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Residents irate over road report

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For residents along Ten Mile Road, a proposal endorsed by the city's engineers is the \$6 million headache.

Sixteen years ago, before he purchased his Willowbrook subdivision home, one of several dozen along the mile road, Don Levinson said he researched the future of the road.

"I called the county offices. I went to the city hall in Novi. They told us there was no plan to widen the road," Levinson said. "All of my bushes in front, all of my trees will be gone with this proposed widening. With the sidewalks, that would bring the road within 20 to 25 feet of my front door. With some of the houses, it'll only be 15 feet away."

While the citizens' Ten Mile Task Force has asked that the thoroughfare between Haggerty and Novi roads be left as two lanes with a speed limit reduced to 35 miles per hour, an updated environmental impact assessment by city engineers JCK & Associates calls instead for five lanes.

About 40 homeowners met with the engineers on May 1. Many came away less than pleased, said Warren Jocz, leader of the task force and president of the Willowbrook Community Association. Jocz, an engineer, said he found the session "frustrating" and "discouraging."

"I think it was kind of the consensus that they wouldn't answer some of our questions," Jocz said. "Some of the residents were quite upset ... I tried to ask cost questions, they would not answer how much they've spent to date."

JCK is expected to report to the Novi City Council in June or July. The next step for the homeowners, Levinson said, is that they may carry placards and march on a Novi City Council meeting.

Part of the city engineers' assignment six months ago was to evaluate the proposal submitted by the Ten Mile Task Force and largely drafted by Jocz, an engineer who works in the automotive industry.

The Ten Mile householders

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Jan Valade and her afternoon preschool class color their favorite barnyard animals at Parkview Elementary.

Public versus private

Would district's expansion compete with private preschools?

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It has all the resources to do it, so why shouldn't the Novi Community School district offer a service many parents are demanding?

"The idea of expanding is definitely necessary," said Peggy Shinkel, a Novi resident who sends her daughter to the Faith Community Preschool program. "This is a growing community and we need to expand with it," she explained. "If it takes public money to do so I'm in support of that."

Shinkel chose the private program because it has more space for the kids, she was impressed with the teacher and because her friend's had good experiences with it.

But she said she did investigate Novi's program and found it to be quite good. She just didn't want to deal with the lack of space and unreliability of the program's existence from year to year.

"I don't think the resources of the public enterprise should be competing with the resources of private enterprise."

Rod Speelman,
Novi parent

If Novi can solve those problems, Shinkel said, it can benefit the whole community. "If our kids go into school more ready to learn ... then it's the obligation of the school system to offer that," she explained.

As for critics who question the district's expansion, she said it's not a bad question but the answer is quite clear. Novi is growing

and the demand is there. Someone needs to fill that void.

While a couple of spots went unfilled in the 4-year-old preschool program at Novi Schools, the 3-year-old programs were all filled up this year. And according to Clara Porter, director of Novi Community Education, the staff wants to expand the program as the community school's population grows.

But that's something the school district shouldn't be involved in as far as Novi parent Rod Speelman is concerned.

"I don't think the resources of the public enterprise should be competing with the resources of private enterprise," said the father of two Novi students.

He understands there is a tremendous need in Novi for preschool but feels the district should focus its resources on K-12 education.

Up until a couple of years ago, the Novi dis-

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Park plan hearing set for tonight

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A walk in the woods or putting on the green, these are the potential choices for the 600-acre city park, most of which was once the Novi Tree Farm.

Four possible park plans - two with golf courses - designed by city-commissioned consultants Farrand & Associates are up for review.

Future users of the north end park can let their feelings be known tonight at a Parks and Recreation Commission public hearing. The hearing is at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, in the city council auditorium.

"We're trying to get as much community input as we can," Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

Each of the four designs includes ice skating, cross country skiing trails, an observation area, picnic spots, sledding, horseshoes, basketball and volleyball courts.

Rather than golf courses, two of the designs focus on overall recreation.

"The recreation concepts strive to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for a wide range of interests while preserving a spe-

cial natural resource," the Farrand & Associates report notes.

The site includes grassy meadows, flat to rolling to steep topography, wetlands to dry ridges and upland and bottom land woodlands.

Concept one, general recreation

Separating trail systems by uses, as well as keeping passive and active recreation apart is part of this scheme. Also in the design are playground and picnic areas at both the north and south ends of the park, to accommodate different neighborhoods.

In addition, a "large prominent" area of the park would be set aside for vendor leasing to support development costs.

This concept include 1.9 miles of a hard, surface path, 3.5 miles of nature trail, a 0.7 mile board walk, one mile for hiking and mountain biking, a nature center, an amphitheater, a banquet/office area and community gardens.

Disadvantages cited by the consultants are that separating trails such as walking from biking is more costly than not doing so and requires extra signs. It also potentially disrupts the ecosys-

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Parents want preschool expanded

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Should Novi Community Schools be in the preschool business?

Many current participants yell a resounding "yes!" saying they've looked elsewhere but nothing else compares.

"It's my first choice," said Allison Murray, whose daughter went through the program and who now has a second child she is

ready to enroll.

"It was a high quality program, the staff is wonderful and I like the experience of having my daughter affiliated with the school district. It made her transition into kindergarten very smooth," she explained.

For Jan Less, it's a safety issue. "A lot of preschools are held in churches and there's not too many people around," she said.

Less said she was also disap-

pointed with many of the local programs she looked at recently because they are a combined day-care and preschool setting.

"I was totally disappointed and upset last year," she said, explaining about the small classroom sizes, lack of resources, shortage of teachers to care for the kids and the quality of the care and emphasis on it being a "school."

The women and many of their

friends are fighting to keep the district in the business of offering a preschool program. Since they began enrolling their children, the program has shrunk and they fear if a new plan for moving the program to its own home fails, they'll have to resort to plan B.

"If Novi didn't have a program I don't think there is enough programs to absorb the number of kids out there now," said Murray.

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In today's issue



A special section ...

HOME & GARDEN 2

Resident takes first try at office

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The son of an attorney for the state treasury, Ed Cox was born in Lansing in 1936.

Now, he wants to go back. This time as state senator for the 15th district.

The 24-year Northville resident is a retired pediatrician who spent much of his career working for the state. With no experience in stumping for any office, Cox is frank that he's up against some heavy hitters in the race, especially State Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford.

"When Dave (Honigman) resigned, I felt why not, go for it," he said.

As he terms it, Cox is running "a very, very low-profile campaign." He has purchased no political signs, he's had no flyers printed and expects to spend well under \$1,000. But he is going door-to-door to meet the voters and is also doing some telephone

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Compare candidates' positions on the issues in the primary election grid published in this week's Novi News. The grid appears on page 6A.

politicking. Cox is not a registered member of any party, although he's on the Republican ticket.

"I feel like I'm a moderate. I'm in the middle-of-the road. Basically, I'm more conservative than liberal, so I call myself a conservative liberal ... I'm trying to present myself in terms of philosophy. It might be possible I'm a better listener than the other candidates," he said in a Northville interview.

"I feel very strongly that a sena-

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Brickner will face GOP race winner

By JIM TOTTEN
Staff Writer

Barry Brickner likes to talk and joke around.

But the 44-year-old attorney from Farmington Hills sees little to laugh about when it comes to how the state government is being run.

Hoping to make a change, Brickner is running for the 15th District State Senate seat vacated by David Honigman. Brickner is the only Democrat in the race, so while his GOP opponents will face a primary next Monday, he's already tuning up for June's runoff for the seat.

"The reason I'm running is that for some reason, most of the 15th District hasn't been represented for some time," Brickner said. Although Honigman was active, Brickner said a lot of what the former state senator worked on "didn't tend to impact on our community as much as other parts of Michigan."

He said the force in Michigan



Barry Brickner

government comes from Gov. John Engler, not the legislature.

