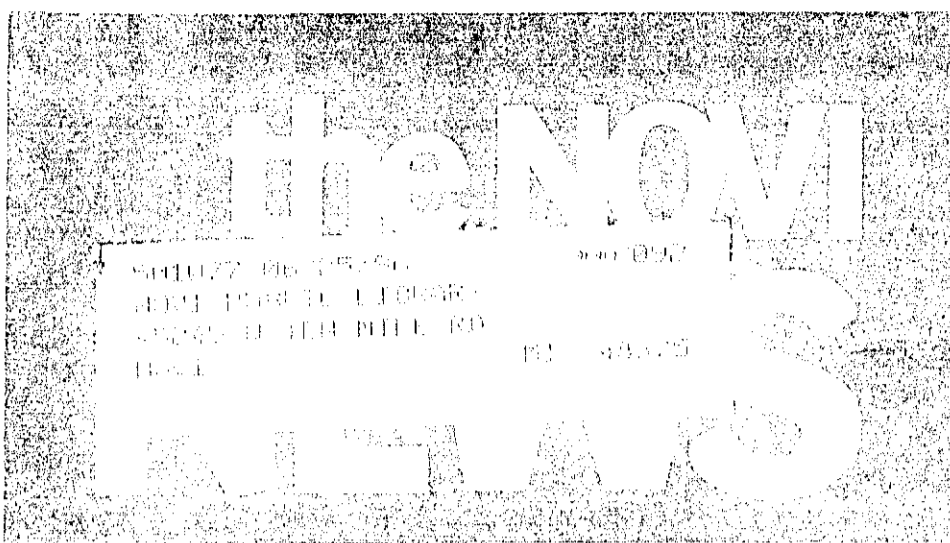


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FOI policy raises ire of taxpayers

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In the wake of several requests from developers and attorneys for voluminous copies of city records, the Novi City Council last week adopted the community's first policy addressing the state's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

New City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew initiated the change. Previously, the clerk's office charged 25 cents per copied page for records. The regulation now permits the city to recover costs for the time involved in accumulating, evaluating and copying the documents.

"I've recently received several large requests by certain developers for large sums of paper, the last one for 25,000 copies at the cost of \$1,200. That was a sum I felt the city ought to recoup," Bartholomew said.

The council, except for Member

"I don't approve of them charging 25 cents for copies of information I'm legally entitled to."

Ruth Hamilton

Carol Mason, agreed.

But lakes area resident Ruth Hamilton said she was "outraged" at the new guidelines, which charge 3.5 cents per page copied, mailing costs and labor costs for searching, examining and reviewing the records, as well as copying and mailing the, the rate based on the hourly wages of the lowest paid full-time clerk.

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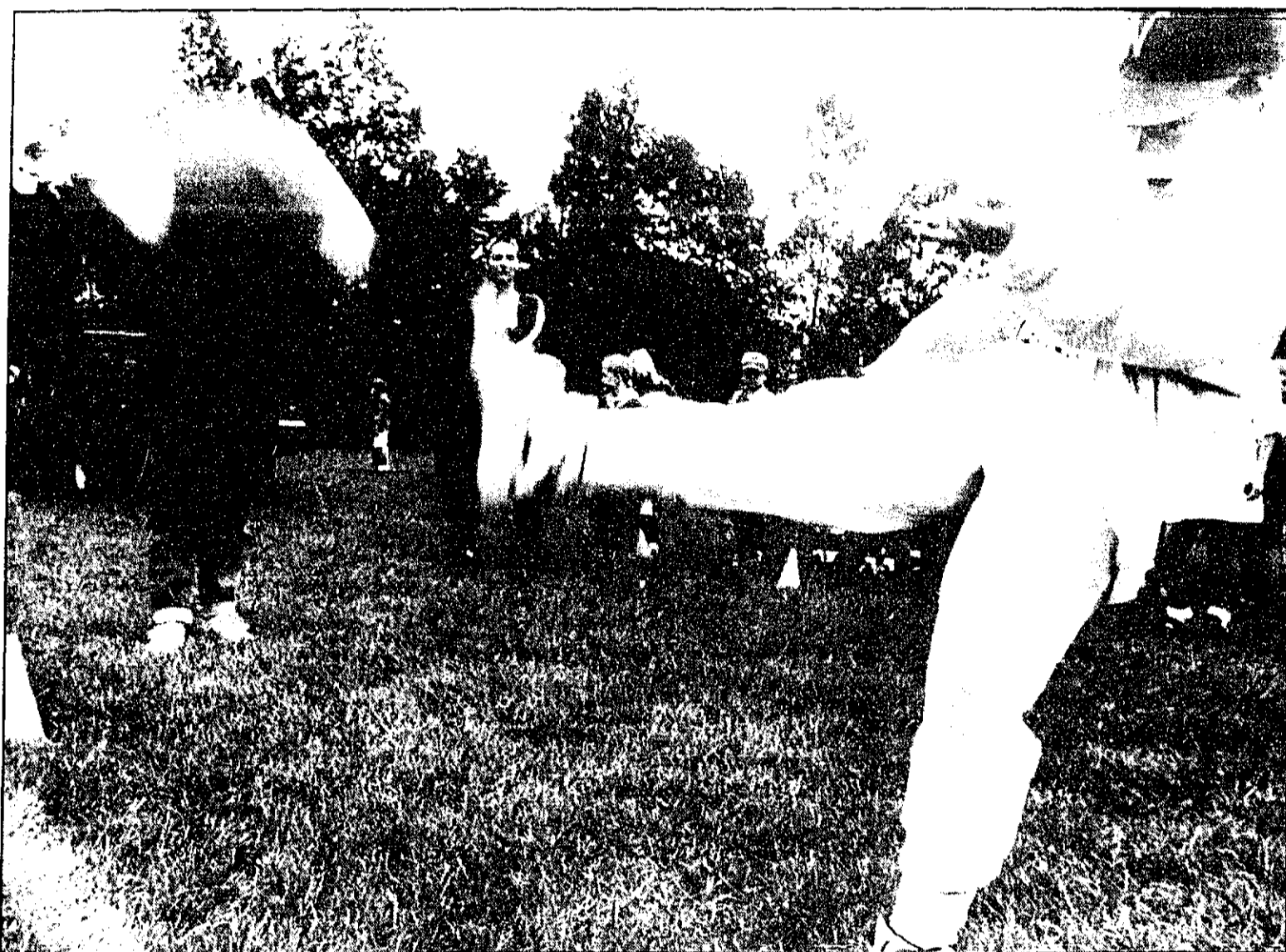


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A foot up on the competition

Clark Paciorek took first place in the ten-year-old category Sunday at the 1995 Michigan National Football League-Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick Competition, held at Novi Meadows.

