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Court sends Paragon to Novi's ZBA

By **TIM RICHARD**
Staff Writer

The Michigan Supreme Court sent Paragon Properties back to the drawing board in its fight with the City of Novi over rezoning land for a mobile home development.

"Paragon's constitutional claim is not ripe for review," said the high court in a 5-2 decision.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said he had not yet heard of the high court's decision but was pleased by the results.

The Supreme Court majority

found Paragon should have sought an administrative variance from the zoning ordinance through the Zoning Board of Appeals instead of fighting a seven-year battle through the courts.

Paragon claimed the Novi council's refusal to rezone was an unconstitutional "taking" and won a nearly \$200,000 award from Oakland Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien. The Court of Appeals and Supreme Court reversed O'Brien.

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Large ballot faces voters in primary

By **JAN JEFFRES**
Staff Writer

Don't forget to flip that ballot over Tuesday.

That's the advice from Novi City Clerk Tommi Bartholomew. The August 6 primary includes so many seats, so many candidates, including precinct delegates and judges, that it spills over to both front and back of the ballot.

The polls open at 7 a.m. on August 6 and close at 8 p.m.

But Bartholomew expects a low turnout. So far, only 600 absentee ballots have gone out, less than half of the 1,500 the clerk expected to distribute.

"We have not had a lot of contact with people coming to the counter for ballots," she added.

Those who do come to vote

■ **Compare the views of candidates running for office in the 38th House District GOP primary, the only local contest for Novi. A grid is on page 12A.**

should be prepared to spend an extra few minutes when their civic duty.

"They should expect to take a little time. The ballot's really long," Bartholomew said.

For the clerk's office, an August primary is the most labor intensive of all elections, she added: "August is worst. I'd take two Novembers for one August, any time."

Rap group burgled after moving to Novi

By **WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL**
Staff Writer

Just days after a Detroit record promotion company moved to Novi for some peace and quiet, nearly \$10,000 worth of music equipment was stolen from their sound warehouse on Heslip Drive.

Novi Police said Psychopathic Records was broken into the night of the July 22, possibly through an unlocked warehouse garage door. There was no sign of a forced entry.

The thief did leave the company a message on a "grease pencil" type board in the warehouse that said "Sorry y'all. Had to hack ya," and referred to the company employees as "slipping."

The company handles the Insane Clown Posse, a popular

rap group. The suspects stole numerous CDs by the band as well as clothing items with the band's name on it.

The warehouse contains a stage area for rehearsals as well as a wrestling ring, according to the report. A van marked "Insane Clown Posse" may have been used to load the items and large sound equipment.

Psychopathic employees said they've seen carloads of teenagers driving through the parking lots.

According to the report, "Their intention was to complete a discreet move to a quieter location where they could enjoy some privacy to conduct their business."

Employees told police they frequently have fans follow the band van to the office.



Novi News trivia contest winner Patrick Lyskawa and his date, Emily Parker, enjoy a large shake waiting for their burgers at Don's of Traverse City dinner, one of their prizes.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Another record setting festival



Tim and Kathleen Hart dancing the night away in the Entertainment Tent.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Organizers say fest crowd was likely the largest ever

By **JAN JEFFRES**
and **WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL**
Staff Writers

One hundred eighty nine barrels of beer in the tent. One hundred eighty nine barrels of beer.

That's how Michigan '50s Festival organizers know it was a swell party at the festival last weekend.

"That's 26,400 glasses of beer and that includes spillage," said Bob McCann, President of the festival's Board of Directors.

Even though the volume of brew chugged during the four-day event is down a little from last year, that's not necessarily a bad indication, said McCann.

"That's the interesting thing about beer sales. They've been on the decline which we attribute to people being more responsible and that's good," he explained.

As for the rest of the festival, the food, music and entertainment drew in more crowds than ever, the president said, even though the final attendance numbers aren't tallied.

And even though one of the headliner acts was held up by a car crash on Novi Road.

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Tsuyoshi Sato, leader of the group visiting Novi from Owani, Japan, speaking with Novi high school principal Art Miller.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi hosts delegation from sister city Owani

By **WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL**
Staff Writer

Japanese students visiting Novi last weekend blossomed, according to one of their teachers.

"It's a good opportunity for the students to speak out and express themselves," said Masae Shimauchi, a junior high teacher in Owani, Japan. "It's good for them because Japanese students are very shy."

A caravan of 12 teenage girls and three boys as well as six adults from Novi's sister city in Japan spent July 26-29 in Novi, experiencing Americana as we know it.

They traveled back to the good old days of rock and roll during the Michigan Fifties Festival Weekend, saw Detroit's rejuvenating river front from a tour boat Sunday morning and filled up on good old fashion hot dogs and apple pie before resting up for Monday night's City Hall Concert.

The trip was organized and hosted by the Novi School District and the City of Novi but all expenses were paid for by the Japanese. Students stayed with host families from the school district.

It was a full weekend for the crew who headed onto San Francisco for three days before heading home.

"They have some difficulty communicating with the American students but they are doing their best using gestures," said Shimauchi. "Most of the students have

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Community Calendar

For activities, regular meetings or special events, call the Community Calendar at 348-0009. For more information, call 348-0009.

Wednesday, August 1

Open House - 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Summer

The Department of Parks and Recreation presents the Big Band Express featuring contemporary music with vocalist Del Kaulff. Novi Civic Center. Admission is free. There are no reservations. For additional information, call 348-0009.

Thursday, August 5

Open House - for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call after 6 p.m. at 348-0009.

Monday, August 6

Novi Toastmasters - Novi Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call 348-0009. Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, August 6

Novi Toastmasters - Novi Toastmasters Club will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Wednesday, August 7

Novi Toastmasters - Novi Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call 348-0009. Visitors are welcome.

Thursday, August 8

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Friday, August 9

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Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call 348-0009.

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 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, call 642-7725.

Thursday, August 8

Sounds of Summer

Novi Parks and Recreation Department presents the Chautauque 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.

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 Charter 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 Baether at (313) 397-7708. For membership information, call Dorte Johnson at (810) 960-9559.

TOPS

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

Tuesday, August 13

Motorsports Movie Night

The Motorsports Hall of Fame Movie Night presents the classic film, *Grand Prix*, which offers a detailed look into the lives of Formula One drivers. The movie will be narrated by automobile historian, Mark Howell. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 and includes a tour of the museum. For more information, call 1-800-250-RACE.

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information, 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 348-5079.

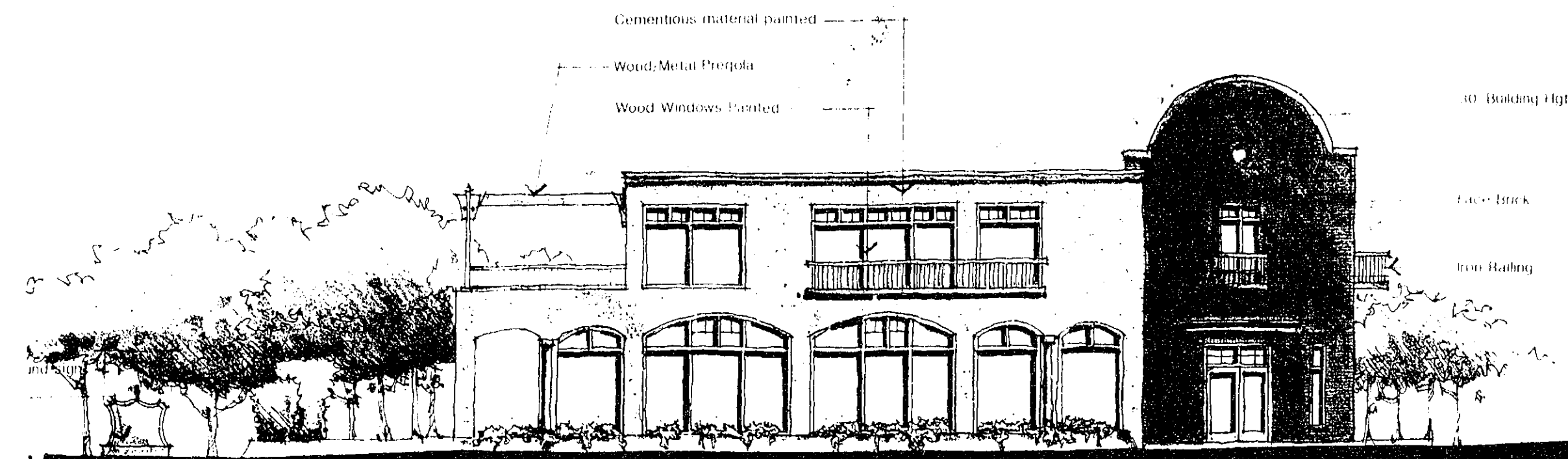
CHADD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call the hotline at 486-2876.

Wednesday, August 14

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An artist's rendition of the Andris/Romain restaurant.

Eatery owners continue to mull restaurant theme

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It could be called something goofy, or ethnic, or characterized by the waterfront property.

It could serve Greek food, or pizza, or include a taproom.

It could be a lot of things.

Since Ted Andris' original concept for a Greek restaurant called Port Papadopolis was first presented to the city nearly ten years ago, he's had some time to rethink it.

And now that the plans for the 250-person eatery on Walled Lake has finally passed the Novi Planning Commission test and can begin building, Andris is "still ruminating."

"I've got the building final, but the menu we're still trying to fine tune by talking to people in the

area," said Andris, one third of a restaurant team of he and his wife Elaine of West Bloomfield and Myrna Romain, of Farmington Hills.

