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Novi officers Ken Meier (left) and Steve Patterson walk the memorial wreath to its place underneath the American flag. Novi Chief Douglas Shaeffer and Congressman Joe Knollenberg follow behind.

# Police honor fallen colleagues

**By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL**  
Staff Writer

It was a sea of blue in front of the Novi Police Station Monday morning.

While the sun hid behind a cloud, law enforcement officers from around the area along with community members and state dignitaries honored three fallen police officers from Detroit on Police Memorial Day.

"We must remember them," said Congressman Joe Knollenberg. "... We're here to say a special thanks to all law enforcement officers who work every day to protect our communities."

The families of Detroit officers Jerry Philpot II and Lindora Renee Smith and Sgt. Earl Lavelle White were present at the hour long ceremony. All three officers were killed in the line of duty in 1995.

"Believe me," said Detroit Police Chief Ike MacKinnon. "What it does to you as an individual, a community and a department, it literally rips at your soul because of the hard work and dedication of these men and women."

"It's important to have these ceremonies. It lets them and the families know they're not forgotten," MacKinnon explained.

Officers from Milford, South Lyon, Livonia, White Lake, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Green Oak Township and the Michigan State Police represented their communities.

Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid, Novi Mayor Kathleen McLaflen and State Representative Willis Bulard joined Novi Chief Douglas Shaeffer in offering condolences to the three officer's families.

In addition, students from Novi Christian Academy were on hand to watch their pastor, Gary Ellner, lead the audience in prayer for the fallen officers.

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# History panel upset by 50% funding cut

**By JAN JEFFRES**  
Staff Writer

Members of the Novi Historical Commission say they were shocked to find half of their \$21,000 budget whisked away, without prior notification.

And one commissioner has accused Council Member Kathy Mutch of conflict of interest, because she also serves on the historical commission and is a founder of the non profit group Preservation Novi.

"It's discourtesy to our commission and the president of our commission not to go through the conventional process," Historical Commissioner Daniel O'Connell said.

"The most infuriating thing is that our city manager and city manager's office arbitrarily dictated a 50 percent reduction.

**Just under the wire, the Novi City Council adopted its budget for the coming year, after paring expenses to keep taxes low. The story is on page 18A.**

Where's your criteria? They slashed us without any concern.

At a May 9 City Council meeting, a decision was made to cut the overall city budget by \$380,000 and pay for the \$25,000 stabilization of the Ernest Farm. The historical commission's funds were among those clipped back.

Mayor Kathleen McLaflen

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# Detroit mother dies of injuries

**By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL**  
Staff Writer

Why was Verna Brown in Novi?

The 37-year-old Detroit mother of two was found bloody but alive early Saturday morning in the brush behind the Great Oaks Landscaping Company near Twelve Mile and Beck roads. She died shortly after being taken to Huron Valley Hospital.

Police want to know why the woman was discovered there and what led up to her murder.

To do that they formed a special task force with local police departments, much like the cooperative effort formed during the death investigation of two girls last year in Milford.

"About two and a half or three years ago we formed the task force in the case that we would need it," explained Novi Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

"As leads take us to other departments, they are assisting us very cooperatively," he said.



Verna Brown

Brown was found at 7:50 a.m. Saturday when three of the company's employees arrived for work. They noticed blood around the sidewalk area and then moved

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# Schools moving up accreditation scale

**By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL**  
Staff Writer

Novi schools are moving up in the state.

Four Novi schools received summary accreditation from the state of Michigan this year.

That's good news for the district seeing as how it's a step up from

last year. In 1995, all Novi schools were given interim accreditation.

Accreditation is a state standard given to public schools based on compliance with public school laws and MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program)

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# Memorial Day events scheduled

**By JAN JEFFRES**  
Staff Writer

Call her the mystery woman, the widow of a veteran.

Not so long ago, she came to the Parks and Recreation office at the Novi Civic Center carrying the flag which had been draped across her husband's coffin.

"I have no idea who she is. She just came to the counter and said

I want to donate this. I want to give it to somebody who can use it," Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

"She didn't say her name, she didn't say her husband's name."

Beginning on May 27, plans are to raise the flag each year at the Novi Civic Center on Memorial Day. Davis compared it to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

one veteran's flag representing all local veterans.

Novi's Memorial Day Parade will begin at "approximately" 10 a.m. at the Novi Town Center. Earlier, at 9 a.m., a memorial ceremony will be held at the Oakland Hills Cemetery on Twelve Mile Road.

Marchers will work their way down Novi Road to the Novi Civic Center, with a stop on the way at

the historic Novi Cemetery, the resting place of veterans from the Civil War on. There, a second ceremony, including the playing of "Taps" and a gun salute, will be staged.

Paraders will then high step it down to Ten Mile Road, where they are expected to arrive at the

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# Leo Harrawood recounts his war memories

**By JAN JEFFRES**  
Staff Writer

Leo Harrawood has marched in many a Novi Memorial Day parade, but if a war broke out today, he would encourage his grandson to head for Canada to dodge the draft.

Not that he did the same himself. Harrawood, 76, has no small experience of combat. If you want proof, he'll be happy to show you, carefully wrapped up in yellowed gauze, a piece of the artillery shell that almost did him in on Nov. 9, 1944.

"It was just terrible. I can't see any wars. One young man is not worth the whole thing. There are other ways to settle things," the World War II veteran said.

"For all the boys that lost their lives. It's useless. Useless. War is nothing but politics. The big shots, they get their boys out of it. It's the little guy that has to do the dirty work."

And do the dirty work Harrawood did. In the

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Leo Harrawood shows his purple heart and a photo of his parents and their four sons, all in the armed services during WWII. He's the one at the top right corner.

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# Solicitors bothersome to residents

Local residents have filed several complaints with Novi Police about magazine solicitations in the area.

On May 15, a Yorkshire resident bought a subscription from a white male wearing a Missouri shirt and Notre Dame hat. She was afraid the company wasn't legitimate and asked police to check into the matter.

On Center Street that same day, a resident also called about a white female selling subscriptions along the street.

Also on May 15, a Lakeview Apartment resident called officers to investigate two black males wearing ties who were selling subscriptions without a permit. Arriving at the complex about 9 p.m., an officer witnessed one of the young men attempting to solicit a resident. The officer asked for a permit and the man said he had none. He told police he worked for American Community Services and sold magazines to earn money. Police issued him a citation and took him to a nearby shopping center to call for a ride home.

On May 13, a man in Mystic Forest bought a \$25 subscription from a white male with blonde hair only to find the receipt with a phone number of the company was bogus.

**IT'S ALPO TIME**

A Mercy Health employee at Orchard Hill called police May 16 because she thought there might be a bomb underneath a black Status in the parking lot.

Officers went to check out the unknown cylinder placed there by

## Police News

an unknown suspect and found a can of Alpo dog food. Officers said they spoke with the owner of the car who said a friend had been watching her dog and left the can there for her.

**PANTS OFF**

A clerk at Banana Republic in the Twelve Oaks Mall May 11 was only trying to help a customer pick out some shirts when she got a surprise instead of a sale.

The man was in the store about 8:40 p.m. picking out shirts on sale and wanted to try them on. The clerk told police the man went into the fitting room but left the curtains about seven inches open, enough to see clearly into the room.

The clerk continued to stop back at the fitting room to see if he needed help and the second time she asked if she could peek out another shirt for him. She handed him the shirt and was surprised to notice through the curtain that he was holding his shirt up and had his pants zipper down. She told police he exposed himself to her.

The woman said she notified a manager and soon the man was behind her asking for more shirts. He picked out a few more and went back into the room. She witnessed the man in the room exposing and fondling himself toward

the open curtain. The suspect was ordered out of the room and questioned. The man maintained it was a misunderstanding and the clerk was misinterpreting his actions.

Police said the man was released pending a warrant.

**NO SMOKING**

A Novi police officer on routine patrol the night of May 16 pulled into the Library Pub & Grill parking lot on Grand River and noticed suspicious activity in a green Pontiac.

A man and woman were parked with the dome light on and appeared to be looking at something on the console, police said. The officer walked toward the vehicle and witnessed the man rolling a marijuana cigarette. When the man noticed the officer he threw the cigarette on the floor. The officer asked the man to roll down the window and noticed marijuana strewn about the floorboard of the car.

The officer placed the two individuals in the squad car and recovered the drug from the floorboard at which time he noticed a baggie of marijuana and a pipe on top of the woman's purse. The officer confiscated those items also.

Police said the pair were issued citations for possession of marijuana and possession of parapherna-

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lia and the vehicle was impounded.

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## The Log Book

The following is a list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 19. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and squad number which responded.

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
Medical, 42047 Chalet, 1:15 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 2:01 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:51 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:02 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 44813 North Hills, 7:23 p.m., Squad 3.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**  
Medical, 40705 Thirteen Mile Road, 8:35 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 2320 Crown, 9:34 a.m., Squad 2.  
Service, 20942 Glen Haven, 12:58 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 1309 Mariga, 1:35 p.m., Squad 4.  
House fire, 42463 Park Ridge, 2:27 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Ten Mile, 4:49 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 22856 Renford, 5:02 p.m., Squad 3.

Truck Fire, 1-96 and Beck Road, 5:05 p.m., Engine 1.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 16**  
Medical, 42575 Park Ridge, 12:34 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:38 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 42800 Thirteen Mile, 12:50 p.m., Squad 2.  
Wires Down, 23733 W. LeBost, 4:13 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 24523 Old Orchard, 4:15 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 8 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
Medical, 1300 East Lake, 6:25 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:10 p.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, Novi High School, 1:08 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.  
Medical, 23685 Valley Starr, 6:58 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Dunbarton and Tall, 7:31 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 208 Henning, 7:45 p.m., Squad 2.

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
Fire alarm, 45725 Ten Mile Road, 5:18 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 28185 Samuel Linden, 7:48 a.m., Squad 4.  
Fire alarm, 43291 Crescent Drive, 11:07 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Medical, 23527 Valley Starr, 11:36 a.m., Squad 3.  
Factory fire, Kohl's-West Oaks, 12:05 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Building fire, 48661 Grand River, 12:05 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.  
Building fire, 43600 Gen Mar, 1:33 p.m., Engine 4, Response 507.  
Building fire, Mutual Plastics, 48661 Grand River, 2:54 p.m.,

Engines 1 and 4, Field fire, 22220 Taft Road, 4:13 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 7:26 p.m., Squad 1.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:46 a.m., Squad 2.  
Rubbish fire, 43999 Clark St., 1:46 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:41 p.m., Squad 2.  
Injury accident, Twelve Oaks parking, 4:15 p.m., Squad 1.  
Woodchip fire, Twelve Oaks Mall, 5:24 p.m., Engine 1.

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# Wixom mayor withdraws from state rep race

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Saying that life is too short to give up a sure thing, Wixom Mayor Michael McDonald has withdrawn from the Republican primary for state representative of the 38th District, leaving this a Nov./Northville race.

This narrows the GOP field to three candidates with local ties - Novi City Council Member Nancy Cassis, Novi resident Craig DeRoche and Northville resident Chris Bachelder, a member of Novi's Faith Community Presbyterian Church. They seek the seat now held by Willis Bullard, R-Milford, who is hoping to be promoted by voters to the state senate in a June special election.

McDonald explained May 16 that he reached the decision after much soul searching and conversations with his wife and son, along with advice from many friends in and around Wixom.

"Wixom is where my heart is. Over the past 24 years I have grown into the fabric of the best place for me to live and I am less than thrilled to move on right now," McDonald said.

"I am committed to making Wixom the finest community not only in Michigan but in the world. I would like to assure everyone that I did not file on a lark but when I had to make the decision to move on and start the job of campaigning, the tasks in Wixom seemed more worthy."

Democrat Gary Johnson of Milford will face the August 6 primary

with no competition from within his party.

Bachelder, a senior manager at the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche with an MBA from Harvard, is running on the Republican side of the "Engler Revolution." He could not be reached for comment in time for a May 16 story on the race in the Novi News, which included interviews with other candidates.

But on May 17, Bachelder said if elected, he said he would push for eliminating the Single Business Tax and "sweeping reforms" in the welfare system to remove "incentives that promote dependency and illegitimacy."

"Michigan has become a national leader in proving reforms the people are demanding, largely because of the leadership of Gov. John Engler," Bachelder said.

As state representative, I want to keep the Engler revolution alive by being a voice for lower taxes, a smaller government, more jobs and opportunity a return to basics in education and getting tough on criminals.

He is a Republican Party precinct delegate.

Cassis, a psychologist with the Novi school district, has been a Novi city council member for nine years and is also a GOP precinct delegate.

DeRoche is a self-employed insurance agent and director of the Walled Lake chapter of the Oakland County Republican Party.



Photo by SUE SPILLANE

## Phantom of the Music Room

Orchard Hills Elementary presented "The Phantom of the Music Room," a take off of popular Phantom of the Opera, to parents and friends May 14. Held at the Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High

School, the production incorporated drama and music. Dan McQuade played the Phantom. Also featured was Rachel Seiler, who performed the role of Lindsey

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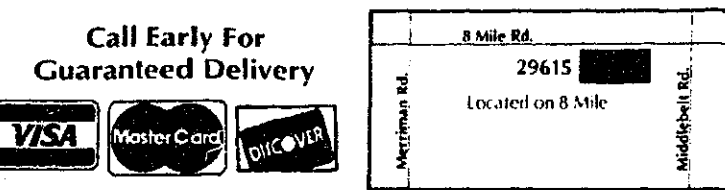
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# Four caught selling to minor

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Fifteen different times the night of May 3, an 18-year-old female walked into a bar or a store and attempted to purchase beer.

Only four times was she successful. The teen was part of a decoy program set up by Novi Police to test local businesses which sell alcohol to see if they would let the minor buy. The legal drinking age is 21.

Chili's restaurant on Eight Mile Road, Arbor Drug Store on Pontiac Trail, Grady's American Grill restaurant in the Novi Town Center and the Library Pub on Grand River were all issued citations by police that night for selling to the decoy.

During these incidents the decoy entered the establishment with plainclothes officers in tow and attempted to purchase beer from the clerk or a bartender or waitress. On these four occasions, the decoy was not asked for identification and was served.

At that point the officers, watching from a short distance, identified themselves to the establishment and issued citations.

"The bartender that did that was the one we were after," explained Kevan Coles, assistant manager at Grady's. "We're shocked that it happened to begin with because we're pretty tight here about that."

Coles said management requires staff to request identification for guests appearing under the age of 30. Programs like the decoy program help the restaurant determine if staff is following all the rules.

"We agree with the theory," Coles said. "That's one way to find out if it's happening, then we can focus on it."

Alan Barnett, general manager of the Library Pub and Grill said their establishment usually isn't frequented by a younger crowd but it tries to ensure compliance with the law by having a doorman and stamping the hands of younger customers.

"It's a very embarrassing situation here," Barnett explained. "We do our best to keep them out and 99 percent of the time we do."

He said he and his partners want to be good members of the community and are taking further steps to "assure it will never happen again."

The main office of Chili's could not be reached for comment.

Arbor Drugs spokesman Fred Marx said the company has processes in place to avoid those situations but unfortunately, this time they didn't work.

"It is unfortunate that this transaction took place," explained Marx. "We'll intensify our training." Decoys are chosen from friends, relatives and associates of the police force.

"There's no attempt to disguise them," said Shaeffer. "We make sure they have no phony ID on them."

"It's a clean forthright operation. There's no attempt to entrap at all," Shaeffer added.

test were: Rite Aid in the Farmer Jack Plaza, the Willowbrook Market, Golden Oaks Party Store, Vintage Wine, Novi Party Store, Jonna's Fine Wine, Depot VI, Lakeview Market, Ruby Tuesday, Max and Erma's and the Castle Wine Shop.

Shaeffer said most of the targets were chosen at random, with some businesses with prior offenses were added to the list. "Those that seem to have problems get visited more regularly," he said.

"Most people with liquor licenses are very responsible and run a clean business," Shaeffer said.

The chief said the city has not had a situation where a license has been revoked because of these violations.

The program is conducted several times a year. The businesses are aware such a program exists within the department, according to Shaeffer.

The Liquor Control Commission was notified of all four violations and the cases are open pending court proceedings.

# Library Notes

**Library Hours**  
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Library Closings**  
In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Novi Public Library will be closed on the following days: Saturday, May 25; Sunday, May 26; and Monday, May 27.

The library will resume normal hours on Tuesday, May 28.

## What do you think? Community Survey

During the coming weeks, Novi residents may be contacted by Wayne State University's Survey and Evaluation Services Department for a Novi Library Community Survey. The Library Board has contracted with Wayne State for a community survey which will involve contacting over 400 residents by telephone to learn their preferences for library services. Responses from this community survey will become the basis for the library's long range plan. If contacted, response to the questionnaire will take approximately 15 minutes. Survey results will be shared with the entire community.

## Teen Volunteers Needed

The library couldn't run its summer programs without the help of teen volunteers. Volunteers help at the registration table, assist in craft classes, help at special events, and shelve picture books. To be a volunteer you must:

- Have completed 6th grade by June.
- Be willing to work two hours per day, one day a week from June 24 through Aug. 2.
- 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 as of Monday, May 20. The library plans to use all the volunteers it can but will only be able to accept the first 80 applications.

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## OCC fires warning at lobbying group

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Unhappy trustees at Oakland Community College fired another warning shot across the bow of their chief lobbying group, the Michigan Community College Association.

"The board needs to look at the organizations we belong to and the benefits we receive," said trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford, arguing against continued support of MCCA. "We talk about bringing home the bacon. We're spending the largest amount of money and getting the least back."

"MCCA has made us a household word," replied trustee Anne Scott of Royal Oak. For \$23,000 in dues, she said, OCC has received \$300,000 in a supplemental state appropriation and \$67,000 in telecommunications support from Lansing.

The board voted 4-2 May 20 to authorize Scott, its MCCA delegate, to vote in June in favor of the new budget for MCCA, a lobbying and educational group. The split amounted to yet another warning that OCC trustees share Oakland County's general view that they send more taxes to Lansing than they get back.

Supporting Scott's position were vice-chair Judith Wisner of West Bloomfield, Carol Crew of Waterford and Janice Simmons of Dauterive.

Voting no with Ritter was Pamela Davis of Madison Heights. Absent due to illness was board chair Douglas Wakefield of Southfield.

The June 10 election may give a clue to OCC's further participation in outside organizations. Ritter, seeking a fourth term, is facing a stiff challenge. Wisner said the "new" board in July should review many memberships.



### Church celebration

The Novi United Methodist Church held an Open House and Cultural Heritage Showcase on Sunday, May 19, to welcome the community into its newly renovated and expanded home and celebrate the various ethnicities in the city. From left to right:

Novi youngsters Ryota Sugawara, 4, Yuki Sugawara, 7, Stuart Inamura, 7, Carolyn Inamura, 10 and Suzanne Inamura, 12, dressed in traditional Japanese garb and showed off a Japanese kite.

Photo by AL WARD

### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 96-021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Betrus Custom Homes, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a sales trailer on lot 2, Broadmoor Park Subdivision, 24159 Broadmoor Park Lane, beginning June 1, 1996. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted 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.

The request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 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 May 29, 1996.

(5-23-96 NR, NN)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 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 "ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC,  
PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
(810) 347-0446

(5-23-96 NR, NN)

### SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1996 15TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT (TO FILL VACANCY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified and registered electors of the City of Novi that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a candidate of the participating political parties to the office of State Senator-15th District.

The places of voting will be as follows:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 Nine Mile Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41674 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Fine Station Number 1	42575 Grand River Avenue
8	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Decker Road
9	The Grand Court Novi (Novi Village)	45182 West Road
10	Beachwalk Apartments-Club House	31100 Beachwalk
11	Novi Christian School	45301 Eleven Mile Road
12	Novi Middle School	25299 Tall Road
13	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi High School-Auditorium	24082 Tall Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
16	Thornton Creek Elementary	46180 West Nine Mile Road
17	Church of Holy Cross	46200 West Ten Mile Road

Absentee Ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is Saturday, June 1, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain absentee ballot until 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 3, 1996. This ballot must be voted in person in the City Clerk's Office.

