentrate on just a few programs. One of those will be saving the cancelled stamps for the World Medical Relief. However, they are no longer saving cards for recycling as the shipping costs have gone too high to send them to the St. Jude Foundation.

The auxiliary will continue to look for new members so they can help with our programs. Those who are interested should call Mrs. Schollett for information.

The time and place of meetings for the post and auxiliary unit is 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the

Middle School and Novi Meadows Elementary School. The first one will be on Sept. 13 on press releases from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Others will include topics such as advertising, diversity management and managing buses. The maximum class size is six so reservations should be made as soon as possible. More information is available by calling the Chamber office.

Another activity this week is the "Tycoon Tee-Off" being held today, Aug. 18, at the Tanglewood from Sept. 16 to 18 at the Novi Expo Center. Again for information call the Chamber office.

### HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Senior High Group have several fun plans for the upcoming 1994-95 season starting with a weekend outing at a cottage of a church member for the senior high (9th to 12th graders). On Sept. 25 and 26 they will be going to Camp Michi-La-Ca for a canoe trip.

The church plans to continue their efforts with Soup Kitchen at St. Andrew-Redeemer. The next regular meal will be on Wed., Sept. 28. Canned goods and staples are needed each Sunday. Loaded up and taken down also.

The church recently recognized the following high school and college graduates: Matthew Knepley, Paul Kirmis, Nathan Kott and Miranda Terrell.

Youngsters who had outstanding Sunday school attendance records this year included Alissa Jaster, Eric Rosenberg, and Bryan and Kari Veres. Those with near perfect attendance (missing only one or

# Novi parent finds help with family support chapter

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Some nights, Robert's son would say he was going to bed only to sneak out his window and disappear all night.

"It was very erratic behavior," Robert said. "It was rather devastating."

Robert wasn't surprised when he found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his son's possession. "It had a tremendous impact on our family," he said. "It was like somebody threw a hand grenade into our family. Our family values had been blown apart. Trust and honor had been replaced with suspicion and mistrust."

Robert and his wife had three other children to consider. They weren't sure where to turn when an article about Families Anonymous caught Robert's eye as he flipped through his wife's Good Housekeeping magazine. He wrote to the magazine to find out if there were any chapters in Michigan.

There weren't but other Michiganders writing to the magazine were given Robert's phone number and address.

"So, our phone got rather busy," he said.

After the group started meeting, Robert said he was surprised of the outcome.

"We got into the program to find a solution to our son's drug problem but we were the ones who found a new way to live."

In all their attempts to pick up



Ken Eberly/Suzanne Lally

Ken and Judy Lally of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne G. Lally to Ken Eberly, son of Martin and Anna Eberly of Ephrata, Penn.



Brian Verlinde/Mara Deline

Richard and Lynne Deline of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Mara Kirsten to Brian Matthew Verlinde, son of Jim and Sue Verlinde of Middleville, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Novi High School and a 1991 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a coed profes-

sional business fraternity. She is employed by Stark and Company in Farmington Hills.

The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of Thornapple Kellog High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Michigan Bulb in Grand Rapids.

A Sept. 23, 1994 wedding is planned.

The wedding will be in March 1995.

