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## City readies road bond for fall ballot

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

While the Novi City Council is driving towards placing a road bond proposal before voters in November, it has taken a detour around two construction projects proposed by the city administration.

That could mean they have whittled down a \$16.384 million potential ballot request by \$5.081 million - or alternative projects could be added to keep to the original sum.

In 1990, Novi voters approved an \$18.8 million road bond package. How this second round of road improvements was chosen, City Manager Ed Kriewall said, was based on impending avail-

ability of federal and state fund-

ing. What may be before voters this fall are projects which are not eligible for funding sources outside of Novi.

Within the next three years, voters may then be asked to approve a third road bond package, this time to provide local matches for outside funding sources.

Whichever ballot language is chosen, it must be submitted to the Oakland County Clerk's office by Aug. 27.

"I didn't think if we polled people they would come up with the same list of roads here tonight," City Council Member Nancy Cas-

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Brent Canup in his 1958 Chevy Impala, with Rick Gilbert, get ready for the '50s Festival Grand River Cruise.

## Fire marshal takes job in Walled Lake

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi Fire Marshal Bill Conn doesn't answer when he hears the title "chief."

"It's going to take awhile to get used to it. When somebody says chief, to me that brings Art Lenaghan up in my mind," Conn said.

While Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan isn't going anywhere, Conn is. Last week, he was appointed fire chief of the City of Walled Lake.

"I think it's going to be real exciting. With the community and the growth it's going through, I'm thrilled," he said.

Conn, who has been fire marshal here for nine years, will clear out his desk July 31. He's had a long career in Novi.

Conn got his start in battling fires in 1978, when he was a

member of the city's paid-on-call force.

He left in 1981 to study fire protection engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology and from there took a job in the petroleum industry. The trouble was, he was always on the road.

"When wedding invitations start showing up at the house and your wife's name is the only name on it, you know you're not home enough," Conn, a Millford resident, said.

That's why he was happy to land the job at Fire Station One. But Conn doesn't just spend his daylight hours working with Novi fire equipment. For several years now, he's been restoring Novi's first fire truck, a 1928 REO (Ransom E. Olds) chassis on a Boyer frame which has been out of service since the 1940s. While most

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## Festival brings back memories

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Back in the 1960s, Detroit was a happening town, according to Novi resident Art Cervi.

Unlike most of the people who plan to show up for The Marvelettes and Gary Lewis and The Playboys concerts at the Michigan '50s Festival this week, Cervi knew the performers when they were young and eager to get on-air exposure.

When The Marvelettes walk on stage Friday night, they might just get a sense of deja vu. In the 1960s, they were a regular act at the Walled Lake Casino in Novi.

From the late 1950s to the early 1970s, Cervi was producer and talent coordinator for *Swinging Time With Robin Seymour*, a Windsor-based syndicated teen dance television program.

Back then, Motown producer Barry Gordon wanted TV time for The Marvelettes, his first

**■ Rick Gilbert has always been a participant in the Grand River Cruise, but this year he plans to sit it out and enjoy watching from the sidelines. The story appears on page 11A.**

"girl group," so badly that they'd practically perform for free, Cervi said.

"The Marvelettes were up and coming kids. They were fun to be with. Barry Gordy was eager to get all his stable of groups out. I don't think you'd get them for that now," he added.

Organized in 1960 by a group of Inkster High School students, the Marvelettes made the hit parade with songs like "Please Mr. Postman," "Heerwood 4-5789" and "Don't Mess With Bill."

Cervi, Seymour and other area deejays produced and emceed concerts for the rock and roll generation at the Walled Lake Casino, at one-time operating under the hip 1960s name of Casino A-Go-Go. Most of the Gordy performers, including the Marvelettes, wowed the young crowds there.

Cervi also worked with Gary Lewis and the Playboys, led by the son of comedian Jerry Lewis.

"When he came, everybody wanted to know about his father. He wasn't really an extrovert, he was a shy boy," Cervi recalled.

The mid-1960s band's big numbers include "This Diamond Ring," "Save Your Heart For Me" and "Everybody Loves A Clown."

Cervi said he doesn't think he ever booked The Grassroots, the third big-name show scheduled for the festival this week.

But you name the 1960s pop star and he's

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## Airborne

Dave Modic gets some air riding a wakeboard during a ski club tournament held Saturday on Walled Lake. Spectators can check out professional skiers and wakeboarders this weekend at Island Lake State Recreation area at I-96 and Kensington Road just west of Novi.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL



## Brochures stir controversy in state House primary race

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Somewhere out there are 7,000 Craig DeRoche political flyers, the cause of a hornet's nest in the race for the Republican nomination in the 38th District State House of Representatives District.

One line of the flyers reads, in what DeRoche calls a unintentional printing error, "Governor Engler and as many as three-fourths of the State House will not run for reelection in 1998 due

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to term limits." The terminology inspired one of

his two opponents for the office, Novi City Council Member Nancy Cassis, to pen a July 18 letter to Engler.

DeRoche then charged that Cassis is misrepresenting her credentials in her own brochures.

"The fact is, Gov. Engler is constitutionally capable to seek another term as Michigan's governor," Cassis said in a news release faxed to the media last week.

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## Incumbent faces novice for congress

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe it's election time again, but the primary for a congressional seat in the 11th District is heating up ... if you can call it that.

There's no opposition in the Aug. 6 primary for both the Democratic and Republican nominations for the two-year term, 11th District U.S. House of Representatives seat currently held by Rep. Joseph Knollenberg, a Republican from West Bloomfield Township.

The 11th district encompasses Novi, Milford, South Lyon, portions of Northville and most of southwestern Oakland County.

Finishing up his second two-

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### Community Calendar

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#### Thursday, August 1

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

#### Sounds of Summer

Novi Parks and Recreation Department presents the Big Band Express featuring traditional and contemporary music with vocalist Del Kaultman at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Admission is free. There are refreshments and novelties for the kids. For additional information call 347-0400.

#### Monday, August 5

##### Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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

#### TOPS

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

#### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

#### Tuesday, August 6

##### Seniors meeting

The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

##### Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River

Avic... hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

#### Board of Appeals

The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

#### 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.

#### Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0069.

#### Wednesday, August 7

##### Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

##### Business Network International

The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 5-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 632-7725.

#### Thursday, August 8

##### Sounds of Summer

Novi Parks and Recreation Department presents the Chautauqua Express featuring entertainment for all ages at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Admission is free. There are refreshments and novelties for the kids. For additional information call 347-0400.

