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Officers see signs of youth gangs in Novi

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Gang members appear to be leaving their mark on Novi. And Novi Police and school administrators are taking note of it.

Graffiti - symbols used by inner-city youth gangs to mark turf and challenge rival gangs - has been showing up around town, according to a report and presentation prepared by the police department for the school district.

The graffiti photographed here by the police department appears to be related to two gangs known as the "Folks" and "People," both of which are reportedly prominent youth gangs in Chicago and are said to be descendants of the notorious "Crypts" and "Bloods" gangs.

Two of the photographs included in the report show graffiti in Novi spelling out the names of two gangs, the "Crypts" and the "Latin Counts."

"We are seeing a few cases, but it's not a great proliferation of it," said Novi Police Doug Shaeffer about random acts of gang-like vandalism that have occurred around town and at Novi High School in recent months.

School administrators and police met two weeks ago to discuss the rise in gang-like graffiti cropping up at the high school and around town. The intent of the meeting was to teach school officials the meaning behind the markings that are also showing up on students' notebooks, home-

work assignments and spray painted on school toilets and buildings.

"We don't want to over-react," said Shaeffer. "But there is a growing concern."

Police are also concerned because of the marked increase they've seen in the last year in the number of aggravated assaults and drug busts. Those kinds of crimes may also be indicative of gang activity.

Police aren't seeing the kinds of hard core criminal activity typically associated with inner-city gangs, but the messages conveyed in the graffiti seem to indicate violence and aggression.

The spray painted symbols have been found on city street signs, park signs, paved roads, pay telephones and brick walls in local apartment complexes. Those incidents prompted police to start taking a closer look at the markings. When school officials reported seeing similar markings at school, officers and school administrators teamed up to start a turf war of their own.

"We are trying to be proactive rather than reactive," said Superintendent Emmett Lippe. "If more of us become aware of it, we know what to look for and, as they say, we'll be able to nip it in the bud."

Police and schools have pledged a zero-tolerance for youth offenders caught defacing public property with gang graffiti.

"It has always been our policy

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

This year's winner of the Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award, Gerry Stipp.

Stipp wins DSA

Clerk honored for 30 years of volunteerism

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

"We are all here to honor heroes" began guest speaker Ronna Romney at the 23rd Annual Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards on March 11.

"Life has no meaning unless you make a difference," she continued. "You have to be aware of the ripple affect you make."

Novi Jaycee President and Master of Ceremonies Bill Klann began the introductions of the 14 Distinguished Service Award nominees, followed by the presentation of awards to Outstanding Youth, Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and City Employee of the Year who have made a difference and caused the ripple to flow in the community.

The Distinguished Service Award went to Geraldine Stipp, who said she can't put her finger on exactly when she first began to volunteer in the Novi community. "I probably got involved with the Novi community right away when the kids were little and involved in school," she said. Her three daughters are now grown and gone.

Although Stipp has lived in Novi for about 30 years as an adult, she lived here once before when her folks moved to Novi from Detroit when she was two until she was 12. She lived in various surrounding communities before moving back to Novi.

In 1959, Stipp began working for the Novi city police dispatcher and the building department clerk.

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Consultant unveils plan for school survey

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Opinion research or bond propaganda?

That's the question at least three residents asked after seeing a draft version of the telephone survey Novi Schools' consultant, Kathy Feaster unveiled Monday night.

Feaster presented the 15-minute, 54-question survey to get a reaction from the 25 residents, PTO representatives, school administrators and Board of Education members who attended the meeting.

Most of those seated in the audience served on the 10 focus groups Feaster surveyed two weeks ago for questionnaire input.

But not everyone at the meeting saw the questions on the survey they raised in their own focus groups.

"This is a set-up to see what kind of bond issue we can pass," said Fil Superfisky after seeing the tail end of the survey.

Superfisky, who voted against the school district's Dec. 13, \$33 million bond issue, said Monday he was under the impression the survey was being taken to identify problems in the schools, not to propagate a new bond proposal.

The resident, who participated in one of Feaster's focus groups, said he was told the survey wouldn't include questions about the defeated bond proposal or other bonding options. And yet both questions appeared on the draft version.

Feaster denied having told anyone bond questions would not be included. She said she didn't know where anyone would get that idea, since the purpose of the survey was to determine why the

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The thrill of victory

Jason Witherspoon, left, and the rest of the Novi Wildcats celebrate their victory over Salem last Friday night, allowing them to move on to the district championship Saturday. But that is where the season - one of Novi's best ever - came to a close. The Wildcats fell to Canton, 50-47. Details of the championship game and more photos appear on page 7B.

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Vic's Market opens, sets the tone for Main Street

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Main Street, at least the first shop on the block, is now an actual address where Novi residents can browse and snack and spend money.

Vic's World Class Market, the anchor of the ambitious downtown project, was scheduled to open to the public Wednesday, but Sunday night, local business owners and city officials got a sneak peek of the place at a party hosted by owner Vic Ventimiglia.

Guests were provided with a small tour booklet which pointed out some of the attractions, gourmet as well as architectural. Not the least of them was witnessing one of the city's biggest projects move from the drawing board into bricks and mortar. Planning Commissioner Kathy Mutch found.

"It was exciting to see the dream become reality," Mutch said.

"Now that the building is there

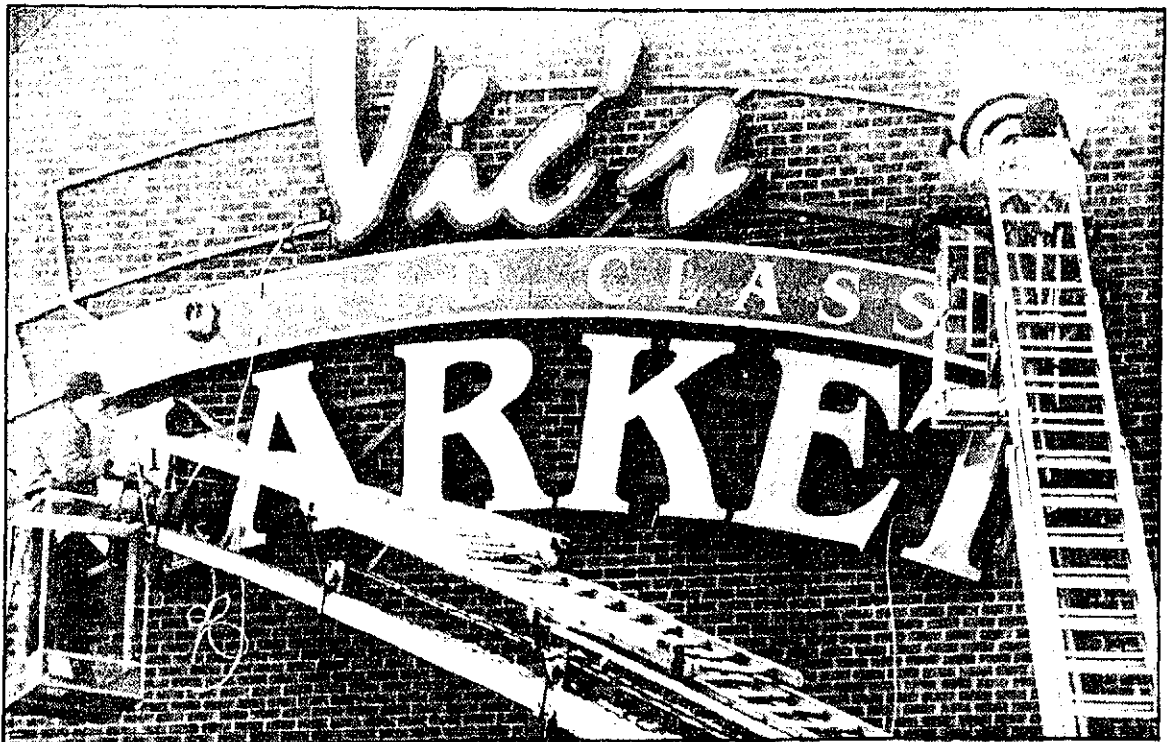


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Planet Neon hangs the sign for Vic's Market, one of the many last minute details that had to be taken care of last week for the premier party Sunday and the Grand Opening yesterday.

and people can see it and walk through it, it will be easier for people to envision what the rest of Main Street will be like. I think it will be a big boost to moving forward with the Main Street project."

Mutch predicts Vic's World Class Market will be a place where people will linger and meet

friends, "like Borders Book Store." Only in this case, the shelf life of the merchandise is slightly shorter.

The building was designed by Ventimiglia's friend, architect Jon Sarkesian. The pair toured markets around the country to get ideas; Sarkesian even found inspiration in Brussels.

Overall, the concept is to have the place look like a small European town square, without the car traffic.