Suzanne is employed at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

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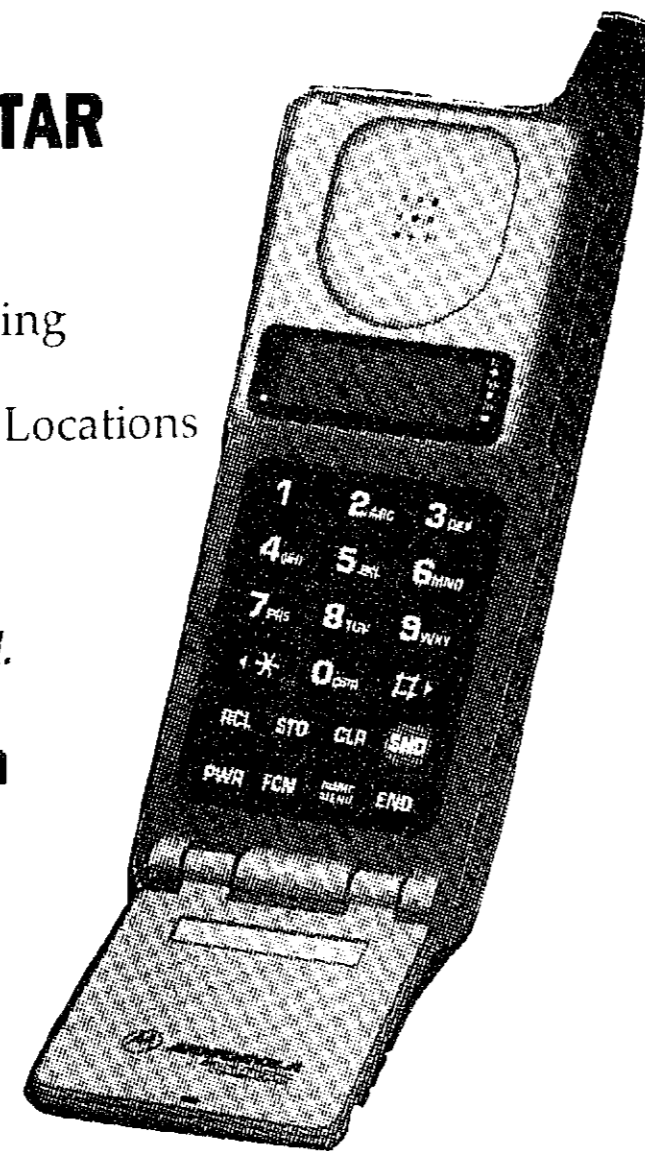
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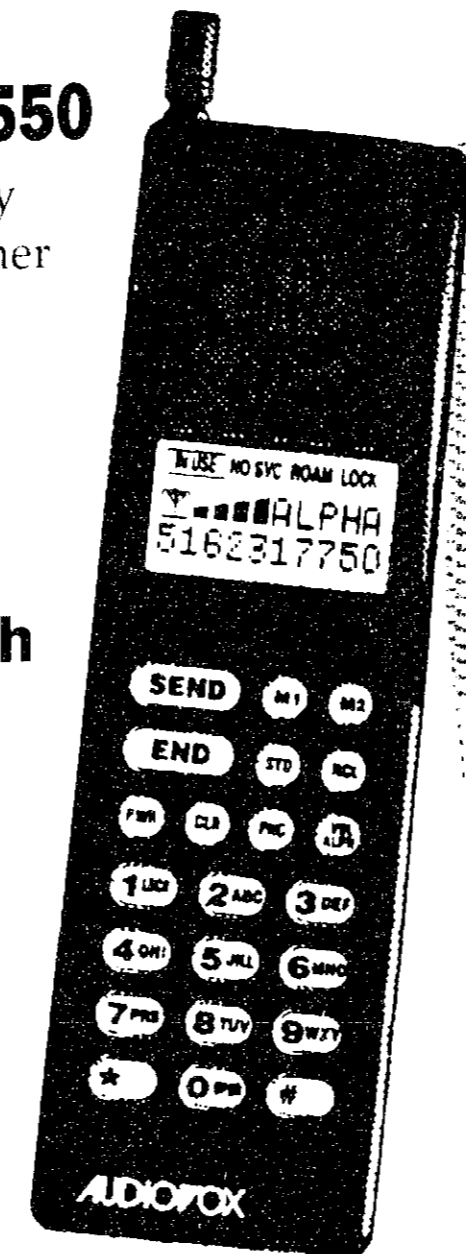
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Return engagement

The Northville High School Jazz Band will play its fourth consecutive performance at the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at Detroit's Hart Plaza. The band is made up of 15 students and is known for its swinging big band arrangements. The group is directed by Michael Rumbell.

## Marquis to hold auditions for plays

The historic Marquis Theatre of Northville will be auditioning for *The Fantastiks*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Annabelle, The Unhappy Witch*.

Auditions for *The Fantastiks* will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22.

Professional adult actors and actresses should bring a resume, headshot and prepare a song in their vocal range.

An accompanist will be provided.

There will be cold readings from the script. Show dates are Oct. 1-22.

Children's auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Boys and girls ages 8-14 who can sing and dance or move well on stage are encouraged to audition.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing a song in their vocal range and be prepared to dance. An accompanist will be provided.

Four different sets of children

will be cast for the run of the show. Bring a resume and headshot. Show dates are Nov. 6 through Dec. 31.

