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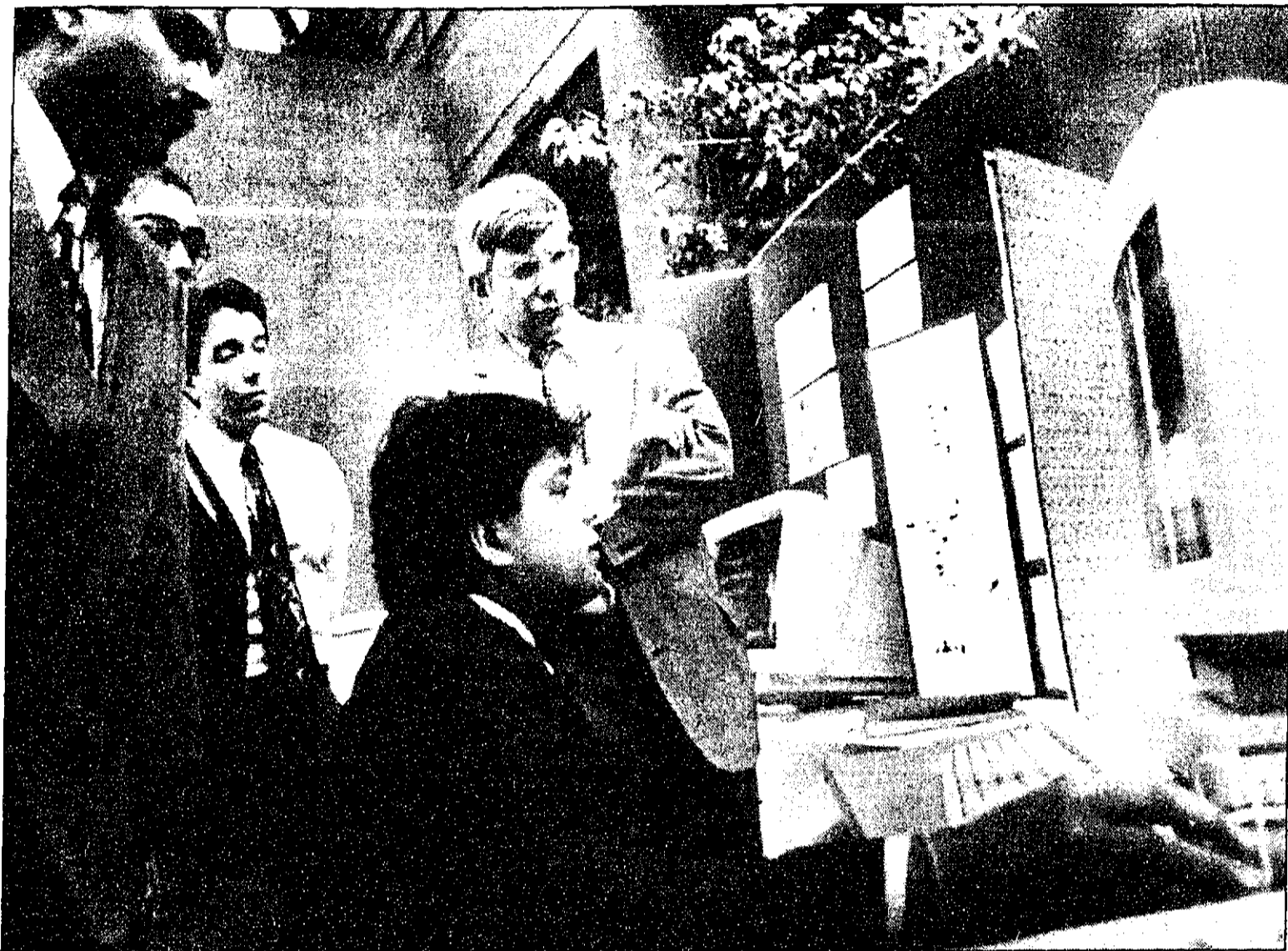


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The kiosk of the future

A demonstration of the proposed computer kiosk system at city hall. Sudhanshu Khandelwal, at the computer, along with John Abraham (left) and Professor Tapan Data, all from Wayne State, show city Public Information Director Lou Martin and

Jonathan Brateman Monday evening how to access various city documents on the system. If eventually purchased, computerized kiosks at city hall and other locations in the city would give residents access to computer files 24 hours a day.

New millage proposed for police, fire

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

If you own a \$200,000 house, you could be asked to hand over \$22 per month in taxes to beef up Nov's police and fire departments.

"I take my son and wife out to dinner at McDonald's and that comes to \$22," said John Chambers, one of the seven-member Police and Fire Protection Needs Committee.

The committee presented its findings Monday to the Novi City Council, urging that as soon as possible a request for a new 2.25 police and fire millage and a \$6.1 million police and fire bond proposal should be placed on the ballot. Another estimated 0.5 mills in taxes would be added for paying off the bond for building improvements, bringing the annual bill for the owner of that \$200,000 house up by \$275.

It's needed, Chambers and fellow committee member Kevin Crain told the council.

"We have two of the finest personnel managers in the entire world, our police chief and our fire chief. They do such a good job of managing people, we don't realize there's a problem," Crain said.

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Kevin Crain,
 Committee member

"The more overtime you have, the more it means there's a dearth of police officers."

The largest personnel increase is a proposal to hire 50 new police officers over the next 15 years to achieve a ratio of 1.6 officers per each 1,000 residents. Novi is expected to grow to at least 63,000 residents by that time.

Novi residents already pay a 1.5 mill tax, based on the findings of a 1987 police and fire committee.

Almost ten years ago, that committee's report recommended a ratio of 1.5 police officers to every 1,000 residents. This conclusion, strongly endorsed by the new group, slightly increased an average officer ratio offered by the FBI, because Novi is a regional

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The latest pet craze, hedgehogs

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

While America's not exactly going hog wild over hedgehogs, the little critters are becoming a popular pet.

At least, the mammal's not used as a soccer ball here.

"They're the \$100 hamster," said Chad Collins, manager of Petland in Twelve Oaks Mall.

"Ferrets are the rage. I get a dozen and sell them in two days. People who buy hedgehogs, it's a very slow step. They return a lot first to look at them."

The animal's most distinctive feature is the spines which cover most of its upper body. Actually hair filled with air chambers, the hedgehog will get its back up when frightened or angry, curling into a ball and making itself almost impossible to pick up.

"It's just kind of like petting a hairbrush. They're soft underneath," Collins said.

For a year now, The Living Science Foundation of Wixom has included an African Pygmy Hedgehog - one of ten varieties of



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Eight-week-old hedgehogs seem most interested in sleeping.

the animal - in their repertoire of mammals, which includes wallabies, chinchillas and genets, a member of the weasel family. Program Director Chris Tanner says he uses kitchen gloves to scoop up Sonic, the hedgehog, when it's in a standoffish mood.

"We put her down and she kind of motors along. She lets kids handle her, but if this bothers her, she rolls up into a ball. Once in a while, she'll squeak," Tanner said.

"I think they're nice, exotic, unusual animals, they're not the

common, every day pet. I rather have a hedgehog than a ferret."

Petland sells up to 35 African Pygmy Hedgehogs each month. They've been available as a domesticated exotic pet in the U.S. for as long as 20 years. Store staffers pick up the hedgehogs at Detroit Metro Airport; they're flown in from a breeder in the south.

While the six-week-old babies on sale there are about the size of a hamsters, a grownup will weigh two to three pounds and extend

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Locker room argument ends in shooting at Temperform

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

The suspect in the shooting of a Novi plastics company employee was expected to be arraigned yesterday afternoon at 52-1 District Court in Novi.

A 35-year-old Detroit man is accused of shooting a co-worker outside the Temperform Corp. on Trans-X Drive.

The victim, Vernon Brown, also of Detroit, was taken to Botsford Hospital where he underwent surgery and remained in stable condition Wednesday morning.

Det. David Molloy said the suspect and Brown began arguing in the locker room of the business just before leaving work at 2 p.m. The argument spilled over into the parking lot.

The suspect went to his truck, allegedly grabbed a .32 caliber weapon and walked up to Brown. He slapped him on the face asking, "What are ya gonna do now?"

Brown turned to walk away, but he was stopped in his tracks as the suspect allegedly reached into his right front coat pocket and fired one shot through the coat, striking Brown in the abdomen.

Fellow workers at the scene Tuesday afternoon said the man was being teased about his weight. He's a thin man, weighing in at about 150 pounds and standing 6 feet tall.

"He was a gentle guy," said an unidentified co-worker on the scene. "It didn't seem like he could hurt anybody."

Detroit Police and Wayne County Sheriff's officers captured the suspect after he drove to his Detroit apartment after the incident. Police observed him enter the apartment and then leave again in his truck. Officers stopped the man in a traffic stop, arresting him only 40 minutes after the shooting.

"Officer's (Michael) Corbett and (Brian) Luetke were the initial officers on the scene and did an excellent job of securing the scene," said Molloy. "It was excellent work on the part of the officers and the dispatchers and we owe a lot of thanks to the Detroit Police and Wayne County officers."

Molloy said police obtained a search warrant but were unable to locate the gun or the jacket in the man's apartment.

Temperform representatives had no comment.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Easter Bunny gets a high five

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted Novi's annual Easter Egg-streme Saturday at the Civic Center, and youngsters by the hundreds got a chance to hunt down eggs that

had been deposited there by the Easter Bunny. The event features the hunt, candy baskets for the youngsters and activities inside the Civic Center.

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Bikers want safe place to do aerobics

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

A Detroit motorcycle club which attempted to move to Northville Township in 1994 is now looking at a Wixom location a couple hundred feet from the Novi border and a few hundred feet from a daycare center.

The Wheels Private Trust Organization, formerly known as the Forbidden Wheels, wants to turn a former kennel establishment Char-Mur Kennels on Twelve Mile Road east of Wixom Road into a clubhouse for its 20 members and their families.

The club is selling its Detroit location and looking for a new place to call home. Calling it's Fenkell and Lahser location an unsafe neighborhood, the mem-

Community Calendar

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

Monday, April 15

Novi Schools
Classes resume today.

Cholesterol Screening
Total cholesterol screening by finger-stick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement Health Development Network, 33750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

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

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

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

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.

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 Lathif at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, April 16

Chamber Luncheon
The Novi Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon will be held at Vic's World Class Market (second floor banquet room), 42875

Grand River. Eric Aruffa, Chairman, Novi Beautification Commission will give a video presentation and short description of the Commission's goals. Cash bar is at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon and the program is at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. Advance reservations are required. Call 349-3743 for more information.

Garden Club
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

CHADD
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information call the hotline: 486-2876.

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

AAUW Meeting
The Northville Novi American Association of University Women Branch meets at 7:30 p.m. at Thornton Creek Elementary School. The topic is "Sexual Discrimination and/or Harassment in the Workplace" presented by Susan Tenere, a volunteer with Women Involved in Giving Support. For membership information call Jane Spence at 380-0562.

Wednesday, April 17

Planning Commission
The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International
The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International.

made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-11 Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, April 18

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

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

Parks and Recreation
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, April 19

Rummage Sale
The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., is having a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Rummage Sale
The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., is having a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Elvis Night
American Legion Post 224, 2652 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, presents Elvis Night starring Sherman Arnold. Dancing is at 8 p.m. and the show is at 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. There will be a cash bar. The public is invited. For more information call 624-9742.

Monday, April 22

City Council
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

'Gross!'

"It's yucky," says third grader Lauren Chomik (left) as she works with Laren Step and Ellen Storch making huge Easter Eggs out of balloons and paper mache at the Sun Fair at Thornton Creek Elementary school. At far right, No Man's Band member O'Brien Wroten lets Laren Felosak try her hand at the washboard, all part of last week's festivities.



Photos by RYAN MITCHELL



Ameritech hides cellular tower in plain sight atop water tower

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Sick of seeing the gray steel of cellular towers marring their skyline, Novi city officials have expressed their desire to not see any more of them.

Ameritech must have been listening because their next tower is nearly invisible.

The new 9-foot Ameritech Cellular tower will reside atop the 114-foot Twelve Oaks water tower, if Novi City Council members agree.

Bryan Monaghan, attorney for Ameritech, told the commission last week that another tower is needed to handle the increasing numbers of customers, more than 8,500, in the Novi area.

According to Monaghan, the cell site is perfect because it doesn't cause new intrusions into the land or the sky and can handle the calls from what he says is the busiest cell site from Flat Rock to Port Huron: the I-96 and Novi Road corridor.

"It's a creative solution to a number of problems," said Monaghan.

However, the company will have to go through the city council and Zoning Board of Appeals because the plan does not match zoning in that area.

When questioned by the commission as to how many more of these Ameritech towers to erect in Novi, Monaghan said according to his knowledge, "Ameritech doesn't expect to ask for any more towers."

That's probably good news for the city, since Novi, with six towers, has joined its neighbor cities in studying the effects of the cell towers.

These communities, such as Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield, are placing restrictions and moratoriums on cellular towers.

While Novi seems to be most concerned because it doesn't have any towers, other communities are studying health and environmental effects.

Farmington Hills, which has 13 towers to date, recently placed a moratorium on the towers in residential neighborhoods and is completing a cellular tower study. The Hills cellular committee study session last week found little current evidence that suggests health hazards but said the Federal Communications Commission is due to come out with national health standards for the towers later this year.

The committee, consisting of 10 members of which four work within the cellular industry, reported no actual health hazards, but attorney Rick Sandquist for Ameritech said the current evidence indicates no safety problems and raising questions about it only hurts property values.

"As a former real estate sales person, I found that the quickest way to lower property values was to bring in the fear of the unknown," he said.

West Bloomfield, which has a heavy amount of cellular traffic and only five towers, has not allowed the towers to be erected in the city for some time.

Laura Lorezo, chair of the Novi Planning Commission, said a committee is looking at zoning issues pertaining to towers and should report findings in the near future.

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Missing car an April Fools joke

A Detroit man called police in a panic March 29, claiming he left his car parked out in the Hudsons lot of Twelve Oaks Mall about 7:30 p.m. but it disappeared into thin air within an hour later.

Police said the man gave them license plate information which they ran through the computer, but it did not match his description of an '87 gray Acura. Police advised the man to call them back with the correct information at a later date but received no contact from him.

Police said an officer left several messages for him on March 30 and 31, but received a call finally several days later. The man said friends had taken the car that day to play a joke on him.

Police News

KICKED IN
Police are looking for suspects who broke into the trailer of a Novi family causing \$200 in damage and stealing a CD player, stereo and VCR.
The family's son came home from school April 4 to find his living room in disarray and the side door kicked in. The door was blocked by furniture and hauled. Also, the master bedroom door was kicked in, breaking the lock on the door, according to police.

The teen immediately went to the trailer park office to call police.
Police said they spoke to two neighbors who witnessed someone around the home but didn't think anything was wrong.

One woman saw a white male sitting on a bench next to the residence at about noon. She said he sat there for five minutes and left. She described him as about 18-years old with long blond hair and wearing a black cap and clothes.

Another woman observed a "Red" pull up in a gray car at about 1 p.m. and run to the side door, but by then her view was blocked by a pine tree.

Police continue to investigate.

BUMP IN THE WASH
A Novi woman just wanted a clean car but instead got a scratch when she hopped into the line at the S2 Car Wash on Novi Road April 7.

The woman told police she was going through the car wash when she noticed the cars were spaced very close to each other. As a result, she noticed a Dodge Stealth bumped the car in front of her, causing no damage to that car but leaving her's with a mark, police said.

JUST NAPPING
Apparently, a Novi woman couldn't handle all the fun and excitement of a night on the town April 7.

Police said officers responded to a midnight call about a woman

Novi Briefs

Resigned to his fate

Novi library employee Andrew Mutch is quitting his eight hours a week job. That's because he was appointed by the Novi City Council Monday to the library board.

On the board, Mutch will now be in the interesting position of overseeing the work done by his former local library bosses. He also works at the Northville Public Library.

