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City may hike water mark-up for city users

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Local officials were interested to find out in a Detroit newspaper survey that Novi snags its residents one of the lowest rates for city water around.

So interested that they spent a few weeks poring over the figures and Monday proposed a price hike, the first since 1992. The Novi City Council didn't throw water on the idea and homeowners can now expect to pay 10 percent more for the service, which is billed quarterly.

The local water department is passing through wholesale increases made by the Detroit Department of Water and Sewerage. The City of Novi purchases the water wholesale from Detroit and then sells it retail to residents.

"Novi is paying one of the highest rates for Detroit water but Novi has one of the lowest mark-up rates of all because of what kind of a markup we actually operate on," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

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"We've actually absorbed a couple of Detroit water increases over the past couple of years. We really need to pass along the Detroit increases."

The new water rates go into effect July 1 and amount to a 15 cent increase per 1,000 gallons of water used. For an average customer drawing 30,000 gallons of water every three months, the cost will be \$5.20 higher, bringing the average bill to \$56.

In the late 1980s, Novi lost an appeal on a lawsuit it filed against the City of Detroit, chal-

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Ron Boshaw points out to officer Diane MacGregor the path the twister took after turning over the construction trailer.

Tornado hits city; no one hurt

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

When Ron Boshaw sat in a movie theater watching the latest thriller *Twister*, he had no idea he'd be running from one just days later.

The setting for the real life adventure was Addington Park subdivision, under construction on the corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads.

Boshaw, a construction supervisor, said he was looking out the construction trailer window, June 12, as a thunderstorm was passing through and saw the tornado looming ten feet above a house that was about 100 yards away.

A closer look revealed it was headed straight for the trailer he was in. "It looked like a white cloud with a lot of swirling debris," said Boshaw.

So he ran out the door and headed for the house across the street. Looking back he watched the twister pick up the trailer and throw it about six feet hitting his pick-up truck. Boshaw was unhurt and seemed fascinated by the whole event.

"It was really cool, but I wouldn't want it to happen again," he said. "I have a story to tell forever ... to my grandchildren."

The twister swept through Novi last week at 12:15 touching down only in Addington Park, just across the street from Novi High School and coincidentally across the street from the subdivision last hit by a tornado in 1990.

It followed a short path down the street which has only a few homes. Windows were blown out and construction materials were strewn about the subdivision. There were, however, no injuries.

The National Weather Service officials said they didn't see it at the time but when they went back to recheck the radar they detected

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Getting 2nd chance through Adult Ed

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's a program that gives high school drop-outs a second chance.

Those people that decided school wasn't for them and headed out to the world of work where they tried to find themselves and their future usually find they wish they had graduated, pomp and circumstance included.

But now, because state legislators questioned the necessity and effectiveness of the program the Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate passed a state budget which cuts adult education funding from \$185 million to \$102 million.

State Senator Willis Bullard approved the budget with the funding cuts but said he expects Governor John Engler to veto the budget and cut funding even more to about \$85 million.

"I think the governor is going to determine the question. He'll be vetoing part of the funding that passed," said Bullard. "It's not that difficult to vote 'Yes' when you know it's most likely to be vetoed."

Cutbacks to the point of forcing the program to turn away students are detrimental in that it eliminates a lot of possibilities for

Adult ed funding takes a nose dive

Adult education funding from the State of Michigan was \$313,825 for the 1995-96 school year.

It is expected to be only \$106,701 for 1996-97 year.

The adult ed budget for 1995-96 school year was \$288,388.

For the 1996-97 school year it is expected to be only \$157,232.

the students, said Patrick Wolynski, adult education coordinator for Novi schools.

"The people we typically deal with here typically don't have the money to pay for a class. Even here in affluent Novi," he explained.

This year the Novi Community School District's Adult Education program expects to receive 66 percent less in adult ed funding from the state.

The program was already operating under state budget cuts from the previous year.

Adult education encompasses 50 to 60 students each year in

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Driver charged in deadly crash

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

More than three weeks after an automobile accident claimed the life of his friend, a 22-year-old Novi man is facing a felony charge in connection with that death.

Jason Walker, a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and former high school basketball star, was arraigned at 47th District Court Judge Frederick Harris. His pre-trial exam is set for July 12, at 8:30 a.m.

Wiggins said that if found guilty causing a death, in connection with the early morning Memorial Day crash that killed David Ward Clemens, 22, of Novi.

According to Farmington Police Department Deputy Director Mike Wiggins, Walker pled not guilty to the charge, and posted \$1,000 bond - 10 percent of the \$10,000 bond set by 47th District Court Judge Frederick Harris. His pre-trial exam is set for July 12, at 8:30 a.m.

Walker could spend up to 15 years in prison and face fines of up to \$10,000. He has two prior convictions for driving while impaired, according to police.

Walker, Clemens and three friends had spent most of May 26 in Brooklyn, MI, watching the inaugural U.S. 500 Indy car race, and had stopped for drinks at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The accident occurred hours later as

Walker was driving the group back to Novi.

According to Wiggins, by about 2:20 a.m. on May 27, Walker was driving his 1995 Chevy Lumina westbound on Freedom Road at speeds in excess of 90 mph, and when the car reached the curved intersection of Freedom and Halstead, the vehicle proceeded through the stop sign and lost control when the tires traveled onto the road's shoulder.

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Group saves money by switching trash firms

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Talk about discount shopping, the privately-organized City of Novi South East Neighborhood Coalition is saving \$72,000 in its new two-year waste hauling contract.

"That money stays in our pockets," said Ruth Ann Jirasek, head of the coalition and also president of the City of Novi Homeowners Association.

And you can't trash that. The previous contract was with BFI, but the group has now signed on with Laidlaw Waste Systems, beginning July 1.

The best deal, Jirasek said, is that now not only are all homeowners associations invited to join but residents who don't live in subdivisions can also sign on for the service.

"It's half the price they were already paying," she added.

With BFI, a homeowner shelled out \$9.49 a month for weekly trash collection, biweekly composting and recycling and large item pickup. The Laidlaw deal is for \$8.25 a month.

New subdivisions to unite for

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Going for the gold

Three-year-old Morgan Adams (she'll be 4 in July) grins her teeth in concentration as she does her personal best in the Big Wheel

obstacle course, an event in the June 14 Nursery School Olympics at the Novi Civic Center. Two hundred athletes aged 1 to 4 competed, but no one went home crying because everybody got a ribbon and marched in the final red, white and blue parade. The games were sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association and McDonald's.

Photo by AL WARD

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4TH OF JULY EARLY DEADLINES

Thursday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m. — Deadline for HomeTown Connection, Monday Service Directory, Wednesday Service Directory, Shopper Service Directory, Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Shopping Guides for issues of Monday, July 1 & Wednesday/Thursday, July 3-4.

Friday, June 28 at 3:30 p.m. — Deadline for Monday Greensheet, South Lyon Shopper and Wednesday/Thursday Greensheet for issues of Monday, July 1 and Wednesday/Thursday, July 3-4.

- BUSINESS 1D
- CALENDAR 2A
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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novus News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, June 20

Setting limits

Setting appropriate limits for your adolescent will be the topic of a program at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Conference Room D. To preregister call 1-800-968-5595. The cost is \$15 per class.

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Optimist Club

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

Monday, June 24

TOPS

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

Bereavement Support Group

Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. For more information, call 348-1800.

Tuesday, June 25

Red Cross Blood Drive

Providence Hospital is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive between the hours of 7 a.m.-5 p.m. at Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. Call (810) 380-4173 to register.

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy

Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

LARA

The Lakes Area Residents Association meets at 7 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Novi.

Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.

F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information, call Beth at (810) 669-5836.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Lions Club

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

Wednesday, June 26

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Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Business Network International

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

Monday, July 1

City Council

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

Health tests

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

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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

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Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

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Olympic Spirit

Parkview Elementary students spent June 11 participating in their very own version of the Olympics. Teachers staged the event in order to spur enthusiasm for the games to be held this summer in Atlanta. At right, students carry the flame during the Opening Ceremony.



Photo by BOB FONKEY

Grant awarded to city for hiring more officers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

They seem to be multiplying. Novi Police recently learned they will get four more officers this year thanks to a federal grant initiative by President Bill Clinton.

The \$300,000 COVIS (Community Oriented Policing) grant funds a portion of salary and benefits for new officers during a three-year period. At the end of the three years, the communities assume the cost.

"In a community like Novi where there are growing increases in demand for service it helps the community offset the cost dramatically," said Shaeffer.

A city like Novi should take advantage of these grants, according to Ed Kriewall, Novi city manager.

"We vie for all federal monies we can capture," Kriewall explained. "It's available to us."

The grant was applied for one and a half years ago.

Kriewall pointed out that many cities may not be able to afford the salaries after the three years of federal money is disbursed. Novi had the advantage because it ran.

Shaeffer said the cities competing for the grant had to demonstrate need. In this case Novi submitted the fact Novi is growing by roughly 2,000 people each year. In addition, the Twelve Oaks retail area is a regional attraction and

along with it goes higher crime rates and the need for more officers, said Shaeffer.

The FBI national average ratio for cops per 1,000 people is 1.6. Novi is at 1.18 currently if population estimates are correct, said Shaeffer.

Shaeffer said Novi also hired two additional officers last year under the first wave of grants. The city hasn't had to hire additional officers with city money for the last five years, Shaeffer proudly stated.

The department will go back through the list created to fill five positions left open by retirements and shifts in the department this winter and start from there. Then they will re-evaluate.

There are 33 patrol officers now who get paid an average of approximately \$4,000. In addition, the department includes eight detectives, seven sergeants, two lieutenants, seven clerks, an office manager and 12 dispatchers, a deputy chief and chief of police.

Novi is one of four communities in the state to receive the four or more additional cops. Detroit received enough funding for 40 new officers. The grant is part of a program created by Clinton.

"I think this brings the nation up to about 40,000 of the 100,000 the nation has pledged to provide," said Shaeffer.

Same candidates running in special

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

No surprises after the June 14 filing deadline for the 38th District special primary election to fill Willis Bullard's Michigan House of Representatives seat.

The same four candidates who earlier signed up for the general election are in the running for the special one, meaning voters in the

August 6 special and general primary can register two votes for their favorite.

In the race are Democrat Gary Johnson of Milford, who is unopposed in the primary, and three Republicans: Northville resident Chris Bachelder, Novi resident Craig DeRoche and Novi City Council Member Nancy Cassis.

After Aug. 6, Johnson and one

Republican will then contend for the office.

Bullard was elected to the state senate to replace David Honigman. His house term doesn't expire until Jan. 1, 1997. Gov. John Engler has scheduled a special

election on Nov. 5 to fill the rest of Bullard's four of duty, the remainder of November and December.

Meanwhile, voters will select in the Nov. 5 general election the new state representative who will be on the job from 1997-99.

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Kissing couple caught in the moment

A passionate pair of teens were more than a little surprised when an officer tapped on their window the night of June 5.

Police said they were advised of a suspicious vehicle on Samuel Linden Court and an officer was dispatched to check it out. As he drove by the maroon Ford, the male passenger ducked down in the seat.

The officer approached the car and noted the couple was sitting and kissing in the truck. Both subjects were fully clothed, police said.

The 16-year-old female's mother was called but there was no answer. The teens were released. According to police, the mother was notified on June 10 and thanked officers for calling.

SCHOOL DAMAGED
Assistant principal of Novi High School Tom Evans called police June 13 to report a broken window and other damage to the high school building overnight.

Police said unknown suspects threw small rocks at the main office windows, breaking only the first of three panes of glass. Officers noted a number of eggs were also thrown at various parts of the structure.

PIPE POSSESSION
Novi officers on plain clothes duty June 14 were watching the parking lot of the 7-11 store on Meadowbrook when they noticed a 1989 Pontiac Bonneville driving erratically through the lot then pulling out on to the road. The two officers called for a patrol car for assistance in a traffic stop.

After following the Bonneville through a subdivision in the unmarked car, an officer finally pulled the car over and questioned the sole occupant of the car. Police said a straight paper clip, commonly used to load and clean marijuana pipes, was visible on the front seat. Officers asked for identification and if the man had any other narcotics. He produced a marijuana pipe. They also found a baggie of marijuana.

Police said they administered a

Police News

SOBRIETY TEST
A female officer called the number and a male answered on the phone saying he was "Mike." He asked the officer who she was and said he didn't know her. Then he hung up. A male officer called back and the man hung up again. Police continue to investigate.

MISSING CHECKS
A Galloway resident couldn't figure out why it was taking the checks she had ordered from the bank so long to arrive in the mail. The fact was, someone else had them and was cashing checks in her name.

SNATCHED
A Pierre Drive man told police he left his wallet on the table next to an unlocked screen door June 7, only to use it a couple hours later and find it missing.

POINTING THE FINGER
A school bus driver in Novi called police June 6 over concerns about a white male who had been "joking around" with kids at a Waterview Farms bus stop.

DISBURSING NOTE
A Burton woman was surprised with a sick photo and note on her car windshield upon returning to the vehicle after work, June 1. Someone left an envelope at her Novi company with a note that said "I love you - Free phone sex" and a number with dates and time to call, according to reports.

POTENTIAL FIGHT
Three cars filled with teens arrived at the Glamorgan residence of a Novi family ready to fight their 16-year-old daughter over a boy. Police said the cars pulled up and stayed for several minutes until neighbors came out of their

houses to see what the commotion was about. Then they left.

NOT NEIGHBORLY
A Center Street man has been threatening to harm other residents' children and pets, according to police.

High cost of litigation
For the first time since 1991, Novi's city attorneys will get a ten percent increase in retainer and hourly fees. As recommended by the Novi City Council's Consultant Review Committee, the retainer will rise from \$7,500 per month to \$8,250.

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Charges dropped when 5-year-old recants
The criminal sexual conduct case against a 41-year-old Novi man accused of sexually molesting his 5-year-old daughter was dismissed from 52-1 District Court May 28.

Novi Briefs

Not lost in the cracks

Behind the scene work continues to find a location for city-sponsored senior citizen housing, Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said Monday. The Novi City Council has discussed an inventory of possible sites in executive, or closed sessions, and has narrowed the list down to two, he explained.

"The process is moving, so any one who thinks we're not seriously attacking the issue of senior housing, that is not the case," Kriewall added.

Many local seniors have expressed a concern that they may not be able to afford living in their hometown without a subsidized-rent development.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending June 16. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JUNE 10
Medical, 539 Eckschtay, 6:53 a.m., Squad 4.
Car fire, Grand River and Haggerty, 12:14 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 23253 W. Leebost, 6:01 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 317 Duane, 8:05 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
Medical, West Oaks, 1:12 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41108 Vincent Court, 2:49 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 5 p.m., Squad 4.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
Injury accident, 196 eastbound and Beck Road, 6:31 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Novi and Ten Mile Road, 12:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Electrical fire, 22877 Cranbrook, 12:21 p.m., Engine 3.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
Medical, 21614 Kilrush, 7:30 a.m., Squad 3.
Trash fire, Bramblewood, 10:52 a.m., Engine 4.
Service, 47190 Eleven Mile Road, 10:52 a.m., Engine 4.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:26 a.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:37 a.m., Engine 1.
House fire, 41872 Ridge Road, 2:23 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 42850 Ten Mile Road, 3:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39608 Blakeston, 10:31 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Medical, 43000 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 12:24 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 48443 Nine Mile Road, 2:51 a.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, 1-96 eastbound and Novi Road, 8:13 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45144 Ten Mile Road, 10:46 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23631 N. Rockledge, 1:11 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43800 Gen Mar Drive, 2:25 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, Ten Mile and Wixom Road, 3:40 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Citation Drive and Saddle Creek, 7:26 p.m., Squad 3.
Transformer fire, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 10:22 p.m., Engine 4.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 12:39 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 40750 Grand River, 8:36 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 29776 English Way, 10:25 p.m., Squad 2.

Charges dropped when 5-year-old recants

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The criminal sexual conduct case against a 41-year-old Novi man accused of sexually molesting his 5-year-old daughter was dismissed from 52-1 District Court May 28.

According to police, the girl recanted previous testimony given during counseling sessions. While on the witness stand during the preliminary exam in Judge Harold Bulgarelli's courtroom, the girl stated the incidents never took place, according to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.

"She just said she lied," explained Det. Dennis Jelly. "She didn't say anybody told her to."

Bulgarelli refused to comment on any of the court proceedings. The girl had told relatives last fall about the alleged molestation which led to interviews with social workers and police.

She told them her father played games with her while both were in the jacuzzi together. She also said the man molested her at night.

Police arrested the man in May after also interviewing his family members, his girlfriend and the girlfriend's daughter. At the time, they denied the allegations and said the little girl might be making it all up.

The couple is going through a "nasty" divorce, according to police.

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Adelines to give concert at OCC

The Oakland Shores Sweet Adelines will present a free concert of women's barbershop music at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus Tuesday, July 9. The performance kicks off the 1996 edition of "A Little Night Music," the campus' popular summer entertainment series. "A Little Night Music" features free performances by a variety of musical groups, Tuesday evenings through Aug. 13. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the new pavilion located on the campus' front lawn. In the event of rain, performances will move indoors to the Student Center arena.

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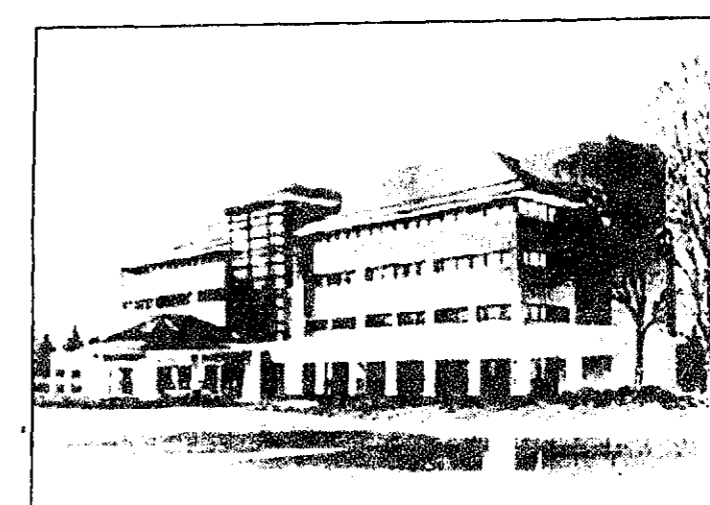
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Novi teacher realizes dream of Japan trip

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

When she was a little girl, traveling to Japan was just a dream for Bridget Dean.

Now it's old hat. The Novi Meadows foreign language teacher is about to take her fifth trip to Japan as part of an educational exchange called the 1996 International Educators To Japan Program.

"I hope when I come back I'll have a little better idea what the Japanese students are coming from and what they're going back to," said Dean.

The program is sponsored by the Japan Business Society of Detroit and a Japanese governmental chamber of commerce. All expenses are included.

Dean and about 40 other teachers from around the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom will leave June 24 and spend 16 days in various cities in Japan. They will tour various schools, give speeches, attend lectures, visit museums and stay with host families.

Since the students are still in school until the end of July, when they will take a month off before starting back up again, the teachers will have a chance to see how the Japanese educational system works and bring that information back to their own districts.

According to Dean, while Americans have been trying to get back to the basics and compete with the Japanese system, the Japanese have been trying to be more creative with education. They are moving away from year-round schooling, have recently switched to holding Saturday classes twice a month and are experimenting with cooperative learning.

She said the Japanese are trying to become more global and experience other cultures.

"The government saw that as a need that their children grow up with a global perspective because they are so isolated and homogeneous a group," Dean explained.

Dean, whose been with the district for ten years, went back to school to learn Japanese once she realized how important a broad base of languages was becoming in the world. She took private lessons then attended Madonna University to get certified in Japanese in 1995.

Dean has been with the Novi Community School District on its two journeys to Owami, Novi's sister city in Japan.

She said Japanese is one of the most difficult languages to learn. It is a visual language and the writing is very different. But it's been worth it to be able to communicate with new students in the district who haven't had a chance to learn English well before coming overseas.

Being able to interact with the Japanese community has really helped her with the language and culture, too," said the woman who addresses languages.

