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Police question letter writers

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor

When Margaret Whyte agreed to sign a letter to the editor criticizing mayoral candidate Carol Mason for poor attendance at meetings, she did not anticipate the reaction she'd get from Mason's supporters.

She certainly did not expect to be questioned by the police.

But she was. Novi Det. Ken Meiers interviewed her by telephone last Thursday regarding a complaint filed by Mason that she had received an anonymous fax at her realty office Sunday, Oct. 22. Mason told police she felt it was "threatening." And she said she suspected Whyte of sending it because there were "similarities" between the anonymous fax and the letter to the editor published in *The Novi News* Oct. 19 over Whyte's signature.

What Whyte told police was

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that the letter to the editor was actually written by Linda Dettore, owner of Linda's Hair Care and More on Grand River, where Whyte is employed as a hair-dresser.

"She was using me as a pen name," Whyte said, although she had read the letters ahead of time and signed them willingly. She has not previously been active in Novi politics, "and that's why she thought it would be a good idea to use my name as a pen name. No

one knew me," Whyte said.

Whyte said she was intimidated by the questioning by the detective because he did not tell her what was contained in the anonymous fax.

"I think Margi was freaked out by the whole thing," Dettore said. "She came in here saying, 'I let you use my name on this letter and now this is happening. Oh my god, what is going on here?' We told her everything would be alright, that she hadn't done anything wrong."

When *The Novi News* read the contents of the fax to her over the phone Tuesday, Whyte said: "That's it. I can't find anything threatening in there either. And I don't see any similarities to the letter (to the editor)."

Whyte also said she thought it unfair that the information gathered by police and reported back to Mason is now being circulated

in political discussions.

Whyte has told Dettore she won't put her name on anymore letters, but she's not been silenced by the reaction either.

"I don't know. I might just get active. There were some very good points in the first letter. I think I'm going to start checking into things around here a little," she said.

The anonymous fax was received at Mason's office, in city hall and at HomeTown Newspapers' headquarters in Howell. The programming of the sending machine had been altered so that the source fax machine could not be identified, according to the police department.

"I didn't feel it was life-threatening, but I felt there was something wrong with it, like someone had something to hide," Mason said, explaining why she filed the

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The 'threatening' fax...

Novi mayoral candidate and current council member Carol Mason filed a complaint with the Novi Police Department last week after she received the following anonymous message over her office fax machine. Mason told police she read it as threatening.

Mason also named Margaret Whyte as the person she suspected of sending it, claiming it contained similarities to a letter to the editor published over Whyte's signature in the Oct. 19 edition of *The Novi News*.

The fax is reprinted here verbatim:

To: Carol Mason
Danger - you are corrupting the positiveness of the City of Novi Please stop bringing ugliness to our fine city.
Your campaigning tactics are very unbecoming and not at all on the upstanding level of our residents.
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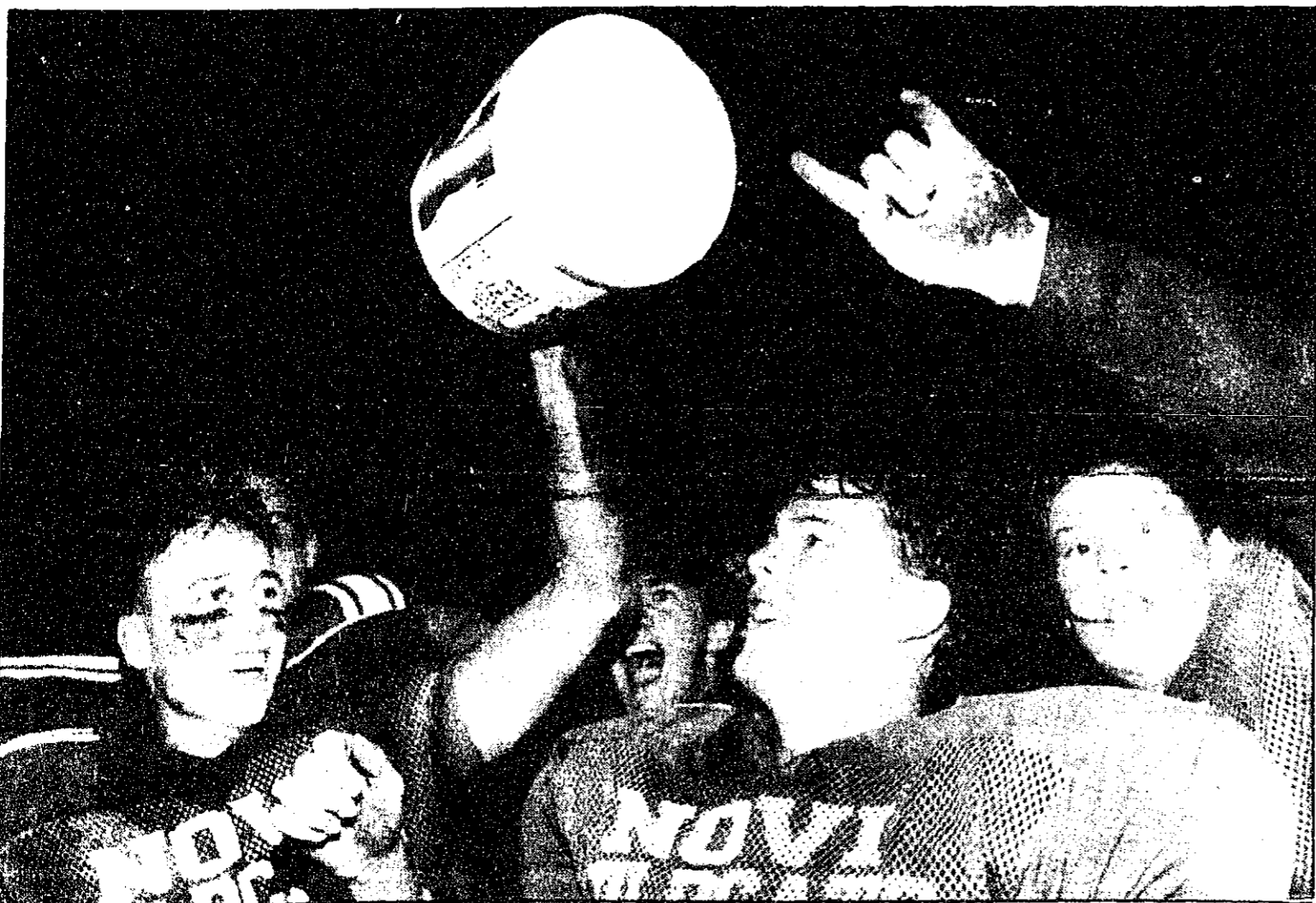


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Second time around

Twice in seven years the Novi Wildcats have snatched away the baseline jug from the Northville High football team - the last time was in 1992. It was a 21-14 win on Oct. 27 which did

the job this time. So with good reason Number 68 Ron Witchofsky and Number 20 Mike Hicks celebrate, jug in hand. The story appears on page B9 in today's edition.

Robbery suspect, cash at large

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

A man who remains at large robbed the Comerica bank at Ten Mile and Haggerty Roads at gun point one week ago.

Novi police and FBI agents continue to investigate the robbery, which took place just after 10 a.m. on Oct. 26 and netted the man more than \$3,000 in cash.

According to the report of Novi police Officer Mark Stone, the suspect entered the bank carrying a black gym bag with brown patches and trim. He approached one of the tellers, a Westland woman, and gave her note indicating he was robbing the bank.

The man then showed her a stainless steel revolver that he

took out of his pocket, the teller told police. One witness said the man held a tissue or part of his shirt over his face.

After giving him the contents of her cash drawer, the teller said, the man left the bank and got into a 1995 burgundy Pontiac Grand Am and headed east on Ten Mile. A witness got the car's

license plate number. A computer check of it showed that the vehicle had been stolen earlier that day in Redford Township.

Investigators are uncertain as to just how much money was taken but allege that the drawer contained at least \$3,000. Detectives conducted a search for evi-

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Candidates detail spending spree

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Some candidates say running for office is tougher than actually sitting on the Novi City Council.

Part of the task is raising money. Then, all that cash had to be accounted for in preelection finance reports, which were due at the Oakland County Clerk's election division Oct. 27. The county then turns these into the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections.

The top fundraiser and spender in 1995 is incumbent mayoral campaign Kathleen McLallen, who has \$11,698 to date to use towards her reelection. So far, she's shelled out \$5,192.

In the city council race, with three seats available, nine residents are in the running. The one who's raised the most money is Nancy Cassis, with \$7,899 in contributions. Of that, she's

spent \$3,722.

Both write-in city council candidate Douglas Erwin and on-the-ballot council candidate Michael Meyer were not required to turn in preelection reports because each is spending less than \$1,000 on the race. Meyer provided *The Novi News* with a report of his expenditures.

Here are the campaign financial statements of all the rest.

If a contributor's place of residence is not specified, he or she is local.

MAYOR:

Carol Mason: Mason, who is serving as her own treasurer, has a campaign chest of \$5,850 and she's spent \$4,420 of it. Her one biggest bill was \$1,241 for lawn signs, bumper stickers and pins.

Giving money to the Mason campaign were: Pat Taub, \$100;

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Teacher refutes Korte charges

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor

There was no swastika or "other accouterments" or symbols that designate a member or supporter of the Third Reich" on the son of Novi mayor Kathleen McLallen when he visited the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield on a field trip from Novi schools.

Rather, according to Novi High School history teacher Gary Kelly, the mayor's son and one other boy wore T-shirts bearing "death symbols," such as a skull-and-crossbones - fashions popular at the time with skateboard enthusi-

asts and fans of heavy metal rock and roll.

Since the class was to meet with an actual survivor of the Holocaust, Kelly said he judged it "a bad call" to wear the shirts that day. He asked the boys to turn their shirts inside out for the tour of the Memorial Center, which they did reluctantly.

But the shirts had no Nazi or neo-Nazi content, nor any political statements of any kind, Kelly said.

And the incident dates back to 1988, when James McLallen - now 21 and a student at Eastern

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Tow yard cleans up its act

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Neighbors of Keford Collision, which runs an impound yard for Novi and the state police, contend that the business creates a safety hazard for them.

Tom Herrington, a co-owner of the Grand River Avenue business, agrees there's been a parking lot jam but says it's almost fixed. He's says the firm has been ordered by the city to improve the situation.

Jim Moody, owner of Paynter Floors and Joe Giovanni, owner of the Zelbart in the commercial complex, are concerned that emergency vehicles could not reach their operations, if neces-

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Trick or treat

Devin Deas, 3 and a half years old and disguised as a robot, stayed warm and dry trick-or-treating at Twelve Oaks Mall. Besides, with all those "electrical outlets" a kid wouldn't want to go out in the rain. Halloween-costumed adults and kids thronged through the mall Tuesday night.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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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, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, November 2

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.

Saturday, November 4

Fall Clothing Drive
The First Presbyterian Church of Northville will be collecting outdated, worn or excess clothing to share with people in need in Detroit. Clothing will be accepted between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the parking lot on the west side of the Church. Package your items in bags or boxes for convenient drop off.

Monday, November 6

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

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

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

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

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

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

Tuesday, November 7

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

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

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

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

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawiniller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club
The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Wednesday, November 8

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.

Seniors potluck
The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

AARP Meets
The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

Lions Club
The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

SPARK
The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Youth baseball
The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

FEMALE
The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Debbie at (810) 889-3018.

Thursday, November 9

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

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New city clerk crafts her own approach to office

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Tonni Bartholomew has been initiating changes to the left and right since she landed the job of Novi city clerk in July.

One of them left her staff just a touch unsettled.

Bartholomew, an enthusiastic craftsman who sometimes quits before city council meetings, wants the employees to hand-make their presents for their holiday office gift exchange. The artistically-challenged have been encouraged to bake or share some other skill.

"Change is good," Bartholomew, 36, said.

She should know all about that. She's getting plenty of it this year. She married on August 19, just weeks after she took the new job and now signs her name Bartholomew, instead of Burns.

It's no secret Bartholomew was feeling quite a challenge walking into the office just vacated by long-time City Clerk Gerry Slipp. Word on the street is that she fits one of the criteria set by her predecessor.

"She's one of the nicest people in city hall," a resident said.

Here, yes, Bartholomew also admits she has a mania for organization. One of the first things she did is get the clerk's staff together to realize their work stations, to make sure that everyone - including herself - has a clear view of the front counter and any waiting residents.

"I didn't redesign the office, we did it as a group. I couldn't have picked a better staff than I have. I couldn't have done it without them, no way," Bartholomew said.

In 1979, Bartholomew was hired as a part-time clerk in the Northville City Clerk's office, for a "supposedly temporary" job. At the time, she was planning on becoming a doctor. Instead, she worked her way up to deputy clerk of Northville, becoming certified in

1989 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Through courses offered by the Michigan Municipal League at Michigan State University, she's earned her advanced certification in the field.

Bartholomew took the post of deputy clerk of Oak Park before applying for the Novi opening. It was a homecoming. Her family has lived for three generations in the Northville/Novi area - she spent some of the early years of her life here.

"Oak Park was a wonderful place to work. The city and administration were wonderful to work for. It was a hard decision. I knew Gerry from when I worked in Northville. I knew all about Novi," Bartholomew said.

She and her husband Michael plan to move to this area in the future. The couple met on a municipal golf team while she was working at Oak Park. The facilities supervisor for that city, he was a sub on the team but Bartholomew made him permanent.

"It was just like meant to be a whirlwind thing," she said.

"My husband liked me from the get-go. In my home, everything has a place."

That's also how she aims to run the city clerk's office.

Because Slipp had been on the job for so many years, she knew where everything is. Bartholomew doesn't have that advantage and is currently re-vamping the city's files. It took her one year to redo Novi's files and nine months for Oak Park's. She expects the job will take a year and a half in Novi, because it's a larger, more complex community.

"We're working on setting up everything. Gerry was a walking file cabinet. I'll be calling her from time to time," she said.

"When you do a file, you have to touch every piece of paper ... I find myself reading more than I've got time to read."

She plans to get rid of duplicate material and arrange Novi's files by project.

The office's computer system definitely needs an upgrade, the new clerk says.

"It's kind of scary. It's not a dependable program. You could run the same list ten times and get different things. So many areas are screaming out for me, help me, modernize me. The new person always sees things a little differently," she said.

Also under consideration at the clerk's office is a weekly rotation of tasks among the employees, so each individual doesn't get bored doing the same thing, week in, week out.

About those holiday gifts.

Bartholomew paints, quilts, makes stained and leaded glass.

"The gifts must be handmade, so it's not that commercialized thing," she said.



Novi's new clerk Tonni Bartholomew is making changes in her office. "Change is good," she said.

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This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 8, 1995, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to November 8, 1995. (11-2-95 NR, NN)

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'Don't tell them I hit,' suspect yells

Police News

Police arrested a Novi man on charges of assaulting his wife and resisting arrest on Oct. 23. The reporting officers in the case were dispatched to the couple's home after a neighbor reported a fight in progress. When they arrived and knocked on the door, the woman allegedly yelled to them that the man would not let her answer the door.

The man then allegedly yelled "don't tell them I hit you, I don't want to go to jail," the officers said. After opening the door and speaking with both individuals, the officers informed the man that he was under arrest for domestic violence.

At that point, they said, he "went crazy," pushing and striking the two officers in an attempt to get away. They said they ended up having to wrestle him to the ground and sprayed mace in his face twice before being able to handcuff him.

The woman later told police that the man has been "acting like a maniac" lately and is "obsessed with controlling her." "He has even gone so far as to tell her that if she doesn't watch it she will end up like Nicole Simpson," the investigating officer noted.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT
Police arrested another Novi man for domestic violence on Oct. 16.

The man's wife met the officers responding to her 911 call in the street in front of her home, telling them that the two were arguing over bills when he attacked her. She said he punched holes in the wall and tore up her purse before pulling her hair, grabbing her shoulders and shutting a closet door on her arm.

At one point, she added, he threatened her life, saying that "I

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should put a bullet through you right now" and threatened to commit suicide when the couple's impending divorce was finalized.

INDECENT EXPOSURE
Two women at K&S Plaza on Beck Road reporting seeing a man exposing his genitals behind the strip mall on Oct. 19.

One woman said the man was completely naked, while the other said she saw the man a short time later but that he was wearing a t-shirt and no pants. Officers checked the area but found nothing.

SUBURBAN SNAGGED
Someone stole an Ontario, Canada, mini car during the night of Oct. 19-20. He was staying at the Hotel Baromette in Twelve Oaks when his 1993 Chevrolet Suburban was taken from the parking lot.

ADDICTS ADMIT TO ROBBERY
Police say a man and a woman arrested for an Oct. 19 burglary which occurred on Ecksehtay Road has confessed to the crime.

A witness allegedly saw the two break into the home in question and leave with \$3,500 worth of stereo equipment. The witness called police with the license plate of the vehicle the two left in, one which matched that of the man's 1989 Pontiac Sunbird.

The car was listed on the area law enforcement computer network, leading to police stopping it later that day. Upon being questioned the two allegedly admitted that they'd stolen the merchandise and planned to sell it in Detroit for

A BAD DAY

A 21-year-old Novi man was arrested on a variety of charges on Oct. 21.

The reporting officer in the case said he stopped the man's car on Grand River near Meadowbrook after noting that it had expired license plates. A computer check then revealed that the man was driving with a suspended license.

Things got worse for him when the officer searched his car, allegedly finding a marijuana cigarette and property stolen early last month from a Novi woman.

HELLO...

A Novi woman's property was stolen from her residence sometime last month. The woman said that sometime in October a CD player and remote control car was taken from her apartment. The thieves gained entry through her front door, the woman said, which she always leaves unlocked.

The items are valued at \$232.

EMBEZZLEMENT
Police want to talk to the manager of a Novi business located on Ten Mile Road. She's suspected of stealing nearly \$8,000 from her company.

A company official approached police on Oct. 19, saying that he had confronted the woman about missing bank deposits. She admitted to taking one deposit for \$750, the man said, and agreed to meet with him to discuss the rest. She never showed up, however, and police said the woman's husband claimed not to know where she is.

Still missing is \$7,064 in cash and checks from the business.

If you have any information about any of these incidents please call the Novi police department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Tech Fair at Novi Saturday

Computers, video discs, scanners, the Internet — what do they have to do with educating students? Parents and community members of the Novi Community School District will have a chance to see the answers to that question at the Novi Technology Fair on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Volunteer students and staff members will be demonstrating a variety of technology and curriculum applications that are currently being used in Novi school district classrooms. Those who attend the fair will be able to participate in scheduled instructional periods on specific programs or explore among informal demonstrations continuing throughout the event.

Included in the program will be demonstrations on HyperStudio, Adobe Photoshop, ClarisWorks, Windows on Science, and other applications. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore the Internet and learn how to set a World Wide Web page.

Apple Computer and CompuUSA will each be on hand to show off some new products to interested participants. All community members are invited to attend. The Technology Fair is being held at the Novi Community School District Instructional Technology Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. The Instructional Technology Center is located on Taft Road, between Grand River and Ten Mile, next to Novi Middle School. Additional parking will be available in the Novi Meadows parking lot.

For further information, or directions to the event, please contact the Novi Community School District at (810) 449-1200.

Polish your cowboy boots.

The Novi Police Officers Association is selling tickets to its annual Country Music Revue Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996 in Novi High School's Furst Auditorium.

Headlining the benefit show is RCA and Warner Bros. Records vocalist Connie Smith. She has had numerous hit records and has performed in more than 16 countries and with the Grand Ole Opry.

Also featured will be Marty Martel and Tennessee, the Nashville band which has performed in Las Vegas, Madison Square Garden and throughout the United States.

"We want to emphasize that the proceeds from the sale of tickets and advertisements in the program book stay right here in the community," said Officer John Nelson, president of the Novi Police Officers Association.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the association's scholarship fund, youth sports, the DARE drug abuse program in the grade schools, the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, and Tollgate Stables at the 4-H Youth Development Center in Novi.

Tollgate Stables provides a therapeutic equestrian riding program for the handicapped, mostly for kids but also for people up to age 60. Community Events will conduct the fund raising efforts for this year's show, Nelson said.

Family tickets are \$40, couple's tickets, \$25; and singles, \$15. The show begins at 2 p.m.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 29. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, OCT. 23
Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 8:46 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 9:04 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 179 Perchill, 11:25 a.m., Squad 2.
Mutual aid, 1186 Villa-Wallded Lake, 1:16 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 1275 and 196, 1:33 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24
Medical, 45551 Amhurst, 9:05 p.m., Squad 4.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25
Medical, 618 Perchill, 2:49 a.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26
Medical, 40144 Jefferson, 7:05 a.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, Portsmouth and Willington, 8:23 a.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Novi and Twelve Oaks Drive, 9:37 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25667 Lincoln, 3:08 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
Trash fire, 43323 Crescent, 4:47 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 220 Endwell, 9:03 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
Fire Alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 1:47 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28
Investigation, 29756 Rousseau, 5:26 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 26237 George, 5:28 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 41016 Malott, 7:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Wire down, Novi and Nine Mile Road, 11:47 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 42445 Ten Mile Road, 1:08 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Discount Tire-Town Center, 1:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24759 Naples, 4:56 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24559 Taft Road, 4:56 p.m., Squad 2.
Fuel spill, 24062 Taft Road, 6:03 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 24609 Old Orchard, 7:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24837 Highland, 8:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 28150 Novi Road, 8:31 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 43393 Thirteen Mile Road, 8:54 p.m., Response 500.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29
Investigation, 43609 North Hills, 5:21 p.m., Engine 3.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28
Medical, Novi Expo Center, 8:12 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43552 Galway, 8:58 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 10:25 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury Accident, Twelve Oaks-Lot 46, 11:14 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24207 Bashian, 12:58 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 34744 Upland Hill, 3:58 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:43 p.m., Squad 2.

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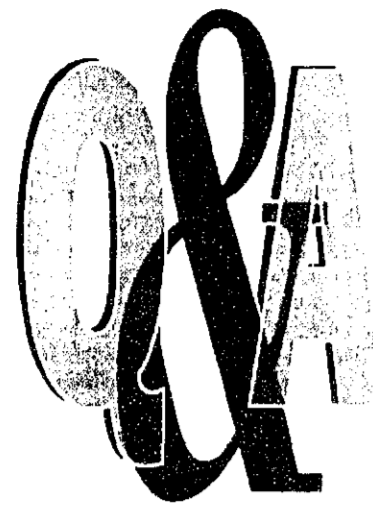
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NOVI MAYORAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 7

McLallen, Mason face off for top spot

Incumbent mayor Kathleen McLallen faces off against challenger and sitting council member Carol Mason Tuesday for Novi's highest office. The winner of the race will get a two year term. Their responses to a questionnaire are as follows:



Carol Mason



Kathleen McLallen

Biography

CAROL MASON
Member of the Novi City Council.
Resident of Novi for over 30 years.
Business owner in the City of Novi.
Sitting member of the Ordinance Review Committee.
Member of the former Senior Housing Committee.
Former member of the Board of Review for the City of Novi.
Woman of the Year (1987) Tri County Business and Professional Women.
Member of Citizens for Responsible Development.
Member of Greenpeace and Earthwatch.
Member of Housing and Community Development Committee.

Biography

KATHLEEN S. McLALLEN
Mayor, City of Novi 1993-present, Ordinance Review Committee.
Planning Commission 1987-93; Chairman, 1991-93; Implementation Committee; Budget Committee; Senior Housing Committee; Habitat Committee; Sidewalk Committee.
Member - Novi Chamber of Commerce; American Association of University Women; Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors.
Married 25 years to James I. McLallen III.
Children - Christopher (NHS '89, Corlett for Creative Studies '95), James (NHS, '92, EMU '97), Stephen (Valley Forge Military Academy '96), Andrew (NHS '99) Katlyn (Novi Meadows), Education - B.A. Trinity College '89, Washington, D.C.
Profession - Realtor-J.A. Dolaney & Company, Northville.

Role of Mayor

What is the role of a city mayor/council member? (The seat for which the candidate is running)

The role of the mayor is a figurehead for the community. The entire feel for the quality of a city is visualized through the figurehead. To keep a reasonable hand on appointments to the Boards and Commissions, to be concerned about the citizens concerns and bring them forward, to balance the council so that consensus is met with all people in mind, to continue to develop and put forth a community that we can all be proud of.

The role of the mayor is four-fold. To represent the city as its figurehead for ceremonial and ambassadorial functions. To be the personal contact for local, county, state and national events. To chair the council meetings effectively and to convey the council policies to administration.

Fuerst Farm

Do you favor preserving the Fuerst Farm? If so, what should be done with it? And how much of these costs should come out of the city's wallet?

The Fuerst Farm project is a troubling one. The school system owns the property and the talk to this date has been to trade some city owned property for this particular parcel. However, the school system does not want to trade the entire parcel, but wants some for parking for the high school. The issues are never clear when we have met or discussed the situation. There is no money allotted in the budget to rehab this property and the committee has been told by the council to come forward with ideas for funding. To this day I have heard no ideas from anyone about the funding to do this project and we do not have a clear understanding of what portion of the property the school system wants to trade.

Yes I do. It is important to a community to preserve visual links to its past and the Fuerst Farm is at the very heart of Novi's history. The property should be used for community activities and education funding by the city can be minimal as there are many examples of successful non-profit historic sites.

Recreation Development

Now that the city has nearly completed its effort to buy parkland, how would you want to see that park land developed or utilized? What recreation facilities does Novi need? A Family Aquatic Center? An ice arena? A golf course?

Of course the citizens voted in \$9.9 million for park land. The reason given to the citizens when the issue was voted on was that we had to buy now before there was no land left. Well, now we bought the land we will have to go back to the citizens and get the money to develop that land. In my opinion, we should have bought to buy and develop land instead of simply buying too much land. Most of the over spending has been to the tree farm area. Now that I see some members of council and of the Park and Recreation Commission pushing for a golf course I can understand what the underlying plan was. The people did not vote to increase their taxes for park land for a golf course. They voted for passive park land, bike trails, soccer fields, ball fields, etc., total items that service more than just a small portion of the community.

A long-range Master Plan must be developed that will ensure well-placed recreational opportunities. This planning process must take into consideration both active and passive recreation, financial sustainability, and broad-based citizen support. The specific issues should be determined on economic viability.

Senior Housing

Should the city subsidize housing for senior citizens? Explain your answer in detail.

We should have taken advantage of the non-profit organization that presented a plan two years ago to the second senior citizens housing committee whereas we could have gotten a federal grant to subsidize the construction and that would enable our seniors to live in senior housing for approximately \$350 per month based on their income. Some council members felt that we should leave the senior housing construction to the private sector. However, the private sector could not construct housing and have the rents at this low price. Look at the condos on South Lake that were supposed to be for seniors. The beginning price was in the \$80,000 range. Hardly senior. Put it to the vote of the people again. Get the answers there.

All societies must be judged on how they honor their senior members. I believe that Novi should continue to commit to finding a solution to controlled housing costs through building on city-owned land and enabling a self-sustaining authority to operate such facilities.

Is Council Working?