Adult auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

Professional adult actors and actresses will be cast in the roles of Beauty, the Beast and Beauty's father.

Bring a resume and headshot, and be prepared to sing in your vocal range. An accompanist will be provided.

There will be cold readings from the script. Show dates are Nov. 6 through Dec. 31.

Auditions for the Halloween musical, *Annabelle, The Witch*, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Young actors and actresses, ages 8 to 18, will be asked to do a cold reading from the script.

Show dates are Oct. 22-30 for a total of six performances.

For further information on any of the above auditions, call the Marquis Theatre at (810) 349-8110.

## Entertainment listings

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**SINGERS SOUGHT:** As it approaches its 21st season, the 125-member voice Plymouth Community Chorus is casting for singers, especially tenors, baritones and basses. In addition to its scheduled concerts and invitational performances, the chorus will be performing in Washington, D.C., next June and producing its second compact disc.

Auditions will be held in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, in Plymouth Township. Dates and times are Monday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m., and on successive Tuesdays Sept. 6, 13 and 20 at 7 p.m.

Call (313) 455-4080 for more information.

**ART EXHIBITION:** Entry forms will be accepted through Sept. 23 for First Presbyterian Church of Northville's second annual juried art exhibition. The Oct. 8-15 multimedia event will feature Michigan artists and Juror James Navarra from Wayne State University.

Awards will range from \$50 to \$250. For information, write to Visual Arts Committee, 200 E. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48167. Call (313) 349-0911.

**RUMPELTILTSKIN AT MARQUIS:** Have fun this summer attending the Marquis Theatre's production of *Rumpelstiltskin*, starring the Marquis Theatre children. The play is being directed by Cindy Zeltz of Canton.

Performance dates and times are 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19 and 22-26; and 11:30 a.m. Aug. 20 and 27.

Tickets are \$5. For information on birthday celebrations, group rates and available school performances, call (810) 349-8110.

**RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED:** Reservations are now being accepted for Schoolcraft College's 18th annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner to be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 9 and 10 in the college's Waterman Center.

The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve SeGraves, will enter the hall in full costume to present the Wassail and toast the Christmas season. Each course of this year's prime rib feast will be presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony, including the presentation of the Boar's Head. The nationally-recognized Culinary Arts Department will have holiday treats available for sale those evenings.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations seat eight. To reserve, call (313) 462-4417.

**BOOKSIGNING:** Robby DeBoer, author of *Leslie Jones*, will sign her new title at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24 at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center. DeBoer is the chief spokesperson for the DeBoer Committee for Children's Rights, to which she is donating profits from her book.

For more information, call (810) 347-0780.

**JUST FOR KIDS:** Celebrate Sesame Street's birthday at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at Borders Books and Music when Felicia Katz reads stories from the popular TV show. There will also be birthday cake. Look for Big Bird in the children's section and sign up for the contest to win a Sesame Street video.

**DANCE AUDITIONS:** Midwest Dance Theatre will hold final auditions for its new full-length production of *The Nutcracker Ballet* Sunday, Aug. 28, at the dance academy, 1160 Welch Road, Walled Lake.

Dancers age 7-12, Level 1 through III, audition at 11 a.m.; adult actors at 2 p.m., and high intermediate and advanced dancers at 3 p.m.

Female dancers should bring pointe shoes. Some scholarships are available for male dancers. Call (810) 669-9444 or (810) 437-6786 for more information.

**MUSICIANS WANTED:** Wind

and percussion players are invited to join the Oakland Community College Symphony Band. Current 8, 9 and 10 in the college's Waterman Center.

The first band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 in the band room of Mason Middle School, 3835 W. Walton Blvd. in Waterford. For more information, call (810) 360-6218.

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

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

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

**THEATER**

**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 6 p.m. shows.

For information and reservations, call 347-0995.

**GENITTI'S:** Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall Restaurant presents *The Not-So O.K. Corral*, a murder mystery comedy with music, through Nov. 13.

Featured is Genitti's famous seven course family-style Italian dinner which includes homemade

soup, garlic bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage and steak and dessert.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

**MUSIC**

**CAFFE BRAVO:** Features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville.

Aug. 19: Michael Fracassi, blues and jazz, 8:30-11 p.m.