He'll next take a pass at the sectional competition, slated for Oct. 14 in Plymouth. Winners of the Novi event are listing on page 11A in today's edition.

Presnell, 74, dies of heart failure

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

It took six months, 5,000 man hours and \$5,000 to write a city charter for Novi, the local paper reported in February 1969.

Among the volunteers logging all those hours was one of the City of Novi's original shakers and movers, Edwin E. Presnell, 74, who died Sept. 15 of heart failure at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Presnell was elected to Novi's first City Council on Feb. 18, 1969, and remained in office through a second term.

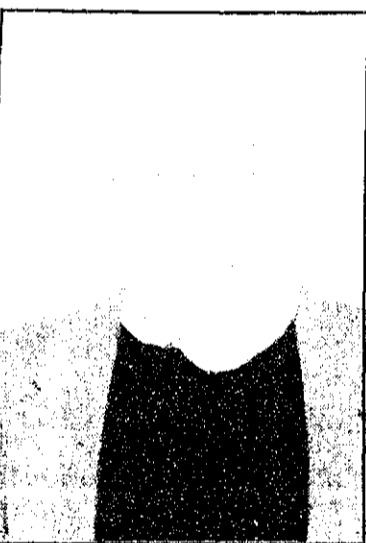
"He was a key, key player," said City Manager Edward Kriewall, who was hired as the local director of public works during Presnell's tenure.

"I think he was instrumental in helping Twelve Oaks Mall come here."

This was the seed time of Novi's future boom. Presnell worked closely with council colleague and friend Denis Berry, "making sure that Novi moved into the 20th century," Kriewall said.

Presnell was a Farmington Hills resident at the time of his death, but he spent 35 years of his life in this town. He was buried Tuesday at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Presnell is survived by daughter, Susan Presnell, campus administrator of Walsh College; son, Capt. Philip Presnell of the Northville Township Police Department; a grandson, Jason; and two sisters and two brothers.



EDWIN PRESNELL

His wife, Marion, died in 1985.

On Sept. 15, former city council member Denis Berry was watching the *Talking History* cable television on the local public access station. The program featured an interview with Presnell, Kriewall and former city council member Don Young. Berry said he found himself chatting back to the TV about the old days.

About an hour later, Berry learned that his friend of 28 years had died.

"It was kind of the two of us against the five others on the city council. Jack Hoffman (editor of *The Northville Record/Novi News*) used to call us 'Ire and frack' ..."

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Road paving criticized by council

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's municipal bond rating remains as good as gold - but Council Member Carol Mason wondered why the current issue was being used to finance Wixom Road, one of the voter-approved road bond projects.

Last week, the Novi City Council accepted the high bid from First America Security to purchase two sets of city bonds.

The bonds are issued by the city but are scheduled to be paid back by Evergreen III, developers of the Main Street project.

The first set, \$3 million in Michigan Transportation Bonds, will have an interest rate of 5.10

percent. Of that, \$1.9 million is for Wixom Road, which is part of the road bond program and will not be paid back by Evergreen III but by the developers responsible for the paving of Nine Mile Road.

The second set, \$1.7 million special assessment district bonds (SAD), will bear an interest rate of 6.84 percent. This will be used to construct the landscaping and other Main Street amenities.

The 12 bids submitted for the transportation bonds were the most the city has ever received for that category, bonding attorney Dennis Neiman noted. The city has also retained its A rating from Mood's and a Standard & Poor's rating of A for the SAD bonds and

AA for the transportation bonds.

However, Mason questioned why the voter-approved road bond money was not being used for Wixom Road. Neiman explained that the city used some of those funds to pave Nine Mile Road because the Wixom project wasn't ready to go.

"Wixom Road was not a priority. It didn't get done on the proceeds of that issue. It's getting done on this bond issue ... The ballot was not specific as to roads. It may have been city principal roads," he said.

"Was it legal, the answer is yes?"

Novi faced penalties if the road bond money wasn't used within

the bonding time limitation, City Manager Ed Kriewall explained.

"As with most road projects, getting them going takes a considerable amount of time," he said. "We have saved the taxpayers considerable money over the past three years."

Of the \$18.8 million, \$1.5 million remains available to be used for the Taft Road extension, he explained. Mason remained unconvinced and would not approve the bond issue.

"The citizens were told 10 roads would be taken care of that time (the election). That was one of the reasons the people passed the general obligation bond," she said.

Sex offender solicits Novi girl

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

A twice-convicted sex offender was picked up in Novi last week on a parole violation after a 12-year-old girl rejected, and then reported, his alleged advances.

The Michigan Department of Corrections confirmed that parolee Darrin Redden, 28, of Commerce Township, was picked up Friday afternoon and returned to the Western Wayne Correctional Facility on a technical parole violation.

Novi Police Officer Scott Tewes apprehended Redden in Connemara, a subdivision near Nine Mile and Taft roads, almost 24 hours after he approached the girl en route to Northville's Cooke Middle School and asked her if she "wanted to make some money."

The girl fled to a friend's porch and the suspect left without further incident, according to a report filed with Novi Police.

A second girl reported seeing the suspect the same morning. She told police he slowed down as he passed by her as she was walking,

but said nothing to her.

Redden is a 160-pound white male who is 5-foot-11. He has brown eyes and brown shoulder length hair he wears pulled back into a pony tail.

The girls reported the incidents to Cooke Middle School administrators who relayed the information to Novi Police last Thursday.

"The girls did an excellent job by staying calm," said Novi Police Lieutenant David Butler. "They didn't get a license plate but the

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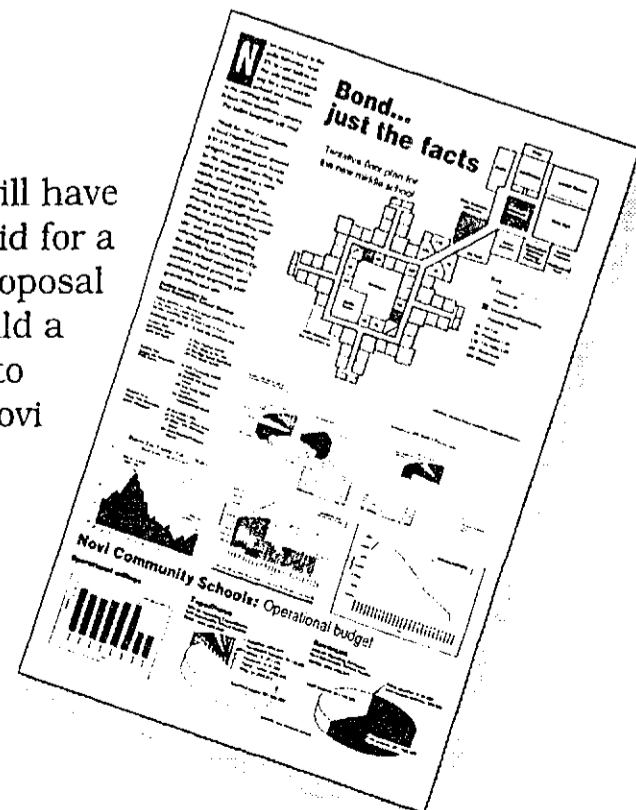
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Bond facts