This notice is given by authority of the City Election Commission.  
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## Planners get tough on deadline

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Developer's had better pay attention to deadlines or the Planning Commission may not be so nice the next time around.

The commission, on May 15, gave the Nantucket Cove Restaurant and The Boston Club Banquet Hall an extension of preliminary site plan and special land use approvals until September. But they said the developer should have known better.

The original approvals were given in January of 1995. A full extension is normally given but since the developer was late in asking for an extension, the commission only extended the approvals through September.

Although City Planning Director Jim Wahl defended the miscommunication between the city and developers, saying the developer was trying to appease city recommendations, commissioners said developers work with the city com-

sistently and know to keep track of deadlines.

New England Associates plans to bring a 33,000 square foot structure to nearly 7 acres on the northeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road. It would house an 184 seat restaurant and a 24,000 square foot banquet hall with a capacity of 600 people.

The developer will have until September of this year to bring back final site plans to the com-

mission. Without any discussion, the commission voted to extend another project first approved in May of 1995. The Hampton Woods office and residential care facility is planned for property south of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

The Chawney Group, Inc. wants to build a two one-story office buildings and four one-story residential care facilities on a 17 acre site.

## State to uphold rights of fishers

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Michigan to PETA: Don't harass anglers.

The state Senate has given unanimous approval to four bills sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, making it a misdemeanor to interfere with the fishing of two million resident license holders and one-third million out-of-state tourists.

Target: PETA, for People for Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"The individuals against legal fishing in Michigan purposely harass anglers by speeding by in boats, throwing rocks in the water near fishing lines, scaring away

the fish and ruining the legitimate enjoyment of a great American pastime," said Geake as the bills went to the House.

No one spoke against the bills earlier this month as they passed on 36-0 votes. Co-sponsors included Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

Geake and Art Dittmar, the Farmington Hills resident who is president of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, hope for action by summer.

"PETA has shown their true colors and exposed the core of their agenda - to stop all consumptive use of animals, period," said Richard L. Jameson, new executive

director of the 120,000-member M.U.C.C.

"For many years, anglers have subsidized the management of our state's aquatic resources through the purchase of fishing licenses," Jameson said. "Fishing is as American as apple pie ... tailor-made for kids and families."

Licenses, likely to go up 20 percent in price next year, cover the entire \$18 million fisheries budget of the state Department of Natural Resources, Geake said. With it, DNR releases 47 million fish of 25 species into state waters.

Geake called the measure "pre-emptive" since PETA has announced but not begun a cam-

pany to bother anglers. Here is how the bills, if enacted, would work:

- Senate Bill 963 protects recreational fishermen in a manner similar to the Hunter harassment law of 1992. Reptiles are added to the definition of "aquatic species."
- SB 964 says a first offense of harassment is punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a fine of at least \$500 and up to \$1,000. Second offense is punishable by up to a year in jail, a fine of at least \$1,000 and up to \$2,500.

Refer to the bills by number when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

## Commission sets Novi's first ever flower swap

You've got this lovely flower bed of perennials that haven't been doing so well lately. Maybe it's time to tear them apart.

On June 1, the Novi Beautification Commission is holding its first of what promises to be a popular event, a perennial exchange. It will give gardeners a chance to swap their healthy plants for something else.

"People who want to divide their perennials can bring them over and trade with their neighbors for something they've always wanted. It almost feels like Christmas," said Commission Member Barbara Greenberg.

"I know my day lily has started to slow down flower production. It's time to dig it up and divide it."

Greenberg explained that most perennials should be split either yearly or from three to five years, depending on the type of plant.

Plants to trade should be brought in plastic pots or divided and in plastic bags. This is an all freebie morning.

"Mostly they can barter with each other. It should be a lot of fun," she added.

Master gardeners and other experts will be on hand to offer free advice for budding green thumbs, as well as identify plants.

The exchange will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the south entrance of the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road. In case of rain, everything will be moved indoors to the Multi-Purpose room.

### CITY OF NOVI MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL COMPUTER TEST SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4, 1996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be an official test of the computer and computer program to be used by the City of Novi, Michigan, for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 1996.

The test will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 1996 at the DPW Facility, 26300 Delwin Drive, Novi, MI 48240.

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
(810) 347-0456

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 96-40.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council has adopted Ordinance No. 96-40.03, an Ordinance to amend Sections 26-2, 26-3, 26-4 and 26-9 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to revise the regulation of solicitation and peddling within the City of Novi.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on May 13, 1996 and the effective date is May 28, 1996. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public, purchase, use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time.

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## Exec Patterson speaks on issues

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer  
 Look for the Legislature to pump 7 or 8 cents more of fuel tax into Michigan roads, an effort to revamp the Oakland County College board, a tough reelection battle for Prosecutor Richard Thompson and strong efforts by Oakland County to gain clout in the State Capitol.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson touched on a wide range of topics in an interview broadcast May 11 on Channel 7's Spotlight on News program. Patterson, a Republican seeking a second four-year term, had no announced opposition at the time. He stopped short of announcing a 1998 bid for governor. Excerpts:

**Q. What can you do for the economy in a second term?**  
 A. We have the Oakland County Business Roundtable with 137 members. We're implementing the suggestions made by the private sector.

**Q. Attorney Richard Krandle of Farmington Hills is a victim of Oakland County's prosperity because he has to drive on potholed, narrow streets, and he wonders why Oakland continues to recruit new industry, commerce, offices and housing when the roads can't handle it.**

A. That's not occurring just in Oakland County. It's occurring across the state. The Legislature will have to come to grips - I assume they will - with a gas tax hike. We're operating on the level of taxation that existed in 1984 (15 cents a gallon). I think it's coming.

**Q. You'll recall the governor (John Engler) and I had a mild tug-of-war over some (federal) road money from ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) ... The funds got snared in Lansing. Your friend is right. If we want to choke off economic growth**

in this county, leave the roads the way they are.

**Q. I'm guessing seven or eight cents (per gallon increase). A penny for debt service, a penny for bridges, the rest for roads. Every body wants to run and hide on the tax question before an election, but after an election they've got two years, and the public will accept it.**

**Q. We heard stories in SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, regional road planning agency) that you, Detroit Mayor Archer and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara were threatened by the governor (for resisting Engler's effort to keep 84 percent of road funds at the state level. Anything to that?)**

A. I don't know that I could call it "threatened." It was the process of tough negotiation. You make it clear that if you maintain a tough position, this is likely to be a threat. It's tough bargaining. The governor's a tough bargainer, but so are we.

**Q. Dole and Clinton are in a bidding war - repeat of a 4-3 cents a gallon tax versus increase in minimum wage. Does that gas tax impact roads?**

A. No. It was passed not to aid roads but to retire the debt.

**Q. Oakland County has been Michigan's cash cow, sending \$1.9 billion to the state. You said you wanted to get more back for Oakland, via the Legislature. What have you done?**

A. You're right, we are the biggest provider. We're 79th out of 83 counties in (per capita) receipts. We have formed a coalition with schools, higher learning, chambers of commerce, road commission, drain commission. It's not a threat. We ask why, why?

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**Q. Oakland Community College**

## Students show talent at art fest

Novi School District students will be displaying their wide variety of creative talents Thursday, May 23 at the 1996 Spring Festival of the Arts.

All community residents are invited to view the Novi student artwork that will be on display in the lobby of Fuerst Auditorium from 6-9 p.m. Artwork from all grade levels will be on display.

At 7 p.m. Novi High School choir will be presenting a spring concert in Fuerst Auditorium. The theme for the musical selections this year will be Disney Songs, including "Circle of Life," "Under the Sea," and "Step in Time." The high school Concert Choir, Novi Singers, Advanced Women's Chorus, and Women's Chorus will be performing.

As part of the festival each year, the school district sponsors a button design competition. This year's logo design was created by Margo Wolowicz, a fifth grader at Novi Meadows.

Admission to the Spring Festival of the Arts is free. Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Road. Call (810) 449-1200 for further information.

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## Chinese orphan arrives to meet her new family

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A jet plane gave birth to the new life 5-year-old Jessica Cameron will lead here in the United States. She's leaving her memories of the Chinese orphanage behind and is now acclimating herself to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and sunny days.

While her new parents, Robin and Greg Cameron of Novi, didn't have to endure morning sickness or labor pains, they did experience the worrying and waiting of a nine-month gestation period.

"That's nearly how long it took for the couple to begin and finish the process of an international adoption."

The couple arrived at Detroit Metro Airport May 14 with a smiling and happy bundle of joy. The Camerons spent nearly two weeks in a small town in China finishing the paperwork to bring their new daughter home.

"She's adjusting real well," said Robin. "They're very firm there. It's their custom. They just put her hand in mine and said, 'Here's your momma.'"

It's not the first child for the Camerons. They have three boys of their own, Joel, 18; Jason, 16; and Justin, 9. The couple have spent 19 years in Novi.

It's also not the first time the couple thought about adopting a foreign child.

"We talked about it before we had our eldest son," explained Robin. "I just felt if we don't do it now we'll be too old to do it. And we saw a special on TV about the orphanages in China and that kind of triggered it."

Robin said they picked China also because they knew they could adopt a female child.

Neither of them had qualms about bringing an Asian child into their home. Robin said Novi is the place to have an Asian child because the city is becoming so diverse. And she knows many people in the city who are adopting children.

"Within walking distance of my home there are ten adopted children," she said. "The community, their church



Jessica Marie in the arms of her new dad, Greg Cameron.

## Foreign adoptions speed process

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Imagine not being able to conceive and bear a child. Imagine hoping to adopt and learning it could take five years, minimum. Imagine finding a birth mother and having her rip your dreams from you when she decides to keep her child after all.

These fears and many other reasons are forcing couples to turn to international adoptions.

Jane Gardner, of International Family Services said for one thing it's easier to get infants from foreign countries than in the United States.

"A lot of people are also concerned about cases where the mother's reclaimed their child after adoption. That makes some people scared of domestic (adoptions) so they go international," said Gardner, a Northville resident who herself adopted a child from Russia last year.

works with couples all over America who desire to adopt children from other countries.

IFM works with children all over the world but primarily in Russia, China and Vietnam. They are the easiest countries to get kids out of," she said.

These adoption agencies help couples complete all the steps necessary to find children as well as keep up with regulations and requirements.

For instance, Gardner said last summer the Russian government established a registry and children no longer must have a birth defect in order to be adopted before the age of 4.

Gardner said it takes about three months to complete paperwork, about three months to get an assignment, and about three months before couples travel to meet their new child.

The number of Chinese adoptions are growing astronomically, according to Gardner. Because of the exploding population problems in that country, couples are only allowed to bear one child. Typically, those parents want a male child and will abandon female babies. That's led to an onslaught of baby girls in the orphanages.

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# Bills would keep open public access to lakes

Private property owners will find it more difficult to shut out the public from lake and river access under three bills awaiting Gov. John Engler's signature.

The bills require counties to notify the public of intentions to abandon road stubs that end at a waterfront. They give local governments a chance to gain title and maintain them for public use before private owners can buy them and shut off access.

"These bills help make sure that all of Michigan's residents have recreational opportunities on our lakes and rivers, not just those people wealthy enough to own property there," said Senate minority leader John Cherry, D-Clio. He co-sponsored the package with Sen. Doug Carl, R-Utica.

Both chambers passed the bills unanimously. "This legislation should help stem the increasing tide of road ending abandonments that result in exclusion of the public from bodies of water," said Rick Jameson, executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs. MUCC attorney M. Carol Flannery drafted the bills. She has litigated many road ending cases for MUCC.

**FREE TUITION**  
Children of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty will get free state college tuition under a bill that was hotly debated in the Senate despite its 37-0 victory.

Sen. Diane Byrum, D-Onondaga, wanted to extend the benefit to state prison guards, local jail guards, DNR conservation officers and National Guard troops. Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood, wanted to extend it to emergency medical service providers.

Both amendments were rejected on near party-line votes. Democrats for Republicans against.

Said Byrum: "How can you say to police officers and firefighters, 'Your life is more valuable than your counterparts'?" "This will kill the bill," said Sen. Jon Ciskis, R-Saginaw, of the amendments. "That's what she wants to do."

Unadvised with amendments, the House bill won Senate approval and was sent to Gov. Engler for signing.

**WASTE BILL OK'D**  
Gov. Engler signed into law a bill requiring multi-source commercial hazardous waste disposal wells to maintain on-site treatment and storage facilities.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. It amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Code to require a construction permit and operating license for hazardous disposal sites.

Said Bennett: "This legislation was needed to close a loophole in the law that allowed deep injection disposal wells to go virtually unregulated. After a lot of work with state and local officials, we have become successful in putting tighter regulations on permitting of these wells."

Added Engler: "It also ensures that concerned members of a community can have their voices heard."

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community near a potential site of a proposed waste disposal well will be informed about the well and will have an opportunity to comment in a public hearing.

**"NO FILE" PASSES**  
The House agreed on two bills to create a "no-file, no-file" option for state income taxpayers. The bills were sponsored by Rep. James Ryan, R-Redford, and Beverly Doken, R-Alpena.

The bills, on their way to the Senate, say taxpayer needn't file an income tax return if their income is confined to wages and \$100 a person in interest. "These

measures will eliminate one-quarter of the tax returns it (Treasury) hands annually," said Ryan.

Democrats boasted their amendment would help families earning less than \$100,000 a year. "Republicans wanted to pass a bill for families making six figures," said House minority leader Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit. He said the GOP version would not have allowed deductions for home heating and prescription drug credits.

**"OVER-REGULATION"**  
Three pro-choice women state representatives fired a barrage at House bills they say are designed

to "shut down abortion clinics" and "make abortion unsafe" through over-regulation.

Reps. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, Susan Munsell, R-Howell, and Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, called a news conference in the Capitol. They were joined by Wendy Waggenheim of the American Civil Liberties Union and spokeswoman for Northland Family Planning Centers, with clinics in Southfield, Westland and north-west Detroit.

"It would be a return to back-alley, unsafe abortions," said Berman.

"I'm old enough to remember when women with money went to Sweden," said Dolan. "These restrictions are so severe there will be shutdowns of clinics."

Munsell, chair of Michigan Republicans for Choice, complained that one bill would have "government collecting all these information for endless periods."

The bills are assigned to the House Health Policy Committee, chaired by Rep. John Jamian, R-Blomfield Township. Coincidentally, Berman, Munsell, Dolan and Jamian all have announced they aren't seeking reelection.

• HB 5797 (Michael Griffin, D-Jackson) which will require more reporting by physicians performing abortions.

• House Bill 5799 (Michelle McManus, R-Traverse City) requiring other reporting of complications alleged to have resulted from abortions.

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

**MONDAY, MAY 27**  
No programming due to holiday.

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**  
10:00 a.m. — Video Project - Recording family history  
10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)  
11:00 a.m. — Women on the Move - Linda Zalla  
11:30 a.m. — Braiding Simplified  
12:00 p.m. — Summit University

12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ  
1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — Novi Sounds of Summer - The Rhinelanders  
3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)  
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
4:00 p.m. — Motorsports - Still the Boss  
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
5:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure  
5:30 p.m. — Living with your Addictions  
6:00 p.m. — Multicultural Multicultural Community Council

6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks  
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills and The Life  
8:00 p.m. — Community Access  
8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks  
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**  
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters  
10:30 a.m. — Fitness First  
11:00 a.m. — Community Access

11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)  
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks  
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth and The Life  
1:00 p.m. — A Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Motorsports - Return of the Monte Carlo  
3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)  
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session  
4:00 p.m. — Hitting Techniques - Practice Tips  
4:30 p.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine

5:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger  
5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
6:00 p.m. — Speakers Row  
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
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. — Jammin' with Down Home  
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

**THURSDAY, MAY 30**  
10:00 a.m. — The Job Show

10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive  
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Area Ministries  
11:30 a.m. — People Talk  
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. — Heads You Win  
2:30 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills  
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills 3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills  
3:30 p.m. — Law Talk - Oakland County Prosecutor  
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions  
5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
6:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life - Bereavement  
6:30 p.m. — Women on the Move - O.W.L. Voting  
7:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents  
7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
8:00 p.m. — Abandoned  
8:30 p.m. — Farmington's Past, People, Places  
9:00 p.m. — Community Access  
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

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## Candidates say faculty should be free to choose methods

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Faculty members should be free to use their own teaching methods and styles, say six candidates for Oakland Community College trustees.

"They were asked their reaction to Wayne State University President David Adamany's proposal that teachers of introductory courses all use the same textbooks and lesson plans.

The election took place last month when the OCC Faculty Association held a candidates meeting on the Orchard Ridge Campus. Nine persons, including one incumbent, are seeking two seats in the June election.

"I respect Dr. Adamany, but my reaction is negative," said Dr.

Thomas Sullivan, a Rochester Hills resident with a dental practice in Bloomfield Hills and a newcomer to the OCC race. "Each institution knows its own needs."

"It denigrates the faculty," said Marguerite Walker II, an attorney who has taught part-time at OCC's Royal Oak Campus. "Individual teaching styles are lost. It damages the role of individual faculty," said Walker, another newcomer.

"Thirty years ago we tried standardized tests," said John Wangler, a Beverly Hills resident who retired in 1992 from the OCC faculty as a teacher of philosophy and psychology. "It was a farce — a complete flop. We should set outcomes. We should recognize the unique teaching style of an instructor. I'm very much opposed."

"It forces teaching to the test," said James Doyon, a former Oakland County commissioner who teaches at University of Detroit High School. "I teach math. Some take it to get ahead and some because they flunked it. That (Adamany's proposal) is really micro-management," said Doyon, making his second bid for the OCC board.

"He wants to assure a particular level of competence," said Lawrence Kohl, Farmington Hills resident with a law practice in Royal Oak. "Each instructor has a unique means of conveying the subject. What may be good for one student may not be good for another," said Kohl, in his first run for office.

"I wonder if Adamany has found

a way to standardize our students," said Sandra Ritter, the three-term incumbent seeking reelection. "We teach from where they are, not from where we are. It would not work here," said Ritter, a Waterford public schools teacher.

No-shows were Jeanne Towar, publishing executive from Royal Oak; Ellen Ferguson, Bloomfield Hills resident who teaches in Pontiac; and Jan Mack, Waterford resident and former OCC student making her second bid for the board.

Towar and Wangler are running as a team, seeking to oust Ritter for her role in last fall's firing of Chancellor Patsy Calkins.

Candidates also were asked to list what they viewed as the three most pressing issues facing public

institutions such as OCC, which offers a two-year curriculum to 30,000 students at five campuses and a Pontiac Center.

Marguerite Walker II: "Funding — I don't know how we persuade the electorate," especially those with no children at home. "Competition for students... Faculty aging."

John Wangler: "Money — there's never enough. We must spend it in the best possible way... Meeting the unique needs of a pluralistic society," particularly teaching ESL (English as a second language) to immigrants... "Ability to change — not getting hung up on tradition."

James Doyon: "Money... Image — people like to beat up on education and teachers; some of them haven't been in a classroom in 25 years."

Lawrence Kohl: "The public itself — most students want to acquire skills and knowledge to help them in careers... Service to the business community — provide commerce with skilled, qualified workers... The viability of the institution itself."

Sandra Ritter: "Accountability — we're given just so many dollars... Enhance educational opportunity for the individual... Demands for services that outweigh revenues."

Dr. Thomas Sullivan: "The work-force of the future. Quality faculty and facilities. Funding."

Candidates were quoted in the order in which they spoke. Watch this newspaper for interviews with the individual candidates.

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- Replace the furnace filter.
- Have the cooling system checked at least every other year by a reputable contractor.
- Be sure supply and return registers are not blocked by furniture or drapery.
- Close drapes and shades during the day to keep out the sun.
- Turn up the thermostat 10 degrees when leaving the house.

