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City taxes may go up, but only a bit

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For the average taxpayer, the city's proposed millage hike would barely pay the tab for a dinner for two at one of the many chain restaurants gracing the Novi Town Center.

If you own a \$150,000 home and Novi City Council finally agrees to inch the millage up by .3816 mills - expect to pay an extra \$25 to your local government this year. Your total city tax would be \$801.

On May 8, as required by state law, the city council will hold a public hearing on this possible increase over the Truth-In-Taxation benchmark.

But just because the city council scheduled the hearing doesn't mean they'll go ahead and approve the higher levy.

Even though he voted in favor of the hearing, Council Member Robert Schmid said so far he is not convinced that the city needs the extra dollars.

"Last year we set the hearing, published the notice and decided

not to do it," Schmid noted.

Increases are possible for the general fund, the parks fund, the police and fire fund and the library fund.

"Through the growth of the community the taxpayer has not had to pay the inflationary costs of operating this community for six or seven years," City Manager Ed Kriewall said last week, adding that the city has been putting off equipment purchases.

"We're really very conservative in dealing with the situation. We've eroded the revenue to the point where we have a very serious problem in staffing. We have serious problems on several fronts."

To prevent local governments from reaping too much profit from increases in their state equalized valuations, the computation for the Headlee amendment pushes back the millage levels. To exceed this Headlee maximum, the city must go to the voters.

A second state law, Truth-In-Taxation pushes the millage back

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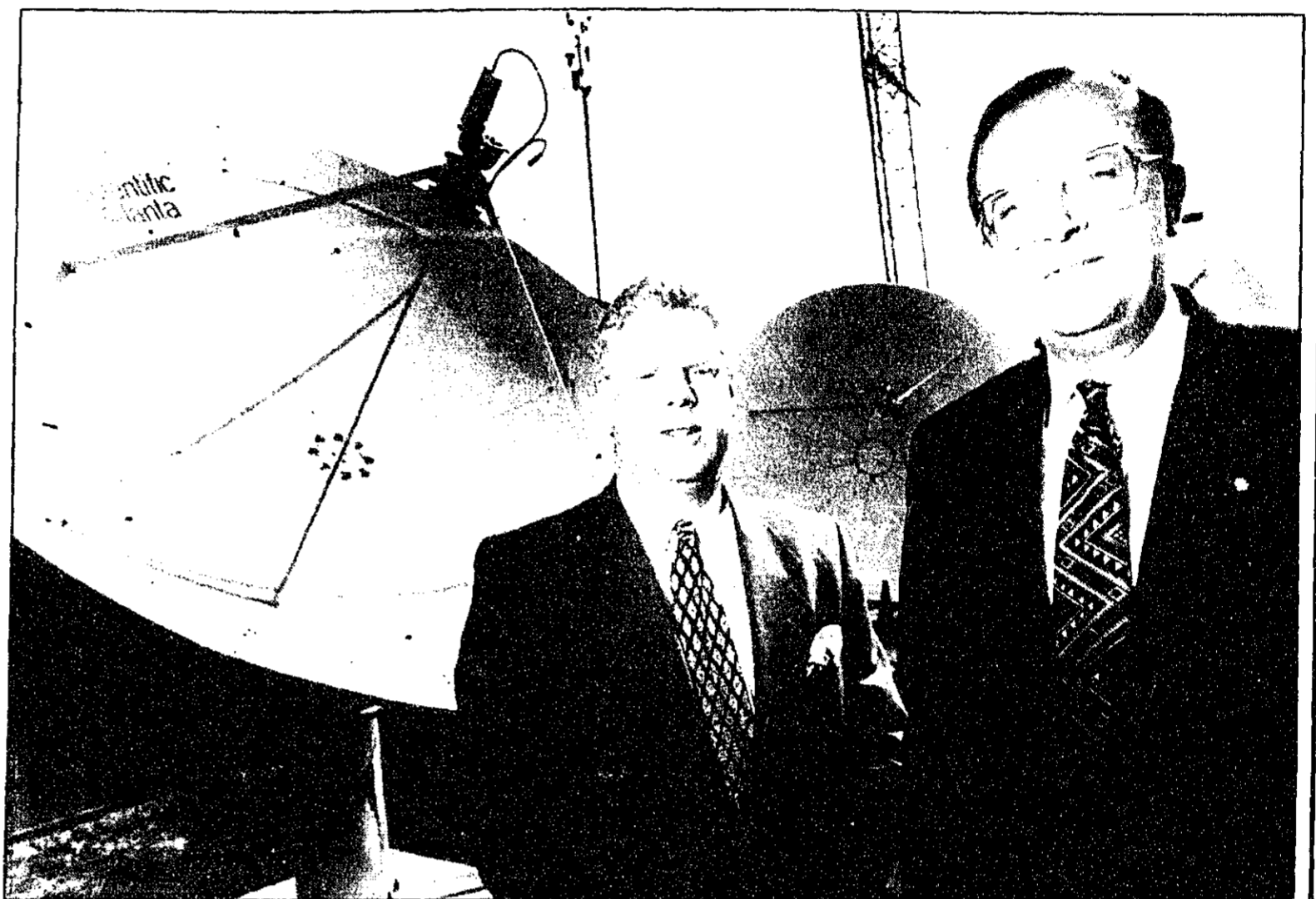


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

MetroVision's Vice President Bob McCann, left, and President Tom Bjorkland won SWOCC approval of cable transfer.

Cable firm agrees to fiber upgrade

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

They may have been doing business with one of the biggest media conglomerates in the world, but the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) dug in its heels and was not to be hurried.

SWOCC was one of the last of 400 some MetroVision franchises transferred to the firm's new owner, Time Warner-Entertainment/ Advance Newhouse.

"We wanted to ensure that our franchise and our subscribers were not in a worse situation than if this transfer had not

occurred," said William Hartsock, chair of SWOCC and a Farmington City Council member.

"The upgrade to fiber optics is a major, major improvement."

The commission held out until the mega-corporation agreed to do a \$6 million state-of-the-art fiber optics upgrade of the system, add additional channels and agreed that subscribers would not bear the costs of the technical improvements. In addition, Time Warner is to pay up to \$50,000 for SWOCC's consultant and attorney fees related to the transfer and not pass this through to cable users, SWOCC Executive

Director Caren Collins said.

In addition, the cable company must set up a \$600,000 performance bond to ensure that it meets the contract.

Monday, the Novi City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the transfer; a second reading is now required. Along with Novi, the franchise covers Farmington and Farmington Hills.

MetroVision was owned by Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation, which entered into the joint venture in September with Advance Publications and Time Warner Cable, the nation's sec-

ond largest cable provider. The corporation serves about 4.2 million cable customers.

Under the original franchise contract made with MetroVision in 1982, the firm agreed to put in a shadow cable which would eventually be activated to add increased channels. Through the years, the shadow cable was cut by construction as the area developed and the technology changed, MetroVision said.

Among the issues which led SWOCC to delay several months on the transfer were concerns that the Time Warner would pass

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Four bikers confront cops at Frigate's

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Frigate's Inn was closed Sunday afternoon but that didn't stop four members of a Detroit motorcycle gang from coming inside and starting a bar room brawl.

Four members of the Detroit gang known as the "Jokers" forced their way into the bar, assaulted the owner, and then attempted to flee and elude police. Some were carrying weapons and have been charged for doing so.

Officers from Novi, Walled Lake, and Wolverine Lake all responded to the scene and managed - after some struggle - to arrest all four.

Three of the four have been arraigned on a series of charges. A fourth suspect, a 37-year-old Walled Lake resident has yet to be arraigned but police have a three count warrant for him. Among the charges are two counts of assault and battery and unlawful entry. Police are seeking to upgrade the warrant to include a carrying a concealed weapon charge. Novi Lt. David Butler said Wednesday.

Butler said Wednesday 34-year-old Christopher Posky of Garden City was charged with a five count warrant. Among the charges are felony charges of carrying a concealed weapon and

felonious assault with a motor vehicle, unlawful entry, fleeing and eluding police, and assault and battery.

Novi Police also arrested and charged Louis Reed, 59, of Walled Lake with unlawful entry, a 90-day misdemeanor.

Walled Lake police arrested Scott Morin, a 31-year-old Plymouth resident and charged him with carrying a concealed weapon. But Novi Police are also charging the Plymouth man with unlawful entry, Butler said.

Posky and the unidentified Walled Lake resident each suffered injuries from the incident when they tried to escape police.

One was taken to University of Medical Hospital in Ann Arbor. Doctors operated to repair injury to the man's arm and released him Tuesday. Posky checked himself into Huron Valley Hospital Monday morning and was treated for a broken ankle, according to hospital officials. He was treated and also released to Novi police that same day.

According to Randy Kernen, the owner of Frigate's Inn, the bar was closed Sunday for remodeling, but its front door was ajar to ventilate the stench of stain. Kernen told police he and others

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Militia met in Novi's library

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

About a month before terrorism in Oklahoma City led to a barrage of national media images of Michigan militias in training, one of these organizations met quietly at the Novi library to spread their message that ordinary citizens may need to arm themselves to defend their constitutional rights.

Richard Binkley, state coordinator for the Michigan Constitutional State Militia, says that the group, a breakaway faction of the Michigan Militia, is on the defensive rather than the offensive and suggests the bombing of a federal building may have been the action of agent provocateurs seeking to discredit the entire militia movement.

"We do not believe that the political system is going to solve our grievance. We believe it's going to reach a point where it will be obvious to everyone that the government has no intention of abiding by the constitution," Binkley said in an interview Tuesday.

"At that point, there will be war. We will not

■ Militias carry the potential for danger, says one Oakland County law enforcement officer who has observed these groups. The story appears on page 10A.

■ Fowlerville is in the national spotlight as a result of the arrest of several militia members last fall. The story appears on page 11A.

start that war. I do not want to fight a war. We must prepare for it."

Members of the Michigan Constitutional State Militia fear a world-wide economic collapse is imminent and that this could fire up a final showdown between leaders of a U.N.-based one-world government movement and militia supporters, or Patriots, who will seek to restore constitutional rule.

Binkley said he's turned down offers to appear on local and national television shows

but agreed to speak to *The Novi News* because he did not want residents to have a mistaken impression of the militia's activities here.

"I do not intend to attack anybody. We do not blow up buildings; we do not hurt children. Most Patriots have their own children and they value children over anything," Binkley said Tuesday.

"This is not about guns, it's about liberty. We have members join because they don't want their guns taken away. It's about my liberty, my children's liberty and my grandchildren's liberty."

A Farmington Hills father of four, Binkley devotes himself to educating their four children at home and his militia work while his wife works full-time.

Charges that Timothy McVeigh or others possibly connected with the Oklahoma bombing attended militia meetings are false, Binkley said.

"Those guys were never there. I know everybody who came and went. Those guys have a

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A special section ...

Golf Guide

Error leads to confusion over Novi accreditation

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

State Department of Education officials erred when they omitted four Novi schools from the list of state-accredited schools.

Wednesday morning state officials corrected their error and announced that Novi Meadows, Village Oaks, Orchard Hills and Novi Woods have been awarded summary accreditation.

Novi High School, Middle School and Parkview Elementary each earned interim status and have a year to improve their test scores and come into compliance with a list of other state mandated standards for summary accreditation.

"We are very pleased irrespective of what happened at the state

department," said Superintendent Emmett Lippe Wednesday after being notified that the four schools had passed the state test. "I'm glad for the schools, glad for our parents and especially glad for our students."

Despite what the department of education was saying about Novi schools last week, Lippe stood steadfast in his conviction about the students.

"Our kids are accredited even if our schools aren't," he said Monday night before he got the good news from the state Wednesday.

Linda Forward, Supervisor of the School Development Unit in the State Department, said blame for the mixup falls back on the shoulders of her department.