From Brickner's point of view, this is how Michigan government has been working recently: Engler dictates what he wants done, the legislature does what it is told, and then the state representatives must explain what happens to their constituents.

"I'm getting a little tired of the trickle-down theory of government," Brickner said. "People have a right to have a say in

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SPECIAL PRIMARY • 15TH SENATE DISTRICT

Five running to fill vacated state seat

Republican

BILL BULLARD
 • Attorney
 • Representative in state House, 1982-present
 • Chair of the House Tax Committee
 • Highland Township Supervisor, 1980-82
 • Member, House Insurance and Local Government Committees
 • Married; has three children

Ed Cox
 • Member, Academy of Pediatrics, 3 years
 • Faculty, Wayne State University, 6 years

ED COX
 • Pediatrician, retired
 • Regional director of the Northville Training Center, 1966-83
 • Physician-consultant in Lapeer, 9 years
 • Legislative chairperson, Academy of Pediatrics, 3 years

Barbara Dobb
 • State Representative, 39th District, 1991-Present
 • Member of the Taxation Single Business Tax Subcommittee
 • Planning Commission
 • President of Dobb and Co., P.C. CPA

TERRY SEVER
 • City Council Member, Farmington Hills, 1985 to present
 • Mayor Pro Tem, 1988 and 1995
 • Owner and operator of TL Printing

Barbara Dobb
 • State Representative, 39th District, 1991-Present
 • Member of the Taxation Single Business Tax Subcommittee
 • Planning Commission
 • President of Dobb and Co., P.C. CPA

BARRY BRICKNER
 • Attorney
 • Farmington Hill Planning Commissioner, appointed in February
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Democrat

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Education is a key issue according to candidates

Key education-related issues such as making sure local districts get their fair share of the state funding pie, allowing unlimited charter schools and restoring adult education funding were debated last week by 15th District Senate race candidates.

But the Farmington PTA Council-sponsored "Senate Candidates Forum" at the Farmington Training Center was more consensus than debate.

Moderated by Rick Simonsen, the assistant superintendent of the Oakland Intermediate School District, five candidates in the May 13 primary offered almost predictable one-minute responses to prepared questions before taking a crack at random public queries.

The format of the two-hour program was called into question more than how Republicans Willis Bullard, Ed Cox, Barbara Dobb, Terry Sever and Democrat Barry Brickner fared. The forum will be replayed at 3 p.m. Friday on Channel 10.

A prevailing theme throughout the forum was with how the state should help ensure levels of adequate funding for districts with spiraling enrollment, such as those within the 15th District.

Farmington Hills City Councilman Sever insisted that lawmakers must stay committed to public education funding, resisting the temptation to change policies in mid-stream.

Bullard, the 38th District state representative, and Dobb, who represents the 39th District, agreed with the need to make sure the State Foundation Grant at least mirrors the rate of inflation—something that some local district officials said was not being maintained in Gov. John Engler's original education budget.

Agreeing was Cox. "There's no question we need increased funding and we need to keep up with inflation."

They also were in general consensus about doing away with the current system of blended pupil counts for determining funding, particularly because it penalizes fast-growing districts.

"We need to actually fund students that are here rather than half the students that are here and half the students that were here last February," Bullard said.

Several times during the night, both Bullard and Dobb emphasized there is a group of legislators opposed to the choice concept until those who move into a district at the beginning of the year are fully funded.

Dobb added a twist, suggesting that the formula could be made more fair by incorporating three student counts into the mix: two from the current year; one from the prior year.

Agreeing that making sure growing districts are fairly funded was Brickner, assured of squaring off on June 4 against the winner of the Republican primary.

"If the foundation grant has to at least be at the rate of inflation," he said. "And inflation is low."

The candidates concurred across the table, in answering whether the state constitution should be changed to allow public funds for private or parochial schools.

"I oppose changing the Michigan Constitution ... I don't know how much more you can say about it except No.," said Brickner, drawing crowd applause. "I don't see any compelling reason to change it at this point in time or ever."

Cox added that he isn't ready to change the constitution.

Special Election

The special election to fill this senate seat has itself become controversial. Local officials in the district's communities were upset over the expense, especially considering that another election will be held later this year. Do you believe the election was necessary, or do you agree as some have argued that the timing of the election was set to give political advantage to current officeholders?

Gas tax increase

Do you believe a hike in the gas tax is needed to improve roads? What would you do to guarantee a better return on tax dollars for the southwest Oakland County area in regards to road funding?

Proficiency examinations

The state government is now mandating standardized testing, or proficiency exams, for all graduating high school students to determine whether their diplomas will bear a state certified diploma endorsement. Do you believe this program is having the desired impact of improving accountability in public schools?

Assess charter schools

Assess the state's move to allow for the creation of charter schools. Is it having the desired impact of creating competition in the field of education? Is competition in education desirable?

Maintaining the economy

What measures do you believe the state legislature could take to maintain or further improve Michigan's current economic upswing?

Mandatory sentences

A national study of mandatory minimum sentences found that the impact was to lengthen the sentences of some offenders, and as a result to use up additional jail space, often resulting in earlier releases for those convicted of more serious and violent crimes. Should Michigan rethink its mandatory minimum sentences and its sentencing guidelines overall?

Immediate attention

What three issues do you see as needing the most immediate attention of the senator elected in this race?

I strongly opposed the scheduling of this special election. Election schedules should never be set to provide a clear political advantage for anyone. I sponsored an amendment which passed the House requiring the state to reimburse local governments for this election. I also proposed that any state mandated special elections which are held less than 120 days of a regularly scheduled election shall be paid for by the state. I currently participate in a legislative work group which is drafting reforms to consolidate elections.

The voters should have a say in whether or not they want to pay more money for better roads. A long term plan is needed for roads not just a quick fix approach every other year. The Robin Hood approach seems to be working well for a state government that insists on taking from Oakland County so the rest of the state may prosper. School funding, road money, and revenues sharing for our cities and townships have been redistributed to other government entities who have been unwilling to support local millages.

There should be some minimum standards for education. Regulations, laws, and money will not guarantee quality education. I would like to see a change that would result in 100 percent high school graduation of all students.

I am in favor of the neighborhood school concept. The public school system, owned by the taxpayers, can be improved. We should not abandon the education system that has been working. Creating competition for public schools will cost the taxpayers and will not guarantee accountability. Let's work together to make a good system better.

We need to make it easier for small businesses to become involved in the foreign markets. Working to establish a stable tax and spend philosophy without constantly changing formulas that adversely affect schools and municipalities.

I support mandatory minimum sentences but we should address this issue with first and second time offenders. Stricter penalties in the court system with early offenders would help discourage the development of criminals that are eventually locked up.

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 B. Stopping the growing levels of violence, crime and drug use in our society—especially among our youth.
 C. Balancing the amount of taxes Oakland County sends to Lansing with the amount of revenue we receive back. Particularly transportation and education funding. As a senator I will continue to fight for fair funding, especially for our growing school districts.

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Win would resolve residency question

A win for Willis Bullard in the special 15th State Senate District election would resolve any question about his residency.

Both the location he currently claims as home, his father-in-law's house on Wixom Road in Milford Township, and the lakefront property in Highland Township where his wife lives lie within the boundaries of the 15th senate district.

The Highland home is located outside the boundaries of his current state representative's district.

But he said he moving back there is "an option" if he wins the senate seat.

Still, Bullard insists his residency within his current State House district is not in question. He said his claim to residency at his father-in-law's house meets "all constitutional and legal requirements to be a resident," and there have been court cases which have defined what constitutes residency. Bullard receives his mail there. He is registered to vote there. That

is the address he uses for his driver's license.

"That is where I lay my head most of the time," he said. Like most legislators, he occasionally spends the night in Lansing, but he argues most would consider that to be business travel. "What if I go to visit my wife at her home on a Saturday night?" he said, asking if that should call residency into question.

