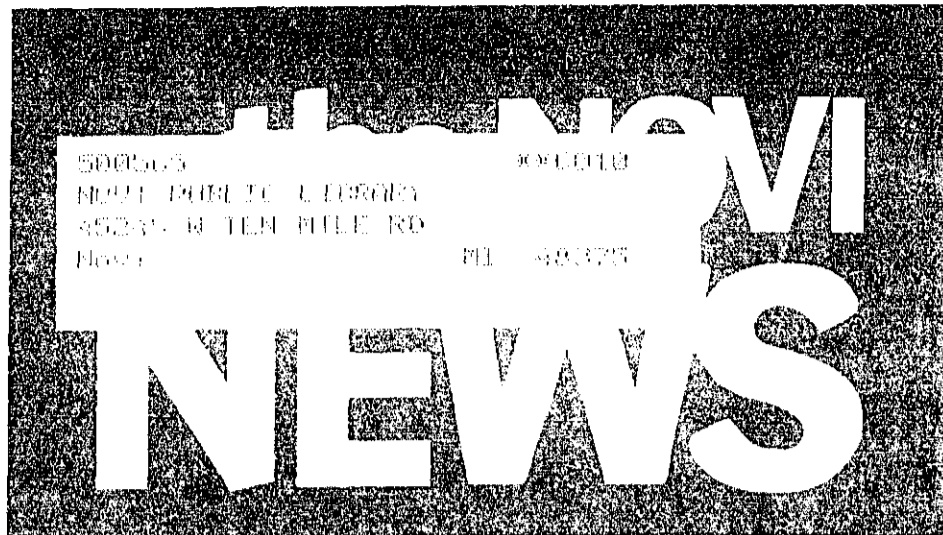


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Is new station in the works for fire dept?

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Fire Station Five is somewhere in Novi's future.

The city's 1980 master plan calls for a fifth fire station to be built on land in the Nine Mile and Beck Road area, where the city already owns one lot about a half acre in size.

"We're staying by the plan," Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said this week.

The Novi City Council has recently held several closed executive sessions on a possible purchase of additional land needed for the station. The state Open Meetings Act permits private meetings to discuss real estate acquisition.

Nothing's decided yet. Mayor Kathleen McLallen says.

There's also no firm timetable dictating when the fire station would be built and staffed, Lenaghan added.

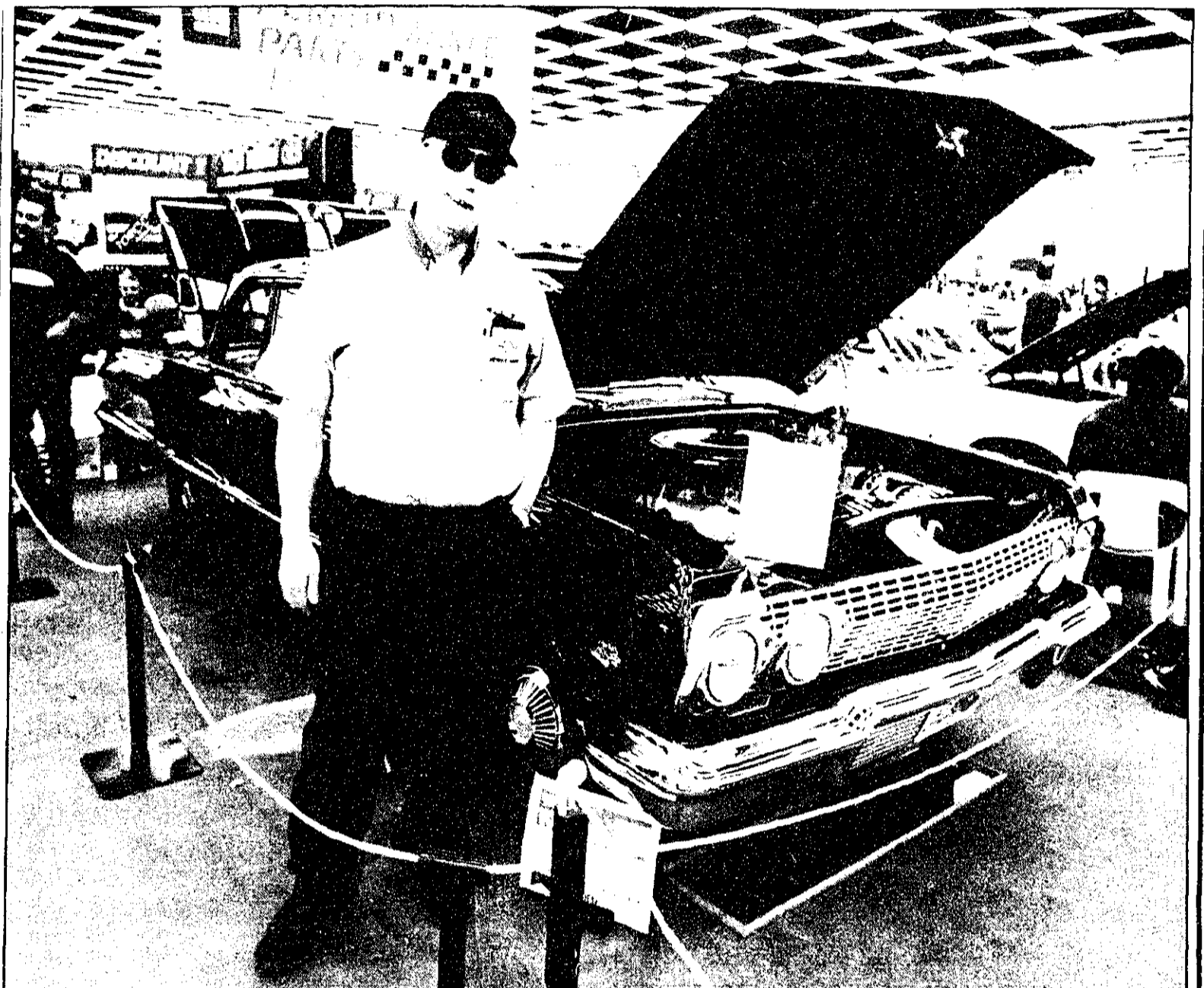
"There's still not enough devel-

opment down there. It depends on the development," he explained.