Assess how well the city council is working today? If you favor any changes, what would you do to make them?

The city council and the planning commission are not working well today. There are diverse opinions regarding what the city management and the people in charge want and what the citizens who are paying the bills want. Somehow government forgets who pays those bills and once the citizens vote in bonding, additional taxes, etc., the government seems to forget where they got that money. Once again I will say that we in government have to listen to the people a little more, give them the information to help them make an informed decision in the areas they are interested in, and represent the majority of the population's views. Members of council and all boards and commissions should consider very seriously the opinions of the public.

The current council is unfocused. I will continue to encourage the adoption of council rules and the use of Roberts Rules. An annual, off-site, facilitator-led goal setting session is a positive step toward establishing clear, "do-able" benchmarks. Council needs more opportunities for casual "get-to-know one another" events where ideas can be exchanged and positions understood.

Vision for Novi

What vision do you have of Novi in ten years' time?

Novi is moving toward a regional area. I can see many more major arteries bring other cities closer to Novi, continual struggle to balance commercial and residential in the correct areas, possibly a population exceeding 100,000. I can see that we will increase our population to the point where we will have to spend tax dollars for infrastructure, schools, more city facilities. We are a positive community and will continue to develop positively.

I see a vibrant "green" city connected by bike/pedestrian paths along all major roadways so that people can walk or bike throughout the community. Open spaces and parks are clean and active. Citizens gaining information from City Hall via their computers. A live/work community where many can have both their homes and their business.

Attracting business

A Chamber of Commerce report recently concluded that many businesses are avoiding Novi. Should the city attempt to attract more business development within its borders? What would you propose to make the city more attractive?

I do not believe what the Chamber has put forth. As a Realtor we have inquired every week about relocation to Novi. The problem with businesses is that they don't want to build the building with their money, they want someone else to build the building that they can occupy. We don't have to do anything to attract more business development - we are a known area. We are very attractive, close to several expressways, 35 minutes from Detroit, 40 minutes from Canada, regional shopping. We don't need massive rezoning of areas before there is a request from a business owner or developer about a specific project.

In order for our citizens to enjoy the level of services we now provide the city must expand its tax base or the burden will fall to the homeowners. The process must be made more efficient and flexible so that it can react to market opportunities that would benefit the city.

Ban on 24-hour

Would you favor passage of the proposed ordinance to ban 24-hour operations in industrially zoned areas adjacent to residential neighborhoods?

Absolutely! A citizen mentioned that industrial next to residential is just like the railroad coming down Ten Mile that we all hear many times a day. I disagree. The train has been here forever, the light industrial was next to Meadowbrook Lake, however, this particular business needs variances from the light industrial. This is a very serious situation. As an environmentalist I cannot perceive that the city and the planning commission would not be more sensitive about what type of business would go in next to a subdivision with a lake. The flow of the water under the ground to that lake has not even been discussed. The noise factor, the disturbances to peaceful enjoyment has not been considered seriously.

No. Neighborhoods businesses and industry all must be protected from negative impacts and this can be done through performance standards and consistent enforcement.

Low density development

A recent Michigan Society of Planning Officials report blamed large-lot, low density development for urban sprawl. Yet Novi has committed to large lot development in the west end. Do you agree that the remaining residential areas should be developed in this way?

I absolutely do not believe that any city or any legislative body has the right to rezone an owner's property. We need people in the legislative body who do not have personal opinions and personal agendas but who look at the needs of the community and not their own. Large lot/low density is definitely an impetus for urban sprawl. Look at Birchwood, Pebble Ridge and other large lot subdivisions. They are not acre lots, however, they are spacious and large and give privacy to the owners.

The density in western Novi is predicated on large, one-acre lots. I have supported the density factor which is .08 per acre, however, due to physical constructions of woodlands, wetlands and drainage basins I believe we need to look at flexibility in lot layout.

More road bonding

The city has nearly completed its work to improve roads under the 1991 road bonding proposal. Yet city officials are already talking of the need for another such road bond proposal. Would you favor such a plan, and what areas would you identify as needing attention under such a plan?

We have not finished the roads that the citizens voted in the last bond issue. What is to become of the Park and Eastwood? We have a commitment to do it, however, we do not have the funds to fund it. We have to have a better accounting to the citizens when we ask them to fund roads from their pocket. As I mentioned before, we will be facing more school bonding in the future to keep up with our population, increased taxes to pay for city services, so we have to be prudent and give the taxpayers complete facts when we go to them for more money. Citizens do not have deep pockets, so we have to allow them to live in this community with as little of a burden as we can. How can we do this? By being prudent, looking at large expenditures and evaluating them as to their benefit to everyone.

A city must constantly look at the best financial alternatives for maintaining and improving its roads. Historically, bonding has proven successful. Beck Road and Meadowbrook and Tall are being addressed in the six-year road program. Our most pressing needs are north of Twelve Mile.

NOVI CITY COUNCIL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 7

Cassis, Jenkins, Meyer in the running

Nine candidates will run off next Tuesday for three seats on Novi City Council. The top vote earners will win four-year terms. The line-up includes Nancy Cassis, Denise Jenkins, Michael Meyer, Kathy Mutch, Eddie Rhea, David Ruyle and incumbents Bob Schmid and Joe Toth. Doug Erwin is a write-in candidate.



Nancy Cassis



Denise Jenkins



Michael Meyer

NANCY COVERT CASSIS
Age/birth date: 51; 1/26/44.
Profession: School psychologist with Novi Community Schools since 1986.
Education: B.A. Ohio University, Phi Beta Kappa. M.S. and Ed.S. University of Michigan.
Years in community: 15.
Marital Status: Married to Victor Cassis.
7 Children: Richard Cassis, 30; Owen Cassis, 27; Lalla and Mona Cassis, 25; Caroline Covert, 25; Louis Cassis, 24; Drew Covert, 22.
Civic Experience: Novi Councilwoman, 1985-93. Five city committees, Michigan Municipal League.

DENISE MRAKITSCH JENKINS
Married: Husband, Walt.
Children: Two adult children, Jill and Brent.
Member: Holy Family Parish - serves on the Worship Commission; Women's and AIDS Committee since December 1992; National Association of Female Executives. Hosted the weekly local news show Novi Newsweek, the interview program Coffee and Conversation, and the community affairs program Good Health: It's in Your Hands. A free-lance talent, producer, and public relations consultant. St. Ives chairperson, Board of Review.

MICHAEL M. MEYER
Resident of Novi: 14 years
Trustee of the Novi Community Schools: 12 years (President: 1988-89).
Education: Background: B.A. Major: Scholastic Philosophy/Minor: Classical Languages (St. Charles of Ohio).
M.A. Major: Sacred Theology (University of Detroit).
Work Experience: Pastoral Associate: Teaching, Counseling, Listening, Caring. St. Theodore of Canterbury Church in Westland. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Director of Religious Education.

Role of Council

A council member is elected to represent the citizens and to make policy decisions that are in the best interests of the entire city treating all people fairly, equally with respect and courtesy in accordance with the letter and spirit of the city charter.

I see the role of a council member as a representative of the residents. I will take the role seriously and act as a leader in the community... acting together with other council members in such a way as to move Novi forward while preserving its history. I think it is at the council table where ideas are formed, concerns are brought forward and decisions are made. Decisions that are in the best interest of the city and its residents. It is the council that must listen to the input of the people they serve and act in a timely fashion with a clear knowledge of all the facts.

To represent the citizens of the Novi community. To give direction to the city manager and those who work on behalf of the city. To listen to citizen concerns and to address those concerns, keeping in mind the common good. To be an ambassador of the city wherever s/he goes.

Fuerst Farm

Yes, I favor preserving the Fuerst Farm. Years ago, several high school faculty members including myself expressed the hope of using the barns inactively for vocational education. Today the opportunities for public/private use are many. My "community-wide participation plan" for preserving this historic farm involves supporting the current city-school negotiations to reach a mutually acceptable exchange or purchase of this historic site. Operationally, a public/private approach would reinforce and expand the efforts of the Historic Preservation Committee's effort.

Yes, I do. Our history is a vital part of our future. I like what I have heard from the Preservation Group efforts and I would like to see some greater activity as well. It is important to offer cultural opportunities to our residents to create a diversified community. The city investment, whatever it takes, will be an investment in our future.

Yes. Preserve the Fuerst Farm. The city and the school district ought to enter into serious negotiation to pursue a fair exchange of property the city owns in the west end of the city that could possibly serve as a future school site. The barns could be used for various purposes, including a theater, an art studio, a classroom for hands-on learning about farming in earlier days of Novi.

Recreation Development

I meet with people, a recurring theme is the immediate need for safe places for our youth to congregate and participate in a variety of age-appropriate sports-baseball, soccer, ice hockey, swimming, etc. As we head toward the 21st century, it is my hope to see a single community pool developed along with a public/private ice rink. Passive parks that preserve the tranquil beauty of nature are a goal. More dialogue and public input are needed to explore the desirability of a golf course. Currently I am not convinced of the feasibility and practicality of a public golf course. Opportunities for the public to be involved in the plans are needed.

I see there is a need for a community pool or pools. I did not agree with the Aquatic Facility plan or the location, but I understood that it was only a proposal and I think with some further input from those already involved and some others who have come forward we will see a plan we all can enjoy. I do support an ice arena... but it must include more than just hockey. It must be a facility that has opportunities for figure skating and for family skating. I think the most important issue here is the important role of council to keep track of what's going on, not to stifle the park plans... but to make sure they are serving the needs of the community.

The citizens to whom I've spoken tell me they support a swimming pool, not an aquatic center. They also believe an ice arena would further serve the needs of the community. We do not need a municipal golf course.

Senior Housing

I support the newly formed Building Authority suggested by Ernie Aruffo and others as well as the senior housing implementation committee. Together these two bodies are charged with locating a senior housing project financed by non-taxpayer revenue bonds in the City of Novi. Although I also support the use of city property in this endeavor, I encourage the committee to explore buildings currently in Novi that might be available for purchase. Such housing could be bought economically, brought up to code and speed up the process.

Yes, subsidized senior housing can be effective when combined with other alternatives and opportunities. We can look to our neighboring communities to see how well it does work. For example, in Farmington Hills they offer both private and subsidized housing for seniors on the corner of Drake and Freedom. It offers affordable living for some seniors who have been lifelong residents of the area but who did not have the benefits of retirement plans which include pensions and health benefits. The quality of life in the subsidized project is still regulated by certain city standards and codes.

Senior citizen housing will become a more and more urgent need as the City of Novi ages. How it is to be subsidized needs to be explored further. Perhaps a mutual investment on both the city's part and those who will live on the housing will be in the best interest of the city.

Is Council Working?

The theme of my campaign is "working together to shape Novi's future." Working involves studying the issues, doing your homework, asking questions of the administration, visiting sites, and talking with constituents. Working together means cooperating with your fellow council members, listening to all viewpoints objectively, treating everyone with respect and courtesy, focusing on the issues and not personalities, compromising as appropriate, and offering constructive solutions to the issues faced by the city. I will help set a positive tone to council.

I have a great deal of respect for the work our city council has done and is doing. I do think it is time for some new faces on council. As with any group or organization sometimes new ideas can renew and regenerate. I have some of the same concerns as have been talked about in the past. Why so long on Monday nights? Well, I do think it is the responsibility of the council members to come to the table prepared. If something is needed, council members should take some responsibility to get what they need. It seems to me a lot of time is wasted waiting and blaming others.

The council is presently micro-managing the city by dithering far too much into matters which ought to be addressed by the people hired by the city to get the job done. The council may benefit from a more gracious attitude once an issue is studied, addressed, and voted upon.

Vision for Novi

In the year 2005, I envision Novi as a city that largely accomplished its 1986 Statement of Purpose: Our Hope and Plan for the Future. Building on the theme that the "cornerstone of our community is its residential neighborhoods," I foresee a community that, working together, achieved: balanced economic stability; protection of its precious natural resources; preservation of its heritage; diversity and affordability of housing; support for its quality education and the arts; senior housing; maximization of its park land; adequate infrastructure to ensure a sustainable future.

I think Novi is a great city to live in - to raise a family and to operate a successful business. We have been a model city... one that has been noticed as an important community for gubernatorial candidates as well as presidential candidates. I would like to see our history recognized and preserved. I would welcome the progress that is inevitable... and I want to make sure it is in keeping Novi a family-friendly community with exemplary schools and community services that are built around the family. I hope we can be a model community for other cities in our area.

The city will continue to grow. Novi will become more and more a key player in the state. As Novi goes, so goes the state. With a greater collaboration between the school district and the city, the educational as well as personal needs of the citizens will be more effectively addressed. The council will have to anticipate the growth with prudent fiscal management.

Attracting business

Without reducing standards of quality, remedies are needed if Novi is to maintain its "competitive edge" in the region. Such remedies include:
• A return of the Concept Council allowing developers the opportunity to review their plans with two council members and two planning commissioners informally before incurring significant costs.
• Removing unnecessary ordinance restrictions, red tape and the duplication of reviews that contribute to the high cost of doing business in Novi.

I would encourage the Economic Development Corporation in the city to continue to do their jobs to attract business development to the community. I think the business people of our community have a vested interest in keeping this community the great place it is and we should offer them our support and encouragement. We need to work together. The development outlined in our Master Plan is a strong guideline for us to follow. If we need to be more flexible with particular ordinances that is something council should take time to consider.

A prudent review of present ordinances which are excessive is the first step toward making Novi a more user-friendly city. How ludicrous to have a Meijer store in the City of Northville and in Wixom, knowing that we could have had that tax base in Novi. How sad. It has to change.

Ban on 24-hour

I believe the public hearing process coupled with the current ordinance's intent "to protect neighboring residential districts from any adverse impacts" establishes the Planning Commission's authority to limit 24-hour operations next to residential. The city council must act now to remedy this ongoing problem by reexamining the ordinance, removing the more intense manufacturing uses adjacent to residential. Next, revisit the extensive office zoning along the Twelve Mile corridor west of Novi Road; consider zoning it for industrial-office uses, rolling out the welcome mat for high tech development.

I think this is an emotional issue at this time. The Interlock situation is to be considered independently and individually. The court ruling will provide another factor to be used in determining whether or not a ban is necessary. The ordinance as it stands appears to offer working (rules) necessary to protect the quality of life to residential areas. However, I think that reacting with a ban on anything as a response to an emotionally-charged issue is more prohibitive than effective. I think this is also a clear example of the contradiction we are facing today in society... wanting less government impacting our lives yet looking for more restrictions.

Yes.

Low density development

According to SEMCOG's extensive analysis several years ago, there are many causes of urban sprawl including crime, poor quality of education, society's reliance on the single vehicle form of transportation. Solutions are regional, not local, in nature. To date, no consensus has been reached among the 134 SEMCOG member communities to mutually restrict the desire of people to move to areas offering more open spaces, quality schools, and the amenities of suburban living. Large lot zoning (i.e., one half to one acre lots) was conceived for a small southwest section of the city west of Beck.

At this time I do agree with large-lot, low density residential development. But I am still interested in hearing from others on their viewpoints - and their reasons for and against this low density method. I think this is an issue we will continue to work on in the near future with respect to road improvements, real estate trends and water supplies as well as other economic factors.

Novi is presently at almost 50 percent of its anticipated residential maximum growth. The issue needs to be revisited on a regular basis to have the council prudently address the needs in a way that will best serve the common good. What is presently in place in the west end of the city ought not be touched.

More road bonding

The priority roads in this community which are heavily congested are county roads: Haggerty, Novi, Beck, and Grand River. These are the roads that need the attention under any comprehensive road improvement plan. Therefore, I favor strong advocacy at all levels of government - federal, state, county, local - in order to obtain our fair share for road improvements. The time has come for adjoining communities to lobby together for road improvements benefiting everyone. Additionally, we should continue to seek all available grant monies and all public/private partnerships. Novi has been successful in working with developers to improve or build roads (i.e., Nine Mile/Decker). I would support a full disclosed proposal that the taxpayers would vote upon.

Novi is still a growing community. We are experiencing growing pains in the area of road development and although we are far from seeing the necessary relief before I could favor or support a road bond proposal I would need to do some in-depth research on what has been effective, what areas are long-range and what areas are an immediate concern.

The city is growing. Traffic is a concern. It has to be addressed with a respect for meeting the need while not infringing on roads which have been highly residential for some time.

Mutch, Rhea and Ruyle seek 1st term

Nine candidates will run off next Tuesday for three seats on Novi City Council. The top vote earners will win four-year terms. The line-up includes Nancy Cassis, Denise Jenkins, Michael Meyer, Kathy Mutch, Eddie Rhea, David Ruyle and incumbents Bob Schmid and Joe Toth. Doug Erwin is a write-in candidate.



Kathleen Mutch

KATHLEEN M. MUTCH
24541 Hampton Court,
Married to Charles E. Mutch.
Seven children, Charles A.,
Andrew, Jon, Matt, Rob,
Meghan and Lindsay.
Education: Journalism,
Michigan State University.
Professional: part-time
freelance writer for
newspaper and technical
writing.
Community involvement:
Board member of Rotary Club
of Novi; treasurer of
Preservation Novi; president,
Novi Historical Society; Novi
Historical Commission,
member six years; member
Historical District Study
Committee; and Novi Planning
Commission member.



Eddie Rhea

EDDIE J. RHEA
Born: Jan. 26, 1944.
Education: South Macomb
Community College.
Married to wife Kathy for 31
years.
Three Children: Danyll, 20
years old; Kevin, 27 years old;
Steven, 21 years old; two
great daughters-in-law; two
super grandsons, Corey and
Brandon with another due in
January.
Moved to Novi September,
1972.
Work Experience: Tool and
die maker for 23 years; owner
of business for 5 1/2 years;
currently a regional sales
manager for Sharma
Corporation located in
Plymouth.



David Ruyle

DAVID RUYLE
• Novi Resident - more than
15 years
• Self-Novi Businessman.
• History of Community
Involvement.
• Parks and Recreation
Commissioner 6 years.
• Member of 52nd District
Court Committee.
• Member - Natural
Resource Design Committee.
• Novi High School
Coaching Staff-Former
Member.
• Vietnam Era Veteran -
U.S. Marine Corps.
• Head usher and member
of Brightmoor Tabernacle.
• Married 26 years.

Role of Council

Council members are elected to represent the interests of the citizens of Novi. As a body they are accountable for the management of city dollars and the delivery of city services to the residents and businesses in Novi. Council members stand in our place representing us as a city when working with officials of neighboring communities and other levels of government. A member is obligated to be as informed as possible, receptive to and responsive to citizen concerns including becoming as familiar as possible with all areas of the city.

Fuerst Farm

Of course! In 1993 Preservation Novi was founded by LuAnne Kozma, Tim Pope and myself to work toward preserving the remaining historic properties in Novi, particularly those publicly owned or under the control of public bodies. First the historic Methodist Church on Grand River, then the endangered Fuerst Farmstead was the focus of our efforts. Now, just prior to the election, the Council has requested that Preservation Novi present a plan for development and funding at the council meeting on Nov. 6. We will do it - because this property is too important to risk losing it.

Recreation Development

We need additional gathering spaces for the many small groups which work so hard and contribute so much to the quality of community life in Novi, but cannot afford to rent space at commercial rates. While golf courses are proven revenue generators and can always be redesigned for other uses as community needs change, any development of park lands needs to be based on an identified need, an appropriate location and with a funding plan in place. I can support the ice arena, as proposed, and a community aquatic facility for a regional "water park." If an appropriate location and funding can be found.

Senior Housing

I support the concept of the city using its resources to make it possible for a senior housing facility to be built which would meet the needs of eligible and interested Novi residents. A senior housing center, i.e. a residential facility designed with amenities and conveniences most needed by our older residents, is a need identified by our own residents - for themselves or for the aging parents who want to remain near their families or in their home community. Possible city subsidies could range from providing the development incentive of city-backed bonds to the more direct subsidy of artificially lower rents.

Is Council Working?

Recently, the council has been deadlocked on important issues, sometimes for lack of a seventh, tie-breaking vote, but often because some members exploit every opportunity for personal grandstanding and political advantage. Members need to recognize that cooperation and compromise are required to conduct council business effectively. Members need to realize that when they are elected, they are representatives of the people as a community, not just elected to react to the most vocal or demanding. The council needs to establish long-range goals, set objectives.

Vision for Novi

The city will be a collection of well-maintained residential neighborhoods, not just planned, constructed subdivisions, connected by a city-wide system of safety paths. Tree-lined streets and neighborhood green spaces characterize pedestrian friendly business centers as well as the residential areas. But most importantly, there will be people choosing to make Novi their "home town" because the great diversity of interests, talents and resources of our citizens have been enfolded in the fabric of the community.

Attracting business

A Business Round table including, but not restricted to the Novi Chamber of Commerce, that would be representative of the range of commercial, industrial, and service businesses, and educational institutions in Novi, to identify the reasons why they located and remain in Novi and why others have not could pinpoint problems that the city might be able to address. I don't support expanding existing zoning districts; but, we need to be proactive if we are to attract the best office, commercial and industrial uses to develop more fully the existing districts.

Ban on 24-hour

The zoning ordinance currently allows for restriction on hours of operation at the discretion of the Planning Commission under its authority to grant special land uses for light industrial abutting residential areas. The implementation committee is working now to establish performance standards that will make the ordinance less subjective in the interpretation of "adverse impacts" and more fair to all concerned. An outright ban would eliminate the flexibility we currently have to welcome "resident friendly" high-tech operations while prohibiting others; the current ordinance provides for review based on the individual merits.

Low density development

Just within Novi, we have seen this occur. Most residents moving within the city relocate to larger lots in less densely populated neighborhoods than where they have lived. We need to be aware of the projects planned for the adjacent properties in neighboring communities - Lyon Township, Northville and Wixom, or the desire for more space will send our residents even further, beyond our city limits. I support the Master Plan, but to be an effective tool for community planning it needs to have adequate, periodic review to adjust to changing conditions, values and technologies.

More road bonding

Every community has the continuing problem of maintaining the infrastructure - the roads, sewers, water, etc. - while providing for an orderly expansion of existing systems. A plan for roads must be long-term, comprehensive and coordinated. The priorities for funding, and therefore the scheduling of improvements, is dependent on more than the issues of convenience to through traffic or the costs to local residents, but these issues must be considered in the planning.

The role of a council member is multifaceted. They must be knowledgeable, well prepared, an effective communicator, a legislator, creative planner and most of all a responsible representative. Citizens elect council members to assure that their views are represented. While that is one of the most important duties, their primary responsibility is the assurance of a bright future for the city. I feel my 23 years of residency in the City of Novi have enabled me to see the direction some of the previous councils have led us. I would like to pick up where some have left off.

I am in favor of saving the Fuerst Farm. Ruby Fuerst and family were one of the founders of our community, and their families farm located on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Tall roads is one of Novi's oldest and most valuable historical assets. The problem with saving the farm lies when trying to figure out who should pay for it. Although the city and schools are separate taxing bodies, I feel as a taxpayer, the city would have a problem with the purchase of the property that we as residents already own. The schools and the city must not "double dip" the taxpayers.

I commend the people for approving the recent millage for park land purchase and development. I am in favor of a community swimming pool, however, I would not support the massive aquatic center as it has been proposed to this sitting council. The projected ice arena as it has been proposed to council is going to be a great asset to the community. The outside management of a public outcry for this type of facility are signs that this development is going to be a great success. I will not support a municipal golf course just to say the city has one. I would like to see a public forum on this issue before the first dollar is spent on this issue.

I am in favor of the city forging a partnership with a private organization such as Mission Health to build a senior citizen housing complex offering partially subsidized rental housing. The senior citizens of this county are every city's greatest asset. With the cutting of federal programs targeted at senior citizens' assistance, it should be every one's responsibility to see that these precious people are taken care of. The seniors could share remarkable knowledge with today's leaders and our school children. Just because their benefits have been reduced does not mean we should turn our backs on them and drive them out of the community they call home.

The city council of today is not working. There are too many council members that either don't think before they speak, bicker to hear themselves talk or just plain can't stand to be around each other. If elected, I would work very diligently to forge a new spirit of communication and most important, compromise. My 25 years of community corporate management experience has given me the skills to work cohesively within a group. City council is no different. All city council decisions must be made with the citizens' best interest in mind to allow the city to prosper.

My vision of Novi in ten years from now is very simple. I envision a city of 60,000 people who not only look forward to the future with great hope, but hold on to its past with even greater pride. A community that embraces its senior citizens and welcomes our children home. I envision a progressive, dynamic city both in technology and architecture. No skyscraping eyesores for our city. Our Novi of 2005 takes only the best qualities of other cities, while learning from their mistakes. The value of our community passing those of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

The study that was just completed by the Chamber of Commerce is one that I have been waiting for a number of years. I feel that every household should read a copy of that study. In short what it tells us is that if we don't get busy and start attracting more commercial and industrial to come into our city is that everyone will be getting a much larger tax bill very soon. Residential cannot support our police, fire, schools and city services as we will need when this city is fully developed in a few short years. I feel we need to develop the Grand River corridor to its potential.

This is one of the most difficult decisions that the council will face for sometime. To vote yes on the limitations would alienate the city and business even more. I feel city government should make no laws to limit a company's ability to make money. If a company cannot make money in Novi then they will make it in Wixom or South Lyon. To vote no on the limitations would alienate some residents of the city. By studying the Master Plan this ordinance would only be used in the Interlock situation. It would be wrong to change an ordinance that would penalize one company.

I feel the city has to diversify itself with some larger lots and some smaller lots. We have a need for each of the above and we have a need for more dense subdivisions. I do not agree that the city has to be developed with the remaining residential in a low density method.

Everyone keeps talking about having to stick to the Master Plan. The Master Plan is strictly a guide and nothing in it is etched in stone.

I feel against everyone's wishes we will have to go to the voters again and ask for a road bond millage very soon, but you will have a vote on this. But would I favor a millage? I would have to see how much federal, state and county monies will be available to help in such an undertaking.

To enact legislation, rules and regulations of the city. To listen to and support the citizens of Novi who have entrusted the council by their vote to act in their best interest.

Yes. At this present time it should be preserved in a farm setting, museum, etc. I feel that no city money should be spent for this preservation. The land is owned by the school board who was the recipient of millions of dollars from the Fuerst sisters, therefore, it should be their responsibility to preserve and maintain it in their honor.

We still need active sports parks, such as baseball, softball, soccer, etc. What is under construction at this time still will not meet the needs of our citizens.

- I would support a year round swimming pool - not three bears park.
- Ice arena - yes I would be in favor of it.
- Golf course - only as a last addition - with nature trails, lake paths and other passive recreation.

Yes. I feel we need a senior citizens complex, along with a senior citizens implementation committee to assess the needs and give input from the senior citizens themselves. I still feel we should go after a federal government grant to help subsidize the cost of the facility and protect a precious asset in our seniors.

The council is working at a slow pace because the spirit of cooperation is not there. I feel I could reach a consensus that would benefit our city and citizens.

In 10 years time Novi will be close to build out - with most of the building taking place in the western part of the city. I feel that this council elected will have the greatest impact on that development. It has to be done with the thought of the citizens we have now and those of the future - concern should be for the services, traffic paths and etc., that these citizens require.

