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A good investment

Jeremy Dunn, 5, gets help from mom, Cindy, putting on a badge given to him by Sgt. Pat Fanning, of Novi DARE. Jeremy got badge for always wearing his seatbelt. The scene of just one of events at the "Invest in Your Child" Fair at the Novi

Town Center Saturday. Sponsored by Charles Schwab & Co., the fair featured immunizations by the Oakland County Health Department and a variety of health related activities presented by TRACC, the Novi Fire Department and DARE.

Toddlers crowded out of preschool

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

She has three daughters each of which she intended to have in school this year.

But her youngest may have to stay at home another year because the notion of having the 3 year old in preschool from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. is one that doesn't sit well with her.

"My first grader is going to be getting off the bus when I have to drop my 3 year-old off at preschool," one parent said. "And then there are dance times for all three of the kids which start at 6 p.m., one half hour after her preschool gets out.

"If it has to be this way, then nobody gets snacks, naps, or dinner on Mondays," she said.

But that may be the only option Novi Community Education has to offer preschool parents this year.

Novi Community Education Director Clara Porter said Tuesday she tried to accommodate the 197 requests she received for preschool programs this year, but there's just not enough space available in the school district for the preschool demand. Capacity is capped at 152 students. Forty five are still on a waiting list.

The program is being offered by Community Education but relies on space in the Novi Community

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Clara Porter,
Community Education Director

School District to operate. A bulging enrollment in the school district's K-12 program is forcing the preschool out of the elementary buildings.

"The children in the K-4 program come first," Porter said. "They have priority but we didn't know how much space we would have until the elementary principals got back from summer vacation," she said.

Last year, the program was housed in three and a half classrooms in the district's elementary schools. Two hundred and six three and four year-olds attended

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Hopping on bond bandwagon

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi Community School District will be one of more than 50 Michigan school districts asking voters to approve bond sales for new construction, renovations or technology improvements next month.

Novi is asking voters to approve a \$33 million bond proposal on Saturday, Sept. 23 for the construction of a middle school and renovation of two existing schools. The Saturday election date is one Novi shares with ten other districts in the state.

ON THE



Saturday elections are a growing trend for school officials who

want to maximize voter turnout by making election dates more convenient for district residents who have traditional work schedules.

Collectively the 52 school districts will be asking Michigan voters to tolerate a \$7.6 billion tax increase, two years after the same electorate passed legislation cutting their property taxes in half.

Of those propositions heading to the ballot in September, 25 school districts are seeking approval of their bond requests a second, third, fourth and in some cases a fifth time around.

The Michigan State Department of Treasury reports there were 94 bond propositions approved by the state in 1994. Thirty-four, or 36 percent, of those approved by the state were in turn approved by the voters. Thus far in 1995, 160 of the same kinds of building proposals have won state certified approval.

This will be Novi's second attempt at getting a bond issue passed. The first attempt failed last December by a 2:1 margin.

School officials and educational consultants working with school

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Fears laid to rest for Jaycees

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The gruesome specter of big-time competition won't be hovering over the Novi Jaycees' haunted house in 1995.

Silo-X Haunted Houses, billed as the largest professional haunted house chain in America, will not be giving a good scare to area residents - this October, anyway.

"It's not going to happen, we ran out of time for this year," the firm's president Ray Kohout said Monday.

"We're disappointed that didn't work. We'll be back there again. Novi's where we need to

be." The St. Louis-based company operates ten haunted houses in major cities such as Atlanta, Dallas and Houston. The huge combination indoor/outdoor chambers of horror are 3,000 linear feet long.

Kahout confirmed that the firm had been searching up and down the I-96 corridor in the metro Detroit area for a suitable location to rent, looking most closely at sites in Novi and Wixom.

The Novi Jaycees plan their annual haunted house as the group's biggest fundraisers of the year and spent \$15,000 in 1994 to gross

\$60,000. Jaycees Vice President Michael Murphy said last week that the group's haunted house committee was working out strategies which would enable them to keep the big-league competition from vampiring a good share of their revenues.

But for now, the Jaycees haunted house, to be held in the old city fire hall on Novi Road, will be the spookiest and only five Halloween show in town.

"I suggest we'll be back next year. That's where our marketing departments says we need to be," Kohout said.

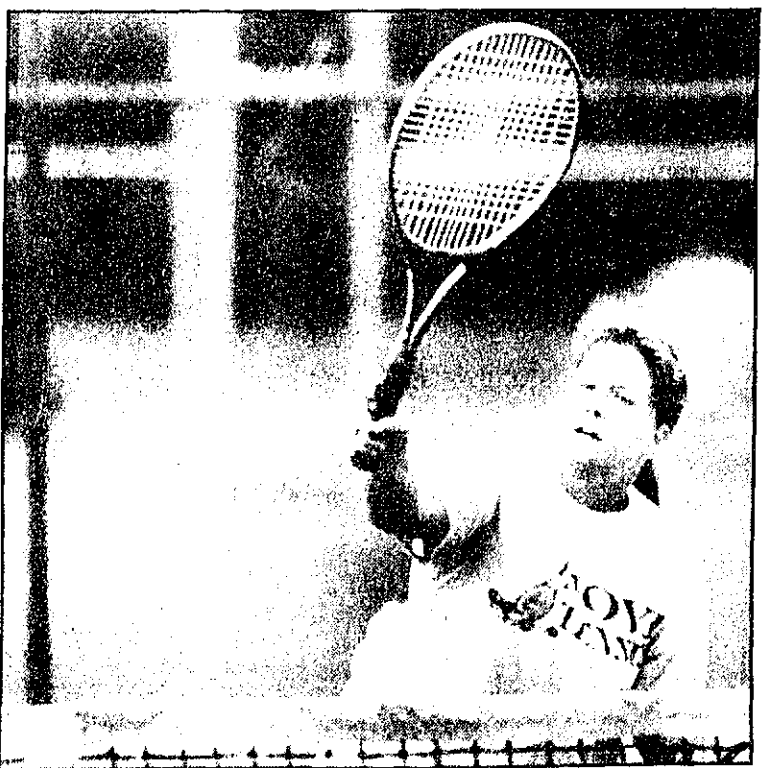


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The season ahead

Novi High's athletic teams are for the most part rebuilding... er, reloading this year. Nonetheless, coaches have high hopes for squads. Above, Shannon Andrews plays on Novi's girls doubles tennis team. A closer look on the prospects for the season appears on page B1 in today's edition.

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Allergies and asthma

Can't fight them if you don't know the cause

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Allergies. What comes to mind when you see that word? Visions of a pencil-necked geek wheezily reaching for the handkerchief he's conveniently tucked into his pocket protector? The guy across the street who can't mow his lawn without producing a sneeze rate averaging one per second? Or you, slumped on the sofa gazing through watery eyes at the miniature mountain of Kleenex that surrounds you?

Actually, allergies and the associated condition of asthma present real problems to tens of millions of Americans. You could be one of them and if you are, help's available, explains Sally Randall, a registered nurse and the health programs coordinator for the Botsford Hospital Center for Health Improvement, located in Novi.

"An allergy is a hypersensitivity to an element in your environment that doesn't affect other people," Randall said. "There are a lot of different theories as to why they happen and certainly a lot of different manifestations of allergies. Many people think of just summer as allergy season. Actually, depending on what you're allergic to, it can

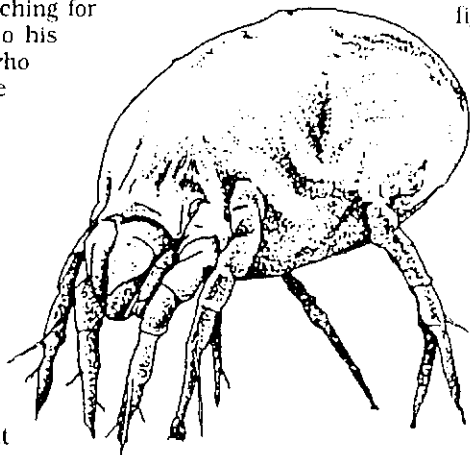
be an year-round problem."

As many as 40 million Americans suffer from allergies but many don't know what they're allergic to and so can't effectively fight it, Randall said.

"A lot of people just decide to live with it," she said. "They need to know that they can live without it. For most people correcting an allergic or asthmatic condition doesn't require a lot of life changes. This isn't just a minor annoyance, though. For some people this can be a real problem, even life-threatening."

Symptoms of an allergic reaction can include a stuffed-up nose, swelling, watery eyes, post-nasal drip, even diarrhea. Someone with a severe condition can even fall victim to anaphylaxis: effectively a total body systems shutdown.

What can cause those symptoms? Everyone has their own unique allergen "trigger." Ragweed pollen (hay fever) is a real problem for many from mid-August to the year's first frost. Pollen and mold spores irritate others for many months of the year. Indoor mold and dust mites can be a problem all year



The dust mite

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, P.O. Box 300, Novi, MI 48240.

Thursday, August 31

Property Taxes
Today is the last day that 1995 summer taxes will be accepted at the Novi City Treasurer's Office in the Civic Center without a 4 percent penalty. Postmarks on checks or envelopes will not be accepted. A drop box is available behind the Civic Center for your convenience, checks only.

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

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

Sunday, September 3

Boat Parade
The South East Showdown Homeowners Association is hosting its first annual boat parade and picnic to benefit HAVEN (Help Against Violent Entrepreneurs). Novi residents, decorate your boat and join the parade on Walled Lake at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given for the best "Boat". All boat entries must register by Aug. 23. Meet at the end of Novi Road at 1:30 p.m. The picnic will be at 4 p.m. at Lakeshore Park on South Lake Drive. Free hot dogs and soda pop while supplies last.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day
City offices and the public library are closed.

Tuesday, September 5

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

Menopause Support Group
The Novi Menopause Support Group, 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.

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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 rehearsals 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.

Amateur Radio Club
The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0099.

Wednesday, September 6

Athletic Boosters
The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission
The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

Thursday, September 7

Novi schools
The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

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

Novi South Kiwanis
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Saturday, September 9

American Legion Family Picnic
The American Legion, Novi Post 19, is holding its annual family picnic at Novi's Lakeshore Park. There will be hot dogs, corn, beverages, fun,

friends and games. Bring a dish to pass and yard games. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 11

City Council
The Novi City Council will meet 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.

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

American Business Women's Assoc.
The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River, Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Betty Booher at (313)937-7708. For membership information call Betty Johnson at (810)960-4559.

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, room 6. For more information, call 348-9601.

Tuesday, September 12

Band rehearsal
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AAUW
The American Association of University Women is holding an Autumn Buffet celebrating the Northville Novi AAUW's 20th birthday. The buffet will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Northville at 6:30 p.m. For additional information about the AAUW, call Jane Spence at 380-0562.

CAC Meeting
The Cable Access Committee meets at 7 p.m. at the SWOCC Studio, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

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Beautification says spruce up your act

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

No matter how good-looking you are, a little cosmetic enhancement never hurts.

We're not talking tummy tucks or eyebrow waxing here. Last week was the first meeting of the Novi Beautification Commission, a city council-appointed group charged with the responsibility of encouraging property owners, especially along Novi's main roads, to spruce up their act.

The seven-member commission promptly appointed Ernie Aruffo a long-time proponent of local landscaping efforts, as chair.

"We're not the ones who go out and do the work. Our role is for the whole city, predominantly the arterial roads," Aruffo explained.

"This is going to be fun... We will be a looking, searching group to see what will be the best for our city."

Each fall for the last six years, the city has handed out awards to those businesses and subdivisions which create the loveliest landscaping at their entrance ways.

