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AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS

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- 38TH HOUSE DISTRICT
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 Chris Bachelder... 2,764
 Nancy Cassis... 3,050
 Craig DeRoche... 1,660
- DEMOCRATIC**
 Gary Johnson... 1,312
- U.S. SENATOR
 REPUBLICAN**
 Jim Nicholson... 295,135
 Ronna Romney... 319,269
- DEMOCRATIC**
 Carl Levin... 255,288
- SHERIFF
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 Gerard Carlin... 28,242
 William Goodfellow... 4,868
 Paul Molin... 4,771
 John F. Nichols... 52,518
 Michael Odette... 8,190
- DEMOCRATIC**
 Scott Good... 14,485
 Matt Hogan... 17,419



Nancy Cassis, with husband Vic, take a congratulatory phone call from Chris Bachelder.

Students will win prizes for grades

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

An "A" equals a free makeover, cheap pizza and free desserts. No longer is a high school diploma justification for getting good grades and coming to school.

According to some Novi High School teens, there's a need for incentives and rewards to push students to do their personal best.

Attitudes, they say, have changed.

"It's scary to see kids that don't care and know they don't because there's nothing to shoot for," said senior Mike DiClaudio. "Renaissance is the solution."

Renaissance is a new program to be implemented this fall at the high school whereby students receive rewards such as gift cer-

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Mike DiClaudio
 Novi High School Senior

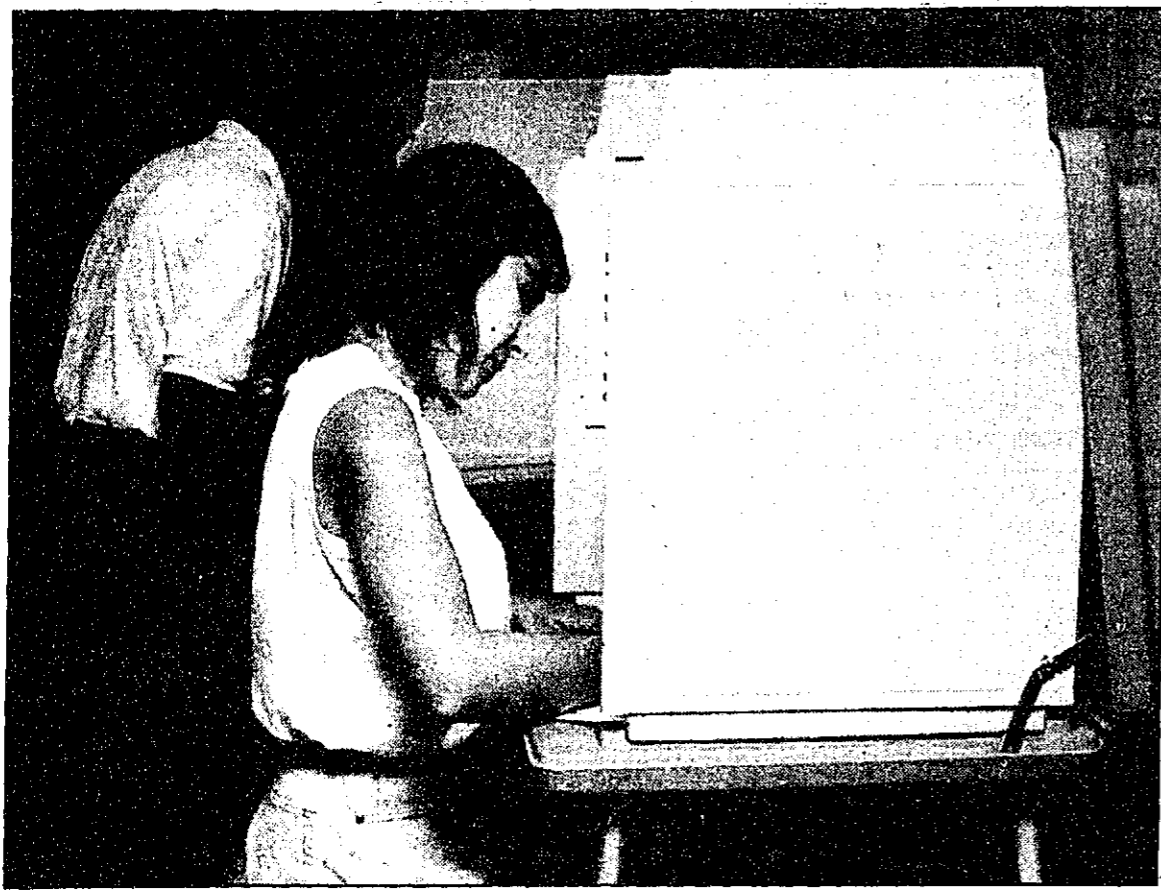
ificates for coming to school each day and discounts at local merchants for getting high marks.

Aware of the skepticism surrounding the project, these students say the reality is people need to be rewarded.

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Cassis is the Comeback Kid

Council member wins both primaries for state house



Karen Eathorne and Bob Cameron cast the last votes of the election at Novi High School.

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

You could call Nancy Cassis the comeback kid.

After losing in her bid for Novi mayor in 1993, then sweeping back into the Novi City Council in 1995, she's rocketing towards Lansing.

Cassis won both Republican primaries for the state House of Representatives race Tuesday. Unless the 38th District changes its political colors between now and November, the winner of the Republican primary is generally regarded as the heir - or heiress - anointed.

"We are vibrant and alive this morning. The sun is shining today. The adrenalin is pumping," Cassis said. "I really attribute all my success to my grassroots support, including the 85 people who worked at the polls."

District wide in the Republican regular primary, Cassis took 3,050 votes, followed by Northville resident Chris Bachelder with 2,764 votes, and Novi resident Craig DeRoche with 1,660 votes. Democrat Gary Johnson earned 1,246 votes on his side of the ticket.

Now, it's back to the campaign

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Novi Heat heads to World Series

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Hey, sports moms and dads, put yourself in the Reeboks of these parents.

They learned Saturday at 5 p.m. that 13 PeeWee Reese baseball players, two coaches and some 36 family members had to zip off to Puerto Rico, by Tuesday morning.

■ The Novi Heat qualified for the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series Saturday by winning the regional in Champlin, Minn. The story appears on page 9B.

That's because the Novi Heat is on - on to the World Series of youth baseball.

In Champlin, Minnesota last weekend, the 11- and 12-year-olds carried away the regional championship of the Amateur Athletic Baseball Congress

(AABC), making them one of the eight top teams in the nation.

"That's the farthest any team has gone here," Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

While it's exciting for the kids,

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Kids will have say in playscape plans

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Before this upcoming public works project is designed, the opinions of some of Novi's most important people will be carefully solicited.

Swings? A teeter-totter? A slide? Two slides?

Elementary school kids will be polled to find out exactly what they want on a new playscape built to honor the memory of late Novi City Council member Tim Pope, said Frank Brennan, a member of the committee plan-

ning the memorial.

They plan to recommend to the Novi City Council on Aug. 12 that the firm Robert Leathers & Associates be chosen to do the job on a site at the Novi's new Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Brennan said the goal is to have a "first-class," all-wood, custom-made project with total community involvement. It may cost as much as \$90,000, which would be raised in a massive fund drive.

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Air conditioning turn off on voters

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Things got a little sticky during Tuesday's primary election.

Novi High School officials gave the order to cut power to the air conditioning at the 14th voting precinct in the high school building, leaving election workers and voters to suffer through high humidity and 92 degree heat from about 3 to 10 p.m., according to City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew.

"It caused us a little bit of

grief," she said.

Along with precinct worker complaints and voter frustration, the major problem was the voting machines.

The humidity caused ballots to stick together, jamming the electronic machines, ripping ballots and backing up the process. City staff was sent to the precinct to fix the machines several times, said Bartholomew.

The city clerk said workers complained of the heat and prob-

lems, and said they would refuse to work in such conditions again.

In fact it could be the last straw for the city, which has had problems in the past with the precinct at the high school. Bartholomew is seriously considering moving the precinct to city hall.

"I think we may have to go ahead and pull them out of the high school we've had so many problems there," said Bartholomew, citing parking problems and conflicts with high

school programs. In one past instance, patrons at an event in the high school auditorium exited through the voting precinct, disturbing voters and causing confusion.

"It's too bad. It's a community building," she said.

But according to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business, the air conditioner is usually on a timer and officials may have thought the building would

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Mid-decade count is in - 40,534

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Longtime residents who gripe about Novi's fast growth aren't just chronic complainers. Now they've got the demographics as their proof.

From 1990 to 1996, the city's population has soared by 23 percent.

According to the results of a mid-decade census compiled this spring, Novi can now boast of 40,534 citizens, 7,536 more than

six years ago. In the 1980 census, as completed by the U.S. government, Novi had 32,998 residents.

"A lot of people thought it was going to be higher. I predicted 40,000," City Manager Ed Kriewall said. "There hasn't been any multiple housing built to speak of."

On average, 1,507 moved to town or were born to existing families each year from 1991 to April 1996.

"It was a very high growth rate

for Novi," Chief Census Enumerator Pat Loder said.

In a 1991 report, Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers predicted that by the century's end, Novi will have 48,303 residents. This gives the city four years and one-half years to add an average of 1,726 residents per year.

Something close to that could happen, Rogers said Tuesday.

"I think that was right on the button, not that I'm clairvoyant," he said.

"The economy's been strong in terms of staying power, the mortgage rate's been low, people have been employed and they like the city for its schools, churches and government."

The Vistas development alone has just under 2,000 dwelling units, which could bring some 4,000 to 6,000 or more people to town. Along with numerous single-family residential subdivisions expected to be built over the next

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Library closes shop to move into new regional building

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer
 It's going to be kind of like when you were a kid waiting for your birthday to arrive.
 Remember how that was? The days leading up to it were tough, shuffling but in the end the pleasure was worth all the pain.
 What are we talking about? The grand opening of Northville's brand-spanking new library that sits on the corner of Northville and Six Mile roads. The building, a century of waiting, will soon move into its new home just south of city hall. Circle Sunday, Oct. 6, in red on your calendar and make plans to attend the celebration at Northville's new district library.
 Before the fun can begin, however, there's that little job of moving the library out of its current spot in city hall and into its new 26,000-square-foot facility on Capt. Street. To get the job done, the Northville District Library will be closed for a month, from Sunday, Sept. 8, through Saturday, Oct. 5. In the meantime, however, all Northville library patrons will be welcome at libraries around the area.
 Northville is associated with The Library Network, a cooperative agreement among metro-area libraries that allows the public to make use of their resources. Northville's library officials have already alerted Network members about the closing.
 You can check out materials from those libraries while the Northville District library is closed. Remember, you must have a library card to check out any books, tapes or other items.
 If you need one, bring a valid ID which proves your Northville residency (such as a driver's license or voter registration card) to the Northville library or any other one in the Network. Your card will be processed in minutes as you wait.
 If you check out anything from Northville that's due back during the closing period keep in mind that you still have to return it on time. You can drop books off to the library's regular drop boxes in city hall or at any area Network library.
 For all you Victorian Festival types out there the library will be sending its special collection of Victorian materials to the Nov



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High flyer

Andy Low, member of the Ribcrackers radio control airplane club wowed the crowd with the aerobatics of his modified X-Cell 16 radio controlled helicopter during a show at the Lang Aerodrome on Ten Mile Road west of Beck during the Michigan 50s Festival.

Grand opening ceremonies for the new library will begin at 2 p.m. on Oct. 6. Among the events planned are performances by the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and magician Ming the Magician.
 The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the library at 949-9102.

Northville Road improvement construction work nearly done

Keep your chin up, weary travelers: The work on Northville Road will be wrapped up within a week.
 Crews from the Wayne County Department of Public Services are about done with improvements they're making to Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile. The one-mile stretch of pavement has been wrapped up within a week. Crews from the Wayne County Department of Public Services are about done with improvements they're making to Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile. The one-mile stretch of pavement has been wrapped up within a week. Crews from the Wayne County Department of Public Services are about done with improvements they're making to Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile. The one-mile stretch of pavement has been wrapped up within a week.

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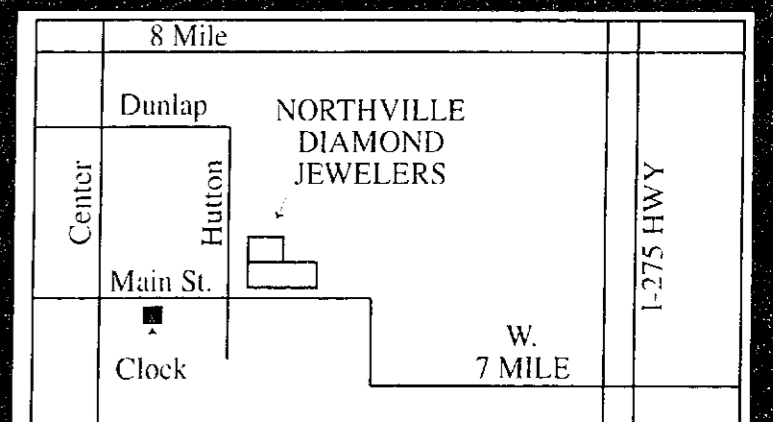
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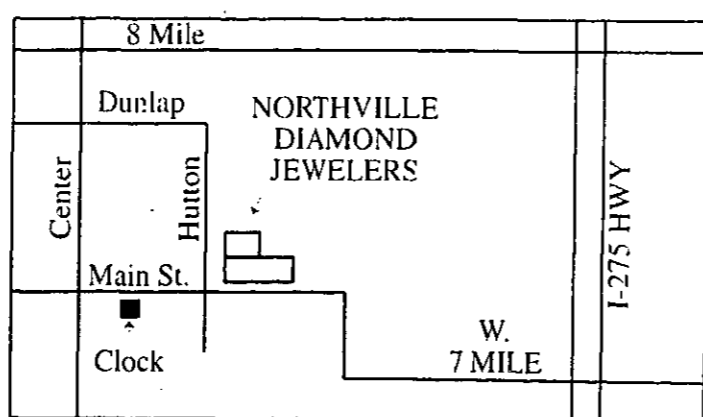


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Superintendent's salary questioned

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

Northville parents demand the best education money can buy for their children, and it when it comes to salaries it seems the local school district is willing to comply.

The district will spend about \$20 million on salaries this year, almost 65 percent of its entire budget, and although Northville parents want the highest quality for their kids and are willing to pay for it, many wince when it comes to the salary of the superintendent.

It's an interesting dichotomy. Northville is home to well-paid auto executives, businessmen and entrepreneurs, most of whom are paid based on market demand. But when it comes time to renew the contract of Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, some of those people protest the six figure paycheck of the top district administrator.

"I guess I don't understand why there are people who are continually critical of (Rezmierski's) salary or the salaries of our central office administration," said school board President Martha Nield. "This year we increased their salaries 2.5 percent on schedule and 0.5 percent off schedule. It's not like the salaries came out of the blue and were increased 30 percent."

Nobody can deny that Rezmierski is the highest paid public official in Northville. His new \$127,000 contract, which includes fringe benefits, dwarfs that of his public administration counterparts - Rezmierski's salary exceeds City Manager Gary Word's and Township Manager Tammy Hamlin's by more than \$60,000.