## Northville plans set for Memorial Day

By ROBERT JACKSON  
Staff Writer

The Northville Memorial Day parade scheduled for Monday, May 27, promises to be bigger and better than ever, and is expected to line the streets with city residents and guests.

Organizer Rebecca Yarbrough says approximately 25 units will participate in the parade, including color guards, marchers and veterans groups.

VFW Post 4012 is sponsoring the event this year. The parade is set for 10 a.m. and will last 30-45 minutes. This year's Grand Marshal is an empty carriage honoring all of the MIAs from all the wars dating back from WWI through present day, Yarbrough said.

"We're the first parade to ever honor the MIAs this way," she said. "The carriage will be empty and the POW/MIA logo will be on the sides of the carriage."

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Sue Scott, who is the past chairperson of the board for the National League of Families, and is a sister of a serviceman missing in action. Rev. Dr. Douglas Vernon of First United Methodist Church of Northville will be giving the invocation.

Also being honored during the parade and ceremony is Cabbie Myers, who will be marching in his 51st consecutive Northville Memorial Day parade. He will be calling cadence for VFW Post 4012.

Other ceremony participants are: VFW District 4 Commander Michael Patrick and color guard; VFW District 4 Ladies Auxiliary President Pat Corpe; VFW 4012 and Ladies Auxiliary; American Legion post 147 and Auxiliary; Dennis Hubert VFW Post 345; Northville High School Band; Northville City and Township Police; Michigan State Police; 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald; Northville Mayor Chris Johnson; Daisy Troop 923; Brownie Troop 975; Junior Girl Scout Troop 331; Betty Flanders; and J.R. Yarbrough.

The parade will stop at the bridge at Rural Hill for a ceremony during which a memorial wreath will be tossed into the creek below.

Yarbrough wants to put the word out that people following the parade should avoid disrupting the ceremony at the bridge.

"There's often a lot of commotion with people walking and kids riding their bikes over the bridge while we're trying to hold the ceremony," she said. "Everybody's welcome to attend the services at the cemetery but we want to avoid the disruption that often occurs."

"There's no need to hurry into the cemetery. Nothing will start until everybody has arrived," she

added. "We'll wait for everyone to get there."

Wilder says, in addition to the benediction and wreath lying at the bridge, there will be a gun salute and the playing of the National Anthem and Taps at the veterans plot inside the cemetery.

Dignitaries will offer brief addresses and J.R. Yarbrough will read poems honoring the valor of fallen soldiers.

The parade will follow its usual route: starting at the Northville Downs parking lot at Griswold and proceed down Main street to Wing, south on Wing to Cady (stopping for a brief benediction, arms fire and Taps ceremony at Cady Street Cemetery), west on Cady to Rogers, south on Rogers to Seven Mile, then east on Seven Mile to Rural Hill Cemetery.

Any Girl or Boy Scout troop wanting to participate in the parade and ceremonies can call Yarbrough at 810-477-6449, or show up at Cady Street at 9:30 a.m.

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## Northville schools go to ballot for \$64 million

By ROBERT JACKSON  
Staff Writer

After two long years, several committees, and plenty of study, the Northville Public School District will finally let the voters decide whether to approve a \$61 million bond issue and \$1.9 million in enhancement millage.

The board unanimously approved the bond push Monday. District Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski explained that after two years of painstaking research by various citizens committees it is time for the district to "move ahead" for the future of Northville's children.

"We've studied this issue all that we can, and now we need to act. We need to set the direction for the future of the high school and the district," he said. "At this juncture we need the school board to formally support the recommendations and ask for voter approval."

According to Rezmierski, no date has been officially set for the election. If everything falls into place, he explained, the issues should go before voters sometime this fall.

In order for the district to take advantage of the last year of allowable enhancement millage, they must get voter approval before October. The enhancement millage is a one-time-only levy allowable under Proposal A, which altered school funding in 1994. There is

only one year left on enhancement millage availability.

If the separate requests are approved, the district will utilize the funds for the construction of a new high school, along with the conversion of the current high school facility into a middle school. Improvement projects for the other schools in the district have also been identified.

According to a district proposed bond cost summary, \$48 million will be spent on the construction of the new high school facility. The conversion of the current high school and other school upgrades have been estimated at \$11 million, with an additional \$5.2 million in technology upgrade costs. The total package will cost taxpayers \$61 million, an estimated millage increase of 2.35 mills.

The enhancement millage will increase the millage rate by 1.95 mills and will bring \$1.9 million to the district. Rezmierski said that the funds will be used to support personnel costs that will aid in the implementation of district technology over a five year period. After one year, the 1.95 mills will be removed from the tax rolls.

The life of the bond will last somewhere between 20 and 30 years, depending on market conditions, Rezmierski added. "We're hoping to keep it at the 20-year range, but it will be dependent on what the market bears," he said.

Board President Richard Brown said that the decision for the bond push and the events that led up to it, represented an important chapter in the history of the school district.

"(The past two years) have been an amazing undertaking for the district and this community," he said. "We've got a long way to go but this represents the future of our children and our schools."

Brown, along with board member Robert McMahon, said that administrators and board officials have spent countless hours studying the proposals.

"We have spent plenty of time on this issue, especially within the past month," McMahon said.

"The board rightfully declined to seek bond and enhancement millage approval last year. They felt that all of the questions had not been answered."

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski

The school district began exploring the bond question more than two years ago when they formed the Bond, Technology, and Enhancement committees, which studied the district's current and future needs. The three committees presented their findings to the board last year, recommending the district call for a bond election last fall.

"The board rightfully declined to seek bond and enhancement millage approval last year," Rezmierski said. "They felt that all of the questions had not been answered."

That set the stage for the formation of the High School Future's Committee and the hiring of consultant Dr. William DeJong. Several community dialogues were scheduled in an effort to build a community consensus for the future of Northville High School and the district. Although many district patrons maintain the Future's objectives were not met, district officials argue that "DeJong process" provided a good foundation for change.

"There were some great things that came out of the Future's process," said Assistant Superintendent Dave Boltho. "There is better communication between the community, teachers, and administrators, and I think that is an important addition to the process."

### NORTHVILLE BOND BREAKDOWN

The following is the bond issue cost summary provided by the Northville Public School District:

New High School Construction	\$48 million
High School/Middle School conversion	\$3.7 million
Cooke improvements	\$1 million
Meads Mill	\$603,000
Amerman	\$1.3 million
Moraine	\$640,000
Silver Springs	\$1.6 million
Thornton Creek	\$20,000
Winchester	\$490,000
Old Village	\$216,000
Main Street	\$59,000
Transportation/Operations	\$1.5 million
Misc./Architectural	\$8,500
Technology	\$5.2 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64 million</b>
Interest	\$3.7 million
Net bond issue	\$61 million
Estimated millage increase	2.35 mills

## Northville fares well in accreditation

By ROBERT JACKSON  
Staff Writer

Even though five of the eight Northville public schools have been given great marks by the State Board of Education, Northville school officials aren't entirely satisfied with the results.

Amerman, Moraine and Silver Springs elementary schools and Cooke and Meads Mill middle schools were five of 151 schools in the state that received summary accreditation status last week. That means the schools met or exceeded the state's standards in core curriculum, Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores and school improvement goals.

While many school districts would sell their souls to have one school receive the top accreditation status, Northville district officials aren't overly impressed with the rating because they are tied to MEAP results.

According to Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, accreditation is not an in-depth or a credible way to properly rate the quality of education at a given school.

"It is important that teachers and parents assess what we are doing," Rezmierski said. "The litmus test should be more than that one year snapshot in time. We should be following how we are doing in educating kids throughout the process."

"I'm happy with the results but I don't want to put all of my eggs in one basket," he added. "I want to ensure that our schools are conducive to good learning. Our first job is everyday for every kid."

Winchester elementary school and Northville High School received "interim" status, which means the schools met some but not all of the standards put forth by the state. Thornton Creek Elementary School received a "no status" rating because it has only been open for two school years and does not have three years of MEAP scores.

Unaccredited schools could lose about 5 percent of their state funding if they go for more than a year without reaching at least

interim status.

Even though Northville High School received an interim status rating by the state, the school has been accredited by the North Central Association, according to Principal Tom Johnson.

The high school's accreditation was extended through the 1995-96 school year at the NCA's annual meeting in Chicago March 27.

The association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies, Johnson explained. It is a voluntary coalition of more than 7,000 schools and more than 1,000 colleges and universities in a 19 state region of the country.

The association works with schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and evaluation, and currently accredits about 950 Michigan schools.

Johnson said the process is lengthy and intensive. Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, Johnson said, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school, and on supplementary information provided to the NCA.

The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist at Northville High School.

Even the district's Early Childhood Center preschool program is gearing up its effort toward national accreditation.

According to Director Pat MacIsaac, the center recently began the accreditation process with two separate observations, by teachers, of the 16 different preschool classes within the program.

MacIsaac explained that the results of the classroom observations were compiled and studied by parents and teachers, and were used in developing an action plan for the program. It was sent to the National Academy of Early Childhood Accreditation Agency, which will review the plan and perform on-site inspections of the program.

The results of the accreditation process could be in the hands of district officials sometime in June.

## Northville fares well in accreditation

## Education Notes

### Caring for parents

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus presents a seminar for women caring for their parents on Saturday, June 8. The seminar, entitled "Caring for Aging Parents," costs \$30 and is open to the public. It will meet in the campus' J building, Room 308, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Diane Margolis-Baum, M.A., will conduct the seminar and speak on the dual responsibilities many women have caring for both their children and their parents. Topics of discussion will include coping skills, management of difficult behaviors and situations, support and educational resources, and an overview of normal vs. abnormal aging.

This seminar is sponsored by the Womencenter, a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women. For further information on the "Caring for Aging Parents" seminar and other program offerings call the Womencenter at (810) 471-7602.

### OCC Conference, Book Fair

A Writer's Conference and Book Fair will be held Saturday, May 18 at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus in Waterford. It is sponsored by OCC's Writers at Work committee and OCC bookstores.

The conference, open to the public, begins at 9 a.m. with keynote speaker poet Richard Tillinghast. Workshop topics include marketing for the new writer, literary magazine publishing, how to write biographies, and imagery and storywriting. All sessions are conducted by professional writers, and are designed for anyone interested in writing. Registration fee is \$50; \$35 for students and seniors, and includes lunch. For an additional \$15, conference attendees may have their writing critiqued by professional writers during a lunchtime feedback session. For a brochure and registration form call (810) 360-3186 or (810) 360-3054.

In addition to the conference, a free book fair will be open to the public 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the book fair is not required to attend the conference. The fair will feature book exhibits and author signings and readings. The Highland Lakes campus is located on Creeley Lake Road.

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# Mall renovations get underway

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All of the construction should be completed by early fall, bringing a facelift to the center. Here's what customers will see over the next few months:

### FAMILY RESTROOM

The new facility features separate men's, women's and family areas. Accommodations include two diaper-changing tables and, in the family area, two private, oversized unisex rooms — one with a child-size toilet and one with a handicapped toilet — allowing a parent to accompany children or a companion to accompany an adult who requires assistance.

The customer-convenient design incorporates a greater number of women's stalls; call for assistance buttons for shoppers who become ill or require assistance; and automatic, water-con-

serving faucets, with infra-red sensors. The sensors, activated by hands under the spigot, turn on and off as needed — providing a more sanitary situation and easing the problem of juggling packages while attempting to turn on the water.

Finished in a sophisticated black-and-white ceramic tile design, the new facility replaces the existing restroom on the lower level in the Lord & Taylor wing adjacent to valet parking.

### CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Located on the lower level near Lord & Taylor, this innovative and brightly-colored play area invites children to climb, hop, jump and crawl on, over and around an oversized, 3D Humpty Dumpty pop-up book. Around the fallen Humpty tumble larger-than-life renditions of everyone's kindergarten favorites: jumbo crayons, chalk and rulers to skip over; a giant teacher's apple with a friendly pop-out worm to climb on; and bids of spilled glue to jump in.

Targeted for children up to 6 years old, the fantasy playground is made of safe, rigid and soft foam. It will remain at Twelve Oaks permanently but can be temporarily removed for special events. The area will be free and open to children during all center hours, but parents are expected to supervise their own children.

Totally renovated center entrances, complete with weather-protected vestibules, automatic sliding glass doors and radiant lighting will greet shoppers by late summer.

An interior update, that replaces dated wooden-and-bar banisters with contemporary glass-and-steel handrails and wraps upper-level columns with stainless steel, will be ready by early fall.

The new Customer Service Center, marble encased and much larger than its predecessor, incorporates design elements that allow customer service representatives to serve shoppers more efficiently, will be open by late May.

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# Movie complex proposed in area

Local moviegoers' choices would mushroom under a plan for a 20-screen theater complex on Haggerty Road in Livonia near the Northville Township border.

The \$25-million Paragon Centrex Entertainment Campus would include a 72,927-square-foot AMC theater as well as two full-service restaurants and about 1,700 parking spaces.

Retail space of over 40,000 square feet and a third restaurant are also proposed.

The proposal by Walkon & Associates is planned for just over 35 acres on Haggerty north of Seven Mile.

The complex would offer filmgoers "a whole new experience," said Marvin Walkon of Walkon & Associates.

"Every movie that comes out will be available at one stop," he said. It would be "pedestrian-friendly," Walkon said, and complement nearby commercial centers.

"It's also good for other restaurants."

The advent of multiplexes stems from changes in the film and theater industry and a move toward smaller-capacity theaters with better seating, screens and amenities, Walkon said.

The "20-plex," as it's called, would be "the nicest theater, at this point, in Michigan," Walkon said. "It's an entertainment center rather than a strip center."

The movie house would have 4,056 total seats, with theaters ranging in capacity from 497 to 102, according to AMC prototype plans. Just over 1,400 parking spots would be assigned to the theater.

One restaurant, J. Alexander's, would have 230 seats, while the other, Champok Americana, would seat 241. Both would serve beer, wine and liquor.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he liked the proposal but has two main reservations — increased traffic and the possibility the complex would draw business from Livonia's three major shopping malls, all of which have movie theaters.

"We're always pleased when there's going to be a substantial addition to our tax base," Kirksey said.

But stores and eateries at malls draw before- and after-movie patrons, he said, and if the Pentagon takes moviegoers out of the malls, businesses there could be hurt.

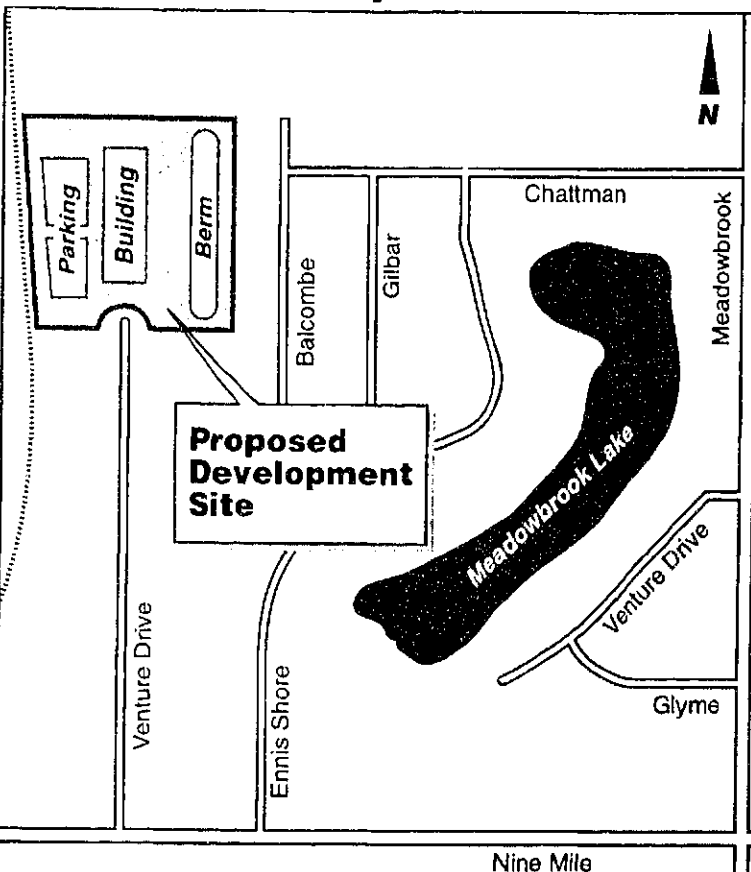
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### Interlock Development



Map by JUANITA LITTLE

opposed the factory and said the special land use approval does not comply with a city ordinance that protects residents from the adverse impacts of light industrial developments.

In their case against the city, the residents said their property values would go down and noise from shift changes, trucks, parking lots would affect their lifestyles.

Judge Kuhn, however, said the planning commission proved these factors would not be a problem and also disagreed with residents

# Court says planners didn't do homework on noise

Noise is good noise, or bad noise, depending on which side of the air conditioner you're on.

Despite reaffirming the Novi Planning Commission findings on nine other counts, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kuhn reversed the special land use approval given to the Interlock Corporation in 1994 saying the research done on seven air conditioning units was unsubstantial and did not prove the noise from them would not have adverse impacts on nearby residents.

The Planning Commission did not have competent or substantial evidence to make any findings regarding noise," the opinion dated May 9, 1996 stated.

For now, that means Meadowbrook Lake residents who about the proposed plastics factory property in the Hickory Corporate Park on Nine Mile west of Meadowbrook Road will not see or hear the factory in their backyards. There are only three buildings currently in the front of the park.

"It's an initial victory," said Lynn Kocan, a plaintiff in the case. "We don't know if Interlock or any other industry of that magnitude will try to come in again."

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### A HISTORY OF INTERLOCK

**March 16, 1994**  
Interlock Corporation comes to the Novi Planning Commission asking for a special land use review and preliminary site plan for a 98,000-square-foot manufacturing office plant on a 15.07-acre, I-1 zoned site in the Hickory Corporate Park. The commission denies the project, 6-1.

**May 18, 1994**  
Interlock again comes to the Novi Planning Commission for a special land use review and preliminary site plan. The commission again votes to deny special land use, 5-4.

**Aug. 3, 1994**  
The Novi Planning Commission gives special land use approval to Interlock.

**August 25, 1994**  
Meadowbrook Lake residents appeal the approval of Interlock's factory to Oakland County Circuit Court. The lawsuit is filed against the City of Novi, its Planning Commission and the Westland-based Interlock Corporation by 30 residents of the subdivision.

**Aug. 9, 1995**  
Novi Planning Commissioners hold a public hearing to listen to business owners' and residents' viewpoints on a proposed ban of 24-hour industrial operations adjacent to residential areas.

**Aug. 30, 1995**  
Circuit Court, in reviewing the case against the City of Novi, remands the issue of air conditioning noise back to the Planning Commission for further study.

**May 9, 1996**  
Circuit Court Judge Richard Kuhn reverses the special land use approval by the Planning Commission for Interlock. "... the Planning Commission should have denied Interlock's application on the sound issue because Interlock did not submit competent or substantial evidence," the opinion states.

# Five head out on OCC sabbaticals

Five faculty members at Oakland Community College will receive paid sabbatical leaves for research and education in the year ahead. The leaves were granted unanimously by the OCC board.

LeRoy Salowich, a 31-year veteran of science at Highland Lakes Campus, will study computers and educational technology to advance the teaching of biology. He will be gone the fall, winter and spring terms of 1996-97.

Ronald Paviak, a 27-year instructor in computer information systems at Auburn Hills, will do research on virtual reality software and applications. His work will contribute to course development in computer-aided design and other high-tech programs. He will be gone three semesters.

J. Michael Kinney, a six-year veteran of business administration

at Orchard Ridge, will have the fall semester to research the use of the Internet for distance learning, legal organizations for delivery of services, and business organizations for product information. He expects to develop OCC's seminars on distance learning.