Architectural recycling makes a major impact in the decor. Bits and pieces of historic structures were brought in from places like Detroit, Kalamazoo, Port Huron

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 101 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Today, March 16

Novi schools

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

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, March 17

Blood drive

The Orchard Hills PTO is holding its second annual American Red Cross Blood Drive from 3-9 p.m. in the community room of the school. All walk-in donors are encouraged and welcomed.

Monday, March 20

Cholesterol screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Batsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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.

TOPS

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

Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, March 21

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2855.

Chess Club

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

Battle over local RICO bill moves to state senate

By TIM RICHARD

Staff Writer

Both sides could claim partial victory as the state House of Representatives passed a Michigan version of RICO - Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

"It's still usable," said the sponsor, Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge. "The important thing is that it passed the House. This is the first time a RICO bill has been voted on in the House."

Fitzgerald, a former assistant Eaton County prosecutor, hopes the Senate will toughen his House Bill 4367 and that the House will agree to Senate amendments.

House passage came March 8 on a 77-27 vote.

"It's gutted," said Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Hoekster Hills, with some satisfaction. He and Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, were the only Republicans to oppose the measure.

"The federal RICO is bad enough," said Whyman. "Taking property without due process of law is bad enough."

Under Fitzgerald's bill, a person guilty of racketeering could be ordered by a court to forfeit any property involved in or derived from an illegal activity, such as smuggling untaxed cigarettes into the state or dealing in food stamps.

Said Kaza in his formal protest: "One of the criticisms of federal RICO is that it can be used to block protests by harassing

legitimate political protesters with RICO charges that carry the risk of bankrupting a protesting group."

Religious groups opposing a government policy, gun owners protecting their Second Amendment rights, "whistle blowers" protesting abuse of power by an official - such groups could become targets under RICO, he said.

Conservative civil rights advocates say the bill would allow "civil forfeiture" - a prosecutor could seek forfeiture using civil procedures which require "a preponderance of evidence" rather than using criminal procedure, where proof must be "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Voting yes on final passage were:

Republicans Lyn Bankes of Redford-Willis, Dillard of Milford, Alan Crusey of D-Witt, Barbara Dobb of Union Lake, Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills, Fitzgerald, Dan Gustafson of Williamston, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Gerry Law of Plymouth, Tom Middleton of Ortonville, Susan Munsell of Howell, and James Ryan of Redford; and Democrats Ellen Dellart of Westland and Thomas Kelly of Wayne.

Voting no were Republicans Kaza and Whyman, along with Democrats Maxine Berman of Southfield, David Gobot of Huntington Woods and Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti.

The House amended the bill to prevent

civil forfeiture of a house that is the primary residence of a minor child. It also adopted a Gubow-Kaza amendment to require a conviction before civil forfeiture can occur.

Fitzgerald said the bill applies to 30 crimes and provides for up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000. A court also could order a convict to pay court and investigative costs.

Besides ordering forfeiture, courts could issue restraining orders and injunctions on use of any property subject to forfeiture.

Refer to House Bill 4367 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48903.

Kroger opens new store, plans another

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

"Now, don't let me shop here every day," one enthusiastic woman shopper said to another, as they both wheeled full carts of groceries out of the new Kroger Store in Commerce Township.

Already packing the customers in the mega-market is a prototype for what Kroger would like to build in Novi, at the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads.

The problem for the corporation is that they will need a change from the current residential zoning to build their 80 million building at Ten and Beck. Kroger has yet to apply for the rezoning, Novi Planning Clerk Steve Cohen said.

Residents remain hard to combat this, Frank Brennan said Tuesday.

Key to the issue is that they don't want to see the city zoning and master plan altered to accommodate the store, he explained.

"I'm sure the day will come that there will be a large mass sitting at town hall screaming and yelling about it," he predicted.

At 3 p.m. on a Monday, it was just under an eight-minute drive from the Ten Mile Road/Beck Road intersection to the new grocery at Beck Road and

Pontiac Trail.

According to a transcript prepared by a court reporter, Kroger representatives told Novi residents in a July meeting that the aim is to have a Kroger within a two- to three-mile radius of middle- and upper middle income neighborhoods in Oakland County.

Sunday was the grand opening "celebration" for the almost 63,000 square foot mart, which replaces the old 34,000 square-foot Kroger at West Oaks shopping center.

The Commerce Township store will be open 24 hours a day and will include a video rental shop, Comerica Bank, pharmacy, card shop and flower shop, along with the standard grocery, is designed to serve "time-conscious" customers.

Right next door, a McDonald's has been built.

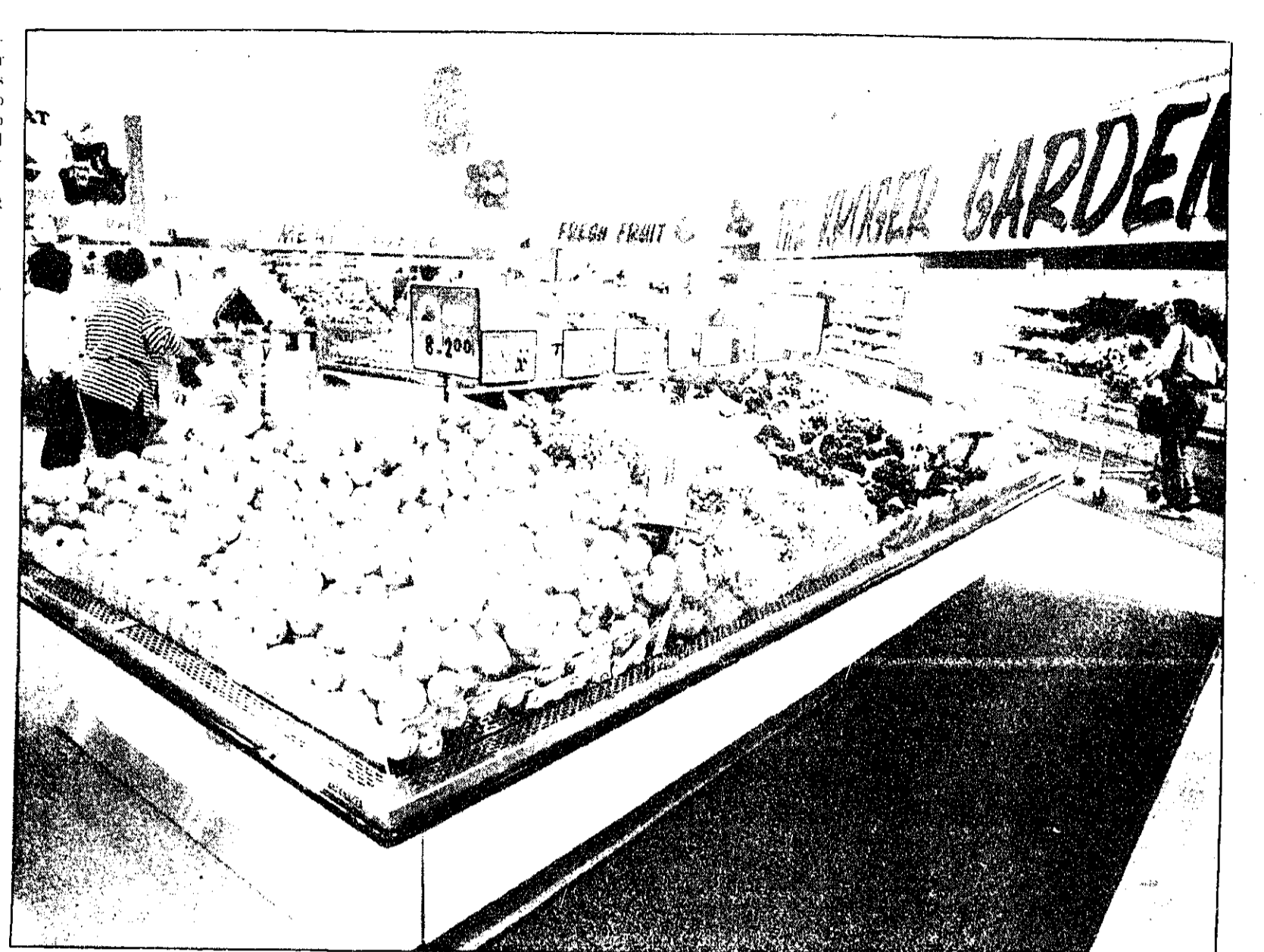
As part of all that convenience, the bank, located near the check-out counter, will be open for extended hours, including Sundays.

The West Oaks Kroger will be closed due to the traffic congestion in the area, with the firm's spokesman noting in July that sales were down during the half-day season, when shoppers throng to Twelve Oaks Mall.