The superintendent is paid 60 percent more than the average wage earner in Northville, according to 1990 census figures, and about 48 percent more than the average teacher in the district, according to district figures.

He drives a leased automobile, receives about \$10,000 per year in a tax free annuity, is awarded out-of-pocket expense money, and is even provided a yearly physical check-up - all paid for by tax dollars.

At the same time there's also no denying that the Northville School District has flourished under his tenure. It is considered one of southeast Michigan's elite public school districts. Each year the district posts some of the best Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores.

It was recently ranked second in the metro Detroit area, and among

WHO MAKES THE MOST?

Here's a comparison of the salaries of other local superintendents:

District	Salary	Student population	District taxable value
Northville, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski	\$127,211	4,600	\$944 million
Novi, Dr. Emmett Lippe	\$116,000	5,000	\$1 billion
Plymouth-Canton, Dr. Charles Little	\$115,500	15,061	\$2.5 billion
Livonia, Dr. Kenneth Watson	\$106,500	17,825	\$3.3 billion

Salaries consist of base pay plus benefits. Student population and tax value information provided by Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) and Oakland County Education Agency. Salary information provided by individual school districts.

SALARIES OF TOP ADMINISTRATORS

Here's how much Northville Public School administrators will make in the next fiscal year:

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski	\$127,211
Asst. Superintendent Dolly McMaster	104,509
Asst. Superintendent Dave Bolitho	102,335
Director of Personnel Roy Danley	92,140
Director of Finance John Street	93,217
Director Special Education Bob Sornson	95,832

Figures include base salaries plus fringe benefits. All administrators received 3 percent increases (2.5 percent on schedule and 0.5 percent off schedule).

the top 10 statewide, in lowest dropout percentage. Northville teachers and students continue to receive numerous state and national awards, and district graduates also receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and are admitted to some of the finest universities in the country.

All of this, according to Nield, indicates that Rezmierski and other administrators have a huge impact on education in Northville and are worth every penny they are paid.

"People in this community need to look at it from the standpoint that (Rezmierski) is like the chief executive officer of a \$30-million corporation," she explained. "Our product is educating kids, and I believe that we provide that product quite well, from the superintendent down to the classroom teacher."

School board Treasurer Tom Gudritz agreed.

"I wouldn't have supported the contract or salary if I didn't think he deserved it," he said. "I think

that if you look at the size of the district, with the number of employees that work here, the amount of revenues, and the responsibilities of the superintendent, and compared them to the standards of industry, you'd find that his salary is right in line."

"I also think you need to factor in the amount of time (Rezmierski) works. He puts in a tremendous amount of time for the district."

Nield was one of the members of the school board personnel subcommittee who examined Rezmierski's recent evaluation and employment and salary contract. She explained that the committee, and then the school board, had to take a lot into consideration when setting Rezmierski's salary.

"I think the community needs to look at the contract the way the board did, and one of the issues we focused on was looking at his salary in terms of seniority," Nield said.

"(Rezmierski) is in the top four out of the 34 superintendents in Wayne County in terms of seniority. The board had to consider that

turnover in the superintendent's position is high with top quality people like (Rezmierski) leaving school district across the county.

"In (Rezmierski) we have a quality individual and we need to compensate him for his abilities. Comparing Rezmierski's salary package to those in other local area school districts indicates that the superintendent's salary is on the high end of the scale. In neighboring Livonia, for instance, the school district superintendent will be paid \$106,500 this year. The Livonia district currently has a student population of 17,825 and a tax base of \$3.3 billion.

Plymouth-Canton Schools, with a student population of 15,000 and a tax base of \$2.5 billion, will pay its superintendent \$115,500. Novi, which has a student population comparable to Northville's - about 5,000 students - and a tax base of \$1 billion, will pay its superintendent \$116,000 this year.

Northville's current student population is about 4,600 and the community's tax base - the total value of its revenue-producing real estate - is \$944 million.

Nield said that student population or tax base shouldn't be the only factors considered in deciding the terms of Rezmierski's contract.

"There are other factors to consider, such as (Rezmierski's) doctorate degree, his experience, and the knowledge he brings to the job," she said. "All of those things are important and (Rezmierski) performs all of his duties and responsibilities in a professional and exemplary manner."

"The problem is that most people don't see all that he does for this district, our students and teachers, everyday," Nield added.

"He works 70 to 80 hours a week and he never complains."

Board ups salary for administrators

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

The Northville Board of Education has increased the salaries and fringe benefits of the superintendent and five central office administrators by more than \$17,000 for the next fiscal year.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, along with Assistant Superintendents Dave Bolitho and Dolly McMaster, Finance Director John Street, Personnel Director Roy Danley, and Director of Special Education Bob Sornson all received 3 percent raises - 2.5 percent on schedule and 0.5 percent off schedule.

The raise puts Rezmierski at \$127,211 for the next year. Bolitho and McMaster will receive \$102,335 and \$104,509 respectively. Street and Sornson will net \$93,217 and \$95,832. Danley will receive \$92,140 for the next year.

The six combined salaries total \$615,244, which makes up about 3 percent of the entire salary budget for the school district for the 1996-97 fiscal year. The district budgeted close to \$20 million in salaries for the current fiscal year, including \$7 million in fringe benefits.

Board President Martha Nield

said that Rezmierski and central office administrators continue to provide Northville students with the tools necessary to achieve the standard of excellence that characterizes the school district.

"People need to know that the superintendent and our administrators put in long hours to ensure that students and teachers continue to achieve," Nield said. "These people put in 70 or 80 hours each week, they are always on call, and they never complain."

Both Bolitho and McMaster received contract extensions through the 1997-98 school year. Danley, Street, and Sornson also received contract extensions, according to Rezmierski, who said in his report to the school board that the administrators turned in exemplary performances last year.

"These administrators' performances were outstanding and they have represented and served the school district with great commitment and pride," Rezmierski said. This team is the backbone of the numerous achievements and accomplishments awarded our district this past school year."

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Firm moves HQ to Novi facility

Sponsored by a growth rate of 40 percent over each of the last two years, Integrated Systems Technologies (IST) has moved its headquarters to a newly constructed facility in Novi.

IST is the largest provider of CAD/CAM/CAE and PDM solutions in the Midwest. The company focuses on the needs of the mechanical design, engineering and manufacturing community which includes the suppliers to the automakers as well as a variety of other industries.

The growth of the auto industry and the resulting demand for the services that IST provides played a significant part in the decision to move and expand the company's headquarters.

"This new world class facility is dedicated to our type of business," said Ulrich Herter, president of IST. "By tailoring a facility to our needs, we are ultimately better able to meet the needs of our customers."

Two key components of that customer service are technical support and training, according to Herter. The new 26,000-square-foot building dedicates a significant amount of space to those services, he said.

"We have increased the area dedicated to our technical support functions by two-and-a-half-



On (or under) the beach

Ten-year-old Jon Wisely gets buried by his friends at Lakeshore Park during swim time at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's Camp Lakeshore program. The program gives youngsters an opportunity to spend their summer days on the beach and in the park, even though their parents may still be working and waiting to take their summer vacations.

State senate works to save farmland

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Farmland should be preserved, a growing number of state senators believe.

They are revising the Subdivision Control Act in one bill and allowing local units to buy development rights from farmers in another set of bills. The bills have been through committee and are on the Senate calendar for a final vote.

"We want to eliminate bowling alley lots," said Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, sponsor of Senate bill 112, the revised subdivision law. "We've seen nearly 854,000 acres of land drop out of agricultural use in the last 10 years."

That loss of farmland amounts to 37 survey townships or the equivalent of all of Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

As Stille, a former village president, explained it May 30, the law requires land to be sold in 10-acre parcels or subdivided. To avoid subdividing costs - which include provisions for water, sidewalks, streets and so on - a farmer will sell a 10-acre parcel with narrow rear footage and a "bowling alley" back yard that eats up a lot of farmland.

"A parcel of 10.1 acres was totally exempt from the subdivision process. That one process ate up more farmland," Stille said. So one section of his SB 112 requires a "depth-to-width ratio of not more than 4:1 . . ."

Sen. George McManus, R-Traveler City, sought to exempt counties of less than 75,000 population from the bill. Stille opposed it because "I hate to see a two-tier process, where on one side of the road you'd have one standard and

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DNR delays applications for hunting

The Department of Natural Resources has traditionally opened the application period for antlerless deer licenses on Aug. 1. However, this year the start will be delayed until Aug. 10 so the DNR has time to complete necessary computer software changes for this program. These changes will simplify the application process for some applicants and will provide more information for the customer on the receipt. These changes should not affect the sale of other licenses or applications.

The new computerized licensing system has been very successful in its first year of operation. These changes are part of an ongoing effort to make improvements to the system that will benefit the hunters and anglers, the license agents, and the DNR.

This delay should have minimal impact on applicants. Most applications are received by the DNR during the last two weeks of the application period. Of the 282,700 applications received last year, only 4,200 were made during the first 10 days of the program.

Even with a delay in the start of the application period, hunters will have more than six weeks to submit their application. The deadline for applications is Sept. 24.

Hosts needed for exchange students

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1996-97 school year. AISE exchange students live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10-month cultural exchange experience. American host families provide these young ambassadors with a room, meals, and a loving family atmosphere in which to live. AISE students are eager to learn about our government, our history, our customs and our language, while at the same time leaving a lasting impression of their cultures on their American host families. Call 735E at 1-800-742-5464 for more information.

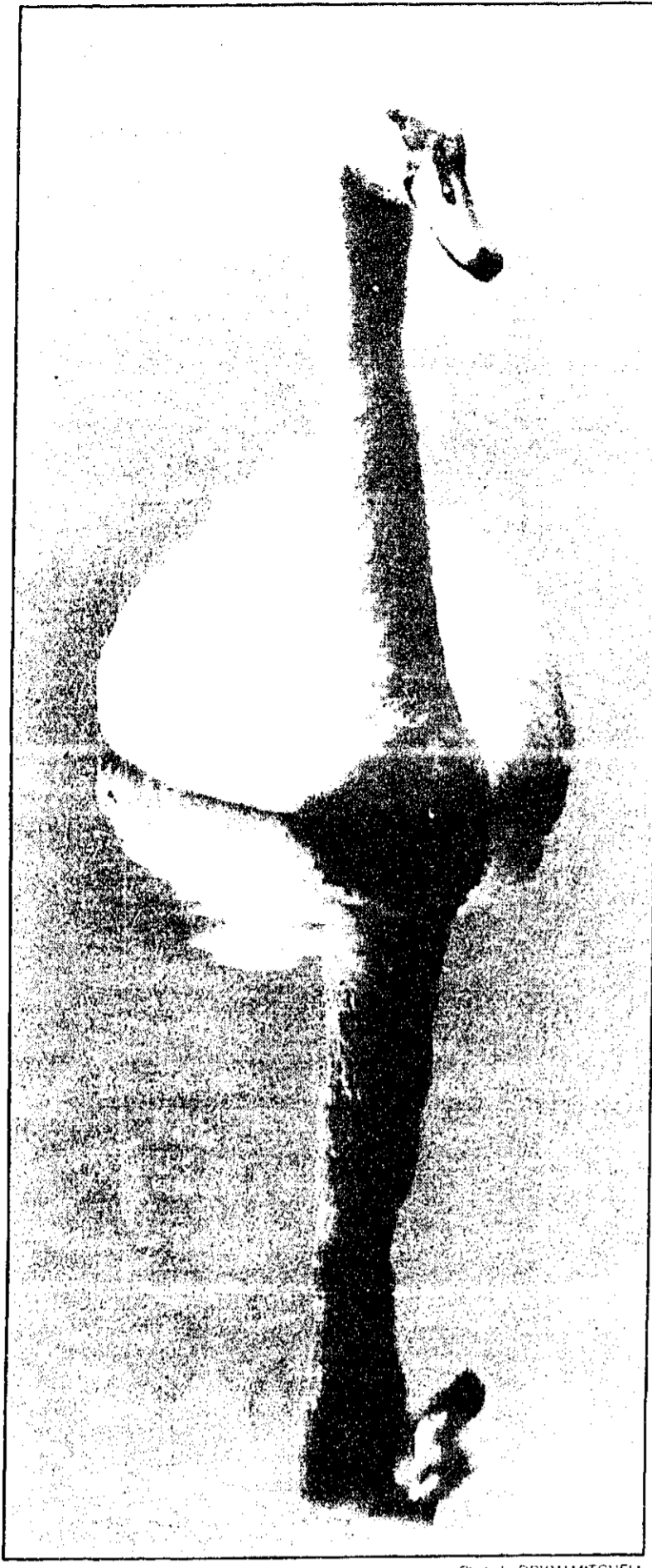


Photo by GUYVAZ MITCHELL

Lake living

The swans on Walled Lake are often favorites of northern Novi residents, because they add a touch of serenity to their view of the water.

Detroit boy drowns at park, the first in nearly 20 years

A seven-year-old Detroit boy drowned Saturday while swimming at Martindale Beach in Kensington Metropark, according to Brighton and Milford.

According to a statement released by the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, Dionne Gilbert, 7, was reported missing by his aunt at 4 p.m. Saturday. The aunt, Trelana Davidson, had left the water to go to the beach house and, upon her return, could not find the child.

Lifeguards searched the area and found the boy submerged in a two-and-a-half-foot deep section of water. On-duty lifeguards and an emergency-trained park patrolman began CPR and resuscitation efforts on the child.

Within 5 to 10 minutes, an EMS unit arrived from South Lyon and continued CPR as the boy was transported to the University of Michigan Pediatric Emergency Hospital in Ann Arbor. The youth was pronounced dead at about 5:10 p.m.

Park officials said Martindale Beach was closed following the drowning and did not reopen until the following morning.

According to the statement, Saturday's incident was the first drowning to occur in Kensington Metropark swimming area in almost 20 years. Park officials said the park's lifeguards are all Red Cross Life Guard Certified and had passed a Red Cross evaluation on July 2.

Leaving valuables in auto can make you victim of crime

By RANDY COBLE

Staff Writer

Five local folks learned the hard way last week that leaving valuables in your car can make you a victim of crime.

All five are residents of the Park Place apartments complex located near Eight Mile and Griswold in Northville Township. All five got up Monday morning to find their vehicles broken into and a lot of expensive merchandise inside stolen.

Township investigators say the incidents all took place during the night of Sunday/Monday, July 28-29. A total of \$11,750 worth of goods was taken.

- The sunroof was taken off a 23-year-old woman's 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier. Inside were a pager, bag, cellular phone and bracelet worth \$1,350.
- The rear window on a 1992 Ford Ranger which belongs to a 25-year-old man was pried open, causing \$400 in damage. Components to the man's extensive stereo system were stolen as was a large collection of compact discs, a cellular phone, drill and cash. The total loss: \$5,600.
- A necklace and collector's coin were taken from a 1998 Dodge Dakota. The thief smashed out the truck's passenger window to get in, leaving its 30-year-old owner with a \$250 damage bill. The jewelry and coin are together worth \$1,150.
- A 1994 Ford Probe was the home of a 36-year-old woman's cellular phone. While the Probe suffered no damage, someone went inside it and took the phone, which is valued at \$250.
- The sun roof was pried off a 30-year-old man's 1987 Ford Mustang. Inside were his suits and other clothing, a briefcase, VCR and sunglasses. The total loss: \$4,000.