"The needs of the community change. That area of the city is going to large lots. It's not cemented in stone, but it is in the plan we have for the community. You have to remain flexible."

Money needed to build the fire station would not come from the special police and fire millage, Lenaghan said. That is dedicated to staffing of the two departments and equipment purchases.

As master planned, the fifth station would be the city's last. The existing fire stations are: Fire Station One on Grand River Avenue across from Novi Town Center, Fire Station Two at Thirteen Mile Road west of Decker Road, Fire Station Three at Nine Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road and Fire Station Four at Eleven Mile Road east of Beck Road.



Robert Webster with his '63 Chevy Bel Air.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Movie deal set on Tomassi kidnapping

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Emil Rateau has signed a contract with a Hollywood producer to make a movie about the kidnapping of her two sons, David and Jason Tomassi.

Helios Productions, a Hollywood-based production company will produce the film which tells the Tomassi's tale.

From her home in South Bend, Indiana, Rateau said Tuesday the boys' transition hasn't been easy but they are adjusting. They've been interviewed and have appeared on a *Current Affair*. Jason has talked with a reporter from *Good Housekeeping*. There

are other interviews pending with *People* and *The Oakland Press*.

But they are trying to lead a normal life and aren't sure what all the media hype is about, she said.

More than 11 years ago the boys were kidnapped by their non-custodial father, David Marcus Tomassi. They were taken from their mother's Novi home on Christmas Eve in 1983.

Eleven and a half years later the boys were reunited with their mother and brought home when Novi Police located them in California.

Their father was arrested a few

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Locals show cars at Autorama

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

David Brewer likes Chevy Monte Carlos. Really likes Monte Carlos.

His baby, a 1987 model in cool shining silver, was on display last week at the 43rd Annual Detroit Autorama at Cobo Center, mixing and mingling with 500 custom cars, hot rods and motorcycles valued at millions of dollars.

Unlike many of the other autos on display, the Monte Carlo hasn't been customized. The Willowbrook resident bought the vehicle brand-new in 1987 and wheeled around town

in it for several years.

Think what great cars would be around in perfect condition if more car owners of the 1950s and 1960s did what Brewer did. He decided he'd keep the 1987 model as a showpiece, a classic car in the making, and tapered down on his personal use of the Monte Carlo. At eight years old, it only has 32,000 miles.

"I've just kept it all original. It's been a lot of work keeping it clean," he said last week.

He's been entering the car in shows for over three years; this is the second time the Monte Carlo has been accepted in Autorama. Brewer has another Monte Carlo, a 1970

model which needs some work, he hasn't gotten around to restoring it - yet.

"I just like the style of them. I like the early models better," he said.

For everyday transportation, though, he relies on a 1985 Oldsmobile.

Brewer wasn't the only Novi resident showing off his wheels. Robert Webster scored big at Autorama with his 1963 Bel Air two-door sedan. The racy black number, souped up with a 409 Z-11 engine, took second place in its category, restored cars from the years 1958-1965. Over 13 months, Webster, Bob

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Combating the winter doldrums by flying south

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Fiji? Bora Bora? Bali?

Yeah, Novi residents love miles of beach, blue water and endless summer. But you're not likely to find them at these ports of call. Try Orlando, Tampa or Fort Meyers. That's where most locals, hoping to evade what little winter we've had this year, congregate.

Or they've embarked on a cruise of the Caribbean. Mexico is also coming on strong with Novi citizens as a travel attraction, in part because the peso is so weak. And they're taking the kids.

"They're all coming back now. They've gone to Florida, Florida, Florida. Cruises, cruises, cruises," said Ian Bennett, owner of Bennetts Travel Agency on Grand River Avenue.

Talk to other Novi travel agencies and you'll get pretty much the same story.

Bennett is sending his clients first and foremost to Orlando, Tampa, Fort Meyers and Fort Lauderdale.

"Not so much Miami unless it's Miami to jump off and go to the Keys," he added.

Many are boarding Carnival Line and Princess Cruises for three to seven days, short trips around the Caribbean because they lack the time for longer sails, Bennett explained. Other popular destinations, he finds, are Phoenix and Mexican ports like Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Cozumel and Ixtapa.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Ian Bennett at his travel agency with some brochures about warm weather destinations.

Marcella DiMario at Travel & Travel on Novi Road also sends most of her clients to the place where Ponce DeLeon sought the fountain of youth, only in their case they're seeking the World of Disney. They're heading to the same Florida resorts that Bennett's clients are, only on the Atlantic Coast instead of Fort Lauderdale they're more likely to end up at ritzy West Palm Beach.

DiMario's saying bon voyage to lots of customers who are cruising to St. Thomas, St. Martin, Barbados, the Caymen Islands and Aruba, often on the Royal Caribbean line. January through the end of April is the cruise season.

"I sell more on them than any other. It's a little bit more upscale. Carnival sells very well but it's not as upscale," she said.

She also finds Mexico is a big draw, but the devalued peso really isn't that big a deal for local sunseekers.

"Most of the time, people don't look at that," DiMario said.

Florida is also the number one seller for travel consultant Lynda Moore at Glynn Travel on Meadowbrook Road, followed by Las Vegas and then Cancun. She does have a handful of customers who fly west rather than south, heading for the South Pacific paradises like Hawaii and Tahiti.

For herself, Moore would zip off to Acapulco or St. Martin.

"The sun, the weather, the people, they're very good vacation spots," Moore explained.

"Real high on my list is any one of the Mexican destinations. It's pretty much warm there all the time. You don't worry about the

weather. Florida can be iffy."

The Sunshine State has been a bit chilly over the past few weeks, returning vacationers say.

DiMario prefers the Caribbean or Hawaii: "Hawaii is so different. But the Caribbean is closer. The islands are very different from one another. Aruba and St. Thomas are very different."

Bennett on the other hand would travel to his native land, Australia, especially the Great Barrier Reef. But he's also partial to St. Lucia and the rest of the Caribbean.

These are the lucky ones, the ones who don't sit winter out. If you're among them, next time you're on Captiva or Sanibel Islands, don't be surprised if you run into your neighbors. The Tampa to Fort Meyers region could be annexed as Novi South.