Bullard's residence was questioned last July by a *Milford Times* article based in part on comments made by Milford Village Council member and bar owner James Crane. Crane said that while his establishment was located next to an apartment on Summit Street that Bullard had earlier claimed as his home, he never saw the lawmaker, the lawmaker's car, and he never saw lights on in the apartment at night.

Bullard said this week he had moved out of Summit Street apartment before Crane moved his bar into the neighborhood, "because I didn't want to live next to the Red Doggie Saloon." Asked why he hadn't sold the Highland home and bought another one inside his district, Bullard answered, "because it is lakefront property and was appreciating in value."

Retired pediatrician makes a run for state senate seat

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tor should be able to stand on the floor of a senate not just represent one view but the breadth of feelings of the electorate who have put him in there."

Cox, who is using his middle name as a first name for purposes of the election, explained that his professional background gives him insight into the workings of state government. (His full name is Douglas Edward Cox.)

After earning his medical degree at the State University of New York in Syracuse, he began his pediatric career at Children's Hospital in Detroit in the 1960s. That was during the Vietnam War, when he soon found himself in uniform for two years as a doctor at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

Returning to Michigan, Cox took a job at the faculty of Wayne State University for six years, also earning a master's degree in science degree in human genetics at the University of Michigan.

From 1966 to 1983, he was regional director of the Northville Training Center, a now-closed facility for the mentally handicapped. The final nine years of his career were spent in Lapeer as a physician-consultant, working with the mentally handicapped programs in six counties. He calls himself "a casualty of John Engler."

Because he took an early retirement when the governor down-

sized the state's mental health programs.

In the 1970s, Cox gained some expertise as a lobbyist for three years, mainly dealing with the U.S. Congress as the legislative chairperson for the Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics.

"Now I have time and the background of a whole lot of experience in the administrative and executive branches of Michigan government — My mentality is a teaching mentality," he said.

"I've been interested in politics, whether as actually doing it or in letting my ideas be known."

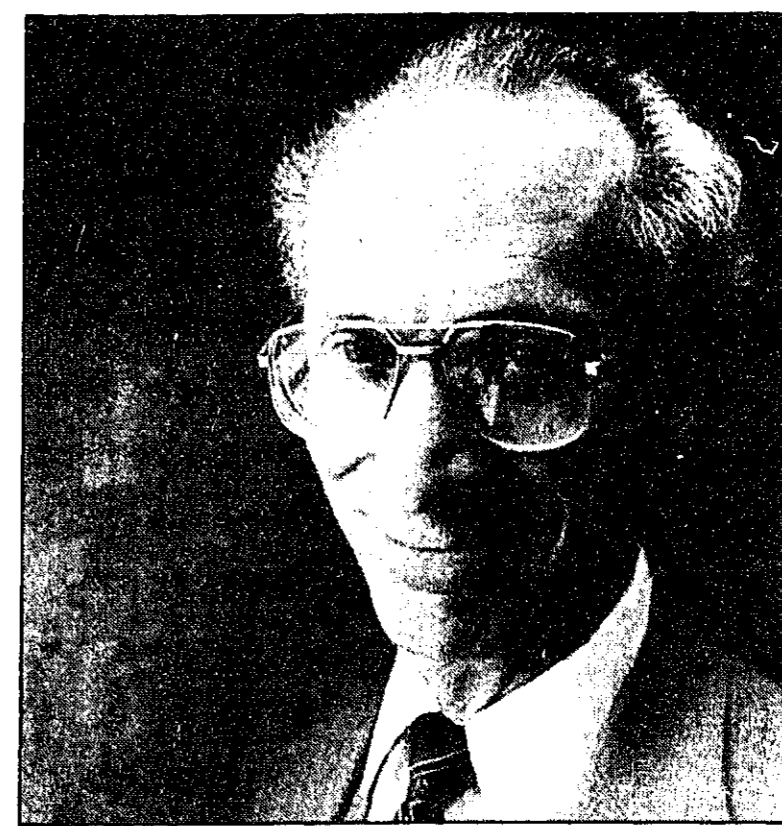
What campaigning this married father and grandfather is doing doesn't focus so much on current state issues as on his personal beliefs.

"I'd like to present myself as I'm interested in life. I'm interested in the basic liberty that everybody should have equal opportunities for what they choose. I'm into domestic tranquility," Cox said.

But he is a proponent of scaled-back government.

"Either we need to have honest-to-goodness revenue sharing that is responsive to local needs or else we need to cut down on statewide taxes," he said.

"We've got to have a whole lot of local control. We're finding that the legislature and the governor aren't as responsive as they should be."



Northville resident Ed Cox is running for the state senate.

Brickner will face winner of primary

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Lansing."

He said elected officials need to talk to the people of their community, find out what they want done and then make laws and appropriate funds based on the community's goals.

This is Brickner's second run for public office. In 1990, he ran for a state representative position and lost.

"I'm still fresh, idealistic and believe government still works for the people," he said.

Brickner has been practicing law for 20 years. For 17 years, he has operated his own private practice. He runs a general practice and handles real estate, landlord/tenant, divorce and criminal work.

He is married and has two daughters. One attends middle school and the other North Farmington High School.

With his daughters attending school, Brickner said he is concerned about some of the changes in the education system.

He said the changes began with passage of Proposal A, which he said hurt the school system. He said out-of-formula schools were financially hurt by the new legislation, and these effects are just now being felt.

"I'm not happy with the ways things have been run," Brickner said.

He also said core curriculum should be maintained in schools

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until it is determined if other, experimental programs are a success or a failure.

Brickner has been elected Democratic precinct delegate since 1988.

He was appointed to the Farmington Hills Planning Commission in February.

Brickner said he enjoys serving on the planning commission because it is grassroots government.

"We make decisions that affect people on a day-to-day basis," he said.

Brickner also serves on the board of the Independence Hills Homeowners' Association.

He co-authored and helped edit a book, *Flying Solo*, which is about running a solo law practice.

He is vice-chairperson of the American Bar Association World Processing/Document Management Interest Group. He has also served as the editor since 1993 of *Word Progress*, a law publication.

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LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 1996.

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Residents irate with road report

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have asked that as a substitute to five lanes, the city leave the road at two lanes and the speed limit along their stretch of the road from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. In the citizens' report, this follows the theory of "traffic takes the path of least resistance," by lowering the speed limit, this would funnel traffic away from Ten Mile, residents argue.

JCK in its assessment of the task force document argues this doesn't take into account the anticipated growth in Novi and to

the west.

"If we assume that the path of least resistance theory is valid, then it would also be logical to expect that once Eight Mile Road and Grand River Avenue reached capacity, the traffic demand would shift back to Ten Mile Road," the city engineers reported.

Of the 135 parcels fronting on the road, rights-of-way will be needed from 35. Of those with an existing 27 feet of right-of-way, another 35 feet will be needed for the road widening.

Most of the homes along Ten Mile Road are part of the Willowbrook subdivision. Residents say the road widening would disrupt the cohesiveness of the 1950s-vintage neighborhood, take much of their yards and lower their property values.

JCK has pinpointed two places where sound abatement measures would be cost-effective - a 1,650-foot wall along Meadowbrook Glens subdivision and a 650-foot structure at the Olde Orchard Condominiums.

But walls aren't practical for the homes along the road. Bringing

the road closer to these residences will make the noise intolerable, Levinson said, both for those who front on Ten Mile and for neighboring condominium residents who back up to the road.

The family has a turnaround at their drive now, but will lose it if the road is expanded.

"It's so 'me' me. So many people were getting mad, livid that they would put a racetrack in front of their front door. How will you get out of your driveway with a car full of screaming kids?" Levinson said.



Warren Jocz and the Ten Mile Road Task Force.