Anting to move into the West Oaks vacancy, Circuit City already has preliminary site plan approval.

Max Sheldon, who purchased the Ten Mile/Beck Road horse farm 25 years ago, said to residents earlier that he's interested in bringing a post office, bank, movie theater, a child care service, a small sports activity center and some residential development to the site.

Sheldon is holding out first for a major anchor store.



Kroger opens a new store at Beck and Pontiac Trail but still has designs on Beck and Ten Mile.

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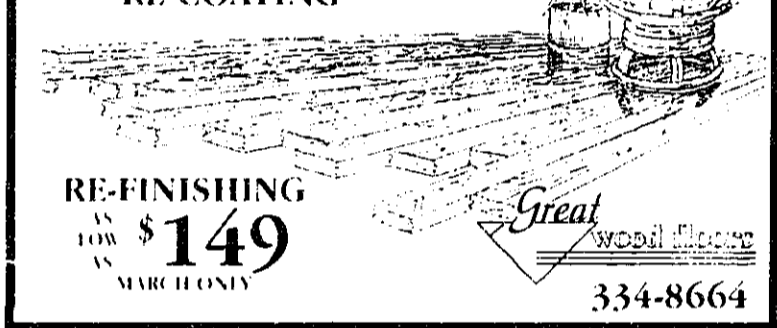
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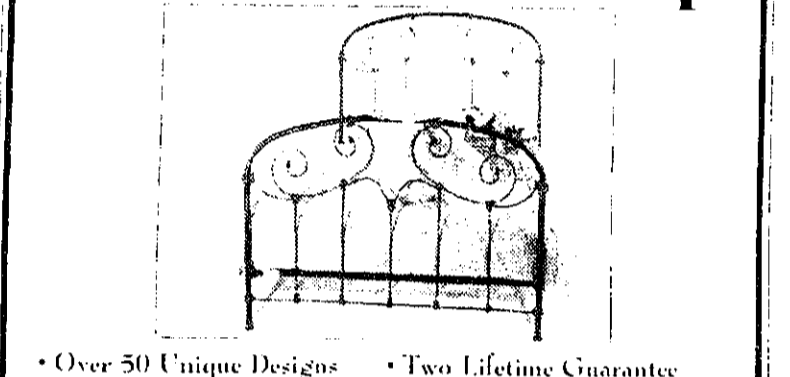


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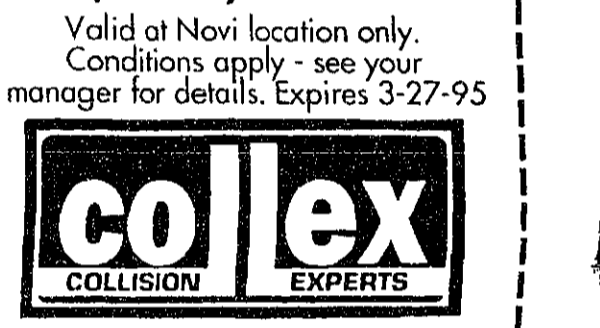
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Vandals strike 6 cars at North Hills

Tires on six cars parked in North Hills apartment complex were punctured on March 2. Police said the vandals or vandals may have used a tool resembling an iron pick to puncture the tires on a 1993 Mazda, 1991 GMC Jimmy, 1994 Saturn, 1990 Lincoln Continental, 1986 Honda Civic, and 1992 Plymouth Voyager.

Police News

BREAK-IN
A home on Chestnut Tree was robbed last week soon after the homeowners left and the daughter of the couple was babysitting next door.

The teenager told police she heard car doors slamming in her driveway but didn't bother to look outside because she thought it was her parents returning home. When the parents finally did arrive they found the front door to the home open and \$4,930 worth of jewelry and audio and sound

equipment missing.

Police said several neighbors heard slamming doors but never suspected any wrongdoing. A neighbor across the street did however see a car parked near the home that drove towards Nine Mile Road. The neighbor told police he thought the car was a friend of the family's.

LARCENY FROM AUTO
Someone broke into a Shadow Pine resident's car when it was parked on the street on March 3. The owner of the car told police the vehicle had been caged twice in the past few days but this time more than \$550 was stolen from inside it. Among those items reported stolen was a tool box, woman's coat, and a stereo speaker.

ASSAULT
Police responded to a complaint

from a Northville man who said he was assaulted by another man on March 5. After interviewing those involved in the dispute and those who witnessed it, police determined the complainant was actually the one who initiated the assault.

According to the police report, the complainant and suspect tangled at a home under construction where both were doing some work. They argued before they engaged in a physical confrontation. The complainant called 911 and told police the suspect tried to choke him. But the suspect and his co-workers said just the opposite. The case is under review.

EGGED CAR
A man reported that his fiancée's car was egged when it was parked on Lehigh on March 3. Police said the car had been

attacked with an egg that was wrapped in duct tape. There was no damage to the vehicle and police have no leads or suspects.

STALKING
A woman has no clues to the identity of the person who leaves her messages on her car when it's parked at her workplace. The woman told police she parks her vehicle close to the warehouse entrance to avoid a long walk. On several occasions she has returned to the car to find sexual innuendoes written in the dirt on her back window.

The woman has complained to her boss about the repeated incidents. Her boss has responded by circulating a memo throughout the company to warn possible perpetrators. When the incidents continued, she reported it to police.

Citizens with information about any of the above incidents are encouraged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

War stories
Did you serve in the armed forces during World War II? Or did you live in Novi or Northville during the war years? If so, we'd love to hear from you for a special program under the *Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

We're also interested in hearing from local residents who came to America as war refugees.

Call Jan Jeffries or Randy Coble at 349-1050.

More movers and shakers

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is growing and growing. Chairman of the Board Pat Webb reported in the chamber's newsletter that the membership has almost reached 400. Diane Kosko, of the membership committee, is planning a special welcome, when that 400th member signs on. Webb noted.

The Chamber has offices in the Novi Expo Center.

Bowling, anyone?

For the thirteenth year in a row, Novi Youth Assistance is holding its annual Bow-A-Thon. This year, it's slated for Saturday, March 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Novi Bowl.

All bowlers are entitled to prizes, free food and drinks. You can help Youth Assistance raise funds for its programs, such as summer camp, by bowling yourself or sponsoring a bowler.

For information, call 347-0410. Novi Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers 16 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Day, evening and weekend volunteers are needed.

Applications are now being accepted for the spring riding program for people with disabilities. Students from 18 months through senior citizens are accepted. Persons with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities may apply. Day, evening and weekend classes are available.

Contact person for the above programs is Cindy Richards, Exceptional Equestrian Foundation, 3935 W. Seven Mile, South Lyon, (810) 486-5666.

The sap is running at Schmidt farm

By JAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer

The sap's running.

Novi's own farm lady, Margaret Schmidt, reports that she's successfully tapping the maples on her Wixom Road ranch this week. Sunday, the Novi Adventurers Four-H Club will be down on the farm making maple syrup.

Schmidt invited the Novi City Council and the Novi school board to show up for the good times.

with the idea that they'll experience the type of program she'd like to see offered at the historic Forest farm, if it's not torn down.

The weather's been a little too spring-like lately for maple syrup season, Schmidt says. Warmish days with freezing nights is the ideal. So she's got her fingers crossed that the festival turns out well.

It's part of the annual tradition that she reads out loud to the kids

the "Sugar Snow" chapter in Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House in the Big Woods."

Maple syrup season used to be part of the lives of many Novi residents, when the city was mainly a farming community. Schmidt has interviewed old timers like Frazier Staman and Hilfred Hunt to learn more about tapping the trees and

the associated traditions.

The 4-H youngsters will be making maple "sugar" by evaporating the sap. They'll also dine on turkey soup, but this year they won't be butchering their own tom. The food is store-bought.