Yes. Revisit the Master Plan and change some zoning along our major roads, such as Grand River, Novi Road, Twelve Mile Road, to be able to bring in the proper business to enlarge our tax base (not strip malls).

Most definitely.

No. I feel we should look into something in the medium density area and nothing in high density are (one-half acre lots would be fine).

Yes. I have not had the opportunity to study all the needs of the city. I know the North End and Beck Road areas need to be studied and improved.

Toth, Schmid incumbents; Erwin write-in

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Robert Schmid

BOB SCHMID
• Resident of Novi - 23
years.
• Fourteen years of
recognized strong leadership
in Novi government: 10 years,
1975-84, and 1991-95, as
councilman; 4 years, 1981-85,
as mayor.
• Twenty-six years of
management experience in a
major corporation; budget
responsibilities far exceeding
that of Novi.
• B.A. in Economics,
Hillsdale College.
• Graduate work at
Michigan State University.
• Ten years of coaching
football and basketball from
Little League through high
school students.



Joe Toth

JOSEPH G. TOTH
Married - 5 children:
Jennifer L. Ellason (nee
Toth), age 26.
Valerie C. Toth, age 24.
Joanne K. Toth, age 20.
Sharon V. Toth, age 19.
Joseph M. Toth, age 17.
Resident - 26 years.
U.S. Marine - 8 years.
Council member - 9 years.
Planning Commissioner - 9
years.
Committees: Beautification,
Cable Commission, City
Needs/Assessment, Civic
Center, Computer Advisory,
Fuerst Property, Grand River
Avenue, Ordinance Review,
Senior Citizen Housing.
Employed by: Software
Services Corporation.



Doug Erwin

DOUG ERWIN
Age: 44 years old.
My family are long time
residents of Novi, 100 years
to be exact, with myself living
here for 12 years.
I am a 1973 graduate of
Michigan State University
with a bachelor of science
degree. I have a double major
in marketing and horticulture.
I have been married for 21
years to my wife, Kathi.
We have two children,
Jennifer and Scott.
We are owners of Erwin
Farms and my wife, son,
mother and father all help in
the family business.
I was a member of the
Jaycees and several student
groups at Michigan State.

Role of Council

Role of council is to establish policy which is carried out by the city manager and his staff. Council person's role is to represent the citizens of Novi as well as those who have invested in business within the city. That representation must be consistent, keeping with the goals and objectives of the city which include adherence to the Master Plan and ordinances. Council person should seek input from a cross-section of the city and that input be an important element in the development of policy, Master Plan and ordinances for the community.

Fuerst Farm

As a councilman I have consistently favored preserving the Fuerst Farm. The question is how do we finance the purchase of the land and once purchased what approach should we take in restoring the land and buildings for use or at the very least restored to a condition that would be safe and not a liability to the city. A case could be made to finance, in part, through park funds for the purchase of land. Restoration would need to be handled with grants and citizens volunteering efforts. I do not favor expending taxpayers funds for restoration of the buildings.

Recreation Development

As a former teacher/coach I recognize the importance of team and individual recreational activity. Studies should be authorized for the best use of the northern park property. Feasibility of a golf course should be included. A municipal course serves all ages of our citizens from the very young to the very old at affordable rates. A golf course is a money generator and those dollars can be used to supplement other recreational activities thereby reducing taxes. If built, a golf course would be funded by revenue bonds paid back through fees, not by taxpayer's dollars.

Senior Housing

As a city councilman I have supported developing senior citizen housing. The Senior Citizen Housing Commission has been formed and they are working on proposals which would involve public/private partnerships in accomplishing our goal, preferably near shopping and medical providers which would assure maximum independence for Novi seniors. I do not support federal subsidized housing which results in government mandates.

Is Council Working?

I have worked with several city councils over the 14 years I've served as councilman and mayor. The present council is not the best, nor is it the worst. Certainly there has been controversy on council, however, for the most part that controversy has been honest difference of opinion as to policy and direction the city should be going. Show me a council with no controversy and lockstep voting. I'll show you a council who is debating the issues behind locked doors. I have played a leadership role in gaining consensus for important council decisions.

Vision for Novi

My vision has not changed since 1975. My vision then, as it is today, is to build a quality community, a community that will stand the test of time, a community with the proper mix of commercial, industrial and residential to assure reasonable taxes for all citizens. A community with inventory of housing ranging from affordable for the first time buyers to very expensive for those who wish that lifestyle. Centralized commercial development, quality schools and assurances to those citizens who move to and live in Novi that their investment will appreciate as opposed to depreciate.

Attracting business

I commend the Chamber committee for their report. I was pleased by the report and their chairman highly praised the city for achieving the goal of strong tax base with extensive industrial and commercial development. I further concur the city needs to take a look at its industrial ordinances and requirements to assure we are reasonable in our requests from the developers. I do, however, take issue with the conclusion that we must add to the commercial and industrial zoning. Novi has more commercial development than any other city in the tri-county area.

Ban on 24-hour

I favor protecting the integrity of residential neighborhoods and have been on record for doing so for the 14 years I've served the city as councilman and mayor. Clearly the residents of Novi should not be subjected to a quality of life any less than what they were assured with existing zoning and the intent of the Master Plan when they chose to make the greatest investment most of them will ever make. If in fact, a 24-hour operation adjacent to residential neighborhoods in an industrial park effects quality of life and value of homes, they should be banned.

Low density development

This study identified several different criteria for urban sprawl. It is my reading the most blatant cause of urban sprawl is the expansion of infrastructure including major highways, sewer and water. I have opposed such expansion on more than one occasion. On the other hand, I have been a leading proponent to large lot, low density development for several reasons. One, many studies confirm the American dream is a large lot lifestyle. Two, lower density means less traffic, fewer schools, less need for police, lower density infringes less harshly on the environment, including woodlands and wetlands which are prominent in Novi.

More road bonding

The City of Novi has successfully built or improved several miles of roads as a result of the last 1991 road bonding proposal. Traffic and traffic congestion remain a high priority for the city to solve. I would support additional bonding proposals for the completion of Tall Road extension, Meadowbrook Road, Novi Road, Twelve Mile Road, complete the study of Ten Mile Road as to necessity of widening. I would insist these projects be supplemented by county, state and federal monies where appropriate. It is imperative the city provide the leadership to assure adequate roads to improve the citizens to enjoy the benefits of one of the finest cities in the tri-county area.

The role of each council member is to strive to advance a legislative course of action that includes following the city charter and Master Plans; to promote a friendly, financially healthy, technologically-sold city administration with minimal city taxes; and to work to enrich the quality of life for all of our residents (i.e., our children, our senior citizens, and those in-between).

Yes. The Novi School Board should give the property and farm buildings to the city (Historical Commission). City taxpayers originally purchased all of the Farm - why should they pay a second time? The Farm should be fully restored to a symbolic "Turn-Of-The-Century" Farm and used for educational tours, a conference center, and similar activities. Current City Funds (i.e., taxes, fees, etc.) are dedicated for day-to-day operations do not contain funds for restoration purposes. Therefore, the donated building and grounds should be restored with volunteer labor and donated funds.

We need to promote development of our newly-purchased park lands by working more closely with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the department staff (more joint meetings, in-depth study of financing, creation of federal grants, etc.). These park lands will need to be developed to fit the evolving lifestyles of all of our residents. While this means constructing ball fields and soccer fields, it also involves including such elements as jogging tracks, tennis courts, areas for in-line skating and skate boards, picnic areas, horse shoe pits, volleyball courts, and so forth. It also means adding new features in the future as lifestyles change.

In the past, the city enacted an ordinance design to encourage the creation of senior housing within residential developments and this worked to a degree. The primary question is should the city have affordable housing for Novi senior residents and should the city subsidize such an effort. The city officials have expanded a Senior Housing Building Authority in an attempt to provide affordable housing for Novi senior residents that will be subsidized to some degree. We are now waiting the Authority to come back to the council with their finds and recommendations.

The city council is not as productive today as it could be. This, in my opinion is because of the lack of proper leadership, no unified and constructive council direction on some key issues, and very little legislative harmony. We need to deliberate with council members on the particulars of each issue and to make a decision and strive to develop a meaningful direction for the city council's actions. We could start with a series of special hearings on the major matters in order to strengthen council cooperation and to resolve possible disagreements.

One of two possible scenarios: The Good Vision: A solid, financially-healthy, tree-lined residential municipality of approximately 65,000 residents with one or more community pools and a fully developed park system that would be rated as one of the top ten City Park Systems in Michigan. The Bad Vision: A financially-strapped community with city officials attempting to raise taxes, having to lay off personnel, and having to restrict city services because of indifferent, long range financial planning and inadequate administrative self-control in the '90s.

In my discussions with developers there were two consistent topics that they all seem to talk about on each of their projects. One is the lengthy and convoluted process of trying to get a project started and underway in the city. We need to place this process under the microscope and constructively streamline the process. Second is the technical reputation that a developer encounters. Alternatives are not presented early on (e.g., the Interlock tied with a good careful examination of what is best). Our staff seems to display a reactive response - instead of a proactive response.

A 24-hour industrial operation immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood is unacceptable. I would vote for restricting all industrial activities permitted adjacent to residential neighborhoods to between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The city of Novi has committed to a Master Plan for Land Use that represents a good and equitable balance between residential, commercial, and industrial zoned areas. Some adjustments in the residential areas in the western portion of the city may have to be made for the preservation of wetlands and woodlands and that could affect the density in certain sections. However, we need to simply follow our Master Plan for Land Use and Novi should achieve the development and density figures we planned for.

Another road bonding proposal would be a tough sell. The last road bonding proposal had no improvements for the southeastern portion of Novi, yet this is one of the most populated areas within the city. Any future road bonding proposal must include improvements to key collector roads. The city officials need to develop and maintain - and refine on a periodic basis - a good comprehensive road improvement program, that is part of their job. If additional road funds are identified and necessary, public hearings need to be held and the proposed special road bonding proposal fully explained. If the reactions at the public hearings are positive or a toss-up, the road bonding issue should be placed on the ballot for a vote by the city residents.

A council member's role is no different than any other elected person. A member should always follow the wishes of the populace by keeping in touch with them after he or she is elected. Honesty of the member can never be in doubt and their integrity beyond reproach. The oath of office is as binding as any other oath one takes throughout life. Members must make sure no prejudices can enter into their decisions under any circumstances.

I see no reason to save the Fuerst sisters' house. I appreciate the fact the sisters gave so much to this city, but I don't believe Ruby and her sister wanted a thanks. Ruby wanted senior housing not monuments to their life. The house is not of any age to make it historical. The house would be a landmark to anyone but a few citizens in Novi. How would the house and property be paid for? Don't we have better uses for city funds?

All park land recently purchased should be developed as it was presented for the bond issue. Ball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts are what were promised. Let's have them! What recreation Novi needs is a very difficult question. At this time I believe I have to look at our traffic congestion and the safety of our citizens as more of a need. I would much like to see if budget tightening couldn't generate monies for a swimming pool or an ice rink. No matter what, these wants should be self-supporting and not fund draining. If the city is to help build these items, then the city should be paid back.

Senior citizen housing I believe is a problem that shouldn't be a problem. Knowing both of the Fuerst sisters I know what they wanted. The City of Novi has the land to build the facility but lacks the money to build the building itself. I believe it is time to turn to the citizens of Novi who have shown many times they care a great deal about tragedy or difficulties facing one of their own. Let's go to all the people of this city saying Novi officials have the plans and the land for this project. Ask them to come forward to help the people who have lived and paid taxes here for years.

This city council is not working together at all. You first have to have a leader to give direction to the meeting and right now that person is nonexistent. Personal attacks on other members is completely inexcusable. Council members get tied down with the instead of details. The council was elected to make decisions - so make them! This council is hearing the public, but is certainly not listening to the public. If citizens, are going to be held to a three minute address in the interest of saving time, then maybe council members should be held to five minutes.

This is one of the most difficult questions of all. Novi is at the crossroads of development. The present trend from the council and administration continues, the next 10 years will not go well. This council is leaning much too strongly to developers and forgetting who put them in office and why. We, as citizens, have to elect council members who will strive to meet that balance of proper development while still listening and caring for the needs of the present citizenry. Novi has got too many needs of the people over the next 10 years to be concentrating on a wish list of their own.

As far as commercial businesses locating in this city, one must relax some of the restrictions of doing business. Signs in windows have always been valuable tools, but Novi severely restricts this. Holiday displays have to have special permits to be put up. How can a display of bedding plants be considered an eye sore? Too many restrictions stifle imagination. Industry and businesses would not shun the city if getting building plans approved, were not such a time consuming and costly process. Building codes are much too stringent as to types of materials that are allowed.

On the Interlock question, I would ban 24-hour operations without question. In other instances, one must see which land was zoned first. If residents move into an area knowing that industrial is allowed next to them, then I would have much less sympathy for them.

I strongly disagree with this idea. If a citizen wants an acre lot in any subdivision, he or she can purchase enough lots to equal an acre. Zoning is not necessary to determine lot size as costs will do that very nicely. Wixom Road residents are already on one-half acre lots. There are no special attractions such as a lake or nature preserve so what is the point of an acre of land?

Novi, I believe, will need another road bond proposal, but I believe the money should be used on roads that the people are asking for. Put money on Grand River improvement and leave Ten Mile alone, except for a possible center or turn lane. There is a printed report of many alternatives to a Ten Mile Road of five lands and they should be listened to. Nobody listened to the people on Eleven Mile between Beck and Wixom Road. We must do something about our north-south route from the Lakes Area. Traffic congestion and especially personal safety are issues we must face.

Mason's hat is in the ring for mayor

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Carol Mason, the lady with the hats, says she doesn't have any opinions. Not that she doesn't have more than a few ideas she'll share with any one interested. But Mason says that as a council member — and as a mayor, if she's elected — she's there to do what the people want. "When you're elected you shouldn't have an opinion. Your constituency should tell you what their opinion is and you should vote that way instead of what you believe about something," she explained.

"I thought a McDonald's would have been good at the corner of Ten Mile, but hundreds of people told me they didn't want it, so I voted no. I like subdivisions with no sidewalks but residents called and said they wanted sidewalks so I voted for them."

Mason won her seat on the city council in 1991. Since then, she's been one of the most outspoken critics of the city administration and the council majority in action.

Not, as Mason describes it, is 98.6 percent okay. It's that 0.4 percent that gets her going.

So what would she do if elected? Mason says a good deal of her time is already spent on the phone with residents with complaints.

"I don't want to be mayor. I have to be mayor. You have to bring this legislative body back to a reasonable form. The direction comes from the chair," she said.

"There's three people who look out for developers and three people who look out for the people. I'm not going to say who's who. The people know."

"As a resident in town for over 30 years, she's watched Novi blossom. As a Realtor and broker who sells about \$6 million in real estate annually, she's helped many of these new families find homes here."

She owns Carol Mason, Red Carpet Rem on Ten Mile Road with partner Mike Dembs, a real estate developer. About 75 percent of her business is in town.

"I sold homes every holiday, on my daughter's wedding day. The only day I didn't sell a home was when my grandson was born. I didn't leave the hospital," she said.

Mason is the mother of three adult daughters.

And the city council aren't enough to keep her busy. Mason exercises regularly at Powerhouse gym, has regular massages to keep her healthy and stress-free and spends time with her 15-year-old grandson, Pat O'Boyle. The two love to go fishing, in Shawwood Lake locally and in the Atlantic Ocean when they can get there.

"We fish and put them back," Mason said.

As a mayor, she jokes, she'd like to "christen ships, only we don't have a ship- ping."

Seriously, though, Mason says that one task of the mayor she'd like to see done differently is how the city agendas are worked out. Typically, the mayor and the city manager hand the order in which each of the various items reach the council at their Monday meetings.

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Novi council member Carol Mason is challenging to take the city's top spot for the next two years.

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1991 will likely have heard Mason's basic political theory, that city government is there to look after the "health, safety and welfare" of the residents. She contends that Novi doesn't have enough police officers on the street and says she would support asking voters to increase the city's police and fire millage.

Recently, she was criticized for her spotty attendance record at city council meetings. Mason has missed several meetings, but she says she has been active on the job.

Mason's answer is that in 1993 alone she attended 100 city council sessions, which was acknowledged with a paycheck of \$1,500. Mason agrees, it was sometimes hard for her to make Housing and Community Development Committee sessions.

"They'd call me Monday and say you have a meeting Tuesday. I can't live that way. It's all volunteer stuff," she explained.

Mason served on an earlier Senior Housing Committee, which proposed that a city loan be used to put up low-income residences here. That concept was rejected by the city council. Mason said she then became disillusioned about the process and hasn't been active on the latest committee the council formed to address the issue.

"I wasted two years of my life to make sure I had senior housing in the city, then I was asked to waste my time," she said.

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But she said she would also like to heighten awareness in the city of alternative ways to meet those expectations.

McEllen said she is most proud of the diversity of development the city has, and the "tremendous amount of natural greenery" the city has retained despite that development.

Her top goal for the coming year, she said, will be to do a complete inventory of the city's buildings and assets and review whether they should be retained or put to better use.

Letter writer stunned by police investigation

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor

Every job has its "learning curve," a period of time in which the level of competence rises as on-the-job experience is gained. And incumbent Kathleen McEllen said she has found that is certainly true of the job of being Novi's mayor.

Her most important lesson is that you can't lead people who don't want to be led, she said. And her efforts to change the method of operation of the first place. Her work has been as successful as she would have liked.

"What's the old adage? You govern by consent of the governed," McEllen said.

But McEllen gives herself high marks for the other primary function of mayor, serving as the city's representative outside the council chambers to the community and to those from outside the community — a serving as the "face" of the city. She said she has been responsive in moving with representatives from other cities and has been able to attend numerous functions in that role.

McEllen is running for reelection Nov. 7, hoping to win her second term in office. She is facing off for the job with current council member Carol Mason.

McEllen said she has a lot to do with the city council experience. Instead, she'd been the chairperson of the Planning Commission. That was

good experience for the job, but McEllen said it also led to animosities, and some on council did not want to be led.

Leadership — not development or roads — is the most important issue facing Novi today.

"I'm not looking for a council that is a rubber stamp. There should be debate," McEllen said. "But I'm not looking for a council that should be a rubber stamp. There should be debate."

That's how McEllen got into politics in the first place. Her work was living in Manassas Park, Virginia in 1974, she took her children to a city playground. The facility was in a state of disrepair, but she was especially concerned with a broken seesaw she thought might injure one of her children.

"Somebody should fix this," she thought, and she complained to city officials there. When she received a condescending answer, McEllen said she decided to take action. First, she organized a group to host a fundraiser to repair the playground equipment. Then she ran for city council.

When she arrived here in 1986 as a result of her husband being transferred, she stayed active in local politics. She has two children, and works as a realtor in the local area.

Her time as mayor has cause a

change in her political outlook. She favors leaving as many responsibilities in the hands of the private sector, rather creating big government. If residents are willing to pay for a facility or service, and vote tax support at the ballot box, then what projects residents desire is fine. Otherwise, the role of government should be kept to those functions only government can do and the city should be run in a fiscal conservative, financially sound manner.

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Voters asked to pencil in Erwin

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

By the time a typical Novi City Council meeting is ending — at about 1 a.m. — Doug Erwin may be leaving his Echo Valley subdivision home for Detroit's Eastern Market, where he'll pick out fresh vegetables and fruit for his family run store.

Now, he's hoping that with his write-in campaign fresh in their minds, he'll be the pick of the voters for a council spot on Nov. 7.

Erwin announced his unopposed candidacy last week. Earlier, he'd taken out a petition and tinkered with the idea of getting his name on the ballot, but was talked out of it by his wife, Kathi. Then, his wife was lit by an Aug. 9 Planning Commission session concerning 24-hour business operations near homes.

"At the time my wife was kind of adamant she didn't want me to do it. She doesn't see me enough as it is. I searched that night up there. It just got me mad. I thought I'd just wait until October to talk to the electors and keep it fresh in their minds," he said.

"She's not happy but she understands where I'm coming from."

While harmony is important to all families, it's even more crucial to the Erwins, whose livelihood depends on getting along together. Of all the 11 candidates, Erwin has his roots deepest in Novi soil. In 1895, his grandfather moved to Novi and farmed 137 acres on land now occupied by Otis Orchard Condominiums. That property was sold off in 1965. Three years earlier, his parents, J.W. and Shirley Erwin opened the produce market near the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Novi Road, originally specializing in apples grown on the family farm.

Unlike many of the other contenders, who come equipped with long lists of memberships in Novi civic groups, running a retail operation keeps most of Erwin's days fully occupied. If you ask him about what he does in his free time, he's got a one-word answer: "working."

He puts in about 80-to-90 hours a week at Erwin Produce Market. "I've been into this business and making things right for the customer in the store," Erwin said.

The market now has 31 employees, but it's in every way a family operation. Erwin's parents still pitch in — his mom keeps the books — and Kathi and their son, Scott, 13, help run the operation.

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Erwin draws on the marketing and horticulture skills he learned while earning his bachelor's degree at Michigan State University.

However, he does find time to read the encyclopedia stored on his computer. And Erwin's an old movie buff, crazy for anything with Gary Cooper, Clark Gable or James Cagney.

He wasn't looked on local politics until the Main Street issue — including Vir's World Class Fruit Market — came up. Detractors have suggested that he's afraid of the competition. Erwin's maintained steadily that he doesn't want to see the city subsidize any private enterprise.

Erwin says he's hoping that he's established enough name recognition with his opposition to Main Street and his failed attempt to recall the mayor and four council members to convince voters to pencil in his name on the ballot.

"People have come to the point where I am, where they're tired of what the city's doing. They love Eleven Mile Road against the wishes of all 66 residents on that one mile and they love Main Street for a developer, a mile-long road that goes nowhere," he said.

"What are we putting that there for. It's going to create a traffic snarl."

These are two of what Erwin says are "three easy examples" of the city government "leaving towards developers." A third is the planning commission's approval of interlock; the case is currently tied up in a lawsuit brought by Meadowbrook Lake residents.

"I'm against this 24-hour use next to residential. It doesn't make any sense, especially when the subdivision's there first. Bob Schmid voted against M-5 every time they brought it up because it went by his house. He didn't want the noise. If noise is not good for one area, it's not good for another," Erwin said.

It's also against the possible widening of Ten Mile Road to five lanes.

It's going to be within 30 feet of somebody's front door. Some little kid gets out there by accident and

gets killed. Grand River is a better alternative than widening Ten Mile. It's commercial and the kids are away from it," he said.

Children's safety should be a key city concern, Erwin says, adding that he'd rather see city money spent to build sidewalks, especially in the lakes area, than to help start up an ice arena.

Erwin, with his years of selling produce in town, says the local government is not friendly to small business. As an example, he cites the sign ordinance.

"If you go up Novi Road south, I defy anybody to see my sign there unless they're in front of it. Every day I have people coming into my store saying 'I didn't know you were here before,'" he explained.

Erwin says he'd like to see the city council members talk less and listen to the citizens more.

"Now the mayor holds the residents to three minutes to keep the meeting going. I think there should be some time limit on the council members themselves. I think you can say most of what needs to be said in five minutes rather than 45 minutes," he explained.

"I think they should quit postponing things. Some of these decisions aren't that tough and they keep sending them back to committees... It shouldn't be that hard if you get your thoughts focused and written down in a concise manner, like for a school project, to get your points across."

Erwin aims to get his point across in a low-budget — under \$1,000 — campaign. With his knowledge of marketing, he's running off three different flyers, each targeted for a different region in Novi.



Doug Erwin decided to run too late to file, but he's running hard.

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Bob Schmid thinks of his home on Summit as a sanctuary.

Schmid has long record of serving city

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor

When Bob Schmid came to Novi in 1972, he viewed his acreage on Summit Drive much like a sanctuary. Working in Southfield and commuting daily, he knew few neighbors and was not involved in civic activities.

That changed when Twelve Oaks Mall was proposed in 1973-74. Schmid wanted to make sure the city did not develop like so many other suburbs have, simply filling up and then beginning to deteriorate. He said his vision was for a low-density, semi-rural community — with a commercial center around the Novi Road/Grand River intersection.

"I wanted it to be a community that would stand the test of time, where businesses could flourish and you could live in it all your

life," he said. So he ran for council in 1975 and won. And he's been on council, off and on, ever since, most of the time as a member but also for one term as mayor.

Schmid's luck again. He's vying among the field of nine candidates seeking voters' selection to hold one of three seats up this year in the election next Thursday. He said he's doing it because the city is still developing. In another few years, it will be developed to the point that the city will be looked into the type of community it is going to be. He wants to make sure his vision for the city is not lost in the meantime.

So far, he said, the city is developing pretty well, matching pretty closely his original concept.

Schmid, 64, grew up in Petersburg, near the Ohio border, where

his father ran a grocery store. It had that small town atmosphere Schmid said he would like Novi to emulate, although Novi, he admits, is not a small town. Still, he wants to keep Novi developing in a low-density fashion, not only because it produces the semi rural appearance, but because low density development keeps the demands on city services low, helping to hold down the tax rate.

Schmid served on the council from 1975 through 1985, when he contends 90 percent of Novi's tough development regulations were written. And he's proud of the idea they are tough. He does not agree with those who argue now the regulations are too tough. He contends the toughness of regulations is largely responsible for the "very desirable" community Novi has become.

"That is something that we should look at and if it is true, we should deal with it and we will deal with it," Schmid said.

Schmid acknowledged he is sometimes gruff with consultants and city staff members at the council table. When it comes to consultants, he noted they are highly paid and he expects a high degree of competence.

"Sometimes, I do it for effect," he said.

"Some attribute the desirability to the schools, but it is a chicken and egg argument whether it's desirable because of the schools or whether the schools are good here because it is a desirable, well-planned community," Schmid said.

Schmid however said it may be true that the ordinances are too tough on industrial and commercial developments.