JCK supports 5-lane proposal for Ten Mile

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

In September 1995, the city's consulting engineers, JCK & Associates, reported to the Novi City Council that the best alternative for Ten Mile Road is an expansion to five lanes, with a sidewalk and bike path.

Last week in a meeting with area homeowners, they stood by their conclusion after several more months spent researching this and three other alternatives.

The April 1996 Environmental Assessment Road finds that traffic on Ten Mile Road is stop-and-go and could be improved if the two-mile stretch from Novi Road to Haggerty Road was widened from two to five lanes.

Improved safety characteristics would result from the construction of this proposed alternative. The construction of a center turn lane would likely decrease the possibility of head-on accidents by separating opposing directions of traffic, the engineers determined.

"The center lane would also likely reduce rear-end accidents by removing left-turning vehicles from the high-speed traffic lane."

The final project is expected to cost \$6 million, with the City of Novi and Oakland County splitting 20 percent of the tab and the rest coming from the state and federal governments.

In two years, 238 accidents, most of them left turn or rear end collisions, occurred between Novi and Haggerty roads and the rate could be cut by 50 percent with a center lane, the engineers calculate.

In addition, a five-lane Ten Mile Road would accommodate future drivers as they head to and away from the developing west end of

Novi and beyond, the report notes. Funding for the research, some \$200,000, came primarily from the Federal Highway Administration.

Traffic counts in the report show that between Meadowbrook Road to Novi Road, some 17,500 vehicles use Ten Mile each day. From Haggerty Road to Meadowbrook Road, that zooms up to 18,500. If Novi builds out as expected in the master plan, the traffic would increase to 31,000 to 39,000 vehicles daily.

As part of the project, the engineering team recommends gates and a rubberized pavement at the CSX railroad crossing, where some of those rear-end collisions are happening.

Other routes to enhancing the road rejected by JCK were a "no build, speed reduction alternative" requested by the Ten Mile Task Force: a "low cost improvement," and three lanes.

With a price tag of \$4.2 million, the no-build approach was almost as expensive as the five-lane thoroughfare. If this plan were adopted, the existing two existing 11-foot wide lanes would be increased to 12 feet each, while curbs and gutters would be added to the road. The speed would be reduced from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

"The capacity of Ten Mile Road will remain the same if this alternative is implemented. There would also be an improvement in the safety characteristics of this road," the engineers conclude.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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Elderly woman arrested under new law

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer
Novi City Clerk Tommi Bartholomew's biggest fear has come true. An elderly Novi woman came to the clerk's counter the other week to turn in her absentee ballot along with her husband's and an 81-year-old neighbor's, who couldn't do it herself because of congestive heart failure. Now this 69-year-old woman is accused of committing a felony.

Foundation ready to give mini-grants

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer
The Novi Education Foundation is already on a roll with plans to distribute monies to staff and students in the Novi Community School District. The foundation is prepared to offer \$5,000 worth of \$500 mini-grants to teachers who propose new and innovative programs and need a little extra help to fund them.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1996-1997 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 1996-1997 BUDGET, at the Regular Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, May 13, 1996. Said hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

A copy of the proposed 1996-1997 Budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

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The city clerk and many of her fellow co-workers are incensed because they've been opposed to this law since its inception. For years residents have brought

defined outcomes and support innovative activities. Examples could include bringing in an artist to class for a special lecture or a series of workshops. At the May 2 Novi School Board meeting Superintendent Emmett Lippe suggested the board think about including a matching grant in the 1996-97 budget. Trustee Ray Byers was all for the idea saying that mini-grants were originally the purpose of the foundation when it was started years ago. "It's valuable tool to teachers in Novi," he explained. Seeing no objections, Lippe explained the money will be

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Novi man faces CSC charges

Editor's Note: The suspect's name has been withheld to protect the identity of the victim.
By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A 41-year-old Novi man is free on \$7,500 bond after being arrested by Magistrate Andrea Richardson, April 25, on charges of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree. A preliminary exam trial is set for May 28 at 52-1 District Court in Novi. The man stands accused of allegedly sexually molesting his five-year-old daughter in or around December of 1994, according to assistant Oakland County prosecutor Pam Mass. Police arrested the man this

Exchange day on tap for Novi seniors

The City of Novi is one of the cities that will be hosting a multi-city Senior Exchange Day on Tuesday, May 14. The cities that will be participating in this event are Royal Oak, Novi and Waterford. Approximately 350 senior citizens from 20 different Oakland County cities will be touring the three senior centers to learn about each other's activities and share in

entertainment and refreshments. The day will start at the Royal Oak senior center at 9:30 a.m., where the Hand Bell choir will be performing and refreshments will be served. Next, the group will travel to Novi at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, music and entertainment by the Sixtyfour Chiggers and the Skits-o-Frantics. Guests in Novi will be

mother of planting ideas in the little girl's head. The girl's mother told police that in November and December of 1994 she found the girl with calendar's and playing cards featuring naked women on them and confronted her husband with them. His reaction reportedly was that he thought it was funny. Since the allegations were made, a civil hearing determined the man was to have only supervised visitations with his daughter. The man's attorney told police he would not come in for an interview and would not take a polygraph test. He could not be reached for comment.

Mayoral Kathleen McAllen, Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid and state Rep. Willis Bullard. The final stop of the day will be at the Waterford senior center starting at 2:15 p.m. where seniors will enjoy dessert while being entertained by The Cameo Club. Live demonstrations of skilled crafts will also be on-site.

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HELEN BERTHELTO
A memorial service for Helen W. Berthelto will be held this Friday, May 10, at 3 p.m. at the Vermuelen Funeral Home in Westland. The funeral home is located at 980 N. Newburgh Rd. Mrs. Berthelto was a Democratic party activist, campaign manager for former Gov. G. Mennen Williams and adviser to three generations of Michigan politicians. She authored the book *Win Some, Lose Some*, which has been called an essential guide to the G. Mennen Williams era in Michigan politics.

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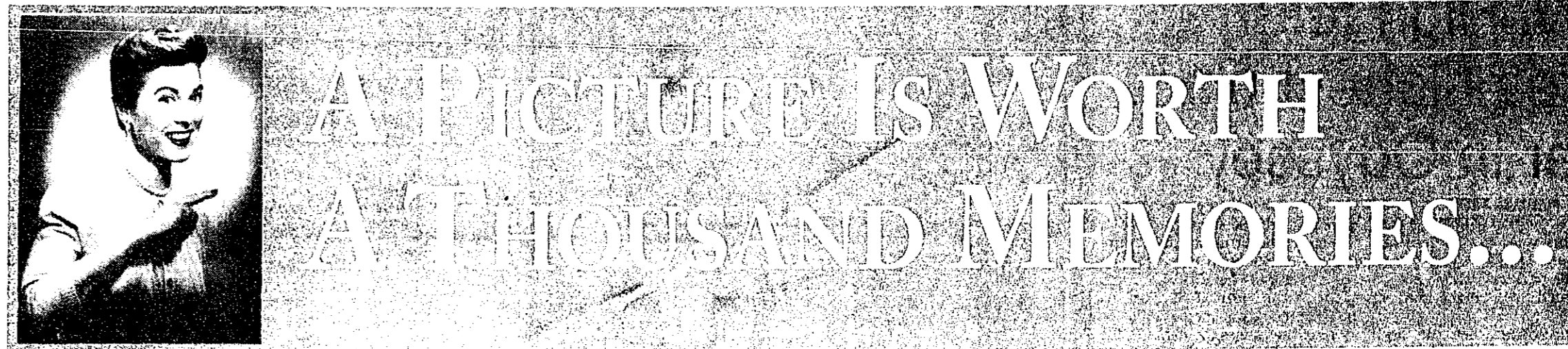
By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The lights went out at Central, all but one. From the darkness shone a battery operated light on the front of the train. Two minutes into the ten minute presentation in front of the judges the lights in the gymnasium went out. The only glow was from the train. After power was restored, the team repeated the performance and won the hearts of the judges. The team also had to compete in a spontaneous five minute problem set given to them by the judges. The five teens are proud of their accomplishment and hopes to go on to world competition next year. This team has been together for a number of years. Some of the members have participated a straight six years in the competition. They worked and practiced two hours each Wednesday night since November and Saturdays. Team coach Cathy Gee said she and other coaches Mike Carter, Michelle Carter and Terry Thornton are only available as guides. "We can tell them what an axle is but we can't tell them how to build one," she explained. Gee explained the Novi kids take their determination even further than most. If they want, teams can buy pre-manufactured cars and materials, but Novi Team Green is consistently determined to build from scratch. That's what sets them apart from the rest. "To watch their growth has been phenomenal," Gee said. "It becomes all consuming for them." Team members are: freshmen Nick Thornton, Christina St. Clair, Phillip VanNortwick, junior Laura Carter and Ken Gee a seventh grader.