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#### Parks meeting

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

#### Monday, August 12

##### City Council

The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

##### Health tests

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

##### Library Board

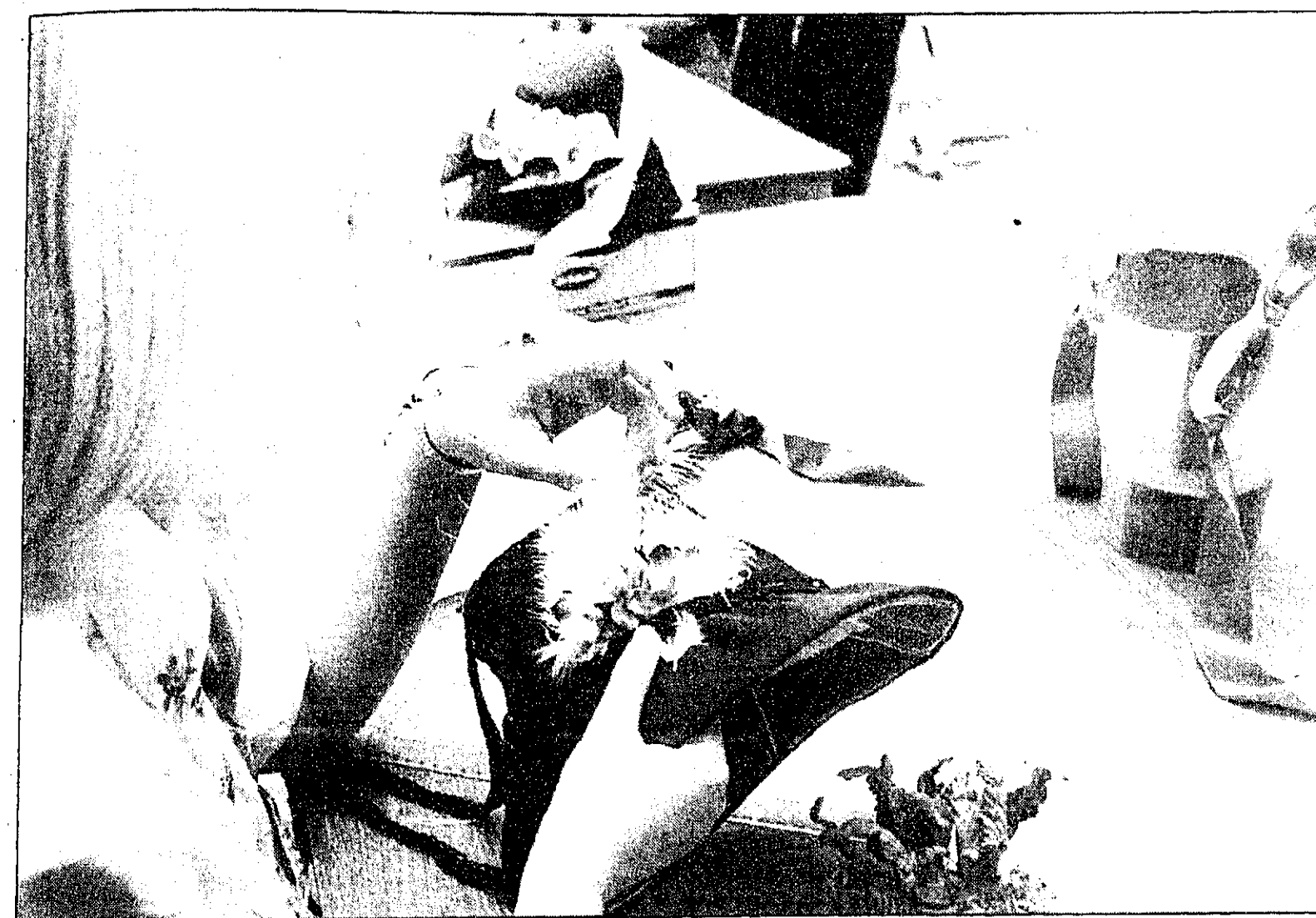
The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

##### American Business Women's Assoc.

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations, call Betty Bowler at 633-9317/7708. For membership information, call Betty Johnson at (810)960-9559.

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Stephanie Smith puts the finishing touch on her 1860-style bonnet. She's with the 27th Virginia Co. Civil War reenactment group.



Jomarie Soszynski pins silk flowers on her bonnet.

## Class revives art of bonnet making

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

"In your Easter bonnet..." Don't get a line in your bonnet. Put on your old gray bonnet. While the words' not left the vocabulary, the fashion's been about as out of style as you can get for some 120 years. But Jomarie Ashley Soszynski, specializes in reviving the niceties of a bygone era. A former Novi Historic Commissioner now living in Brighton, she's back in town these days to promote bonnet-making. Her first class in the almost-forgotten millinery arts began at the historic Novi Township Hall in June and her second, with 13 students stitching away, wrapped up last week.

"Reenactors really require as much authenticity in dress as they possibly can get," Soszynski said. "One would think bonnets were bonnets, but they're not. They're so incredibly different." It's Soszynski's business to know these details. Through her company, Ms. Ashley's Costumes, she makes and sells authentic historical garb by catalog. Her latest commission is tailoring bustle-style frocks for women who will accompany members of the Little Big Horn Association to a reenactment in Montana. She's also chair of the Citizens of Wheeling, Virginia, a group of "non-combatant" reenactors affiliated with the 27th Virginia troops.

Two bonnet choices were offered at her class. From the early 1850s, Civil War reenactors who portray the ladies who follow the troops and need to be completely authentic from pantaloons to parasols. That means they're savvy to the nuances of the headgear.

"Everyone liked the bonnets. It keeps your hand free. You're not trying to hold your hat in the wind." Besides being gussied up with ribbons and flowers and neatly tied with a ribbon under the chin, one thing the two bonnets had in common was each had a skirt hanging down the back. "They thought it was indecent to expose the back of the neck, certainly not in church," Soszynski explained. While female Civil War reenactors may impersonate men and

dress up like soldiers, as some women actually did during the war, others adopt the character of landladies, officers' wives, spies and even hookers. "I see nothing thrilling in wearing a 100 percent wool suit in hot weather and crawling through a field. I prefer to portray the lady who would travel with her husband and still manage to set a table with lace, silver and crystal," Soszynski said. She's launching a new bonnet making class in September and you don't have to be a reenactor to sign up. By the 1870s, the bonnet was passe and from then on, women wore hats, until the late 1960s, when a woman wouldn't go shopping in downtown Detroit without wearing a hat and gloves. "You would wear gloves without a hat but you wouldn't wear your hat without gloves," she explained. For info, call (810) 229-8762.

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# Owani delegation visit Novi school district

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

They're back. Fifteen students and six adults from Owani, Japan will spend some of their summer vacation abroad here in what they consider their sister city.

## A FAREWELL

The community is being invited to a city hall concert staged as a farewell for the visitors from Owani, Japan.

The concert is scheduled for July 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in front of the Novi Civic Center.

The concert is being organized by the Novi Concert Band playing compositions from some of America's greatest composers. Some of the pieces are from the musicals *Carousel* and *South Pacific*. In addition, students from the Novi High School choir will fill the air with the song.

The concert is free to residents but they should bring along lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

In 1990, Owani and Novi became official sister cities. "We felt it was an exchange of getting to know people in other countries and we do have a large population of Japanese in Novi," said Traylor.

"We're promoting international friendship." Although the cities share approximately the same longitudinal lines on the globe, Owani is a rural city in the mountainous region of Japan and has a population of about 15,000.

Students, city and school officials from Novi have made two visits to Owani.

"It's good for our students to see the large city like Tokyo and then go into the mountains to see Owani," said Traylor.

She said the program has been so beneficial the district may look into forming friendships with other foreign countries.

"Everyone is very excited about it," said Rita Traylor, assistant superintendent for instruction at Novi Community Schools. "But before you know it, it's time to leave. It's just so shocking how fast it goes."

As part of the cultural exchange program between Novi and Owani, a resort town in Japan, the visitors will spend four days with city and school district officials in Novi beginning July 26.

The visit will consist of a welcome dinner at the Hotel Barometre on Friday, a tour of Novi High School, a trip to the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, a cruise on the Diamond-Jack Riverboat Tours on Sunday, a pool party at a former board member's home and an All-American Picnic on Monday hosted by the city for the whole community to attend.

