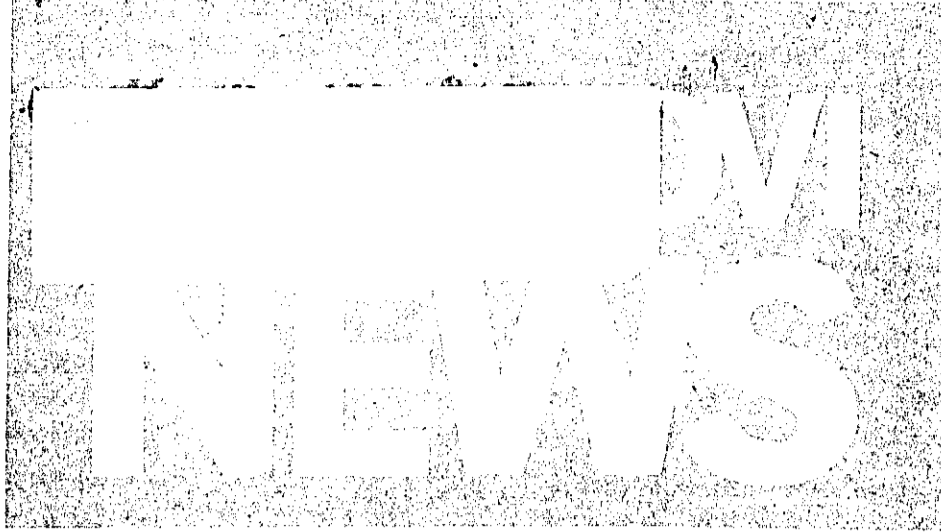


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PC resists pressure for rec zoning

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Pressure. That's what had Novi Planning Commissioners steaming last week as they heatedly debated the merits of a newly developed recreation ordinance that seems to be speeding through the planning process leaping and bounding over all hurdles in its way.

Until now, the planning commission put the brakes on the ordinance last week, saying they hadn't had enough time to review it and could not schedule the June 26 public hearing called for by City Manager Ed Kriewall in a May 28 memo.

"It is very critical to the exploration of this alternative that this matter be expedited," stated the memo. City officials say it's time for an ordinance dealing with sports parks and facilities now that the people of Novi have demanded ice arenas, swimming pools, nature parks and other recreational facilities.

But commissioners felt the ordinance was getting special treatment, perhaps due to the possible joint venture between the

■ Council orders a hearing for the planning commission to avoid losing sports park. The story appears on page 15A.

city and The Sports Club of West Bloomfield which may want to locate on the Meyer Berry Farm property at Eight Mile and Beck roads.

"There's no doubt in my mind this is being ramrodded through because some people want to be like West Bloomfield and have a big sports complex," said commissioner Arthur Vrettas.

The new ordinance would have to be in place before the private health and tennis club, and the city's own ice arena could be built on the now residentially zoned land. City officials, city council members and planning commissioners have toured the club this year.

The commission voted 6-3, a motion to schedule a public hearing saying that although they

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Vals, sals prepare for further study

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Soon 292 students will graduate from Novi High School and move onto the larger world of college or work.

On June 9 at 1 p.m. the students will take their last official stroll through the school grounds while their parents stroll down memory lane.

The nine valedictorians and four salutatorians selected for this year will represent their class in one speech entitled "Success." Here is just a little bit more about these successful students who will give their viewpoint on what it all means graduation day.

Brandy Ephraim, 18, will move onto Western Michigan University this fall to pursue a career in social studies. The Varsity Pom-Pom Team captain said she wants to go into social studies because "I enjoy working with people and studying society."

Julie Harris, 17, will also walk as a valedictorian in June and move onto the Michigan State University Honors College this fall. Harris who is on the Pom-Pom squad and in the Marching Band will pursue a career in publish-

ing. Nisha Shah, 18, will attend the University of Michigan to study medicine. "It's a challenging field filled with stress, hardwork, opportunity and money. It's a way to work with people. Something I've always wanted to do," she said. Her hobbies include basketball, track, National Honor Society, debate and she is a volunteer at Botsford Hospital.

Timothy Kushman, 18, plans to attend University of Michigan in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. "I believe that engineering will be the most exciting field for me," said Kushman. "Not only that, but it is the field which will harbor my mathematical skills best."

Kushman is a member of the Varsity Swim Team and a cross country runner and he enjoys water skiing, downhill skiing and is a member of the Spanish Club.

Bradford Grems, 18, will attend GMU Engineering and Management Institute after graduation to study mechanical engineering with a concentration on polymers and plastics.

"I believe that the future of

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Let the good times fly

May 30 was the day Orchard Hills Elementary students brought out their end of the year kite projects and let them soar with the help of

parents and grandparents. Master flyer Adam Doster enjoys a sunny day and some fresh air as his kite takes to the air.

School trustees run unopposed

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The three incumbent candidates running in an uncontested race for three seats on the Novi Board of Education have a few things in common. They all have or had children go through the district, and they all are heavily involved in many facets of the community.

Julie Abrams, resident of Novi for 19 years has been a member of the Board of Education from 1988-89 and 1992-96. The homemaker is married and has three children: Novi graduates Diane, 29; and Dan, 26, and David, 16, who currently attends Novi High School.

Raymond L. Byers, has been

board. Balagna will serve a one-year term left open by former board president Craig Foreback's resignation in March. Balagna was appointed to fill that term from March until the end of this month.

Her hobbies and interests include music, theater, gardening, walking, tutoring, art and volunteering.

She said being a board member is a way to serve the district and say "thank you" for the education her children received.

"I spend my time giving back to the educational system that has given to my children throughout the years," said Abrams. "Everybody should be an advocate for children and this is my way of contributing."

with on the board since 1985, when he was appointed to fill a seat. His two sons attended Novi schools. Byers, is a manager in the contributions programs for the Ford Motor Company Fund. He is responsible for administering the company's contributions programs, the college matching gift programs and Ford Community Relations Committees throughout the United States.

He is active in civic and educational activities around Novi and the greater Detroit area. He has

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Sister act

For nine years, siblings Noel Gregory and SueAnn F'Gepert have volunteered to help out at Novi's Rouge River Rescue, where they did some of the dirty work Saturday to help keep the river environment clean. The Rescue is an annual effort to clean up the banks of the Rouge, and in Novi the city yearly asks volunteers to pick up litter and trash along a branch of the Rouge where it passes through town. This year, the clean up work was done at Rotary Park.



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NOVI SCHOOLS

Three run unopposed for board

Ray Byers, Julia Abrams and John Balagna, all incumbents, are all running unopposed for re-election to the Novi schools Board of Education.

JULIE ABRAMS
• Resident of Novi 19 years
• Member, Board of Education (1988-89, 1992-96)
• Homemaker. Three children: Diane, 29; Dan, 26; David, 16
• Hobbies/interests: music, theater, gardening, walking, tutoring, art, smart volunteer

JOHN BALAGNA
• Resident of the city and school district of Novi since 1971
• Children: Peggy, 25; Lori, 22; Jeffrey (J.J.), 16
• Employed by the PreMarc Corp. as Sales Manager
• Current chairman of the Novi Education Foundation
• Currently Board Chairman of the Novi Baseball Alliance
• Served on two assessment committees for Novi schools
• Past chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

RAYMOND L. BYERS
• Manager, contributions programs, Ford Motor Co. Fund.
• Past president, Novi Schools
• President of the Business-Education Training Alliance
• Member of Legislative Committee, Michigan School Board Association



Ray Byers

Preschool expansion

What are your feelings on the expansion of the school district preschool program? Should the district invest in a modular unit or hold off until another solution can be found? Does the program constitute competition against local private preschools, since it can utilize district land and resources?

Education in Novi encompasses more than just K-12. Community education offers learning opportunities for all ages. I support the investment in a preschool facility. Due to increased K-12 enrollment, there is no longer adequate space in our buildings to house preschool. Parents have the option of choosing among any of the fine preschool programs in the area.