His mother, Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch, had to abstain from voting on the library appointments.

Secretaries to be honored

The Northville and Novi Chambers of Commerce along with the Farmington/Farmington Hills and South Lyon chambers will host a After Hours Business Mixer, Wednesday, April 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The mixer will be held at Vie's Market in the Alceve Restaurant. Admission is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Secretaries attending the mixer will be honored for their hard work in accordance with Secretaries Appreciation Day. Vie's will honor them with carnations.

Legg reelected head of broadcasters

David Legg, Novi High School faculty advisor and station manager of WOVI radio has been reelected to the office of president of the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters. It is his third term as president.

The MAEB is a non-profit group dedicated to furthering educational broadcasting in the state. Membership is made of college and high school radio stations. There are 13 participating institutions. The MAEB was founded in 1978.

School architects honored

Fanning/Howey and Associates, architects for the new Novi Middle School, were honored last month by the Masonry Institute of Michigan for Excellence in Masonry Design for Dakota High School in Macomb. The Williamson-based firm was one of four firms chosen for the award by a panel of judges.

Christmas in April needs volunteers

The Christmas in April project is about to get underway in the City of Novi again, and volunteers are needed to do the work. A home of N. Haven, off West Road, has been selected for the fix up work, according to event coordinator Gerry Stipp. Volunteers will be needed for tasks such as raking, painting, house cleaning and carpentry. The work is set to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 27. Volunteers should bring their own tools. To join in, call Stipp at 442-2392 for a copy of the required sign-up form.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending April 7. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, APRIL 1
Stand by, Novi and Twelve Mile, 8:50 a.m., Response 5:10.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:23 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, Novi High School, noon, Engines 1 and 3.
Dumper fire, Meyers Town Center, 2:25 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:49 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 40601 Brenda, 5:45 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41813 North Hills, 11:55 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
Medical, Novi Village and West Road, 1:14 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Thirteen Mile and Decker, 12:49 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Hudsons Twelve Oaks, 2:24 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, 24130 Chippinuk Trail, 3:05 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 1289 East Lake, 11:11 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
Medical, 39639 Nestons, 12:48 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:28 a.m., Squad 2.
THURSDAY, APRIL 4
Medical, 26062 Clark, 1:52 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile, 4:59 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41128 Todd, 6:42 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 39750 Grand River, 7:20 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40750 Grand River, 8:34 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39808 Blakeston, 12:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 42400 Thirteen Mile Road, 3:57 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Medical, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 5:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 26085 Town Center, 9:33 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
Medical, 34735 North Hills, 8:04 a.m., Squad 3.
Tummy accident, 50367 Oregon, 8:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25270 Fountain Park, 5:09 p.m., Squad 1.
Brush fire, Twelve Mile-Meadowbrook, 5:41 p.m., Engine 1.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
Investigation, 48820 Thornbury, 7:39 a.m., Engine 1.
Trash fire, South Lake Drive, 3:36 p.m., Engine 2.
Stove fire, 41433 Fawn Trail, 6:30 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 23190 Inverness, 9:27 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
Fire alarm, 47250 Ten Mile, 12:16 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Medical, 25111 Sullivan, 5:13 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 6:38 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Medical, 29839 Warwick, 9:34 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 50924 Connecticut, 9:54 p.m., Squad 4.

Planners reject daycare expansion, say Montessori is being overbuilt

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer
Despite a number of letters from parents, the Novi Planning Commission voted Monday to reject an expansion of the Novi-Northville Montessori School, saying the 1.32-acre site is being overbuilt.

"We are disappointed," said Geetha Rao, owner of the school. "We've served the community for 18 years. We want to give the best educational opportunity for the community."
Commissioners Eda Weddington, Gwen Markham and Kim Thomas Capello voted to approve the measure last Wednesday night but their fellow commissioners would only agree the school could continue back to the commission at a future date.

"This use and this building is too big for this site," said commissioner Michelle Bononi. "Just about everything that could go wrong is going wrong."
The Montessori school wants to increase enrollment to 85 students and thus needs to expand the size of its 10-year-old building, located on Novi Road just south of Ten Mile. The addition would add 1,500 square feet in various places around the existing 3,657-square-foot building. Also, Montessori would add a sidewalk.

While city consultants recommended approval for the plan, commissioners still found problems with non-compliance great enough to merit a "no go."
One of the sticking points with the commission was the old parking lot system and drop-off in front of the building. Old ordinances did not require parking lots and drop-offs to be separated. Now that the site is being altered, commissioners would like to see that changed to be in accordance with current standards.
In fact, the school would have to go to Zoning Board of Appeals to request a variance for continuation of the drop-off section.

But the board received a series of a dozen letters from parents who encouraged the commission to approve the plans and let the drop-off space stay.
"The current procedure for dropping off and picking up of children works out quite well and it is much safer for the children when they do not have to walk in a parking lot with a lot of traffic," wrote Ellen Hulverson of Novi.
Other parents wrote to the commission touting the convenience of the drop-off system and it's ability to move traffic and children along in an orderly manner.

The commission found other problems behind the parking lot. Members found fault with the encroachment into and use of the wetland buffer behind the school for use as an outside "play space." That space would have to be increased even more with the additional children.
"The wetlands setback is intended to provide further protection from the wetland itself," said Bononi. "It shouldn't be used for the playground."
Bononi and some other commissioners also took issue with drainage problems on the site. Two paved lots within a floodplain and drainage is seeping over to the neighbors' residence.
"We're condoning deficiencies right and left on this," said Bononi.
Consultant David Bluhm said the changes to the building and landscape could be used to improve the drainage issue.
Rao said she and her husband haven't decided what course of action they will take. They are still getting over the surprise, they said.
But Rao said they are staying put. "We'll never move. Our school will always be there."

Experts say dewatering not the result of construction

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer
The water level may be going down along Garfield Road, but it wasn't because a nearby developer pumped it out to build a sewer line.

Even before the dewatering began in October, the pond levels there were dropping due to Michigan's weather cycles. That's the conclusion of a consultant firm, hired by developers Singh Associates, and the city's own engineers reached in a report released last week.
"The dewatering operation which is approximately 5,000 feet away from the ponds has not had a significant impact on these ponds. It's seasonal due to natural conditions like evaporation, snow melt and precipitation," said Dave Nona, vice president of the Farmington Hills-based NTH Consultants.
However, overall development in an area can reduce the groundwater level, Nona added. "Anytime we have development in an area and start putting in water and sewer lines, they lower the static groundwater level, so it impacts ponds."
But the findings didn't altogether convince residents, who say the pond levels went down as much as eight feet.
"An eight-foot drop seems to be evaporating a lot of precipitation," said Bill Suer.

And one Nine Mile Road homeowner, Chuck Young, says he's spent \$4,000 since March on his well's geothermal pump. He's got a letter from the repair firm he contacted which attributes the problems to the dewatering.
Several homeowners asked the City Council to draft a dewatering ordinance. The issue was sent Monday to the city's ordinance review committee.
In addition, following the advice of NTH Consultants, the city will have monitoring wells in the area and the ponds checked biweekly to further evaluate the falling water levels.
The water is coming back, slowly, said Garfield Road resident George Zeros, who was skeptical about the report. The level in the largest pond behind his home has been estimated to have dropped as much as six to eight feet.
"Usually, I've seen more and more talking with residents, they've never seen it this low. The graphs didn't show that," Zeros said.
Novi's consulting engineers, JCK Associates confirmed the findings of NTH. JCK also had 11 wells tested in the area, which is near

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Hearing set on small golf course

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Golfers could tee off on a city course. Room for a short 18- or nine-hole golf course could be found in the Novi Tree Farm city park. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Robert Phettler said Monday.

"The commission decided that an 18-hole championship course did not fit very well in the site. Two to three holes would be over a wetland with a walking bridge," Phettler explained.

The commission in late March asked a consultant to refine two plans including a golf course on the 612-acre site, as well as two golf-tee designs.

Phettler said the commission wants the property to benefit all residents and a smaller, non-championship golf course would be widely used by youth and seniors.

With the course, room would still exist for hiking trails, Phettler said.

Without the course, more emphasis would be placed on what is called passive recreation, or nature-oriented use of the land.

The property up by Twelve-And-A-Half Mile Road is near Walled Lake.

A May 9 public hearing to discuss the four plans has been scheduled for the parks and recreation commission.

Library Notes

Book Talk

The Novi Library adult book discussion group will meet on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. The topic for discussion will be *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë. Have the book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group. Please call the library at (810) 349-0720 for further information.

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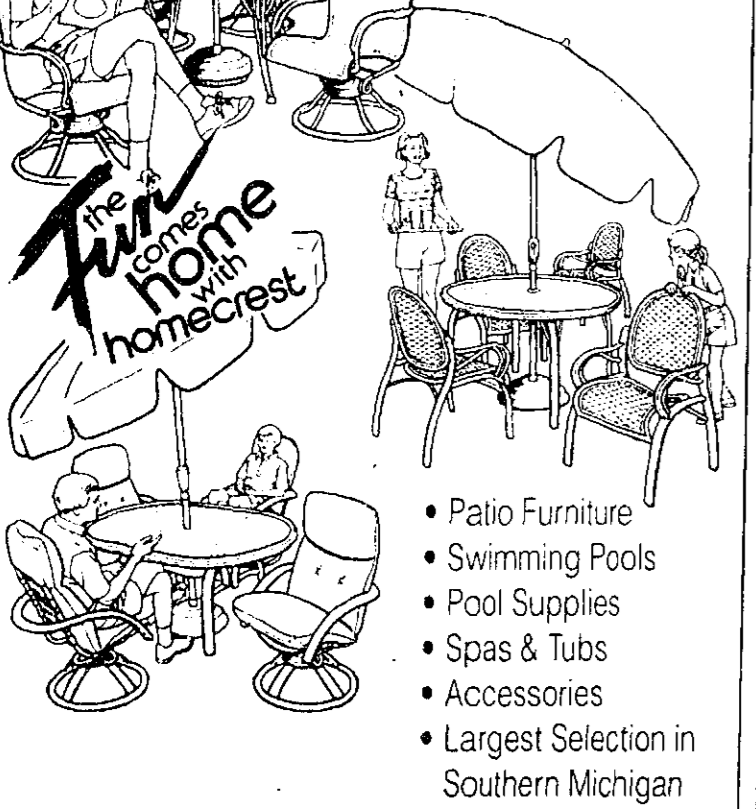
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Water main in danger of breaking

Over 200 feet of the 36-inch water transmission main which brings city water down to Novi is sagging unsupported over a peat bog, endangering the entire service and delaying the widening of Novi Road.

"It is very critical. We really don't want that to bust," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

"The engineers are concerned over the stability of the main. Most of the rocks had vanished into the peat. There's a concern over building over the main."

While Novi is already under an area wide water moratorium imposed by the state health department, due to this new situation, restrictions on lawn sprinkling and the issuing of new water taps will be in place here. Department of Public Service Director Anthony Nowicki said.

In 1976, when the main under Novi Road at Twelve-And-A-Half Mile roads was installed, a field decision was made to place boulders in the soft area and continue with the line, Kriewall explained. But today, those boulders have been absorbed by the ground. This was discovered in fall 1995 as the city began the Novi Road widening.

Plans are to possibly build an estimated \$1.3 million, 24 inch diversionary main along Twelve-And-A-Half Mile Road, running to Dixon and down to Novi Road via Twelve Mile. Construction bids are expected back in June for the summer project.

When this is complete, water will be shut off at the damaged Novi Road main to permit repairs.

Water comes to Novi from Franklin, traveling down Fourteen Mile Road and down Decker Road.

Nowicki said the second main was planned already to be built at a future date, but will now be in service when the sagging main is shut off for repairs in September and October. Sufficient fill will have to be trucked in to shore up the bog.

A parallel main isn't practical, because of the peat, Nowicki explained.

"When you're dealing with peat, we could potentially put the water system of the community in jeopardy," he said.

"We have 200 to 300 feet of pipe that is not supported by anything."

Novi worked with the Michigan Department of Public Health and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department in planning the solution. Some of the bill is being picked up by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Playscape planned as Pope memorial

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Her wish didn't fall on deaf ears. Since then, the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission has climbed all over the idea.

"We'd like it to kick off and get started," Parks and Recreation Commissioner Robert Phettler told the Novi City Council on Monday.

"We've talked to Sara. She's well aware of what we'd like to do. We've talked to area playscape people."

Pope, the father of two preschoolers, enjoyed taking the kids to a playscape in Farmington Hills.

A similar amazingly fun place for Novi small fry is expected to be proposed to the city council during its upcoming budget session with the parks and recreation department. The commission is also ready to set up a committee to make it all happen.



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Planners debate value of recommendations

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Who's running this show anyway? That's what some Novi Planning Commissioners want to know.

Feeling their influence is being usurped by the city planning consultants, some commissioners are looking at how to best utilize the consultants but keep the power in their hands.

"The rub is the consultants ask us to approve a project," said member Michelle Bononi.

At issue is whether or not city consultants Brandon M. Boyers & Associates and JCK & Associates should recommend or not recommend approval for developers' projects.

Commissioner Glen Bonaventura said he has no problem with consultants making recommendations, but "I don't trust the consultants. I respect their opinions."

"The decisions are made here, not by those people," he said pointing to consultants.

City consultants, who the commission planned to spend \$108,000 for services for the year, review the site plans for new developments and check for accordance with ordinances, zoning, regulations, engineering feasibility and present the results to the commission.

Currently, recommendations to approve or not approve the plans are included in the reports.

But perhaps not for long. A recommendation by the Administrative Liaison Committee says the format for consultants' letters should be changed and the "recommendations" removed.

Planning Chair Laura Lorenzo introduced the issue at the April 3 Planning Commission meeting saying she has found the present form of the consultants' giving their recommendations gives the applicant and/or the public a preconceived notion of how the project will be decided.

Applicants rely too much on consultants' recommendations and not enough on the planning commissions' opinions, Lorenzo explained.

But some commissioners said that's not their problem.

"I see the consultants as advising these people," said Jacques Hodges. "I don't know how we can be so concerned with their interpretations."

"Sometimes we take recommendations and sometimes we don't," she added.

For now the issue will be discussed at a joint planning commission and city council meeting tentatively scheduled for May, but city planners and consultants have made it clear it is part of their job to give their recommendations.

It gives the agenda a clear and concise direction, holds consultants accountable and is standard operating procedure in the industry, the consultants said in letters to the planning department.

Commissioner Dr. Arthur Vretas agreed.

"That's the responsibility of the consultants, in which I have implicit trust," said Vretas. "They know their specific area but don't come to us with global recommendations."

"I like the fact they're putting themselves on the line" by giving a recommendation, he said.

Besides, said Jim Wahl, city planning director, it's been done that way for 11 years. "If there's not a problem why should we change anything?" he asked.

But member Michelle Bononi said there's always room for improvement. "What kind of product are we offering our consumer?" she asked.

When consultants offer a recommendation that means they have come to a conclusion, she said. The consultants should stick to informing the commission if the applicants have met the requirements and followed the ordinances.

Bononi also had a few more words of wisdom for the commission.

The commission has a reluctance to deny projects, she said allowing the applicants to take too many trips to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Also, the commission agrees too frequently with the consultants, she contended.

"It's not unhealthy to have an honest difference of opinion," she said, adding consultants should provide more contribution in form of alternatives and suggestions.

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Making city look better, one flower bed at a time

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Flower bed by flower bed, Novi can look better and better. Pam Superlisky predicts. "If you start small and plant a little bed, every year it can get more beautiful," she said.

A member of the Beautification Commission, she and her cohorts were planting Tuesday ways to raise money for trees, flowers and shrubs to glorify what will be the Beautiful Hall Mile, that stretch of Ten Mile Road which runs from Novi Road to Tall Road.

They've made a good start. Chris Cagle, owner of Glenda's Market, has designed three flower beds for the front of the Novi Civic Center, all incorporating the city's new official flowers. More than that, Glenda's is donating the two city Red Maples and the plantings for the central bed, which will spill out onto Novi in flowers. It will also feature a profile of the city bird, the cardinal, also captured in flowers.