By sundown Saturday, Novi school officials will have the answer as to whether voters will accept a bid for a \$33 million bond proposal. The single ballot proposal seeks approval of \$23 million in bonding to build a new middle school and more than \$10 million to renovate the current Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows. The purpose is to alleviate crowding from a rapidly growing student population in those schools. If approved, the construction project would cost taxpayers approximately one mill.

The *Novi News* examines the proposal in depth in this week's edition. The stories and charts appear on pages 6A and 7A.



Novi voters head to the polls Saturday, Sept. 23, to cast ballots on the sole issue of bonding for a new middle school and renovation of the existing Middle School/Novi Meadows complex. The ballot language will read:

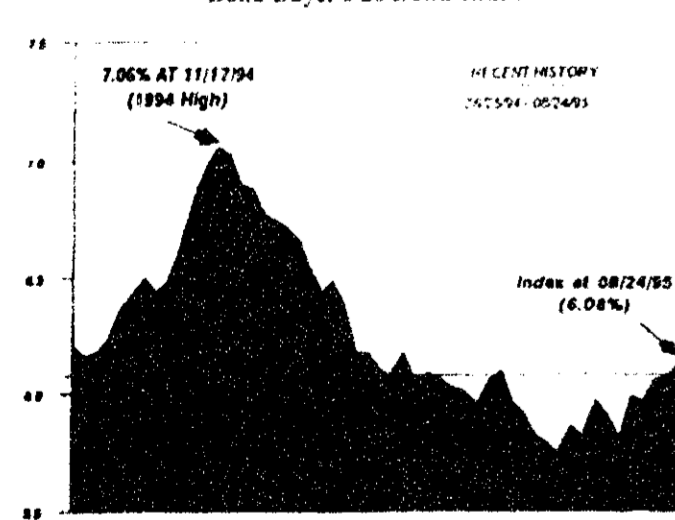
"Shall the Novi Community School District borrow \$33,435,000 and issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing and equipping a new middle school; acquiring, installing and equipping the school for technology; and constructing and equipping outdoor physical education facilities and developing and improving the site; and partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping the Middle School/Meadows Elementary School complex for elementary school purposes; and developing and improving playground areas and site."

Polling precincts for Novi Community School District

Polling precincts are different in school elections than they are in city, state, and federal elections. Election Saturday, Sept. 23 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Residents will vote at: If their city precincts are:

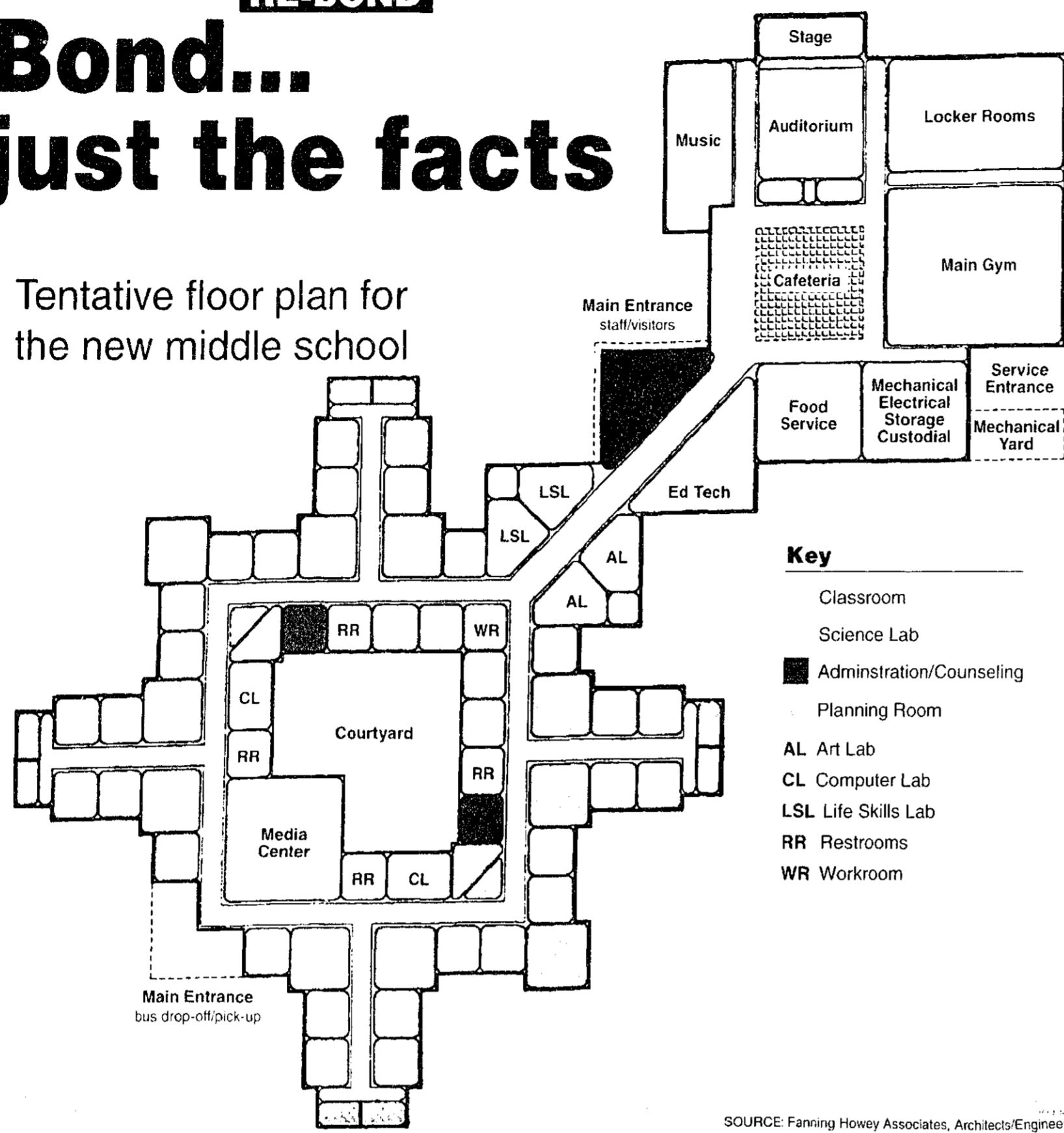
Precinct One Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Road	#1 Novi Christian School #4 Novi Village by the Lake #9 Novi High School Auditorium #11 Novi Middle School
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Precinct Three Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook	#3 Novi Civic Center #6 Fire Station 1 (Grand River) #7 Village Oaks Elementary School #10 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Bond... just the facts