Aug. 20: Carol Smallwood, classical guitar, 3 to 5 p.m.; Ed Goldsworthy, folk guitarist and singer, 8 to 9:30 p.m.; and Jeff Zapor, classic rock, 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Call 344-0220 for additional information.

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

The free monthly series will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30 in the Parisian court. The Matt Michael Trio will be the next featured act, scheduled to perform Aug. 27.

Fashions from mall stores will be modeled informally during the concerts.

For further information, call 462-1100.

**MORE JAZZ:** Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.

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# Movies

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## 'It will make you cry' Not!

If you liked 'Wayne's World,' you'll like 'Wayne's World 2' even better

**WAYNE'S WORLD TWO**  
By Heather Wadswaki Northville

If you want the feel-good movie of the year see "Wayne's World 2." It'll make you cry. And most of all, it will make you believe.

NOTE:  
The only thing "Wayne's World 2" will do is make you laugh like you've never laughed before.

"Wayne's World 2," now on video, picks up where the original "Wayne's World" leaves off. Only this time, "Wayne's World" isn't live from Wayne's (Mike Meyers) basement, but live from an old doll factory.

"Wayne's World 2" has a plot, unlike "Wayne's World." Wayne's

determined to put on a concert, "Waynestock," and get famous bands like Aerosmith to play at it.

But soon Wayne notices something fishy goin' on with his girlfriend, Cassandra (Tha Carter). He's convinced she's cheating on him with her manager.

Soon Wayne, Garth (Dana Carvey) and crew are spying on Cassandra night and day.

And "Waynestock" is getting closer and closer... and there's no one playing at it yet!

"Wayne's World 2" is so much better than the original "Wayne's World" that it's hard to believe it's a sequel.

So whether or not you enjoyed

usual super macho role, is terrific as the suffering "dumped" husband.

Marilyn attends Phil's family Thanksgiving dinner and things get tense when Jessie phones. He refers to Marilyn as his brother's friend.

"Starting Over" (1979) is a comedy with great acting. Reynolds was robbed of an Academy Award nomination for this funny/serious performance.

And turning, as usual, is fantastic.

Like all the films Helaine Binstock reviews, "Starting Over" is available on video.

## READER MOVIE REVIEWS

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## Western Lakes votes down merger with KVC

By SCOTT DANIEL AND MERRILL CAIN  
Sports Writers

Thanks, but no thanks. That's what Western Lakes Activities Association told the Kensington Valley Conference last week. A proposed merger between the two leagues, which would've combined athletic and academic activities, was nixed by WLAAs principals in a special meeting Aug. 3.

According to Northville High School Athletic Director Dennis Colligan, the merger is on the back-burner until at least the end of the coming school year. "The merger is dead (for) now," he said. "We will not be moving towards it."

"I'm disappointed. As far as Northville goes, I wanted to see us merge," Rodney Hosman, principal at Livonia Churchill High School and the president of the WLAAs, said a

unanimous decision was required in order to approve the KVC schools to the conference. Sources indicated that half of the Western Lakes schools voted against the measure.

"I don't think that any of the schools were dead set against it," said Hosman. "Some thought that (the merger) ought to happen right now, but more schools thought that there might have been some issues that we might have missed. We want to go into it very carefully and have everything thought out ... it was the feeling that each school should go through a self-examination and determine what's best for them."

The Livonia schools led the charge against the merger. Joining Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin in voting no were Plymouth Canton and two of the three Farmington schools.

Hosman said that the vote doesn't mean there

won't be a merger of the two conferences somewhere down the road. He said there were a lot of positive aspects that the WLAAs saw in the KVC since a merger was proposed some eight months ago.

Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian agreed. "The size of the merger compliments equity and diversity," he said. "It would promote a level playing field."

One of the major stumbling blocks to the merger, according to Hosman, was the constitution of the WLAAs. Under the current constitution, a merger is not an option, he said.

Therefore, the current constitution would have to be reworked or the conference would have to go through the process of admitting each KVC school into the WLAAs. That, he said, could prove awkward for the schools in the KVC. "We just felt going in that we made a mistake by saying that we're the Western

Lakes and we're the best and you have to be part of us. Other conferences have a lot to offer and it may be better to blend together to form a whole new model," said Hosman.