Planner finds a special way to say 'thank you'

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

A day of pampering. A color, cut and style, and the chance to be made over. The latest fashions and a whole new look for Novi's "Midnight at Meijer Shoppers" ...

That's what Novi resident and Planning Commissioner Jacque Hodges wanted to give back to the trio of friends whom gave her unconditional love and support when she needed it the most.

Last May, Hodges was diagnosed with breast cancer. She eventually had a mastectomy and

has continued reconstructive surgery. The ordeal was difficult enough for anyone to deal with, but Hodges said she'll be forever grateful for the love, support and constant encouragement she received from her friends.

"I still cannot say thank you enough for the love and support they have shown me," she said. "They pulled out all the stops."

They stood at her side, took care of her three children while she was hospitalized, and took over for her when she couldn't

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OCC asks for more one more mill March 16

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Voters in the Oakland Community College district will decide the fate of a property tax request on Thursday, March 16. OCC is asking a general-purpose increase of one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation). Here are answers to some readers' questions:

Q. Why a Thursday election? Most school elections are held Mondays and general elections Tuesdays.

A. "We wanted it to take place so voters could concentrate on OCC exclusively. We wanted to be judged on our merits and the merits of the institution. We picked a day when others were unlikely to have elections. It could have been any day," said a college spokesman.

Thursday is an unusual day for voting. Lawmakers in Lansing are considering a plan to change all voting to three days a year — one each in May, August and November.

Q. I'm suffering from sticker shock. OCC is collecting 0.85 mill now and 0.82 next year. This will double the tax rate.

A. It's complicated but understandable.

OCC has three sources of revenue:

1. State aid, which has slipped from 41 percent of the budget in 1974 to 24 percent currently. The governor's budget proposes a 2 percent increase for OCC, less than the rate of inflation. Oakland County, considered fabulously

wealthy in the State Capitol, got rough treatment in the Proposal A school finance reform, and OCC gets less from the higher education budget.

2. Tuition and fees, which have grown from 21 percent to 38 percent in the same 20 years. OCC board members have constantly steamed at tuition rate hikes but agreed to them reluctantly. Now they want to hold the tuition line.

3. Property taxes. OCC's all-time high rate was about 1.7 mills in 1979. That consisted of one mill approved by the voters for operations and 0.7 mills approved by the board for debt service on building construction.

The one mill for operating has been whittled down by the Headlee Amendment to 0.85 mill currently. The bond issues have been paid off, so there is no debt service millage.

Approval of the March 16 proposal would put the rate at about what it was in 1979.

Here's what's different in 1995:

- State law no longer permits the board to sell bonds and levy millage.
- OCC doesn't need new buildings. It needs technology, equipment and repair of buildings and infrastructure that are 25 to 30 years old — hence, a general purpose millage rather than a bond issue millage.
- Some capital improvements were paid for by the sale of excess land. "We can no longer afford to sell of any more of our patrimony," said the college spokesman.

Q. If we approve the one mill,

will the board levy the full amount every year?

A. It will the first year, when building repairs will be the top priority, officials say.

In later years, the board may levy less. Historically, OCC trustees have been fiscally conservative and have balked at levying more than necessary, in this reporter's experience.

Q. They're asking for a mill "in perpetuity." I've never heard of a millage request in perpetuity.

A. It's standard among community colleges. OCC's first mill, now shrunk to 0.85, was voted in perpetuity. Northwestern Community College just passed a renewal millage in perpetuity.

Reasons: College finance doesn't grate the way K-12 finance does; and it's costly to go back to voters about such a large institution.

Q. The ballot proposal says a mill will raise \$29.9 million. What will the new money be used for?

A. "For the first two years, we'll put it entirely in maintenance and equipment since we're so far behind," said Chancellor Patsy Calkins. "We're about \$40 million behind — \$19 million for maintenance and \$21 million for equipment."

Q. And after the that?

A. "We'll need \$11 million a year for maintenance out to about five years, then \$9 million thereafter," the chancellor said. "After that, it will be new programs."

Q. Specifically, what new programs?

A. For years three to eight, cam-

pus presidents have identified \$129 million in needs — somewhat more than the available money, said Dan Jaksen, vice chancellor for planning and development.

Obviously, future boards must set priorities. Here is his thumbnail sketch of new programs for those years:

- Health and safety — \$7.5 million. Specifically: 1) Physical therapy, 2) Exercise science and related gerontology programs — for a society where the elderly are the fastest growing part of the population, 3) Home health care.
- Manufacturing — \$11 million.
- School-to-work transition — \$6 million total. It involves working with 45 public high schools and 37 non-publics to establish a "seamless curriculum" between years 12 and 13 to prepare persons not entering universities for the working world.

Specifically, there are curriculum development, in-service training of present faculty, and something called MAEC, for "Manufacturing Applications Education Center," if, as expected, industrial gifts and federal grants come along, there will be less need to use local tax money. That's why these numbers aren't engraved in granite.

- Global education. OCC already has 300 students in ESL — English as a second language — from the Middle East, Asia and South America. Said Chancellor Calkins, a business educator by background: "I'd love to see all our campuses have an international center."

OCC wants to expand its foreign language offerings. Former chancellor Steve Nicholson was fond of saying: "To buy, you only need English. But if you want to sell abroad, you need to know the other country's language."

- Graphic arts — \$2 million-plus. OCC shut down its graphic arts for lack of new equipment. The plans: 1) Graphic arts, 2) digital imaging (camera and computerized imaging instead of film), and 3) technical illustration programs.
- Remedial programs — \$27 million. Some students come from high school poorly prepared. Many return to the classroom 20 years later. Chancellor Calkins: "We are very successful with this. Some students test well in math but don't feel comfortable with it and take modern math courses to bring themselves up to date."
- Fine Arts — \$9.5 million. The breakdown:

- 1) Theater — add four full-time faculty to serve two campuses. Currently there are no full-time theater faculty.
- 2) Dance — add three full-time faculty. No full-time faculty are employed now. Adjunct faculty are unhappy at working in a multi-purpose room.
- 3) Music, choral and instrumental — add six full-time faculty. No full-time music faculty are employed now. Band instruments, to put it politely, are vintage.