"Our local resident is safe and walking around on two legs," Schmidt said.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending March 12. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MARCH 6
Fire Alarm, 22705 Heshup, 12:48 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1418 Gardner, 3:19 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 31230 Tanglewood, 11:01 a.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 43443 Grand River, 3:00 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury Accident, Twelve Mile and Beal Road, 4:49 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24062 Taft Road, 10:16 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24141 Novi Road, 11:17 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27750 Novi Road, 11:25 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
Medical, 24692 Englishway, 3:55 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22243 Roxbury, 6:41 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Country Epicure, 8:10 a.m., Squad 1.
Car Fire, Auto Tech, 8:19 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Cherry Hill and Kingspointe, 12:22 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Providence Medical Center, 12:29 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 2206 Novi Road, 11:49 p.m., Engine 2.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
Injury Accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 10:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 302 South Lake Drive, 12:19 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 23910 Woodham, 2:40 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 48765 Thornbury, 2:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45759 Lakeview, 3:45 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22667 Strawberry Court, 4:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Car Fire, 29796 Montmorency, 6:30 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 41875 Liberte, 6:49 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 23286 Sagebrush, 8:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:02 p.m., Squad 2.
Thursday, March 9
Medical, 41839 Chalet, 12:52 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury Accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 4:06 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Novi High School, 7:50 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43900 Grand River, 2:21 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Eight Mile and Hagger-

ty, 2:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23835 Novi Road, 3:18 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 21230 E. Glenhaven, 4:23 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 4:37 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24541 Bashian, 5:56 p.m., Squad 1.
FRIDAY, MARCH 10
Fire Alarm, 43350 Crescent, 12:25 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22220 Taft Road, 3:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24604 Jamestown, 8:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Mobile Home Fire, 50823 Arizona, 11:30 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Injury Accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 11:32 a.m., Squad 1.
Service, 39785 Villagewood, 3:32 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43224 Eleven Mile

Road, 5:25 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 22848 Tallford, 6:42 p.m., Engine 3.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
Medical, 25439 Stonchenge, 1:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire Alarm, Novi High School, 9:35 a.m., Engines 1, 3, and 4.
Fuel Spill, Twelve Mile and Haggerty Road, 11:13 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Novi Bowl, Novi Road, 9:51 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Injury Accident, I-96 Rest Area, 4:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43250 Crescent, 5:18 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 1229 East Lake Drive, 5:40 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 40921 Holy Dale, 6:50 p.m., Squad 3.

Novi schools event focuses on families

You're a better parent than you think. That's the message of Dr. Ray Guarendi, this year's featured speaker at the "Focus on Families" Workshop on Saturday, March 25. The half-day program is sponsored by the Novi Community School District and offers small group workshops for parents in addition to the featured presentation.

Guarendi is a clinical psychologist who specializes in parenting and childhood problems. In addition to being an award-winning, syndicated parenting columnist, he has written two books, *You're a Better Parent Than You Think* and *Back to the Family*.

Parents attending the workshop may also choose two small group sessions to attend. Topics for the group sessions include: relationships between siblings; study skills and good homework habits; and stress reduction and time management.

The workshop will be held Saturday, March 25 at Novi Middle School, 25209 Taft Road. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program ends at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Guarendi's presentation is scheduled for 9 a.m.

Preregistration for individuals or couples is \$3. Registration at the door is \$5 per individual or couple. Registration information may be obtained by calling (810) 344-8330. Child care will be available for school age children. There will be no fee for children who are preregistered. A \$5 fee will be charged at the door for children who are not preregistered for child care.

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President of Fendt dies at 30

Roger Gene Fendt Jr. was a young man who led a good life. He was a good husband, father, a smart businessman, and an active community resident. Friends said after Fendt's funeral service on Monday.

Roger was 30 years old when he died March 2 from a blood clot in his lung. He was vacationing with his family in Mexico two weeks ago when he was struck without warning.

He was born March 31, 1964 in Detroit.

At the time of his death, Roger was a third generation president of his family's business, Fendt Transit Mix, Inc. in Novi. The concrete company has been in the Fendt family since Roger's grandparents, Leo and Elsie Fendt founded it in 1924.

Roger left behind his wife, Jennifer and daughters, Lindsay, 5, and Lauren, 3.

Funeral services for him were held Monday, March 13, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. The Rev. Duane Schuler, Donald Heiswender and Carl P.

Weisner officiated. A private graveside service followed at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton. Funeral arrangements were made by the Leitch and Sons Funeral Home in Milford. Visitation was held on March 12.

"He'd done everything right," said Brent Camp, a long time friend of Fendt's father, Roger Sr. "He was a model person. And the kind of person everybody wanted to be friends with. He was a person you would be proud to say was your friend."

The Fendts and Camps have been close friends for years and often vacationed together. Two weeks ago, Brent and Diane Camp were expected to join Keith and Roger Fendt, Sr. on their trip to Baja Mexico. Camp said Roger Jr. seemed to live a model life, a life kept busy doing the kinds of things he liked to do.

"He did everything right in life," Camp said. "He was active in politics and active in the things he liked in life."

Roger is also survived by his parents, Roger and Kathleen Fendt Sr.; his sister Lisa Leppke; his maternal grandparents, James and Margaret Boswell; his in-laws, James and Sharlene Snyder, two brothers-in-law, Bret Snyder and Kenrick Snyder; sister-in-law, Audra Snyder; and three nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made to Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Livingston County, 3075 E. Grand River Avenue in Howell.

Obituaries

GEORGE R. LINDOERFER

George Raymond Lindoerfer of Novi died March 12, at age 79 in Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born Aug. 19, 1915, in Elgin, Ill.

Mr. Lindoerfer served in World War Two.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice; sons, Bill Lindoerfer, Kenneth, Dennis and Timothy Madan-

ski; and one sister, Mary (Bill) Gukas.

Services will be on Thursday, March 16, 1995, at 11 a.m., O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.

Interment will be at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Hospital.

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Head count varies little from fall

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Student enrollment in the Novi Community School District jumped by 205 new students this year.

A head count taken in February shows the district's kindergarten through 12th grade enrollment is 4,645 students, one child less than the Fourth Friday count taken in October.

James Koster, the district's assistant superintendent of operations, said the actual count fell in line - two students short - with the projections a Facilities Advisory Committee made last summer.

"It was exceptionally close," he said about the two student difference between the committee's projection and the actual enrollment.

Novi's increase in enrollment may mean big per pupil revenue bucks for the district next year. Passage of Proposal A capped local property taxes and shifted the burden of paying for education to the State of Michigan. As a result of the new legislation, public schools are now funded on per pupil revenue from the state.

State revenues are determined by adding the Fourth Friday count to the February count and dividing it by two, Koster said.

In Novi, that meant the state paid the district \$7,094 for each student in the K-12 program in the 1994-95 school year.

Next year, this year's new enrollment is expected to increase per pupil revenue by 2.34 percent or to \$7,260 per student, Koster predicted.

Adult education funding is also being reviewed and may be decreased from the \$5,000 per student it is today to \$3,500 incoming years.

Michigan lawmakers are reviewing a proposal to cut back the funding now and are expected to make a decision in the near future, Koster added.

students, and the adult education program. The difference between the fall and winter counts is about six students. The district lost those students Koster said to students who graduated early - in January - from Novi High School.

Koster said Tuesday state funding for adult education is currently being reviewed and may be decreased from the \$5,000 per student it is today to \$3,500 incoming years.

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Northville wants to contract for dispatching

By YVONNE BEEBE
Staff Writer

Northville City Council members directed the administration to look north in considering the possibility of consolidating police lock-up and dispatch services.

In a special meeting Monday night, council members said they wanted to investigate the possibility of hooking up with the Novi City Police Department for dispatch and lock-up services. No formal vote was taken.

City officials are considering a number of avenues to take with the police department, including staying with the department's current services, contracting with Novi police, converting the department's current radio system over to an 800 MHz system with the State of Michigan, or consolidating with Plymouth city and township police departments.

If a contract with Novi were to occur, records and the police department would remain in their current home at Northville city hall. Dispatch and prisoner lock-

up would be located at the Novi department.

People who are arrested would be processed at the Northville station and then transported to Novi. Novi currently contracts with the Wixom, South Lyon and Lyon Township police departments.

A preliminary financial analysis conducted by the City of Northville of the four options revealed that contracting with Novi was by far the cheapest option in the long run.

Over a 10 year period, a dispatch and lock-up contract with Novi would cost the city approximately \$684,076 in comparison to the some \$2 million it would cost for the department to maintain its current operation. A consolidation with Plymouth city and township would cost roughly \$2.7 million over 10 years.

Converting to an 800 MHz radio system, which the Michigan State Police Department plans to do over the next four to five years, would cost the city roughly \$2.1 million over 10 years.

Currently Northville uses a VHF (very high frequency) radio system. An 800 MHz system is state-of-the-art and provides better communications, Chief Rodney Cannon said.

Northville City Manager Gary Wood characterized the cost of a three community consolidation as "unfeasible."

Although council members expressed interest in pursuing further talks with Novi, they all stressed the need for more information and figures before reaching a final decision.