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THE STATE ACCREDITATION REPORT: how local schools measure up

SCHOOL	DESIGNATION
Novi High School	I
Novi Middle School	I
Parkview Elementary	I
Village Oaks Elementary	S
Orchard Hills Elementary	S
Novi Woods Elementary	S
Novi Meadows	S

DESIGNATION KEY:

S: Summary Accredited - Indicates the building is in full compliance with PA 335 and PA 339 of 1993 and PA 25 of 1990 and has 66 percent more students scoring at or above satisfactory for three consecutive years on the MEAP tests.

I: Interim Status - Indicates the building may or may not be in compliance with PA 335 and 339 of 1993 and PA 25 of 1990 and has 51-65 percent of its students scoring at or above satisfactory for three consecutive years on the MEAP tests.

Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, April 27

Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Novi South is seeking new members. The club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For additional information call Robert Fair at 349-4731.

Business Financing Forum

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is holding a Business Financing Forum from 2-4 p.m. at Walsh College-Novi Campus. Registration is \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. For additional information call 349-3743.

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors

The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors general meeting and annual potluck dinner will be held at the Novi Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Optimist Club

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

Novi Board of Education

The Novi Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. at Parkview Elementary School.

Friday, April 28

Rummage Sale

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the church located at 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Saturday, April 29

Rummage Sale

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 40700 West Ten Mile Rd., will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church located at 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Friends of Kathy Karney

Players Bar and Grill on Ten Mile Road east of Haggerty, is sponsoring a 9-ball tournament to benefit the My Friends Care, Kathy Karney Fund. Registration begins at 1 p.m., the tournament at 2 p.m. Registration is \$20 with the chance to win prizes. For more information call 471-5005. All proceeds go to benefit Kathy Karney, a local resident battling breast cancer who needs a bone marrow transplant that is not covered by insurance.

Young Kids on Campus

Oakland Community College and North Oakland Child Care Directors Coalition are sponsoring an annual 'hands on' learning activities, entertainment and family resource education day at Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus. Admission is free. For more information call Lori Julian at (810) 682-0207.

Monday, May 1

Michigander Smokers

The Michigander Smokers meet at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Rd. Guests are welcome.

City Council

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

Health tests

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

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 349-9691.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6013 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, May 2

Seniors meeting

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

Menopause Support Group

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

SWOCC

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will meet at 7 p.m. at the SWOCC studio at 24021 Research Drive in Farmington Hills.

Board of Appeals

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

Band rehearsal

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

Chess Club

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

School survey results unveiled

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi residents don't want to pay higher taxes, nor do they want to move fourth graders out of the existing elementary.

And that's why the Novi School's Dec. 13 bond issue failed, according to the results of a recent telephone poll taken by the district.

The survey results indicate district residents who were polled said high taxes, a lack of information, and opposition to moving fourth graders out of the elementary were all the top reasons why the \$83 million bond was defeated.

While most voters are undecided about what if any alternative building proposals they would support, a slight majority rejected the proposal voters favored in December.

Much to the surprise of the audience gathered to hear the poll results Monday, a 66 percent majority of voters favored redistricting elementary school boundaries as one means of accommodating Novi's growth.

Four hundred district residents were polled during the weeks of March 20 and April 6 by School Public Relations Consultant Services, Kathy Feaster, a principal partner in the firm, drafted the questionnaire. Professional interviewers from Marmon Computing, Inc. of Menominee then conducted the survey from the questionnaire via telephone.

Fifty percent of those surveyed voted in the last election; the other half did not. A large portion, 47 percent of those questioned, have children in the school district; 53 percent don't. Of that 47 percent with children, 28 percent voted in the last election. Twenty-three percent of those who voted have no children in the schools now.

Questions on the survey included everything from rating the quality of education in the district to grading school administrators, Board of Education members and teachers. The survey also asked voters to give reasons why the bond was defeated and attempted to gauge interest in alternative solutions and possible future bond proposals.

Voters in Novi gave their school higher ratings than national averages recorded in the 1994 Gallup Poll, Feaster said. Nationally, four out of 10 awarded their schools a grade of A or B. In Novi, eight out of 10 residents gave grades of A or B.

Seventy-three percent of those polled said they think teachers are doing a good job to excellent job. Six out of 10 say building principals are doing A and B work while more than one-half say central office staffs are doing an A job.

Eleven percent of those surveyed said they didn't know why the bond failed. Four percent of those voted, 19 percent didn't.

The survey then queried residents about the specifics of the Dec. 13 proposal which sought voter approval for a \$23.1 million middle school and \$10 million in renovation expenses to prep the existing middle school for elementary school use.

A slim majority, 52 percent of all those surveyed said the middle school was needed as opposed to 14 percent who said it wasn't. But what was more telling is that 31 percent of those surveyed said they didn't know if the building was really necessary or not. Twenty-seven percent of those voted in the election; 35 percent didn't. Of the 54 percent of the voters who said the school was needed, 63 percent have children in the schools; 42 do not. Eighteen percent of those who said the school was not needed did vote. Sixteen percent of that 18 percent have kids in Novi Schools, 19 do not.

As for the renovation project, less than half or 46 percent of those surveyed said the renovations were needed. Twenty percent didn't think it was necessary at all, while 32 percent are undecided.

What must be hard for school officials to stomach is that 61 percent of public school parents who failed to vote in the election said they feel the renovations were needed in comparison to the 46 percent of the same who did vote.

A sampling of these responses are listed below with the percentages of all respondents, voters and non-voters listed respectively. Senior Citizens voted no, 1, 4, and 5; too many frills in last bond issue, 4, 6, and 2; too many bond issues, too frequent, 3, 4, and 2; the school board didn't listen to the people or were not honest about the needs, 3, 5, and 1; poor timing - too soon after previous bond was passed, 3, 2, and 4; an anti-tax mood/voter atmosphere, 3, 2, and 3; no need have enough now, 2, 2, and 2; and negative press, 1, 2, and 1.

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There is nothing in there that says this community won't approve something," Feaster said. Board members will just have to decide now which proposal they'll risk putting before the voters.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Dedication

City DPW workers Marc Tolsdorf, left, and Chuck Fritz do the real work after the ceremonial Arbor Day Celebrations. One of the trees planted Monday was in honor of retiring City Clerk Gerry Stipp. A second tree will be dedicated to the memory of City Council Member Carol Mason's mother, who died Monday in Phoenix. A crabapple tree will also be donated to the city by the South Lake and Shawood Homeowners Association in remembrance of Mason's mother, said Jim Korte.

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RUNNING INJURIES AND THEIR PREVENTION

Oakland Physical Therapy is presenting a seminar for all individuals interested in running. Emphasis will be placed on common running injuries and their prevention.

Bill Bean, Physical Therapist, will be the lead instructor for this class. Bill is an Assistant Director at Oakland Physical Therapy and a guest instructor in the Physical Therapy Program at Oakland University. Bill is a marathon runner and has competed in the 1995 Boston Marathon.

Paul Aufdemberge of Running Fit in Novi, will also be on hand to discuss proper selection of running shoes based on foot type, running style and mechanical needs. Paul is currently ranked 10th in the nation for all 10,000 meter runners.

The format will include a lecture, discussion, demonstration and practice so please dress comfortably.

Objectives:

1. Identify normal and abnormal biomechanics of running.
2. Identify common running injuries and their cause and prevention.
3. Demonstrate proper stretching techniques for muscles commonly involved in altered running biomechanics and injury.
4. Discuss the use of orthotics.
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PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for this class but we do require an R.S.V.P. by phone if you plan to attend. For additional information or to R.S.V.P. please call Oakland Physical Therapy at 810-380-3550.

LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C.
Providence Park Medical Center
Physician Office Building
Suite B-124
47601 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374
(at Grand River and Beck Roads)

DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 1995 7-9 p.m.

Twenty three car stereos stolen

Someone stole 23 car stereos from new and used cars parked in the Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth dealership on April 17. Windows on some of the cars were shattered in the spree before the cars were vandalized. Police have no leads or suspects in the case.

FAILURE TO RETURN RENTAL

A Westland woman rented a Chevrolet Lumina from Marty Feldman Chevrolet on April 3 and had to return the vehicle on April 6 when it was due back to the dealer. Police took the report on April 14 and as of that date, the vehicle had not yet been returned, despite repeated attempts to retrieve it.

WELFARE CHECK

A Protective Services Agent asked police to check the welfare of two children left in the care of their Novi father. When police arrived at the home on April 14, the eldest of the two children was visiting at a friend's home. His younger sister was at home with

Police News

her father, who told police he had been drinking. The father told police he could no longer care for his children and asked officers to transport him to a Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor. The man said he was close to being evicted from his Novi apartment because of financial problems. His wife, the man told police, was arrested recently on a felonious assault charge and for assault and battery of a police officer.

Police removed the children from the home and placed them in a children's home after none of the family's relatives were willing to care for them. A May hearing is set in court and police have since learned the children's uncle may petition the court for custody of the pair.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT

A man flagged a security officer at Twelve Oaks Mall down after he

said an armored car guard threatened him on April 4. The subject told police the driver of the armored car had cut him off on the ring road surrounding the mall. When the subject approached the guard, the guard allegedly shouted several profanities at the subject and then threatened to shoot him if he didn't leave him alone.

The two parted ways before police arrived at the scene. The subject plans to pursue charges against the man who denies being the aggressor, according to the police report.

LARCENY OF HANDGUN

Five years ago a Novi woman purchased a handgun as a gift for her husband which has since disappeared from the family's home. The gun case was intact in the closet of the master bedroom but the .357 revolver was missing and

no one in the family claims any knowledge of its whereabouts.

POSSESSION

An off-duty police officer saw a man rolling a marijuana cigarette in his car parked at Blockbuster Video on April 15. The cop followed the 21-year-old man in his purple Ford Probe to the entrance of Saddle Creek apartments until a uniformed officer could enact a traffic stop. The suspect was arrested for possession of marijuana.

MAIL TAMPERING

Police responded to two reports of burning mailboxes on Chase Drive on April 15.

The first call came from a homeowner who had arrived home and discovered the smoking box. When he opened it, he found that someone had set his mailbox on fire. He notified police who were responding to another burning box down the street.

Citizens with information about these incidents are urged to call the Novi Police at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Roads blocked for run

The City of Novi will be blocking off roads Sunday for the annual Novi Providence Run. Residents are being asked not to drive those roads while the race is in progress unless absolutely necessary.

The route will start at Novi Civic Center south entrance, run through the Novi High School parking lot, go up onto the sidewalk at Novi High School and follow the sidewalk to Taft Road. It will then turn left onto Taft and proceed south to Nine Mile Road, turn right and proceed to Southwick. At the cul-de-sac, the route turns back onto Nine Mile and proceeds west to Autumn Park Lane and then returns to the Civic Center along the same route.

The fitness walk begins at 12:30 p.m. and the 8K Run begins at 1:30 p.m.

For more details, see page 8B.

Young and official

Council Member Rob Mitzel had to give up his title recently. He was the youngest member of Novi's elected and appointed government leaders. Mitzel was 23 in 1993 when he was the voter's choice for council.

Not any more, Mitzel conceded. The honors now go to Andrew Mutch, 22, who was recently appointed by the council to the Housing and Community Development Committee. Mutch was Mayor Kathy McCallen's choice for a spot on the Library Board, but she was overruled by the council majority, who opted for incumbent John Chambers. Some council members said they felt uncomfortable with placing Mutch on to the Library Board because he is a part-time library employee.

Touched by tragedy

Flags were flying at half-mast throughout Novi this week in remembrance of those killed and injured in the Oklahoma City terrorist bombing. And Monday, Mayor Kathy McCallen opened the Novi City Council meeting with a moment of silence for the victims.

Homeowners, police 'pitch' in for NYA

Novi Youth Assistance now has the City of Novi Homeowners Association and the Novi Police Department pitching for their team.