The commission will take over this popular contest. They'll also consider other ways that Novi's appearance might be improved.

"We get ideas and we give them to the city council," Aruffo explained.

Commissioner Barbara Greenberg, a certified advanced master gardener, is already bubbling over with some of these ideas. Commissioners are busy looking into what their counterparts in other communities are doing to help and applaud those who beautify their businesses and subdivisions.

Greenberg says she is particularly impressed by the abundantly landscaped gas stations of Farmington Hills.

"In Farmington, if you improve your business and it looks so much better than what it did, the city honors them. It's in everybody's interest for people to keep

Back to school
Opening day in the Novi Community School District went off without a hitch Monday morning. School buses were up and running and students were pouring in at every door. District officials were anxious to count heads in anticipation of a growing student body which was projected to be between 230 and 280 new students.

Boat parade will benefit the HAVEN

At least thirty-six boats will be all decked out for the South East Showdown Homeowners Association Boat Parade and Picnic on Sept. 3. They'll be cruising Walled Lake hoping to win top honors from the judges, who will be the patrons of Key Largo and Frigata's Inn.

"We are really excited with our luck. It's going to be a really great event," organizer Ruth Hamilton said Monday.

The day is a fund raiser for the HAVEN, which assists victims of domestic violence.

The parade begins at 2 p.m. and can be enjoyed from the above two dining and drinking establishments. The parade can also be viewed from Mercer Beach in Walled Lake and Lakeshore Park in Novi.

"The HAVEN will get a nice check from us, which is what it's all about," Hamilton said.

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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, September 12, 1995 7-9 p.m.

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 Teresa Lanfear at Oakland Physical Therapy at 810-380-3550.

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A case of mistaken identity

Police News

MAILBOX INFERNOS

A 19-year-old Novi man faked his identity when police in Ann Arbor picked him up on Aug. 23 for driving without a license and another misdemeanor charge.

The 19-year-old was ticketed for the charges and appeared before a judge using a friend's name. Later that day, the suspect telephoned his friend and asked him to post bond for him even though he had used the friend's name when he was arrested on the charges.

The friend, a 20-year-old Novi resident, called Novi police and told them that his friend had used his name when he was arrested. The 20-year-old supplied police with proof of his identity and police were able to get the tickets which had been issued in his name dismissed.

Police intend to file charges against the impersonator for supplying false information to police.

BIKE LARCENIES

Three bicycles were reported stolen on Aug. 23 and 24 from two locations.

On Chippinuk Trail a pair of girls 15-speed and boys 10-speed bikes were stolen from outside the apartment complex.

The day after, a Portsmouth resident said two Trek mountain bikes were stolen off his balcony the night before.

Police have no leads in either case.

BREAK-IN

An engineering consultant's office on Grand River Avenue was broken into and ransacked on Aug. 21. An employee of the business discovered the break in on Monday morning and reported it to police without knowing exactly what was missing.

The police report indicates entry to the office building was gained through the front door. Dry marks were left behind on the door and the interior doors. Cabinets inside the office had been spilled out and a computer keypad and database had been stored outside the office awaiting the thieves return, the report stated.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF

Police were called to the Wisom Road and Delmont Drive area on the report of a bunch of teenagers yelling and throwing bottles on Aug. 21.

But when officers arrived they found only one person in the vicinity with an open intoxicant in hand. The underage suspect told police the beverage was his, but he

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wouldn't tell officers where he got it. The teen was ticketed for being a minor in possession and released at the scene.

DISTURBANCE

A 30-year-old Novi man was arrested by police for being disorderly after he told police he was going to injure three suspects who had beaten him Aug. 20.

Police were called to the man's home that day on the report of a fight on Mauldin near South Lake Drive. When officers arrived there was no one around.

Fifteen minutes later, the same officers were called to the same location to investigate another fight.

When they arrived they found the man, who was agitated and slightly intoxicated, on the front lawn without a shirt.

He told police he had just been beaten and was going to hunt down his attackers and take matters into his own hands.

The man was belligerent and continued to shout profanities at the officers until they eventually arrested him for disorderly conduct.

Moving on

Cindy Stewart, Novi's Director of Public Information and Cable Productions, has accepted a job in another Michigan city. Her last day in Novi is Friday. The energetic Stewart, who is keeping mum about where she's going, started here in 1988 and has been active in producing local public access cable television shows such as Novi News Week and Talking This Town. She's also a board member of the Michigan 50s Festival.

The Amazing Kriewall

Folks around city hall are wondering about a strange happening recently experienced by Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, who claims he doesn't have prophetic powers. Last week, Kriewall was researching a Twelve Mile Road parcel the city hopes to buy as part of its north end park system, so he wandered over the city assessor's office and brought the parcel up on the computer, seeking information about the vacant property's owners who live in West Bloomfield.

"A lady came to assessing and she wanted information about her property. She was kind of within my hearing," Kriewall said. "She wanted information on the road widening. I just jumped in I said, 'I was just looking you up in the computer. I want to write you a letter. She didn't believe it. The whole office said it was really spooky.'"

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At the request of residents and the City Council, Novi Mayor Kathleen McCallen and City Manager Edward Knevel pow-wowed with regional postal officials to discuss the issue.

"They have no intention of building a new post office. They are only using a fraction of the existing facility. They plan on staying at that location," Knevel reported back at the Aug. 21 council meeting. "The carriers have been moved to a remote Novi facility."

The city manager said he learned that the federal service has a five-year plan to remodel the building, as well as redo its existing road access and add a second one to the site.

In addition, customers no longer need to cram into the parking lot in front of the local post office. The back lot is now open to the public.

Expect some time in the future the construction of a one-way in driveway and a one-way out drive at the post office.

"Will it work? Time will tell," Knevel said.



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Tax group may face penalty

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi CARES may have to pay a hefty fine for failing to file the necessary reports detailing the group's expenses for signs used to support Novi Schools' millage renewal in the June 12 annual school election.

The ballot question committee spent \$255 to print signs to support the school district's 5.9 mill renewal request which was on the June 12 ballot.

The renewal passed, but the group reportedly never filed an expense report with the Oakland County Elections Bureau detailing its involvement in the June 12 election.

Michigan's Campaign Finance Act requires ballot question committees to report their income and

expenditures 30 days after each election.

Groups can file for a waiver of the expense report if their expenses fall shy of \$1,000. But the waiver status is not granted automatically, it must be applied for, clerks in the election bureau indicated.

Novi CARES Treasurer Barry Moore, the sole officer of the citizens group, admitted Tuesday he erred in not filing the reports by the July 12 deadline, but said all the necessary paperwork has been filed this week.

He said he inadvertently thought the waiver status was given automatically to groups who spent less than \$1,000.

"We were below \$1,000," he said. "I thought it was an automatic thing."

Clerks in the county bureau confirmed that the expense report and a request for waiver status had been filed Tuesday as Moore said. The county office is considering whether it will assess Novi CARES a fine for not filing the report in the 30-day period after the June 12 election. The fine could be as high as \$25 per business day, but is not to exceed \$1,000, a bureau clerk said.

There will be a fine assessed but the situation is still under review," the clerk in the bureau said Tuesday after reviewing the file.

The county is consulting with the state to make sure the fine is appropriate to the case.

Novi CARES had filed pre- and post-election reports after its involvement in the 1994 bond issue campaign. The pre-election report indicates the group raised \$2,989 in campaign contributions and spent \$2,741 to get bond issue information and signs out into the community. A post-election report indicates the group raised another \$1,443 and paid out \$1,108 in expenses.

Library employee booked

The Novi Public Library employee charged with embezzling \$3,586 from the library till and using it to pay off his own gambling debt, is scheduled for a preliminary exam on one count of embezzlement on Sept. 1.

Alan Madeline, 38 and a Beverly Hills resident, was arraigned on the charge in 52-J District Court in Novi on Aug. 23.

Library Director Brenda Evans was tipped off in July that money was missing from the library till when Madeline's mother, Mary Ann Kern, who is also an employee of the library, reported that \$357 was missing from the library video receipts. Madeline was the keeper of the library's video fund.

Library employees were questioned about the missing cash and Madeline told Evans he used the money to purchase additional videos for the library's rental collection.

The day after the staff met to discuss the missing cash, Kern reported that it had not been stolen, but mislaid instead.

Evans reportedly didn't buy the story and went looking through the library's records to match the cash receipts with the outstanding invoices.

That's when she discovered a \$2,454 difference in what was taken in for video rentals and what was deposited with the city treasurer's office. According to the police report, Evans then contacted the library's video supplier who

produced 21 unpaid invoices totaling more than \$5,932. The supplier told Evans he had never sold any tapes to Madeline for cash as the Madeline had told her.

Evans then called police who later interviewed Madeline and obtained his confession. The employee told police he had been dipping into the library's video fund since August 1994 and had in fact taken \$3,586 from it to pay off his gambling debt.

Police issued a warrant for Madeline's arrest. It was arraigned earlier this month.

Embezzlement is a felony charge punishable by up to ten years in prison, said Novi Police Lieutenant David Butler.

Obituaries

GORDAN L. OASS

Gordan L. Oass of Novi died Aug. 26, 1995, at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was 73. Mr. Oass was born on Nov. 7, 1921, in Rusk, Wis.

He received his master's degree as a specialist in vocational education from Wayne State University. Before retirement, he was vocational director at McKenzie High School, Warren Schools. Mr. Oass was a veteran of World War II. His memberships included the Kiwanis of South Lyon, Green Team Gardening Club and St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Mildred (Sally), daughters, Ellen Sue Christopherson of Novi, and Wendy (Robin) Frame of Hastings, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be given to St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington, MI 48335.