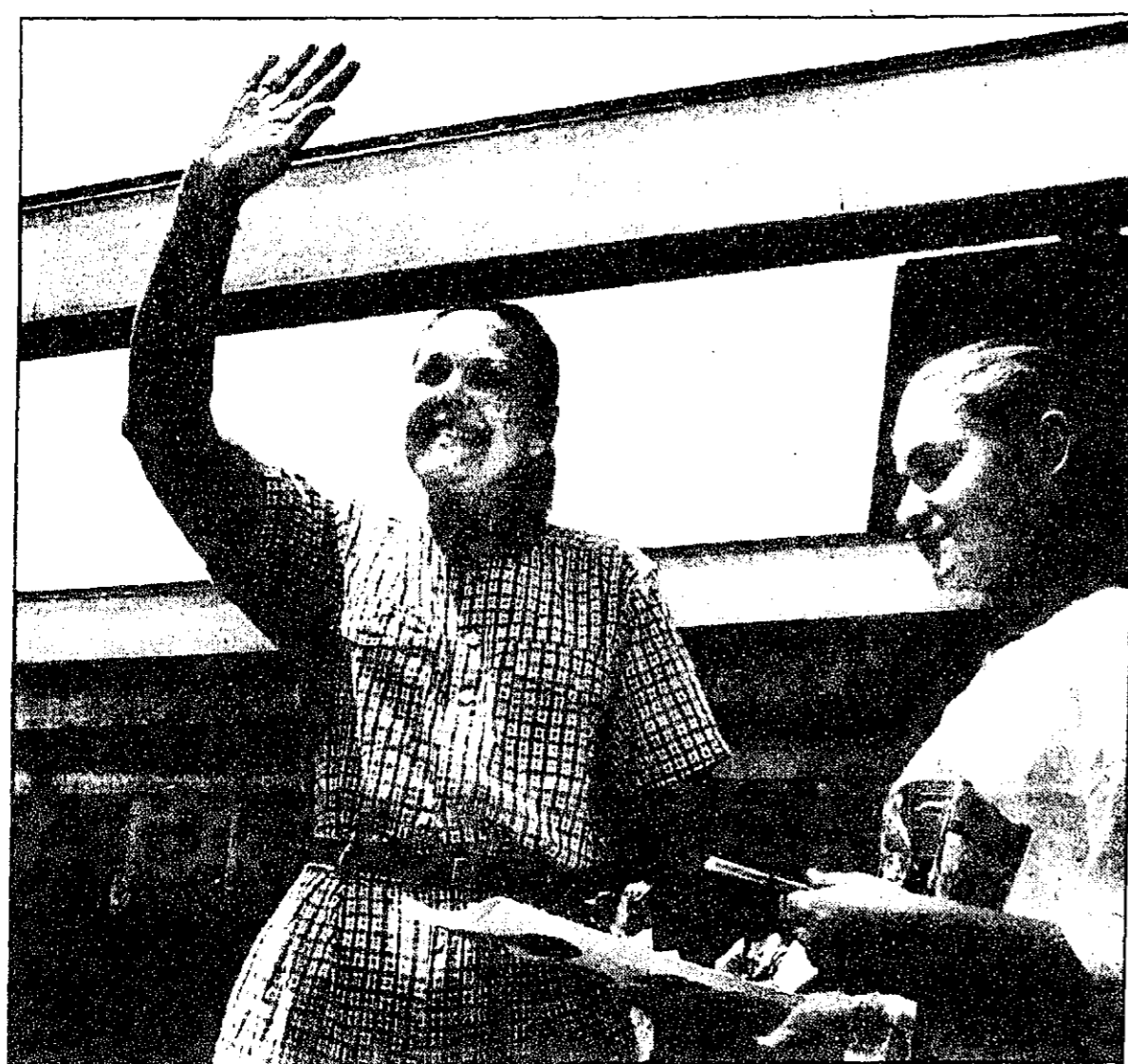
Novi Meadows students take three weeks of Japanese in fifth grade and six weeks in sixth grade. Dean explained both countries have a lot to learn from each other. The Japanese community here donates decorations, dolls and other ethnic items to her class and they are just as eager to learn from her about American customs.

A lot of parents volunteer in the classrooms because it's something they can't do back home," Dean explained.

She said the Japan Business Society helps her and other teachers out by preparing information and materials for the new Japanese students. It helps them to acclimate to the American school system better.

"They have a very close network," said Dean. "When the children of their employees come to our schools they try to be actively involved."

Dean said she's very grateful for the chance to see Japan from a teacher's perspective. "This will be the highlight of my life ... I'm grateful for myself and for my students," Dean said.



Novi Meadows school teacher Bridget Dean will spend three weeks in Japan this summer.

Sharing plan will enable Munn landfill drain repair

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A Meadowbrook Road embankment at the old Munn landfill site is ready to fall, but the City of Novi and the landowners have agreed to split the cost of repairs.

The cost of closing a ditch at the 1930s-era dump site and shoring up the embankment will cost an estimated \$34,000. Monday, the City Council agreed to shoulder its share of the costs.

Novi and the Southfield-based Holtzman & Silverman Realty Company, which owns much of the former landfill site on the west side of Meadowbrook Road, were under court order several years ago to plug a pipe leading from the landfill to the roadside culvert. The city owns the right-of-way adjacent to property, which is south of Cherry Hill Road.

The ditch closure and the rest of the work is expected to be completed after year's end. Water tests taken in the summer of 1995 from monitoring wells, a man hole and a pond near the old landfill site showed iron levels somewhat elevated over that deemed suitable for "aesthetic drinking water value." Most residents are on city water.

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City may seek bond millage for police, fire

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A warrant may be sought from Novi voters in November for a \$4.725 million bond issue to upgrade the police and fire department buildings.

With Aug. 27 as the last day the city can submit language to Oakland County for printing on the ballot, the police and fire bond issue was the second tax proposal to come before the Novi City Council on Monday.

"It seemed to be a general consensus that capital needs are a priority business," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

No decision was made, but on July 15, Fire Chief Art Lenaglan, Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer and the Police and Fire Protection Needs Committee are scheduled to make their case before the council.

Included in the proposal is a new \$2.23 million Fire Station Number Four complete with a training facility, which would eliminate the need for an earlier-planned Fire Station Number Five. The Novi Police Department budget needs major work, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

Recount of census continues; Avagian remains under review

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A recounting of three districts for Novi's mid-decade census was completed over the weekend. City Manager Ed Kriewall said Monday.

Meanwhile, Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) President Harry Avagian is still under investigation by the Novi Police Department based on alleged discrepancies in census counts he turned in while working as an enumerator.

Rechecking remained underway in other sections of the city, but Chief Enumerator Pat Loder expected to wind up the loose ends in the next two to three days. Kriewall added, and could file a completed report with the State of Michigan by the end of this week.

The deadline was June 1 but the state extended this after questions were raised about the count in Novi in late May.

The purpose of the city-financed mid-decade census is to capture state shared revenues, which are distributed based on population. With its ongoing new housing boom, Novi is expected to show a substantial increase in residents since the 1990 federal census.

That's why city officials said they were concerned about any possible discrepancy in the head count - with an incorrect census, the state could withhold from Novi \$2 million per year in additional revenues until the federal census is taken in the year 2000.

On June 7, a recount began in districts assigned to Avagian, portions of Chateau Estates mobile home community, the west side of the city and the Saddle Creek Apartments on Novi Road.

Avagian has said that he worked diligently in all weather in taking the head count in his districts and that any mistakes were strictly accidental, not intentional. The enumerators are paid 50 cents per individual counted.

While police, warrant in hand, searched Avagian's home on June 5, he has yet to be charged with anything, police said last week that if evidence is found that he knowingly submitted incorrect data, Avagian could be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony.



Perennial paradise

Novi Beautification Commissioner Barbara Greenberg (left), who is a master gardener, helps Donna Thibodeau select a plant Saturday, June 15, at the commission's first annual Perennial Swap. Residents brought their plants from home to trade for other goodies, such as sundrops, ferns, violets and lady lilies at the Novi Civic Center.

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Recount puts Ritter back on board

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Sandra Ritter is back on the Oakland Community College board after a recount of Royal Oak ballots showed she won the June 10 election.

Double-counting of absentee ballots in Royal Oak gave unofficial victory on election night to the challenger slate of Jeanne Towar and John Waugler. The new results, released Tuesday morning after a canvass by the election commission, showed:

- Towar still first with 10,034.
- Ritter second and elected with 9,649.
- Waugler third and losing with 9,513, a margin of 130 votes.

Unofficial results had shown Royal Oak giving a 3,000 vote plurality to Towar and Waugler and putting them over the top.

"So I'm not out? This is the first I heard," said Waugler, a retired OCC faculty member, when contacted Tuesday noon at his Birmingham Farms home.

He planned to consult Southfield attorney George Mosher about his next move, if any. Mosher, a former trustee, helped put together the Towar-Waugler ticket.

Ritter, a Waterford middle school teacher and MEA member, said, "I'm excited."

Asked her agenda for the six years ahead, she said, "Same agenda as in the last 32 years — helping the students."

Would she run for board chair, a post she held for four years in the past? "I'm thinking about it just being a trustee," Ritter replied.

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- Both said the contracts smack of a sweetheart deal. If terminated for just cause — with "just cause" never defined, said Scott — the executive "shall have the right to submit his/her resignation, and in such event, the termination shall be treated and considered a voluntary resignation," with the executive collecting pay for the remainder of the three-year contract. The contracts run from July 1 of this year through June 30, 1999.

Library Briefs

Library closings

The library will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Normal hours will resume Friday, July 5.

Summer Reading Program

"Read Around the World," a multi-cultural reading celebration will begin June 24. A variety of exciting events will be offered including craft events, listening times, music shows, live theater presentations, puppets, and other entertaining programs. Flyers with complete dates and details will be available at the library. Registration will take place on opening day and throughout the six-week program and is open to all ages.

International Club

Middle school readers (5th grade and up) will be invited to participate in a reading event of their own called the International Club. There will be special projects and activities designed just for the older reader. An International Club bulletin will be available at the library with complete details. Registration also begins June 24 and will be open throughout the six-week program.

City asking 2 mills for road upgrades

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

When it comes to complaints from residents, what Novi elected officials may hear most are "war stories" of traffic-jammed roads.

In November, veterans of this form of suburban combat may be asked to help in the fight by approving a \$16.384 million road bond, with the ensuing tax levy hovering in the vicinity of 1.0 to 2 mills.

Development here and in South Lyon and Lyon Township to the west have caused the problem, City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

"We have to continue our road improvements. We are in the middle of our growth, our heyday," he said.

"We know we have some real trouble spots in this community, Ten Mile Road, Twelve Mile Road, Novi Road from Eight Mile to Grand River is getting rather scary."

But if there's a villain in the piece, it's the Oakland County Road Commission, according to the Novi City Council, which contends that more local tax money should be returned from the county to fix roads.

"I'd like to invite the Oakland County Road Commission to hold a session here and explain why we're not getting any more support for Novi Road and Grand River Avenue as major corridors and why we should go to our citizens and ask them to pay the lion's share for roads that are not ours," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

That session is expected to be sometime before Aug. 27, the last day the road bond question can be submitted to Oakland County for placement on the November ballot.

While the council has had the road proposal in hand since January, this was the first public discussion of the issue. Key concerns Monday were that no sidewalks are included in the project list, but the controversial widening of Ten Mile Road to five lanes is.

McLallen said the council, which recently heard from a contingent of Novi Middle School kids who want sidewalks, would be "remiss" if it did nothing.

"We've heard from the children the dire need for connections to move safely around the city," she said.

Novi can anticipate federal funds to improve Twelve Mile, Ten Mile and Novi roads, Kriewall said.

"I think if you have the road commission here, they have a standard approach to these kind of discussions. They're just brokers," Kriewall said.

Council Member Robert Schmid questioned why the emphasis is not on bringing Grand River Avenue up to par, rather than widening Ten Mile Road to five lanes, a proposal strongly opposed by residents in that area.

"Grand River's not experiencing the backup yet that Ten Mile is. It's functioning at a very low level, but it's doing the job," Kriewall said.

Upgrade Grand River and Ten Mile traffic will switch over to that east-west corridor, Council Member Nancy Cassis said. "I think the traffic will go where improvements are made. I have reservations about Ten Mile going to five lanes. I would like to see other opportunities explored."

Council Member Richard Clark agreed, pointing out that funneling traffic to Grand River would also help businesses there.

As in 1990, if this new road bond issue passes the voters' muster, the city would issue general obligation bonds with a 15 to 20 year payback date. Taxpayers would be assessed both the cost of the bonds and the interest rate.

Kriewall said the project could be done in two phases, with voter approval sought in November 1996 and November 1997 or 1998. In addition, Monday the city council mullied over a proposal to place a police and fire bond issue before voters in November.

Projects listed for road bond

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Most controversial of the proposals is the widening of Ten Mile Road to five lanes, not likely to be approved by voters in neighborhoods there.

Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki cautioned that the cost estimates are preliminary and that the list is not in order of priority.

In the hopper are:

- Taft Road Extension: This project was on the 1990 road bond issue but was not done because it appears it will cost far more than planned. The road would extend from Twelve Mile to West Road at a cost of \$5 million.

- Meadowbrook Road: Pave this dirt road between Twelve Mile and Thirteen Mile roads for \$1.75 million.
- Beck and Wixom/1-96 Interchanges: Interchange improvements at these two sites are now being planned by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Novi's share of the projects is put at \$1.5 million.

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• Novi Road/1/96 Mile Road intersection improvement: \$250,000 upgrade would include traffic signals and turning lanes.

- Assorted traffic signals: Potential installation of traffic signals at places where there are none, including Ten Mile Road at Wixom Road, Nine Mile Road at Beck Road, Nine Mile Road at Taft Road and Eleven Mile Road at Beck Road. At \$150,000 per intersection, this is a \$600,000 job.
- Pavement repairs to local streets: Locations are yet to be determined, but \$2.5 million is suggested as the cost of the work.
- Twelve Mile Road improvements: The betterment of this road between Dixon and Meadowbrook roads. Grant funding has already been given for the preliminary engineering, with the city anticipating further grants for the rest of the job. The local match, 20 percent of the cost, is \$3.75 million.

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Goodbye for the summer

School's out for summer. Novi Meadows teachers wave goodbye to students outside the school as the buses rolled away last Thursday. It's a sentimental time for students and teachers, but they can all look forward to a summer of recreational activities and get ready for the return to school in the fall.

Obituaries

EDWARD BRUCE

Edward Bruce died on June 10, 1996, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was 78. Mr. Bruce was born on May 21, 1918, in Dubois, Pa., to Paul and Stella (Lichter) Bogucki.

During the 1950s through the late 1970s, Mr. Bruce was a professional wrestler. He began wrestling in Detroit at the Knook Boy's Club before serving in the Navy during World War II. After the war he and another wrestler teamed up to become the "Russian Rattlers" at the Knook Boy's Club. They won the World's Tag Team Championship and appeared in ads for Chevrolet and Smirnoff Vodka. After the death of his partner, Mr. Bruce wrestled solo as "Team the Terrible." Following his retirement from wrestling, Mr. Bruce worked for the city of Detroit. After retiring from his employment for the city of Detroit, he moved to the Northville area where he worked part time at Novi High School.

Mr. Bruce is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; three sons, David of Northville, Gary of Daytona Beach, Fla., and James of South Lyon; three daughters, Lisa Roberts of Baton Rouge, La., Pamela Jewel of Turkeys Falls, Miss., and Penny Benton of Okaloosa, Fla.; sister, Wanda Jednak; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A mass was held on Thursday, June 13, at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Services were held on Saturday, June 14, at the Olsson Chapel/Tel C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Novi. Interment was at South Lyon Cemetery.

Monetary contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

JOHN CLIFFORD GIBBS

John Clifford Gibbs, age 93, of the Novi and Farmington Hills area, died June 17, 1996, at Novi Care Center. He was born Sept. 10, 1902, in Gore Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Gibbs was the personal business manager to the Henry Ford II family. He was employed at Ford Motor Co. for 14 years, and served the Ford family for 37 years in one capacity or another, a total of 51 years.

He is survived by sons, Arthur and James; daughter, Gail; brother, Lynn; sisters, Elsie Gibbs and Phyllis Bailey; one grandchild, and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Iola (Cardon), in 1994.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. at the Olsson Chapel/Tel C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment will be at South Lyon Cemetery.

Monetary contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Molly Krpichak, age 80, of Novi died May 29, 1996, at Grace Hospital in Detroit. She was born in

Lawmakers address chronic pain issue

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A group of suburban legislators has introduced a package of pain management bills aimed at cutting the market for Dr. Jack Revorkian's services.

"People not able to have their illnesses treated adequately or who are in chronic, intolerable pain may seek out people such as Dr. Revorkian out of desperation," said Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, referring to the retired West Bloomfield pathologist who has attended 28 suicides.

Rep. John Jantzen, R-Bloomfield Township, sees pain management as a key method of cutting the assisted-suicide market. The Legislature's law making assisted suicide a felony has expired. Presenters in two counties have been unable to persuade juries to convict Revorkian of anything under either statute or common law.

Jantzen chairs the House Health Policy Committee, which will work on the bills during the summer and hopes to have them ready in September.

Other bill sponsors are committee members Perry, Crissman, R-Rochester; Kirk, Prof. D'Ypolanti, and Michael Griffin, D-Jackson. The bills were unveiled at a June 5 news conference during the closing week of the regular legislative session.

Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler signed Laws House Bill 5490, a separate license measure for hospices. The measure exempts them from nursing home rules, such as types of care and limitation on visiting hours. Engler praised the bipartisan support for the new law.

"These are options," Law said of the package. "There are many experts in Michigan who can alleviate pain and make living more tolerable and less depressing."

Two experts endorsed the mea-

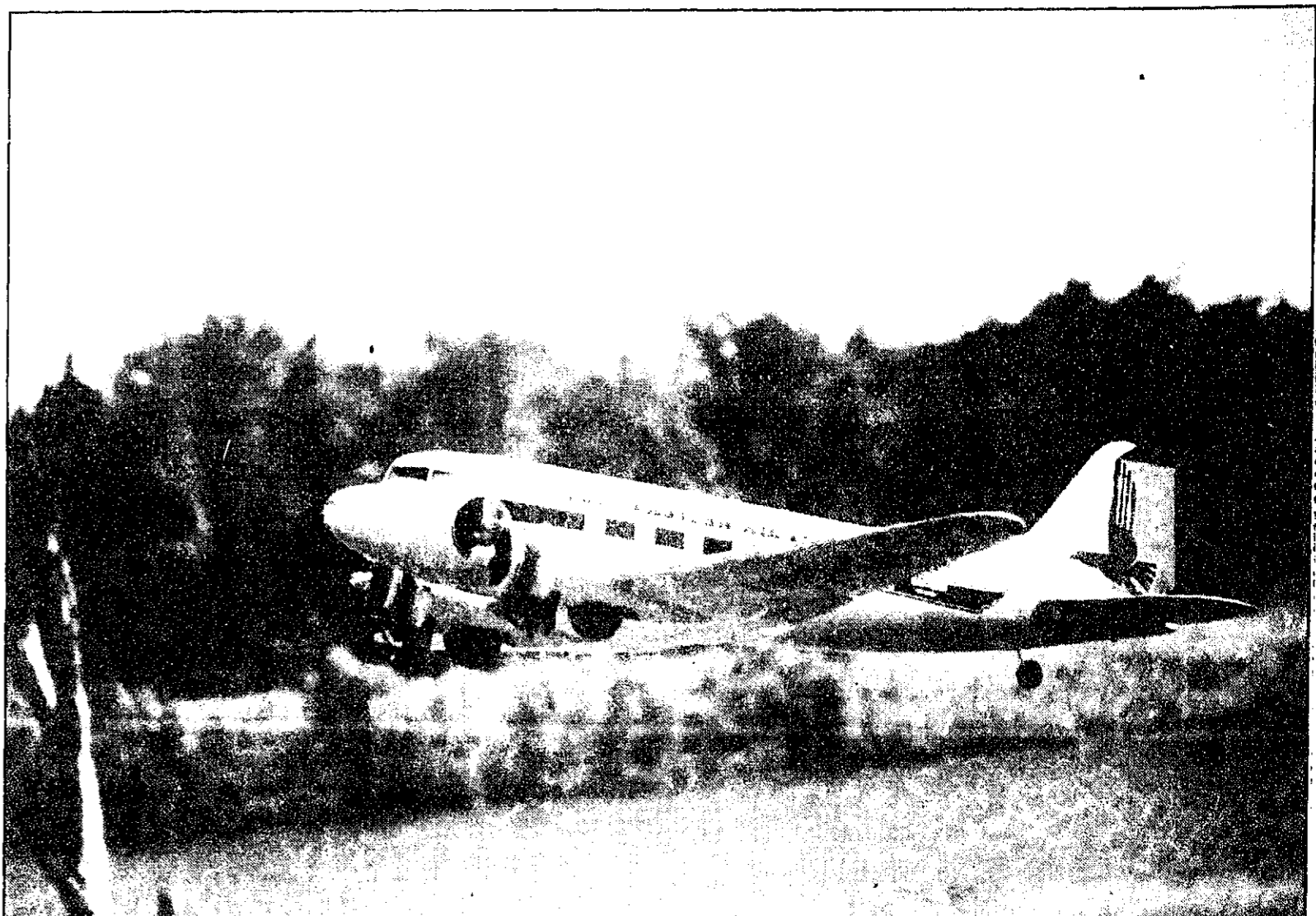


Photo by MATT JEROME

A model air show

Some of the model airplanes flown by The Ribcrackers are so realistic they could be mistaken for the real thing, such as the DC-3 shown above in an air show flight. The Ribcrackers will host their Annual Radio Control Air Show July 27-28 at the Lang Aerodrome, on Ten Mile west of Beck Road. There is a \$2 per person charge. Parking is \$1.