For the commission, the next step will be convincing local businesses and civic groups to donate money for the Civic Center plants. The two flower beds under the commission's care, which will encircle the Civic Center's signs, are estimated to cost a total of \$1,000 to \$1,400.

Commission Chair Ernest Anelli estimated they have a month to raise the money before the planting must begin. They're aiming to have everything sprouting by Mayor's Exchange Day, May 22.

"It's going to be a big thing. We can't think big," Anelli said.

Cagle said the Civic Center flower beds are designed for instant beautification, so it looks good now.

The library, police department, Novi High School and the city's Historical Commission have already agreed to plant flower beds in front of their Ten Mile Road buildings.

While the Ten Mile Road stretch is the first target, the next step is the whole city.

The commission is encouraging both businesses and residents to incorporate the Wax Begonia, the Meyer Laborer, the Day Lily and the Red Maple, recently adopted official Novi flora, in their plantings.

Local nurseries Glenda's Market, Brickscap, Dimser's, Anglin, Vidosh and the Wixom-based Brainer's have already agreed to offer discounts on these plants to local residents and businesses. All you have to do is show a driver's license as proof of residence or a business card as proof of a business's local address.

If you'd like to contribute money, write out a check to the City of Novi, noting the books are for The Beautiful One-Half Mile. Checks can be mailed to the city's Public Information Director Lou Martin, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, 48375.

McLallen charges won't be reinstated

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It looks as if James Peter Irwin McLallen III, husband of Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen, can relax.

The motion to reinstate the charges of assault and battery against him were denied the end of last month.

However, John Slevin of the Oakland County prosecutor's office said he is still looking at the case to see if there is further action to be taken.

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Mail Boxes Inc. set to celebrate Earth Day

The less trash we produce, the more we help clean the environment. The 26th celebration of Earth Day is Monday, April 22, and it is a good time for local homeowners to start recycling.

Mail Boxes Etc. participates in an ongoing conservation program such as the plastic loose-fill recycling program, the Canon Cartridge recycling program, and other programs that help to save the Earth. Most of the company's 2,500 outlets across the U.S. participate in the program.

"Instead of throwing away those packing peanuts and used printer cartridges, recycle them," said Les

Bear, owner of the Novi Mail Boxes Etc. "Bring them to us, and together we can make a small contribution to a cleaner planet."

Recycling Canon cartridges helps the environment in two ways. Bear pointed out. It keeps the environment clean because the cartridges are not tossed into the trash, and it conserves precious industrial resources by using portions of the returned cartridges to create cartridges for resale.

In cooperation with the Plastic Loose-Fill Producer's Council, Mail Boxes Etc. serves as a collection center for the recycling of foam loose-fill peanuts. To participate in

the program, call the Loose-Fill Collection Center Program's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-828-2214, for a referral.

According to Bear, the Loose-Fill Collection Center program is a joint effort sponsored by the manufacturers of plastic loose-fill and Mail Boxes Etc. The program's goal is to generate enthusiasm for the recycling of plastic foam peanuts and provide an alternative method for discarding loose-fill.

Bear said that plastic loose-fill is one of the most cost-efficient packaging materials available. "The packing material provides better protection for fragile items,

is lightweight, easy to handle and keeps shipping costs to a minimum."

Since its inception, the toll-free telephone line has received thousands of calls each week and close to 50,000 individuals have visited a Mail Boxes Etc. center to recycle their peanuts, Mail Boxes Etc. centers reuse the packaging material, with any surplus loose-fill picked up by a loose-fill converter or manufacturer for reuse in the proper packing of packages.

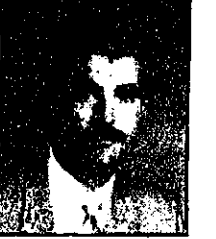


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Coalitions form as election season begins for OCC

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

New coalitions are developing in the politics surrounding Oakland Community College as the election season opens.

Nine candidates filed Monday for two posts on the seven-member, non-partisan board of trustees in the June 10 election. By Tuesday they were scattering to work or spring break vacations, leaving many political questions unanswered for the time being.

Among them:

- Will Republican and Democrat leaders be able to put together a bipartisan coalition behind pub-lisher Jeanne Towar and retired OCC professor John A. Wanger?

They are trying, said George Mosher, a Southfield lawyer who chaired the OCC board when the two-year college was founded three decades ago. Mosher, who fought the current board majority unsuccessfully to keep ex-Chancellor Pat Calkins in place, said two key figures have endorsed the Towar-Wanger ticket.

One is Republican L. Brooks Patterson, the county executive and gubernatorial hopeful. Patterson worked with Dr. Calkins on economic development, aided Calkins in OCC's first successful bid for new property tax money, and rose to support her when the movement to oust her surfaced last September. Patterson himself has higher education experience as a member of the Oakland University board. He was on vacation this week.

The other is Democrat Donald Tucker, of the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Howard and Howard. Tucker has been a county party chair, he was a Democratic nominee for the University of Michigan board; he and his firm have been big contributors to the OCC Foundation; and he advised the OCC board minority on its parliamentary tactics as it sought to preserve Calkins' job. Eventually the board majority fired Howard and Howard as its counsel. Tucker was out of his office Tuesday morning.

Towar is publisher of Detroit

Monthly magazine and a vice president of Cram's Detroit Custom Publishing Division. A veteran of newspaper management, she started as an officer of the Newspaper Guild, a union. She is active in the OCC Foundation. Her campaign pledge: to keep the "recent news from happening again."

Wanger, of Bingham Farms, taught psychology and philosophy at OCC from 1968 until his retirement in 1992. He has a long list of civic and educational activities in his resume. Wanger still boasts "all kinds of energy."

• What kind of defense will incumbent trustee Sandra Ritter put up?

Ritter, an 18-year veteran of the

OCC board and longtime veteran of Waterford Democratic politics, was the moving force behind Calkins' ouster. Weathering enormous pro-Calkins pressure from audiences, Ritter showed out Tucker's law firm, engineered the ouster of board chair Janice Simmons, and won 5-2 approval for the dismissal of Calkins.

Ritter, too, could not be reached Tuesday for answers to how she will campaign for a fourth term. With current board chair Douglas Wakefield retiring, will Ritter have a running mate from among the other candidates? Will she be able to pull together support from the MEA?

• Where do the other candidates fit into the campaign?

Best known is James A. Doyon, highly visible in his seven terms (1971-84) as an Oakland County commissioner.

Jan A. Mack, a former OCC student from Waterford, made an earlier bid for the OCC board.

Thomas A. Sullivan, a dentist who lives in Oakland Township, was first to file.

Lawrence D. Kohl, of Farmington Hills, is an attorney in a Royal Oak law firm and is among many bearers of the Kohl name practicing law.

Rounding out the field are Ellen Ferguson of Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak attorney Marguerite Fitzsimmons Walker II.

Obituaries

VELMA ROUHAN
Velma Rouhan of Novi, age 84, died April 3, 1996, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She retired from National Bank of Detroit in 1973, belonged to the Novi senior citizens group for many years, and was a member of Holy Family Church in Novi. She was mother of eight and step-mother of four: Mary Kay (the late Jim) Herman, Frank (the late Margaret) Rogers, Berna (the late Nat) Rouhan, Alice and Ron Livingston, Jim and Janet Rouhan, Jayne and Mike Breckenridge, Mike and Bridget Rouhan, and Janet and Dennis Stendler; also survived by her 39 grandchildren and 81 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Francis. Service was held Tuesday, April 9 at Holy Family Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. The family suggests that contributions be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

FLORENCE E. LEZOTTE
Florence E. Lezotte, age 88, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Farmington, died April 1, 1996, at Hamilton House Nursing Home in Farmington Hills. She was born Feb. 6, 1908, in Bay City. Mrs. Lezotte, a homemaker, enjoyed golf and was an avid bowler. At age 79, she bowled a high game of 267. Surviving Mrs. Lezotte are: sons, Bill (Sally) of Redford, Jack (Margie) of Texas, and Bernice (Linda) of Uica; daughters, Elaine Fernandez, Pat (Ron) Lukaszewicz, Mary (Daniel) Sieman, Jean (Tom) Donaghy, Janet (Wayne) Chinger, Jill (Dominic) Mercurio, Dorothy (Ted) Griffore, and Kay Walters; sisters, Bernice Hull and Lillian Wagner; 54 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren. The grand-children and great grandchildren reside in Garden City, Livonia, and

LAURA NADMI FREEMAN
Laura Naomi Freeman, age 74, of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills, died April 6, 1996, at Botsford Convalescent Care Center. She was born May 6, 1921, in Culer, Ill. In previous years, she worked as a secretary. Surviving Miss Freeman are sisters, Ruth (Floyd) Monteith, Darlene (Edgar) Fox, and Mela (William) Albert; niece and nephew, Kathy and Robert; great nieces and nephew, Meghan, Cynthia, Mallory and Christopher. Service was held on Wednesday, April 10 at O'Brien Chapel/Tod C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

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Sugarloaf Fest comes to Expo

Three hundred artisans from 41 states and Canada return to the Novi Expo Center April 19-21 as part of the Sugarloaf Art Fair. Thousands of items, from fine art to home furnishings, will be on display, directly by the artists who created it, and available for sale. "For over 20 years, Sugarloaf has brought together the national artists and local community," explained Sugarloaf president Deann Verdier. "Though we're only two years old at Novi, the Sugarloaf Art Fairs have been established elsewhere for 20 years. During that time, we've seen how relationships and trusts have developed between artisans and patrons."

At every Sugarloaf Art Fair hundreds of artisans display thousands of hand-crafted, original items. Here, customers not only purchase, they also learn from an artisan: how something was made... they quality built into it... the sense of time and care the artisan has given to that work.

From the wildlife photography of Milford photographer Carl Sams to 14 carat gold jewelry, to functional pottery, to wood kitchen accessories, the fair attracts a wide array of artisans. Sugarloaf also features fine artists. Patrons can expect to see exquisite works in watercolor, oils, pen and ink, sculpture, and more.

Every Sugarloaf Art Fair features live artist demonstrations, a variety of adult and children to learn firsthand the skills involved in a particular art form.

The upcoming show at the Expo Center will feature demonstrations in iron forging, pottery, paper making, carousel horse carving, and woodturning. Also featured will be the jazz music of Brazilian guitarist Ney Melo.

"When people talk with the artists, they are meeting with an individual business owner — an entrepreneur," Verdier explained, "and at every Sugarloaf Art Fair, we put the spotlight on them, their work, their artistry. Each work represents a piece of that artisan, and to watch transactions from that perspective is especially gratifying. They take their art form seriously, and the quality shows in the beauty and durability of the works presented."

The fair is an annual event, and artisans must participate in a jury review process each year. Only one in five applicants make the cut.

The fair is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily adult admission is \$6. Children under 12 are free. Parking is also provided free, courtesy of Sugarloaf.

Ming takes magic to Detroit library

Take a magical trip to the exotic Far East when Ming the Magnificent and Company perform magic at the Detroit Public Library's Friends Auditorium on Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Ming the Magnificent's "Mysteries of the Orient" magic show is designed to entertain and amaze audiences of all ages.

Ming, a resident of Northville, was featured recently in *Detroit Monthly* magazine. He and his wife Barbara have been performing magic in the Detroit area for a number of years.

This year marks their 14th consecutive appearance at the Detroit Public Library's Children's Easter Festival, Assisting them will be Harwyn Lim of Westland.

Detroit Public Library is located at 5201 Woodward Ave. For more information, contact the Children's Library at (313) 833-1490.

Novi/Ten stations slated for overhaul

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

It could get a little congested along Novi Road and Ten Mile this summer.

The dust will be flying and the orange cranes rumbling, but the result will be two shiny new and modern gas stations at a corner that's needed a new look for many years.

Both Total Petroleum and Speedway gas stations requested preliminary approval from the Novi Planning Commission last week and they got it.

Both hope to begin construction this summer which could cause confusion if the Metro Cell Security Store on the northwest corner is also finishing up driveway construction.

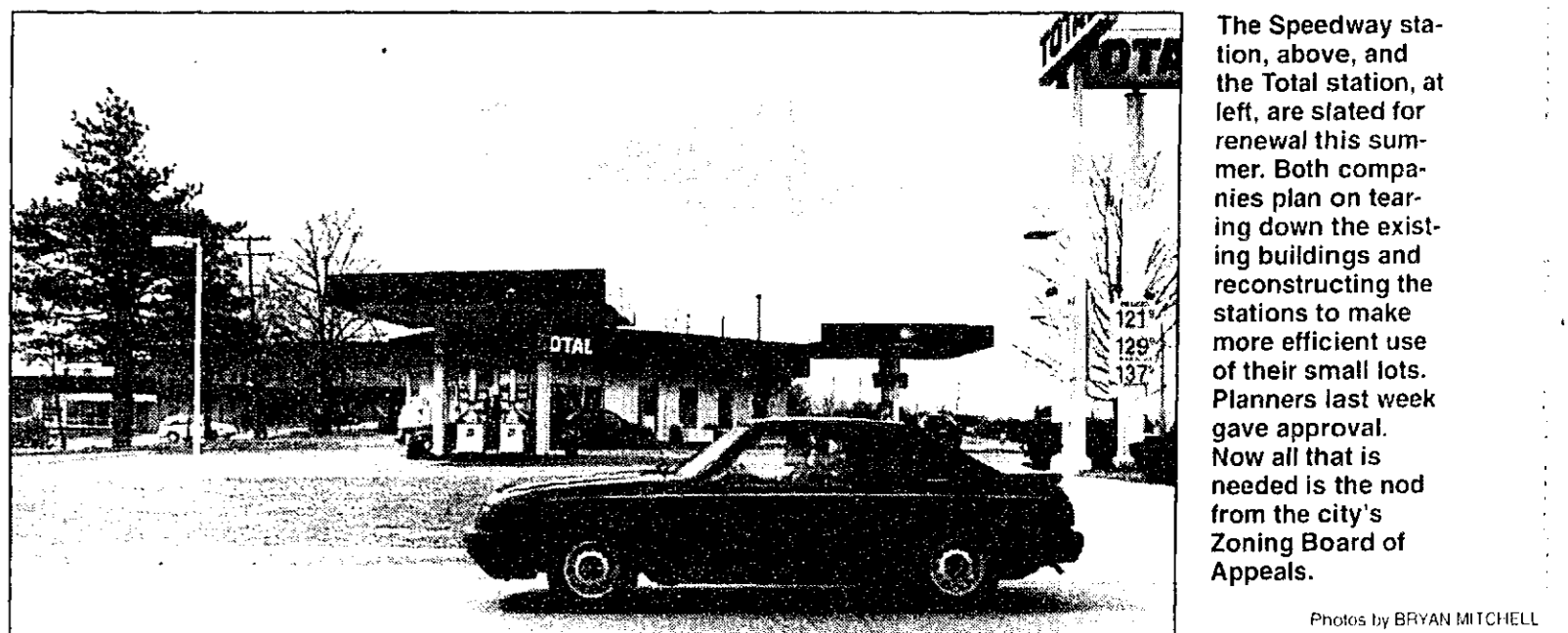
Speedway intends to raze and rebuild the current station, replacing it with a 2,310-square-foot convenience store, office and 12 pumps on the 0.7-acre site. In addition, plans include adding sidewalks and reducing the number of driveways to two and prohibiting left hand turns into the station from Ten Mile Road.

Conceptual plans for the new structure reflect building facades to be all brick with a gable shingled roof.

The plans have the commission happy except for the company's request to take down its high pole sign and replace it with a ground monument sign on the corner.

People know it's a gas station, said Brandon Rogers, city planning consultant. "So there's no need for the high sign. He called it a 'singular sea thumb.'"