The expansion of the preschool program is needed. The Novi school district is not in any competition with private preschools. We provide another choice for parents. Rooms for the preschool program are not available. These modular units will add the needed space and be paid for in five years. It is to our advantage to utilize district land and resources.

I feel the preschool program is a continuation of the district's effort to provide quality education to all the parents of the district. There are national studies that show preschool learning programs are beneficial to students and pay off with better results as the children progress through their educational experience. I think there is more space than there are classrooms available, and I don't believe the district's efforts will impinge on the privately supported programs.

Seminar period

The high school is proposing a seminar period to be incorporated into the new restructured schedule. What should be the purpose of the period? Is it necessary? Is it the best use of time? Should time be taken out of a day for a separate period for remediation?

A seminar period will be a necessary part of the instructional day. This period serves the student in the following ways:
• Remediation at all levels.
• Make up assignments and/or tests.
• Enrichment opportunities.
• Conferences, meetings, etc.

The seminar period is absolutely necessary. This period will be used to make-up exams and to give special help to students. This period can reinforce the teaching done in the classroom and provide students more time to master the material.

The seminar period is a sound way of providing extra support to students who otherwise would have fallen behind in the traditional classroom. We, as a school system, have an obligation to provide the best possible learning situation for all our students. We need to be certain that our students are properly prepared to either enter the workforce or go on to further their education. I think the seminar period is an excellent "new" way to address the student needs.

Educational technology

The district has invested millions of dollars in technology for its staff and students. In what capacity should those computers, video equipment etc. be used on a daily basis? Are you concerned that students and teachers are missing some important skills by focusing too much on technology?

Technology is a valuable tool to enhance the learning process. One of our district goals is to have all students be users of technology in the classroom. This technology can be used to assist students with learning in other areas.
• To ensure students can use technology when they leave Novi High School.
• Computer skills have become an important skill itself. Proper knowledge and understanding of technology can only enhance other skills.

In my opinion the two main uses of technology are:

The technology that was, and is being put in place, in the classrooms of the district is a tool. It is another method of curriculum delivery. It is certainly not replacing the classroom teacher; it is rather enhancing the way information and curriculum is being delivered to the students. I think the technology is improving skills, not causing omission of skills. These tools weren't available in the past. I think as we progress as a society we need to provide our children with all the tools available to help them succeed.

Satisfied with evaluations

Are you satisfied with the method used to evaluate the superintendent and administrative staff? Should the meeting where the evaluations are discussed be more in-depth? Should it be televised? What could be done to improve the process and increase the involvement of the community?

I am satisfied with the present method of evaluation. If I have a concern, I am comfortable discussing the issue long before a year-end evaluation. The superintendent and administrative staff are aware of both their individual strengths and areas where improvement is needed. Staff has the privilege of determining whether the evaluations are to be in open or closed session. I respect their rights.

I have been a board member for a short time and have not been through the evaluation process. It appears these evaluations are one of the most important jobs of the board. I am not in favor of televising these evaluations. These discussions can be more candid with television and community involvement.

The last two evaluations of the superintendent were held in open session. There was a great deal of discussion at that meeting concerning goals and objectives, as well as overall performance. I would like to see all our meetings televised live, but as yet, we don't have the ability to broadcast live from all our meeting sites. We also don't have air time available to us that would fit televising all the meetings. The administrators have chosen to have their evaluations handled in closed sessions; that is their right under the law.

Assess curriculum

What are some of the weaknesses in the district's curriculum? In staffing? Overall? What are some suggestions to improve them?

Novi schools' long range plan gives the district its focus for school improvement. Each building planning team and support staff team present reports to the district quality leadership team of which I am the board representative. Goal setting, implementation and assessment turn weaknesses into strengths.

The school district is working well with the quality teams established in each school. These teams consist of parents and teachers reviewing and improving the curriculum. I look forward to learning more about our district's curriculum.

I don't think the district has a curriculum weakness. If we had the funds, more foreign language and fine arts offerings would be useful in the development of our students. We have excellent staff who are dedicated to their profession. Staff spends a lot of time on development, and I hope they will be able to increase the amount of time they spent on improving their skills. We are always looking for continuous improvement in all areas of performance of the district. Any entity that fails to look for ways to improve will fail.

Union negotiations

Should the public have more input on school union negotiations and the level of pay and benefits given to district employees, including teachers? Why or why not?

School board meetings are open to all citizens. I welcome your input on any subject at any time. The Board of Education serves the public. As your representative, you have given me the responsibility of giving the negotiating team parameters regarding employee contracts.

The board is elected by the community and represents the community's interests and concerns. The board is best suited to establish pay and benefits for all school unions. The general public does not have the detailed budget information to make an informed determination of pay and benefits.

I think the previous method of contract negotiations, with the various bargaining units in the district, has proven successful. Based on the past history of negotiation and level of cooperation between all parties, I think the process has been successful. Is it perfect? No. But I think improvements will continue as the parties work together.

Fiscal responsibility

The district recently received a lot of money from the voters. In what ways can the schools be more responsible and conservative with those monies? Should Novi find ways to be more self-supporting and what would those methods be? Is it necessary?

Recently the voters passed a bond issue for school building construction and renovation. Decisions regarding the facilities are being made with input from staff, administration, parents and students.

We must make sure expenses equal revenues. As chairman of the Education Foundation, we will be attempting to support the district beyond what the budget will provide.

I would love for the district to be more self supporting, but Proposal A changed all that. We now rely on the state for about 80 percent of our funding. Because of this and the constraints the state set forth, we have no choice but to be conservative with all our monies.

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Novi candidates run unopposed

Continued from 1. served as president of the Business-Education training Alliance for the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and sits on the Chamber's board of directors.

Board Chairman of the Novi Baseball Alliance. Balagna served on two assessment committees for the Novi School District, is past chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a former member of the Novi Planning Commission and served as secretary and vice chairman.

He is also a member of the Legislative Committee, Michigan School Board Association, and serves on the board of directors for the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America and the Novi Land Conservancy. He is a member of the Magnet School Project Commission of the Metropolitan Affiliates Corporation and the Wayne State University School of Education Advisory Board. He also has served as commissioner on the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission.

He is also past president of the Novi Jaycees and past vice president of the Michigan Jaycees, and is a lifetime member of the U.S. Jaycees. Balagna, a sales manager for the PreMarc Corp. (manufacturers of precast concrete pipe and bridges), has been married to Pamela for 27 years and has two daughters who graduated from Novi Schools and a son currently in the high school.