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A special thanks

Novi Meadows PTO President Nancy Hendricks serves up coffee to Novi School's bus drivers, June 10, at Denny's restaurant in Novi. PTO members held an appreciation breakfast for bus

drivers in the district. The employees rode a bus over the restaurant and were treated to an extra special morning meal provided by Denny's and the PTO.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Bids coming in for modular unit

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The bids are in. Four companies sent the Novi school district bids for a modular unit to house an expanded preschool program. But while the district was hoping to have the unit in place for the beginning of the school year, the bids indicate that time frame isn't plausible. "These, in all likelihood, would not be ready by Sept. 1," said Koster. That means the district is looking to find options to provide preschool to children for next school year. "We made a commitment to (Community Education Director) Clara Porter to find space for three classrooms next year," said Superintendent Emmett Lippe earlier this month. Lippe said the program will not interfere with existing programs already in place. The district would utilize two portables available at Parkview Elementary for the meantime or a could postpone the program until the new units are in. At least 150 students have currently enrolled in the preschool program for next year already, according to Porter. On May 30, the bids were opened and read, according to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business. The bids submitted were: • Satellite Shelters, Inc. of Northville - \$165,000. • The R.L. Taylor Corp. of Clark Lake, MI - \$191,000. • Space Master Builders of Indianapolis - \$218,000. • GE Capital Modular Space of Belleville - \$285,802. Koster said the district will spend the next weeks comparing the various bids. "It's a difficult bid to analyze," said Koster because he needs to compare apples to apples. The district created specifications but some of the bids have alterations. "We are in the process of toughening and refining them to see this district gets a top quality modular unit," he explained. The Novi Community School District is looking at purchasing a modular school building as part of a plan to expand the district's preschool program. The program has dwindled over the years despite increasing interest and a growing population, say district officials. This year the district served 151 participants. With the new space the district could serve 267. Officials are planning for the modular unit to be a contemporary design with four 36- by 24-square-foot rooms joined by a hallway. The modular classrooms would hold 18 to 20 kids per class. The building could be expected to last 20 to 30 years. Koster said they hope to locate the units on a site behind the gymnasium of Novi Meadows School. The location is good because of the proximity to the schools and utilities nearby as well as easy accessibility to the Meadows playground. The administration requested trustees give a nod of approval to the plan at the April 18 meeting.

Tornado confirmed by weather service

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"weak circulation in the thunderstorms." "It sounded like a weak, weak tornado touched down," said Gary Campbell, of the weather service. He said Oakland County Sheriff's Department confirmed the tornado with them.

Eyewitnesses say there was no warning. No sirens. No radio DJ or television anchor urging viewers to run for cover.

Linda Roberts, a consultant with Addington Homes, was in the upstairs bedroom of the model home she works in. She said she saw a flash of lightning and stood mesmerized as she watched the tornado travel past the house and down the street.

"I was just looking out the window at the sky and there it was," said Roberts.

"I just watched it. What are you going to do?"

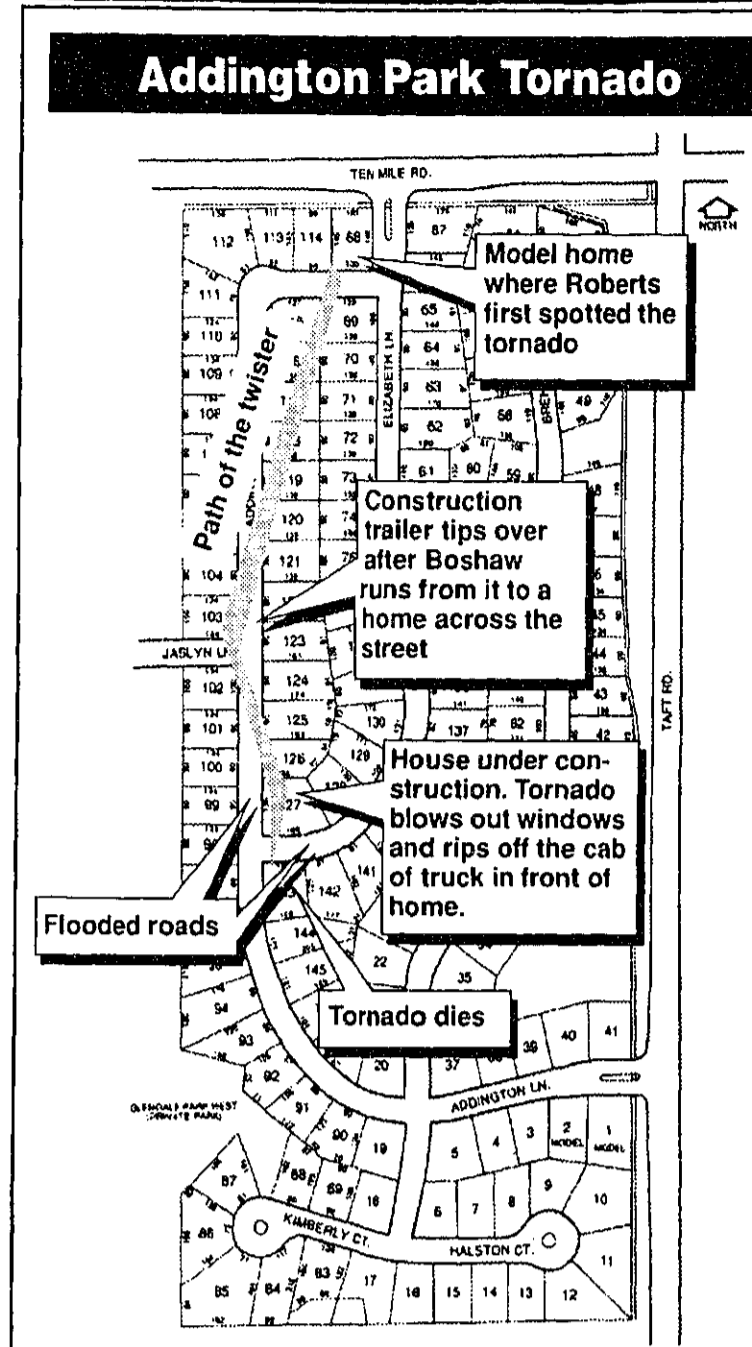
She saw the twister swoop down and speed down the street, still bare and awaiting home construction.

The funnel cloud reached the end of the street where houses were under construction.

The tornado first hit Boshaw's trailer, lifted it off the ground and sent it crashing into Boshaw's pick-up truck, crushing the front of the Sonoma.

Then the funnel cloud went down the street to a house under construction blowing out windows and scattering debris, then took a cab off a truck.

"It took probably three or four minutes from the time I got out of the trailer, ran and then turned



around and watched it," said Boshaw. Boshaw came running into the house to tell Linda what happened and they called 9-1-1. The fire department arrived shortly thereafter, then the police. Fire crews worked for about an

City sponsors series of events for Walk Michigan campaign

Join Novi Parks and Recreation in taking a giant "step" into health and fitness by participating in "Walk Michigan" events. Not only will participants improve their health, but they can enjoy the Novi parks and community and have a chance to win a trip to Mackinac Island.

Each Tuesday through July 30 there will be lunch break walks at noon at the Novi Civic Center.

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Kick-off Novi's concert season on June 20 with Novi's Steppin' to the Beat concert and walk. Meet at the Civic Center at 6 p.m., walk a choice of one to three miles, then enjoy the music of a Sounds of Summer concert at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite picnic, blanket and lawn chair.

"Stroll in the Park" Wednesday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Civic Center with buggies and strollers for this morning walk through the area. After the walk, refreshments will be served and prizes awarded. (Strollers not required.)

As part of every "Walk Michigan" event, participants can enter their

name to win a trip to Mackinac Island as part of the Labor Day weekend walk with the governor over the Mackinac bridge. The Grand Prize Walk will take place Thursday, Aug. 1 leaving from the Novi Civic Center at 6 p.m.

The half-mile Grand Prize Day walk will take participants through Power Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. The drawing will take place immediately afterwards on the north lawn of the Civic Center and will be followed by a Novi Sounds of Summer concert at 7 p.m. This event is open to all ages and is free of charge.

Driver charged for crash

Continued from 1 At that point, the vehicle crashed into an Edison pole, flipped several times, slid on the roof, hit another pole, and then finally came to a stop near a K mart store, Wiggins said.

Clemens, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, was pronounced dead at Boisford

General Hospital. He was wearing a seatbelt and was one of three people trapped in the vehicle when emergency personnel arrived on the scene.

Walker and another passenger were also hospitalized for injuries, and the two remaining passengers were able to walk away from the accident unhurt.

Farmington police were able to obtain a search warrant for a blood sample from Walker. That sample was shipped to the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory for analysis, which found Walker to have a blood alcohol content of 0.24 percent - twice the state's legal limit.

Group cuts trash bill for homeowners

Continued from 1 trash disposal include Turtle Creek and Simmons Orchard, as well as householders along Garfield and Nine Mile roads. In total, Jirasek said the group has added 400 to 500 customers over the past two years, with approximately 3,000 customers.

The City of Novi doesn't offer trash collection. That's why the coalition got rolling in 1994, to take advantage of economy of scale as homeowners groups united.

The Laidlaw contract allows multi-unit condominium and apartment complexes to join in for \$4.25 a month, per unit.

But Jirasek said the apartment owners haven't been too receptive to the concept.

"We have to deal with management companies. They don't know

me from Adam. They don't want to sign on for a waste company with a household with four kids. They think it's loony," she said.

The City of Northville didn't. It has adopted the coalition's contract language for its own use, practically word for word, Jirasek said.

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What should adult ed focus on?

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Where should the focus of Adult Education be? Toward job training and employability skills? Or perhaps continued emphasis on high school completion?

Educators and legislators are debating the fate of what's typically been a program for young adults who desire to return to school part-time and receive a high school diploma.

But they aren't the only ones talking. Recent Adult Education graduate Ron Adamson of Novi said there's no doubt in his mind that the diploma is what the students need.

"Job training doesn't give you a diploma. A diploma is the first step toward getting anything," Adamson explained.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

Director Connie Mallett disagrees. "I understand that sometimes young people screw up and want to come back and finish an education and that's a tough call. I'm in agreement if someone realizes they want to go back and get a diploma. I support that. But how many times do you give somebody an opportunity to do that and how much of my taxes support that," she questioned. "I'm not sure the taxpayers should support public education long after the K-12 system is over."

She said that society needs to put more pressure for students to finish in the first place. She said "an education is important but young adults get into the world of work they need employable skills, most of all. If a good school to work process is put into place then employers will have to rethink the emphasis on obtaining a diploma as a requirement for the

job. "This could come out positive all around," she said. Mallett said although the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has backed the budget cuts and emphasis on job training the Novi Chamber hasn't had any discussion on the issue yet.

But because of the extensive research completed by the state chamber she said generally the Novi Chamber is "in tandem" with the state chamber.

State Senator Willis Bullard said for Novi Schools is upset about the direction the program is heading. "What jobs are we going to train them for?" he questioned. "What skills are we going to give someone who can't read, write and reason?"

"Employers want well-rounded people who can think and reason rather than well trained because they can do the training them-

selves," said Wolynski. "They're talking about training for blue collar jobs that may not exist in five years," he explained. "Do we want a society of workers who have no idea of American Government?" he asked.

He said the academics is what adult ed students are after. "In my experience the people I meet have a really low self-esteem because they didn't complete high school," said Wolynski. "They are very self-conscious about it."

State Senator Willis Bullard said he support the concept of adult education but has some reservations. "I support adult ed but I think the question is, to what extent do I support it," said Bullard. "We are spending more on adult ed than any other state in the country."

He said he recalls the national average for adult ed programming to be around \$25 million.

Due to the funding cuts, the district budgeted to decrease its spending by only 46 percent, though. That leaves a \$130,000 gap. The discrepancy will be made up in part by an increase in tuition for English as a Second Language classes, said Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of finance.

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A LOOK AT THE FACTS

- Approximately 14,000 people graduate each year through Michigan Adult Education Programs.
- Twenty-three percent of people entering adult ed programs in Michigan are not employed.
- Forty percent have skills below the eighth grade level. Of these, 70 percent function below the fourth grade level upon entry into the program.
- Today, 80 percent of the jobs in the United States require more than a high school education.
- In Michigan, 23 percent of the population over the age of 25 do not have high school diplomas.
- Minorities made up 48 percent of the population served in adult education in 1993 and 1994.
- Sixty-two percent of children whose parents do not have a high school diploma will live their lives in poverty. This figure falls to 19 percent if just one parent receives a high school diploma and to almost four percent if both parents graduate.

(Source: Novi Adult Education)

Precautions you can take

Just because it's almost summer doesn't mean tornado season is over.

Although the conditions which create funnel clouds occur mostly in the spring, a strong risk of tornadoes continues well into summer, says the National Weather Service.

Tornadoes develop from severe thunderstorms and are more likely to occur when there is unseasonably warm and humid air at the earth's surface and cold dry air aloft, and strong upper-level jet stream winds.

The weather service and the members of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness

urge Michigan residents to be aware of severe weather and the necessary precautions that go along with tornadoes.

A tornado watch means to stay alert because severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. Residents should gather a first aid kit, flashlight and portable radio, monitor local television and radio and keep an eye on the sky. Use telephones only in an emergency, unplug appliances.

A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted. Go immediately to the basement and take cover under something sturdy. If there is no basement, a bathroom or closet in the lowest, centermost

part of a building works best. At work or school move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. If caught in a car or in the open when a tornado threatens, seek shelter in a ditch, ravine or other place below ground level and stay as low as possible.

After a tornado, residents should inspect their homes and property for damage, gas leaks or downed power lines.

City reviews rates for Detroit water

Continued from 1 Jangling the rates assessed the city. Novi is at the end of the line of the water system.

The city has 9,107 customers on city water, with each customer paying a minimum charge based on meter size and a per 1,000-gallon charge for each increment above the minimum.

"Once the information is compiled, it's a pretty straight calculation on what the rates should be," Finance Director Les Gibson said.

The Novi water department collects two types of fees to finance the utility system. The first is a one-time only capital charge for

putting the pipe in the ground and all related work. Based on rapid growth, the city water fund has accumulated a reserve of \$15 million in this category. Fees for the installation services will therefore not be hiked, Gibson said. The reserve will be used to pay off debts incurred in building and to finish the system.

The bill that comes to customers every three months only covers the costs of operating the water system. Novi doesn't include depreciation of equipment in this charge, or that would trigger a 30 percent rate increase, Gibson explained.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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Walled Lake man accused of molesting 15-year-old girl

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi police have arrested and arraigned a 41-year-old Walled Lake man on charges he allegedly molested the daughter of his long time girlfriend. The victim, a 15-year-old Novi girl, told police the man fondled her numerous times from 1992 to September of 1995. Bennett Wayne Sipes was arraigned Jan. 17 and charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree and one count of criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree. He was bound over to circuit court on Feb. 8 and a June 14 circuit court trial date was adjourned to allow for further investigation.

A year later, dealer is convicted

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

More than a year after his arrest on drug charges, Novi resident Martin Lee Eichenhorn was found guilty of possession with intent to deliver marijuana and guilty of simple possession of cocaine less than 50 grams. The year-long Circuit Court bench trial ended May 31 with the guilty verdicts. Eichenhorn was arraigned on April 4 of 1995 and charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana and possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

OCC moves ahead with improvements

If they fought over executives, Oakland Community College board members were unanimous for campus improvements. Trustees Monday gave 7-0 approval for \$2.4 million in work to be contracted out by the college's construction manager, George W. Auch Co. of Pontiac.

"Gung ho," said vice chair Judith Wiser, the only trustee to make a comment. Funds come from a 0.8 mill, seven-year property tax approved by voters in mid-1995.

The projects, by campus, and cost estimates rounded off:

• Auburn Hills - parking lots A, B and C, site improvements, \$830,000.

• Highland Lakes - re-roofing High Oaks Hall, \$496,000.

• Orchard Ridge - site improvements to parking lots, tennis courts and Oakland Drive, \$1 million; re-roofing of maintenance building N, \$36,000.

• Southfield - re-roofing of stair towers, \$23,000. In other business at the last meeting of the fiscal year, the board:

• Authorized a contract with Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills to re-train dislocated workers.

• Approved an agreement with Spec-learned, Inc., of West Bloomfield Township, to provide a facility for exercise science and technology

according to police. Although the boyfriend did not live with the family, he paid frequent visits to the home when the teen's mother was not home.

The couple broke up prior to the first complaint reported to police by the Department of Social Services on Oct. 10 1995. However, Sipes was at the home and allegedly molested the teen on Sept. 26.

In the most recent instance, the man allegedly approached her in her bedroom while she was cleaning and reached under her shirt to touch her breast. According to the report, he said he was "trying to teach you something."

Investigators spoke with the man, who denied the allegations and a group of the girl's friends told police the victim had told them about the problem.

that was set up to be a large grow room that police believe had once been used to cultivate marijuana plants.

NET officers reportedly confiscated 25 guns that were located inside the residence, including a loaded semi-automatic hand gun allegedly found near the front door.

Nearly \$1,000 in cash was also confiscated and held pending forfeiture proceedings.

Eichenhorn's sentencing on the guilty verdicts is set for July 25 in circuit court.

Approved, with some hesitation, rejoining the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments at dues of \$4,970 a year. Wiser, who said she wants to step down as OCC's SEMCOG delegate, found the seven-county planning agency "interesting" but "not wonderful for the college."

Administrators, however, said SEMCOG's RideShare program had helped 85 students. And trustee Janice Simmons revealed she had been a finalist for a SEMCOG-awarded Taubman Fellowship for a week at Harvard's school of government.

Capital capsules

Court reform is likely to be a major topic when the Michigan Legislature conducts a cleanup session Tuesday, July 2.

The House rejected, 0-183, Senate Republicans' amendments to the House-passed bill late at night on June 7. Basic purpose of both versions is to shift powers of probate courts to circuit courts. The Senate version set up a new family division of circuit court and provided for phasing out funding Detroit Recorder's Court.

That forces the bill into a joint House-Senate conference committee. As House conferees, Speaker Paul Hildebrand, R-Holland, appointed Reps. James Ryan, R-Redford, Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, and Ted Wallace, D-Detroit. Nye is chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Refer to House Bill 5188 conference report when writing to your legislator.

Fairfax cut
The new mental health appropriations bill is on its way to Gov. John Engler's desk after the House agreed 86-18 to a conference report pegging total spending at \$1.15 billion.

"I voted 'no' because the bill fails to appropriate funds to maintain Fairfax Center as an inpatient psychiatric facility for adolescents with serious emotional impairment," said Rep. Hubert Price, D-Pontiac. Price said it was an unfair blow to the Foundation for Mentally Ill Children, which "has contributed countless hours of volunteer service and over \$650,000 for an 80-bed addition to the Fairfax Center in 1993."

Also voting against the bill were Reps. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Senate approval came on a 35-1 vote with all area senators voting yes.

Among members of the joint House-Senate conference committee were Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, Reps. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak.

SPEED BILL OK'D

The House agreed to Senate amendments on the speed limit bill that knocked out failure to use seat belts as a primary offense. Police will be able to issue tickets for non-usage of seat belts only when they stop a driver for another, primary offense.

The House vote was 77-26. Voting no were area Reps. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, Susan Munsell, R-Howell, Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, and Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt.

Meanwhile, Sen. Doug Carl, R-Macomb County, chief Senate advocate of a 70 mph speed limit, announced the Michigan Department of Transportation's unofficial list of highways that will be used to test the a 70-mph speed limit from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31:

• I-94 between M-59 and Port Huron.

• I-69 between Flint and Port Huron.

• I-96 between Lansing and Grand Rapids.

• I-75 between Standish and Grayling.

• I-75 between Grayling and Mackinac City.

• I-75 between Mackinac City and Sault Ste. Marie in the Upper Peninsula.

"Based on engineering criteria and results from this study, MDOT will determine which stretches of freeway can be increased to 70 mph," Carl said.

CHARMED CAREER

Freshmen are rarely seen and

even more rarely able to get bills passed.

Not so with first-term James Ryan, R-Redford, whose 1994 victory in a previously Democratic district gave Republicans control of the House for the first time in decades.

Ryan, as noted above, will be on the conference committee deciding the shape of trial court reform in Michigan.

He was given sponsorship of the widely-publicized bill to ban "partial-birth" abortions, signed into law at the state level by Gov. John Engler shortly after President Clinton vetoed a federal bill on the same topic.

And Ryan got another pat on the back when Engler on June 12 signed the "no-from, no-file" income tax option bill. Engler had asked for the bill in his State of the State address, and House leaders picked Ryan to put on his name as sponsor of HB 5694.