Public Access

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

MONDAY, AUG. 12

10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
10:30 a.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Backyard BBQ
11:00 a.m. — Good Health: Healthy Attitude
11:30 a.m. — Senior Spotlight: Beautification Commission
12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Stuck in the Middle with You
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. — J.P. McCarthy: An American Hero
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — GOP TV presents Rising Tide
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Headwaters: The Life-

line of a River
6:00 p.m. — Ready or Not
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Gadget the Fire Clown
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Alan Saltzman
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session
TUESDAY, AUG. 13
10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: God's Healing Power
10:30 a.m. — Farmington Focus: City Hall Tour
11:00 a.m. — Novi Crime Prevention Heat
11:30 a.m. — Watch What You Heat
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. — The Imagination Tree

3:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a CEO
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — The Day We Stole Television
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Citizens Against Government Waste
5:30 p.m. — Pier Safety
6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multicultural Community Council
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Backyard BBQ
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills: Fredrick Doeshafe
9:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Fitness First
11:00 a.m. — Motorsports Ford Trucks
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
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. — The Day We Stole Television
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Laura's Fat Free Kitchen
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
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
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: God's Healing Power
9:30 p.m. — Optimists in Action: Special Olympics
THURSDAY, AUG. 15
10:00 a.m. — The Job Show
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People

Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life: Arbie Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Violence and Abuse
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. — TWC Presents Steve King and the Dittles at Spree 46
2:30 p.m. — (con't)
3:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Alan Saltzman
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — The Day We Stole Television
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Dr. Success: Infinite Wisdom
7:30 p.m. — (con't)
8:00 p.m. — Going to the Chapel
8:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Founders Festival Parade

9:00 p.m. — (con't)
9:30 p.m. — (con't)
FRIDAY, AUG. 16
10:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Alan Saltzman
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
2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
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7:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Founders Festival Parade
7:30 p.m. — (con't)
8:00 p.m. — (con't)
8:30-9:30 p.m. — Viewers Request

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Tickets for the event are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Both can be purchased by calling Schoolcraft's Marketing and Development Office at (313) 462-4417. Visa, Mastercard and checks are accepted.

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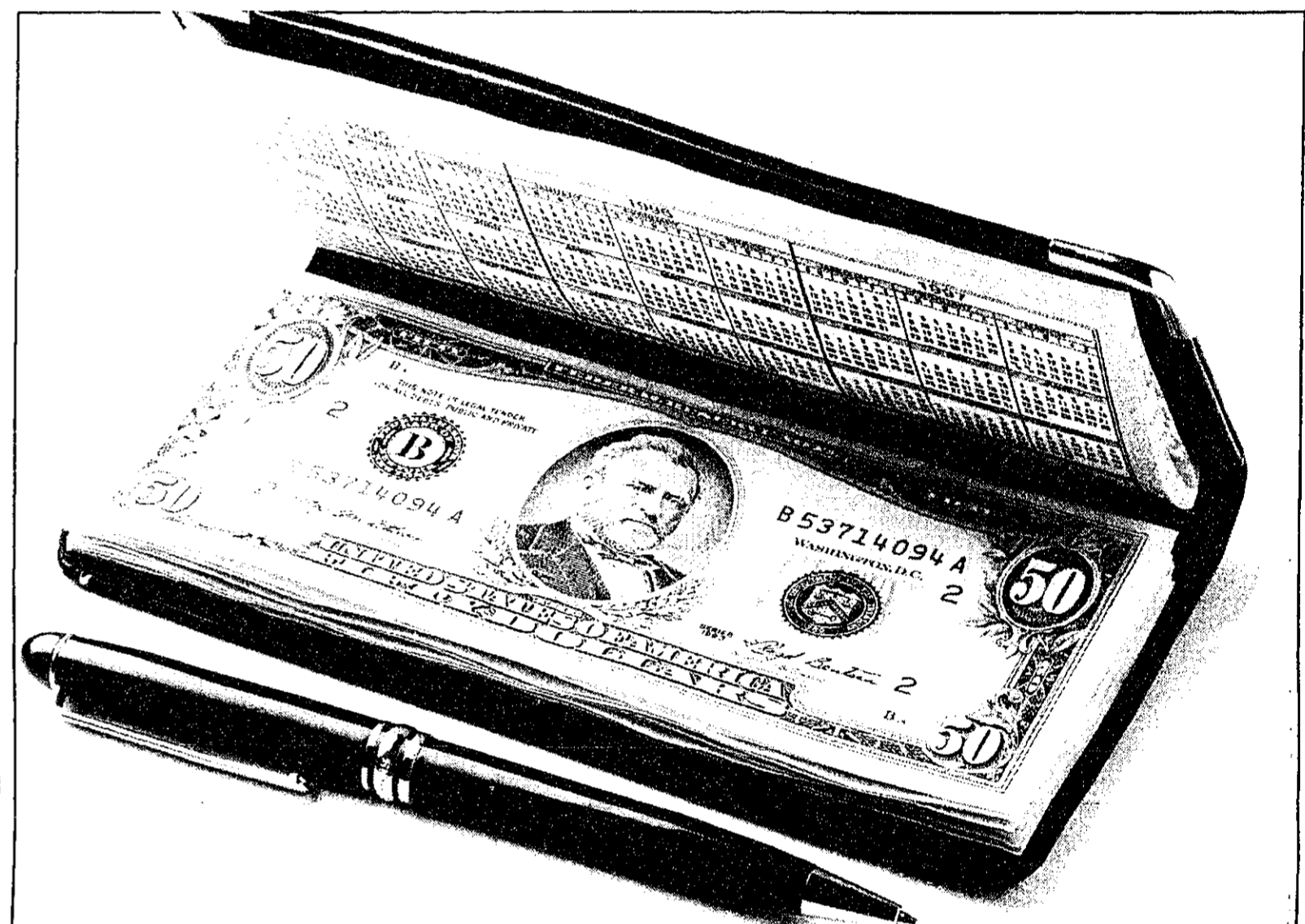
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As We See It

New program may mislead students, and the district

The "real world" is that you are expected to show up every day at work. If you don't, you get fired. The real world is that if a boss were asked to provide extra incentives for employees for just showing up, he or she would probably get pretty angry about the idea.

The real world is that a company owner can work very hard to build a business, do an excellent job, and still have that business collapse when market conditions change, when the competition gets tougher, or due to other unforeseen circumstances.

The real world is that employees can do their best, and still the company may close the factory and move it to Honduras for cheaper labor prices.

If the Novi Community School District wants to simulate "real world" conditions for its students, it should consider randomly picking a few students - regardless of how well they perform - and flunk 'em.

OK, maybe that's not a good idea. But our point is that the Wild Cat Renaissance program being instituted at Novi High School this fall, in which students will receive incentives for attendance and good grades, also is not a good idea. It takes the district in the wrong direction. Worse perhaps, it may take many students in the wrong direction.

The Wildcat Renaissance program, put together by students with the oversight of high school teachers and administrators, will provide students with incentives for what it defines as good performance. For example, those students who get all As will receive a "gold card," which will enable them to get discounts and free goods at local businesses. For example, a gold card will get the student a 20 percent discount at local restaurants like Subway, Big Boy and TGI Friday; \$2 worth of food at Denny's; a free game at Novi Bowl; free admission to all sports games at the high school; and more.

Those who get all As and Bs will get a "red card," worth a little less, and those with all As, Bs and Cs get a "blue card," worth less but still winning some level of discounts and free goods from businesses.

Coupons, discounts and drawings will be given to students with perfect attendance and the first hour class with the best attendance record for the year will be served a full breakfast.

The program is modeled after one used successfully at Willow Run High School year Ypsilanti, which had a history of low attendance, poor performance and violence.

Now, we can appreciate and applaud the support businesses are showing to the school district through this program. And we have to admire the work of the students who are organized the program.

But the high school teachers and administrators who are overseeing this

Voters left without air

Apparently, in the Novi school district it is important to provide air conditioning for employees, but not for election workers ... and not for voters.

On Tuesday, election day, the school district turned off the air conditioning in the high school at about 3 p.m. when regular employees of the district left, but with voting still going on. That left voters to suffer high humidity and 90 degree temperatures. Election workers had to struggle in the heat till about 10 p.m.

It's just plain rude. Assistant Superintendent Jim Koster said he believed the air conditioner was set on a timer and went off automatically, with the assumption that the rooms would stay cool through the evening. And that seems a plausible explanation, but according to city officials, custodians there said they were actually directed to turn the air off.

When asked to turn it back on, they declined because of those instructions. And elections officials were able to contact district administrator to ask them to turn it back on.

It is bad enough the lack of air caused discomfort, but the Novi city clerk was additionally concerned about the health of her elderly poll workers and about the fact the temperatures caused problems with the city's electronic vote counting equipment.

Someone over in the high school needs a swift kick in the behind. Yes, we recognize many buildings don't have air conditioning. We realize it is a luxury. But turning it off on the city when the city is paying for the facility is bad business.

And turning it off on voters is ... well, unwise. Remember, these voters are the school district's very own bosses. They are the ones who set policy and pay the taxes that cover paychecks in the school district.

Would turn off the air on your boss? Not if you wanted to stay employed.

Keros deserved city's thanks



Michael Malott

George Keros deserves the city of Novi's thanks. He's delayed construction of a shopping center at Novi Road and Grand River for years in part because of the desire by some in town to save the old Methodist Church that stands on the site.

The church sits on the northern portion of a 4.5-acre site that Keros intends to use for a four- to six-tenant shopping center. The church is a historic structure in Novi, built in 1914 after lightning destroyed an earlier church and the township hall. The building which replaced the township hall has already been moved to the Civic Center where it will be preserved.

But luck has not been as good for the Methodist Church. Preservation Novi has attempted to move the building off the site, but so far it has had no luck. Proposals to move the building to the Civic Center did not work out. An agreement to move it to the Vistas for incorporation in that project fell through.

At this point, it does not appear like that Preservation Novi will be able to move the building before

Keros goes ahead with construction. The historical preservation group says it has the money to move the building, but it can only be used if the building goes to a nonprofit purpose.

Granted, Keros has faced several other delays. Planners wanted the architecture of his center to match that being used in the nearby Main Street project. There has been a concern over traffic. But the church has caused Keros delays in and of itself.

The recent approval of the City Center Plaza shopping center, means Keros can go ahead and that Preservation Novi will attempt a last ditch attempt to find a way to save the old building. And if anyone in the community has a solution, now is the time to speak up.

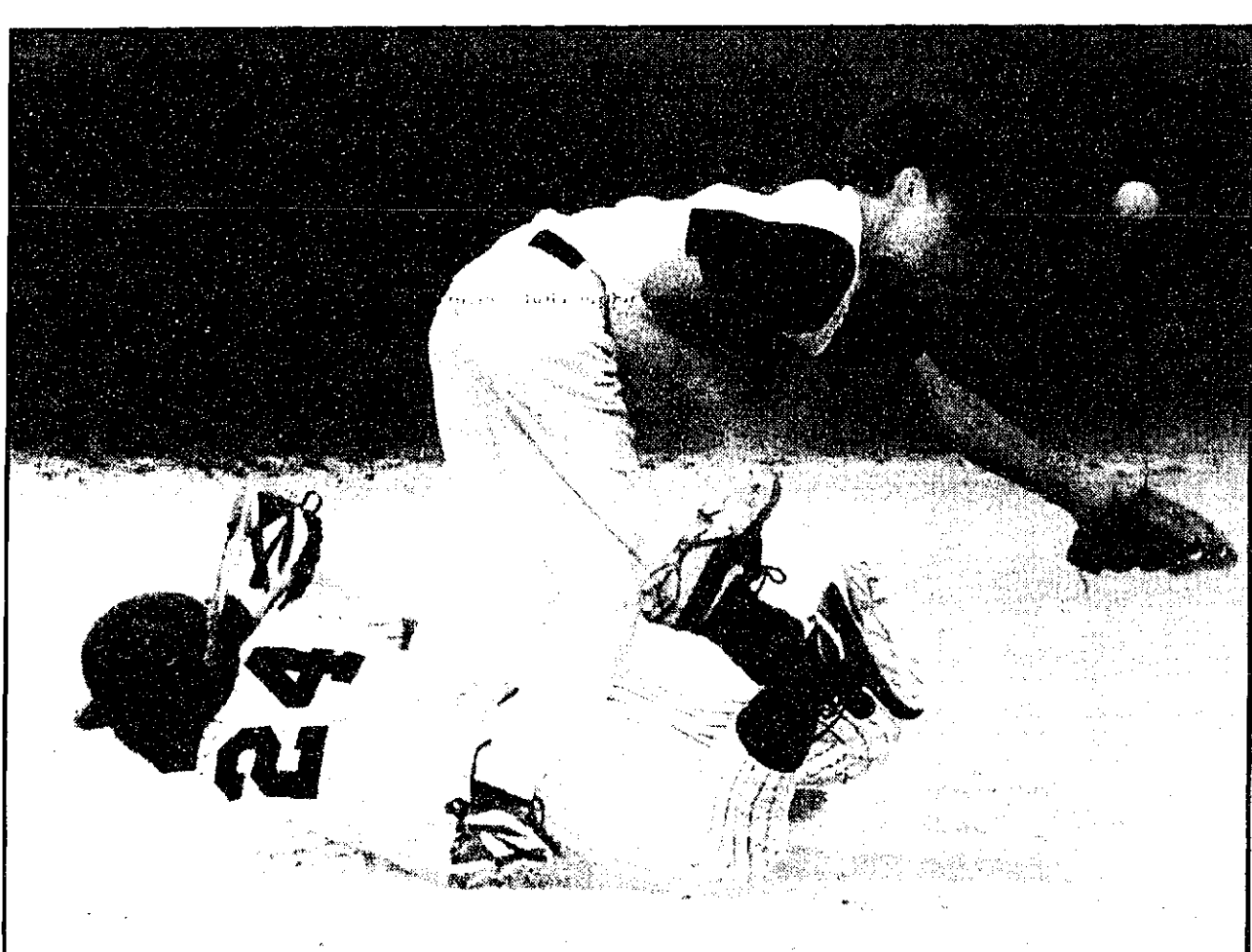
Nonetheless, that seems unlikely. For Keros, it must be frustrating to have delayed work only to find out that the building will probably not be preserved. In a town where business people are occasionally accused of not being cooperative, it should be noted that Keros has tried.

And it should be kept in mind that failures such as this are likely to make businesses in the future more reluctant to try to address unusual circumstances, like the preservation of an old building.

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Northville's Evan Edwards tangles with Kurt Cusano of New Jersey in the NABF Junior World Series

Watch your step

Look to board about salaries



Bob Jackson

I knew I'd have to write this column. When we reported the salaries of the Northville School District superintendent and central office administrators last week, I told my boss, Lee Snider, that I'd be getting frantic phone calls and complaints about the wages received by those officials.

Our readers, once again, proved me right. The first complaint came at lunch when a Northville mother with her two young children approached me at my table at Joseph's Coney Island.

"You're the one who covers the schools, right?" she asked.