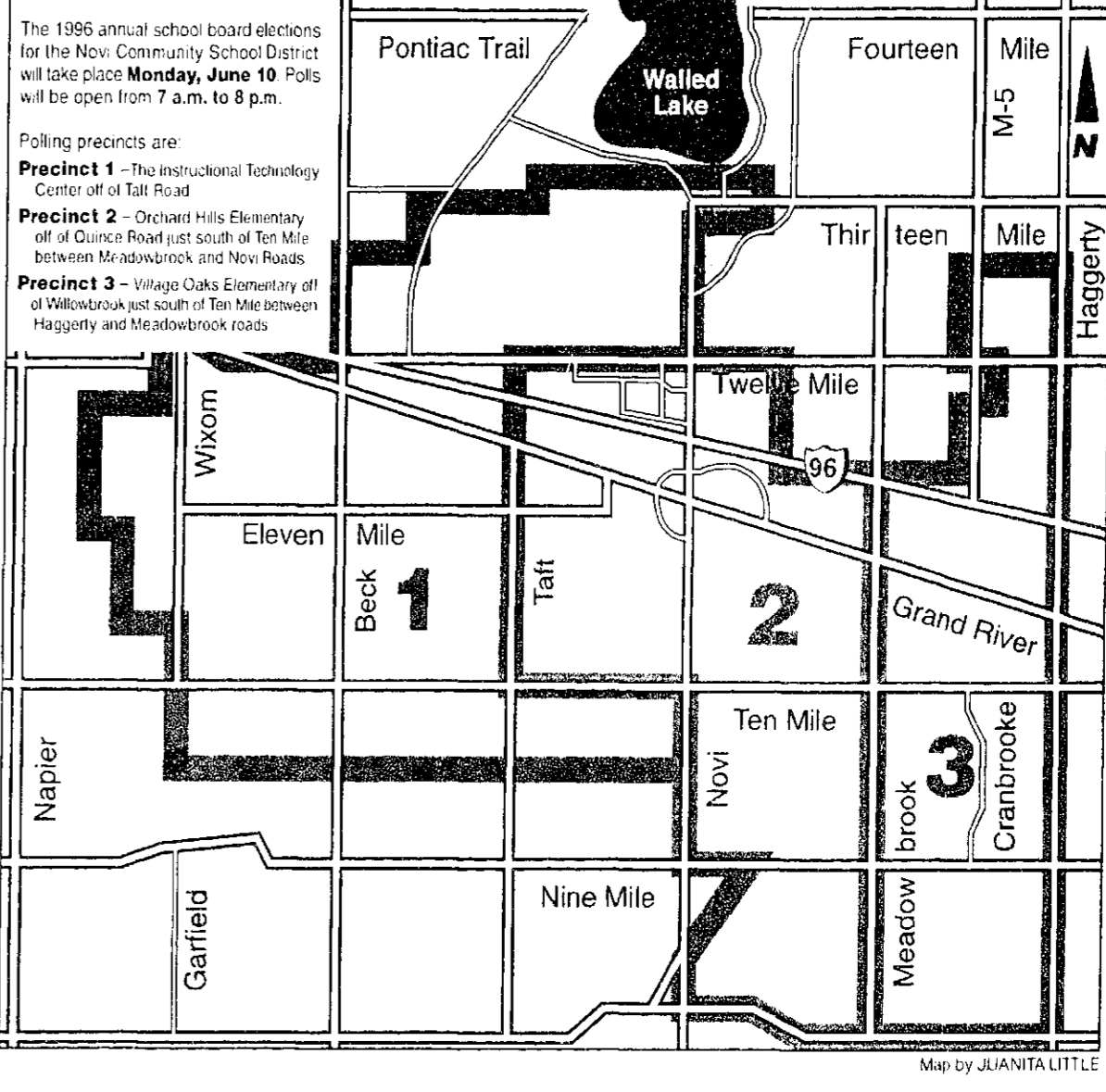
All of these things support what I do on a local school board," said Byers. "They broaden my perspective and give me a much better idea of what's going on in the various localities and the state... and the entities around the world."

You learn how to work within a board. I know what ordinances are. I know how planning is done. I understand how to evaluate budgets because of my other involvement," Balagna explained.

John Balagna, is a long-time Novi resident with strong ties to the community. He is a charter member of Holy Family Catholic Church, currently chairman of the Novi Education Foundation and

"I have a well-rounded background not only within the school district but also within the city," he added.

Novi School District Voting Precincts



Three vie for seats on board

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer. The race is on for three seats on the Novi Board of Education to be elected Monday, June 10. There's just one catch. There's no competition.

Ray Byers, Julia Abrams and John Balagna, all incumbents, are all running unopposed for re-election.

Both Byers and Abrams' four year seats up for reelection, and they say they want to remain on the board to see the next series of changes in the district take place.

Abrams was elected in 1992. Byers was first appointed to the seat in 1985.

Balagna is the board's pick to fill the seat vacated in March by former board President Craig Foreback who resigned because he moved to South Lyon. His appointed seat lasts through June 30. If elected, he will serve one year and the seat will be up for grabs in next year's annual school board elections.

The three candidates were the only residents to make the April 8 deadline to file petitions for the seats.

Election Day is slated for June 10. Those Novi School district residents interested in voting must have been registered to do so by May 10.

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Foundation hands out first Fuerst scholarships

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The first ever set of Fuerst Scholarships was handed out last week at the Novi High School Senior Honor's Convocation at the Civic Center.

While the three students knew they had been chosen, the surprise of the night was the amount of the check.

"I was kind of in shock," said senior Jessica Perreca. "It was really exciting."

Three Fuerst Foundation Scholarships were presented, May 29, to Laura Bucrek, Santa Shamoon

and Jessica Perreca, all graduating seniors at Novi High this year.

In addition, a scholarship will be awarded at tonight's Novi school board meeting to Jessica's sister Jaelyn Perreca, a 1994 graduate who plans on attending Florida State University this fall after spending two years at Oakland Community College.

Shamoon is the senior class vice-president and received a \$3,000 scholarship to help her as she moves onto Wayne State University.

Bucrek is a valetictorian and received a \$3,000 scholarship that will go toward tuition at the University of Michigan.

Perreca, who will receive \$8,000 during the next two years, is a Co-op Departmental award winner for her work in the office at Novi High School. She will attend Michigan State University to study business.

"We had a very nice selection," said foundation and school board member Carol Elfring. "As always, they were very impressive."

"I'd just like to thank the foundation for giving me the opportunity to further my education," said

Jessie Perreca.

The foundation accepted applications through April 30 and held interviews on May 14. Elfring said all six applicants were interviewed along with their parents to determine the amount of financial need.

Elfring said she and the foundation were glad to see an application submitted for a student who had already graduated from high school. They hope in the future a variety of students and back-to-schoolers will apply.

The scholarships come from \$350,000 left to the district by Ruby Fuerst, who along with her sister Ica, was a dedicated patron to the schools.

After her and her sister's deaths in 1991, Ruby Fuerst left the money to the Novi Community School District for the purpose of handing out scholarships to students wishing to pursue higher education. She stipulated the funding should be made available not only to graduating seniors but also to older residents in the district who wished to go back to school or attend trade school or community college. The main criteria for the scholarship is financial need.

The responsibility for the scholarship was turned over to the Novi Educational Foundation in March of this year on a two year pilot basis. Each year the foundation will offer scholarships totaling \$20,000 to district residents. One of the scholarships can be up to \$10,000 over four years providing the recipient earns a 2.5 grade point average each year.

"We felt it should be something that really made a difference," said Elfring.



Novi Salutatorians (above from left) are Richard VanderMass, Joe Liu, Angela Unitis and Laura Bucrek. Valetictorians (at right from left, front row) are Kelly Kearney, Timothy Kushman, Blythe Myers, Bradford Grems, (back row) Nisha Shah, Brandy Ephraim, Julie Harris, Elizabeth Langham and Kelly O'Doherty.



Photos by AL WARD

Top students discuss their plans after graduation

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manufacturing and production lines in polymers and plastics. I hope that someday I can combine my knowledge with my favorite hobby, and become a national positive, bowling," said Grems.

Grems said he is a member of the two bowling leagues, is Spanish Club president, a member of Odyssey of the Mind and is a sandwich artist at Subway.

Blythe Myers, 18, will attend the University of Toledo to study chemistry in secondary education. "I enjoy helping people, especially to learn something. Since chemistry is my favorite subject, I decided that I'd like to teach it to others," Myers said.

Myers is a member of the Bible Club, Spanish Club, is a wrestling

manager, plays the piano and likes photography.

Kelly Lynn Kearney, 18, wants to attend Kalamazoo College to study pre-medicine and Spanish. "I would like to go to medical school or into medical research and use my language degree to travel," Kearney explained.

Along with her studies, Kearney is captain of the Varsity Basketball team, vice-president of National Honor Society and member of the Young Life Bible Study.

Elizabeth Langham, 17, will attend the University of Michigan this fall to study aerospace engineering. "For ten years I've been thrilled by anything involved with space," she said.

Langham is a French horn player and drum major, a member of the Novi Singers and in competi-

tion dance.

Kelly O'Doherty, 17, is heading down the career path of architecture because of her interest in design and computer drafting. The Students Against Drunk Driving secretary, National Honor Society member, soccer and violin player and church group member will attend Miami University in Ohio.

Salutatorian Joe Pang-Chun Liu, 18, is set to head for the University of Michigan to pursue medicine and may become a surgeon. "I like and enjoy science and believe that the human body is a fascinating and intricate machine," he said.