Ronald T. Fleck, a 27-year English instructor at Auburn Hills, will use the fall semester to adapt and convert course material into a "lab-based, networked-computer system of delivery."

Christina C. Noordhoorn, who has taught in communications and humanities for 30 years at Highland Lakes, will use the winter 1997 semester to pursue creation of a computer-based interactive art appreciation course, relying on a CD-ROM format.

Chancellor Richard T. Thompson said terms of the leave require the

instructor to make a full written report at the end of the leave and to remain with OCC for at least a year.

**AUCH PACT OK'D**  
The board gave 6-0 approval to a formal, written contract with George W. Auch Co., construction manager for OCC's multi-million-dollar renovations.

The Pontiac-based firm will plan projects, help select architects, and supervise subcontractors during construction. The contract expires at the end of June 1997 and is renewable until 2002.

Auch will be paid on the basis of "actual expenses ... in connection with the individual project agreements."

# Chamber sponsors picture theme contest

In celebration of Michigan Week, the Novi Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a picture theme contest reflective of the Novi Community May 18-27.

Winners will be chosen to receive prizes in each of the four age categories. Entries will be judged on a combined criteria such as: originality, historic value; and visual appeal. One entry will be chosen from the four winners to be made into a souvenir poster.

Any Novi resident or non-resident employee of a Novi business is eligible to enter. Novi Chamber board members and staff are ineligible. Applicants may submit as many entries as they want, but can enter in only one age category: 6-13 years; 14-18 years; 19-50 years; or 51 years and older.

The picture(s) submitted may be photo, a graphic expression, or other form of visual concept capable of reproduction.

All entries submitted become the property of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline for submitting entries is May 27, 1996 at the Novi Chamber of Commerce office, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi, MI 48375 an official entry form.

A cash prize of \$50 will be awarded to the winning entry in each age category. An additional \$100 cash prize will be awarded the top winner of the four category winners.

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges consisting of Chamber officials and public relations/advertising specialists.

Winners will be notified by mail no later than Friday, June 14, 1996. Winners will also be published in The Novi News Thursday, June 20, 1996.

Arrangements were made by Northern Sessaman Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice of the Building Fund at St. James Catholic Church would be appreciated by the family.

**SUZANNE G. CLEXTON**  
Suzanne G. Clexton of Northville died May 16, 1996, at her residence. She was 61. Mrs. Clexton was born in Detroit on Dec. 13, 1934.

She was a dance instructor. Surviving Mrs. Clexton are sons, Gary (Mary) and John (Kim); daughters, Holly (Jason) Waechter and Susan (Bill) Murahy; mother, Grace G. Richardson; brother, Bob Richardson; and grandchildren, Angela, Joan, Kevin, Molly, Ryan, and Sean.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William.

Services were conducted on Saturday, May 18 at Holy Family Church in Northville.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials may be given to: Trust Fund for Children with Special Needs, Children's Special Health Care Services, Michigan Department of Community Health Services, 3423 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, MI 48909.

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# Proposal to ban 24-hour operations dropped

The Interlock Corporation's plan to bring a 24-hour plastic factory to Novi and the opposition from neighboring residents spurred a full ban on the City of Novi.

In particular, the Planning Commission was asked to examine an ordinance regarding 24-hour industrial operations more than a year and a half ago.

For nearly a year, the commission struggled with the definition of around-the-clock operations. A full ban could be too restrictive and hurt other industrial businesses in the area, members said.

But in August of 1995, the commission directed the planning department that the 24-hour operations would no longer be an issue studied as the department had reported no additional information was available on the subject.

"We're not going to look at that in particular," said Planning Chair

Laura Lorenzo last week. "That's not the approach we're going to take."

Instead the focus changed and the smaller Implementation Committee was directed to explore the entire industrial ordinance itself and adverse impacts on residential areas.

The committee has revised zoning and setback requirements and is now looking at noise levels standards.

Studies like these can take some time, according to Staff Planner Greg Capote. Committee members meet only twice a month and usually have a number of topics on

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He and the committee are expecting to complete a study and make a recommendation to the planning commission in the near future.

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## Budget to hike tax bills 3 percent

**By JAN JEFFRES**  
Staff Writer

If you're the proud owner of a \$200,000 home in Novi, the city's got your new tax bill all figured.

Expect to pay \$34.09 more for the 1996-97 fiscal year, an increase of about 3 percent over the previous year.

In fiscal year 1995-96, for that \$200,000 home, the city operating and debt fund tax bill was \$1,016.62. This year, factoring in a 1 percent increase in the state equalized valuation (SEV), it will be \$1,050.74.

What the Novi City Council debates most vigorously annually is the level of the general fund millage for overall city operations. Last year, that was 3.8715 mills. This year, it will be 4.1215 mills. That's the highest rate since 1992-1993, when the millage was set at 4.3666.

As approved by the council Monday, the millage to be charged residents will be

## Panel upset over funding cuts

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explained that the Fuerst Farm is a top city council priority. The city is expected to own this corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads within the next few weeks, after a land swap with the Novi school district is finalized.

Now, Historical Commission President Michelle Bononi said that the group will have to cut back on programs planned for the year ahead, because much of its money goes towards the maintenance of the Old Township Hall and its grounds.

"It's a real hit for us, there's no doubt about it," Bononi said.

"The commission has discussed the Fuerst restoration. There was never a vote taken to give it any of our funds."

The council majority backed allocating money for the farm, to keep buildings in sound condition until preservation grants are found. Separate architect reports paid for by the Novi school district, which still owns the site, and Preservation Novi, indicated the barn and house need some structural protection.

Typically, McLallen said, the commission spends only half of its

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Dan O'Connell

annual budget.

But that was expected to change this year, Bononi explained. Their plans included a historical marker for Knapp Cemetery, a survey of Novi Cemetery, inventory of the grave sites and a Victorian landscaping plan for the burial ground; seminars for two new commissioners; and a fall historical reenactment.

"If it was to be cut, it shouldn't have been by half," Bononi said.

"I believe that this group was just about to get off the ground. That's why it's particularly disappointing at this time."

It was at the May 9 session, Council Member Rob Mittel suggested that the city set aside \$25,000 to stabilize the farm

advocated preserving both the old Methodist Church and the Fuerst Farm.

"I think it's obvious to anyone with common sense there's a conflict of interest. There's been back door budgeting," O'Connell said.

"It looks good. They can go to their city conventions and say we have a historical commission. It can't do anything."

Earlier legal opinions by the city attorney indicate a conflict doesn't exist, if Match doesn't vote to give Preservation Novi money.

If the \$25,000 is spent, it will be by the city, to refurbish a city property.

Preservation Novi won't be doing the work, Mutch said.

"The money absolutely hasn't been given to anybody. Other people don't take the trouble to understand how the groups interact," she added.

"There isn't anything in the budget I couldn't vote on."

In June, she added, a field agent from the National Trust for Historic Preservation is expected to visit the site to discuss possible funding sources for the restoration.

## Council wraps up tight budget at last minute

**By JAN JEFFRES**  
Staff Writer

It came in just under the rope.

Following the provisions of the city charter, Monday was the day the council was required to adopt the financial blueprint for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1.

After six weeks of negotiations and tradeoffs, the Novi City Council approved a \$15,236 million budget, including a one-quarter mill tax increase.

But the process left a feeling of dissatisfaction among some city officials, who debated about whether the budget was fat or at the opposite extreme, too skinny.

At the council's earlier orders, the city administration whacked \$380,000 out of the total. In order to reduce the 0.5 millage rate requested by the administrators

to 0.25 mills.

"I think the city manager and the department heads made a good case for their requests. A year from now it's going to be fairly lame excuse when people say why aren't we receiving the services we request and we say on an average \$200,000 home we wanted to save you \$100 a year on your tax bill," Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

As it stands, taxes will go up 3 percent, city administrative raises will increase 3 percent across-the-board. In addition, \$20,000 was set aside to be distributed among staffers as salary adjustments.

Removed from the budget were \$38,650 for lap top computers for the city council and some administrators; \$39,000 from the Planning Commission's budget; \$11,000 from the Historical Commission's

budget; and 6 percent in the supplies and services budget.

In the contingencies fund, or savings account, \$59,000 was socked away for the possible future hiring of three fire protection officers. Council members indicated they wanted Fire Chief Art Lenaghan to make a stronger case for what was viewed as a last minute request.

The only one not to vote in favor of the budget was Mayor Tom Hugh Crawford, who said he couldn't approve it without the fire protection officers.

"We have a skinny budget and we've rendered it anorexic," Crawford said.

Mayor Kathy McLallen also said she had a "grave concern" about not immediately funding the fire protection officers.

"Our community is one that is so incredibly exposed. On any given week-

end, we're a community of 100,000 people with the mall, the Expo Center. Our fire department is the first line of defense in any civic accident," she said.

"If the city doesn't do anything, it's the community's loss."

O'Connell has accused Mutch of conflict of interest, because of her involvement with local government and Preservation Novi, which has

addition of two new staff members may be delayed for six months, while a commercial/industrial appraiser and another planner in the Community Development Department are expected to be recruited in July.

A transfer from the general fund of \$182,000 was allocated to the Parks and Recreation Department.

McLallen said she was disappointed that only a few citizens turned out to comment on the budget.

One of them was Twelve Mile Road resident Debbie Bundoff, who said she wasn't convinced of the necessity of increasing taxes.

"I can't see raising the millage when there's new homes and new businesses," Bundoff said.

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For rental prices and reservations, call (810) 858-0916.

## Detroit mother dies in Novi

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ment in the brush attracted their attention, said Shaeffer.

They found Brown, who appeared to have been physically assaulted, and called EMS who arrived and took her to Huron Valley, where she died a short time

later.

Shaeffer said the woman may have been left for dead sometime Friday night or early Saturday morning. "It's a dirty, isolated area," he said.

Brown had not been reported missing by her family - her husband, a 14-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son.

Shaeffer said the press coverage over the weekend led to several tips and leads over the weekend.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 348-4481.

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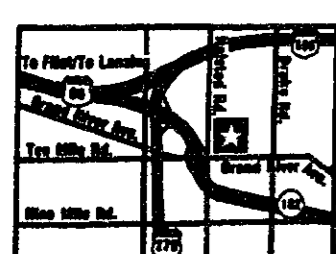
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## Harrowood recounts war experiences

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142nd infantry, he was an Army medic on the front lines in Italy, including the bloody Anzio beachhead of 1943, and France.

He came from a family which gave much. All four Harrowood brothers enlisted in the armed forces. One, Paul, 22, was killed at the Battle of the Bulge when his jeep hit a bomb.

"My mother had jet black hair when we went into the service. It didn't last long," Harrowood said. Harrowood enlisted Dec. 31, 1941. He chose to be a medic because he liked to help people. On the front line, medics were prime targets for German snipers. He got so bad, they had to pull the Red Cross off their jackets.

"We had all kinds of different wounds. If I told you about it, it would make you sick. The biggest trouble is when you find them piled up like they were at the Anzio beachhead. We had to bury a lot of them, always. Keeping the dog."

Some of the places we had to pick up bodies of women and children so we could get the tanks through."

He was twice wounded. You can see the scar on Harrowood's forehead, left by a German machine-gunner in Florence, Italy on Oct. 9, 1944. Under that, he has a steel plate. At the time, he was in a box hole and his jacket was hanging on the tree.

"I got up to remove something from the pocket and a bullet scraped me right through the helmet. If I hadn't had a helmet and an inside liner, I wouldn't be here."

That was enough to send Harrowood home. Instead, he asked to rejoin his unit. He was shipped to the south of France. On Nov. 9, 1943, it was snowing in the Vogels Mountains. Harrowood was, as always, on the front line.

"Everyone was screaming and hollering 'medic.' Bombs were whipping over our heads. All of a sudden, just like a big flash I went down and passed out," he said.

"It was snowing and bombs were blasting. When I came to, there were tubes all over me. I didn't know if I was in friendly or enemy hands."

Pieces of the shell went into his back, tearing through his right side and damaging both legs. His right kidney and 13 inches of his intestines had to be removed.

"The doctor said, 'Young man, the only reason you pulled through is you're in good health.' He said, 'You're going to make it,' Harrowood said.

He was taken by truck to Cherbourg. In the evacuation ship to Wales, he was placed in a large cradle so that the motion of the waves wouldn't injure him further. At the quonset hut hospital there, he was in a wheel-chair for a month.

After 18 months in the hospital, Harrowood came home to Michigan with a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and a Bronze Star and medals, he received 23.

Since then, he's had 22 operations, all related to his war injuries.

Back in the States, Harrowood was still on crutches when he began his career of selling real estate. He and his first wife, Bernice, moved from Highland Park to Novi, to live in a log cabin where the Demey's Restaurant now stands. (After losing his first wife, Harrowood's now been married a year and a half to Beatrice.)

In the 1950s, Harrowood kept lists. He owned Harrowood Sales and Service Station, the gas station at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. In 1957, he was elected in 1957 to the Novi Township board, where he served for four years. He became a leader of the Shriners and the Novi Rotary.

At night, he was plagued with bad dreams, the legacy of the war.

"We had to go to twin beds because I woke up hitting my wife," he said.

"I still have nightmares if I watch



Leo Harrowood, his Purple Heart and Bronze Star. The chunk of metal on the left is the shrapnel that injured him.

## Schools move up accreditation scale

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More than 66 percent of students at Novi Meadows, Novi Woods Elementary, Orchard Hills Elementary and Village Oaks Elementary scored satisfactory on the MEAP in two out of the last three years to earn the highest accreditation rating.

The state takes the scores from the last three years and throws out the lowest score. Scores are from the 1993 school year to this year. Middle School scores for the writing and science are not included because they were just taken in April and have not been released.

Highway Elementary and Novi Middle School both remain in interim status, meaning between 51 and 65 percent of the students scored satisfactorily on the test two out of the three years.

"Even though the scores went up this year in total of the three years we didn't quite make it," said Traynor.

"What bother's me is their scores did go up and there is improvement but because of the formula it doesn't show," Traynor added.

The interim status is still OK according to the State Board and Department of Education.

"There's no penalty to remain in interim forever," said Deb Small at the Board of Education.

However, the state has threatened to withhold state funding and initiate other sanctions against schools who can't get their scores in shape and at least get into interim status.

The results were announced May 15.

High School accreditation will be announced this fall after scoring of the new High School Proficiency Test this summer.

Traynor said the teachers review and evaluate the results of the MEAP tests each time they come back and address improvements in accordance with those results.

"We've done that every year not just because of accreditation," said Traynor.

FarView Principal Joseph Imrick agrees. "We don't just look at the scores and say 'Well, we'll do better next time,'" he said.

The two Novi schools are not alone. Less than 10 percent of elementary schools and middle schools out of the 2,842 public schools in Michigan fulfilled the requirements for the highest ranking.

Schools can be ranked with one of five tags, summarily accredited (the school met all requirements), interim accredited (schools met only some of the criteria), unaccredited (at least half of students failed all four statewide achievement tests, incomplete or no status).

Imrick said while the MEAP is an important test for students, it may not be the best indicator of how well a school's program is run.

"Just one test score for any kind of judgment about the quality of school is probably not fair to use," said Imrick.

Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich said teachers are evaluating recent changes in the MEAP test. "They change things so often you have to keep up with them. But we keep keeping along," he said.

All Novi Schools receive North Central Accreditation, a private organization that reviews school districts around the Midwest. Those standards have less to do with MEAP testing and more to do with goal setting and successful completion of those goals, said Traynor.

"A lot of people who call from out of town want to know if you have North Central Accreditation because their more familiar with it and it's more prestigious," said Traynor.

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Above, Diane Philpot hugs her 19-month-old daughter, Katelyn, during a prayer for her husband, Jerry. He was a Detroit officer killed last year while on the job. Below, Novi officers raise their rifles in a 21-gun salute to honor fellow officers killed in the line of duty.

## Novi police honor fallen officers across Michigan

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"We told the kids we wanted to stand behind the police force and the good they represent," said teacher Sara Greke. "It's important for kids to have the proper respect."

Shaffer said the violence in today's society demands the services of law enforcement officers. "We band together and demand we have a group of men and women to protect us," Shaffer said. "... We demand they stand ready to lay down their lives on our behalf."

According to Deputy Chief Rasmussen, the Novi Police have led the way in holding the memorials, a tradition that started in former chief Lee BeGale's era fifteen years ago.

"We feel it's our responsibility to keep doing this for our fellow officers," said Rasmussen. "We depend on each other. I think it's evident by the people who showed up here and the cooperation we have with those agencies."

The ceremony included the "Lament" played on the bagpipes, placement of a wreath, a 21-gun salute and music from the Novi High School Band including "Taps," played by senior Chris Goss, and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

President John F. Kennedy called for a day of mourning for police officers killed in the line of duty 34 years ago. There has never been a Novi officer killed in the line of duty.

### KILLED ON DUTY IN 1995

**Officer Terry Philpot II** — Joined the Detroit Police Department in 1989 and was shot while investigating a gang shooting in Detroit. He was married with one daughter.

**Sgt. Earl Lavelle White** — Joined the Detroit Police Department in 1973 and was killed in a car accident during a police chase. He was married with several children.

**Officer Lindora Renee Smith** — Joined the Detroit Police Department in 1993 and was killed last year in a car accident during a police chase. She had one child.



Novi officers' badges were wrapped in black to honor officers who have died in the line of duty. Below, Congressman Joe Knollenberg and Novi Chief Douglas Shaffer remember fallen police officers by placing a memorial wreath in front of the Novi station.

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## Novi student takes flag flying to new level

As part of a reading program for students at Novi Woods and in conjunction with the school-wide theme of "America" the students were posed the following question: How could the school obtain a United States flag that was flown over the White House?

HOW I GOT THE AMERICAN FLAG

By ASHLEA SURLS  
 Novi Woods Elementary

I got the American Flag for our school through my Uncle Dick who is a Secret Service agent for the White House.

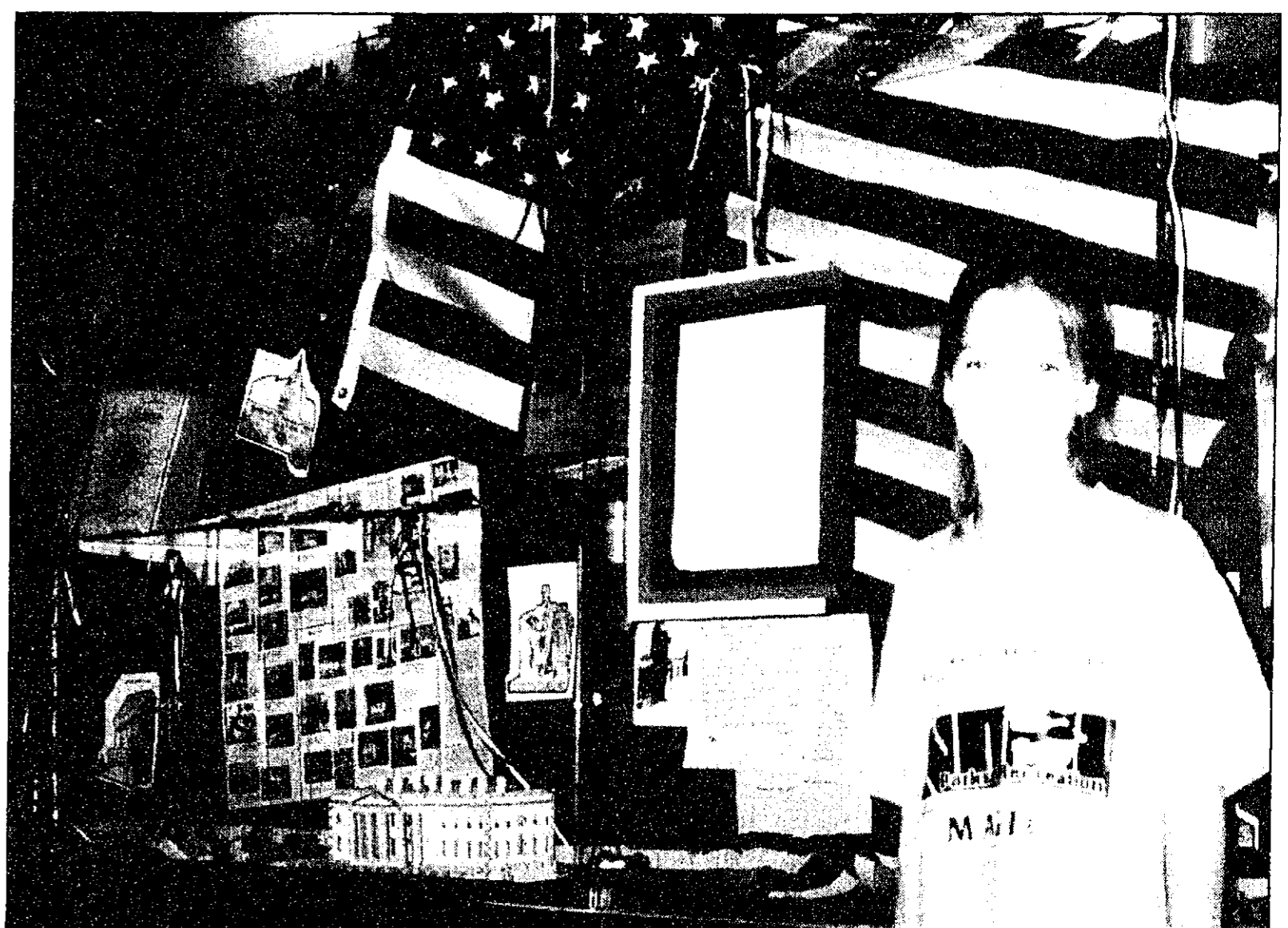
When my sister and I went down to Virginia for winter break my uncle threw the flag over the White House balcony.