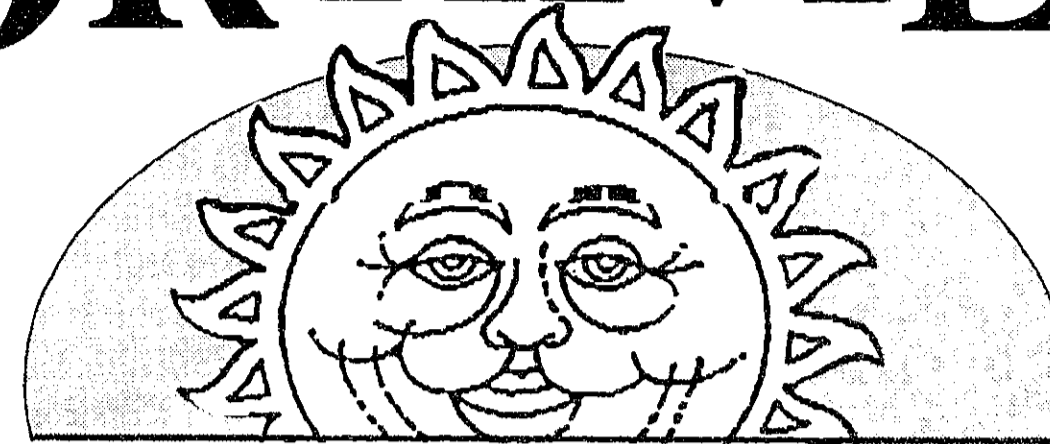
About one million state taxpayers would have the option of not filing a personal income tax form if their income is only from wages, with less than \$100 coming from interest (\$200 for those filing jointly).

Said state Treasurer Doug Roberts: "Valued residents of this state will no longer need to file a piece of paper just to let government know they exist."

"Let's face it," added Ryan, "a non-existent tax form is about as easy as it gets."

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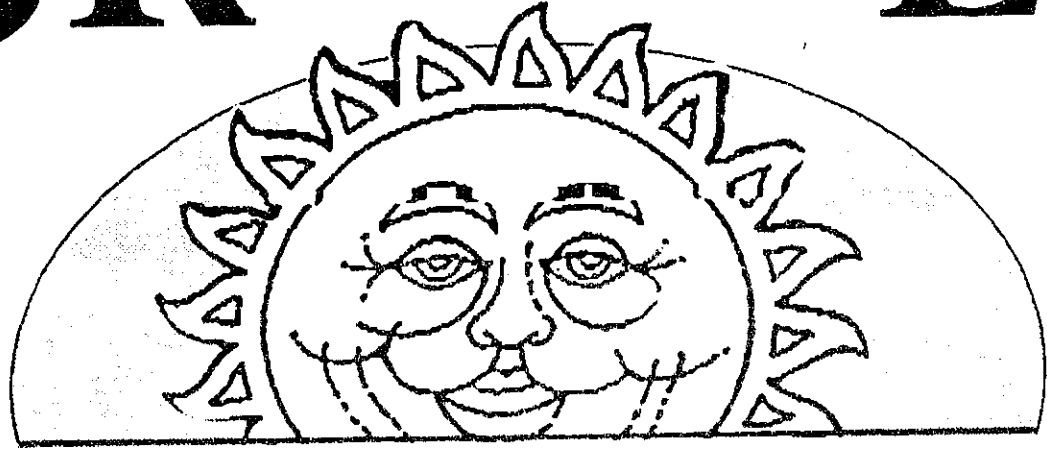
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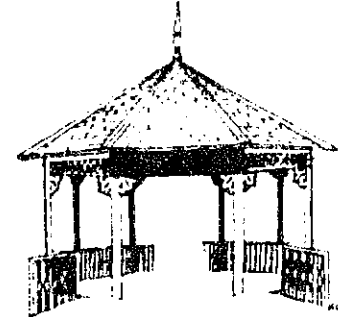
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Senate approves bill to reform trial courts

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Despite two defections, state Senate Republicans won a bare 19-18 victory on trial court reform and sent the bill back to the House for concurrence in amendments.

Big change: Detroit Recorder's Court isn't eliminated, but its state funding would be scaled down to zero over 10 years. Detroit and Wayne County could decide to fund it themselves or let the 139-year-old criminal court — the only one of its kind in Michigan — become part of Wayne Circuit Court.

"There were many reasons to vote no," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, who nevertheless voted yes on the June 6 roll call. "I got what I wanted — a change in the phase-out (originally at five years)."

But Geake said the race argument — that black Detroit candidates couldn't win in countywide races — "is absolutely not true." He cited William Lucas, who won races for sheriff and county executive; Teola Hunter, now county clerk; and six circuit judges, though some got on the bench by appointment.

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, who led the opposition, emphasized decades of racial problems in an Us versus Them defense of Recorder's Court.

"Recorder's Court means a lot to us. A system was used against us... We've earned Recorder's Court. We worked your farms. We built your factories with our sweat," he said.

Republicans hold a 21-16 edge in the Senate with one seat still vacant. Two outstate Republicans — John Schwarz of Battle Creek and Jon Ciskiy of Saginaw — voted no.

Area lawmakers stuck with their parties.

Voting yes were Republicans Michael Bouchard of Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, Geake of Northville, Loren Bennett of Canton and Mike Rogers of Brighton.

Opposed were Democrats Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township, George Z. Hart of Dearborn and Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem.

Thrust of the trial court reform movement — brewing for a decade — is simplifying the lines between

circuit and probate courts. The Senate GOP version, crafted by Judiciary Chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, strips 90 percent of the probate court's duties, takes circuit court's divorce area, and combines them into a new "family division" of circuit court.

The reform movement wanted to eliminate Recorder's Court and assign its criminal caseload to circuit court — the same as in the other 82 counties.

Big issues in Democrats' minds were 1) state support of Recorder's Court and 2) the overall funding formula.

On the Recorder's Court issue, Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, told of the behind-the-scenes maneuvering in his chamber.

"We (Republican majority) offered them a deal: Recorder's Court would become the Detroit Criminal Division of Wayne Circuit Court. Same judges. Same criminal cases. Everything the same but the name."

"Ted Wallace (D-Detroit) took them the offer. They rejected it out of hand. We need Detroit voters to put the circuit-probate consolida-

tion proposal on the ballot. We need a two-thirds vote to put it on the ballot (to amend the state constitution). But the Detroit sympathizers in the Democratic caucus would go with them (Detroiters)."

"Detroit is relying on the chief justice James Brickley, a Republican but a former Detroit councilman to protect Recorder's Court," Law said. Other Republicans agreed that Brickley stands between Recorder's Court and extinction.

VanRegenmorter said Recorder's Court could become part of Wayne Circuit Court if Detroit and Wayne

County agree. "There would be 64 judges. We (the state) would pay for it. Would we be picking on them? No, we'd be treating them exactly the same as every other circuit court," he said.

The two parties disagreed over the impact of VanRegenmorter's funding formula.

Democrats denounced the argument that the state was paying 100 percent of court costs for three Wayne County courts — Circuit, Recorder's and 36th District Court.

They argued that the state also was collecting \$35 million a year

in court fees and fines, and that the net cost far less than 100 percent. Instead of getting a free state ride, Wayne County courts were "precisely in the middle of the pack," said Sen. Christopher Duggell, D-Trenton.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, said the GOP formula created a disparity in district courts within Oakland County. The 48th District Court (Bloomfield) would get 40 percent more state funding than the 46th District (Southfield), even though each has three judges and comparable caseloads.

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As We See It

Focus will be on process rather than the issue

There are many good questions worthy of consideration by Novi and its residents in the proposal to bring a facility similar to the Sports Club of West Bloomfield to Novi. As proposed the Sports Club would be located on the old Meyer Berry Farm on Eight Mile Road just across from Maybury State Park.

Such questions might be:

- Should the city create a separate recreational zoning designed for the many facilities the city would like to build here. Like the community pool, the dek hockey rink, the ice arena, etc?
- Or should such facilities be relegated to the industrial zonings - I-1 and I-2 - as they are presently under Novi's present zoning codes?

• Can recreational facilities generate the kind of revenue needed to cover the kind of overhead that would be required by asking them to buy industrial land?

• If there is to be a recreational zoning, where should it be placed - near those industrial zones, or near the residential zones?

• Does this particular proposal meet what City Council, planners and city residents have in mind when they propose a recreational zone?

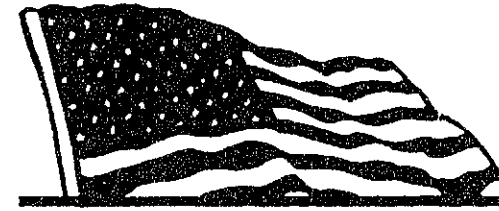
• Or is it just a fancy health club, with very expensive membership fees?

• Should the city be involved in public/private partnerships with businesses like this, businesses which can obviously make money on their own and have no need for public support of any kind?

• If public/private partnerships are appropriate, is this the one the city wants?

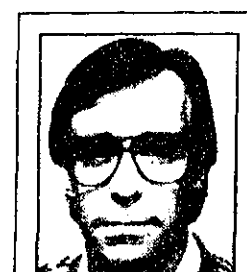
Regardless of the validity of all these questions, the most debated topic related to this issue so far has been ... process.

Once again the city administration wants to expedite the ordinance revision and the review of the proposal on the grounds that it does not want to miss an opportunity. The Meyer Berry Farm has been optioned by the Sports Club, and the administration has made it clear it doesn't want this issue delayed. The administration and council



Michael Malott

Unplug every now and then



Michael Malott

Sit down some night after everyone has gone to bed and listen to the silence. Turn off the TV and the stereo. Put down the books and the newspapers. Stay off the telephone and the computer. See if you can still hear silence.

You'll probably have to go around and turn off all those appliances that make so much white noise in the background of our lives - the air conditioner, the pool filter motor, the ceiling fan, the

bag zipper. Sometimes, when I shut everything down and get as close to silence as I can, I hear a ringing in my ears, not unlike the ringing you get after a rock concert, or too much time spent with the headphones on and the music turned up too loud.

The ringing I hear these days is more in my mind than in my ears. It's my brain's way of saying it has had enough. It's suffering overload from the daily onslaught of noise and information and is no longer able to tell the difference between the two ... often because there isn't much difference between them to start with.

There is a visual equivalent to information overload - I refer to it as "alphabet soup." I've experienced it occasionally after a particularly arduous production day putting out the newspaper. Words printed on a page lose their meaning. It is difficult to read a sentence and determine if it makes sense.

Think of it like the pilot who experiences vertigo, or the driver who suffers from road hypnosis. Too much input and the brain begins to shut down.

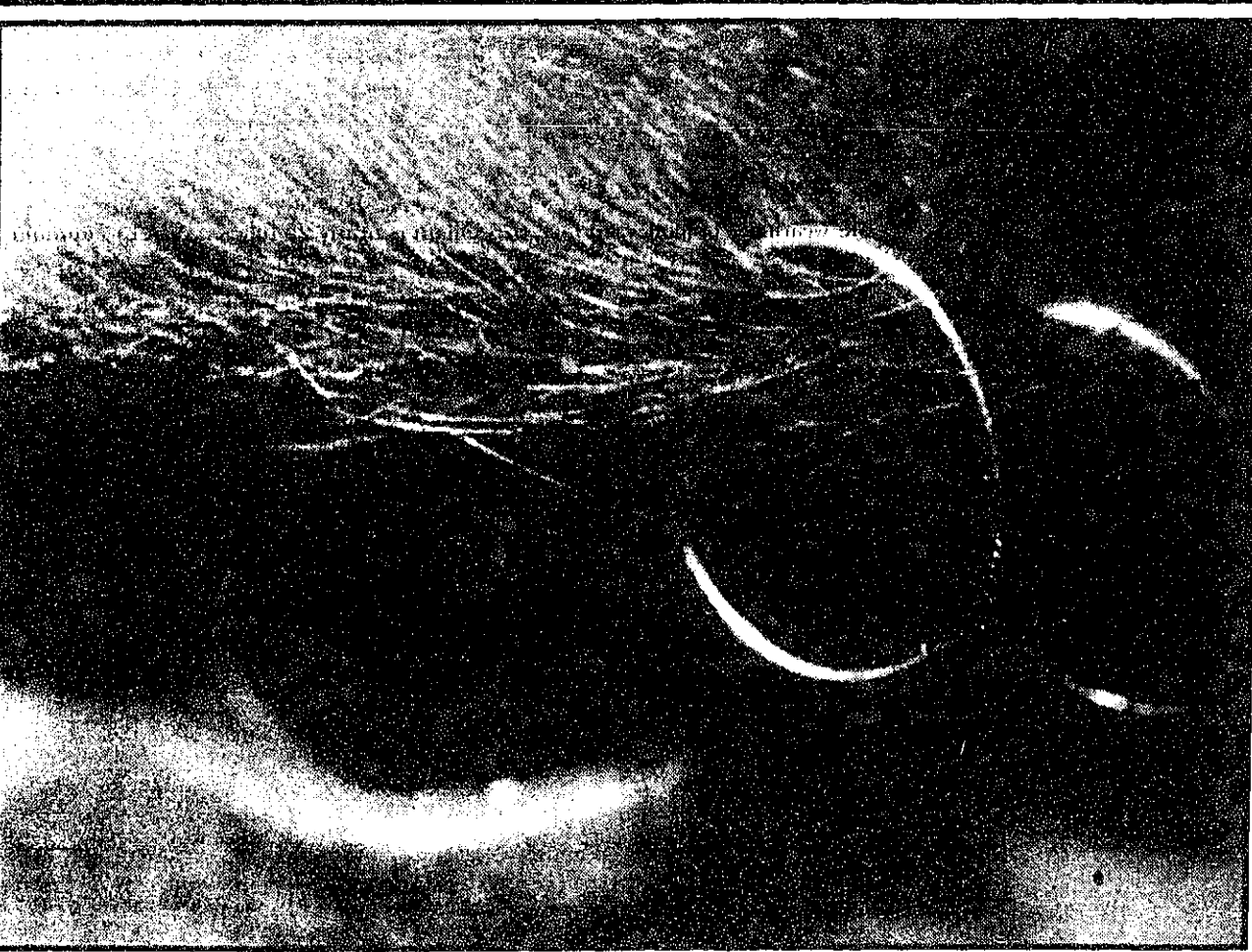
For some reason, when we humans hit the point of information overload, we tend to sleep ourselves in even more information, to try to "keep up" with what's going on around us. I think that's the wrong thing to do.

I think from time to time you have to unplug from the world around you and see if you can hear the silence.

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Eric Hilder shows off his eyebrow rings

Could learn from the kids



Bob Jackson

Sometimes we adults could learn a few things from kids! I got a few comments from some upset parents, who stopped me on the street last week, complaining that we hadn't included all of the honors awarded Northville High School seniors during the recent Honors Convocation.

I have to admit I'm a bit baffled by the comments because we had published a full page listing the students that received awards. The only portion that was missing was the list of national scholarships that were awarded to various students.

I guess our full page effort wasn't good enough for some parents, who thought that all of their kids awards should have been featured. Hmm, I wonder if any of those people decided to leave the honors convocation early to catch, let's say, a certain playoff hockey game?

Anyway, the most interesting part of the whole story is that the parents seemed more concerned about the awards than the students. Which brings me back to my opening statement, and a brief conversation I had with a Meads Mill Middle School student last week.

I was at the school to shoot a quick photo of some kids who fared well in a recent state industrial arts competition, and when I was through, one of the kids walked up to me and made one simple statement - "I didn't know what the big deal is. I didn't

expect (the newspaper) to take my photo for something I should be doing anyway." Brilliance. Pure brilliance.

This particular kid said in one sentence, what I've been trying to convey to people in this town the entire school year. This young man understood that his reward for all of his efforts was not only the ribbon he won at the competition, but the feeling of accomplishment in working hard and giving his best effort.

This young man also realized that life does not just hand you an award for participating, and that sometimes even your best effort gets overlooked. He was telling me, in a sense, that he didn't necessarily need the local newspaper to tell him he had done a good job.

That understanding showed me more maturity than those parents who wanted to climb all over me for not publishing each and every little award won by their sons and daughters at the honors convocation.

Don't get me wrong, recognition for an outstanding performance - whether it be in the classroom or in the community - is an important thing, but when it becomes all consuming that recognition begins to lose its luster. If we give out hundreds of awards for just participating, then the motivation to push ourselves, to achieve beyond our expectations, is weakened.

When that happens life itself becomes average, and that's something we shouldn't allow to occur - for our kids sake!

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

Negativity infests political process



Phil Power

The election season is approaching. Pretty soon the airwaves will be filled with sound bites and the TV screens with negative ads. Charge and counter-charge will be the order of the day.

Now, before all this overwhelms us, is a good time to pause and reflect on the state of our politics.

One way or another, I've been either covering or participating in American politics for 30 years. I have never seen such negative content and uncivil tone as today.

It isn't enough merely to disagree with your opponent on the substance of policy. It seems necessary these days to intentionally malign your opponent's character, question his morality and distort his record.

Much of this, I submit, has come from the general emotional power of political advertising on television and, in particular, on its most recent manifestation, the negative ad.

Survey research shows clearly that most people get most of their information about politics from television. Political professionals distinguish between news - "free media" in their nomenclature - and

"paid media."

Given adequate money, the pros by and large prefer paid media as the medium of choice by which to communicate with the electorate, if only because they thereby avoid having to deal with nosy and mostly unaccountable reporters. This is especially so when they decide to "go negative," a tactic that usually requires the unchallenging environment of TV time, bought and paid for.

Moreover, the pros have discovered that the easiest way to get around the legal limitations on campaign spending is to collaborate with so-called "independent" committees - wink, wink, nod, nod - that have "no links" to the campaign. Independence makes them immune from reporting and disclosure requirements, while the lack of linkage provides the candidate with useful deniability when an outrageous lapse of taste or honesty takes place.

In parcelling out blame for this downward spiral, the news media bear an important and largely overlooked share.

Most television stations, which charge premium rates for political ads, are reluctant to bite the hand that feeds them by subjecting these same ads to the fierce scrutiny of their newsmen before they are run. Some newspapers try to analyze the content and evaluate the distortions of TV advertising, but the stories usually run too late to immunize public understanding.

Given our tight local focus at this newspaper, we can't do much about presidential or senatorial elections. But we do cover - and have a clear responsibility to cover - with aggressive integrity - congressional and state legislative races, as well as various local contests. For the record, here's our policy with respect to political advertising:

• We will not accept political ads for our newspaper that we know are untrue. Where we are suspicious, we will check with our newsmen before running the ad.

• We will not accept for publication in the last edition before the election an ad that makes a new charge without contacting the opponent to offer an opportunity to rebut.

• We will review - for accuracy, taste and relevance - television ads run by candidates in our circulation area. In particular, we will assume that ads run by "independent" committees are controlled by the candidate unless offered compelling proof this is not so.

• Our endorsements will be based in part on whether candidates contribute to a rational discussion of the issues and a civil tone to the campaign.

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

Think about it, speed shatters lives



Terry Whitfield

There are many good traditions which come with the warmth and beauty of summer, and this summer will be no exception. As I search the memories of my own childhood I can remember taking long family car rides. My family always enjoyed being together on Sundays. It was one of the few days of the week that we all

seemed to be able to get together. In the mid-'60s, there were fewer cars on the road than there are today and the cars we drove were sophisticated. But we always enjoyed the ride. Add to it the blue skies and warm temperatures and an occasional stop at the A&W for a root beer ... and it was summer.

I can also remember when I was a kid that there was less important given the wearing of a seat belt. That sure has changed in 30 or so years. But you know I never really gave

much thought to my chances of being injured or even killed in a car crash. Today the reality is that your vehicle has a combination of different devices to protect you and your passengers in a crash. You know, seat belts, air bags - that sort of thing. But did you know that the benefits of occupant protection devices diminish as the speed of your car increases. In fact, depending on how fast you're driving, you could be just another statistic if you lost control of your vehicle or couldn't react fast enough to an unexpected danger. Actually anything can happen when you are exceeding the posted speed limits or driving too fast for road conditions. You see, crash severity increases proportionately based on the speed of your vehicle at impact. Because of this, the chances of being killed or seriously injured in a crash doubles for every 10 miles-per-hour you increase the speed of your car over 50 miles-per-hour. I said doubles. Think about it. "Speed shatters lives."

Speed-related crashes cost American society more than \$23 billion per year, and that's a lot of money. In fact, \$23 billion is nearly 25 times what major league baseball players would have earned in the '94 season if they hadn't gone out

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Mary Linda Calderone

Take a break from the ordinary and tune into *News Magazine*. The various steps of production of a local newspaper are detailed from Tom sitting at his desk typing a story, to sending it via telephone modem to the print shop and the final steps of what goes into completing the finished product we see at our doorstep.

Of course, *News Magazine* was there to cover the Farmington Arts Commission's 20th anniversary celebration. What a wonderful opportunity for viewers to see the local talent we have here in our own backyard.