Liu is a fan of many sports including tennis, ice hockey and rollerblading. He also likes to read, listen to music and is a National Honor Society Member, International Club vice president and Odyssey of the Mind team member.

Laura Kathleen Bucrek, 17, is another salutatorian for Novi who will attend the University of Michigan. She will study psychology or something to do with languages. Bucrek is a Varsity Swim team member and gymnastics captain, plays soccer, water skis and snow skis and is a member of Students Against Drunk Driving, the French Club and the Holy Family Church Youth Group.

Salutatorian Angela Unitis, 18, plans to attend Michigan State University, the Lyman Briggs School, Honors College. Unitis hopes to be a doctor. "It's so interesting. It also allows me to help others out," she said.

She loves to read and is a member of the French Club.

Richard S. VanderMass, salutatorian, is on his way to Duke University to study mechanical engineering. He is captain of the golf and tennis team.

Dear Barb and Jack

I am sorry I haven't written sooner, but I've been so busy. I know you were concerned about my move to The Grand Court-Farmington Hills, but I have my new one bedroom, screened porch apartment. I've adjusted very well!

I've made lots of new friends and have been doing a lot of new activities. In fact, yesterday, I went to the race track (don't worry, I didn't lose your inheritance!) I actually won \$6,000! I'll put that in my pocket for maybe bingo or a theater ticket. Who knows? (Oh, by the way, that picture of me - that's Roger, our Chef. He's wonderful and our food is great here. You should have seen the wonderful Prime Rib. Dinner we had for our "Prom". It was delicious!

As you can see from the picture, I've already put on a few pounds. I can't wait 'til next week. I'm going on a Mystery Trip to who knows where? I'll have to let you know where we end up on our trip - I'll write you soon.

Give my love to the grandchildren. Maybe they would like to come and see me and stay at Grandma's.

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The entry fees are as follows: teeny 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.

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For registration information, call (810) 473-5696. Race proceeds will benefit Novi Youth Assistance.

According to Ed Pienkosz, M.S., an exercise physiologist at Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC), all aspects of "Run for the Health of It" emphasize 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."

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Schedule full with last minute activities

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The school district pulse is raging this time of year as teachers finish up lessons and plan for exams and students anxiously await the last day of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation.

But before the last school bell rings, the district must make it through the myriad of events planned by administrators.

Today, June 6, is full of ceremony. Novi High School seniors will meet at the Italian American Club in Livonia for the annual Senior Breakfast from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Then they'll move onto the Senior Picnic at Lakeshore Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tonight, the Adult Education High School Graduation will see more than a dozen students receive their diplomas at 6 p.m. in the Novi High School library.

Then at 7 p.m., the district will hold a reception for retiring school employees in the Instructional Technology Center.

The night isn't over yet. At 8:30 p.m., the Novi Board of Education meets at the Educational Services Building to present the 1996-97 Budget and honor State Senator David Hongman who resigned earlier this year due to health problems.

Friday, June 7, is the date for the annual 8th Grade Farewell Activity Night scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School.

The Grand Finale is set for Sunday, June 9, when 292 Novi High School seniors will receive their diplomas during the 1996 Graduation Ceremony on the Novi High School football field beginning at 1 p.m.

That night, students will celebrate their last night together at the Senior All-Night Party to begin at 8 p.m.

But first, the community will be able to see all the hard work parents, staff and other residents completed the past several months to pull the night together. The community can walk through the decorated high school building from 6 to 7:30.

Finally, the last day of school (a half day) for students is Thursday, June 13. Teacher's last day is Friday.

Council orders up public hearing

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission was directed to hold a July 10 public hearing on a proposed new recreation zoning ordinance, which could be applied to the now residentially-classified Meyer Berry Farm on Eight Mile Road.

That was the resolution passed Monday by the Novi City Council at the request of City Manager Ed Kriewall, who said he fears "a very unique opportunity for the community" may slip away.

Kriewall said he was prompted to bring the resolution to the council after watching on cable TV the commission's "extended deliberations."

"I believe this issue needs to be aired publicly... In this particular issue, I think it's wrong to study this to death," Kriewall said.

"This is an opportunity that could escape us. It might be the most amazing thing we've done in this community, if it comes about. On the other hand, it might be rejected."

The city council has met with owners of The Sports Club of West Bloomfield, which has an option to purchase the Meyer farm with the aim of developing a similar project there.

Because The Sports Club would not need all of the farm, one possibility is that the Community Clubs of Novi, a public/private organization, might place an ice arena there.

While Kriewall suggested July 3, the council scheduled a joint meeting for themselves and the commission for the following week, to avoid conflicts with a holiday weekend.

In addition, the council expects the commission to deliver a recommendation on the zoning ordinance by the council's July 15 meeting. Were the new zoning classification adopted, The Sports Club would then need to go through the city's rezoning procedure.

Two residents and several council members questioned the need

public/private partnership with a cost advantage to the city," Kriewall said.

"Recreation is becoming more privatized, especially the more specialized interests like hockey... The window of opportunity is only open a certain time."

The city is now contemplating asking voters to pass an entire list of millage and bond issues to finance a \$25 million road bond issue, a police and fire millage, a community pool and development of existing parks. "Quite frankly, it's a little bit scary at times," Kriewall said.

He suggested that they city might limit its recreational offerings to a community pool, softball, tee-ball and soccer fields and leave the rest to the private sector.

The resolution reads in part that: "It is imperative that decisions regarding recreational zoning implementation be dealt with in a timely fashion to take advantage of potential recreational opportunities that could be brought to our community."

"It seemed to make sense that this might be an opportunity for a

Planner resist pressure for recreational zoning

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would like to hear what residents think, it is premature to hold a public hearing on an ordinance they think is too broad and don't agree with.

Then they voted down, 6-3, a motion to send the ordinance to the implementation committee for further study. Then they unanimously approved a motion to hold a special meeting June 26 at which consultant Brandon Rogers would present several alternatives to the ordinance.

Commissioners suggested a number of options including a planned development zone, an addition to residential ordinances or rezoning various plans as special land uses.

"There's no doubt we need a facility here," said Eda Weddington. "But I do resent this being shoved down our throats."

Ventras said the idea of a joint venture between public and private sports facilities may not be a good idea. Just because it's privately run doesn't mean it's run any better, he said.

"How are we serving the public if we bring in exclusive places that only ten percent of the people can afford?" he questioned.

The Sports Club of West Bloomfield charges various membership fees but a one year contract to the health club costs \$75 a month, according to the club.

But Chair Laura Lorenzo said the public doesn't want to spend the money necessary to build these types of facilities.

Member Gwen Markham supported Ventras. "A community has an obligation to provide a certain level of recreational facilities to residents," she said.

"The sports club would be an asset to the community but we should also have public facilities with low fees that supports itself," Markham explained. "I'm not convinced this kind of ordinance is the solution for that."

"I think this is being proposed because if we tried to rezone it to I-1 (light industrial) the residents would come out in droves and go bananas," said Markham. This is easier, she said.

Chuck Young, a member of South West Association of Novi homeowners told the commissioners they did the right thing by postponing a public hearing.

"I think this was a smart decision because there seems to be a lot of pressure from the city and from Jim Weid," said Young.

"Why is there so much pressure?" Young said the people of Novi voted for a millage to build parks and the city should concentrate on doing that and doing it right.

Novi has park land at Lakeshore Park, The Novi Tree Farm and the still to be developed park land at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Novi students lobby city council for action on bike safety paths

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sidewalks is the group's first priority. It's not their only one. They'd like rollerblade and skateboard parks, which they're willing to help build, Justin Fischer said.

What will happen next hasn't been determined. But the kids aren't likely to drop the issue.

"Please keep pushing us and other appropriate boards. You're doing a fantastic job," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

"We agree we need sidewalks, but as you mentioned in your report, the funds aren't always there."

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City hires consultant for work on Fuerst farm

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A senior field representative with the National Trust for Historic Preservation who was closely involved with the rescue of New York's Grand Central Station will study Novi's Fuerst Farm.