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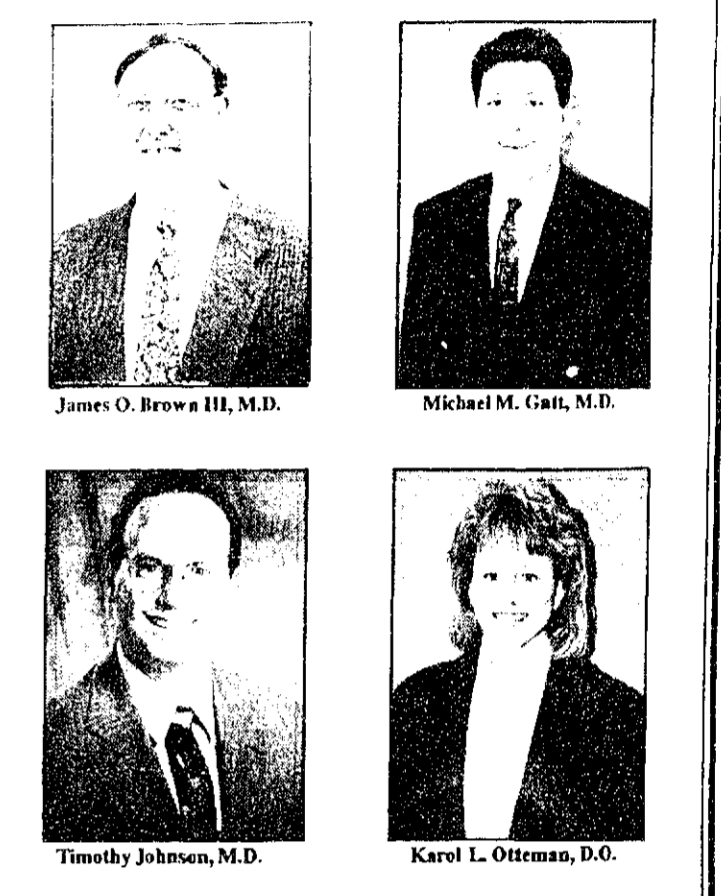
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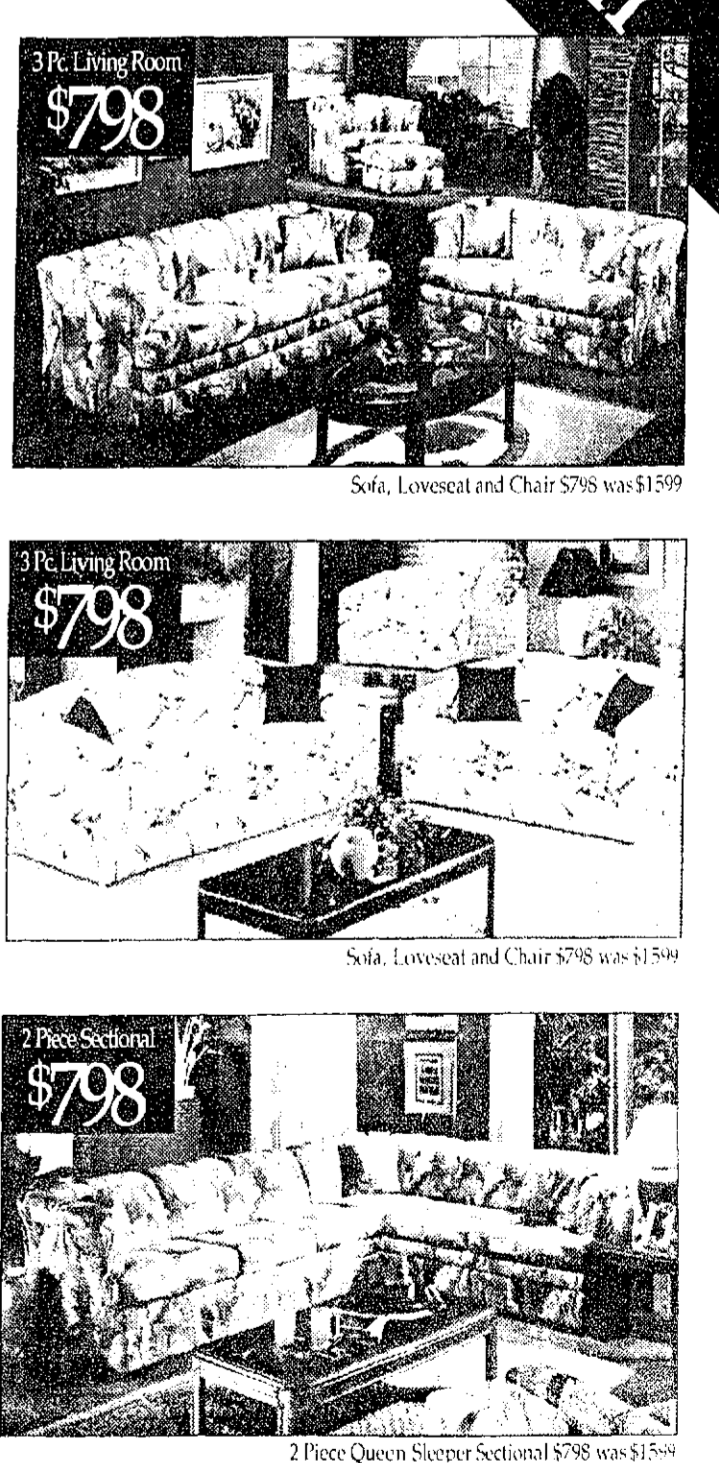
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Ruyle tries again for council

By Michael Malott
Managing Editor

Students aren't yet old enough to vote, but it has become a tradition among candidates running for office to give a speech to the Novi High School government class. The students are then assigned to get involved in one of the politicians' campaigns — pick any candidate, but get involved.

Novi City Council candidate David Ruyle said he found himself to be a quick favorite of the students this year, and a dozen or more are now working on his campaign.

"I just talked straight to them. I answered their questions. I didn't talk down to them. I treated them with respect," he said. "That's the way I treat everybody."

Ruyle is a candidate in the field of nine who will contend for one of three seats on City Council next Tuesday. The post carries a four-year term.

Although he has run for office before, Ruyle said he was unsure about venturing into the political arena again this year — until June 19. That was the day City Council deadlocked on passage of its budget. Having watched the debate, he immediately put up the \$100 filing fee.

Ruyle said current council member Joe Toth flipped on the budget that night, refusing to pass it when he had previously stated he would vote approval.

"That's the problem with city council today," Ruyle said, "an inability to compromise. And that's what he plans to bring to the council. He said he'll be a swing vote, siding with neither faction of the currently split council. He said he'll listen to the issues, and not simply decide based on individual priorities, as he believes some council members are doing."

The key is to know when to compromise and when to stand on your principals. And it's important

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to let residents know where you stand.

"I'm a black and white guy," Ruyle said. "There is very little gray in my life."

For exact site, Ruyle said he would not have voted to approve the Interlock in its presently proposed location to the Meadowbrook Lake Subdivision. But he would have wanted Interlock to build its plant somewhere Novi, just on a different location.

Ruyle also counts the loss of the Meyer store to Wilson, now being built at Grand River and Wilson Road, was a glaring error on the part of the city. Had Meyer located its store in Novi, the city would have gained an addition \$200,000 per year in taxes, which could have more than paid for three additional police officers in town.

"As it is, what crimes could occur on the outside of that building that our police officers won't have to respond to in some way anyway," he said, speculating Novi police would have to be called in for any fleeing criminal because most of the roads in that area lead through Novi.

All the traffic generated by the store will also be routed through the city, Ruyle said.

He considers himself pro-development, contending it is important to work on building the tax base.

"We've grown from a population of 15,000 in 1980, when I got here, to 40,000. In the next ten to 15 years, we could grow to 65,000 or 75,000. As we move into the 21st Century, I want us to move in a

direction so that future council's will look back and say, 'They did the job.' To do that, you have to keep in mind who will pay the taxes," he said. "That's commercial and industrial."

Ruyle, 53, began his civic involvement through sports. With no children of his own, he stays active in sports, first through coaching softball, then as an umpire. Now in his 15th year as an umpire, Ruyle is one of the senior umpires for city softball leagues.

That led him to an interest in the Parks and Recreation Commission, and eventually to city politics overall.



David Ruyle and his wife

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They want your vote, here's when they voted

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi City Council candidate Joseph Toth, an incumbent, is the only one of 11 now running for local office to vote in each of the past 23 elections held here since September 1985.

Traffling on the heels of Toth with his 100 percent turnout is city council hopeful and former Novi school board member Michael Meyer, who missed an August 1989 primary. That was a Republican primary and Meyer is a Democrat.

Several of the other candidates — mayoral hopeful Kathleen McCallen and council seat seekers Robert Schmidt, David Ruyle and Nancy Cassis — have only missed two elections in that time frame.

At the other end of the spectrum, city council candidate Eddie Rhea's record shows he missed 12 of the 25 elections. However, Rhea says there was a mix-up at the Novi City Clerk's office regarding several variant listings of his name. Elections Clerk Sue Blumer confirmed this; his revised record

shows that he missed 11 chances to vote.

Write-in candidate Douglas Erwin did not vote in eight of the elections.

However, eight of the 23 city, national or state elections from 1985 to the present were primaries. Not included are school district elections. Erwin registered his choice in the last two city council elections.

"I wouldn't miss something that important," he said.

Schmidt and mayoral candidate Carol Mason, both seated council members at the time, didn't cast their ballots in the Jan. 12, 1993 election asking voters to approve millage for the purchase of park land. Neither did Rhea and Erwin.

Schmidt went back and checked his 1993 calendar and found that he was out-of-town on that date.

"I certainly would have voted," he added.

Mason says she also believes she may have been out of the city or working.

"I certainly did back that. I knew it would pass," she said.

Nazi charge against mayor's son is wrong — teacher

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Michigan University — was in Kelly's eighth grade Social Studies class at Novi Middle School.

Novi resident James E. Korte raised the issue during audience participation in a Novi City Council meeting Oct. 16. He claimed the mayor's son had attempted to wear a shirt bearing a swastika and other Nazi symbols on the field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center. He further alleged Kathy McCallen had reacted aggressively when the instructor called her seeking discipline of the youngster. Korte said the incident occurred last year and quoted McCallen as saying her son was simply exercising his First Amendment rights to free expression.

But Kathy McCallen was never called. Kelly said this week.

In fact, she said, she did not even know of the incident until the

Tuesday after the council meeting when Kelly called her to explain the true nature of the incident.

Korte said Oct. 16 he would apologize if his allegations proved untrue.

"I think he owes her something," Kelly said. "To acknowledge that he didn't get it right... He relied on hearsay and that can be a very dangerous thing."

"I'll tell you what I will do," Korte said this week when Kelly's comments were repeated to him. "I'll go back to my sources and find out why their version of the facts is so much different than the facts you've come up with."

When the incident occurred, Kelly said, the boys "took it as a challenge to their desk code" and appealed his decision to the Middle School principal. But when the principal backed Kelly, they agreed to turn their shirts inside out for the tour of the Memorial Center.

When the students went to a restaurant after the tour, they turned their shirts back out. The result was that no one took offense, Kelly said. Later, one of the boys told Kelly he'd "made the right call."

Kelly still judged it to be "character assassination." So did council member Robert Schmidt.

"The outlandish attack on the mayor I think was absolutely ridiculous," Schmidt said that night. "Politics, politics. This council volunteers their time. You don't know what it takes in this city to get elected... I sometimes sit back

and think maybe citizens misunderstand that what we're doing in the community is doing the best we can."

Korte said he was making the charges because he'd submitted them in a letter to the editor to *The Novi News*, and they were edited out and rejected for publication on the grounds they were unsubstantiated and potentially libelous.

Korte distributed the full contents of the letter to those in attendance at the Oct. 16 meeting.

Kelly McCallen denied the allegations entirely that night, unaware until later even of the true incident. She noted after the meeting that she had had no children in Novi High School for the past three years.

Back in 1988, the mayor said, her son was frequent skateboarder and often wore the fashions popular among those who participate in the sport.

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Kerford Collision owner agrees with residents that getting rid of junk cars has been a problem, but he's working on it.

Neighbors miffed at tow yard for junked car pile-up

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"The problem is if somebody has a heart attack, then we have a major problem. We get locked in here," Moody said.

"It's been a problem for a year-and-a-half. The last six months have been really bad. This isn't a spite thing. This is a serious situation."

They also say there's no room for their customers or their staff to park, either.

Kerford has been parking the abandoned cars in lots for the city and the Michigan State Police throughout the parking lot, including in front of the neighbors' businesses.

"We're working with the city on that. Ninety percent of the cars are gone. This has been a problem," Herrington said.

"It isn't totally my fault. I do not own the property. If you go by there now, 90 percent of the cars

are in the new lot. The fencing's going to be up at the end of the week."

The business is expanding the parking lot to the west and is building a fence to go around the impound yard.

Moody also says he is bothered by the lack of security at the parking lot. Cars are broken into at the site, he said.

"It's absolutely not secure. They break into things, they steal things. There's no security whatsoever with this vehicles," he added.

"Suppose you had an accident. They take you to Botsford. Your car's towed. You're looking at losing everything in your car."

Herrington says that's not the case, because most of the vehicles have been impounded by the police or state police because they were abandoned along the roads or freeway and may have already been broken into.

Ex-employee gets another chance

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A Wayne man has won a second chance to prove the Michigan Department of Corrections discriminated against the handicapped when it fired him as a prison guard.

A state Court of Appeals sent the case of Roger Miller, 43, of Wayne, back to Washtenaw Circuit Court. MDOC has the burden of establishing that accommodating plaintiff (Miller) would cause it undue hardship. We conclude on the record presented, there was a genuine issue regarding whether defendant was able to accommodate plaintiff without undue hardship.

Judge William Ager (now retired) had dismissed Miller's 1991 wrongful discharge suit.

Peter Bundarlin, an attorney in Canton, said his client should be reinstated or paid money. Miller has been living on AFDC. That

was the only way he could get medical insurance," Bundarlin said.

Miller had been classified as "corrections officer III" in 1986 and had worked at Scott Regional Correctional Facility in Northville Township, the Huron Valley Women's Facility in Ypsilanti and Camp Brighton, a minimum-security facility for male inmates in the last year of their terms. MDOC terminated him in 1990.

"In July 1989 he requested a transfer to a non-custody position because of stress-related problems," said the Court of Appeals opinion. "In September 1989 plaintiff was transferred to Camp Brighton, although his position there also required interaction with inmates. In October 1989 plaintiff went on medical leave for depression. He returned to work in March 1990."

In May of 1990, Miller slipped and fell on water while mucking his

rounds at Camp Brighton, injuring his back. Dr. Frank Winters made tests and revealed Miller had a congenital back problem. "The vertebrae do not close around the spinal cord," Bundarlin explained.

A month later, while on medical leave, Miller stepped off a curb, his knee buckled, and he felt sharp pains in his back and left leg. "The accident exacerbated his work-related back injury and pain, and extended the time Dr. Winters believed plaintiff should be off work," the court opinion said.

In August, MDOC officials told Miller to return to work or be terminated. Miller returned with a document from Dr. Winters saying he could do no bending or lifting more than 20 pounds. MDOC terminated Miller Aug. 9.

Bundarlin argued that under 1990 amendments to the state Handicappers Civil Rights Act, MDOC had to accommodate Miller even if a handicap is related to

the employee's ability to perform the job, unless the accommodation would constitute an undue hardship for the employer."

Miller said he could perform seven other CO III tasks within his restrictions: bubble officer, gate officer, alert response vehicle officer, information desk, salley port, transport officer and control center officer.

MDOC responded that all CO III jobs involve the possibility of having to defend himself or assist another officer, and that Miller admitted he couldn't defend himself.

On this point, the Court of Appeals said there was a genuine issue that should be decided in circuit court. The unanimous opinion was signed by Judges Donald E. Holbrook Jr., Helene N. White and Robert A. Benson.

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Book talk

The Novi Library adult book discussion group will meet Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. We are pleased to introduce Betsy Bennett as the new discussion leader. The subject will be S.K. Wolf's *Harbinger Effect*. Please have this book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

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WXYZ/Channel 7 will present a free story time program at Novi Library on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. As part of their Library Reading Program, Joe Darcy will read to the children and Ming the Magnificent will be featured as guitarist and musician. Help us celebrate National Children's Book Week by participating in this special program.

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Nightmare on Elm Court

Clothing falling off a rack onto a high-output lamp bulb in a back room led to a late Halloween afternoon house fire at 315 Elm Court, in the Shawood Lake area. The residence is owned by the Pelkey family; four members were there at the time but

got out safely. However the damage was extensive, said Fire Chief Art Lenghan (right). The department was on the scene at 4:45 p.m. and had the fire out by 5:15 p.m. The neighboring home at 517 Elm Court also suffered smoke damage.

Photo by SHAWN MITCHELL

Act fast to attend lighthearted opera

Anyone wishing to attend the second cultural event planned by the U of M Club of Northville needs to act now. To attend an opera, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, with the University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, Nov. 19 you must reserve your tickets before Nov. 9. Tickets for the 2 p.m. performance at the Power Center in Ann Arbor are \$12 each. This lighthearted comedy of love's tribulations weaves the worlds of lovers, aspiring actors and supernatural creatures into an imaginative journey from reality to fantasy, in a forest inhabited by fairies, this tangled tale takes everyone into a world of music and

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TUP95-031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lemuel McNeil, representing The Selective Group, Inc., is requesting a temporary use permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer on Lot 62, Barclay Estates (22319 Barclay Drive), for a period of six (6) months. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 8, 1995, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to November 8, 1995. (11-2-95 NR, NN)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF USED EQUIPMENT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF USED EQUIPMENT according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI, CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF USED EQUIPMENT" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR, 347-0446 (11-2-95 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWING CONTRACT

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Novi, Michigan, as owner, until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time on Wednesday, November 22, 1995, at the City of Novi Administrative Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, at which time said proposals will be opened and read. The City of Novi seeks proposals for the following: TOWING CONTRACT. FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS. Proposals, contract forms and specifications under which the work will be done are on file and may be obtained at the MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE to be held WEDNESDAY, November 8, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the Novi Police Department, 45125 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. Envelopes must be plainly marked, "TOWING CONTRACT" and must bear the name of the bidder. ADDRESS ALL BIDS TO: CITY OF NOVI, ATTN: CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities, or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of contract in any manner deemed by the City in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (11-2-95 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NOVI: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular City Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1995, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., EDT. TO BE ELECTED: MAYOR AND THREE (3) COUNCIL PERSONS. The places of voting will be as follows: Prec. 1 — Novi Christian School, 45301 Elven Mile Road; Prec. 2 — Faith Community United Presbyterian Church — 44400 W. Ten Mile Road; Prec. 3 — Novi Civic Center — 45175 West Ten Mile Road; Prec. 4 — Novi Village by the Lake — 45182 West Road; Prec. 5 — Orchard Hills School — 41900 Quince Dr.; Prec. 6 — Fire Station No. 1 — 42975 Grand River; Prec. 7 — Village Oaks School — 23333 Willowbrook Dr.; Prec. 8 — Chelsea Estates Clubhouse — 42000 Central Dr.; Prec. 9 — Novi High Auditorium — 24062 Taft Road; Prec. 10 — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church — 41415 W. 9 Mile; Prec. 11 — Novi Middle School South — 24092 Taft Rd.; Prec. 12 — Holy Family Catholic Church — 24505 Meadowbrook; Prec. 13 — Hickory Woods School — 30655 Dodder Road; Prec. 14 — Meadowbrook Congregational Church — 21855 Meadowbrook. ABSENTEE BALLOTS for said Election are available to qualified electors at the office of the City Clerk. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is Saturday, November 4, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain an Absentee Ballot until 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 6, 1995. This ballot must be voted in person in the Clerk's Office. No ballots can be left in the office on Monday, November 6, 1995. This Notice is given by authority of the City Election Commission. TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK (10-26 & 11-2-95 NR, NN) 610-347-0456

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Lansing keeps on working

As soon as Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, introduced his "Strong Environmental Bill - good for business," Clean Water Action denounced it as a "Polluter Protection Act." Bennett, chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, introduced Senate Bill 728 to "encourage Michigan industry and businesses to conduct their own environmental audits and cleanups... by providing them with privilege over the information they collect." It also provides "carefully structured immunity for companies voluntarily doing their own cleanups."

Arguing the state "never had and never will have the ability to police these practices everywhere at once," Bennett said government should seek the cooperation of business. Clean Water Action, a Lansing-based group, issued a same-day response. Patrick Diehl, its program coordinator, said Bennett's bill would allow businesses to create secret files protected from disclosure even if the state or private parties sue for the information. "It is a clone of pollution secrecy legislation promoted by big business nationwide," said Diehl. "We support a compromise which would protect businesses who voluntarily audit their practices from enforcement if they fully close the information and correct the problem."

PESKY WRITE-INS

When voting, have you ever written in a fictitious name as a protest against all the candidates? Or your own name as a way to get into the record books? The state House of Representatives has passed a bill to prohibit the counting of write-in votes unless the candidate had previously filed a notarized declaration of intent. House Bill 4449 now goes to the Senate.

"After a long, exhausting day at the polls, the last thing workers want to do is tabulate votes for Mickey Mouse or some other fictional character," said the sponsor, Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance. Would-be write-in candidates would have to file declarations of intent before 4 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

'PRINCE OF POTHOLE'S'

Gov. John Engler is taking a lot of heat for "redirecting" \$192 million in federal transportation money from local to state projects. "Not only is this highway robbery," said Jim Little, director of the County Road Association of Michigan, "but local officials won't be able to assess the damage to their road operations" until the Michigan Department of Transportation issues allocation figures. "This is a classic case of robbing Peter to pay Paul. In this instance, Peter was just about broke to begin with." Three House Democratic leaders dubbed Engler "the prince of potholes." Reps. Curtis Hertel and Carolyn Kilpatrick and Greg Pitorik of Taylor objected that Engler had never consulted - or even notified - the Legislature and his own State Transportation Commission.

FOC BILLS MOVE

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said 25 of 40 bills dealing with Friend of the Court operations are ready for full Senate action. "Geake, chair of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Friend of the Court, said less controversial bills will be moved first. These include measures to facilitate interstate collection of child support from deadbeat parents, extend the statute of limitations for collection, and force parents to pay court costs when they refuse to comply with court orders. Two bills make it a felony to falsely accuse a parent of child abuse, a common problem in bitter custody disputes, Geake said. His panel has been working on the project for two years.

NO PARTY TIME

Some 250 student leaders and advisors from three dozen college campuses will descend Nov. 10-11 on Lansing for the third annual Peer Power College Student Leadership Conference. Topics: binge drinking and alcohol misuse on campuses. "Students from Eastern Michigan University, Madonna University, Oakland University, Schoolcraft College, Washburn Community College and the University of Michigan are among those who will attend. The sponsor is the state Liquor Control Commission, chaired by former Sen. Phil Arthurhultz. School teams will turn ideas into action programs, he said. The conference in the Lansing Holiday Inn will conclude with a mock trial of a date-rape case by Cooley Law School students.

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State Senate approves school code revisions

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Private schools would have more freedom to become state-funded "charter academies" under a major revision of state law passed by Senate Republicans.

"We're allowing private schools to convert to state charter schools and drain the school aid fund," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, at the end of the debate. Later he added, "All the charter schools in Oakland County were previously private schools."

"This (Senate Bill 679) removes the caps on the governor's favorite charity, charter schools," said Sen. Henry Stallings, D-Detroit.

The Senate approved revisions of the 1976 school code on a 21-16 party-line vote — Republicans for, Democrats against. Sen. David Hontigman, R-West Bloomfield, was absent.

The bill goes to the House, which has a bare 56-54 GOP majority and where some modifications are possible.

The certification theme was parents' right to choose schools, parents' rights to review curriculum and textbooks. One section gives parents the right to record and videotape classroom instruction — which teachers see as an open invitation to intimidate them.

"It's a shift to parents, teachers and administration, not politicians in Lansing," said Sen. Michael Boudard, R-Birmingham, as he objected to a Democratic attempt to restore a mandatory core curriculum.

"It isn't accountability to the state but accountability to parents," said Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alt.

But Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, warned Republicans they could run afoul of the state constitution, which provides for state leadership in education and prohibits state aid to private as well as denominational schools.

And Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, taunted Republicans by reminding them that the Michigan Manufacturers Association favored student portfolios, a mandatory core curriculum, mandatory testing and state-endorsed diplomas.

Republicans passed the bill in 10 minutes after Democrats spent two days offering amendments that were mostly rejected. Key topics:

• Core curriculum — Republicans beat down a Democratic attempt to restore a mandatory core curriculum, a major feature of the 1993 school reform package. It lost, 17-18, with Republican Jim Ciskys of Saginaw joining all 16 Democrats in favoring it.

Said sponsor Ren D-DeWassart, D-Macomb County: "Across Michigan there has been growing optimism in the business community that each child would have the same assurance of quality. This bill takes a step backward." Sponsor Len Stille, R-Spring Lake, said the majority opted for a "modest" core curriculum.

The undiscussed issue was the state model curriculum's emphasis on evolution in science and problem-solving in math and literature. Fundamentalists groups want equal status for religious "creationalism," a parental veto over curriculum, and parental or clergy answers to problem-solving.

• Charter schools — The 1993 reform laws capped

charter schools (public school academies, or PSAs) at 75 statewide. The new bill removes the cap entirely.

PSAs are specialized schools operating with a grant of authority from a university or community college, having their own boards and collecting \$100 per child in tax money, the same as other public schools.

"We don't know if they'll provide any quality," said Peters, who offered an amendment to raise the cap to 100 — "a more rational approach." But his amendment was shot down on a 15-21 party-line vote after Stille argued, "We had a year and two of experience. An open market should be an open market."

• Alternative certification — The bill allows persons with an appropriate college degree and five years of work in the field to get "alternative certification" to teach grades 9-12 under rules which, in part, would be set by public schools and charter academies. Democrats lost a 16-20 party-line vote to remove this section.

There's a big difference between high school (where certification is required) and college (where it isn't), said Sen. Jim Bryman, D-Ann Arbor. "In college, they're paying. It's the cream of the academic crop; college students are more mature. In high school, they have to be their until they're 16; they need to be motivated. Just because you've been in business 25 years, it doesn't qualify you to be a teacher — that's bunk."

Replied Doug Carl, R-Macomb County: "The goal is to get the best people," citing Lee Iacocca as a possible business teacher. Gov. John Engler in civics and Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman in economics.

In a rare display of high emotion, Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, denounced college math and physics teachers because "most of them couldn't understand why we were having trouble. This (teaching) isn't something you learn with technical expertise," he said, blistering "knobheads in engineering schools." (Dingell attended both Michigan State and the University of Michigan.)

Golden parachute — Dingell won 26-11 approval of his amendment to prevent the State Board of Education from firing a superintendent of public instruction in mid-contract and giving him more than six months pay. The amendment called for contract settlements to be reached "in the light of day."

Dingell referred to the State Board's firing this year of Dr. Robert Schiller and full payment for the two years left on his contract. Schiller had angered fundamentalists by blocking state aid for Noah Webster Academy. If a Schiller case were to be repeated, Dingell's amendment would likely result in a suit by the fired superintendent with the State Board forced to defend itself in open court.

SB 679 drew less attention for provisions that:

• Add merit pay for educators.

• Add one day a year for 15 years to the school calendar, raising the total to 195 from the current 180.

• Remove classification of districts. Detroit remains as a first-class district, but classes 2-5 become "general powers" districts.

• Recognize "home schooling" as a form of education.

• Allow PSAs an exemption from the no-spanking rule that standard public schools must observe.

Refer to Senate Bill 679 when writing to your state representative. See Capitol, Lansing 48300.