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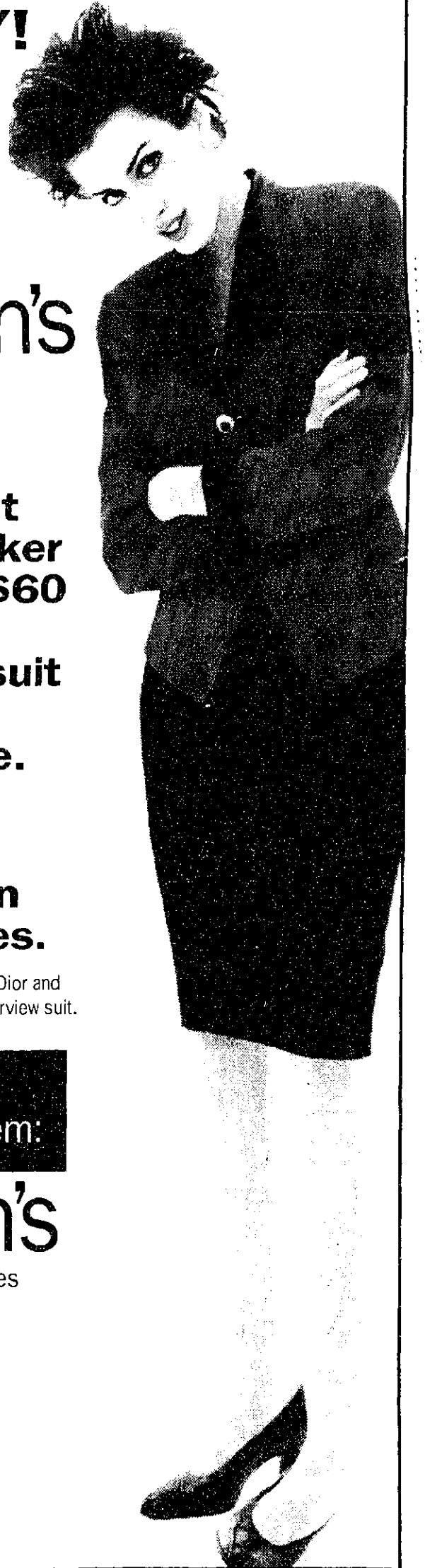
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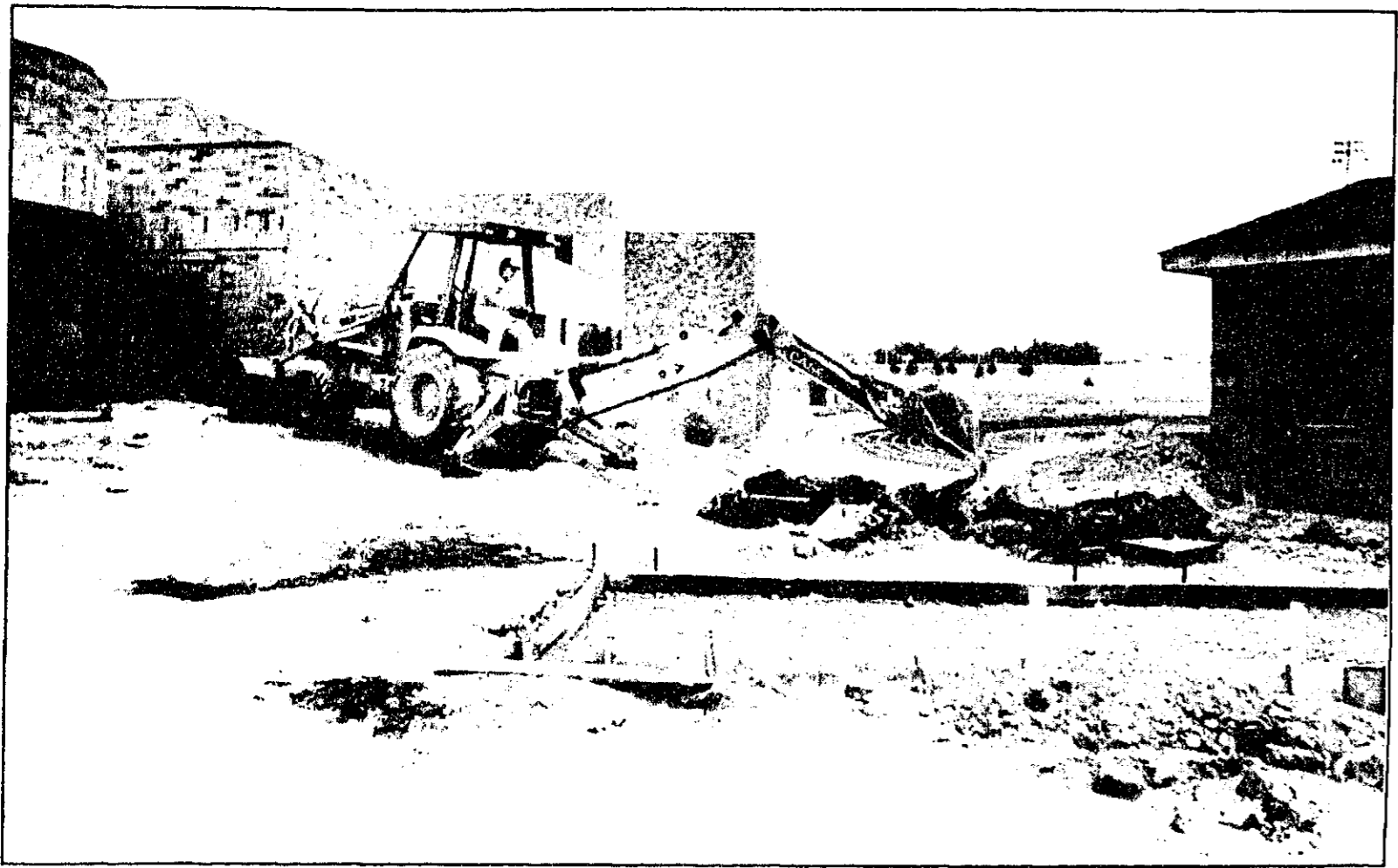
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Finishing touches

Construction crews were still putting finishing touches on Novi High School as students bombarded the building opening day Monday. Barton Malow, the construction management firm overseeing the construction project has set three deadline dates this fall when construction of the fieldhouse, physical education center, and football field entrance will be completed.

Tavern offers aid to baby

Al's Copper Mug in Walled Lake will host a chili cookoff and fund raiser to benefit Brett Petyka. Brett, 1, is suffering from a copper deficiency which has led to brain damage, mental retardation and blindness. He has to be in Children's Hospital to receive extensive care. Brett's parents live in the Walled Lake area and have exhausted their funds, and could use some help. The chili cookoff will be held under the big tent with live country music, beer, hot dogs, Italian sausage and hamburgers. There will be a 50/50 drawing around 8 p.m., chili tasting is around 5 p.m., and awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for the drawing. For more information, call 624-9659. No one under 21 years of age will be allowed. Must have picture ID. Chili cooks are also needed. Al's Copper Mug is located at 1704 W. Maple Road in Walled Lake.

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Walled Lake tabs new school administrators

Walled Lake schools have several new faces in offices at some of the district's 18 buildings, as of the start of the school year Monday. One of the new principals, Scott Little, is heading up the newest school in the district, Meadow Lake Elementary. The building in Bloomfield Hills is being leased from the Birmingham district to ease overcrowding at the 13 other elementary schools in the Walled Lake district. Little began his career in Walled Lake in 1991 as principal at Maple Elementary. Replacing Little at Maple is Susan Schroeder, former principal of Wyomc Elementary. Robert Parca - the former assistant principal at Pleasant Lake Elementary - will take over the principal's job at Wxom.

Jerry Hartsok, who comes from Howell High School, was appointed principal at Central High School and replaces Richard Smith, who retired in the spring. Gary Bredahl, formerly of Lansing Everett High School, takes over the post of principal at Western

High School from the retiring Dennis Champella. The assistant principal's post at Central High School, vacated last spring by Curtis Day, will be filled by Jacqueline Cassell, formerly an administrator in Detroit Public Schools. She has a bachelor's degree in business education from Alabama A&M College, a master's in guidance and counseling from the University of Michigan, and is currently seeking a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Wayne State University.

Thomas Drummond, who served as the assistant principal at Walled Lake Middle School, has stepped down to return to full-time teaching. The school board has recommended Karen Jacobson for the job.

Jacobson, currently the interim assistant principal at Derby Middle School in Birmingham, holds a bachelor's degree in family life education from Wayne State University and a master's degree in educational administration from Michigan State University.



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OCC board members targeted for recall after ouster attempt

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

"I know I'm in jeopardy," Sandra Ritter, an Oakland Community College trustee, said last week as she discussed the board majority's effort to fire Chancellor Patsy Calkins. Ritter was right. This week a group called "Alliance for OCC's Future" started the ball rolling to recall Ritter and four other trustees - Judith Wiser, Douglas Wakefield, Carol Crew and Pamela DAVIS. "I think there's a tremendous amount of support," said former trustee Richard Bloude, who is executive director and treasurer of the recall campaign. George Mosher, a Southfield attorney and former OCC board member who chairs the alliance, agreed. "Brooks Patterson (jointly executive) called me up when he heard the news and said, 'Congratulations. I'll help any way I possibly can.' I'll put together a blue ribbon committee," said Mosher. Mosher said he has lined up support from Jim Alexander, former Oakland County GOP chair, and two former OCC board chairs - David Hackett and Suzanne Reynolds. The recall movement first met approval of its petition form from the Oakland County Elections Commission, which will meet Tuesday, Sept. 12. That body includes County Clerk Lynn Allen, Treasurer C. Hugh Dohoney and chief Probate Judge Joan Young. A second is a formidable task: collecting at least 101,322 signatures asking for a recall campaign. That amount, said Bloude, is 25 percent of the total vote cast for governor. It's also 25,000 more than the number of people who voted in the June 12 millage election. Conventional political wisdom holds that a petition drive should collect 30 percent more than what is legally required, to allow for bad signatures. That means collecting 130,000 signatures - more than double the actual turnout for the tax vote. Said a confident Bloude: "If 500 people collect 300 signatures apiece, that would give us 150,000." Allen said the recall movement has 90 days to circulate its petitions. If the goal is reached, the Election Commission must set a special recall election within 45 days. That means the earliest a recall election could be held would be about the first of February 1996. If at least four or more OCC trustees are recalled, the board would lack a majority to fill vacancies or conduct any other business. Under the recall statute, Mosher said, Gov. John Engler would make appointments to fill the vacancies. Bloude, a database analyst for Ameritech, served on the OCC board for one term. He and former chairman Hackett lost their 1994 bids for reelection to Crew and Davis, who are among the recall targets. Bloude said he's not leading the recall just to get a chance to run for the board again. "I only need 75 signatures to run for office. You don't recall people so you can run; you just run. It's a lot less painful than leaving these people in office," he said. The next regular OCC election is in June of 1996, when the terms of Ritter and Wakefield, both recall targets, will expire. Ritter has served three six year terms; Wakefield, two. QUIT OR ELSE The situation exploded Aug. 18 when Mosher called the news media to reveal that trustees Wakefield and DAVIS had delivered Chancellor Calkins an ultimatum: a day earlier, resign or be fired. They gave her no reasons. OCC's Aug. 21 board meeting was filled to overflowing - 98 percent with Calkins supporters - urging that Calkins be retained. Supporters cited her leadership of OCC's first successful millage campaign in 30 years, her outreach to ethnic groups. The next day, trustee Anne V. Scott filed a civil suit charging a violation of the Open Meetings Act by Ritter, Wiser, Wakefield, Crew and Davis. Defendants still have about two weeks to file responses. Oakland Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper has been assigned the case. Until the Scott suit is settled, OCC board chair Janice Simmons will rule out of order any motion to fire Calkins. Reason: "If the chancellor is fired without reason, the college might have to pay off 21 months of her \$120,000 contract - more than \$200,000. RITTER SPEAKS In an interview last week, Ritter, the apparent ringleader of the recall group, Alliance for OCC's Future, is anti-Calkins quintet, said the

chancellor had repeatedly violated board policy by withholding information on personal services contracts. "It's not just a woman thing," said Ritter, who was denied a new term as board chair after the 1994 election. "I went after her (Calkins, in 1991) to come to this college. I was excited about having a woman aboard."

Ritter, a middle school teacher who is married to the supervisor of Waterford Township, has been on the OCC board since 1978. She said the board that hired Calkins knew she had two weaknesses in her background: In Texas she had been a campus president who reported to a chancellor but had never worked with an elected board; and she hadn't worked with unions. Ritter said Calkins hired an excellent human resources director to deal with unions but still hasn't solved the board relations problem. "She (Calkins) is right - she always gives us the information, but you have to ask three or four times," Ritter said. She cited a board policy which requires "consultant services, not subject to board approval, will be reported to the board periodically, as information reports."

Ritter said Calkins, when considering personnel shifts, often floated "individual trial balloons with the trustees" but not the entire board simultaneously. "Every (trustee) should be treated equally," Ritter said. Immediate tones of contention, Ritter said, were personal services contracts Calkins made with vice chancellor Dan Jakson, retired Auburn Hills Campus President Richard Saunders and retired Orchard Ridge dean Chuck Yoramian. Ritter said the chancellor, under board policy, may unilaterally let contracts for \$25,000 until last June 30 and \$35,000 as of July 1 - 0.00035 of the total college budget.

As evidence that something in the administration was wrong, Ritter pointed to the fact that Wakefield "was 100 percent for Patsy Calkins" in the July meeting but joined the move to dump her in August. "He found out about the other Patsy Calkins," Ritter said. Wakefield has declined to talk to this or any other newspaper about the attempted firing.