- Dyslexia and special populations — \$5 million. OCC expects to become a regional center to train people to deal with special populations, such as persons with closed-

head injuries. Only one full-time specialist is on faculty now.

- Libraries and learning resources — \$5.3 million.
- Advanced Technology Center — \$12.6 million. OCC has a strong start in this area and is positioned to be the best in the Midwest. Among programs to be advanced: Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), Computer Assisted Engineering (CAE), Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) along with the more familiar Computer Assisted Design (CAD) and Computer Assisted Manufacturing (CAM).

Calkins quotes industrial executives as advising her that OCC should get into laser welding.

- Police and fire technology — \$6.5 million. OCC trains the bulk of police officers and firefighters in Oakland County. Computer simulations of situations faced by public safety officers should be added.
- Business & Professional Institute — \$2.5 million for expansion. OCC's mission statement says its customers are not only students but industrial firms who need to upgrade existing workers and managers.

Other areas: telecommunications teaching, upgrading of the college's computer information systems.

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NOTE**

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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Whether due to overuse or injury, increasing numbers of people are experiencing the symptoms of rotator cuff impingement syndrome. These include pain and decreased mobility in the shoulder when moving the arm over the head or across the back or chest to the opposite shoulder. This problem centers in the rotator cuff, which is the group of muscles and tendons that surround the ball of the shoulder joint to provide motion and stability. When overuse of injury creates tiny tears in the tendons, inflammation results that produces pain and limits mobility. Without treatment, symptoms become worse as friction increases irritation and inflammation. Those afflicted with this problem are best served by a program of physical therapy to stretch and strengthen the rotator cuff.

Physical therapy may provide the relief you're looking for if you experience pain in the neck and shoulder region. Physical therapy is a form of health care that prevents, identifies, and corrects loss of or impaired movement of anatomic or physiologic origin.

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"I thought I was in good shape, so why did I have a heart attack?"

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After I retired from coaching, I guess I wasn't quite as active. When I felt a heaviness in my chest one day, I called 911. It's a good thing I did, because I found out that I was having a heart attack. At Botsford, I got the immediate attention I needed. The doctor was really on top of things.

The follow up care was fantastic. My doctor prescribed rehabilitation at Botsford. I was surprised at how much I loved rehab. The rehab staff monitored me, helped me to increase my endurance and stamina and taught me how I could avoid having another heart attack. My wife and I also talked to a dietitian and learned how we could improve our eating habits.

In retrospect, I should have kept in better shape. I don't anticipate ever having another heart attack — and I'm working hard not to.



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The results are in for the fifth installment of the Northville Record/Novi News Restaurant Poll.

MacKinnon's remains undefeated as the choice for Best Overall Restaurant in Northville and Novi. Crawfords' was able to regain the title of Best Inexpensive Restaurant after being unseated by Sundowner in the fourth year of the poll.

With the number of dining possibilities increasing, the brows of many of the established restaurant owners had reason to show a few beads of sweat. There were ties in eight categories, the highest number of deadlocks in the history of the poll. Fifteen restaurants made the grade for the first time. A total of 18 restaurants were listed in the top three categories in the last year of the poll, compared to 30 restaurants in this year's poll.

The polling ballot first appeared in the Jan. 5 edition of the two newspapers and ran intermittently through last week. A total of 83 ballots were received.

—By Carol Workens
—Photos by Bryan Mitchell & Hal Gould

Best Inexpensive Restaurant

Crawfords' takes its title with down home flavor



Crawfords' owner Jim Pawlina, center, surrounds himself with his winning family and staff.

"It is such an honor," said Jim Pawlina, the owner of Crawfords' Restaurant, the winner of the Best Inexpensive Restaurant. "I keep pinching myself. That we were able to pull it off even with all the big corporate restaurants that have come in is wonderful." "The staff has a lot to do with it," said Pawlina, who pulled all the staff in the restaurant together for the picture, even the dishwasher. "He's just as important as the chef," said Pawlina. No one's going to eat off dirty plates regardless of how good the chef is, according to Pawlina. Along with the staff, Pawlina's wife, Denise and son, Ryan, lend a helping hand on the weekends and during the summer.

"We're tweaking the menu," he said. Chicken dinners have been added to the Sunday menu along with other new items and desserts, and a new daily breakfast special. A special for St. Patrick's Day is being finalized and authentic Polish Paczki will be available for Feb. 28 on Paczki Day.

Best Overall
MacKinnon's repeat is special this year

Tom MacKinnon, the owner of MacKinnon's Restaurant, was truly surprised when he received the call that he had taken top honors in the Best Overall Restaurant category.

"It really meant a lot this year," he said. MacKinnon bought his partner out only 10 months ago and has sunk a lot of money into the business. "We put in a new kitchen with all new equipment, got all new Queen Anne style dining chairs, new bar stools, new kitchen doors which are hand carved English solid mahogany," he added.

MacKinnon recently purchased a new steam cleaner and has been busy cleaning everything in sight. "It's like a new toy," he said. The steam cleaner sterilizes and sanitizes as it cleans without the use of chemicals. "This is a 127 year old building so there's always something to clean," he said.



A surprised Tom MacKinnon, front, and the MacKinnon's staff.



Jean and George Mortimer

Real Winners
Drawing winners enjoy Country Epicure's style

George and Jean Mortimer's ballot was randomly chosen to receive the dinner for two. The Mortimers chose to eat at their favorite restaurant, Country Epicure. The couple frequent Country Epicure more than half a dozen times a year. The Mortimers, who have been residents of Novi for 23 years, often take friends to Country Epicure for lunch or dinner. "Whatever the occasion is, anniversaries, birthdays, what not," said George. "We take our friends from the east side over there for whatever the occasion may be."

"We like the food, the service, the atmosphere," said George. "It's really a nice place. The staff has always been so nice to us. They are very nice people, the owner too."