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MONDAY, NOV. 6

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12:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
3:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
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4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Public Safety Millage
5:30 p.m. — Novi Mayor Candidates
6:00 p.m. — Novi Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum
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TUESDAY, NOV. 7

10:00 a.m. — Farmington Focus: Historical Museum
10:30 a.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Parenting
11:00 a.m. — Summit University
11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m. — Senior Messenger
1:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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2:00 p.m. — Novi Mayor Candidates
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3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
3:30 p.m. — Career Development: Career Exploration
4:00 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: Step-Parenting
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Impact Video
5:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Young Generation
6:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

6:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
6:30 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
7:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Women's Right to Vote
7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
8:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Paul Gonnio
8:30 p.m. — Seniors Beware: The Furnace Man
9:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multicultural Community Council: (Racial Unity Project Council: William Brooks, Vice President, General Motors
9:30 p.m. — Business of Living: Buying a Home
10:00 p.m. — Living With Your Addictions
10:30 p.m. — Driving is a Privilege
11:00 p.m. — It's a Beautiful Land We Share
11:30 p.m. — Cash Talks: Dr. Jim Guider
12:00 p.m. — Viewpoint
12:30 p.m. — Election Coverage
1:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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2:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Constitutional Law
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3:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — Life Matters
4:30 p.m. — Farmington Musical: Music Fest
5:00 p.m. — Focus on Families
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9:30 p.m. — Motorsports: Getting the Good Numbers Data Acquisition Computers in Racing
10:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
10:30 p.m. — Ready or Not
11:00 p.m. — John Akouri Live
11:30 p.m. — Violence and Abuse: Education, Prevention and Treatment
12:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a C.E.O. — How to Deal With Difficult Children

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

10:00 a.m. — Capitol Report
10:30 a.m. — Madama Magazine
11:00 a.m. — Study in Scripture
11:30 a.m. — Anvets
12:00 p.m. — The Way The Truth and The Life
12:30 p.m. — That's Italian
1:00 p.m. — Founders Festival Pet Show
1:30 p.m. — B.J. Presents: Thanksgiving Feast
2:00 p.m. — My Russian Friend
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8:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
8:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:00 p.m. — Speakers Row: Frank Rashid
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

10:00 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Novi's First City Council
10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
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Candidates go on the air

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Tonight: 5 p.m., Novi Mayor Candidates
9 p.m., League of Women Voters — Novi City Council Candidates
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Jailbirds

For charity, Novi Police Officer Diane MacGregor (above) arrests Red Lobster General Manager Larry Lechy to be locked up at the Novi Expo Center last Wednesday, Oct. 25, to call for donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. At right, Gary Pittrich, manager from Production Tool Supply in Novi, makes calls from "jail" to raise bail. Pittrich raised the most for the MDA, \$1,560. Overall, the lock-up managed to raise \$17,283. Cellular One donated the phones and local restaurants donated food: McDonalds, Maria Italian Bakery, Coffee Beany, Olga's Kitchen, Maisano's Italian Restaurant, Cinnabon Inc., Santino's Place for Pasta, Food & Wine Bazaar, Papa Romano Pizza, and Library Pub.

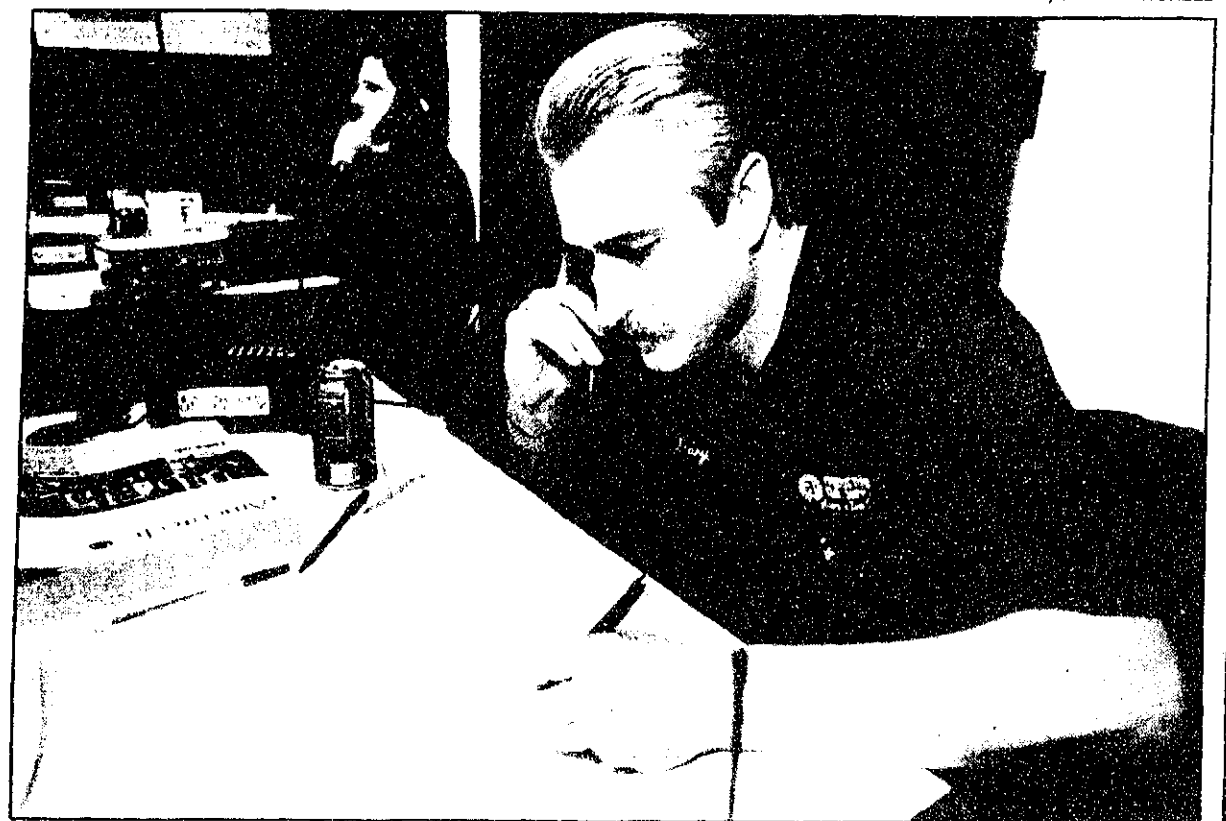


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Charities to benefit from light contest

A 50 foot Walnut tree decorated with hundreds of lights will be turned on Nov. 3 and become the object of a "guess the number of lights" contest to benefit charities in Northville and Novi.

The tree, lit only during the holidays and now famous to Eight Mile Road travelers, is on the property of Brickscape Gardens on Old Novi Road just north of Eight Mile and just east of Novi Road, nearly straddling the border between the two cities.

A tree lighting ceremony, set for 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, will feature music by choral groups from the Novi (7:30 to 8 p.m.) and Northville High School (8:15 to 8:45 p.m.) choirs, under the direction of Paula Jovanic and Mary Kay Pryce, respectively.

The area's newest restaurant, Sam Savides' Northville's Upton Cafe, will provide hors d'oeuvres for the event. It will open soon in the old Crawford's location on Main Street.

So many people have asked Brickscape owners Joe and Diane DiRado how many lights are on the tree they decided to make a contest out of it this year.

Beneficiaries of the "one dollar per guess" contest will be The Northville Civic Concern and the Novi Youth Assistance program. Guessers can designate either or both.

Prizes in the contest are a \$2,500 brick patio, path or driveway from Brickscape Gardens, a Ski Weekend for two at Park Place Hotel in Traverse City and a \$250 shopping spree in the Christmas store at Brickscape Gardens.

Guessing entry forms will be available at Brickscape Gardens, Northville City Hall and Novi Civic Center Clerk's Office. Other businesses and organizations can volunteer to serve as outlets for contest entries by phoning DiRado at (810) 348-2500.

Mayor Christopher Johnson of Northville and Mayor Kathleen McLallen of Novi will make remarks and officially light the tree.

Marlene Ruiz of Northville Civic Concern and Cindy Dove of Novi Youth Assistance will speak about the importance of their work.

Milton Harrison, manager of the NHD branch on Eight Mile Road at Haggerty, will take the sealed envelope with the exact number of bulbs in it, and keep it in the bank safe until Dec. 23.

Winners — the three individuals guessing closest to the actual number of light bulbs on the tree — will be announced at Brickscape Gardens at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Joe DiRado said this marks the fifth year in their new building at Brickscape Gardens, and the contest came to mind when they were searching for ways to thank the community for their growth.

The Ski Weekend for two prize with a retail value of \$360 includes lift tickets, two nights' stay, breakfast and a dinner for two at their glass-walled Top of the Park dining room.

Novi Youth Assistance operates out of the Novi Civic Center (810) 348-2500. It is dedicated to providing an alternative to police, school and court involvement in the life of a young person and to providing "positive growth experiences" for families and youth that will help promote healthy living styles.

Northville Civic Concern (810) 348-1033 is a volunteer committee for collecting and distributing commodities, cash donations, toiletries, diapers and baby products to the needy through many local agencies in Northville and Novi.

For further information on the contest, phone Brickscape Gardens (810) 348-2500.

Dollmaker's inspiration comes from people

By BARBARA SEFTON
Special Writer

If you listen very carefully when the silence of night falls upon the Florio home in Novi, you can almost imagine hearing the faint voices of Ginkgo Rose, Lydia, and the Treatime Lady coming to life from the spare bedroom down the hall. These enchanting women, each with magnificent style and presence, are just a few of the unique contemporary fabric art dolls designed and created by nationally acclaimed doll maker, Marla Florio.

Florio, 39, a Novi resident, works independently from her small studio which occupies a spare bedroom in her Novi home. This creative sanctuary, with two rectangular caletta-style worktables, two treasured sewing machines, a rolling chair, an ironing board, a pair of dressmaking scissors, and a box overflowing with 100 colors of thread, is where Florio has spent innumerable hours creating her remarkable fabric dolls. A closet in the corner of the room with doors removed, displays an extraordinary collection of fabric which Florio affectionately refers to as her "palette of colors."

There is not a sound in the studio while Florio works, other than the steady stitching of her sewing machine.

Among the more celebrated buyers of Florio's dolls are actress, Demi Moore, and author of *Fire with The Vampire*, Anne Rice, both avid doll collectors. Moore once commissioned Florio to create a one-of-a-kind doll for her which featured Demi holding her children in her arms, capturing a significant memory of motherhood.

Florio, a 1982 graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago with a bachelor of fine arts in fashion and fabric design, has recently been nominated for the 1995 Award of Excellence by *DOLL - The Collector's Magazine* in recognition of conception, design and creation of her doll, "Laurie and her Hats." Florio's dolls are sold both nationally and internationally and are owned by collectors in Japan, England, and South America. She is an annual participant in The American International Toy Fair held in February in New York City and was featured at the International Doll Show held in Japan, 1990. Ranging in price from \$250-\$1,000, Florio has sold over 400 dolls since beginning this enterprise 10 years ago.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Dollmaker Marla Florio sells her dolls as art to many celebrities.

gave her the gift of a sewing machine and she began sewing almost every day. In her teens, Florio would lie on the ground and have her mother trace lines on her body to get accurate proportions for full-size doll figures made of felt.

Working with felt eventually progressed to working with stockings. In high school, Florio began creating stocking face dolls (torso figures) that were interpretations of people or portraits. "I saw a woman with white hair and a pink dress, that became my next doll," Florio says. While a student at the Art Institute she temporarily dismissed doll making having decided it was "not a serious art form," she says, although most of her suits were doll related. During this period she experimented with quilts, usually drawing a doll on the front of the quilt, making doll clothes, and with sculpture, fashion fabric, pattern drafting, quilting, knitting, and soft sculpture, and has been creating fabric dolls every since, working primarily with muslin.

Although fabric dolls have been around for thousands of years, contemporary fabric dolls have only come to the forefront of the collectible arena in the last 10-20 years. They are much more a part of the mainstream now. People didn't realize that they were out there," Florio says. She adds "there are only a handful of well known fabric doll makers in the country." So, if you know about contemporary fabric dolls you'll know about Marla Florio. "I put a lot of value in fabric. It holds up over time and history. I like the historical aspect of fabric dolls," Florio says.

Florio's artistic philosophy is

revealed in the context of structure, which she defines as "technical knowledge and ability." Florio firmly believes that "within structure there is freedom," she says. "You need to be able to concretely make something before you can abstract from it. If you abstract from nothing, there is no intrinsic value." She is inspired by 18th century Italian painter and sculptor, Modigliani, because "he did very long abstract faces," she says, and the Impressionists, "because of the colors they used."

"My dolls are mostly inspired by people I see what they are wearing. She finds her ideas for dolls in a variety of places. "If someone is intriguing to me, I will make a doll modeled after that person," Florio says. "I once saw a woman in Chicago who had tattoos. So, I made the 'Tattooed Lady.' My dolls look like people. They are caricatures or highly stylized," she says.

Why does Florio make dolls? "Because I like to dress them! Florio confesses with a smile. Her passion is the outfitting. "I love fashion because it is ever changing, ever evolving," Florio says. Although most doll makers design the face of a doll first, Florio's process is reversed. "The doll's personality comes out in e clothing. Then, I decide on the face," Florio says, which she designs and hand draws with colored pencils. "I go to the fabrics and pull out colors and patterns. I usually have a theme in mind. I arrange the fabric until the proportions fit. Sometimes I make a drawing first, but not always," she says. She has several clothing patterns that she uses to mix and match. The doll's names are ultimately chosen from a book of baby names or are occasionally named

is very gratifying to have people buy my dolls. That someone else would enjoy them," Florio says. For the past eight years she has been represented by Thomas Boland and Co. of Chicago. "He has gotten me in all the right places," she says. "It is very gratifying as well when other doll artists appreciate my work. Peer recognition is very important," she says.

When asked about her future plans, Florio says with a smile, "More dolls!" I would like to do some clowns, and some brides," she says. She would also like to begin silk-screening the faces and clothes at some point. Florio is intrigued with the actual display of dolls. "Display is an art work. It gives the doll a stage, a presence," Florio says. She would also like to devote more time to experimenting with display.

Florio's dolls are produced in three varieties:

- One of a kind.
- One of a kind series.
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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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As We See It

City council is broken, but voters can fix it

Novi City Council is broke. The debates have been marred by petty bickering, personal attacks and personality conflicts. The recent division of council into two factions with three votes each - leaving council virtually deadlocked in the past several months - show the state of its disrepair.

THE NOVI VOTE
NOVEMBER 7

Novi city politics in general are in a pretty sad shape, as evidenced by the current council elections campaigns - possibly the most vindictive, vicious and mean-spirited in the City of Novi's history.

In fact we suggest the level of personal attacks in this campaign has served more to obstruct the real issues of the race than to further any substantive public discourse.

Novi voters are in a position this election year to send a strong message to politicians that they want the level of debate elevated - not squelched, elevated. We believe Novi voters favor a full and vigorous debate of the issues. City politicians should argue hard for their positions, but they should keep to the issues. And they should know when it is time to compromise.

Our endorsements in this year are designed to register a protest in loud and plain fashion to the city ... and to make the needed repairs.

FOR MAYOR
One can certainly argue that incumbent mayor Kathleen McLallen has not been as successful in her first term as had been hoped. Among her primary goals was to improve the efficiency of council decision-making. By electing her, voters gave her the mandate to streamline the debate so that all points of view could be heard in a full and quick fashion, then considered and decided on by council in short order. The goal was to shorten those meetings so that all conclusions would be reached by the freshest possible minds. And so that issues were delayed endlessly. That didn't happen.

It can be said, however, that one of her primary obstacles to reaching those goals has been a sitting city council member now running in opposition to her for the position of mayor - Carol Mason.

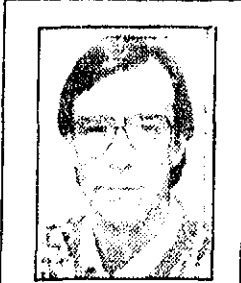
McLallen has tried and made valiant efforts to lead council to a better way of doing things, she has brought rules, reasonable ones we believe, to audience participation and has organized goal-setting sessions. At the same time, she has taken a firm stance to keep the debate under control - with varying degrees of success.

One cannot lead where the others refuse to go. We believe **KATHLEEN MCLALLEN** should be returned to the post of mayor for a second term to finish the job voters asked her to do in the last election.

With only two years on the job, she's still in the learning phase. Turn over the position now and voters will have lost the education and experience the incumbent has gained over the past two years.

FOR CITY COUNCIL.
Voters will select three candidates. Their options are incumbents Robert Schmid, Joseph Toth, challengers

It shouldn't happen in Novi



Michael Malott

There is a long tradition of police departments getting involved in politics - the KKK, the NKKK, the Gestapo, the secret police in just about any totalitarian society in the world.

We've derided the growing penchant for politicians in Novi to file complaints to the police department to further their campaigns, or their opposition to the campaigns of others.

But the complaint filed by current council member and mayoral candidate Carol Mason last week counts as the worst abuse yet.

In effect, Mason was able to skillfully manipulate the Novi police department to interrogate and investigate a political critic. Questioning by police as part of an official investigation can be pretty intimidating, especially to a political neophyte. And by all accounts, the intimidation appeared to have worked pretty well.

This isn't supposed to happen in America, much less Novi.

Further, Mason was able to obtain information about her political critic through the investigation - information that was given only to the police and information that was quickly injected into the political debate. That information is that Margaret Whyte was not the actual writer of the letter she sent to *The Novi News*, but only signed it.

There is nothing wrong with that. As long as she read the letter ahead of time and signed on willingly, there's no problem. It's done all the time. Ever hear of ghost writers? Ever hear of pen names?

The *Novi News* filed objections with the city last Friday, as soon as it learned a letter writer was being questioned by police. The newspaper has an interest in ... no, an obligation to protect those who submit letters to the editor from harassment, especially from government agencies.

City attorney Dennis Watson reviewed the investigation and found the police department followed the law. Police chief Doug Shaefler, on review, assured us his department was working hard to maintain impartiality.

Unfortunately, the effect is the same. A political candidate was able to in essence coopt the police into her own version of the secret police. They questioned a political opponent whose only crime was to write a critical letter to the editor. And the information gathered in that investigation - under color of law - was immediately used in political circles to damage the critic.

What is truly disappointing is that supporters of Mason have fired volley after volley at her opponent in the race, incumbent Kathleen McLallen. This paper has come under pressure to close down those critics, to refuse to publish their attacks in its letters columns.

And we have steadfastly refused. We've kept those columns open, allowing anything we judged to fall in the realm of fair comment.

A lot of it has not been nice. And we've had to hold our nose on publication day many times.

But it seems the first time an opponent fires a critical shot Mason's way, there is a reaction of enormous proportions, seeking to undermine her credibility and attempting to intimidate her. I guess Mason and her supporters understand they have a First Amendment right to speak their piece, but they're not quite sure their political opponents have that right too.

Michael Malott is the editor of *The Novi News*.

Rebuild schools, don't burn them



Phil Power

The Republican-led state Senate last week passed, on a 21-16 party-line vote, and sent to the House a grab bag of far-reaching changes in the state's School Code.

Like most products of the legislative process, the bill was a mixture of the sensible and the outright dangerous.

Senate Bill 679 would lengthen the school year from 180 to 195 days by adding one school day to the calendar for each of 15 years beginning in 1997.

It stands to reason: The more days in school, the more kids learn. The school year has been set at 180 days since the farming families insisted on having the kids out of school to help in the fields during summer. It's time for a change.

It also got rid of the archaic distinctions between "classes" of school districts and provided for uniform treatment.

Considering the dangerous public policy embodied in the rest of the bill, I suppose we should be grateful for small favors.

The Senate bill opened the door for hundreds more charter schools (officially public school academies or PSAs) by voting to remove the old cap of 75.

PSAs are specialized schools operating under a charter granted by a university or community college, having their own boards and collecting \$5,300 per pupil in general tax money, the same as any other public schools.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, says the point of the exercise "We're allowing private schools to convert to state charter schools and drain the school aid fund. All the charter schools in Oakland County were previously private schools."

Ever since the Michigan Constitution prohibited spending public tax money on private and religious schools, it has been a right-wing objective to send kids to religious schools and get the rest of us to help pay the bill.

The other argument for charter schools was that they might help provoke reform in an otherwise sluggish and monopolistic public school system. But it's now clear that school reform is nothing more than a stalking horse for parochialism.

Equally troubling was the Senate's decision to drop the state-mandated core curriculum that was the centerpiece of school reform legislation adopted with bipartisan support in 1993.

The majority rhetoric focused on shifting control to parents and away from teachers. "It isn't accountability to the state but accountability to parents," said Senate majority leader Dick Beutner, R-Alto.

Opponents pointed out that granting authority to local schools merely opened the door to inferior schooling. "We do not believe quality education in Michigan should be a local option," said Sen. Ken DeBeauvoir, D-New Baltimore.

Behind this argument, of course, is the simple reality that the same people who want the public to pay for religious schools also want their children to be taught creationism instead of evolution and biblical explanations instead of science.

The business community, which at long last is getting its act together to support a common core curriculum that stresses employability skills, needs to focus on the House, where the GOP has a narrow 56-54 majority.

So, too, do parents want public schools to improve by reforming them from within, not by burning them down and rebuilding from the ashes.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

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Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Dog shark. Actually, this pooch was dressed for Halloween in Northville.

Jaycees get 'six tonsil salute'



Carol Workens

I had a feeling I was going to be outnumbered as my three children and their friends piled into the van, seven in all.

As we headed over to the Novi Jaycees Haunted Firehouse on Saturday night I thought I'd probably end up being the only one scared to death as the children laughed. This coming from someone who doesn't go into the basement at night.

Could a haunted firehouse compare to some of the spine tingling movies they've watched? Desensitization to gore had probably already occurred. I'd be left shaking in my boots, or sneakers as the case was, while they'd want to go through again.

When the three miniature macho men, whose wise cracking jokes had been replaced by "Stop pushing," and "I don't want to go first," didn't have enough nerve to turn the corner for the next gruesome scene, I knew desensitization had not occurred.

Negativity of letters is saddening

To the editor:

Every week I read with interest but sadness the letters to the editor. The negativity and personal attacks on our finest, upstanding citizens that volunteer to serve in a public office are unnecessary. We don't need to agree with all candidates, but we do need to remember that they volunteer (with small meeting fees) to serve us and God bless them for their efforts.

As a citizen of Novi for over 20 years I have seen countless friends and neighbors give up their precious time to serve on a board or committee to make this city the best it can be. In government we need to keep all accountable but not one candidate ever deserves personal attacks on their character, only honest debate on the issues.

Let's take the time to applaud the efforts made on Nov. 7 for our choice remembering all that offered to serve deserve our thanks.

Donna Kott

Wants change in direction for city

To the editor:

Before the election on Tuesday, Nov. 7 will be reviewing in my own mind how each candidate for mayor and city council stacks up based on several of the following questions:

Which candidate will be the most responsive to citizen's needs? Which candidate will be proactive and thus demonstrate leadership qualities on council?

Which candidate will be best suited to challenge the city on budgetary items and make the city administration accountable to the taxpayers of the community?

Which candidate will work to protect homeowners property and ensure that industrial is not located adjacent to residential through ordinance controls?

Which candidate is best suited to be the first in decades to promote a competitive bidding process involving city engineering services (JCR Associates), whether it be based on a three or five year contract?

Which candidate might take the initiative to organize a citizens committee to truly evaluate the quality of city engineering services? Presently, a consultant review process involves only city council members.

Since there is park land now available, which candidate will best focus on promoting recreational activities?

Which candidate shows the most concern towards woodlands and wetlands ordinance enforcement?

Which candidate do you think will show the proper respect towards citizens volunteering for positions on the Planning Commission and other boards. The city of Novi experienced a great loss with the death of Tim Pope. Tim always took time to listen and was always fair. He stood up for his beliefs and will be greatly missed personally and on the city council. He should be replaced by someone with his ideals. His replacement may be appointed by the city council.

Attack on Cassis deserves answer

To the editor:

I'm not the type who writes letters to the editor, however, I thought the nasty attack on Nancy Cassis in last week's *Novi News* (per Margaret Whyte) deserves a response. I'm very impressed with Nancy's personal style of politics. When there was a threat of residential neighborhoods being affected by oil drilling, Nancy came to our neighborhood meetings and talked to the residents providing good suggestions. She was a strong supporter in voting down the use of city-owned property for oil exploration that could have led to the residential properties being pulled in as well. She also believes in a balanced plan for the development of our fine city. She recognizes the need for a good industrial commercial tax base. Yet she supports the residents when appropriate. I appreciate her support in recognizing that 24-hour industrial operations do not belong next to residential areas. So Ms. Whyte, if Nancy isn't always a "consensus builder" on council, I say "good for her!" because in this town she may not be going along with the "developer-friendly" administration that's in place today. My vote is for Nancy Cassis. Sue Subject

What has mayor done for children

To the editor:

Campaign literature has recently been brought to the forefront. I've only briefly read the McLallen material. I asked the question earlier - I never got an answer, so I'll ask you again: What have you done for the children? What do you plan to do for the children? Why didn't you do something during the last two years? Was it not an early campaign promise? When may we expect a return on those promises? I don't remember the "children" having been taken "under advisement."

So, Madame Mayor, again I ask: What have you done? I've invited your supporters to tell us what they think you've done. To date, only one has replied, citing the CNIA. I would like to remind some of the readers of a couple of ways that you "promoted progress" via your votes: When the subdivision wanted access through your residential street, your persistence nixed the plan; however, when Joseph and Brenda Steeds were in danger of being invaded by a developer, you found it totally acceptable NIMBY (not in my backyard) in the form of an interesting form of discrimination! And, speaking of your backyard: some of us still don't understand how you found a way to connect to the sewer through

Woman deceives city with letter

To the editor:

Once upon a time there was a woman who deceived all of Novi, the town in which she lived and operated her business. She wrote editorial and editorial in hopes of smearing the solid reputations of Carol Mason and Nancy Cassis. She falsified information and proceeded to present such information to the Planning Commission ... Carol Mason said openly that she will not agree to the widening of Ten Mile Road. Carol, you got my vote!

The most recent Traffic Volume Data recorded on April 17 indicates that the actual daily traffic volume along this two mile segment of road has been declining over the past three years at a rate of 1.8 percent per year.

In knowledge of the engineering and environmental assessment of Ten Mile Road, only one member of the Planning Commission ... Carol Mason said openly that she will not agree to the widening of Ten Mile Road. Carol, you got my vote!

Based upon an in-depth analysis of the engineering and environmental assessment of Ten Mile Road between Haggerty and Novi Roads concludes that there is no engineering justification to widen Ten Mile Road.

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the back development when your septic field was in danger of collapse! There are several streets within 500 feet of the waterways at the lake's end that desperately need sewers and somehow got "missed" 26 years ago! Or ... is north of Twelve Mile too far from the Eight Mile corridor to be of concern to you?

Margaret Whyte, in her letter printed on Oct. 19, defined "trust." I would like to define for her the word inuendo: "...an indirect suggestion, remark, etc., usually disparaging; an insinuation. (Double-day dictionary). Ms. White, many things can be said of Carol Mason; Indirect has never been one of them! She is about as subtle as an avalanche! But, at least you know where she stands! Personally, I prefer the potential of direct confrontation rather than the mediocrity that has come from the Chair. Ms. Mason has the ability to get to the crux of the matter, and determine who's doing what to whom. Is it legal/moral/ethical, and is it in the best interest of the city.