The phone number of the recall group, Alliance for OCC's Future, is (810) 788-1877. Ritter said she has a list of anti-Calkins quintet, said the

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Judges rule no state funding for trial courts

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

One burner on the court reform stove was turned off Aug. 23 when the Michigan Supreme Court ruled against local governments that had sued for state funding of their trial courts.

But other burners are still generating heat in favor of state funding — heavy workloads in some courts, the outstate versus Detroit brawl, and a governor who holes tight purse strings.

"We just all clot," said Douglas Van Essen, the Grand Rapids attorney who handled the appeal for the plaintiffs — the Michigan Association of Counties. His was the most pessimistic reaction to the high court ruling.

"We may end up doing it [state funding] anyway," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, who serves on both the Judiciary and Appropriations committees. "There is a lot of interest in state-funded courts."

At issue is the way state government picks up 30 percent of the tab for Wayne County trial courts versus 20 percent for the other 82

counties. Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler has used veto threats to block the creation of new judgeships in Oakland County, the Farmington district, and the northwestern Wayne County 35th District Court until their court reorganization.

The best known plan is one backed by State Bar leaders: a single "trial court" with state funding and new districts, to replace circuit, recorder, probate and district courts.

Geake said a GOP Senate task force would issue a court reform recommendation before the party's Mackinac Island conference Sept. 22.

Attorney Thomas Kienbaum predicted "a showdown" on state funding despite the Supreme Court decision. "What if counties decide not to fund a court and shut it down? Is the Supreme Court saying 'we can't enforce that either?'" said Kienbaum, a Franklin Village resident and president-elect of the State Bar of Michigan.

Sen. David Honigman, R-West

Blomfield, said, "We've always claimed the state ought to, as a matter of policy, fund all the courts. I like the idea. Justice is supposed to be equal. Before my time, a promise was made that state funding would be made available."

Like Kienbaum, Honigman also fears outstate counties and local units could get sore at Wayne's favored treatment and cut out funds for their local courts.

But some in Oakland and western Wayne counties say their areas are better off without state funding and its Stamese rein, state control.

"I'm prejudiced against a state takeover," said Oakland Circuit Judge Gene Schuelz, "because we're so well treated in Oakland County. We're not on a luxury gravy train."

"Since Brooks Patterson became county executive, we've gone from no computers to where we [judges] all have personal computers. I can write up my notes from the bench and create a file. Our bunch is unanimously opposed to a state

takeover because we've got it so good. Down in Wayne County [with state funding], they have trouble getting paid."

"Outstate, if funding is a severe problem," Schuelz said. From his vacation cottage, he quoted a statement to the *Alpena News* by Circuit Judge Joseph P. Swallow that the high court ruling was "another broken promise."

State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, said the local 35th District Court is a money maker that communities in Northville, Plymouth and Canton don't want to surrender to state aid and control. "It makes a \$1.3 million profit. The locals use that money," said Law.

Statewide, district courts in a recent year spent \$150 million and collected \$125 million in fines and fees, recovering 83 percent of their costs. Other district courts broke even, while others ran at a loss.

Said Law, a member of the House Judiciary Committee and former township official, "Show me a district court that isn't in the black, and I'll show you one that isn't well managed."

In other courts, however, the situation is different. Circuit courts (the state's general trial courts) generate revenue to cover only 11 percent of their costs. Probate courts cover only 7 percent of their costs.

"Right now, I'm sharing all my school tax money [under Proposal A] with the rest of the state," said Law. "I don't want to share my court money, too."

Law agreed with the high court and rejected the argument that the state has a duty to fund all lower courts. "It's just a statutory thing. It [the state] hasn't fully funded revenue sharing or laid to cities with horse racing tracks. It [the high court ruling] doesn't surprise me."

Trial courts cost a total of about \$500 million a year to run. A full state takeover of funding would run an estimated \$250 million, perhaps more.

The argument started almost as soon as the Legislature in 1980 passed a law heavily funding Wayne County and Detroit courts. The stated intention was to phase

in state funding for the Wayne suburbs and the other 82 counties over five years. In the deep recession that followed, state funding never advanced.

In 1988 angry outstate politicians, 76 counties, 46 cities, 11 townships and one village — filed suit against state government in the Court of Claims. Van Essen's clients won partial victories in the Court of Claims (Ingham Circuit Court) and the Court of Appeals. But last week the Supreme Court reversed them.

"The Legislature had not intended to create a judicially enforceable private cause of action for money judgment against the state," wrote Justice Dorothy Constock Riley in a 7-0 opinion.

Moreover, the Michigan Constitution does not require the state to fund the entire cost of trial court operations.

"While strong arguments can be made that state funding would be a more desirable system of court financing, it is for the Legislature to determine whether to adopt such a system."

Dissension rips county Democrats

It's not easy to be a Democrat in Oakland County. Especially when the party itself is in turmoil.

The turmoil continued last week when Birmingham businessman Marvin Meltzer resigned as county chair and turned the reins over to Anne L. Harp of Southfield, the party's statutory vice chair.

"The decision to step down was entirely personal," said Meltzer, who was elected chair last December as Democrats were reeling from a sound thumping in the 1994 election.

"I'll still be active in the Democratic Party and I'll still be working on behalf of (President) Bill Clinton. But I just can't do it as chair. The job takes too much time."

The election of Meltzer, who succeeded Birmingham attorney Don Tucker, reportedly triggered a split within the party, although the party downplayed talk of a rift.

Meltzer, along with supporters who differed philosophically with the United Auto Workers, wanted to reshape the party in the image of Bill Clinton and the Democratic Leadership Council, a centrist faction within the party. A number of inner-circle Democrats either resigned in protest, or were encouraged to leave.

One of the first problems Meltzer encountered was a move by the party's staff — including the current director — to protect their jobs by petitioning to unmoor with the UAW.

The new county chair, Harp, said she is aware of turmoil within

the party — and she's prepared to deal with it.

"Turned and differences of opinion are nothing new, especially in politics," she said. "Furthermore, it doesn't matter. The important thing is to pull together and elect Democrats."

In an Aug. 14 statement to the party's executive board, Harp acknowledged Meltzer's contributions to the party and pledged to pursue the Democratic goals stated in the party's bylaws. She promised to promote the philosophy of the party and elect those who support that philosophy.

Harp also promised to coordinate and assist political activities of the party and to aid precinct delegates, committeemen and affiliated local organizations.

"I want to generate some life into local Democrat clubs," she said, "and to get Democrats elected at every level."

Harp, 68, considers herself to be a Clinton Democrat all the way. "Part of my efforts will be to get the message out about the accomplishments of Clinton as president."

Harp has been a resident of Southfield for about 15 years and is retired from the U.S. Post Office, where she's spent more than 30 years. She has held several positions with the postal service.

Harp was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1988 and attended President Clinton's inaugural ball.

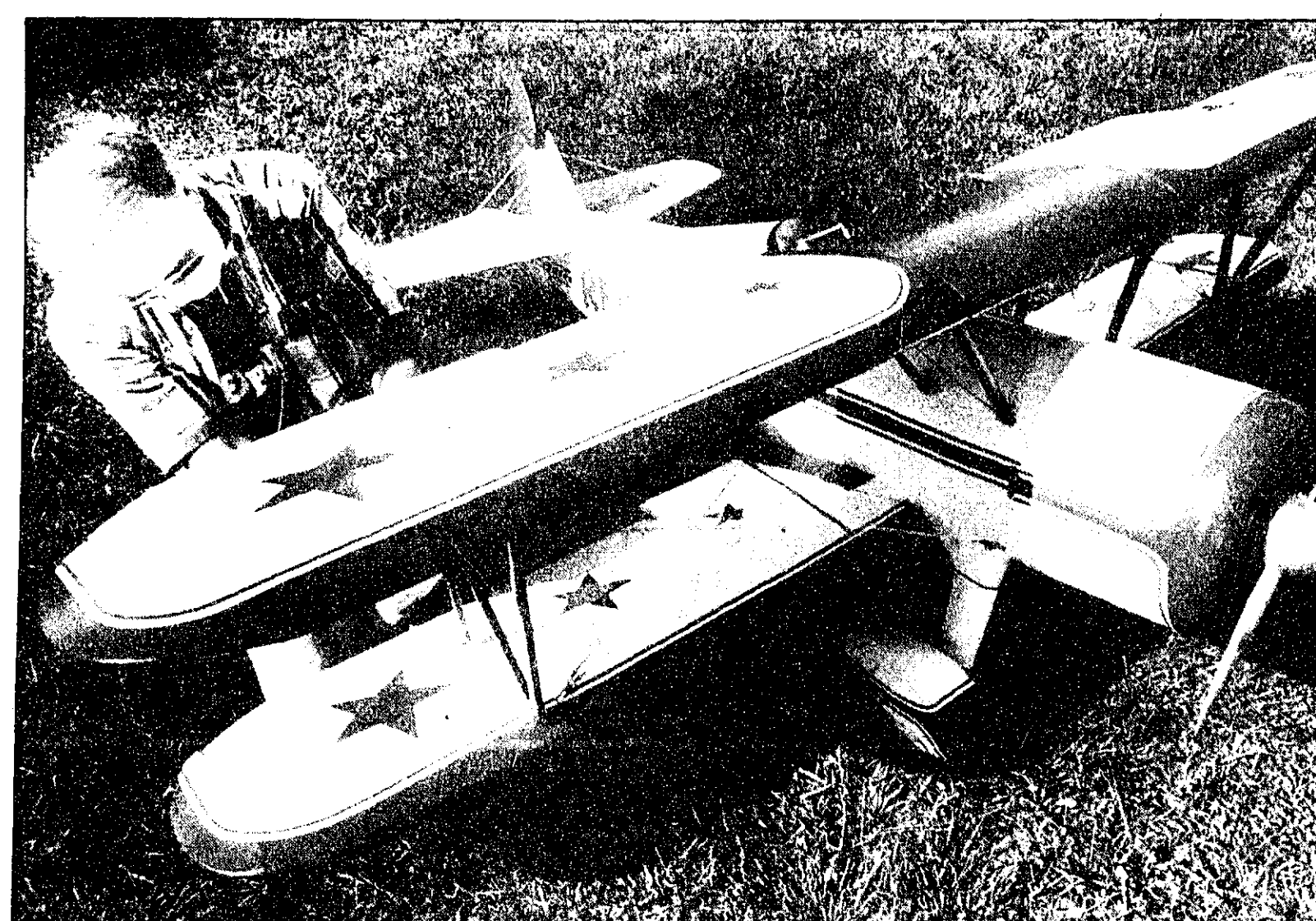


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Nichols wants to hire supporter's son

Sheriff John Nichols and several Oakland County commissioners are leading over a coalition of sheriff's supporters to hire a son of a supporter to head the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Nichols, 57, says the son of Matthew J. Chodak, who would have to resign as an Oakland County assistant prosecutor, is qualified. More important, the sheriff trusts him personally and professionally.

Commissioners — Republican and Democrat alike — insist the contract should be put up for bid. Chodak may be a good lawyer and well qualified to do the job, but competitive bidding generally saves money, they say.

In this case, those commissioners say, it would also avoid the appearance of nepotism.

Chodak is the son of Jean and Murray Chodak of Bloomfield Hills. Long time friend and financial supporter of Nichols, they were selected to host a \$100 per ticket birthday celebration for the sheriff on Sept. 10 as Nichols prepares for next fall's reelection campaign.