I nodded my head and gave her a polite smile, knowing what was coming. She didn't disappoint. She unraveled her newspaper, pointed to the front page story, and jumped right in.

"When are you going to start holding these administrators accountable?" she started off. "How can they accept that much money for just sitting behind a desk all day?"

She went on that way for another minute or so, and when she was done, I again smiled politely and asked her a simple question.

"What does your husband do for a living?" She gave me a confused look, then told me her husband worked for Ford Motor Co. as a design engineer. As I continued my questioning I found that he made a fairly substantial salary (she wouldn't provide me with the figure, but she said her family

lived quite comfortably), drove a company car, had a good pension plan, and had good medical and dental insurance that covered the entire family.

Beginning to see some similarities yet? Finally I asked her one last question: "If Ford officials told your husband he was going to receive a huge salary boost, would you encourage him to turn it down?"

Her answer was exactly what I expected. "Certainly not, that would be stupid."

She's right, it would be stupid, and I guess the point I'm trying to make here is that not too many people would turn down a six figure salary. Just like they wouldn't turn down a pay increase, a company car, a pension plan, or insurance.

People need to remember that Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and the other administrators don't give themselves their salaries - people would have a justifiable complaint if they did. The school board set the salary levels.

So if the patrons of the district believe school officials are being compensated a bit high for the duties they perform, they need to take that up with the school board, which meets publicly twice a month.

True, I am concerned that almost 70 percent of the district's \$30-million budget is spent on salaries. Especially when there's things like new computers and other technology needed in our schools. At the same time, I'm not about to beat up the superintendent or administration for accepting salaries given to them by our elected officials.

That, as the woman said, would be just plain stupid.

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

GOP has religious tiger by tail



Tim Richard

Christian Coalition gets an entire chapter in a new book called *Dirty Little Secrets: The Persistence of Corruption in American Politics* by Larry Sabato (a political scientist at the University of Virginia in Robertson's home state) and Glenn Simpson (investigative reporter now with the Wall Street Journal).

The dist: The Christian Coalition was set up as a tax-exempt "social welfare organization," but was quickly turned by Ralph Reed into a political campaign organization, though its articles of incorporation made no mention of plans to do political campaigning. It found itself constantly under attack from the Federal Election Commission and the IRS. (Michigan is identified as a particular hotbed of Christian Coalition activity, as readers of this column for the last four years know.)

The Federal Election Commission on July 30 filed suit in U.S. District Court charging the CC improperly aided Republi-

can candidates with its voter guides.

One night last month, Pat Robertson promised his 700 Club TV audience an expose of the Internal Revenue Service, a federal agency he deplored as dangerous and tyrannical. Other media told "the rest of the story."

Democrats, again particularly in Michigan, have had the same trouble with their iron-fisted domination by the AFL-CIO, especially its public-employee unions' wing.

What, then, is wrong with such groups playing the political game and winning? Shouldn't we admire them for their strate-

gy skills, working and winning? Yes, but:

• Both big labor and big religion have a propensity to label their sides as "right" or "salts" and all others as "wrong" or "sinners." You are "for the workers" or "for the family" or else their sworn enemy.

• Both cry "persecution" constantly. Big labor - which never would tolerate bias on the bases of race, creed or sexual orientation - finds economic class warfare acceptable: those damnable corporations oppress workers. Big religion portrays itself as persecuted by government, as under attack because it believes in heterosexual procreation and Jesus.

• Big religion's goal is theocracy, religious control of government. It goes far beyond outlawing abortion and assisted suicide. It seeks government-sponsored prayer, government-sponsored Bible reading, government-recognized status for "creationism" in science classes, government money for religious schools (which first are to be relieved of the burdens of "bureaucratic red tape" such as qualified teachers, qualified administrators and a core curriculum).

In 1994, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Howard Wolpe had a public employees' union tiger by the tail, and it ate him up. This year Bob Dolé and Gov. John Engler have a religious tiger by the tail.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Is Novi turning to 'Tower of Babel'

To the editor:
Once upon a time, all the people of the land spoke the same language. Then an incredible thing happened. Because of pride and ambition, a curse fell on the people and from that time on all communication was chaos.

We still suffer from that curse today. Communication seems to be a particular problem for some of us in Novi.

When the people of the city try to get answers and time after time they are denied, the people begin to wonder why. Where is the trust? How is it that the answers are hidden except to a select few. We would like to know?

Some of the citizens of SWAN are concerned about what seems to be happening regarding the future of this sector of Novi. By the way, anything mentioned in this letter will have its effect on the residents of Northville also. If any of these things are true about a development of a Kroger store, then what will happen to the local Shopping Center Market on Center Street and the Farmer Jack store on Seven Mile Road? We feel like they need some answers to the following concerns:

The Zawi property (at the corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads). Rumor has it that this property has been sold to the developers of the Kroger stores. (The Stewart

Franko group). It has been said that the property has been sold for \$5 million and that the current owner is responsible for all toxic waste cleanup. Is this true?

It is good to see the old "War horse" Max Sheldon in attendance. Also Gerald Roux (Denny, his father, recently passed away in Florida) was at that meeting too. Is it possible that Gerald wanted to live in the apartment center (at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck, four acres on the southwest side of the same corner and has contacted homeomers along Beck (south of Ten Mile, west of Beck) about selling their property to them? Can you imagine dueling Kroger stores? Also, it has been said a new Kroger store has been approved for the corner of Nine Mile and Haggerty in Farmington Hills. If so, this confirms what many folks in Novi have feared that indeed we may be witnessing the demise of rural Novi.

In case anyone may doubt the possibility of this happening, let us inform you that the public hearing meeting for the rezoning, July 26, seated among concerned residents were the members of the above mentioned developers. Like "valiant over prey," could they possibly be watching and waiting for their opportunity to jump on the game and help rid Novi of its "Crown Jewels?"

Perhaps this could be resolved by such a person as an ombudsman, or seeing how Mayor Kathy McLallen has not been able to meet with us, perhaps Ed Kriewall may be able to meet with us as previously indicated by him in a "letter to the editor" stating he would "be willing to meet with any citizens group."

Chuck Young
Judy Elvy
SWAN Members

• The Beckingham project (northwest corner of Nine Mile and Beck roads), supposedly, it is rumored that no regular entrance on Nine Mile Road was to go in there other than a "breakaway," which is for emergency use only. If this is true why is there now a finished wall and entrance at that location? We would like some answers. Please come talk to us.

All of these questions could be answered by city officials, however, up to this point any attempt to get answers has only met with a runaround. Could this be the "Tower of Babel" in Novi?

• The Harris Langdon property (southeast corner of Napier and Nine Mile roads) rumor has it this property is already platted for 93 homes. Property owners there have turned the field and planted soy beans? Many of us were led to believe that winter wheat was going in which would be the logical crop if truly planted for a legitimate harvest. Why would anyone plant soy beans in the middle of summer, knowing there may not be time for the crop to mature? What ... to add nitrogen to the soil? Oh, come on. Did the city require that something be planted here or is this just to keep the land clean for potential development? We would like some answers. Please come talk to us.

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rumored and confirmed that trucks are hauling out landfill on the weekends. Permit allows weekly removal only. Why hasn't this been stopped? We would like some answers. Please come talk to us.

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Ice Cream Social was delightful

To the editor:
The Downtown Merchants Association, with their fearless leader, Tom Marcus, again successfully orchestrated a delightful afternoon for Novi families.

The Ice Cream Social is one of the most treasured events in Novi.

It has the ability to attract so many factions of the community. The social is attended by several generations of families, and generations of the community. People who have built this community for the last 40 years work alongside these shaping Novi's future. Volunteers for the event range in age from 7-85 years. What a wonderful opportunity for children of Novi to work alongside the founding fathers. The pleasure of being together with neighbors, friends, family, and members of the business community far exceeds the

fact that the event is free. It is always an honor to be a part of The Ice Cream Social. Thank you Tom Marcus for giving so much of yourself to our great city, and to Theims for allowing us to have him.

Ruth Ann Jirasek

For developers to follow the rules

To the editor:
It amazes me that Mr. (Ted) Andris is still ruminating after all this time. As stated in the article published July 31, Mr. Andris has not settled on a theme for his restaurant, though on Dec. 6 he received the City of Novi's last city liquor license based on the "uniqueness" of his establishment.

Section 3-14 (A)(4). (Liquor License Application) asks the petitioner to state "The uniqueness of the proposed facility when contrasted against existing facilities."

Mr. Andris answered on page 22 of his application: "Unique food. Novi has no other restaurant providing a complete authentic Greek cuisine."

I am amazed that he stated in the article he plans for "real good fish, pasta, pizza, and ribs." When will the City of Novi wake up and force these developers to abide by the rules. He has our license under "uniqueness," force him to uphold that "uniqueness," otherwise our system becomes a joke.

Further, Mr. (Terence) Jolly stating in the same article: "We're getting tired of being accused of delaying this project." Since when are the residents of the community allowed to ask the Planning Commission or the council for an extension of any project. Mr. Andris received five extensions: 1991, 92, 93, 94, 95, and a one-month extension in '96 per his request. In addition, he filed a lawsuit against Novi regarding the taking of a portion of his property for a cul-de-sac, which he won.

Another regarding the rezoning of the lakefront which was dismissed by the circuit court judge. Yes, there have been delays, but the majority of them have been self-imposed.

In closing, I'd like to thank the current planning commissioners for taking a strong stand against numerous extensions. There comes a moment in every project when it is time to "or get off the pot."

Ruth Hamilton

What's the real agenda of group?

To the editor:
The attached flyer came in the mail last Friday. It came from an anonymous "group" calling itself "Concerned Citizens for Novi." The individuals involved apparently don't wish to have anyone question their motives or rationale, because the flyer doesn't indicate the name(s) of the group's members or a return address. Why this cowardly approach? Because there is nothing of substance to these allegations. They simply dredge up a three-year-old non-event in a weak attempt to impugn Nancy Cassis' character and integrity.

Well, this sorry attempt has failed. I have supported Nancy Cassis for council and the state house of representatives because of her character, her integrity, and the trust I have that she will continue to represent the needs and

wishes of the true concerned citizens of Novi. Although I am writing this before tomorrow's primary election, the election results won't change my opinion that she is the best candidate in the race.

I don't have a problem with any individual or group openly supporting another candidate or other ideas. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions, especially in the political arena. This "group," however, apparently lacks the courage to openly stand for someone or something, choosing only to anonymously and personally attack someone. It's the type of behavior that should be exposed for all to see. That's why I suggest that *The Novi News* perform a service for the true concerned citizens of Novi and find out who is involved in the "Concerned Citizens for Novi," why they chose

such an approach, and what's their real agenda. You probably won't find any members of this "group." If you do, they will likely react like those little creatures you see briefly after you lift a rock in your yard - they scurry off when exposed to the light of day.

James G. Antosiak

Appalled at group's mailing

To Concerned Citizens of Novi: I am appalled at your data mailed to me last week. You bring forth an article of the past and you don't even have the fortitude to acknowledge who you are. Shame on all of you! Years ago, when I was in high school, I was told politics can be

rough, but, this goes beyond that. Can't you spend your time and money more wisely by telling your candidates assets, instead of running another candidate down?

It is surely easy to see why more and more people shy away from running for office let alone voting. I am very proud to be an American and thank God, groups like yours can't discourage me, but it is a sad day for voters who will read and listen to such a campaign tactic.

Your committee didn't even print the rest of the article. Why? (Case in point, states "continued on 7" at foot of right hand side article.) It is very surprising that you use this article, especially since *The Novi News* supports candidate Cassis.

Darlene D. Alexander

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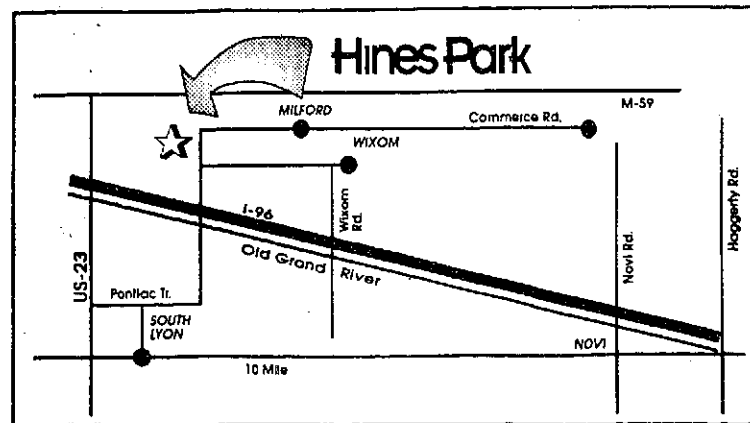


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Lemon aids

New car owners do have rights

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

When you purchase a new car you drive it away from the showroom assuming that the next time you'll see the dealership will be for a routine oil change.

But what if you bought a lemon, a car that has a major problem?

"In most instances, lemons are not cars that can't be fixed, they are cars that haven't been fixed," said Rick Gamber, executive director of the Michigan Consumers Federation, a non-profit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1990.

The chances of buying a lemon today are amazingly small, according to Gamber.

The seven-page Auto Lemon Law of 1986 protects consumers who have continuing problems with new passenger vehicles for a limited time. The Secretary of State's offices are required, under the Lemon Law, to hand out information about the law to consumers of new cars.

That's not to say you're on your own after that time has elapsed, but it is much more difficult.

They (manufacturers) are doing a much better job than they were 10 years ago," said Gamber.

Major problems include transmission skipping, burning oil, failure to start, a leaking trunk, stalling problems, safety problems, and braking difficulties.

"Major" may mean something different to each consumer.

A common mistake consumers make when they have a problem with their new cars is to let the problem slide.

"Don't let them linger on," Gamber said. "Sometimes people will call here and they will have a problem for two years and finally decide to do something."

Arbitration programs are open to any disgruntled customer, not just new car buyers.

Recourse is on an individual basis with the arbitration board after one year. The longer the consumer waits, the higher the deductions may be for mileage on the car.

"I think people are very patient with dealers, but at some point, people need to contact the manufacturer, call the customer service office and get them involved," said Gamber.

If a dealership can't find the problem, they will make a notation on the work order, such as CNR, indicating the problem was undiagnosed. Dealerships vary

in the terminology of their notations.

"People have to be more insistent on requiring the dealership to identify the problem and get it fixed," said Gary Krochmal, an attorney with Freedman, Krochmal and Goldin P.C. in South Lyon.

If a consumer doesn't get satisfaction soon enough from the dealership, they should follow up with the manufacturer's zone manager.

Faced with the inconvenience of being without a car, consumers also make the mistake of avoiding getting the car fixed.

"You and I don't want to be without our cars," Krochmal said. "It is easier not to deal with the problem and drive it."

Another mistake consumers make is keeping poor records. The Lemon Law states that the consumer will have to prove all correspondence, work orders with dates and mileage of the vehicle at

the time of service if they need to go to arbitration.

"I think one thing people need to do a better job of is record keeping," Gamber said. "A lot of time people don't save those records and it causes a delay to get those from the dealership," Gamber said.

A lot of times the manufacturer will meet the consumer at the dealership, and the result and sometimes wait with them while the car is getting fixed.

"Pick up the phone and do something," Gamber said.