"For public relations I would make the sign smaller or you'll come out looking better than you,"



The Speedway station, above, and the Total station, at left, are slated for renewal this summer. Both companies plan on tearing down the existing buildings and reconstructing the stations to make more efficient use of their small lots. Planners last week gave approval. Now all that is needed is the nod from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 96-015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monogram Homes, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer on Lot 103, Addington Park Subdivision, 45579 Addington Lane, for use during construction, for a period of not longer than six 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, April 17, 1996 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 17, 1996.

(4-11-96 NR, NN)

NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION 15TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT (to fill vacancy) TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOVI ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 1996

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan who is not already registered, may register for the Special Primary Election to be held on May 13, 1996 in said city.

The City Clerk will be at the Clerk's Office on each working day during regular working hours until and including Monday, April 15, 1996, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors of the City of Novi not already registered.

On April 15, 1996 which is the last day for receiving registrations for said Special Primary Election to be held on Monday, May 13, 1996, the Clerk will be at her office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

Any handicapped or ill person who is physically unable to register in person at the City Clerk's Office or at a Secretary of State Office may call the City Clerk's Office at (810) 347-0456 during regular business hours and make arrangements to register.

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(4-11-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

The City of Novi is seeking proposals for computer hardware, software and training required to implement a Geographic Information System.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at the City of Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers. The pre-bid conference is not mandatory, but it is recommended that all firms that plan to submit a proposal attend.

Proposals will be accepted no later than 2:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, May 8, 1996 at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Proposals should be addressed to Carol J. Kalinovic, Purchasing Director and must be clearly marked, "GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM RFP".

CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET SWEEPING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for STREET SWEEPING according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1996, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "STREET SWEEPING" 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 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.

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NOTICE OF AIR POLLUTION PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period until May 13, 1996 on a proposed "Stipulation for Entry of Final Order by Consent" under consideration to be entered with COPELAND STONE YARD. The proposed consent order will provide for the reduction of nuisance fugitive dust emissions from the concrete crushing operation and roadways in Novi, Michigan.

Copies of the proposed consent order and the staff activity report are available for inspection at the following locations or copies may be obtained by writing or calling the Department's office in Lansing at the address and telephone number listed below:

SOUTHFIELD: Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield Road
LIVONIA: Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 38980 Seven Mile Road, (Phone: 313-953-0489)
LANSING: Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Hollister Building, 106 W. Allegan, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, 48909 (Phone: 517-335-4875)

All persons are encouraged to present their views on the proposed consent order. Persons wishing to comment are requested to submit written statements by May 13, 1996, to the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Enforcement Unit, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909. If requested in writing by May 13, 1996, a public hearing will be scheduled.

(4-11-96 NR, NN)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — WEED CUTTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Novi, Michigan, as owner, until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, April 24, 1996 in the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time.

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Envelopes must be plainly marked, "WEED CUTTING" must bear the name of the bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) 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.

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LOCATION MAP

PROJECT LOCATION

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
EDA A. WEDDINGTON, SECRETARY
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(4-11-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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CITY OF NOVI
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Motorcycle club hopes to relocate in City of Wixom

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 improvements and additional parking space.
 The property and the daycare center is separated by about 300 feet of land owned by Detroit Edison.
 This isn't the first time the club has found a city unwilling to embrace them.
 In March 1994, when the club attempted to use property it owned on Northville Road between Five and Six Mile roads, neighbors and Northville Township officials became queasy.
 Concerns about parties and the not-so-angelic past of the club combined with stereotypes of motorcycle gangs, neighbors wrote anonymous letters to the club threatening to burn them out.
 They even sent newspaper clippings from Detroit News and Fire Press issues dated from 1969 to 1983 reporting of gang activity and involvement in a 1983 murder investigation, which the club claimed were misleading and incorrect.
 The controversy forced the club pulled out of the location a month later, saying it would look westward toward Ann Arbor.
 In the plan for the Wixom location, the club changed its name to the Wheels Private Trust, but when Wixom officials discovered its past, they weren't too happy about the non-disclosure.
 Novl has had a biker encounter before. Back in the 1970s and through the late 1980s the city was home to a chapter of the Joker's Motorcycle Gang.
 The Joker's had a clubhouse on Eight Mile near Garfield Road.
 "We used to have big problems out there," said Novl police Lt. David Butler, "shootings and parties."
 The clubhouse has since burned down.
 The Twelve Mile Road property is zoned for business use which includes use by fraternal organizations. The plans for the property include building renovations for the three structures on the property, landscaping

Not all motorcycle gangs are tough

Look beyond the black leather pants, the Harley jacket, the chaps and boots and you'll find that biker could be a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher, a nurse — even a cop.
 "We scare people," said Dave Butler, Novl Police Department's Lt. David Butler when in his daytime uniform. "That's the one thing I don't like. Harley still has that image."
 Butler is a member of the Ann Arbor HOG's (Harley Owners' Group), one of many biker clubs that have been around since the invention of the motorcycle. Through the years they've gained a reputation for being loud, beer drinking bad boys. But in reality, most clubs are just your average Joe's getting together to ride for enjoyment.
 It does take a little getting used to, though.
 "I just wanted someone to ride with," said Butler. "The first time I went they scared the heck out of me. Here I was in a polo shirt and the women had on fringe boots."
 Now he too wears the black leather jacket and riding boots.
 There are two types of biker groups, explained Butler. There are American Motorcycle Association sanctioned clubs organized and run through bike dealers. Then, there are the "outlaw" groups that function on their own. Many of these outlaw groups are responsible for the biker stereotype.
 But most bikers and most clubs focus on raising money for charity and going on various bike trips. Butler said his club meets Wednesdays to go out to dinner, holds Poker Rides and Road Rallies to raise money for charity and meets once a month.
 "It's people with a common interest," said Butler. "Kind of like a softball league."

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What the police/fire millages will buy for Novi residents

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer
 The Novi City Council agrees to put the proposed police and fire millage and bond issues before voters, here's what you'd get for your money.
 The plan covers Novi's public safety program from 1996 to the year 2010.
 Additional expenses, such as uniforms for new police officers, training and police cars should come out of the city's general fund, the Police and Fire Protection Needs Committee advised.
MILLAGE PROPOSAL
 Voters could be asked to OK 2.25 mills to enhance police and fire services. For an owner of a \$200,000 home, the millage hike would mean an additional \$225 in property taxes.
POLICE DEPARTMENT
 That amount would allow the city to hire 50 police employees. This would include the cost of achieving a ratio of 1.6 police officers per each 1,000 residents.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
 The committee has these staffing changes in mind, including the hiring of 23 fire department employees.
 It would also expand to Saturdays and Sundays the hours of full-time fire protection officers, who are now on the job Mondays through Fridays. This is seen as a way to improve average response times on weekends and keep the fire stations open during the day.
 Paid-on-call firefighters will continue to participate in sleep-in program.
BONDING PROPOSAL
 Voters would be asked to approve the sale of \$6.1 million of Novi municipal bonds. This would amount to approximately a 0.5 mill for property owners, in other words, \$50 per year for the owner of a \$200,000 home.
STATION MODIFICATIONS
 • Room for additional officers, including more space for female personnel.
 • More training space.
 • Greater prisoner capacity.
 • Repairs to extend the life of the deteriorating building, which has damage from water seepage.
 • Bringing the facility up to the standards required by the federal protection officers on Mondays through Fridays. That was implemented.
 Now, the committee recommends that the full-timers also be put on a Saturday and Sunday shift, to increase coverage and keep the stations always open during the day.
 Crain, who said he was taking on the role of "bad cop," explained that on weekends, the police on duty are often out on the road, leaving only dispatchers at the station. Typically, the station is locked and anyone who needs to gain access must phone in their request. The dispatchers are also left with the task of guarding prisoners via camera.
 "If one car pulls over someone and calls a second car for backup, there's nobody at the station," Crain said.
 Wednesday, the issue was expected to be hashed out further at a city council budget meeting.
 The report was dedicated to the memory of committee member Andrew Dempsey, a retired Detroit Fire Department deputy chief, who died in October 1995.

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Committee proposes new tax for police and fire departments

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 Today, that figure has dropped down to 1.19 officers.
 Yet, from 1994 to 1995, the number of runs dispatched by the Novi Police Department increased 5.3 percent. And since the building of the new 52.1 District Court in Novi, the number of prisoners the Novi department has housed has increased by 80 percent to 2,251 individuals.
 Also suggested in 1987 was that the paid-on-call fire department be supplemented with full-time fire

Hedgehogs are latest pet craze

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 about six inches from its nose to backside.
 Males and females are easy to tell apart, but we're not going to detail it here.
 In the wild, hedgehogs hibernate for three months. When they're in this state, kids in Africa use them for soccer balls, a practice not recommended here. You can avoid having your pet konk out for twelve weeks by keeping it in a temperature between 65 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. It's cold weather that puts them into the deep sleep.
 Of course, even if it's not hibernating, a hedgehog needs a lot of down time.
 "Basically, they're nocturnal. They don't need a whole lot of socialization. They're affectionate. They like to come up close and cuddle," Collins said.
 "They've come a long way from being soccer balls."
 Unlike hamsters, hedgehogs aren't hung up on running in wheels. But they are friendly, once they've used their sensitive little nose to check out the inquisitive human. When they've become accustomed to your scent, you've got a friend. A friend for as long as ten years, the typical lifespan for the animal. A low-maintenance buddy, too. They eat cat food or ferret food, which can be kept in the cage in small pan. Hedgehogs can be housebroken. A small container of kitty litter in the corner of their cage takes care of necessary hedgehog needs.
 The little animal has a lovable quality that quickly wins over the hesitant customer.
 "All it takes is two moments of it sniffing them, then it jumps up on their arm and they say, 'ah, I've gotta have this,'" Collins said.
 He knows of a pair of hedgehog enthusiasts who had figures of a he-hog and she-hog on their wedding cake.
 Some humans will even try to teach their hedgehog companions a trick or two.
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Gun collection is target of theft

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer
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 The man returned home from work at about 6:30 p.m. when he realized someone had entered his home and rifled through his bedroom, according to police.
 Police reports indicate more than 30 various semi-automatic pistols, shotguns and antique rifles and pistols were taken as well as antique bayonets, survival knives, bow and arrow sets as well as \$2,500 worth of ammunition.
 All the items were registered property, said police.
 Also missing were model airplanes, cameras and beer cans.
 Police said there was no sign of forced entry and had determined that a door to the home had no lock and was probably the entrance point. The home also had many broken windows not related to the crime.
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State police modify tower lights to quell complaints

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

They guess what? You can't fight City Hall after all.

Community protest has gotten the Michigan State Police to modify the lighting system on that radio tower on Seven Mile Road that's been the source of controversy in recent weeks.

The tower is the second in a series of 181 across Michigan. The towers will be the backbone of a microwave communications system intended to eliminate radio dead spots, where state troopers now can't communicate with their police radios.

The lights on the Northville Township tower were turned on in February and since then have sparked complaints from people living more than a mile away. The flashing white strobe lights annoyed many, especially at night, and they took their fists to the state police.

The chief worked captain left

Steffel, the head of the state police communications division in Lansing, said his agency has decided to retrofit the Northville tower with a new two-stage lighting system.

"We'll have thinking when it comes to the tower by day and slower flashing red lights at night," tower construction project director Harry Warner said. "This will all take about six to eight weeks to get the parts and install it, so we're asking people to be patient with us."

The Michigan State Police will be picking up the estimated \$27,000 tab for the retrofit. Motorola, the company hired to install the lights,

contracted to put a white strobe system up, Warner explained.

Another change was made recently to ease the lights' impact on nearby residents. Motorola workers leveled the strobe lights on the tower, as called for in federal regulations. The FAA calls for tower lights to be tilted upwards from the horizon from three to eight degrees. The tower lights were initially tilted up less than three degrees.

Finally, ferrite suppressors will be placed on the tower's power lines to eliminate the TV interference that some people living near the tower have experienced.

Woman killed when struck by police car

A Northville woman was killed Saturday when the vehicle she was driving was struck by a patrol car driven by a 35-year-old Northville police officer.

Suzanne Bogden, 50, of Northville, was pronounced dead at 3:14 a.m. at St. Mary Hospital at undisclosed injuries suffered in the crash. The police officer, 35-year-old Glenn Stewart, was treated for minor injuries at Providence Hospital in Novi.

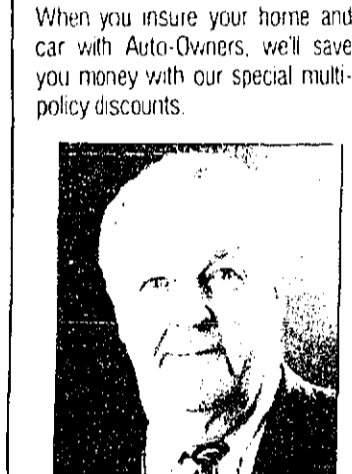
According to an accident report filed by the Michigan State Police, Bogden was driving her black 1995 Ford Explorer north on Randolph Street and apparently did not stop at the stop sign at Eight Mile Road.

At the same time, Stewart was driving his patrol car east on Eight Mile at about 40 mph when Bogden drove east in front of him. Stewart, according to the report, attempted to apply his brakes to stop his vehicle, but was unable to do so, hitting the Explorer on its driver's side door. Investigating officers were unable to estimate how fast Bogden was traveling when she drove onto Eight Mile.

The impact of the collision turned the Explorer on its side, pushing it across the street to the north side of Eight Mile. Bogden was not wearing seatbelts at the time of the collision, and although both airbags deployed, she was thrown from the vehicle.

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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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Cat Clips

... From the minds of the staff of the Wildcat Roar at Novi High School.

Novi High changes get underway with new committees

By DEREK HO
Wildcat Roar Staff

The last issue of the Roar introduced three restructuring committees the administration has formed to help decide on certain aspects of restructuring. Seminar report cards and the evaluation committee are the unofficial titles for the new commissions. As of last week, the student, faculty, administration, and parent-based committees had all met and made substantial progress. Report cards and progress report committees were the first to meet. Their main objective was to create a rough calendar explaining when report cards and progress reports would be issued. The make up of the committee consisted of two students, three parents, and faculty mediator, Mrs. Paula Joyner-Cinard. Speaking to the representatives of the committee, their findings and results aren't drastically different than how the issue is handled today. The parents were stressing the importance of reforming the progress report, student committee member Steve Heslip of '97 remembers. The committee finalized that students and parents will be expecting mandatory grades on progress reports next year. The general consensus of the outcome of the meeting consists of progress reports issued in the middle of the card markings, and report cards at the end of marking periods.

The infamous seminar period has been kept extremely quiet until the committee met recently. The three student, seven parent, and four teacher committee worked diligently to create a positive seminar schedule. Though the period is still uncertain, the basic definition that NHS would like to use for the seminar period is a combination of different ideas. For one, the class will meet twice a week in the middle of the day. A couple of minutes will be taken from each block to create the full period. The whole school will experience the seminar period at the same time. Each seminar student will report to an assigned teacher like a normal class. During this time students may go to a certain teacher to receive help for a class. Field trips would be scheduled around this period, so students don't miss instructional hours, and assemblies could be performed without disrupting normal class. The options are endless, comments student committee member Carole Wamman '98. The seminar period will be beneficial for all students because it will be an exciting, interactive, learning experience. Though the seminar period is not quite written in stone, the subject looks quite promising. The final committee that met was the evaluation committee. The purpose of this committee was to set guide lines and other indicators to monitor the whole progress of the block scheduling change at Novi High. On Monday, March 25, this committee met for the first time as Principal Miller mediated the planning committee. During the meeting, Joyner-Cinard delivered encouraging words. "I believe this is the first evaluation committee created in any school district that has adopted the block scheduling. We are the first to evaluate our progress as a whole." Through open discussion, the committee found itself extremely interested in measuring the success of block scheduling by the testimony of the students and staff. To gather that information, parents suggested creating a survey to measure the satisfaction of students and teachers.