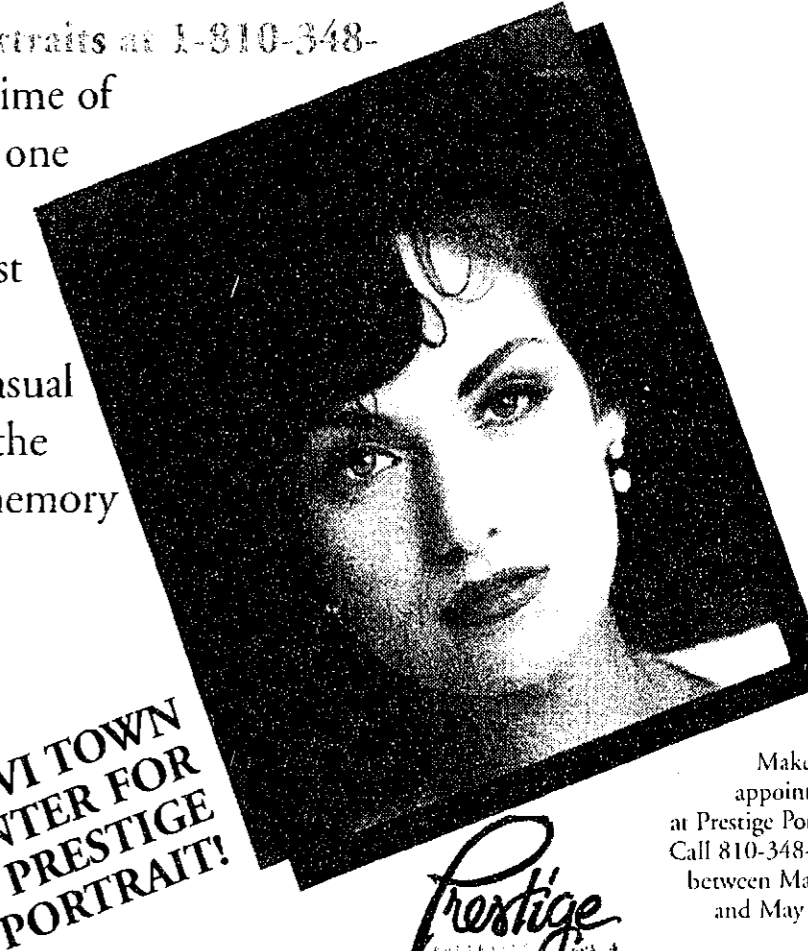


The team of (from left) Nick Thornton, Laura Carter, Christina St. Clair, Ken Gee and Phillip VanNortwick won fourth place.

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Novi children making friends through exchange

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

By the scene at Novi Woods Elementary on a sunny Monday morning, you would never know there exists such a thing as racism.

In perfect harmony, the 60 mostly black children from an Inkster Elementary School and the 60 mostly white children from Novi Woods cut and pasted construction paper windsocks, designed colorful visors with stickers and shared computer time.

"They just mix right in," said tababals, pointing to two children holding hands and another pair with their arms around each other. For the second year in a row, fourth grade teacher Sally Chandler at Novi Woods and first grade teacher Heather Babala at Baylor Woodson Elementary designed a pen pal program between the two schools to enhance academics such as reading and writing and to expose the children to a little bit of culture.

"The interaction is great," said Chandler. "For some of these Novi

kids, it's a culture shock."

This year the program expanded and Novi Woods teacher Julie Lassila joined up with Elizabeth Coleman at Baylor Woodson.

Coleman said the partnership accomplishes many things but the biggest aspect is having the kids interact with others different from them. Last year the Novi students traveled to Inkster.

"The cultural exchange is good for them," Coleman said. "They're aware of racial tension in society but today they're getting a different side of it." Coleman explained adding many of her students haven't had exposure to Asian or Indian children.

"It was hard to write a story when all you had was a picture," said Rachel Good, a fourth grader.

The students behave as if they've been friends for years. They write to each other once a month during the year and even send video messages to each other.

Fourth grader Monika Wadehra and pen pal Crystal Walker are determined to be friends for "ever and ever and ever."

The pair already finish each other's sentences and speak in unison.

"We're friends 'cause we both are girls and we have a lot to talk about," said Monika, dressed in a pink sweat suit decorated with teddy bears, her long dark hair framing her tiny face accentuated with big round glasses.

"I think her hair looks cool," she said about her pen pal's numerous thick braids decorated with colorful barrettes.

Both girls agree they like school and even want to be elementary school teachers when they grow up. "Because it's fun to correct papers" and "it's fun to write."



Pen pals Monika Wadehra, 10, and Crystal Walker, 6, became fast friends through the Novi Woods cultural exchange program. At left, the two are absorbed in a "Muppet Math" computer learning game during a visit to Novi Woods by students from Inkster Elementary School.

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Racing hall hosts speaker on US 500

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Get your motors revved. It's racing season and nearly time for the US 500 scheduled for May 26 in Brooklyn, Michigan.

And the Novi Motorsports Hall of Fame Museum is gearing up for the big event by inviting organizers and participants of the event to the May 15 Speakers Series.

Changes in the Indy 500 have led to a decade in the Indy Car circuit having many of today's most famous drivers to sign up for the US 500, scheduled for the same day as the Indy 500.

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During in the new race will be Tasman Motorsports Indy Car driver Adrian Fernandez, three

year veteran of Indy Car racing with a career third best at the most recent Michigan 500. Fernandez will be on hand May 15 along with Rena Stangman, general manager of the US 500. Stangman will discuss the new controversial issues relating to the event and how she helped to schedule the race.

"We're expecting a big crowd," said Ron Watson, executive director of the Motorsports Hall of Fame. "We encourage people to call ahead to reserve tickets."

Guests will be able to meet the speakers and will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Meanwhile, the Motorsports Museum is racing to get the vintage Novi Special in shape.

"They're trying to find the original mechanic to see if they can get that up and running. For years, they've been trying to see if they can get involved in Indy," Kriewall

said, adding that the Special was never invited to cruise at Indianapolis.

The May 15 event will begin at 7 p.m. held at the museum. Doors will be open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. so guests can visit the collection of more than 75 racing vehicles, the Hall of Fame and other exhibits.

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"We know that wearing a safety belt and driving sober are two of the best things you can do for your health," said Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. "Buckling up dramatically reduces your chances of injury or death in the event of a serious auto accident. In fact, people with air bags are advised to always buckle up because air bags are designed to work together with safety belts. Air bags deploy at 200 mph and people need to be in the right position when that happens - not up against the dashboard. Michigan is adopting a national model for traffic enforcement called Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs, or STEPs. "Michigan Safe and Sober" will target three time periods for highly visible enforcement. Traffic officers will be emphasizing safety belt violators May 19-June 2 and again Aug. 26-Sept. 8 which includes Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Drunk driving will be the focus of enforcement efforts June 27-July 7 which encompasses the Fourth of July holiday. Stricter drunk driving laws, including a provision that now makes it illegal for drivers under 21 to get behind the wheel of virtually any alcohol in their system, have helped reduce alcohol-related fatalities. Even with decreases, 37.4 percent of Michigan fatalities were alcohol related in 1994.