It is my belief that we have a real problem when the back room negotiations take precedence over the council chambers public discussions, and a prime example is the proposed golf course. How did it get from a "wish list" to a presumed actuality.

It will be no shock to the voters in the city that my vote is for Carol Mason. And what can I say to you, Doug Erwin? Go get 'em! You, too, have my support!

James E. Korte

Will the real writer stand up

To the editor:

Who is Margaret Whyte? I do not know her. I never saw or heard of her name until she wrote a letter to the editor last week attacking a mayoral candidate and a second letter this week misrepresenting my record.

For the record, my support of the Civic Center, park land acquisitions, and Town Hall meetings leading to a Vision 2000 concept are documented in the official minutes of council. Importantly, council debates and differences of opinion are a healthy legislative process leading to decision-making. According to *The Novi News*, I was "gracious and courteous" to all people. I am proud of that record and proud to have worked with others who focused on issues and not on personalities.

Unfounded attacks are just that - unfounded and unjustified. Will the real Ms. Whyte please stand up and come forward so we can discover the motivations behind her false and misleading statements?

Nancy Cassis

Not impressed with association

To the editor:

I wish to address the ad for (Kathleen) McLallen that appeared in last Thursday's *Novi News*. I object to the bullet point "Initiated City of Novi Homeowners Association's ..." as a strength of the current mayor. Yes, she did initiate this group - but so what? What have they done besides get some trash pick up arrangements? This so-called homeowners association could more accurately be called the "anti-homeowners association." When Meadowbrook, Lake Homeowners Association looked to this group for support in regards to Interlock - a 24-hour plastics operation being proposed and abutting residential - our concerns fell on deaf ears. Why? I believe it was because Mayor McLallen, who personally voiced her support of Interlock to me, started this group with her campaign manager, Ruth Ann Jirasek as president, and had no interest in allowing follow-up for this hot potato issue. All this homeowners group has done is set up trash pick up - big deal! Then, when residents of Meadowbrook

Lake met to discuss our precarious situation with Interlock and the Planning Committee decisions, Ruth Ann Jirasek asked Lynn Kacan if she could join the meeting ... to help out? ... doubt it ... As the mayor's spy? More likely. I am not impressed with the homeowners association.

Also, keep in mind the mayor recommends appointments to the Planning Commission and has slacked the deck with quasi-planners and pro-development types.

Residents of Novi need to be very concerned with the future of our city ... I am voting for Carol Mason, Nancy Cassis and Joe Trush. They are accountable and trustworthy. I encourage my fellow taxpayers to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

R. Denton

Where is the trust you ask?

To the editor:

Regarding "Mason should show documents" letter of Margaret Whyte, (published) Oct. 19. Ms. White states that Ms. Mason's attendance at the Ordinance Review Committee meetings was 45 percent from January 1993 through September 1995. Ms. White also states that Ms. McLallen's attendance during that same period was 100 percent. I think Ms. Whyte should do her homework. I personally attended three of those meetings with Ms. Mason in attendance and Ms. McLallen not present. Two of the meetings were on the Nuisance Ordinance. I'm assuming you were duly charged for all the supposed copies of minutes. I know how much I pay for them and I suggest it is a waste of money if one doesn't read them properly.

When the council members were invited to the LARA (the Lakes Area Residents Association) picnic in August (a prime chance to hear the views of the people of Novi) Ms. Mason attended, where was Ms. McLallen? When SES (the South

East Shawood Homeowners Association) held its first ever Boat Parade and Picnic in September and the council was invited (I'm sure you read about the overwhelming success of this function) again Ms. Mason attended, where was Ms. McLallen?

Where is the "trust" you ask? Residents of Novi know where it is. It's with the person they feel represents their interests and opinions. When I approached our City Council on the Freedom of Information Act Policy (which, for your information, *The Novi News* editorial strongly agreed with my opinion) Ms. Mason is the only council member I recall supporting my views, as well as many of my neighbors. This is one of the many reasons why Ms. Mason will receive my vote for mayor.

The council members and the mayor need to realize who put them in office. When the taxpayers elect one to office it should be our views they make decisions with and not their own. I don't expect the council members to always agree with my point of view but I do expect them to vote the views of the people who put them in office in the first place. Ms. Mason does just that!

When the council chambers are full of residents saying "no" on any particular issue, it seems common sense to me that the council members recognize those people's feelings (i.e.: Main Street, Eleven Mile Road, Interlock, Ten Mile widening, etc.). Isn't that, after all, what the council is set up to do ... represent the people?

In regard to the ordinances being enforced? Might I first say that our building department run by Don Saven, does an excellent job trying to enforce our ordinances. Perhaps, Ms. Whyte, you should come and look at the mess behind my home that I have been fighting to get cleaned up for over two years! It still amazes me that I have to cut my grass regularly but that the Andris/Romaine property on East Lake Drive hasn't been cut in so long that the weeds and grass were 4 feet high. (If you

require more issues, I have many!)

You ask for documentation on the giveaways to developers of taxpayers monies? Perhaps you can explain to me why monies from the Road Bond issue of 1990 (that were suppose to be used for ten specific roads) is now being used in conjunction with Wixom Road and Main Street? (I don't recall a Main Street in 1990.) Perhaps you should also call Doug Erwin for a detailed explanation ... I'm sure he did his homework!

I recall the community asking for a public swimming pool, not a state of the art aquatic facility that will cost the residents \$100 per year to use. I recall asking for additional park land, that our children might have a place to play, not a golf course for some of the people! You're right, though. Illegal ... no ... *tunioral and unethical* ... you bet!

Regarding budget information ... you must have missed the council meeting when I stated I could not get a copy of the proposed budget. I asked the Finance Department for it and was told "We are not at liberty to give that to you." I then went to the Novi Library and was told "We can't seem to find it." I finally received it when I raised hell over it at a public council meeting ... are you suggesting this is proper policy?

You state that audience participation is the first thing on the council agenda and you are correct. Wouldn't it have been nice, though, if I hadn't had to wait until 12:30 a.m. to hear the discussion regarding the possible removal of Bob Taub from the Planning Commission. I'm sure you were not waiting with me at the meeting of Sept. 11 when the FOIA requests policy was No. 12 on the agenda, and finally was discussed at 12:35 a.m. You feel this is proper?

Please, Ms. White, tell me what CNHA has accomplished in the time they have been a group. Then tell me just what I can expect from them in the lakes area? To date, I've seen nothing but a group of people placed in positions in an

effort to reelect the current mayor. I assure you I will not be persuaded by the powers that be. I have a brain and an opinion, I attend council meetings and I speak my own thoughts and ideas. I've seen first hand how the current mayor operates and, quite frankly, I'm not impressed!

It still amazes me that the Novi police are attending the council meetings by request. But then, we may have to arrest a person who speaks for 185 seconds, after all, that's five seconds over and certainly not allowed. Gee, this sure makes for a "user friendly council" doesn't it?

On another note: Mr. Fifers' letter of the same date blatantly accused Mason campaigners of stealing Mr. McLallen's campaign signs. Get a life, Mr. Fifer. I'm on that campaign committee and you, sir, don't know what you're talking about! Did it ever occur to you that Ms. Mason's signs, as well as Eddie Rhea's signs, are also disappearing? Perhaps you should know that the committee to elect Mason for Mayor reordered 150 signs to replace those stolen. Please don't flatter yourself by thinking we care about how any other candidate is running their campaign or where they are placing their signs. Just know that while we don't want them in our yards, we do want all candidates to follow the ordinances! People in glass houses should never throw stones.

In closing, I think the City of Novi should hold a public debate between all those running for office. One where the residents and taxpayers of Novi ask the questions and bring up their own issues!

After all, it's our money they spend, it's our community they are suppose to protect. It's the residents who will pay the price in the future for the decisions the council make tomorrow. Thank you, Carl Mason, for protecting our interests and our community, for listening to our voices and for the opportunity to cast my vote for you!

And yes, I trust her!
Ruth Hamilton

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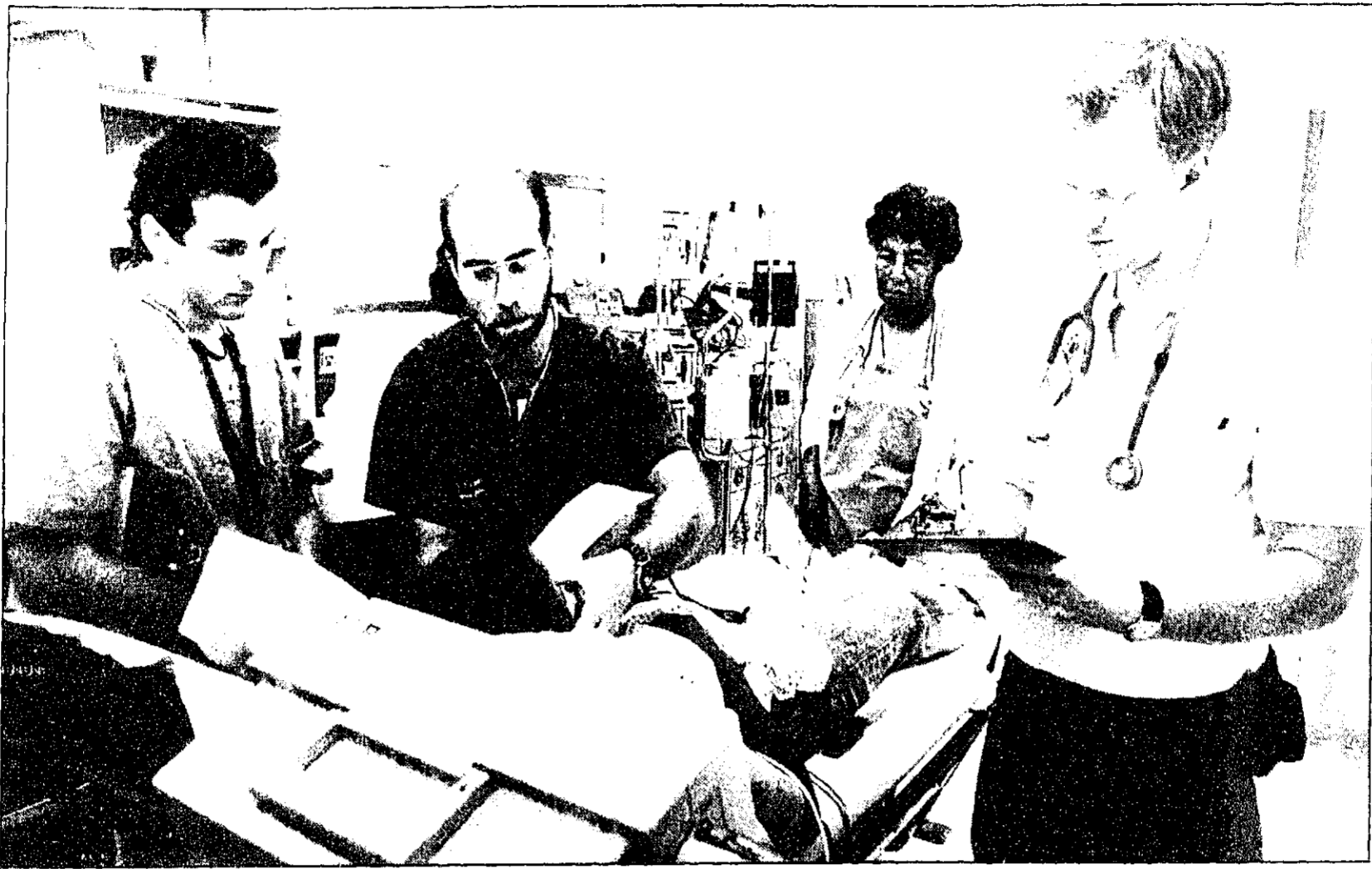
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Dr. Vieder (second from left) with a young girl who was brought to the emergency department after she began hyperventilating at school.

ANYTHING GOES

This E.R. staff is ready for anything that might come its way

The hallways are empty. No gurneys with patients groaning in agony line the hall. The automatic doors are silent, opening only occasionally throughout the day when an ambulance or two pulls into one of the seven bays. No tell-tale fumes seep through the ventilation system that tip off the staff to the arrival of an emergency via helicopter on the Helistop on top of the building.

It doesn't sound like a scene from the popular television show *ER*. And it isn't. It's ED, or the emergency department at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills where Dr. Sandy Vieder is on duty.

It can be a tense situation to work in. "The key to working in that stressful of an environment is to know what you're doing," he said. "There is no way to control it. People don't make appointments. We see them all."

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the emergency department you might think that, like *ER*, it's a bustle of activity with tragedies being brought through the door like clockwork - a pregnant woman about to deliver early, a gun shot victim, or a person in full cardiac arrest.

You probably will never see a slow day on *ER*, but they happen. And there's no way to tell which will be

slow days and which won't.

The legend about the full moon is not a joke. Full moon days are heavy ones, along with the days when welfare and social security checks are distributed, according to Dr. Vieder.

Winter holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day are also busy, resulting in the emergency department seeing more depressions, suicides and alcohol-related problems, according to Dr. Vieder.

The summer holidays get slow, except for traffic accidents. There is an influx from the "knife and gun club," or penetration injuries from northwest Detroit, Redford and Farmington Hills, according to Dr. Vieder.

"It used to be an occasional [thing]," he said. "Now we see one or two a week."

Mondays and Fridays are busy, mainly because the doctors are not in their

offices.

Dr. Vieder specializes in emergency medicine and is prepared for anything that comes through the door.

Dr. Vieder is the only attending physician on this 10-hour day shift. Double coverage begins at 2 p.m. when the next attending physician checks in.

During the day, there was an emergency medicine resident, an intern

and two medical students who assisted with the load. All have to discuss treatment for a patient with Dr. Vieder before proceeding.

As a patient is brought into the emergency department, the patient's name and symptoms are written in a small box on the daily activity board which hangs on a wall opposite the hub of the emergency department, near the phones and charts where the physicians and nurses seem to gather.

An attending nurse's and physician's name or initials are also added to each patient's box.

During the course of the Thursday day shift, the emergency department checked in 50 or so patients with minor medical problems including those who went directly to the eight cardiac-monitored and acute care beds.

Among the patients were a man who had a

seizure, a woman complaining of chest pains, a young girl brought in from school because she was hyperventilating, and a woman found unconscious at home.

It was a slow day when you consider that in 1994 the emergency department treated 44,498 cases.

Botsford also has a trauma room that can handle up to six beds, an orthopedic room, a decontamination room with a shower (for radiation exposure or for the homeless who need bathing) and an urgent care section.

Early in the morning, an elderly woman arrived because she was having problems with her feeding tube.

"We'll give you an oil change, filter and you'll be back to work," Dr. Vieder said, speaking louder than usual because the patient was hard of hearing.

As the woman was complaining that it bothered her to look at the tube, Dr. Vieder jokingly said to her, "Well, don't look at it."

"When did you get the whiskers?" she asked.

"Oh, I forgot to shave this morning," he answered.

Dr. Vieder doesn't recall the patient and suspects she probably has him confused with another doctor, son or grandson.

Nurse keeps things running smoothly

The first thing Sandra Thompson, R.N., does when she arrives at the Botsford Hospital Emergency Department for duty at 6:30 a.m. is check with the midnight shift for problems and listen to a report on the day shift to see what's already going on in the emergency department.

A 24-year veteran of Botsford, Thompson began on the floor and has been in the emergency department for about 13 years.

Thompson is in charge of the nursing staff, is responsible for taking care of problems, conducts evaluations, attends meetings and does scheduling.

A Novi resident for 32 years, Thompson will also work as the charge nurse in clinical two or three days a month. As the charge nurse,

she assigns patients to the area, gets beds for the critical and progressive care unit patients and takes all nursing home calls from incoming patients.

"She's the liaison person that keeps the flow going," Thompson said of the charge nurse. "I enjoy keeping my hand in so that I don't forget my skills."

"Also when it's really swamped, (the charge nurse) may be starting IVs and giving medications and will triage the patients to keep the flow going," she said. "You also get all the lack if something goes wrong."

The average age of an emergency room nurse is 45, according to Thompson.

"The burn out rate is not as high as it is for doctors."

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Volunteer



Mildred Donovan

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Donivan keeps track of volunteers' hours

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

If you are considering volunteering in a hospital, Mildred Donivan can fill you in on opportunities available at Botsford General Hospital.

She keeps track of the 400 volunteers there - what departments they're in and their hours.

"It's a mechanical job," she said. "Every volunteer signs in and out, and I enter the time in a computer."

"There are four sections of volunteers - Guild, friends, Red Cross, and juniors which includes high school age."

Listing a few of the volunteer areas, Donivan starts off with child care for the employees' children.

Working on the nursing floors means "doing some of the things the nurses don't have time to do." "Oh," she said, "there are two people who are hand-arms massagers."

"Selling newspapers to patients

in the morning," so they can keep up with the times until friends come to visit in the afternoon.

"Escort service for patients who need to be taken from one place to another."

"Maintenance and carpenter shop. Men volunteer there," she said.

"In the dietary area, there's preparation and serving of food."

"The information desk is busy from 8 in the morning to 8 in the evening."

"Although it (information desk) is mostly run by women," Donivan said, "there's no reason why men can't do it."

And of course the gift shop. "Maybe 100 women volunteer there."

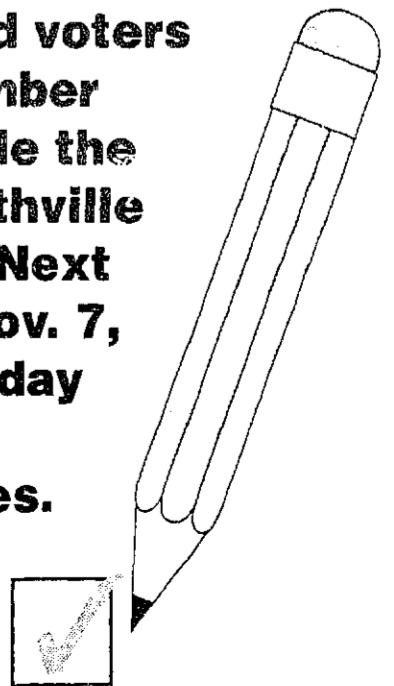
About her own volunteering, Donivan said, "It's a very nice place to work. I like the atmosphere, the people, the work."

If you are interested in hospital volunteering, call Adele Emmer, volunteer coordinator at 471-8081.

It's A Fact

Election Day

Registered voters in Novi number 25,660 while the City of Northville has 4,803. Next Tuesday, Nov. 7, is election day in both communities.



Church has a full month of activities planned

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Tickets will go on sale this Sunday, Nov. 5, for the Nov United Methodist Church's annual "Christmas by Candlelight" to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Plans will be provided in this special evening for ladies in the church and young ladies (6th grade and up). This will be the fifth year of this activity.

A Family Fun Night has been scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Participants are encouraged to bring their best pot of chili. Judges will determine which is the hottest, sweetest, etc. Drinks, desserts and hot dogs will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by members of Maranatha Four Square Youth Ministry Outreach Team, a group of approximately 20 young people who share their faith through drama and singing.

The annual presentation of the workshop service by the United Methodist Men will take place on Sunday, Nov. 19. Installation of new officers will also take place. The state is as follows: Phil Martner, president; Sam Counts, vice president; Leon Doolin, secretary; and Eric Kosmider, treasurer. Final plans for this event will be made at their monthly breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. in Memorial Hall on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. is the annual community Thanksgiving Eve service at Faith Presbyterian Church. This is a joint venture with other churches in the area; an ecumenical service

planned and led by pastors of the Novi Ministerial Association. An "ingathering Offering" will be received for the Novi Emergency Food Program.

Sunday, Nov. 26 at 10:30 a.m. a conservation service will be held at the United Methodist Church for the new building and sanctuary and will continue throughout the day with special music, catered dinner, etc. An open house in the afternoon will be held for the community.

NOVI SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

The last trip for the year was lunch at Haymakers located in Canterbury Village. Trips, which are planned by tour director Mary Kay Hill, will resume in the spring. Some of the travel-points taken this year included the Lionel Train factory, lunch at Edison Inn, a trip at Mary Maxam discount store, Frankamuti's Pretzel Factory and a guided tour of the city, lunch at Zenders and over at trip, Turkeyville, the Space Center in Jackson and many more.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8 at noon at the Civic Center. This will be a combined potluck and business meeting devoted to making plans for the annual Christmas lunch. The lunch will once again be held at Mountain Jack's, the cost of which is \$11. Payment can be made at the meeting; reservations should be made as soon as possible.

The Christmas lunch will take place on the regularly scheduled potluck date.

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The committee working on the luncheon includes Josephine Lutz, who is taking reservations, Betty Wade, Maryanne Gravel and Vera VanWormer.

There will not be a meeting at the end of the month because of the Thanksgiving holiday. No regular meeting will be scheduled until January.

This is also the time of year to pay annual dues of \$3. It is important that everyone who wishes to be included in the next directory booklet, which is to be printed after the first of the year, remit dues as soon as possible.

At the last business meeting the following officers were elected: Ray Martin, president; Eleanor Lewis, vice president; Maryanne Gravel, secretary; and Vera VanWormer as treasurer. All seniors in the area are encouraged to call either Maryanne at 476-6654 or Vera at 476-3734 for additional information.

A GROWING PLACE

Halloween is always a fun time for not only the children who

attend A Growing Place but for the staff as well. Each year a theme is selected. This year they are each choosing their favorite nursery rhyme, i.e. Jack and Jill, Queen of Hearts, Little Boy Blue and many more. Last year they chose the Flintstones. In years past, Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of Oz, Snow White, Peter Pan, 101 Dalmatians, etc., were selected.

Recently the children had a group called Science Alive visiting the school. They brought with them many exotic animals including a large Python which the children took turns holding - much to the surprise of their teacher.

Their field trips have included a visit to Plymouth Orchards to pick apples and see a puppet show. They also took a trip to Commerce Township for "Pumpkins and Ponies" so the children could see all the Halloween decorations and have a pony ride.

Plans have been made for a members of the Novi Fire Department to stop by and talk with the children about fire safety. Plans have also been made to have vision testing on Thursday and

Friday, Nov. 16 and 17. The upcoming holiday season includes a Thanksgiving Day feast and Christmas Sing-A-Long as well as visits to Grand River Village to visit with the retirees and Whitehall Nursing Home to visit with the seniors. A community service project will be to collect cans for Novis Food Program.

Future plans include adding a new bike path to the playground sometime in the spring, and enlarging the sandbox at that time.

Director Karen Jett will be giving a free seminar entitled "Cooking With Kids" at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Anyone wishing more information can call 471-2333.

NOVI CAMERA CLUB

Recently, the club sponsored the 24th annual Michigan Photographic Historical Society Trade Show which was held at the Novi Civic Center. Approximately 300 were in attendance throughout the day. Dealers were present from all over Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, etc. Fifty-four tables were loaded with vintage cameras, photographs and related literature. Good, usable camera equipment was also available.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, please call 624-0173.

Contemporary art show is now in its fifth year

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

This year's fund-raiser for New Morning School, The Celebration of the Arts, includes the works of one current and one former Northville resident.

The Celebration of the Arts will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center.

"This is contemporary arts and crafts, not a country craft show," said Leslie Stolaruk, chairperson since the show's beginning five years ago. "It's quite refreshing to the area."

Corrine Perez, of Northville, and Kristin Cooper, now of Plymouth, will join 70 or more artists who will be selling their works to benefit New Morning School. Many Northville and Novi residents have children who attend the preschool through eighth grade-not-profit parent teacher center which is located in Plymouth Township.

Perez started designing jewelry in high school and went on to study at the Center for Creative Studies before transferring to the California College of Arts and Crafts where she received a bachelor of fine arts degree. Perez has been making jewelry professionally for 10 years.

At the Celebration of the Arts, Perez will have one-of-a-kind sterling silver and 14-K gold pieces, primarily earrings and rings. Perez's designs are bold, contemporary pieces and most will incor-

porate some type of precious or semi-precious gemstone.

Perez likes to work with fancy and one-of-a-kind cuts including the more unusual types of stones such as pink and green tourmaline, garnets, moxy, avaravite, jasper, labradorite, emerald green in color.

Cooper, who was a Northville resident for four years, is a professional photographer who also lectures, assists other area photographers, she credits her interest in photography, which began when she was about 14, to her dad, an amateur photographer who captured the family on film.

Cooper graduated from Grand Valley State University just west of Grand Rapids.

Cooper specializes in abstract architecture, so named because the viewer probably will not be able to identify the building or its location and will be left wondering where the photographer was when she shot the photo.

"My eye seems to go to buildings," she said. "I'm very taken by doorways, windows and stairways. One appears in everything."

"I think it is the mystery of looking through something," she said. "They are more three dimensional, always leading someone where."

Most buildings appearing in her photographs are old, abandoned or decrepit. The paint on them may be faded or peeling.

The groups of pictures Cooper will have at the show include

abandoned buildings, doorways, windows and stairways, all of which were shot in Michigan.

The large majority of her pictures are from Northville, although there are also pictures from Plymouth, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor.

Other artists include Carol Furtado from Ann Arbor. Furtado will exhibit fiber adornment, knitted and wrapped neckties, beaded and embroidered purses and earrings.

Nancy Rutkowski of Albion specializes in wall and floor, wildlife and rustic-quality, antler baskets, pine needle and birch bark baskets, antler candleabras and lamps, and hand-bell guards.

Margaret Shaw of Manchester will exhibit wool applique clothing, table rugs and leather wena shaker wool rugs.

Susan Linton and Barry Lehteva of Farmington Hills will exhibit three dimensional mixed media, mixed sculpture using natural components including stone slabs, polished tumble stones, fossils, handmade paper and wigs.

Jerry McKay of Franklin will exhibit natural edge birch wood vases, platters, bowls and vessels turned on a wood lathe. McKay has won an award for excellence.

The price range for pieces at the show are anywhere from \$10 to \$100, in line with gift giving, according to Stolaruk.

For more information, call (313) 420-3331.

Speaker shares humorous life with Town Hall listeners

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The speaker at the recent opening lecture of the Northville Town Hall Series, Hope Mihalap, finds humor in every day life.

Since her experiences have included single life, working in the opera and as a reporter and a columnist, tutoring and raising children, she has a lot of material from which to draw.

"These things are not funny when they happen," Mihalap said. "No, no, it takes maybe two or three weeks before you see the possibilities. The only time you see the possibilities is when you tell somebody about it."

"I offer this as constructive advice," she said. "If you have a particularly wretched day be sure to tell someone about it, only make it sound worse than it was and then it turns into humorous material. It's a very interesting phenomenon."

"When you grow up in confusion you have to become a humorist," she said of her childhood years.

Mihalap recalled when she was 5-years-old the teacher told her parents that she had to bring her lunch to school. Most of the kids had a small square box, according to Mihalap, but her father, not knowing exactly what it meant for a child to bring a lunch, bought a construction foreman's lunch box, the kind that has two thermoses, bottles and 17 compartments.

On the first day her mother packed egg lemon soup in one thermos and spaghetti with meat sauce in the other, a turkey leg in wadded paper, moussaka in a dish, a bowl of salad with a jar of oil and vinegar, a piece of pie, a banana and an apple.