Administration has finally brought the students and community in on this drastic rescheduling. Evidently it has been and will be beneficial for the whole restructuring process. This isn't the end of these committees because most of them have already set dates for their next meeting. Anxiously waiting, administration is excited to see the final results.



Fourth grader Shelley Bethune (in the hat) and her partner explain to fellow classmates about the wagon trains moving west.

Waxing historic Parkview kids act up in history class

Fourth graders at Parkview Elementary helped Novi to take a trip back through time to the Middle West last month. The students created a wax museum to demonstrate what life was like in the pioneer days. The characters came alive to teach other students and parents about life. The students researched and wrote about the various ways the pioneers survived life in the new country.

The pioneers built sod houses out of sod because there was no wood for building log cabins on the plains.

These homes were good homes for living in because they were cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Pioneers built sod houses out of sod blocks or dirt. The blocks were about one to three feet long and about 12 inches wide. The little wood they had was for strengthening the roof.

These homes were good homes for living in.

WATER HIGHWAYS
By Andrew Camilleri and Joe Beal
Hello and welcome to the water highways of the middle west.

The Great Lakes are one of the first water highways linking the west coast to the Midwest. Some people traveled on these lakes by flat boats. These lakes are Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake Superior.

The Soo Locks are located between Lake Huron and Lake Superior right next to the International Bridge. The Soo locks are very important because it helps get the ships to different water elevations.

Lake Huron's water level is lower than Lake Superior's water level. The Buffalo was the way of life for the Plains Indians. We only killed the buffalo because we really needed it. We used every part of the buffalo. We used the hide for teepee and clothing, the meat for food, the horns for spoons and hairdressers, the hair for rope and the bones for arrowheads and needles.

The Plains Indians thought the buffalo would never be gone. But the white man came and started killing them all. Soon our way of life ended. And the white man forced us to live on the reservation.

THE USERS OF THE BUFFALO
By Teresa Asvedo and Sayoni Sarkar
Howdy partners! My name is William F. Cody. I was hired by the Kansas Pacific Railroad to kill the buffalo to feed the workers working on the railroad. I told those railroad owners "hire me and I'll get you enough meat to feed your entire crew."

Sure enough I killed more than 4,000 buffalo that first year using my .50 caliber breech-loading Springfield rifle. That is why they started calling me Buffalo Bill.

The railroad owners sure were happy when the buffalo started disappearing. Sometimes a train used to be delayed for hours waiting for a herd to cross the tracks.

But the Plains Indians weren't too happy about the buffalo disappearing on the plains. But I'll let my friend here tell you about that.

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PIONEER TRANSPORTATION
By Brent Pantaleo and Steve Manza
Hi, my name is Dex Harpenter and this is Steve Mansfield. We are pioneer travelers. We are going to tell you about two forms of pioneer transportation, the covered wagon and the flatboat.

In the early days, when the pioneers first moved into the U.S., they traveled by covered wagon.

Before technology changed, pioneer's way of life, covered wagon was their only form of transportation besides horseback or foot. Now Steve will tell you about flatboats.

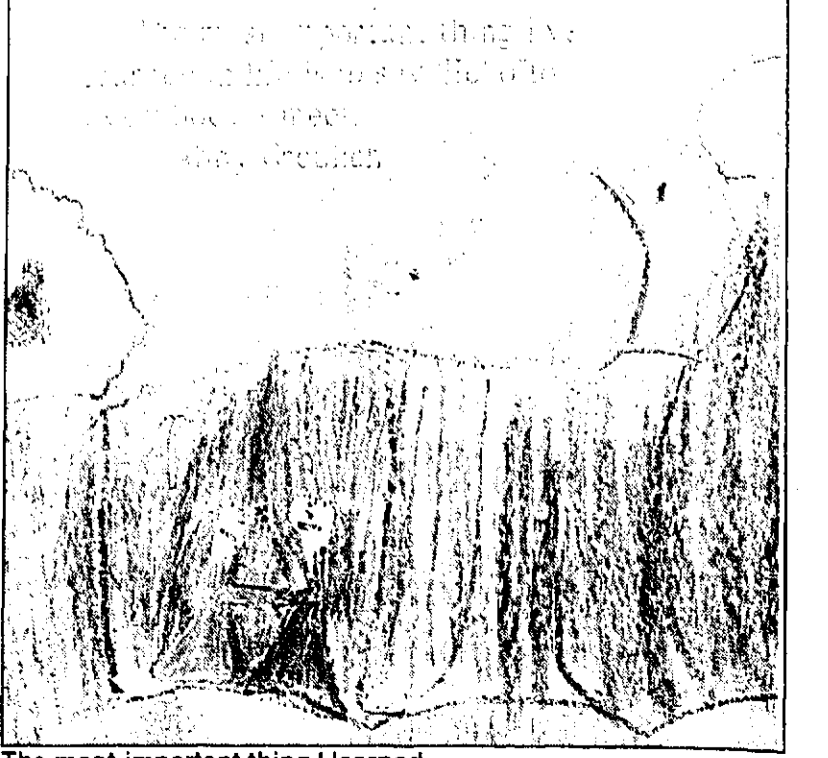
A flatboat is a raft like barge that carries people and livestock. It was used to go down the river by the current and by a large paddle in the back that took two people to

Calendar & Clips

- Classes Resume**
Novi Schools are back in session April 15. Spring Break is over. Hope everybody had a safe but good time. Now, get back to studying!
- Academic Honors**
Novi High School will hold its Academic Letters Ceremony Wednesday, April 17, in the Puertal Auditorium. The event begins at 7 p.m.
- Board of Education Meeting**
The Novi School Board will hold a regular meeting Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Middle School.
- Dance the Night Away**
April 19 is the next scheduled dance for Novi High Schoolers. Head to the high school cafeteria from 8-11 p.m. Be there or be square.
- Roll the Night Away**
The Novi Woods Elementary roller skating party is scheduled for April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Bonaventure.
- Art at the Park**
Parkview Elementary will host its second annual arts celebration, Sunday, April 28, from 1-5 p.m. More than 2,000 works of student art will fill the school while sounds of student musicians and vocalists fill the air. The entire community is invited to attend the event.
- Kindergarten**
All parents still unsure of how to get their children enrolled in Kindergarten for next year should contact one of the four elementary schools for information. To enter students for the Fall of 1996, children must be 5-years-old on Dec. 1, 1996. Phone numbers are as follows: Novi Woods, 449-1230, Orchard Hills, 449-1400, Parkview, 449-1220 and Village Oaks, 449-1500.
- THE THREE MATH WORDS**
By Shaun Reinhold, Novi Woods Elementary
One day a little boy in first grade went to school.
- His teacher gave him a homework assignment to learn three math words. The boy did not know any when he got home.
- He had to ask his mom for help. She was on the telephone and when the boy asked what three math words were, she said, "Hold your horses."
- The boy went to school the next day and his teacher asked, "What are your three math words?"
- "The boy said 'Hold your horses!'"
- The whole class laughed and laughed.
- THE SCARY MONSTER**
By David Carnegie, Novi Woods Elementary
There was a scary monster. It lived in the cave. At night he comes out and scares people. And they run away back home fast.
- Then one day he was a giant. He smashed houses and buildings all over the world. And all the homes were smashed at last. Then one day a kid saw the monster that smashed all the buildings. His dad was a scientist. He had a medicine that could make the monster a good guy. So Tommy ran to his dad and he had the medicine in his hand. At last they got to the monster. He gave the monster the medicine and he did not smash any more houses.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Doldrums (dol-dremz) ... 1. Ocean regions near the equator. 2. A period of inactivity, listlessness or depression.



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As We See It

Police, fire needs committee gave us lots to think about

The members of the Police and Fire Protection Needs Committee did their job — and they did it well — when they turned over the results of their study in a final report to the Novi City Council this past Monday.

Residents of the city were probably somewhat surprised by what was in the report, in terms of the needs of the two public safety departments and, more significantly, the costs.

It will likely touch off a spirited public debate about just how many police and firefighters we really need to have. After all, the common vision is that this community is a pretty safe one and is likely to continue to be safe. So how come the committee concluded those two departments are understaffed. And how come it is proposing new millage to add those employees?

As committee member Kevin Crain said: "We have two of the finest personnel managers in the entire world, our police chief and our fire chief. They do such a good job of managing people, we don't realize there's a problem."

And that was exactly the point of the study, to get people talking about just what the public safety problems and needs are here, and what they will be in the next decade or so. Then of course, there's the question of how to meet those needs.

The committee did a thorough job of research, and the details they have provided should serve as the basis for a good community-wide discussion on the topic. The members — Crain, chairman John Chambers, Gary Kelber, John Connelly, Lori Harris, Debbie Meyers-Fagan, and Andrew Dempsey, who passed away before the study could be finished — deserve credit.

The basis of their recommendations is that currently the police department is understaffed, with just less than 1.2 officers for every 1,000 of Novi's estimated 40,000 population. That staffing level is paid for through a tax now levied at 1.5 mills, approved in 1987.

The committee felt that, based on FBI statistics and the fact Novi is a regional center, the officer level should be 1.6 per 1,000.

Keep in mind, the population is expected to grow to about 63,000 by the year 2010. That would mean that Novi needs about 50 more officers. The committee also concluded the city needs to fill out the ranks of the fire department by another 23.

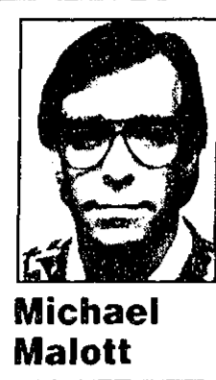
To pay for all that, additional property taxes of 2.25 mills would be needed. There are facility questions too, and the committee added on a half mill bond to address those. Add it all up and it comes to almost 4.3 mills for police and fire services. The additional cost would be \$275 in new taxes for the owner of a \$200,000.

The price is significant enough that it should get a thorough community discussion before being put on the ballot for a final vote.

This newspaper has a couple of immediate reactions. The first is that Novi typically is tight with tax money, and an anti-tax sentiment has shown up here in the not-so-distant past. Residents should set such attitudes aside to consider what the here needs really are, and try to determine what really needs to be spent on public safety. Remember, you get what you pay for. And police and fire service is a non-negotiable place to scrimp.

Nonetheless, the city's goal should be to keep the cost down as much as possible. And the first place the total could be trimmed is in the "funding mechanism" mentioned in the report to create a fund balance for the

The bikers are back in town



Michael Malott

A few random dispatches from the editor's desk ...

BIKER AEROBICS
Imagine the scene. Dozens of grizzly, bearded, leather-clad bikers roll into town with a great roar on their Harley hogs. They park in a line, biker gang style, and dismount. They stride into their clubhouse and ... begin doing warm-ups for aerobics class. No seriously. When the Forbidden Wheels motorcycle club went to Wixom to propose the construction of a clubhouse on Twelve Mile Road, just over the Novi city border, that was the vision they evoked. The club, now known as the Wheels Private Trust Organization, said its current facility at Freckell and Lahser in Detroit is located in an unsafe neighborhood. And they want a new clubhouse where they can watch football games, store camping equipment and, yes, hold aerobics classes.

A question for all you fashion fanatics, can you tastefully mix leather and bike chains with Spandex and fuzzy leg warmers? Just wondering ... You should know that the Forbidden Wheels proposed a clubhouse in Northville in 1994, but it created such a fuss there they withdrew the request. Northville residents dug up old newspaper clippings from 1969 through 1983, showing the club was under investigation then for gang activity as well as being part of a murder investigation in 1983. The club said the information was incorrect and misleading.

Now, the trust wants to come to Wixom, across Twelve Mile from Novi, and get a clubhouse next to the Little Hornbook Daycare. Wixom's Planning Commission will be hearing the club's request in a May 6 meeting. It should prove interesting.

KIOSK OF THE FUTURE
Novi residents were no doubt fascinated with the computerized kiosk the city had on display Monday night before the city council meeting. The proposal before the council is to put what are simply computer terminals in public places for residents to use at will. Ideas have been tossed around to put kiosks in the city hall atrium and in other locations about the city.

From that terminal, the public could access public documents directly — maps, a city events calendar, perhaps meeting minutes, maybe city ordinances, perhaps permit requirements ... whatever. It's a very cool idea.

Some of the city may not see the benefit and think it would be better to put the city's dollars into investments more in line with typical city services. But that ability to get information as needed can be critically important to residents. And the instant access computerization provides means they don't have to wait.

We all have a tendency to take information for granted. It may be important to us, but sometimes it is hard to understand why the other guy needs it. When we don't have the answer to a question, it seems critical. When we do, it somehow seems much less important.

So we need to recognize that information about the city can be vital to residents, whether we appreciate it or not. And this computerized kiosk, once up and running with a full range of available information, gives residents the most direct benefit from the city's efforts to upgrade its computer and information technology.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Joe Cyrak sometimes designs his own ties at Boutlers outdoors in Northville

Tie one on

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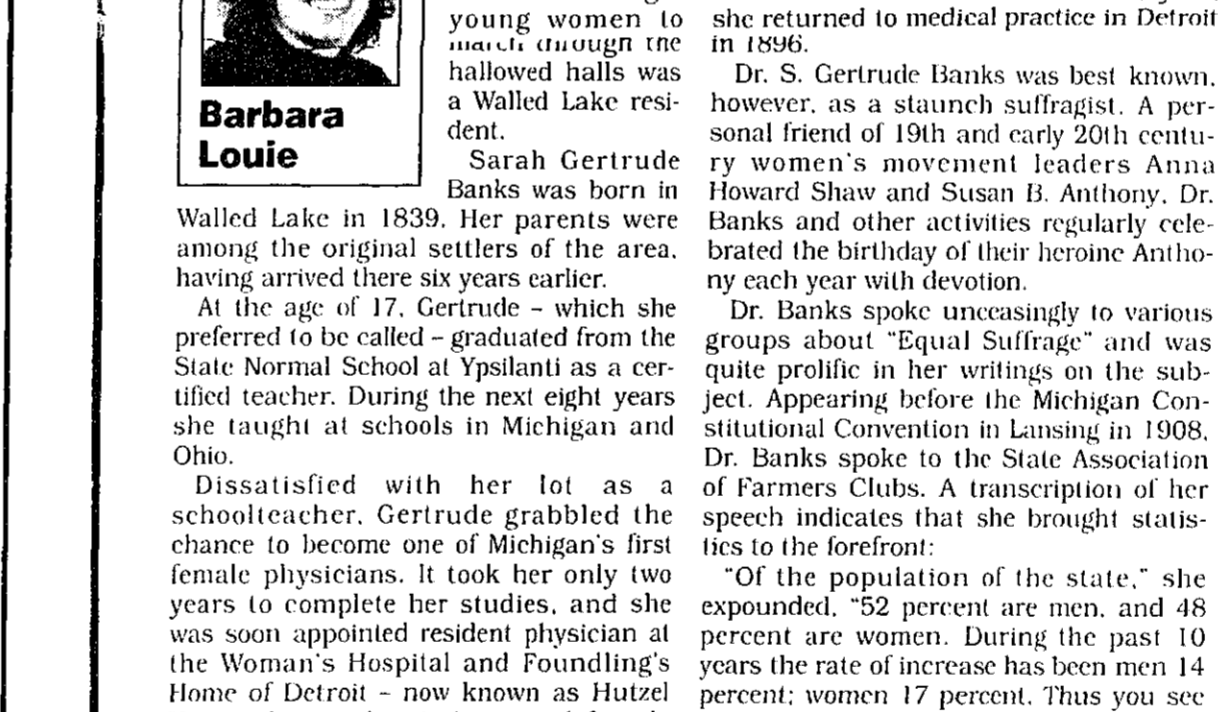
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Return to Michigan is eye-opening



Phil Power

Returning to Michigan after a trip to Italy is a real eye-opener.

Our streets are wider, the traffic more law-abiding, the smoking far less. When lines are called for, people actually stay in the queue, relatively politely. The weather is warmer.

Moreover, there exists in Michigan today a real sense of economic optimism entirely lacking in Italy and the rest of Europe.