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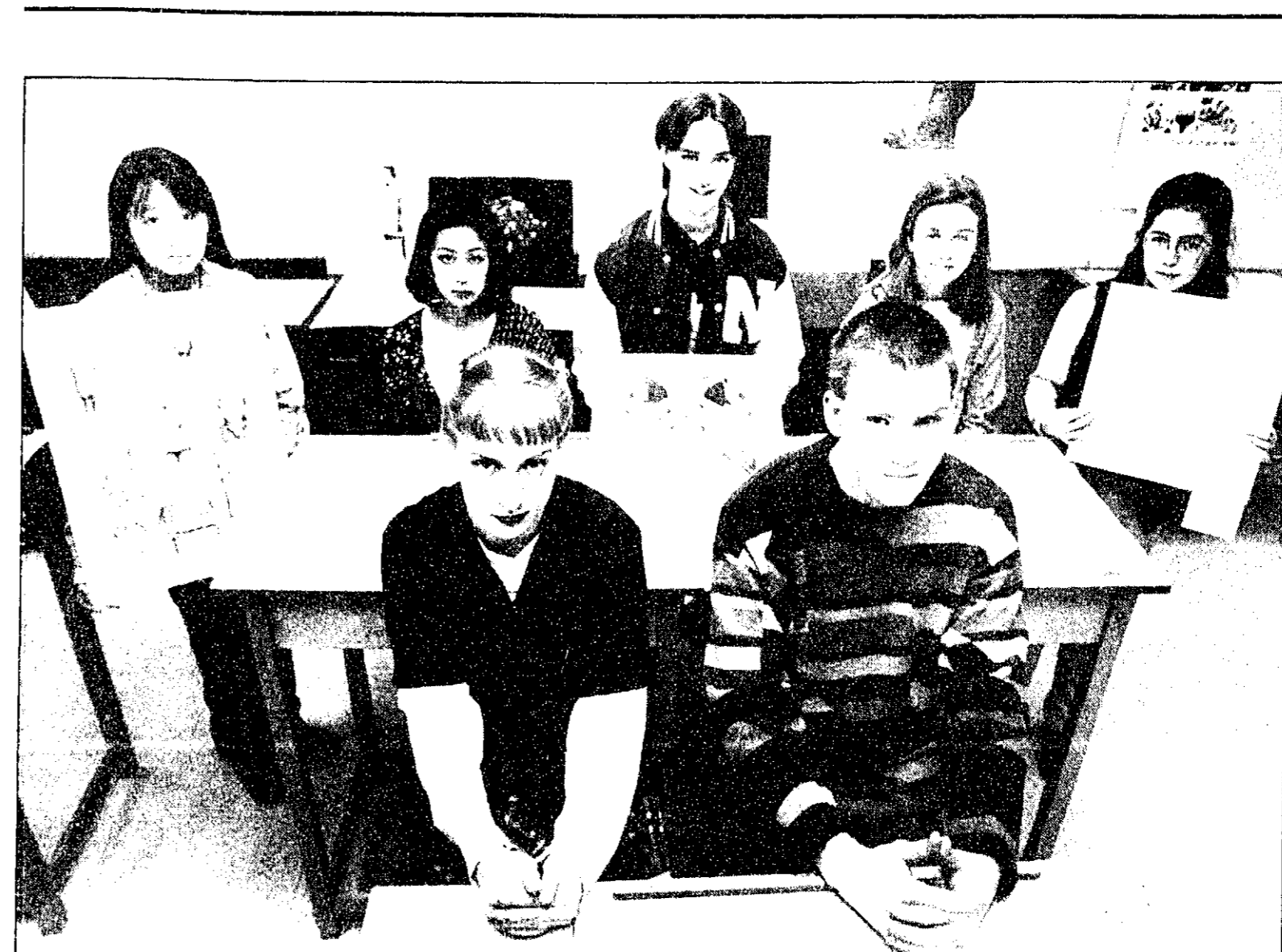
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Record breaking art

The artwork of 11 students from Novi High School recently won awards in the Scholastics Art Competition. Art teacher June Fox said the competition is one of the toughest juried shows in town. The school had a record breaking number of award winning artists who were juried in the show. Among the winners in the Southeastern Michigan Regional Exhibition were two students - Sarah Boyce and Tim Strausberg - who won gold key awards for their colored pencil drawings. Boyce and Strausberg's drawings will advance to the national competition. Boyce

was also awarded a certificate of merit for a second watercolor pencil drawing she entered in the show. Gold key winners Boyce and Strausberg are pictured in the front row. In the back from left to right are Ai Tamai, certificate of merit for her pencil drawing; Sang Lee, silver key award for her colored pencil drawing; Matt Lund, silver key award for his ink drawing; Leann O'Keefe, silver key award winner for her pencil drawing; and Carrie McDougal, certificate of merit winner for her pencil drawing.

OCC millage request goes to the voters

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Voters today will decide the fate of a one-mill property tax request in the Oakland Community College district.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in local school voting precincts. A light turnout is expected to help OCC, which has concentrated on contacting former students rather than conducting a media campaign.

OCC has "built up a lot of good will with its students," said George Cartsonis, college information officer. "We count 312,000 who have enrolled since the college was founded in 1964, and 180,000 still live in Oakland County. They're our primary target group."

Phone bank volunteers have canvassed former students. That effort was led by George Mosher, chair of the Community Alliance for Oakland's Future. A Birmingham resident who practices law in Southfield, Mosher chaired the elected OCC board of trustees from 1964-70.

A student group headed by Kelly Masters has conducted a voter registration drive. Rod Chase, math professor and president of the OCC Faculty Association, has enlisted union support.

Politically, OCC's request is endorsed by County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, former Oakland Republican chair Jim Alexander of Farmington Hills, and former county Democratic chair Don Tucker of Birmingham.

OCC currently levies 0.85 mill. Voters in 1964 approved one mill for operations, but that has been whittled down since 1978 by the Helms tax limitation amendment.

Highest levy in OCC's history was 1979 - 1.7 mills. That included the voted mill for operations plus 0.7 non-voted to pay off con-

struction bond issues.

If approved, the March 16 request would raise about \$29 million or more in new revenue which, combined with the current \$71 million budget, would produce total revenue of about \$100 million next year.

One mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value. A new term the state uses that is lower than the old state equalized valuation. Cost on a house with a market value of \$100,000-plus, and a taxable value of \$50,000, would be \$50 a year.

The two year college serves more than 30,000 students on five campuses and its Pontiac center. Although finances are complex, here is a broad-brush outline of board plans:

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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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Sciatica is a painful condition caused by impingement of the sciatic nerve, which extends from the lower back down the back of the leg. Pressure on this nerve causes debilitating pain in the back, buttock, and/or leg. People who experience this problem are often told that it is the result of a pinching disc in the lower spine, which is pressing on the sciatic nerve. In some cases, however, the piriformis muscle in the buttock may be the actual culprit. When this muscle deep in the buttock traps the sciatic nerve, sciatica results. In such cases, physical therapy may offer relief by stretching the entrapped muscle and reducing inflammation. This goal may be accomplished by first releasing the muscle with pressure point massage and ultrasound over the muscle and its tissue wrapping (fascia).

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Centre Street Market
Centre Street Market, on the corner of Beck Road and Ten Mile, in the new Briarpointe Plaza, held its Grand Opening March 4. The market is what the owners, Novi residents Chris and Stacy Andrews, believe is "the right combination for what is needed in this part of the city." The response has been "overwhelmingly positive," they said. The market will sell gourmet foods, groceries, produce, deli meats, wine and a large selection of beer.

Vic's opens market in Main Street area

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and Lansing. Details were salvaged from buildings ranging the style gamut from Victorian to Art Deco, from residential to ecclesiastical, all the way to industrial warehouse chic.
One feature patrons are sure to love is the Espresso Bar. The bar, which includes blue glass Deco mirrors, originally held the place of honor in "The Boozie Barn," a 1940s-era Chicago establishment. It was purchased from a salvage

Residents say survey is a 'set-up'

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December bond had failed. School board members and administrators have stated several times to *The Novi News* that the purpose of the survey was to gauge response to the bond and gauge response to possible future bond elections.

Of the 54 questions on the survey, the first half deals with residents about the quality of the schools, the performance of the school board, central office staff and building principals. The latter half addresses facilities needs and poses two possible solutions to the district's spacing problems. The first question probes the defeat of the Dec. 13 election, the second offers a phoned-in project that school board members debated in December, but backed off from because of the timing constraints they faced in order to play back it on the March 16 Oakland Community College special election ballot.

Questions about class size and re-districting school boundaries are also on the survey.
Superfisky was not at the meeting when the first 15 questions were presented, but after seeing the focus on the bond proposals in the second half, the resident was less than pleased with the survey as presented.
After the meeting, he declined to confirm or deny whether his apprehensions about the survey were relieved at all by the consultant, but did say he didn't like the idea of including the bond questions on it.
"I think people will certainly enjoy the atmosphere," he wasn't alone. There were two

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One Novi parent

others at the meeting who voiced displeasure for the bond questions.
"I agree it seems like a set-up," said one woman who said she smelled a set-up from the onset but wasn't willing to voice her objection until after Superfisky raised his. "The gist of this seems to me to be 'how can we get another bond issue by?'"