Now, into the details. My dad and I went out and got a flag. Then that night we gave it to my uncle.

The next night he went up to the top of the White House by climbing the stairs. He took the flag out of the bag with the help of some sniper friends and unfolded it. Finally he went over to the side of the top balcony and let the flag go over the White House.

If you are familiar with any fourth grader, you know they do not accept the word "no" very easily.

That is how we got our own special flown-at-the-White-House-American-Flag for our school. And thanks to my Uncle Dick we have an American Flag for our school's reading project.



Novi Woods Elementary fourth grader Ashlea Surls found a creative way to obtain an American flag flown over the White House. Photo submitted by KERRY MARRON

## Aspiring authors receive professional advice on writing, art



Photos submitted by JUDY SAURER

More than 20 students from Novi Community Schools met in April for the 1996 Young Author's conference where they learned some new ideas for writing and illustrating their works. The students were chosen from among the hundreds of students in grades first through sixth.

The second annual Novi Young Author's Conference was held on Friday, April 19.

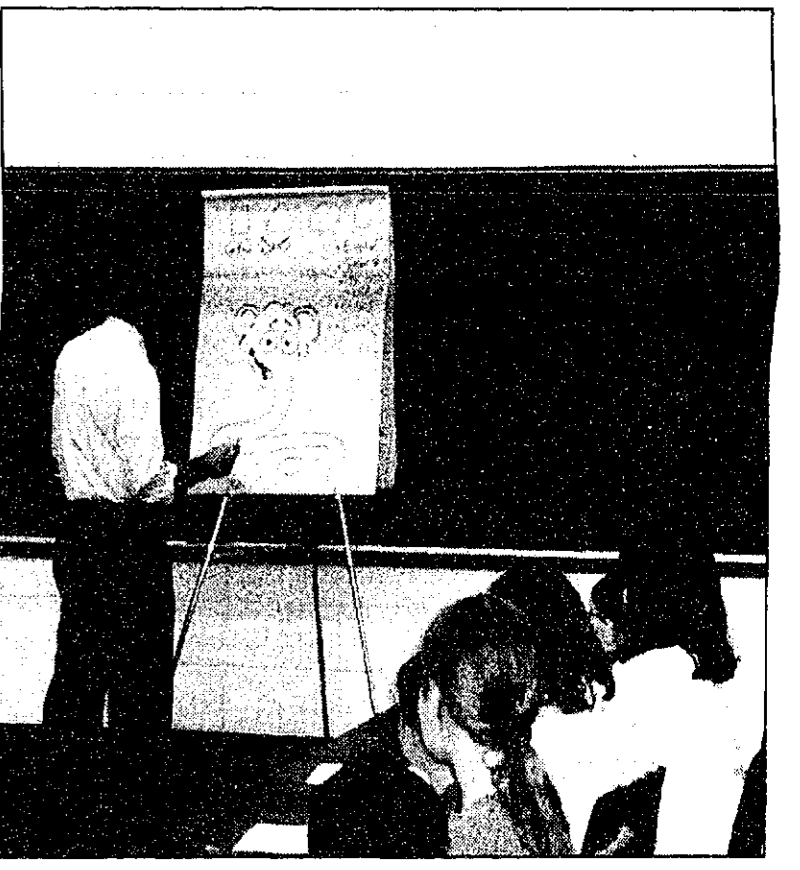
Students in grades 1-6 were allowed to submit a story to the contest. Each elementary school then selected one winner from each grade to attend the conference.

Members of the Novi Meadows Academics Club organized and hosted the conference held in the Instructional Technology Forum.

During the morning students listened to Mr. LaRon Williams, an accomplished storyteller, and learned some illustrating techniques from Jerry Lemenu, a professional artist.

After lunch students then gathered in groups to share their outstanding stories with their peers.

The twenty one author's attending were: Ashley Atkins, Neha Dandawate, Chad Diephuis, Lindsey Dupel, Alex Grougan, Namira Islam, Allison Jamison, Jennifer Jarvis, Jeffrey Kirby, Erin Loomer, Tim McQuade, Erica Mewhirter, Stephen O'Keefe, Courtney Rosentkowsak, Sandra Rosko, Brian Schorr, Nick Shaler, Megan Spitz, Elizabeth Williams, Sukwoo Yoon and Lindsey Zeigler-Netter.



Several authors listen intently to guest illustrator Jerry Lemenu.

## Calendar & Clips

**Fun Fairs and other Fun**  
 Orchard Hills will hold its annual Ice Cream Social and Talent Fair tonight, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Also the 1996 Spring Festival of Arts is going on tonight at Fuert Auditorium in Novi High School. The Art show begins at 6 p.m. The Concert begins at 7 p.m.

**Half Day**  
 Novi Middle School will have a half day of classes on May 24.

**School Board Meeting**  
 The Novi Board of Education will meet, May 28, at 6-9 p.m. in the Educational Services Building off of Taft Road just south of Eleven Mile Road. This is a special meeting.

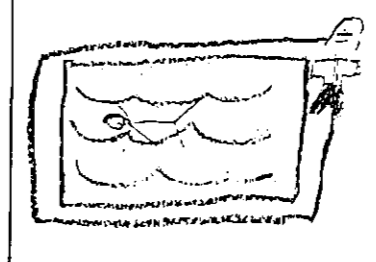
**Memorial Day**  
 No school on May 27, Memorial Day.

**To be Honored**  
 On May 29, Novi High graduates for 1996 will attend Senior Honors night beginning at 7 p.m. at Fuert Auditorium.

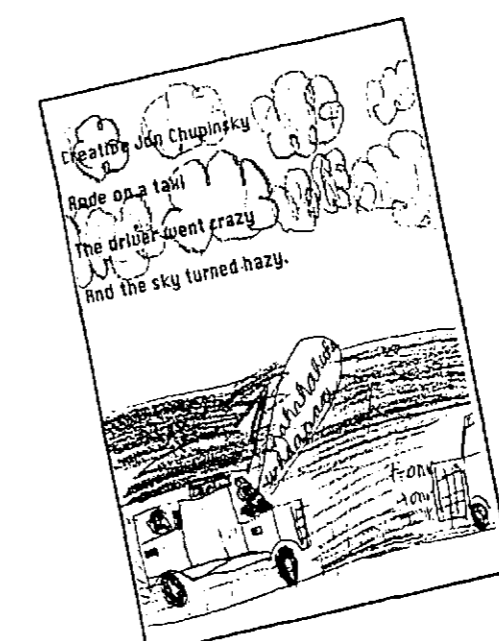
**Give of Yourself**  
 Novi High School will hold a spring blood drive on May 30. Anyone in the community can give blood throughout the school day from 7:20 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Poetry Corner

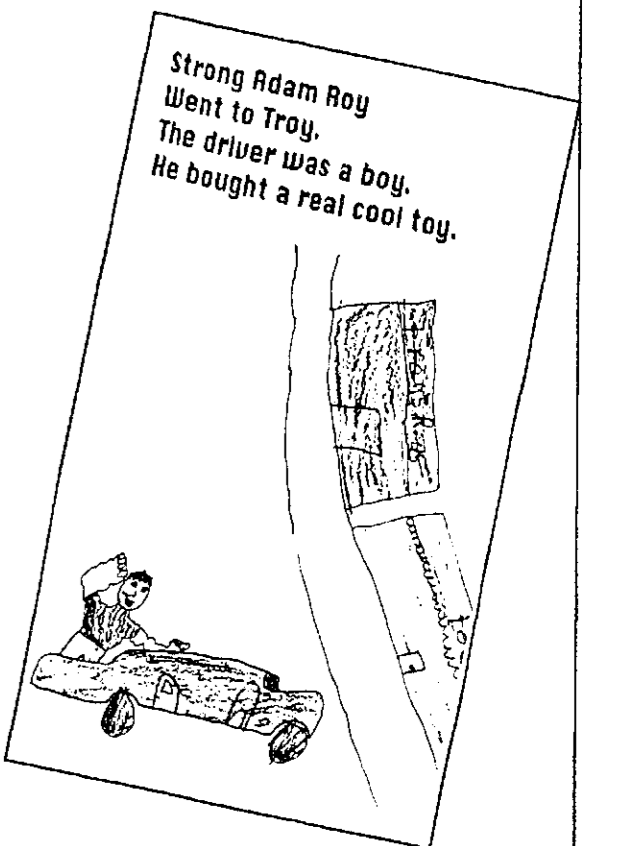
Swimming Laura Lynch  
 Swimming is a cinch  
 The coach is a grinch  
 Medals give a pinch.



The following poems from the students at Orchard Hills Elementary are called "Cherihews" and provides the children with a chance to write about themselves.



Sports player Anthony Sabo  
 Likes football, hockey, and hot potato  
 Korden Stewart and Chris Osgeood  
 They play the sport well just like I could.



Little Jennifer Bohme  
 Had to do poem  
 About her home  
 And to do it alone.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Fathom (fath-ern) ...1. A unit of length equal to 6 feet, used principally in the measurement of marine depths. . 2. To determine the depth of; sound. 3. To understand.



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# Opinions

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## As We See It

### City needs to get road priorities in right order

It is a little hard to accept that residents of the Ten Mile Road corridor really didn't think that road would be widened when they purchased their homes there however many years ago.

It happens to almost all thoroughfares eventually as the suburbs grow. Buy on a major road and regardless of its current state - dirt or paved, two lanes or three - and you are likely to have to contend sooner or later with widening.

At the same time, it is hard to believe that the city plans to widen Ten Mile Road to five lanes before Grand River Avenue reaches that point.

Grand River is the traditional east-west route through this area. It's been carrying traffic from Detroit and its suburbs to points west since before the automobile was invented.

Yet at this point, Grand River is still a three-lane road from Haggerty to Novi roads, a stretch which begins just a quarter mile north of the location where cars enter the Ten Mile corridor.

You might not have noticed that Grand River is still only three lanes along that stretch. There are so many turn lanes along the road it is practically five lanes already. A drive along it shows it has none of the problems which make widening so difficult along Ten Mile - the buildings are already placed well back from the road, built in anticipation of eventual widening.

So just how did Ten Mile get ahead of Grand River on the list for widening?

Regardless of the answer, the likely city response will be that since the city has federal funding to do the engineering work for widening on Ten Mile, it would be fiscally irresponsible to pull the plug on the project now.

The city is working on the \$6 million project to widen Ten Mile from the current two lanes to five and its engineers at JCK & Associates have just completed their environmental assessment report. And of course, that has raised the ire of many who live in the area. Some 135 properties front on the road in that stretch, a number of which are residences. Forty residents met with the engineers earlier this month to talk about the project. And some residents have formed a Ten Mile Road task force to write their own assessment report.

And who knows, a wider, faster Grand River might eliminate the need to ever have to come back to widen Ten Mile.

It would seem there is a bigger question - how does the city determine the order in which the road projects are done? Maybe it is time for the city to take a hard look at the process for determining which get top priority.

## Government

Residents have offered their own plan - lowering the speed limit along that section of road to 35 mph and leaving it at two lanes. The theory is that traffic will travel along the "path of least resistance." And they may have a point.

But it is a concept we can't support. Roads, after all, are there precisely for the public to use, to move traffic in the quickest and most efficient safe manner possible. Setting up "resistance" along Ten Mile means it would be less usable for everyone else in the city. Roads are "public" by definition, and the public has a right to expect them to be kept in the most useful manner safely possible.

Nonetheless, widening to five lanes would indeed have a tremendous on the area. Homes along that stretch of road surely would be less desirable to live in, less comfortable to live in. It seems likely the residents are right that they could indeed lose value in their homes.

Grand River would not suffer the same adverse impacts. It is already planned with widening in mind.

It seems plain to us Grand River should be the top priority for such road work. Ten Mile Road residents may end up suffering an expansion of the road eventually, but at least if the projects were put in proper order, it would buy them time.

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## Forget the golf course

What it comes down to is that if the city wanted to build a golf course on the 600 acres of land known as the Novi Tree Farm, it should have been specific about that when it asked for the money to buy it.

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission unveiled several schemes for development of the land put together by its consultant earlier this month. The plan included several ways of developing the property, two with a golf course and two without a golf course.

Simply put, the plans for a passive recreational park, with trails for hiking and cross country skiing, more closely match what residents had in mind when they approved the bond issue back in 1993.

The city argues that it could put a golf course in there - one plan calls for a nine-hole course while the other includes a full 18 - and the greens fees would not only pay for the operation of the course but could raise money to be put to other recreational uses as well. A golf course would not necessarily have a heavier impact on the environment there, the city argues.

We're all for being frugal with the public's money, but there is a difference between that and building a profit center. Government's role is to provide for those things that society needs but which the private sector can't accomplish. Private firms can operate a golf course - in fact several do in Novi already - but we've yet to hear of a business which can operate nature trails.

More importantly, city residents may well have taken a different view of the 1993 ballot proposal had they known the land it would purchase was proposed to be converted to a golf course. We believe the public at the time clearly saw the need for more park land in Novi. And they decided to back that up with approval of the bond.

We'd like to see the golf course plan dropped, just as area residents and golfers, in the hearing earlier this month, said they would like rid of it. In the meantime, the city should concentrate on park development and look for revenue elsewhere.

## Board puts \$61M on ballot



Bob Jackson

Finally all of the cards are on the table. When the Northville Board of Education voted Monday to approve putting a \$61 million bond issue before the electorate, the meeting room was virtually empty. Save for a small group of teachers and some administrators.

The scene was mostly similar to the meeting held about one month ago when the same board voted to delay asking this very important question until some sort of community consensus had been achieved.

So instead of asking the hard question, we shuffled in a high priced consultant - Dr. William DeJong - to help the community grapple with its educational future. The district wanted to whip up support before it popped the bond question, and the DeJong process was supposed to result in all of us coming together behind a common cause.

We now know that never happened. The DeJong process, for all it was touted to be, crashed and burned before it really ever took off. Now, instead of a rallying cry of support to push ahead with plans to construct a new high school and realize true educational change, there are currently only weak whimp whines of endorsement by the community.

All one has to do is take a look at the Futures Committee recommendations to realize that the committee didn't live up to its charge. Four of the seven recommendations submitted to the board dealt solely with bond and new facility related items. The only positive recommendation that really addresses the high school's educational future was

the formation of the Coalition for Student Success. By failing to deliver on the simple premise of an open community dialog in probably the single most important issue facing the district, school officials might have slightly tainted this election before a single vote has been cast. Some patrons who were skeptical of district motivations before this public relations nightmare took center stage are now downright wary.

There is, however, a silver lining to the cloud that has hovered over the district for the past nine months - at least all of the factions that have been at war with each other are now sitting at the table and talking.

As ominous as the situation might be, there is at least something to build on, and if we are to finally move forward with some aggressive changes, open and honest communication from all parties is a must.

Open and honest communication with the community will also go a long way in garnering support for the \$61 million bond issue. Without it, the bonds, a new high school, building improvements and new technology will all go down in a flaming hurstling mess.

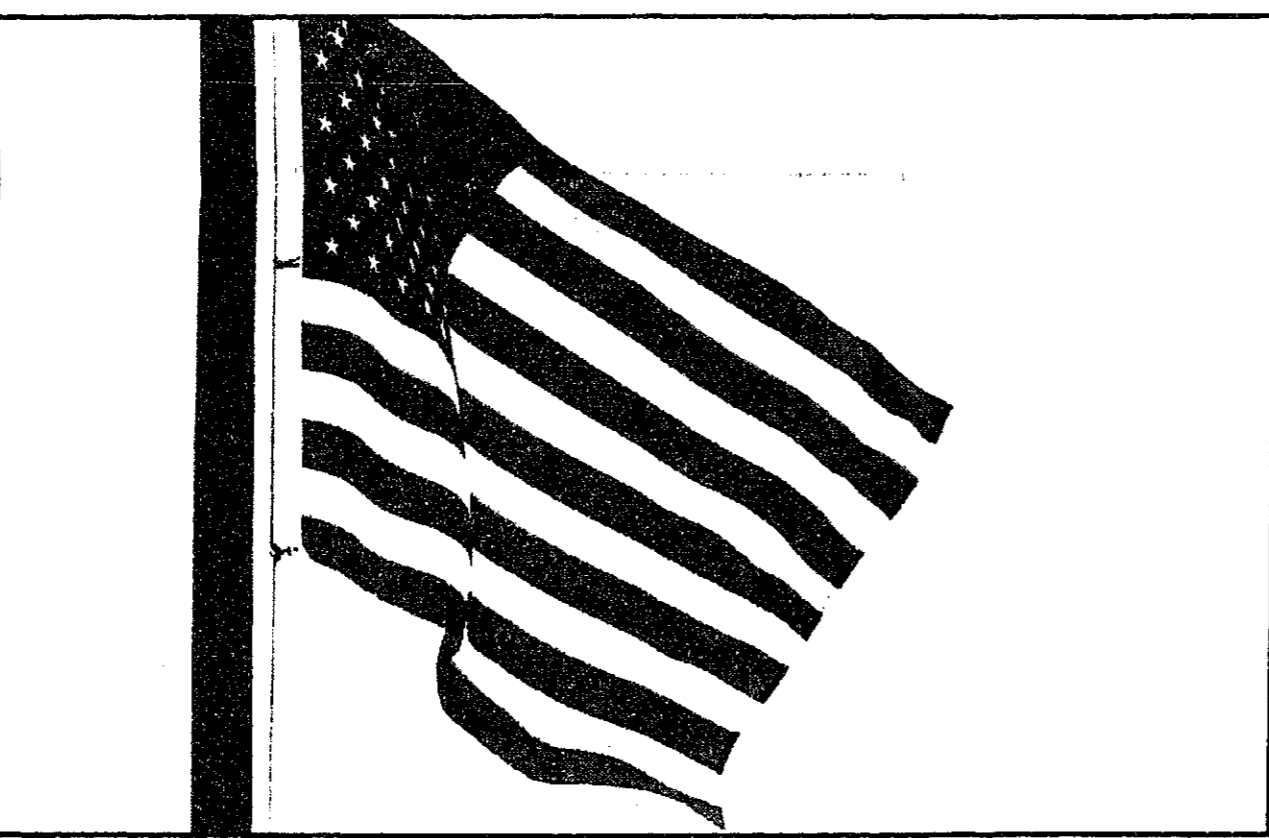
That open and honest communication now represents a glimmer of opportunity resting in the laps of school district officials. How they take advantage of that opportunity will ultimately decide the future of every student in this district.