News Magazine is produced by Frank Benesh. Frank comes to us with much knowledge in the communications biz. He has spent more than 20 years in broadcast television news. His career path led him to working as news director for WXYZ for a period as well as the manager of engineering and operations of the Ford video communications network. His responsibilities at Ford included managing all of Ford's video communications in Europe and coordinating a one-of-a-kind interactive video training program for more than 5,000 Lincoln-Mercury dealers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

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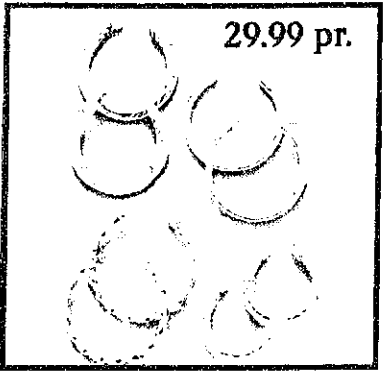
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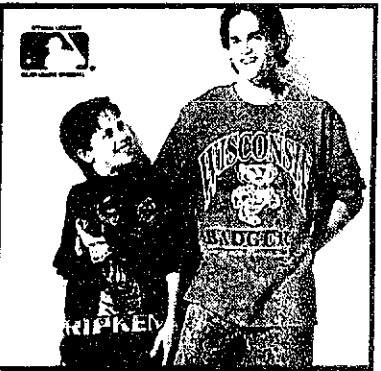
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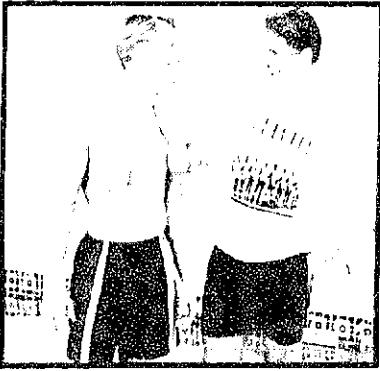
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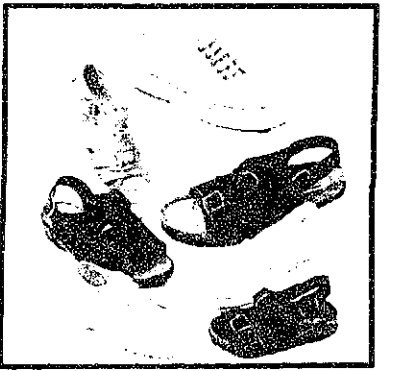
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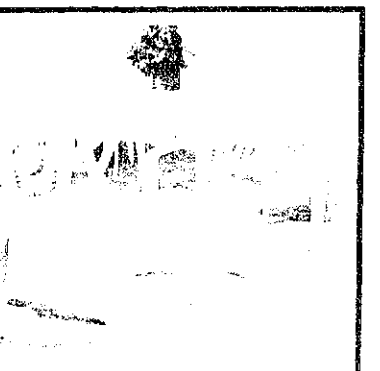
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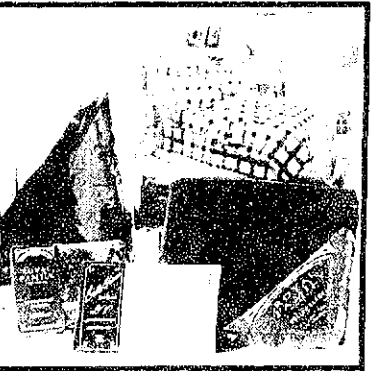
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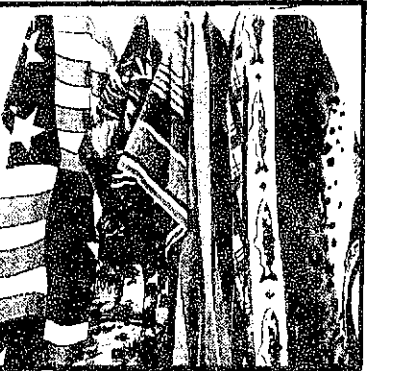
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"We do have non-seniors that go but for the most part they are seniors," said Karl Peters, coordinator for Northville Parks and Recreation Senior Center.

Travelers, whether new or experienced, who feel comfortable on the go, can take a daughter or granddaughter, for example, with them.

Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation, selects tour companies that have experience with more mature travelers and the destinations.

"They are picked up right in their own community and don't have to be concerned about going far away to catch a tour," Crawford said. Travelers are always escorted either by someone from the tour company or from the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Travelers going by way of tour bus have such amenities as activities, restrooms, first-run movies on the VCR and refreshments, according to Crawford.

"When we take someone on a trip, we

—Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation,

take good care of them," Crawford said.

On extended trips "set-on" guides who are familiar with the area ride along in the bus, according to Crawford.

"We count and double count so that no one gets lost," Crawford said.

"Travel for older people now is a real snap, it's wonderful," Crawford added. "A lot of seniors remember going on a bus. If they haven't tried it in a while it is totally different than it used to be."

Seniors can contact tour companies directly, but some deal only with groups and don't do individual businesses, according to Crawford.

Another advantage of group travel is the reduced rates.

"You could not go yourself, as an individual, to Mackinac Island and stay at the Grand Hotel for \$410," Crawford said. Novi's trip to Mackinac in October is already full.

Novi does have several trips during the year for families, and usually quite a few day trips are scheduled for the fall.

On short trips of less than 100 miles, the Northville Senior Center uses its own transportation - a 24 passenger mini-bus and/or a 20 passenger mini-bus.

"It is a nice way to meet people in your own community," Peters said.

Northville's group travels in conjunction with the Plymouth Senior Center and trips usually fill up quickly.

Motor coaches seat 50, while Northville's bus seats about 20 and does not have a restroom.

"They are always going somewhere," Peters said.

The parks and recreation departments of both cities also offer discount tickets to amusement areas.

As members of the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, they get tickets in bulk, enabling them to pass on the savings to residents and non-residents alike.

"Why pay the gate price when you can do this?" Crawford said.

Savings on tickets range from \$1 for a child's ticket to Greenfield Village in Dearborn to \$10.70 for a two-day adult ticket to Kings Island in Cincinnati.

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9 days
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3 days
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\$1,679
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2 days
\$178

Branson, Mo.
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\$599

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15 days
\$3,539

Day Trips
Detroit River Cruise
June 26
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Chelsea's Purple Rose
Theatre
July 7
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Saigon/Masonic/Greek-
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July 14
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resident

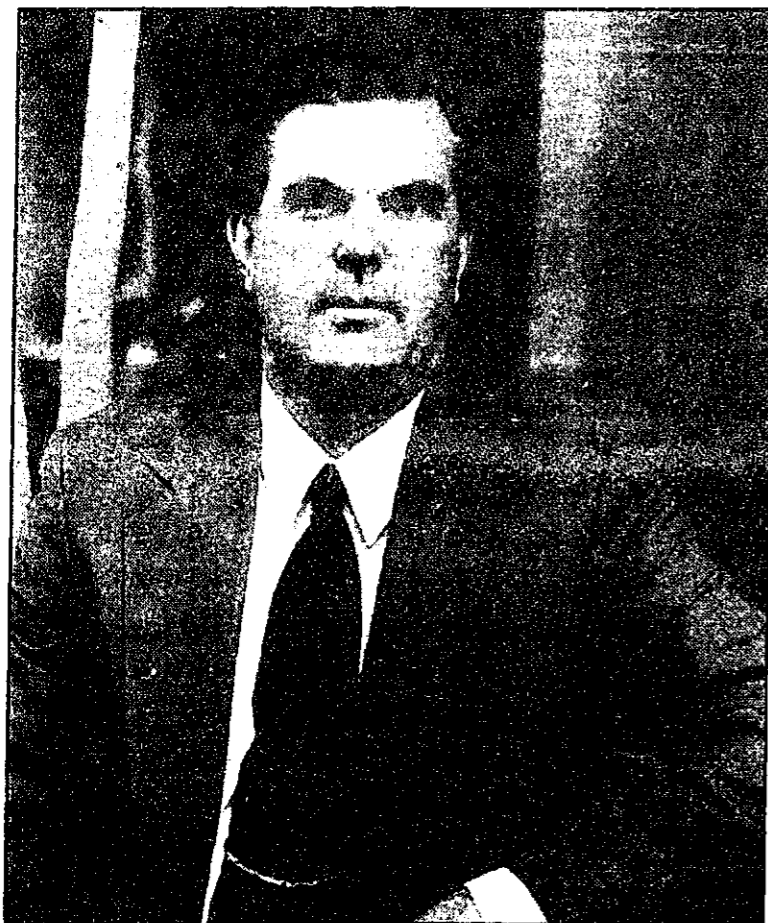
Big Creek Boat Farm
Aug. 7
\$54

Victorian Luncheon with
the First Lady
Aug. 28
\$30, \$36 non-resident

For more information,
call Novi Parks and
Recreation at 347-0400.

STORY BY CAROL WORKENS

Volunteer



Jon Dostal is a go-between for companies coming to Novi.

Dostal is a liaison for future business

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

If you ask Jon Dostal about his volunteering as chairman of the Novi Economic Development Corp., he starts to tell you about his participation in an assortment of unrelated areas.

You wonder how he has time for his "9 to 5" activity as manager of the Industrial Logistics Operation for Chrysler Corp., but let's stick to the Economic Development Corp. It's a committee composed of four men and two women, who are, as he said, "a well balanced blend of people" interested in banking, economic development, and real estate.

This volunteering "is not for everybody," he said. "We have the ability to assist companies to relocate in Novi or to build here. We're the go-between. We guarantee a favorable interest rate and we encourage the companies to use the service we offer."

"The benefit is to encourage industry to come here."

In other words, Novi is becoming less and less a bedroom community of Detroit. It is a city in itself.

Why does Jon Dostal do so much volunteering for Novi - serve on the Economic Development Corp. in particular - and still have time to work in his own garden as he said when he came home early one afternoon?

"I like the community," he answered. He's watched it grow. He remembers when there weren't roads. Now there's a lot of activity here.

"Fate," he said, told him to come to Novi.

"I've been successful. I want to give something back."

The Economic Development Corp. holds its three or four meetings per year, more if needed, jointly with the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 a.m.

It's A Fact

Glad grads

**Graduates from
Novi High School
numbered 292
while Northville
High School gave
diplomas to 280
seniors.**

Amateur radio club celebrates with field day

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Saturday, June 22 is the date set for the annual Field Day for members of the Novi Amateur Radio Club as part of celebration of Amateur Radio Week from June 16-23. This time of year has been set aside for local radio operators to share their interest and knowledge in "ham" operations.

The Field Day will be held at Power Park behind the Civic Center. Members are preparing to start set-up at 9 a.m. and stay there overnight until June 23. The public is invited to come and see how they practice their activities of using radio connections with operators all over the world, and how the radios can be used locally in times of emergencies.

The local club presented an advanced Skywarn class, early in the spring which was held at the Civic Center with over 40 in attendance.

The purpose of the class was to make Nov residents more knowledgeable about the signs of tornadoes. Members also present an annual Novi Community Education program, a novice instruction class under the direction of Stan Rykwalder.

The club is constantly attending additional training in other areas. They recently held their meeting at the EDS Auburn Hills Information Processing Center located at the Chrysler Tech Center.

Another service the club provides for the community and Oak-

land County is the monitoring of eight sirens in the Novi area. Locations are: the Fire Hall at Farmington and Thirteen Mile Road, Village Oaks School, Novi Police Department, Meadowbrook/Brook, Wixom Road west of Eleven Mile, West Road and South Lake Drive, Meadowbrook Road and Grand River, and also Ten Mile and Park.

The public is invited Saturday and anyone wishing more information should contact Tom Goodman at 349-4064. Goodman can also be of help in providing club brochures, tapes available for presentations, etc.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

June has been a busy month for the church family. Church school ended June 2 which included recognitions, attendance awards, birthdays and singing. On the same day, the music ministry of the church was recognized and thanked for their continued ministry throughout the year. Those recognized included Ann Oberst, director of music, also chancel choir and youth choristers; the class under the leadership of Geri Doolin and Jennie Macy; Tina Wilkins Goodearl, director of the bell choir; and to those who participated in special music.

Also, 19 young people were presented pins for perfect attendance. Angela Doolin received one for 10 years of perfect attendance. Recipients of perfect attendance

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every Sunday for a year and up through 9 years included: Jason Kane, Matthew Markham, Tim Markham, Carly Skripak, Courtney and Whitney Paul, Kara Wladischkin, Erin Ortwin, Stuart Inamura, Kristen Kosmider, Mike Sanderson, Melissa Doolin, Becky Goodearl, Anise Hayes, Carolyn Inamura, Zach Goodearl, Terrell Hayes and Suzanne Inamura. A continental breakfast was held on June 9 in recognition of high school graduates Jason Kane, Erin Ortwin and Peter Wickman; college graduates Terry (Darling) Duffy, U of M Dearborn; Amy (Blackburn) Dillon of Western Michigan University; Bryan Jacobs MBA, Ball State University; and Colleen Ortwin, Hope College.

Lunch will be held Saturday, June 29 at the Cass Avenue United Methodist Church in Detroit's Cass Corridor. The church provides monetary resources for groceries and the transporting of food to serve 400-500 meals quarterly. Volunteers are needed.

Yacaton Bible School will be held July 14-18 with the theme, "The Jesus Expedition - World Travel Expeditions." The school will be held in the evening starting at 6 p.m. with light meals and classes following. Everyone, from children to adults, is invited. The school is under the leadership of

that Asian senior citizens participate in is on Monday of the fourth week of the month from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. They are called the Pacific Rim Seniors and have as members seniors 55 and up from Asian countries such as Korea, Japan, China, etc. These seniors do not at present have a single center just for them so they meet on Friday at the main office located in Rochester, on Tuesday of the second week of the month at the Waterford Senior Center, and in the third week on Wednesday at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. They conclude the month in Novi.

For information, contact Yu-Ping Yang at 334-8527 or Mary Cheng Valente at 335-8662.

NOVI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Two graduation ceremonies were held at the end of the school year with the kindergarten graduation of five students by teacher Evelyn Sales. Those graduating were Heather Koenig, Yasu Hiro Alexander Miura, Samuel Petro, Steven Stryker Jr. and Rachel Turner. The ceremony was a miniature traditional graduation ceremony complete with caps and gowns and the processional of Pomp and Circumstance. Also presented was a demonstration of their learning skills. Awards and presentation of diplomas were made by Tim Nenias, principal, and Dr. Elmer, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Later in the month commencement exercises were held for school graduates and home schoolers. They included Jennifer Holder, Heather Johnston, Benjamin Kelly, Jarred Melcher, Jodi Peppard, Vanessa Rogers, Jeremy Rosenbrook, Joshua Rosenbrook, Stephanie Schissler, Dawn Sears, Heather Sheets, Melissa Wickham. The Salutatorian address was given by Melissa Wickham and Valedictorian by Vanessa Rogers. In addition, there was a challenge presented to them by Pastor Richard Krage of Freedom Farm Bible Church prior to their receiving their diplomas. Refreshments followed in Flint Hall.

Continuing through the summer will be the nursery and daycare facilities, the home school program, and in addition, a summer camp program for children ages 5 through 12 will continue until Aug. 23. The camp will be from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a latch key program starting at 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Some of the trips planned include going to Kensington Park hiking, the Detroit Zoo, fishing trip, and ending will be Kent Lake camping adventure. Several others are also being planned as well as speakers on first aid and a forest ranger speaker.

The number to call is 349-3481 for more information. Beth Carter is the director.

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

Church Notes

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will honor Father Paul Kreimes for his many years of service on June 23 after the 9 a.m. Mass in the social hall. The Archdiocese of Detroit has reassigned Father Kreimes to St. Thomas a Becket in Canton.

On June 30 at the 11 a.m. Mass, OLV's choir will be joined by St. Leo's choir.

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

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, moved to a summer schedule on June 16 with services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The 9 a.m. service is informal and lasts 45 minutes. The 10:30 a.m. service is traditional. Between services there is a fellowship/greeting time which is available.

Children are encouraged to attend the earlier service. Nursery and toddler care are available at the 10:30 a.m. service. For more information, call the church at 349-2652.

There will be no Adult Bible Study in the gym for the rest of the summer at **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 201 Elm Street in Northville. There is a family oriented time called "God's Word Served Family Style." At least one parent is asked to attend with his or her children for the program which begins at 10 a.m.

For more information call the church at 349-3140.

Vacation Bible School at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 200 East Main Street in Northville, will take place June 24 through 28. The Summer Organ Series II begins on June 27 with Todd Sager followed by Jeffrey Biersch on July 11. Scott VanOrnum will perform on July 18 followed by Mary Ann Baldof on Aug. 8 and James Nissen on Aug. 15. All performances are at 7 p.m. The June 11 performance has been canceled.

For more information call the church at (810) 349-0911.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, offers Vacation Bible School Aug. 5 through 9.

The church will be hosting a LOGOS/Youth Club Leadership School Aug. 15 through 17. Those interested in housing out of town guests, providing lunches and dining, decorating the dining room, working in the kitchen or participating in the training program are asked to call the church.

For more information, call (810) 349-1144.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a Farewell Reception for Father Andrew Tomasko in the Activities Building after each Mass on Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OPEN HOUSE MEETING

I-96 INTERCHANGES WITH BECK AND WIXOM ROADS IN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WIXOM, OAKLAND COUNTY

The Michigan Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Oakland County Road Commission and the cities of Novi and Wixom will hold an Open House meeting Thursday, June 27, 1996. Representatives from the Department, county and cities will be available from 3:30 to 6:00 and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center's Adell Hall. The Expo Center is in the southwest quadrant of the I-96/Novi Road interchange (Exit 162). The entrance to Adell Hall is on the northeast side facing the freeway eastbound exit ramp.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide the opportunity for the public to give its input at the earliest possible stage of the study. The project calls for future improvements to the I-96 interchanges with Beck and Wixom Roads in the cities of Novi and Wixom. Additionally, the Oakland County Road Commission in cooperation with the cities of Novi and Wixom is considering future improvements to Beck and Wixom Roads and Grand River Avenue between Beck and Wixom Roads. Please feel free to drop in anytime during the advertising hours. The location is accessible to individuals with mobility impairments. The center's parking lot has Accessible parking clearly signed.

It is the intent of the Department not only to invite, but also to encourage citizen involvement and participation in the study. It must be stressed that this is not a public hearing of recommended highway improvements, as there have been none selected. The objective of these meetings is to gain input, at the earliest possible stage of the study, from local residents and to stimulate communication and cooperation.

Upon advance notice of seven days, The Public Hearings Officer can make materials for this meeting available in alternative formats such as large print or audiocassette as well as accommodation for sign language interpreter and/or assistive listening devices. Please call (517) 373-9534 (voice) or (517) 373-2090 (TDD) to request accommodations.

For additional information on this study contact:

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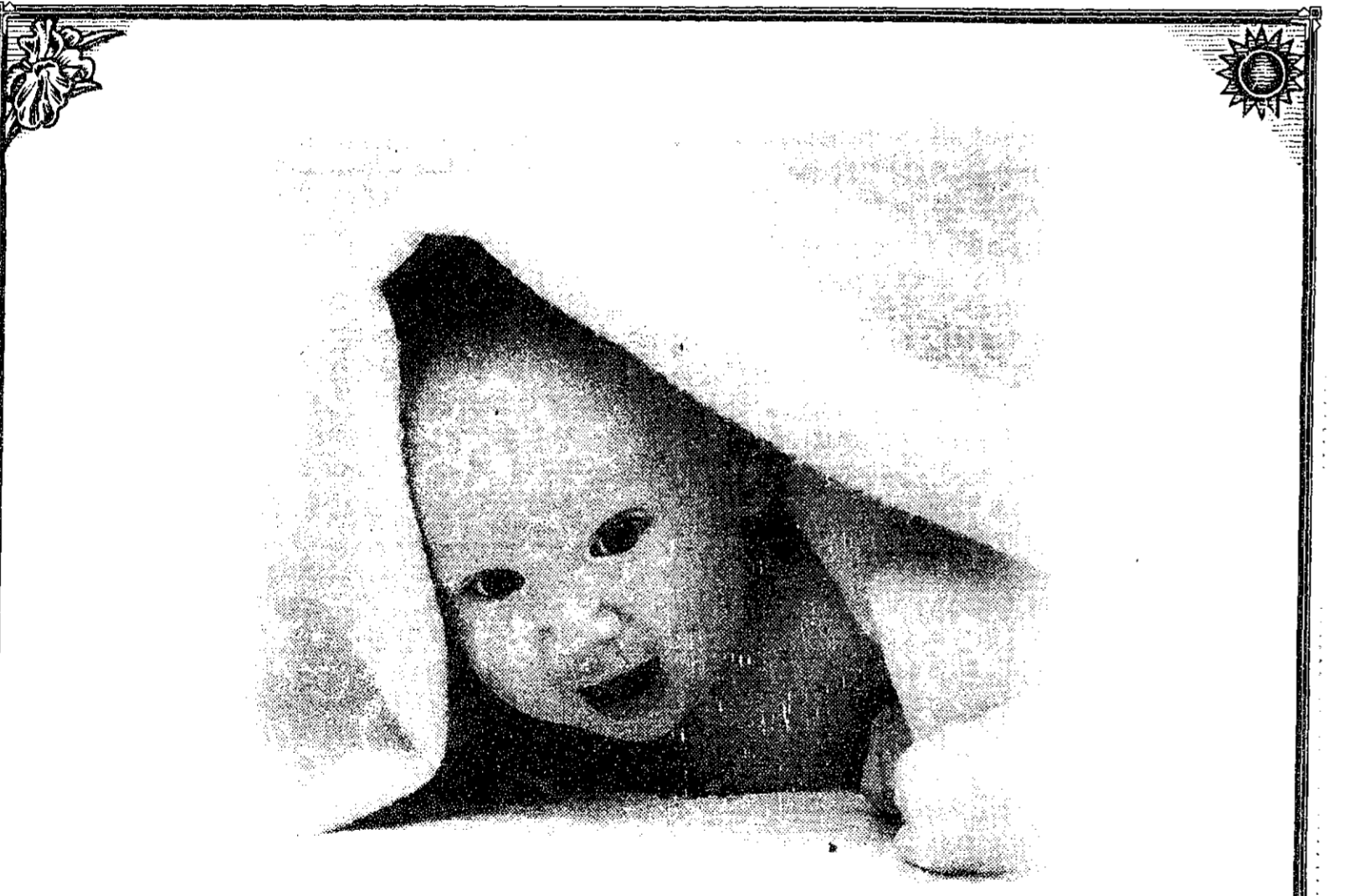
23. For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

The summer schedule at **NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, which worships temporarily at the Masonic Temple at 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 American (ELCA). For more information call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181 or (313) 451-2965.