Personally wouldn't handle things this way," said commissioner of Lorraine F. Clarke, R-Waterford, who is chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. "But the sheriff has every right to do things his way."

"I think the commissioners will probably stir the pot a bit, but we'll end up doing things the way the sheriff wants."

Nichols declined to discuss the matter. Through a spokesman

said his position has been made clear and there is no need for elaboration, particularly since county leaders have been asked to review whether the sheriff must seek competitive bids on what amounts to a professional services contract.

"The end of it," Nichols said following the Aug. 17 county board meeting.

Awarding the contract has been an ongoing issue since June 15 when a performance audit concluded there were "procedural problems" in the way the company selected by the sheriff served process papers from since 1993, until last December.

The company's overall performance was "satisfactory" according to the audit. But the company's use of county facilities — including office space, telephones and copiers — amounted to a subsidy worth more than \$17,000.

The issue could surface again this week as the board's Finance and Personnel Committee reconvenes the contract, and commissioners again press for competitive bidding.

"I'm going to raise the issue," said commissioner Lawrence R. Bernick, D-Southfield, "and I'm going to push for change. We can't conduct county business efficiently if we continue the good old boy network."

R. Bloomfield Hills, voiced similar sentiments. "Matt Chodak is a time lawyer. But the county has to be aware of conflicts and we should avoid even the appearance of nepotism."

The contract in question involves serving subpoenas, writs and other legal documents, a function the sheriff is legally obliged to perform. Process servers also confiscate property on occasion and evict tenants.

Until 1993, when commissioners convicted Nichols the operation should be privatized, process serving was done in house by four or five deputies.

By all accounts, privatizing the process serving did in fact save money, although precise figures are not available. Critics of the sheriff's no bid policy agree privatizing probably saved money, possibly as much as \$200,000.

But the county might save more or even turn a profit — with competitive bidding.

Commissioner John P. McCutcheon, R-Royal Oak, said there may be room for compromise. "Perhaps we can work something out," said the chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, said the bidding is unfortunate. "When we privatized this function in 1993, we know there would be things to iron out, and that's what's happening."

In the end, Sheriff Nichols will call the shots on this one," Douglas said.

Fight over contract tarnishes reputations

Perhaps it's the cost of doing business with government, but both parties involved in a controversial contract with the sheriff's department say their reputations are sullied.

Matthew J. Chodak, an Oakland County assistant prosecutor, and Glenn R. Watson, a retired captain from the Oakland County sheriff's department, last week said they were needlessly maligned because of their involvement in the contract for serving process papers.

Chodak, of Bloomfield Hills, is seeking the contract and — if Sheriff John F. Nichols has his way — will get the contract.

Watson, of Oxford, had the contract for almost two years until June when, after giving the required notice, he terminated his involvement in the contract.

That was about the same time

an audit concluded that Watson's company, County Wide Process Services Inc. had performed the work in a "satisfactory" manner, although it was critical of some procedural problems.

The audit said the company's use of county facilities — such as office space, telephones and copiers — amounted to a taxpayer subsidy of more than \$17,000.

Watson, who spent 29 years

with the sheriff's department, said he was not particularly upset by the audit. "It pointed some things out, but those things were not major. We were supposed to work them out."

He agreed, for example, that his company should have paid for using county space or facilities.

"I asked them to compile a bill," Watson said, "and I was prepared to pay it. I'll be damned if I'll pay now."

Chodak said he has been maligned by his family's association with the sheriff. His parents, Joan and Murray Chodak, have been friends and political supporters of Nichols for years. They were, for example, scheduled to host a \$100 per-ticket birthday celebration for Nichols at their Bloomfield Hills home on Sept. 10.

"Sure, my parents know Sheriff Nichols," said Chodak, who spent five years with the sheriff's department before joining the prosecutor's office. "I know the sheriff, too. Should I be excluded simply because of that?"

Nichols said he wants to give the process serving contract to Chodak because he is qualified and trustworthy, or the sheriff said, he will return the function of process serving back in house.

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Lakes residents fear future beach building

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Lots of swans, maybe some geese and swarms of fish have at a southwestern corner of Walled Lake residents feel may be environmentally jeopardized by plans for a 231 home subdivision.

Now, developers have abandoned a proposal to carve out a beach and boat docks there and would like to go ahead as soon as possible with the site plan for Lakewoods Preserve. The residential community would be located on 290 acres on both sides of South Lake Drive and both sides of West Road.

As an alternative, says Arnold Sirin of the Novi Group, the builders hope to reserve the right for future homeowners to develop the beach front and enjoy lake fishing.

"What he's going to do is wait until the houses are up and turn the land over to them. Instead of homeowners and taxpayers fighting a developer, now you've got in three to five years 231 homeowners fighting homeowners, which could get extremely nasty," said Ruth Hamilton, a member of the South East Shallow (SES) Homeowners Association board of directors.

"That could be a disaster for both sides."

Sirin says the goal is to develop the acreage under the city's preservation option, which permits a reduction of lot size by up to 20 percent, based on the percentage of natural features preserved.

Lakewoods Preserves, with its \$175,000 and up homes, would cover land which includes 44 acres of regulated wetlands and a significant stand of trees at the west of the property.

The site plan was expected to be delivered to city planners this week; a concept plan for the pro-

ject is scheduled for a public hearing before the Novi Planning Commission on Oct. 4.

Three firms make up the Novi Group: Pulse Homes, Mark Jacobson & Associates and the Biltmore Development Corporation.

Original designs called for 300 homes. The developers have employed fish guides, the consultant/designer to the nontraditional Vistas project, but this project will be a traditional subdivision, Sirin said.

East of West Road and south of South Lake Drive, Lakewoods Preserve incorporates a 65-foot city-owned right of way for the proposed Taft Road extension, Sirin said in a letter to the planning commission that the developers would like Novi, which is evaluating several Taft Road extension routes, to abandon this right-of-way. As an exchange, they would offer the city a new right-of-way at the south end of the land for a Taft Road extension to West Road.

Members of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) were unanimously opposed in an Aug. 22 vote to any use of the lakeside property for a boat launch or beach for Lakewoods Preserve homeowners. They've asked that the wetlands be left untouched and that the community's proposed lakeshore park and pool be deduced to no more than the owners of 49 of the 231 homes.

They delivered this resolution to the Novi Planning Commission in a tense Aug. 23 informational meeting on the project.

"Our number one priority has been and continues to be the preservation of the quality of the lake. We know that sometimes it's difficult to accommodate everybody's concerns. With LARA, we felt this was the best motion we could make," LARA president Harry Avagian said.

The motion was constructed and passed unanimously because of our intense concern about maintaining the quality and preserving the environment both for our homes and from the environmental point of view.

LARA is also worried about the proliferation of jet skis on Walled Lake. The swans and the speed water vehicles have been notoriously incompatible.

Novi's lakes area is home to several neighborhoods which were planned as a summer getaway in the early 1980s. The narrow roads, not built to accommodate 1990s commuters, are widely believed to be substandard.

Sirin said he viewed last week's planning commission meeting as "good dialogue."

"This has been the single most difficult issue to come to grips with. It is both emotional and subjective but our rights to use Walled Lake are clear and precise. Based on our shoreline frontage on Walled Lake, we are entitled to use 49 boat slips and a beach for 49 families," Sirin wrote in an Aug. 18 letter to the city's planning commission.

"In spite of this, we as developers, have elected not to include any improvement of the lake front in our application. We feel we can better serve our entire development by creating an inland community area, with a view of the lake, that will include a swimming pool, tennis court and pavilion."

Sirin added that the six-acre lakefront would be deduced to the future Lakewoods Preserve homeowners association.

"That's passing the buck," said SES Homeowners Association secretary/treasurer Sarah Gray.

"Our major question is can they sell all the sub as lake access? The answer we think is no. This is a great keyholding issue."

Hamilton and Gray agree that the homes of Lakewoods Preserve are likely to be an attractive asset to the lakes area.

Laura Lorenzo, chair of the Novi Planning Commission, said that the commissioners discussed a number of options, including that the developer donate the beach front to the city or that a preservation easement be placed around the wetlands.

"We are looking for ways to preserve the lake area," Lorenzo explained.

"There were several alternatives. They're supposed to come back after they think about it."

Hamilton explained that the

lakes residents fear that if the breeding waters are lost, the wildlife which normally abide up the lake's plant life will be depleted and Walled Lake may dry into a swamp.

"This is the last area that's undeveloped. More importantly than that, it's the most ecologically sensitive area in all of Novi. On Walled Lake, there are tons of swans, must go to that area to nest. The carp spawn there, the bass put bass put bass heads there," Hamilton said.

"If all that life that produces in our lake, I'd figure a big chunk of it comes from that area. If you have even 10 people splashing in

water, you can see very quickly that even swimming destroys the ecosystem."

Hamilton said she'd like to see the State Department of Natural Resources to evaluate the lakeside wetlands, but Sirin and Lorenzo both say that would be premature in view of the delay of any development of the beach front.

"If the DNR says they can build in that area, who are we to tell somebody else not to live on the lake? Just because I own a home here doesn't mean I have a right to tell somebody else they can't own a home here," Hamilton said.

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Planner reports detractor

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi Planning Commissioner Glen Bonaventura has filed a police report against a former neighbor he claims is spreading lies and half truths about his character.

Bonaventura filed the report on Aug. 18, but did not request that

police take any action against or contact this ex-neighbor.

Instead, the report indicates he just wanted to make a record of the allegation that the person is spreading rumors and slandering his name around town.

There are few if any specifics in the police report except the notation that Bonaventura's lawyer, Terry Jolly, had sent a letter to the same subject on July 22, 1993,

requesting that the subject cease and desist from making any additional comments about the commissioner's character, employment, education or family. The police report did not specify the kinds of comments the subject allegedly had been making.

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First grader gets off bus at wrong stop

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Joey Supha, a first grader at Orchard Hills Elementary, must have had a rough first day at school Monday.

Joey made it to school and through his first official half day, but getting home was a different story. The child boarded bus 58 at school and reportedly got off two bus stops earlier than he should have, said James Koster, Novi Community School District's assistant superintendent of finance and administrative services.

Joey's mother, Cheryl, was reportedly waiting for her son at the correct stop in the Chase Farms subdivision when he was scheduled to arrive. But Joey wasn't on the bus.

When the boy didn't get off, she asked the driver where her son was.

Joey's bus driver allegedly radioed to a second bus in the Deerbrook subdivision and told the second driver the child was missing. The driver of the second bus told the first she'd circle back around and look for the boy, the assistant superintendent said. A child still seated on the second bus overheard the conversation and reportedly told the driver Joey had gotten off in the Deerbrook subdivision. Koster said.

Transportation Supervisor Virginia Burnham reportedly called Orchard Hills and asked Principal Paul LeFlae if the student was still at the school, but LeFlae said no, according to Koster.

Finally, a parent in the River-

bridge subdivision telephoned LeFlae to report she had found the child walking alone in her subdivision. LeFlae offered to come pick him up. Koster said, but the parent offered instead to take the child to the Chase Farms stop where he was reunited with his mother.

News reports that surfaced after the incident stated that the boy said the driver told him to get off at the Riverbridge stop because it was the last stop, despite the boy's tearful plea to the driver that it wasn't his stop.

"There was never a conversation between the bus driver and the child," Koster said, denying the allegation. "And it (Riverbridge) wasn't the last stop because there were still three kids on the bus when it stopped in Chase Farms."

The media also reported that the child was missing for 45 minutes, but Koster disputes that too.

"I heard he was missing for 45 minutes but the other stop isn't even four blocks away from the stop he was supposed to be at," he said. Koster said the incident was under investigation pending a Wednesday afternoon meeting with the bus driver and a meeting with the boy's parents.