It's also hoped the visitors can enjoy some All-American 1950s fun at the Michigan '50s Festival this weekend.

The students will stay with host families in Novi. The adults will stay at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at their own cost.

This is the third visit for the Owani delegation. In addition, they will travel to California to visit San Francisco after they leave Novi.

The exchange program began first in 1988 with Orchard Hills Elementary. A Japanese parent brought the school's kite flying project back to the schools in Owani and from there the schools formed a bond.



Photos by KELLY CASTERLINE

## Firefighters demonstrate their skills

Novi firefighters demonstrate extrication of a victim in a mock car accident Saturdays at the Novi Fire Department's open house at Fire Station One. City residents and their children got

the chance to tour the firehouse on Grand River, talk to the chief and sit in the truck and try on other firefighting equipment. The open house is an annual event for the department.

## Cruise still gives car lovers a thrill

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Rick Gilbert is just going to sit back and watch the cars go by this year.

After years of making decisions, planning events and leading the pack for the Michigan '50s Festival Grand River Cruise, the Novi resident is going to get out the lawn chairs, fill up the cooler and simply sit back and enjoy from his favorite spot along the route.

"It's more fun if you stand on the side and watch the beautiful cars go by," said Gilbert, who first helped organize the cruise back in 1987 and has driven in the cruise nearly each year since.

But that's not to say he won't be helping out at all. Although Gilbert has "stepped aside," his wife, Sue, remains a festival volunteer and he will help out with the Ice Cream Social put on by the Downtown Merchants Friday at noon at the Novi Civic Center.

Gilbert said when Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall first came up with the idea for the festival nine years ago and asked him to help organize a classic car show he thought it was a great idea.

"I think the '50s Festival is the best thing that ever happened to Novi," he explained. "It brings the community together. Very seldom do you have an event that pulls your neighbors together."

"Rick is one of the original board members and (the cruise is) one of

## CARS, CARS AND MORE CARS

The Michigan '50s Festival Car Show begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 28, and ends at 4 p.m. The location is the Novi Expo Center.

The official Grand River Cruise down Meadowbrook and Grand River Avenue begins at 5:30 p.m. that day. Viewing of the Cruise is free, but it will cost \$5 to drive in the event.

In its ninth year, the Cruise is expected to participate more than 1,000 cars. The nation, and particularly Michigan, is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Automobile this year.

the events that drew our focus early on was the relationship of the car to the '50s," explained Kriewall. "Rick was one of those who recognized the need to put that together and make the event broader."

Gilbert said he grew up during the era of classic cars, as did most of baby boomers. It's the nostalgia that keeps the cruises going.

"What was traditional back in the '60s was you would date on Friday and Saturday night and on Sunday you would cruise around," said Gilbert, who recalls driving endlessly down Grand River Avenue, Woodward Avenue and Telegraph Road stopping at car hop restaurants for a bite to eat.

"There's a sense of thrill in driving your first car," said Gilbert. "Kind of like you're in command and in control of another entity and being able to come and go. I still get a thrill."



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Dog athletes prep for olympics

Basketball has been in the news a lot lately with the USA Olympic Dream Team, and the astronomical salaries paid to the latest crop of NBA free agents. But when it comes to pure hoop fun, no NBA all-star can match the antics of a team that will be playing at the Michigan '50s Festival July 24-25.

The Oinkers Rock & Roll Canines are the world's only all-dog basketball team. Although they don't score with the proficiency of a Michael Jordan or Grant Hill, these athletic canines bring their own level of excitement to the game of basketball, as they dribble with front paws, and "go to the hoop" on all fours with the ball in their mouths.

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Festival. The dogs will also run relay races, jump through flaming hoops, and high jump up to four times their heights.

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## Festival to revive memories of Novi's 1950s decade

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met most of them. "My kid will see some of these people and I'll say, 'Dad knew them,'" he said.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., The Grassroots will perform with Steve King and The Daddies in the Michigan '50s Festival Entertainment Tent. Tickets are \$5.

Friday at 9 p.m., The Marvelettes and Rocky & the Rollers will give two shows. Admission is \$10.

Saturday at 8 p.m., on stage will be Gary Lewis and The Playboys with Rocky & The Rollers. Two shows, admission \$10.

The Michigan '50s Festival runs through Sunday.

## CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL COMPUTER TEST GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 1996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be an official test of the computer and computer program to be used by the City of Novi, Michigan, for the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 1996. The test will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 1996 at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK (810) 347-0456 (7-25-96 NR, NN)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Farmer Jacks is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for an outdoor sidewalk sale from July 31, 1996 through August 3, 1996 at 41940 West Ten Mile Road. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permits. This request will be considered at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 1996 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to July 31, 1996. (7-25-96 NR, NN)



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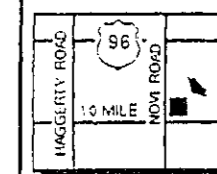


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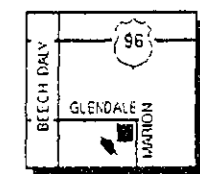
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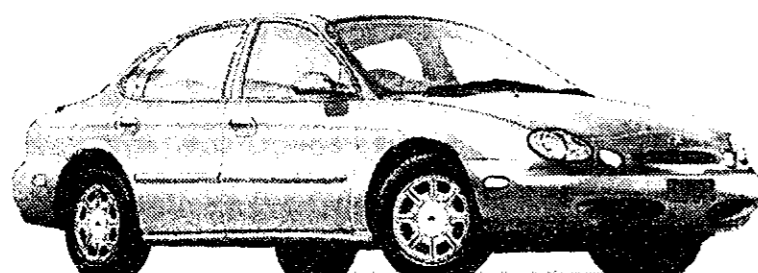
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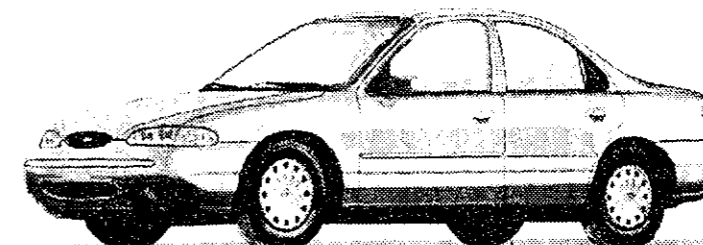
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**The boys of summer**

Novi kids learn to throw, catch and hit in the Novi Parks and Recreation departments T-ball league. The kids play for three innings or one hour and 15 minutes in non-competitive games. There are no strike outs and everyone bats each inning, enhanced with positive cheering. Here, the Tigers play the Orioles at Village Oaks elementary. Above, Andrew Errico stops a ground ball in the infield for the Tigers. At right, coach John Hunter encourages Dustin Ratliff as he steps up to the plate.



**Police department to add sergeant's position**

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi Police are expected to create a new sergeant's position this year to deal with many administrative functions including training, policies and procedures and departmental complaints.

"We've just had a slew of work here lately needing somebody in an administrative capacity," said Craig Klaver, assistant city manager.

The new position will take one of six current male patrol sergeants and place him in that position.

The open patrol sergeant position will be filled by Officer Terry Whitfield and a patrol officer will be hired to replace him with money from a federal grant.

According to Klaver, the department first requested the position for the 1996-97 budget but the idea was nixed because the city did not want to remove a patrol officer from the street to put in that position. At the time, there was no funding to hire a replacement officer.