Library Notes

New York Times on CD-ROM
The New York Times has now been added to Novi Library's growing collection of CD-ROMs. The Times is known for its excellent coverage of both United States and international events, and is considered one of the top newspapers in the world. Complete articles can be found and printed. The library has the current year plus 1994 and 1995.

Teen volunteers needed

The library couldn't run its summer programs without help from teen volunteers. Volunteer help at the registration table, assist in craft classes, help at special events, and share picture books. To be a volunteer, you must have completed 6th grade by June 1996, be willing to work two hours per day, one day a week from June 24 through Aug. 2, and attend an orientation session either Tuesday, June 11 at 4 p.m. or Thursday, June 13 at 4 p.m. Applications will be available at the library on Monday, May 20.

Novi band runs up string of top ratings

It has been a very good year for the Novi High school symphony band. Two recent competitions extended a string of top results for Novi.

Scott Boerma, director of bands at Novi High School, explained. The Novi High School symphony band earned straight first division ratings at the State Band and Orchestra Festival in Lansing Saturday, April 27. They carried the right to perform at this festival by receiving straight first division ratings at the District Band Festival on March 9. All of the bands at state festival qualified by earning a first division rating at District Festival. The Novi High School symphony band earned all A's in every category, and was one of only three bands at their site to receive straight 1's.

Joining the symphony band with their honors, the Novi High School jazz band also took 1's in their separate competition at the MSBOA state festival. The state festival performances culminate another season of outstanding accomplishment for the instrumental music program at Novi High School. In March, the Novi percussion ensemble took the state title for the second year in a row. The ensemble went on to represent Michigan as its sole entry at WCI national percussion finals in Dayton, Ohio. During the fall 1995 marching band season, Novi was seventh among the top 10 finalists in MCBA Flight II state finals competition at the Pontiac Silverdome.

NOVI BANDS CAPTURED LIVE

For the first time, the Novi concert, symphony and jazz ensemble are available on CDs and cassettes. On Sunday, April 28 band students performed in a day long recording session at Forest Auditorium. The product is a yet-to-be-titled live performance recording now available for purchase from the Novi Band Boosters.

Each band plays 3-4 selections each on the album, as conducted by Scott Boerma, director of bands. "This recording contains live performances of our first division ratings selections from the symphony band and the jazz ensemble. We are very excited to capture the talent of our band students at their best with this enjoyable keepsake," Boerma explained. "It has been a goal of ours to record for more than two years and now we have a product that will keep their performance fresh and exciting for years to come."

Novi fans will also hear the "Wildcat Fight Song" included in the new release. This recording marks the first time the fight song has been available on a professional recording in many years. Sophomore band member Lecann O'Keefe designed the cover artwork for the recording. CDs and cassettes will be available later this month, but orders are being taken in advance now.

CDs are available through the Band Boosters for \$15 and cassettes for \$10 each. To order, call Band Boosters president Buffy Lind at 348-3698.

Plans include local sales of the CDs and cassettes at area music stores. They will also offer the recording for purchase to local businesses as premiums.

Hourglass Productions of Bellevue, produced and mastered the live stereo recording. The production company specializes in outstanding live recordings of school music programs throughout Michigan and Ohio.

SUPERMARKET SUPPORTER

Supermarket Supporter, the new program designed to generate ongoing funds for the Novi band is underway. This new program benefits the Novi band by way of your shopping trips at Krogers, Meijer and Farmer Jack. The Novi High School Band Boosters has a 24-hour information center for the program. Make your touch tone home to dial (810) 443-2200, then enter B-A-N-D (2263). The service will update the latest information for the Supermarket Supporter program.

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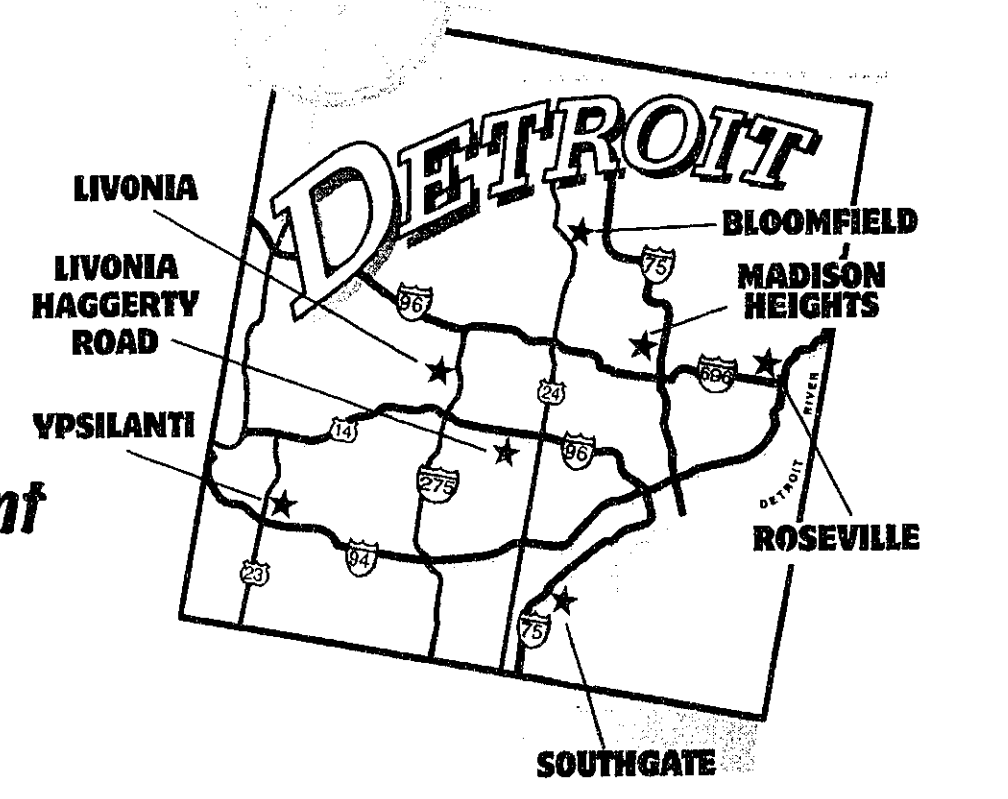
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Wagner".

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Mothers play vital roles

Sunday is Mother's Day and one of the most precious gifts a daughter can give her mother is to tell her she has been one of the biggest role models in her life. The following three daughters responded to our question, 'What makes your mom special?'

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Ruthellen Crawford and her late husband, Richard, raised their four children the only way they knew how.

"Anything Dick and I learned about how to deal with kids came from our experience because we came from very stable, warm families," said Crawford. "It was an automatic way of life."

One of the biggest compliments a mother can receive is when a daughter has chosen to follow in that tradition.

"I am raising my children the same way I was raised," said daughter Amy Zubor. "I have such good memories of my childhood if I can do it the same way as my mom I certainly want to."

Crawford was very involved in the lives of Jeff, Steve, Sue (Poster) and Amy, when they were growing up. Whether it was 10 years with the Girl Scouts, being a room mother or attending sports events, Crawford was always there for her children.

"We did some of the things together as a family, the six of us, but we also had time to spend with each of them individually," Crawford said. "That is one of the advantages of having four (children); no matter what your interest is one of those kids is also interested."

As a family they traveled to 37 states on various vacations. Sitting down together to eat three meals a day was one routine that was strictly followed when the children were growing up.