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As We See It

Any doubt of festival's value should be gone



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If there has ever been a question about the value of the Michigan '50s Festival, it should be resolved this year. Festival director Rhonda Gage has reported that civic organizations, from the Lions Club to the Cloggers, walked away with a total of \$30,000. Of course, that money will go to a variety of good causes.

Additionally, the festival committee itself kicked in another \$21,000 to pay off the portable stage purchased for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. The festival made one earlier payment on that stage, \$31,000 raised during the 1993 and '94 festivals.

There are also intangible benefits to the festival, like an event which gives the city a sense of community and draws residents out so they can see each other at least once a year.

But City Council members aren't too sure about this. In a recent meeting, they asked for an accounting of the contributions the city makes to the festival, primarily in staff time diverted to work on the event. Police overtime is one prime example. One member has questioned why the city purchases barricades for the event.

We have no problem with the idea that council would like an accounting. That would indeed be very worthwhile information. But the council members are giving the impression they are less than supportive of the city's efforts to help the festival. And we have a big problem with that.

No fine needed for CARES



Michael Malott

Just a few random dispatches from the editor's desk...

ON WAIVERS: For one think the county elections bureau and the Secretary of State's office will be way out of line if they assess Novi CARES any fine at all for its recently discovered campaign finance law violation. CARES failed to file a waiver, stating that it had spent less than \$1,000 in the June 12 school millage renewal election and allowing it to avoid having to detail contributions and expenses. The report was due July 12, but it wasn't filed until this week, according to CARES treasurer Barry Moore.

State law calls for fines up to \$25 per business day for failing to file. That means the cost could come to more than \$800 for the group, if the fine is assessed to the maximum. And that's a darn sight more than the \$255 total the group spent to have signs printed in support of the millage question back in June.

The error's pretty minor, all things considered. Moore explained that he thought the waiver was granted automatically. And that makes sense, considering there would be little point in not filing a waiver.

We take the campaign finance laws seriously, but remember that they were designed to get state government candidates to less up to their fundraising and spending during election years. They were designed to keep the powerful lobbying firms in check by forcing disclosure. And the fines were set on that basis.

It was never intended to be used to hammer a small group of PTA mothers who felt they had something to say about a local school election.

Over the years, we've seen state candidates and lobbyists do some pretty funky things with their campaign finance accounts, funneling questionable expenses through them, transferring money to other candidates, taking money out for themselves and spending donations on what appeared to be personal items. Elections officials and the attorney general haven't offered a peep of protest in many of those cases. The important thing, they usually contend, is disclosure.

Well, Novi CARES has now disclosed. So any fine at all would seem to me to be too much. And any amount beyond pocket change would be outright excessive.

GRANNY GALLOPS: Novi's in for a rude awakening ... this Friday. That's when its director of public information, Cindy Stewart, leaves to take a new job.

Stewart is well liked in Novi, and not just because she's the city's best looking grandmother. (She was quite proud of that fact, pointing out when Calvin Michael was born to her son Jeff and daughter-in-law Joanne Aug. 11 that she doesn't look like the typical grandma.) Mostly, her popularity is due to her congeniality.

But what most people in town don't realize is just how much information she's managed to pump through her office over the years.

They will now, especially since there will be some lapse until the post can be filled.

Projects on Stewart's plate, and not yet moved elsewhere, include several cable television shows, employee and council newsletters, the annual calendar, notifications and press releases to all the media which cover Novi, a ton of parks and recreation material and more.

Around here, we'll try to make it easy for city folks who want to get their notices and information out. But the important thing is that city folks are going to have to do it themselves. It was never intended to be used to hammer a small group of PTA mothers who felt they had something to say about a local school election.

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Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



A closer look at the Novi High vs. Walked Lake soccer game

Fancy footwork

Tot's mom has first day jitters



Sharon Condon

Dear diary,

This entry is a far cry from the words I put in here Sunday night when I was fretting about Monday morning. Tyler's first day at preschool.

Well, you'll be happy to know the day has come and gone and I pulled it off without a hitch.

He awoke at the crack of dawn and was ready and raring to go. He showered and got dressed in his new outfit and seemed excited about heading off to school. I tied his tennis shoes, he grabbed his backpack and hand in hand we headed out to the car.

He seemed older than four and a half and bigger than he was the night before.

There was excitement in the air for most of the drive in and he was bubbling with a thousand questions about school, his teacher and about the trucks, cars, and school buses we passed along the way.

Twice he asked how much longer and when are we going to get there. "A few more minutes." I would say as he lunged at the edge of his seat. We ran out of things to say and I feared talking too much about school might scare him off. The silence made me uncomfortable and my anxiety was starting to build.

We pulled into the parking lot and he jumped out the door saying he couldn't wait to meet his teacher. Up the stairs and through the open doors.

His classroom was on the right and there in front of us was his teacher. She welcomed him by name and

OCC needs Novi trustees

Five trustees at Oakland Community College must feel like they've started a buzzsaw and thrown away the finger guard.

It has to do with their treatment of Patsy Calkins, chancellor (CEO) of the five-campus, two-year college since 1991.

First, it is quite obvious that five of the seven trustees deliberated in violation of the Open Meetings Act. On Aug. 17, two delivered Calkins an ultimatum, on behalf of the board, to resign or be fired. Never was that discussed at an open meeting. Never was a meeting posted where it might be discussed. A lawsuit is before Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, but no one on the OCC secretary's mailing list needs a court ruling to figure out there were secret deliberations.

Second, the board ignored the proper procedure for letting Calkins know its members were unhappy — the annual performance review. Her review was supposed to be performed in June but wasn't. Near the end of August, it still wasn't scheduled.

A performance review is a standard technique in most of industry and government. If the bosses dislike the employee's work, the bosses can list desired improvements, issue a warning, refuse a pay raise, set a deadline for improved performance, and decline to extend the contract. An astute employee can choose between (1) trying to satisfy the boss and (2) looking for another job. There is no need for an ugly coup.

Third, Calkins' friends gave solid reasons for praising her work. She got OCC's first millage passed in 30 years. She has put OCC on the map with the industrial movers and shakers of Oakland County. She has advanced the technical training programs needed to prepare both the young and middle-aged for world economy jobs. She has won the confidence of the Arab-Chaldean community, the Jewish community, the black community as well as the good ol' white males. The faculty is convinced she at least listens to them.

Fourth, the board has done a job that ranks somewhere between abysmal and subterranean in stating its case for firing. Members hint they're unhappy with personal services contracts she has awarded to adminis-

Where CARES gets its support

To the editor:

Novi CARES?

Does anyone in Novi care about the school district's Novi CARES committee? The committee paid for the signs, brochures, stamps, etc., promoting the school district's last bond and millage issues.

The following are listed in the finance report filed at the Oakland County Bureau of Elections:

- Fanning/Hovey Associates,

Engler must reign in extremists



Phil Power

In case you were on vacation, here's a summary of the recommendations adopted by the State Board of Education at its July and August meetings:

- Repeat the requirement for a tough, mandatory core curriculum for all K-12 students.
- Permit new, autonomous school districts to be carved out of existing ones.
- Allow students (together with their basic education grant) to transfer from their home school district to another one.
- Remove the limits, currently 75, on the number of charter schools and make it easier to get charters approved.

Thoughtful readers of this column will be pleased that board president Clark Durant and his sidekick Marly Lundy barked away from rapping schools to teach creationism alongside evolution.

Durant wanted schools to teach "various theories" on the origin of life, not just scientific ones. Lundy argued that since there is no scientific evidence for evolution, claims that creationism is not supported by scientific evidence are irrelevant. (Adopting the device typically used by folks making silly remarks, Lundy later claimed she had been misquoted.)

Most troublesome was the board's rejection of a mandatory core curriculum, the necessary precondition for real school reform. Business leaders, particularly, have urged tough statewide standards geared to global skills competition, and in 1993 the Legislature adopted a package of school reform laws that required each district to follow a core curriculum.

Interestingly, the State Board's recommendation runs counter to its own public opinion survey, which indicated that 87 percent of Michigan residents think the state should set educational standards. So much for Durant's claim that the board's very conservative majority is "on the same wave length" as the public on educational standards.

What is remarkable overall about the State Board's continuing assault on school reform is that it flies squarely in the face of a set of compelling facts:

Item: Our 1995 high school graduates ranked 13th in the country on their Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores. Michigan's scores in both the math and verbal portions of the SAT have been rising in recent years, although they are not up to the level reached in the 1950s and 1960s.

Item: The board's \$620,000 public opinion survey indicated lukewarm (52 percent) support for more schools of choice and a strong (84 percent) endorsement for making charter schools follow the same rules as traditional schools. Yet the board

Contract talks should begin now

Novi residents should be aware that the Novi Police Officers Association contract is up for bargaining in the spring of '96. This negotiation will center on the issue of 12-hour shifts, an item recently lost by the cops in an arbitration hearing.

The cops want it from a perspective of quality of life. The shift schedule, which has been adopted by many local communities, gives officers an opportunity to have some semblance of normalcy — an occasional weekend off to be with family. The Novi administration, on the other hand, feels that conventional eight-hour shifts are more economically responsible to Novi taxpayers.

Letters

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Apparently a 1995 financial report was not submitted. The failure to submit the 1995 report could mean that Novi CARES is in violation of the campaign finance act.

Susan Schramm

majority wants more schools of choice and easier rules for charter schools.

Item: This school year marks the start of two more school reforms from the package passed in 1993. Instructional time will rise from 900 hours over a 180-day school year to 990 hours, while a new proficiency test will replace the MEAP assessment for 11th graders. The test is tough; it takes 11 hours and stresses reasoning over multiple-choice questions.

The chasm between the ideologically-driven irrationality of the State Board's majority and the steady progress of school reform and the common sense attitudes of most Michigan citizens has grown very wide. Even conservative members admit that their rush to save our public schools by destroying them is driven by fear that the board's right-wing majority may not survive next year's election.

I wonder whether Gov. John Engler, now enormously preoccupied with running for vice president, has any idea how much embarrassment he risks by allowing his hand-picked State Board of Education to go un-checked into outer space. Maybe everybody would be better off if the governor got back to running the state and reigning in some of his extremist friends.

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Super offers info on bond issue

At a recent meeting with The Novi News staff, they graciously consented to sharing further information to upgrade our facilities for students. The community recognized the important of addressing future needs both for curriculum and for facilities. When this particular bond issue was passed it included a curriculum and technology system, and renovations to Parkview, Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and the high school. This forward looking support has paid off. Novi students are ensured a competitive edge as they attend college or enter the business community.

Now the Novi school district faces a new challenge in order to maintain the potential for success.

cess for their students. That challenge is to meet the needs of the increased student growth in K-8 grades. I am sure that you must be aware of all the new buildings as you drive through-out the Novi school district. These new homes are bringing new students into the district. Projected growth shows that over the next five years the student population will grow as follows:

- K-12, up 24 percent, with an additional 1,111 students.
- K-4, up 11 percent, with 207 more students.
- 5-6, up 25 percent, with 178 more students.
- 7-8, up 34 percent, with 241 more students.
- 9-12, up 38 percent, with 485 more students.

The students represented by these enrollment figures cannot be accommodated in the present facilities. I can assure you that without additional space it would be very difficult to educate our students without detracting from the individual needs of all students.

Thank you for the time you have taken to read this material. In the meantime, please be aware the information about the bond issue is coming to your neighborhood. There are plans to have approximately 80 neighborhood coffees, hosted by many members of the community. Call your local elementary school for locations, or the school principal can assist if you would like to host an informational coffee in your home.