The restaurant will feature a brick exterior with balconies for customer viewing of the lake and perhaps dining, Andris hopes to open by the summer of 1997.

The trio have settled, for now, on providing a highlight of Greek appetizers and specialties but also featuring some "real good fish, pasta, pizza and ribs. That way you have that available but if you're in the mood to try something different you have the highlights to choose from," explained Andris.

Andris is pleased the East Lake Drive restaurant plans were approved by the commission July 17. So was his lawyer.

"We have been finessing this thing for five years and we can't finesse it anymore," explained Terry Jolly, attorney, referring to the number of times the plan has been back to the drawing board on consultant requests.

Since it was first proposed, the project has been criticized by local residents and faced various delays. The Andris's and Romain had hoped to have the restaurant directly on the shores of Walled Lake, but the rezoning request was first mixed by Novi in 1986. They then sued the city for the right to build their eatery on the shores of

Walled Lake, but last year they assured the city the business will be built on a site across the street from the lake.

Andris said he's been trying to accommodate everyone's concerns in that time, although some of the residents disagree.

"We're getting tired of being accused of delaying this project," said Jolly.

Nearly half a dozen people came forward at the commission meeting, not to protest the restaurant itself, but to address what they called a traffic design flaw.

Entrances to the restaurant are located off of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive, a residential

street running along the lakeshore.

In the past several years the residents campaigned to reduce traffic and make the road safer.

"To allow curb cuts on East Lake will totally tear apart what we've done about the traffic. I'm certainly not anti-restaurant. It's a beautiful piece of property," said area resident Jim Korte.

Both the commission and consultant Rod Arroyo said they would explore the issue. In addition, Andris said he is working on a solution.

But Commissioner Pete Hoadley wanted the entrance eliminated and voted against the motion to

approve the project.

"Your neighbors should be your best customers and I agree with them closing off East Lake Drive would be to everyone's advantage," he explained.

Both consultants and Jolly explained the basin would be temporary during construction.

Theodore Andris is a lawyer, restaurant owner, former Detroit Public Schools teacher and former Assistant Michigan Attorney General. He and his wife Elaine, who has helped him in the restaurant business, live in West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills resident Romain worked as a registered nurse before becoming a homemaker.

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Fifties Fest results in minor incidents

Police said a Waterford man had left his car in the Town Center Parking lot to watch the Grand River car cruise with his wife. July 28, to find the car hood dented as if someone had sat on the red Nissan Sentra. On July 26, a Canton man told police he lost a wallet with \$50 cash, his license and credit cards during the Michigan '50s Festival. He was unsure if he had left it at a vendor's booth or if he had been pick-pocketed.

Police News

Doorwall and find a young man climbing onto her second story balcony, police said. The woman said at about 4 p.m. the man stood on the balcony and said "I was knocking on your front door."

DOGIE DEEDS

Novi Police responded to the July 19 call of a trapped dog on South Lake Drive. Upon arriving the officer noticed a dog was trapped between a dock and the water and couldn't free itself. The officer assisted the dog and set it free. The poach appeared to be fine and ran away.

While interviewing neighbors officers discovered the apartment screen door below the elderly woman's balcony was forced open and fresh grass clippings left behind.

Police are also investigating an incident that occurred July 20 when a German Shepherd running loose on Sullivan Street attacked a homeowner's dog and tried to mount it. Police searched the area but could not find the hormonal hound.

Neighbors said it might have been a maintenance worker who may have been checking on the apartments but are still looking into the incident.

BALCONY CLIMBER

A 70-year old Novi woman in her apartment on Wellington, July 24, was surprised to look out her

BAD NIGHT

A Westgate V1 resident left his apartment to spend the night. July 24, at his girlfriend's only to come

home. July 22, when he skate-boarded out the back door and was chased by the 42-year-old woman, knocked off his bike and punched and scratched.

Another neighbor saw a man matching that description walking past his window carrying the comforter on his shoulder.

PEEPING TOM

Police said a Waterview Farms 13-year old and a friend were having a sleep-over, July 22, and were just getting ready to go to bed when they saw a white male looking in the window at them and masturbating. He is described as early 20s with a light mustache about 5 foot 11 inches tall. As the girls got dressed he left.

SKATEBOARD ALTERCATION

A 19-year-old Novi boy said a neighbor was knocking on the front door of his Lanier mobile

home. July 22, when he skate-boarded out the back door and was chased by the 42-year-old woman, knocked off his bike and punched and scratched.

According to the report she said, "You little b— You don't mess with family."

While the woman denies pushing the boy, witnesses verified his story, police said.

A Hudson's shopper was trying on clothes, July 17, when she noticed a man crouching in the dressing room corner peeking through an opening in her curtain, police said.

She described the man as dark complected with spiky brown hair in his 20s to 30s wearing a dark blue suit.

MARKED

A Valleystar resident called police when he found gang graffiti under a bridge near his home on July 24. Police said the initials K.E.P.R. were sprayed in black paint but did not appear to be fresh.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

The fugitive

Seen at the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads, a refugee from the Michigan '50s Festival. Apparently, a rowdy someone shanghaied a sign that says "No Orders Taken At Picnic Tables, Please Come Up Front" and dumped it down amongst the political placards at the abandoned horse corral on the corner.

Does Kovt's sign ordinance cover this kind of stuff? And who gets the ticket?

Pre-registering new students

The Novi Community School District is currently pre-registering students who are new to the district. In order to assist the district in preparing for students in the fall, parents may pre-register their children at the Educational Services Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The ESD is located at 25345 Taft Road, between Ten and Eleven Mile roads. For further information, call (610) 449-1200.

Correction

A quote in the July 25 edition of The Novi News was incorrectly attributed to Planning Commissioner Pete Hoadley.

The quote, "If he wants to provide evidence of the zoning change I'm willing to listen. If he puts a site plan in front of us I'm not going to listen," in a story headlined "Planners deny approval for complex," should have been attributed to Planning Commissioner Jacques Hodges.

Storm leaves residents without power

High winds, torrential rains and even hail left nearly 3,500 Novi residents in the dark Monday night, according to Detroit Edison.

Power was back Tuesday morning.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending July 28. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Fire alarm, 43115 Crescent, 11:53 a.m., Engines 1 and 2. Propane leak, 27600 Novi Road, 12:35 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, 22545 Deerfield, 3:39 p.m., Squad 3. Fire alarm, 43115 Crescent, 5:52 p.m., Engines 1 and 2. Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:15 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 11:32 p.m., Squad 3.

MONDAY, JULY 22

Service, 179 Penhall, 4:21 a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 43115 Crescent, 9:32 a.m., Engines 1 and 2. Medical, 21050 Haggerty, 12:56 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 49257 Grand River, 2:36 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 24062 Taft Road, 3:29 p.m., Engine 3. Car fire, 1-96 at Meadowbrook, 3:38 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, Briar Plaza on Beck Road, 5:05 p.m., Squad 4.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Service, 39879 Village Wood, 12:48 a.m., Squad 3. Electrical fire, 50971 Novi Meadows, 7:13 a.m., Engine 4. Medical, 41636 Sleepy Hollow, 8:47 a.m., Squad 2. Electrical fire, 44165 Twelve Mile Road, 12:19 p.m., Engine 2. Medical, 24809 Old Orchard, 12:48 p.m., Squad 1. Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 1:33 p.m., Engines 1 and 2. Gas leak, 42559 Park Ridge, 2:59 p.m., Engine 1. Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Haggerty, 5:26 p.m., Squad 2. Investigation, 22371 Clear Water, 10:27 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Gas leak, Penny's-Towne Oaks, 9:19 a.m., Engine 1. Medical, Vic Tanny's-Towne Center, 12:17 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 22627 Strawberry Court, 2:35 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 8:27 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 45361 West Road, 11:39 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, JULY 25. Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 1:10 a.m., Squad 1. Stand by, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 9:27 a.m., Response 510. Injury accident, Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:54 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 10:17 a.m., Squad 1. Chemical spill, 145 North Haven, 5:40 p.m., Engine 2. Injury accident, Twelve Mile at M-5, 6:28 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 24772 Old Orchard, 8:54 p.m., Squad 1. Fuel spill, 1-96 at Beek Road, 6:39 p.m., Engine 1. Fuel spill, Parking, Twelve Oaks, 9:22 p.m., Engine 1.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 3:38 a.m., Squad 1. Gas leak, 41452 Moreau, 8:31 a.m., Engine 2. Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 10:22 a.m., Squad 4. Injury accident, Novi Road at Nine Mile, 10:35 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 23552 N. Rockledge, 10:39 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 43075 Crescent, 4:15 p.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 26817 Beek Road, 5:47 p.m., Engine 4. Medical, 43700 Expo Center, 9:01 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Fire alarm, 25299 Taft Road, 6:10 a.m., Engines 1 and 4. Vehicle fire, 26222 Novi Road, 7:42 a.m., Engine 1. Service, 39584 Blakeston, 9:54 a.m., Squad 1. Service, 39584 Blakeston, 11:32 a.m., Squad 1. Fuel spill, 1-96 at Beek Road, 6:39 p.m., Engine 1. Fuel spill, Parking, Twelve Oaks, 9:22 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Injury accident, Beck and 1-96, 1:08 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 24466 Red Wing, 10:03 a.m., Squad 4. Stand by, Novi Expo Center, 7:45 a.m., Engine 6. Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 12:54 p.m., Squad 3. Detail, Fire Station No. 1, 5 p.m., Response 510. Car fire, 1-96 at Novi Road, 9:26 p.m., Engine 3. Medical, 31100 Wellington, 9:43 p.m., Squad 2.