He added that the logistics of a merger with the KVC were a concern because some of the schools in the WLAAs would have to travel a long distance for athletic events. Hosman did point out though that "if you expand the conference, you're going to have increased travel distance no matter what."

He said that the WLAAs will continue to look at the KVC, and other conferences as well, as possible leagues for expansion in the future.

"We want to make sure that whatever formation we settle on is in the best interest of everyone," said Hosman.

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## Writer faces skating challenge

When I interviewed some local in-line skating experts on some of the key points of being a good skater, they stressed being able to stop effectively. This is a good point. Being a new owner of a pair of in-line skates, I was all too familiar with the challenge of being faced with what a monster of a hill a n d hoping I could make it all the way to the bottom without any intimate introductions to the pavement.

But I think when stressing the ability to stop, these experts forgot to mention one critical point: you first need to figure out how to stay upright for more than five minutes before you can concentrate on stopping.

"How bad and difficult can these things be anyway, right? This is how I felt when I first decided I might like to invest in a decent pair of skates. My calves quickly found out the meaning of the term 'going for the burn.'" because after about two or three minutes of stumbling around on the sidewalk in front of my house I realized there were many more unused muscles in my legs than I used.

Well, two months later, those leg-burning days are, for the most part, over. Now I can slap on those blades and get a decent work-out for an hour or so. However, the road to staying upright was definitely filled with potholes and gravel.

Out of all my incidents of (hopefully but not likely) gracefully falling to the ground, one stands out in my mind the most, probably because it was extremely embarrassing. It was about a week after I had purchased my



Kate Riebling tries on a pair of Rollerblades. The sport has become popular with all ages.

## Kensington takes golf back to nature

By MERRILL CAIN  
Staff Writer

Sometimes in the game of golf, it's just nice to get back to nature.

There's nothing quite like playing 18 holes in a peaceful, serene yet challenging environment. If getting back to the roots of the game sounds appealing, the golf course at Kensington Metropark located near Interstate 96 and Kensington Road in Milford is definitely the place to be.

"It's pretty hard to play 18 holes out here and not see any deer on the course at some point," said Kensington course manager Barry Mussatto. Although it may seem hard to believe, there isn't much exaggeration in that statement. Golfers may have to pause momentarily while deer or other wildlife sneak out into the open on the 6,378-yard course, but most of the creatures are very courteous and they

appreciate the game enough to let people play through.

The Kensington course is one of the most popular in the area and Mussatto said that high visibility of the beautiful greens and fairways along a one-mile stretch of I-96 helps attract plenty of golfers. There have been over 50,000 rounds of golf played at all seven of the metropark courses.

He added that the course plays host to more competitive golf events than any other in the Michigan and Kensington was recently honored as one of the top 10 municipal courses in the state by *Michigan Golfer* magazine.

"The course is very challenging, but it's also pretty forgiving which adds to its popularity," said Mussatto.



A look at Kensington Metro Park's eighth hole.

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## Novi wins softball title

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

A sour spring turned into a sizzling summer for many Novi High softball players.

Competing in the Howell Recreation League, Wildcat varsity players present and future brought home a championship for the city. According to coach Frank Brietscher, his team earned the title.

"They worked harder than they have in years past," he said. "We didn't have any problems with them."

Novi went 19-22 overall in the

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# Recreation

## Rec department plans activities

By CINDY STEWART  
Special Writer

Well, we made it through another 50's Festival. Lots of changes this year, but it has been labeled a success. Thanks again to all of the Novi area volunteers. We could not do it without you.

That brings us to the last few weeks of August ... wrapping up summer vacations, softball leagues, summer concerts, Camp Lakeshore and the Novi Teen Center. All the Parks & Rec staff are tired, but happy that another successful summer is almost over.

There's not much time left for picnics and swimming, so get over to Lakeshore Beach soon. The beach and concession stands will be closed Aug. 29, 30, 31 and Sept. 1, 2, and will reopen Sept. 3, 4 and 5 for the Labor Day weekend.

Time to get out the 1994-95 school calendar—first day of school is Aug. 29, and plans are

under way for another busy, fun-filled year. Novi Parks & Recreation will be right there, planning activities, leagues, classes, special events and trips for you and your family. A new Parks & Rec brochure should be in your mailbox by the first week of September. Time enough to register you or your kids for all the activities you can fit in.