However, due to a recent federal grant to fund four new officers, the city feels it can afford to hire the officer to replace the promotion.

Klaver also explained the Command Officers Association of Michigan union labor agreement provides for sergeant vacancies on the road patrol to be filled by offering the work to other road patrol sergeants, instead of using an officer to fill in temporarily. That

**New Sgt. post given job description**

According to a memo from Police Chief Doug Shaeffer to City Manager Ed Kriewell, the sergeant will carry out several functions:

- Internal affairs investigations: The sergeant will conduct investigations into all complaints against police personnel and present the information and evidence gathered to a Civilian Review Board to be composed of 3 non-police employees. One individual appointment will be made by the mayor and city

council, one by city manager and one by chief of police.

- The board will review all complaints and information and render the case for further investigation or pass findings on to exonerate an employee or recommend specific action.
- Professional standards: The sergeant will review and update directives of the department which guards against liabilities. He will conduct periodic investigations of various

work units and procedures to ensure standards are being followed.

- Employee recruitment and background investigations: The sergeant will be responsible for this time-consuming task as the organization continues to hire new employees.
- Training: The sergeant will resolve another of the areas of greatest liabilities - the lack of training or inappropriate training.

"From time to time (a complaint) happens. This places it in more impartial hands to conduct that investigation and to develop skills and do detailed investigations," said Shaeffer.

"It's very important the police department be responsive to complaints about police employees and be fair to the employees as well."

He said the sergeant will be able to more closely gauge if policies, directives or training could be at fault for complaints and make suggestions for improvements.

"If the misbehavior is there it needs to be determined if it's a pattern and is it being followed by other individuals," said Shaeffer.

Punishments are of varied length and scale, he said. The department, however, would not release the number of complaints about the department.

practices led to overtime conditions, particularly with road patrol Sergeant Greg Hundertmark recently focusing on administrative duties resulting from major hiring periods. Creating another sergeant position would help fill that need.

Klaver said.

Because of delays in selecting police officers, the new position will not be filled but an officer will be promoted to sergeant, made possible by current personnel vacancies. The salary difference between an officer and a sergeant position for a year is approximately \$9,000, according to Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

Although the council did not want to see the patrol ranks reduced, the promotion of Whitfield will leave one missing officer until the position is filled.

But that's not a problem for the

city, said Klaver. "Once we know somebody is coming we're a little more comfortable with it," he explained.

The position is essentially a one-person office of professional standards, according to Shaeffer.

The sergeant will recruit and select new employees and review and write policies. Both of these are time-consuming necessities and grow larger as the community evolves, according to Shaeffer.

"As the community is growing

over time we know the organization will continue to grow likewise over time," said Shaeffer.

In addition, the sergeant will undertake responsibility for handling internal and external departmental complaints.

**Planners deny approval for complex Novi seniors root for Shapiro plan**

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

"If we want to preserve our job base and tax base we better proceed cautiously."

Brandon Rogers City consultant

Shapiro argues the site is an environmentally sensitive piece of property that needs special attention and would do better with a residential development. In addition he feels the multiple housing would create a nice buffer between the large lot residential zoning to the south and the co-op apartment complexes to the north, within the Wixom boundary.

However, some commissioners currently the property is zoned large lot and single family residential and general business but the city has master planned it for high tech office and industrial use, and appears intent on keeping it that way.

"I'm not convinced we don't have a demand for high tech industrial use when we look at a rezoning we have to look at the reasons you give."

Commissioner Jacques Hodges told Gary Shapiro, owner of Ivanhoe.

Consultants and commissioners did say there isn't enough land still available for light industrial uses.

"If we want to preserve our job base and tax base we better proceed cautiously," said Brandon Rogers, city consultant.

The main thrust of Shapiro's request lies in the fact he claims no high tech company will locate on that particular parcel. There is no freeway frontage, a critical factor in high tech office location choices, he said.

"I support greatly the need for high tech in Novi. But our studies have shown us it's not an appropriate site and there are hundreds and hundreds of acres left in the city that are more appropriate," said Shapiro.

In addition, he said past history with a city Grand Plan to put light industrial and other uses on the property met with staunch opposition from surrounding land owners.

The meeting got off to a rough start when commissioners told Shapiro to refrain from making references to what sort of development they would put on the property. The only issue, they said, was a rezoning issue and that meant Ivanhoe had to prove the current zoning needed changing.

"If he want to provide evidence of the zoning change I'm willing to listen," said Hoadley. "If he puts a site plan in front of us I'm not going to listen."

Whispers of lawsuit permeated through the audience filled with the developer's staff and consultants as well as senior citizens from the nearby Wixom co-op complex as the commission demanded site plan sketches be taken down from the easels.

But although the commission has referred to site plans in past rezoning requests they said the focus should be on the rezoning.

"When we look at zoning issues we look at land use issues," said Benow, a former city planner. "In my experience we do not talk about site specifics."

Shapiro appeared before the commission several months ago to present a concept plan. After hearing major objections to the high density of the project, Shapiro cut the density in half and scaled back the scope of the project. His current proposal includes 234 single-family homes, 100 two family units and 450 multiple family units. The development would be called Lexington Village and would include 45 acres of environmental preserve and passive recreation areas as well as winding trails.

plan for the land.

"I would like to see homes there and children there. I don't think it's suitable for any kind of industry," said Aiello.

The residents don't want the extra noise and traffic they expect from an industrial park.

They are prepared to lead a fight against any industrial development in the area. According to Bill Cartwright, also a co-op resident, they already have the ammunition necessary. When the city proposed putting in heavy industrial development in 1989, he and the residents formed Neighbors Against Poor Planning and commissioned their own study which helped to prevent the project.

"I'd hate like heck to have to come back here and fight it again and defeat it again," Cartwright said about future industrial developments on the site.

Resident Betty Whittle, however, said she understands concerns about population density in that area.

"I can't see a need for any more apartments but the homes would be wonderful," she said.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A group of senior citizens from the Leisure Co-op Apartments stood outside the City Council Chambers just after the Ivanhoe/Huntley Company rezoning request was denied by the Planning Commission, July 17.

Disappointed by the decision, the group heatedly discussed the commission's actions.

Then Ivanhoe owner Gary Shapiro sauntered up to the group, placing his arms around two of the women's shoulders, giving them a squeeze.

"You guys were shy. I thought you were going to get up and speak," Shapiro said laughing as he was called away by a consultant.

"I think he's a delightful person," said Emma Aiello. "It seems to me in this world to find someone who does business on the up and up is wonderful."

The seniors said they've met Shapiro "once or twice" and want to see the land developed as residential homes instead of high tech or industrial offices. They like his

**Obituaries**

GWENYTH LOIS OSBORN

Gwenyth Lois Osborn, age 68, of Novi died July 19, 1996, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. She was born in Detroit on April 6, 1928.

Before retirement, Mrs. Osborn was a school bus driver in Novi for 28 years.

She is survived by: husband, William; sons, Douglas and William; daughter, Judy Justice; and six grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, July 22 at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorials may be given to the charity of choice.

GENE FORREST PRIEST

Gene Forrest Priest, formerly of Northville, died at the age of 67 on July 8, 1996, in Tennessee. Mr. Priest was born in Orlan County, Tenn., on March 8, 1929, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Priest.

Mr. Priest was retired from Northville Downs Race Track.