Red Cross to open Novi donor center

American Red Cross Southeast Michigan Blood Services Region, will open a new donor center in Novi at 31100 Ten Mile Road east of Meadowbrook Road on Aug. 5.

The Novi Donor Center will open its doors to reveal a modernized facility equipped with state-of-the-art donor chairs, a separate waiting area, and a children's play room.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

The Novi location is the first Red Cross donor center in southeast Michigan to provide donor chairs. The chairs have been designed to allow the blood donor to sit at a reclined position during the donation process, as opposed to lying on a flat bed. Red Cross donor centers in Baltimore, Md., and Columbus, Ohio, have seen an increase in donations since they began using the chairs.

For more information, call Cecilia Mroek (810) 334-3575. Red Cross donor centers are located in Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Livonia, Novi, Oak Park, Roseville and Southgate. Donor center hours are Monday through Thursday 1-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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THE MICHIGAN 50s FESTIVAL



Decked out in a poodle skirt Cora Whitehouse does the twist with the best of them. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Ramona Keller, of the Marvelettes, hold on to a high note to the Friday crowds delight. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Grassroots bring back 60s tunes

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

"La la la la la la, let's live for today..."
That's what several hundred boomers and others did last week as The Grassroots ground out their old hit list.
Excess, acid-dips, gray hairs and receding hairlines faded away and suddenly it was school dance, 1968 and the floor was packed with flower children strutting their stuff.
This was the Michigan 50s Festival's first foray deep into the wilds of the 1960s and most thought it was a groovy situation.

Rich Gulliek of Ann Arbor, when he wasn't booging, was sitting in his chair playing the air guitar.
"I love the Roots, I see the Roots whenever I can. I'm a sweaty, happy rock and roller," Gulliek said.
Gulliek's caught the group's act six times and thought the 50s Festival, with "the picnic tables make an interesting venue."
Still the original band, The Grassroots are celebrating their 30th anniversary together.
As leader singer Rob Grill put it "The Grassroots is an old Italian word meaning old f---s on the road."

"You know you were a child of the sixties if you think The Grassroots was something you smoke," Grill said.
Grill invited the handful of Vietnam vets in the audience to identify themselves and they were given an ovation by the audience.
Then, while The Grassroots played numbers like their first hit, "Where Were You When I Needed You" (1966), "Don't Tell Your Love Light," "Let's Live For Today," "Temptation Eyes," "Sooner Or Later," and "Midnight Confessions," people were overheard saying things like "I remember that from high school."

On stage, a few color lights flashed. Although the effect wasn't quite psychedelic, what can you expect from the nineties?
Afterwards, Sherry Kutsch from Saginaw, dressed in a tie-dyed tee shirt, eyed The Grassroots souvenir table and left clutching a new tee. She was with Ed Kirsh, also of Saginaw, who said he has all the band's albums.
"I grew up with them. It was great. Everyone was out dancing. It was just like the old days when 50,000 people packed into the Silverline for a concert and you could all get out there and party," Kirsh said.

Vendors offer 50s-era memorabilia

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Life on the open road. Moving from town to town. The lure of endless highways.
"It gets old," said Helen Arnold, who with her husband, Jack, makes the rounds of festivals nationwide with their business, Doo Wop Fashions.
Although they may get their income peddling Route 66 signs and keychains, the job's not all kicks.
Each year, Novi groups like the Novi Lionesses and the Novi Police Department set up shop at the Michigan 50s Festival next to the pros like the Arnolds. To the locals, the festival is the event of the summer. To some of the vendors, it's one stop in an endless summer of fairs.
While the crowds jammed the beer tent, I decided to whip through the exhibition with a \$10 budget to see if temptation called. After scamming a handful of free candy from one booth, the first thing to catch my eye was "Personality Analysis For Fun And Entertainment." For \$2, you get what some people pay shrinks thousands of dollars to figure out and for another 50 cents, a horoscope is thrown in to round off the picture.
Linda Cockerell of Signal Mountain, Tennessee - her more owns the concession - had me sign a card and then she pushed it into the miracle machine.
"It's 90 percent accurate," Cockerell said.
The vendors, who've been feeding handwriting samples into computers for 15 years, found business slow on Thursday and Friday, but picking up Saturday.
"It's fun," Cockerell added.
Out of the machine popped a printed sheet with seven personality traits deduced from my signature. I thought it was just about 90 percent accurate.
The analysis pointed out that I "like extravagance but do not

A Personal View

overindulge." But how does spending \$2.50 in three minutes rate?
After that, I bypassed a chance to try the Miracle Mop, have my face made over (lost cause) or my poor posture measured, although I did pick up a travel flyer for relatives I'd like to send on a long, slow cruise.
You could buy all kinds of jewelry for \$2 an item, including a trendy Y necklace, but no takers here. I wasn't interested in buying a book to empower my inner female, either.
Then I found Doo Wop Fashions. Shoppers had to fight your way through a tee-shirt buying crowd to get a look at the merchandise.
Helen and Jack Arnold had their booth set up with seven-piece poodle skirt outfits for \$79; Elvis, James Dean and Marilyn Monroe memorabilia; car stuff like fuzzy dice and miniature bowling balls and pool balls to use as gear shift

handles; Ike (Eisenhower) and Tina Turner posters and just about anything else reminiscent of pop culture 40 years ago.
Arnold said this is their fourth year in Novi and sales were "pretty good, not quite what they were last year."
The couple make the rounds of 50s-type festivals in states like New York, Jersey, Pennsylvania and rarely find time to check out of motel-hopping and into their home at Dayton, Tennessee.
The big bopper of all the fifties festivals is in Reno, Nevada, where the entire town goes manic for nostalgia and big-name bands like "The Beach Boys" get the crowd dancing. Doo Wop really sells out then, Arnold said.
Well, they made money on extravagant me, too. For \$5, I purchased my own personal nostalgia item, a miniature, red "Radio Flyer Wagon," precision crafted with real working parts; "a unique toy and a great desktop novelty." A shrunken version of a vehicle made for the open road, the endless highway.

THE MICHIGAN 50s FESTIVAL



Kari Morningstar and her ball catching Terrier Bijou perform with the Rock-n-Roll K-9s. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The Marvelettes' Loni Clark plays with the crowd. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Five days of 50s fun

Festival estimated to be highest attended ever

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"We did at least as well as last year if not better and last year was our best ever," McCann said.
Last year attendance was estimated at 100,000 people and the festival netted \$51,000, later used to purchase a stage for the city's parks and recreation department.
The only big glitch came when former Motown hit makers, The Marvelettes, and Rocky & the Rollers were late on stage due to a minor fender bender on their way to the Expo Center.
Festival manager Rhonda Gage, who was in the vehicle, said one of the singers was bruised and a festival volunteer had a hair knee.
But the van, owned by Rocky & The Rollers, was smashed when it was broadsided by another car making an allegedly illegal turn at the Expo Center entrance.
The Marvelettes had a picture for the girl who driving over van and it said, "please don't hurt us anymore," Gage said.
The singers took it in stride. The show did go on.

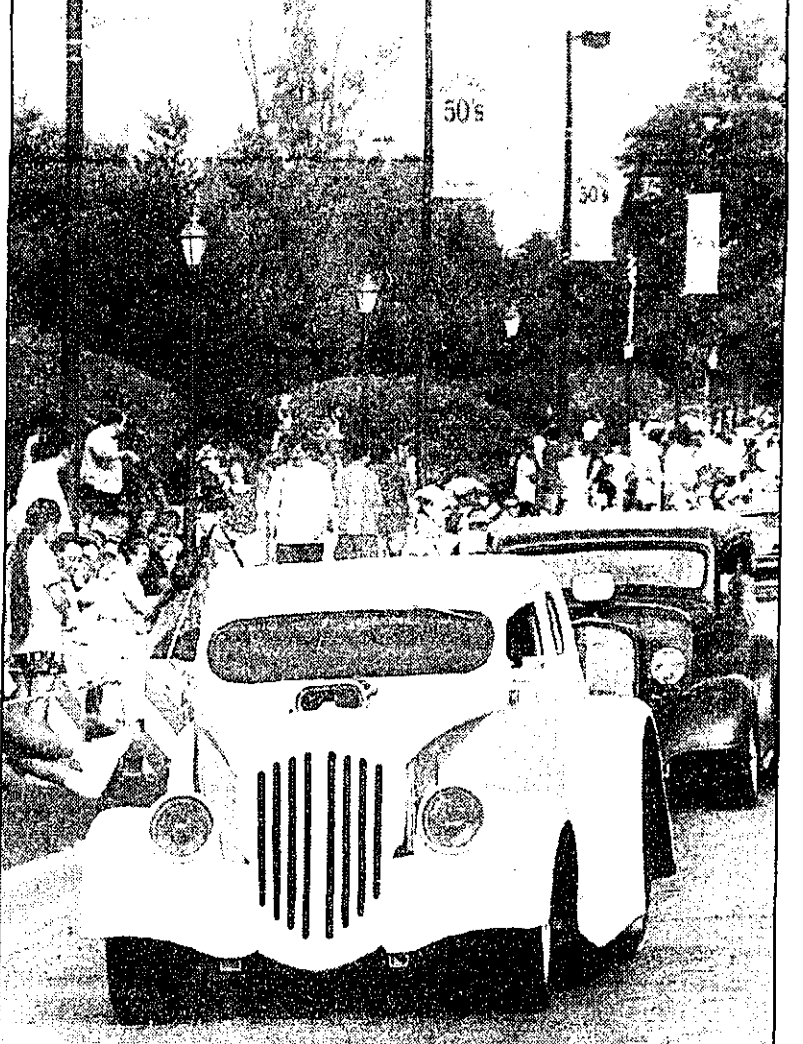
"It raised my anxiety level a little bit when they pulled up in a different car than the one we had sent to go get them," said McCann.
Novi City Manager and 50s Fest director Ed Kriewall said the turnout could have been lighter than expected on Thursday and Friday nights, possibly because couch potatoes didn't want to stop viewing the Olympics and venture out into the slightly chilly weather.
For Kriewall, the highlights were the car show, the Grand River Cruise and Saturday's concert.
"I think it was probably the smoothest festival we've ever had. It's getting better every year," he said.
The mob really was swarming into the Novi Expo Center for Saturday night. Some beat the \$2 parking fee by ditching their cars at Novi Town Center.
A group of merry-makers even set up folding aluminum chairs around the festival site, to enjoy the music without paying the \$10 charge at the Entertainment Tent.
At the tent, it was standing room