Partly by the expected retirement of nearly 250,000 hourly and salaried workers during the next 10 years, the Big Three are expected to hire up to 120,000 replacement workers in Michigan between now and 2003. In Europe, by contrast, unemployment is at historic highs — often in double digits — with no serious prospect of coming down in the foreseeable future.

The solution most often mentioned by European politicians is to cut the work week, on average already shorter than the American 40-hour standard. The idea is to spread available jobs over a larger number of people, regardless of the increased cost per hour.

Talk to European business types, however, and you discover the cause for long unemployment lines: Very high costs to

employers for everything associated with hiring somebody, from long vacations to high social security taxes, from the virtual impossibility of ever firing a worker for cause to high-cost government-run health care systems.

"Why should we hire people," European businesses say, "when it costs us so much to pay for all the costs associated with employing them?"

And to judge from the wave of strikes in France and the general political climate elsewhere, in no European country does there exist enough political will to reduce sharply the costs associated with hiring people. An international lawyer from Michigan with an extensive client base in Europe put it this way: "I don't see European business being internationally competitive for the foreseeable future. Their costs of employment are just too high, while their productivity gains are far too low."

By contrast, the University of Michigan study that produced the 129,000-new-hires estimate has provoked a leading frenzy of activity by state government to find ways to get local youth ready for auto jobs that can pay up to \$43 per hour.

"The auto industry is very concerned about the ability of our basic educational system to produce the people necessary for the new auto jobs," according to U-M Professor David Cole, author of the study. Manufacturing plans are increasingly automated, requiring workers to be highly

skilled, well motivated and competent to work in self-directed teams.

Gov. John Engler promptly proposed a new Michigan Auto college, an on-line curriculum led by U-M, to offer two-way video courses for potential auto employees. He also proposed spending \$4.5 million for a bunch of Jump Start Institutes in communities with major auto plants to provide hands-on training for current auto employees and to help applicants qualify for new auto jobs.

He also wants to spend \$500,000 to set up an Internet site to offer a virtual auto plant tour for students, teachers and parents. As Professor Cole says, "We must replace the social stigma of factory jobs. They are now knowledge jobs and demand more intellectual capacity than ever before."

Returning home to America is striking. In Europe, old states with ossified political systems seem unable to cope with the realities of today's global competitive economy. In America, government and industry seem both to change the old assumptions and adapt new ways of preparing young people for new, productive jobs.

Maybe that's why they called it "The New World."

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper, The Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

Disappointed by lack of coverage

To the editor:

I grew up in the City of Novi and recently inside the decision to move back and raise my own family here. One of the reasons I decided to return was because, in the years that I have been gone, Novi has become a wonderful community rich in diversity. I feel it will be a good environment in which to raise my children.

I enjoy reading your publication and feel that for the most part, it

accurately represents the community for which it is named. However, I believe that a newspaper has a responsibility to represent everyone in the community and not just the largest percentage of the population.

That is why when I picked up

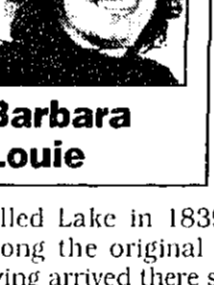
the upcoming Christian holiday of Easter, I felt this to be a very unfortunate omission.

A newspaper has the power to educate the community as well as to educate the community. I believe your publication has the capacity to do both and look forward to seeing more in that regard in the future.

Thank you,
Julie A. Zabaack

Letters

Resident among first women at U-M



Barbara Louie

When the University of Michigan agreed to admit women for the first time into its medical school in 1871, one of the eager young women to march through the hallowed halls was a Walled Lake resident.

Sarah Gertrude Banks was born in Walled Lake in 1839. Her parents were among the original settlers of the area, having arrived there six years earlier.

At the age of 17, Gertrude — which she preferred to be called — graduated from the State Normal School at Ypsilanti as a certified teacher. During the next eight years she taught at schools in Michigan and Ohio.

Dissatisfied with her lot as a schoolteacher, Gertrude grabbed the chance to become one of Michigan's first female physicians. It took her only two years to complete her studies, and she was soon appointed resident physician at the Woman's Hospital and Foundling's Home of Detroit — now known as Hutzel Hospital — as the city's second female physician.

She became active in local and state medical societies, as well as the American Medical Association.

After a year at Woman's Hospital, Dr. Banks was given a high recommendation by Detroit Mayor Hugh Moll to pursue her next endeavor. She worked as a private physician to the wife of a U.S. Army officer.

Stationed in New Mexico for one year, she returned to medical practice in Detroit in 1896.

Dr. S. Gertrude Banks was best known, however, as a staunch suffragist. A personal friend of 19th and early 20th century women's movement leaders Anna Howard Shaw and Susan B. Anthony, Dr. Banks and other activities regularly celebrated the birthday of their heroine Anthony each year with devotion.

Dr. Banks spoke incessantly to various groups about "Equal Suffrage" and was quite prolific in her writings on the subject. Appearing before the Michigan Constitutional Convention in Lansing in 1908, Dr. Banks spoke to the State Association of Farmers Clubs. A transcription of her speech indicates that she brought statistics to the forefront:

"Of the population of the state," she expounded, "52 percent are men, and 48 percent are women. During the past 10 years the rate of increase has been men 14 percent, women 17 percent. Thus you see woman is unquestionably an increasing numerical factor in the life of the state. If, as the farmer believes, she is also an economic factor in producing and ensuring this vast agricultural wealth, why not be

just and grant her an equal part in legislation as well as labor?"

"The farmers of the state desire suffrage for women first because they recognize and acknowledge its justice."

"Second, because they believe women who own farms and pay taxes are certainly entitled to vote and third, because they believe not only farmer's wives and daughters but every woman who earns her living is seriously handicapped by the lack of the ballot."

"Lastly, suffrage for women will increase the farmer vote and thus secure needed legislation for the protection and advancement of these interests which so closely affect the welfare and happiness of the farm and the home, being the foundation of our national prosperity."

She wrote letters to the editors of numerous newspapers, expressing her belief in "survival of the fittest." She wrote, "... the progressive woman ... will become the leader in all social reforms of the day."

When she died in 1926 at the age of 85, Dr. Sarah Gertrude Banks was fortunate in having seen her vision of equal suffrage become reality just seven years earlier. Buried in the Walled Lake Cemetery, Dr. Banks remains one of the area's notable women.

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the Novi and Northville area and is author of the book No. VI on the Trail.

Let's keep this 'socialist' approach



Tim Richard

Got my new fishing license with trout stamp over the weekend. Still \$20.70. Gov. John Engler's proposed 20 percent increase hasn't passed the Legislature and can't take effect until April of 1977.

Got trout fever. Been doing a lot of thinking about it. My favorite superduper market last fall. Added a reel and fly line over the winter. Been reading books and magazines about fly fishing.

It made me ponder how lucky we Michiganians are to have cheap access to woods, lakes and rivers, despite Engler's policies. Sure, an angler needs a license to drive, a license for the trailer, a license for a motorized boat, a state park pass so you can use a public boat launch, a license to fish and the need to satisfy a law on personal flotation devices. But it's still relatively cheap.

Consider Peter Essick's article, "A Passion for Trout," in the April issue of National Geographic magazine. He opens with a description of a trout census while diving in chill Oregon waters, then winds up visiting a private club in England:

The pinnacle of privilege is the 24-member Houghton Club in Stockbridge, owner of 14 glorious miles of the Test (River). Turn the brass knob, ease open the green wooden door marked "private," and perhaps a member will pour you a glass of port from the dimpled crystal decanter on the sideboard. Note the leather bound book on the club room table. It is the fishing diary, and you will turn its pages to find the names of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Prince Charles, among other notables, who have fished as guests.

"I see a flush of lords has been here," says Mick Lunn, inspecting the previous day's entries ...

I'm invited to fish with (the Honorable Anthony Samuel, a member of 37 years). More precisely, since I'm not a member, I'm invited to watch.

The scene is irresistible ... Samuel, in tatters shirt and black knit tie, is aiming a small brown fly at a feeding trout. "A painting come to life," I scribble in my note pad, as a mayfly alights on my finger. Not quite picture perfect, however. My hand itches for a rod. Absentmindedly, I make casting motions with my pencil. Samuel glances back. "So sorry you can't have a go," he says. And continues casting ...

"In America it is very different," Conrad Voss-Bark (former fishing correspondent for the Times of London who meant I shouldn't be offended.

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Heart attack claims life of 12-year-old Northville girl

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

In the end Jenna Marquart's body betrayed her.

The fun-loving, outgoing 12-year-old was always active, according to those who knew her. She was quick to laugh, and always managed to make those around her feel good, which is why she was popular with her classmates and teachers at school.

Although Jenna's spirit was full of youthful exuberance, a silent killer was hidden inside her, poised to strike at any time. Last week it took her life as she was thousands of miles away from the friends, teachers, and residents who now mourn her passing.

Jenna, the daughter of Merric and David Peterson of Northville, and Roger and Lisa Marquart of

Valparaiso, Ind., died April 7 while vacationing with her family in Hawaii.

According to her death certificate, Jenna, a seventh grade student at Meads Mill Middle School, died of a heart attack brought about by cardiac arrhythmia. The condition is rare in children, according to Rhonda Welsh of the American Heart Association, and is sometimes difficult to diagnose.

"The family was aware there was some problems and had taken Jenna to specialists to attempt to determine why she was getting dizzy and faint when she exercised," said Martin Moeller, director of the Moeller Funeral Home in Valparaiso where visitation services were scheduled Wednesday.

"She had been tested several times by several different specialists and

the tests could find nothing wrong with her."

Moeller said that funeral services for the young girl were scheduled for today at the First United Methodist Church in Valparaiso. Memorial services have also been scheduled for April 21 at First United Methodist Church in Northville. The time of the service has not yet been determined, church officials said.

Moeller said that Jenna was well known and well liked within Valparaiso.

"There are plenty of people here who are going to miss her," he said. "She was extremely popular."

The Northville community will mourn the loss as well.

Prayers were offered on her behalf at a Methodist church in nearby Plymouth, according to

Meads Mill teacher and friend Shirley Klokkenka.

"The members of my parish remembered her because she had performed on the piano and flute at our church last year," she said. "When they offered prayers for her you could hear a gasp come from the congregation."

Klokkenka was one of Jenna's favorite teachers, and the youngster offered words of praise on a nomination form for Klokkenka and the other members of the Meads Mill seventh grade teaching team who recently won teacher of the year honors.

"I enjoy the team teaching concept because it builds self-esteem," Jenna wrote at the time. "Having a team of teachers has given me a good feeling about myself and what I do. The school work I do,

and how to work with people even if I don't get along with them very well."

Klokkenka said that Jenna was an extremely bright girl who was always active in school activities.

Earlier this year she was one of a five member team of spelling standouts who were finalists in the seventh grade spelling bee, and represented Meads Mill in the recent Liv Oak spelling competition.

She was a member of the Meads Mill Science Olympiad team that recently placed second in regional competition.

The team is scheduled to take part in the statewide competition later this month.

She was also a member of last year's Meads team that fared well in the 1995 competition, and she

earned a spot on the Meads Mill honor roll for the 1994-95 school year, achieving a grade point average of 3.3 and higher. Jenna also excelled in music, playing the piano, flute, and saxophone.

"I can't even begin to tell you how valuable Jenna was, not just as a student but as a team player," Klokkenka said.

"She reached into so many lives, and to me she was everything that I admire in a student."

"There's going to be a void in my classroom that can never be filled, and I'm not sure how we'll handle that when we come back on Monday," she added.

"We'll try to come together and heal together."

Parenting topic of Northville public school fair

A leading authority on parenting skills will return to Northville to deliver a presentation on positive parenting.

Author Jim Fay will deliver his empowering philosophy of "Love and Logic" at the third annual Community Resource Fair, sponsored by the Northville Public Schools Parent Advisory Committee, Tuesday, April 23, at the Northville High School cafeteria.

The seminar will be split into three sessions with Fay speaking about parenting elementary school children from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and parenting teens from 7:30 to 9 p.m. In between will be the resource fair, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., where various agencies that serve children will have displays and information available to the public.

Fay has served more than 31 years as an educator, teaching at

the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and has worked as a principal.

He is the author of several books on effective discipline techniques for parents, including Parenting with Love and Logic. His advice to parents and educators is to hold responsibility in children by letting them experience the consequences of their actions.

Fay delivered his seminar at last year's Community Resource Fair, and the public speaker is in great demand these days, according to Robert Soranson, director of Special Education for the Northville Public School District.

Child care will be available to those parents wishing to attend the seminars. Parents must register for child care no later than April 22, by contacting Karen Waltz at 344-8443.

Public Access

The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Novi for the coming week.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

10:00 a.m. — Farmington Hills Dance Recital
10:30 a.m. — (con't)
11:00 a.m. — (con't)
11:30 a.m. — Inside Farmington Hills
12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Todd Davison
12:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
2:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
2:30 p.m. — (con't)
3:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a CEO
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide: GOP TV
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — The Imagination Tree
6:00 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: Joe Sharpy
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Conventional/Unconventional Practitioners of Alternative Medicine - Dr. Khalsa
7:30 p.m. — Going to the Chapel: Wedding Decorations
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Samuel Sacks II DIA
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Duane Parham

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 a.m. — Rededication: Church of the Holy Family
10:30 a.m. — (con't)
11:00 a.m. — My Russian Friend
11:30 a.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
3:30 p.m. — Motorsports: Mayor's Reception
4:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Dance Recital
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — (con't)
5:30 p.m. — Living With Your Addictions
6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Joe Stroud Editor, Detroit Free Press
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — Novi's Mid Decade Census
8:30 p.m. — Bill Costic Interview
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks

9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Fitness First
11:00 a.m. — Going to the Chapel: Wedding Decorations
11:30 a.m. — Lansing Connection
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
12:30 p.m. — The Way the Truth and the Lie
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Law Talk: Samuel Sacks II
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Duane Parham
4:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Eternal Fountain of Youth
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a CEO
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
8:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Speakers Row: Tiger Stadium
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 a.m. — The Job Show
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Seniors on the Move: Joe Sharpy
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Novi Mid Decade Census
2:30 p.m. — Violence and Abuse
3:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Samuel Sacks II
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Good Health: Breast Cancer
6:30 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Todd Davison
7:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents
7:30 p.m. — (con't)
8:00 p.m. — Rededication: Church of the Holy Family
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Rock Soup
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

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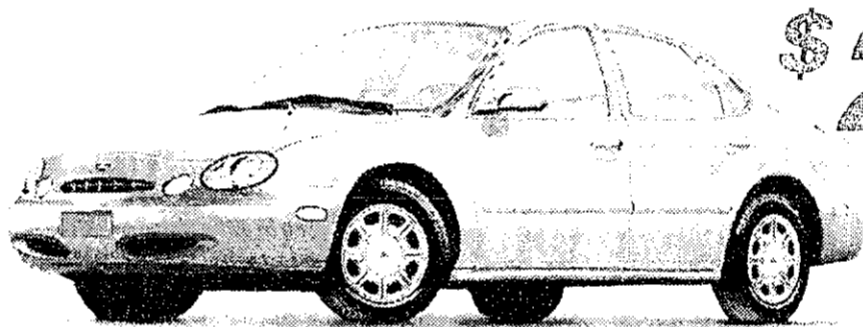
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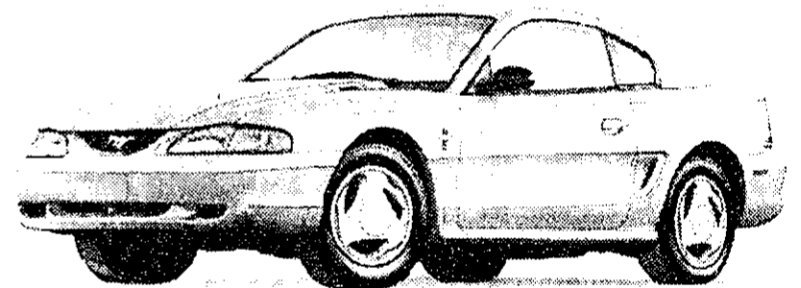
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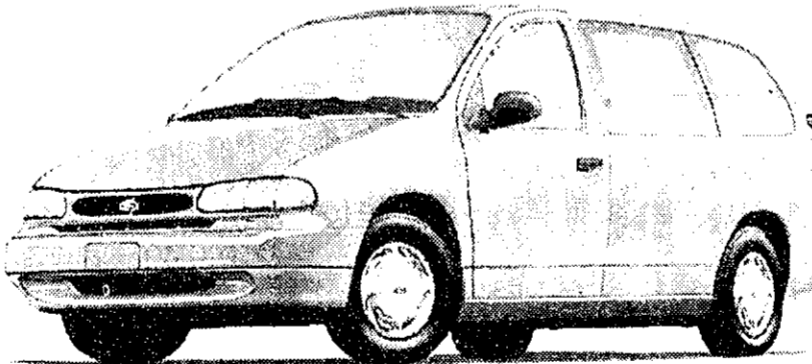
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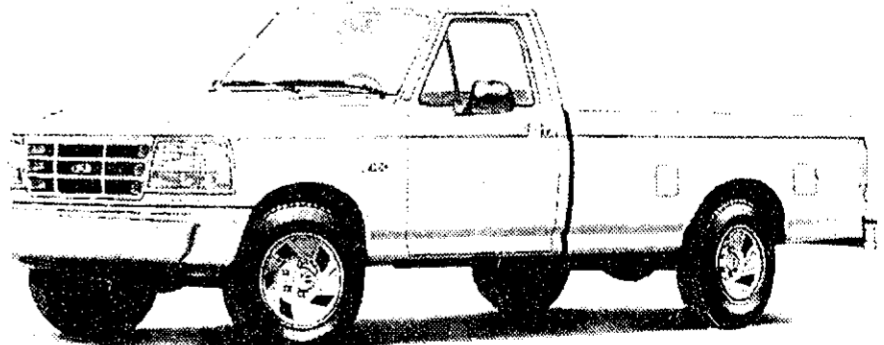
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Get references for work from neighbors, friends and family before turning over the big bucks for repair work.