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH holds Sunday worship and school from 10 until 11:15 a.m. at the Novi Meadows School cafeteria, 740 West Ten Mile Road and Grand River. For more information call 349-2669. Send church information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.



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On Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. "Make it a Winning Style - the People Factor" will be the topic of Single Place with Paul Seaser at the church. The cost is \$4.

Sports activities coming up include volleyball on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Place Apartments on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Griswold and Meadowbrook. The cost for volleyball is \$1.

Summer Recreational Dining will be presented by Linda Laney and Sally Harris from July 11 through Aug. 29 in the Williams Room of the church. The cost is \$4 per evening or \$28 for all eight Thursdays.

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

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons. For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family at 349-8847.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Reverend Paul Coach will lead with Scripture messages relevant to single life.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

Those interested in joining a bowling league at Fiesta Lanes in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 can call (810) 669-2259. For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS INC., an international non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children, meets every second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m. for orientation for new members) in the small banquet room at 300 Bowl at 100 South Cass Lake Road in Waterford.

The group is holding a dance on June 22, which is open to the public, in the small banquet room at 300 Bowl from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Orientation for those interested in joining takes place at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$4/members and \$5/300 members. For more information, call (810) 975-6242.

The **CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT** is for single Catholics 21 and older who have earned bachelors degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. Outdoor volleyball will take place at Hamlich Park in Warren at 6:30 p.m. on June 25. For more information call (810) 670-8966.

In Service

Army Pvt. **CLIFFTON G. MESSER** has graduated from the multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) crewmember course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the course, students were taught launcher operations, including manual elevation and traversing of the launcher loader. They also were taught communications for sending and receiving firing orders and to give movement information.

Messer is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School.

Army Lt. Col. **SEAN J. BYRNE** has been selected to attend the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa.

The 12-month curriculum of the Army's senior officer school prepares officers of all services, as well as civilian officials of the Federal government, to serve in top-level command and staff positions with the U.S. armed forces throughout the world. Byrne is a battalion commander at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

His wife, Christine, is the daughter of Alfred and Julie Schmitz of Novi.

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Garden of the Month



Betty Clagg has put a great deal of creativity and work into the shade-loving plant garden in the front yard of her home.

Years in the making, garden is now a showcase for shade-loving plants

By Pat Ziekle
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But the beat goes on - Spring is alive and well in the garden of Jim and Betty Clagg on Mayo Drive in Conemaugh Hills. Their tree-filled front yard is a showcase for a wide variety of shade-loving plants which include: Forget-me-Not, Hosta, Sedum, Tulips, Pachysandra, hot pink and purple Azalea, Trillium, Jacob's Ladder, Creeping Philox, Snow on the Mountain, Lilies of the Valley, Iris, Day and Ornamental Lilies, Gay Feather, Astilbe, Bleeding Heart, Ajuga, Gloxinia, Impatiens, Obedient Plant, and Sweet Woodruff - to name a few.

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Actor in town promoting show draws a crowd

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

First there was one. Then three, and before it was over hundreds of people, mostly women, had converged on Hudson's at Twister Oaks Mall in Novi.

Linda Danol of Northville was one of an estimated 600 women who came to see Danny Osmond on June 10 when he made an appearance at the store to officially open the return of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and hold an hour-long autograph session.

Osmond personally sold tickets for the show from a temporary, custom-made "box office" which had been set up near the electronics department, to the first two women in line who had arrived as early as 6:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. appearance.

Although Danol saw *Joseph* three times during its last run in Detroit, she plans to see it again twice at the Fox Theatre and is already making plans to go to Chicago for the last night of the show.

"I never get tired of good theater. Forget *Joseph*, I like good theater," Danol said. "We saw *Beauty and the Beast* three times."

Danol first saw Osmond 23 years ago when she was 12-years-old and has met him several times. "I'm one of these diehards," she said.

Toward the end of the hour-long autograph session, Osmond was only a few feet away from Danol.

Grasping a publicity photo Danol reached over a group of women trying to add one more autograph to her collection. Her hand was one of many waving publicity photos at Osmond as he tried to press through the crowd, signing as many autographs and posing for as many pictures as he could.

Danol's quest was successful. Osmond took the photo from her outstretched arm, signed it and gave it back.

"It's always fun," said Danol. "He's a good person."

Some people brought CDs, T-shirts, old albums and programs from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* to Osmond to sign.

"This area is a good audience for him," said Chris Morrisroe, manager of public relations for Hudson's. "It's not too far from downtown."

Joseph returns Sept. 6 through 29 for performers at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.



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Donny Osmond, star of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, was in town to promote the return of the show.

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On Campus

ANTHONY G. HERSBERGER of Novi was named to Ferris State University's winter semester Honors List. To be eligible, a student must have compiled a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of work.

CARA LOUISE YOUNG of Novi graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of science degree at Heidelberg College commencement ceremonies held in May.

KAREN HSU PARK was a degree candidate at Indiana University's graduation ceremonies recently held in May. Park is a candidate for a master's degree in business administration.

Michigan State University students from Novi who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring semester 1996 are: **SARAH ELIZABETH ALLEN**, English; **ANGELA LYNN BACA**, general business administration; **KEVIN TIMOTHY BLANCK**, horticulture; **KIM MARIE BOGUE**, horse management; **JORDAN CHRISTOPHER BRUN**, art education; **MELISSA ELLEN COOK**, veterinary technology; **KARA COLLEEN CUNDARI**, no preference; **LORI A. DEWITT**, LIS-no coordinate major; **HEATHER ANN DINSER**, child development; **KAREN ELIZABETH ERNE**, accounting; **COLLEEN MARIE FITZPATRICK**, landscape architecture; **MICHAEL J. GOLDMAN**, political science; **DAVID K. GREY-WALL**, packaging; **NILESH N. HUMBAD**, computer science; **MARK ANDREW JONESKU**, chemistry; **KRISTIN MARIE KENNY**, pre-nursing; **RUDOLPH C. ROBOLDT**, crop and soil sciences; **MICHAEL DAVID KRAMARCZYK**, computer engineering; **SANG EUN LEE**, studio art; **DANIELLE E. LENZI**, general business administration-prelaw; **JASON MICHAEL McALEER**, accounting; **MALINI D. MOFFAT**, physiology; **KRISTEN LEIGH PATTEE**, social general nursing education; **HEATHER ANN RASIZZI**, education; **JEFFREY SCOTT SAMARZIYA**, computer science; **ANNA KIMBERLY SCHMIDT**, Spanish; **SANDRA COLETTE STINE**, materials science and engineering; **AMY LYNN SUMERTON**, telecommunication; **BRADY M. SUTTON**, finance; **JENNIFER L. THAL**, criminal justice; **MATT N. TOPPER**, history; **MARC GARY VANPOREN**, English; **CHRISTINE E. YEECK**, physical education and exercise science; **TAMARA LYNN WARREN**, social relations; and **SHANNON I. WEHAB**, MIM purchasing and operation management.

Novi resident **DANIEL LEMAY** was among students named to the Dean's List for winter 1995-96 term at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake.

To receive recognition, a student must maintain a minimal grade point average of 3.5. Lemay is a sophomore at St. Mary's College.

Honored at the recently held 24th annual business honors banquet at Schoolcraft College were the following students from Novi: **MICHAEL BREILER**, **GREGORY BURCHARD**, **DIANE BURNS**, **MARY CARATELLI**, **YVONNE DENNIS**, **ROSEMARY SAMPIERI**, **PATRICIA WAGNER** and **ELLEN WITECHOWSKY**.

To receive recognition, a student must earn a minimum 3.25 grade point average and complete at least 40 credit hours.

KIMBERLY COPPING, a senior at Novi High School, was among the recipients of the Alumni Honors Scholarship at Hope College.

The Alumni Honors Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors with a 3.75 grade point average or a 3.5 GPA and one or more of the following: an ACT composite 25, combined SAT 1040, or minimum class rank of 80th percent. Recipients of this award receive a \$3,000 tuition scholarship renewable through the senior year.

Copping is the daughter of Bernard and Carol Copping of Novi.

Two students from Novi placed among the top five of their grade levels at the state mathematics finals at Central Michigan University held in May.

ERIC LIAO placed fourth in the sixth grade competition. He attends Novi Meadows School and is the son of Kenneth and Karen Liao.

CHRIS WAGNER placed fourth in the eighth grade competition. He is the son of Richard and Barbara Wagner and attends Novi Middle School.

JASON R. RUTHERFORD, son of Russell and Charlene Rutherford, is the recipient of the Recognition of Excellence Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University. The scholarship rewards outstanding academic accomplishment with \$4,200 for three years or one-half tuition reimbursement until graduation.

Rutherford, a Dean's List junior with a 3.68 grade point average, is an earth science major.

ANTHONY M. NAGORSEN of Novi graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory at Orchard Lake at the 107th commencement exercises held May 19.

St. Mary's Prep is a four-year college prep high school in northwest suburban Detroit.




Photo by HAL GOULD

Welcome aboard

New board members for the Novi Newcomers are (from left) Pat McKenna, secretary; Karen Aquilina, treasurer; Diane Burck, president; Robbi LeRoy, second vice president; Janice Savage, first vice president. General meetings are held once a month from September through May. Social interest

groups meet once or twice a month. Novi Newcomers is open to all new residents as well as current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a civic as well as a social level. The group also holds a variety of fundraisers to benefit the Novi community.

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville will open its second annual Summer Organ Series on Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m. with Todd Sager.

Sager is the minister of music at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills. His program will include selections from Bach, Dupre and Gounod.

Sager, along with each of the performers in the series, will discuss his selections in detail during the program.

Sager began his study of the organ at the age of 15 and has received numerous scholarships and awards. He finished his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan where he also acquired the Master of Music degree. As the music minister at Beautiful Savior, he oversees three adult choirs and is organist for all services. He also promotes such special musical endeavors to enrich the parish as recitals and concerts, including the Beautiful Savior Senior Choir's performance of Vivaldi's *Clara* this past Christmas season.

For the Summer Organ Series, the First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Casavant pipe organ will be moved to the center of the chancel with the keyboards facing the audience, enabling them to see the keyboards during each of the five concerts in the series.

"This series is enjoyable for both the audience and the performers," said Scott VanOrnum, music

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director at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The 1990 Casavant Organ is considered one of the real music treasures in the area and organists are always eager to play this fine instrument.

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Other performers include Jeffrey Biersch, July 11; Scott VanOrnum, July 18; Mary Ann Biddul, Aug. 8; and James Nissen, Aug. 15.

The summer organ concerts are part of a year-long Fine Arts Series sponsored by the church. The remaining programs include the fourth annual juried art show, "Sharing the Gift," Oct. 5 through



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SPECIAL EVENTS

COOKING AWAY CANCER: Bill Nagler, M.D., and Gabrielle Bernstein, M.A., will conduct four seminars on traditional and non-traditional nutritional methods that fight cancer and chronic disease at Vic's World Class Market in Novi. The seminars are: Therapeutic Food, June 22; Easy Preparation, June 29; Cuisine's of the World, July 13 and Your Favorite Recipes (made healthy), July 20.

Vic's World Class Market is located at 42875 Grand River in Novi.

To register or for more information, call (313) 422-8040.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: *Just be Patient*, a musical comedy spin-off from the television series *E.R.*, opened June 1. An audience participation show, the comedy is about a hospital under investigation for misdiagnosis and a possible epidemic. On June 21 and 23 there will be a four-for-three special.

A two-for-one special performance of *Spring Follies* with Genitti's *Roscoe's*, a luncheon/theater for children, will be at 11:30 a.m. on June 22.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For details, call (810) 349-0522.

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILL: Classic Productions and Joseph A. Nabra Enterprises present a variety of music and comedy talent at Timbers, the home of "Bananas" Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River, west of Hagerly Road in Novi, on Friday and Saturday.

For ticket information, call (313) 974-1300.

MUSIC

OXFORD INN: Entertainment is offered on weekends. Level Six performs on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For more information, call 305-5856.

COUNTRY ECIPURE RESTAURANT: Entertainment is offered in the lounge with full bar and dinner menu with no cover charge from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Country Ecipure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (810) 349-7770.

CICERO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANTE & BAR: Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Performing is George Colusso, world famous fiddler and entertainer, performing classical, jazz and romantic interludes.

Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For more information or reservations, call (810) 390-0011.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 34210 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

For details, call 349-9110.

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: Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

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

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

For more information, call (810) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The cafe is located at 110 Main-Centre in downtown Northville.

Call 344-0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome.

11. The Detroit Brass Society on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.; and the annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah* with The Michigan Sinfonietta and conductor Scott VanOrnum on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

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Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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 Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Performing in June will be Sax Appeal.

The Starting Gate is located at 125 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill has Open Blues Jam. Rock and roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-6475.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: Colorful abstract paintings by Northville resident sisters Stephanie and Cynthia Sarris will be on display through July 18.

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 4 p.m.

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ATRIUM GALLERY: The Atrium Gallery will host the 1996 Michigan Wildflower Art Show winners now through July 2. The 1996 winner, Sharon Griffes-Tarr of Lansing, will display her painting "Pink Lady's Slippers." 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 6 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (810) 349-4131.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other gallery owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both

artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays; and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genitti'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: The gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in Northville.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

GATE VI GALLERY: Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the weekend, the gallery is open if the building is open. Call 380-0470.

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BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center of Novi Road just south of 196, include: an annual book fair by the American Institute of Graphic Arts on June 21 at 7 p.m.; children age 5 and up can learn to make paper beads on June 22 at 11 a.m.; modern cello music of Gideon Freudmann on June 23 at 7 p.m.; a discussion for Window programmers by Victor Volkman, author of *Windows Programmers Shareware Tools* on June 24 at 7 p.m.; former Dallas Cowboy and author of *North Dallas Forty*, Peter Gent, will sign copies of his new book *The Last Magic Summer* on June 25 at 7 p.m.; and a new gay and lesbian book discussion group begins June 26 at 7 p.m.

For further information call (810) 347-0780.

BONSAL CLUB: The Four Seasons Bonsal Club of Michigan will present the 23rd Anniversary Show June 21 through 23 in the Washington Square building on Washington and Fourth Street in Royal Oak. Hours are Friday, 12:30 until 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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In addition to Travolta, the film

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Entries must be received by Monday morning, June 24, and winners will be notified by phone. "Phenomenon" opens at theaters everywhere on Wednesday, July 3.

Reviewer gets swept away by movie 'Twister'

BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
NORTHVILLE

Get blown away with this summer's breathtaking action hit, "Twister."

Helen Hunt (of NBC's *Mad About You* and *Project X*) stars as Jo, a tornado chaser whose father was killed in a tornado fifteen years ago.

She's invented "Dorothy," a machine that will discover what causes a tornado and what happens inside one, and is determined to let "Dorothy" fly.

The only problem is that in order for "Dorothy" to fly, Jo has to be right in front of the tornado, which means risking her own life to the thing that took her father's life.

Unfortunately, "Twister" is one of those movies where viewers don't get to pay attention to figure out the plot and where it's

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

going. But then again, not many people go to see "Twister" for a plot. They go for the special effects. And trust me, those are worth it.

"Twister" receives four and one-half stars out of five.

See it at the theater or you'll miss the power of the special effects. Home video just won't be able to capture "Twister's" whirlwind big screen effect.