only when Gary Lewis and The Phyllys rock and roll.
Back in the 1960s, the group appeared on Ed Sullivan Show no less than five times and managed to hold their own when the British Invasion swept through the U.S. with hits like "Everybody Loves A Clown" and "Count Me In." The crowd went wild for "This Diamond Ring," but the 1966 "I'm Sure Gonna Miss Her," was the song Lewis said was his last hit before he was drafted.
Lewis was drafted in Novi, too, into battling a blue balloon back and forth with a fast-dancing, rambunctious audience.
"Gary had that place going all night long," said McCann, who explained the band is a hit nationwide, touring on its own and as the back-up for acts like Chuck Berry.
Lewis and Rocky & The Rollers really jammed, Kriewall agreed. And Elvis impersonator Danny Vann, booked for the Family Entertainment stage, whipped over to the beer tent for a few inprop-

portunities.
"That really was an exceptional Saturday night. I think that was the best we had. They were really jumping," Kriewall added.
How the dollars will fall has yet to be determined. Last year, local civic groups made some \$31,000 during the event.
For the festival organization, Gage said expenses were higher this year, because some \$2,300 worth of shuttles were hired to cart folks from the Novi Town Center and the Pico Management parking lot. In addition, another big outlay was the \$7,000 in plastic ramps purchased to protect the water lines.
But without even taking a breath, McCann and the other board members are already planning for the Tenth Annual Michigan 50s Festival.
"This is the smoothest festival we've ever had," said McCann. "We thank everybody from Novi who came out."
"We're ready to rock and roll again one year from now."



Diane Marocco gets a serenade from Danny Vann. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL



As always, crowds lined Grand River for the Cruise. Photo by AL WARD

Children's events prove popular

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

The Ice Cream Social and the addition of two new events at the Expo Center proved to be a big hit with the children attending the Michigan 50s Festival activities this year.
The Ice Cream Social, which was held at the Novi City Hall on Friday, July 27, was such a big success that it began one hour early. Scheduled to run from noon until 3 p.m., it was opened early due to the crowd that had gathered.
Tom Marcus of the Michigan 50s Festival board of directors said it was hard to guess how many people actually attended but if ice cream is used as an indicator, attendance was up 20 percent over last year.
"I was up on the roof of city hall and it was packed," Marcus said.

Ice cream bars were consumed by the thousands, probably about 6,500 to 8,000, along with 3,500 hot dogs, according to Marcus.
Children's activities included 15 carnival games, four rides and a petting farm. Children took home 6,000 prizes. Each child riding the pony had their picture taken, a total of 1,200, which they also got to take home. There were 20 face painters alone. Entertainment was provided by the Landslide Band.
"The ice cream social is more than just those kids, it is the old timers serving the kids," Marcus said. "What we've done is brought the young and the old and the new and old residents together so they all get to know one another."
Although it is billed as a Downtown Merchant Association of Novi event, Marcus said about 75 to 100 merchants from all over Novi

participate.
"The layout was so much better than last year," Marcus said. There were also two food lines this year.
"The town just buzzes about it afterwards," he said.
The Michigan 50s Festival and the Ice Cream Social were dedicated to the memory of Don Tuck, owner of one of the oldest businesses in town, Novi Auto Parts. Tuck had also been with the Ice Cream Social since its beginning nine years ago.
Changes were also made in the Family Tent at the Novi Expo Center. Farmer John's Barnyard Express provided children with a presentation of farm animals, including Snortin' Norton the pig who had been taught to sit and lay like a dog. Snortin' Norton could also wipe his nose on Farmer John's overalls on command, but

sometimes Snortin' Norton did it without Farmer John's command too, because it comes natural to pigs.
Farmer John also demonstrated how to milk a goat and explained why a cow always looks so thin. The food it eats doesn't go towards making muscles but producing milk.
Children had a chance to pet all the animals which were kept in the corral.
Mark Thomas entertained children with his "Max the Moose" sing-a-long songs on the portable stage which is also set up in the Expo Center. Children went up on a stage to help with songs by wearing puppets, dancing and making funny faces.
Back for the second year in a row was a miniature golf course and a puppet show.



Rocky & the Rollers drummer Gerry Seader is a true showman. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL



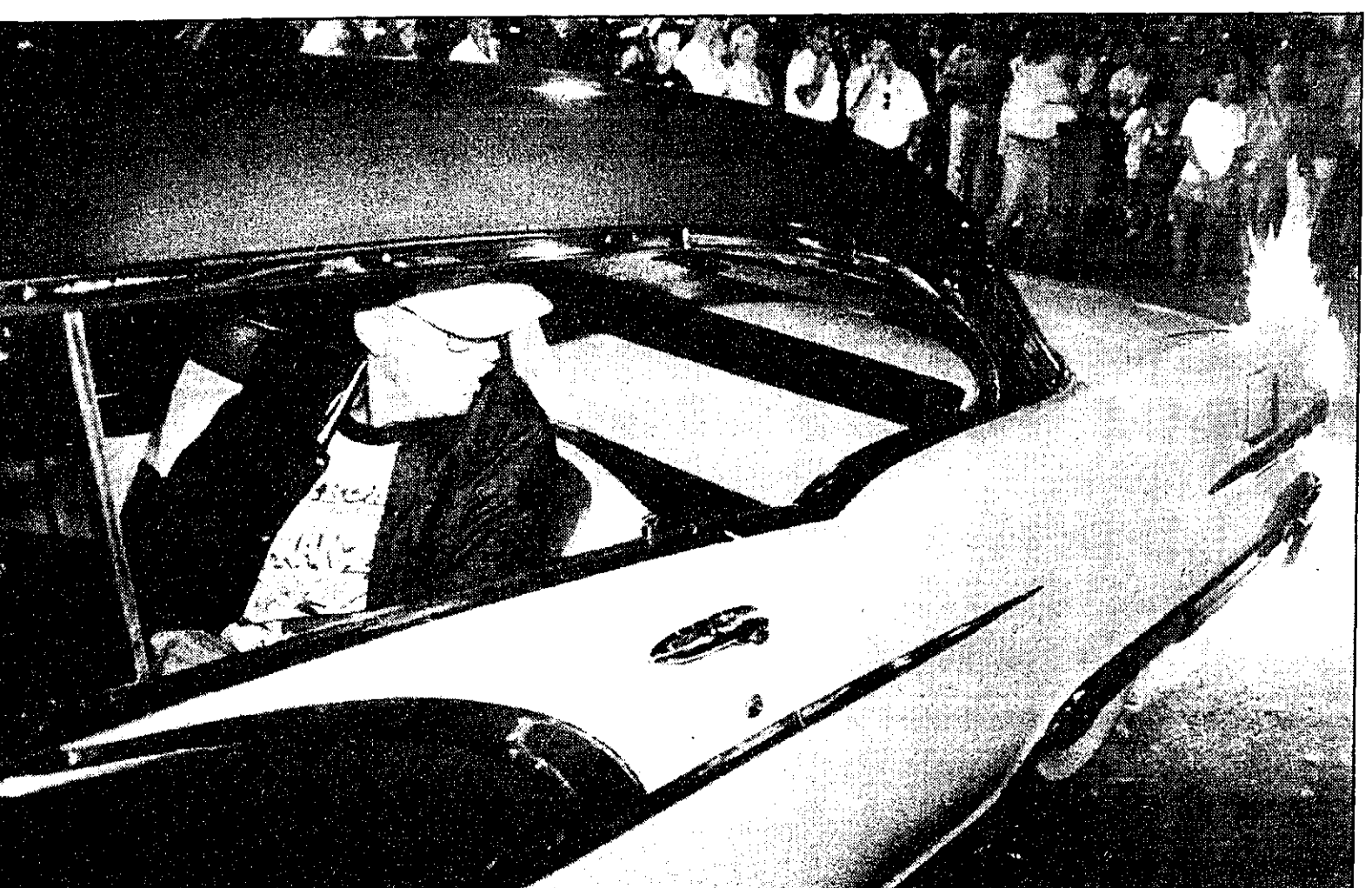
As the sun sets, people check out some of the classic cars. Photo by AL WARD



Justine, Joshua and Jonathan Pointer playing in their father's 1952 Chevy police cruiser during Sunday's car show. Photo by AL WARD



Elvis impersonator Sherman Arnold stands proudly next to his 1951 Studebaker Starlite during Sunday's car show. Photo by AL WARD



Boyd Sheriff shows off his flame throwing 1956 Pontiac to the delight of the car buffs on hand Saturday night. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL



Daniel Lumley, 2, truly enjoyed the Ice Cream Social on Friday. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Despite rejection, Sinai officials hope for approval

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Sinai's down, but it's not out. After a 5-4 Nov Planning Commission vote against their revised plan for Sinai Park at Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads, Sinai officials are hoping to make a comeback at an upcoming planning commission meeting this month.