Emmett Lippe

Right has no need of actual research

"Competition" and "choice" are two jargon words you'll hear repeatedly if you listen to the far right wing of educational politics.

Their hypothesis says that schools must compete for students, and if parents have a choice of where to send their kids, then education will improve.

I call it a hypothesis, not a theory. A hypothesis is a glorified hunch about something that might be true, but so far hypothesis is a glorified hunch about something that might be true, but so far there is little factual matter to support it. It should be distinguished from a theory, a general principle abstracted from a body of facts.

Under the right wing hypothesis, the State Board of Education, with the heavy-handed prodding of Clark Durant, has been advancing an ideological agenda that would undo many public school reforms of the past decade. On the sidelines, cheering, is Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus.

And so we are bombarded with recommendations for public school academies that would be free from rigid rules (we aren't told which rules are rigid and why aren't they changed?), streamlined curriculum, schools of choice

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10:00 a.m. — No programming today.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5
10:00 a.m. — U.S.O. Party and Awards Presentation
10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
11:00 a.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. — Adventures With Prate Pate
12:30 p.m. — Senior Messenger
1:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:30 p.m. — Happiest People Alive
2:00 p.m. — Exotic Evening: Dances and Tales of India
2:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
3:00 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: Ban Joes of Michigan
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — Concrete Sound
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
5:30 p.m. — Living With Your Addictions
6:00 p.m. — Founders Festival Pet Show
6:30 p.m. — Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Jack Medina — Fitness
7:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
8:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents: Infinite Faith, The Secret to Miracles
8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — The Job Show
11:00 a.m. — Study in Scripture
11:30 a.m. — Oakland Press Perspective
12:00 p.m. — The Way The Truth and The Life
12:30 p.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
1:00 p.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Frazier Stamen and Lee C. BeGole
1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
2:00 p.m. — My Russian Friend: Health and Holidays
2:30 p.m. — Battle of the Books

3:00 p.m. — Farmington Music: Amadeus
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — Crises in the Modern Family: Terry Spack Out
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Basic Internet Resources
5:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Marie Logan
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6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Novi Fire Station
7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
8:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation

8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
9:00 p.m. — My Vote Counts With Bill Coste
9:30 p.m. — Euthanasia: Advocates for Better Care
10:00 a.m. — Focus on Families
10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
11:30 a.m. — Michigan Music: Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Jark Medina — Fitness
12:30 p.m. — Restoration Now
1:00 p.m. — Good Health Asthma
1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

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2:00 p.m. — Persistent Vegetative Coma and the Law
2:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
3:00 p.m. — Business and Residential News
3:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk
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5:00 p.m. — Paws With a Cause
5:30 p.m. — Know Your Rights — The Lease Agreement
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6:30 p.m. — Novi News Week
7:00 p.m. — Business of Living Show

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9:00 p.m. — Totally Michigan II: Skydiving
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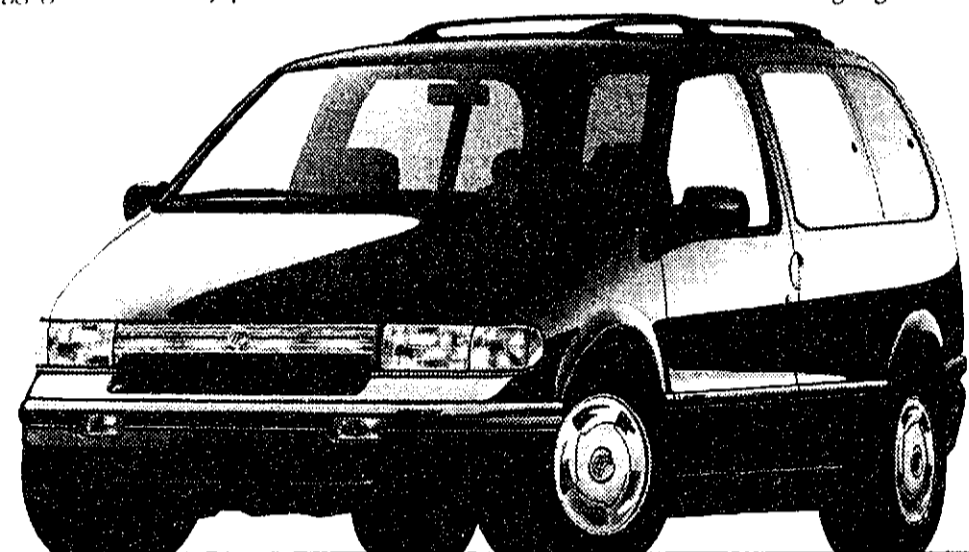


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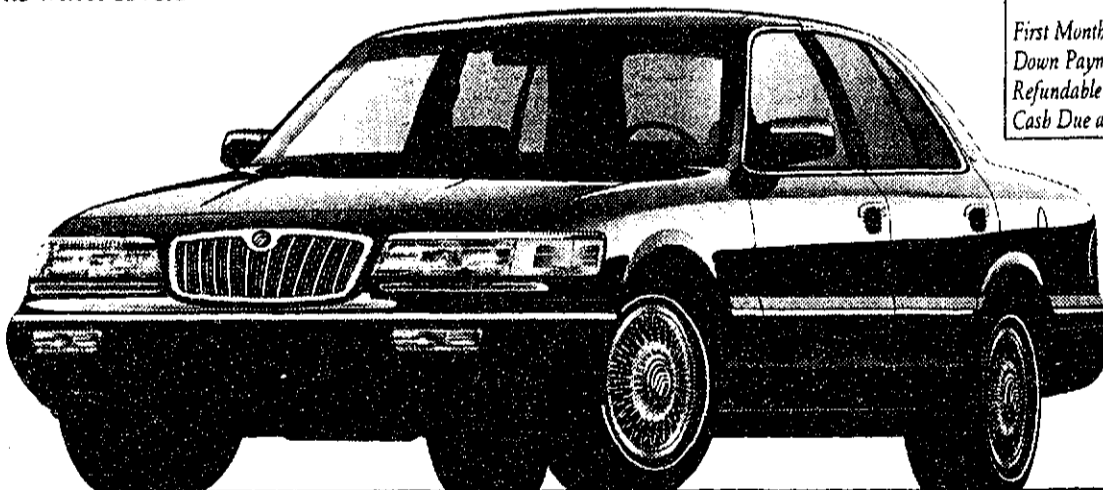
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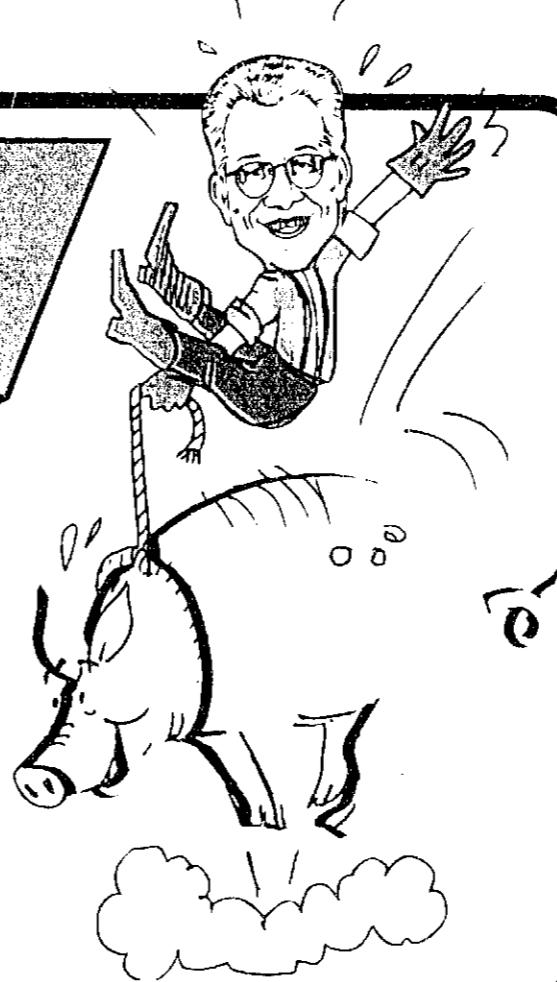
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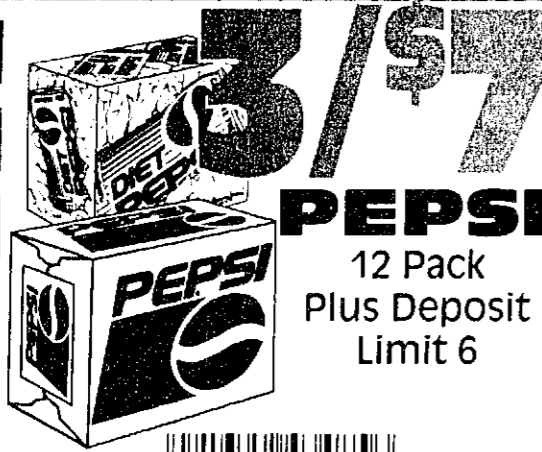