Tentative floor plan for the new middle school



SOURCE: Fanning Howey Associates, Architects/Engineers

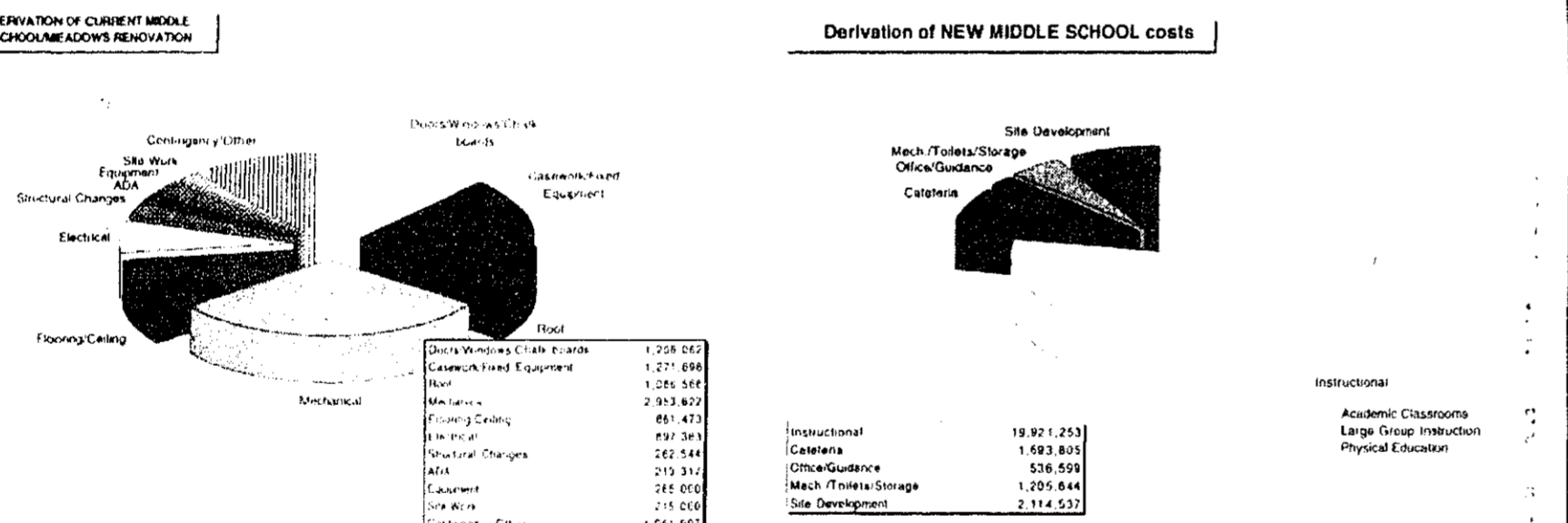


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Students get on the buses after school at Novi Meadows, where the district plans to redesign the parking lot if the bond issue passes.

District heads to ballot with bond

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

ON THE RE-BOND

By sundown Saturday, Novi School officials will know if voters accepted or rejected their bid for a \$33.4 million bond proposal. The two-faceted, single ballot proposal seeks \$23 million to build a new middle school and more than \$10 million to renovate Novi Middle School for fifth and sixth grade classes and Novi Meadows school for a future elementary. Actually, the total cost of the work will likely reach \$35 million, but the district expects to make up the additional funds by reinterest on the bond money until it has to be paid out to lenders.

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... If projections made two years ago are indicative of the growth in the future, officials' estimates are dead on and in some cases conservative figures. In 1993, school officials predicted they'd see 4,920 students this year, a 5.94 percent increase over last year's student count. Preliminary figures for 1995-96 show 4,922 students, according to the unofficial count taken after the first week of school. Last year's enrollment was up 250 students from 1993-94.

Novi Middle School has 730 students this year in a school built in the 1970s for 690. Enrollment there is up 15 students over last year's count. Novi Meadows, built in 1963, took in 85 more students, bringing its 1995-96 population to the school's brim at 802.

Schoolhouse gridlock in the 6th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades is a growing concern as district officials eye enrollment projections which indicate there are still more students coming their way.

Five year projections show K-12 population is expected to jump 24 percent. Broken down by grade level, projections suggest a 21 percent growth in kindergarten through fourth grade; 25 percent in fifth and sixth grades; 34 percent in grades seven and eight; and a 38 percent leap in high school enrollment.

Bond approval is needed now so the new and remodeled schools will be open by the start of 1998 when enrollment at the middle school complex is expected to be 30 percent higher than it is today. The improvements are expected to put an end to the claustrophobia and make the existing schools comparable to others in the district.

If approved, design work for all three facilities would begin this winter. Construction would start next fall, renovation work on the existing schools would be handled after school and during scheduled breaks. Both projects are expected to be completed by the summer of 1998 and ready for occupancy by the fall.

The Middle School complex is at capacity and in need of infrastructure renovation work to keep it safe for student use, district administrators said. Both facilities need new roofs, boilers, windows and electrical and mechanical improvements. Neither school has air conditioning.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said the district was well poised with the community a week before the election, adding he would be surprised if the proposal was defeated. Lippe said he's heard nothing but positive comments on the campaign trail because people see there's a need for the two projects.

"It's clear we have a need for (it) and the time is right with the cost (in mills) of the construction project half as much as it was the last time we asked voters to approve a bond," Lippe said last Friday, a week before the election.

Lippe and his administrative team campaigned hard for passage of the proposal during 60 prelection "coffees" and two public bond forums. The aggressive campaign introduced the district's long-range plans, its mission, vision and belief statements and illustrated the impact increasing enrollment is having in the existing schools.

People in attendance at the coffees seem receptive to the bond plan and supportive of the approximate one mill it will cost taxpayers to keep Novi Schools afloat in a sea of new growth, Lippe said.

"There's no better time to do this," he said.

School could have altered calendar

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi School officials may create a magnet school inside one of two remodeled schools if voters approve Saturday's \$33.4 million bond proposal.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Friday he prefers creating an alternative educational program to redistricting elementary school boundaries in order to fill one of two remodeled schools.