There's lots of activities for young and old alike. For the Seniors, why not try line dancing, Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. "Learn while you burn." There's also massage therapy, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. You must call for an appointment (\$6) at 347-0414.

Remember, the Novi Senior Center always has plenty of activities like pinocle, bridge, bingo, clogging, arts and crafts, blood pressure checks, book review, daily lunches and monthly dances.

Mark your calendars for Art on the Town 1994, Sept. 17 and 18. This year's arts and crafts fair will be held at a new location, the Novi Town Center, in an outdoor tented area.

To date there are over 40 exhibitors for this juried art show. Exhibits include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, wood furniture and toys, needlework and apparel. Be sure and come out to the Novi Town Center for this special event.

Novi Parks & Rec also will offer fall basketball, soccer and softball leagues; karate, gymnastic and Fitness Factory classes, and Novi Youth Theatre performances. For a variety of interests, there's the Garden Club, Camera Club, Concert Band, Friendship Club, Chorales, Trackers Running Club and the Arts Council.

Stop by the Novi Civic Center Atrium and visit the Gate VI Gallery. You will always see a wonderful display of paintings, photographs, or sculptures from local artists.

The Atrium is also home to Performer's Showcase. Monday evenings prior to the City Council meetings, local performing artists will be singing, dancing or playing a variety of musical instruments for your listening and viewing pleasure.

Don't forget the Novi Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Novi Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 347-0456 to schedule an appointment now, or just stop by. It only takes a short time to help save someone's life.

Start filling your calendar now with fun, family activities for the fall. There's always something for everyone through Novi Parks and Recreation. Visit or call 347-0400 now and see just what's happening.

## Quiz for drug and alcohol knowledge

Parents: If you have a working knowledge of the implications of drugs and alcohol, you will be in a stronger position to discuss the topic with your children. The following quiz is a good starting point.

1. What is the most commonly used drug in the United States and Canada?  
a) heroin b) cocaine c) alcohol d) marijuana
2. Name the three drugs most commonly used by adolescents.  
3. Which drug is associated with the most teen deaths?  
4. Which of the following contains the most alcohol?  
a) 12 oz. can of beer b) 12 oz. wine cooler c) 5 oz. glass of wine d) all contain equal amounts of alcohol
5. Crack is particularly dangerous because it is:  
a) cheap b) highly combustible c) highly addictive d) an aphrodisiac e) a and c
6. From which of the following can fumes be inhaled to produce a high?  
a) spray paint b) model glue c) nail polish
7. People who have not used alcohol and other drugs before their 20th birthday:  
a) have no risk of becoming addicted b) are less likely to develop a problem with drugs or alcohol c) have an increased risk of becoming chemically dependent
8. A speedball is a combination of which two drugs?  
a) cocaine and heroin b) PCP and LSD c) Valium and alcohol d) amphetamines and barbiturates
9. Anabolic steroids are dangerous because they may result in:  
a) development of female characteristics in males b) development of male characteristics in females c) stunted growth d) liver and cardiovascular damage e) over-aggressive behavior f) all of the above
10. Use of which drugs could result in infection with the AIDS virus?  
a) cocaine b) heroin c) marijuana d) alcohol e) all of the above

Answers:  
1. (c) Because alcohol is legal for adults and widely accepted in our culture, it is the most used drug in the United States and Canada.  
2. Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. These are

considered "gateway drugs" because they are the first drugs children are exposed to and use often precedes the use of other drugs.  
3. Alcohol. Alcohol-related accidents are the leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24.  
4. (d) All four contain approximately 1.5 oz. of alcohol.  
5. (a) Small quantities of crack can be bought for as little as \$5 to \$10, and it's considered one of the most addictive drugs.  
6. (e) Virtually anything that comes in aerosol form or emits fumes can be inhaled to obtain a high.  
7. (b) Early use—often by age 15 or younger—of alcohol and other drugs has been linked to serious drug addictions later in life.  
8. (a) The combination of cocaine and heroin is thought to be a popular way to decrease or control bad side effects, but can be deadly.  
9. (f) Steroid users subject themselves to more than 70 side effects.  
10. (e) Although you might think that the only way a drug user risks AIDS is through the use of contaminated needles when using cocaine or heroin, there are other risks. All drugs and alcohol impair judgment, allowing users to participate in risky behavior including unprotected sex.