He is survived by five sons, Michael and Joey of Northville, Scott of Taylor, Terry and Bobby of Union City, Tenn.; four sisters, and four grandchildren.

Services were held on July 10 in Union City, Tenn., with burial at Mount Olive Cemetery.

PATRICIA M. KOZAK

Patricia M. Kozak, age 76, of Northville died July 11, 1996, in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was born in Urbana, Ill., on Oct. 4, 1920, to John V. and Elizabeth (Casey) Sohn.

Mrs. Kozak moved to the area in 1933. She retired from Schoolcraft

College Food Service and enjoyed crafts, traveling and family.

She is survived by: husband, Anany; daughters, Kim O'Hara of Salem, Ore., and Dahna Senecal of Muskegon; brother, Joseph of California; and two grandchildren, Kevin and Sean O'Hara.

No services were held.

The family would appreciate memorials to your favorite charity or Schoolcraft College Foundation, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville.

VELMA D. FREYDL

Velma D. Freydyl of Northville died at the age of 91 on July 14, 1996, at Star Manor in Northville. She was born in Salem Twp., Mich., on Sept. 24, 1904, to Bert and Dora (Ovenschire) Nelson.

Mrs. Freydyl, a lifelong member of the community, was the owner of Freydyl's ladies store.

Surviving Mrs. Freydyl are: sons, Charles of Florida, and Robert of Northville; five grandsons, Gregg, Kent, Scott, Foster and Karl; and four great grandchildren, Charles III, Matthew, Jonathan, and Camille Mary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Sr., in July 1984; one brother, Millard; and one sister.

Services were held on Wednesday, July 17 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville, with Rev. Lloyd Brasur of Northville officiating. Interment was at Salem-Walker Cemetery, Salem Twp., Mich.

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Thomas Fleming tastes plants he found during a directed study at the national science camp. Photo by MELISSA CHEN

## Local youngster heads off to national science camp

Thomas Fleming of Novi, a senior from Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School, was selected to represent Michigan at National Youth Science Camp this summer. The Hansch and Loub Scholar, National Merit Scholar, National Olympiad competitor, and Science Olympiad competitor from Novi, was selected to represent Michigan at National Youth Science Camp this summer. The Hansch and Loub Scholar, National Merit Scholar, National Olympiad competitor, and Science Olympiad competitor from Novi, was selected to represent Michigan at National Youth Science Camp this summer. The Hansch and Loub Scholar, National Merit Scholar, National Olympiad competitor, and Science Olympiad competitor from Novi, was selected to represent Michigan at National Youth Science Camp this summer.

## Resident asks council for notification ordinance

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Get the word out to people when the city's planning to take all or a chunk of their property for road construction. Twelve Mile Road resident Crawford urged the Novi City Council last week.

Crawford told the council, "You're here to protect us. Please look at an ordinance to protect the citizens." Through reading a newspaper article, Crawford learned that the Novi City Council last week. Crawford asked that the city adopt an ordinance or policy requiring notification of such projects. "An ordinance would protect people from going through what we went through if a major highway is going through their land," Crawford said.

## State Farm offers bike rodeo

Children from the Walled Lake area will have the opportunity to become safer bicyclists through a Bicycle Safety Rodeo. This event is being sponsored by Larry Brandon, a local State Farm agent along with the Walled Lake Police Department, the Working Wheelers (a bicycle club), the Lions Club and the Leukemia Society of America. The rodeo will take place from noon until 3 p.m., Aug. 4 in front of the Walled Lake fire station.

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## Public Access

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

### MONDAY, JULY 29

10:00 a.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine  
 10:30 a.m. — Motorsports "Still the Boss"  
 11:00 a.m. — (con't)  
 11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Heloise, Famous Housekeeper  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend  
 2:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger  
 2:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 3:00 p.m. — Rededication Church of the Holy Family  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide: GOP TV  
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 5:30 p.m. — Violence and Abuse: Violence in the Workplace  
 6:00 p.m. — Good Health: Healthy Attitude  
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 7:00 p.m. — Farmington Focus: City Hall Tour  
 7:30 p.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine  
 8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Jerry M. Ellis  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: Poetry in Motion  
 10:30 a.m. — Women on the Move: Women's Right to Vote  
 11:00 a.m. — (con't)  
 11:30 a.m. — Braiding Simplified  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University with Elizabeth Claire Prophet  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ  
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 2:30 p.m. — Art Recipes for Kids  
 3:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a CEO: Teaching Right From Wrong  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:00 p.m. — Novi Police Memorial Day  
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 5:00 p.m. — Inside Novi: City Hall Community Development  
 5:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Fire Department Hot Stove  
 6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council  
 6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: John O'Brien  
 7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
 8:00 p.m. — The Ride  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

10:00 a.m. — Life Matters  
 10:30 a.m. — Fitness First  
 11:00 a.m. — Focus on Families  
 11:30 a.m. — (con't)

12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: John O'Brien  
 12:30 p.m. — The Way the Truth and the Life  
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
 2:30 p.m. — Cooking with Kids  
 3:00 p.m. — Dickerman Showcase: One Flight Up  
 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session  
 4:00 p.m. — Novi Crime Prevention  
 4:30 p.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine  
 5:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger  
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 6:00 p.m. — Speakers Row: Earl Ruby  
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 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 7:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend  
 8:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills  
 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 9:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: Poetry in Motion  
 9:30 p.m. — Senior Spotlight: Beautification Commission

### THURSDAY, AUG. 1

10:00 a.m. — The Job Show  
 10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive  
 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Timbers  
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine  
 1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise  
 1:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
 2:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life

2:30 p.m. — Going to the Chapel  
 3:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills  
 3:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Jerry M. Ellis  
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions  
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 6:00 p.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Novi's First City Council  
 6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 7:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents: Infinite Wisdom  
 7:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 8:00 p.m. — Farmington Founders Festival Day Parade  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

### FRIDAY, AUG. 2

10:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Jerry M. Ellis  
 10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 11:00 a.m. — Lansing Connection  
 11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 12:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend  
 1:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills  
 1:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
 2:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: John O'Brien  
 2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 3:00 p.m. — Viewer request day, call (810) 553-7303, extensions 251, 252, 253 and 254.

## Library Briefs

### Library hours

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

### Staff development

The Novi Public library will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 6 for a staff development workshop. Regular hours will resume on Aug. 7. Call the library at (810) 349-0720 if you have any questions.

### Summer reading

Wednesdays are special event days during the summer reading program. On Wednesday, July 31 join the Pippin Puppets as they perform "Friends, Buddies, and Pals." The program will be at 1 p.m. Please stop by and join the fun. Appropriate for ages 4 and up. Due to limited space, parents and toddlers will not be able to sit in on the programs.