Most manufacturers have an arbitration board that meets federal standards, and they would rather settle there than go to court.

Information about arbitration is included in the owner's manual of the car.

Consumers can call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (517) 373-1140 for more information.

Lemon law revealed

Public Act 87 of 1986, Michigan's Auto Lemon Law, protects consumers who have continuing problems with new (not leased) passenger vehicles, pick-ups and vans they have purchased.

According to Act 87:

"New" means the vehicle is covered by a manufacturer's warranty when purchased by the current owner.

To qualify for a refund, the vehicle must have been purchased on or after June 25, 1986, must have been repaired for the same major problem at least four times (the first repair must have been performed by the dealer within one year after delivery or before the manufacturer's warranty expires, whichever is earlier), or been in for repairs for a total of 30 days or more during the manufacturer's warranty period or within one year from the date of delivery, whichever is earlier.

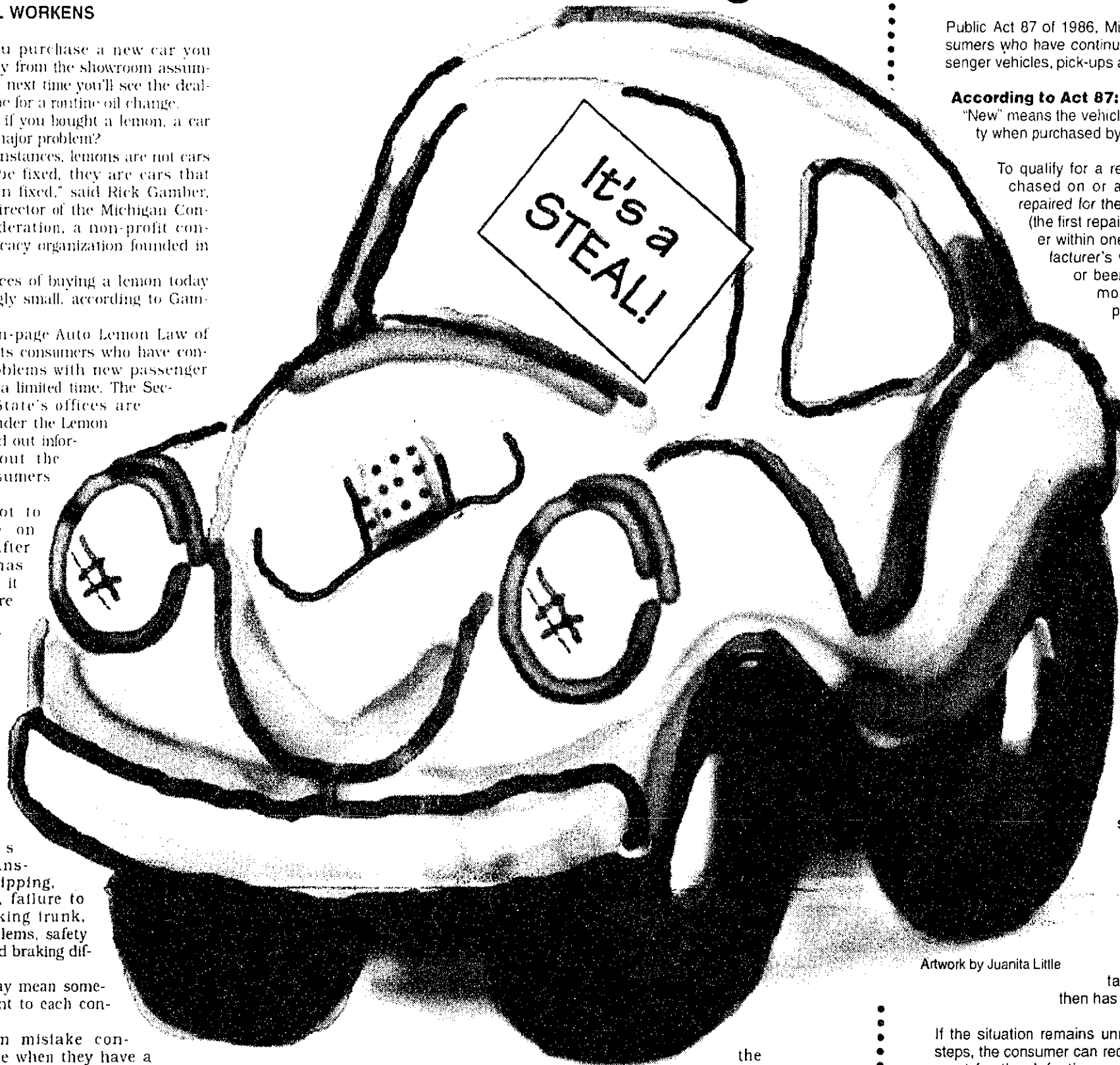
The manufacturer is legally responsible for repairing the vehicle while it is under warranty. The consumer should contact the manufacturer's customer service department, by return receipt mail, not the dealership, provide them with a list of the defects and an explanation of what has been done to attempt to fix them. The manufacturer will then contact the consumer as soon as reasonably possible.

Keep copies of all correspondence with the manufacturer and the dealer, all work orders, including the dates the work was performed and the mileage at the time of repair.

It is advisable to contact the manufacturer when a serious problem occurs. Under the Lemon Law, the consumer is required to notify the manufacturer in writing, by return receipt mail, of the defect after at least the third repair for the same major defect or after the car has been out of service for repairs for at least 25 days during the warranty period, or within one year from the date of delivery, whichever is earlier.

The manufacturer should notify the consumer within a reasonable amount of time of a convenient repair facility for the consumer to take the vehicle to. The manufacturer then has five days to repair the defect.

Artwork by Juanita Little



If the situation remains unresolved after taking all the necessary steps, the consumer can request a comparable model as a replacement for the defective car or a refund. The manufacturer may deduct up to 10-cents per mile for the use of the consumer's original car up to the time of the first repair as long as it does not exceed 10 percent of the purchase price, if the consumer decides on a refund.

Most major manufacturers participate in arbitration programs as an informal dispute settlement procedure.

If a consumer decides to withhold payment because of the problem, the Auto Lemon Law does not protect them. Call an attorney before stopping payment.

There is a section in Act 87 that states that the secretary of state shall include with any new motor vehicle title a written statement in slightly larger bold print than the standard print size that if the vehicle the consumer purchased is defective the consumer may be entitled under state law to a replacement or refund. Information on how a refund or replacement may be obtained must also be included.

For a complete copy of the Auto Lemon Law, and more information on consumer protection issues, call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (517) 373-1140.

Volunteer

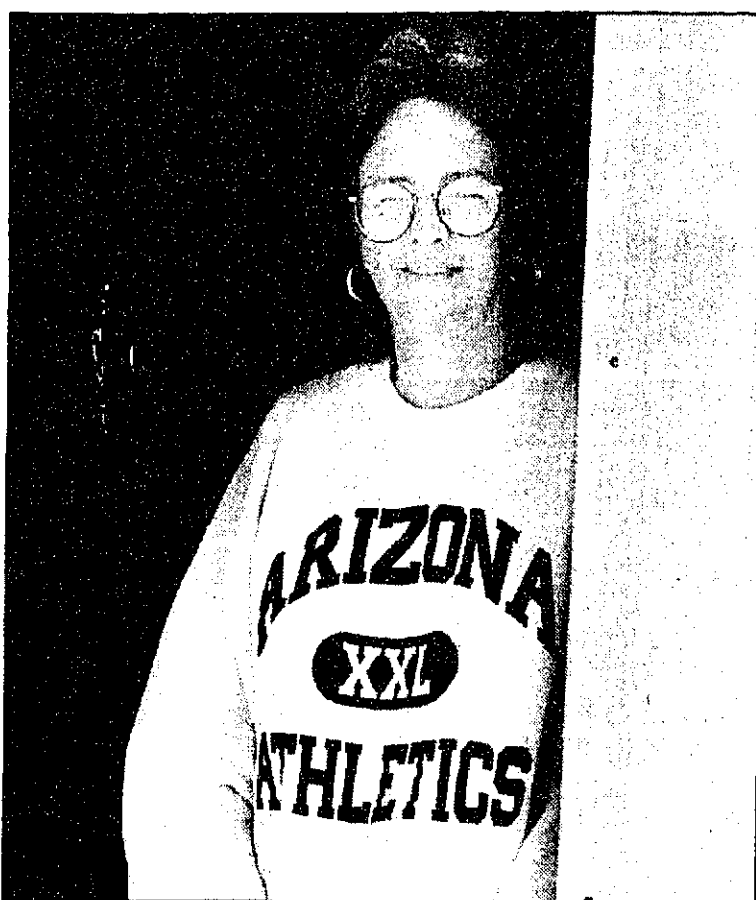


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL
Pat Melvin assigns the referees for soccer games.

Melvin organizes soccer referees

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Except for six weeks in the summer, Pat Melvin, a volunteer coach for Northville Parks and Recreation, has soccer on her mind.

"I saw people play soccer in the Philippines when I was 17," she said, "and it was the big sport there, bigger than football or baseball is here."

But since the World Soccer Cup came to the Pontiac Silverdome, interest has grown in the states. And Pat Melvin is with it - she and her sons, ages 15 and 16, and her daughter, 13.

The Northville Soccer Association averages 40 games a weekend - Saturday and Sunday - and Melvin assigns all of the referees for the 1,000 kids involved.

Understandably, there's a lot of telephoning going on concerning referees. Incidentally, people who referee do get paid, teenagers on

up. Melvin is also on the board of directors of the Western Suburban Soccer Team, which includes Northville and Novi and seven other communities. And, to comply with state law, all 5,000 kids in the league have to be registered.

"The state insurance safeguards kids with the insurance" and, she said, "I register all the 5,000 kids playing."

"For 10 years I've been in the program and at some time I've coached all of my three kids. It's a good way to stay with them."

Pat Melvin's husband, she said, "goes to watch the kids play. It's a fun sport, and it's good for the kids."

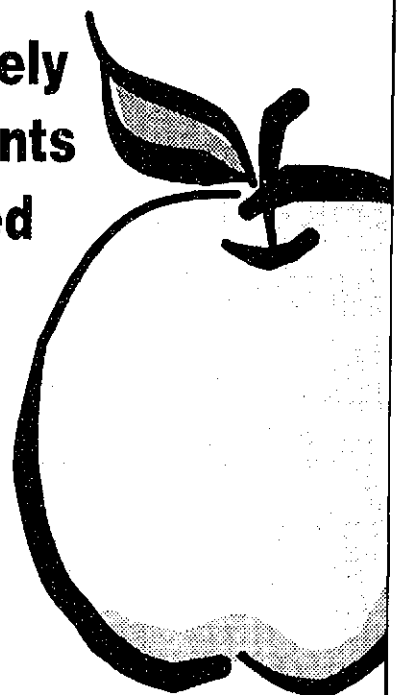
Melvin added, "We're trying to get more fields to play on," and "we do need more volunteers." There are 260 5- and 6-year-olds.

Call Pat Melvin at 348-6443 for referee or coach information.

It's A Fact

BACK TO SCHOOL

Approximately
5,000 students
are expected
to file into
schools in
Novi later
this month,
4,600 in
Northville.



Novi Chamber schedules annual scramble

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Chamber of Commerce has scheduled for its members the 9th annual Tycron Tee-off four-person scramble golf outing on Thursday, Aug. 15 at Tanderwood Golf Club located on Ten Mile. The day will start at 11 a.m. with lunch on turn and a New York strip steak dinner at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. will be the awards and prizes. Many packages are available just dinner, the entire day or a hole sponsorship. There will be non-golf opportunities as well. A special raffle will include a complete set of Powerball golf clubs, and an autographed tee shirt. For more information, call the office at 349-3743.

A GROWING PLACE

This child care center has been in the Novi area for over 25 years. Classes for 3- and 4-year-olds are held on Tuesday and Thursday. Aug. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also included in the festival will be a food fest. The event will take place in the parking area of Novi Town Center.

The Chamber's regularly scheduled luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Country Epicure. The program entitled "Michigan Jobs Commission" will be presented by Kathy Blake, director of economic development services. Blake will give an update on the governor's proposed changes regarding adult education and the Michigan Jobs Commission as well as other services provided by the agency.

Novi Highlights

A joint membership luncheon with Congressman Joe Knollenberg attending is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bay Pointe Golf Club. Among the various clubs attending will be the West Bloomfield and Huron Valley Chambers.

"Business After Hours" will be held at the Botzford Center for Health Improvement on Aug. 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Chef Larry Lattar will give a cooking demonstration for busy people. Cosponsor for this event will be the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chambers.

The preschoolers have been busy with units on the Olympics, pets, dinosaurs, fairy tales, zoos, insects, water life and so on. Nelson Pearson of Novi's Marine Safari will be visiting the children for a North and South American pond experience. He plans to bring some live fish for the children, including a salamander, bull frog, ducks, etc., and will set up a temporary pond for the children.

Growing Place is at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church located on Ten Mile between Meadowsbrook and Haggerty. For more information, call Korene Jett, director of the school, at 471-2333, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WHITEHALL HOME FOR THE AGED

Over 200 attended the recent farewell party held at the facility.

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors

The annual fall kick-off event will be held on Sept. 17 at Vic's Restaurant in the Alewife. Festivities start at 6 p.m., socializing, a short business meeting and presentations, with dinner at 7:15 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Mike Shelton who will present a Neil Diamond concert. Reservations must be by Sept. 3. Those attending will see old friends, make new friends, and will find out more about the activities available to members. Membership forms are also due at the kick-off date to Robb LeRoy, vice president in charge of membership.

The August board meeting will be held at the Civic Center under the direction of new president Diane Brex with all committees represented. They will be discussing future plans which will include the annual silent auction in November.

On Campus

KIRAN SARAJIA of Novi, a high school senior, has been offered a Presidential Scholarship from Wayne State University - a full tuition scholarship renewable for four years.

To qualify for this scholarship, high school seniors must have a 3.90 grade-point average and a 22 ACT score or a 3.5 grade-point and a 30 ACT. Valedictorians and salutatorians automatically are offered the scholarship regardless of their class size or grade-point average.

Michigan Technological University recently held its spring 1996 commencement ceremony. Graduating were the following Novi residents: **ANDREW BEAL**, bachelor of science in engineering technology - Cum Laude; **BRUCE BEKKALA**, bachelor of science in civil engineering - Cum Laude; **DANIEL BUSH**, bachelor of science in civil engineering; **CHRISTOPHER COXON**, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; **MATTHEW HOFFMAN**, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; and **JEFFREY PARK**, bachelor of science in engineering technology - Cum Laude.

Novi Highlights

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

Among the University of Michigan-Dearborn students participating in the University's College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL) Cooperative Education Program is **KRISTIN CURIE** of Novi. Co-op students work at companies gaining valuable job experience and academic credit.

Curie, a communications major, works at Time Warner.

Women honored for high values, service

Three area women were among 127 individuals honored by Hudson's for high values and service standards through its Hudson's Finest program.

Among the nine Twelve Oaks Mall employees receiving the award were Novi resident Ruth Yuill, a sales associate in the tabletop department; Natalie Zynicki, a server in the restaurant and a Northville resident; and Walled Lake resident and employee, waitress, team work and partnership and demonstrates this on a daily basis. Has an energetic "can do" attitude and accepts assignments with real energy and enthusiasm and has pride in the company.