So it's finally time to let the Futures Committee to rest, take what we have learned and move on. The issues are many, and they represent much more than the bricks and mortar that hold our schools together.

Robert Jackson is a staff writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

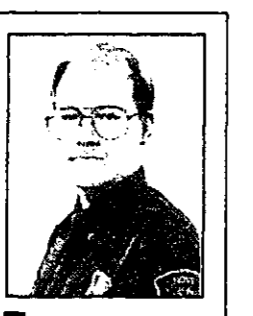
## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Police Memorial Day was May 20, Veterans Memorial Day is May 27

## Heroes by how they lived



Terry Whitfield

What does it mean to live in freedom? What sacrifices are required to pay the price for peace and justice? There's a famous passage that says, "For there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's neighbor." Well it's something like that.

This past week I have come to learn just what that means for me. I was selected to represent our police department in Washington, D.C. and to attend the ceremonies at the

National Law Enforcement Memorial. It's a week long event to honor fallen police around the country. The memorial itself was dedicated and established by President George Bush in 1991 and it honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty.

The memorial has on its hallowed walls the names of over 13,500 officers who have been killed in the line of duty dating back to the first known death in 1794.

Now, I've got to say that this week has been a moving one for me and it took me back a step. I don't know one person on those walls personally, but looking into the eyes of the survivors, the wives, sons, daughters and friends, I could feel their loss. There was a set next officers placed forever into the book of fallen men and women, who gave the ultimate price in the name of justice.

They all symbolize justice and honor... for in valor there is hope.

Terry Whitfield is an officer with the Novi Police Department. He is heading up the department's participation in the Michigan Safe & Sober public education project May 6-9, 15, sponsored by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Adult ed funding needs revision



Phil Power

For years and years, Michigan has been spending big bucks - \$185 million last year - on adult education programs that help high school dropouts go back to the classroom.

Everybody admits the results are meager. Of the 185,000 students enrolled in adult ed, only 14,000 graduate, more than one third drop out, and fewer than one in 10 find jobs or improve their earnings.

Worse, for years adult ed has been in practice the slush fund that lots of school districts used to balance their budgets.

Salaries for adult ed teachers have been traditionally less than for the regular K-12 classroom teachers, so districts have been taking the "profit" from the per-capita state grant for adult ed and using it to bolster their books. Newspapers used to be filled with advertisements touting adult ed class openings just after the autumn fourth Friday head count determined state funding levels for school districts.

Gov. John Engler wants to change all this. Predictable, he's getting a lot of flak for it. But in this instance, I think he's right on target.

First, he wants to put \$50 million into community and workplace literacy grants to meet the reading, math and work-readiness of adults. These grants will be awarded to Michigan's 27 local workplace development boards, which will seek competitive proposals from school districts, charter schools, community colleges, nonprofit organizations and other institutions that provide training.

Wonderful! One fundamental reason government works so badly is its habit of designating monopoly - "presumptive provider" is the bureaucratic language - agencies to carry out certain tasks. Engler wants to bust up the monopoly on adult ed that K-12 school districts have had for so many years, and use links between job training providers and employers to introduce competitive incentives into the system.

Engler argues that costs in the present system are high (up to \$15,000 per participant) and results low. He compares this with Michigan's Economic Development Job Training program, which "prepared" (whatever that means) 70,000 workers for jobs at an average cost of \$800.

Equally important, Engler argues, "Adult education is now a one-size-fits-all program; the wrong students are locked in, the right students are locked out, and virtually no one gets ahead."

This is so. Kids who finish school and get a job threatened by changing technology can't get help from the current adult ed system because they already have high school diplomas. On the other hand, high school dropouts over 20 are unlikely to be

interested in high school classes; they want job training to get a better job, not 10th grade civics. School districts are good at basic education; expecting them to be good at job training is asking too much.

The part of the Engler program that is drawing the most criticism is the proposal to provide a free public education to any Michigan resident only through age 20. After 20, though, only adults who are recommended by their employer would be eligible for tax-paid tuition. School districts could offer adult ed to anyone over 20, but students would have to pay tuition.

Educators and others are screaming this is unfair. They cite statistics showing that 40 percent of beginning adult ed students have skills below eighth grade level. Of that group, 70 percent have less skills than fourth graders. With low skills, they have low wages; with low wages, they're unlikely to see much point in paying to improve their skills.

They may have a point. I suspect issues of tuition will be debated hard when the reform legislation starts working through the Legislature.

But the main points of Engler's proposals are sound: Distinguishing between K-12 basic education and job training, and making providers compete for state funding, are both worthy objectives. The Legislature should adopt them.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1888.)

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Phong and Caroline Truong in Detroit, all relatives, friends.

All monetary contribution (\$1,060.50) to Jeremy Truong Memorial, on behalf of Jeremy's wishes, will be equally contributed to Lou Leukemia Foundation, Asian for Miracle Bone Marrow Matched.

Phong and Caroline Truong

## Truong family appreciates support

To the editor:

For the generosity of Jeremy Truong, who passed away on May 13, 1996, Truong's family deeply thanks:

Members and associations who helped to set up bone marrow recruitments for Jeremy Truong in 1995: American Red Cross of Detroit, The Novi News, TV Channel 2 and 7, Guardian Angels

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## Novi wants expanded preschool

To the editor:

I would like to take issue with you regarding your recent editorial concerning the Novi Community Education preschool program. I feel you have not treated this issue fairly.

The community of Novi wants to see an expanded preschool program. Comments from parents printed in this paper as well as letters sent to the community education director have supported this concept. The Novi Community Education Department is responding to the needs of this community. We are offering this program as a choice to the citizens of Novi. A recent assessment of community education programs suggested that the community wants a choice between private preschools and one associated with public education. We need to step aside and let the citizens make their choice.

The resources, building, lands, and staff belong to the community. The role of community education is to provide avenues for the community to make use of these facilities. A preschool program is one way to reach out to the community and offer them a service. We are not doing anything different from other communities, Northville and Birmingham, among others, have

preschool programs. If the community of Novi doesn't want a preschool linked to the public schools then, let them voice their objections at a school board meeting or through letters to the editor. The Community Education Department will stand behind the wishes of the citizens of Novi.

Paul Hendricks, Chairperson  
Community Education Advisory Council

The "Beautiful Half Mile" project is our first step to help beautify the City of Novi. The "Beautiful Half Mile" project consists of landscaping which enhances the half mile area beginning with the Novi

police Department along Ten Mile Road to the corner of Tall Road. If you drive by the Novi City Hall, you will see the east and west entrance signs enhanced by beautiful flowers and shrubs.

The center "Novi" and "cardinal" (city bird) design was donated by Glenda's Market. A special thank you to Chris Cagle for all his hard work and assistance in helping with the plans for the landscape design and his contribution of the center landscaping.

In addition, we wish to thank Dinsor's, Brickstape and Mirah Nursery for their support of our project.

The Novi Beautification Commission thanks the community for their support. With the help of the citizens, organizations and businesses of Novi, the Beautification Commission can continue its efforts to enhance and beautify the community for all to enjoy.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Beautiful Half Mile, tax deductible donations should be forwarded to Public Information Director, City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Katherine A. Cosentino  
Commissioner  
Novi Beautification Commission

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, label, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

The big casino is the Chippewas' in Mt. Pleasant. It takes in almost as much as the other 12 combined.

Q. What do you mean by Class III gaming?  
A. Class III is social games for prizes of minor value. Class II is bingo and other non-banking games.

Q. Are the feds likely to give in?  
A. Hard to say. It depends on whether the state-local controls are used to regulate or just to block.

Q. Lots of folks see casinos as Mafia-controlled dens of iniquity and prostitution. Who too?  
A. Maybe. I'm more concerned that Americans are realizing that they can state it rich at gambling. My econ profs said you should work, budget, save part of what you earn, and invest it in productive enterprise.

Q. What else is the Senate voting on?  
A. There's a resolution asking the federal government to let the states and locals have more regulatory control - zoning, building codes, liquor law enforcement, liability insurance requirements, and the like.

Q. The figures make it sound like a growth industry.  
A. My old economics professors would flunk a student for calling gambling an "industry."

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A. Apparently not. According to the programing propaganda, the Hyaburg tribe of Alaska has no gambling and a 50-55 percent unemployment rate. Nationally 32 percent of

Indians live in poverty.

That's strange because in Michigan, people with only a fraction of Indian "blood" are entitled to tuition-free college, but barely 3 percent of Indians take advantage of it.

By the way, Engler wants to stop that - just give scholarships to the needy, regardless of their "blood." This time he's right.

Rather than see the state collect \$34 million in gaming taxes, I'd rather spend \$68 million on job training and teaching accounting.

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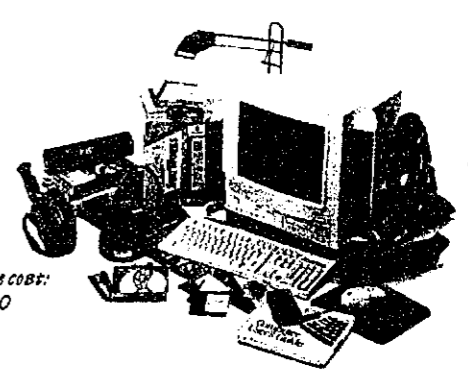
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## Tempering work place The office can also be a site of anger and violence

By CAROL WORKENS

Staff Writer

What do unwarranted anger, externalization of blame, substance abuse and fascination with weaponry have in common?

They are among the many warning signs which could trigger concern as to whether a person is experiencing problems: problems which may or may not put a person over the edge and lead to work place violence.

"There is a degree of responsibility for employers to create a healthy, safe work environment, sometimes it happens naturally and sometimes it takes real effort to make that occur," Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said.

A publication which can assist employers in preventing and minimizing problems is "Combating Workplace Violence, Guidelines for Employers and Law Enforcement," and is available at the Novi Police Department.

"It is very detailed, self explanatory, easy to read, and easy for a company to utilize to help focus their thinking about some of these kinds of issues," Shaeffer said.

Workplace violence can be minimized when pre-incident preparation is put in place.

One of the basic things an employer can do is spend a lot of time at the front of the hiring practice to help prevent employing people who are predisposed to violence and especially those who have a history of violence in the workplace.

This can be accomplished by thoroughly checking the employment history of the applicant, making inquiries and talking to previous supervisors and coworkers. An employer can also check court records, which are open to the public, though there may be a nominal fee.

"The police department and many other employers I know spend an awful lot of time making sure they hire the highest quality people they can in the front of the process so that they can minimize the problems they might have during the span of time in which a person is employed with them," Shaeffer said.

Novi has its share of workplace violence, from robberies to confrontations with customers, union activity, molestations and rapes, and even domestic disputes, which are all potential violence in the workplace type events.

"We know we spend an awful lot of time in the commercial environment, industrial, retail, commercial sector carrying out police business," Shaeffer said, though numbers of incidents are not kept in statistical format.

"Certainly numbers of crimes in Novi are growing," Shaeffer said. "Here in Novi, of course, we realize a lot of that is a function of growth, so it's hard for us to pull out of that violence-in-the-work-

place-only type events."

The resources of the police department can be utilized in the pre- and post-event environment.

"We recommend that companies understand our resources and utilize them," Shaeffer said. "I think most people understand the resources of police departments and certainly ours are anything from basic advice and counseling to advanced crime protection and crime prevention, physical security reviews, helping them change their physical environment, change some of their employment practices so that they minimize the risk without interfering with their actual work processes."

After an incident the police can perform an investigation of a violent event and run a criminal history on the person involved. Not only will the police make contact with the person making the threat but will also render some advice, training and education such as how to obtain a personal protection order.

"We can serve as the central point of contact for employers and employees after an event has taken place for everybody to be able to call for information and give information, seek advice and counsel and that type of thing," he said.

Employers should inform employees of how and where to report violent acts or threats of violence without fear of reprisal or criticism.

"We encourage employers to work with their employees who feel threatened, which is conducive to team work efforts, quality circles or any contemporary management styles that we hear about today," he said.

Employees can also call the police, who can serve in an advisory capacity before an event happens.

On occasion the police will receive calls from people when the employer didn't want them to call but they felt like they had to anyway.

"If someone is a victim of a crime, regardless of whether the employer wants them contacting the police or not, the criminal event still happened to them personally," Shaeffer said.

Policies and procedures on workplace violence cannot be effectively implemented unless managers have been trained in the appropriate ways to handle terminations, layoffs and discipline through sensitivity and aggression management training. Employees should be given information about the early warning signs of a troubled or potentially violent person and how to respond to the individual and report the incident.

The City of Northville ran an Employee Assistance Program for all city employees, including the police department, to help them deal with people either over the phone or in person who are upset.

"A lot of things we learned are also useful on the job," said Sergeant Jim Petres, who answers an occasional call to go to a store and help resolve a dispute between a customer and a store employee.

"Combating Work Place Violence" includes a model policy for workplace threats and violent acts that employers can give to their employees. Included in the policy is an explanation of behavior that is forbidden and the disciplinary action which will result, expectations for reporting to management any threats they have witnessed or received either personally or have been told about by another employee.

"Of course the police department resources are also active in terms of 'need a cop, call a cop - 911 works,'" said Shaeffer. "We'll be there very rapidly after an event has occurred or during the commission of an event."

### Pre-incident violence prevention and preparation

There are a number of steps employers can take to minimize the impact of workplace violence and threats:

- Pre-employment screening should include checking references and inquiring about prior incidents of violence
- Take advantage of community resources such as law enforcement and security experts
- Prevention programs to assist troubled employees

- Institute and review security procedures which allow former employees and visitors access to the building, provide safe lighting and escorts, if necessary, to parking lots, and review physical security measures such as alarms and metal detectors, etc.
- Improve internal/external communications to alert others to a dangerous situation by providing emergency information in a number of locations in the building
- Companies should have a threat management plan in place

- Establish ground rules for behavior that include policies concerning drug abuse, possession of weapons, and threats or actual violence in the workplace
- Reporting procedures so employees know how and where to report violent acts
- Employee and manager training which includes how to handle terminations, layoffs and discipline

## Volunteer



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Mark Sturing saw a need for senior housing in Novi.

## Sturing looking at housing for seniors

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

Senior citizens housing in Novi is closer to being a reality than it was a year ago says Mark Sturing, a real estate attorney.

He was appointed by the city council in 1995 to serve as one of five men on the Senior Housing Building Authority.

Property which will be obtained for senior citizens housing will be financed by issuing tax exempt bonds.

"I can't speak on behalf of the committee," Sturing said, "but I can say that we have looked at sites we think would be good."

The committee meets every six weeks or so, when new information is presented.

"I have ridden by sites or looked at them on a map," said Sturing.

The Senior Citizens Housing Needs Study Committee studied the situation in 1988 and 1989 and presented its findings to the city council. Members studied

both high-rise complexes and cluster-type housing. They decided that cluster housing would suit Novi seniors best.

In 1995, the Senior Housing Building Authority was appointed by the city council as the second step in making Novi senior citizen housing a reality.

It is now 1996. To the inexperienced person, a year seems like a long time said Mark Sturing, but "in my opinion development has made a lot of progress."

Having spent seven years in Michigan State Housing Development and as an attorney, Mark Sturing said, "I knew there was a need for" senior citizen housing in Novi, "and I thought I had talents in moving it" into becoming a reality.

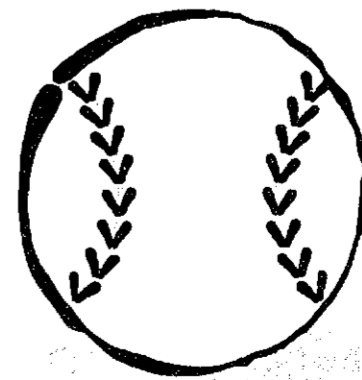
"I applied for it and was appointed by the city council."

If you are interested in helping motivate progress, talk to the city clerk about being a part of it.

## It's A Fact

### Summer pastimes . . .

**As of May 9, there were 64 T-ball and softball teams in the 1996 Novi Parks and Recreation youth leagues.**





# AMVETS are looking for place to call home

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

The Veterans Alliance of Novi consists of representatives from several veteran groups in the Novi area. They include The AMVETS No. 76, American Legion Post 319, and Marine Corps League, Detachment No. 162. They continue to look for a building so they can help to service all veteran families in the area.

The Alliance is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. until noon. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Included on the menu will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee, tea and milk. The breakfast will be held at the United Methodist Church, on Ten Mile Road just west of Meadowbrook. The public is invited.

Representatives from all groups will be there. Anyone new to the Novi area and who is a veteran can find information regarding membership at any of the veterans' groups.

The veterans' groups are working with the Novi Parks and Recreation on the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27. Fr. Harding, Chaplain, will officiate the memorial service at the Veterans section in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, corner of Twelve Mile and Novi, at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. the parade will be forming at the Novi Town Center with the Marine Corps League, under direction of Commander David Owen, leading the parade which will start at 10 a.m. At noon the

veteran groups who participated in the parade and their families will meet at the Novi Expo Center for lunch and beverages.

The American Legion under the direction of Jerry Lisowsky, along with Commander Ed Sysma, is working on their annual Poppy Day sales for Friday, and Saturday, May 24-25. The funds received for poppies are used for rehabilitation of veterans and the welfare of the families.

AMVETS Post No. 76 had election of officers at their last meeting. Commander is Charlie Craig; senior vice commander, Robert Barber, Jr.; vice commander, Frances McBooy; adjutant, Duane Bell; finance officer, Bob Polham; provost marshal, Lou Gombassy; and judge advocate, Tony Loll.

## AARP

The local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center near the Dairy Queen on Pontiac Trail. Membership is open to all seniors in the Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake and other surrounding areas.

This chapter is led by Marian Martiny and her husband, Herb, who presently holds the office of community secretary. They were recently awarded special recognition from the National AARP for Outstanding Service to the Community. They have devoted many hours of service to the local group with encouragement to member-

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ship, helping to plan projects, and making them successful. In addition, they try to make every meeting accessible to the handicapped by transporting them personally.

Every month a special program is planned with a guest speaker. Former speakers have included Barbara Garbutt and Nancy Kamegane, retired educators who have returned from a trip to the Antarctic; Bernard Zaffern, a member of the state legislative committee of AARP who spoke on what's new with AARP and its organizational concerns; Fred Weisner, D.O. who spoke on "Eye Care for the Elderly;" Dennis Wisniski, director of special education for Walled Lake Schools; Bill Hurke, city attorney and Jim Mitchell, city commissioner for 14 years, spoke on the growth of the city of Walled Lake. Alice Polak and Rose Haynes, publicity directors, also share a common interest in the project "Vials of Life." These vials will contain pertinent medical information and will be stored in the refrigerator so that in case of emergency, responding teams can find the information and be able to deal with the situation. They are looking for 5 inch vials to complete their program.

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## 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, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. "Light and Live!" will be the presentation at Single Place with Bob Allwine at the church. The cost for the presentation is \$4.

Sports activities coming up include volleyball on May 24 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center. The cost for volleyball is \$4.

The Texas Barbecue and Street Dance will be held June 8 beginning at 7 p.m. The cost for the barbecue is \$10 per person. Reservations are required by June 5. The Street Dance is \$6 per person. For further information or to register, call 349-0911.

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## Contest winners named

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Winners of the first Novi Historical Commission Art Contest were announced on May 19 at the Novi Civic Center. Presenting the awards were Historical Commissioners Michelle Bononi and Daniel O'Connell.

Each of the student's work was also on display at the Civic Center on Sunday.