### Book talk

The Novi Library adult book discussion group will meet on Monday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. The topic for the discussion will be *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler. Have this book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

## Health Notes

### Surgery Star

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### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS COMPUTERS

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

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1996**, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "COMPUTERS" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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

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

(7-25-96 NR, NN)

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.542 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NOVI

#### THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

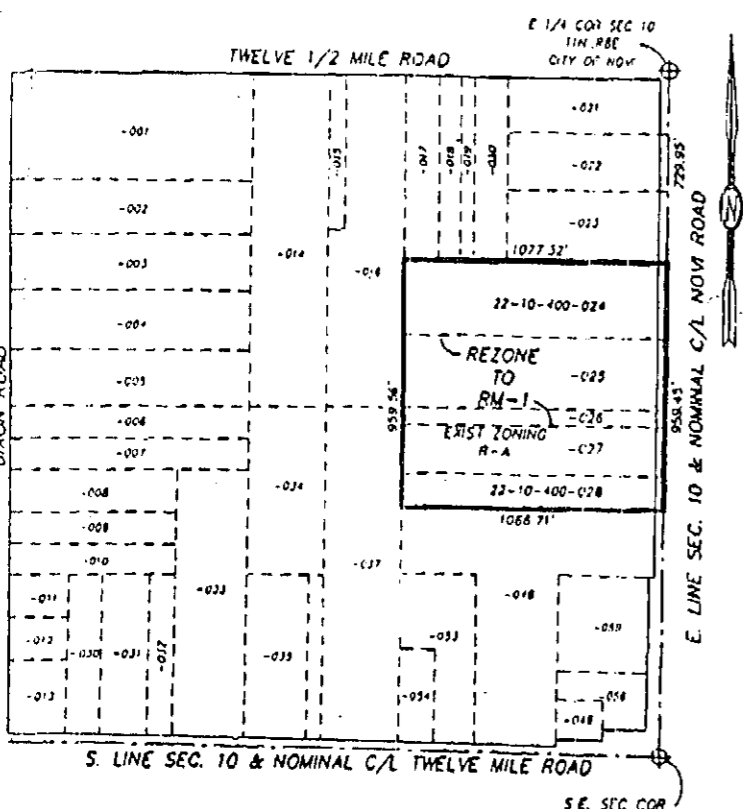
PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 542, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 30, 1996.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 15th day of July, 1996. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.

KATHLEEN McLALLEN, MAYOR  
TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CLERK



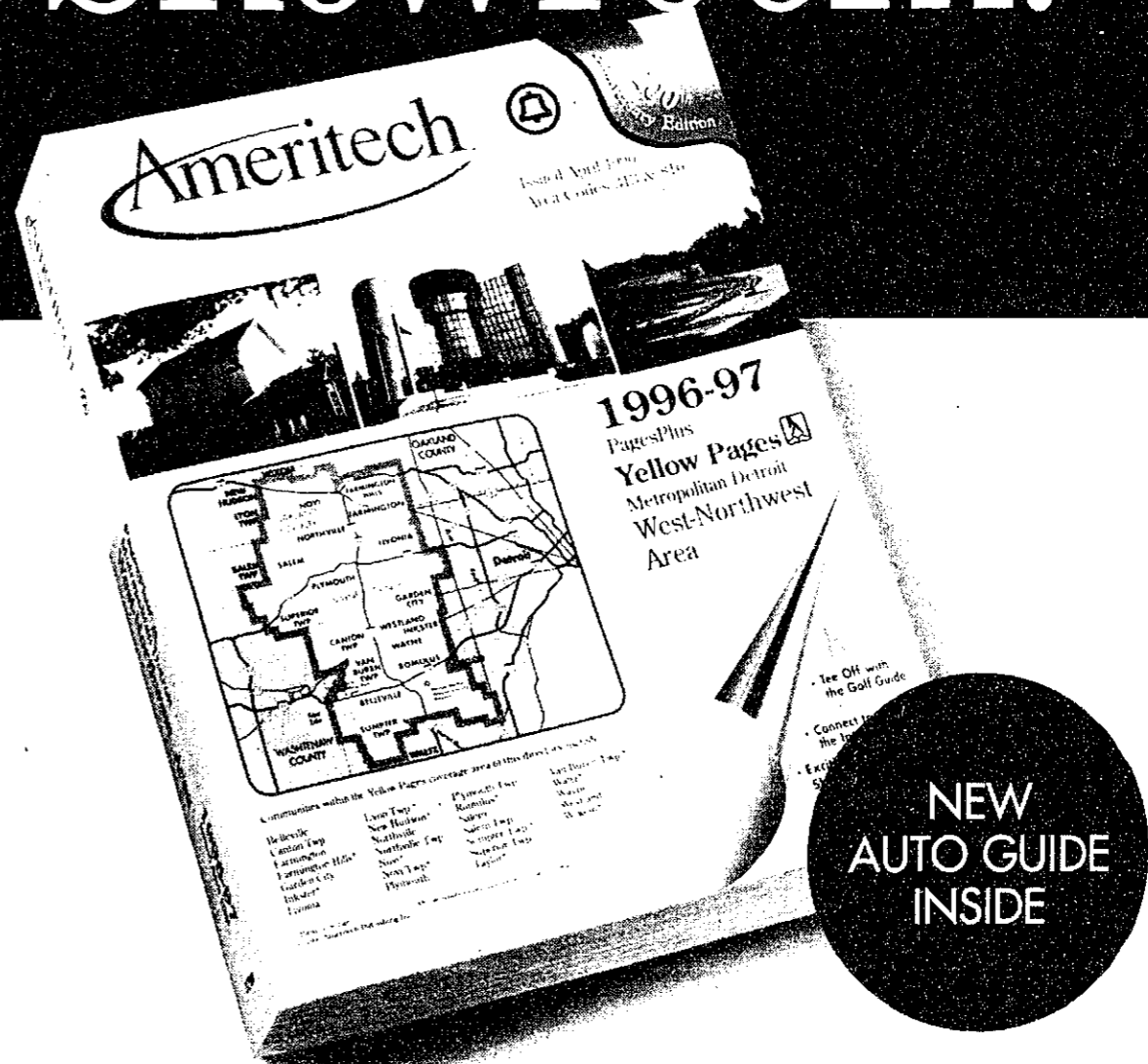
To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 10, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-10-400-024, -025, -026, -027, and -028 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of Novi Road), said point being S00°14'00"E 729.95 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence continuing S00°14'00"E 959.45 along said east line; thence due West 1066.71 feet; thence N00°52'00"W 959.56 feet; thence due East 1077.32 feet to the point of beginning.

FROM: R-1 RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT  
 TO: RM-1 LOW-DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
 ORDINANCE NO. 18.542  
 CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I, Tonni Bartholomew, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereof, duly called and held on the 3rd day of June, 1996, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.  
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# RAVE ON

Raven  
Acoustic  
Cafe will  
offer sound  
cuisine

little English here, a little Midwestern there, sums up the plans for cuisine at The Raven Acoustic Cafe.

"It will be the people's food," said Rich

Willerer, owner, chef, and general manager of the cafe.

Willerer plans to serve American variations of European peasant-style dishes on the whitest dishes he could find.

"We will have a little English Victorian influence on a couple of dishes," Willerer said. "We will have some Midwestern influences on some of the dishes."

The old Methodist Church on Center and Dunlap which will be the new home of The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe has been completely renovated, including a new kitchen designed by Willerer.

Tom Rice, director of operations, has scheduled the opening of The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe for July 27 with a dinner/concert seating at 7:30 p.m. and an appetizer/concert package at 9:30 p.m.

As of press time, Rice felt confident that all building requirements would be met and The Raven would open as scheduled. Northville's building inspector did not share Rice's optimistic view.

In early August, Willerer plans to open for invitation only dining with part of the proceeds going to charity. Customers will be encouraged to critique the service, food, and anything else they want, according to Willerer.

Tentative plans are to open to the public later in August.