RESULTS

Best Overall Restaurant

1. MacKinnon's
2. Diamond Jim Brady's
3. Tie - Grady's American Grill Rocky's of Northville

Best Inexpensive Restaurant

1. Crawfords'
2. Dandy Gander
3. Border Cantina

Best Service

1. MacKinnon's
2. Diamond Jim Brady's
3. Country Epicure

Best Breakfast Restaurant

1. Crawfords'
2. Dandy Gander
3. Guernsey Farms Dairy

Best Desserts

1. MacKinnon's
2. Crawfords'
3. Country Epicure

Best Sandwiches

1. Genitti's
2. Kosch's Tavern
3. Tie - Edward's Center Street Cafe

Best Atmosphere

1. MacKinnon's
2. Country Epicure
3. Rocky's of Northville

Best Pizza

1. Tie - Papa Romano's Pizza Cutter
2. Starting Gate
3. Cottage Inn Pizza

Best Burgers

1. Tie - Fuddruckers Starting Gate
2. Don's of Traverse City
3. Red Robin

Best Seafood

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. Red Lobster
3. MacKinnon's

Best Ethnic Food

1. Tie - Border Cantina Little Italy
2. Ah Wok
3. Malsano's

Best Fast Food

1. Taco Bell
2. McDonalds
3. Dandy Gander

Best Soups

1. Crawfords'
2. Tie - Rocky's of Northville Diamond Jim Brady's Cooker Bar and Grill
3. Tie - Olive Garden Grady's American Grill Genitti's

Best Steaks

1. Tie - Rocky's of Northville Grady's American Grill
2. MacKinnon's
3. Cooker Bar and Grill

Volunteer



LINDA DePOORTER

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

DePoorter wants your vote to count

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

If you want to make the best of your franchise to vote on people running for office or on proposed issues, Linda DePoorter suggests you join the League of Women Voters, whose members are now men as well as women.

However, those aren't the reasons she joined 14 years ago.

"I needed to get into something with a challenge,"

DePoorter said. "I was bored with the usual stuff."

A friend suggested the League. She was living in Farmington then. The Oakland County area office was (is) in Bloomfield Hills.

So she joined and was soon put on the board and named secretary and later vice president and president.

Some of her special involvement was:

Heading up a candidates night in the area, which meant bringing together the candidates running for an office and emceeding the evening as the voting audience

asked questions. Doing a video - "It's still running occasionally," she said - on how to judge a candidate.

Going to high school classrooms and talking on how to decide what and whom to vote for.

Working with handicapped people, telling them to let their needs be known - needs like accessible ramps to a voting place.

Having moved to Novi four years ago, she's become active in this area. She is one of the three-member southwest steering committee - an area in the southwest corner of Oakland County.

Although teaching basic education full-time at Scott Correctional Facility keeps her from being as active as she was, Linda DePoorter still has a big hand in - both county and area wide.

If you want to get a close look at the League, you are invited to a general membership meeting at the Novi Civic Center at 7:15 on Thursday, March 16. The topic will be "The Impact of Michigan's New Domestic Violence Law."

It's A Fact

Fat Tuesday

at Tuesday or Paczki Day is Feb 28. Paczki's, a pre-Lenten Polish-style fruit or custard filled donut, will be available at:

Heavenly Bakery & Gourmet Shop, 43053

Seven Mile, Northville

Maria's Italian Bakery, 41706 Ten Mile, Novi

Crawfords' Restaurant, 160 E. Main, Northville

The Donut Scene, 314 N. Center, Northville

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NOVI JAYCEES Distinguished Service Award 1995 Nomination Form

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The Breakfast honoring all nominees and announcing the honorees will be held on Saturday, March 11, 1995 at the Sheraton Oaks, Novi beginning at 9 a.m. Nominees and their spouse will receive a complimentary breakfast. All other reservations are \$7.00. Would you, the nominator, like to make a reservation for the breakfast?

Yes No # of reservations No

Completed forms must be returned by February 25, 1995.
 Return to: DSA Committee
 Novi Jaycees
 P.O. Box 249
 Novi, Michigan 48376
 Please direct any questions to the Novi Jaycees at (810) 348-3121.

NOTE: One additional sheet of paper will be accepted to substantiate your submission.

The award is presented to an individual who has volunteered their time within the community of Novi during 1994. Please list any organizations or activities that the nominee is a member of, has held office in or has actively participated in during 1993. Please list in order of participation level in descending order.

Why do you, the nominator, feel that the nominee is deserving of the 1994 DSA award?

Third time down the aisle

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

One young Novi couple is getting a lot of practice marching down the aisle together. First it was to receive their undergraduate degrees at Wayne State University, then when they took their marriage vows, and recently when each received their doctorate degrees.

Tamara Wrono-Smith and Scott Smith met while both were pursuing degrees at Wayne State University. Tamara received a bachelor of science degree in biology and Scott received a bachelor of science degree with honors in biological science.

"We had a couple of classes together and occasionally studied together," she said. "Many times we would argue about whose projects were more relevant," she said. "We are both kind of competitive and we could talk to each other."

As graduates, they both received fellowships which paid their tuition and gave them a living stipend. In return, Tamara worked as a graduate teaching assistant in immunology, while Scott was a research assistant.

In December 1994, Tamara received her doctorate in immunology and microbiology, and Scott received his in molecular biology and genetics.

"When you get a Ph.D. in research, you do a post doctoral fellowship and work in other people's labs, broaden horizons, gain new skills, and try to publish a lot," said Tamara. Tamara works at the University of Michigan in the pathology department and is currently doing research on psoriasis, an inflammation of the skin, and AIDS-related skin diseases.

Scott is a third year medical student at WSU. Although he wants to practice as a physician, he has not decided upon his specialty as yet. "As he goes through his rotations, he is eliminating those fields he does not want to specialize in," said Tamara. Scott hopes to eventually settle down in a location where he can also catch up on his hobby of fishing. Tamara likes needlework, but like Scott, hasn't had much time lately to devote to a hobby.

AAUW community service award winner will be announced at meeting

The Northville/Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold their Saturday, March 11, luncheon at noon at Genitti's Hole in the Wall Restaurant in downtown Northville. The Community Service Award will be presented by Dr. Renee Bowling.

Ms. Alyce DePree, a noted Women's History scholar from

Greenhills School in Ann Arbor, will speak on Abigail Adams and other historical giants in her talk entitled "Remember the Ladies."

Members and guests interested in attending may contact Ann Newton, co-vice president for programming at (810) 344-9939, or Jane Spence, vice president for membership at (810) 980-0562.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 10 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m.

Learning to Love Yourself will be presented by speaker Lynn Vaughn Feb. 23, March 2 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Forum Room. The cost is \$30.