Monday, the Novi City Council hired Frank Gilbert for not more than \$4,500, which will include his airfare from Washington, D.C., hotel room and the equivalent of seven days work. Gilbert has developed a consulting program catering to local governments for the National Trust.

"We look at this as the first step in preparing some plan of action for the properties," Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

While Council Member Robert Schmid remained opposed to spending taxpayers' money on the preservation of the farm, the majority OK'd bringing the national consultant to town.

"The city agreed to take the property. Once it is ours, the real tragedy is if we do nothing with it and it falls into decay," Council Member Richard Clark said.

"In light of what the Fuerst sisters have done for this community, if 25 or 50 years from now, someone says 'Fuerst, I don't remember the name,' that will be a real tragedy. A lot of good things that have happened in this community and are going to happen are because of them."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen and Council Member Kathy Mutch met Gilbert when they were in Washington, D.C. several months ago for a National League of Cities Conference. He will be paid out of

\$25,000 recently budgeted by the city for the stabilization of the barn and home at the corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads.

"This is a group that has a national, if not international, reputation for what it does. The National Trust is very selected about what projects it chooses to get involved in, even when it involves a consultant's fee," Mutch said.

"You just send out people with hammers and nails to stabilize the property. You have to have a plan."

Gilbert, an attorney, has worked with 50 cities in 15 states on historic preservation issues, including Santa Monica, Long Beach, Tampa, Fort Worth, Columbus and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

In Novi, he will develop plans to restore and use the site, a strategy to get the whole community involved and fundraising tactics.

"It's a major distrust to the citizen to spend this money," Schmid said.

Council Member Nancy Cassis didn't go that far, but she urged that private funding be found to save the property.

"I'm going to look in the future that there are less taxpayer dollars going into this. We have in good faith gone as far as we can to trade the properties to get it into the City of Novi's hands," she said.

Several outstanding wetlands issues have to be resolved on the city-owned Levy property before the school district and city formerly swap land, leaving the Fuerst corner in municipal hands.

The non-profit citizens group, Preservation Novi, has already spent \$6,000 of its own money on assorted architectural studies of

the site.

Mutch, who is a founder of Preservation Novi, said the city had to take a lead in saving the Fuerst Farm.

"It will not happen if you say pass the buck to Preservation Novi," Mutch said.

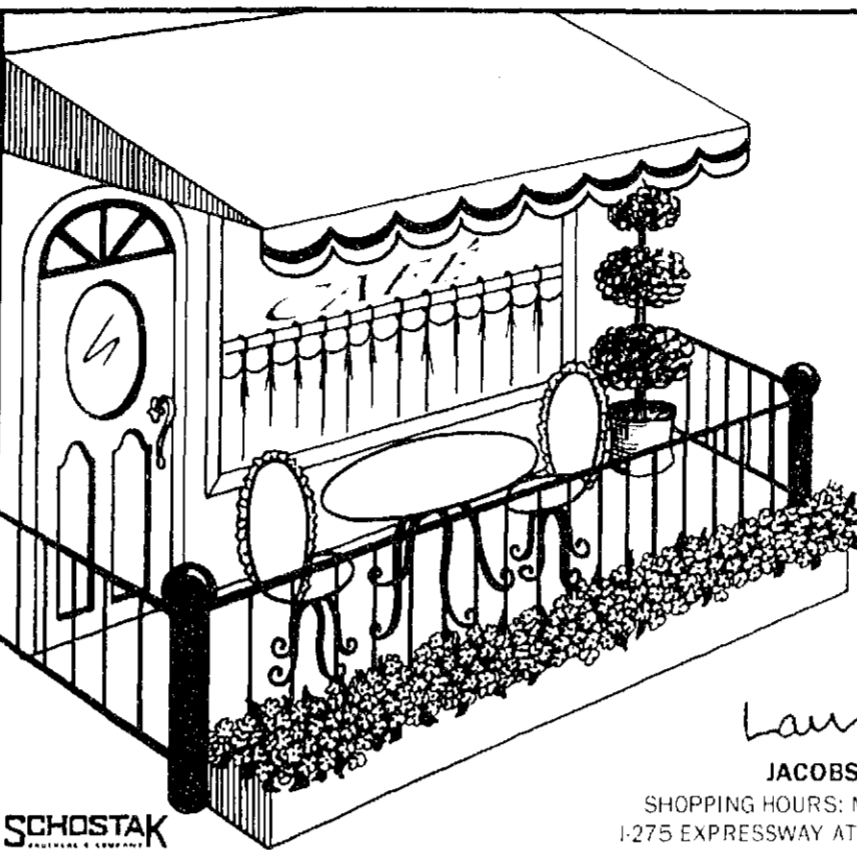
"We (Preservation Novi) will not raise hundreds of thousands of

dollars and it will be a public entity in which we have no say."

In his prospectus submitted to the city, Gilbert noted that Dr. Kathryn Eckert, the Michigan

State Historic Preservation Officer,

is also interested in the development of workable plans for the Fuerst farm.



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Cassis won't have to quit council till she takes house seat

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If Council Member Nancy Cassis is elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, she won't have to step down in Novi until she's actually sworn-in in Lansing.

That's what city attorneys said in a legal opinion recently requested by Cassis.

The council member hopes to be elected to fill the seat left vacant as State Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, moves up to the state senate. She asked City Attorney David Fried if running for office obliged her to quit her city post.

The state constitution bars any one holding a public office or state, federal or municipal employment, except notaries public and members of the armed forces reserve, from serving as a member of either house, the opinion noted.

"It is the actual status of becoming a member of the state legisla-

ture that would govern the effective date of a council member's resignation," Fried wrote.

"The terms of the members of both houses of the state legislature commence at 12 noon on January 1 of the year following the members' election. Consequently, a council member elected to the state legislature would have to submit and have accepted by the city council a resignation that is effective prior to 12 noon on the January 1 following the election."

In the case of a special election, the resignation would have to be prior to the beginning of that term of office.

Running for the Republican nomination, along with Cassis are Northville resident Chris Bachelde and Novi resident Craig DeRoche. One candidate has filed as a Democrat, Gary Johnson of Milford.

Disabled vets hold convention in Novi

Members of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) from throughout the state of Michigan will hold their annual Department Convention in Novi from June 7 to June 9 at the Novi Hilton.

More than 500 DAV members - including many disabled veterans of the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm - are expected to attend.

According to Stanley McCracken, DAV Department of Michigan Commander, convention business sessions will include adoption of resolutions to be submitted to the dav's National Convention to be held in New Orleans, La., July 27-Aug 2.

Several of these mandates are expected to concentrate on improvements in the rights and benefits earned by some 2.1 million veterans disabled in wartime

service to their country. DAV leaders are deeply concerned about this issue because many federal cost-cutting proposals would harm disabled veterans.

The convention's highlight will be a banquet held Saturday at 7 p.m., at which featured speaker will be Donald A. Sloss, past national commander, and Margaret Hass, auxiliary national senior vice commander.

Election of new DAV state-level officers for the coming year will be held Sunday.

Now in its 76th year, the million-member DAV is a Congressionally chartered organization of veterans disabled in time of war and armed conflict. The DAV devotes its efforts exclusively to programs designed to benefit all of America's 2.1 million disabled veterans and their families.

Obituaries

MARIAN JEAN LECLEAR

Marian Jean LeClear, age 77, died May 28, 1996, at her residence in Novi. She was born in Detroit on June 19, 1918, to Preston and Myrtle (Bosworth) Pierce.

She is survived by: son, Michael (Jane) of Novi; daughter, Lynn (Robert) Miller of Novi; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle (Bud).

Services were held on Tuesday, June 4 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. Arthur Spafford from the First United Methodist Church in Northville officiated. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

GERALDINE T. METZ

Geraldine T. Metz, age 74, of Wixom died May 20, 1996 at her residence. She was born in Tullahoma, Tenn., on Aug. 17, 1921, to Louis and Hattie (Pitts) Taylor.

Mrs. Metz was a homemaker and member of Kingdom Hall

Jehovah Witness.