But not for one another. The homeowners group is taking on the police in a Sunday, May 7, benefit game to raise money for the program.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will be serving out the goodies at the concessions booth.

All the stuff will be donated by local merchants and the proceeds will benefit Novi Youth Assistance, which offers counseling and a summer program for at-risk youngsters.

Just to make sure it's a fair game, Mayor Kathleen McCallen, Fire Chief Art Lenaghan, Superintendent of Novi schools Emmett Lippe will be umpiring.

But beware if you shout kill the umpire. Police Chief Douglas Shaffer will also be out there refereeing.

City Manager Ed Kriewall and former Mayor Matt Quinn will call the play-by-play.

The event will take place at Ella Mae Power Park just behind the Novi Civic Center, at 1 p.m. The City of Novi Homeowners Association now represents 62 homeowners groups.



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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 April 23. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, APRIL 17
Medical, 44700 Grand River, 8:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, South Lake and Maudlin, 10:21 a.m., Engine 2, Medical, 25942 Glenmoor, 1:08 p.m., Squad 4.
Standby, Country Place, 1:12 p.m., Response 510.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
Medical, 31230 Tanglewood, 7:58 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, 1-96 and 275, 8:29 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire - vehicle, 1-96 and Beck Road, 5:04 p.m., Engine 1, Medical, 42825 Grand River, 5:26 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury Accident, Twelve Oaks ring road, 6:34 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
Medical, 48661 Grand River, 8:18 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Novi Village, 9:57 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire Alarm, 42850 Ten Mile Road, 10:39 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Injury Accident, Twelve Mile and Beck Road, 5:20 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
Injury Accident, 1-96 East of Beck Road, 12:54 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25709 Jackson, 5:44 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:15 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire Alarm, Providence Hospital, 2:10 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Injury Accident, Twelve Mile and M-5, 2:45 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
Fire Alarm, 24300 Catherine Drive, 1:44 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.

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City adopts domestic violence ordinance

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A five-page ordinance on domestic violence was passed Monday by the Novi City Council as an "emergency" response to what was described as an increasing local problem.

Previously, the police department charged individuals accused of domestic violence under the city's assault and battery ordinance. The new ruling now permits the local police department to arrest without a warrant a violator who makes a death threat or stalks or batters someone protected by a court order.

It also allows an arrest without a warrant if the officer has reason to believe that domestic violence has occurred.

"The purpose of this is to bring it into conformance with the state statute so the police department can use the statute charge on domestic violence," City Attorney David Fried said.

Typically, an ordinance is approved in a first and second reading, held at consecutive council sessions. This time, Council Member Tim Pope recommended that the ordinance be passed with immediate approval of both readings.

"That usually signifies this is a significant issue and we'd like to get it on the books quickly," Mayor Kathleen McCallen explained.

Under the new ordinance, after intervening in an incident of domestic violence, the officer must provide the victim with informa-

tion about local domestic violence shelter programs and counseling programs, as well as explain his or her right to go to court to obtain a personal protection order.

The Novi Police Department is working with the 52-1 District Court in Novi to reduce the number of incidents of domestic violence in town. Police Chief Douglas Shaffer noted in a memo to the council.

Outlined in the regulation is the procedure for arrests without warrants for domestic assaults. An officer may apprehend someone if he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the violation occurred or is occurring and the individual has had a child in common with the victim, lives or has lived in the same home or is a spouse or former spouse of the victim.

The officer may also apprehend someone who is in violation of a personal protection order if that person has assaulted the protected individual; without court authorization removed minor children from an individual having legal custody; entered the victim's premises; interfered with the victim at his or her job; threatened to kill the victim; interfered with the victim's right to remove a child or possessions from a former home; or engaged in stalking. As of April 1, 1996, the officer may also arrest the violator if he or she owns or purchases a firearm while a restraining order is issued against him or her. If found guilty, the defendant may be imprisoned for up to 90 days or fined up to \$500.

Volunteer Notes

Flavers Billiards Bar and Grill is sponsoring a nine-ball tournament to benefit the My Friends Care, Kathy Karney Fund.

The event is next Saturday, April 29. Registration begins at 1 p.m., the tournament at 2 p.m. Registration is \$20 with the chance to win prizes of T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts. Flavers Billiards Bar and Grill is located on Ten Mile Road, east of Haggerty in Novi. For more information, call Flavers at 471-5095. All proceeds go to benefit Kathy Karney, a local resident, battling breast cancer. Kathy needs a bone marrow transplant that is not covered by insurance.

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Residents upset over traffic from sub

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

...ing vote or sting vote?
Novi Planning Commission member Tom Capello east the evening vote Wednesday night ended an impasse at the commission table, but at the same time he sent residents in the audience opposed to the proposed 312 subdivision into a tailspin.
Commissioners were asked whether to send a positive or negative recommendation to the council on the new subdivision. On the first motion, Capello voted in favor of a positive recommendation to the city council and yes on a subsequent motion to send a negative...

with traffic from the new subdivision.

According to Singh's plans, access to Willowbrook Farm Subdivision, north of Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, would be provided by existing roads. The developer has designed a boulevard approach to Ten Mile Road combining Border Hill Road with Willow Road. Willow Road will dead end at the northwest side and be extended west in the future. Under the proposed plan, Border Lane will connect to the existing road in Leslie Park to the east and Camborne Lane which...

dead ends to the east will be used for future extension. Two stub streets are also proposed that would provide access to Leslie Park sub via Brenda Lane.

"It's a parasitic relationship," said Warren Joz, president of the Willowbrook Community Association which is opposed to the new development using its streets to sustain itself.
Those opposed also argue that providing the connector streets will increase traffic on roads that were not meant to handle the influx of traffic.
Residents were also concerned...

the new development will compound drainage problems already causing problems in their neighborhoods, but city consultants dispute that.

According to JCK, the city's engineers, Singh is proposing to provide an on-site with a storm water system including rear yard drains which will contain water and prevent flooding.
The commission made its recommendation to city council which will hear the developer's pitch for tentative plat approval in the future.

Derby set for Saturday

The annual Ottawa district championship Pinewood Derby Car Races will be held at Walled Lake Community Education Center on the west side of Pontiac Trail just south of Maple Road in Walled Lake Saturday, April 29, beginning at 9 a.m.
Check-in time for Tiger/Wolf Scouts will be at 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the races will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for unlimited racers check-in time will be from 11:30 a.m. to noon and the races will run from noon to 12:30 p.m. For Bear/Webos scouts, check-in time will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the races will run from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
The first place winners in each Scout class will have their names engraved on a plaque on the wall in the Motorsports Hall of Fame for the year.
Family members and spectators are welcome. The Ottawa district serves the communities of Novi and surrounding areas and includes some 2,746 scouts.

Maybury plans its Earth Day activities

Maybury State Park will host its sixth annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 29. The day's events begin with a 10K race at 10 a.m., sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation and Running Fit.
From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the demonstration building at the farm will be the site of many activities. Students in all grades at Moraine Elementary have been working on projects relating to the earth and environmental issues. These will be on display, along with related crafts and activities for the visitor to...

Additional information about programs or facilities may be obtained by calling the park office at 349-8390.
Representatives from Valvoline Oil Company will be on hand to collect your used motor oil for recycling. BFI will have a display demonstrating construction of an environmentally safe landfill.
For more information, or a schedule of the day's events, please contact the park office.

Library Notes

Book Talk: *A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest Gaines, will be discussed at the next Novi Library Adult Book Discussion group on Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. For information, call the Novi Library at 349-0720.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Art Van Furniture is requesting a temporary use permit to allow a tent sale at 27775 Novi Road, for the period May 5 through May 8, 1995.
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 3, 1995, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 1995.
CAREN A. COLLINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND COMMISSION (4-27-95 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 4, 1995 at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Development Department, Novi, City Offices, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Lot 90, Mystic Forest Subdivision, on the west side of Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, for construction of a new home.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Planning & Community Development, Attn: Gerie Hubbs, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 1995.
GERIE HUBBS, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (4-27-95 NR, NN)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Novi Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project:
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Novi High School, Release Date April 17, 1995, Pre Bid Meeting Walk-Thru April 19, 1995 at 1:00 p.m., Bid Due Date May 2, 1995 and Award Date May 10, 1995.
Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager on or after April 17, 1995. There is a \$100.00 refundable deposit required per set:
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All proposals must be submitted on Bid Date before 2:00 p.m., local time, on the approved bid proposal forms to:
James Kostler
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 KOSTLER, ASSOC. SUPERINTENDENT (4-20-95 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of:
General Fund .2652 Mills
Police & Fire Fund .0333 Mills
Parks & Recreation .0409 Mills
Library .0422 Mills
in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1995-96.

The hearing will be held on Monday, May 8, 1995, at 8:00 p.m., EDT, in conjunction with the PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1995-96 BUDGET at the Novi Civic Center, in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, 48375.
It is expected that the Council will take action on the proposed additional millage May 15, 1995, as a part of the adoption of the 1995-96 Budget.
If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes:

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Police & Fire Fund	2.26%
Parks & Recreation	11.15%
Library	5.52%

over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue including available Fund Balance will increase <decrease> by:

General Fund	-2.03%
Police & Fire Fund	-9.63%
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Library	10.36%

over the preceding year's operating revenue.
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Aspen Woods plan is rescinded

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi Planning Commissioners voted Wednesday to rescind their approval of the Aspen Woods site plan but tabled talk of a revised site plan until their next meeting.
The new plan for 31 detached cluster homes will be considered by the commission after city planning consultants review its merits.

"All we have done is offer a compromise," said developer Ray Cousineau, who said the city after commissioners reduced his proposed number of units from 33 to 29. "We've proposed adding two units to 31 units by reconfiguring and re-clustering the units around the protected lands."
Cousineau introduced the revised plan Wednesday just as commissioners voted to rescind their prior approval of his previous plan. The earlier plan was approved on March 15 with the condition that four homes be dropped from it.

Three weeks later and the day the suit was actually filed but never yet served on the city, Commissioner Laura Lorenz moved to rescind the commission's March 15 approval of the reduced lot plan. The motion to rescind was postponed until Wednesday because there wasn't any support from the rest of the commission to rescind it on April 5.

"That wasn't the case Wednesday. The commission voted 7-2 to rescind the plan and 8-0 to postpone it until the next meeting."
Commissioners Glen Bonaventura and Pete Headley voted not to rescind their previous action. The pair also voted against a motion to postpone talk of rescinding the plan on April 5.
On April 5, Bonaventura was opposed to Lorenz's motion because he thought some commissioners may be voting in because of the pending lawsuit.
According to the minutes of the April 5 meeting, Bonaventura said...

the commission shouldn't be swayed by the threat of a lawsuit. He said that rather than asking a commissioner to present his case for him, the developer should have either resubmitted his plans to the city or approached the full commission and ask to have its previous action rescinded.
"I didn't agree with Laura before but I was cautious of what I said, how I said it and the way I said it," Bonaventura said about comments he made at the April 5 meeting. "I have a lot of respect for Laura. But...

He thought about this."
Headley agreed: "When Laura Lorenz made the motion I supported it because I thought she had every right to make it. But I think Glen is right it should have come through the front door."
Commissioner Kathy Mutch agreed that the revised plan should be subject to the city's review.
This plan is different and the configuration should be subject to the consultant's review," she said. "It's not just a matter of putting two lots back in the plan."