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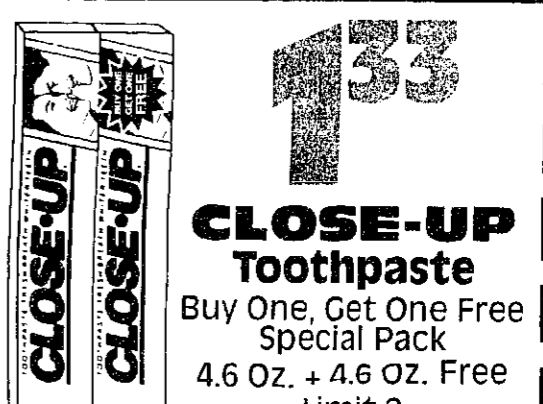
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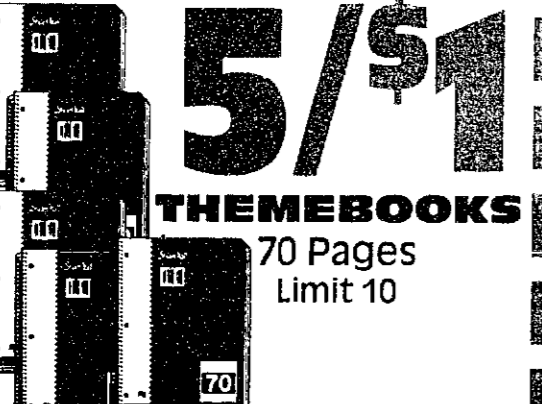
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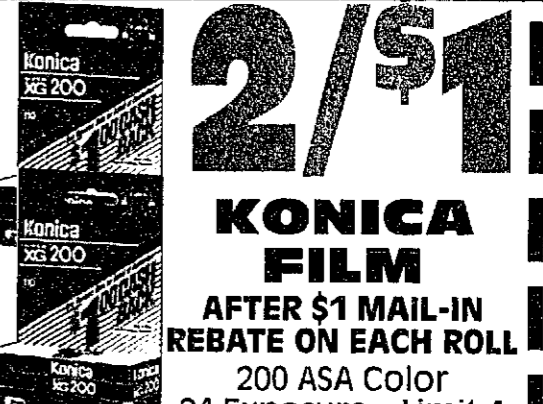
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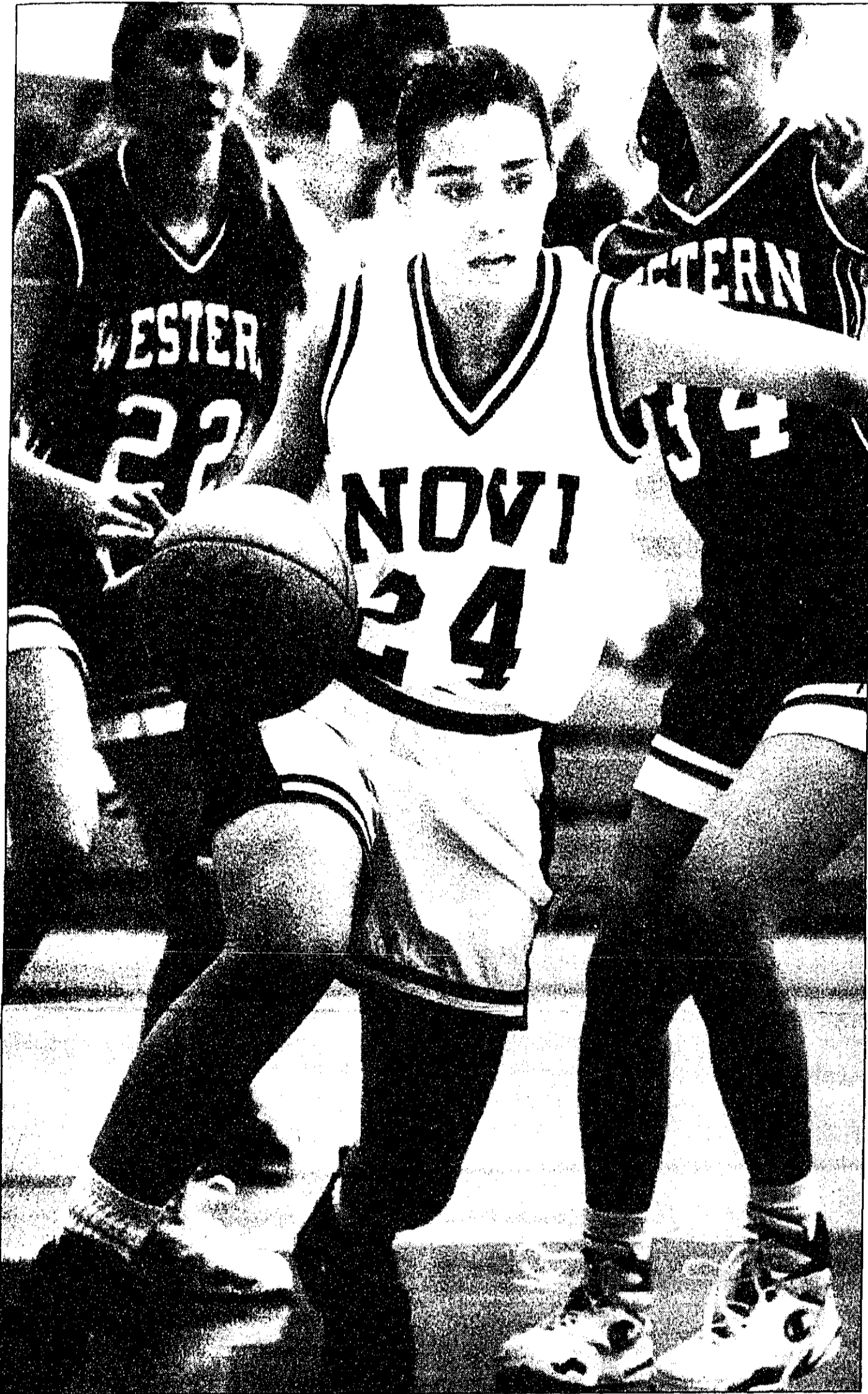
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Novi's Kelly Kearney dribbles through Walled Lake Western defenders during action last year.

TO TOP

Novi High School's basketball team hopes to raise from the bottom to top

from champions to cellar-dwellers.

The Wildcat basketball team fell that far last season. A year after winning the Kensington Valley Conference title, Novi sank to the bottom of the standings and won just three league games.

Trouble filling the basket and a thin bench made 1994 difficult for the Wildcats. Novi finished 7-14 overall.

"It's hard to lose," said guard Kelly Kearney. "I had never played on less than a .500 team before."

With an influx of young talent and senior leadership, the captain believes this fall will be different, however.

"Everything's coming together," Kearney said. "I think our hard work will pay off."

She's not kidding about the hard work, either.

Instead of lounging around this summer, the Wildcats have been playing, playing and playing some more.

A summer league in Northville, scrimmages with area teams, Saturday games at Schoolcraft College and a team camp at Western Michigan University were all on the agenda over the past few months.

Cocher Dennis Cichonski is a firm believer that all the hours on the court will add up to an improved Novi squad. He, in fact, thinks the 'Cats can climb as far as they fell.

"We're going to contend for the KVC championship as well as anyone in the conference," Cichonski said.

Novi won't play a league game until next month but will get the season under way tonight at Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m.

A vastly different lineup from last fall will take the floor against the Warriors.

Jessica Kenny gets the call at point guard. At 5-foot-9 she'll have a height advantage over many of her opponents.

"She has the capability of going to the basket," said Cichonski. But like any point guard, Kenny must distribute the ball to her teammates. Cichonski said the youngster recognizes her role and has excelled thus far.

"I've been pleased with her choices and composure at the guard spot," he added.

Joining Kenny in the backcourt will be Kearney. If the Wildcats have a "go-to" person, it'll be the senior.

"I'm looking for her to be our leader," said Cichonski. "She'll be on the floor at crunch time."

The coach will be operating under the premise of less is more with Kearney. He said he'll rest her by cutting back on her minutes a bit.

"We want to get her minutes down and production up," Cichonski commented.

Kearney has high hopes for the team and herself this season.

"I want to be a strong leader," she said, "and earn all-state, all-KVC and earn all-area (honors)."

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"Pocahontas" ranks among Disney's best

POCAHONTAS
By Heather Wadowski
Northville

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

As I waited in line at the Fox Theatre to see Disney's "Pocahontas," I realized that families were spending hundreds of dollars to see the "Pocahontas" premiere. I knew that the question every person waiting in line was wondering... "Is 'Pocahontas' going to top 'The Lion King'?"

Quite frankly, no. "Pocahontas" is one of Disney's best, don't get me wrong. It ranks up there with "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid" and

"The Lion King," but it doesn't outshine them. Disney's first mistake? The

music. Besides "Just Around the Riverbend" and "Colors of the Wind," the songs are hard to understand, pointless and not very catchy. Like "Hakuna Matata." Viewers keep wishing the song would end and the action resume. The second mistake? The sad ending. Sure, "Pocahontas" is a true story, but I'm quite sure that in the real live version there was no talking tree. So why couldn't John Smith and Pocahontas end up together in the end?

"Pocahontas" receives four and one-half stars out of five. The characters are lovable, there's a lot

of humor and you'll even cry. It's definitely one of Disney's best. The only problem is it isn't Disney's best.

JUDGE DREDD
By Mike Kapusky
Northville

"Dredd — I am da law." It's lines like this that Sly is perfect for. This is not an Arnold movie, not a Jean-Claude movie, it is truly a Stallone movie. I knew yowd say dat. Sylvester Stallone brings another comic book hero from paper to person in "Judge Dredd." The future is a vast desert and only crime plagued "mega-cities" provide a suitable habitat for the human race. The government has collapsed, and only an elite force of peace keepers provide the protection, order and judgment.

The best of these law enforcers is the one and only Judge Dredd, and when he gets framed for murder the action picks up and the bad guys fall. Universal, but so are the Batman movies. The good guys get in a bunch, recovers and prevails.

"Judge Dredd" has the cheery lines, drab plot and pointless screaming to make it a really bad action movie, but great music, spectacular special effects and decent action save it from execution. The city scenes, costumes and futuristic vehicles are exceptional, and even Rob Schneider provides a little humor for the cold-hearted Dredd. "Judge Dredd" is judged with a reasonable three and one-half stars. (One the low, five the high). Fans of the comic book will not be disappointed, but others may be expected more.

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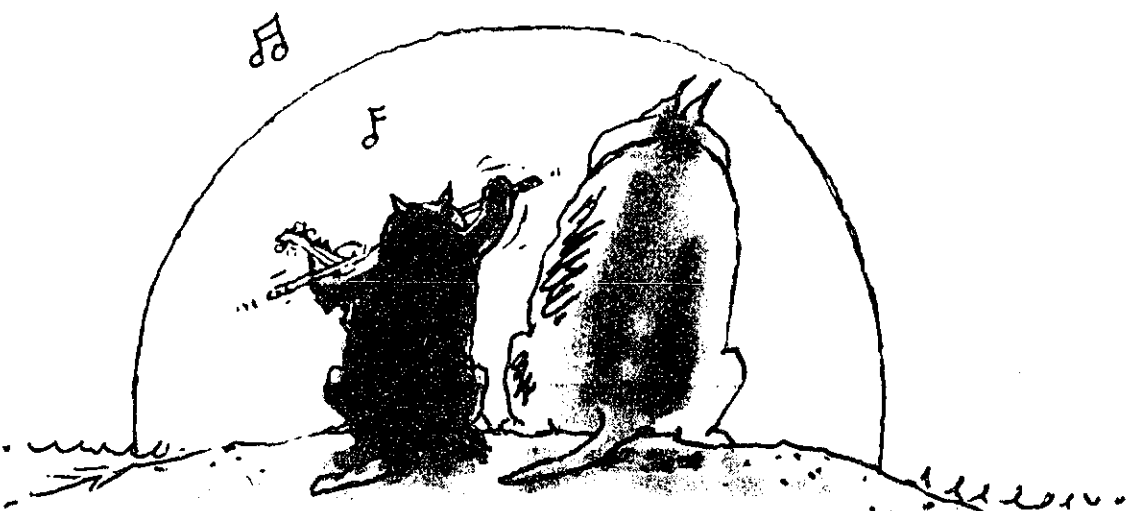
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Reservations should be made by Sept. 1 to Vince Tobia at 348-2951.

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Send reunion information to the Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Role of a different kind for actor

Kristin Curle is back with the Plymouth Theatre Guild, but this time as a back stage manager.

Curle has a small role in the theater group's upcoming performance of *Nonsense* and has previously been seen on stage in *The King and I* as a royal wife and in *Deathtrap* as Helga ten Dorp.

While a student at Ladywood High School, the Novi resident appeared in *The Music Man*, *O Men, Amen*, *Pillow Talk* and *Pure as the Driv-*

en Snow.

Curle is a senior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she is majoring in broadcast journalism and international French studies. She is also the Plymouth Theatre Guild's publicity chair.

Performances of *Nonsense*, a musical comedy, are Sept. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 6 p.m.
Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$9 in

advance. Performances are at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital at 41001 West Seven Mile Road, one mile west of I-275.

A special benefit performance for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be Sept. 19.

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Teen pageant deadline approaches

Contestants are now being accepted for the 1995 Miss Michigan Teen All American Pageant to be staged Oct. 7 and 8 at the Rovey Hotel in Romulus. The 1995 event is the Official Preliminary to Miss Teen All American. The pageant is now in its 18th year.

All judging is on the basis of poise, personal interview and beauty of face and figure.

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will be interviewed by representatives from the TV/film industry and modeling agency personnel.

Miss Michigan Teen All American will also be awarded a host of prizes including cash, jewelry and luggage.

Miss Michigan Teen All American 1994 is Kelly Ryan of Carleton.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 8.

Picnic basket safety

Many people enjoy packing a basket of food for a trip to the beach, sporting event or park. There are some steps you need to take, however, to prevent food-borne illness at your picnic.

Save the basket for paper products and transport refrigerated items in an ice chest or cooler. Before packing your food, fill the cooler with ice and let it stand for one hour. Cold food should be taken directly from the refrigerator and placed into the cooler filled with ice bags.

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