Surviving are: children, Catherine (James) Kasenow of Howell, Reatha (Paul) Gyetvai of Wixom, Deanna (Tony) Montgomery of Howell, and Jerry (Allison) Terrell of Brighton; brothers and sisters, Reathie Carroll of Garden City, George, Walter, and Robert Taylor of Tennessee, Billy Taylor of Texas, and Sibbie Johnson of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She is also survived by the children of James Metz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, in July 1994, whom she married in February of 1981, and by her brothers, Fred and T.L. Taylor.

Services were held May 22 at Bell-Borek Chapel, Hamburg, with Ralph Hoyht of Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witness officiating.

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STRIKE UP THE BAND

Summer concert series reminiscent of bygone era

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Not everyone is up to winning a line and shuffling out big bucks for concert tickets. There are plenty of people who want a special, fun form of entertainment. Northville and Novi have an alternative that is easy on the pocketbook and easy to home.

Both cities are offering the community family entertainment and cultural enrichment on a weekly basis when their summer concert series begin on June 7 and June 20, respectively.

The Northville Clock Concerts offer 21 performances from June 7 through August 23 and the Novi Sounds of Summer has seven from June 20 through August 15.

The lineup for the Clock Concerts, which is sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission, includes the Plymouth and Farmington Community Bands as well as Schoolcraft's Wind Ensemble. The Novi Concert Band is scheduled to perform twice during the summer at the Northville Clock Concerts and once at the Novi Sounds of Summer.

All Northville Clock Concerts are held at the bandshell in downtown Northville from 7:30 until 9 p.m. and admission is free.

Novi's Sounds of Summer series is held rain or shine at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road just east of Taft at 7 p.m. Admission is also free.

Outdoor performances are held on the north lawn of the Civic Center, which has a capacity of up to

300 people. Attendance usually runs between 75 to 100, according to Novi recreation supervisor Marilyn Troshak.

New this year is Novi's showmobile, a mobile, semi-trailer stage unit purchased with funds from the Michigan 50s Festival and Mission Health/Providence Medical Center/Novi. If weather turns inclement, indoor facilities can accommodate a crowd of up to 400.

Substantial sponsors for Novi's summer program include Mission Health/Providence Medical Center/Novi and Ford Motor Co. Other sponsors include Charter House of Novi and Novi Parks and Recreation.

"Some people come after dinner, bring lawn chairs, light refreshments," Troshak said. "Some come and bring blankets and picnic dinners."

"We have quiet giveaways geared toward kids so that they have a little something to do like crayons, coloring books and finger puppets."

From the Latin and jazz music of Lunar Octet to the marches and classic show tunes of the Novi Concert Band, from the '50s and '60s rockabilly music of the Rich Eddy Band to the traditional and contemporary music of The Big Band Express with Del Kauffman, Novi has tailored its selection to suit just about every audience.

For more information on the summer concerts in Northville call 349-1300. In Novi call 347-0400.



Submitted photo

Guy Sferlazza brings his one-man musical show, The Chautauqua Express, to Novi on Aug. 8 as part of the Sounds of Summer series which begins June 20 and ends Aug. 15.

1996 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

NORTHVILLE CLOCK CONCERTS

June 7 - Plymouth Community Band
14 - Sheila Landis
21 - TBA
28 - Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble
July 4 - No concert - enjoy community holiday activities
12 - Farmington Community Band
19 - Novi Concert Band
26 - Plymouth Community Band
Aug. 2 - Novi Concert Band
9 - Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble
16 - Recreation Department, Family Night
23 - One Flight Up

29 - Cosmopolitan Band (Dixieland)
July 4 - No Concert
11 - Cecilia Lee (vocals/instrumentals)
Toilgate Cloggers (dance)
18 - Rich Eddy Band (50's and 60's rock-a-billy)
25 - No concert - Michigan 50's Festival
Aug. 1 - Big Band Express with Del Kauffman (Traditional and contemporary Big Band Sound)
8 - Chautauqua Express (Entertainment for all ages)
15 - Novi Concert Band (Marches, classics, show tunes)

Sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission, all concerts run from 7:30-9 p.m. and take place at the Northville bandshell downtown. Admission is free.

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Foundation; Providence Medical Center, Novi; Charter House of Novi and Novi Parks and Recreation, all concerts begin at 7 p.m., rain or shine, at the Novi Civic Center. Admission is free.

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Volunteer



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Michelle Fecht is coordinating quilting project for library.

Fecht is coordinating books on quilt project

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Your name can literally be stitched in time - forever - when the Northville District Library opens its new facility this October.

That's according to Michelle Fecht who volunteers as coordinator of the quilting project.

A group of local quilters - called "Hands All Around" - suggested to the library that they could create a quilt suitable for framing for the new building.

Their idea was accepted and Fecht, who was on the library funding committee, was put in charge of it.

"I pick up the orders for inscriptions people want embroidered on the quilt," she said.

The quilt will contain 130 books in its design. Some books will stand open, and some will show just their spine. The spine will have the last name of the donor or honoree on it, and the open book will have the last name

on the spine and the first names on the back and front covers.

If you want to give your support to the district library by helping to fund the new building and at the same time have your name or someone else's stitched in time forever, pick up a form at the library. It's called "The Library Quilt."

The cost? It's \$75 for a name on the spine and \$150 for the open book design.

Volunteering for the public library is not a new activity for Fecht.

"I started on the library board three years ago," she said, before it was to become a district library.

And she continues to volunteer there - most recently as corresponding secretary for the Friends of the Public Library, an organization of 300 members.

If you want to volunteer or be stitched in time, go to the information desk at the library and give them the information.

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Health Matters the NOVI NEWS 13B THURSDAY June 6, 1996

New out-patient tumor treatment unveiled recently by Providence

The Providence Cancer Center now offers high dose rate (HDR) brachytherapy, an exciting advance in the technique for placing a radioactive source in or near a tumor.

HDR brachytherapy differs from conventional brachytherapy in that the treatment is delivered in multiple out-patient sessions lasting five to 10 minutes each. The conventional treatment is administered over two to three days on an inpatient basis. HDR brachytherapy uses a single, high-activity radiation source placed in or near the tumor under computer guidance. Using the computer to precisely place the radiation source improves the dose distribution and accuracy of treatment. At the same time, it may help lower the risk of complications by minimizing treatment of normal tissue.

Another advantage to the procedure is that it eliminates exposure of hospital personnel to the radiation because the source is transferred to the tumor site from the source storage safe within catheters.

Patients appreciate the comfort and convenience of having the treatment administered on an out-patient basis at the Cancer Center. And, because hospital admission is unnecessary, costs are lower.

The Providence Cancer Center will use HDR brachytherapy for a number of cancer sites. It can be especially useful, for example, for palliation of endobronchial tumors causing obstructive symptoms in patients who have received radiation but are unable to be treated further by external beam radiation. In these patients, a catheter is placed in the bronchial lumen next to the tumor using a flexible bronchoscope.

After computerized treatment planning, the catheter is connected to the treatment unit and the radiation source is advanced to the tumor site under computer control. When the treatment is completed, the source returns to its storage safe and the catheter is removed. The patient can be discharged immediately.

Enlarged tumors can be treated similarly as part of combined curative or palliative treatment.

HDR brachytherapy is also valuable in the treatment of gynecologic cancers, such as cervical and endometrial. When radiation is the primary treatment modality for cervical cancer, it can be administered on an out-patient basis instead of requiring a hospital admission.

Patients with endometrial cancer who are at risk for vaginal cuff/pelvic recurrence after hysterectomy can also be treated entirely as out-patients, using HDR brachytherapy for the vaginal boost.

To further enhance treatment capabilities, a research grant has been established at Providence to connect the planning system of the HDR brachytherapy unit with the three-dimensional planning system presently used for external beam radiotherapy. This will provide data for additional evaluation of dose distribution. Using this information, the radiation physics staff will try to advance planning capabilities to improve the precision of HDR brachytherapy even more.

For additional information on HDR brachytherapy, contact the Providence Cancer Center at (1-800) 341-0501.