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF USED GRADALL

The City of Novi will sell the following Warner & Swasey Gradall by sealed bid. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., providing custom form, Wednesday, May 17, 1995 at the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (4-27-95 NR, NN)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1995 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, May 10, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing opinions on the past performance of our cable operator, MetroVision of Oakland County, and future needs of cable for the residents of Novi, Farmington, and Farmington Hills.
Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of cable television, as herein described, at the Novi Administration Building, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, Michigan. Phone: (810) 473-7266.
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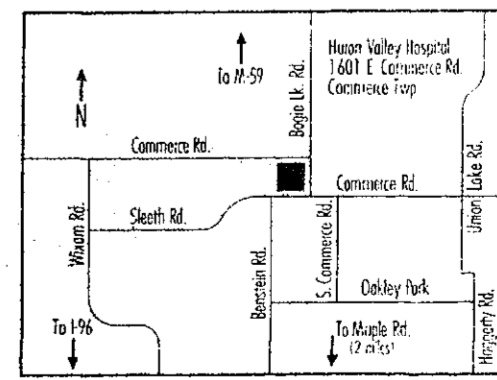
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Militia has potential for danger, cop says

By SAM BLACK Staff Writer

While an investigator doesn't believe local residents are immediately threatened by the Michigan Militia, he views the group as unstable and potentially dangerous.

"Any law enforcement agency should be leery when confronted by the militia," he said. The investigator asked that his name not be used so that he can maintain his anonymity to the militia.

He was directed to attend a militia meeting at the Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac last fall, after citizens became alarmed by militia rhetoric and armed military exercises.

"At that time they were perceived as zealous," the investigator said. "They didn't talk about acts against the government. They just talked about defending themselves. It's unbelievable the amount of paranoia in these people."

Militia members and supporters expressed similar views last Saturday at the "Michigan Summit" at The Woodlands Golf Club in Brighton. They believe today's money system will fail. Some argue the federal government is violating citizens' Constitutional rights and one day the United Nations will give birth to a one-world government.

In local open meetings held about every two weeks, militia members invite guest speakers to teach members about the Constitution, economics and survival skills. In outdoor training exercises, members learn combat techniques and how to handle firearms.

Most militia members firmly believe the 80 people killed at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in 1993 was an example of federal tyranny, the investigator said.

"I think their message was clear: If there was intervention in Michigan like in Waco, they would mobilize and respond," the investigator said. "In my definition of mobilize, it means putting on your uniform, grabbing your gun and reporting to base to carry out whatever plans they have."

The militias generally aren't exclusive groups. Nearly anyone is welcome into their core.

But poor screening, he said, leaves militias open to public scrutiny. Most people throughout the nation cast a wary eye toward Michigan's militias when one of its supposed members, Timothy McVeigh, was arrested last week for the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

"If you walk like a duck, quack like a duck, sooner or later you're going to think you're a duck," the investigator said. "If you keep acting like a soldier, training for war, someone will want to use the weapons they're stockpiling. It's like an arms build up, eventually somebody will want to use it."

Citizens have a right to form militias under the Michigan and United States constitutions, said Dave Knight, a captain in the 5th Brigade of the Southern Michigan Regional Militia, also known as the Wolverines. To become a member, a person must be 18 to 40 years old, a U.S. citizen and take an oath to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

But the investigator questions if any American should be trained by militias to handle weapons to prevent an alleged future catastrophe.

At the Pontiac meeting of the militia, the investigator said, about 50 people attended. About 10 people were curious observers. The other 40 people were a following of members who travel to other meetings to show greater numbers.

Wolverine Lt. Col. David Dougherty, the commander of the 5th Brigade, refused to divulge how many members were in the Wolverines.

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Local man defends militia movement

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 motive. I don't know what it is but they are trying to be destructive to the militia and they are getting assistance from the monster media," Binkley said.

"People don't believe the Oklahoma bombed the building in Oklahoma City and they see the government ready to hit the militia everywhere and they say 'wait a minute, they're using this.'"

He also refutes allegations that he was involved in plans to raid Camp Grayling. Binkley says he believes that he may now be under surveillance, possibly by the FBI, and that his phone may be tapped.

The focus of the March 21 talk in Novi was on "FRNs vs. Real Money," an overview of the flaws of our present monetary system and the super-critical state of

today's economy. "FRNs are Federal Reserve Notes, the paper money now in circulation. The public was invited to meet the militia and 'discover why it is necessary to reserve this money tradition.'"

The Michigan Constitutional State Militia, which was formed by the Gakkloni County Militia, places its recruits in squads assigned to geographical areas. These then answer to a county and state coordinator. Membership, the location of squads and training sessions are kept confidential, Binkley said, adding that "a few of the members live in Novi."

The method of organization is based on the teachings of former Michigan Militia man Mark Koerke of Dexter, who spreads his message through short wave radio broadcasts and videotapes.

Binkley said they broke off from the Michigan Militia because that group was "too political."

"The concept of a militia is not new in Novi. In 1835, Samuel Hungerford organized the Novi Greens, an independent company of riflemen, marched, drilled and prepared to invade Ohio and claim Toledo or else answer the call in any national emergency."

What is new is that groups such as the Michigan Constitutional State Militia believe that a New World Order, propagated by the United Nations, may ultimately place foreign troops on American soil and kick off a war between those who favor world government and staunch constitutionalists. Binkley says he doesn't believe that the rank-and-file in the U.S. Armed Forces or the police will

join in to fight their fellow Americans, but will instead enlist with the Patriots.

"When it becomes obvious there is nothing to do but fight, we have a clear definition of who the enemy is," he said.

"All we can do is organize, prepare, equip and train."

He won't say exactly who is backing the New World Order but says the organization has access to money, high-tech equipment and fire national media.

The Michigan Constitutional State Militia drills in private sessions with "light armaments" and is prepared to resist any door-to-door search and seizure maneu-

vers to take their weaponry, Binkley said. Members stash food in anticipation of economic disaster.

Prior to joining the militia movement, Binkley intended to move with his family to a more remote part of the country and await the crumbling of the world as we know it today.

"It's scary, fictional sounding stuff. Tom Clancy doesn't write anything this scary. Stephen King doesn't write stuff this scary. But the evidence is that it's going to happen soon," he said.

"If I'm wrong it won't happen. If I'm right, we have to have people prepared."

Fowlerville put under national spotlight

By AMY KENNIN Staff Writer

The small town of Fowlerville has been reluctantly dragged into national focus this week as speculation has ebbed and flowed on whether federal authorities want to talk to anti-government activist Mark Koerke of Dexter about the bombing last Wednesday of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The connection is slim, but that hasn't stopped the national media from trooping through Fowlerville and monopolizing the phone line to the village police department.

Fowlerville, last fall, was the site of the arrest on weapons charges of three men who supposedly have served as part of a security detail for Koerke.

The three — Michael Gleason of Howell, James Alford of Detroit and Paul Darland of Kalamazoo — were arrested and charged with various concealed weapons offenses.

The trio were bailed out of the

Livingston County jail and disappeared before their scheduled preliminary hearing on Sept. 14. While Gleason, Alford and Darland didn't show up at the 53rd District Court building in Brighton, members and supporters of the Michigan Militia, the citizens' paramilitary organization to which Oklahoma bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh was initially linked last week, were on hand to observe the proceedings.

Both Michigan Militia leaders and Michigan State Police investigators say the three men arrested in Fowlerville are not militia members.

"The press has created a triangle between Koerke, McVeigh and the Nichols brothers (Terry and James)," Fowlerville Police Chief Gary Krause said Monday.

McVeigh — who has been linked to brothers Terry and James Nichols of Decker, who are being held as material witnesses in the bombing — has also been linked to loaded weapons and the three were arrested and charged with various concealed weapons offenses.

Krause said his phone has been ringing off the hook since Friday, with more than 100 calls from members of the national media, including the TV networks, nation-

ally visible and accessible to everyone. We think being under ground may indicate that you're doing something you should be hiding.

"I think Mark is a concerned American patriot, but he needs to soften up what he says," Knight added. "And from listening to his radio programs, I believe he is a Christian man and I don't think he is capable of these (Oklahoma) atrocities."

Of the three men who walked out on their bond in Brighton last fall, two have since been apprehended. Alford currently is serving six months in jail on two counts of carrying loaded firearms in a motor vehicle. Darland was apprehended at his parents' home near Kalamazoo on April 12. Knight remains at large.

Krause said that two of the three men, who at the time of their arrests said they were returning from "night maneuvers," said they provided security for Koerke.

"Koerke is a colorful figure and he's right on our fringes, so that draws the attention," Krause said. Koerke holds beliefs similar to those of the Michigan Militia, according to David Knight of Fowlerville, Livingston County Fifth Brigade information officer.

Mark is saying a lot of the same things that the militia at large believes, but his mission is different," Knight said. "We prefer to be

South Lyon residents fear militia group

South Lyon-area residents say they are afraid of citizens' militias operating in their communities.

"No matter how good their intentions, a few bad apples in the group could get them in a lot of trouble," resident Sabrina Harris added.

Harris saw a flier in a South Lyon laundromat advertising meetings for the Michigan Militia. Timothy McVeigh, who had attended Michigan Militia meetings in Michigan's Thumb area, was arrested last week. He is being held by federal authorities in Oklahoma and is charged with the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

The flier Harris saw was posted in the laundromat by a South Lyon couple. They are not members of a militia, but were asked by the Southern Michigan Regional Militia, to post the flier to advertise open meetings of the local militia.

Last Saturday, the South Lyon couple joined about 60 people, who are either supportive or members of the Michigan Militia. The group sat about tables in The Woodlands Golf Course clubhouse in Brighton preparing for dooms-

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through to local customers its cost of purchasing cable companies such as MetroVision, as well as the costs of the upgrade of the local system.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) does not permit a direct pass-through of the upgrade to customers.

"The way we do make any money back is additional programs, if we add a channel or some number of channels, the FCC has a given formula on how we can raise costs," MetroVision's vice president and

regional manager Tom Bjorklund said in a SWOCC meeting last week.

"We should have the opportunity to bring in increased money by increased programming."

FCC also permits cable firms to pass costs on via fees for upgraded converters, but the firm realizes little from that, Bjorklund said.

However, Bjorklund's request to SWOCC last week that the contract permit them to assess customers the cost of the upgrade should the FCC regulations change was met with dismay by the commission.

"We have a history, we have an agreement, we have current law that prohibits the costs of this upgrade to be passed on. What you're suggesting is that the rules of the game change again," Hartsock said.

"You want to pass the costs onto the subscriber. Conceptually, I have difficulty understanding this."

SWOCC and the cable company are also in the throes of franchise renewal negotiations.

In Novi, Council Member Tim Pope said he was disappointed the transfer was agreed to this quickly.

When the commission has 18 months. He is pushing for universal cable coverage in Novi.

"I am just convinced we may have lost our bargaining position when we agree to a transfer when the renewal is virtually reassured due to federal law," Pope said.

Hartsock said the commission will push for cable accessibility for all area residents as the negotiations continue.

"We're going to be very difficult if we don't get full coverage," Council Member Robert Schmid said.

Postal retail center opens in South Lyon

A new kind of U.S. post office will be unveiled in South Lyon this Sunday, April 30.

Dedication and ribbon cutting for the new South Lyon postal retail store will be held at 1:30 p.m. An open house with guided tours will follow from 2-4 p.m. The postal store is located at 111 South Lafayette Street.

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Martin and Dorais described Sunday's "party" as a family affair. The public is invited to join the fun at the Kids Corner, stop off at the Inspection Service booth, or take a tour of the facility. Students from South Lyon's Bartlett Elementary School will be on hand to give lessons in stamp designing.

Clerk counters will be open for business, and refreshments will be served.

South Lyon Mayor Jeffrey Potter and Chamber of Commerce President Pat Guy will join Dorais and Martin at the event.

Police arrest members of 'Jokers' club

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were using to restore woodwork inside.

The bikers pulled into the lot and forced their way into the bar, despite the owner's protests and a sign telling patrons the bar was closed. When Kerren attempted to block their entry, Dosky struck him in the face and hit his ear and left hip, the police report indicates.