SCAMMING SENIORS

Novi Police officer informs seniors about crime prevention

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Why would anyone want to prey on a helpless old lady?

The answer is in the question — helpless. But seniors don't need to be helpless or uninformed.

Seniors who have a loss of strength, vision problems or are not as alert as a younger person, are likely targets for con artists and criminals.

Todd Anger, crime prevention officer with the Novi Police Department, visits seniors groups and explains that there are over 800 different kinds of scams, but they all are derived from about 12 basic types.

"Crime is like a triangle," Anger said. The criminal has a need and sees an opportunity and tries to reel in the potential victim.

"We do have control of the opportunity," Anger said, "by removing the opportunity."

Be alert and observant. Don't look at the ground or carry too many packages.

"Criminals won't choose someone who is likely to identify them," Anger said.

Make sure your home is as secure as possible. Deadbolts should be on good solid exterior doors. You might consider installing a stronger, larger strike plate with long screws.

Use a wood dowel in sliding glass doors and windows and also consider drilling a hole for the dowel for a tighter fit.

A home that looks vacant may attract the wrong kind of attention. Keep leaves raked, remove snow, have good lights, even on timers, to make it look like someone lives there.

Anger advises keeping garage doors closed. Most crimes in Novi are crimes against property. When garage doors are left open, anyone driving around can see if you have anything worth stealing like snow blowers, lawn mowers, expensive bikes, golf clubs, etc.

If you are home alone and think someone is breaking into your house, call out, turn on a light or the television. A criminal doesn't want to be caught, according to Anger.

Cordless phones are good because you can take them with you throughout your home. Anger also recommends having phones in several rooms in the home.

When you call 9-1-1, the caller's phone number and address appear on the computer screen. The 9-1-1 operators know where the call is coming from.

When you are in your car there are several things to keep in mind. Keep the doors locked when you are in the car, and lock it up when you park. Never stop in a remote area. Always leave room ahead of you so you can drive away if a problem should arise. Anger advised. Park close to a building in a well lit area.

Then there are the contractor scams that are pretty common. A person, usually a man, knocks on a victim's door and introduces himself as a contractor.

He then tells the homeowner they have a bad roof, cracked cement, etc. and offers to give a free estimate. He offers a 50 percent discount if the victim pays up front.

Don't pay any money up front, advises Anger. Read the contract and check with the Better Business Bureau.

If you need to have repairs done on your home, talk to neighbors, relatives and friends for referrals.

Another sting operation is the bank examiners scam. The victim is approached by someone identifying themselves as an officer in the bank examiners department and will even show identification to that effect. They go on to identify a bank employee that is suspected of having a problem and tell the victim they need to set up a sting in order to catch the teller. They offer to take the victim to the bank so that they can withdraw money from their personal account. They promise that the money will be returned after the teller is caught and even write out a receipt for the withdrawn money.

Another common hustle is the Pigeon Drop. Although well publicized, it still manages to claim victims. Two people lay a sob story on the victim and a third person comes along who claims to have found a sum of money. The three offer to see an attorney but suggest that all four individuals put up good faith money. The victim pays the good faith money and never sees the trio again.

Criminals often use the telephone to pull their cons.

With telephone caller identification capabilities, the caller's phone number, name and business may show up on the caller identification screen. You know before you pick up the phone who's calling.

You can call the police department with that phone number if you suspect someone might be trying to pull a fast one.

"That little piece of information can really help us out," Anger said.

The potential victim receives a telephone call and is told that a relative or friend is in jail and that they should send money. After the caller convinces the victim that his story is true, he gives instructions on where to mail the money to get the friend or relative out of jail.

Police do not make the phone call, according to Anger, the person arrested makes the call. If you receive a call soliciting for money on behalf of the police, Anger advises calling the police to check it out to see if it is legitimate.

Anger tells seniors in his talks to keep wallets in the front pocket of your pants. Don't carry much in the wallet. Purses with long straps should not be worn with the straps across the chest. It is better to carry the purse over the shoulder and hold on to the strap, Anger advises.

"If they want something like your purse or your wallet, just let it go."

Anger said, "You can't replace your life."

Keep a whistle handy or put it on your key chain and use it in panic situations.

You can protect yourself by not giving out personal information such as your phone number, your mother's maiden name, your social security number, your date of birth, etc.

Another way to protect yourself when using a credit card is to always take the carbon receipt.

If you are being bothered by prank phone calls, note the time and day you receive the calls. Then file a police report. Ameritech Security will run a trace.

"Trust your gut feeling," Anger said, "and act on it."

Con artists will also watch the obituary announcements in the newspaper and send a widow or widower a bill saying the deceased made a purchase for which there is an outstanding balance. The con artist is banking on the bereaved not thinking clearly. It is also possible that the remaining spouse was not aware of every purchase made and therefore pays the bill.

Be wary of someone who shows a lot of interest or sympathy.

There are some catch phrases to look out for when a person calls on the phone or knocks at the door. Words like free stuff, sign now or this offer is only good today.

If the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Volunteer

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL
Mary Bolander offers encouragement to the bereaved.

Bolander is a phone call away for some

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

When death takes away a person who has been close to you — a relative or a friend — it helps to talk to someone and that person may be a bereavement volunteer for Ann Arbor Hospice.

Mary Bolander is that kind of volunteer. For the last five years she has had a list of five or six persons at a time who have asked for help. She calls them on the phone every three or four days, "encouraging them not to sit at home, but to go out with family or friends."

"I tell them my name," she said, "and that I am a volunteer. I ask how are you doing? Usually they're aware that I'm going to call. Some people can talk better to a stranger."

"Usually it takes 13 months before the person is able to do it alone."

The 15 bereavement group members take a training course in

the daytime for eight or nine weeks.

"We are taught you have to cry," Bolander said. "You have to grieve, get it out of your system."

The first Friday of every month a bereavement group of 12 or 15 gets together to discuss individual clients — never by name — and give a report.

"Why do I do this?" Mary Bolander asked.

"It isn't something I enjoy. But I'm helping somebody. I've been through it myself and it helped."

When she thought about getting into this type of volunteering, she considered being a "befriender volunteer," one who takes a person out to lunch to distract them but "I couldn't do it."

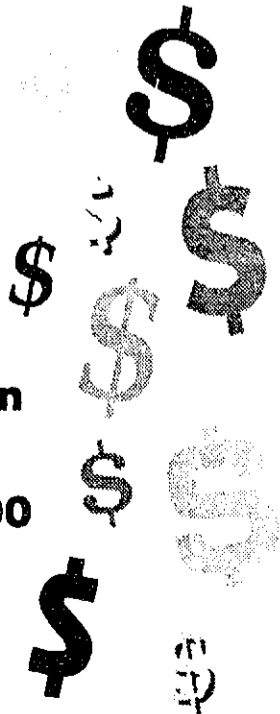
Working on the phone without ever meeting is the only way Mary Bolander feels at ease. It's better for her and the client.

Interested volunteers can call Kathy Brennan at (313) 677-0500.

It's A Fact

Light and sound . . .

Modifications to the lighting system on the newly installed radio tower on Seven Mile Road will cost Michigan State Police an estimated \$27,000 and take up to eight weeks to complete.





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Group cuts first CD

Nobody's Business (from left) Rudy Kowalski and Novi High grads Bill and Chris Giorgio, have just recorded their first compact disc "Waycool Rock and Roll" and have planned a CD release party on April 27 at 10 p.m. at the New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward in Ferndale. Closer to home, the trio will play at Library Sports Pub and Grill at 342100 Grand River in Novi on April 11 from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. "Waycool Rock and Roll" was produced by Lee Rocker in Detroit.

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. The topic is "Prayer."

On Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. Single Place will meet for dinner at Sunflower followed by either a presentation entitled "Disengagement from Marriage/Significant Committed Relationship" with speaker Linda Hammon or an open forum on "What is the Goal of Dating?" with Sandy Hammon at the church at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.

Sports activities coming up include bowling evenings on April 19 at 8:30 p.m. at Sun Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads, and volleyball on April 26 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center. The cost for volleyball is \$4. Two games of bowling are \$6 plus \$1.50 for shoe rental.

Upcoming workshops include a golf clinic on four Sunday evenings beginning April 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Oasis Golf Center in Livonia. The cost is \$75 plus the cost of a bucket of balls.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ.

The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Reverend Paul Clough will lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 east of I-275 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS is a non-profit group for

singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 350 activities per year.

Co-ed golf and softball leagues are now forming. Both leagues will start the beginning of May.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (810) 851-9900.

EXPRESSIONS, an adult discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older.

For more information, call (313) 930-6361. Admission is \$5.25 and includes refreshments.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS INC., an international non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children, meets every second Friday of the month in the small banquet room at 300 Howl at 100 South Cass Lake Road in Waterford.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. with orientation for those interested in joining at 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$4 but admission is free to those who attend orientation.

A Spring dance will be held on April 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information, call (810) 975-6242.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT is for single Catholics 21 and older who have earned bachelor's degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

For more information, call (810) 247-8126.

U.S. SINGLETONS will host a Dinner Social on Friday, April 12, at DePalma Family Inn at 31753 Plymouth Road in Livonia at 6:30 p.m.

All singles ages 45 and up wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities can write to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

Northville Town Hall announces lecture line up

The Northville Town Hall Series has announced the line up for its 36th season.

Opening the season will be the founding editor-in-chief of the Children's Television Workshop, Fredrickson, Christopher Cerf, on Monday, Oct. 21. The lecture begins at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive in Livonia followed by luncheon.

Cerf, who is also an author, record and television producer, editor, composer, lyricist, among other things, played a pivotal role in the ongoing funding of the Sesame Street television show. He resigned his full-time position in 1977 to run his own company.

He is still a regular contributor of music and lyrics to the show in the process. He has collected two Grammy awards, and has been back Emmy Awards for his songwriting.

Before joining the Children's Television Workshop, Cerf spent eight years at Random House, where he was senior editor, and edited books by such diverse authors as George Plimpton, Andy Warhol, Ray Bradbury and more.

For the past decade, Cerf has played a major role in the advancement of digital technology as a tool for educating young children. In conjunction with Jim Henson Productions Inc., he helped create "Muppet Learning Keys," a computer keyboard for preschoolers which was hailed by *Infoworld Magazine* as one of its "Products of the Year."

For all his success, Cerf is perhaps best known as a humorist. In 1970, he helped launch the most influential of recent humor magazines, *The National Lampoon*. His most recent book, *The Official Politically Correct Dictionary*, is an international best seller.

Town Hall's second speaker of the season will be attorney Sharon McPhail on Nov. 18.

McPhail is the first woman to have won a primary election for Mayor of Detroit. She was admitted to the Michigan Bar after graduating from Northeastern Law School in 1976. She has been on the Detroit Board of Public Commissioners and served as the division chief of screening and District Courts for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

In January of 1995, McPhail went into private practice where her career encompasses many diverse areas of law. She also served as staff counsel to Ford Motor Co. and as Assistant United States Attorney in the Detroit U.S. Attorney's Office.

McPhail is the eldest of seven children and the first college graduate in her family. It is her desire to give something back to the community and it is that desire which drives her to challenge a system that continues to deprive many of equal access.

In May of 1992 she was named by *Ebony Magazine* as one of the

NORTHVILLE TOWN HALL SERIES 1996-97

- Christopher Cerf—Oct. 21
- Sharon McPhail—Nov. 18
- Jane Chestnut—March 10
- Hal Bruno—April 14

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Christopher Cerf



Jane Chestnut



Sharon McPhail



Hal Bruno

One Hundred Most Influential Black Americans. McPhail married Dr. David L. Sneed, superintendent of Detroit Schools. They are parents of five children.

Following McPhail, after a break for the Christmas holidays, will be *Women's Day* editor-in-chief and vice president Jane Chestnut on March 10.

Chestnut was named editor-in-chief in 1991 of the magazine which has an estimated readership of 22 million per issue.

Chestnut joined *Women's Day* as an assistant editor in 1978 and then took on the responsibility for beauty coverage, and was named beauty, fashion and health Director in 1989. In 1992, she was named one of *Adweek's* Editors of the Year.

Chestnut was selected to participate in the 1993-94 Leadership New York Program and she is on the Business Advisory Council of Washington Irving High School in New York City and heads the mentoring committee of Women in Communications Inc.

She is also a member of the American Society of Magazine Editors, The Fashion Group International and the YWCA Academy of Achievers.

Wrapping up the season will be Hal Bruno, political director for ABC TV and radio networks. He frequently appears on the "air" as the network's political analyst and is the host of "Hal Bruno's Washington," a weekly interview program on the ABC radio network.

Bruno works closely with the producers and correspondents for all ABC News programs, including *World News Tonight*, *Nightline*, *This Week* with David Brinkley and *Good Morning America*.

Bruno joined ABC News in 1978

after 18 years with *Newsweek* magazine where he had been a reporter, foreign correspondent, bureau chief, news editor and chief political correspondent. He has covered presidential elections since 1960 and has specialized in national politics since 1971. He was the moderator for the 1992 vice presidential debate.

Bruno is also a nationally recognized authority on fire safety, writes a monthly column for *Firehouse* magazine and served as a volunteer firefighter. He is a director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Chevy Chase (Md.) Fire Department. In 1995, he was named "Fire Service Person of the Year" by the Con-

gressional Fire Services Institute. Tickets for the 1996-97 season are on sale now. The Gold Patron (name in program, lecture and luncheon tickets) is \$100. Contributing Member (name in program) is \$25. Sustaining Member (name in program) is \$15. Season Lecture and Luncheon is \$90. Season Lecture (only) is \$40 and individual luncheons are \$15.

For more information regarding the Northville Town Hall Series for 1996-97, call the general chairman, Carmen Kuckenbecker, at (810) 349-7227.