"Sinai's not out of the picture," said Steve Cohen, planning aide for the City of Novi. "It's possible the planning commission may reconsider their vote."

Despite chopping off a top floor of the proposed Sinai Medical Center and eliminating the chopping down of 33 trees, the Nov Planning Commission voted against approving a revised plan at its July 17 meeting.

The developers eliminated 100 beds from the third phase of their project in response to the commission's concerns about conserving wetlands and woodlands on the property. The commission unanimously voted down the preliminary site plan proposal on May 15, saying the site was overbuilt and destroyed too much of the natural environment.

The recent elimination of beds leads to less parking and less intrusion into the three acres of woodlands on the property, said Sinai representatives.

But the five commissioners who opposed the plan again seemed unsatisfied with the extent of the changes. Commissioner Michelle Bononi questioned developers hadn't considered utilizing parking decks and was told it would negatively affect the campus-like setting. She also wondered why the buildings couldn't be moved further north to take it out of the sensitive land areas and was told that would eliminate parking on that side of the building.

In addition, Commissioner Pete Hoadley said he wanted improvements made to Meadowbrook Road to handle the additional traffic. Also voting against the plan were Eda Weddington, Gwen Markham and Arthur Vrettas.

Phase one and two of the development would include a diagnostic and treatment facility and a physician office building. Phase three is a short stay 200-bed hospital facility for 24 to 72 hour stays, but is dependent on changes at the Michigan Department of Health that would allow for the hospital and grant Sinai a certificate of need. The certificate is required by the state for medical facilities which permit overnight stays.

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The planning department and Sinai Hospital have said the site is perfect considering the new M-5 Haggerty Connector just down the road.

The property was rezoned with Sinai in mind last year. City officials believe it's a good addition to the community.

According to city consultant Brandon Rogers, while a hospital is tax-exempt, the city will be able to collect taxes from medical office buildings.

According to the community impact statement by Sinai Hospital, the proposed development will provide the residents of Novi with comprehensive health services closer to home, will improve the accessibility of managed care plan providers. In addition it plans to bring a women's health center to the area.

Sinai, the state's only Jewish sponsored hospital, is the ninth largest Detroit area hospital complex with one hospital, 30 ambulatory facilities and a 1995 revenue of \$289.6 million, according to Crain's Detroit Business.

Planners send tough message to developers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Buyer beware. City of Novi Planning Commissioners are sending a message loud and clear that developers who purchase land in the city had better be prepared to deal with consequences of their actions.

Namely this: If you buy property with woodlands, wetlands and wildlife... you better be prepared to face a tough battle with the development process.

"When a developer chooses a site hopefully they choose being aware of the limitations on the site," said Commissioner Michelle Bononi, a former city planner.

Woodlands, wetlands, flood plains, wildlife areas and many other natural resources are regulated both by federal and state laws and by local government ordinances and codes.

"If a developer picks a marginal site... it's his problem to come up with something sensitive to address those issues," said Bononi.

Provisions in some ordinances allow for wetlands to be filled in and new ones created or for a certain number of trees to be cut down and replaced with new ones.

The problem, many commissioners say, is developers too often try to use those options instead of being creative.

"When you buy a piece of property you've got to be aware of the ordinances and try to make it work the best you can within those ordinances," said Commissioner Pete Hoadley, who added developers also have to be aware of traffic and infrastructure limitations when they buy property.

Hoadley said too many times the developer goes to the zoning board of appeals to get a waiver from an ordinance. That indicates a need to change some of the ordinances and a need to review the process.

In addition, he said the developer should try to do their best with the resources on the site. "I have a tough time voting for anything that could have been done a little better," Hoadley explained.

"It is their challenge once they choose," said Bononi. "It is our challenge to review their plan. It's a very creative process."

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Schmid wraps up first year as caucus chair

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Have you ever tried to herd cats? That's how Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Nowi, describes her two years as head of the county's Republican caucus.

"Trying to keep 19 Republicans running in the same direction can be tough," Schmid said.

First elected in 1991, she is may be among her fourth, two-year term on the job.

Schmid, who is married to Novi City Council Member Bob Schmid, has been a fixture in Pontiac for six years. The first two, she describes as easy, the second two, frustrating. That's when she headed the Republican leadership.

But for the past two years, she's chaired the commission's General Government Committee, something Schmid calls downright exciting.

As leader of the General Government Committee, she's the liaison with local, state and federal governments, as well as government agencies such as the Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency.

"As chair, it's a whole new ball game. It's really getting to the meat, what you get on the board, mental health, public health, law enforcement," she said.

Schmid's main crusade at present is to make sure the state government recognizes that Oakland County — the third most prosperous in the country and with its 1.1 million residents — can't be treated the same as a small, out-state county with 8,000 residents.

"One size doesn't fit all, that's what my motto is at the county. You can't treat us the same as you do them," she said.

The committee seeks to block unfunded mandates at the state level that is when the state places requirements on counties but doesn't provide the funds to pay for them.

Schmid is proudest of two achievements. First, she pushed to get the 52-1 District Court's new building constructed in Novi as state law dictated, rather than Walled Lake. That was a major battle, as Walled Lake and Wixom fought over custody of the courthouse. Second, when the 810 telephone area code was split off from the 313 area code, she convinced an Ameritech's citizens committee not to split off part of Novi and the City of Northville from Oakland County.

THE 17TH COUNTY DISTRICT

For candidates for the Oakland County Commission District 17, the Aug. 6 primary offers little more than breathing space as the real race looms in November. That's because neither the incumbent, Republican Kay Schmid of Novi or her challenger, Democrat Larry Jay Fox, also of Novi, face any competition in the primary. In this district, along with Novi, the commissioner represents citizens in Walled Lake, Irvy Novi Township and that portion of the City of Northville that lies within the boundaries of Oakland County.

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Fox says he's independent

Walled Lake attorney Larry Jay Fox isn't planning to run a conventional political campaign in the race for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

He doesn't have a campaign manager and hasn't yet had a series of glossy flyers printed.

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Fund raiser to help second grader get to Disney World

Al's Copper Mug of Walled Lake and WRIF 101 F.M. will host a tent party and fund-raiser for "Amanda" on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 2 to 10 p.m.

Amanda is a very fragile second grade student in the Walled Lake district. Amanda hasn't been able to attend school all the time because her condition changes suddenly. Amanda's dream has been to be able to go to Disney World.

The outside party for patron over 21 only will be held under the big tent with music by the Playground Band, beer, Italian sausage, Chicago-style hot dogs and hamburgers.

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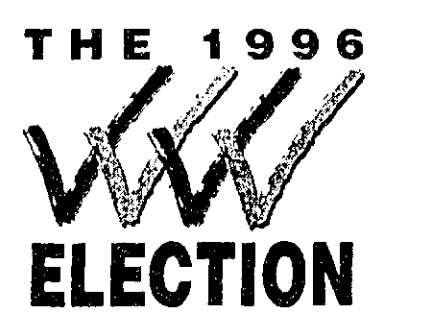
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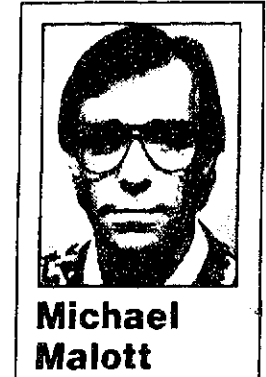
Cassis is best pick in primary for house

In the only primary race in Novi, for the GOP nomination in the 38th state House district, voters will get to cast ballots for their favorite candidate twice. ... This unusual circumstance is the result of Bill Bullard's promotion to the state senate by the voters in the recent special election, after the illness-related resignation of David Honigman, leaving the seat vacant for the lame-duck session of the legislature this fall.



defeated. And then she was reelected to city council in 1995. There can be little doubt she knows the local issues. She is well aware of what the district needs. Others in the race may be strong as well on the state issues, but Cassis has the best command of the local issues. She knows the people here; and she knows their views.

Another great 50s festival



Michael Malott

Another great party at the Michigan 50s Festival. What is that now, nine in a row? Just a few notes to pass along in the wake of the festival: Congratulations are in order for JANE THOMAS, regional sales director for Grand Traverse Resorts, who was chosen as the new Festival Manager for next year's event.

Festival showed Novi's sense of community

There are many nice communities to live in. Some even count as great. But we'll bet very few have events like the Michigan 50s Festival or its Ice Cream Social.

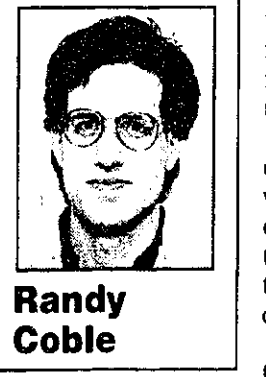
Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Yuko Hatayama, from Owami, Japan is staying with Julian Korzanowski and her family while visiting Novi

Get involved; cast your ballot



Randy Coble

We narrowly averted tragedy last week, friends and neighbors. The Novi News nearly lost its managing editor. The near miss came during our weekly staff meeting when said managing editor, one Michael Malott, asked this reporter what weighty topic he'd chosen for this next column.

City sisters

Do you know what the biggest problem facing our local, county, state and federal governments today is? Apathy. Most people just flat don't care enough about what happens to our taxes, regulations and laws to get involved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer.

Government money for religion



Tim Richard

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean." That line from Alice in Wonderland occurred to me during the Spotlight on News interview with Betsy DeVos that you saw July 14 on Channel 7.