Two others also reportedly assaulted the owner, but were nearly run down when the suspect accelerated his cycle, smiled at the officer and jumped out of the way and the suspect took off on northbound East Lake Drive.

Later, Walled Lake and Novi police confiscated two knives and a 25 caliber semi automatic weapon from the suspects they arrested.

Three tried to flee the bar when they heard police sirens, a fourth, Reed, took shelter behind the bar but was arrested when police arrived.

When Novi police arrived at the scene they encountered the bikers in the parking lot trying to flee the scene. Officer John Hart ordered assistance to stop but was nearly run down when the suspect accelerated his cycle, smiled at the officer and jumped out of the way and the suspect took off on northbound East Lake Drive.

The suspect while police concentrated on a second cyclist who tried to flee in the same direction. A Wolverine Lake officer pursued the second suspect.

Officer Hart pursued the chase on East Lake and encountered the marked Wolverine Lake unit stopped behind the biker who was laying on the ground. Hart jumped

out of his patrol car and grabbed a knife from the suspect before Walled Lake radioed for help.

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Tax hike would still be cheap

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even further and requires a public hearing before the council can approve imposing the tax over this level. Now that Proposal A holds property assessments to no higher than 2.4 percent, the state legislature is toying with changing the Truth-In-Taxation formula to allow a higher benchmark.

Oakland County has advised Novi to calculate its figures based on this new benchmark, city Controller Kathy Smith-Roy said.

The council is now in the process of picking and choosing which department and what project gets how much money.

Of the \$385,000 in additional revenues the tax hike would raise for the general fund, \$350,000 of that will go into new computers, primarily for the police department. This year, the city already has budgeted \$300,000 for computers.

"It's going to take a little bit of money but the results will be there. I guarantee it," Council Member Joseph Toth, a member of the city's public committee said.

Schmid argued that the city needs fund planning studies.

"Planning the city in my mind is far more important than buying a bunch of computers. The city's going to be there in the future, they'll just be junk in the landfills," he said.

City of Novi Tax Info

The city may roll up its millage above the Truth-In-Taxation benchmark.

Millage in 1994-1995:	10.3543
Truth-In-Taxation level for 1995-1996:	10.2907
Proposed rise above 1995-1996 Truth-In-Taxation levels:	.3816
Proposed millage for 1995-1996:	10.4723
Total 1994-1995 taxes for a home valued then at \$150,000:	\$776.57
Proposed 1995-1996 taxes for the same home with a 2 percent assessment increase:	\$801.13

General Fund	
Maximum millage per city charter:	6.5
Truth-In-Taxation rollback:	3.8715
Headline maximum:	5.3040
Proposed increase:	.2652
Proposed millage:	4.1367

Police and Fire Fund	
Maximum millage per city charter:	1.8
Truth-In-Taxation rollback:	1.4764
Headline maximum:	1.5097
Proposed increase:	.0333
Proposed millage:	1.5097

Parks and Recreation Fund	
Maximum allowable millage:	one-half mill
Truth-In-Taxation rollback:	.3671
Headline maximum:	.4080
Proposed increase:	.0409
Proposed millage:	.4080

Library Fund	
Maximum millage per city charter:	one mill
Truth-In-Taxation rollback:	.7738
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Lack of accreditation was state department error

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"We take full responsibility," she said. "The mixup occurred in our office by the data sent to us by North Central Accreditation Association. But it was our error, not North Central's."

Forward declined specifics about what data was either missing, incomplete or submitted late in Novi's file, but said "there is no cover up and we aren't trying to throw stones at anyone."

Once the information came in and was verified, there was no question the four Novi schools earned and deserved summary accreditation.

Dr. Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent of instruction for the school district, said that Novi's

unique grade configuration may have slowed the initial results.

Novi elementary schools are kindergarten through fourth grade schools were paired in the state's assessment with Michigan schools operating in a traditional K-5 or K-6 building.

Students in Novi elementary and in Novi Meadows had fewer Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores to compare with students in other schools.

To decide accreditation, the state pulled MEAP scores from the last three years. The lowest scores were dropped and schools reported eight test scores from the past three years to the state for review.

Novi, however, elementary reported only six scores because

students in the K-4 configuration are tested only twice while in that building. In Novi Meadows, students are tested even less because of the grade configuration.

What state officials failed to notice is that Novi students were making the benchmark grade, which is two-thirds of students have scored satisfactory (66 percent) on the annual math and reading test given to fourth, seventh and tenth graders. Fifth, eighth and eleventh graders take the science test.

"Our youngsters scored high enough but they just didn't have enough scores. But we do have the same number of successful test scores," Lippe said.

Oakley Park to host UNICEF official

Oakley Park Elementary School will hold a reception in honor of Dr. Gwendelyn Calvert Baker, President of the United States Committee for UNICEF, on Monday, May 1, at 8:30 a.m. in the media center at the school, 2015 Oakley Park Road in Walled Lake.

Baker will speak to the students about the work of UNICEF, particularly the work done by the Audrey Hepburn Fund, the fund designated as the recipient of this year's UNICEF collection by Oakley Park students.

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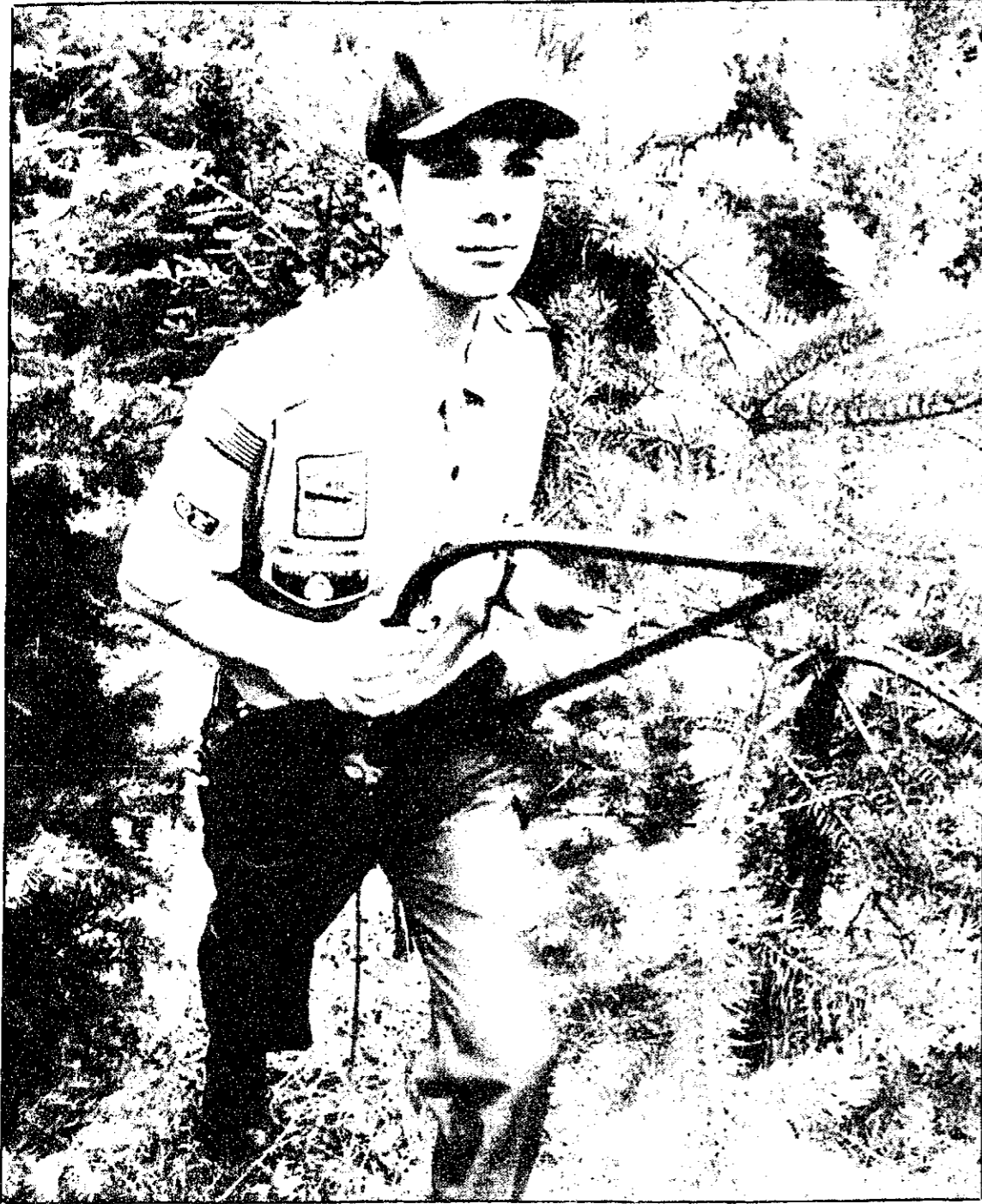
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By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Scouting's highest rank is achieved by only two percent of the 25 to 30 percent of boys who join. On the average, a little over half the troops will produce one Eagle Scout per year. In this area, that number is much higher. Three Scouts in Novi recently earned the rank of Eagle.

Scouting is designed so that each boy will advance at his own pace. Scouts do not compete against each other, but set goals and challenge themselves to go as far as their own ambitions take them.

Unlike other service project requirements in Scouting, which require the Scout to be a follower, the Eagle service project requires the Scout to be a leader.

The service project for the Eagle Rank requires that the scout to plan, develop and give leadership to others in a project to help a religious group, school or community.

Projects are approved by the Scoutmaster, by the troop committee and by the council or district before the Scout begins. Ideas do not have to be original but they do have to be of real value. Eagle service projects, unlike other service projects, must meet national Scout requirements.

Eagle Scout candidates must also earn a total of 21 merit badges including camping, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, communications, emergency preparedness, environmental science, first aid, lifesaving, personal fitness, personal management, safety, sports and swimming.

They must also hold a position of responsibility within the troop and have completed the requirements for both a star and a life rank.

JEFF DUNESKE

Jeff Duneske has been in Scouting for nine years

and is the 13th Eagle Scout Troop 54 has produced.

As a junior assistant scoutmaster, Duneske helps the senior patrol leader prepare and carry out troop activities. He also helps supervise at all troop meetings. Once a month Duneske teaches a skill to the troop such as orienteering and camping.

"I enjoy teaching camping skills and how to pack and prepare different equipment to use," he said. "I also enjoy being outside for the weekend."

He received the Order of the Arrow, an honor not earned by, but bestowed upon the Scout by the troop. It is in recognition of his being a worthy Scout and an unselfish camper.

Duneske sat down with his Scoutmaster to come up with ideas for his service project.

"I have taken woodworking classes in school," he said, "and enjoy working with wood."

He chose to work with the Novi Parks and Recreation on the future Rotary Park on Nine Mile Road.

Duneske invested 161 hours in the project which began in mid-November and was completed Feb. 22.

He started by designing benches and picnic tables and drawing up the plans.

Duneske made four benches and assembled two grills. He then dug the holes for the benches and grills. The benches were cemented into holes he dug along the river path. The grills were cemented into holes dug in the picnic area. He then built three picnic tables which are also used in the picnic area.

"The requirement is that the project must benefit the community in some way," said Duneske, "and the Scout cannot profit from the project."

Projects must be carried out and designed by the Eagle Scout himself.

Duneske is a junior at Novi High School and is a life-long resident of Novi.

WADE CLAY

Wade Clay began his Scouting experience with

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Scouts Wade Clay, far left, supervised the clearing of trees from the old Novi Tree Farm for the future home of the Novi Community Park. Jeff Duneske, left, made benches and picnic tables for the future Rotary Park. Cory Davenport, below, chose Old Town Hall as the location for his project which included planting pear trees and making a terraced walkway.