This article, provided by Walter Schlydack, M.D., radiation oncologist for the Providence Cancer Center, is coordinated through the marketing department of the Department of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers.

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Percentage of adults exercising declining

When it comes to giving reasons for not exercising, patients say the hardest things, for example: "Exercise makes the hair on my legs grow, and it hurts." (Did they mean the hair or the exercise causes pain?) "I have only so many heartbeats, and I don't want to waste them on exercise." Or the classic, "I can't exercise because I'm out of shape."

Mark Twain supposedly came up with his own reason, one that made the quote books: "Whenever I get the urge to exercise, I lie down until it passes." Today, whatever the excuse, the proportion of adults who exercise regularly at a moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes, two to three times a week has declined to fewer than 20 percent. At the same time, many other lifestyle and public-health parameters have improved, including lower numbers of smokers, lower dietary fat intake and better screening for cancer.

Why has this massive public-health effort to encourage exercise failed? It is certainly not for lack of information. The benefits of regular exercise are many and strong. Regular exercise has been associated with a decrease in the risk of:

- Heart disease and hypertension
- Sudden cardiac death
- Mortality from all causes, including breast and colon cancer
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis
- Depression

The list of benefits goes on to include fewer falls and fractures in the elderly and fewer instances of minor respiratory infections. But apparently all of these real and carefully measured reductions in health risk - and the long-term health gains that those who exercise experience - is not very persuasive to most people.

We seem to have a situation where scientists, physicians and public-health educators, many of whom exercise regularly themselves, have tried to use facts like a club to beat into submission patients who do not exercise and are not about to start. The facts that we use as weapons are the theoretical and often distant benefits of doing something that many people simply do not enjoy.

While the media continue to herald an ongoing stream of research announcements proclaiming even more medical benefits of exercise, how about a different approach? If you're reluctant to exercise consider this: Even if you do it in small amounts and at low intensity, exercise can benefit you. If you manage to add even a little exercise - walking at the mall, taking the stairs, doing a little gardening, strolling at lunch - it can improve your everyday life.

In addition, these easy-to-do, less complicated, less costly activities offer a wide variety of immediate benefits:

- Exercise can enhance your self-esteem and physical appearance.
- If you exercise, you will sleep better.
- Exercise can improve your sex life, help you relax and manage stress.
- If you exercise, you can eat more and you will have more energy for work.

When parents exercise their children are more likely to exercise and eat better, watch less TV and be less overweight.

The current image of exercise is often one of work, pain, suffering, sweat, facial grimaces, lurching and slowness. A better, not to mention more accurate, vision is one of energy, satisfaction, competence, self-esteem, a glow in your cheeks and a smile on your face.

So find an activity you like, do it as often as you can and do it because it feels good - not because someone like me tells you it's good for you.

Above all else, as the Nike commercial says, "Just do it."

Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., is a professor and the director of the Department of Family Practice, University of Michigan Health System.

Health Notes

Learn CPR Learn CPR and how to manage emergency situations effectively. Learn the basics of how to handle bruises, cuts, sprains, broken bones, burns, insect bites, eye injuries and shock will be reviewed and practiced in this two-week workshop. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will receive a certificate. The course will be held at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., on Monday, June 10 and 17 from 7-10 p.m.

The cost of the course is \$50 per person and includes a handbook and supplies. To obtain additional information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Breast Cancer Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi is hosting a support group for women with breast cancer.

The group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. The June meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. Anyone who has experienced breast disease is welcome to attend. This is an informal discussion for participants to share resources and provide emotional support. The group's organizers also encourage all guests to bring their favorite book on spiritual, mind or body healing to share with the group.

For further information contact Norma at (313) 462-3788 or Cheryl at (810) 363-3866.

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.

For registration information, call (810) 473-5600. Race proceeds will benefit Novi Youth Assistance.

According to Ed Pienkos, 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 Pienkos. "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:

- Cancer Education Class - St. Mary Hospital will present the American Cancer Society's "I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their families and friends from June 11 through July 16. The free, six-week course will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lower level Conference Room in the main hospital near the Five Mile entrance. Dates are June 11, 18, 25, and July 2, 9, and 16.
- The course is designed to help patients, family members and friends learn how to take an active role in the cancer patient's treatment and recovery. Topics include cancer and its causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, management of treatment side effects, adjustment to changes in body image, exercise and proper nutrition, community resources and new potentials as a person with cancer.
- The comprehensive course includes lectures, audio-visual programs and group discussion. Presentations will be made by a team of health care professionals.
- There is no charge for the program, but registration is required by June 10. For more information or to register, call (313) 432-8542 or toll free at 1-800-494-1653.
- Anxiety - "Coping with Anxiety," a lecture to be presented by Amy Alaffer, 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.

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

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

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

Services include:

- Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.
- Appointment is required. For more information, call:
- North Oakland: 858-1311 or 858-4001.
- South Oakland: 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Providence Hospital Providence Hospital is offering the following services:

- Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks on the first Thursday of every month.
- This free service is available at Providence Medical Center-Prvidence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beech 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.

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BREWS & VIEWS

New Miller Beer joins America's popular beer family

For more than 140 years, Miller Brewing Company has created a variety of beers to satisfy beer drinkers' tastes. Each Beer - Miller Lite, Lite Ice, Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Genuine Draft Light, High Life, and now Miller Beer - is brewed with the highest quality ingredients and brewing traditions that have been handed down for generations.

New Miller Beer is brewed from the "heart of the hops" for a fuller flavor with little bitterness. Miller



Miller Brewing adds new Miller Beer to its family. Lite Ice, Miller Lite, Miller Beer, Miller Genuine Draft, MGD Light, High Life.

Lite is a great-tasting, low-calorie premium beer; Miller Genuine Draft is a premium beer brewed using a patented cold-filtered process; and High Life is a traditional American full-flavored lager.

Beer drinkers call for Miller Beer - the one with the red label

As new Miller Beer becomes available in bars and restaurants across the country, the brand is quickly becoming known as "Miller with the red label."

Paul Roller, president of Miller Brands, a Miller wholesaler in Milwaukee, Wis., says that referring to the brand's distinctive red packaging graphics is an easy way for beer drinkers to order the beer.

"This helps cut through the clutter in many busy bars," says Roller.

Big flavor, big advertising

Miller Brewing's newest brand with big flavor is supported by a substantial advertising line-up. "Miller Beer is for beer drinkers who associate great possibilities in beer taste with great possibilities about themselves," said a company spokesperson. "Our advertising reflects this."

The advertising for the brand uses the tagline "Reach for what's out there" and includes national television, radio, print and billboards and introduces new Miller Beer and its unique product profile. The highly visible television campaign includes major sports programs such as the NBA Finals and prime time programs.



Miller introduces brand new beer bearing family name

Brewmaster: "Miller Beer makes thirst worthwhile"

By Mike Gilman

When you craft a beer that stands out from the crowd, picking a name is easy - you name it after yourself. That's what Miller Brewing Company has done with its new creation - Miller Beer.

"We take a lot of pride in creating a beer so good, we're just calling it who we are," says Miller Brewmaster David Ryder.

Available nationwide this spring, Miller Beer is a premium, mainstream beer with a full, rich flavor. The secret is a special brewing process using

the best part of the hops - what Miller calls the "heart of the hops."

"Hops are what give beers their individual, distinct taste," says Ryder. "Using the heart of the hop results in a beer that is big in flavor, short on bitterness and a taste that goes down easy."