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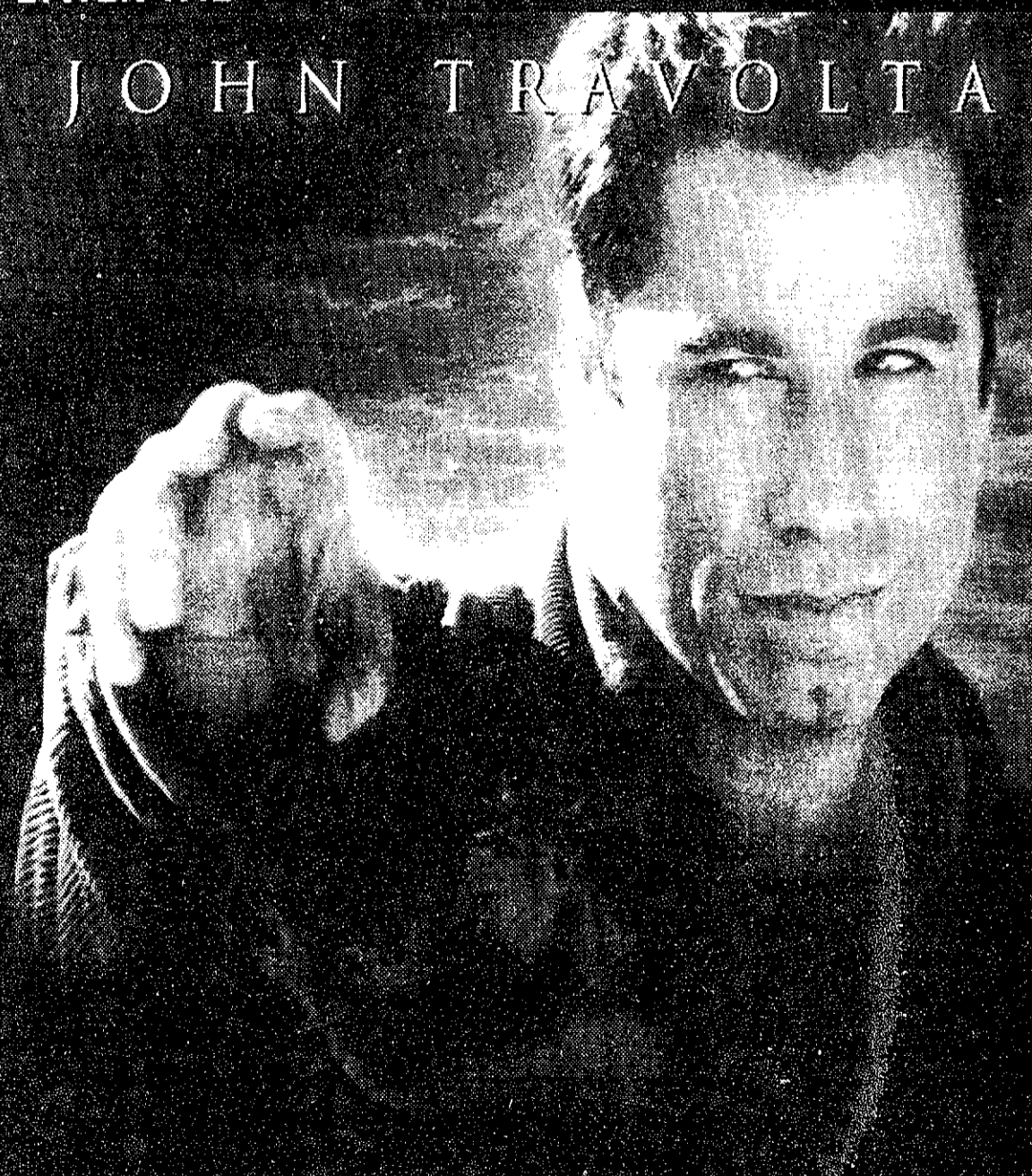
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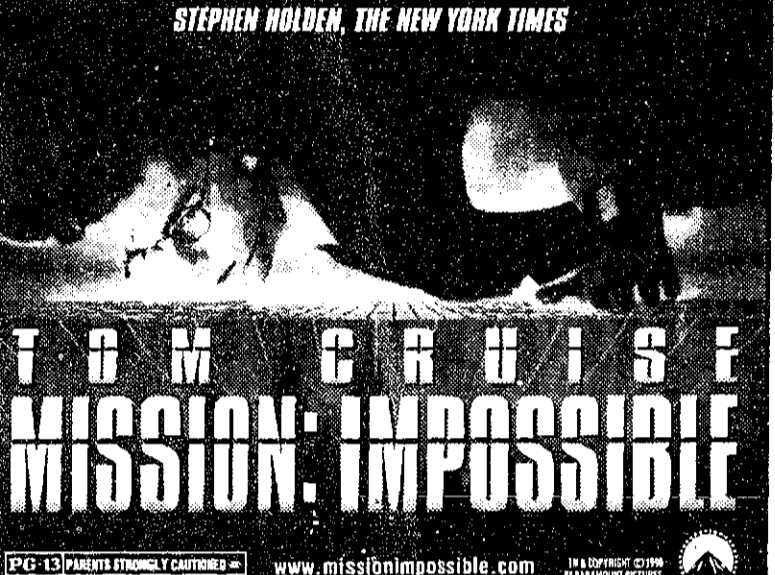
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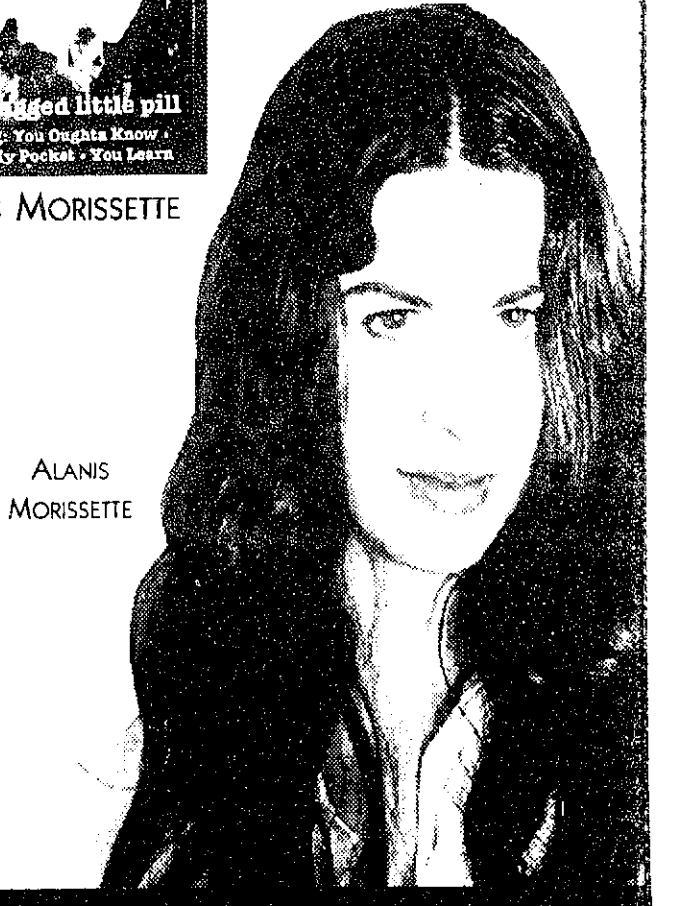
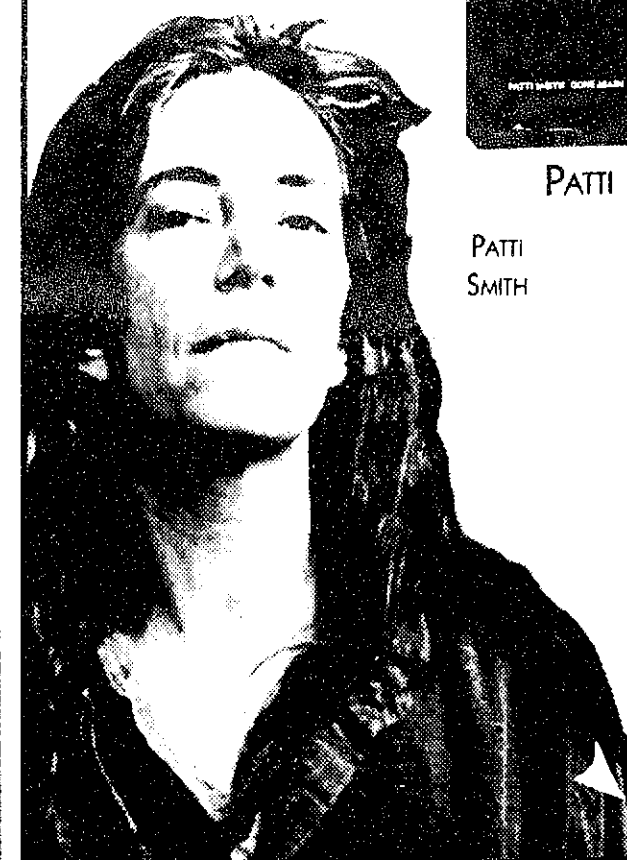
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 Duke Ellington, rejected to play at Truman's last White House state dinner
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 John Kennedy, who left the U.S. Attorney General's office to run for Congress in 1952

3 - What did the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. get M.A.D. at each other about?
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4 - What did the U.S. Supreme Court make illegal in Brown vs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION 1954?
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5 - What was sky-high in 1957?
 John Glenn, the first human to orbit the earth
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 Sputnik, the first satellite to orbit Earth
 Stock prices after General Motors announced world record earnings

6 - What was the first nuclear powered ship, commissioned in 1954?
 U.S. Navy submarine Nautilus
 British aircraft carrier Intrepid
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 U.S. Navy aircraft carrier Yorktown

SPORTS

7 - One of the greatest baseball players of all time hung it up in 1951. Who was he?
 Ted Williams
 Joe DiMaggio
 Satchel Page
 Lou Gehrig

8 - Three years later a young outfielder who would one day go on to the Hall of Fame made an unbelievable over-the-shoulder catch to rob Cleveland of a World Series and make baseball history. What was his name?
 Willie Mays
 Mickey Mantle
 Jackie Robinson
 Henry Aaron

9 - In what year did the Red Wings last win the Stanley Cup?
 1952
 1959
 1953

TELEVISION

13 - Who was your favorite TV uncle?
 The Honeymooners' Bob Jennings
 Variety show host Milton Berle
 Ward Cleaver's brother Ted, for whom the Beaver was named
 Larry, whose little brother "knew best"

14 - Which of the following stars did not appear in *The Twilight Zone*?
 Robert Redford
 William Shatner
 Dennis Hopper
 Gene Hackman

15 - Federal investigators put a famous '50s game show under the microscope after it was alleged that producers gave the answers to selected guests beforehand. What show was it?
 The \$64,000 question
 Jeopardy!

MOVIES AND STAGE

19 - Which Marilyn Monroe beau gave life to Willie Loman?
 Arthur Miller
 Stanley Kowalski
 Jonathan Frakes
 Neil Simon

20 - Who was *The Wild One* that rode to his pad on *The Waterfront* in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
 Fred MacMurray
 Steve Reeves
 Marlon Brando
 Tennessee Williams

21 - How high was the corn in *Oklahoma!*?
 As an elephant's eye
 As a scarecrow's thigh
 As a grasshopper could fly
 Seven feet four and a half inches

22 - Janie Lee Curtis hit it big in the film *Halloween*. Her mother, Janet Leigh, made a not-too-shabby horror flick of her own, which was:
 Them
 Invasion of the Body Snatchers
 The Blob
 Psycho

23 - Which of the following films did James Dean not appear in?
 East of Eden
 Giant
 This is the Life
 Rebel Without a Cause

MUSIC

24 - What did we do when the clock struck four, according to Bill Haley?
 We danced
 We went to the beach
 We went to the movies
 We went to the dance

25 - Who wouldn't mind taking Maybeline out for a drive with no particular place to go?
 Brad Jordan
 Sam Cooke
 Jerry Lee Lewis
 Charles Harden Holly

26 - Who brought the glockenspiel to rock and roll?
 Sam Cooke
 Jerry Lee Lewis
 Charles Harden Holly

NOVI IN THE '50s

27 - Which of the following stars actually played at the Walked Lake Casino's dance hall?
 Elvis Presley
 Johnny Cash
 Stevie Wonder
 Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs

28 - Novi actually had a roller coaster back in the '50s.
 True
 False

(Answers will be published in *The Novi News* annual Michigan 50's Festival special supplement.)
 - Staff Writers Randy Cobbe, Wendy Fermer-Mittel and Scott Daniel contributed to this quiz

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All Area Baseball 1996

TRIPLE PLAY

Pitching, hitting and defense are hallmarks of this year's team

Pitching and defense wins in baseball. But hitting is a heck of a lot more fun. Fortunately, Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Baseball first team can do all three. Perhaps never have we picked a more complete squad than for our 1996 edition.

Let's start with our pitching. Lakeland's Eric Hardin was the dominant pitcher in the Kensington Valley Conference this season. He finished near or at the top in wins, earned run average and strikeouts.

At the plate, all Hardin did was lead the area in batting. For all of those reasons, Eric Hardin is Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Player of the Year.

A pair of excellent right handers came out of our bullpen. Northville's Tom Willerer put

together an undefeated season for the Mustangs and averaged about a strikeout per inning. Novi's Connor Krause drew saves around the KVC and won more than half of the Wildcat's games.

Defensively, our squad is rock solid. South Lyon shortstop Lance Sargent anchors the infield with teammate Steve Vernier over at third. The area was so loaded with quality infielders, in fact, that we had to add an extra position.

In the outfield, Northville's Kyle Hitchcock is outstanding, as is University of Michigan-bound Cory Sargent.

At the plate is where this team shines, however. Our squad features the area's top three hit-

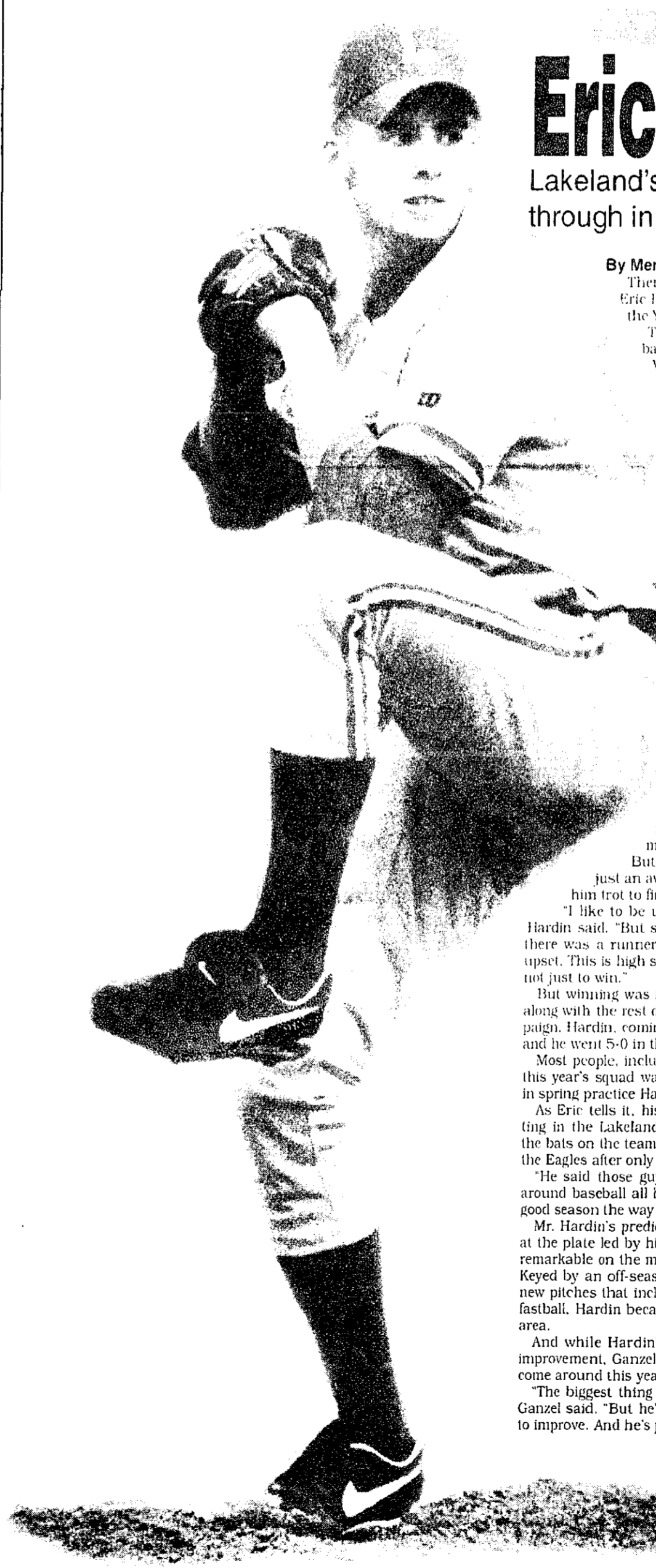
ters for average and four of the area's top five for runs batted in. It's Murder's Row all over again.

Now let's take a closer look at each member of Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Baseball first team selections as chosen by the sports editors of *The Milford Times*, *Novi News*, *Northville Record*, and *South Lyon Herald*.

ERIC HARDIN
Lakeland Jr. pitcher

Hardin was the franchise for the Eagles in their quest for the KVC title this spring. After a good sophomore season, Hardin really turned it up this year. He led the team in every offensive category and he was the top hitter in

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Eric the Great

Lakeland's junior Eric Hardin comes through in the clutch time after time

By Merrill Cain

There aren't many things that can rattle Lakeland's Eric Hardin, Hometown Newspapers' All-Area Player of the Year.

The junior athlete who emerged as one of the top basketball and baseball players in the Kensington Valley Conference this year has been in too many pressure situations to let things get to him.

Time running out on the clock, his team trailing by one and who fights off a big power forward to get the key rebound? Hardin.

Bases loaded, bottom of the ninth and the Eagles desperately needing a key hit and who wants to be up to bat? Yep, it's Hardin again.

Those kind of high-tension moments don't phase Hardin. What does get under his skin? When teams don't give him the opportunity to come up with the big play. That really ticks him off.

And because of Hardin's ability to come through in the clutch for the KVC-champion Lakeland baseball team this spring, teams started to get the idea that not pitching to Hardin might be the best way to beat the Eagles.

Several times this year Hardin, who batted an amazing .700 for the first part of the season before falling off to a mere .552 by the end of the year, was walked in key situations. Now the all-KVC first-teamer who happens to have a keen baseball mind understands that strategy. Hey, if he were a manager he'd probably walk him too rather than pitch to a guy who gets a base hit more than half the time with runners on base.

But he doesn't see the need to get a free pass on just an average at bat. Yet some schools elected to just let him trot to first base this season.

"I like to be up there in pressure situations with guys on," Hardin said. "But some guys walked me for no reason. Like when there was a runner on first or second. That does get me kind of upset. This is high school baseball and you're out there to have fun, not just to win."

But winning was fun for Hardin and the Eagles this season. He, along with the rest of the LIS team had a disappointing 1995 campaign. Hardin, coming off a dynamite freshman season, batted .268 and he went 5-0 in the league as a pitcher but the team struggled.

Most people, including LIS coach Jerry Ganzel, didn't think that this year's squad was even as good as last year's Eagles. But early in spring practice Hardin said he felt the team would be all right.




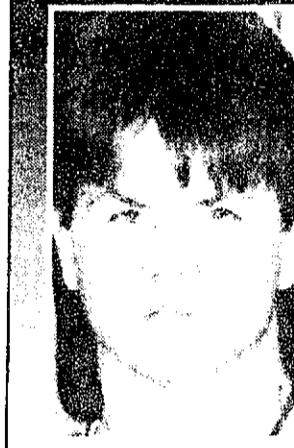



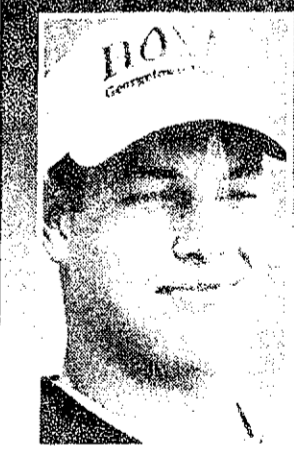


As Eric tells it, his father, Jeff Hardin, was helping out with hitting in the Lakeland gymnasium. Ganzel had been worried about the bats on the team but Eric said his dad saw something special in the Eagles after only a few hitting drills.

"He said those guys could really hit," Eric said. "And he's been around baseball all his life. He told me that we could have a pretty good season the way he saw those guys hitting."

Mr. Hardin's prediction proved correct as the Eagles turned it on at the plate led by his son's assault on area pitchers. Eric was also remarkable on the mound. He went 9-0 in the KVC and 9-2 overall. Keyed by an off-season weight-training program and an arsenal of new pitches that included a change-up, a new curve and a sidearm fastball, Hardin became one of the most dominating pitchers in the area.

And while Hardin's pitching was mainly the result of natural improvement, Ganzel said he knew the junior's hitting was bound to come around this year.

"The biggest thing was we had more people in scoring position," Ganzel said. "But he's played so much and worked so hard he had to improve. And he's physically much stronger (than last year)."

 Nate Forney Northville Infielder	 Eric Hardin Lakeland Pitcher
 Kyle Hitchcock Northville Outfielder	 Connor Krause Novi Infielder
 Cory Sargent South Lyon Outfielder	 Lance Siegwald South Lyon Infielder
 Jeff Vanco Lakeland Infielder	 Steve Vernier South Lyon Infielder
 Doug Watkins Milford Catcher	 Tom Willerer Northville Infielder

Novi's Minke makes all-area baseball second team in '96

This year the Hometown Newspapers' all-area baseball teams have all the bases covered. While the first-team provides fireworks at the plate, this spring's all-area second-team is

tighter than a drum in the field. From the short arm of South Lyon outfielder Tim Watkins to the spyer-like efforts of Northville first baseman Doug Minke, this unit could conduct a workshop

on proper fielding techniques. Yes, the sports editors of *The Milford Times*, *Novi News*, *Northville Record* and *South Lyon Herald* had a tough time containing their excitement when choosing the members of the all-area teams. After all, who wouldn't want to take a couple of squads like these on the road to challenge any kind of all-star team. With the first-teamers providing

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Winners must be available to participate in events scheduled during the 50's Festival July 24-28, 1996.



Matt Horwath takes a swing at Chet Lemon's camp Monday.

Novi camp features ex-Tiger outfielder

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

"That's it. Nice job."
"Stay down. That's a boy. Follow your throw Matt."
"Keep your butt down. That's a nice little jog."
Those were some of the words former Detroit Tiger Chet Lemon shouted out as he hit grounders to his baseball campers at Novi's Power Park Monday morning.

Now living in Florida, Lemon has been in town all week for his annual camp for youngsters ages 8 to 14. A member of Detroit's 1984 championship club, he stays close to the game by working with children.

"I love what I'm doing," said Lemon, who began the camp in Novi four years ago. "I love working with kids."

Lemon played in the major leagues for some 13 years from the mid-1970s until 1991. He came up with the Chicago White Sox as a 19-year-old and soon became a fixture in centerfield.

Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson named Lemon as an outfielder in 1983. After becoming a tiger, he became a solid contributor to the winning team of the 80s playing great defense and getting many key hits.

Lemon keeps in touch with many of his old teammates, especially those from the 1984 club. He lives near Lou Whitaker and current Tiger Cliff Frazier.

"I think I put on five pounds just by eating at Cecil's so much," Lemon joked.

Having been a major leaguer for so long, retiring from the game was difficult, he commented.

"It's hard," Lemon said. "You miss it a lot."

Which is where the Chet Lemon School of Baseball comes in.

Lemon runs eight camps a year in Michigan and Florida. He said it helps bridge the gap that retiring from the Tigers left in his life.

About 65 youngsters from around the area participated in this week's camp in Novi. Lemon said he usually has anywhere from 75 to 100 kids.

"This is a more comfortable camp," he explained. "When you have 100 kids it's hard to give each of them a lot of personal attention."

In Monday's session, campers were broken down into three age classifications. Each section worked on the game's fundamentals, fielding, throwing and batting before taking a break around lunch time.

Tom Sarraff was in his second camp this week with Lemon.

"He's pretty cool," said the 12-year-old.

Brandon Skandatacis, an 11-year-old, said he hoped to improve his game with the camp, especially his hitting. Despite all the hard work, the Novi resident said, "It's a lot of fun."

Ark need for trip to U.S. Open

Every profession has its shames. Anything designed by Frank Lloyd Wright is likely to be regarded as sacred by an architect. Historians might hold the Smithsonian Institution or Henry Ford Museum as places of wonder. The Oval Office is at the pinnacle of a politician's dreams.

The same is true for sports.

If you're a baseball player, you want to hit one out of the park at Yankee Stadium. The Brickyard is Mecca for auto racing fans, and all football players hope to end up in Canton, Ohio, that way.

Then there's golf.

The world is filled with links considered hallowed: Pebble Beach, Augusta National, Oakmont and St. Andrews to name a few. Locals, there's Colonial Hills.

As you're probably not familiar, aware of the Bloomfield Hills course hosted the U.S. Open over the weekend. Steve Jones won the tournament, which included the likes of Jack Nick-

laus, Greg Norman, John Daly, phenom Tiger Woods and defending champ Corey Pavin.

So like every golfer out in the area, I decided to make myself a part of the Open by visiting the Monster on Maple Road on the final practice day, June 12.