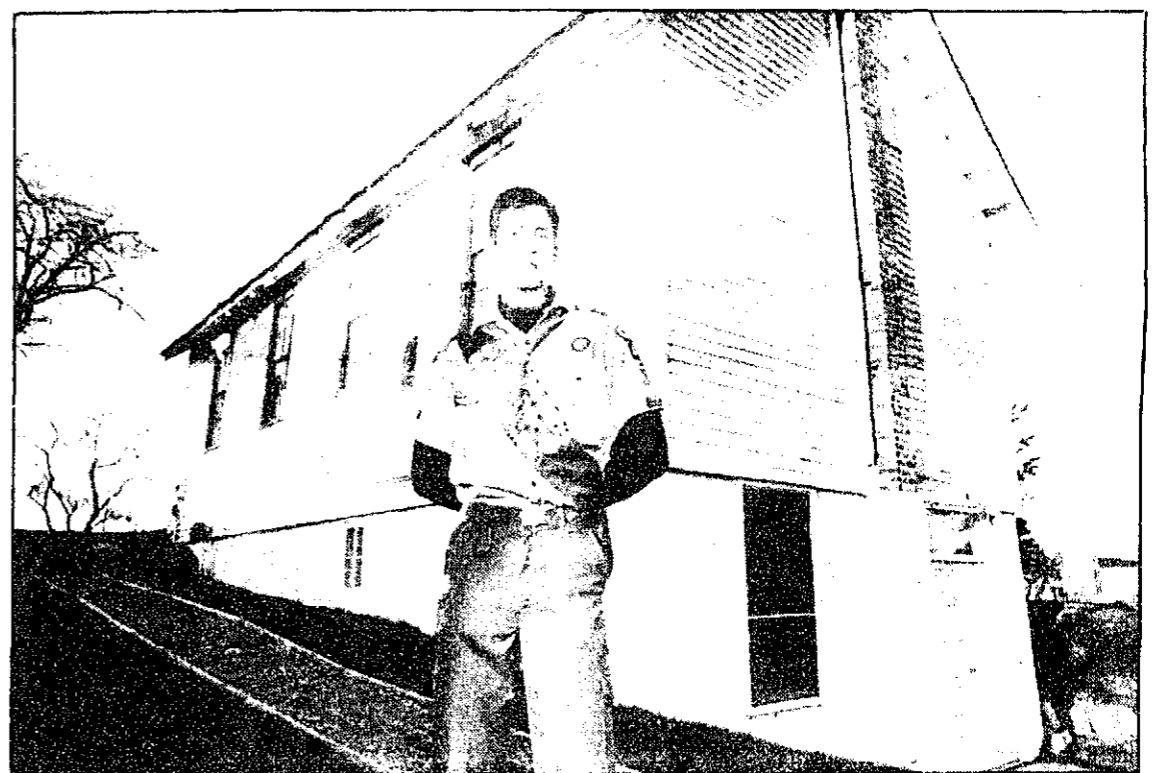


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Pack 54 in 1985 when he was in the third grade. He crossed over to Troop 407 in 1988.

Since then he has been involved in several leadership positions. Clay has been a Bugler, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and he is presently Assistant Scoutmaster.

For his Eagle service project Clay organized and supervised a group of people to clear over 600 trees for the future home of the Novi Community Park at Twelve-and-a-Half Mile and Dixon roads.

Clay began his project toward the end of June in 1994 by talking to the City of Novi forester. He then organized the 40 Scouts and their dads needed for

the project.

As weather permitted and as the group had access to the area, they began cutting down the five-to six-foot Christmas trees on the old Novi Tree Farm which the City of Novi has purchased for a new park. The volunteers also piled all the trees for the city to clear away. The City of Novi will take care of the trunks.

Clay figures he had about 100 hours into the project by the time it was complete at the end of August.

Clay has enjoyed the leadership and camping experiences he gained while in Scouting.

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Volunteer



PAUL HENDRICKS

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Hendricks has a say
in community programsBy DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

You could call it the Novi Dream Team of which one member is Paul Hendricks, a resident who teaches language arts in elementary grades in the Detroit school system.

The real name of the group of five members is the Novi Community Education Advisory Council, and its purpose is "to make recommendations and suggestions to the school board" of activity programs which for a nominal fee will appeal to the various people in the community from preschoolers to senior citizens.

Subject matter runs like this: "Free swim" for all ages, street safety for preschoolers, foreign language courses, stock market investing, and computers. Hendricks said, "I'm taking two computer courses - one Basic and one in networking."

Some offerings are on-going, some are a matter of six weeks, and some meet only twice.

"We're trying to get more seniors involved," Hendricks said, "and we've been concerned lately about offering more day-time classes for them because many don't like to get out in the evening."

If you have never taken any of the courses put out by Novi Community Education and would like to peek into the picture of what's available, you're invited to attend the Summer Opportunities Fair, which, Hendricks said, will be held at Village Oaks Elementary School on May 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Some of the exhibitors displaying things for you to do will be Maybury State Park, Schoolcraft College, YMCA, USA Blades, and Discovery Zone.

And if you would like to volunteer on the Advisory Council, you are welcome to take a look at the council in action and then maybe apply for membership.

Meetings are held on the second Monday at the Novi Community Education Center, 25345 Taft Road, at 7 p.m.

It's A Fact

Tick...Tock

Eighteen Novi administrative officers claimed overtime in 1994 to the tune of 2,127 hours or 53,175 weeks. The employees were reimbursed for 1,596.25 and worked 530.75 hours or just over 13 weeks without pay.

Diversions

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Romantic comedy at Meadowbrook

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Scott Peerbolte is back on stage. This time he is a bus boy in *She Loves Me*, a love story. *She Loves Me* is based on the play by Miklos Laszlo. Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, music by Jerry Block, and the book is by Joe Masteroff, the same people who created *Fiddler on the Roof*. The play is set in a European perfume shop in the 1930s. The romantic leads are a man and a woman who both work in the shop and hate each other but, unknown to them both, they are romantic pen pals. Peerbolte plays a bus boy, a small supporting role, and is also in the ensemble of the production. He has been acting professionally for six or seven years. His first amateur role was as Sweeney in *Sweeney Todd* and the *Seven Dwarves* when he was in kindergarten. The decision to go into acting didn't come until later during high school. Besides his acting, Peerbolte runs a children's theater school in Birmingham. The 25-year-old Northville resident has done two seasons of the *Christmas Carol* with Meadowbrook and recently appeared at Genetti's Children's Saturday Morning series with September Productions, in *The Prodigy*. "If somebody is calling an audition," said Peerbolte, "I'm usually there." Performances are every evening except Monday. Ticket prices are \$18-28-\$50 depending on performance day and time. Meadowbrook Theater is located on the campus at Oakland University in Rochester just off I-75 and University Drive exit 79. For more information, call (810) 377-3300.

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The right number

James Stewart's in his prime in Call Northside 777

CALL NORTHSIDE 777
By Helaine Blinstock
Novi

"Call Northside 777" is an "oldie" from the 1948 old black-and-white crop, and a "goodie". It's James Stewart in his prime, displaying the kind of acting that made him so famous. Stewart, a tenacious newspaper reporter, learns that an old woman, the mother of a prisoner (Richard Conte) serving a life's sentence for murder, has offered \$5,000 to find the true killer. So certain of her son's innocence, she's scrubbed floors for 11 years since his conviction, scripping and saving to make this earnest plea for help. Stewart's editor (Lee J. Cobb) feels the story will create lots of human interest and sell many papers, so he assigns Stewart the story. Once Stewart gets involved, he becomes convinced of the man's innocence and conducts a tireless, determined investigation. There's one scene that deserves special mention. Conte undergoes a lie detector test which appears entirely authentic. Later, not surprisingly, I learned in fact the man rendering the test wasn't an actor, but indeed someone who actually

conducts these sensitive tests. Based on a true story and handled in a semi-documentary style, the pacing builds suspense toward a fulfilling climax.

A MIDNIGHT CLEAR
By Martin Boonstra
Milford

While there are a plethora of new movies to see constantly, most of the choices are quite unappealing. As an alternative, it would be extremely wise to go directly to the nearest video store and rent the little-known film "A Midnight Clear." "A Midnight Clear" is a powerful movie set in 1944 Europe during the end of World War II. The movie follows a group of intelligent young men fighting for the Allies who seem to not really want to be there. This is not a gory, horrific portrait of war, but is dramatic nonetheless. The young troops are sent to scout out an abandoned building in the forest, which ends up being the setting for a majority of the film. The story unravels as another mysterious group of men from the German army finds them. The movie is filled with the most

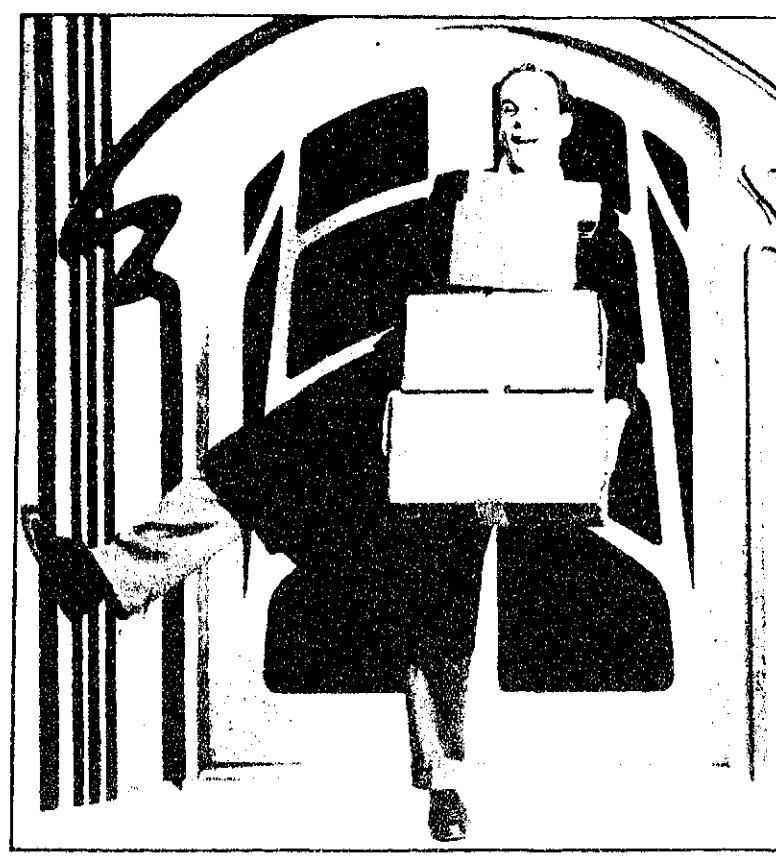
odd friendships and unlikely events. Do not expect an action-packed thriller when you rent "A Midnight Clear." Expect, however, one of the better kept secrets in film making in recent years. "A Midnight Clear" features Ethan Hawke, Arlye Gross, Peter Berg and Gary Sims (Lt. Dan in "Forrest Gump.")

MAJOR PAYNE
By Mark Gibbs
Highland

I have recently attended the showing of "Major Payne." I found this movie to be extremely good. My brother and I laughed all through the movie. Damon Wayans is a great actor. He portrays the leader very well. When he first gets to the school, the cadets are in bad shape. He quickly whips the subordinate cadets into shape with pushups. After he makes them run, he sets up an obstacle course for them to run. He is temporarily out of the Marines so he believes in unity. So he makes them move into a shack-like building. He can keep a close eye on them in there.



Damon Wayans provides lots of laughs as 'Major Payne.'



Scott Peerbolte plays a bus boy in She Loves Me.

Entertainment listing

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

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

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

AUDITIONS

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH: The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits. Dramas and skits are based on topical issues. Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome. A local community church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. Those interested should call Ann Marie Frey, (810) 348-3553.

THEATER

MARQUIS: Performance dates for the musical adaptation of *Heidi* by Johanna Spiro will be Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30. All performances will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all public performances are \$6.50.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner/theater program continues 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 clues - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out who the culprit. 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 347-0095.