"That to us was the happiest time of the day," Crawford said.

Sue remembers when her mother gave her the old sewing machine when she bought a new one. Sitting at opposite ends of the dining room table, they would sew Sue's wardrobe.

"She used to take me to antique shops, that is where my love of antiques came from," Sue said.

When the youngest child, Jeff, entered kindergarten, Crawford returned to teaching and spent 17 years of her 26-year career in the Novi school district.

"I don't know how she did it with four children, but she did," Amy said. "She had a lot of help from my father. He was a very participating father."

Juggling a career and a family was easy, according to Crawford, because the children were responsible.

"Kids can take on responsibility much younger than parents think they can or expect them to," she said.

But Crawford credits both sets of grandparents with having a great influence on her children. The grandmothers taught the girls how to bake, crochet and knit.

Now Crawford's role has shifted to being a grandmother of seven.

"I am not your average grandmother," Crawford said. "I once gave a grandson a red legged tarantula for his birthday."

She has undertaken the responsibility with the same outlook as when she raised her own children - with a sense of humor, honesty, togetherness and involvement.

"I think I must have set the world's record for the number of



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Ruthellen Crawford (right), mother of Sue Poster, is a firm believer in humor being a necessary ingredient to parenting.

times a grandmother has taken kids to Maybury Park," she said. "I cannot understand the number of people who do not take their young kids out there. It's free, it's togetherness, they learn so much from it."

"She would kidnap my kids when they were little and take them to see the Globetrotters, the zoo or the museum," Sue said. "They had a real unique relationship with their grandparents."

One of the happiest Mother's Days for Crawford was when Dick, who always picked the restaurant, chose the Holiday Inn on Six Mile Road. Sitting at the big table, Crawford noticed there was an empty space.

"I didn't give it much thought because we were an odd numbered group sitting at a table with an even number of seats," Crawford said. "But I couldn't figure out why they weren't going to the buffet table."

All of a sudden, from across the room, she heard the words "mom." Turning around, she saw Amy, whom Dick had flown in from her job in Florida just for the day.

JOAN ROTH

When Joan Roth looks back on the accomplishments in her life,



Photo by AL WARD

Jill Roth (left) came in from Connecticut to attend Joan, her mother's, graduation.

there is one that ranks above them all.

"It is the best thing I ever did," said Roth of being the mother of three children. "I am very proud

of them."

Little league and swimming were just part of the routine for Roth when her children were growing up.

"I tried to keep them busy in sports," Roth said. "I spent a lot of time on the road doing that."

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Dorothy Gay's training in empathy comes in handy.

Counselor finds empathy important

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"I'm thinking about how to say no," said Dorothy Gay, "because I'd like to stay home alone for awhile."

But she keeps busy with her volunteer jobs, helping other people with their lives because "I enjoy it."

In Detroit, where she is a policewoman counseling women and children, she volunteers as secretary at Heartline, a half-way house.

"It's the kind of work that makes you feel you're accomplishing something."

In 1983, she read in *The Northville Record* that a new empathy class was being given for volunteers in peer-counseling at Schoolcraft College. She signed up. This was at the Women's Resource Center.

She took a six-week course in empathy training - listening and helping clients clarify their posi-

tions and goals.

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Ursla Place won the high jump competition in last week's meet with Howell. She cleared five feet.

Runners win relay meet; beat Howell

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor... Despite tough competition, the Wildcat boys' track team came away with the Stafford Relays championship Saturday... The Wildcats were triumphant on the track... The 3,200-meter relay team of Angela Pelletier, Camp Zimmerman and Sweller were winners in 10:02.7.

Wildcats take third at Holly invitational

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor... The Wildcat boys' track team used a strong start to take third place at the Holly Invitational Saturday... Nov placed third or higher in several field events for that fast start. Coach Bob Smith said it shouldn't come as a big surprise... "Our fate seems to be in field events," he said.



Katie Miller has helped Novi to a fast start this spring.

Netters edge Brighton 5-3 for KVC lead

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor... In most cases, reruns aren't appreciated much by the fans... "After all, if you've seen the show once what the heck do you need to see it again for? Wildcat tennis coach Jim Hanson doesn't mind being bored sometimes... "So when Novi beat Brighton 5-3 Friday it didn't bother him that it was the exact same score the two teams played to a week earlier."

Novi baseballers rip Trojans twice

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor... A tough spring got a little easier to take for the Wildcat baseball team Saturday... Novi swept a road doubleheader from Clarensville with great pitching and plenty of hitting... "It gave us some confidence that we can win games," he said... "Novi improved to 4-9 overall. The Wildcats are 1-6 in the Kensington Valley Conference and are on the road today for a doubleheader with league rival Lakeland at 4 p.m."

Golfers drop first match of season... For the first several years of the team's existence, Novi never came anywhere near a round of 200. Now with consistent balling from the top to the bottom of the lineup, it has become almost commonplace... Alison Ontario, as she generally does, led the way against Brighton. She shot a round of 43. Katie Miller pitched a 55. The Wildcats shot even better...

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Baseball scoreboard with columns for KVC Standings, Averages, Home Runs, and Softball Standings. Lists scores for various teams like Lakeland, South Lyon, Howell, etc.

Kickers pound Hartland, Howell

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor
In terms of soccer competition, the Kensington Valley Conference is either fast or frantic.
Novi, Brighton and, to a lesser extent, Milford all have solid teams from year to year.



Freshman Heather Wehah has pitched well for the Wildcats.

Softballers fall twice to South Lyon

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor
A loss is a loss, but when you're a young team you look for positives whenever you can.
So while Novi dropped both games of a road doubleheader Friday to South Lyon, there were a few silver linings.

Runners win pair of conference meets

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But it was not a contest Thursday.
It was a real surprise," the coach said. "I thought it would be 8-10 point meet."

Runners first in Stafford Relays

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Novi closed the meet by winning the 1,600-meter relay in 4:19.3.
Audra Wolowiec, Chipponeri, Harrison and Sweller ran on that team.
Tominek was proud of her team.
"It was a great, great meet," she added.

Golfers lose first match of season

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The Wildcats rebounded from its only loss of the season to crush Howell on the road May 1.
Novi swept the 800-meter run with Sweller (2:34), Pelletier (2:35) and Camp (2:35).
Novi closed the meet by winning the mile relay in 4:29.2 with Sweller, Harrison, Erin Lebl and Audra Wolowiec.

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Baseballers lose three to South Lyon

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We did.
Novi pounded out 12 hits in the game.
Angelo Fallone and Gabrieli each had three hits to pace the attack.
Minke, the team's first baseman, also had a double.
The left-handed batter collected eight two-baggers last week.
"We're calling him Mr. Double," said Howard.

Netters beat Brighton

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The Wildcats beat Brighton 4-0 in two other matches last week.
The Wildcats beat Walled Lake West on and Lakeland by identical 8-0 scores.
Vandermass, Baetens, Kowalczyk and Gabriel all won in both matches.

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Voice: if you abuse it you may lose it

The voice is a trademark, as unique as a thumb print. More than just a communication channel, it is the self's acoustic ambassador to the outside world. For singers and politicians, it is their bread and butter. For those in danger, it can be a lifeline.

But, according to a University of Michigan otolaryngologist, when it comes to the voice, if you abuse it you may lose it. So whether you stomp for a living or merely enjoy the gift of gab, practicing the essentials of "voice hygiene" can mean the difference between sounding like gravel or silk.

"We try to educate people about voice-hygiene issues, pointing out harmful habits and established patterns of misuse," says Norman D. Hogikyan, M.D., director of the U-M Health System's new Vocal Health Center in Livonia.

Dysphonia, or abnormal voice, can occur in anyone, but those who place heavy daily demands on their voices are especially prone, from teachers, radio announcers and singers to lawyers, politicians, parents and just plain talkative types. The symptoms of dysphonia include perpetual hoarseness, breathiness, loss of vocal range and cracking.