Substance abuse will be discussed by Judy Rhein, Ph.D., L.L.P., on Feb. 26, March 5, 12, and 19 at 7 p.m. in the Forum Room. The cost is \$28.

A Country Western Dance class is being held on Sunday evenings through Feb. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street.

Friday Night Volleyball will be Feb. 24 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center. The cost is \$3.

Tennis doubles will be held Feb. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Farmington Tennis Club, 2277 Farmington Road. The cost is \$14.50 per person. RSVP necessary to F. Dunham, (313) 953-5602.

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

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons. For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds together for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Rd., on the corner of Six Mile. In Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

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

BYOS - Bring Your Own Sneakers, Livonia Family YMCA on Stark Road near Farmington Road and I-96, the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 8 p.m. (all midnight). The pool is reserved until 10 p.m. The cost is \$6. On the fourth Saturday, children are invited for an extra \$2 per child. BYOS runs through April.

Bowling - Those interested in bowling at Fiesta Lanes in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 can call (810) 669-2259.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

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

Colorado Downhill Ski Trip is planned for March 10 through 13. Cost is \$569 per person and includes round trip air fare, three nights accommodations, two day lift tickets and barbecue with Smokin' Joe. Call (810) 474-6397 for more information.

For more information about Farmington Single Professionals call (810) 478-9181.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS INC. is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children.

For information about the West Oakland Chapter 273 Inc., write to P.O. Box 2130-48343, Pontiac, MI 48343.

THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB is a singles club for Catholics who are four-year college graduates and free to marry in the Catholic church. Indoor volleyball meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Birney Middle School, Evergreen and Eleven Mile roads in Southfield.

For more information call Teresa, (810) 557-6183 or Chris, (810) 682-1807.

Singles seminar to discuss singles and soul mates

People who are very connected to other individuals may be more than just friends or spouses, they may also be soul mates.

"A soul mate is someone who's lived with us lifetime after lifetime," said Carrie Carter, spiritual psychic advisor and owner of Angel Vision. "Even when you are far away from each other you can be thinking the same thing."

For those still looking for their soul mate, Carter is presenting a singles seminar on "Your Astrological Self" on Saturday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Park Inn in Howell. The seminar fee of \$40 covers materials and lunch.

The Park Inn is located at 125 Holiday Inn off I-96 and exit 137. The seminar will offer an opportunity for singles to get acquainted with their astrological self and understand personal attractions. A discussion on finding a soul mate is also included.

For more information or to register, call (810) 227-7695.

Send resumes information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Novi Jaycees extend DSA award deadline

The Novi Jaycees have extended the deadline for nominations for the twenty-third annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to Feb. 25. The ten-day extension to the deadline for the most prestigious award in the City of Novi will allow time for more nominations.

A nomination form appears in today's paper and more forms are available at the Novi Public Library and at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department in the Novi Civic Center. Nominating forms also may be obtained by calling the Novi Jaycees at 348-3121.

The DSA is presented annually by the Jaycees to honor an individual whose dedication to serving humanity during the previous calendar year will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community.

Only individuals who live or work in the city may be nominated by groups or individuals.

Ronna Romney has been scheduled as the guest speaker for the annual DSA Community Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, March 11. The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award will be announced by the Jaycees at the buffet breakfast which will be held at the Sheraton Oaks. Tickets are priced at \$7 per person. Call 348-3121 prior to March 8 to make reservations.

In addition to the DSA recipient, the Jaycees will also present Outstanding Youth, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer, Outstanding Fire Fighter and Outstanding City Employee awards at the breakfast.

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Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Auditions! The Play

The zany troupe at Hole-In-The-Wall is holding auditions at Genitti's Little Theatre and anything can happen! After dinner, guests are invited to the theater for some crazy auditions, featuring song, dance, and a few twists. Entertaining the audience is the A.Y.U. Quartet from left Mike McCafferty, Scott Hense, Calvin Clark, and Ryan Drummond.

Entertainment listings

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

BORDERS BOOKS: Al Winters and his Dixieland Band, Swing Street, will cheer the end of March Grass season Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

A Saturday morning storytime with books selected by the Borders staff will be on Feb. 25 at 11 a.m.

Borders is located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96. For further information call (810) 347-0780.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: "A Night to Remember" will be on Saturday, March 11 at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road. Doors open at 6:30 and tickets are \$35. There will be a silent auction, raffles, dinner and dancing until midnight. Proceeds benefit the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. For more information, call 349-3743.

NOVI THEATRE: Novi Theatre's Performances Plus acting group will present *The Miracle Worker* March 31, at 8 p.m., April 1 at 2 and 8 p.m., and April 2 at 3 p.m. The Children's Annex will present E.B. White's *The Adventures of Stewart Little* May 5, 6 and 7. Both will be at the Novi Civic Center Theatre, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. Call Linda Wickert at (810) 347-0400 for more information.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council will showcase the talents of the following performers: Feb. 27, The Four Seasons Brass; March 6, Center Stage Dance Co.; and March 20, The Four Seasons Brass. The public is invited to attend the performances which will be held 7:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performers 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.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Classic Carriage of Northville offers carriage rides throughout the year. At this time of year, it's Sleigh Rides in the Snow in Hines Park. For Valentine's Day, Classic Carriage has hooked up with Cawford's to offer a carriage ride and dinner package. For more information, call Classic Carriage at 380-3961 or Jim at Cawford's Restaurant at 349-2900.

THEATER

MARQUIS: Performance dates for the musical adaptation of Heidi by Johanna Spyri will be Saturdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 22, 29; Sundays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 23, 30 and during spring break week, April 17 through 21. All performances will be at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for all public performances are \$6.50.

For general ticket information, group rates, birthdays and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and rates, call (810) 349-8110.

The Marquis Theatre is a professional theater located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$27.95 per person.

Diners are given gloves - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out who the murderer is. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

For information and reservations, call 348-0095.

GENITTI'S AUDITIONS! The Play. A zany troupe is holding auditions at Genitti's Little Theatre through the spring of 1995. After a seven course dinner, it's a crazy evening of auditions, featuring song, dance, mayhem, and a few twists. Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only.