GENETTI'S: Auditions: The Play. A zany troupe is holding auditions at Genetti's Little Theatre through the spring of 1995. After a seven course dinner, it's a crazy evening of auditions, featuring song, dance, monologues, and a few twists. Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

PRINCESS AND THE PEA: Performances at the Marquis Theater will be held May 12 through June 17. The Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville. For more information, call (810) 349-8110.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET: The Seasons of Spring will be presented on May 6 at 4 p.m. in the Smith Theatre located on the campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Tickets for the performance are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors.

CENTER STAGE DANCE COMPANY: Center Stage Dance Company will stage the ballet *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* at the Marquis Theatre on Saturday, May 13, at 8:30 p.m. for one performance only. Tickets are \$5 each and are available through the studio, 380-1666, 135 East Cady in Northville or at the Marquis Theatre, 349-8110, 135 E. Main Street, also in Northville.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

SUNSET GRILL: The Grill hosts a blues "jam" every Tuesday by the Sunset Blues Band, beginning at 9 p.m. Pete "Big Dog" Fetters will be appearing on April 27, May 4, 11 and 18 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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.

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BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday. Live entertainment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Featured Artist Chuck Parsons is showing abstract and impressionist acrylics in all sizes and large 48 inch square paintings on canvas and Masonite. The show continues through May 31.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The RFD Boys will be featured at the Plymouth Symphonies at their Pops Concert on Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

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

8:30 to 11 p.m.; April 29 Leslie & Jason 10 a.m. to noon, Carol Smallwood 3 to 5 p.m.; Shedding Pony Moon 8:30 to 11 p.m.; April 30 Carol Smallwood 1 to 3 p.m., and May 3 Robert Dogar 7 to 10 p.m. The café is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville. Call 344-0220 for additional information.

TOWN CENTER GALLERY: Town Center Gallery is featuring the stain glass art of Dirk Thompson III through May 15. 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.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, a fun casual place, presents live music seven nights a week with no cover charge, including the Sunday night jam with J.D. Lamb from 8 p.m. to midnight. Music all other nights begins at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

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

BOB SAULT CLUB: The Four Seasons Bob's Club of Michigan will present a Four Corners Fair at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell St. in Royal Oak on Sunday, April 30, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Four informal demos on Bob's are will be presented. The fair is free and open to the public. For additional information call Marge (810) 687-0185 or Roz (810) 354-6119.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: The following concerts are announced and open to the public: The college's Community Choir under the direction of Donald Stromberg will present its 30th anniversary concert, "A Celebration of Song" on Saturday, April 29, at 8 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 3000 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: "Remember the Song" is the theme for the 21st spring concert for the 130 voice chorus on April 29 at 8 p.m. and April 30 at 4 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road west of Canton Center Road in Canton. The program features *Aura Lee*, *Begin the Beguine*, *As Time Goes By*, *More Than You Know* and *The Night*, among others. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students and are available at Dearborn Music in Canton, Evola Music and Sideways in Plymouth, the *Northville Record* office and at the door. For more information, Call (313) 455-4080.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: The Atrium Gallery is located in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (810) 349-431.

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Wildcat girls place 2nd in Novi Relays

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Out of eight teams, the Novi Girls track team place second at the annual Novi Relays April 22. "I was ecstatic," said coach Connie Atia about the second place overall win in the annual Invitational Novi hosted last week. Novi took 76 points, only 24 points behind first place finisher Farmington Harrison. Walled Lake Western took third with 61. Dexter finished fourth with 65. Redford Union fifth with 31 points, Livonia Franklin with 24 points, Milan 20 and Northville finished last with five points and 12 girls on vacation.

"I'm really pleased since last year we finished fourth," the coach said.

In the field events, Novi Wildcats finished fifth in the discus with a score of 192 feet, 10 inches. Amy Mitchell led the Wildcats with her 67 foot, 10 inch toss, followed by Pat Burns' 66 foot throw and Julie Unitas 59 foot finish.

A second place finish in the long jump was welcomed with a total 13 foot, six inch win. Atia said.

Ursula Place recorded her personal best leap of five foot at the weekend invitational. Andra Wolowicz posted four foot, three inches and Megan Barton, four foot, three inches.

A substitute long jumping team placed third with Tonya Cobb's 13.9 feet, nine inch jump, Corey Wolowicz's 12 foot, 10 inch leap and Sarah McGilgren's 10 foot, 9 3/4 jump.

Track events were the team's strength Atia said despite the cold, wet weather the girls had to practice in the week before the meet.

"I was really pleased with the girls performance especially after Easter week when everyone else was basking in the sun and we were running in the cold rain," she said. "But our hard work paid off."

And so it did with first place wins in the 1600 race with a 24:05.28 finishing time posted by Brooke Albright, Lauren Rice, Angel Root and Jenny Hampton and the 200 with a finishing time of 15:5.9 by runners Place, Sarah McGilgren, Charity Slinaker and Andra Wolowicz.

A fifth place freshman finish in the shuttle hurdle relay posted a time of 1:18:1 by Sara Efring, Julie Slayton, Emily Walter and



Runners place first with only half the squad

The Novi track and field squad surprised itself by placing first among the seven teams participating in the 12th annual Novi Relays Saturday at the high school, according to coach Bob Smith.

Absent half the 70 member team, because of Easter break, and with only 11 seniors on the field, the Wildcat tracksters had to rely on their "depth." And Smith said the meet results showed it was there.

The Wildcats tied for first with Milan High School, which had its full team on the field, with an overall score of 50. Redford Union was third with a 74. Walled Lake Western placed fourth with a 52. Dexter and Farmington Harrison tied for fifth, each with a 43. And Livonia Franklin scored 29 points. Northville High, which normally participates, was not present due to scheduling over break.

The surprise of the day was Mike Girard, Smith said. With the team missing its four top vaulters, Girard was only filling in when he picked up the pole.

But along with Mark McBride and Mike Alberty, the three were able to place third in the pole vault. In the Novi Relays, the heights or times of three members are combined to make their overall score. Together, they vaulted 25-6, good enough to place third.

David Kovacs, Rob Stawski, and Todd Anselm took third in discus throwing 284-4. Nick Janotti, Chris Perkins and Smith took third in high jump.

Continued on 2 Ursula Place set a 'personal best' in the Novi Relays. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Wildcat records likely to fall this year in track and field

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Now more than ever, numbers play a central role in our daily lives.

Interest rates, performance ratings, test scores, stock market, monthly payments - it never stops. Heck, we're probably better known to our government by our social security numbers than by our names.

Sports are no different.

Everything comes down to stats and numbers. When you talk about an NFL running back with 4.3 speed or a baseball player who hits .350, or a base baller talking about a quality athlete.

Track and field is no different. World records, Olympic records, school records, it's what everyone shoos for.

The Wildcat boys track team is gunning to break a few of its time-honored marks. Already, Novi High's oldest standard has fallen.

Pat Boyer set the previous record in the 110-meter high hurdles in 1973 with a time of 15.2 seconds. Eric Brandon eclipsed that time earlier this spring with a 15.1.

According to coach Bob Smith, Brandon may break his own record again before the season is out.

Teammate Damien Thompson has a shot, too.

"We haven't even had good weather yet," Smith said. "I think both of them can get into the high 14s."

The duo may have a chance at the 300-meter hurdles record as well.

Maurice Richardson is the current holder at 40.5 in 1989. Both Brandon

and Thompson are in the low 41s right now.

"Both hurdle marks will go down," Smith said.

One mark likely to stand through 1995 is in the discus. Tom Hanton threw 146 feet in 1983.

Smith said junior Dave Kovacs may challenge Hanton. But not this year. He's currently throwing over 100 feet.

"He's still a long way away," said Smith.

Ben Galyon still maintains the shot put record. He set that back in 1976 at 48-11.

"We're real young in that event," Smith said.

In the 100-meter dash, Richardson holds the record with a 10.97 in 1989. The Wildcats have a strong stable of sprinters this spring.

Todd Pejajovich may have the best chance at Richardson. The senior ran an 11.1 last year. He's been hurt so far this year but could rev up in time to break the record.

Pejajovich will also be aiming for Richardson's 200-meter mark. 22.3 in 1989. He's about a half-second behind right now.

"Todd's a better 200 runner than 100," said Smith. "He has a large gate and takes awhile to get started."

Jeff Jeffers has the 400-meter record. That was set in 1989 at 49.4.

"I don't see anybody breaking 50 seconds this year," Smith said. "Pejajovich has a chance to do it if he runs the 400."

The 800-meter is another old record. Tommy Morris ran a 1:57.1 in 1978.

"It's out of reach," said Smith.

Adam Hagfors may have a shot at the 1,600-meter record - next season. He's chasing Jeff Johnston's 1978 record of 4:27.5.

"He ran 4:44 as a sophomore," Smith said. "I can see him in the 4:30s this year and then under 4:30 in his senior year."

Look for the 400-meter relay to fall this spring. Jason Witherspoon, Pejajovich and Chris Goss are top-notch runners this year.

The key will be senior Brandon Spence. If he can return from illness, look out.

"I think we have the opportunity," Smith said of the 1989 record of 43.88. "That same group could challenge in the 800-meter. Novi's other two relay squads, in the 1,600 and 3,200 meter, appear to be far away from established records."

Brandon could claim his second record in the pole vault. Three guys hold the current mark of 13-0.

Brandon is already over 12 feet.

"I think he can go 13 feet," Smith said. "That could be the next record to fall."

Paul Moots's 1989 record high jump of 6-7 isn't in jeopardy this year. Neither is Andy Ruddan's long jump record of 22-4 in 1977.

If any Wildcat records are to fall, Smith said his elder statesmen will be the ones to do it.

"We have five or six seniors that want to leave a mark on the program," he said.

HomeTown News to sponsor new golf club

HomeTown Newspapers is now sponsoring a Golf Club that will enable members to obtain free rounds of golf on 23 area courses across southeastern Michigan.

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Other participating courses include Independence Green in Farmington, Ironwood in Howell, Lakeland Hills in Jackson, The Links at Whitmore Lake, Marion Oaks in Howell, Oak Lane in Weberville, Backham Golf Course in Huntington Woods and Redden Farms in Chelsea.

Rounding out the list of participating courses are Rolling Hills Country Club in Milan, Sparrow Hawk in Jackson, St. Johns in Plymouth, The Woodlands in Brighton, Union Lake Golf Club in Commerce Township, Waterloo Golf Course in Grass Lake and the Woodlands Golf Club.



Novi's track and field squad is coming on strong this year. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Sports Shorts

Colts

The Northville-Novl Colts Junior Football Program will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. All Colt parents, potential future Colt parents, and interested individuals are invited to attend. The purpose of the Colts is to promote citizenship, sportsmanship, fellowship and physical development among boys and girls aged 9-14 of the Northville-Novl community.

Motorsports Hall of Fame

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers. Help is needed in areas such as museum guides, gift shop, vehicle maintenance, museum maintenance and construction. Training sessions are conducted monthly. For more information, write or call Barb Flis, Volunteer Coordinator, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, MI 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

Spring tennis to get underway in Northville

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

It's said that tennis is the sport of kings. Thanks to the Northville Parks & Recreation Department, though, you don't have to spend a king's ransom to learn to play it.

The department's spring tennis lesson program and league will start in very early May. The summer program and league begins in June. All you need to join in on the fun is a racquet and a desire to discover the challenge that the court can hold.

Spring tennis lessons are available to ages four through adult and will be taught in the evenings on a Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday basis. Saturday morning lesson times are also available and it all takes place at Northville High School. The instruction covers the beginning fundamentals through medium-level skills.

Once you've mastered your backhand, forehand and leap over the net, why not try your luck in the Rec department's tennis league? You can face some friendly

competition in the men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles divisions. Take note: for league play you'll need to supply your own tennis balls.