Receiving Art Awards from Novi Meadows were: first prize, Jeff Szalay, fifth grade; second prize, Kathryn Chlubnik, sixth grade; and third prize, Katie Giganik, fifth grade.

Fifth grade students receiving Art Awards from Thornton Creek were: first prize, Mikhila Humbad; second prize, Julia Williams; and third prize, Ann Marie Nelson.

Essay Awards were presented to the following fifth grade students at Novi Meadows: first prize, Revyn Lilly; second prize, Lauren Howell; and third prize, Bradan Harris.

The fifth and sixth grade students were given an optional extra curricular activity to write an essay or complete a work of art based on the book *Vo, Vi on the Trail* by Barbara G. Louie for the contest.

First place winners received a \$25 gift certificate from Border Books and a copy of *Vo, Vi*.



Photo by AL WARD

Michelle Bononi, Novi Historical Commissioner, presents the second place Art Award from Thornton Creek to Mikhila Humbad for her drawing of Novi Methodist Church.

Students awarded second place received a \$15 gift certificate from Border Books and a copy of *Vo, Vi*. A copy of *Vo, Vi* was given to all third place finishers. All students who placed will also receive ribbons.

Teachers of the students in classrooms with a winning entry from Novi Meadows School were

## Youth Volunteer of the Week

### Dostal never left grammar school

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Jon (J.P.) Dostal has done a lot more than reading, writing and arithmetic at Orchard Hills Elementary School in Novi.

While a student in Ann Price's first grade class, he gave a magic show featuring hand tricks and illusions, which he continues to do every year.

Dostal also has helped with the school census, which kept him in touch with Price, who retires this year after 32 years with the Novi school district.

So when Price discovered Dostal's experience on the computer four years ago, she asked him to help her first grade students after school. Two hours a day, Dostal helps with math or reading.

"I started playing with my dad's computer at home when I was five or six," he said.

"I decided to be an elementary school teacher in sixth grade," he said. "I like working with the elementary school students the best."

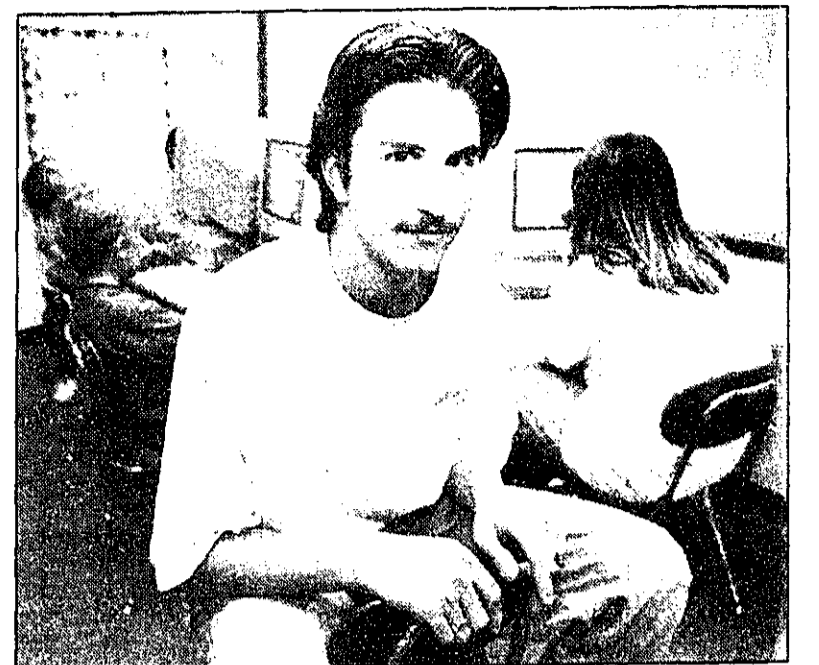


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J.P. Dostal works with students every day after school.

Next year he will be doing work training at the elementary school for full credit, almost like a student teacher, according to Price.

Dostal also works with the assistant editor of the school's newspaper and has cataloged 500 books for the school.

The son of Jon and Judy Dostal of Novi, he also enjoys track at Novi High School, where he is a sophomore.

If you know of a youth who is active in volunteer work in the community call Carol Workens at 349-1700.

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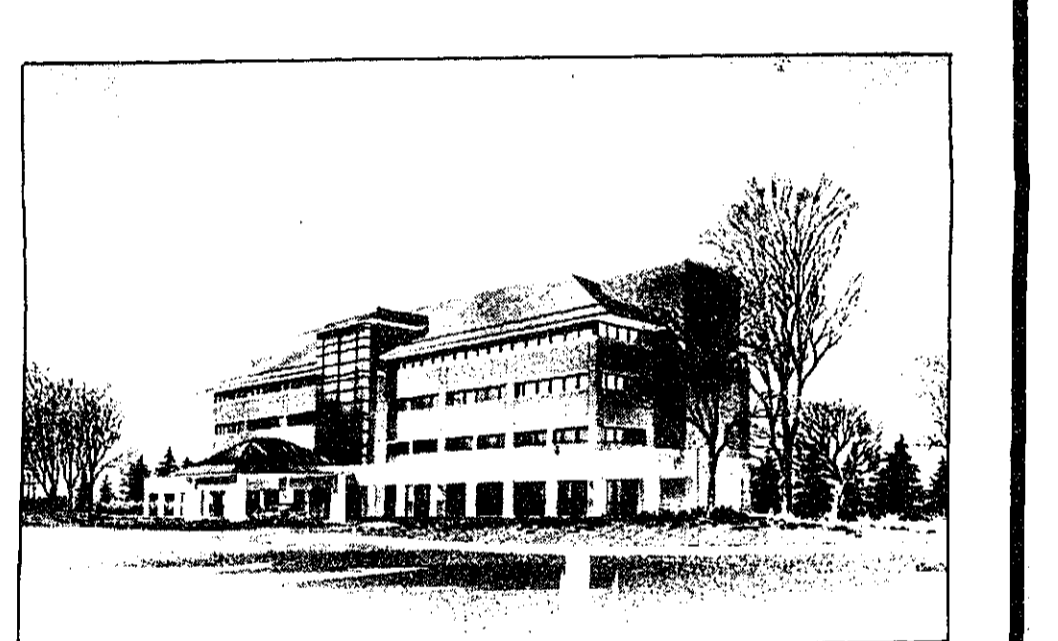
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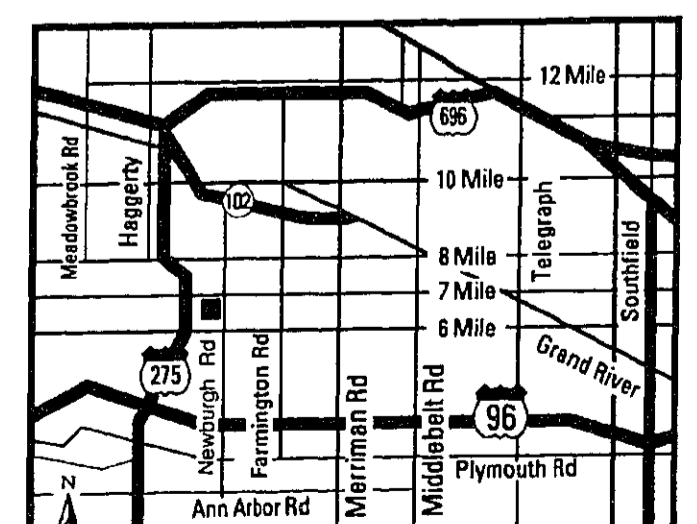
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### On Campus

Commencement exercises were recently held at Hope College. **COLLEEN ORTWIN**, daughter of Kathleen Ortwin of Novi, received a bachelor of arts degree in English.

Novi resident **JILL C. CRAWFORD** has been selected to receive the Presidential Out-of-State Fee Waiver at Miami University-Ohio for the coming academic year.

Students receiving Miami University Alumni Scholarships are selected on the basis of superior academic and personal merit from over 1,000 candidates each year.

Funds for these scholarships are provided by gifts from alumni and friends of the University, alumnae of Western College, corporations, foundations, and community organizations.

**DANIEL LEMAY** of Novi, a sophomore at St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake, was among 50 students named "All American Scholars." Their selection by the faculty is based upon scholastic achievement.

**ANN SOPER** of Novi has served on the Leadership Development Council for the 1995-96 Taylor University student government. Soper, a senior at Taylor, is a graduate of Novi High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Soper.

The Leadership Development Council plans, organizes and implements key activities for fall and spring conferences.

Inducted into the Mortar Board at Hope College was **MEGHAN PERRY**, a junior from Novi. The Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes students for scholarship, leadership and service.

The students were recognized during the college's annual Honors Convocation held in April.

Also recognized at the annual Honors Convocation at Hope College was **ANTA E. GURSKI**, a junior from Novi, who was a recipient of the DeWitt E. Fanebust Accounting Book Award.

This book award is presented to an outstanding junior accounting student, as selected by the accounting faculty in the department of economics and business administration.

Honored at the commencement exercises recently held at Eastern Michigan University were: **Christine Louise**, graduate of **CHRISTINE JULIANA CHUBB** and **STANLEY MICHAEL JERLECKI**. Cami Louise graduates **SHELLEY ANN BLANCK** and **KIMBERLY ANN COSENTINO**, all from Novi.

## Town Hall reviews charity requests

The Northville Town Hall Series Board of Awards is currently considering requests for money from charitable organizations.

Charitable organizations should send a written request including a statement on how the money will be spent and a brief summary of the purpose of the organization by May 31 to the attention of Board of Awards Chairman, Northville Town Hall Series, P.O. Box 153, Northville, MI 48167.

Board of Awards committee members and the cities they represent are Mrs. Roy Mattson, chairman (Northville), Mrs. Douglas Bolton (Northville), Mrs. Charles Childs (Farmington Hills), Mrs. Mary Dunham (Livonia), Mrs. Francis Korte (Novi), Mr. Herman Mochlan (Northville), and Mr. Ken Perrin (Farmington).



Photo by CAROL WORKENS

### One last look

Northville Town Hall Series speaker Dr. Vladimir Sakarov (left) with incoming chairman, Barbara Armada, at the last luncheon of the 35th anniversary year. Speakers for the 1996-97 season include editor-in-chief of the Children's Television Workshop's Products Group, Christopher Cerf, attorney

Sharon McPhail, Women's Day editor-in-chief and vice president Jane Chestnut, and Hal Bruno, political director for the ABC-TV and radio networks. Tickets for the 1996-97 season are now available. For more information, call the general chairman, Carmen Kuckenbecker, at (810) 349-7227.

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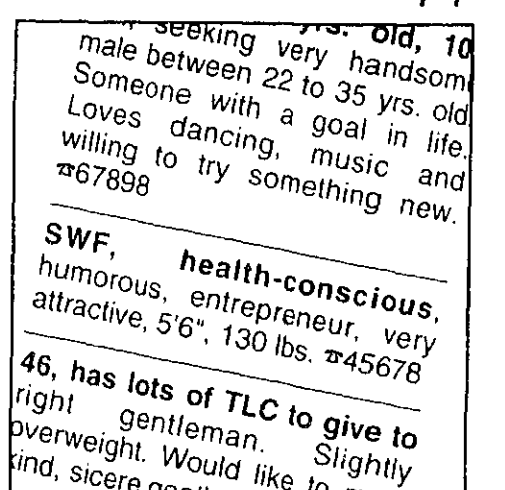
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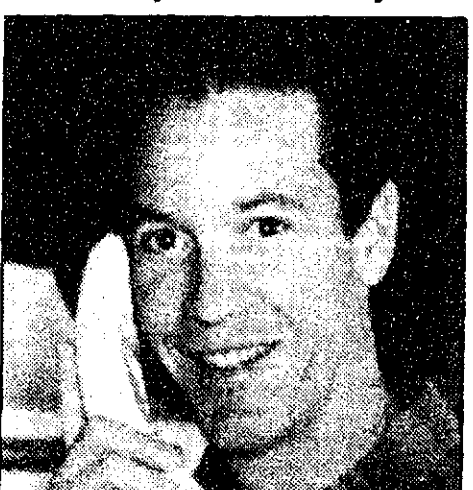


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### Engagement



Sandra Halter/Paul Newitt

Sandra Ruth Halter and Paul Allen Newitt were engaged on Oct. 21, 1995, at the Mill Race gazebo during a carriage ride in Northville. An engagement party of the family and friends followed the event.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Betty Halter of Troy, Mich., and is a graduate of Southfield Christian School in Southfield. She received her bachelor's degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., majoring in biology. She also earned her master's degree from Gallaudet University in physical therapy and is currently employed as a physical therapist at Berkeley Center, a Beaumont Hospital extension.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of John and Louise Newitt of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School. He received his bachelor's degree in 1990 from Taylor University in Upland, Ind., majoring in secondary education. He also earned his master's degree from Central Michigan University in athletic administration, and is currently employed as a physical education teacher/coach at Lironia Churchill and Franklin high schools in Livonia.

A June 22, 1996, wedding is planned at Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield with Dr. Fred Johnson officiating at the ceremony. The couple plan to reside in Novi upon returning from their honeymoon trip to San Francisco and Hawaii.

### Anniversary



Cheryl and Dennis Cassidy

Dennis and Cheryl (Hall) Cassidy of Glendale, Ariz., will celebrate their 25th anniversary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall of Northville, on May 31, 1996. They were wed May 28, 1971, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, Mich.

The Cassidys are returning to Northville to co-celebrate their 25th anniversary and her parents' 50th anniversary. Dennis and Cheryl were married three days after her parents' 25th anniversary.

Celebrating their parents' silver anniversary will be Dennis Jr. ("DJ") and Lauren, both attend Northern Arizona University and live in Flagstaff, Ariz. D.J. graduated from Northville High School in 1991 and Lauren in 1993.

Dennis and Cheryl lived in Northville for 11 years and were very active with the Northville Historical Society. Dennis was promoted to manager of the Toyota-Arizona proving grounds in 1993 and they relocated to Phoenix. He is the son of Fran and Jack Cassidy of Novi, who have been married for 53 years.

Cheryl is a sales director for Windmill Inn Suites, at Sun City West, Ariz. She is the social director of the Arrowhead Lakes Newcomers. They are members of the Community Church of Jay.

## Volunteerism topic at Walled Lake AARP meeting

The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, AARP 4679, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Schools Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (formerly Walled Lake Middle School). Any member of the community, 50 or over, is welcome to attend.

The program will feature a panel discussion on "Choosing to Volunteer." For further information, call 669-4243 or 669-5753.

## Child safety seminar geared for parents

Northville Christian Assembly Church and School invites parents to attend a special Child Safety Seminar on May 23 from 7 until 9 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The seminar is designed to help equip parents to teach their children how to avoid child abduction, child abuse and drug abuse.

There are many ways a child can be lured. Answers to questions about child safety and illegal drugs will be provided by the staff and police officers.

Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville. For details, call (810) 348-9030.

### Church Notes

Reverend Jonathan Frazier, Assemblies of God missionary in training to Eastern Europe, will be the featured guest speaker at **NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, on May 29 at 7 p.m.

Rev. Frazier visited Russia in 1989 as a delegate for the state of Alabama. Rev. Frazier will be returning to Russia and will remain himself to the development of the Russian church in the Commonwealth of Independent States, the former Soviet Union.

The public is invited.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-9030.

A Memorial Garden Fundraiser is in progress at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, to purchase brick pavers necessary for the construction of the walkway for the garden. The price is \$6 per paver. Names of each contributor and honoree/memorial will be listed in a Memorial Garden Book. For more information, call the church at (810) 349-1444.

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 4440 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, present the Faith Enrichment Series entitled "Biblical Models for Discipleship, a Middle Eastern Perspective" with speaker Dr. Ken Bailey on Sunday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the church. The overall theme of the program is "The Shepherd, the Servant and the Steward." There is no charge for Sunday's program.

An all-day event will be held on Monday, May 20 from 8:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Cost is \$36.

Monday's three topics include: The Servant Leadership (servant songs in Isidore); foreshadowing of things to come; The Servant Leadership (Jesus the Servant and our Servant Discipleship); and Steward of the Mysteries (Peter's, Paul and Abraham Lincoln) and a panel discussion follows.

For more information and to register, call the church at 249-5666. Registrations will be accepted at the door for Monday's program.

A co-ed softball league for the youth of **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, is now forming. Team members will range in age from incoming freshmen through 1996 graduates. There will be one game per week for five weeks beginning June 23 with a tournament in early August.

The Baccalaureate Mass for Holy Family graduates is scheduled for the 8:45 a.m. Mass on June 9. All Holy Family graduates from any of the area high schools are invited to attend wearing cap and gowns, if possible.

For more information, call the church at 349-8817.

The summer schedule at **NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, which worships temporarily at the Masonic Temple, 730 Pennington on the square in downtown Plymouth, will be an alternative, non-traditional worship at 10 a.m. and a traditional worship at 8:30 a.m. Both services offer a children's message and a supervised activities area for young children. The summer schedule will be in effect until Labor Day.

New Life is a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

For more information, call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181 or (313) 451-2965.

May 26 is Pentecost Sunday which will be celebrated with a "Bring-A-Friend" Sunday at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 4167 West Ten Mile Road.

Pentecost is the birth of the church. Parishioners are invited to bring four persons who are not attending church to services on May 26.

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

**VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH** holds Sunday worship and school from 10 until 11:15 a.m. at the New Meadows school cafeteria, Tall between Ten Mile Road and Grand River.

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Liselotte Neumann has six LPGA Tour victories to her credit, including the 1996 Tournament of Champions and the 1996 Standard Register Ping. Neumann is currently number two on the money list.

Lanny Wadkins has 21 PGA Tour victories in 24 years on the Tour with over \$6 million in career earnings. Wadkins was the 1995 Ryder Cup team money list with over \$1.4 million in earnings, winning four major tournaments. Colbert has an early jump on 1996 with a win at the Toshiba Senior Classic.

If you're looking for something special to do on Memorial Day, load up the family and enjoy a great day of golf. Advance tickets are available at all Southeast Michigan First of America offices or at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth for just \$7. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets at the gate are \$10 and a portion of the proceeds from the event will support Michigan Special Olympics. For more information, call 810-901-2050 today.

Captain and member of the Ryder Cup team eight times. Bob Murphy joined the senior tour in 1993 and has eight victories. Fourth on the money list in 1995, he won over \$1.2 million and had four victories in that year alone. Jim Colbert was named player of the year in 1995 leading the

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## Gaylords combine music/comedy

Veteran television performers Ron Gaylord and Burt Holiday, better known as The Gaylords, will be making songs with humor at the "Bananas" Comedy Club, located in Timbers Seaford Grill, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on May 31 and June 1 at 9 p.m.

The Gaylords are both a singing comedy team and serious musicians who have penned songs like "I Will Never Pass This Way Again," "Tell Me You're Mine" and "El Chupacabra."

The pair are television and concert performers but regularly play the clubs of Los Vegas, Reno, Atlantic City, New York and Miami. During their careers, spanning 40 years, they have worked with a number of stars in show business including Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, Danny Thomas, Juliet Prowse and Duke Ellington.

On television, The Gaylords have outlasted many variety shows on



The Gaylords, Ron Gaylord (left) and Burt Holiday, will perform at Bananas Comedy Club.

which they've appeared including *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *Laugh In*, *The Merv Griffin Show*, *The Mike Douglas Show*.

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# Movies



From left to right, Bitty Schram, Toni Collette, Gwyneth Paltrow, Michael Rapaport, David Schwimmer, Barbara Hershey and Michael Vartan star in Matt Reeves' "The Pallbearer," a Miramax Films release.

## 'The Pallbearer' struggles to make sense of life's little uncertainties

For anybody who's ever struggled to make sense of life's uncertainties — friendship, love, careers and growing up — Miramax Films presents "The Pallbearer," a new dark comedy from first time director Matt Reeves.

Just out of college, Tom Thompson (David Schwimmer) can't find a job, a girlfriend or a way out of his mother's (Carol Kane) house in Brooklyn.