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## Check heart before starting program

Every so often you read that someone has suffered a heart attack or died during strenuous physical exertion.

Fortunately, such events rarely occur in "presumably healthy" adults. The vast majority of cardiac patients can exercise safely after a heart attack or coronary artery bypass surgery.

Yet, it's true that a small number of people may be predisposed to exercise-related cardiovascular complications. Almost without exception, these individuals have some form of cardiovascular or structural heart disease.

Can an "at risk" person accurately be identified?

Often, yes. Exercise stress testing is widely recommended and extremely useful in screening for such abnormalities, but it isn't infallible. On the average, the test is accurate in diagnosing certain heart problems about 70 percent of the time.

It is difficult to predict who may be fatally stricken during exercise, most authorities agree. Neither superior fitness, regular exercise participation, nor the absence of cardiac risk factors can guarantee protection against an exercise death.

Your body often will warn you, however, about impending cardiovascular complications. These warnings may include abnormal heart rhythms, chest pain or pressure, and dizziness. Abnormalities in heart rhythm—called "arrhythmias"—may include an extremely fast, slow or irregular pulse. These may, or may not, be dangerous. Your physician should review them. He may prescribe medication for the arrhythmia to allow you to resume your exercise program safely.

On the other hand, you may have a completely harmless kind of heart rhythm irregularity—Pain or pressure in the center of the chest, either during exercise or immediately afterwards, may suggest a compromised blood supply to the heart muscle.

Arm, back, throat or stomach discomfort are other warning symptoms that many exercisers fail to recognize as heart-related.

Light-headedness or dizziness may be caused by insufficient blood flow to the brain. This may be due to serious cardiac rhythm disorders or impaired pumping of the heart muscle.

When these symptoms occur, discontinue physical activity and seek medical advice. The result will be a much safer exercise program.

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## Writer takes Rollerblading challenge

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When I interviewed some local in-line skating experts on some of the key points of being a good skater, they stressed being able to stop effectively. This is a good point. Being a new owner of a pair of in-line skates, I was all too familiar with the challenge of being faced with what seemed like a monster of a hill and hoping I could make it all the way to the bottom without any intimate introductions to the pavement.

But I think when stressing the ability to stop, these experts forgot to mention one critical point: you first need to figure out how to stay upright for more than five minutes before you can concentrate on stopping.

"How bad and difficult can these things be anyway, right?" This is how I felt when I first decided I might like to invest in a decent pair of skates. My calves quickly found out the mean-

ing of the term "going for the burn," because after about two or three minutes of stumbling around on the sidewalk in front of my house I realized there were many more unused muscles in my legs than used ones.

Well, two months later, those leg-burning days are, for the most part, over. Now I can slap on those babies and get a decent work-out for an hour or so. However, the road to staying upright was definitely filled with potholes and gravel.

Out of all my incidents of (hopefully but not likely) gracefully falling to the ground, one stands out in my mind the most, probably because it was extremely embarrassing. It was about a week after I had purchased my new skates and I was determined to use them every day (that goal has since reduced to a couple of times a week).

I had successfully skated to work without

incident. Well, my day was over, and confidently I put on my skates, preparing for a gallant ride home. I stepped out of the office door at Main Street and skated up to the intersection at Center Street waiting for the light to change.

After a couple of minutes, the light turned red. Carefully I stepped out onto the brick-surfaced pedestrian walk-way and slowly began to skate across. I had only embarked on a couple of steps across the street when I noticed that a woman in a car on Main Street, who had not put on her blinker to turn left, was indeed turning left.

It was at this moment that I realized how unsure on my feet I still was. After a moment of skater confusion, I couldn't decide whether this woman was going to stop for me or if I should stop or turn around or what. Instead my feet made the decision for me as they flew upward and my rear-end quickly met the pavement.

## WLAA nixes merger

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By SCOTT DANIEL AND MERRILL CAIN  
Sports Writers

Thanks, but no thanks.

That's what Western Lakes Activities Association told the Kensington Valley Conference last week. A proposed merger between the two leagues, which would've combined athletic and academic activities, was nixed by WLAA principals in a special meeting Aug. 9.