Feaster defended the use of the bond questions by saying the first half of the survey addresses the quality issue while the second half address the facility issues.

"As a pollster that is something you have to do," she said to the audience about the repeated concerns about the bond questions. "You have to ask is anyone going to buy anything and if so what is it?"

"We aren't trying to sell anything except to measure where the community is. We are measuring attitudes and opinions and not selling anything or telling anything."

Feaster said the intent of the survey is to gauge the community's opinion of the school district and its plans for future facility use. The survey, which will be

administered to 400 residents in the Novi School District in two weeks, is also intended to give the school board and administration an indication of why the December bond failed. Of the 400 residents already targeted to be surveyed, 50 percent will be folks who voted in the December election, 50 percent will be those who didn't.

School employees, PTO representatives, and school board members may be among those polled, Feaster said.

"There better be school employees and school board members in there because that's a representative sampling," she said.
Typically, surveys such as this one, return a balanced 15 percent no and yes vote. It's the silent majority - the 60 percent - that sits in the middle that pollsters have to get at, she said.

It's the silent majority that defeated the Dec. 13 bond proposal by a 2 to 1 margin and the vocal majority that rejected the school district's request in June for a two mill enhancement. Last year's annual school election turned out the highest number of voters Novi Schools have ever seen at their polls.

Pitching other building alternatives will gauge the community's reaction to future proposals before the board actually votes to put a question on the ballot, Feaster said.

The bond options presented in the survey reflect the building plan that failed in December and a second plan which would phase in a new middle school and renovated renovations at the existing middle school complex.
"Basically all we are asking is do you want the district to do the whole ball of wax or do you want to do it in pieces?" she said in defense of the options listed in the survey.
A survey protest will take place in the district Friday and Saturday evening. The protest will determine if the survey can be completed in the projected 15 minute time frame and if the questions are easily read and understood.

The actual polling will start on Monday evening and end in two weeks once 400 residents have been surveyed.

Gang graffiti spotted about town by police

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that if a student is caught putting graffiti on school property, he or she is suspended," Lippie said.

A student at Novi High School was reportedly suspended this year for vandalizing school property with gang-like symbols. The day after his suspension, Shaeffer said, the student related by calling in a phony bomb threat.

Real or imagined, the messages that come through the gang-like hieroglyphics have police and school officials on the defense.

Meaning and messages are easy to interpret with a trained eye, Shaeffer said. Some symbols found inside the city mark territory, others indicate there is more than one gang in town, he said. Five and six point stars and crowns indicate the two most prominent gangs - the Folks and People. Both groups originated in Chicago years ago, but strands of the gangs have reportedly infiltrated the suburbs.

Rival markings - those with inverted crowns, stars or pitchforks - indicate gang members may be hostile and violent towards one another. Others use a gang alphabet to name their targets.

In Beck Village, Novi police found several markings that indicate rival gangs were challenging each other. Other symbols have been interpreted by police to be threats to kill a "SLOB," which is a gang term for police officers or school officials.

"The intent of the markings are a matter of interpretation, but Novi police and school officials aren't taking any chances."

"We aren't seeing any of the hard core gang activity in Novi but we are seeing a lot of show and a little recruitment," the chief said.

In addition to gang markings, school officials are being taught to recognize how teens use clothes and colors to identify themselves as gang members.

"It isn't just the colors and the clothes, it's the manner in which they are worn," Shaeffer said.

It's subtle differences like a rolled right or left sleeve or jean cuff. Or it's a look achieved by wearing beads, kumkumans or earrings a certain way.

Starter jackets or those jackets displaying professional team logos and colors are used as gang insignia but are often harder to detect. Shaeffer said many students are wearing the jackets these days, but parents and school officials should be cautious when the colors of the jackets or baseball caps don't match the actual teams colors.

More often than not, Shaeffer said students are wearing the jackets to "show their colors" than they are in support of a team.

In the last year, Novi Police have confiscated what they believe may be gang membership recruitment lists, a bit list of students who have opted out of gang activities, a student notebook with gang-like symbols in it, and a baseball cap with gang markings written under the brim, the chief said.

Not all of the items confiscated by police came from students in Novi Schools, but each was taken from teenagers in town.

"We've been very fortunate because it's been minimal up to this point," Lippie said.

"But I don't want to have our heads in the sand," Lippie said. "We want to work hand in glove with the police department so the administration would be aware of what it all means."



The ultimate science project

Students in Walled Lake's Hickory Woods Elementary School hovered around General Motors new electric car which was brought to the school last week as part of the annual science

fair. Parent Joe Morrill, not pictured, is an engineering who works at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford arranged to have the car brought in for the students to see.

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Winners of Arts Council photo contest named

The winners of the fifth annual Novi Arts Council photo contest have been announced.

The winning pictures in the 1994-95 contest will continue to be on display in the Sixth Gate Gallery in the Novi Civic Center until the end of March.

In the Black and White Adult category, first place went to Marvin Graves, for his "Scully's Anchor" entry; second and third place went to Robin Peavey for his "Surprise Package" and "Snowy Tree House," respectively.

In the Adult Color category, first place was awarded to Betty Lewis, for "Kate," second place, Gene and George O'Neal, for their "Supercharged" photo; and third place was awarded to Betty Lewis, for "Butterfly Ballet."

In the Junior Color category, the winners were first place, Rick Mar-

shall, for "Fire," second place went to Jessie Lewis for "Goldie" and third place was awarded to Sean Alan Kinsky for "The Mystery of Winter."

In the Novi Our Town category, the first place adult winner was Robin Peavey for "11 Mile before Progress," the first place Junior recipient was Jessie Lewis, for "Chilly Willy," and honorable mention was given to E. G. Anfillo for "Methodist Church" and Stanley Czarnik for his "Old Na Vt" entry.

Best of Show awards went to Betty Lewis in the adult category, for her presentation of "Kate" and to Rick Marshall, Junior recipient, for "Fire." Winners of the best of show awards received \$100 from the Arts Council. Winners in other categories were given awards donated by local businesses.

Public Access

The following is the MetroVision Channel 12 community access program schedule for the coming week.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 a.m.—Novi Talkin' History: Frazer Stamen and Lee C. BeGole
11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Make Over
12:00 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal
12:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.: Building Your Own Home
1:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move
1:30 p.m.—The Word of Life: The Truth About Death
2:00 p.m.—Mountain Ski Series
2:30 p.m.—Eric Johnson's Detroit Ballet
4:00 p.m.—St. Patrick's Day Parade
5:30 p.m.—Know Your Rights: The Lease Agreement
6:00 p.m.—Inside Novi City Hall: Novi Assessing
6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with

Tracy and Phil
7:00 p.m.—Women on the Move: Linda Heard
7:30 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
8:00 p.m.—Rainbow of Promise
8:30 p.m.—Just for the Spell of It
9:00 p.m.—Farmington Hills Fire Department Hot Stove
9:30 p.m.—Groove Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 a.m.—Reading Recovery Program
11:00 a.m.—Drawing Men to Christ
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m.—Inside Novi City Hall: Novi Assessing
1:00 p.m.—Citizens Against Government Waste
1:30 p.m.—Happiest People Alive
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria
3:00 p.m.—Motorsports: Racing at Bonnevillie
5:00 p.m.—Lansing Connection
5:30 p.m.—Living With Your

Addictions
6:00 p.m.—Travelin' On: Florida
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks
7:30 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria
9:00 p.m.—Let's Talk with Ben Marks: George Romney

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

9:30 a.m.—Working with Words and Images
5:00 p.m.—Legally Speaking
5:30 p.m.—Groove Session
6:00 p.m.—Farmington Historical Museum
6:30 p.m.—Multicultural/Multicultural Community Council: Annual Workshop
8:00 p.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Make Over
9:00 p.m.—Law Talk: A Visit with State Sen. David Hougnan

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.—Working with Words and Images
5:00 p.m.—The Road: EZ Rider and Drag Bike
6:00 p.m.—Michigan Music
6:30 p.m.—Novi News Week
7:00 p.m.—Your Library and its Volunteers
7:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.: Building Your Own Home
8:00 p.m.—Good Health: Asthma
8:30 p.m.—St. Patrick's Day Parade

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Novi Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project:

Track & Tennis Court Surfacing
Novi High School, Release Date March 7, 1995, Pre Bid Meeting March 8, 1995, Bid Due March 23, 1995 and Award Date April 6, 1995.

Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager on or after July 8, 1995.