Still surrounded by loyal friends (Michael Rapaport, Toni Collette, Michael Vartan, Bitty Schram) from his youth, Tom's heart reels when he is reunited with his high school crush Julie DeMarco (Gwyneth Paltrow).

Just when his luck seems to be changing, Tom receives a mysterious phone call from a woman (Barbara Hershey) asking him to be a pallbearer at the funeral of an old classmate.

Struck with a sense of duty, Tom agrees despite one dilemma: he can't remember who the classmate is.

For Tom, it's just the beginning of a series of errors and mistaken identities that will send his friendships, love, life and outlook on the world spinning back into uncertainty.

Even though Tom Thompson encounters many emotional obstacles in "The Pallbearer," Schwimmer said he felt an instant connection to the part.

Schwimmer committed to "The Pallbearer," an independent film by a first time director with a distinct voice, primarily because of the freshness of the screenplay and the strength of the lead character.

"I read the script and I thought, I have to play this part," Schwimmer said. "Reading something that isn't a question happens very rarely. I thought, I would do anything to be in this movie and to play this part."

"Tom Thompson is a very rich character. He finds himself at that awkward time in life when every move he makes seems to steal his fate forever."

"Tom is sort of trapped. And when he receives the phone call from the Barbara Hershey character, he has to deal with it. Through that experience, Tom gains confidence and is finally able to move on with his life."

Vartan, who portrays Tom Thompson's best friend Scott Edelem, notes that Schwimmer supplied a significant amount of humor.

"It was really hard working with Schwimmer sometimes. With just a look, he would turn to me and I had to bite my lip until it bled so I didn't laugh... He's a great physical comedian."

Paltrow seemed ideal for the part of Julie DeMarco. Tom Thompson's unrequited love.

"Julie is probably the nicest girl I've ever played. And like every other character (in the movie), she's attempting to discover herself," Paltrow said.

Like Schwimmer, Paltrow was drawn to the emotional complexity of the screenplay.

"When comedy and tragedy are right next to each other, it makes for the most wonderful pieces of work. If you read or go see Chekhov or even Shakespeare, tragedy is always laced with comedy and vice versa. That combination establishes extremes of emotions and allows you to laugh or cry even harder."

Again, the depth of both the character and the script attracted Paltrow.

"Ruth is a lower middle class woman who has always defined herself with men. Her husband has just died and her son has just committed suicide and she's desperately afraid of being alone."

"She's the saddest character I've ever played, but there's a lot of fun and darkness and humor in her. As I read the script with Ruth in mind, I was constantly surprised at the turns the whole movie took. It dealt an awful lot with death and sex — things like that are really interesting to me."

## 'The Truth About Cats & Dogs' is year's best romantic comedy

**READER MOVIE REVIEWS**

The Truth About Cats & Dogs  
BY HEATHER WADSWORTH  
NORVILLE

"The Truth About Cats and Dogs" is this year's best romantic-comedy so far, and reminds me a lot of the blockbuster hit "White You Were Sleeping."

Uma Thurman, Janeane Garofalo, Ben Chaplin and Harry the Dog star in "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," and all of them will keep you laughing and smiling throughout the movie.

Janeane Garofalo ("Bye, Bye Love," "Now and Then," "Reality Bites") plays Abby, a vet with her own radio talk show. "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," and all of them will keep you laughing and smiling throughout the movie.

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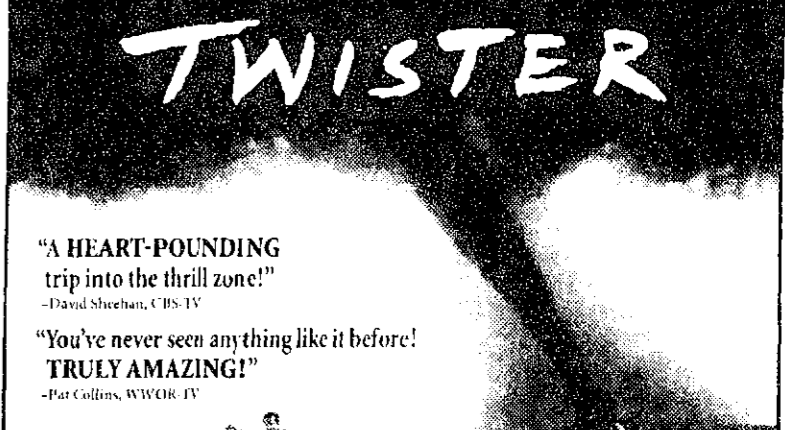
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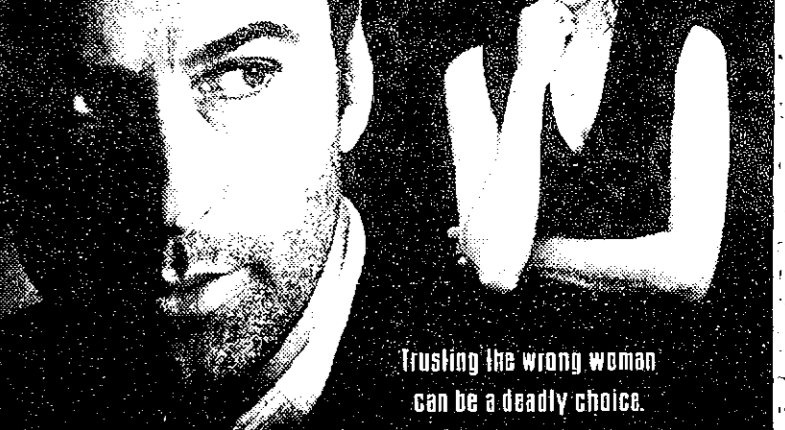


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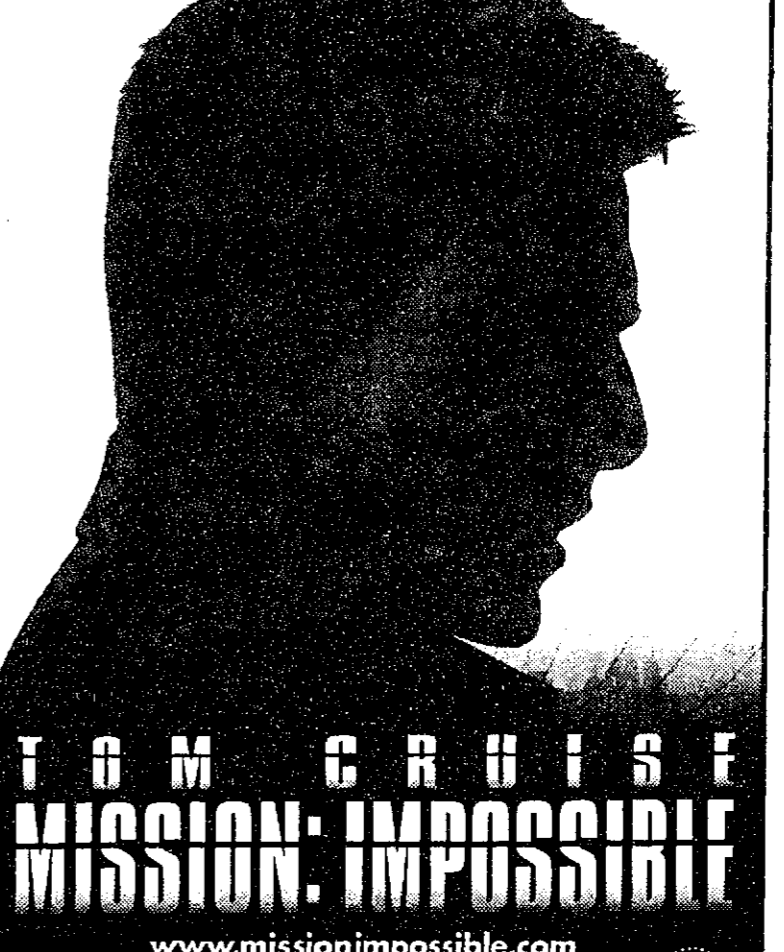
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## Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167, or fax to 349-1050.

### AUDITIONS

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND:** The Novi Theatre's Performance Plus and Children's Annex will hold auditions for Alice in Wonderland on June 11 and 12. The combined summer production has openings for children from age eight through college age students.

Rehearsals will be July 16, 17, 18, 22, 25, 30, 31 and Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Performance dates are Aug. 2, 3 and 4.

For more information, call (810) 347-0400.

### MISS SAIGON:

The national touring company will hold open auditions in Detroit on Friday, May 24, for Asian/Asian-American children ages four and five for the role of "Tam" in Miss Saigon. Both boys and girls are welcome but cannot be taller than 41 inches.

Auditions will be held at The River Place Inn, 1000 River Place (at McDougall, off East Jefferson) in Detroit. Sign-up for auditions will be from 9:30 until 10 a.m. Auditions begin promptly at 10 a.m. Children and their parent or guardian must be willing to travel on tour.

The role of "Tam" is non-singing and non-speaking, but is very important. Parent or guardian should bring a recent photograph with birth date of child to the audition.

If you are unable to attend, send picture of child with birth date and weight to Ron LaRosa, Johnson-Lit Casting, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10036. Attention Miss Saigon.

### CICERO'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE & BAR:

Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Performing is George Calotus, world famous DJ/artist and entertainer, performing classical, jazz and romantic interludes.

Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For more information or reservations, call (810) 380-0011.

### TUSCAN CAFE:

Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances are 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For more information, call 305-8629.

### BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS:

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills.

Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills.

### DORE PRODUCTIONS:

Dore Productions of Northville presents an evening of murder-mystery theater once a month at the Water Club Seaford Grill located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, one quarter mile east of I-275. Call (313) 451-0666.

A bedside chat with Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone are presented once a month at the Botsford Inn located at 28000 Grand River in Farmington. Call (313) 474-4800.

### FRIGATES INN:

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For details, call (810) 624-9607.

### STARTING GATE:

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

### SUNSET GRILL:

The Sunset Grill is located at the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

### NATIVE WEST:

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

For more information, call (313) 455-8838.

### DANCING EYE GALLERY:

The Dancing Eye Gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, in Northville. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10 p.m.

For details, call (810) 449-7066.

### CAFFE BRAVO:

Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and rock music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville.

### ATRIUM GALLERY:

The Atrium Gallery will host the 1996 Michigan Wildflower Art Show winners June 2 through July 2. The 1996 winner, Sharon Giffes Farr of Lansing, will display her painting "Pink Lady's Slipper." Signed and numbered prints will be available. The top 19 paintings will also be on display.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

For details, call (810) 349-4131.

### LITTLE ART GALLERY:

The Little Art Gallery at Genitt's Samuel H. Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282.

The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

### PAINTER'S PLACE:

Two new watercolorers, one of Main Street featuring the town clock and the other of the Oldenburg Building on Center Street when Fred Oldenburg operated a grocery store in the building, are available at Painter's Place, Studio & Gallery of Caroline Duply.

The gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in Northville.

Call (313) 954-4 for more information.

### BORDERS BOOKS:

Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96, include: book discussion group will discuss The Hamlet Land on May 24 at 7 p.m.; the Dennis Cypryan Band plays jazz and bluegrass on May 24 at 7 p.m.; Richard Marechko will sign his latest book, Leadership Secrets of the Rogue Warrior, on May 28 at 7 p.m.; the Joanne Circle is open to all levels and meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.; Winnie the Pooh's 70th birthday party with new video The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh on May 25 at 11 a.m.; and the weekly Toddler Storytime on May 29 at 10 a.m.

For further information call (810) 347-0780.

### BONSAI CLUB OF MICHIGAN:

Simultaneous workshops and demos by bonsai experts, entitled "Bonsai Circus," will be held on May 26 from 2 until 4:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak.

Presentations include sketching your ideas for trees, identifying plants, training, wiring and pruning techniques, among other topics.

The public is welcome and there is no charge.

For more information, call (810) 354-6119.











# Health Matters

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## Mind-body link vital for health

By **STEPHEN I. GOLDMAN**  
Special Writer

The mind-body connection has received a lot of attention lately. Many seem to have discovered a new type of medical care, as if the mind-body connection is a new, miraculous discovery of modern medicine.

The very concept of the mind-body connection, though, can be traced back thousands of years. Two competing schools of medicine emerged: one insisted that all of mankind's ills came from sources outside the body, the other stated that all illness resulted from imbalances within the body. The former school eventually became our concept of Western medicine and led to the development of the medical miracles of this century: vaccines, antibiotics, and waste and sewage control.

Yet some diseases still plague mankind, and we do not yet understand their cause. Many of those who suffer from these get better, defying the doctors who could not offer a cure. A new focus is emerging, as Western medicine turns inward to look at health prevention by seeking out how these people recover, and how to prevent illness from developing.

The answer seems to lie within ourselves, within our minds, within our nature. Somewhere, deep within us, lies the essence of the healing process. This is one of the precepts of Osteopathic medicine: a "whole person" approach to medicine where instead of just treating specific symptoms, osteopathic physicians concentrate on treating you as a whole person.

Many in the medical community have rediscovered that patients who integrate some form of spirituality into their lives seem to take this mind-body approach a step further by harnessing their own healing properties to get better. Prayer, positive imagery and meditation all appear to be vitally important tools to restoring and maintaining health.

For instance, many medical studies have shown that using these techniques help prolong the life of cancer patients, even those who are terminally ill. Patients who suffer from long-term, chronic pain also report that they have much better control of their pain with fewer medications when using techniques such as positive imagery.

Why does this seem to work? Why does the mind seem to provide such great influence over our physical illnesses? Medical science believes that there is a direct connection between the brain and the immune system. Essentially, the mind-body connection appears to involve production of chemicals by the brain (neurotransmitters) that cause the body to boost the immune system to help fight off disease. Mind-body techniques also seem to cause the production of other chemicals that improve our moods.

Individuals who better utilize the mind-body connection recognize the basic concept that health is directly related to a sense of balance in our lives. Illness apparently results when we become out of balance by overtaxing our body's capacity to maintain physical and mental health. Becoming ill is the body's attempt to slow us down, providing us with the opportunity to look within and see where we are out of balance.

In this light, disease forces us to look at ourselves and our environment to find our excesses and deficiencies, achieving the balance we need to heal ourselves. For instance, do we need to change our diet, stop smoking or drinking or reduce our stress level in order to achieve balance and health?

Thus, the mind-body connection of health requires us to become partners in our own healing, not to totally rely on others to find our answers. It forces us to examine how we are out of balance, and to look at how we can improve our own existence.

The mind-body connection does not imply

that we bring all diseases on ourselves. It does not place blame. The mind-body connection only encourages us to take an active, as opposed to a passive, role in our own lives and in our own healing.

Doctors who recognize the body's capacity to heal, though, may need to alter the way they practice medicine by assuming the role of partner in their patients' health. Likewise, patients, as good partners, must assume responsibility for taking care of themselves.

Even more so, as patients choose this "new" approach, doctors must be willing to help patients, especially those who are very ill, to look within themselves to harness their own healing properties. This can take the form of organized religion or counseling groups and other spiritual avenues to help achieve the inner sense of peace that is necessary to help them improve their lives.

This approach also allows those individuals who cannot be physically cured to achieve an inner knowing, an inner peace that eases their transition from this world and often helps to heal others around them.

And so, as we become more aware of the capacity of the mind to heal the body, we will achieve new synthesis in health care. Modern miracles of medicine will combine with the ancient miracles of health prevention and inner healing. Working together, a new partnership can emerge to maintain and restore health, focusing as much on healing as on curing.

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## Millions of children put into day care

If mom and dad are at work, the chances are good that their young children are being cared for outside the home.



**Janet Gilsdorf**

Today, nearly 12 million children under the age of six spend part or all of their parents' work day in day care.

As day care centers have proliferated, so has the risk and rate of infections among the children to whom they provide services. Parents have long observed that their children were never

sick until they started day care and have not been well since. And the research backs them up.

Many studies show that children in day care have significantly more ear infections, as well as upper and lower respiratory illnesses, than do children who are cared for at home. In addition, epidemics of diarrhea, chickenpox, and hepatitis A have been associated with day care. And though they may not show symptoms or

feel ill, many children in day care will experience a cytomegalovirus infection.

There are many reasons why children in day care have more trouble with infections. Compared to children cared for at home, children in day care are in very close contact with each other, which increases the spread of disease-causing germs. In addition, young children have not yet developed good hygiene skills, and that further increases the spread of respiratory and gastrointestinal germs.

Preschool children are also "immunologically naive;" they have not yet experienced a large number of infections, so have not developed immunity. The good news is that by the time children have finished day care and entered elementary school, they have experienced many of these infections and do not become ill as often.

There are some measures parents can take to help reduce the risk of infection if their children go to day care. They should, first, evaluate each day-care provider by inquiring about staff hygiene practices associated with hand washing, food serving, diaper changing and toilet training. They should also inquire about the staff turnover rate and find out whether a center offers continuing education programs on health-related matters to both new and veteran

employees. And parents should ask to see each center's written policies on how they deal with and care for sick children.

Finally, on a reassuring note, children in day care actually experience health benefits, too - in spite of the fact that they are exposed to infectious diseases more often than children cared for at home.

Excellent day-care programs teach children good health practices such as dental hygiene, hand washing, good nutrition and sanitary poty etiquette. In addition, the law requires that licensed day-care centers may enroll only those children whose immunizations are up-to-date. That means that children in day care are better immunized than children cared for at home.

So, while mom and dad are at work, the children in day care are sharing toys, fun, ideas and germs - and the resulting infections. They are also, hopefully, learning good health practices as well.

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## Health Notes

### Health Run

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement and the City of Novi are sponsoring the sixth annual "Run for the Health of It" on Sunday, June 9. The race - featuring 8K run, 5K walk and 8K wheelchair events - encourages participation by both competitive and noncompetitive athletes.

"Run for the Health of It" starts at 8:30 a.m. at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. Held on a rolling, out and back course through the Novi Town Center, day-of-race highlights also include corporate team prediction relays, awards and many participant giveaways.

The entry fees are as follows (early registration will run through May 17 and those fees are listed first): 8K run and wheelchair race - \$12 and \$14; 5K fitness walk - \$8 and \$10; four-person team relay - \$40 and \$50; kids half-mile run (ages 8-12) and 200-yard dash (ages 5-7) - \$8 and \$10. T-shirts are guaranteed to all entries received before May 17, but after May 17 they are subject to availability.

For registration information, call (810) 473-5600. Race proceeds will benefit Novi Youth Assistance.

According to Ed Pienkosz, MS, an exercise physiologist at Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC), the "Run for the Health of It" emphasizes healthy living. "We will kick off the event with a group stretch," said Pienkosz. "Race packets will include nutrition information, and even the prizes will have a healthy twist."

### St. Mary's Hospital

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

- Survivors - St. Mary Hospital will hold a National Cancer Survivors Day celebration at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, in the Pavilion lobby. The event is sponsored by the Department of Social Work.

This is part of the ninth annual event held throughout the United States as a way to recognize our nation's more than 10 million cancer survivors, to focus attention on the issue of survivorship, and to acknowledge those profes-

sionals dedicated to cancer treatment, research and support services.

St. Mary Hospital will also hold a tree dedication ceremony outside the Pavilion lobby at 1:30 p.m. as well as sponsor a program featuring a survivors panel. Pat Sachs of the Karmanos Cancer Institute will be the guest speaker. All cancer survivors and family members are invited. Light refreshments will be served. To register, call (313) 655-2929 or toll free at 1-800-494-1653 by May 31.

- Anxiety - "Coping with Anxiety," a lecture to be presented by Amy Altaffer, B.S.N., R.N.C., a health educator in the Community Outreach program of St. Mary Hospital, will be held on Monday, June 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B in the Marian Professional Building adjacent to St. Mary Hospital.

The lecture will include information about the causes of anxiety, specific coping techniques and community resources. There is no charge to attend the lecture and refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, please call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

### 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, 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.

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