According to Northville High School Athletic Director Dennis Colligan, the merger is on the back-burner until at least the end of the coming school year.

"The merger is dead (for) now," he said. "We will not be moving towards it."

"I'm disappointed. As far as Northville goes, I wanted to see us merge."

Rodney Hosman, principal at Livonia Churchill High School and the president of the WLAA, said a unanimous decision was required in order to approve adding the KVC schools to the conference. Sources indicated that half of the Western Lakes schools voted against the measure.

"I don't think that any of the schools were dead set against it," said Hosman. "Some thought that (the merger) ought to happen right now, but more schools thought that there might have been some issues that we might have missed. We want to go into it very carefully and have everything thought out ... it was the feeling that each school should go through a self-examination and determine what's best for them."

The Livonia schools led the charge against the merger. Join-

ing Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin in voting no were Plymouth Canton and two of the three Farmington schools.

Hosman said that the vote doesn't mean there won't be a merger of the two conferences somewhere down the road. He said there were a lot of positive aspects that the WLAA saw in the KVC since a merger was proposed some eight months ago.

Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian agreed.

"The size of the merger compliments equity and diversity," he said. "(It would) promote a level playing field."

One of the major stumbling blocks to the merger, according to Hosman, was the constitution of the WLAA. Under the current constitution, a merger is not an option, he said.

Therefore, the current constitution would have to be reworked or the conference would have to go through the process of admitting each KVC school into the WLAA. That, he said, could prove awkward for the schools in the KVC. "We just felt going in that we made a mistake by saying that we're the Western Lakes and we're the best and you have to be part of us. Other conferences have a lot to offer and it may be better to blend together to form a whole new model," said Hosman.

He added that the logistics of a merger with the KVC were a concern because some of the schools in the WLAA would have to travel a long distance for athletic events. Hosman did point out though that "if you expand the conference, you're going to have increased travel distance no matter what."

He said that the WLAA will

## Novi takes all in Howell softball league

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By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

A sour spring turned into a sizzling summer for many Novi High softball players.

Competing in the Howell Recreation League, Wildcat varsity players present and future brought home a championship for the city. According to coach Frank Brieisacher, his team earned the title.

"They worked harder than they have in years past," he said. "We didn't have any problems with them."

Novi went 19-22 overall in the high school season this year. The Wildcats could do no better than 7-7 in the Kensington Valley Conference and finished in sixth place.

The summer campaign went much smoother. Novi compiled a

10-1 record beat second place Pinckney by two games.

Brieisacher said competition in the nine-team Howell league was mixed.

"There were a few weak teams," he commented. "But there was also four good, decent teams."

Many KVC players participated in the league. Howell, Brighton and Millford all fielded teams, for example.

While winning the championship was nice, Brieisacher said it wasn't the sole purpose.

"The reason Novi got into it was so that varsity and junior varsity could get some work both offensively and defensively for the upcoming season," he said.

The league season, which went from late June until early August, consisted of 12 games. Several, however, were canceled because of poor weather. Novi played its home

games at Power Park, which is located behind city hall.

"Some of our games were under the lights," Brieisacher said. "Many of the girls hadn't played under the lights."

The coach said games ended up being played at odd hours, often as late as 9:30 p.m.

"It was a good experience for them," said Brieisacher.

A total of 13 girls played on the team. A mix of varsity and freshman players filled out the roster.

Pitching was the team's strength.

Recently graduated Julie Swinehart and Heather Wehab, an incoming freshman, split duties. Swinehart blew batters away with her velocity while Wehab was good at hitting spots, Brieisacher said.

"She threw the ball over the plate," he added, "so we could play defense."

Defense was the focus. Many of Novi High's problems last spring stemmed from playing poorly in the field.

Katie Shaw, who'll be a senior, was particularly outstanding. "She'll be one of the better catchers in the state," said Brieisacher.

Novi had a strong left side of the infield, he added. Melissa Waara anchored the infield at shortstop while Melissa Strikulis patrolled third.

Rounding out the infield was Michelle Kuntz at first and Amy Schankel at second base. Shannon Brieisacher and Amy Edwards were regulars in the outfield.

"There defense will be better by far," said the coach.

Hitting wasn't too shabby either. Novi had a team batting average of close to .500. Shannon Brieisacher, Strikulis and Waara

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