The grand opening of The Raven will be held the weekend of Sept. 20, 21 and 22.

"Nobody does Midwestern cuisine. It is where we're from and who we are," said Willerer, who describes Midwestern as everything your parents made for you when you were growing up such as meatloaf, city chicken and shepherd pie.

"We want every dish to be a signature work," Willerer added, "so every dish will have its own compatible starch and vegetable."

The pastry, breads, sauces and dressing, will all be made in-house.

"We want to go to the extreme," Willerer said. "We want to price them so that you can come back two or three times a week." Entrees will be priced around \$8 to \$15.

A Schoolcraft College graduate, Willerer apprenticed under well known pastry and Italian chefs and has worked all over Detroit and the United States. He's also worked in Europe.

"I have always wanted to cook, but didn't realize my professional capacity for cooking until I was in my mid 20s," he said.

Willerer expects to hire a kitchen staff of about 10 cooks with 15 waitstaff in the dining room. Food will be served from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. and appetizers will be available from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The European style pub will have a full liquor line, including top beer and wine selections.

Outdoor dining will be available in Raven's Trellis, a Victorian garden with an English lawn contained in a lattice work fence.



Photo By Bryan Mitchell

On opening night of The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, Tom Rice's 20 year dream will become reality.

## Tom Rice's dream

It made history once. Now it is being reborn in a historic church in Northville.

It's the rebirth not just of a business, but an ambience created by the tradition of minstrels.

The original Raven Gallery opened in the late 1950s as an art gallery and expanded two years later to include entertainment. During the '60s and '70s it was one of the top commercial folk clubs in the country, according to Ron Coden, who launched his career from The Raven Gallery in 1960.

The folk club occupied three locations in and around Detroit during the two decades it served as a forum for entertainer and audience to share their love of folk music.

"What made that so special was the place," Tom Rice said. "The Raven was always the place where ... somehow when you walked in there you felt natural, you felt yourself. There was nothing intimidating about the place."

Rice and his crew of workers and friends have been working for months to reclaim the ambience of the old Raven at the former Methodist church on Center and Dunlap in Northville.

First, the concept. Rice has scheduled the opening of the The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe for July 27. Ramblin' Jack Elliott has been booked as the opening act.

As of press time, Rice felt confident that all building requirements would be met and The Raven would open as scheduled. Northville's building inspector did not share Rice's optimistic view.

Under one roof, there will be the Gitfiddler, Bud's, The Northville Academy of Music and Art, The Raven Art Gallery, and The Raven Acoustic Cafe.

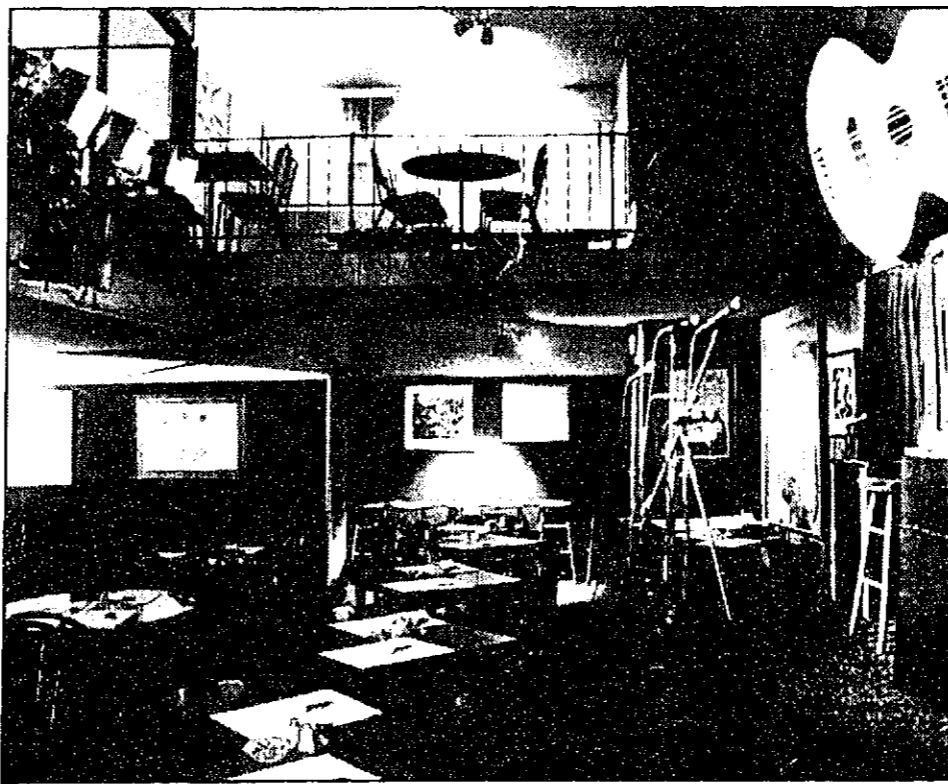
Rice had his first date with Rita, his future wife, at the Raven Gallery in 1976. They were married a year later.

This is not the first time Rice has tried to make his dream a reality. He opened The Raven in 1982 in the Northville Parks and Rec building. On opening night Tom and Rita celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. The couple booked Chuck Mitchell who had played on the night of their first date.

"We're hopeless romantics," Rice said. Rice, who was raised in Detroit, lived just six miles from the Raven's third location at 12 mile and Greenfield.

"I became a regular patron there and that is where I learned to love folk music. It definitely had a major inspiration in me to start playing the guitar and playing that kind of music, because I just loved the ballads.

"I probably went there at least 200 times."



The Raven Gallery's final location at 12 Mile and Greenfield roads was where Tom and Rita Rice had their first date in 1976, sitting at the third table.

Rice met The Raven Gallery's former owner, Kitty Cohen, in 1977.

It was during the second year of the Folk and Bluegrass Festival, when Josh White Jr. introduced the former owner of The Raven Gallery to Rice.

Rice shared his story about going on his first date with Rita and of how The Raven Gallery inspired him to become a musician.

"You know Kitty, I was inspired by our conversation," Rice told Cohen completely candidly. "I would love some day to operate something like a Raven to put on professional folk music for people."

"She looked at me and said, 'Tom when you are ready to do that, you call me and go ahead. And let's call it The Raven.'" Rice said.

Rice was stunned at Cohen's response and had to double check that he had heard right.

"You're just going to give me the name?" he asked her.

"I've been looking for somebody to pass the torch on to," she told him.

Bewildered at first, Rice didn't do anything for the longest time. He then tried reviving The Raven in the Northville Parks and Rec building. Everything from the dishes to the lights had to be brought in and set up for the performances, which were usually sold out.

That is, until the health department

found out and shut him down about a year later.

There was a lull for two years while Rice pondered a permanent location for The Raven.

He tried a location in Salem Township for about a year but things didn't work out. Rice decided that the next time he opened The Raven it would be a place where he could just open the door and let people in. It would be all set up, the restaurant and the stage would be there.

For about 10 years, Rice tried to buy an apartment building and have a folk emporium concept incorporating the Gitfiddler. Rice has owned the Gitfiddler since 1973.

"This is why people are called backers, they back out," he said of his four or five different financial partners.

"That building is taboo, it is not meant to be," Rice finally concluded.

In 1994 Rice contemplated an addition to the Gitfiddler on Main Street but there was no parking.

In the middle of 1995, Rice wrote off the Gitfiddler/Raven concept forever.