To order, mail check and detailed information to Northville Town Hall Tickets, P.O. Box 93, Northville, MI 48167-0093.

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The Novi Scorpions were undefeated to take the second session trophy at Total Soccer in Farmington Hills. The squad posted a 14-1 record. Team members included: Phil Colten, Andrew Gorman, Jeff Kirby, Kyle...

Novi Youth Baseball

The Novi Youth Baseball League's 14-year-old travel team is currently recruiting talented, motivated and team oriented players for the 1996 season.

Golf

Novi Rotary will hold its 11th annual golf outing on Thursday, June 6 at Links of Novi, 50395 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

Runners destroy Milford 100-38

Continued from 9 The 500-meter relay and was disqualified. In the mile run, Hagfors garnered first with a time of 4:36 while Shilprie was second in 4:57.8 and Kevin Avemus was third in 4:59.

Novi swept the 800-meter run. Sweller won the race in 2:35. Hampton was second in 2:39 and Angela Pelletier finished third in 2:40.

Novi scalps league rival

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SCC to pitch merger to KVC

By MERRILL CAIN and SCOTT DANIEL Sports Writers

It's an invitation that could eventually lead the seven-school Kensington Valley Conference into a marriage that would solve the league's scheduling problems, but it's also raised more than a few questions from conference officials.

The four schools that make up the South Central Conference (SCC) — Adrian, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron — have called an April 17 meeting at Ypsilanti High to discuss the possibility of shared scheduling between several area conferences.

The move toward establishing a "mega conference" locally has gathered more steam recently since Ypsilanti decided to explore some of those other options. In early March Ypsilanti accepted an invitation to join the Wayne County-based Michigan Lakes Conference.

After the KVC saw its proposed merger with the 10-school Western Lakes Academics Association (WLA) fail last year, officials from the two

"We talked about (the invitation) at our last ADS meeting and the only talk that came up was acknowledgement of the letter and that maybe we would have a representative attend for the purpose of setting up some cooperative scheduling."

JIM HORAN, Huron Valley Athletic Director

conferences have tried to help each other through cooperative scheduling. McIntosh said next month's meeting with KVC and SCC officials is designed to do the same thing.

"It's just so that we can get together and talk," said McIntosh, who helped draft the letter inviting both KVC and SCC officials to a preliminary meeting to establish a "mega conference" to compete with similar large leagues in Wayne and Oakland counties.

McIntosh said Ypsilanti is now a member of the league leaving the SCC with only three teams. The SCC, the SEC and the KVC have all had problems with non-league scheduling since the establishment of the larger conference over the last few years.

among ourselves or we may even schedule a meeting before (April 17) to formulate an official response to the invitation by the KVC," Jackson said.

South Lyon athletic director Bob Schelske said he may attend the meeting strictly in an unofficial capacity but he believes the KVC wants to hold off on any talks of a merger at this point.

"I don't think we have an interest in expanding that way until we see what happens with some of the lawsuits with the mega leagues," Schelske said. The Michigan Mega Conference has had several legal challenges in the past few years from schools who feel that they were excluded from joining the league.

"I don't think we're interested at this point but we are willing to listen," Schelske added. "But the only decision on league expansion (in the KVC) will be done by the school administrators not the athletic directors."

KVC officials seem more interested in keeping communication lines open with WLAA officials in regards to a possible merger between those two conferences. The two leagues are close geographically and they're comparable in size and skill level — two points that could hamper the formation of a mega league with the SCC or SEC in down the road.

Novi High Athletic Director John Fundakian believes the KVC and WLAA will eventually merge. Athletic directors in both conferences are still unanimous in their support for a merger, he added. Fundakian said the home up lies with several Western Lakes administrators.

Local runners gear up for marathon

Continued from 9 Schulte came to a step-downhill. He ran much to fast going down and lost his rhythm. But he was able to hang on and finish in just more than three hours.

He likes to average about a seven-minute mile. He's not going to be so concerned about hitting that mark at Boston.

He has a list of all the local runners. Here's a list of all the local runners: Hub Copp (46), Leslie Churella (38), Colin Adams (32), Bill Phillips (46), Larry Hudson (37), Roger Armstrong (46), Theresa Chwastek (23) and Walter Waskul (49).

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Lions improved defense could lead to rise in KVC

The Wilcote baseball team returns to action Monday with a home game against South Lyon at 4 p.m.

Next week's Novi News will feature the Kensington Valley Conference's other ball clubs, Milford, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

SOUTH LYON

If the South Lyon baseball team could've had the hitting and the defense up the middle last season that it has this year. The Lions might be preparing to defend a KVC title this spring.

Coach Mark Thomas thinks his team has improved on those two areas of weakness from last year and that's why the Lions should once again be among the front runners in the conference this spring. It's not like the team had gaping holes in the middle or at the plate in '95, but in key situations it seemed those areas were exposed.

Last season, the Lions relied heavily on the top part of their lineup and when those hitters struggled so did the team. That was most evident in the club's 4-0 opening round district loss to Walled Lake Central.

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There are a couple of changes in the SL outfield this spring. Sargent, who played centerfield last season, will move to left when he's not pitching. The move was made in order to save Sargent's arm for the long haul.

Sargent has good speed in the field and he's no slouch at the plate either. Last year he hit .359 and was second on the club with 29 RBI.

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Coach Thomas may platoon a couple players in the rightfield spot. Campbell has some experience at the position but senior Jim Tompkins, a small, quick contact hitter, may also see some time. Szafraczyk and junior Mike Cashen could also play in the outfield for the Lions.

While coach Thomas believes that his defense can help carry the team early on this spring, he said a good start and finding the right mix on the mound will be essential to the Lions' success in the KVC.

"I think we should be in the thick of things but a lot of it has to do with how we get started in the league," Thomas said. "Brighton and Howell and Lakeland should be tough but there doesn't seem to be any dominant teams. Getting good pitching to keep us in the ball games early will be a big key."

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NOVI SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Table with columns for Lacrosse, Tennis, Track, Baseball, Soccer, and Golf, listing various teams and their schedules.

Rec Briefs

Providence Novi Run

Sixteenth annual Providence Novi Run, Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. - 5k run. Sponsored by: Novi Parks and Recreation, (810) 347-0400.

Spring Clean-up

The ultimate kick-off to the garage sale season! Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Novi Civic Center parking lot.

Karate Tournament

The fourth annual event will welcome competitors from many of the Detroit Metro Karate Clubs. Trophies will be awarded in first, second, and third place winners in weapons, forms and sparring.

Preregistration required by Thursday, May 23, 5 p.m.

This year, the race will kick-off the Memorial Day parade. Course: 100 percent paved and moderately challenging. Entry forms will be mailed directly to 1995 participants.

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Special "early" registration - residents only - Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m.-noon.

Note: Special registration date will not appear in the next brochure. Please mark your calendar now.

Special Registration Guidelines: Doors open at 7:30 a.m. (receive a number and complete forms upon arrival, registration begins at 8 a.m.)

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Start running – the right way

By ED PIENKOSZ
Special Writer

It's any Saturday in the early days of spring and you're preparing for your daily run. As you walk to the door, all layered-up and ready to go, the radio announces the current conditions.

"Currently, we've got light flurries and 28 degrees with winds all day. Bundle up out there." Upon hearing this even the most die-hard veteran would think twice about braving the elements.

Unfortunately, Michigan winters and early springs do not lend themselves to "personal record" training schedules, nor does the weather always bode well for beginning a running program. In fact, runners in our state must combine running with appropriate cross-training activities to complete their exercise programs.

Let's talk about some ideas for maintaining or starting a running program.

The first thing a veteran or beginner should remember is that March and April are typically base-building months. These months should find a veteran runner reestablishing his or her aerobic base, while new runners should be slowly but steadily increasing their mileage. This can be accomplished in two main forms: either by increasing weekly running distance by no more than 10 percent per week or by

increasing the minutes of weekly totals by no more than 15 percent per week. This format allows all runners to increase their "base" without exceeding their ability level. This "base-building" period should last for eight to 12 weeks.

This period, also called phase one, is the perfect time to use cross-training in your program. Keep in mind also that even though many runners use indoor running (treadmills, indoor tracks) during the winter months, it is not considered cross-training. Activities such as cross-country skiing, swimming, mountain biking, aerobics, even some racquet sports are what you should consider to supplement your running.

These activities use different muscles or those running muscles in a different way. However, such exercises are meant to give your body and mind a little rest and not overload them. The best way to accomplish this is to maintain your training heart rate within 60-80 percent maximum range.

The most accurate way to determine target training range, without completing a maximum VO2 test, is to use the Karvonen formula, which also takes into account your fitness level.

Additionally, there are two other important aspects of a winter and early spring program that are too often overlooked by runners –

weight-lifting and flexibility. If you wish to prevent injury and improve performance you must include these activities in your program. Many runners of all levels, unfortunately, disregard these extremely important parts of their training program.

By the time you have developed your aerobic base the weather has started to break and allows you to begin phase two of your training program speed. Every runner, regardless of ability, wants to go a little faster. Phase two is the perfect time to develop enough leg speed to get you through those early spring races and head quickly toward those mid-summer classics.

Suggestions on how to get started in or how to improve an individual running program, as well as information on proper nutrition, preventing injuries and more are available at Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center's (T.R.A.C.C.) one day running seminar on Saturday, June 22. TRACC also sponsors "Run for the Health of It," an 8-K run and fitness event on June 9.

For more information and to preregister for either of these events, please call (810) 473-5600.

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Olestra to reduce fat in variety of foods

Olestra, soon to be marketed under the trade name "Olean" by Procter & Gamble Co., in late January received final FDA approval for use in savory snack foods such as chips, crackers, cheese puffs and other fried snacks. What sets Olestra apart from other fat substitutes is that it can withstand the same high cooking temperatures as natural fats and, therefore, can be used in frying and baking.



Nelda Mercer

Consuming even moderate amounts of Olestra may cause some unpleasant, and even a few potentially harmful, side effects. To explain these side effects, let's first look at how Olestra is manufactured and metabolized in the body.

Normal fat is composed of three fatty acids attached to a glycerol (a type of alcohol) molecule. Once ingested, fat travels through the intestine where an enzyme splits it up into free fatty acids, which are absorbed by the body.

Olestra is composed of a sugar molecule, which is much larger than glycerol and can hold eight fatty acids tightly packed together.

The fat enzyme is unable to split this molecule apart. Therefore, the fatty acids are unable to be absorbed by the body. Consequently, Olestra passes through the body unabsorbed. In so doing, the calories from fat (9 per gram) are also not absorbed, making Olestra fat-free.

One of the important health features of fat is

not only that it provides essential fatty acids required by our bodies for good health but also that it provides a means for the fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, and K) to be absorbed into the bloodstream by hitching a ride on fat molecules that are naturally present in food. Unfortunately, these vitamins latch onto Olestra just as easily, but because Olestra is not absorbed, neither are the fat soluble vitamins.

There is, therefore, cause for concern over possible nutrient deficiencies. Procter & Gamble dealt with this problem by fortifying these foods with extra vitamins, A, D, E and K. That way, when Olestra goes through the intestine, it is already so overloaded with the nutrients that it cannot absorb more. As a result, the Olestra eater will not lose these vitamins.

Let's also consider the additional side effects of abdominal cramps, flatulence, bloating, loose stools and the urge to use the bathroom immediately. While these effects may not be harmful, they can certainly be unpleasant.

More important, will yet another fat-free substitute help solve America's obesity problem? If you consider what has happened to American weight trends over the last decade, the answer is a resounding no. One-third of American adults over 18 are overweight (up from one-fourth 10 years ago) and nearly one-tenth are obese. Yet Americans are eating a lower percentage of fat. But eating a lower-fat diet doesn't necessarily translate to eating less total fat.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics' food consumption data, although Americans are eating a lower percentage of fat than in 1978, they are eating more calories. In 1990, the average adult consumed 34 percent of total calories in fat, down from 36 percent in 1978. Saturated fat accounts for 12 percent of

total calorie consumed, compared with 13 percent in 1978.

Despite this percentage drop, however, the increase in daily calories from 1,969 to 2,200 during these 12 years means that the total fat intake rose from an average of 709 calories per day (79 grams of fat) in 1978 to 748 calories (83 grams of fat) in 1990.

How can this be? One possible explanation is that many people misunderstand the meaning of "fat free." They believe that eating fat-free or low-fat foods allows them to eat all they want (or at least more than they normally would) without gaining weight. However, fat free does not mean calorie free. It's not fat per se that contributes to overweightness, but calories, whether those calories come from fat, protein, carbohydrates or alcohol.

Consumers will probably start seeing Olestra-based snack foods by this summer. Federal law will require all foods containing Olestra to be labeled with the following warning: "This product contains Olestra. Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools. Olestra inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients. Vitamins A, D, E, and K have been added."

So, does America need yet another fat substitute? What Americans need more is common sense. It makes far more sense to cultivate a taste for foods that are naturally low in fat than to satisfy one "fat tooth" with snacks fried in Olestra.

Nelda Mercer, M.S., is the director of community nutrition, preventive cardiology services at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Health Notes

St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital is offering the following programs:

•Childbirth Class

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience.

A six-week class from 7 to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$50 is offered on an ongoing basis. A one-day class held on Saturdays at a cost of \$75 is also offered. For more information about class dates and times or to register, please call (313) 655-3314 or toll free at 800-494-1615.

•Breathers' Club

St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia offers a free Breathers' Club support group meeting each month on the third Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. This educational program is for people with chronic lung disease. A guest speaker gives a presentation each month.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 18 in the hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. This meeting will include a presentation by Janice Wheeler, R.N., on "Stress and Relaxation Techniques."

No registration is required. For more information, please call (313) 655-2924.

•Menopause Support Group

The Marian Women's Center menopause support group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B located next to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Please use the Levan Road west entrance. Enter through the gray awning.

Debra Madonna, certified occupational therapist and certified childbirth educator, will discuss exercise and fitness and demonstrate various relaxation techniques. The Marian Women's Center menopause support group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting and no registration is required. For more information, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314.

•Alzheimer's Disease

St. Mary's Hospital will offer a free lecture on

"Facing the Challenge of Alzheimer's Disease" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 in the hospital auditorium. Guest speaker will be Kelley Fulkerson, director of education and training, Alzheimer's Association, Detroit Area Chapter.

The program, presented by the St. Mary's Hospital department of social work, will present an overview of Alzheimer's disease, how the family can decrease difficult behaviors, how to prepare for future needs and available resources.

Refreshments will be served, and registration is requested as seating is limited. To register, call (313) 655-3333.

•St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia will hold its second annual Women's Health Day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. Women's Health Day will include a keynote speaker, a variety of one-hour workshops on health topics of interest to women, continental breakfast, lunch, a fashion show by Jacobson's and exhibits from local merchants.

Keynote address for the event will be "Walk-on-Water Women" presented by Melodie Cheney, R.N., of Galthersburg, Md.

Workshop topics include "Stress and You," "Abuse and Domestic Violence," "Creativity and Innovation," "Coping with the Loss of a Relationship," "Mid-Life Changes," "Building Self-Esteem," "Fabrics of Friendship," and "Women's Cancer Issues for the '90s." The event, co-sponsored by the Marian Women's Center and St. Mary's Hospital, is also supported by Project SMILE.

Holiday Inn-Livonia is located at 17123 Laurel Park Dr. at I-275 and Six Mile road. Advance registration is required by Thursday, April 11. Cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. The cost includes workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-2882 or toll free at 1-800-494-1617.

Breastfeeding basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding – how to start and maintain successful breastfeeding, as well as answering the questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. Classes are held at the Health Development Network at Botsford in Novi. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

Cholesterol and vision screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing care to keep children well from birth to school-entry age. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include:

• Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call:
North Oakland: 858-1311 or 858-4001.
South Oakland: 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital is offering the following services:

•Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks on the first Thursday of every month.

This free service is available at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road from 1-3 p.m. in the Cardiopulmonary Department. Call (810) 380-4225 for further information.

•Health education library
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River.

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