Eight one-hour lessons cost \$32. League play costs are \$20 for singles and \$40 for doubles. Games are scheduled by the participants themselves.

Remember, both the spring lessons and league play begin in early May so register as soon as possible. If you can't make that deadline, register for the Rec's summer lesson/league schedule. Registration begins May 25 from 4:30-6:30 at the Rec Center, located on Main Street.

Last year some 289 people took part in Northville Parks & Rec's tennis program. They're hoping to exceed that number of participants in 1995. If you want more information on how to become one of them call or come into the Rec Center between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (349-0203).

Mustangs lose a close one, in a wild game, to Canton

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

It just didn't get much wilder than this.

Strong defense and a solid effort at the plate brought Northville High's varsity baseball team close to a victory over Canton on Monday but in the end the Mustangs fell 5-3.

Northville lost the home game despite the fact that its two hurlers combined to pitch a no-hitter. Canton's Chiefs scored all five of their runs off of a combination of walks, errors, a wild pitch, a hit batter and a well-timed sacrifice fly.

"It was one of the most unusual games I've ever seen," Mustang Coach Mickey Newman said.

Team Captain David McCulloch was on the mound for Northville through the sixth inning. He walked two Canton batters in the first, one scoring after a wild pitch. It was the only run the Mustangs were to allow until the sixth inning. A fierce defensive effort shut down the Chief hitters: they managed to get just two balls out of the infield the entire game.

Then came the top of the sixth. "Up to that point, it was stunning," Newman said. "We were throwing wild and played excellent defense and then we had a bad inning."

The Mustangs committed four errors in the sixth, those combining with a hit batsman and a Canton sacrifice fly to put the Chiefs up 5-2, a lead they never relinquished.

Northville picked up its first run in the bottom of the fourth on a



Megan Barton's performance in the high jump help the 'Cats take first place in the Novi relays. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Girl 'Cat runners take second in relay

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Corey Wolowicz.

Novi posted three second place finishes in the sprint medley, distance medley, and mile relay.

The sprint medley team finished with a time of 44:5.8 and consisted of Nini Askey, running the 400 meter, Slinaker, running the 200

meter, Sarah Schmidt, running the 200 meter, and Kendra Meleny, finishing with the 800 meter.

Meleny came back strong in the distance medley with the same 800 meter run along with Andra Wolowicz at the 400 meter, Jenny Hampton at the 1200 meter race, and Angel Root pulling it out in

the end with the 1600 meter run with an overall time of 14:01.

The mile relay team's second place win was posted with a time of 43:1.6. Those participating in the relay were Astley, Rice, Slinaker and Andra Wolowicz.

The Wildcat winning streak continued with third place finishes in

the 400 by 800 meter race and 400 meter relay. The Wildcats posted times of 10:58.2 and 54:5 in each race respectively.

Albright, Rice, Root and Hampton pulled it together in the 400 by 800 while Place, McGilgren, Schmidt, and Amika Thornton took the heat in the 400 meter relay.

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Rice picked up his second hit soon after and then stole second but Northville was unable to bring the two base runners home.

Mustang Tommy Willer relieved McCulloch on the mound in the game's final inning, fanning the side with three straight Chief strikeouts.

Newman said the loss was hard to take because Northville's effort was very strong throughout most of the game.

"It was a tough one," he said. "They didn't get a lot of base runners on base but unfortunately the ones that did scored."

Canton's win drops Northville to 0-2 in its division and gives the team an overall record of 1-3. Newman said that the team needed to get rid of Spring Break kickoff rust and get back its game face for the tough baseball that lies ahead.

"We'll have to improve quickly," Newman said. "We've got a lot of good competition coming up."

The Mustangs were scheduled to travel to Plymouth Salem yesterday to take on a team that they ranked among the top 20 in the state. Friday will feature a contest with Livonia Franklin, another tough competitor, in Northville. The team rounds out the week with a Saturday home doubleheader against their neighbors to the north, Novi.

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City needs volunteers for 15th annual run

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Get ready to feel the ground shake this Sunday as runners take their mark for the 15th annual Providence Novi Run. Runners, walkers and dedicated volunteers ... we need you.

It's not too late to sign up for the One Mile Fun and Fitness Walk beginning at 12:30 p.m., or the 8K Run at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, April 30, at the Novi Civic Center.

Pre-race packet pick-up and registration will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Running Fit in the Novi Town Center. Runners can also register the morning of the race beginning at 11 a.m. at the Civic Center.

The Providence Novi Run was created by matching up Novi Parks and Recreation with Providence Hospital. One of the goals of Novi Parks and Recreation has always been to provide "fitness for life" experiences in the community. Providence Hospital also looked for ways to interact with the community to encourage healthy lifestyles. In 1980, the City of Novi teamed up with Providence Hospital to provide the Providence Novi Run, a healthy lifestyle event for the entire family.

The Trackers will once again unselfishly donate their time to help the event run smoothly as course marshals, manning water stations and offering any other help needed on race day.

The annual Providence Novi Run is one of Parks and Recreation's major events, not in regard to the number of people services, but in the amount of preparation and on-site work that is demanded for an event of this type. We could not have a race without runners, but equally as important, we need volunteers. Many, many volunteers are needed in several areas of responsibility. Please consider giving some time this year. Some volunteers get hooked and come back year after year!

There are volunteer opportunities at the Registration Tables (10 a.m.-1:15 p.m., approximately), throughout the course, at water stations, as a course marshall or split timers (noon-2 p.m., approxi-



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The Novi Providence Run is for fun and competition.

mately); and at the start and finish lines, as back-up Timers, tag pullers, tag runners or working the results board (noon-2 p.m., approximately).

The rewards are great for volunteering ... food, special T-shirt, prizes, meeting special people and satisfaction. Why not give it a try this year, or if you've done it before...please come back! We need you!

The Providence Novi Run includes 11 age divisions for male

and female including: 12 and under, 13-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 60 and over. The course is 100 percent pavement. The awards ceremony for the 8K event will take place at the conclusion of the race.

Running Fit gift certificates for first through third place in each age division/male and female are given out immediately following the race. T-shirts will also be sale for \$6.

The Providence Novi Run is co-sponsored by JCK & Associates, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, Running Fit and Novi Trackers Running Club.

For more information on participating in the race or being a volunteer, call 347-0400.

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

Many options for prostate problems

Men over 40 years old commonly suffer from benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH, a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland that often leads to difficulty in urination. Surgery to reduce excess tissue in the gland has been the mainstay of treatment for the past 50 years; it is the second most common operation - after cataract extraction - for men older than 65.

Approximately 400,000 surgical procedures involving an enlarged prostate are performed annually in the United States, with associated expenses of more than \$5 billion each year.

And while surgery remains the standard form of care for symptomatic BPH, it does present a number of potential complications. Up to one in four men undergoing the surgical procedure report problems ranging from diminished sexual function to urinary incontinence (leakage).

Now, however, doctors are looking at a number of nonsurgical treatment options for managing an enlarged prostate. One option may be drug therapy. Two major classes of drugs affect the prostate in different ways: androgen-deprivation drugs reduce the amount of male hormones that stimulate swelling in the gland; and alpha-adrenergic-antagonist drugs relieve the pressure between the bladder and the urethra. While the use of drugs seems to be helpful for many men, additional research is needed to

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determine whether medications will offer long-term solutions to BPH.

Meanwhile, minimally invasive treatments for BPH include making an incision to remove blockage between the bladder and the urethra; inserting a pliable metal stent into the prostatic urethra to improve urinary flow; and using lasers to perform prostate surgery. While each procedure requires more documentation of long-term effects, much progress has been made within the last few years to develop minimally invasive treatments that are easy to perform, safe, and allow minimal hospitalization and quick recovery periods.

Another procedure currently under investigation at the Michigan Prostate Institute of the University of Michigan relies on low-level radio frequency, or RF, energy to selectively target and shrink prostate tissue. Called transurethral needle ablation, or TUNA, the outpatient procedure is performed under local anesthesia and may lead to fewer side effects and a shorter recovery time.

During TUNA, the urologist uses a fiber-optic image to direct a special catheter into the por-

tion of the urethra that passes through the prostate gland. Two needles, covered by protective shields, are deployed from the catheter and placed into the prostatic tissue. The shields are retracted to expose the needles, which then deliver the RF energy to specific locations in the prostate gland.

The U-M study will compare the outcomes of men undergoing TUNA with those who have conventional surgery for BPH. Patients will be followed for a year after treatment to measure their changes in urination, sexual function and quality of life.

Whether it's surgery, a minimally invasive procedure, or medication, men seeking treatment for an enlarged prostate must be informed of any potential benefits and risks. One man may prefer medical therapy to avoid surgery, while another may choose a minimally invasive procedure to avoid having to take medication for his entire life. In any event, the physician and patient must decide together what the best treatment option is for that individual.

This column was written by Dr. Joseph Oesterling, a professor and urologist-in-chief at the University of Michigan Medical Center and director of the Michigan Prostate Center. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell and the staff of the U-M Health Centers.

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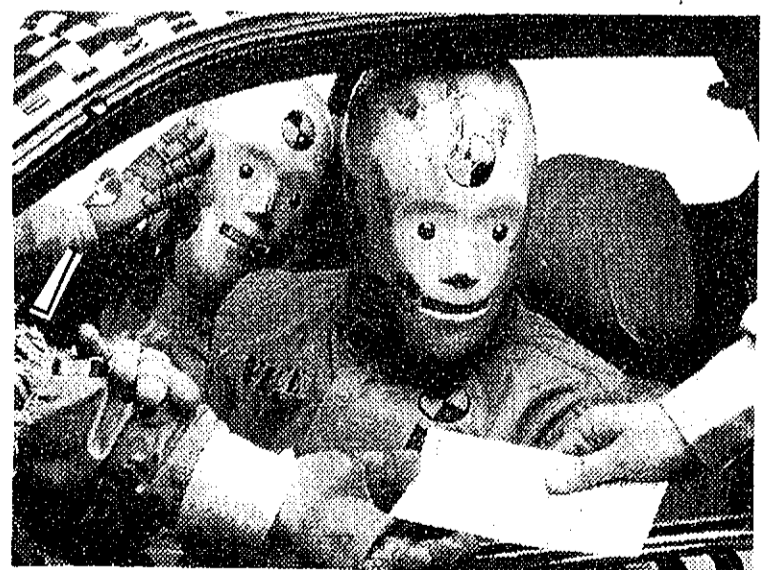
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The Little Gym Anytime Summertime Kids Camp is designed around weekly themes and uses gymnastics, karate and sports skills throughout the camps. Children are engaged in problem solving, mental and physical chal-

lenges, teamwork, and fun during their camp session. Flexibility is the key; parents choose the week and/or days of the week. Theme titles include beach party, space, Olympics, pirates for children ages 3 to 7, Indiana Jones, triple dare, and dynamic duos are examples of the camp themes for children ages 8 to 12.

The Little Gym designed camps to accommodate varying needs of the children. Morning camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon, and is for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Afternoon camp runs from 1-4 p.m., and is for children ages 4 to 7 years old. The 8- to 12-year-old children have special challenges and their camp runs in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Parents can sample the program on Satur-

day, May 6, at the Beck Road gym. From 1-2 p.m., children ages 3 to 7 are invited to a free trial class. From 2-3 p.m., children ages 8 to 12 are invited to a sample class.

The Little Gym focuses on children's physical development through a series of hands-on programs designed to enhance motor skills. Every activity uses a non-competitive approach while children learn gymnastics, karate or sports skills. Classes run throughout the year for children four months to 12 years old.

The Little Gym is located at 30740 Beck Road, between Twelve Mile and Pontiac Trail.

For more information, call Kathy Kastle at (810) 624-1020.