Projected and actual student enrollment figures indicate there's ample growth in the district to fill the two schools, but administrators are looking for alternative educational opportunities to attract students rather than pull them from their own neighborhood schools.

Alternative programs could be anything from a longer school year calendar to offering a beefed up

math and science curriculum, the superintendent said. The options and opportunities are endless, he added.

"If something hits people's fancy, we'll try it," Lippe said. "The other option is to redistrict our neighborhood schools, but we'd like to avoid that."

Michigan public school administrators are testing educational alternatives as state education officials are increasing demands on public school systems. A state mandate for longer school days this year is already in effect while some schools are test year-round schooling and other alternative calendar programs.

Lippe said teachers in districts with alternative calendars are finding students retain more than they did with the longer summer breaks, so there is less need to be repeat fundamental skills when they return to school in the fall.

"If you shorten that re-teach it don't have so much to re-teach in the fall," Lippe said.

The superintendent said Friday the district has yet to determine the fate and flavor of the two schools, but administrators, staff and parents will meet after the bond election to decide what will come of the buildings slated for reconstruction.

"We need to find something that will have enough of a draw to retain our neighborhood schools," he said.

School officials are asking voters to approve a \$33.4 million bond proposal to build a \$23 million middle school and provide \$10 million worth of renovation and remodeling work to Novi Middle and Meadows schools.

The existing schools will be used to house students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade, but school officials have yet to decide which grades levels which occupy which school.

Enrollment could be the deciding factor, Lippe said. With enrollment in the fifth and sixth grades climbing higher than expected, it's more likely the district will move the fifth and sixth graders into the middle school, because it is a larger school. Classroom space available in the Instructional Technology Center can be used to house student overflow as needed, Lippe said.

"If the fifth and sixth grade spills over then we'll just have a smaller K-4 school," he said.

The schools have a combined capacity for 1,400 students. There are 1,526 there this year.

Dropping rates cut millage in half

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Interest rates are at an all time low, making it an ideal time for voters to approve Novi Schools' \$33.4 million bond proposal. Market rates for tax-exempt bonds are hitting between five and six percent and are the lowest they've been in years, Superintendent Emmett Lippe said.

The school district's property value, or its state equalized value, has also lagged by 4.86 percent since last year.

"It's a good time to enter the bond market," said James Koster, assistant superintendent of finance and administrative operations.

With interest rates being so low, district taxpayers can expect to pay less this year than they would have paid for a similar bond issue if it had passed last year. Almost a

year ago the district asked voters to approve a \$33 million bond proposal to build a new middle school and renovate two existing schools for younger aged students. That proposal was defeated for a variety of reasons, one of them being the two mill cost of the project.

Today, the district is requesting the same amount of money, but the cost to the taxpayer is significantly less because of falling interest rates.

Koster predicts the new bond will cost taxpayers about one mill. The new levy will be added to the debt millage rate, not the operational millage levy which was capped in 1994 which passage of Proposal A.

The district's current debt millage rate is 4.65 mills, which reflects debt millage from five previous bond projects in 1970, 1987, 1988, 1991 and 1993. If voters approve Saturday's bond proposal, they'll be voting in an additional mill which will increase the debt levy to 5.65 mills.

Koster said the debt millage rate will remain at 5.65 mills for at least three years at which point it is expected to drop because of the continued SEV growth.

In addition, previous bond projects will begin to fall off as they are paid off. This year, debt millage from 1987 will fall off as a result of the district's refinancing the current high school debt, reducing the debt millage rate by 1.8 mills. But as previous bond projects fall off, principal payments for other outstanding debts will increase.

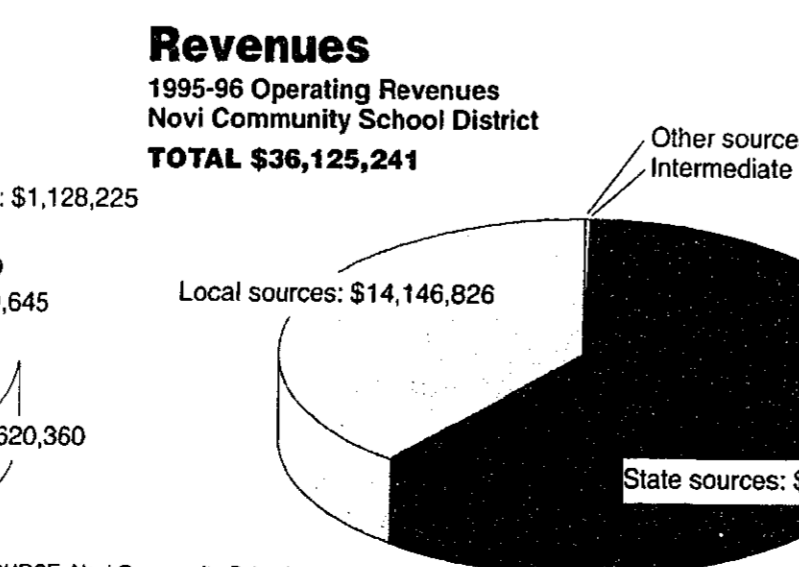
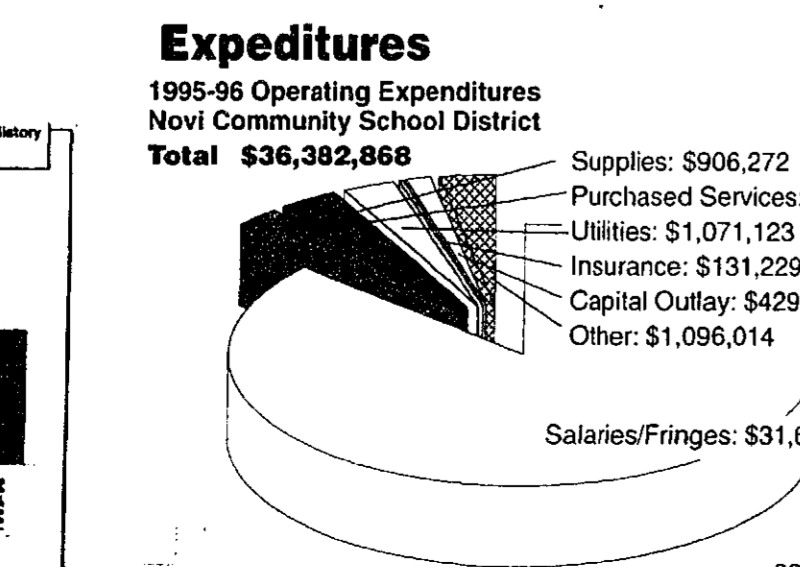
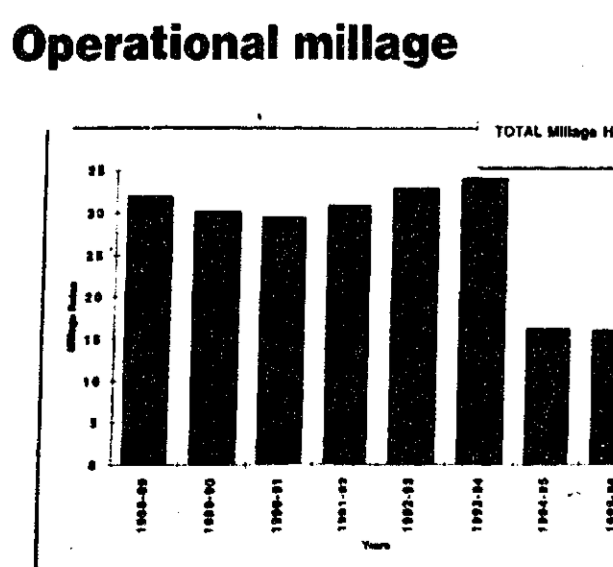
Principal and interest payments will stay in the same vicinity they are now, but will be less burden on the backs of taxpayers as the SEV continues to grow and more residents pay into the debt.