To get to the root of the problem, Hogikyan takes a careful voice history and assesses the

patient's speaking and singing voice. He then examines and films the vocal cords in action, using a lighted scope with a mini video camera on the tip.

The folds of tissue that make up the vocal cords, located in the larynx, vibrate hundreds of times a second just to make one sound. Cords that function properly close tightly when a person speaks and open when the voice is at rest. Any swelling or polyp on the cords can throw off the alignment, permitting air to escape through the folds when talking or singing.

In addition to polyps and swelling, other common sources of dysphonia include reflux (stomach acid surging up into the voice box), cysts, burst blood vessels, paralysis of the vocal cords and cancer. Most of these conditions are treatable with voice therapy, medications and/or microsurgery.

But, says Hogikyan, many causes of dysphonia are preventable through proper voice hygiene, the tenets of which include:

- Avoiding tobacco and alcohol, which can cause not only hoarseness but are potent risk factors for laryngeal and esophageal cancer;
- Going easy on caffeinated drinks and avoiding big meals before bedtime to prevent stom-

ach-acid reflux;

- Drinking lots of water throughout the day to keep the vocal cords hydrated;
- Using a microphone when speaking before groups; and
- Taking breaks between demanding singing and speaking engagements.

In addition, Hogikyan advises against frequently screaming, shouting and speaking in an abnormal pitch. Stretching the voice beyond its normal limits can lead to neck-muscle strain, resulting in what Hogikyan calls voice-fatigue syndrome.

While Hogikyan does not necessarily recommend that people come in for a vocal tune-up if they are not yet having a problem, he does emphasize the importance of preventive maintenance through a host of healthy habits, such as a dentist counsels patients to brush and floss regularly and avoid sweets. "A healthy body usually means a healthy voice box," he says.

Written by Margo Schneidman. She is affiliated with the University of Michigan Medical Center Health News Service. This article was coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at the University of Michigan.

Prostate cancer common in America

Decreasing the mortality rate from prostate cancer is one of the most formidable challenges facing medicine today.

Many experts argue that widespread screening with subsequent radical prostatectomy would lead to success; others support a less aggressive approach to detection and recommend watchful waiting as effective management. In this time of uncertainty, what should physicians do? The answer lies in the facts about prostate

cancer.

Without question, prostate cancer is common. In fact, it is the most common cancer in men today. This year, more than 315,000 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States alone. One of every 10 men in America will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime and it is the second most common cause of cancer deaths. This year, approximately 41,000 Americans will die of the disease.

It is also known that there is no curative therapy for advanced prostate cancer. Once prostate cancer has escaped the confines of the prostate gland, it must be considered incurable. While the progression of advanced prostate can-

cer can be slowed with androgen deprivation therapy (hormonal manipulation), a cure does not exist in such cases. Based on scientific data from numerous investigations, it is well known that prostate cancer begins as a small, microscopic tumor confined to the prostate. Life-threatening prostate cancers do not suddenly appear one day as a massive tumor having spread throughout the body. If the cancer is confined to the prostate and the entire gland is removed, as occurs with the radical prostatectomy, the man will be freed of the cancer.

The only way to detect prostate cancer when it is still at an early, organ-confined, curable stage is through annual examinations of the prostate gland. Remember, prostate cancers that are curable are asymptomatic; when the symptoms develop the tumor is no longer at a curable stage. The most complete evaluation of the prostate gland is achieved through the combined use of a digital rectal examination and a simple blood test called prostate-specific antigen (PSA). Some cancers can be identified with the digital rectal examination while others can only be detected with the PSA blood test. Thus, men who are at risk for prostate cancer should undergo annual prostate check-ups that consist of both detection methods.

There are two groups who should undergo annual prostate check-ups: men in the general population 50 years of age or older with a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years or more; and African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer, who are 35 or older

and have a life expectancy of at least 10 to 15 years. These are the men who have the most to benefit from early detection of prostate cancer because of their extended life expectancy - 30 to 35 years for some.

Every man with a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years or more has a right to know if he has prostate cancer, and if he does, to know it when the tumor is organ-confined such that if he wishes to pursue definitive treatment he can do so with confidence. Indeed, it is young men in their 40s, 50s, and early 60s with small, curable cancers who become the older men; in their late 60s and 70s with advanced, life-threatening, incurable tumors.

To eliminate death from prostate cancer, physicians must focus early screening efforts on young men; identify prostate cancers at an organ-confined stage; and administer treatments, such as the anatomical radical prostatectomy, that have been determined to be effective for these early stages of disease. When this policy is widely adopted by American men, prostate cancer will become a curable disease.

For information about early screening, diagnosis or treatment of prostate cancer, call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at 1-800-865-1125.

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Health Notes

Free Immunization

Free Vision Screening - Free vision screenings are being offered by the Oakland County Health Division to all Oakland County youngsters entering kindergarten in September 1996. A vision screening is required for school enrollment. The schedule is as follows:

Southfield Office, Monday, June 3 - 4 to 7 p.m.; Monday, June 10 - 4 to 7 p.m.

Pontiac Office, Monday, June 17 - 4 to 7 p.m.; Monday, June 24 - 4 to 7 p.m.

No appointments. Walk in during scheduled hours. For further information, call (810) 424-7070.

Prostate Cancer Awareness

Health Development Network at Botsford Hospital is conducting its sixth annual prostate health awareness program in May.

This prostate education and screening program is free, comprehensive approach aimed at giving men the information they need to understand prostate cancer and prostate disease. It includes a free presentation by board-certified urologist Steven Roth, D.O., on the risk factors, signs and symptoms, diagnostic techniques and treatment options and an opportunity to ask questions. In addition, registered dietitian Judy Swancutt will discuss the link between nutrition and prostate cancer. Following the lectures, men over 40 can schedule free digital rectal exams and prostate-specific antigen blood tests the following week.

Presentations on prostate cancer are scheduled for May 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's Community Room, 28050 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills, and on May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Botsford Inn, 2800 Grand River Avenue. Attending one of the lectures is mandatory for men interested in receiving a free screening, which will be conducted on May 20 and May 22 from noon to 6:30 p.m. at Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River in Novi.

St. Mary's Hospital

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

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care session from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 9.

Taught by a registered nurse, the class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," will feature infant safety, such as how to childproof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. This class is not just for parents but is for anyone who cares for an infant. This is the second class in

a two-part program.

The cost of the class is \$18. For more information or to register, call (313) 591-3314.

If you are the parent or guardian of a child who receives speech-language therapy, you are not alone in your concern that your child's progress will be slowed without regular therapy. In order to offer continuing speech-language therapy for area children, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a summer speech program from June 17 through Aug. 23.

Children will be scheduled in small groups and meet for 30 minutes twice a week. Cost of the program is \$50 per week. Insurance may cover all or part of the expense. A physician's referral/prescription is required for insurance purposes.

The month of May is designated as Better Speech and Hearing Month by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. At St. Mary Hospital, the Speech Therapy department will feature a display in the main lobby. The display will emphasize the role of speech-language pathology in evaluating and treating various communication, cognitive and swallowing disorders and provide information about St. Mary Hospital's services.

For more information about the 10-week Summer Speech Program or other services provided at St. Mary Hospital, please call the Speech Therapy department at (313) 655-2955, extension 2422.

•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 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.

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.

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, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

•Physician referral service

Are you new in the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups and health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

•Prostate Cancer

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers a free monthly support group for men with prostate cancer.

"Man to Man" meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

The purposes of the support group is to provide men with educational information on topics relating to prostate cancer and to allow them to verbalize feelings, concerns and problems with others who are having similar experiences.

For information on "Man to Man," Prostate Cancer Support Group, call (810) 424-3175.

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