Hudson's Twelve Oaks store manager Chris Wozniak, back row right, and Hudson's president Dennis Toffolo, back row left, join the 1996 Hudson's Twelve Oaks Finest, not in order, Alfreda Carter-Tilles, Cindy Ramadan, John Frieling, Carol Otto, Natalie Zynicki, Ruth Yuill, Eva Bilderbeck, and Tejinder Kaur.

Safe mowing tips

Your yard may not be as green and lush as you'd like, but it can be safe thanks to lawn mowing precautions offered by Botzford's director of emergency medicine, Ronald Lagerveid, D.O.

While some of these ideas may seem obvious, Dr. Lagerveid emphasizes you can never be too careful.

He suggests you begin by wearing shoes and protective glasses. Clear area of debris and make sure your children and pets are indoors. While mowing, maintain awareness of the direction the mower is sending clippings. "Shooting objects can become like missiles and result in lacerations to bystanders," warns Dr. Lagerveid.

Botzford treats mower-related injuries such as burns from touching or stepping too close to a hot machine. Remember to fuel the mower, when cool, in an open area rather than an enclosed garage. And clean any spills before starting the machine.

Feet or hands that come in contact with moving blades can result in serious injuries. Dr. Lagerveid emphasizes to turn off machines before attempting to mow them. When encountering a hill with a push mower, cut at an angle to the slope. If the area is too steep, push mowers can roll backwards over the operator. On a riding mower, cut in a vertical direction up and down the slope. "Roll-over incidents are especially prevalent when riding mowers tip and the operator is thrown off," he said.

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On Campus

CHRISTINE JOYCE PROBERT, a part-time student at the Detroit College of Business, has been named to the Dean's List for spring quarter.

To achieve recognition, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average at the end of a quarter.

Probert is a resident of Novi.

QUIGLEY BRIAN DAVI of Novi, a part-time student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was named to the Dean's List for the winter 1996 term.

Davi is majoring in psychology.

JANINE M. BONNER of Novi graduated from Grand Valley State University at the end of the winter 1996 semester.

Bonner received a bachelor's degree in science.

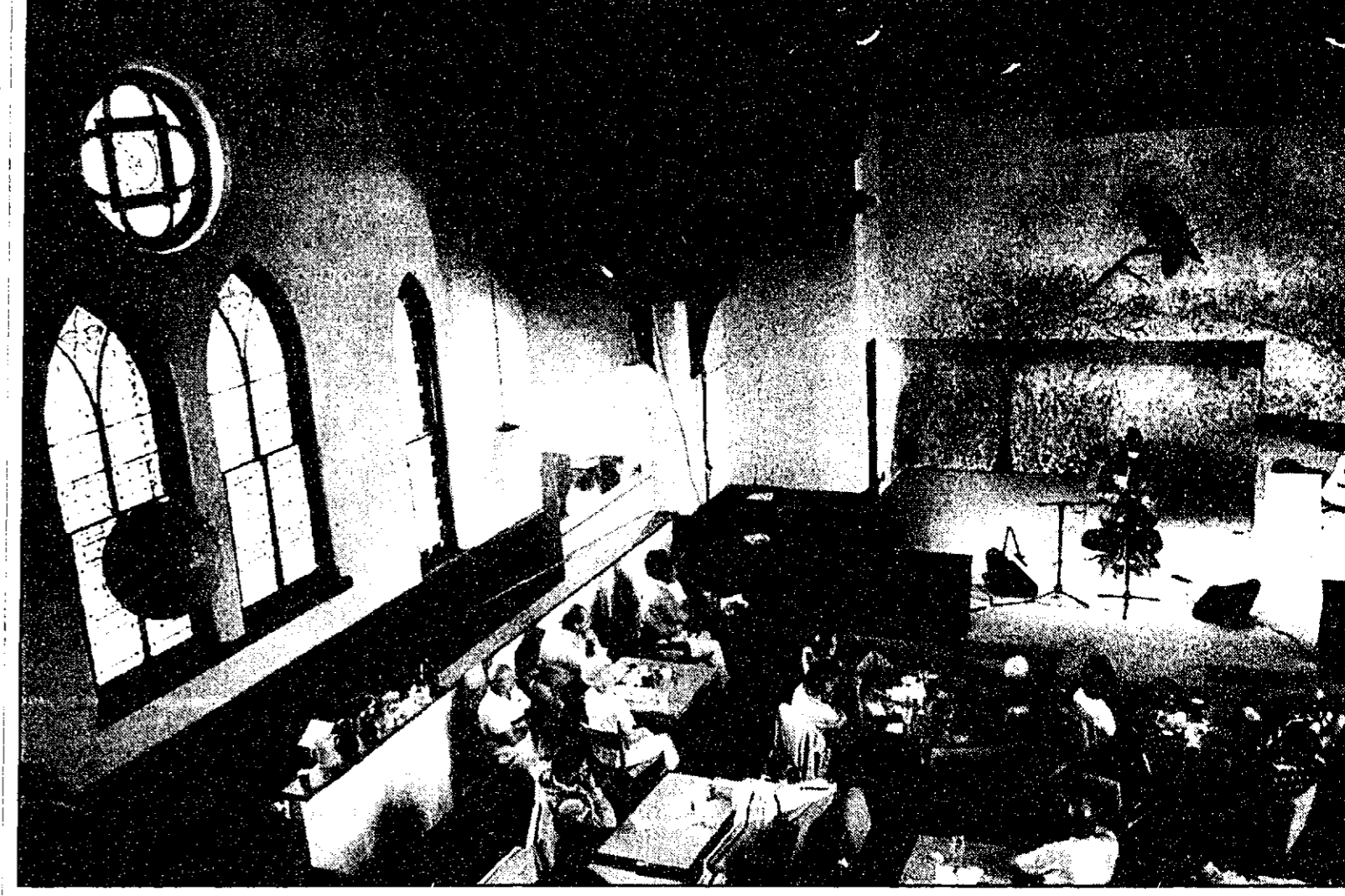
Novi resident **MARK ALAN PEHRSON** recently graduated from Siena Heights College, Metro Detroit program in Southfield.

Pehrson received a bachelor of applied science degree in electronic engineering technology.

JESSICA K. FRITZ of Novi recently graduated from Kalamazoo College.

Fritz, daughter of Michael and Virginia Fritz of Novi, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree.

Also graduating from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, was **STACY L. SCHWARTZ**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Schwartz of Northville. Schwartz graduated from Novi High School.



Raven takes off

Rambler Jack Elliott, on stage above, was the featured performer when The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe opened July 27. About 130 people attended the 6 p.m. dinner/concert and the 9:30 p.m. appetizer/concert packages. Proceeds from this concert were donated toward finding a cure for Huntington's Disease. Tom Rice, owner, is now booking performers for the coming months for Thursday through Saturday night shows. The Raven will present all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz. On Aug. 16, singer, songwriter Stephen Grant Wood, in the style of Neil Young, will perform. Booked for Aug. 17 is Terry Gonda. The Raven is on Center Street in Northville.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 309 Market St. 674-2483 (behind the American Bank of Pontiac Trust Bldg) Worship: 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:30 a.m. Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Denise Cowie (810) 474-5584	Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. church listings call Wednesday 7pm (After 6-17) Farmington Hills 681-433-7170
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NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 4155 N. Main Road Northville 349-9203 Sunday School 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & p.m. Pastor: Chris E. Burchfield Northville Christian School Preschool & K-8 349-9203	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High & Elm Streets, Northville 481-9234 Church 343-4141 School 349-3146 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Meeting 7:30 p.m.
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4171 W. Ten Mile - Meadowsbrook 349-2652 Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Nursery: 9 a.m. Book Study: Wednesdays 7:00pm Charles P. Jacobs, Pastor Church School 9:15 a.m.	ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 23465 Nov Rd. (between 9-10 Mile) Bible Study Sun 9:45 a.m. & p.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 8 p.m. Youth Meetings: Wed. 7 p.m. Pastor: Lee Grogan 349-5645 We Will Love You With The Love Of The Lord
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 2155 Meadowsbrook N. Nov at 86 Mile Northville 349-1000 Church School 10 a.m. Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Hunt Minister: Rev. E. Neil Hunt Ministry of Music: Roy Ferguson 349-3477	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 4230 1/2 Mile off I-96 Home of FC Community School Grades 2-12 Sun. School 9 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Prayer Meetings: Wed. 7:00 p.m. Dr. Greg Elmer, Pastor 349-3447
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Ten Mile & Back Nov Phone 349-1175 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Hunt	NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH Meets at Novi Civic Center 11225 W. Ten Mile, Nov 349-8100 Nurt Schellmuller, Music Director A new church with a fresh approach
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 17000 Farmington Rd. Livonia 422-1150 Pastor Dr. James N. McGuire Services 8:00, 9:15, 10:00am, Sunday School 11:00am provided 7:30pm evening service Service broadcast 11:00am WUAB, AM 1030	FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 10 Mile Novi, Nov 349-5666 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Richard J. Hendricks, Pastor J. Cyrus Smith, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 10:00 a.m. Sunday
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 4622 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48224 Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Reverend James F. Coyle, Pastor Parish Office: 349-7176	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Main 349-1000 Novi Novi Stephen Smith, Pastor Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2405 Meadowsbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Masses: 8:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30 p.m. & 8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Holy Days 9 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Father: John Jubala, Pastor Father: Andrew Tomasi, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office: 349-8387	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 2126 Hoggarty, Northville 349-7000 (between 10 Mile & Five Mile - near Nelson) Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Evening Celebration 6:00 pm (Donkey provided) Holston Lewis, Pastor
VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL On Ten Mile near 11 Mile Road 349-2659 Sunday Worship & School 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. Ten Mile between Hoggarty and 500 W. River Sun. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. Pastor Tom Schaefer 477-6296
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Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. The topic is "Prayer."

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Singles Place presents "What Women Wish That Men Never Understand" with speaker Anna Russo. Cost is \$4 per person.

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

Summer Recreation Dancing with Linda Laney and Sally Harris is offered on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. until Aug. 29 in the Williams Room at the church. Cost is \$4 per evening.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop begins Aug. 8 and runs on seven Thursday evenings until Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library/Lounge of the church. To register, call the church office. The cost is \$30.

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

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family at 349-8847.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ.

The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Reverend Paul Clough will lead with Scripture messages relevant to single living.

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

Those interested in subscribing for a bowling league at Fiesta Lanes in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 can call (810) 669-2259.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 350 activities per year.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (810) 851-9909.

EXPRESSIONS, an adult discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older.

For more information, call (313) 930-6361. Admission is \$5.25 and includes refreshments.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS INC., an international non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children, meets every second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. 17:30 p.m. for orientation for new members, in the small banquet room at 300 Bowl at 100 South Cass Lake Road in Waterford.

The cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members.

For more information, call (313) 383-2473.

The **CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT** is for single Catholics 21 and older who have earned bachelors degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Outdoor Volleyball will be held on Aug. 13, 20 and 27 at Hamlet Park in Warren starting at 6:30 p.m. For information, call (313) 981-7120.

Bicycling at Metro Parks will be Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10 a.m. For more information call (313) 676-8966.

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'A Time To Kill' film is better than the book

A TIME TO KILL
BY DR. GAIL MAUCHER
L'VOVA

A must see. Finally we have a high quality movie out this summer that requires us to exert some brain power to think about our own inner prejudices and beliefs. It is one of the few times when a movie is more interesting than the book that it was adapted from. John Grisham is a wonderful author but this movie is definitely better than the book.

A young girl is brutally raped and tortured by two young thugs in the deep South as she keeps crying out for her daddy to come save her. They leave her to die but her strong will keeps her alive. Consequently the heartless misdeeds are arrested and awaiting trial when another tragedy occurs. The little girl's father knows that the boys may get off scott free because they are white and his little girl is black and they are in the heart of the South.

The father decides to take the law into his own hands as he shoots and kills both of the men in the presence of many witnesses. Did he break the law? Was he temporarily insane? Should he get the death penalty? Or should he be set free? Any parent able to identify with his rage over such a hideous act done to their child.

A young attorney takes the case and learns a great deal about life and about himself while he tries desperately to win a losing battle. He has to humble himself on several occasions to step back and see the reality of the events that are occurring.

Matthew McConaughey is excel-

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lent as the attorney who is trying to make a way out of this mess for himself and his client. Sandra Bullock brings too much cuteness into a very serious issue as the legal assistant yet she is tolerable. Ashley Judd plays a very different role as the attorney's wife who is trying to make the marriage work.

The story has substance, the actors do a fine job and the production is excellent. This is a must see movie for those who like to see a movie that makes them think about their own ideas.

Imagine that on her way home from the supermarket, a ten year old girl is severely beaten, raped and left for dead.

Now, imagine that you are this girl's father? What would you do to the two guys who did this to her?

That is the question asked in John Grisham's latest book-turned-into-a-movie, "A Time To Kill."



Oliver Platt, Sandra Bullock and Matthew McConaughey star in Warner Bros. and New Regency's thriller "A Time To Kill."

Matthew McConaughey explodes on the big screen as the lawyer who takes the case after the father, played by Samuel L. Jackson, kills the two lowlifes who attacked his daughter.

The movie is filled with suspense, moments that will make viewers cry, and an ending guaranteed to make viewers stand up and cheer.

"A Time To Kill" proves that in the eyes of the law, there is no black or white, only what's right and what's wrong.

"A Time To Kill" earns five stars out of five. Matthew McConaughey, Samuel L. Jackson and Sandra Bullock give Oscar worthy performances in one of the year's best films.

A must see!

HARRIET THE SPY
BY ANDREA ASHBURN, AGE 9
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

I think "Harriet the Spy" is a movie that would appeal to kids from about ages 5 to 12, because kids mostly between 5 to 12 like to see exciting adventures like Harriet's.

I also think "Harriet the Spy" is a great movie because of all the events and the way everything fits together, and I think that makes the movie more exciting.