Commercial, industrial and retail growth has a greater impact on debt millage rates than does residential. Koster said, noting that developers and city planners in Novi are working harder at increasing the city's commercial and industrial growth. In the meantime, there has been a three-year boom in residential development.

According to Koster the district's SEV is estimated at \$1,079 billion. Of that more than \$540 million is a result of residential growth. \$301 million is commercial while only \$113 million is from industrial development.

"If more business comes in the SEV will go up faster and the debt millage rate will go down quicker," he said.

Novi Community Schools: Operational budget



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State dips into next year for schools

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer
State lawmakers are helping school districts pay for retirees' health benefits in fiscal 1995 by dipping into the 1996 budget.
"This resolves it for September of '95, and that's all," said Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, a member of the House Appropriations Committee.
"This is a shell game, but there's not even a pea under the shell. School districts and retirees should be worried," Berman said last week before the unanimous committee completed its borrowing act.
Added Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford: "To resolve this, we took money from June of 1996 and put it in the September '95 budget."
Bankes said the June '96 date was picked because the Supreme Court is expected to resolve the issue of school retirees' health benefits by then.
The money juggling act is contained in House Bill 4084, a one-section measure that appropriates

\$139.5 million from the '96 school aid fund into the '95 budget. "It's the shortest school aid bill ever," quipped the sponsor, Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis.
Without it, Oxender said, Michigan's 500 public school districts would suffer a 47 percent shortfall in their abilities to pay retirees' health benefits.
Panel chair Don Gilmer, R-Augusta, called for swift, bipartisan action in both chambers to waive a waiting rule, give the bill immediate effect and facilitate state aid payments by Sept. 21, only one day behind schedule. The unanimous vote indicated lawmakers would respond.
The problem arose with the Supreme Court's April 25 decision in the so-called "Museumman case," the short title for the suit by Ann Museumman and seven school trustees against Gov. John Engler. Treasurer Douglas Roberts and the Legislature.
Museumman asked the court to mandate that the state actually pre-pay their health benefits at the

time of retirement, as it had done prior to 1991. Engler, facing a budget deficit in his first year as governor, made the decision to fund benefits annually.
In a 6-0 decision, the Supreme Court said the state's failure to pre-fund retirees' benefits violated the state constitution, which makes such benefits "a contractual obligation... which shall not be diminished or impaired." The justices added, "However, because we have no authority to order the governor or the Legislature to appropriate funds, mandamus is denied."
Engler and the Michigan Education Association have petitioned for re-hearings — hence the House panel's decision to juggle fiscal June '96 money into the September '95 budget.
Here, according to the House Fiscal Agency, is the impact (in round numbers) on school districts by county:
The first number is state aid for benefits without HB 4084; the second, with HB 4084.

OAKLAND
Birmingham \$734,900 and \$1.27 million. Southfield \$888,000 and \$1.66 million. Novi \$457,000 and \$854,000. Oxford \$229,000 and \$559,000. Troy \$1.17 million and \$2.19 million. West Bloomfield \$534,000 and \$899,000. Clarkston \$559,000 and \$1.19 million. Farmington \$1.12 million and \$2.09 million. Huron Valley \$983,000 and \$1.8 million. Lake Orion \$503,000 and \$940,000. South Lyon \$461,000 and \$862,000. Westland \$1.2 million and \$2.27 million. Walled Lake \$1.14 million and \$2.1 million.
WAYNE
Garden City \$528,500 and \$945,000. Livonia \$1.7 million and \$3.2 million. Redford Union \$523,000 and \$977,000. Plymouth Canton \$1.5 million and \$2.8 million. Redford Union \$523,000 and \$977,000. Southfield \$318,000 and \$632,000. Wayne-Westland \$1.5 million and \$2.9 million. Northville \$426,000 and \$796,000.

Health Notes

Free immunization clinic

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Walled Lake and surrounding areas at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Walled Lake, on Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (Hib) will be available.
A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.
Immunizations will be given at the same time and location, on the first Tuesday of every month.
The next scheduled immunization clinic will be on Nov. 7. For further information, call 858-1305.

Baby care basics

Caring for a newborn and learning to be an effective parent is a challenging, rewarding and sometimes frustrating experience. To help new parents and to prepare expectant parents to meet the challenge, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a workshop to help parents adapt to life with a baby.
The workshop will provide information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more.
The class is being offered on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 7-9:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, at 47601 Grand River. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595.

Knollenberg faces angry seniors to discuss Medicare

By LINDA ARNOLD Staff Writer
Concerned area residents, most of them senior citizens, packed the Novi Civic Center Saturday to hear Congressman Joe Knollenberg explain and defend the Republican plan to save and reform the Medicare system.
The second-term congressman currently is serving on the Task Force on Health Care and Health Reform chaired by House Speaker Newt Gingrich.
"We are committed to preserving, strengthening and saving the Medicare program," he began.
However, he said the program is in financial trouble, and the program's trust fund will be empty in seven years unless some changes are made. The plan aims to slow Medicare's annual growth rate from 10 percent a year to 6.4 percent.
"Medicare spending must increase, but at a slower rate," Knollenberg said. "With this plan, benefits are not being cut, dollars are not being cut. In fact, spending per individual will increase from \$4,800 to \$6,700."
The primary way the House Republicans hope to slow spending and ultimately save an estimated \$270 billion is to provide medical options for senior citizens.
"If they wish, seniors can stay with the current fee-for-service Medicare program. But each year they would be given the opportunity to switch to a coordinated care plan offering a variety of health plans. Some would allow seniors to choose their own doctors and hospitals. Others, such as health maintenance organizations, might trade off better benefits for restricting the choice of physician."
Knollenberg also described a "Medicare" account in which seniors could deposit funds to be used to pay for routine health expenses. Money left at the end of the year could be rolled over, and the account would collect interest.
Under the plan, seniors would have the opportunity to stay with