"Expected I could hardly sleep the night before in anticipation of walking the fairways, albeit on the wrong side of the ropes, and seeing what one of the best courses on the planet looked like.

I even had a partner for my trip to Nirvana. Larry Christoff, soccer coach extraordinaire for Novi High.

Driving to the course we heard the weather report - mid-70s, chance of showers. Not a problem. No way the lead Pro upstairs was going to let it rain on my golfing parade.

By noon, Larry and I arrived. I tried not to appear too giddy in front of the venerable Wildcat mentor, but I think he knew. The drool spilling over my chin was a dead giveaway. I guess.

The long and short of it was, no golf. My Course of Dreams had been turned into rice fields.

Oh, well. There's always miniature golf.

slightly crazed look in my eye.

"Lighting, sir," said the middle-aged man with his pot-belly stretching his \$65 polo golf shirt to the limit. "Golfers are coming off the course."

"What, what, what, what, what," I screamed, clutching his arm with a death grip.

"Be stern on the way," the attendant said, brushing me aside.

I looked up at the clouds, which had turned from leadpipe gray to black in a matter of minutes, and shook my head.

"As if you," I grunted.

About five minutes later, Mother Nature let me, and about 20,000 other folks, have it. Christoff, who was being a good sport about the whole thing, and I huddled under a clubhouse porch to stay dry.

Suddenly, I felt as if I had been transported to Burma during the rainy season. Fairways became rivers, bunkers lakes and putting greens ponds.

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Krause makes top squad

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the area, batting at a .552 clip. The impressive average set a Lakeland record.

Hardin was also Lakeland's top pitcher going undefeated in KVC games for the second consecutive season and posting a 9-2 overall record. He had a 2.20 earned run average and he struck out 71 batters in 73 innings of work. The impressive numbers helped him earn a spot on the all-KVC first team.

"He's just a great leader," Lakeland coach Jerry Gantzel said. "But there's nothing cocky about it. He knows he can go out there and do it and the other kids know he can do it too."

All Area Baseball 1996

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POSITION
Eric Hardin	Lakeland	Jr.	Pitcher
Doug Watkins	Milford	Soph.	Catcher
Tom Willerer	Northville	Sr.	Infielder
Nate Forney	Northville	Sr.	Infielder
Lance Siegwald	South Lyon	Jr.	Infielder
Jeff Vanco	Lakeland	Sr.	Infielder
Steve Vernier	South Lyon	Sr.	Infielder
Conor Krause	Novi	Jr.	Infielder
Kyle Hitchcock	Northville	Sr.	Outfielder
Cory Sargent	South Lyon	Sr.	Outfielder

Player of the Year: Eric Hardin

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POSITION
Gordie Culver	South Lyon	Sr.	Pitcher
Mike Neir	Lakeland	Jr.	Catcher
Doug Minko	Novi	Jr.	Infielder
Chris Shiland	Lakeland	Sr.	Infielder
Joe Garrity	South Lyon	Sr.	Infielder
Aaron Wree	Milford	Sr.	Infielder
Mark Sander	Northville	Sr.	Infielder
Jeff Seving	Northville	Sr.	Infielder
Tim Watts	South Lyon	Sr.	Outfielder
Chris Shatler	South Lyon	Sr.	Outfielder

Honorable Mention:
Lakeland: Chris Hartley, Mike Leitheim, Kent Farquhar
Milford: John Whitrow
Northville: Jamie Bellanger, Phil Kozdron
Novi: Jerry Ayers, Ron Heller, Angelo Fallone
South Lyon: Steve Goers, Paul Szalarczyk

DOUG WATKINS
Milford, catcher

When talking about Watkins, Milford coach Paul Sullivan uses the old "two-Ts" - tremendous talent.

After giving the Redskins a lift as a freshman, Watkins emerged as a true star in the KVC this year. He led MHS in batting with a .477 average and he was also tops on the squad in home runs with three. And the sophomore only struck out four times this year.

"Out of all the hitters I've seen at this level he probably has the best eye," Sullivan said. "He just gets so much tougher with two strikes on him."

Watkins, whose father is an assistant coach with Milford, also showed what he could defensively this year. He was a rock behind home plate, throwing out 19 runners in 21 games this season.

Sullivan said if Watkins, an all-KVC first teamer, continues to improve, he could be scary by the time he's a senior.

TOM WILLERER
South Lyon, infielder

The Mustangs seem to produce a star every spring. This year, it was Willerer's turn to take the spotlight.

The tall senior, who'll play college baseball at the University of Indiana, actually made his name as a pitcher this year. Willerer was Northville's ace and dominated opponents to the tune of a 7-0 season.

"He kept getting better as the spring went on," said Northville coach Mickey Newman. "He got better as it got warmer."

A fastball pitcher until this year, Willerer developed a good breaking ball. He used that and his fastball, which was clocked in the high 80s, to overpower batters.

When he wasn't pitching, Willerer played first base. He compiled a .394 average, 21 RBI, a pair of home runs and seven stolen bases.

Willerer was an All-Western Lakes Activities Association first team pick.

NATE FORNEY
Northville, sr. infielder

What a year this second baseman had.

After a solo-junior season, Forney busted his backside to improve for the 1996 campaign. Newman said the senior spent hours hitting off of a batting tee to

improve his stroke.

"He's a very hard worker," he added, said. "It breaks right off the table."

It paid off in a big way. Forney batted .543, slugged three homers and knocked in 38.

Even more amazing than those stats was Forney's ability to get the bat on the ball. He struck out just four times in 70 at bats.

"He put the ball in play," Newman said, "and usually hit it hard."

The coach said Forney, an All-WLAA pick, more than held his own at second base, too.

"He was a rock at second," the coach commented. "He made all the easy plays and tough ones, too."

LANCE SIEGWALD
South Lyon, infielder

Siegwald emerged as an offensive star for the Lions this year and, like Hardin, he keyed his team's run for a share of the KVC crown.

He also set a school record for batting this season with a .528 average. And Siegwald proved that he was all-around player, finishing third on SL with 31 RBI and first on the team with 23 stolen bases.

"He's just a very good athlete," Lions' coach Mark Thomas said. "He has a great attitude, which makes a big difference. He's very polite and he always does what you ask."

Siegwald, a first-team all-KVC selection, concentrated on his hitting during the winter months and he certainly saw his efforts pay off this spring. The junior also led the SL pitching staff with a 4-1 record and three saves. He had a 2.42 ERA and he had tremendous control of his pitches on the mound.

CONOR KRAUSE
Novi, Jr. Infielder

On a less than great Wildcat team, the junior was one of the few bright spots. Krause played shortstop and pitched for Novi and enjoyed success doing both.

At the plate, Krause hit a solid .385 and led the team in stolen bases with 13. His best game was a 5-for-5 performance against Milford.

"He's a line drive hitter," Novi coach Brian Howard said. "He likes to drive the ball up the middle."

On the mound, Krause had a respectable 4-3 record and a fine

2.85 earned run average.

"He has a great curveball," Howard said. "It breaks right off the table."

The coach expects Krause to be even better on the hill next year as he matures more physically.

"I think his fastball will improve," Howard said.

JEFF VANCO
Milford, Infielder

Vanco entered this season determined to make a mark in the Eagles lineup and he certainly met his goal.

The senior made a dramatic turnaround at the plate and in the field for LHS while being named to the all-KVC first team. Vanco was second on Lakeland with a .333 batting average and he also finished second in hits, trailing only record-setting teammate Eric Hardin.

Vanco, who played mostly second base and a little third base for Lakeland, also drastically improved his fielding. After committing 17 errors last season Vanco more than made that total in half, making only six miscues in '96 for a fielding average of better than .900.

"He was probably the most improved ball player on our team this season," Gantzel said.

STEVE VERNIER
South Lyon, Infielder

"Man, what a brute," SL coach Mark Thomas said of his powerful third baseman.

Vernier, standing 6-0 and 190 pounds, certainly did pose an intimidating figure for batters at third. Pat a ferocious linebacker's mentality into that frame and its also no wonder that players weren't anxious to get in Vernier's way on the base paths either.

The senior batted .438 and tied for the team lead in RBI with 33 and Thomas said he was amazingly agile for someone of his size.

"Even though he's big he's still very quick and he has good reflexes," the coach said.

Vernier, a KVC first-teamer this spring, also was one of the motivators on the SL team, drawing from his experience as a defensive leader on the South Lyon football team over the past couple of years.

Minke lands on area 2nd team

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lead with the kind of gloves they wield. Here's a closer look at the members of the East All-Area Second Team:

GORDIE CULVER
South Lyon, pitcher

"Gordie was the surprise of our team this season," Lions' coach Mark Thomas said. "Gordie was a left-handed hurler, had a bit of a rough start to the year but he finished strong as the Lions won 11 straight games finishing in a tie with Lakeland for the KVC championship.

Thomas told Culver after last year that he needed a strong No. 2 pitcher and the senior proceeded to put his nose to the grindstone in the off-season.

He worked very hard to get where he was," Thomas said. "I told him that he'd be a key to our success."

Culver recorded a 4-2 record and he had a 2.71 earned run average while leading SL in strikeouts with 48. Culver was named honorable mention in the KVC this year.

DOUG MINKO
Novi, Infielder

Perhaps one of the area's most unsung players is Minke. The Wildcat first baseman put together a solid campaign both in the field and at the plate.

If the KVC awarded golden gloves, Minke would definitely be a recipient. He made just one error while snagging throws out of the dirt with ease.

"He has good soft hands," Novi coach Brian Howard said. "He catches everything."

Minke made big strides at the plate. He batted .328, collected 31 RBI and smacked 14 doubles.

Howard said the junior has a nice inside-out swing. "He's not a pull hitter," he added.

JOE GARRITY
South Lyon, Infielder

If the Lions were in need of a spark it was often Garrity who struck the match.

A solid fielder at second base, Garrity also had some pop at the plate this season swinging for a .380 average. He had a .925 fielding percentage and he also shortstop Lance Siegwald made up one of the deadliest double-play combinations in the KVC.

"Joe gets rid of the ball so fast and he knows what to do with it," coach Thomas said. "They turned at least one double play per game."

Garrity was also a solid leader for SL in '96 and he made the all-KVC second-team for his performance between the lines.

Sports Shorts

Karate

On May 11 the AAU held the Martial Arts State Championships in Livonia. Although outweighed and outsize, 12-year-old John Goodroe of Novi placed in point sparring with a third place bronze medal, and also placed in Olympic full contact sparring with a third place bronze medal. But, the biggest win of the day was when he won the gold medal and placed first in forms. The amazing part about his winning is that it was mostly all Korean stylists competing as well as judging. John trains in a traditional Japanese art. To compete in and win any event is next to impossible, given those circumstances in competition Karate.

John has been training under Sensei Scott Maczuga at the Novi Shotokan Karate Dojo on Beck Road for about 2 1/2 years and also just received his brown belt. He is one of two seniors in the Juniors Program and sets a fine example for his juniors.

The 1996 Junior Olympics will be held in New Orleans this year from Aug. 6 through 10.

Jaguars

The Novi Jaguars Girls 8th soccer team defeated the Wayne-Westland team recently. Scoring goals for Novi were Christine Jewell with one goal, and Anna Habash with 2. Novi dominated the game against the Huron Valley Spirits, but came up with a tie, 2-2. Kelle Pfeiffer and Lindsey Beach scored for Novi.

The Novi Expos 9- and 10-year-olds pounded out 14 hits in defeating the Wayne Bandits 18-11 on June 8. Kevin Cislo and Jeff Davis each collected three hits in leading the attack. John Peters, Matt Haggerty and Brent Baines each collected two scoring singles in support of B.J. Humphrey, who limited the Bandits to 3 runs over the last three innings.

On June 12 the Expos ran their league record to 6-1 as they defeated Allen Park 14-7. The hot hitting continued as Mike Hart went 3 for 4 and Adam Zorza and Mark Sorensen collected two hits apiece. Scott Schwartz drove in a run and was a mainstay behind the plate. Sorensen went the distance in another strong pitching effort for the Expos.

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Vitamin-A derivative may cure cervical precancerous condition

Retin-A, the same product used to treat acne and smooth wrinkles, also appears to be effective in reversing a precancerous condition called cervical dysplasia. Researchers at the University of Michigan Health System are recruiting women for a \$2.9 million National Institutes of Health-funded study to find out why this cream, which contains the vitamin-A derivative retinoic acid, coaxes precancerous cervical cells back to normal in some women.

About 55,000 Americans are diagnosed with dysplasia annually via routine pap smears. The condition is classified, according to severity, as typical, mild, moderate or severe. Patients with mild dysplasia usually are advised to take a "watchful waiting" approach, since about 40 percent of such cases return to normal without treatment. Women with moderate to severe dysplasia experience a lower spontaneous regression rate, so they may be advised to undergo minor surgery to remove abnormal tissue.

Recent studies indicate that those most responsive to Retin-A, which is applied with a

cervical cap daily for four days, are women with moderate dysplasia. With no treatment, only about a quarter of such cases return to normal on their own; with Retin-A, the regression rate is nearly 50 percent, says principal investigator Mack T. Ruffin IV, M.D., assistant professor of family practice. In contrast, with severe dysplasia, the regression rate falls to about 30 percent - with or without treatment.

Ruffin and colleagues suspect that the degree of responsiveness to such treatment might have to do with the presence of the human papilloma virus, or HPV - a known risk factor for cervical cancer - and the degree to which it has set up shop within the woman's system. It is estimated that 20-40 percent of women under 50 are infected with this sexually transmitted virus and may not know it, Ruffin says.

"Our theory is that if you can intervene with Retin-A when the level of HPV is high, before it has been incorporated into the cellular DNA, that's probably when you can block any progression to cervical cancer," he says. "We're not

sure how wide that window is, but we hope to find out. We're also hoping with the treatment to see the amount of HPV come down, because one of our goals is to find a way to treat HPV and cure it."

If Retin-A treatment indeed influences HPV's cellular foothold, Ruffin plans additional studies to see whether such changes relate to the progression of dysplasia: whether it holds steady, retreats entirely or develops into cancer.

"If, using HPV as a biomarker, we can predict whether the dysplasia will stay the same or get better with Retin-A, then we could look at other treatments, whether that's taking a certain amount of vitamin A orally or even changing the diet," Ruffin says.

For more information about enrolling in the Retin-A study, call (313) 747-4748 or (313) 647-4748.

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Understanding structure, function of bone

Osteoporosis is a common disorder with potentially serious health consequences. It weakens a person's bones, increasing the risk of fractures.

To understand osteoporosis, you must first understand the normal structure and function of bone.

Bone is a living tissue which provides both mechanical support and a repository for minerals. Your bones actually get their strength from a structure that resembles reinforced concrete. Hard calcium crystals, called calcium hydroxyapatite, are reinforced with strands of a tough protein called collagen.

But bone is more dynamic than concrete is, thanks to those same calcium crystals - which respond to jarring mechanical forces generated during our daily activities. Whether you're strolling around the block or straining to lift a heavy box, your bones respond by constantly reinforcing and remodeling themselves.

Bone remodeling, in fact, is a continuous, lifelong process. It involves two steps, drilling and building. Cells called osteoclasts will dissolve an area of bone, followed by other cells, called osteoblasts, that build it anew. The process resembles road repair, where an old street

is torn up, only to be replaced by fresh pavement.

Osteoporosis occurs when the drillers outpace the builders - and bones lose substance, weaken and become susceptible to fracture (the key problem with this disorder). Theories abound about the causes of osteoporosis, but none have been proven. Medical experts do know that risk factors include menopause, old age and family history.

Menopause affects the bone replacement process in two ways. It stimulates the osteoclasts (the "drillers") in the first couple of years after menstruation ceases, leading to large losses of calcium from the bones. And while both men and women lose bone strength as they age, menopause accelerates that loss in women's later years.

How can you prevent osteoporosis? Weight-bearing exercise - including walking, jogging and aerobics - will help, because any activity that gets you on your feet and moving will stimulate bone and help strengthen it. And because muscles are attached to bone, weight-lifting will have a similar effect.

You can also help retain bone mass through your diet - by including milk and other dairy products, along with calcium-fortified orange juice and dark-green leafy vegetables. Even then, it can be difficult, however, to get all the calcium your bones need. Calcium supplements will help provide bone with its basic building blocks (read the product label for dosage indications or consult your doctor).

There are medical options as well. For menopausal women, the first preventive medical remedy for osteoporosis was hormone replacement therapy (HRT). While it will not replace the calcium a woman has already lost, HRT can prevent the sudden surge in the rate of calcium loss that comes with menopause. It will also slow down post-menopausal loss of bone.

There are now additional choices when it comes to medical treatment of osteoporosis: Medications are now available that actually build bone. They stop the osteoclasts from drilling and over time, allowing the "builders" to catch up. Treatment results can be monitored through a test called bone densitometry.

Meanwhile, other therapies to slow or reverse bone loss are under development. For now, though, the best prevention strategy against osteoporosis is to include regular weight-bearing exercise in your life and to eat a diet rich in calcium, using calcium supplements as an additional source.

If you think you may be at high risk for osteoporosis, or you have questions about this disorder, you should consult your physician to see if any of the medical treatment options is right for you.

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Health Notes

Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital is offering the following programs:

- **Diabetes Care Outpatient** - A program for all non-pregnant individuals over 14 years of age with diabetes. The program is designed to help the individual control their blood sugar and become a more active member in treating their diabetes.

- **Day and evening classes and/or individual appointments** are available in Southfield and Novi. Call (810) 424-3903 for information on schedules, fees, insurance coverage and registration.

- **NutriWay Program** - The nationally-recognized NutriWay weight management program. This four- to 10-week weight/cholesterol management series includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival skills and much more.

- **Baby Bleepers** - "Baby beeper" rentals are being offered by Providence to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

- The rentals available through Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Pagers can be rented for one or two months at a time at a cost of \$30 for one month and \$40 for two. A security deposit is required. Call (810) 424-3332 for further information.

- **Blood pressure check** - A free blood pressure check will be held 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 Cardiorespiratory Department. Call (810) 380-4225 for further information.

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

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

- The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

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

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

individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Eating Right** - Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering individual appointments with a registered dietitian to assist in losing weight, lowering blood pressure, lowering cardiovascular risk factors and providing positive dietary changes. The dietitian will assess the participant's health status and nutritional goals are evaluated. After such evaluation, a diet plan is developed.

- Day and evening appointments are available. There is a \$40 fee for the initial visit and \$30 for follow-up sessions, if indicated. A specifically designed weight modification program is also available. Call (810) 424-3385 for further information.

- **Surgery Star** - If your child is scheduled for surgery, it can be a very frightening experience for them. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers continues its "Sally the Surgery Star" program to help little ones deal with a hospital stay.

- The child is taken on a tour and is familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay. At the end of the tour, the child is honored as a "Surgery Star."

- Tours are offered at both Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Call (810) 424-3978 to arrange a tour at Providence Hospital and (810) 380-4170 to arrange a tour at Providence Park.

St. Mary's Hospital

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

- **Just for Dads** - St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads...Childbirth and Beyond," from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8. The class will meet in the Pavilion Conference Room A near the Levan Road entrance. This two-hour class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant in childbirth, and the new role of fatherhood.

- The format includes open discussion on attitudes and beliefs about fatherhood and lifestyle changes. Instruction on baby care includes a demonstration.

- Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required by Aug. 1. For more information or to register, please call (313) 655-2882 or toll free at 1-800-494-1617. St. Mary's Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

- **Cancer Education Class** - St. Mary's 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 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.

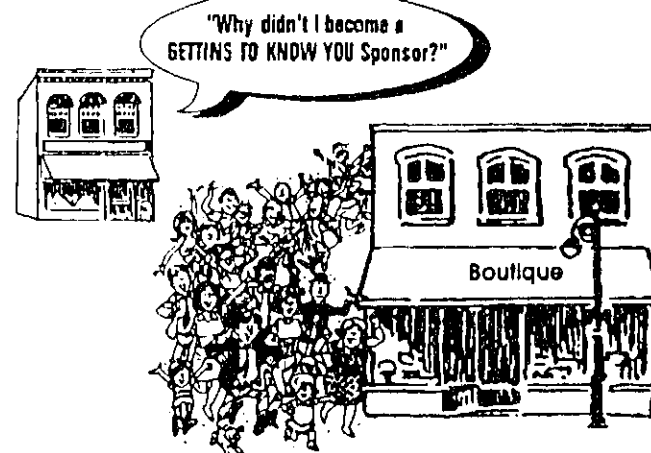
- The comprehensive course includes lectures, audio-visual programs and group discussion. Presentations will be made by a team of health care professionals.

- 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.

- **Breast Health Clinic** - St. Mary will hold a breast health clinic from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 26 in the Marian Women's Center. Registration is required.

- A physician will perform a complete breast examination and provide instructions on how to perform a breast self-examination. If indicated, a mammogram will be done. Cost of the breast exam is \$21. Cost of mammography is extra. However, this cost may be covered by insurance. For more information or to register, call (313) 655-3314.

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