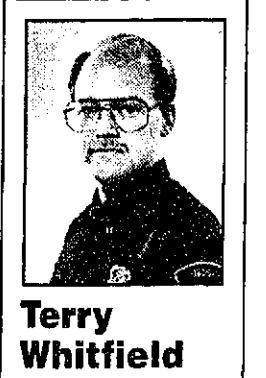
Thanks offered for fest volunteers

To the editor:

This year marked the ninth anniversary of the Michigan 50s Festival and those of us that serve on the festival's Board of Directors couldn't be more pleased or proud of the past week's event.

all with us and from all of us a heartfelt thank you. Thank you as well to those civic groups standing on concrete for hours without a break just so they can go home in the middle of the night smelling like a brewery.

How safe are public school buses



Terry Whitfield

One of the questions that I am often asked by people (especially parents) is "how safe are the school buses?" I think they ask this question primarily because there aren't any safety belts on a school bus.

considered to work well to protect school children. However, the NTSB did not find the 1977 standards faultless. They found some evidence of weaknesses in floor joints, some loose seat cushions which exposed children to hard surfaces, some weak maintenance panels and a general failure of drivers to wear their lap belts.

Make an informed choice with cable



Caren Collins

The Aug. 6 primary election is right around the corner. And how do you make an informed choice? After all, how much can you pick up from those 30-second soundbites? How about tuning into INFO TV-12 to meet the candidates and explore the issues in detail.

ly Circuit Court Judge candidate. John O'Brien at 2 p.m., 48th District Court Judge candidate Kim Small at 3 p.m., and Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Ronna Romney at 3:30 p.m.

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 10:30 a.m. — TWC Presents: The Lucardos at Spruce 46
 11:00 a.m. — (cont)
 11:30 a.m. — Legally Speaking: Lawyers in the Media
 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
 2:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
 3:00 p.m. — Governor's Art Awards
 4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide: GOP TV
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
 5:30 p.m. — Per Safety: A Matter of Life and Death
 6:00 p.m. — Listening, Learning, Loving

6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 7:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Linda Zalla, Artist
 7:30 p.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine
 8:00 p.m. — Law Talk
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session
TUESDAY, AUG. 6
 10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations
 10:30 a.m. — Imagination Expressions
 11:00 a.m. — Tony Warren's Expressions
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University with Elizabeth Clare Prophet
 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. — Emily Murphy Show: Village Antiques
 3:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a CEO: Teaching Right From Wrong
 4:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills

Founders Day Parade
 5:30 p.m. — Braiding Simplified
 6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multicultural Community Council
 7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Maureen Shifman
 7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
 8:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Stuck in the Middle with You
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7
 10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
 10:30 a.m. — Fitness First
 11:00 a.m. — Travel on Tennessie and the Great Smoky Mountains
 11:30 a.m. — Alternative Medicine
 12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Maureen Shifman
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 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
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 4:00 p.m. — Libraries Change Lives
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 8:00 p.m. — The Ride
 9:00 p.m. — Day w/ Stole TV
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 11:00 a.m. — Lansing Connection
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State board delays action on 'character education'

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

"Character education" — a stark necessity in a nation where kids run wild? Or a slippery slope to church-run public schools?

The State Board of Education will take a one-month breather before deciding Aug. 21 whether to urge local school boards to implement character and citizenship development.

"We're not promising a panacea," said Bob Smith, a Livonia Kiwanis member working with the Character Education Institute of San Antonio, Texas, on offering a character curriculum. "The overwhelming consensus is that values should be taught."

These lessons should be taught in the home. But whether we like it or not, teachers are becoming surrogate parents," Smith told the State Board at its July 24 meeting.

"Without guidelines, this resolution falls short," objected Wendy Wagheim, Birmingham mother and lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union. "Before you implement, assure there is a distinction between secular and religious values."

Religious values should be transmitted in the home, church, synagogue or mosque. Without guidelines, this resolution, in its present form, opens the door to potential intrusion of religious values,"

Karen Holmes, a Livonia PTA member representing the statewide PTA association, was worried that local school district committees might be stacked in favor of one religion. As drafted, the State Board resolution encourages local districts to form "collaborative partnerships among parents, educators, business, religious and other community representatives" to select values.

"Exclude all religion... not just one," said Holmes. "We also need to make sure that they are not the majority of the committee but that it is balanced."

Outside the board meeting, board president Clark Durant, R-Grosse Pointe, took the opposite approach, saying the Bible and the story of Moses could be used to "teach values. And if the ACLU doesn't like it, Durant said, "well, let them sue."

John Duerr, a Warren father of three, warned the resolution will open a Pandora's box" and that "special interests are drooling at the prospect of getting into character education. And are you seriously considering making business a partner with parents?" he asked.

State Board member Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing, noted the resolution says schools should "reinforce parental values," suggesting the opposite: "Parents should reinforce that which is taught in schools. I would hate for schools to reinforce a Milton parks' values."

Board member Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, agreed. "There are, unfortunately for the schools, some children who are raising themselves."

Kiwianian Smith, a former advertising man, volunteered his support of a curriculum designed by teachers in Character Education Institute. It lists a dozen values, including honesty, kindness, trustworthiness, generosity, kindness, justice, and respect for others.

Dr. Young Judy Mikley, president of the institute, said it uses the tools of teaching critical thinking skills and building self-esteem, teaching elementary kids to exercise self-discipline under peer pressure.

Christie Eastman, principal of Kalamazoo's Northeast Elementary, warmly praised the program's results in that tough neighborhood. "We don't have fights anymore," she said. Good behavior is reinforced through sending post-cards of praise to the parents.

Detroit educator Yvonne Roberts said Character Education Institute's program "worked a change in the culture of the schools." About 15 of the 42 buildings under her wing have used the curriculum.

Beardmore noted the State Board would continue itself to recommending character education without endorsing a particular curriculum.

A memo by Art Ellis, superintendent of public instruction, defines character education as "the process of educating our children and young people about the common attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that parents and communities agree are important for their role as responsible citizens."

Educational literature, Ellis said, most often identifies these values: respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, justice and fairness, and civic virtue and citizenship.

The State Board of Education meets at 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, usually the third of the month, on the fourth floor of the John A. Harshbarger Building, on Allegan Street two blocks west of the Capitol. Lansing. Public comment is heard at the beginning of each meeting. — The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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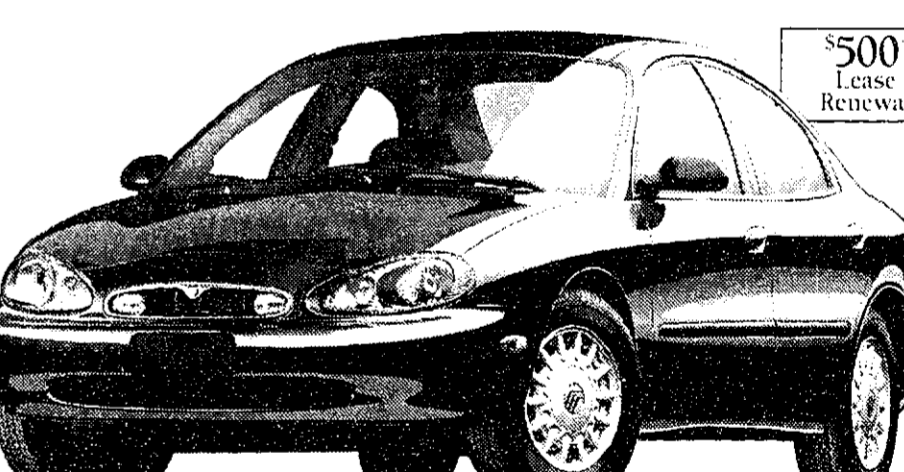
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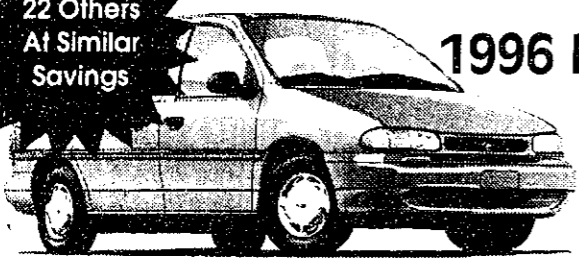
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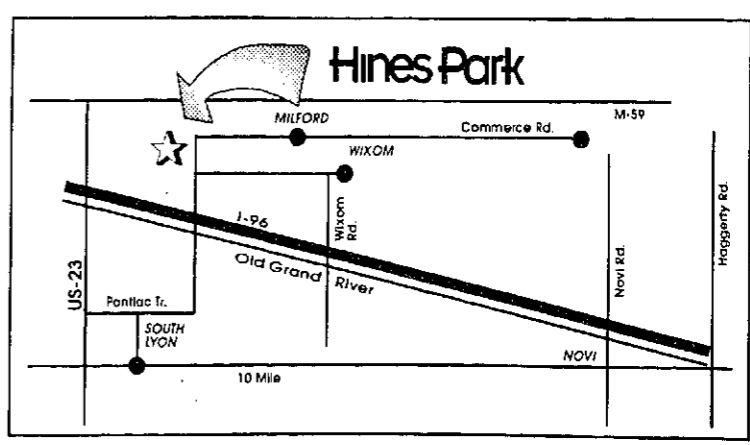
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SPECIAL KICKS

Martial arts therapy helps youth with special needs to improve physical skills

By CAROL WORKENS

Staff Writer

Martial arts is one of the activities children with special needs may not have had an opportunity to participate in until recently.

David Roer and David Reicher co-founded Martial Arts Therapy Inc. three years ago as a way for the individual with special needs to improve existing skills.