"The lunch weighed 37 pounds and when I opened it in kindergarten, the entire kindergarten and I looked into my lunch box and in unison they all said, 'Ugh, Ugh, Ugh,'" she said.

"She went home and, crying, told her mother what had happened. Her mother asked what was in their lunch pails and she replied peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. 'They are gonna die,' her mother said.

"And you know, a lot of them are dead," Mihalap said.

The English language has given Mihalap a lot of material for jokes. Married to a Russian immigrant, she recalled taking the dog out for a walk when a muskrat came lum-



Among the Northville Town Hall Series past chairs attending the lecture were (seated from left) Phyllis Slattery, 1964-66; Sandra Chouinard, 1983-85 and Reggie Hodson, 1981-83.

bering down the street.

"I got this dog in the house just in time," Mihalap told her husband. "There was a muskrat out there and I was afraid it might be rabid."

"How can it be rabid if it's a muskrat?" her husband asked.

"Switching accents when necessary from one of your child whining for attention to a dour Russian professor to a Greek grandmother," Mihalap told of events which she delightfully embellished for effect.

Children offer a life supporting humor, according to Mihalap.

"When my husband and I got married we had all three of our children within five years," she said. "The reason for this is that our combined ages were 150. We thought we'd best get it while we could still walk."

On their first evening out in four years without the children, they had to resort to hiring a teenage babysitter instead of using Mihalap's mother.

"Even though we were bigger than they were we were afraid to tell them," she explained.

To get out of the house she promised to call them on the telephone and talk spooky.

"Twenty-two miles to their destination and neither said a word until they pulled up in the driveway. Mihalap assumed the romance of the evening must have come over her husband when he finally turned to her, but instead of something sentimental he yelled,

"Go ahead," her father said.

"Do you think the children are all right?"

"Well, how the hell do I know?" she retorted.

"The best lessons I have learned in my life about affection or empathy and understanding have come from my own children. These are the greatest teachers I have."

When her plump little daughter was upset about having to fit into a chubette dress, Mihalap did not give the usual mother-daughter lecture about eating apples or carrot sticks instead of cookies and exercising, instead saying, "You think you're fat, look at me."

"She came across the room and put her arms around me and said, 'I love you,'" Mihalap said. "I realized by sheer luck I had done the right thing. I had treated her like a stranger, instead of like a daughter."

Mihalap's proposal of marriage is also a source of humor. She had waited too long to find a husband and her parents and grandparents were getting worried.

"In those days, they didn't recycle me the way they do now," said Mihalap.

She met a Russian professor who eventually asked her over to his apartment for dinner.

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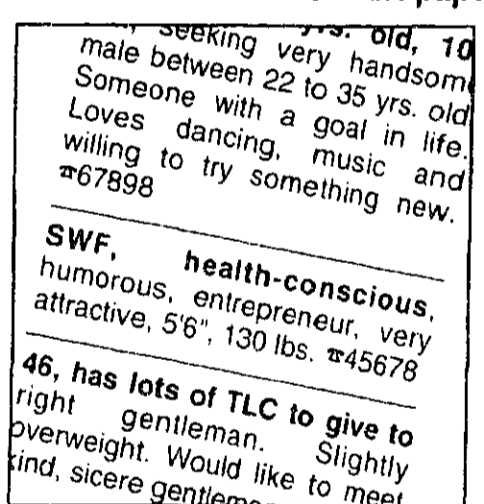
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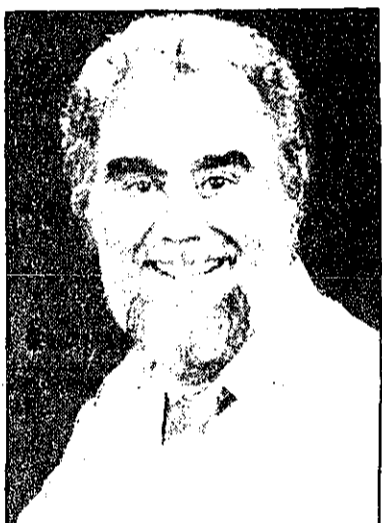
Up next for Town Hall Series is 'The perfect baritone'

The Northville Town Hall Series presents the second lecture in its series with guest speaker Phil Marcus Esser at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13. Luncheon follows at 12:15 p.m.

The lectures and luncheons for the 1995-96 season will be held at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive in Livonia.

For the last five years, Esser has located his base of operations on Old Mission Peninsula in the middle of Traverse Bay where, he designed entertainment for the Grand Traverse Resort.

Now he has come back to the Detroit metro area to refresh his spirit. Esser has been a singing performer all his life. Twenty-one years ago he began a second



Phil Marcus Esser

career as director with the musical Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris.

The success of this production done "cabaret style" in Detroit's first dinner theater was followed by

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 3, join friends for fellowship and food at Tremors in the Holiday Inn at 1-275 at 5:30 p.m. The seafood buffet is \$1 with discount prices for drinks. Ask for the Singles Place group. Also on Nov. 3, volleyball will be played at the Northville Recreation Center at

303 W. Main from 9 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.

On Nov. 4, a Walk the Trail event will be held at Heritage Park in Farmington at 10 a.m. and a picnic and board game at 10:30 a.m. and using a favorite board game to the party and call Barbara at 348-9243 for directions.

Assertive Communication will be the topic of a three-week program on three basic types of communication which begins at 7 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 5. Pam Jacobs will discuss passive behavior, aggressive behavior and assertive behavior.

The cost is \$28 and registration forms are available in the church office.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, and runs through Dec. 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.

Topics to be discussed include Networking, Stages of Grief, Legal Aspects of Divorce, Helping Children through Divorce, Passage of Divorce and Relationships Old and New. Registration forms are available in the church office. For further information, call 349-0911.

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Church Notes

Jerry Williams has offered to "sign" a sermon as a stewardship of his abilities at the first Sunday service at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For more information, call the church at 349-2652.

A new tall maple tree has been planted at the southeast corner of the **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, by Nancy Graybiel and her family in memory of her husband. The tree was dedicated at a private ceremony on Oct. 21.

An antique appraisal clinic presented by DuMouchel Galleries will be held on Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Oral appraisals are \$5, written \$10. All fees collected will go to the church.

Celebrate a Harvest Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. Cash donations are requested along with a canned or nonperishable food item. Net proceeds from the dinner and food items will supplement the Thanksgiving envelope contribution to the adopted holiday families.

Through a generous contribution of the Downie family, sermon audio tapes of worship services are now available for parishioners to check out for our week.

Jack Canfield was recently cited in letters from Governor John Engler and Dr. Gordon Guyer, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, recognizing his hours of volunteering at the Tollgate Farm.

Jack Pointon and Jack Canfield were presented with the Hickson Award on Oct. 20. The award is given to those Keweenaw who exert special effort in support of the Iodine Defense program. This is an effort to construct iodized salt plants throughout the world, especially where there is a lack of iodine in people's diets.

For more information, call 348-7757.

A new Bible Study Group sponsored by the **OAKLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** will meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Road, in rooms 302 and 304. Child care will be provided.

For more information, contact Scott Hanson and Edwin Houtt at 437-1883.

Youth Handbells at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road, begin Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 6 p.m. The group is open to 7th through 12th grade students and no experience is necessary. Youth Handbells serve through December and also play the Christmas Concert.

For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, celebrates at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, on the park square in downtown Plymouth.

Interested persons are encouraged to stop in.

For more information about Sunday services or the mission, contact Pastor/Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

Post-Abortion Counseling and Education (P.A.C.E.) meets at **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENS**, 21260 Haggerty Road, on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 220.

The support group is personal and confidential. There is no cost to participants.

For more information, call Judi Ellsworth at (313) 455-5255, or Dawn Downs at (313) 722-2839, or call the church at (810) 348-7600.

The Meals on Wheels program of **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, is in need of volunteer drivers and kitchen helpers in the Northville area. Call Judy at 348-1761 for more information.

A guided discussion of the book *The Artist's Way*, by Julia Cameron and Mark Bryan, will take place in the Eucharistic Chapel every third Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 per session payable to the group's leader.

A reminder to those who park on Main Street during Mass—the police will ticket you.

For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

Church presents fine music series

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville presents the sixth annual Fine Arts Series including a selection of gospel music, chorale, and classical and jazz music.

The Jubilee Choir of the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit will present a concert of gospel and spiritual music at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

Under the direction of Dr. James W. Abington, the Hartford Jubilee Choir is one of the region's premier gospel choirs, says Scott VanOrnum, director of music and media at the church.

"They performed in our Fine Arts Series in 1993 and were such a tremendous hit that we've brought them back by popular demand," VanOrnum says. "Their music is so joyful and so powerful that everyone who hears them feels great."

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors or \$15 for families.

Tickets for all performances are on sale now at the church office. The First Presbyterian Church is located at 200 East Main Street in downtown Northville. Free child care will be available at the church for all performances.

For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

Mother-daughter bash has excellent turnout

The social hall at Our Lady of Victory Church was transformed into an autumn candy corn recently for the Mother-Daughter Luncheon sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Moms Renew Group at OLV.

One hundred and twenty people attended the luncheon, which was a benefit for the Another Way Pregnancy Center in Novi and the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center and Wee Care Center, both in Livonia.

Farmington Hill's Mercy High School's Mercyettes shared their singing and dancing talents with the entire group. The group's director Larry Teevens, who also is a Northville resident, accompanied the performers in one of the numbers.

The AAUW guidelines state that a nominee (female or male) shall promote education and self-

development; shall promote equity for women; shall promote a positive societal change; and shall have a current or historical impact on the community.

Persons with any or all of these attributes would be of interest to the committee. The deadline for submitting the name of a nominee by either an individual or group is Dec. 31. The nomination form is short and can be obtained by calling Winnie Fraser, (810) 348-7264.

Engagement



Natalie Hurley/Steven McDougall

Mr. and Mrs. William Hurley of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Ann, to Steven Todd McDougall, son of Robert A. McDougall of Warren.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Novi High School, Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College. She is employed at Grayfield

Clinic in Redford as a certified phlebotomist.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Fitzgerald High School and Macomb Community College. He is employed as a CAD designer at Global Technology in Troy.

A June 8, 1996 wedding is being planned.

Nominees for award sought by AAUW

Put on your thinking caps — there are many individuals in the Northville- Novi community who haven't been recognized for their efforts.

The American Association of University Women, Northville- Novi Branch, is looking for nominations for the 1996 Community Enrichment Award.

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development; shall promote equity for women; shall promote a positive societal change; and shall have a current or historical impact on the community.

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"When we're here we're here, when we're gone we're gone," he said.

He and other emergency department doctors typically work two or three days on and two or three days off to prevent burnout.

ED has slow days

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"A lot of the elderly patients are quite witty, have no inhibitions, are honest and sometimes confused," he said. "But together honesty and confusion and you can get some pretty interesting responses."

"You have 30 to 60 seconds to make or break that (doctor/patient) relationship," Dr. Vieder said. "First impressions count very much."

About 75 percent of the hospital's admissions come through the emergency department.

Such was the case with one middle-aged woman found unconscious at home.

Dr. Vieder requests that the woman be placed on a ventilator because she is not breathing well enough on her own.

He surprises an intern as he gets experience in ventilating her by placing a tube down her throat.

A portable X-ray machine is brought in to verify that the tube has been placed correctly. Her status on the activity board was upgraded to "admitted."

"We see a lot of unfortunate people who don't have a lot of things that most of us have — simple things like clothes, food, roofs over their heads — to those who have all the money in the world but don't have their health, which is no good either," he said.

"There is a constant variety of patients," he added. "It is a professional challenge trying to help people who are acutely ill with a variety of different ailments and injuries."

Dr. Vieder sees patients coming in from Novi and Northville, usually industrial accidents and a fair number of pediatric illnesses because it's a relatively young neighborhood.

"As an emergency physician, you are an orthopedic surgeon, pediatrician, surgeon, internist, cardiologist, radiologist all packaged into one."

"When I call an orthopedic surgeon and talk about a case they expect me to converse with them on the same level," he said.

Dr. Vieder has 15 minutes to unwind during the drive to his Novi home. Sometimes he cranks up the car stereo, other times he drives in silence because the emergency department can be pretty noisy.

"It picks up steam and gets louder and louder to the point where it gets difficult to hear on the phone sometimes," he said.

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Nancy Harm takes Harmony Diamond through the habitual training course used to prepare the horse for parades.

Equestrian speaks on parade training

Just because you can ride a horse doesn't mean you can ride a parade.

Northville and Novi residents have seen the Harmony Acres horses and riders in the 1993, 1994 and 1995 Victorian Festivals. They have also performed in the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade, the Howell Festival of Lights and the Michigan Parades into the 21st Century parade in Lansing, among others, and carried flags and won parade awards in the 1994 and 1995 Fourth of July parades.

Nancy Harm, of Harmony Acres in Northville, will share her secrets of training the parade horse on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. at the North American Horse Spectacular at the Novi Expo Center located at 196 and Novi Road.

To train Harmony Acres horses for parades Harm utilizes the help of numerous volunteers from 4 years of age to senior citizens.

Volunteers from the Northville and Novi area who help Harm train Harmony Acres horses include Maril Zolk, Karen and Jeff Simchak, Gerry Costella, Earl Bryant, Barbara and Deby Greenberg, Darlene Sullivan and Lee Mattery.

Volunteers are always needed and only need a serious commitment and a positive attitude. Less experienced volunteers shake pompons, wave flags, and pop balloons as part of the horses' habituation training.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 5 to 12. Children 5 and under are free. Parking is \$4 per car; \$10 for a larger vehicle.

For more information, call (517) 468-3684 prior to Nov. 9. The show phone is (810) 380-7000.

Along with Training the Parade Horses by Harm, other seminars topics include Horse Crazy Kid? A Parent's Survival Guide, Competitive Trail and Endurance Riding, Horse Show Strategy and Ring Presentation.

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Women to host fashion show

The Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will host its annual Fashion Show at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Victoria's Place in Northville has put together a selection of women's clothing which will be modeled by Karen Stephens, Jo Ann Ellis, Katie Dewey, Dolly Dolle, Mildred Astbury and Diane Devincenzi, who are volunteers from the Women's Association, which began in 1873 and is one of the oldest organizations in the church. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served.

All profits from the show will benefit the various missions including Civic Concern, two scholarships to parish senior high school students and Alma College.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the church office. A limited number will be available at the door.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is located at 200 E. Main in downtown Northville.

For more information call the church office at 349-0911.



Joanne Eisele, (center) owner of Victoria's Place, and Women's Association members Karen Stephens (left) and Ann Haewski have every thing in control for show.

Scouts accept a challenge

Cub Scout pack 50 of Novi is participating in the "Scouting for Food" project again this year. Last year, the pack collected 597 canned goods from area residents.

The food is donated to area food banks to be redistributed to residents in need.

This year the Cub Scouts of Pack 50 have challenged Cubmas-

ter Paul Luft that if the Cub Scouts collect 1,800 canned goods this year, he must attend the Nov. 16 pack meeting dressed like a girl.

The scouts are highly motivated and will be dropping off specially marked bags to residents who live in the Ten Mile to Eleven Mile, Taft to Wixom Road area on Saturday.

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Folk musician gives concert

Northville's own Neil Woodward will be performing at **Borders Books and Music** from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.

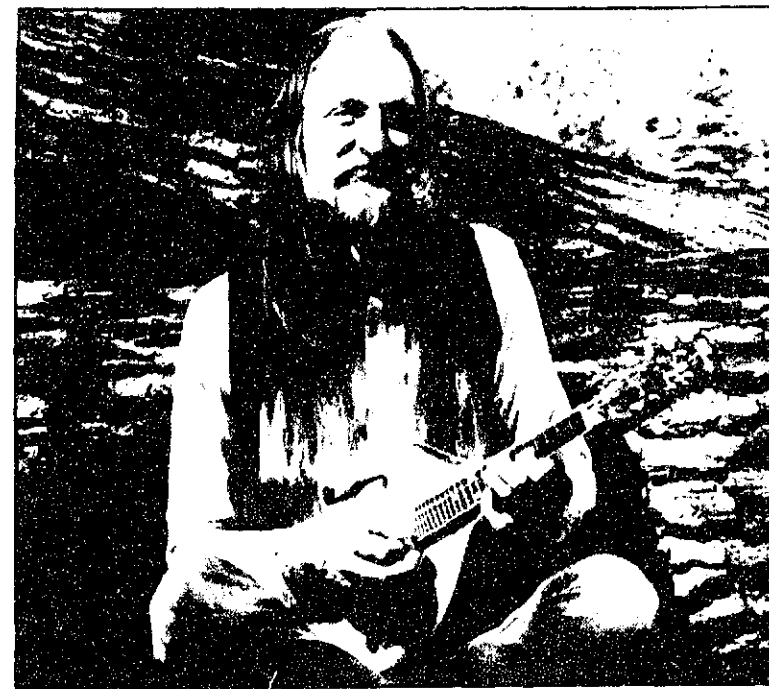
Woodward doesn't exactly live in Northville but he's been around a long time. He is the only entertainer to perform at all of the Northville Folk and Bluegrass Festivals. He has also been a music instructor at Giffholder since 1975.

Woodward, a multi-instrumentalist, plays guitar, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, dulcimer, auto harp, button accordion and penny whistle, just to name a few.

He has won nine Detroit Music Awards in various categories ranging from best folk band, best locally produced album, best vocalist and best instrumentalist.

Woodward will be featuring original and traditional North American folk music featuring some compositions from his latest Black Dog release, *Life, Love & Food Songs*, copies of which will be available.

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



Neil Woodward, who has played at the Northville Folk and Bluegrass Festival, will perform at Borders Books on Nov. 3.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

LOCAL ARTS ACADEMY: Select auditions will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. by appointment only. The auditions will be held on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. in Varner Hall, Room 134.

For additional information or an application form, call (810) 625-7057.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH: The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits based on topical issues.

Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome.

A local community church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at the Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. Those interested should call Ann Marie Frey, (810) 348-3563.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OXFORD INN: Ron Colten, winner of the 1993 Most City Music Award for Best Folk Individual, duo or group, will perform from Nov. 3 and 4. Coden's performances include comedy, ballads, Broadway show tunes, folk, standard and country mixed with high energy, hand clapping, audience participation.

The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River, just east of Novi Road in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 305-5856.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: On Nov. 6, Ilene's Dance Electric will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances which are held prior to select city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

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

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

THEATER

NOVI YOUTH THEATER: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be presented Nov. 10, 11 and 12 at the Novi Civic Center Stage. 45157 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

MARQUIS THEATRE: The Frank L. Baum classic tale of the adventures of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion as they follow the yellow brick road to the Land of Oz in *The Wizard of Oz* begins Nov. 18 and continues Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 14.

During the Christmas break, performances will be held Tuesday

through Friday, Dec. 26 through 29. All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50. Children must be 3 1/2 years of age.

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

For more information, call (810) 349-8111.

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

Diners are given clues - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out the best guesser.

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

For information and reservations, call 347-0995.

GENIUS: Performances for *The Girl Who Hated Music*, a heart-warming and funny musical, will take place Nov. 4, 11, and 18. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and the show begins at 12:15 p.m. *Holey Mabrinyon* continues its run through Nov. 19.

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

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

MUSIC

CICERO'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE & BAR: Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For more information or reservations, call (810) 380-0011.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Upcoming performances are: DSO harpist Christa Cui, Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28; Jason Quick, jazz, Wednesday and Thursdays, Nov. 8, 29 and 30; Michael King, guitarist, Nov. 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 22, and 23; and Gary Cooper, guitar and Lester Nov. 17, 18, 24 and 25.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances are 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 to midnight.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For more information, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Upcoming cigar mixers will take place Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Included are three exclusive cigars, a five-course meal and a blend of wines and cognac.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road, in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The cafe is located at 110 Main-

Center in downtown Northville. Call 344 0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

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

For more information call 349-7038.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

SUNSET GRILL: The Tuesday night blues "jam" hosted by the Sunset Blues Band has been moved to Wednesday beginning at 9 p.m. All musicians are welcome.

The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

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

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers live entertainment. Larry Nozoro and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7 to 11 p.m. every Tuesday, featuring a vast array of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

The Enrico Caruso Society performs live opera from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday and strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays.

CHORAL MUSIC CONCERT: The Lansing Singers, male and mixed choirs will perform a classical musical concert at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, at North Congregational Church, 36520 Twelve Mile Road between Deacon and Halstead in Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (810) 553-0053.

FINE ART SHOW AND SALE: The Birmingham Temple will host the 23rd annual juried invitation Fine Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4 and 5, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. A gala preview will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.

The show will feature more than 125 artists displaying paintings, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, glass, wood, weaving and photography.

Admission for the preview with the artists is \$10 and includes appetizers before the game, hors d'oeuvres, live music and alternative rock.

Admission to the show on Saturday and Sunday is free and includes piano music with tea from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (810) 357-7746.

MACBETH: The Schoolcraft College's 1995 Fall Theatre Production of *Macbeth* will take place Nov. 3 and 4 beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Waterman Center. The show follows at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

Dinner theater tickets are \$16. Theater only performances will be on Nov. 10 and 11 and tickets are \$6.50.

For reservations or more information, call (313) 462-4409.

PAINTER'S PLACE: It's flower time in Northville and flowers are all over the walls in the studio and gallery of Caroline Dunphy. Watercolor paintings of flowers may be seen in the windows and on the walls of the gallery at 140 North Center Street.

Look for Dunphy's one-person show of her visits to gardens and villages in Germany and Austria. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday, or by appointment.

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- IMPORTANT MEMO -

TO: The Citizens of Northville, my friends and neighbors
FROM: Your Friend and Neighbor, Councilman Chuck Keys
RE: Northville Election on Tuesday, November 7, 1995
DATE: November 2, 1995

Over the past two years I have served on City Council. I have enjoyed being a Northville City Councilman. Thank you for trusting me and electing me. I also serve on the City Planning Commission, the City Staff Personnel Committee, and Northville Youth Assistance Board of Directors. I have learned how fortunate Northville is to have a City Staff (management and workers) and community volunteers so dedicated, efficient and honorable.

I believe that I have been very effective in the areas of city/business management and fiscal responsibility on City Council. I read my packets of information carefully and ask many questions at meetings to get more information in order to make the best decision on issues facing this City. At times, it is very frustrating. If you have recently spoken with me or read the Northville Record you know what problems I have faced on City Council. For those of you that have called me for assistance, I have acted and followed-up (even with the people who call me at 6:00 a.m.). I appreciate all of your input and help (and yes, I do listen to everyone who calls me). I will remain "visible" in the Northville Community.

The issue I wish to address now is the upcoming election for a new Mayor and two seats on the City Council. Sitting on the City Council and having access to pages and pages of information on all the issues, definitely gives me a full perspective. It also allows me to see how the other council members respond and react with this same information.

I have learned the real value of PAUL FOLINO. I believe that PAUL FOLINO is the only other councilman who consistently reads his council packets, the only other councilman who is available every day all day, the only other councilman who I see walking downtown, eating at our restaurants and shopping at our stores, the only other councilman who I see at many other community meetings. PAUL FOLINO lived the history of our city - he remembers and understands everything. He even lectures to the schools on Northville's past, present and future.

PAUL FOLINO has had more years of civic involvement and decision making experience than the current mayor. Over his long lifetime including his over 20 years of civic service he has been a member of the City Planning Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Economic Development Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, Northville Youth Assistance, the Historic District Commission, the DDA, Senior Citizen Commission, the 35th District Court Advisory Board, the Allen Terrace Board, the Beautification Commission, the Arts Commission, the Library Commission, MainStreet 78 Project, MainStreet 94 Project, etc., etc.

PAUL FOLINO has more years of community involvement and decision making experience than the current mayor. PAUL FOLINO was the past president of Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, member of the Northville Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow, Claude Ely Award for outstanding community service, Northville High School Distinguished Alumni, State of Michigan Citation for community service from Governor John Engler, etc., etc.

PAUL FOLINO has lived and worked inside Northville for 66 years. He is married to Marnie for 45 years and raised two honest hard working responsible daughters. PAUL FOLINO recently retired from State Farm Insurance Company where he was consistently respected and recognized for excellence in business and professional growth.

PAUL FOLINO believes that controlled spending will save this city, not raising taxes. PAUL FOLINO believes that we must carefully assist our downtown businesses in remaining viable, maintain a partnership that limits the City to infrastructure and general city marketing. Homeowners should not bear the burden of supporting the downtown businesses. PAUL FOLINO will continue to support joint services only if we can still deliver superior city services with real long term cost reductions.

PAUL FOLINO supports the integrity of our residential neighborhoods. Our children and our neighborhoods must be protected from over development and increased traffic. PAUL FOLINO has served on the Recreation Commission for over 20 years and has consistently supported youth programs and organized activities. Our infrastructure (streets, sewers, water mains, buildings, etc.) needs to be maintained on a regular basis. Traffic has become our number one problem - too much moving too fast. North Center Street is an embarrassment and exists because of the lack of Mayoral leadership. Funds exist and need to be prioritized and budgeted for Northville streets. PAUL FOLINO will meet regularly with Federal Highway Department Officials, the Governor, County and State road officials to study our problems, to seek affordable solutions and stabilize State, County and Federal revenues.

PAUL FOLINO supports private business. Northville Downs is a private business. Please consider the following: in the last few years, this business has contributed over \$23 Million to our City. Northville would not have the Recreation Department Building, various pieces of large city equipment, years of infrastructure repairs, parking decks, our current city library, etc. Currently, we received \$450,000 in net revenues in addition to their property taxes. We do not share this revenue with any other government body. The City of Northville needs this money, no matter what our current mayor indicates.

PAUL FOLINO supports Northville Downs. Our State Senator Robert Geake supports Northville Downs. Our State Representative Gerald Law supports Northville Downs. Our other State Representative Willis Bullard supports Northville Downs. Our Governor John Engler supports Northville Downs and is doing everything he can to help it remain viable. Our Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara supports Northville Downs. Our Wayne County Commissioner Theodore McCollister supports Northville Downs. Our U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers supports Northville Downs. The Northville Record supports Northville Downs. The Northville Chamber of Commerce loves Northville Downs - with their Farmers Market on site every Thursday. Over 300 people in this community work at Northville Downs. Over 43,000 individuals, farms and businesses directly support Northville Downs.

This community loves Northville Downs. We use it for everything, including the Northville Historical Society major fund raiser Tivoli Fair, 4th of July Parade, excess parking for the City and private businesses, etc. Northville Downs supports every legitimate non-profit civic and business group, charity, agency, association in this city with large donations and the use of their facilities. They have recently allowed the City to use the infield track for soccer fields and the same site for future concerts - for free (including construction of the soccer fields). Northville Downs has always been a good corporate citizen. (Ssshhh, don't tell anyone, but they even paid their taxes early when the City went into the deficit).