Tastes and preferences in beers are evolving, adds Ryder, who points out that the popularity

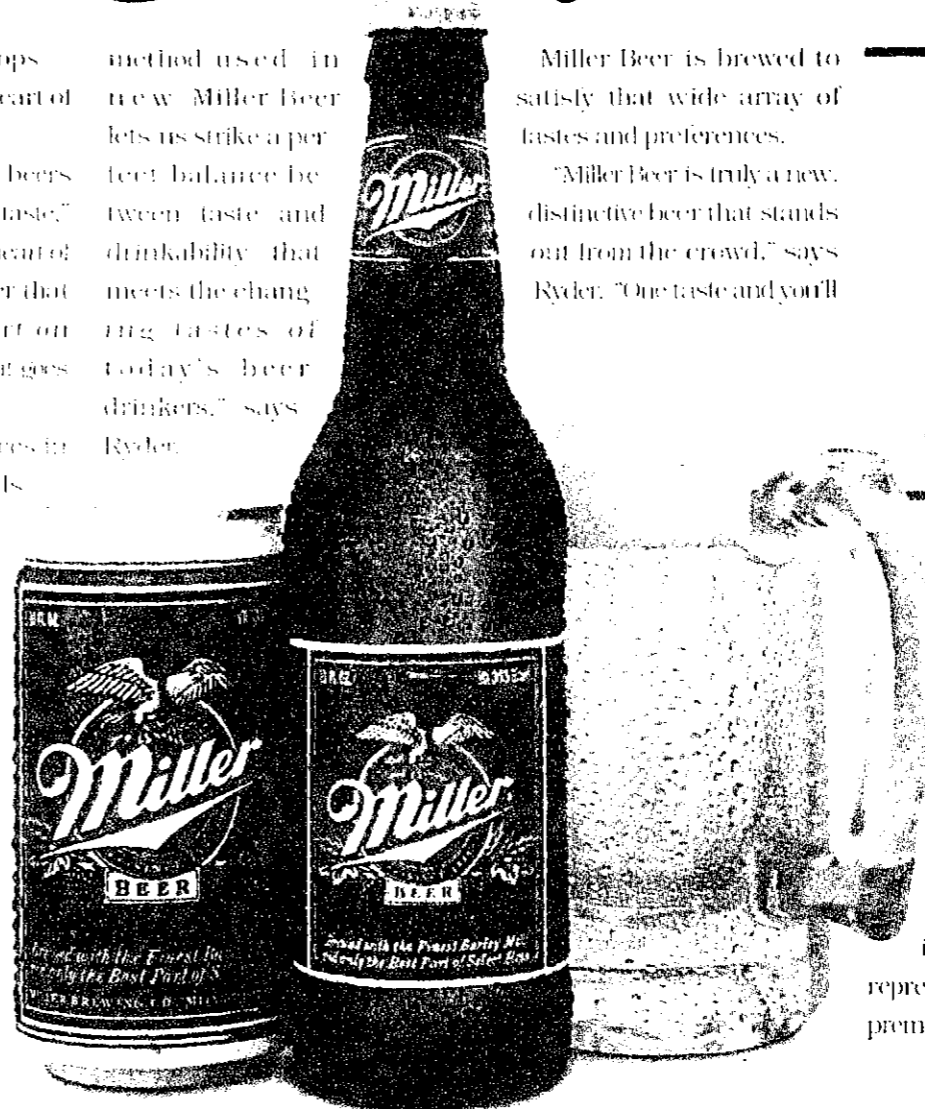


of light beers indicates some people want beers that are easy to drink and not bitter or filling. At the same time, other people want fuller-flavored beers - witness the interest in micro-brews and specialty beers.

"The special brewing method used in new Miller Beer lets us strike a perfect balance between taste and drinkability that meets the changing tastes of today's beer drinkers," says Ryder.

Miller Beer is brewed to satisfy that wide array of tastes and preferences.

"Miller Beer is truly a new, distinctive beer that stands out from the crowd," says Ryder. "One taste and you'll



Miller Beer's distinct red label makes big impact with beer drinkers.

"For a beer that's full of flavor with less bitterness, and remarkably easy to drink."

know the difference."

New Miller Beer stands out on the shelf, too. A striking red, blue and white logo in a traditional brown bottle makes it easy to identify.

Miller Brewing Company expresses confidence that Miller Beer represents a new standard for premium, mainstream beers.

Experts agree: New Miller Beer dethrones the competition

By Peter Marino

Throughout time, the ultimate test for an up-and-comer has been to challenge the champion. In the beer industry, where taste is king, the most direct challenge is a taste test.

In an independent, blind taste test conducted by a major metropolitan daily newspaper with three well-known beer experts, new Miller Beer soundly defeated the top-selling beer in the American premium mainstream beer category, which is the largest

segment in the beer industry and includes a variety of full-calorie products.

Following the conventional rules for a taste test, the three experts, all of whom have judged

numerous professional beer competitions in the past, scrutinized their beers for nearly half an hour and then all three - one a native of England, one German-born and one a Milwaukee native,

scored new Miller Beer the taste champion.

With comments such as "...good malt balance," "...fuller flavor, nice finish," "...nice follow-through with hop flavors," "...it's a better beer," the experts were unanimous in their

"It's a better beer."

-Dennis Davison, beer judge

assessment of new Miller Beer.

We found out how you can conduct your own taste test. Try it with new Miller Beer and the leading American-style lager. Here's how:



The smell, the look, the taste: Professional beer tasters judged new Miller Beer: (from left to right) Dennis Davison, Jery Uthermann and Brian North.

The heart of the matter Quality hops mean big flavor, smooth taste

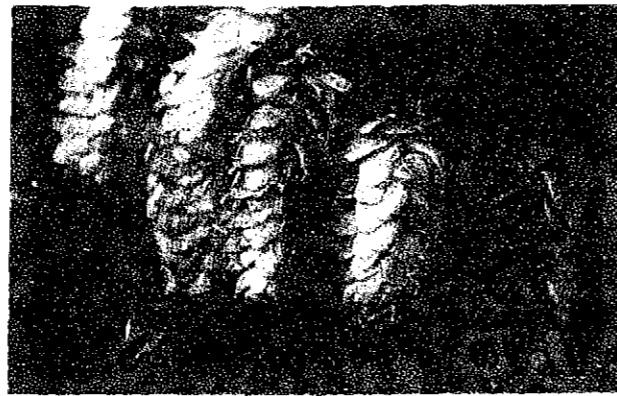
By Jori Mendel

In a proprietary brewing method, Miller Brewing Company is using "the heart of the hops" to brew a beer with full flavor but very little bitterness - new Miller Beer.

With 140 years of brewing under its belt, Miller spent more than two years crafting this new beer, brewed with only the best part of select hops.

"Hops are the spice of beer adding their own special taste, aroma, texture but also bitterness," explains David Ryder, brewmaster for Miller.

"When brewing new Miller Beer, we use only the heart of the hop to produce a rich flavor that diminishes the bitter charac-



Hops are the spice of beer: adding flavor, texture and aroma.

teristics typically associated with full-flavored beers," says Ryder. "This gives Miller Beer its smooth taste and rich texture."

The new brewing process also gives Miller Beer richer flavor by

allowing the use of four times more hops than are typically used in premium, mainstream, full-calorie beers.

"More hops means more flavor, richer texture, but in the case of new Miller Beer, less bitterness," says Ryder.

Quality hops are essential to brewing quality beer. More than 100 varieties of hops are cultivated nationwide. Miller Beer is brewed with highest quality of Galena hops from the Pacific Northwest.

"More hops means more flavor, more texture, but in the case of new Miller Beer, less bitterness."

YOU

Gather some friends or "tasters," two pilsner-style glasses per taster, Miller Beer and the challenging beer of your choice in the American-style premium lager category. Use the score card below. Each beer should be scored on color, aroma, flavor, smoothness / easy to drink and less bitter aftertaste.

Chill both beers to approximately 38 degrees Fahrenheit. Ask a non-taster to pour both beers behind a shield to ensure an objective, "blind" tasting. Ask each participant to taste the beer and record their rating in each category, using 1 (poor) to 5 (great) for each characteristic. Repeat this process with the second beer, gather all score cards and compare. The beer with the higher score is your taste-test winner.

	Miller Beer	Other
1. Golden Color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Aroma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Full-Bodied Flavor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Smoothness, Easy To Drink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Less Bitter Taste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



We think Miller Beer makes thirst worthwhile. So, try it and let us know what you think. You can reach our brewmaster David Ryder via e-mail at miller@execpc.com.