There are two programs, the Fitness Model and the Therapy Model. Both models are designed for individuals with special needs to produce improvements in balance, coordination, range of motion, gross motor skills, self-confidence, attention span and body awareness.

The Therapy Model is designed for individuals with neurological or other difficulties. The Fitness Model is geared to individuals interested in martial arts who are able to perform basic activities of daily living either standing and walking or in a wheelchair.

The models are designed to be used in conjunction with current therapy programs or independently, not as a replacement for physical therapy.

Roer and Reicher are currently running an eight-week Martial Arts Fitness Model program for elementary age children with special needs at Providence Medical Center in Novi.

Because of their martial arts' backgrounds and their professional backgrounds - Roer is a physical therapist and has a green belt, and Reicher is an exercise physiologist and has a blue belt - they married the two disciplines for the martial arts programs.

A physical therapist generally works with people with dysfunctions, while an exercise physiologist does health maintenance and health prevention through exercise and general nutrition.

"We don't use one specific style of martial arts," said Reicher. "Whatever technique works for a child is the one selected."

If a child is having difficulty putting his arm over his head, exercises that will help the child accomplish that goal are

used. Specific exercises target problem areas.

Kicking exercises help with balance, which is important in everyday life for such tasks as walking up stairs. The high block is a movement similar to reaching into a cupboard to get a glass.

"The nice thing about this program is that the activities used in this program are used in everyday life," Reicher said.

Children with special needs sometimes do not participate in team sports and lose out on social opportunities other children enjoy. In the martial arts fitness program, children work with other children who have similar needs.

The martial arts fitness program breaks down pivots and helps with motor planning. A regular martial arts program includes these, but also teaches fighting, which the fitness program does not include. The goal in the fitness program is to improve the capacity for daily living.

Classic martial arts protocol is followed and there is always a certified black belt instructor in attendance who teaches the movement for the session.

"We try to keep it as real as possible, it is not watered down," Reicher said. "We challenge them to the maximum that they can be challenged."

Children work on foam mats and wear helmets and use rubber balls, foam swords, and kick X-ray sheets.

Volunteers and support staff working one-on-one assist children in learning movements and take care of the safety issues. Some children's reflexes are not good, so these volunteers act as "catchers" to catch the child if he falls.

This session's volunteers include a student in physical therapy, a physical therapy assistant, and a rehabilitation technician.

Reicher found that many children, especially those with long-term disabilities, would get used to the programs and lose site of their work objectives.

"Kids forget they are doing physical therapy, they are concentrating on martial arts," Reicher said. "It is shifting their focus and it is very motivating."

The martial arts fitness program also builds self esteem and self confidence because the children are able to accomplish goals set for them.

"The outcomes I see in all models are doing very well," Roer said.

"There's a place for traditional, there's a place for this," Reicher said.

"The more you can get a client to do in your therapy programs, the better your outcomes are," Roer said.

For more information, call Stephanie Herrle at Providence at (810) 380-4100.



David Reicher helps 7-year-old Michael Jahnce with his front kick.

Photo by RON PONKEY

Children and adults have different needs

By CAROL WORKENS

Staff Writer

Children have different needs than adults, especially when it comes to physical therapy.

From infants to teenagers, Stephanie Herrle, pediatric physical therapist with Providence Park Medical Center in Novi, works with children in age appropriate play activities in a one-on-one setting.

Herrle's pediatric physical therapy programs include balancing activities, strength, speed, and coordination are also important goals children work on.

"Traditional therapy for children is boring," she said. "It doesn't take care of the needs for children."

The difference between working with children and adults, according to Herrle, is that with adults she would actually work on getting a cup out of the cup-

board. With children, she will work on an activity that will enable them to get the glass out of the cupboard when they need to.

"I teach patterns of movement through play," she said. "Then they can do their non-play activities easier."

Herrle also uses imagination play. If she is working with a child on a blue bolster, the child can pretend he is a logger who mustn't fall into the water where the alligators are circling.

"The imagination part comes from the children, I follow their lead," Herrle said. Sometimes it is necessary to give the child a suggestion to fuel their imagination.

"Children are self motivated through play," Herrle said.

The Martial Arts Fitness Program has goals that are similar to the play physical therapy program.

"One can't replace the other," Herrle said.

Martial arts in itself has a lot of intrinsic value for 7- and 8-year-old boys and girls.

"I could work on the same activities,

but won't get the same response," she said. "In a setting with other children with disabilities the children work very hard."

The Martial Arts Fitness Model shows children that there are avenues for physical fitness other than physical therapy, according to Herrle. The children are working on some of the same skills used in play physical therapy, but may not realize it.

"I've seen some nice changes come out of it," Herrle said of the fitness program.

The children also get a chance to work with someone other than a physical therapist. Children with special needs may not have the same opportunities to participate in social activities.

"They start to manage their own goals," she said. A goal could be daily stretching to keep muscles from tightening up.

Children learn they can develop their own fitness program and come up with a life sport. The life sport does not have to be martial arts, but a sport of the child's choosing.

Volunteer



Bonnie Szilagy continues to be involved in PTO activities.

Szilagy continues to promote PTO

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Upgrading a playground for an elementary school is not really a priority item. Or is it?

Bonnie Szilagy, recent past president of PTO at Novi Woods Elementary School, says it is and she pushed the project in her two-year term as president of the PTO board.

A committee had been formed four years ago to upgrade the playground, "but it didn't get too far," she said.

When it rained, the area was unusable for a long while. And the teachers had to contend with students who'd had no time for relaxation.

It wasn't for lack of plans that not much was done. The committee had plans. A broad perimeter of the playground was to be covered with asphalt, and the main part would be resurfaced with a wood carpet of shredded wood chips - 18 inches deep of wood

chips - all of which would be dry enough to play on as soon as the rain stopped.

New play equipment would be brought in and also picnic tables. Landscaping, too.

"When I took over the presidency," said Bonnie Szilagy, "I was determined to get the program moving," and she did.

There was a matter of money. "The district was wonderful and the parents were supportive." The playground is now well on its way to being what had been planned.

But that doesn't mean that Bonnie Szilagy is through with PTO. She has three children - one in elementary, one in middle, and one in high school. She's been going to school meetings since her oldest child was a co-op preschooler.

"You really should go to your child's PTO meetings," she said. "Serve on committees if you can. You may just find a hole that needs you as a filler."

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Sports Shorts



Team members of the Novi-based Motor City Madness softball team include: (front left to right) Erin Taylor, Katie Cameron, Emily Labar and Amanda Fitzgerald; (middle row) Sarah Bajorek, Therisa Flowers, Jackie Ruma, Jessie Gilbert and Erin Carsons; (back row) Scott Cameron, Joelle Frantz, Lindsay Watson, Kelly Bendernagle and coach Gar Frantz.

Novi-based Motor City Madness 14-year-old and under girls fastpitch travel softball team recently won a National Softball Association championship. Five Novi High players, Sarah Bajorek, Kelly Bendernagle, Katie Cameron, Emily Labar and Amanda Fitzgerald, participated. The team has won five tournaments this summer and is headed to Columbus, Ohio next week for the NSA Nationals representing Michigan with a record of 38-6.

Tryouts for Novi High's varsity girls' tennis team will start on Monday, Aug. 12, at the high school tennis courts. Practices will be from 8 to 11 a.m. Necessary paperwork can be obtained at the main office in the high school. Any 9th through 12th grade girl is eligible to participate in the tryout. Junior varsity will start practicing on Aug. 14 at the high school courts from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table with columns for Home Run Leaders, Monday Resident, Monday Division I, Monday Division II, and Men's Wednesday. Lists names, teams, and scores.

Health Matters

Program helps families deal with effects of Parkinson's

Over 35,000 Michigan residents live with Parkinson's disease, a slowly progressive disorder that gradually steals control of the part of the nervous system that governs movement, posture, balance and walking. For those with this condition, it is a devastating diagnosis, but now an innovative program offered at Botsford General Hospital is giving help and hope to those with Parkinson's and those who care about them.

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Aspirin may help prevent colon cancer

Aspirin, which has a long, familiar track record with physicians and patients, is in the news again. Just a few years ago, researchers discovered that aspirin could help prevent heart attacks and reduce their recurrence. Now, new studies suggest that aspirin may also help prevent colon and rectal cancer.

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Health Notes

Providence Hospital: Diabetes Care Outpatient - A program for all non-pregnant individuals over 14 years of age with diabetes. St. Mary's Hospital: Diabetes Support group meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance.

Own the Colors of Summer. Timeless Value, Timeless Style, Carpet Sale at Dalley Carpets. Includes a photograph of a butterfly and contact information for Dalley Carpets.

Ready To Say Goodbye To Your Old Car? Put Some 'Good' In the Goodbye! Advertisement for the National Kidney Foundation's 'Good Car' program.

Discount Tire Co. advertisement with store locations. Includes addresses and phone numbers for Farmington Hills, Clinton Township, New Baltimore, Centerline, Livonia, and Port Huron.



Brae Burn's third hole requires a shot over water to land on the green.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

'Target golf' put on hold at Salem's Brae Burn

This week's Novi News continues a series of weekly golf course reviews. Our focus is to provide you, the reader, useful information and tips on playing your favorite local courses.

Brae Burn Golf Club is the subject of this week's review. If you would like to see a particular course reviewed this summer, please contact us at (810) 349-1700 or fax us at (810) 349-1050. By SCOTT DANIEL, Sports Editor

If you've played a lot of golf this summer but haven't visited Brae Burn Golf Club you may be missing out on a unique experience.