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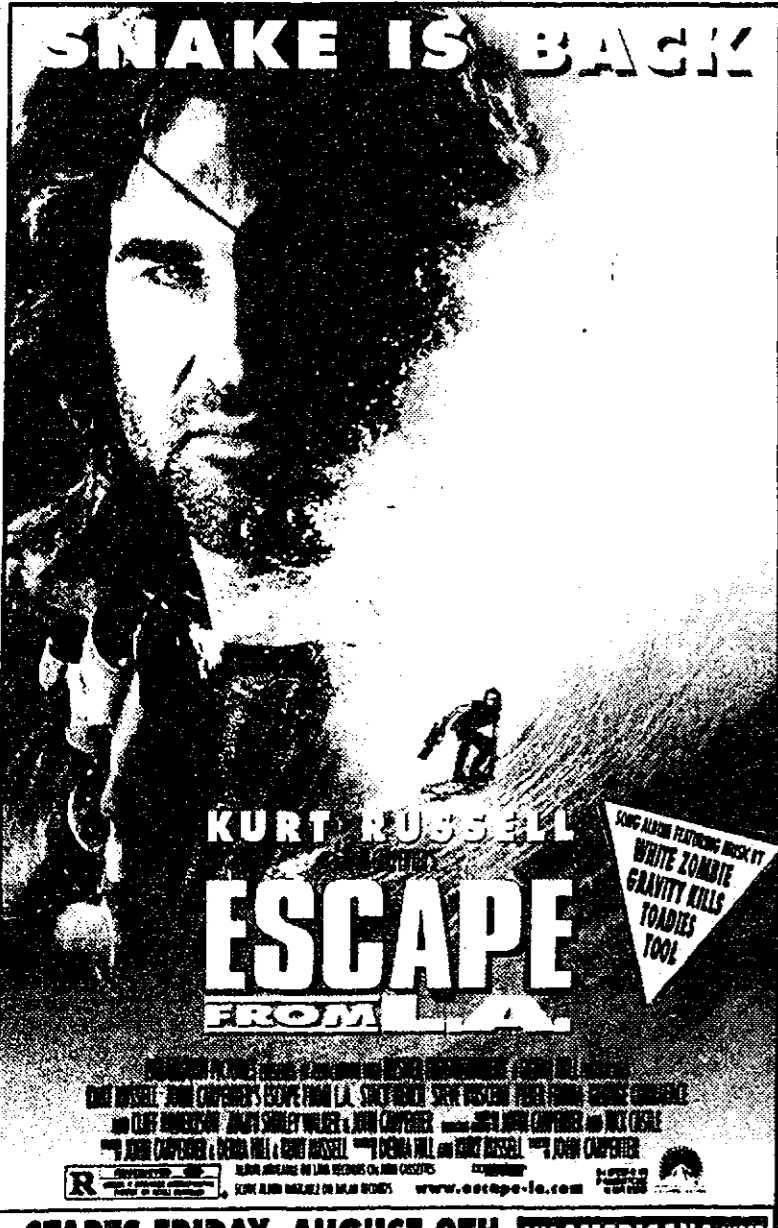
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Heat earn World Series trip to Puerto Rico

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Teams gathering in Puerto Rico this weekend for the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series better beware of the Heat.

The Novi Heat traveled to the south Caribbean U.S. commonwealth Tuesday for a shot at the 12-year-old national championship.

The Novi Youth Baseball travel team qualified Saturday by winning an AAEC regional in Champlin, Minn. Coach Dave Ray said whatever his team can accomplish this weekend is gravy.

"Our attitude is that we're just thrilled to be there. We're going to play hard, have fun and give our best effort."

A total of eight teams will compete in the World Series. The tournament is set up in a double elimination format with a national champion to be crowned this Sunday.

Novi, which boasts a 28-7-2 record, will open the Series today against the North Atlantic regional winner. Unlike most of the other teams at the Series, Novi will compete with only local players.

Most teams are allowed to pick up top players from surrounding areas to bolster their rosters. Ray said the decision was made not to add any players to the Heat's crew of 13.

"We don't want to take playing time away from the kids that got us here," he commented. "We're going to let the kids play and keep our team healthy."

Despite facing the nation's best squads, all-star squads at that, Ray thinks his team has a shot.

"We can compete with any 12-year-old team," he said.

Even if Novi doesn't win a game in the tournament, it's still quite an accomplishment. No other city club has ever qualified for World Series competition.

More than just baseball, the trip will be a milestone for his players, Ray added.

"It'll be something they remember for the rest of their lives," he said.

Getting to the Series, of course, wasn't easy. Novi faced excellent competition in the Minnesota regional to qualify.

The Heat opened that tournament July 30 against St. Michael Minnesota and took a 6-1 victory. A solid pitching effort was buttressed by slick fielding second baseman Matt Gorman.

"We were very steady and made all the plays that needed to be made," Ray said.

At the plate, Tim Moore led the way. Ray said he had several key hits to knock in runs for the Heat.

Novi faced tournament favorite South Farmington July 31 and fell 12-3. The Heat's Michigan rival jumped out to an early lead with four runs in the first inning and never looked back.

"We made too many errors," Ray said.

Vince Slovian, Brandon Davis, Ty Mohr and Andrew Herpich played well in defeat.

The Heat were then forced into a rematch with St. Michael on Thursday.

The contest went down to the wire with Novi prevailing 7-6. Great defense preserved the win as Eric

Zorza and Matt Stubb led the way.

The Heat beat the Michigan Indians 18-10 in the opener. Catcher Jake Ray led the way offensively with four hits while Braudon Ciso was the defensive star.

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Minke takes reins as Wildcats' QB

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

When Doug Minke was a kid he used to sit up on the grass hill above the football field at Novi High and watch the Wildcats dismantle team after team.

Now, the senior is hoping he can lead the Green and White to an excellent 1996 season. Minke will take over as the Wildcats' starting quarterback from graduated Chad Dicken.

"This is something I've been looking forward to since I was a kid," he said. "I use to watch the games and say, 'wow that could be me and my friends.'"

When Novi opens the season against Farmington High in a few weeks, it will be Minke and his friends.

"I'm a bit nervous," said Doug. "But I'm ready to go."

"I hope I can lead the team well. I intend to be smart on the field."

Novi will need all of his mental and physical abilities for a solid 1996. The Wildcats are coming off a 4-5 campaign of a year ago.

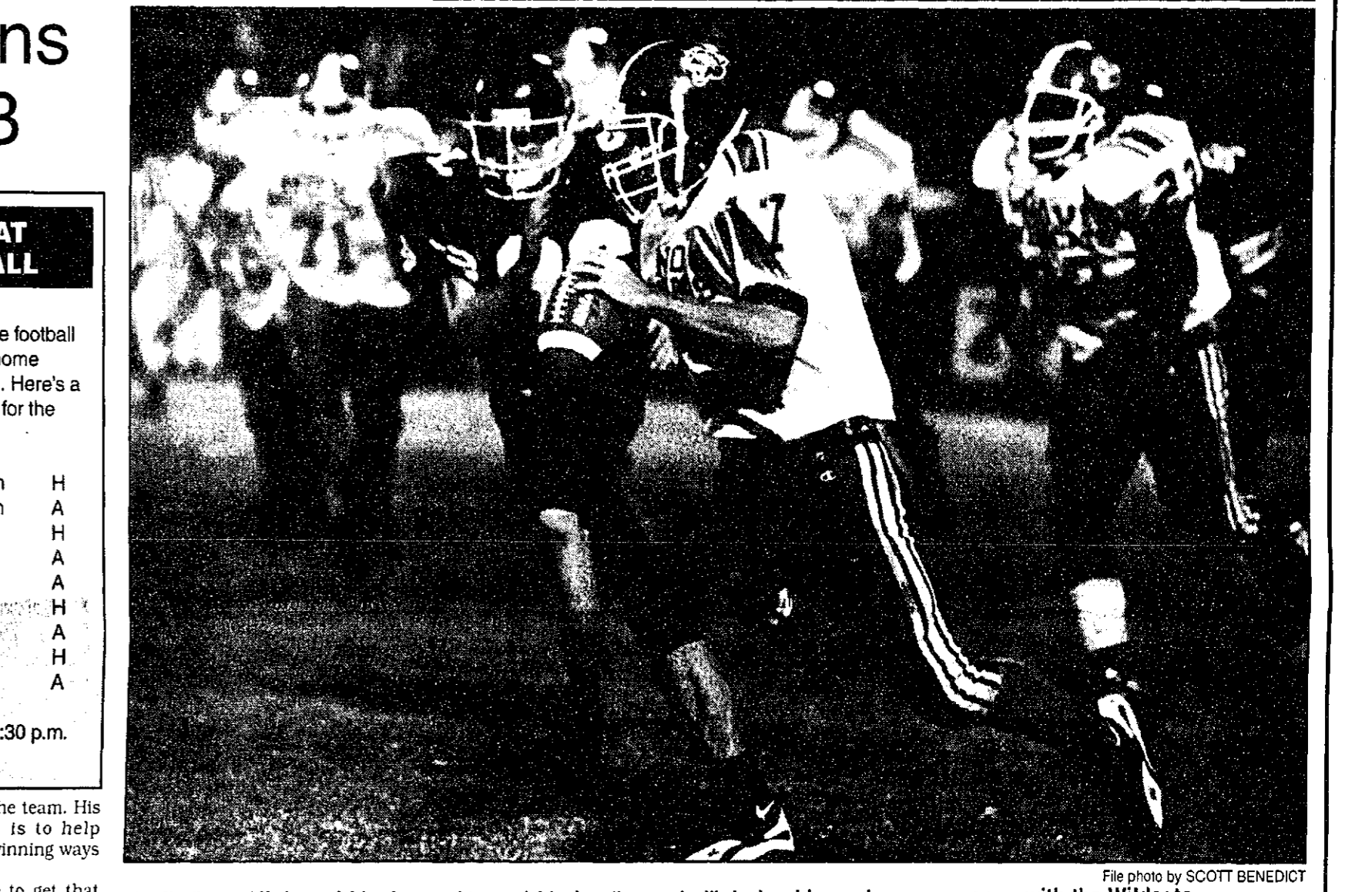
Novi is to compete for a Kensington Valley Conference title and have a state playoff shot. Minke must play well.

"He's a key player," coach John Osborne admitted.

The longtime mentor is confident in his abilities.

"He's a good quarterback," said Osborne. "I'm looking forward to what he can do on the field."

For his part, Minke knows how vital his role is with the team. His main goal, he said, is to help restore the Wildcats winning ways of years past.



Novi's Doug Minke said he learned to avoid being "pounded" during his sophomore season with the Wildcats.

Bayside wins 4th consecutive Series

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The deepest team turned out to be the best team last weekend at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in Northville.

New York Bayside won its fourth straight Junior Division title Sunday by outlasting Mobile 9-5. The Yankees scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning for the margin of victory.

But hitting isn't what won the tournament. Pitching depth proved to be the key difference between New York and the Mobile squad.

In Sunday's noon championship game, New York carried a 2-1 lead into the top of the second. Starter Joe Magri got into immediate trouble as Mobile's Spencer Wiggins singled and Jacob Peavy doubled.

New York manager Ron Seltzer summoned James Anderson to the mound from his second base position. The tying run scored minutes later on a ground ball off the bat of Otha McCamis.

But Anderson, a hard throwing right hander, quieted the Bears attack from that point on. Seltzer said it was the difference between victory and defeat.

Mobile shows class in finishing second

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Observations and opinions from the World Series ...

While Mobile didn't win the N A B F Junior Division title, it may very well have stolen the hearts of

Northville baseball supporters.

The Alabama squad came into the tournament undermanned with just 12 players. Despite sore arms and tired legs, the Bears fought New York right down to the last out.

Even after falling behind 9-2, Mobile never quit. The southerners rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh inning when most teams would've folded against the mighty Yankees.

Peavy and the rest of his teammates carried themselves with dignity after the World Series ended. There were no insults leveled at New York or any bad attitudes displayed. The Bears accepted the second place trophies with class.

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Speaking of class acts, Bob Frelick deserves a lot of credit for running a first-class tournament.

Games went like clockwork and the field was as immaculate as always. Helpers such as Bob Beel, Rick Bingley, Dennis Shields, Melissa Martiss and many others made the tournament a great success.

Frelick brought the Series to Northville more than a decade ago. Now I don't know for sure, but I'll bet just seeing good baseball is all the reward Bob needs.

He said as much in his closing remarks Sunday.

"I don't know how you could get any better baseball," he said. "I really believe amateur baseball is where it's at."

Frelick also praised all nine teams that played in the Series.

"I believe the teams this weekend were as closely matched as any I've seen," he said.

I tend to agree with Frelick.

In years past, New York has stood head and shoulders above all the teams. The Yanks won several games this weekend by big scores, but you got the feeling that if the teams played again it could go either way.

But let's not take anything away from Bayside. The Yankees are an excellent organization. You don't win four championships in a row by accident.

The New Yorkers run their organization much the same way major league clubs do.

Players are groomed at four levels of competition from ages 14 to 19.

Way to go, fellas ...

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Copper Creek places premium on accuracy

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.

Copper Creek 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



FAST FACTS: COPPER CREEK

Directions: The course is located at 27925 Golf Pointe Boulevard off of Twelve Mile Road east of Haggerty Road.

Course Notes: From the blue tees Copper Creek plays 3,170 yards, whites are 2,912 yards and reds 2,428 yards. Course is rated at 35.2 from blues, 33.9 from whites and reds.

Prices: \$14 for nine holes

Phone: 489-1777



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A full-service restaurant overlooks Copper Creek's ninth green.

roads. Builder Stan Aldrich, who is famous for restoring Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion, originally planned the course to be private and only to be used by folks living in adjacent homes.

Golfers who find their way to Copper Creek are in for a treat. "It's a tight course," Gwathney said. "One of our best holes is No. 8. It's a par 3 that looks as if you're in an up-north course."

A look at the first hole tells golfers they're in for a treat. A 366-yard par 4 from the blue tees, golfers hit to a large, plush fairway. The green isn't visible from the tee on No. 1, but aim for the flag pole and you'll be in fine shape.

While the first hole is open, No. 2 is considerably narrower. A 389-yard dogleg right, golfers need to keep their shots in the fairway. A drive too far left or right will par if their ball in the woods.

These two par 4's are typical of Copper Creek. Solid drives are required, but it isn't necessary to

crush the ball 275 yards. If you are in the 200 to 230 range with your drives second shots won't be a problem.

Par 3's at the course are far from gimmies.

The 164-yard fifth hole is an example. Golfers must avoid a large pond and hit a mid-sized green for a chance at birdie or par.

Rated as the toughest hole at Copper Creek, No. 7 is a 520-yard par 5. It fades off to the right and features a series of fairway bunkers. Long hitters may be able to reach this hole in two. If not, it's still a very good bet for par if you're on your game.

In all, though, Copper Creek is a bargain at \$14 for nine holes. Early birds can play for \$11 from 9 a.m. till noon Monday through Friday.

At 180 yards, it's surrounded by trees. It does, indeed, feel like you're in Gaylord or at some other northern Michigan venue.

Don't misht your tee shot, either. A slice or hook won't be found in the thick wooded area.

Like many of Copper Creek's holes, the eighth green is in need of attention. In general, putting surfaces at the course are rough. Putting is difficult here because the quality of the green varies from hole to hole.

By far, the eighth hole is the course's prettiest.