their current plan or switch to another option.
"The biggest problem with Medicare is waste, fraud and abuse," Knollenberg said. "Since its beginning in 1964, there has never been an audit. There are plenty of ways to save money without cutting benefits."
During the presentation, citizens were given the opportunity to hand written questions to members of Knollenberg's staff, and the congressman then spent some time addressing them. Some of the concerns included congressional perks, the unwieldy size of government, how physicians would be policed, and examples of blatant fraud and abuse of the system.
When the microphones were opened for questions from the floor, 15 people immediately lined up — most to challenge the congressman's presentation.
"I believe what I saw here today was fiscal massage," said Edward Pintzuk of West Bloomfield. "I'm a retired physician, and Medicare is efficient. Their cost of administration is only 2 percent. I doubt your office runs this efficiently."
Kathleen Nylin of Farmington Hills described the hip-replacement surgery she had in 1978.
"A nice doctor told me that if I was very careful, they might last 10 years," she said. "I'm out of warranty! At 82, I'm concerned what will happen if they have to be replaced."
Doris Appleton of Milford said she had contacted Senator Carl Levin's office and was told there would indeed be cuts in benefits.
"Democrats lie, but Republicans don't? I don't think so," she said.
Most of the citizens were greeted with applause during their remarks, and Knollenberg received several jeers from the crowd during his.



Photos by AL WARD



Things got heated Saturday when Congressman Joe Knollenberg showed up at the Novi Civic Center to discuss Republican plans to reform Medicare. Above, veteran George Joanou urges the house member to avoid trimming benefits for vets. At left, Pauline Sabaroff gives the lawmaker a piece of her mind during the question and answer period.

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TASTE THIS

Novi celebrates ten years of its eateries' samplings

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

This time of year, residents have many things to look forward to. Pumpkins, hayrides, fall colors and Taste of Novi.

The Taste of Novi is much awaited by both area residents and restaurants.

Celebrating its 10th year, Taste of Novi was designed to provide a way for the community to sample the specialties of area restaurants.

Taste of Novi has grown and changed over the last decade. What began as an afternoon event at a local church has become more of an upscale and elegant evening of fine food and live music at a hotel large enough to accommodate 350 to 400 people who come to see and be seen.

"It is an evening social event to go to," said Connie Mallett, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"With Novi developing the way it was we felt that it was important to include the residential community," Mallett said.

It was during its second year, and the year Mallett came on board, that Taste of Novi was changed to its present time slot.

"The success grew from changing it a little bit to accommodate the citizenry who would be able to attend in the evening," she said.

Originally designed so that guests could stop at each table or booth and sample the offerings of various local restaurants, the activity has changed to the all-you-can-taste format now offered.

Tables have also been added to assist those who have trouble juggling a drink and a small plate of food.

After a record high of 24 restaurants participating one year, the ideal number has now settled to between 17 and 20 restaurants.

Restaurants will set up, serve and sometimes even cook on the spot their specialties that they want the public to associate with their restaurants, according to Mallett.

A theme approach such as tropical, Italian and an Oktoberfest (German, Austrian and Swiss) was used for a few years, and although it was easier on the party planners, restaurants felt compelled to cook with the theme in mind. Many of the themes did not reflect the specialties of the restaurant or fit the original Taste of Novi concept.

So it was back to the basics so that the cuisine commanded center stage.

New this year will be a ballot where those in attendance can vote for the

Best Overall Restaurant, and several other categories. The restaurant winning the Best Overall category will be allowed to use that title throughout the year, according to Mallett.

The following restaurants have confirmed their participation this year. For the 10th straight year, Maisano's Italian Restaurant will prepare Italian sausage with pepper and onions, and lasagna. Grady's American Grill plans to cook baby back ribs, and apple crumb with ice cream topped with caramel sauce.

Great Harvest Bread Company of Northville has chosen to bring whole wheat bread, oatmeal chocolate chip walnut cookies and oatmeal raisin cookies. DaVinci's in the Hilton will prepare Lobster Cantlonis with wild mushrooms served with tossed baby greens and assorted chocolate truffles and minis for dessert. Regular coffee and a variety of flavored coffees will be offered by Orphan Annie's.

The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train will dish up broccoli/crevette (shrimp) soup.

Selections from Vic's World Class Market have not been finalized.

Those restaurants that have participated in the past are Key Largo, Mountain Jack's, Windham Garden Hotel and Brady's at the Holiday Inn.

"The food served is some of the best you can buy," Mallett said.

The Chamber has a yearly budget of \$160,000 to \$170,000 and receives about \$70,000 a year through dues. The rest of the money the Chamber has to raise through fund-raisers, like Taste of Novi, according to Mallett. Expenses for Taste of Novi are kept to a minimum. Promotion, the band and signs represent the only costs.

Restaurants do not pay to participate, so the cost per ticket is a couple of dollars higher than similar food tasting fund-raisers which charge a booth fee to each restaurant, according to Mallett.

Live music will be provided by the Jerry McKenzie Trio, which has performed five or six of the 10 years, except for when the theme approach was tried. The Jerry McKenzie Trio music is danceable and very popular for this type of event, according to Mallett. A cash bar is also provided.

Advance ticket sales are encouraged, but not necessary. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$13 for seniors over 60, and are available at the Novi Chamber of Commerce located inside the Novi Expo Center or by mail to 43700 Expo Center Drive, No. 100, Novi, MI 48375.

For more information, call (810) 349-3743.



Volunteer



KATHLEEN SCULLEN

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Scullen sees potential in the youth of today

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"I believe we're too busy to help each other," said Kathleen Scullen, a volunteer on the Board of Directors for Novi Youth Assistance which is sponsored by the Oakland County Probate Court, the City of Novi, and the Novi Community Schools.

She says this out of personal experience as a Novi High School counselor to whom students come with their personal problems.

They need reassurance, a change of schedule, or an outside interest. They have had a divorce in their family or a parent has lost a job. All sorts of things have gone wrong, and it affects their classroom activity.

Scullen suggests positive things to do like applying for a camp scholarship, either day or overnight, YMCA, science or one for disabled persons.

Money to pay for the experience comes from a fund of donations and a bowl-a-thon.