While new courses have sprouted up all over the place the past few years none have the "Monster." And until you play this 617-yard beast, you haven't really tested your game.

"It's a good test of golf," PGA Professional Chip Chamberlin said of the double dog-leg. "The hole used to be tougher than it is. But you still need two good shots for a shot to the green on your third."

A drive of 200-yards or more and a second shot almost as long are required to get around the woods and into position for a shot at the green. Golfers' third shot into the par 5's green will likely be a long iron.

Chamberlin said the Monster, which cuts through the woods, was much less forgiving in seasons past. It caused delays in play because it took golfers so long to complete.

"It was too tough," he said of No. 13. "It became a real bottleneck."

About six years ago, some of the woods were cut back to make it easier and to speed up play.

"It's still a good golf hole," Chamberlin said.

Brae Burn has many more good golf holes besides the Monster. But unlike most of the newer clubs which emphasize precise target golf, the Salem Township course is more forgiving.

"The newer courses being built are gorgeous," Chamberlin said. "But you have to be good skill-wise (to shoot well)."

Brae Burn, which was built as a nine-hole facility in the 1920s, actually allows golfers to recover from a muffed shot in most instances. The par 4, 347-yard second hole is an example.

With the exception of a duck-

GOLF COURSE



FAST FACTS: BRAE BURN

Directions: Take I-275 to south to M-14 and exit at Sheldon Road. Head north to Five Mile and head west. The course is just west of Napier Road.

Course notes: Brae Burn Golf Club plays at over 6,300 yards from the blue tees and just more than 5,000 from the reds. The course rating is 70.0 with a slope of 120. Par is 70.

Prices: Weekdays - \$13 and \$22.50 for nine and 18 holes, \$9.75 after 6:30 p.m. Weekend - prices jump to 15.50 and \$25. Carts are \$15.50 for nine holes and \$25 for 18.

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hook into the water off the left side of the fairway, golfers can get away with a less than perfect tee shot. No. 2 is straight and fairly open save trees along the right side of the fairway.

One of Brae Burn's best features is its putting surfaces. Greens

have held up well this season and run from medium to large in size. Better than that, though, the greens roll well.

"Our greens are very consistent," said Chamberlin, who added that balls tend to stay on the surface instead of skipping over on shots from the fairway. "They've always held well."

Brae Burn's front nine is relatively short at 3,038 yards from the blue tees and 2,919 from the whites.

Short par 4s are found on No. 1 (355), 2 (347), 4 (302) and 5 (310). At 412 yards, the sixth hole is rated the toughest on the course.

A solid drive of 240 yards is needed for a legitimate chance at reaching the green. If you leave that second shot short or on the front quarter of the green chances are it will roll down back into the fairway.

The front edge of the sixth green slopes severely downward. Most of No. 6's fairway is flat, but 75 yards or so in front of the green drops down into a deep valley. Second shots tend to collect there.

Chamberlin said the green at the sixth and 17th greens will likely be rebuilt this coming off-season. No. 6 will be flattened while the 17th will be totally redone because of drainage problems.

Of the remaining front nine holes, the 163-yard par 3 eighth is a charmer.


Golfers tee off from an elevated platform down to a huge green. Trees to the left of the tee and woods on the right side of the fairway make straight hits necessary.

If No. 13 is Brae Burn's Monster, the 12th should be known as the Demon.

Again, golfers swing from an elevated tee. From there its 445 yards back up hill to a long and large green.

"It has a lot of length," Chamberlin said of the par 4, "and it's always into the wind."

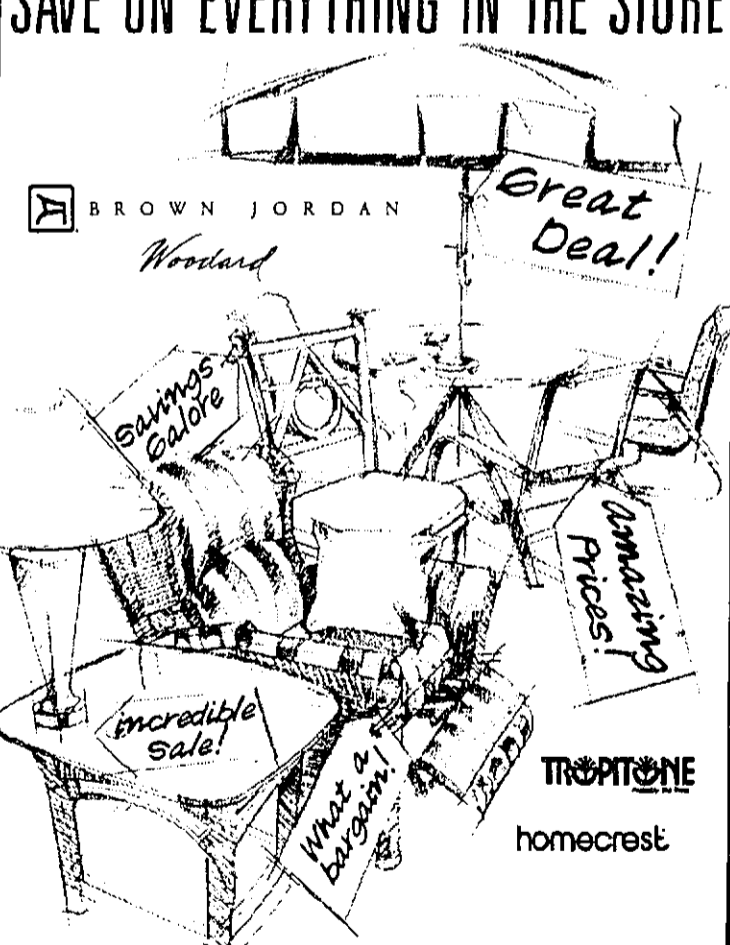
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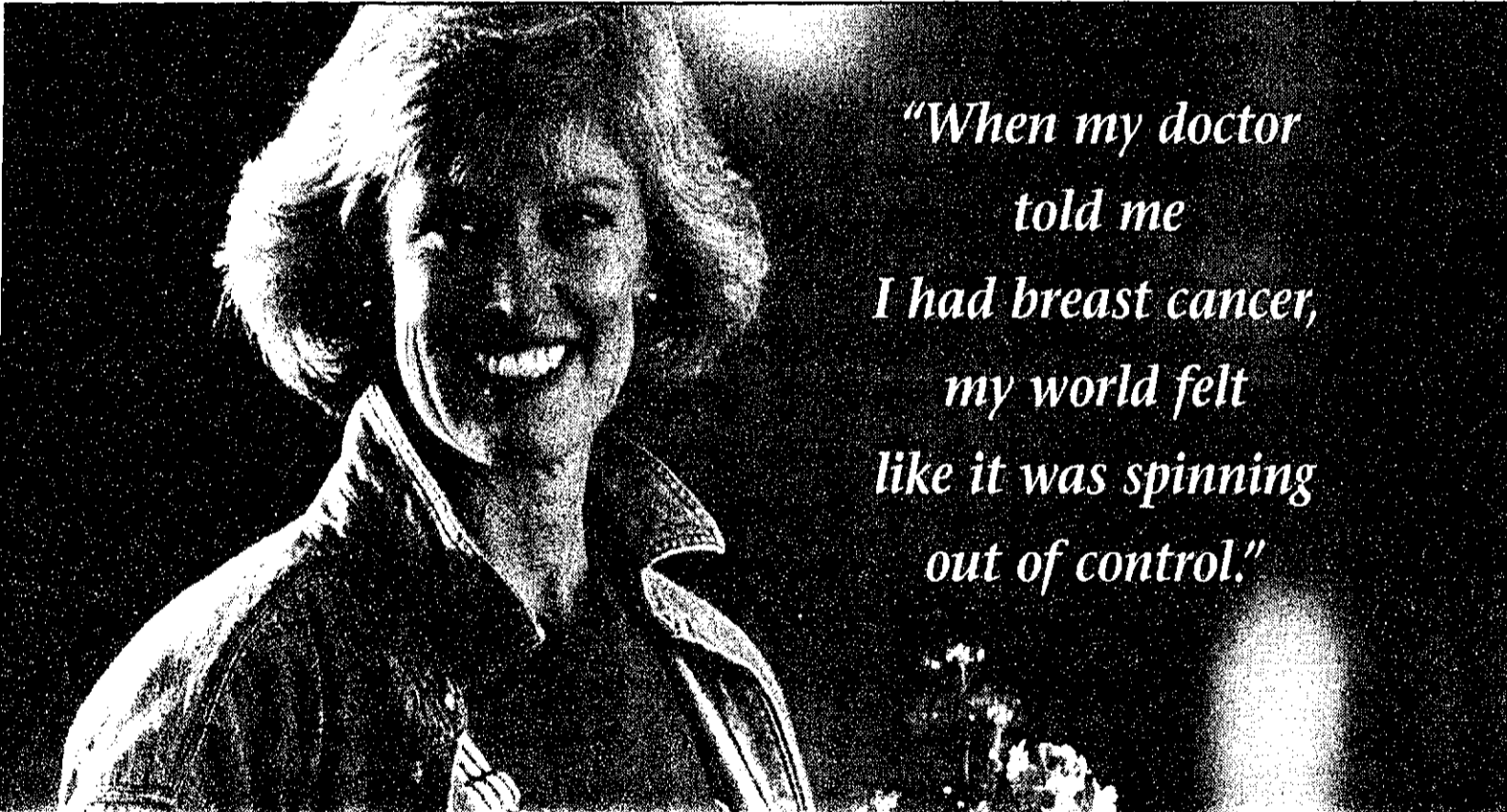
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