Golf Guide

NOVI-NORTHVILLE PUBLIC COURSES

- Brooklane Golf Club**
4115 W. Six Mile, Northville
(810) 349-1010
Brooklane is an 18-hole course playing 4,002 yards. Par 61.
Fees: For nine holes, \$12.50 on weekdays, \$14 on weekends. For 18 holes, \$16 on weekdays, \$19 on weekends. Seniors play nine holes for \$7.75 and 18 holes for \$9.75 on weekdays before 1 p.m. Juniors (15 and under) pay same as seniors. Carls are \$12 for nine and \$18 for 18 holes.
- Downing Farms**
8145 W. Seven Mile, Northville
(810) 486-0990
Downing Farms is a nine-hole course playing 3,222 yards. Par 36.
Fees: For nine holes, \$11 on weekdays and \$14 on weekends. For 18 holes, \$18 on weekdays and \$20 on weekends and holidays. Discounts for juniors and seniors. Carls available.
- Links of Novi**
50395 W. Ten Mile, Novi
(810) 380-9595
The Links of Novi is a 27-hole course. The East course is 3,209 yards (par 35), the South course is 2,805 yards (par 34) and the West course is 3,288 yards (par 36).
Fees: Weekday prices are \$17 and \$23 (with cart) for nine holes, \$29 and \$40 (with cart) for 18. Weekend prices are \$27 for 9 holes and \$45 for 18 holes with carts being mandatory until 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., prices are \$17 and \$20 (with cart) for nine holes and \$22 and \$27 (with cart) for 18 holes. Also has a driving range.
- Maples Country Club**
31260 Wakefield Drive
(810) 689-6551
This nine-hole public executive course plays 1,649 yards and features wetlands, rolling fairways and narrow putting greens.
Fees: \$9 for nine holes, \$15 for 18 holes; carts are available at \$5 for 9 holes and \$10 for 18.
- Northville Greens**
39430 Dun Rovin, Northville
(313) 420-8140
This is a championship par 3 course with P.G.A. pro Justin Lauer, Pro shop available.
Fees: Weekdays, 9 holes \$9; junior and senior weekday rates only \$5; weekends and holidays, 9 holes \$11. No weekend or holiday special rates for juniors and seniors. Carls \$9.
- Oasis Golf Center**
39500 Five Mile, Plymouth
(313) 420-4653
Oasis offers 18 holes playing 2,265 yards. Par 54. The course is closed to public golf for league play Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 6:40 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:20 a.m. and Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Fees: For nine holes, \$8 on weekdays (there are no nine-hole rates on weekends). For 18 holes, \$10 on weekdays and \$13 on weekends.
- Salem Hills Golf Club**
8810 W. Six Mile
(810) 437-2152
Salem Hills is an 18-hole course playing 6,497 yards. Par 72.
Fees: For nine holes, \$12.50 weekdays (there are no nine-hole rates on weekends). For 18 holes, \$20 on weekdays. On weekends, the rates are \$39 with cart from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., \$17.50 without cart after 4 p.m. and \$12 after 6 p.m. Carls are included in the price and are mandatory until 4 p.m. on weekdays. Carls are \$11 for nine holes and \$20 for 18 holes.

DRIVING RANGES

- Links of Novi**
50395 W. Ten Mile, Novi
(810) 380-9595
Offers 10 grass tee stations. Buckets \$3 and \$5. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oasis Golf Center**
39500 Five Mile, Plymouth
(313) 420-4653
Refurbished driving range, 100 tees including 40 grass tees; six new target greens. Practice putting green. Buckets \$5.50 for approximately 75 balls, \$6.50 for 110 balls. Open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. Eight teaching pros on staff. Ladies and junior leagues available. A 36 hole mini golf facility is available. Rates are \$2 for children age 7 and under and \$4 for children 8 and older.
- Novi Oaks**
46844 W. Twelve Mile, Novi
(810) 348-0258
Offers 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through the end of April and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. beginning in May. Buckets are \$4 for small, \$5.50 for medium and \$6.50 for large.
- SOUTH LYON NEW HUDSON-MILFORD PUBLIC GOLF COURSES**
Bogle Lake Golf Club
11231 Bogle Lake, White Lake
(810) 363-4449
Bogle Lake is an 18-hole course playing 6,020 yards for men and 5,031 yards for women. Par 71.
Fees: For nine holes, \$11.50 on weekdays and \$15 on weekends. For 18 holes, \$18 on weekdays and \$21 on weekends. Senior rates: \$8 for nine holes and \$11 for 18. Power carts \$15 for nine holes and \$20 for 18.
- Camp Dearborn's Mystic Creek Golf Course**
5 miles north of I-96 on General Motors Road
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Features three public courses on rolling wooded hills — The Meadows, The Lakes and The Woods. Opening this month is The Meadows, the first of the three nine-hole courses. Plays more than 3,200 yards from the back tees. Also features a practice range, putting green and an 18-hole Adventure Golf course.
Fees: Weekday with cart included, 18 holes, \$35 for Milford and Dearborn residents, \$42 for non-residents; weekend with cart, 18 holes, \$42 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Golfers can purchase a Camp Dearborn sticker, good for admission to the park or they can pay a small gate fee each visit.

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MONDAY DIVISION I	
Prudential	8-2
Vellucci Inc.	8-2
McSweeney Electric	8-3
SS Softball	6-4
Fritz	5-4
Library Sports Pub	6-5
Genelli's	6-5
Benny's Pizza	0-10
Library Sports Pub II	0-12
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Dest (Prudential)	12
O'Hara (Prudential)	10
Herman (Sports Pub I)	7
Favier (McSweeney)	6
Rohralf (SS Softball)	6
Vellucci (Vellucci)	5
Hales (Vellucci)	5
Wolf (Peltz)	5
Stacy (SS Softball)	5
Adaschek (Vellucci)	4
Bowling (McSweeney)	4
B. Walker (Sports Pub I)	4
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MONDAY DIVISION II	
Marty Feldman	9-1
DR1	9-2
Wisne Automation	8-3
Parker AM	5-5
Sunshine Tanning	4-6
Knight Industries	2-6
Doughboys	2-8
Lib. Sports Pub	1-9
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Fly (Feldman)	17
Staneh (Feldman)	8
Staudt (DR1)	5
Herzig (Wisne)	5
Herman (Feldman)	5
Hookins (DR1)	5
MONDAY RESIDENT	
Sutton's	9-3
Sunrise Family	8-4
Primor Mortgage	8-4
Physicians	7-4
Hodges Supply	6-4
Brass Craft	4-9
Uniflow	0-11
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Major (Physicians)	9
Laney (Pioneer)	7
Clefield (Pioneer)	6
Simms (Pioneer)	6
Reber (Sutton's)	5
Meredeth (Physicians)	5
TUESDAY MEN'S 35+	
Pony Express	12-1
Proboth	10-4
DIA/Tool	7-7
Library Sports Pub	6-11
T. Izze	0-14
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Marchajul (Pony)	18
Ely (Pro Bath)	13
Griffin (Pro Bath)	10
Marcic (Pro Bath)	8
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ibco	10-1
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McDowell	8-4
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VP Carpet	5-7
A & M Collision	4-9
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Minke takes reins as Novi's new quarterback this fall

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was tired of getting pounded," he said.

Avoiding tackles isn't the senior's only skill, according to Osborne.

"He has good feet," the coach said, "and can run the football."

Minke is also adept at short passes. Osborne is hoping he'll be able to work the ball further down the field eventually.

"We're hoping to get more arm strength from him," he said. "If he can improve on that, we'll be a much better football team."

Minke has worked hard this summer to improve his throwing and overall game.

Besides using Novi High's weight room on a regular basis, he participated in team passing camp. Minke feels all of the reps from camp have helped.

"I'm throwing the best that I ever have," he said. "In the 10 to 15 yard range I'm throwing pretty accurate."

The QB will have a number of weapons at his disposal in running the Wildcat offense.

Start with the backfield.

Jason Witherspoon, who's rolled

up more than 2,000 yards in two seasons with Novi, will lead the way. Line Akpan, a speedy runner with good ability, will get plenty of carries, too.

Minke will have several options at receiver as well. Mark Price and Lenny Christoff head the pass catchers.

No matter that talent level, Osborne said Minke's teammates must believe in his ability to lead. They do.

"He has the respect of his teammates," Osborne said. "He's all business in the huddle."



Doug Minke saw spot duty as a backup quarterback for Novi last fall. (Photo by AL WARD)

Mobile shows class in defeat

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20. They rise through the ranks until reaching the top club, the Senior Bayside Americans.

All along the way, players are taught the game's fundamentals

and the correct way to the play. It shows, too.

New York stood out defensively last weekend. Players knew where to position themselves, when to gamble and when to play it safe.

It all added up to fewer mis-

takes. At the Junior Division level that translates into victories.

Scott Daniel is the Sports Editor of the Northville Record and Novi News.

Genetti's edges Benny's 10-8

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rain forced the cancellation of several Novi Parks and Recreation softball games July 29.

In Division I of the Monday league, Genetti's edged Benny's 10-8. Four other games were washed out by rain.

Three games were played in the Monday resident league. Sunrise defeated Brass Craft 18-9 to hold on to second place. Pioneer defeated Hodges 11-3 and Sutton's whipped Physicians 9-5.

Two games closed out play in the Wednesday men's open division. League leader Marty Feldman wrapped up the title with a 21-15 win over third place Boulder. South Lyon Hotel kept Paulstra winless with a 16-4 victory.

On Friday, Novi Expo Center whipped Ducks on the Pond 14-4. Other Division I games saw McSweeney beat Safari Club 15-5 and Copper Mug crush Brass Craft 24-7. Nestle Crunch forfeited to

TFS.

Bats were booming in Division II on Friday. A&M Collision thrashed Presby's 33-4. McDowell beat VIP Carpet 20-5. IBEC edged Jim Rashid 18-17 and Mr. B's defeated 15-1.

Playoffs were held Sunday for Division II.

Pritchard Heating, which was in first place heading into the tournament, wound up as champion. The winners defeated Erie's and Boulder to take the title.

In Division III, B & E Defeated Hope Lutheran, Papa Romanos and Mr. B's for the championship. Mr. B's was the regular season champion.

Most leagues are now complete at Novi Parks and Recreation softball. A few divisional tournaments still remain and will be played this week and next, according to department officials.

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Well-child checkup key to health

"I don't take my child to the doctor because she's never sick."



Susan Engert

Health care professionals often hear this comment but nevertheless we recommend, whether we're pediatricians, family practitioners or nurse practitioners, that every child have regular well-child checkups.

We make this recommendation because the well-child or health-maintenance exam provides a chance to review important issues that are not normally covered when a child sees a doctor for an illness like ear pain, a sore throat, coughing or vomiting. Instead of determining the cause of an illness and providing appropriate treatment, a well-child visit focuses on assessing growth and development, as well as behavioral concerns.

During a well-child visit, health care professionals usually spend more time with children

and parents than they do when a visit occurs because of illness. A well-child session will include measurements of height and weight, tests of vision and hearing, annual checks of blood pressure for children three or older, and for young children, assessments of progress in language development.

These visits also provide a chance to check for anemia and exposures to lead or tuberculosis. They also offer opportunities to discuss topics like diet, sleep, toilet training, tantrums, school and safety. For older children, they offer a chance to participate in discussions about school and home activities.

For children up to two, these visits are also tied closely to the schedule for childhood immunizations. Equally important for very young children are other procedures that take place during a well-child visit: monitoring normal growth and development and regular exams to confirm normal heart, lung, intentional and nervous systems. These visits normally take place every two to three months.

For children from ages two to six, health care professionals recommend yearly health maintenance exams. School-age children should have annual checkups at least every two years. Teenagers should have one every one to two

years. Children involved in sports may need a yearly physical. Young people with chronic medical conditions like asthma may also need to make an annual visit to their physician or nurse practitioner.

Parents should be aware that even school-age children and teenagers have immunization needs, and health-maintenance examinations are a good way to stay up-to-date. These immunizations include a second measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, a tetanus booster and the hepatitis vaccine series. Vaccination against chicken pox is now also available. Some young children with chronic medical conditions may need to have a flu vaccine each fall.

The health maintenance examination provides a good opportunity to discuss your child's or teenager's immunization needs with your physician or nurse practitioner. Summer is a good time of year to take your old records in for review and to schedule that annual exam.

This article was written by Susan Engert, M.D., M.P.H., and pediatrician with the University of Michigan Northville Health Center. This column is coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at the University of Michigan.

Health Notes

Free immunization clinic planned by Oakland County for local area

Free Immunization

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Farmington and surrounding areas at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile Road), Clarenceville, on Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB) will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the second Wednesday of every month. The next scheduled immunization clinic will be on Sept. 11. For further information, call 424-7046.

On June 3 Oakland County Health Division opened a new office in Walled Lake at 1010 E. W. Maple Road, one block east of Pontiac Trail. For information on services, please call (810) 926-3300.

can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Mary's Hospital

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

• Diabetes Support

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a diabetes support group meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance.

Guest speaker Lee Padula, Ph.D., St. Mary Hospital psychologist, will talk about "Diabetes and Sexuality." There is no charge to attend the meeting and registration is not required. For more information, call St. Mary at (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

• Anxiety Screening

If your heart races every time you try to leave your home, if you are fearful of social encounters of any kind, or if you are constantly redoing the same task to be certain you did it right, then you may be one of more than 28 million Americans who suffer from an anxiety disorder.

Anxiety disorders are treatable illnesses and do not have to ruin your life. If you think you or a loved one may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, St. Mary Hospital will offer a free anxiety screening on Thursday, Aug. 22. The

screening will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Center for Counseling Services by appointment only.

A mental health professional will meet privately with individuals to help identify if they are experiencing anxiety and how to seek relief from the symptoms.

Registration is required. For more information or to register for the screening, please call the Center for Counseling Services at (313) 655-2936 or toll free at 1-800-494-1654.

• Cardiac Overview

St. Mary Hospital will offer a free program titled "An Overview of Cardiac Disease With an Introduction to Diagnostic Testing Procedures" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium.

The program will be presented by Brad Hubbard, M.D., cardiologist, and staff members from St. Mary Hospital's Department of Cardiovascular Services.

Registration is requested as seating is limited.

For more information or to register call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650. This program is being offered through the Community Outreach Department at St. Mary Hospital.

• 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 fatherhood.

The format includes open discussion on attitudes and beliefs about fatherhood and lifestyle changes. Instruction on baby care includes a demonstration.

Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required by Aug. 1. For more information or to register, please call (313) 655-2882 or toll free at 1-800-494-1617. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

• Child ID

St. Mary Hospital, Wonderland Mall and A&W Restaurants will sponsor a free child identification and immunization program on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Wonderland Mall at Middlebelt and Plymouth in Livonia.

Staff members from St. Mary Hospital will obtain the height and weight of each child. Photos will be taken, and a Livonia Police Department officer will fingerprint each child.

Immunizations will be given by health care professionals from St. Mary Hospital. Vaccines will include all immunizations required for children's admission to preschools or public schools.

For more information, call St. Mary Hospital's Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1650.

Breastfeeding basics

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

Cholesterol and vision screenings

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

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Architect: CHMP, INC., 5198 Territorial Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Bid Package: Construct new vestibule addition; install site lighting, paved parking areas, curbs, landscaping and detention basins

Contract Documents may be examined after Monday, August 5, 1996, at:
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Three (3) sets of drawings and specifications available to each Contractor on deposit basis.

Deposit \$25.00 per set. Deposit refundable upon return of documents in good condition within ten (10) days after date of receipt of bids. Failure to return documents will forfeit deposit. Submit deposit check made out to: Tyrone Township.

Persons requiring documents, other than as listed above, may purchase them at reproduction costs from CHMP, Inc., 5198 Territorial Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan, 48439. No refunds on purchased items. Bidder is solely responsible for selection of drawing sheets and completeness of his bid. Applicable sales tax will be charged on all purchases. Reproduction Costs: \$3.00 per sheet for Drawings.

Bid/Tenders may not be withdrawn prior to sixty (60) calendar days after submission.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all Bid/Tenders and to accept any bid deemed most advantageous to Owner.

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The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who