Barton Malow Company
c/o Novi High School
24052 Tall Road
Novi, Michigan 48375
(313) 348-0293

All proposals must be submitted on Bid Date before 2:00 p.m., local time, on the approved bid proposal forms to:

James Koster
Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations
25345 Tall Road
Novi, Michigan 48374

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Novi Community School District.
JAMES KOSTER
(3-16-95 NN) ASSOC. SUPERINTENDENT

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS MOBILE STAGE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Mobile Stage according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 29, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "MOBILE STAGE" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
347-0446
(3-16-95 NN, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 95-156.01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 95-156.01, an Ordinance to amend Section 2-193.5 of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances to provide the calculation method for poverty exemption.

This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The Ordinance was adopted at a Special Meeting of the Council held March 9, 1995, and the effective date is March 9, 1995. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK
(3-16-95 NR, NN)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Police Department Uniforms according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, April 5, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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CAROL J. KALINOVIK,
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347-0446
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CITY OF NOVI SENIOR HOUSING BUILDING AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council is accepting applications for two members of the Senior Housing Building Authority Board of Commissioners. The applicants must be residents of the City of Novi and not a resident of any Senior Citizen Housing Facility. Applications are available from the office of the City Clerk at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road - 347-0456. The deadline for receiving applications is April 1, 1995.

(3-16-23-95 NR, NN) GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET SWEEPING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Street Sweeping according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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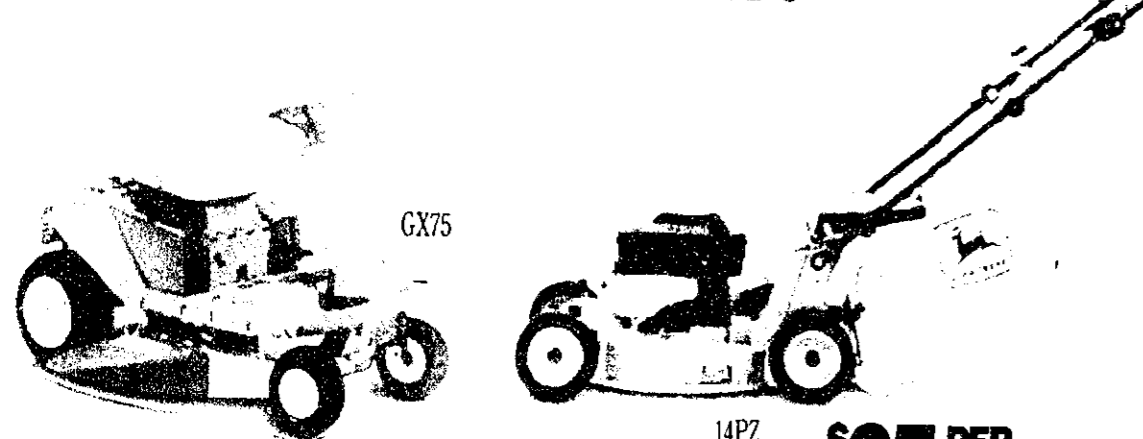
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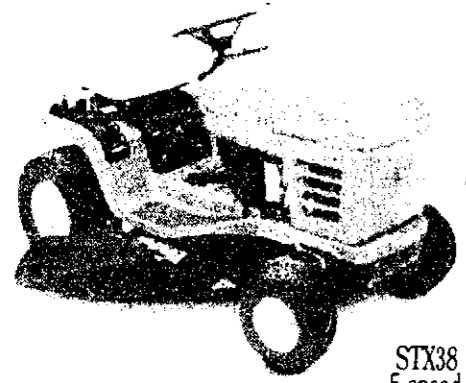
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Suit filed to save 200-year-old Maple trees along Nine Mile

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 and that no utility lines be routed within 35 feet of the property line. The maples are southwest of their house.
 Residents of the home for over 27 years, the Bragemans contend that "these trees and other trees have become an important part of their quality of life."
 Novi's attorneys say that the case is "no genuine issue" for the city.
 Gary Goodfriend, J.C.K.'s lawyer also denies that the firm is engaged in building Royal Crown Estates. In his brief, Goodfriend contends that the complaint is "frivolous" and that the Bragemans have the remedy of seeking replacement costs should the maples die.
 New homes in Royal Crown Estates are expected to start at \$250,000 to \$260,000.
 Mark Sturing, lawyer for Beztak, says no immediate work is planned near the Brageman's residence. Sturing explained that the company has gone through city review.
 "The review process has considered that we have no reason

Contractor files suit against the city

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer
 Litigation against the City of Novi has flowed in on the wake of the 1993 urbanization of Nine Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads.
 Sunset Excavating, a firm hired by the City of Novi to lay the water main and sanitary sewer extension, has charged the city with breach of contract because of an additional \$114,000 in expenses they paid out after hitting gushing ground water while laying pipe.
 Sunset wants Novi to assume this cost and asks that the court either void or reform the contract. The city's attorneys say the contract signed by Sunset bars the firm from seeking extra compensation due to unanticipated difficulties in the project, which was completed two years ago.
 Novi has asked that Oakland County Circuit Court judge John McDonald dismiss the case. A decision was expected Wednesday, after press time.
 In a second lawsuit, a Nine Mile Road couple has also sued the city, along with Beztak Construction and city engineers J.C.K. & Associates, charging that their two 200-year-old maples are endangered by the construction of Royal

"The City of Novi knew or should have known of the condition and negligently or recklessly failed to warn Sunset of it."

workout for the entire three-hour workout. Each participant should pre-register in order to receive a pledge sheet and be one of the elite 100 participants. Each participant can win prizes based on the pledges collected from relatives, friends, and co-workers. The 1994 prizes included special "Dance for Heart" water bottles, T-shirts, tank tops, bike shorts and sweatshirts.
 Exercise for Heart is a national program to raise funds for the American Heart Association, as well as to educate people that aerobics and dancing are good for the heart, according to Diane Porter,

information concerning existing conditions, including subsurface conditions, as provided or mentioned in the contract documents, such information is provided for the convenience of the bidder and not as a guarantee of conditions. The bidder shall satisfy himself as to the sufficiency and representativeness of such data and shall himself make all investigations necessary so that his proposal shall be based upon his own knowledge and estimation of conditions to be met."
 The contract agreed to by Sunset stated in part that, "The contractor agrees that he shall not claim any damages, extra compensation or extension of time for completion, or any other concession, because of ignorance of existing conditions or of failure to anticipate developments which may occur as the result of existing conditions or of difficulties which may be encountered in the execution of the work."
 Nine Mile Road was paved in 1993. Developers of new subdivisions and the Northville school district picked up the tab for the paving. The sewer and water lines were set up as a special assessment district, to be paid for by users.

Dance for Heart event set in Civic Center

The sixth annual Exercise for Heart Aerobic-Thon, sponsored by the Fitness Factory and Novi Parks and Recreation, to benefit the Southwestern Division of the American Heart Association of Michigan will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The

1995 event, limited to the first 100 participants, will consist of warm-up exercises, aerobic workout, muscle repetitions, step aerobics, and a cool down with floor stretches. The program, geared to all fitness levels and participant safety, is formatted into two 90-minute workout or participants make

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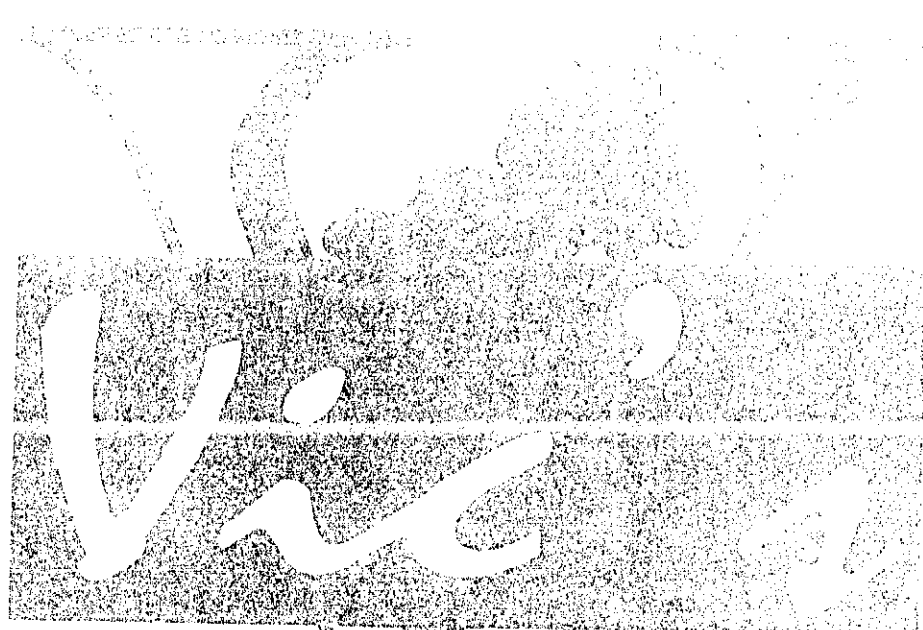
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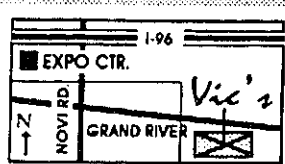
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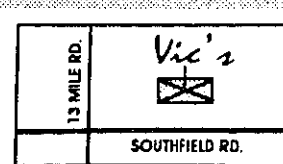
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WHOSE DESK IS IT ANYWAY?