"I was so dismayed by the whole thing I was going to sell the store and quit," Rice said. "I wanted it so bad and I couldn't get it."

Then at 5 o'clock one morning, half awake, half asleep, he had an inspiration.

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Historic  
folk house  
has a future  
at its new  
location

The place - a coffee house and art gallery. The time - the late 1950s. The concept - an intimate atmosphere where entertainer and audience share a moment that mellow into a memory.

Herb Cohen opened The Raven Gallery on James Couzens and Outer Drive in the late 1950s as an art gallery.

"The whole thing started in the '50s with the beatnik craze," said Ron Coden, who was fresh out of high school when he performed at The Raven Gallery. There were little coffee houses where patrons would read. Poets came to recite their poetry.

From there it evolved to include musicians who would get up on stage with their guitars and sing.

Within two years of opening The Raven Gallery, Cohen started booking musicians.

A blues trio was the first, which proved to be a big success but unlike some musicians who followed, they were also entertainers with their own stage show.

"He (Cohen) got a better response when he presented acts that were also entertainers as well as musicians," Coden said.

That set the pattern for The Raven Gallery. It was not an ethnic blues or folk, but performance and entertainment folk and blues.

Cohen wanted to bring both the performing and creative arts together. He continued with the art, which was displayed on the walls and was available for purchase.

Cohen continued to bring in acts from out of town but he also brought in local acts.

The Topsiders, a local group of four guys who used to sing in A Glass Cage on Woodward, had quite a teenage following and the place was packed every time they played.

The Raven Gallery was a good place for teenagers and young adults as well as older adults to come. Teenagers under 18 were admitted because no liquor was served.

"What was there not to like," said Josh White Jr. who played The Raven Gallery for the first time in 1963. "It was a wonderful venue."

Parents felt it was safe for their children to go there, according to White.

"It was a nice close atmosphere," he said. "Not only performers, but teenagers liked going there."

Coden, Josh White Sr. and later Josh White Jr. were among the early entertainers.

Coden performed throughout the '60s and '70s and at one time was the house act. Josh White Jr. worked the Raven three or four times a year, with each booking lasting about a month.

During the '60s and the civil rights movement, folk music fit right in because the lyrics were topical.

"Through the '60s and '70s it became one of the top commercial folk clubs in the country," said Coden.

There were several folk houses in and around Detroit, but The Raven Gallery was more commercial and brought in top entertainers for folk music and comedy.

"Of the three coffee houses in the '60s, The Raven was always a little more popular," Coden said.

"It stood on its own for a long time," said Phil Marcus Esser, who first performed at The Raven Gallery in late 1968. "Everything that was close to it, closed."

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# Health Matters

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## Computer brings human touch to isolated leukemia patient

For more than a month earlier this year, Jillian Bouwens' only glimpse of the outdoors was from a single narrow window in a small room on the seventh floor of C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Despite the comforting clutter of stuffed animals and colorful, poster-covered walls, the space felt more like a holding cell than a hospital room, says the Grand Rapids-area 12-year-old, who is recovering from a bone-marrow transplant for leukemia.

"It's kind of like prison. I can't go out. I can't see my friends," the sixth-grader lamented near the end of her five-week stay as tears streamed down her cheeks, her soft voice barely audible under the drone of a giant air-filtering system in the wall behind her bed.

"Because leaving the sterile environment during this fragile recovery period would have put her at risk for a fatal infection, Bouwens' only contact with 'life on the outside' had been through books and magazines, the telephone and the TV. Her only visitors were health care providers and immediate family.

But one morning in mid-April, Bouwens' tears turned to smiles when, thanks to the use of Internet videoconferencing technology, her world expanded at the proverbial touch of a button. Without leaving her hospital bed, soon

Bouwens was sitting in front of a computer screen, waving and talking to friends and teachers at her middle school back home whom she hadn't seen in months. They could hear and see her, too, from a personal computer at school.

"You're wearing the shirt we bought together. I'm so glad you're wearing it!" a classmate exclaimed upon seeing a black-and-white image of Bouwens, in shorts and a T-shirt, sitting cross-legged on her hospital bed.

The only equipment needed at each end is a networked computer and an inexpensive video camera. Once connected, sound can be transmitted through a telephone or a computer-adaptable microphone. Parties also can communicate by typing messages over the computer keyboard. The videoconferencing software, called CU-SEEK, can be downloaded from the World Wide Web for free. Depending on the software used, videoconferencing activity need not be limited to conversation; some programs also allow parties to listen to music together, draw on the same electronic page — even play checkers.

"It's all low-cost, consumer-level technology. It's out there. It exists, and it's very easy to integrate into the clinical setting," says project director Adem Arslanovski, a senior nursing student at the U-M School of Nursing. "The PC

can be a very therapeutic tool."

Nationally, the use of videoconferencing on patient units is quite unique, says Arslanovski, also a computer consultant with the school of engineering.

While he came up with the idea as part of a homework assignment in a senior-year nursing therapies course, his larger goal, he says, is "to make kids happy" by connecting them by computer to friends, family and fellow bone-marrow patients.

While the networking project initially involved just two patients on the unit, Arslanovski envisions the implementation of a system that will allow all U-M pediatric bone-marrow patients to connect not only with their schools, but with each other and their family members at home.

"Imagine being isolated in a hospital room, feeling nauseated, extremely tired, weak and uncertain about the future. On top of that, you're losing your hair and don't feel like doing a thing. This is a time when support is needed most," he says. "This will hopefully be able to uplift patients and provide a little connection and allow them to talk with others going through the same thing."

Michelle Donaldson is affiliated with the University of Michigan Medical Center, Health News Service.

## Making time for family meals is important

Hectic lifestyles have pushed family mealtime onto the back burner for many Americans.

However, three out of five people say that they would like to enjoy a family meal more often but can't seem to find the time.

Studies show that the extra effort to make mealtime a family time is well worth it. You and your kids will gain social, intellectual and nutritional benefits if you eat together regularly.

Regularly scheduled family meals promote good nutrition by discouraging unhealthy snacking. They also help parents monitor what their children eat. Gallup survey results from 1992 show that children with the best eating habits dine with their families often.

Socially, eating family meals encourages conversation — which can have unexpected health benefits.

By talking between mouthfuls, we are likely to eat more slowly than when we are alone, and that eases digestion. Eating slowly also enables us to realize when we are full, which can discourage overeating.

Here are a few tips to help make mealtime a rewarding time with your family:

- Take a few hours out of the week to cut coupons and plan out the days of menus. Monday could be "sit fry night," Tuesday "breakfast for dinner night," Wednesday "soup and salad night."
- Take kids shopping with you to help them take ownership of family mealtime.
- Begin your shopping trip in the produce area and encourage kids to choose their own vegetables.

"Have a rule that all dinners must include at least rice, pasta or another grain, and one fruit and vegetable."

Taking children along to the store (and being patient) will help establish healthy behavior. They can then begin to choose their own food, and you can help build their knowledge of nutrition.

Considering all the benefits, the special effort required to put a meal on the table is well worth it.

This article was written by Amy Longcore, M.S., who is affiliated with Preventive Cardiology Service, the University of Michigan Health System.

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.

## 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

### St. Mary's Hospital

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

- Just for dads — St. Mary 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 fathers in the family.
- The format includes open discussion on attitudes and beliefs about fatherhood and lifestyle

### Breastfeeding basics

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

### Cholesterol and vision screenings

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

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