So why does our current mayor want to get rid of Northville Downs? Has he completely lost touch with reality or maybe he doesn't understand what everybody else understands... that Northville Downs with its \$450,000 (not including property taxes) is a godsend to this city because... it cost the City nothing to earn or maintain this business. What other Northville business returns \$450,000 in net revenues in addition to property taxes for doing nothing? Keeping Northville Downs viable is good business sense. Unlike our present mayor, PAUL FOLINO will meet with the Governor to stabilize Northville Downs race track revenues.

I have watched PAUL FOLINO for many years, especially over the last two years on City Council. He is a virtuous man. PAUL FOLINO exemplifies self discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, hard work, courage, perseverance, honesty, loyalty, and faith in God, family and community. PAUL FOLINO has more years of business, civic and professional experience than our current mayor. PAUL FOLINO has more recognitions and accomplishments. PAUL FOLINO has more of everything. PAUL FOLINO is the most qualified. PAUL FOLINO is by far the best candidate for Mayor of Northville.

Former Mayor Mike Allen (Northville Mayor of 25 years supports PAUL FOLINO last September when our Cabbage Town homeowners had problems with the poor quality of their new sidewalks) called PAUL FOLINO. It was PAUL FOLINO who insisted on updating our Police Officers' weapons to better protect our community and themselves and to meet the standards of other Western Wayne County Police Departments. It was also PAUL FOLINO who insisted on updating Fire Department equipment. Had PAUL FOLINO been mayor, Northville would never have gone into debt. PAUL FOLINO has always called for fiscal restraint. It was PAUL FOLINO and the City Manager who took this city out of the deficit.

The other candidate I would like you to vote for is ROXANNE CASTERLINE. She has a life long history of proactive involvement in Northville. ROXANNE CASTERLINE is involved in every major youth, school and civic organization in this city. She is a positive driving force who would be an asset to this City Council. ROXANNE CASTERLINE has spent her entire life involved in this community. She needs your support. Please vote for only one City Council candidate, ROXANNE CASTERLINE.

Between PAUL FOLINO and ROXANNE CASTERLINE there is over 100 years of Northville Involvement and History. They remember the way Northville used to be with it's delicate peaceful past. They are currently working with Northville's present, and are committed to handle Northville's future. Together we are an effective team. We are all available, active, experienced, responsive, knowledgeable, dedicated, neighborly and healthy. Let's move Northville into the 21st Century with a winning team...

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The Novi Jaguar girls' soccer team finished their fall outdoor season with a 2-1 loss to Herring Valley Spartans on Sunday, Oct. 29. Meredith Epley scored their only goal, with Christina Cypher and Christine Jewel making a fine offensive effort. In their second game of the indoor season on Saturday, the team was unable to score against a tough defense by the Birmingham Burners, and lost the game 6-0.

NBA Names New Manager

The Novi Baseball Alliance has named Bob Murray as the new manager for the 15-year-old travel baseball team. Murray is the freshman baseball coach for Catholic Central High School.

Other managers previously named by the travel baseball league are: 10-year-olds, Mike Hart; 13-year-olds, Tony Melton; 14-year-olds, Bob Shaw; and 16-year-olds, Dennis Calligan. For more information, contact the NBA at 319-7705 or 317-1782.

NBA Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Novi Baseball Alliance will be Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Parents of Novice players and prospective players, as well as individuals in Novi interested in supporting travel baseball for Novi youth, are invited to attend.

Motorsports Hall of Fame

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as museum guides and to staff the gift shop. Volunteers select dates and times convenient to their schedule. Training sessions are conducted monthly. If you like racing, you'll love the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Students needing community service hours and retirees are welcome. For more information write or call Barb Flis, coordinator of volunteer activities, Motor Sports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, MI 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

The hall features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span. Highlights include a 1965 Novi Indy Special, 1903 Packard Grey Wolf, Art Arons' first jet-powered "Green Monster," and much more. The hall of fame honors 66 "Heroes of Horsepower," from different categories, from air racing to motorcycle racing, from the early part of the century to the present.

The museum is located in the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$4 and \$2 for senior and children.

Runners earn trip to second finals

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was fourth in 22:37, Mara DeLuca was sixth in 22:49 and Ann Marie Hardin was 22nd in 24:51.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

The guys didn't fare quite as well Saturday.

Novi finished well out of the money in ninth place at Buhr Park, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Plymouth Salem and Saline qualified for the final.

Coach Bob Smith said his team would've needed the race of his life to advance to Grand Rapids. That, unfortunately, didn't happen.

"We ran OK," he said, "but we didn't run exceptional." Times were fast at the Ann Arbor park.

Huron's Keith Braxton won the race in 16:53 and the second place time was 16:14.

"I'd say it's the toughest regional from top to bottom," Smith said. Cameron Chipponeri was Novi's first finisher. He placed 41st overall in 17:51.

Sophomore Jason Sabol ran his

fastest Buhr Park time ever in taking 47th in 18:00.

Smith said he passed several runners in the final 300 meters to take 47th.

"He's been coming on strong the last few weeks," he added. Senior Ryan Henderson ran tough as well. He took 50th place in 18:03.

Chris Duprey finished 52nd in 18:07, Mike Girard, also a senior, was 56th in 18:15. Brian Fischer was 89th in 18:24. Scott Stepley, a junior, wasn't able to finish because of a tender knee.

Smith, of course, would've liked to see his team qualify for the final. But, he said, Saturday's race will serve for a stronger Wildcat team next fall.

"We have the potential of using this for a greater season," he said. Among JV racers, Corneil Den Rider was tops for Novi. He ran a 19:12 race.

The senior exchange student made great strides over the season, Smith said.

John Moore ran a 19:24 race.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Kickers fall in district final to Salem

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NOVI 1, CANTON 0

Hart led the way in the opening round of district play on Oct. 25 at Canton. The senior carried his 10th shutout by stopping 19 Chief shots.

"Dave made some spectacular saves at times," Christoff said. None better than with 22 minutes left in the game. With Novi up 1-0, Canton was awarded an indirect kick about 25 yards to the left of the Wildcat net.

Robert Gumber sent a wicked shot around Novi's wall and cur-

ved left towards the corner of the goal. Kevin Ansara got the game's only goal, his team's only tally of the playoffs, with six minutes gone by in the second half. Dave York sent a corner kick lofting toward the Chief net and Ansara used his head to redirect the ball in the net.

"The veterans have worked very hard," Ray said. That hard work began in August with training camp.

Just like the professionals and college players, the youth squad has its training camp. And like the big guys, it was all about conditioning.

Ray said he and his staff of

assistants, Dave Harrington, Ben Becker, Carl Chandler, Bryan Riegner and Steve Bogdalek, focused on improving the team's aerobic abilities. Some strength work was also done.

The coaching staff started planning in March, said Ray. "All six parents chipped in."

Getting the guys in good shape helped them outlast opponents and reduce injuries.

"We've had other coaches comment that we've been conditioned team," Ray said.

While conditioning is important, talented players have made the biggest difference in this year's club.

Chase Chandler has spearheaded the offense. A 10-year-old running back, he leads the team in yardage gained and in touchdowns with 18.

Chandler has had several big

game plays, including a 260-yard performance against Dearborn Heights.

"He's very coachable and smart," Ray said. "He reads the hole and is able to cut back."

Of course it takes a good quarterback for the offense to run smoothly. And the Colts have got one in Nick Mainella.

He moved from offensive center at the start of camp to quarterback. Ray said he's made the transition well.

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Brian Nitti has also done a good job of running and blocking for Chandler at his fullback slot.

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Colts shine in 1995

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

While 1995 has been a tough year for the Novi and Northville high school football teams, one local squad is riding high.

The Colts freshman team is 7-1 this fall and has earned a playoff assignment Sunday against the Canton Lions. According to head coach Dave Ray, team chemistry has been a major ingredient in the Colts' success.

"The chemistry we have with our players and coaches is tremendous," he said, adding that weekly improvement has been a key, too. "Everyone has gotten better. That's the story of our team."

The Colts organization gives Novi and Northville youngsters ages 9 to 14 the basics in football. Players are divided by age with the freshman team composed of 9- and 10-year-olds, the JV of 11- and 12-year-olds and the varsity of 13- and 14-year-olds.

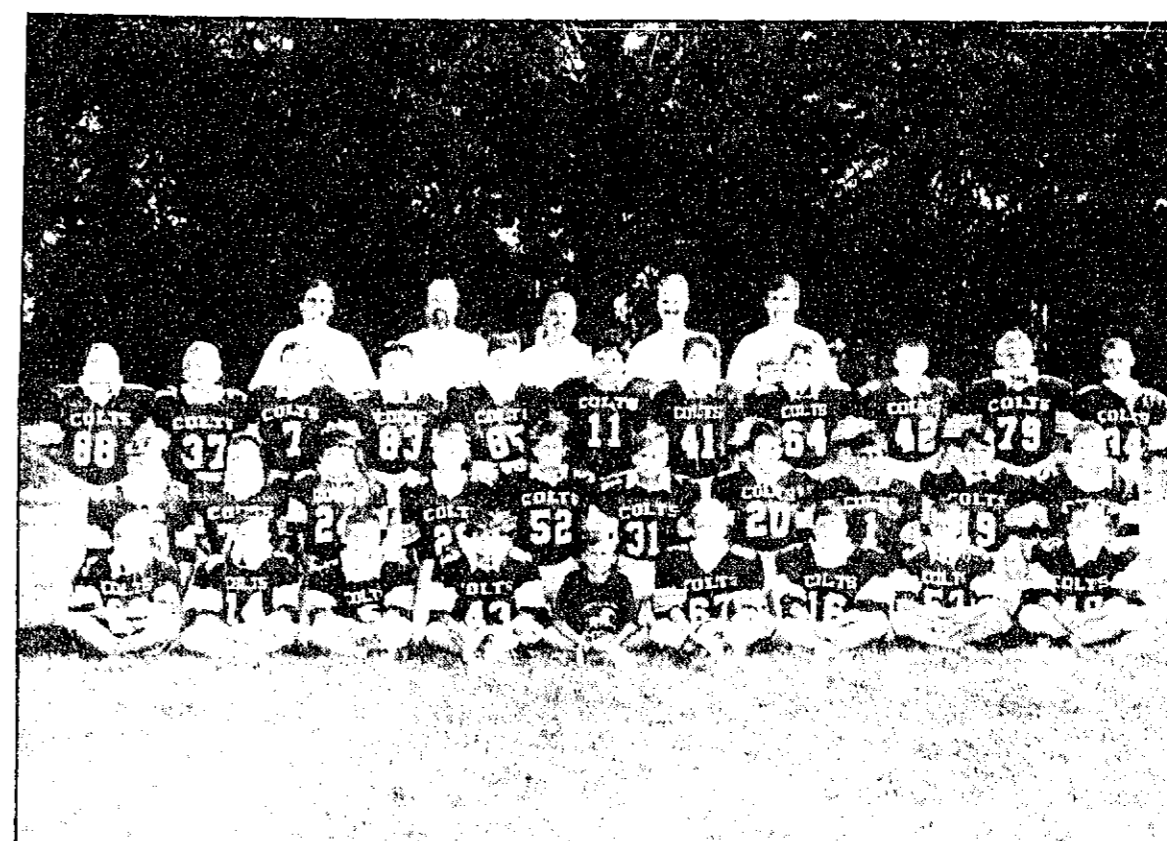
"It's an instructional league," said Ray. "We've really stressed the fundamentals, rules and terminology."

The Colts freshman squad has enjoyed the most success of the three groups this fall. After going 0-1 last year, Novi-Northville has turned it around with a solid group of returning players and talented newcomers.

"The veterans have worked very hard," Ray said. That hard work began in August with training camp.

Just like the professionals and college players, the youth squad has its training camp. And like the big guys, it was all about conditioning.

Ray said he and his staff of



The Northville-Novu Colts have posted a 7-1 record this fall and earned a playoff berth.

assistants, Dave Harrington, Ben Becker, Carl Chandler, Bryan Riegner and Steve Bogdalek, focused on improving the team's aerobic abilities. Some strength work was also done.

The coaching staff started planning in March, said Ray. "All six parents chipped in."

Getting the guys in good shape helped them outlast opponents and reduce injuries.

"We've had other coaches comment that we've been conditioned team," Ray said.

While conditioning is important, talented players have made the biggest difference in this year's club.

Chase Chandler has spearheaded the offense. A 10-year-old running back, he leads the team in yardage gained and in touchdowns with 18.

Chandler has had several big

game plays, including a 260-yard performance against Dearborn Heights.

"He's very coachable and smart," Ray said. "He reads the hole and is able to cut back."

Of course it takes a good quarterback for the offense to run smoothly. And the Colts have got one in Nick Mainella.

He moved from offensive center at the start of camp to quarterback. Ray said he's made the transition well.

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Jordan Genso and Joey Elder have provided solid blocking for the Colts.

Many of these offensive stars play both ways. But the defense has also had some outstanding specialists.

Take defensive end Kris Zdravkovski. The "Z" man has done the job in containing the run, especially on sweeps by the opposition.

George Bourret has also been one tough customer at linebacker for the Colts. Chad Broka has been like glue in the defensive secondary, too.

Other Colts players include: Chris Provost, Jon Masnari, Brett Bueter, Brent Becker, Jeff Szalony, Carl Erick, Tommy Harris, Joe Caroselli, Dino Banavotes, David Burke, Ryan Bantz, James Haitian, Pat Harris, Michael Brenner, Dan Hunter and David Carroll.

High school set to open new facilities

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face. Track and cross country teams will be able to practice year around and even time themselves with a digital clock placed high above the entrance doors.

Adjacent to the track is the new weight room. When completed, it'll have the latest in weight training and cardiovascular equipment.

A total of \$60,000 was raised by the athletic boosters, athletic teams and the athletic department to equip the room. Physical educa-

tion and community courses will use the room besides Wildcat squats.

Athletic offices and classrooms are also on upper level of the new facilities.

Downstairs, the multi-purpose room is featured. The 45 by 90 foot room will be used for aerobics as well as practice space for the wrestling and other teams.

About 250 locker rooms for both boys and girls were added, too. An up-to-date trainers room will help

outlet for those not involved with an athletic team, Fundukian said.

All of the facilities will help relieve a practice space problem for Wildcat teams - at least inside the school.

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Randy Step is president and owner of the Running Fit stores in Novi, Northville and Ann Arbor. This column is coordinated by staff representing the UM Health Center in Northville.

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On a nice crisp fall day, a base layer is all you

Rec Briefs

Novi Garden Club

Welcome to a new season, new officers and a new beginning. The Novi Garden Club, a branch of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Meeting topics include gardening tips, guest speakers, workshops and "hands-on" creativity with herbs, wreaths, plants and flowers. The club is open to all ages, male and female.

Anyone interested in gardening, good conversation and fun, can call Club President, Elinor Holland, at (810) 477-7913.

Novi Camera Club

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center. Anyone interested in joining or who has questions should call Hugh Crawford at (810) 349-5079.

Novi Trackers

The Novi Trackers is a running club whose members range from the casual jogger to the serious competitor. The Trackers meet twice weekly and all runners are invited to join any of the club runs.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - Novi High School.
Saturdays at 9 a.m. - Sundowner Restaurant (parking lot across the street from the Northville Post Office).

For more information, call Hub Copp, Club President, (810) 348-7779.

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Dates - Oct. 27-Dec. 1 (four weeks) - No class Nov. 10, Nov. 24.
Registration information - cost - \$40/couple (\$48 non-resident).

Location - Novi Civic Center.
Instructor - Annette Mac.
Class limit - 15 couples (each class).
Registration deadline - All classes by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to first class date.

Adult Leagues

Volleyball Leagues - Novi Parks and Recreation hosts Men's and Co-ed Leagues during the winter months. All matches take place at Novi Middle School. Novi Parks and Recreation will have an information sheet available, that discusses fees, format, awards, registration dates and process, in early November. Call and have one mailed to your residence or simply pick one up at our office.

Three-on-Three Basketball League - Information will become available for our Tuesday evening men's and women's three-on-three leagues in early October. Call for more details, (810) 347-0400.

Five-on-Five Basketball League - Novi Parks and Recreation will be hosting men's and women's five-on-five basketball leagues on

Sunday afternoons/early evenings beginning in January. Registration will begin in mid-November. If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding these leagues, feel free to stop by our office in early November or call us at (810) 347-0400 and an information sheet can be mailed directly to you.

For these leagues, Novi Parks and Recreation registers teams only. Individuals looking for a team are encouraged to call our office at (810) 347-0400. A list of interested player's names and phone numbers are compiled and distributed to our team managers.

Boys and Girls Basketball Leagues

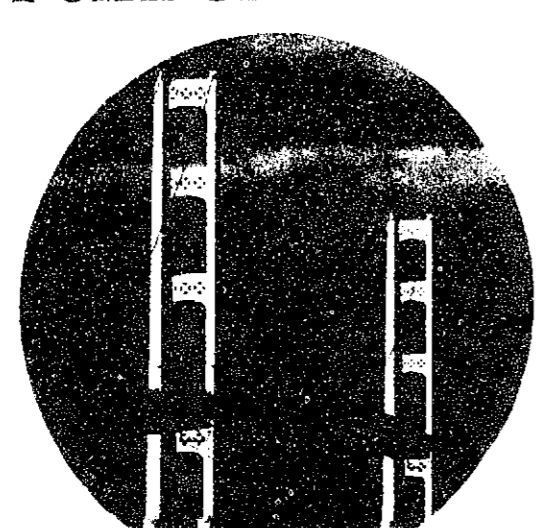
The popularity of the Novi Parks and Recreation indoor youth leagues is growing, yet our gymnasium space is limited. Due to registration restrictions, register early for our Youth Basketball Leagues. Fun, action, fundamentals, teamwork, exercise and sportsmanship are the goals of this program. Novi Parks and Recreation relies on volunteer parent coaches to supervise and teach the participants. Each team's practice is based on their coaches availability on weekday evenings. Our referees are young high school students learning how to officiate. Everyone involved is learning and teaching one another.

League dates - Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10.
Game times - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Practice - weekday evenings - mid-December. Players will be contacted by phone no earlier than Dec. 10.
Game days - Saturdays.
Fee - \$37 Novi residents only.

Registration begins Thursday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. and ends Thursday, Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. or when the program reaches its limit.
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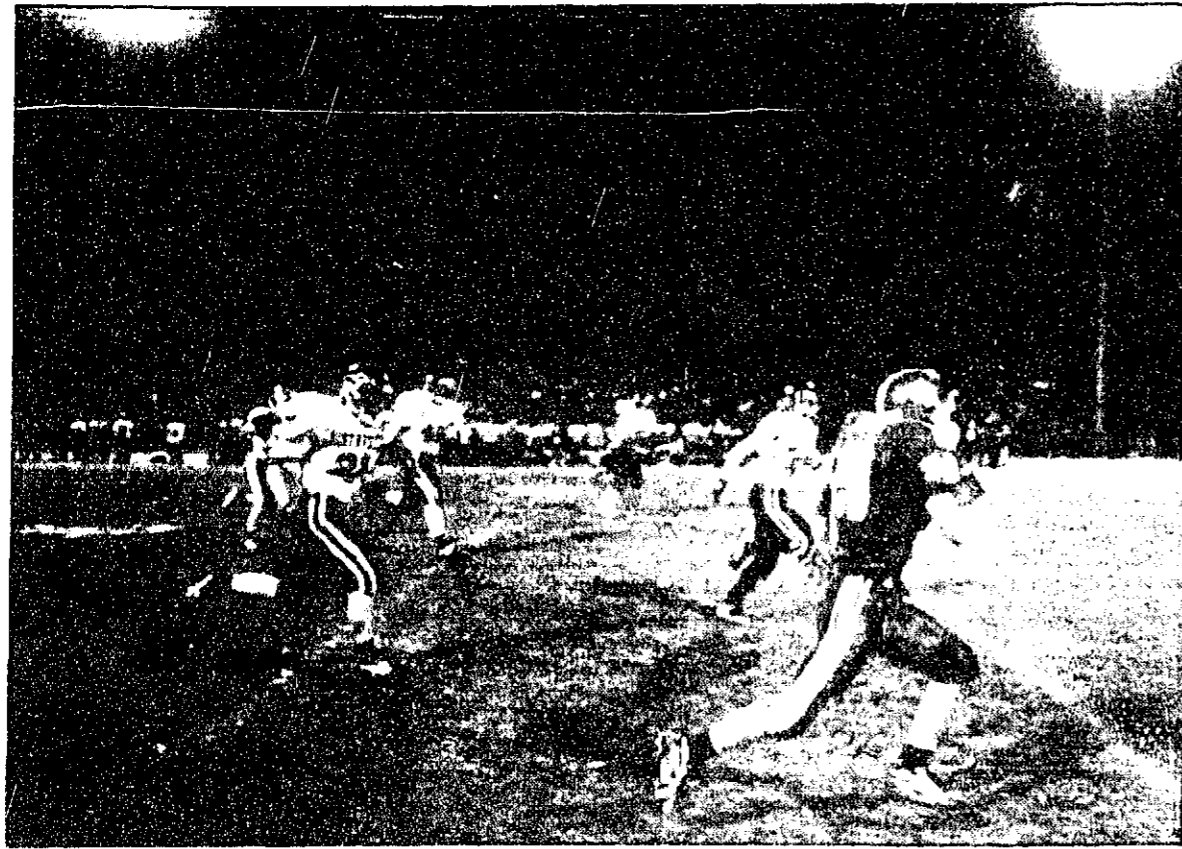
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Mike Hicks scored on a 64-yard run in the second quarter Friday night.

Wildcats win Jug 21-14

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"It's a wound that'll hurt for a long time," he said.

Both Novi and Northville finished the year at 4-5. Winning the Jug takes some of the sting out of the sub .500 season for the Wildcats, Osborne said.

"It was nice to see our guys get a win against an opponent that's as good as we are," he added. "We've got bragging rights for 365 days."

When teams match up evenly, turnovers usually make the difference. Northville made a critical one right off the bat.

The Mustangs took the ball at their own 26-yard line to start the game. On second down, Kersey fumbled and Hicks recovered for the Wildcats.

Novi got the ball at Northville's 36 with 10:34 left on the first quarter clock. The 'Cats then ran the ball six straight times before Witherspoon found the end zone on a 2-yard jaunt. Novi led 7-0 at 7:25.

Northville wasted little time in responding.

The Mustangs started their second drive at their own 29-yard line. On third down and three,

Luis Guajardo bolted 34 yards on a counter play all the way to Novi's 30-yard line.

Six plays later Chris Whittington pounded it in from three yards out to make it 7-7 at 2:44.

"He's going to be a good one," Schumacher said of the sophomore, who ran for 96 yards on 16 attempts. "He's a power runner."

The teams traded possessions as the second quarter got under way.

Novi forced a Mustang punt at 10:21 and started on its own 29. On third and five, Hicks made a huge play.

Osborne called for a counter, which is similar to a reverse. Hicks took the misdirected handoff cut around right end then booked up the sideline for a 64-yard touchdown.

Northville's Garrett Carter blocked the extra point and Novi led 13-7 at 8:48. The Wildcats made it 21-7 shortly before the half ended.

Novi's Skip Becker recovered a Burke fumble at the Wildcat 34-yard line with 34 seconds left.

On first down, Witherspoon ran off tackle for 42 yards. Dicken then completed a 12-yard pass to

the junior to move the ball to the Mustang 12-yard line.

After a Novi time out, Dicken then hit Callender for a 12-yard TD with seven seconds left. Callender did a good job of keeping his feet in bounds on the catch.

Despite the deficit, Schumacher thought the Mustangs could come back.

"The kids didn't feel they were out of it," he said.

Indeed not.

The rivals traded possessions to start the third quarter. Northville then got the ball back at its own 20-yard line with 5:54 to go.

Whittington punished the Wildcat defense with runs of 15 and 14 yards on the first two plays of the drive. Kersey then added an 11-yard burst.

Northville continued to move the ball down the field by running straight at the 'Cats. The Mustangs finally scored as Burke hit Mark Smith with a nine-yard pass at the 1:38 mark.

But that's as far as the comeback would go as Novi held on for victory.

Northville hoopsters lose

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Samantha Leger has always been a fan of Michael Jordan.

The senior performed much like the great Chicago player Saturday by scoring 28 points, including 16 of 19 from the free throw line.

But as outstanding as she was, it wasn't enough as Salem beat the Mustangs 50-47.

"We had it tied a bunch of times," coach Pete Wright said. "But we couldn't get over the hump."

Northville trailed 48-47 with seconds left. The Rocks then made one of two from the charity stripe to take a two-point lead.

Leger again tried to rally her team, but she was too far under the basket and missed the shot. Salem again split a pair of free throws to go up by three.

"We had a three-point shot at the buzzer," Wright said, "but it was short."

It was Northville's fourth loss of the year against 12 wins. The game closed the Mustangs' league

season.

Northville finished with an 8-3 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Conference playoffs start tonight with the Mustangs hosting Farmington Hills Harrison at 7 p.m.

Should Northville win the game, it would likely face Walled Lake Central in round two Tuesday night.

Wright said Saturday's game, although a loss, was encouraging. Northville had been blown out by the league's other two elite teams.

Cagers win pair in league

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

No lead is ever safe in basketball.

But Novi High coach Dennis Cichonski wasn't fretting too much when Lakeland rallied against his team Thursday. The second year mentor was confident his Wildcats would hold on and beat the visitors.

This confidence proved well-founded as Novi beat the Eagles for the second time this year 53-47.

"We didn't put them away," he said. "But we had a comfortable lead all the way."

The Wildcats led by as many as 14 in the final quarter before Lakeland came back. The unit of Kristin Kearney, Lydia Raburn, Stephanie Gordon, Lindsey Hahn and Amy Edwards were able to hold the fort in the final minutes, however.

"It was four guards and a forward," Cichonski said. "But we weathered the storm."

Lindsay Drury led Novi with 12 points. Megan Barton added 10 and Jessica Kenny had eight.

The Wildcats improved to 6-4 in the Kensington Valley Conference season and 9-8 overall. Novi plays Howell at home tonight and may have the chance to play spoiler.

The Highlanders are in first place in the KVC with a 9-1 record while Brighton is second at 8-2. An upset tonight and Novi could help the Bulldogs take the crown.

And, more importantly, it would give the Wildcats momentum going into the state playoffs.

"It could do a lot for us," Cichonski said.

NOVI 50, MILFORD 41

It was the second meeting of the season between the Wildcats and Redskins as well.

Novi blew the Redskins off the court in September. This time was a little different, though.

The Wildcats took a 10-4 lead after one period. Drury and Kenny

combined for eight points to lead the way.

"I thought we were getting the shots we wanted," Cichonski said. "But there weren't a lot of second opportunities."

He thought Novi could make the lead hold up the rest of the way.

"If our defense held up I thought we'd be OK," Cichonski added.

Milford, however, had a virtual offensive explosion in the second quarter. The Redskins scored 16 points and cut the lead to 24-20 at the half.

Brandy Torres did much of the damage with seven points in the frame, including a three-pointer.

The Wildcats found the defensive answer they needed in the third quarter. Torres was held to three points as Novi outscored the home team 13-8.

The 'Cats cruised home for the KVC victory in the fourth quarter.

Barton led Novi with 12 points and Kenny added 10. Drury finished with 10 points.

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