Do you know who sits at each of these desks?
Here are some clues. One is in law enforcement, one is employed by the school district, two are city employees, and one is employed by a local newspaper. The answers to the quiz are on page 4.

Do pile aboles burn calories by shuffling papers? Have neatniks found the true meaning of organization in a disorganized world? Some people think that a person with a messy desk is disorganized while others think the same person is overworked. On the flip side, give a picture of a neatnik to a group of people and you will get a variety of reactions from "this person has nothing to do" to "this person is highly organized."

When it comes to workstation management, it's an individual thing. You may or may not have to set it up to your satisfaction, but you will have to use it. Workstation management includes paper, furniture, storage, and the correct and consistent use of all three.

You may have gotten lucky and inherited the correct workstation, custom designed for your job duties. Then again, you may have inherited someone else's desk, filing system, and chair - like hand-me-downs from an older sibling. Nonetheless, you are expected to grow into it and make do.

How people manage their workstations is probably as unique as the person who sits behind the desk. During a busy work day, our desks may look a lot different than they appear at night when the janitor comes to clean. Employees are at work during the day, busy going about their various tasks and their desks will be messier than in the moonlight.

When the dust from the day has settled, is it descending on your papers or on the desk top? If the janitor can't dust your desk at night because he can't see it, maybe it's time to think about changing your workstation management skills.

Larry J. Wray, branch manager of Tab Product Co. in Novi has six general suggestions for anyone who thinks they could use a little help in managing their workstation. "A lot of times you fall into the furniture, inherit it or get assign to it and it doesn't

really fit what you're trying to do," said Wray.

It is important to have furniture that has been designed for your particular business and task. That may mean adding furniture as technology changes. For instance, if your company has recently purchased computers, a computer desk will be a necessity.

A chair is as important to a desk as a mattress is to a bed. Don't settle for just any chair that happens to be gathering dust in the file room.

"It's one of the least considered things, and often it's inherited from someone else," said Wray. "Think about the amount of time you're a captive audience in that piece of equipment." It should be height adjustable and the feet should fit firmly on the floor. Each person is a little different.

"They can't really manufacture a chair specifically to you, it's not like buying a suit, so you need that height adjustability and the chair should have firm support," Wray said. "It's not like wanting a nice comfy overstuffed couch to take a nap in, it has to be firm in support."

He also recommends people learn about "ergonomics and the concerns that are there (because) there is an awful lot written about it." Knowing what paperwork to store close at hand and what can be sent to a storage area is important. Active files can be kept at the workstation, but seldom used files can be sent away.

Paper is still as much a part of our work day as ever. The computer has not done away with the reports, letters, magazines, memos and documents that are used daily. For some, the amount of paper that lands on their desks is equivalent to a flock of geese returning from migration. For others, seasonal work may create a deluge of documents that once the deadline is over will most likely be filed away till the same time next year. For others, information trickles in like a leaky faucet, creating a puddle big enough to wade through.

Information is one of those inevitable things we must learn to manage. Some have muddled through better than others.

"This is a thing a lot of people are guilty of, they try to hold on to everything," said Wray. "Get things out of the workstation and

off the desk. Some people are resistant to that for fear of losing things, but you just can't operate unless you clear your desk of the things you're not using right then."

It doesn't matter if you've chosen an alphabetic or a numeric filing system for the hard copy or paper that comes across your desk, what is important is that it is used consistently, rather than piling. "When you get done with something, put it back in that filing system you have established," said Wray.

The files that are no longer active and sent to the storage area should not stay there until they turn to dust. Every file should have a life cycle. Similar to something in the back of the refrigerator, if you can't recall what it is and the expiration date was three years ago, you'd be better off to throw it out.

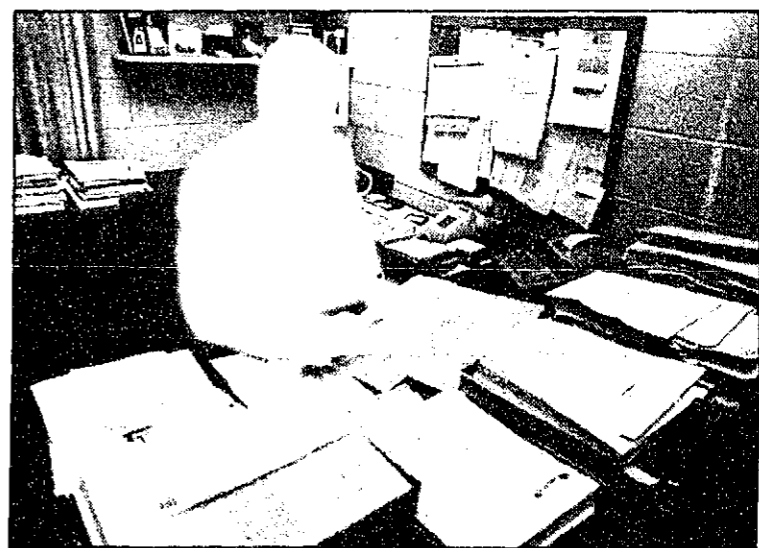
"Sometimes we keep things only because we're fearful to put them in the garbage can so we keep sensitive documents long after they're any good to us just because we don't know what to do with it," said Wray.

People who deal with sensitive files should have a paper shredder. That eliminates both the sensitive file and the ability to refill it. Once the paper has been sliced to shoe string sized confetti, the only thing left to do is pitch it.

Is there hope for filers? Yes, filers can become filers. "Systematically going about it would be the correct way," said Wray, whose company manufactures and distributes office furniture, media storage and records management systems for all companies. Start into something and work it to completion before going on to the next project. Take your time. The pile didn't get there over night so you can't hope to tackle it in the same time.

"Desks tend to get full of things because by nature we work on this for a little while and it gets boring and we shift over to this and work on it for a little while and before to long we have 25 things all in progress none of which are coming to fruition quickly," said Wray.

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Volunteer



JEANNIE PYLAR

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Pylar promotes choir through Boosters

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Even if you can't carry a tune - as Jeannie Pylar says she can't - but you do enjoy a good singing voice, you can encourage teenagers who have talent by volunteering in the Novi Choir Boosters.

Jeannie Pylar is president of the Boosters, whose purpose is to promote activities of the Novi Choir, which is composed of four groups: choir of ninth graders; advanced choir of 10th graders; concert choir of 11th and 12th graders; the Novi Singers who are in 10th to 12th grades.

Choir members meet five days a week in 45-minute classes, and they are students of various interests, including such macho activities as football and wrestling.

"The number of kids this year," Pylar said, "is 160," up from the 86 when she started volunteering six years ago.

The choirs don't sing just in Novi. They compete on regional, state, and even national levels.

Every other year there has been a choir trip for national competition - and Novi has won twice!

Is this project worth boosting? The answer is yes, and Pylar said, "I try to organize the parents and encourage them to get into money-making efforts", like contacting the larger companies in the area to donate in a patron program.

Where does the money go? There are at least four places: sheet music; color TV so the singers can watch themselves and learn how to improve; \$1,200 worth of awards each year for letters, pins, and trophies; and trips every other year for national competition.

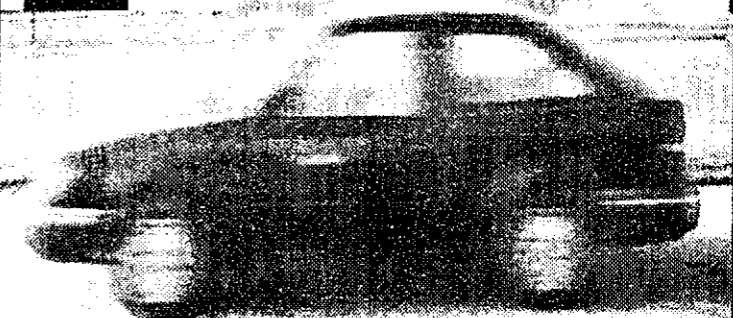
Oh, there's more - the money also goes to subsidize voice lessons "to help kids develop talent beyond just classrooms."

Whether or not you can sing, why not look in on a meeting of the Novi Choir Boosters? The date is the first Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

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