The *Frog Prince*, a musical for all ages, will be presented by September Productions at Genitti's Restaurant on March 4, 11, 25, April 1, 8 and 15. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The show begins at 12:15 p.m.

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

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

SUNSET GRILL: The Grill hosts a blues jam every Tuesday by the Sunset Blues Band, beginning at 9 p.m. Every Thursday an unplugged blues jam begins at 9 p.m. Performing will be Wild Orchid on Feb. 24.

The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 620-8475.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

ART

PAINTER'S PLACE: Northville artist Caroline Dunphy has scenes of Northville ranging from small prints of the duck crossing on Main Street to large prints of Main Street looking east. Other scenes include the well, Mill Race Village and even children prepared for the Victorian Festival.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

TOWN CENTER GALLERY: The Town Center Gallery is located at the Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Blvd. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 380-0470.

THE PRINT GALLERY: An exhibit of signed prints, posters and sculpture on the American Diner will run through March 31. Artists displaying works include John Baider, Ralph Goings, Jerry Berta, and David Stravitz.

The gallery is located in the Franklin Plaza at Twelve Mile Road and Northwestern on Highway 31. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m.

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Tickets are \$12 each and include light refreshments. For more information, call the Mary Thompson Cultural Center at (810) 354-4717.

MOSCOW QUARTET: On Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m. the Lyric Chamber Ensemble presents the Moscow String Quartet in "Great Russian Romantics," hosted by Congregation Shaare Zedek, on Bell Road in Southfield off of Eleven Mile Road between Lahser and Telegraph.

Concert tickets are \$18 and \$15 with a \$2 senior/student discount. For tickets and information about the concert and afterglow, call (810) 357-1111.

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Movies

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It's back to school for 'Opera Man' Adam Sandler makes the jump onto the big screen with 'Billy Madison'

Billy Madison has piles of money, a house full of servants, two loyal mochas for best friends and an indulgent father to ease his way through life. For 27 years that's been enough.

But now Billy wants more. And to get it he is willing to confront his worst nightmare: in order to win his father's respect — and control of the family fortune — he must repeat all 12 grades of school in less than six months.

Adam Sandler of Saturday Night Live stars in "Billy Madison," an original comedy from producer Robert Simons ("Problem Child I and II," "Airheads") and directed by Tamra Davis ("Geronimo").

The Universal Pictures release also features Darren McGavin, Bridgette Wilson, Brad Whitford, Josh Mostel, Norm Macdonald, Mark Beltzman, Larry Hankin and Theresa Merritt.

Billy has spent most of his adult life sitting by his 300-foot swimming pool with his best friends Jack and Frank, reading nudie magazines, drinking endless daiquiris and chasing an imaginary six-foot penguin across acres of his father's estate.

"Billy likes to amuse himself and has the means to do it," explained Tim Herlihy who co-wrote the screenplay with Sandler. "He has the occasional responsible impulse, but he's usually too lazy or too spoiled to do anything about it."

As an only child, Billy has always assumed he will inherit the billion-dollar Madison Hotels when his father, Brian Madison (Darren McGavin), retires. "But dad," says the title character, "I always thought we had this unspoken pact that you would go to work and build our future, and I would stay home and enjoy myself and one day, you'd hand over the business, and I'd really appreciate it."

Unfortunately, when that day arrives, Billy's youthful behavior jeopardizes his idyllic plans. When Madison Sr. threatens to hand the hotels over to the company's ruthless and ambitious vice president, Eric Gordon (Brad Whitford), Billy shows a rare glimmer of ingenuity



Billy Madison (Adam Sandler) bets that he can repeat all 12 grades in less than six months to gain control of the family business.

— he makes a bet, winner takes all.

Billy agrees to repeat grades 1-12 in just 24 weeks — two weeks per grade. No goofing off. No cheating. No help from his dad.

If he passes, he inherits control of the Madison Hotels. If he fails, the business goes to Eric.

The incentive is simple — he has to prove to his dad that he is not an idiot. Sounds simple ... but not

for Billy.

"Billy is a kid who has everything imaginable, but doesn't know what to do with it," said Tamra Davis, the director. "When he's forced back into grade school, he gets a second chance to grow up and do it right. It's the perfect setup for Adam's style of comedy."

"The film has a nice narrative to it so Adam can do anything he wants within the scene structure," she continued. "But it never gets too goofy. That's one of the things we tried to stay away from. Too much over-the-top goofiness. It's a smart comedy — a silly premise but a smart comedy."

And that's precisely what cowriter Sandler and Herlihy were after.

"When we started, we just wanted to write something that would make us laugh, and make my

brother and our friends laugh," said Sandler.

Laughs are something the 27-year-old Sandler has grown accustomed to. Now in his fifth season as a regular on Saturday Night Live, Sandler is known for such popular characters as "Opera Man" and "Cajun Man" and impersonations of Guns N' Roses lead singer Axl Rose and Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam.

With the main locations in place, the art department had some major challenges ahead. "We had to collectively regress into our childhoods and remember what it was like to be a kid," said art director Gordon Barnes. "Although he's 27 years old, Billy is really a big kid, and we wanted his bedroom and graduation parties, and really his whole world, to reflect his youthfulness, his playfulness and, especially, his wealth."

"I think Adam's experience from Saturday Night Live has given him a really good sense of who he is as a particular character, as a comedian and as an actor," said director Davis.

"Even though 'Billy Madison' has a tight structure, the picture is really made up of all these different little skits ... Billy in first grade, with his buddies, with his dad ... and Adam has a really unique ability to work a character but also have fun within the scene."

"He can change voices or suddenly break into song and has confidence in what he knows are his strengths as a comedian," she added.

"Adam's appeal is incredible," said producer Simons. "He has that everyman quality. He's the guy that you wish you had as your best friend growing up."

"Adam is also very warm and genuine, and he brings that to his characters," added Davis. "That's something we really focused on in this film. You really like Billy even though he is a messed up kid in the beginning."

"There's just something irresistible and charming about him," Principle photography for "Billy Madison" took place on location in Toronto and surrounding areas.

The Parkwood Estate in Oshawa posed as the Madison's palatial home and was the primary reason the production was moved to Ontario.

"We had originally planned to shoot in Vancouver, but we had a very specific idea of what we wanted for Billy's estate," said Simons. "It has to be larger than life."