Or volunteerism. "We encourage those students," she said, "who give time and help to the community in tutoring, in nursing homes, wherever. We had the largest number nominated this year and we recognized them at a Sheraton Hotel breakfast."

"We have an opportunity," Scullen said, "to enrich and enhance the growing up process so that kids can become all they can be. It's proactive, humanitarianism support to them."

"It's sharing emotional, intellectual, and physical supports - self-discovery and setting goals."

As a counselor and educator, Kathleen Scullen said, "I am a natural linkage between school community and the general community."

And she brings it all together as secretary of the Board of Directors (or 1995-96).

If you want to be a part of Novi Youth Assistance, visit the offices at 45715 Ten Mile Road or make a call at (810) 347-0410.

It's A Fact

The Victorian Festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce estimates that attendance at the 1995 Northville Victorian Festival was between 10,000 and 12,000 people.



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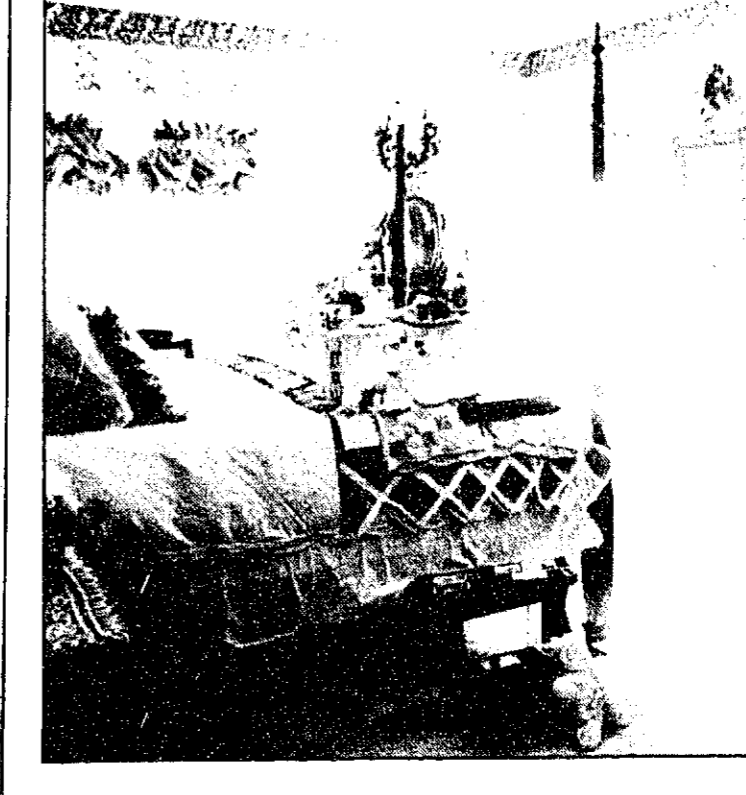


At Sea World

On a recent visit to Sea World of Ohio, Jessica Slatang was

Hungarian opera singer performs at Civic Center

Austro-Hungarian opera singer Ilma Tribus will perform on Sept. 25



Hostesses and hosts were on hand during the Northville Historical Home Tour

Historical home tour proves to be a successful venture

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Bob and Cheryl Murphy of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, Melanie Rose, on Aug. 17, 1995

Rosarians take part in flower show

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At Sea World

On a recent visit to Sea World of Ohio, Jessica Slatang was chosen out of the audience to participate in a demonstration with Shamu, the whale

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THE PAPER CHASE
By Helaine Blinstock
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In the midst of the "O.J. Circus," are you wondering what makes lawyers tick? What initially motivates them?
"The Paper Chase" (1973) begins on opening day of a new semester at Harvard Law School. The classroom is filled with idealistic, yet apprehensive freshman students awaiting the appearance of Professor Kingsfield, an educator of tyrannical dispute. So begins the pressure.
Kingsfield (John Houseman) is brutally cold. He's nasty, even cruel. But he's extremely fascinating. So fascinating to Hart (Timothy Bottoms), a prize student, that he becomes obsessed with his mentor. Thus it proves awkward when the girl with whom Hart falls in love (Lindsay Wagner) turns out to be Kingsfield's daughter, especially because she's no admirer of her famous father.
John Houseman won the Oscar

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

for this role, guiding him into a subsequent TV series. Bottoms is so natural, you immediately relate. "The Paper Chase" focuses on different types of would-be lawyers. You recognize students who'll accomplish things by rote and never become more than mediocre. And you clearly identify the geniuses who'll succeed and, conversely, those who won't make it past the first semester.
This is a wonderful film. If you haven't already seen it, be sure to

check it out!
FREE WILLY 2: THE ADVENTURE HOME
By Heather Wadowski
Northville

As all movie viewers know, sequels are usually boring because the writers use the same jokes, same stunts and, overall, the same plot. But "Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home" isn't like that at all.
In fact, "Free Willy 2" has more of a plot than the original "Free Willy" and the only thing that "Free Willy 2" lacks are real Orcas Whales. "Free Willy 2" has eight separate adventures, so when one stops another one quickly begins. But unlike most movies, who try to do too much in one movie and fail, "Free Willy 2" succeeds.
"Free Willy 2" continues where the original one leaves off. But this time Jesse (Jason James Richter) is dealing with his mother's death and his new half-brother, Elvis. When on vacation visiting Randolph, Jesse quickly finds Willy, and the

two friends soon face an adventure that could cost them and their families their lives.
"Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home" receives five stars out of five. It's humorous at parts, and a real tear-jerker. A definite must-see family movie.

THE USUAL SUSPECTS
By Mike Kapusky
Northville

Another mafia thriller in the style of "Pulp Fiction?" Well, close but there is more to this flick than a bunch of flashbacks that unite in the end.
"The Usual Suspects" centers around a possible drug deal with the Hungarian Mafia and the connections five suspects have to the incident among other illegal smuggling. A cripple named "Verbal" (Kevin Spacey) narrates the flashbacks that lead up to the possible finding of a mafia legend that criminals only tell horror stories about to their children. Although the plot is extremely complex, it is

delivered fairly simply to the viewer, and leads to a baffling but superb ending.
Producer and Director Bryan Singer places sharp lighting, awesome editing of flashbacks, veering violence and black humor in a movie that fits together into a perfect puzzle that is not complete until the last minute of the film.
"The Usual Suspects" fires up a shocking four and one-half stars (one so low, five so high). Heart-pounding suspense, a superior cast and unique characters supply the power for this flashy flick. It is the scenes that are bearable to the viewer and get the point across with that extra bite that set this film from any other mystery suspense.
What more could be asked for? Not as psychedelic and violent as "Pulp Fiction," but fans will be gratified.

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