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Wildcats send five wrestlers to regional

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Age and experience are usually two things that count heavily in wrestling.

But don't tell Joe Young, the freshman 106-pounder who was one of five Wildcats that qualified for this weekend's state regional at Walled Lake Western.

"It was a nice surprise," coach Brad Huss said.

Taka Watanabe, Marc Lesperance, James Cini and Mark McBride survived Saturday's district, which was also at Walled Lake Western.

Huss said he was pleased so many of his wrestlers advanced. But he hoped they might place a little higher.

"I'm a little disappointed for Marc Lesperance," Huss said. "I thought he wrestled very well. I really did."

Just surviving the district was quite an accomplishment. Only the top four wrestlers from each weight division earned the right to move on to the regional.

Saturday's regional will be set up in similar fashion. The top four move on to state finals in Battle Creek next month.

"It will be a very difficult regional," said Huss.

Powerhouses like Adrian, Temperance Bedford and Detroit Catholic Central will send their contingents to Walled Lake as well.

"They all have legitimate chances," Huss said of his five.

Huss hasn't sent a wrestler to the finals since 1992.

Young was the first Wildcat to qualify at the district. He defeated Jeff Branch of Salem 15-0 in

round two. He was pinned by Northville's Sam Saran in the semi-final then finished fourth after falling in his last match.

Watanabe placed second at 134 pounds. Despite being a bit under the weather, Watanabe pinned Sam Safileline of North Farmington in 3:47.

"It was a nice surprise," coach Brad Huss said.

In the semi-final, Watanabe whipped Thad Chmelowski of Walled Lake Central 13-5. Old nemesis R.D. Dias of Brighton beat Taka in the final 5-1.

"He had a cold," said Huss. "He was really run-down and didn't feel well by the end of the day."

Lesperance came in as the fourth seed at 142 pounds and finished fourth. He opened with a pair of wins, a pin of South Lyon's John Duncan and then a 9-6 decision over Walled Lake Western's Russ Thompson.

Lesperance then faced No. 1 seed Scott Goldman in the semi-final and lost a tough 7-5 decision. He lost to Will Daniels of Pinckney 9-5 to close the day.

"This was a tough weight class," said Huss.

Cini was fourth as well. He wrestled at 151 pounds.

The senior beat Farmington's Mark Mason 13-3. He then won in round two on a disqualification.

Mark did some good things in the match," said Huss.

Jeremy Breithaupt slammed Cini into the mat with about 10 seconds remaining in the match. Cini was unable to continue and was then awarded the victory.

Cini dropped his final two matches, a pin by South Lyon's Steve Richardson and a 6-2 decision to Northville's Joe Scappaticci.

McBride finished third at 172



Taka Watanabe (right) took second place in the 134-pound weight division Saturday at individual districts.

ounds. After getting a bye in the first round, he pinned North Farmington's Steve Munro in 1:11. The senior lost 5-3 in the semi-final to Ryan Bayer of Livonia Franklin.

Northville won the team district Feb. 15 at Novi. Mustang coach Garnet Potter was a little surprised at his team's success.

"Everything went our way," he said.

The Mustangs eliminated Novi in the first round despite a 36-36 tie. Northville got the nod to go on to finals on a tie-breaker.

"We won seven matches and they won six," Potter said.

Northville took a big 24-0 lead to start the match.

Josh Tarrow defeated Wildcat 100-pounder John Sawast in 3:17. Saran grabbed a pin at 106 pounds as he stopped Joe Young in 4:56.

Novi voided at 112. James Kyle

then pinned J.J. Balagna for Northville's fourth straight win.

Jason Keranen fell to Novi's Nick Simon at 125 pounds. The Wildcats' Watanabe then pinned Mike Vertrees in 1:13.

The turning point of the match came at 142 pounds.

Mike Scappaticci faced off with one of the area's best wrestlers, Lesperance. He led all the way and took a 9-4 decision over Lesperance.

"He beat him up pretty good," said Potter. "Mike wrestled the best he's ever wrestled."

Joe Scappaticci defeated Cini 6-3 at 151. Novi took the next four matches.

Skip Becker beat Brian Wall by a pin in 40 seconds. Mark McBride, at 185 pounds, pinned Brian Grider. Northville voided at 172 and 215 pounds.

Bowersox pinned Bailey at heavyweight to ensure his team the victory.

"I didn't think we would beat them," said Potter.

TEAM DISTRICT

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Spikers clip Eagles in three

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's amazing what a little winning streak can do for a team. Take the Wildcat volleyball squad. Just a few short weeks ago, Novi High was headed nowhere fast in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Now, with four straight league wins under their belts, the "Cats" are right back in the hunt for a title.

Novi avenged an early season loss Thursday by edging Lakeland on the road in three games. Coach Julie Fisetle said it took nothing more than some teamwork.

"We've got all 13 girls clicking," she said. "Everyone had a common goal and wanted to win."

Novi improved to 6-4 in the KVC. Lakeland stayed on top of the league despite the loss.

Fisetle said the Eagles still have the inside track to the title, too. This is the last week of the conference season.

"Lakeland has to lose to South Lyon," she said.

Novi, meanwhile, has to take care of its own business to have a chance. The Wildcats played Brighton Monday and will take on Howell tonight on the road at 7 p.m.

And taking care of business is exactly what Novi did against Lakeland Thursday.

After trailing 5-0 in the opener, the "Cats" fought back as Ursula Place served for three straight points. Lakeland increased its lead to 9-3 before the girls could rally again.

Place came back on to serve and cut the margin to 12-11. Novi went on to win 16-14 as Laura Snider served the game winner.

It was a battle of who could hit it, who could dig it and who could hit it harder," said Fisetle.

The Eagles won game two in easy fashion, 15-8. The two schools battled in the rubber



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game, but Novi came out on top 15-11.

"We got up 7-2 and never looked back," said Fisetle.

Snider, Place and Michelle Mott all picked up serving points in the game.

For the match, Lindsay Drury had 11 kills and three blocks. Lori DeWitt and Place each had a dozen kills.

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Dave Wilkins hit a three-pointer to give Lakeland a 26-25 lead in the first minute of play. Novi rallied and eventually took a 37-34 lead into the fourth.

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